

# Understanding indoor scenes from images

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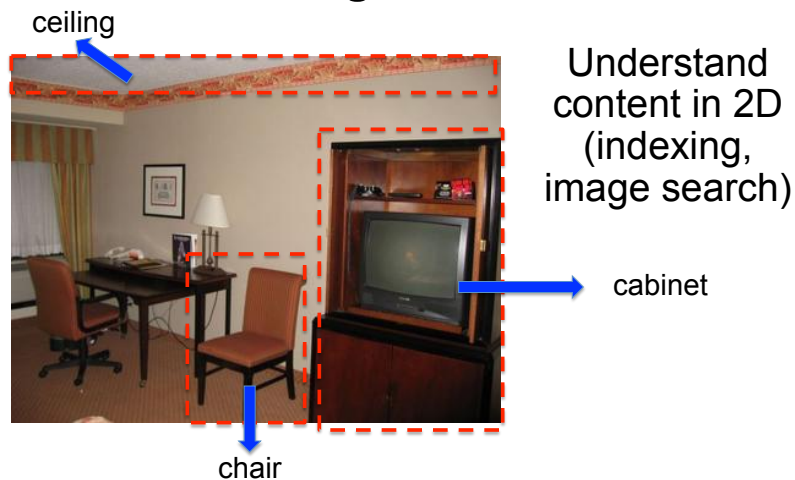
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## Goal: understand images of indoor environments



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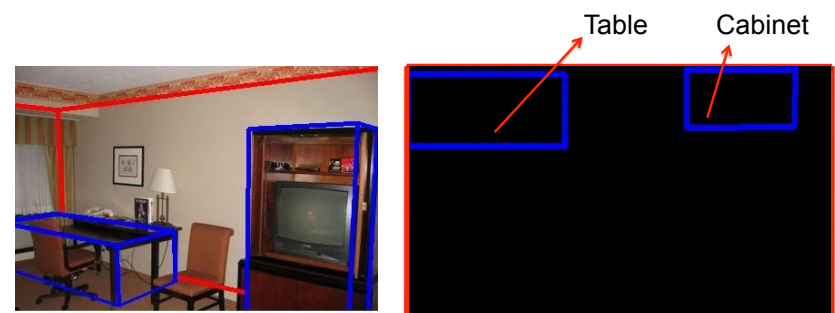
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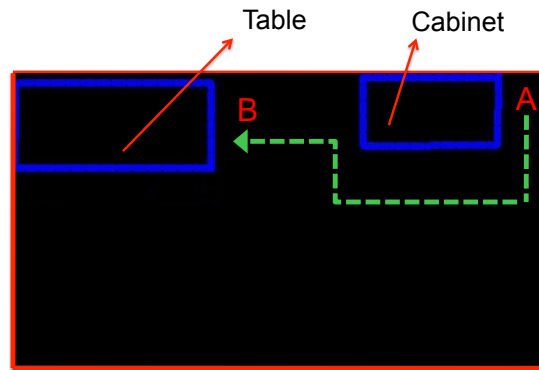
Reconstructing the 3D world that generated an image:  
What is where in 3D



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## 3D information is useful (1)

Application: Unmanned navigation



Based on the information extracted from the image, plan a path from A to B

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## 3D information is useful (2)

Application: Predicting human actions

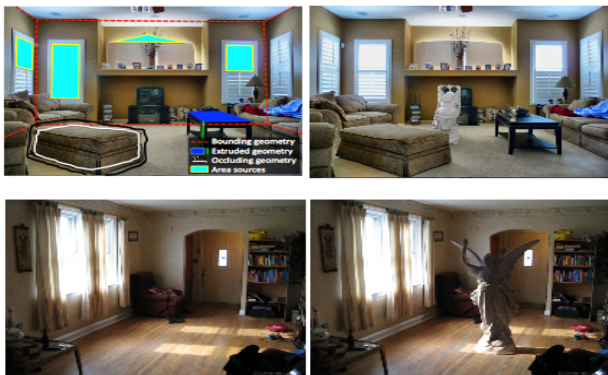


Based on the geometry extracted from the image, find where humans could sit, lie, stand, etc. (Gupta et al., CVPR 2011)

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## 3D information is useful (3)

Application: Computer graphics



Inserting synthetic objects in images, deal with occlusions (top) and shadows (bottom), Karsch et al, SIGGRAPH Asia 2011

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## 3D information is useful (4)

Occlusions and context



- Thinking in 3D explains why the second chair is barely visible
- Chairs are positioned symmetrically around the table (context)

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## 3D information is useful (5)

Prior information on the 3D world



- A 3D model can encode that tables have right angles
- 2D projections of right angles are not right!

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## Overview of our approach

- Recover 3D geometry of indoors scenes from indoor images
  - Recover room layout (walls, ceiling, floor)
  - Identify objects in it (beds, couches, doors, windows, etc.)



Flat image

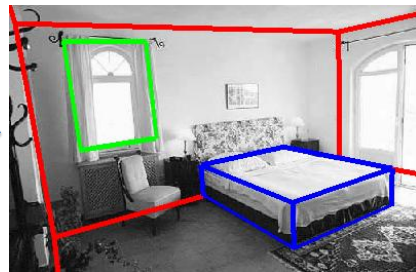
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## A generative model for rooms



3D Layout

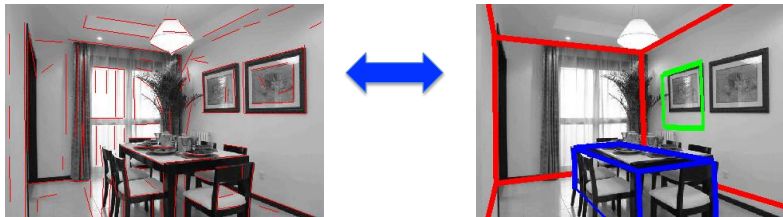
Camera

- Indoor images are generated by projecting the 3D scene
- Jointly estimate:
  - Camera parameters (unknown)
  - Room layout (size, position)
  - Number of objects (pieces of furniture, doors, windows,...)
  - Position, size and identity of each object

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## Finding the optimal parameters (**inference**)

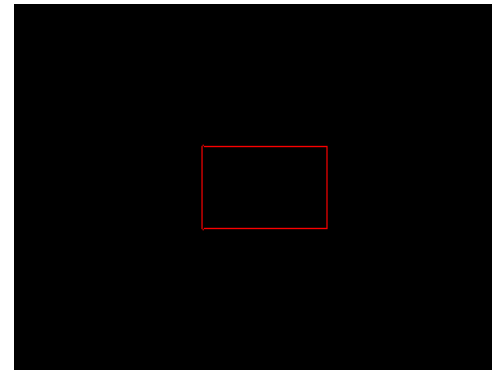
- General idea: measure how well the model fits the data
- Example: image edges
- Edge likelihood compares:
  - 1) Edge points detected on the image plane
  - 2) Edge points generated by projecting the 3D layout under the camera



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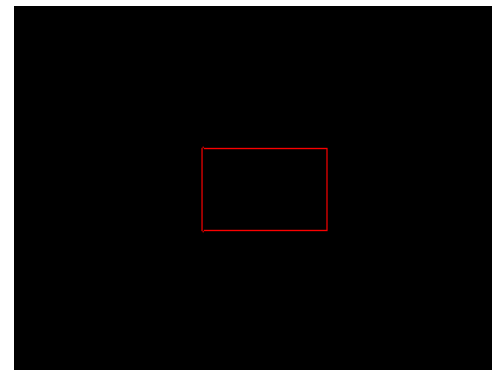
NO SEMANTICS!!!!

Each image point is  
“on” (edge) or  
“off” (no edge)

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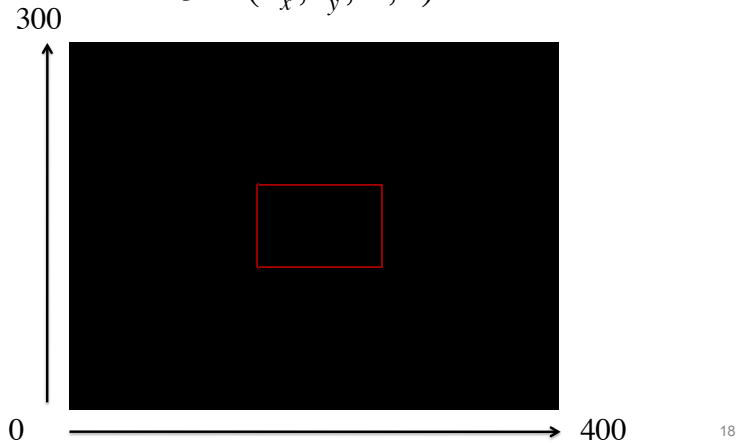


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$$\vartheta = (c_x, c_y, w, h) \quad \text{MODELING}$$

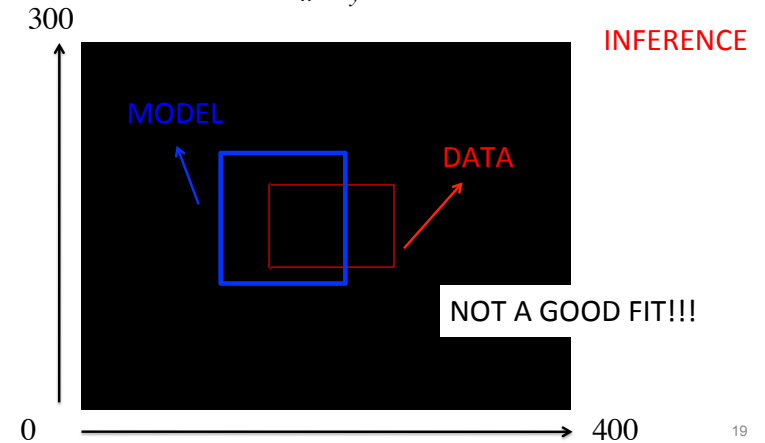


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- Find the parameters that best fit the image

$$\text{Example } \vartheta = (c_x, c_y, w, h) = (120, 90, 80, 90)$$

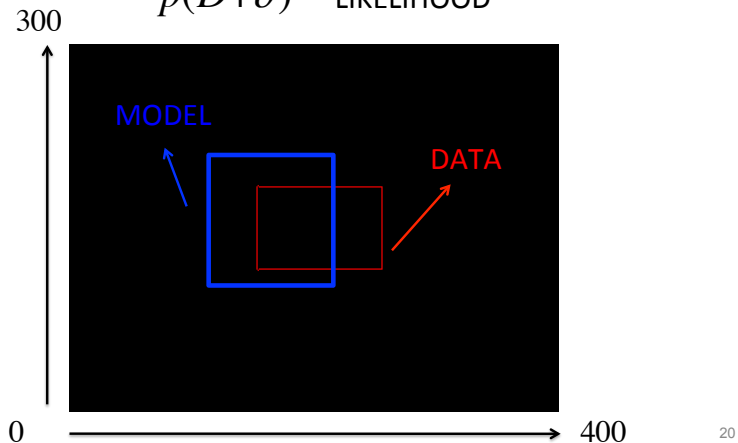


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$$p(D | \vartheta_1) < p(D | \vartheta_2)$$

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- Measure how well the hypothesis matches the data
  - Model edges are close to data edges  $p(D|\vartheta) \uparrow$
  - More data edges than model edges  $p(D|\vartheta) \downarrow$
  - More model edges than data edges  $p(D|\vartheta) \downarrow$

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## Toy example: find the rectangle!

- **INFERENCE:** find  $\vartheta = (c_x, c_y, w, h)$  maximizing  $p(D|\vartheta)$
- Several techniques: gradient descent, **sampling**, etc.
  - DEMO 1  $\rightarrow$  find  $c_y$
  - DEMO 2  $\rightarrow$  find all parameters
- Same ideas can be applied in 3D  $\rightarrow$  model edges come from 3D model hypothesis projected using camera hypothesis

DEMO 3  $\rightarrow$  find 3D position of the cuboid

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## ...and back to the original problem



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## Room geometry

- Model room and objects as cuboids (blocks)



- Approximate furniture (couches, beds) with bounding boxes, frames (windows, doors) with thin blocks
- Furniture (blue) is on the floor, frames (green) are attached to a wall, objects can not overlap

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## Camera parameters

- Focal length and extrinsic parameters
- The camera determines the perspective distortion



Wrong camera



Correct camera

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## Inference

- Find model parameters that maximize the edge likelihood
- Challenges:
  - vast parameter space
  - very structured output (e.g. objects have to touch the floor, they cannot overlap, etc.)
- In general, recovering 3D from 2D is under constrained

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## Manhattan world assumption



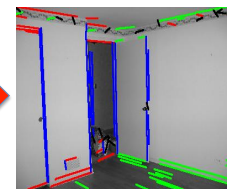
- Most surfaces are aligned to three orthogonal directions
- This assumption enables reconstruction from a single image (2D to 3D)

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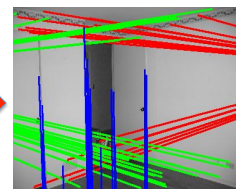
## Manhattan world assumption



Detect edges



Group them based on convergence



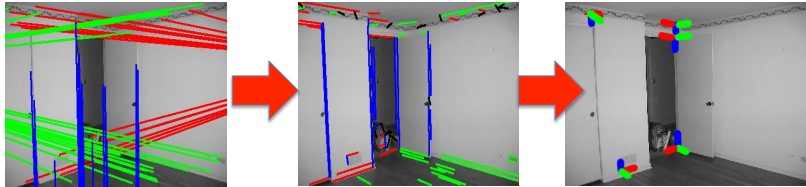
- Compute camera parameters (e.g., focal length) from three vanishing points (analytically)
- Good initialization in most cases -> simpler inference

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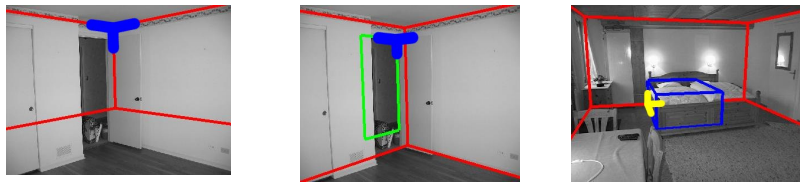
## Data-driven inference

(let the data speak)

Detect corners

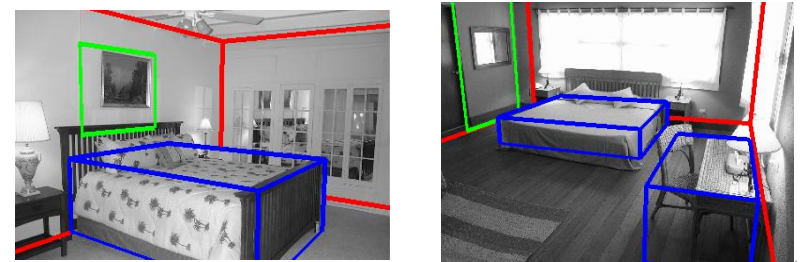
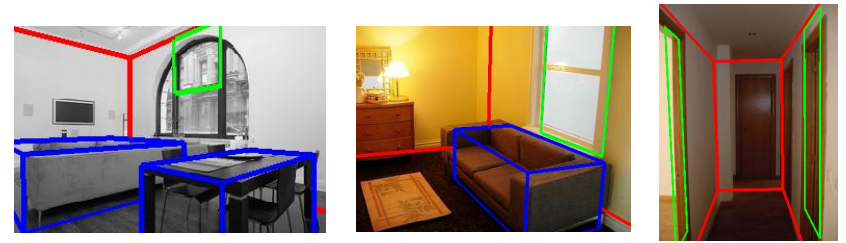


Propose 3D structure from corners



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## Results



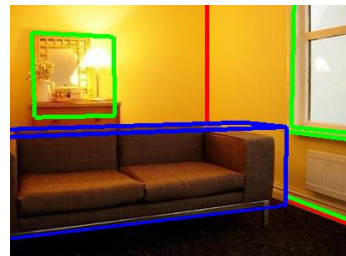
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## 3D reasoning at work

Explaining occlusions



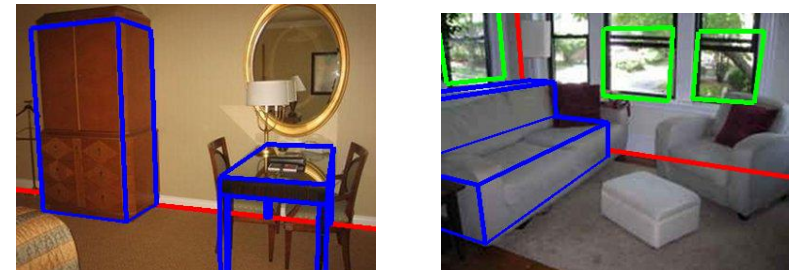
Fitting the room only



Fitting the room and the objects

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## Ongoing work



Use detailed models for furniture,  
instead of simple blocks

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