Reliable Estimation of Disparity Map in Textureless Region of Roadway

Jai-Eun Kim, Ki-Doo Kim, and Kyeong-Hoon Jung Department of Electrical Engineering, Kookmin University, Seoul, Korea eun9477@kookmin.ac.kr, kdk@kookmin.ac.kr Corresponding author: khjung@kookmin.ac.kr

Abstract— This study proposes a reliable disparity estimation method that plays an important role in stereo vision. Most of conventional disparity estimation algorithms have a critical weakness. They may generate erroneous results in monotonous or textureless areas such as roadways and hallways. To improve the reliability of estimated disparity in such areas, we select a textureless road area as a region of interest (ROI) and generate a synthetic disparity map which can be modelled by a simple gray-scaled gradation pattern according to the depth. Finally, we combine the conventional and synthetic disparity maps to generate a more reliable disparity map. Simulation results show that the disparity map constructed from the proposed algorithm is more reasonable and trustworthy.

Keyword-Stereo camera, Disparity estimation, Textureless region, Block Matching



Jai-Eun Kim received BS, MS degrees in Department of Electrical Engineering, Kookmin University, Seoul, Korea, in 2013 and 2015, respectively. And he is currently a Ph.D candidate in the Department of electronical engineering, Kookmin University, Seoul, Korea. His research focuses on multimedia signal processing, pattern recognition, and intelligent vehicular system.



Ki-Doo Kim received his BS degree in electronics engineering from Sogang University, Seoul, Korea, in 1980 and his MS and PhD degrees from Pennsylvania State University, University Park, in 1988 and 1990, respectively, both in electrical engineering. In March 1991, he joined the Department of Electronics Engineering, Kookmin University, Seoul, Korea, and is currently a professor. He worked as a visiting scholar in the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, University of California, San Diego, from February 1997 to February 1998. His current research interests are digital communication and signal processing.



Kyeong-Hoon Jung received the BS, MS, and PhD from the Department of Electronics Engineering, Seoul National University, Seoul, Korea, in 1987, 1989, and 1996, respectively. After working at the Korea Broadcasting Institute from 1991 to 1997, he joined Handong University as a faculty member in the School of Computer Science and Electronics Engineering. In 2005, he transferred to Kookmin University, where he is now a professor in the School of Electrical Engineering. His research focuses on broadcasting systems, video coding, and multimedia signal processing.