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Excellent textbook of multimedia signal processing also dealing with the optimization of multimedia communication systems. It covers the theoretical background of one- and multidimensional signal processing, statistical analysis and modelling, coding and information theory as well as estimation and classification theory.

This book constitutes the refereed proceedings of the First International Conference on Scale Space Methods and Variational Methods in Computer Vision, SSVM 2007, emanated from the joint edition of the 4th International Workshop on Variational, Geometric and Level Set Methods in Computer Vision, VLSM 2007 and the 6th International Conference on Scale Space and PDE Methods in Computer Vision, Scale-Space 2007, held in Ischia Italy, May/June 2007.

This book constitutes the proceedings of the third Sino-foreign-interchange Workshop on Intelligence Science and Intelligent Data Engineering, IScIDE 2012, held in Nanjing, China, in October 2012. The 105 papers presented were

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carefully peer-reviewed and selected from 429 submissions. Topics covered include pattern recognition; computer vision and image processing; machine learning and computational intelligence; knowledge discovery, data mining, and web mining; graphics and computer visualization; and multimedia processing and applications.

This book provides comprehensive coverage of the modern methods for geometric problems in the computing sciences. It also covers concurrent topics in data sciences including geometric processing, manifold learning, Google search, cloud data, and R-tree for wireless networks and BigData. The author investigates digital geometry and its related constructive methods in discrete geometry, offering detailed methods and algorithms. The book is divided into five sections: basic geometry; digital curves, surfaces and manifolds; discretely represented objects; geometric computation and processing; and advanced topics. Chapters especially focus on the applications of these methods to other types of geometry, algebraic topology, image processing, computer vision and computer graphics. Digital and Discrete Geometry: Theory and Algorithms targets researchers and professionals working in digital image processing analysis, medical imaging (such as CT and MRI) and informatics, computer graphics, computer vision, biometrics, and information theory. Advanced-level

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students in electrical engineering, mathematics, and computer science will also find this book useful as a secondary text book or reference. Praise for this book: This book does present a large collection of important concepts, of mathematical, geometrical, or algorithmical nature, that are frequently used in computer graphics and image processing. These concepts range from graphs through manifolds to homology. Of particular value are the sections dealing with discrete versions of classic continuous notions. The reader finds compact definitions and concise explanations that often appeal to intuition, avoiding finer, but then necessarily more complicated, arguments... As a first introduction, or as a reference for professionals working in computer graphics or image processing, this book should be of considerable value." - Prof. Dr. Rolf Klein, University of Bonn.

This book constitutes the refereed proceedings of the 13th Iberoamerican Congress on Pattern Recognition, CIARP 2008, held in Havana, Cuba, in September 2008. The 93 revised full papers presented together with 3 keynote articles were carefully reviewed and selected from 182 submissions. The papers are organized in topical sections on signal analysis for characterization and filtering, analysis of shape and texture, analysis of speech and language, data mining, clustering of images and documents, statistical pattern recognition,

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classification and description of objects, classification and edition, geometric image analysis, neural networks, computer vision, image coding, associative memories and neural networks, interpolation and video tracking, images analysis, music and speech analysis, as well as classifier combination and document filtering.

The book describes several techniques used to bridge the semantic gap and reflects on recent advancements in content-based image retrieval (CBIR). It presents insights into and the theoretical foundation of various essential concepts related to image searches, together with examples of natural and texture image types. The book discusses key challenges and research topics in the context of image retrieval, and provides descriptions of various image databases used in research studies. The area of image retrieval, and especially content-based image retrieval (CBIR), is a very exciting one, both for research and for commercial applications. The book explains the low-level features that can be extracted from an image (such as color, texture, shape) and several techniques used to successfully bridge the semantic gap in image retrieval, making it a valuable resource for students and researchers interested in the area of CBIR alike.

This book constitutes the thoroughly refereed post-proceedings of the 4th

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International Conference on Machine Learning and Cybernetics, ICMLC 2005, held in Guangzhou, China in August 2005. The 114 revised full papers of this volume are organized in topical sections on agents and distributed artificial intelligence, control, data mining and knowledge discovery, fuzzy information processing, learning and reasoning, machine learning applications, neural networks and statistical learning methods, pattern recognition, vision and image processing.

This volume constitutes the refereed proceedings of the 11th International Workshop on Combinatorial Image Analysis, IWCIA 2006, held in Berlin, June 2006. The book presents 34 revised full papers together with two invited papers, covering topics including combinatorial image analysis; grammars and models for analysis and recognition of scenes and images; combinatorial topology and geometry for images; digital geometry of curves and surfaces; algebraic approaches to image processing, and more.

This textbook covers the theoretical backgrounds and practical aspects of image, video and audio feature expression, e.g., color, texture, edge, shape, salient point and area, motion, 3D structure, audio/sound in time, frequency and cepstral domains, structure and melody. Up-to-date algorithms for estimation, search, classification and compact expression of feature data are described in detail. Concepts of signal decomposition (such as segmentation, source

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tracking and separation), as well as composition, mixing, effects, and rendering, are discussed. Numerous figures and examples help to illustrate the aspects covered. The book was developed on the basis of a graduate-level university course, and most chapters are supplemented by problem-solving exercises. The book is also a self-contained introduction both for researchers and developers of multimedia content analysis systems in industry. Many approaches have been proposed to solve the problem of finding the optic flow field of an image sequence. Three major classes of optic flow computation techniques can be discriminated (see for a good overview Beauchemin and Barron [Beauchemin19951]): gradient based (or differential) methods; phase based (or frequency domain) methods; correlation based (or area) methods; feature point (or sparse data) tracking methods; In this chapter we compute the optic flow as a dense optic flow field with a multi scale differential method. The method, originally proposed by Florack and Nielsen [Florack1998a] is known as the Multiscale Optic Flow Constrain Equation (MOFCE). This is a scale space version of the well known computer vision implementation of the optic flow constraint equation, as originally proposed by Horn and Schunck [Horn1981]. This scale space variation, as usual, consists of the introduction of the aperture of the observation in the process. The application to stereo has been described by Maas et al. [Maas 1995a, Maas 1996a]. Of course, difficulties arise when structure emerges or disappears, such as with occlusion, cloud formation etc. Then knowledge is needed about the processes and objects involved. In this chapter we focus on the scale space approach to the local measurement of optic flow, as we may expect the visual front end to do.

17. 2 Motion detection with pairs of receptive fields

As a biologically motivated start, we begin with discussing some neurophysiological findings in the visual system with respect to motion

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detection.

Gaussian scale-space is one of the best understood multi-resolution techniques available to the computer vision and image analysis community. It is the purpose of this book to guide the reader through some of its main aspects. During an intensive weekend in May 1996 a workshop on Gaussian scale-space theory was held in Copenhagen, which was attended by many of the leading experts in the field. The bulk of this book originates from this workshop. Presently there exist only two books on the subject. In contrast to Lindeberg's monograph (Lindeberg, 1994e) this book collects contributions from several scale space researchers, whereas it complements the book edited by ter Haar Romeny (Haar Romeny, 1994) on non-linear techniques by focusing on linear diffusion. This book is divided into four parts. The reader not so familiar with scale-space will find it instructive to first consider some potential applications described in Part 1. Parts II and III both address fundamental aspects of scale-space. Whereas scale is treated as an essentially arbitrary constant in the former, the latter emphasizes the deep structure, i.e. the structure that is revealed by varying scale. Finally, Part IV is devoted to non-linear extensions, notably non-linear diffusion techniques and morphological scale-spaces, and their relation to the linear case. The Danish National Science Research Council is gratefully acknowledged for providing financial support for the workshop under grant no. 9502164.

The book covers cutting-edge and advanced research in modelling and graphics. Gathering high-quality papers presented at the First International Conference on Emerging Technology in Modelling and Graphics, held from 6 to 8 September 2018 in Kolkata, India, it addresses topics including: image processing and analysis, image segmentation, digital geometry for computer

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imaging, image and security, biometrics, video processing, medical imaging, and virtual and augmented reality.

This book traces progress in photography since the first pinhole, or camera obscura, architecture. The authors describe innovations such as photogrammetry, and omnidirectional vision for robotic navigation. The text shows how new camera architectures create a need to master related projective geometries for calibration, binocular stereo, static or dynamic scene understanding. Written by leading researchers in the field, this book also explores applications of alternative camera architectures.

This book constitutes the refereed proceedings of the Third International Conference on Social Computing, Behavioral Modeling, and Prediction, SBP 2010, held in Bethesda, MD, USA, in March 2010. The 26 revised full papers and 23 revised poster papers presented together with 4 invited and keynote papers were carefully reviewed and selected from 78 initial submissions. The papers cover a wide range of interesting topics such as social network analysis, modeling, machine learning and data mining, social behaviors, public health, cultural aspects, effects and search.

This volume constitutes the refereed proceedings of the 4th Iberian Conference on Pattern Recognition and Image Analysis, IbPRIA 2009, held in Póvoa de Varzim, Portugal in June 2009. The 33 revised full papers and 29 revised poster papers presented together with 3 invited talks were carefully reviewed and selected from 106 submissions. The papers are organized in topical sections on computer vision, image analysis and processing, as well as pattern recognition.

This book constitutes the refereed proceedings of the Second International Conference on

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Pattern Recognition and Machine Intelligence, PReMI 2007, held in Kolkata, India in December 2007. The 82 revised papers presented were carefully reviewed and selected from 241 submissions. The papers are organized in topical sections on pattern recognition, image analysis, soft computing and applications, data mining and knowledge discovery, bioinformatics, signal and speech processing, document analysis and text mining, biometrics, and video analysis.

Computer Vision: Principles, Algorithms, Applications, Learning (previously entitled Computer and Machine Vision) clearly and systematically presents the basic methodology of computer vision, covering the essential elements of the theory while emphasizing algorithmic and practical design constraints. This fully revised fifth edition has brought in more of the concepts and applications of computer vision, making it a very comprehensive and up-to-date text suitable for undergraduate and graduate students, researchers and R&D engineers working in this vibrant subject. See an interview with the author explaining his approach to teaching and learning computer vision - <http://scitechconnect.elsevier.com/computer-vision/> Three new chapters on Machine Learning emphasise the way the subject has been developing; Two chapters cover Basic Classification Concepts and Probabilistic Models; and the The third covers the principles of Deep Learning Networks and shows their impact on computer vision, reflected in a new chapter Face Detection and Recognition. A new chapter on Object Segmentation and Shape Models reflects the methodology of machine learning and gives practical demonstrations of its application. In-depth discussions have been

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included on geometric transformations, the EM algorithm, boosting, semantic segmentation, face frontalisation, RNNs and other key topics. Examples and applications—including the location of biscuits, foreign bodies, faces, eyes, road lanes, surveillance, vehicles and pedestrians—give the ‘ins and outs’ of developing real-world vision systems, showing the realities of practical implementation. Necessary mathematics and essential theory are made approachable by careful explanations and well-illustrated examples. The ‘recent developments’ sections included in each chapter aim to bring students and practitioners up to date with this fast-moving subject. Tailored programming examples—code, methods, illustrations, tasks, hints and solutions (mainly involving MATLAB and C++)

Welcome to the 12th International Conference on Rough Sets, Fuzzy Sets, Data Mining and Granular Computing (RSFDGrC 2009), held at the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Delhi, India, during December 15-18, 2009. RSFDGrC is a series of conferences spanning over the last 15 years. It investigates the meeting points among the four major areas outlined in its title. This year, it was co-organized with the Third International Conference on Pattern Recognition and Machine Intelligence (PReMI 2009), which provided additional means for multi-faceted interaction of both scientists and practitioners. It was also the core component of this year's Rough Set Year in India project. However, it remained a fully international event aimed at building bridges between countries. The first section contains the invited papers and a short report on the

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abo- mentioned project. Let us note that all the RSFDGrC 2009 plenary speakers, Ivo Düntsch, Zbigniew Suraj, Zhongzhi Shi, Sergei Kuznetsov, Qiang Shen, and Yukio Ohsawa, contributed with the full-length articles in the proceedings. The remaining six sections contain 56 regular papers that were selected out of 130 submissions, each peer-reviewed by three PC members. We thank the authors for their high-quality papers submitted to this volume and regret that many deserving papers could not be accepted because of our urge to maintain strict standards. It is worth mentioning that there was quite a good number of papers on the foundations of rough sets and fuzzy sets, many of them authored

by Indian researchers. The fuzzy set theory has been popular in India for a longer time. Now, we can see the rising interest in the rough set theory.

Feature Extraction for Image Processing and Computer Vision is an essential guide to the implementation of image processing and computer vision techniques, with tutorial introductions and sample code in MATLAB and Python. Algorithms are presented and fully explained to enable complete understanding of the methods and techniques demonstrated. As one reviewer noted, "The main strength of the proposed book is the link between theory and exemplar code of the algorithms." Essential background theory is carefully explained. This text gives students and researchers in image processing and computer vision a complete introduction to classic and state-of-the-art methods in feature extraction together with practical guidance on their implementation. The only

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text to concentrate on feature extraction with working implementation and worked through mathematical derivations and algorithmic methods A thorough overview of available feature extraction methods including essential background theory, shape methods, texture and deep learning Up to date coverage of interest point detection, feature extraction and description and image representation (including frequency domain and colour) Good balance between providing a mathematical background and practical implementation Detailed and explanatory of algorithms in MATLAB and Python This is the first book which informs about recent progress in biomechanics, computer vision and computer graphics – all in one volume. Researchers from these areas have contributed to this book to promote the establishment of human motion research as a multi-faceted discipline and to improve the exchange of ideas and concepts between these three areas. The book combines carefully written reviews with detailed reports on recent progress in research.

We are delighted to welcome readers to the proceedings of the 6th Pacific-Rim Conference on Multimedia (PCM). The first PCM was held in Sydney, Australia, in 2000. Since then, it has been hosted successfully by Beijing, China, in 2001, Hsinchu, Taiwan, in 2002, Singapore in 2003, and Tokyo, Japan, in 2004, and finally Jeju, one of the most beautiful and fantastic islands in Korea. This year, we accepted 181 papers out of 570 submissions including regular and special session papers. The acceptance rate of 32% indicates our commitment to ensuring a very high-quality conference. This

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would not be possible without the full support of the excellent Technical Committee and anonymous reviewers that provided timely and insightful reviews. We would therefore like to thank the Program Committee and all reviewers. The program of this year reflects the current interests of the PCM's. The accepted papers cover a range of topics, including, all aspects of multimedia, both technical and artistic perspectives and both theoretical and practical issues. The PCM 2005 program covers tutorial sessions and plenary lectures as well as regular presentations in three tracks of oral sessions and a poster session in a single track. We have tried to expand the scope of PCM to the artistic papers which need not to be strictly technical.

Over the past years, businesses have had to tackle the issues caused by numerous forces from political, technological and societal environment. The changes in the global market and increasing uncertainty require us to focus on disruptive innovations and to investigate this phenomenon from different perspectives. The benefits of innovations are related to lower costs, improved efficiency, reduced risk, and better response to the customers' needs due to new products, services or processes. On the other hand, new business models expose various risks, such as cyber risks, operational risks, regulatory risks, and others. Therefore, we believe that the entrepreneurial behavior and global mindset of decision-makers significantly contribute to the development of innovations, which benefit by closing the prevailing gap between developed and developing countries. Thus, this Special Issue contributes to closing the research gap in the

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literature by providing a platform for a scientific debate on innovation, internationalization and entrepreneurship, which would facilitate improving the resilience of businesses to future disruptions. Order Your Print Copy

This book is the outcome of a NATO Advanced Study Institute on Pattern Recognition Theory and Applications held in Spa-Balmoral, Belgium, in June 1986. This Institute was the third of a series which started in 1975 in Bandol, France, at the initiative of Professors K. S. Fu and A. Whinston, and continued in 1981 in Oxford, UK, with Professors K. S. Fu, J. Kittler and L. -F. Pau as directors. As early as in 1981, plans were made to pursue the series in about 1986 and possibly in Belgium, with Professor K. S. Fu and the present editors as directors. Unfortunately, le sort en decida autrement: Professor Fu passed away in the spring of 1985. His sudden death was an irreparable loss to the scientific community and to all those who knew him as an inspiring colleague, a teacher or a dear friend. Soon after, Josef Kittler and I decided to pay a small tribute to his memory by helping some of his plans to materialize. With the support of the NATO Scientific Affairs Division, the Institute became a reality. It was therefore but natural that the proceedings of the Institute be dedicated to him. The book contains most of the papers that were presented at the Institute. Papers are grouped along major themes which hopefully represent the major areas of contemporary research. These are: 1. Statistical methods and clustering techniques 2. Probabilistic relaxation techniques 3. From Markovian to connectionist models 4.

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This is the proceedings of the 11th International Workshop on Structural and Syntactic Pattern Recognition, SSPR 2006 and the 6th International Workshop on Statistical Techniques in Pattern Recognition, SPR 2006, held in Hong Kong, August 2006 alongside the Conference on Pattern Recognition, ICPR 2006. 38 revised full papers and 61 revised poster papers are included, together with 4 invited papers covering image analysis, character recognition, bayesian networks, graph-based methods and more.

This book presents for the first time the theory of the moiré phenomenon between aperiodic or random layers. The book provides a full general purpose and application-independent exposition of the subject. Throughout the whole text the book favours a pictorial, intuitive approach which is supported by mathematics, and the discussion is accompanied by a large number of figures and illustrative examples.

There is a lack of an exposition on interdisciplinary and innovative methods of data mining and visualization for biodata. This book fills the gap by introducing an interdisciplinary set of the most recent methods and references on novel techniques from artificial intelligence, data mining, engineering, pattern recognition, and ontological data mining fields that are applicable to bioinformatics. The latest novel approaches are explained in detail, their

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advantages and disadvantages are summarized, and pointers to the future development of new applications are given. By widening the pool from which biologists and bioinformaticians can adopt methods for biodata mining and visualization, computational data mining experts in nonbiological fields are also encouraged to utilize their expertise in order to contribute to the progress of computational biology, thus enhancing the collaboration between these two disciplines.

This book constitutes the thoroughly refereed post-proceedings of the Joint Chinese-German Workshop on Cognitive Systems held in Shanghai, March 2005. The 13 revised papers are organized in topical sections on multimodal human-computer interfaces, neuropsychology and neurocomputing, Chinese-German natural language processing and psycholinguistics, as well as information processing and retrieval from the semantic Web for intelligent applications.

Recent years have seen dramatic progress in shape recognition algorithms applied to ever-growing image databases. They have been applied to image stitching, stereo vision, image mosaics, solid object recognition and video or web image retrieval. More fundamentally, the ability of humans and animals to detect and recognize shapes is one of the enigmas of perception. The book describes a

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complete method that starts from a query image and an image database and yields a list of the images in the database containing shapes present in the query image. A false alarm number is associated to each detection. Many experiments will show that familiar simple shapes or images can reliably be identified with false alarm numbers ranging from 10⁻⁵ to less than 10⁻³⁰⁰. Technically speaking, there are two main issues. The first is extracting invariant shape descriptors from digital images. Indeed, a shape can be seen from various angles and distances and in various lights.

This volume constitutes the refereed proceedings of the 15th International Workshop on Combinatorial Image Analysis, IWCI 2012, held in Austin, TX, USA in November 2012. The 23 revised full papers presented were carefully reviewed and selected from numerous submissions. The topics covered include digital geometry, combinatorics in digital spaces, digital curves and surfaces; digital topology grammars, transformation, applications; grammars and models in image analysis; picture transformations, morphologic operations, image segmentation; and discrete tomography, applications.

This book constitutes the refereed post-conference proceedings of the 23rd Iberoamerican Congress on Pattern Recognition, CIARP 2018, held in Madrid, Spain, in November 2018. The 112 papers presented were carefully reviewed and

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selected from 187 submissions. The program was comprised of 6 oral sessions on the following topics: machine learning, computer vision, classification, biometrics and medical applications, and brain signals, and also on: text and character analysis, human interaction, and sentiment analysis.

ICIAR 2005, the International Conference on Image Analysis and Recognition, was the second ICIAR conference, and was held in Toronto, Canada. ICIAR is organized annually, and alternates between Europe and North America. ICIAR 2004 was held in Porto, Portugal. The idea of offering these conferences came as a result of discussion between researchers in Portugal and Canada to encourage collaboration and exchange, mainly between these two countries, but also with the open participation of other countries, addressing recent advances in theory, methodology and applications.

The response to the call for papers for ICIAR 2005 was encouraging. From 295 full papers submitted, 153 were finally accepted (80 oral presentations, and 73 posters). The review process was carried out by the Program Committee members and other reviewers; all are experts in various image analysis and recognition areas. Each paper was reviewed by at least two reviewers, and also checked by the conference co-chairs. The high quality of the papers in these proceedings is attributed first to the authors, and second to the quality of the reviews provided by

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the experts. We would like to thank the authors for responding to our call, and we wholeheartedly thank the reviewers for their excellent work, and for their timely response. It is this collective effort that resulted in the strong conference program and high-quality proceedings in your hands.

MPEG-7 is the first international standard which contains a number of key techniques from Computer Vision and Image Processing. The Curvature Scale Space technique was selected as a contour shape descriptor for MPEG-7 after substantial and comprehensive testing, which demonstrated the superior performance of the CSS-based descriptor. Curvature Scale Space Representation: Theory, Applications, and MPEG-7 Standardization is based on key publications on the CSS technique, as well as its multiple applications and generalizations. The goal was to ensure that the reader will have access to the most fundamental results concerning the CSS method in one volume. These results have been categorized into a number of chapters to reflect their focus as well as content. The book also includes a chapter on the development of the CSS technique within MPEG standardization, including details of the MPEG-7 testing and evaluation processes which led to the selection of the CSS shape descriptor for the standard. The book can be used as a supplementary textbook by any university or institution offering courses in computer and information science.

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Whilst other books cover a broad range of topics, Feature Extraction and Image Processing takes one of the prime targets of applied computer vision, feature extraction, and uses it to provide an essential guide to the implementation of image processing and computer vision techniques. Acting as both a source of reference and a student text, the book explains techniques and fundamentals in a clear and concise manner and helps readers to develop working techniques, with usable code provided throughout. The new edition is updated throughout in line with developments in the field, and is revised to focus on mathematical programming in Matlab. Essential reading for engineers and students working in this cutting edge field Ideal module text and background reference for courses in image processing and computer vision

As consumer costs for multimedia devices such as digital cameras and Web phones have decreased and diversity in the market has skyrocketed, the amount of digital information has grown considerably. Intelligent Multimedia Databases and Information Retrieval: Advancing Applications and Technologies details the latest information retrieval technologies and applications, the research surrounding the field, and the methodologies and design related to multimedia databases. Together with academic researchers and developers from both information retrieval and artificial intelligence fields, this book details issues and semantics of data retrieval with contributions from around the globe. As the information and data from multimedia databases continues to expand, the research and documentation surrounding it should keep pace as best as

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possible, and this book provides an excellent resource for the latest developments. This book constitutes the refereed proceedings of the First International Conference on Scale-Space Theory for Computer Vision, Scale-Space '97, held in Utrecht, The Netherlands, in July 1997. The volume presents 21 revised full papers selected from a total of 41 submissions. Also included are 2 invited papers and 13 poster presentations. This book is the first comprehensive documentation of the application of Scale-Space techniques in computer vision and, in the broader context, in image processing and pattern recognition.

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This volume constitutes the refereed proceedings of the Second International Conference on Scale-Space Theories in Computer Vision, Scale-Space'99, held in Corfu, Greece, in September 1999. The 36 revised full papers and the 18 revised posters presented in the book were carefully reviewed and selected from 66 high-quality submissions. The book addresses all current aspects of this young and active field, in particular geometric Image flows, nonlinear diffusion, functional minimization, linear scale-space, etc.

Computer vision encompasses the construction of integrated vision systems and the application of vision to problems of real-world importance. The process of creating 3D models is still rather difficult, requiring mechanical measurement of the camera

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positions or manual alignment of partial 3D views of a scene. However using algorithms, it is possible to take a collection of stereo-pair images of a scene and then automatically produce a photo-realistic, geometrically accurate digital 3D model. This book provides a comprehensive introduction to the methods, theories and algorithms of 3D computer vision. Almost every theoretical issue is underpinned with practical implementation or a working algorithm using pseudo-code and complete code written in C++ and MatLab®. There is the additional clarification of an accompanying website with downloadable software, case studies and exercises. Organised in three parts, Cyganek and Siebert give a brief history of vision research, and subsequently: present basic low-level image processing operations for image matching, including a separate chapter on image matching algorithms; explain scale-space vision, as well as space reconstruction and multiview integration; demonstrate a variety of practical applications for 3D surface imaging and analysis; provide concise appendices on topics such as the basics of projective geometry and tensor calculus for image processing, distortion and noise in images plus image warping procedures. An Introduction to 3D Computer Vision Algorithms and Techniques is a valuable reference for practitioners and programmers working in 3D computer vision, image processing and analysis as well as computer visualisation. It would also be of interest to advanced students and researchers in the fields of engineering, computer science, clinical photography, robotics, graphics and mathematics.

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This book constitutes the refereed proceedings of the First Pacific Rim Symposium on Image and Video Technology, PSIVT 2006, held in Hsinchu, Taiwan in December 2006. The 76 revised full papers and 58 revised poster papers cover a wide range of topics, including all aspects of video and multimedia, both technical and artistic perspectives and both theoretical and practical issues.

The concept of CAST as Computer Aided Systems Theory was introduced by F. Pichler in the late 1980s to refer to computer theoretical and practical developments as tools for solving problems in system science. It was thought of as the third component (the other two being CAD and CAM) required to complete the path from computer and systems sciences to practical developments in science and engineering. Franz Pichler, of the University of Linz, organized the first CAST workshop in April 1988, which demonstrated the acceptance of the concepts by the scientific and technical community. Next, the University of Las Palmas de Gran Canaria joined the University of Linz to organize the first international meeting on CAST (Las Palmas, February 1989) under the name EUROCAST'89. This proved to be a very successful gathering of systems theorists, computer scientists and engineers from most European countries, North America and Japan. It was agreed that EUROCAST international conferences would be organized every two years, alternating between Las Palmas de Gran Canaria and a continental European location. From 2001 the conference has been held exclusively in Las Palmas. Thus, successive EUROCAST meetings took place in

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Krems (1991), Las Palmas (1993), Innsbruck (1995), Las Palmas (1997), Vienna (1999), Las Palmas (2001), Las Palmas (2003) Las Palmas (2005) and Las Palmas (2007), in addition to an extra-European CAST conference in Ottawa in 1994.

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