3D Scanning

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What is 3D Scanning?

3D scanning is the process of *measuring* 3D information; and it is the very first step when creating a complete 3D model.

3D Scanning Outputs

- Each device outputs measure 3D information differently. The main outputs are:
 - 3D sparse points
 - Range maps
 - 3D volumes

3D Scanning Outputs: Sparse Points



3D Scanning Outputs: Sparse Points

- Each point can have attributes:
 - An RGB color and/or optical properties
 - Surface's normal
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- Metadata: position and orientation of the origin, and its scale

3D Scanning Outputs: Sparse Points





Each pixel in the image encodes the distance between the surface and center of the camera

- Metadata:
 - Camera extrinsics: position and rotation
 - Camera intrinsics: field of view, size of pixels in mm
 - Scale of distances
- From Metadata:
 - we can obtain 3D points!





- A range map is already a 3D model... but it will be surely incomplete
- A single acquisition *IS NOT enough* to reconstruct an entire object
- Multiple shots are needed...
 - How many?
 - Which ones to choose?





















- 3D space is discretized into a regular grid or *volume*
- Each cube in the grid is called *voxel* (volume pixel) or a cube encodes a value in the range [0, 1].





Volume

Voxel

- Metadata:
 - size of the pixel in mm for each slice
 - distance in mm between a slice and another
 - scale of the normalized values (typically encoded as 16-bit values)

 A sagittal plane is an anatomical plane that divides the body into right and left parts





• A *coronal plane* is an anatomical plane that divides the body into ventral and dorsal parts





 An *axial plane* is an anatomical plane that divides the body into superior and inferior parts













3D Scanning Taxonomy: Robot Gantry



Object is "probed" at different locations

3D Scanning Taxonomy: Robot Gantry

- Highly accurate (micron)
- Moderate-high costs: \$2,000 \$15,000
- Slow scanning; labor intensive!
- Ideal for: rigid and non-fragile objects
- Uses: manufacturing control, art/design, reverse engineering
- Output data: sparse 3D points











- It can be accurate and precise; if slicing is automatic
- Slow scanning
- Ideal for:
 - rigid and non-deformable objects
 - breakable objects
- Uses: biology, reverse engineering
- Output data: a 3D volume (in this case we can have a per voxel color)







3D Scanning Taxonomy: Optical - Active

- Main blocks:
 - A calibrated camera
 - A light source —> that's why it's active!







Breuckmann GmbH

Cost: €70,000-80,000 Accuracy: 0.1 mm



Microsoft Kinect v1

Cost: €100 Accuracy: 2-5 mm


Camera







Konica Minolta Range 7

Cost: \$80,000 Accuracy: 40 micron



Konica Minolta Vivid 910

Cost: \$15,000 (second hand) Accuracy: 0.2-0.3mm



NextEngine

Cost: \$2,000 Accuracy: 0.2-0.5mm





Transmitter Detector









Microsoft Kinect v2

Cost: €200 Accuracy: 2-5 mm

It is meant for *small* environments: 2-3m radius



Cost: €50,000 - 100,000 Accuracy: 5-10 mm



It is meant for *large* environments: 1-30m radius

3D Scanning Taxonomy: Optical - Active

- It can be accurate and precise
- Ideal for: rigid object with diffuse optical properties;
 i.e., it does not work well for specular surfaces and dark materials
- Uses: reverse engineering, cultural heritage, metrology (if calibrated), body scanning, etc.
- Costs: from \$200 to \$100,000
- Output data: a range map

3D Scanning Taxonomy



- Main blocks:
 - One ore more calibrated camera(s)
 - No control on lighting —> that's why it's passive!

- It is based on the same principle of human stereo vision:
 - two cameras that captures the real-world from two slightly different positions
- Our brains does it automatically though





Left Camera

Right Camera



Left Camera

Right Camera







- It can be accurate and precise
- Many images are required
- Ideal for: objects with diffuse optical properties
- Uses: reverse engineering, cultural heritage, body capturing, metrology (if calibrated)
- Output data: sparse 3D points or range maps

3D Scanning Taxonomy



3D Scanning Taxonomy: Magnetic - Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI)



Hydrogen atoms in our body are made to emit a radio signal (using a magnetic field) that is detected by the scanner.

Philips MRI Scanner

- T1 weighted images are generated by using short (15ms and 500ms) time to echo (TE) and time of repetition (TR)
- T2 weighted images are generated by using long (>80ms and >2000ms) TE and TR (also less noise than T1)
- TE is the time between the initial pulse and the echo
- TR is the time between two excitation pulse



- T1: tissues with high fat content (e.g., white matter) appear bright and compartments filled with water appears dark:
 - ideal for showing anatomy features
- T2: compartments filled with water (e.g. cerebrospinal fluids) appear bright and tissues with high fat content (e.g. white matter) appear dark:
 - ideal for highlighting pathologies (more water!)



- No hazard, but it requires no metal implant in the patient's body
- It takes long time for a scan; e.g., 15-30 mins
- Costs: they start at \$1 million
- Ideal for: soft tissues, ligaments, tendons, etc.
- Uses: medical imaging, and cultural heritage
- Output data: a 3D volume

3D Scanning Taxonomy



3D Scanning Taxonomy: X-Ray - Computer Tomography (CT)



CT works by taking X-ray images from different angles to produce crosssectional images

GE LightSpeed CT scanner

3D Scanning Taxonomy: X-Ray - CT

- Hazard for the patient
- It takes long time; e.g., 30 secs 5 mins
- Costs: they start at \$85,000 \$500,000
- Ideal for: bones (Ca absorbs X-rays), lungs (contain gas; lower absorption than tissues), chest, and ER (for time)
- Uses: medical imaging, and cultural heritage
- Output data: a 3D volume

3D Scanning Taxonomy: X-Ray - CT



3D Scanning Taxonomy



3D Scanning Taxonomy: Acoustic: Medical Ultrasound



A probe sends pulses of ultrasounds (>20,000Hz)

The sound echoes off the tissue; with different tissues reflecting varying degrees of sound

3D Scanning Taxonomy: Acoustic: Medical Ultrasound



3D Scanning Taxonomy: Acoustic

- It is real-time!
- Quality-wise it can have speckle; i.e., granular noise
- Ideal for: medical imaging of soft tissues (tendons, muscles, joints, internal organs, etc.); especially during pregnancy. It can not penetrate bones
- Output data: a 3D volume (limited to a pyramid)

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3D Scanning Taxonomy: Magnetic - MRI

- Time of Repetition (TR) is the time between successive radio frequency (RF) pulses:
 - A long TR —> protons in all tissues relax back into alignment with the main magnetic field
 - A short TR —> protons from some tissues will be not fully relaxed back before the next measurement

3D Scanning Taxonomy: Magnetic - MRI

- Time of Echo (TE) is the time at which the electrical signal induced by the spinning protons is measured:
 - A long TE —> to reduce the signal for some tissues such as gray matter (protons go out of phase)
 - A short TE —> to reduce dephasing