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### Preface

Imaging sciences and engineering are rapidly evolving in many ways by encompassing more sensing modalities, display media, digital domains, and consumer products. This field of research and development is frenetically active in multiple scientific, innovative disciplines including those of materials, sensors, displays, algorithms, and applications. Today, the term "optical image" refers not only to the concept of image formation and its multiple analysis, reconstruction, and visualization techniques, but also to computer vision, terahertz frequencies and electromagnetic imaging, medical imaging, algorithms for processing of images, and three-dimensional image sensing, among many others.

In the last two decades, research into advanced imaging systems has made great progress. There are many new procedures in microscopy that overcome the classical resolution limit. The field has benefited from the astonishing results of computational imaging techniques. The advances in imaging through turbid and scattering media allow the achievement of images with good resolution, either from deep layers of tissue in living beings, or the cosmos through telescopes on Earth's surface. Optics in the life sciences incorporates new methods for non-invasive imaging of *in vivo* biological material and the tools to translate that knowledge and procedures for the study, diagnosis, and treatment of diseases. Sources of entangled photons in quantum imaging can provide high-quality images at a very low level of illumination. To all this, we must add many other rapidly evolving areas such as modern adaptive optics, imaging in nuclear medicine, optical tweezers that are opening new avenues for the study of single cells, the role of spatial light modulators in advanced imaging, and so on.

Recently, there have been rapid advances in imaging systems because of the introduction of various multi-dimensional imaging techniques, including digital holography, integral imaging, multiview, light field, multispectral imaging, polarimetric imaging, temporal multiplexing; development of new algorithms, such as those used for compressive sensing or computational imaging; and the application of new light sources, such as ultrashort lasers, laser diodes, super-continuum sources, and so on. In parallel to the development of new imaging techniques, there has been a great advance in image resolution by increasing the number of pixels of different detector arrays and reducing pixel size. It has been recognized that, in many situations, it is also very important to measure not only the spatial intensity distribution of the object, but also other useful dimensions of an image, such as spectral, polarization, optical phase, or three-dimensional structure, leading to the development of multi-dimensional imaging. As a result, there have been substantial multidisciplinary activities in the development of polarimetric cameras, multispectral sensors, holographic techniques, three-dimensional visualization devices, and so on, integrated with special purpose algorithms to produce multi-dimensional imaging systems for a variety of applications, including medical, defense and security, robotics, education, entertainment, environment, and manufacturing.

Given the great interest in multi-dimensional imaging research, development, and education, this book, entitled *Multi-dimensional Imaging* aims to present an overview of the recent advances in the field by some of the leading researchers and educators. The book intends to educate and provide the readers with an introduction to some of the important areas in this multi-disciplinary domain. This broad overview is useful for students, engineers, and scientists who are interested in learning about the latest advances in this important field.

This book addresses a selection of important subjects in multi-dimensional imaging describing fundamentals, approaches, techniques, new developments, applications, and a relevant bibliography. It consists of 17 chapters and is divided into four parts that deal with multi-dimensional digital holographic techniques, multi-dimensional biomedical imaging and microscopy, multi-dimensional imaging and display, and spectral and polarimetric imaging. The chapters are written by some of the most prominent researchers and educators in the field.

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