CS4365/5354 – Topics in Intelligent Computing: 
Computer Vision 
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1. General Information

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Introduction:
Computer vision is concerned with the development of programs that enable computers to "see", that is, to extract useful information from images. In this course we will study techniques for solving several of the most relevant problems in computer vision, including reconstruction, object detection, object recognition, and tracking. We will also study real-world applications of these techniques, such as face recognition, surveillance, robot navigation, medical image analysis, and computational photography. Each student will do a research project related to a problem of his/her interests.

Class webpage:
http://www.cs.utep.edu/ofuentes/cs4365.html

2. Course Contents

1. Introduction
   a. What is computer vision?
   b. Applications
   c. History
2. Image processing
   a. Intensity transformations
      i. Histogram equalization
   b. Image filtering
      i. Edge detection
      ii. Image gradients
      iii. Noise elimination
      iv. Unsharp masking
3. Feature detection and matching
   a. Harris corner detector
   b. SIFT
   c. Histograms of gradients
4. Image to image mappings
   a. Homographies
   b. Affine transformations
   c. Warping
   d. Morphing
   e. The RANSAC algorithm
   f. Image stitching
5. Camera Models
   a. The pin-hole model
   b. Camera calibration
   c. Pose estimation
   d. Augmented reality
6. Multiple view geometry
   a. Epipolar geometry
   b. Multiple view calibration
   c. Stereo vision
   d. Active illumination
7. Clustering images
   a. The k-means algorithm
   b. Clustering images
   c. Clustering pixels
   d. Hierarchical clustering
   e. Spectral clustering
8. Searching images
   a. Content-based image retrieval
   b. Visual words
9. Image classification
   a. k-nearest neighbors
   b. Naïve Bayes classifier
   c. Support vector machines
   d. Artificial neural networks
10. Image segmentation
    a. Graph cuts
    b. Clustering pixels
11. Advanced topics
    a. Tracking
    b. Sparse modeling in computer vision
    c. Deep learning in computer vision
3. Policies and Other Information

**Books:**
- Programming Computer Vision with Python: Tools and algorithms for analyzing images, Jan Erik Solem, O'Reilly Media, June 2012.

**Prerequisites:**
CS 2302 – Data Structures or permission from instructor.

**Tools:**
Python
OpenCV
Matlab
Caffe

**Grading:**
2 Midterm exams 15% each
Homework 5%
Lab Assignments 30%
Final exam 15% (optional, can be replaced by final project grade)
Course Project 20% (3 presentations, final report)

**Late homework submission:** Homework up to a day late will receive up to 80% of full credit; it will not be accepted after that.

**Collaboration:** Collaboration among students is strongly encouraged.
It is OK to:
- Talk with other students about approaches and ideas.
- Get ideas and extra information from the internet, books, etc.
However, it is not OK to:
• Share code with another student (if a piece of code is submitted by two or more students, both students are guilty of cheating, regardless of who wrote the original code).
• Use code acquired from an outside source (the internet, a friend, etc.)
• Look at another student’s code
• Debug another student’s code

We will use software to detect plagiarized programs and take appropriate disciplinary actions if necessary.

**Cellular telephones are prohibited** during lecture sessions. Students are required to turn off their cellular telephones before entering the classroom.

**Disabilities:** If you feel that you may have a disability that requires accommodation, contact the Disabled Student Services Office at 747-5184, go to Room 106E Union, or email dss@utep.edu

### 4. Lab Submission Guidelines

Lab assignments will be posted on-line. Each lab grade will be computed from the reports submitted and a 5-minute oral presentation.

You must submit a printed report of every lab that includes the following items:

- **Introduction** – Description of the problem you are trying to solve
- **Proposed solution design and implementation** – How did you solve (or attempt to solve) the problem? Provide an informal, high-level description. Description of your code (not the actual code). Explain the design choices you made, including how you broke the program into modules, your user interface, input and output, etc.
- **Experimental results** – Describe the experiments you performed to test your program. The experiments must be described in a way that allows anybody to replicate them using your code. Include sample runs that illustrate your results under different types of inputs.
- **Conclusions** – Explain what you learned from the project.
- **Appendix** – Source code

Reports will be graded as follows:

- **Completeness**
  - Does your report cover all required aspects in enough detail?
- **Clarity**
  - Are those aspects clearly explained?
- **Depth**
  - Does the report show clear understanding of the topic covered?
- **Language**
  - Is the report written with proper grammar and spelling?
- **Presentation**
  - Is the formatting appropriate?

**Policy on late lab assignments:**

Lab project grades will be reduced by a factor of 8% for each working day or fraction they are late.

**Missing lab assignments:**

All labs must be submitted by the end of the semester in order to pass the class. Additionally, a student who has submitted less than 75% of the labs due by the time a midterm exam is given won’t be allowed to take that exam.

### 5. Standards of Conduct and Academic Dishonesty

Academic dishonesty includes but is not limited to cheating, plagiarism and collusion. Cheating may involve copying from or providing information to another student, possessing unauthorized materials during a test, or falsifying data (for example program outputs) in laboratory reports. Plagiarism occurs when someone represents the work or ideas of another person as his/her own. Collusion involves collaborating with another person to commit an academically dishonest act.

Professors are required to - and will - report academic dishonesty and any other violation of the Standards of Conduct to the Dean of Students.