

Change Detection, Skin Detection

Lecture-10

Motivation

- Detection of interesting objects in videos is the first step in the process of automated surveillance.
- Focus of attention method greatly reduces the processing time required for tracking and activity recognition.

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Introduction

Objectives:

- Given a sequence of images from a stationary camera identify pixels comprising 'interesting' objects.
- All independently moving objects are interesting!
- General Solution
 - Model properties of the scene (e.g. color, texture e.t.c) at each pixel.
 - Significant change in the properties indicates an interesting change.

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Introduction

Problems in Realistic situations:

- Moving but uninteresting objects
 - e.g. trees, flags or grass.
- Long term illumination changes
 - e.g. time of day.
- Quick illumination changes
 - e.g. cloudy weather
- Shadows
- Other Physical changes in the background
 - Dropping or picking up of objects
- Initialization

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Segmenting Background



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Difference Pictures

- Jain, R. and Nagel, H. 1979. ``On the analysis of accumulative difference pictures from image sequences of real world scenes". *IEEE Trans. on Pattern Analysis and Machine Intelligence* 1, 2, pp 206-214.

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Background Subtraction

- Problem: Choosing a threshold
 - Pixel is foreground if $I_1(x,y) - I_2(x,y) \leq \lambda$ otherwise background?
 - What is the correct value of λ ?

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Setting a Threshold

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MODELING PIXEL INTENSITIES WITH A NORMAL DISTRIBUTION

Each pixel intensity can be modeled by a Normal Distribution, defined in terms of a mean μ and variance σ^2 , as $N(\mu, \sigma^2)$. μ and σ are called parameters.

Useful when you wish to establish membership of a pixel to one of several models.

$N(\mu, \sigma^2)$ is a probability distribution function defined by:

$$f(x | \mu, \sigma^2) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} e^{-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}}$$

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Bi-variate Normal Distribution

- If we were interested in $r-g$, or $g-b$, or $r-b$...
- The mean can be updated over time simply as

$$\mu_t = (1 - \rho)\mu_{t-1} + \rho X_t$$

$$\sigma_t^2 = (1 - \rho)\sigma_{t-1}^2 + \rho(X_t - \mu_t)^2$$

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Covariance

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Tri-variate Normal

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Method I: Pfinder

- Pfinder (Person Finder) - Wren *et al* of MIT (1997)
- C. Wren, A. Azarbayejani, T. Darrel, and A. Pentland, "Pfinder: Real time Tracking of the Human Body," IEEE Transactions on Pattern Analysis and Machine Intelligence, 1997.
- Color of each pixel modeled as a three-dimensional Gaussian.
- Big Advantage: adaptivity, pixel-wise 'threshold'.

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The Bottom Line

- Model each pixel color as a three dimensional normal distribution
- Adapt the color means and variances over time
- Slowly changing illuminations are handled
- Changes to background are eventually learnt
- Relocation and initialization problems are eventually learnt too.

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Limitations

- Unfortunately, this method has limitations
- Due to dynamic nature of real-world scenes modeling pixels with single Gaussian distributions is inaccurate
- Quick illumination changes are not handled
- Good for indoor scenes

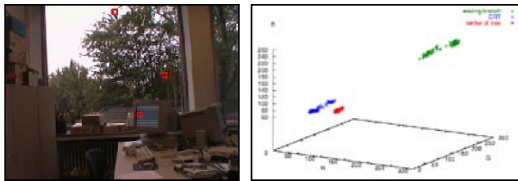
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Method II: Mixture of Gaussians

- MoG (Mixture of Gaussians) - Stauffer *Grimson* of MIT (2000)
- C. Stauffer, E. Grimson, "Learning Patterns of Activity using Real-time Tracking," IEEE Transactions on Pattern Analysis and Machine Intelligence, 2000
- Color of each pixel modeled as a *mixture* of three-dimensional Gaussian
- Big Advantage: Handles Multimodality

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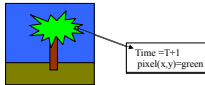
Multimodality



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A Background Subtraction Method by Stauffer and Grimson

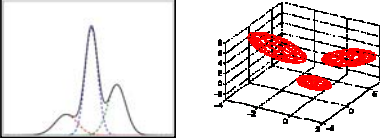
In realistic scenarios multiple Processes are generating color 'x' at each pixel, where $x=[R,G,B]^T$



- A method is required that can incorporate multiple colors in the background model.

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Mixture of Gaussians



- Finding the mean and variance for one Gaussian is easy
- Much tougher for the Mixture of Gaussians case
- Find
 - Number of Gaussians
 - Mean and variance of each Gaussian

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A Background Subtraction Method by Stauffer and Grimson

For each pixel (i,j) at time t each process is modeled as a Gaussian distribution.

- Gaussian distribution is described by a mean m and a covariance matrix Σ .

$$N(x_{i,j}^t | m_{i,j}^t, \Sigma_{i,j}^t) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^2 |\Sigma_{i,j}^t|} e^{-\frac{1}{2}(x_{i,j}^t - m_{i,j}^t)^T (\Sigma_{i,j}^t)^{-1} (x_{i,j}^t - m_{i,j}^t)}$$

- Weight ω associated with each distribution signifying relevance in recent time.

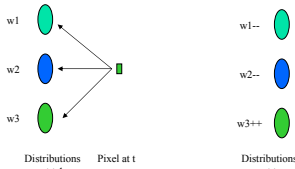
- Thus each Pixel is modeled as a mixture of Gaussians.

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A Background Subtraction Method by Stauffer and Grimson

At each frame

- Calculate mahalanobis distance of pixel's color value from each of the associated K Gaussian distributions



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A Background Subtraction Method by Stauffer and Grimson

- If a match is found with the k^{th} Gaussian, update parameters

$$m_{i,j}^{t,k} = (1 - \rho)m_{i,j}^{t-1,k} + \rho x_{i,j}^t$$

$$\Sigma_{i,j}^{t,k} = (1 - \rho)\Sigma_{i,j}^{t-1,k} + \rho(x_{i,j}^t - m_{i,j}^t)(x_{i,j}^t - m_{i,j}^t)^T$$

•where ρ is a learning parameter

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A Background Subtraction Method by Stauffer and Grimson

- If a match is not found
 - Replace lowest weight distribution with a new distribution such that

$$m_{i,j}^{t,new} = x_{i,j}^t$$

$$\Sigma_{i,j}^{t,new} = \Sigma_{i,j}^{initial}$$

- The prior weights of K distributions are adjusted as

$$\omega_{i,j}^{t-1} = (1 - \alpha)\omega_{i,j}^{t-1} + \alpha(M_{i,j}^{t-1})$$

- M is 1 for model that matched and 0 for others

- Foreground = Matched distributions with weight $< T$ + Unmatched pixels

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Background Modeling using Mixture of Gaussians

Pros

- Handles slow changes in illumination conditions
- Can accommodate physical changes in the background after a certain time interval.
- Initialization with moving objects will correct itself after a certain time interval.

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Background Modeling using Mixture of Gaussians

Cons

- Can't handle quick changes in illumination conditions e.g. cloudy weather.
- Initialization with moving objects
- Physical changes in background
- Shadows

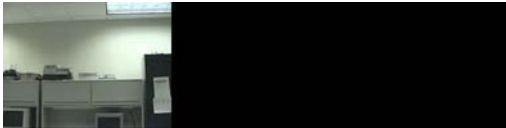
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Results



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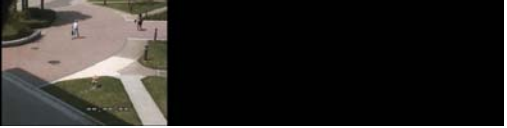
Results



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Summary of Algorithm

- Learn** background model by watching 30 second video
- Detect** moving object by measuring deviations from background model, and applying connected component to foreground pixels.
- Update** background and blob statistics

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Summary

- Very similar to k-Gaussian with following differences:
 - uses only single Gaussian
 - uses gray level images, the mean and variance are scalar values

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Algorithm

- Learn** background model by watching 30 second video
- Detect** moving object by measuring deviations from background model, and applying connected component to foreground pixels.
- Update** background and region statistics

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Detection

- During detection if intensity value is more than two sigma away from the background it is considered foreground:
 - keep original mean and variance
 - track the object with new mean and variance
 - if new mean and variance persists for sometime, then substitute the new mean and variance as the background model
 - If object is no longer visible, it is incorporated as part of background

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W4 (Who, When, Where, What)

Davis

W4

- Compute “minimum” (M(x)), “maximum” (N(x)), and “largest absolute difference” (L(x)).

$$D_i(x, y) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } |M(x, y) - f_i(x, y)| > L(x, y) \text{ or} \\ & |N(x, y) - f_i(x, y)| > L(x, y) \\ 0 & \dots \text{ otherwise} \end{cases}$$

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- Theoretically, the performance of this tracker should be worse than others.
- Even if one value is far away from the mean, then that value will result in an abnormally high value of L.
- Having short training time is better for this tracker.

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Limitations

- Occlusion
- Shadows
- Slow moving people
- Multiple processes (swaying of trees..)
- Quick Illumination Changes

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Webpage

- [Http://www.cs.cmu.edu/~vsam](http://www.cs.cmu.edu/~vsam)

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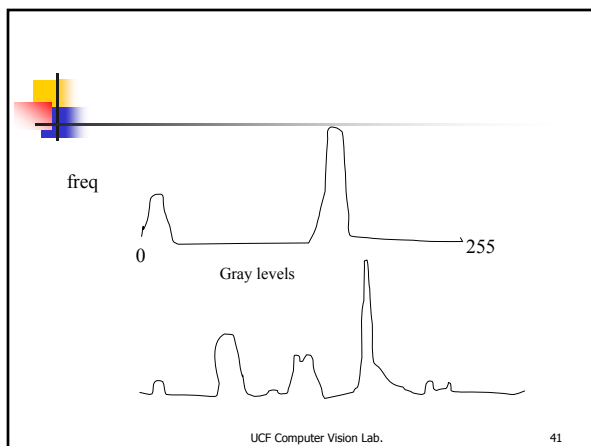
Skin Detection

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Training

- Crop skin regions in the training images.
- Build histogram of training images.
- Ideally this histogram should be bi-modal, one peak corresponding to the skin pixels, other to the non-skin pixels.
- Practically there may be several peaks corresponding to skin, and non-skin pixels.

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Training

- Apply threshold to skin peaks to remove small peaks.
- Label all gray levels (colors) under skin peaks as "skin", and the remaining gray levels as "non-skin".
- Generate a look-up table for all possible colors in the image, and assign "skin" or "non-skin" label.

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Detection

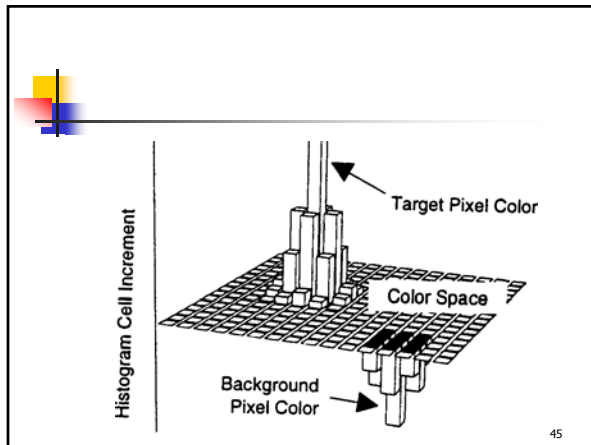
- For each pixel in the image, determine its label from the "look-up table" generated during training.

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Building Histogram

- Instead of incrementing the pixel counts in a particular histogram bin:
 - for skin pixel increment the bins centered around the given value by a Gaussian function.
 - For non-skin pixels decrement the bins centered around the given value by a smaller Gaussian function.

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Example training images


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Results of skin detection

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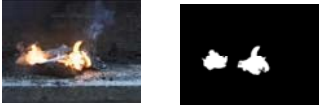
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Results of skin detection



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Detecting Fire



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