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Real Image

Obtained Surface Shape

Abstract

We developed a method to obtain 3D shape of object surface from the polarization state of reflected light on transparent objects observed from two views.

Method

- 1. Measure the polarization state of the light reflected on the surface.
- 2. Rotate the object in a small angle, and again measure the polarization data.
- 3. Apply a region segmentation method to both two DOP(degree of polarization) data.
- 4. Detect a point which represent the same surface point in each region in each DOP data.
- 5. Determine the surface normal by comparing two DOPs taken before/after rotation at corresponding points.
- 6. Obtain the surface shape of transparent objects from the distribution of surface normal.

	Approach	Number of viewpoints	Number of input images for each viewpoints		Disadvantage	VS	Advantage in our method
Murase 1990	Optical flow	1 viewpoint	Multiple images with different time		Only water wave	⇔	Solid objects
Hata et al. 1996	Pattern light projecting	1 viewpoint	Multiple images with different projected pattern light		Need calibration between camera and projector	\$	No calibration needed
Ohara et al. 2003	Shape from focus	1 viewpoint	Multiple images with different focus		Only edged object	⇔	Smooth objects
Ben-Ezra & Nayar 2003	Shape from motion	Multiple viewpoint	1 image each		Only parameterized object	\$	Many types of objects
Previous method [Saito et al. 1999]	Shape from polarization	1 viewpoint	1 polarization image	3 or more images for 1 polarization image	Ambiguity problem	\$	Solved the problem
Previous method [Miyazaki et al. 2002]	Shape from polarization	1 viewpoint	2 polarization images		Need infrared camera	⇔	Only visible camera
Our method [Miyazaki et al. 2003]	Shape from polarization	2 viewpoint	1 polarization image each				

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