







## Artistic Enhancement in Scientific Visualization

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## **Visualizing Anatomy**

- A photographic depiction captures the exact appearance of the object as we actually see it
- Subtle, complex details of coloration and texture are fully represented, with great accuracy

Photograph of the right hip bone (lateral aspe Johannes W. Rohen and Chihiro Yokochi. <u>Color Atlas of Anatomy:</u> <u>A Photographic Study of the Human Body</u>, Igaku-Shoin, 1993.





# Photo vs. Drawing in Archaeology





## Photo vs. Drawing

Hand-drawn illustrations are routinely used to emphasize important features that are difficult to capture in a photograph, while minimizing secondary detail

Drawings are also useful to portray information that cannot be captured or represented photographically, such as hidden surfaces









# **Study of Picture Preferences**

### Realistic



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# **Extended Line Types**

- Principal directions and lines of curvature
- Parabolic lines
- Attached and unattached shadows
- Isoluminance and luminance extrema
- Highlights







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## **Gaussian Curvature**

 $K_1$  = curvature in first principal direction  $K_2$  = curvature in second principal direction Gaussian curvature:  $K = K_1 K_2$ <u>Mean curvature:</u>  $H = (K_1 + K_2) / 2$ 

K > 0 : elliptic, convex or concave
K < 0 : hyperbolic, saddle-shaped</li>
K = 0 : parabolic, cylindrical or planar









## **Definitions** [Koenderink]

Rim – the closed space curve on the shape that makes up the silhouette; the space curve is smooth and has no discontinuities except when the surface is discontinuous; the rim is not a plane curve!

Contour – the projection of the rim; the projection may have singularities

Silhouette – the visible part of the contour

## **Generic Position**

- 1. Perturbed ray meets in two points
- 2. Enter, leave, enter: cusp or contour ends
- 3. Self-intersection

Good views are in generic position



Kt = tangential curvature Kr = radial curvature (along the line of sight) Kr Kt = K (the Gaussian Curvature)

- Cannot see concave regions of the surface
- Convex Kt > 0, convex region of the surface
- Concave Kt < 0, hyperbolic region of the surface
- Inflection points along parabolic lines



## Koenderink

- The visible end of a contour must lie on a hyperbolic surface
- At the end point, the direction of view is along the aymptote (0 curvature)

At the end point, the contour is concave















## **Parabolic Lines**

- 1. Segmentation of the object into convex, concave and saddle-shaped regions
- 2. Inflection points of the visual contour
- 3. Changes of topology of the contour with viewpoint changes
- 4. Qualitative structure of the illuminance distribution
- 5. Loci that create and annihilate highlights



## **Types of Lines**

Haloed lines Taper near t-junction (See Dooley and Cohen) Eye-lashing (Guild) Sketchiness (Strothotte) Conventions in engineering drawing

Martin, Technical Illustration

















## Summary

Illustrations often better than photographs

- Enhance important features
- Deemphasize unimportant detail

## **Grand challenge**

- Produce a good line drawing
- What lines, not just how to draw lines











