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VISION AND VISUALS

Lectures on Cameras, Displays and Perception

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Preface

The evolution of the internet is underway, where immersive virtual 3D environments (commonly known as *metaverse* or *telelife*) will replace flat 2D interfaces. Crucial ingredients in this transformation are next-generation displays and cameras representing genuinely 3D visuals while meeting the human visual system's perceptual requirements.

This course will provide a fast-paced introduction to optimization methods for next-generation interfaces geared towards immersive virtual 3D environments. Firstly, we will introduce lensless cameras for high dimensional compressive sensing (e.g., single exposure capture to a video or one-shot 3D). Our audience will learn to process images from a lensless camera at the end. Secondly, we introduce holographic displays as a potential candidate for next-generation displays. By the end of this course, you will learn to create your 3D images that can be viewed using a standard holographic display. Lastly, we will introduce perceptual guidance that could be an integral part of the optimization routines of displays and cameras. Our audience will gather experience in integrating perception to display and camera optimizations.

This course targets a wide range of audiences, from domain experts to newcomers. To do so, examples from this course will be based on our in-house toolkit to be replicable for future use. The course material will provide example codes and a broad survey with crucial information on cameras, displays and perception.

Prerequisite

The material for this course assumes some basic assumptions about the course participants. The participants in the audience should have some familiarity with concepts such as *Metaverse*, Telelife [4], virtual reality and augmented reality. Participants can be from various technical backgrounds but are willing to advance their understanding of the optimization side of displays, cameras or perception. The course material will describe the base hardware used in the demonstrated optimizations. However, the lecturers will not cover how to build this hardware from the ground up. Instead, they will provide a quick overview and cite relevant resources from the most recent literature. The attendees are also expected to be knowledgeable or willing to learn Python programming language, modern machine learning libraries, signal theory, and optics. But most importantly, above-average interest in optimizing future's devices is a must.

The code material of this course is a result of various research works from the Computational Light Laboratory that was conducted in the passing one-year timeframe (2021-2022). These research works include new methods for foveated rendering and image statistics [5], learned techniques for holographic light transport [1], learned optimizations for multiplane holography [2], perceptually guided hologram generation routines in displays [6] and learned optimizations for lensless cameras [3].

Individuals willing to replicate the outcome of our materials from this course on their local machines have to install several pieces of software in their operating systems. Such individuals must be familiar with the Python programming language, and they should install Python and Jupyter Notebooks in their operating systems. In addition, these individuals will need to install Torch with its Python bindings, Matplotlib and plotly libraries for plotting purposes while using the provided Jupyter Notebooks. When we compiled this material, our production machines used the Python distribution 3.9.7, Torch distribution 1.9.0, Matplotlib distribution 3.3.4 and Jupyter Notebook distribution 6.2.0. As a final piece, please make sure to install our library using:

[1]: pip install odak

At the time of this course, Odak is at version 0.2.0. The participants willing to go beyond this course and learn more about relevant research are welcome to reach out to the lecturers via email. In addition, Computational Light Laboratory offers seminars from experts on relevant topics. Finally, Computational Light Laboratory also invites all attendees to a research hub formulated as a Slack Group. This way, curious readers and attendees of our course can keep up-to-date and meet more folks in the relevant fields.

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Course Overview

5 minutes: Welcome and Introductions

Kaan Akşit Welcoming the audience, Describing the aims and objectives of the course, Highlighting the target audience and Introducing lecturers.

20 minutes: Keynote on future interfaces

Douglas Lanman An analysis of issues in the current day vision and visuals, and a prime outlook on future's devices.

30 minutes: Next-generation Compressive Sensing: Lensless Cameras

Nick Antipa A survey on state-of-art research on lensless cameras with research highlights and their promises for future's interfaces. Basic concepts and descriptions will be provided related to lensless cameras. In the next step, an interactive coding session will be provided to demonstrate how to process images from a lensless camera using the Alternating Direction Method of Multipliers (ADMM), vanilla Gradient-Descent (GD) and Fast Iterative Shrinkage-Thresholding Algorithm (FISTA) methods.

45 minutes: Next-generation Computational Displays: Holographic Displays

Kaan Akşit, Koray Kavaklı and David Robert Walton A survey on state-of-art research on holographic displays with research highlights and their promises for future's interfaces. Basic concepts and descriptions will be provided related to holographic displays. The survey is followed by an interactive coding session to demonstrate how to create computer-generated holograms for a standard holographic display using Gerchberg-Saxton (GS), Vanilla Gradient-Descent (GD) and Stochastic Gradient Descent (SGD). In addition, an interactive coding session to demonstrate how to derive a perceptually guided gaze-contingent loss function and how to use such functions on a standard holographic display will also be provided.

30 minutes: Practical models of Perception in Graphics

Rafał Mantiuk A brief tutorial on modelling the visual quality using psychophysical models of contrast sensitiviity, luminance masking and contrast masking. The tutorial will be illustrated with examples and ready-to-use code.

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Part II: Next-generation Computational Displays -Computer-Generated Holography

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For our codebase follow kunguz and complight on CG GitHub



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Average U.S. Adult Will Spend Equivalent of 44 Years of Their Life Staring at Screens: Poll

People believe less than half the time they spend on these devices is "productive," research shows

Jason Orlosky, Misha Sra, Kenan Bektaş, Huaishu Peng, Jeeeun Kim, Nataliya Kos'myna, Tobias Hollerer, Anthony Steed, Kiyoshi Kiyokawa and **Kaan Akşit** (2021). Telelife: The Future of Remote Living. *Frontiers in Virtual Reality*.



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Why Holographic Displays? And why now?



3D Image

Holographic displays can generate 2D or 3D images at any optical depth!

Slinger, Chris, Colin Cameron, and Maurice Stanley. "Computer-generated holography as a generic display technology." *Computer* 38, no. 8 (2005): 46-53.



Inaccurate modeling in other techniques degrades effective resolution!

Born, Max, and Emil Wolf. Principles of optics: electromagnetic theory of propagation, interference and diffraction of light. Elsevier, 2013.



Light beams can amplify or cancel each other.



Born, Max, and Emil Wolf. Principles of optics: electromagnetic theory of propagation, interference and diffraction of light. Elsevier, 2013.



Texas Instruments Thorlabs Holoeye JasperDisplay



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* Consult with the lecturers to learn more about this specific algorithm to generate shown result.

Computer-generated holography promises unmatched resolution characteristics.

Holography can provide true dark levels and true dynamic range.

A large color gamut can be achieved with lasers.

Instant 2D visuals at any depth or true 3D visuals within the same display.

A dead pixel is an ancient relic.

COMPUTER-GENERATED HOLOGRAPHY: ACTIVE RESEARCH PROBLEM

Full control with Holography: Polarization, Amplitude, Phase, Interference, Diffraction

Light-efficient projection, Wide dynamic range, High resolution, Solid-state steering



Born, Max, and Emil Wolf. Principles of optics: electromagnetic theory of propagation, interference and diffraction of light. Elsevier, 2013.



https://github.com/kunguz/odak

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- In [1]: import odak
- In [2]: import torch
- In [3]: device = torch.device('cuda')
- In [4]: resolution = [1080, 1920]
- In [**5**]: wavelength = 515e-9
 - In [6]: pixel_pitch = 8e-6
- In [7]: illumination_amplitude = torch.ones(resolution[0], resolution[1]).to(device)
- In [8]: illumination_phase = torch.rand(resolution[0], resolution[1]).to(device)
- In [9]: illumination = odak.learn.wave.generate_complex_field(illumination_amplitude, illumination_phase)

In [11]: hologram_amplitude = torch.ones_like(hologram_phase).to(device)

In [12]: hologram = odak.learn.wave.generate_complex_field(hologram_amplitude,hologram ...: _phase)



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In [13]: modulated_beam = illumination * hologram ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) * ( ) *
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Bandlimited Angular Spectrum, Transfer Function Fresnel, Impulse Response Fresnel and Fraunhofer

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See Odak.learn.wave and Odak.wave for more!

$$u(x,y) = rac{1}{j\lambda} \iint u_0(x,y) rac{e^{jkr}}{r} cos(heta) dx dy$$





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In [17]: image = odak.learn.wave.calculate_amplitude(image_plane)**2

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How do we optimize holograms with this model?

Gerchberg-Saxton Algorithm

import torch
from odak.learn.wave import calculate_phase, calculate_amplitude, wavenumber, propagate_beam,
set_amplitude, generate_complex_field
from odak.learn.tools import zero_pad, crop_center, save_image, load_image
from odak import np
from tqdm import tqdm

wavelength = 515e-9
k = wavenumber(wavelength)
dx = 0.000008
resolution = [1080,1920]
distance = 0.15
slm_range = 2*np.pi
dynamic range = 255



Gradient Descent Algorithm



Double Phase Method



import torch

dx = 0.00008

from odak import np
from tqdm import tqdm
wavelength = 515e-9
k = wavenumber(wavelength)

resolution = [1080,1920]
distance = 0.30
slm_range = 2*np.pi
dynamic range = 255

set amplitude, generate complex field

C. K. Hsueh and A. A. Sawchuk. Computer-generated double-phase holograms. Applied Optics, 1978. phase_hologram = calculate_phase(hologram)
phase_only_hologram = (phase_hologram%slm_range)/slm_range*dynamic_range
save_image('phase_only_hologram.png',phase_only_hologram)

from odak.learn.wave import calculate phase, calculate amplitude, wavenumber, propagate beam,

from odak.learn.tools import zero pad, crop center, save image, load image

Target Image with Foveated Blur



Target Image with Foveated Blur and Noise



Target Image Ventral Metamer



Optimising Metameric Loss



GD: Metameric Loss



Optimization



Phase Map

Fovea



Periphery



import torch
from odak.learn.wave import calculate_phase, calculate_amplitude, wavenumber, propagate_beam,
set_amplitude, generate_complex_field
from odak.learn.tools import zero_pad, crop_center, save_image, load_image
from odak import np
from tqdm import tqdm
from odak.learn.perception import MetamericLoss
device = torch.device('cuda')
wavelength = 515e-9
k = wavenumber(wavelength)
dx = 0.000008
resolution = [512,512]
distance = 0.15
slm_range = 2*np.pi
dynamic_range = 255

target = load_image('target_image.png')[:,:].to(device)/255. amplitude = torch.ones_like(target) phase = torch.rand_like(target, requires_grad=True) optim = torch.optim.Adam(params=[phase], lr=0.1) loss_function = MetamericLoss(device=device, alpha=0.08,\ real image width=0.2, real viewing distance=0.7)

iteration_number = 100

propagation type = 'TR Fresnel'

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t = tqdm(range(iteration_number), leave=False)
for i in t:
    optim.zero_grad()
    hologram = generate_complex_field(amplitude, phase)
    hologram_padded = zero_pad(hologram)
    recon_field = propagate_beam(hologram_padded, k, distance, dx, wavelength, propagation_type)
    recon_field_cropped = crop_center(recon_field)
    recon_intensity = calculate_amplitude(recon_field_cropped)**2
    loss = loss_function(recon_intensity[None,None,...], target[None,None,...], gaze=[0.5, 0.5])
    loss.backward()
    optim.step()
    t.set_description('Loss:{:.4f}'.format(torch.mean(loss)))
hologram_padded = zero_pad(hologram)
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reconstruction = propagate_beam(hologram_padded, k, distance, dx, wavelength, propagation_type)
reconstruction = crop_center(reconstruction)
reconstruction_intensity = (reconstruction_amp/reconstruction_amp.max())**2
save_image('reconstructed_image.png',reconstruction_intensity,cmin=0.,cmax=1.)
phase_hologram = calculate_phase(hologram)
phase_only_hologram = (phase_hologram%slm_range)/slm_range*dynamic_range
save_image('phase_only_hologram.png',phase_only_hologram)

https://github.com/complight/metameric_holography

Reconstructed Intensities



Extra materials



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https://github.com/complight/cameras-displays-perception-course

Join the conversation



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Thank you for listening!





Practical models of perception in graphics Rafał Mantiuk







Perception in graphics, displays and cameras





Display spectral emission - metamerism



Camera's Bayer pattern



Foveated rendering



Display's subpixels

Color wheel in DLPs



Adaptive shading and refresh rate

If you cannot make it perfect, make it look good





1. Light and colour

- 2. Sensitivity to luminance
- 3. Contrast sensitivity

Additive light mixture demonstration RGB





Additive light mixture demonstration RG + white



In display-encoded colour space



In linear colour space



Linear and display-encoded colour spaces



Display encoded colour space

- Examples: sRGB, Adobe RGB, BT.2100 PQ RGB
- a.k.a. gamma-encoded or gamma-corrected (non HDR)
- The values sent to display (pixel values)
- Approximately perceptually uniform
- Can be efficiently encoded as integer

Linear colour space

- Examples: *linear* RGB, XYZ, LMS
- Used to model physics of light and perception
 - Can model **linear** mixtures of colours
 - Used in physically-based rendering
- Perceptually non-uniform
- Requires higher bit-depth (12-16 bits) or floating points

Linear RGB to display-encoded R'G'B' $\begin{bmatrix} R' & G' & B' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} R^{1/2.2} & G^{1/2.2} & B^{1/2.2} \end{bmatrix}$ Display-encoded R'G'B' to linear RGB $[R \ G \ B] = [R'^{2.2} \ G'^{2.2} \ B'^{2.2}]$

Perceptual rendering pipeline









- 1. Light and colour
- **2.** Sensitivity to luminance
- 3. Contrast sensitivity

Sensitivity to luminance



 Weber's law – the just-noticeable difference is proportional to the magnitude of a stimulus





Ernst Heinrich Weber [From wikipedia]

Consequence of the Weber-law

- Smallest detectable difference in luminance
 - $\frac{\Delta L}{L} = k$
- Adding or subtracting luminance will have different visual impact depending on the background luminance
- Unlike display-encoded luma values, luminance values are **not** perceptually uniform!





How to make luminance (more) perceptually uniform?



• Using "Fechnerian" integration





Assuming the Weber law



$$\frac{\Delta L}{L} = k$$

• and given the luminance transducer

$$R(L) = \int \frac{1}{\Delta L(l)} dl$$

• the response of the visual system to light is:

$$R(L) = \int \frac{1}{kL} dL = \frac{1}{k} \ln(L) + k_1$$





 $R(L) = a \ln(L)$

- Response of the visual system to luminance is approximately logarithmic
- This is a good 1st order approximation
 - Especially when only relative luminance values are known
- Luminance should be plotted only on the logarithmic scale



Gustav Fechner [From Wikipedia]

But...the Fechner law does not hold for the full luminance range



- Because the Weber law does not hold either
- Threshold vs. intensity function:



Weber-law revisited



If we allow detection threshold to vary with luminance according to the t.v.i.
 function:



• we can get a more accurate estimate of the "response":

$$R(L) = \dot{0}_0^L \frac{1}{tvi(l)} dl$$

Fechnerian integration and Stevens' law





Applications of JND encoding – R(L)



- DICOM grayscale function
 - Function used to encode signal for medial monitors
 - 10-bit JND-scaled (just noticeable difference)
 - Equal visibility of gray levels
- HDMI 2.0a (HDR10)
 - PQ (Perceptual Quantizer) encoding
 - Dolby Vision
 - To encode pixels for high dynamic range images and video
- HDR quality metrics
 - PU21-PSNR, HDR-VDP, HDR-VQM









- 1. Light and colour
- 2. Sensitivity to luminance
- **3. Contrast sensitivity**

Contrast Sensitivity



Modeling contrast detection





Contrast Sensitivity Function

Gabor patches







 $[cd/m^2]$

Detection and sensitivity



2-Alternative-Forced-Choice experiment

В Α Does A or B contain the pattern? Gaussian aperture Michelson contrast L_{max} $c = \frac{L_{\max} - L_{\min}}{L_{\max} + L_{\min}} = \frac{m}{L_0}$ m L_0 L_{min} Cosine Sensitivity grating $S = \frac{1}{-} = \frac{L_0}{-}$ m



Contrast detected with probability 0.75

Contrast Sensitivity Function







	Spatial freq.	Temp. freq.	Luminance	Colour	Orientation	Eccentricity	Size
Barten's [1]	\checkmark	×	\checkmark	×	\checkmark	×	\checkmark
scCSF [2]	\checkmark	×	\checkmark	\checkmark	×	×	\checkmark
stelaCSF [3]	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	×	×	\checkmark	\checkmark

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spatio-chromatic CSF [scCSF]

- Colour discrimination as a function of
- Background colour and luminance [LMS]
- Spatial frequency [cpd]
- Size [deg]









stelaCSF – Spatio-Temporal Eccentricity Luminance Area CSF





Example: CSF and the resolution



CSF plotted as the detection contrast

$$\frac{\Delta L}{L_b} = S^{-1}$$

- The contrast below each line is invisible
- Maximum perceivable resolution depends on luminance



CSF model: Barten, P. G. J. (2004). https://doi.org/10.1117/12.537476

Example: quality degradation due to blur





Quality degradation \propto Visual energy





1. Light and colour

- Perception and physics/optics is modelled in linear colour spaces
- 2. Sensitivity to luminance
 - Logarithm of luminance accounts for Weber's law
 - PU21 or PQ are better approximations but rely on absolute values
- 3. Contrast sensitivity
 - End-to-end model of contrast detection
 - Sets the limits of visual system, helpful in quality prediction