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**Multi View Geometry of
Moving Cameras**

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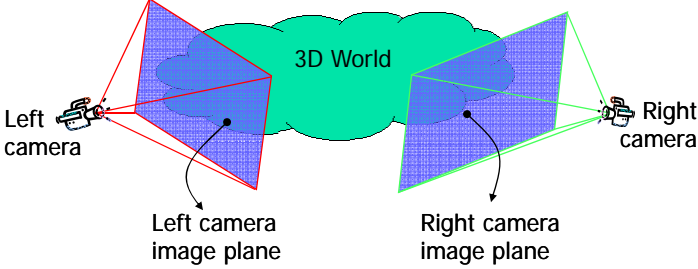
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Multi View Geometry

- Defined for two or more static cameras



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Epipolar Geometry

P: world point
C_l: left camera center
C_r: right camera center
e_l: left epipole
e_r: right epipole

Epipolar plane: plane defined by the camera centers and world point.

Epipolar line: set of world points that project to the same point in left image, when projected to right image forms a line.

X_l maps to line X_re_r.

$$\mathbf{P}_l = \mathbf{C}_l \mathbf{P}$$

$$\mathbf{P}_r = \mathbf{C}_r \mathbf{P}$$

$$\mathbf{T} = \mathbf{C}_r - \mathbf{C}_l$$

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Essential Matrix

Coplanarity constraint between vectors $(\mathbf{P}_r - \mathbf{T})$, \mathbf{T} , \mathbf{P}_l . $(\mathbf{P}_l - \mathbf{T})^T \mathbf{T} \times \mathbf{P}_l = 0$

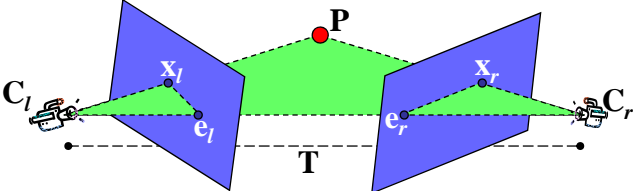
$$\mathbf{P}_r = R(\mathbf{P}_l - \mathbf{T}) \Rightarrow (\mathbf{R}^T \mathbf{P}_r)^T \mathbf{T} \times \mathbf{P}_l = 0 \Rightarrow (\mathbf{P}_r^T R) \mathbf{T} \times \mathbf{P}_l = 0$$

$$\mathbf{T} \times \mathbf{P}_l = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -T_z & T_y \\ T_z & 0 & -T_x \\ -T_y & T_x & 0 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{P}_l = \mathbf{S} \mathbf{P}_l \Rightarrow \mathbf{P}_r^T \mathbf{R} \mathbf{S} \mathbf{P}_l = 0 \Rightarrow \mathbf{P}_r^T \mathbf{E} \mathbf{P}_l = 0$$

essential matrix

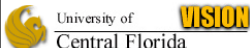
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Fundamental Matrix



$$\left. \begin{aligned} \mathbf{P}_l &= R(\mathbf{P}_l - \mathbf{T}) \\ \mathbf{P}_l &= R_l \mathbf{P} + T_l \\ \mathbf{P}_r &= R_r \mathbf{P} + T_r \end{aligned} \right\} \begin{aligned} \mathbf{R} &= R_r R_l^T \quad (\text{A}) \\ \mathbf{T} &= T_l - \mathbf{R}^T T_r \quad (\text{B}) \end{aligned}$$

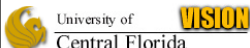
$$\left. \begin{aligned} \mathbf{x} &= M_l \mathbf{P}_l \\ \mathbf{x}' &= M_r \mathbf{P}_r \\ \mathbf{P}_r^T E \mathbf{P}_l &= 0 \end{aligned} \right\} \begin{aligned} \mathbf{x}'^T M_r^{-T} E M_l^{-1} \mathbf{x} &= 0 \\ \boxed{\mathbf{x}'^T F \mathbf{x} = 0} \\ \text{fundamental matrix} \end{aligned}$$



Fundamental Matrix

$$\mathbf{x}'^T F \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x}'^T \begin{pmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \\ g & h & m \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} = 0$$

- Rank 2 matrix (due to S)
- 3x3 matrix with 9 components
- 7 degrees of freedom
- Given a point in left camera \mathbf{x} , epipolar line in right camera is: $\mathbf{u}_r = F \mathbf{x}$

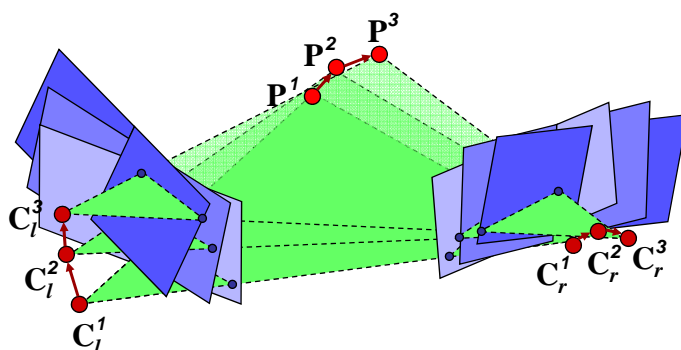


What Happens to Fundamental Matrix When Cameras Move?

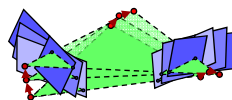
Observations

- At each time instant
 - Different epipolar geometries
 - Different epipoles
 - Different \mathbf{R} and \mathbf{T} (equations A and B)
 - Different fundamental matrices
- **Is there any relation between consecutive epipolar geometries?**

Epipolar Geometry of Moving Cameras



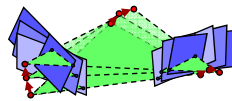
Theorems Governing Temporal Epipolar Geometry



- **Theorem 1 (temporal fundamental matrix):**
 - Corresponding points in two sequences captured by independently moving cameras are related to each other through a temporal fundamental matrix of the form:

$$\mathbf{x}_r^T(t) \hat{F}(t) \mathbf{x}_l(t) = 0$$

Theorems Governing Temporal Epipolar Geometry




- **Theorem 2 (on the order of polynomials in the temporal fundamental matrix):**
 - Assume that motion of cameras are approximated by polynomials in time variable. Then, the temporal fundamental matrix is a 3x3 matrix whose components are polynomials of order:

$$\deg \hat{F}_{i,j}(t) = \max(n_l, n_r, m_l, m_r) + 1$$

where i,j refers to i^{th} row j^{th} column, and m_α and n_α refers to degree of polynomials for translational and rotational velocities.

Computing TFM

- Find corresponding points in first frames
- Normalize all trajectories in both views
 - Mean normalize
 - Isotropically scale: on the average a point is (1,1,1)





Computing TFM (for order 2)

- Select the order of polynomials

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_r(t) & y_r(t) & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_1 + a_2t + a_3t^2 & b_1 + b_2t + b_3t^2 & c_1 + c_2t + c_3t^2 \\ d_1 + d_2t + d_3t^2 & e_1 + e_2t + e_3t^2 & f_1 + f_2t + f_3t^2 \\ g_1 + g_2t + g_3t^2 & h_1 + h_2t + h_3t^2 & m_1 + m_2t + m_3t^2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_i(t) \\ y_i(t) \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

- Construct a linear system to solve TFM
unknowns: $\mathbf{A}_{N \times 27} \cdot \mathbf{f}_{27 \times 1} = \mathbf{0}_{N \times 1}$

$$\mathbf{A}_i = (\quad x_r, x_i, x_r x_i t, x_r x_i t^2, x_r y_i, x_r y_i t, x_r y_i t^2, x_r, x_r t, x_r t^2, y_r x_i, y_r x_i t, y_r x_i t^2, \\ y_r y_i, y_r y_i t, y_r y_i t^2, y_r, y_r t, y_r t^2, x_i, x_i t, x_i t^2, y_i, y_i t, y_i t^2, 1, t, t^2 \quad)$$


$$\mathbf{f} = (a_1, a_2, a_3, b_1, b_2, b_3, c_1, c_2, c_3, d_1, d_2, d_3, e_1, e_2, e_3, f_1, f_2, f_3, g_1, g_2, g_3, h_1, h_2, h_3, m_1, m_2, m_3)^T$$



Computing TFM (for order 2)

$$\mathbf{A} \mathbf{f} = 0$$

$$\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{f} = 0$$

- Compute Singular Value Decomposition of $\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A}$
- Select minimum eigenvalued eigenvector.





Quality of Recovered Geometry

- Two measures
 - Condition Number of $\mathbf{A}^T\mathbf{A}$: How well-conditioned is the homogenous linear system?
 - Symmetric Epipolar Distance: How correct is the estimated TFM?



Condition Number

- Select rank of $\mathbf{A}^T\mathbf{A}$ of from singular values σ_l

$$\text{rank}(\mathbf{A}^T\mathbf{A}) = i \ni \frac{\sum_{j=1}^i \sigma_j}{\sum_{j=i+1}^N \sigma_j} > th$$

- Compute condition number of $\mathbf{A}^T\mathbf{A}$ by

$$c = \frac{\sigma_1}{\sigma_{\text{rank}(\mathbf{A}^T\mathbf{A})}}$$

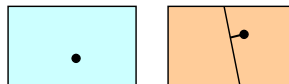
Geometric Error in TFM

- Compute TFM unknowns
- Construct TFM by enforcing constraints
- For each point on left and right cameras

- Compute epipolar line

$$u_r = \hat{F}(t)x_l$$

$$u_l = \hat{F}^T(t)x_r$$



- Compute distance of point from epipolar line

$$g = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{|u_l^T x_l|}{|u_l|} + \frac{|u_r^T x_r|}{|u_r|} \right)$$

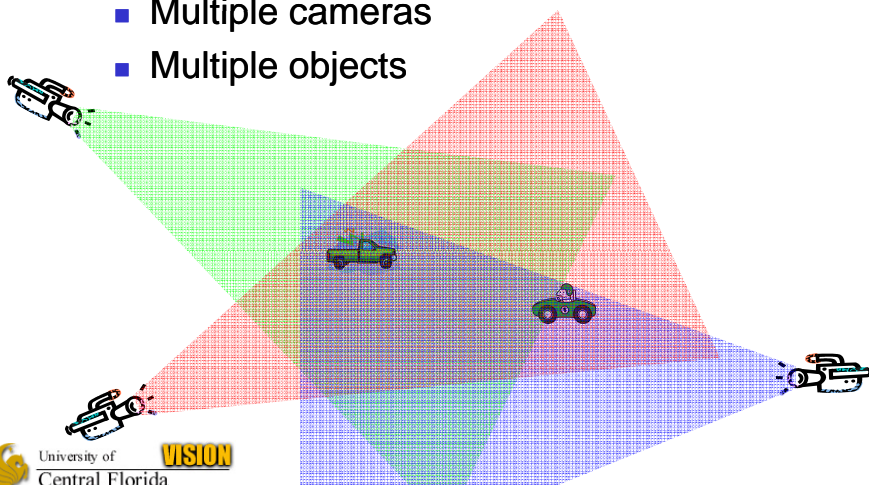
Applications of This New Geometry

- Tracking Across Multiple Moving Cameras
- Action Recognition in Video Captured Using Uncalibrated Moving Cameras

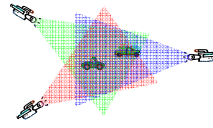
Tracking Objects Across Multiple Moving Cameras

Problem Definition


- Multiple cameras
- Multiple objects



Problem Definition

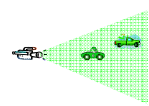


- Find corresponding objects
 - Cameras move independently
 - Objects move independently

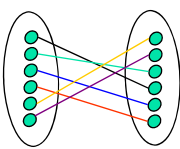




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Tracking in Single Camera

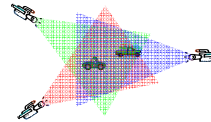


- Point based
 - Object detection (background subtraction)
 - Point (centroid) correspondence
- Region based
 - Rigid motion models (mean-shift tracker, Eigentracking, etc.)
- Contour based
 - Non-rigid object deformations

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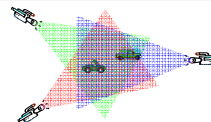
Tracking Across Multiple Cameras



- Should be more than one object in scene
- Object tracking in single camera is performed first
- Which object in one camera associates with the objects in the second camera?
 - Object correspondence
 - Trajectory correspondence

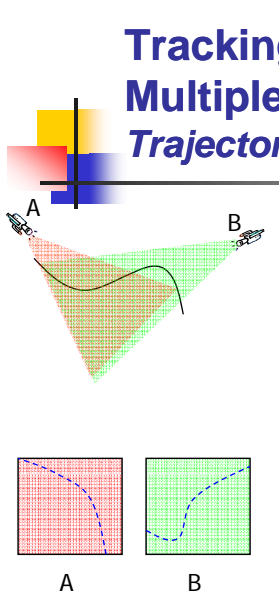
Tracking Across Multiple Cameras

Object Correspondence



- Appearance matching
 - Same scene appears different in different cameras (different camera gain)
 - Different object views

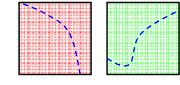
Tracking Across Multiple Cameras Trajectory Correspondence



- Trajectory correspondence
 - Advantage: Cameras can be of different modalities
 - **Registration based:** Compute transformation between two camera views (affine, projective)
 - **Epipolar geometry based**


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Registration Based Trajectory Matching

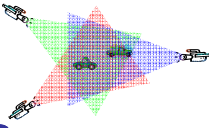


- If you have stationary cameras
 - (1)
 - Register one camera view onto the other
 - Label closest trajectories
 - **OR...**
 - (2)
 - Use epipolar geometry constraints (applied in context of action recognition)
 - **OR...**
 - (3)
 - Treat trajectories as 3D objects (x,y,t) , compute 3D transformation between them and compute reconstruction error.

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Finding Corresponding Objects Across Cameras

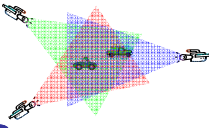


- Given N_r and N_l trajectories in right and left cameras
- Find correct correspondences that satisfy temporal fundamental matrix (TFM).
- What is TFM?
 - We know neither TFM nor correspondences ☹
 - We know the constraints used to compute TFM ☺
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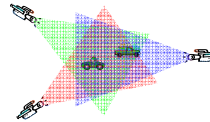
Finding Corresponding Objects Across Cameras



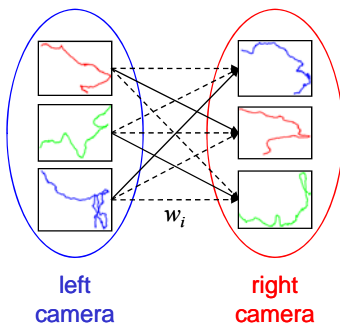
- Select a correspondence hypothesis and check its validity
 - Total of $N_r \times N_l$ hypotheses
- How do we check validity?
 - Algebraic error
 - Geometric reconstruction error

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Computing Correspondences



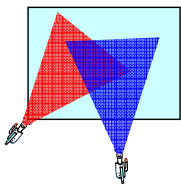



Graph theoretic matching



Bipartite graph: No edges between trajectories in the same camera view.

Edge weights: w_i are computed using either geometric or algebraic error.

Correspondences: Computed by *maximum matching of weighted bipartite graph.*



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Algebraic & Geometric Errors in Matching

Matches	ConNo	PrEr	ConNo	PrEr	ConNo	PrEr	ConNo	PrEr	ConNo	PrEr	ConNo	PrEr
Correct	106	14	3730	9	2457	12	5940	9	2211	9	305.3	9
Closest	99	29	3712	25	1960	28	3824	55	2113	20	293	23
Worst	82	49	2238	26	1206	27	1266	81	1532	25	293.1	23

Action Recognition in Video Captured Using Uncalibrated Moving Cameras


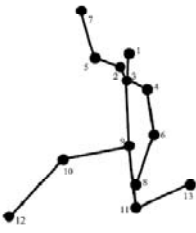
Representations for Action Recognition

- Motion trajectories
(Rao et al. IJCV 2002)
- Actions as Objects
(Yilmaz&Shah CVPR 2005)
- Set of Landmarks
(Gritai, Sheikh & Shah, ICPR
2004)



Representing Human Body

- A set of landmark points on the body





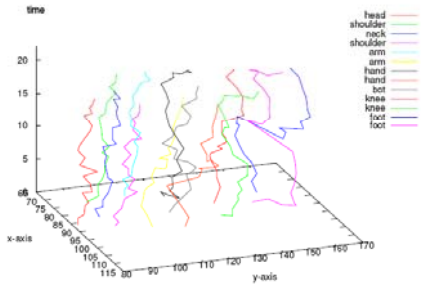
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Representing Action

A collection of trajectories:

$$U = (\Gamma_1^T, \Gamma_2^T, \dots, \Gamma_{13}^T)$$



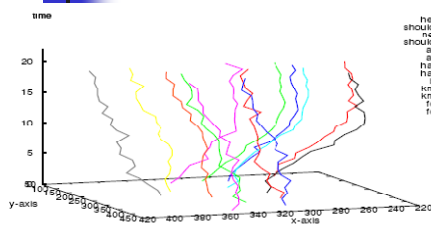


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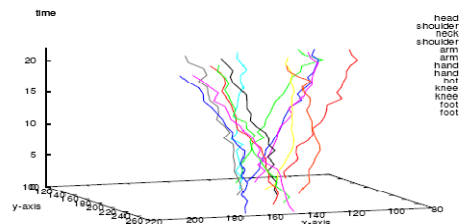
What happens to action trajectories when cameras move?

- Trajectories include camera motion
- Viewpoint constantly changes
- Action trajectories appear different

Example (Picking Up Action)



- Different actors
- Different camera motion
- Different viewpoints





Approach-1

- Compensate camera motion
 - High computational cost
 - Assumes planar scenes, actions are not planar
 - Compensation distorts world to image perspective projection
 - Introduces artificial deformations



Approach-II

- Compute epipolar geometry of each frame individually
 - Computational cost
 - Estimation of huge number of unknowns
 - Temporal dependency of epipolar geometries is not considered
 - Additional constraints are required



Proposed Approach

- Find the geometry between two actions views using TFM
- Matching score:
 - Condition number (CN)
 - Symmetric epipolar distance (SED)

$$\mathbf{U} = (\Gamma_1^T, \Gamma_2^T, \dots, \Gamma_{13}^T)$$

$$\mathbf{U}_t^{\text{one}^T} \tilde{F}(t) \mathbf{U}_t^{\text{two}} = 0 \quad \text{Form a homogenous system of equations}$$

Similarity of Two Actions

- **Proposition:** *Given two action videos captured by uncalibrated moving cameras, there exists a unique temporal fundamental matrix which can be computed using landmark points on the actors.*

$$\mathbf{U}_t^{\text{one}^T} \left(\sum_{i=0}^k F_i(t)^k \right) \mathbf{U}_t^{\text{two}} = 0$$

- Similarity is defined in terms of quality of the linear system and the quality of the recovered geometry.
 - Condition number of ATA
 - Symmetric epipolar distance g



On the Matching Score

- Homogenous equation system has many solutions
 - High CN: does not mean good TFM estimate
 - Low CN: ill-conditioned equation system
 - High CN & low SED indicate correct action match

$$S = \left(1 - \exp\left(-\frac{C^2}{\sigma_c^2}\right)\right) \left(\exp\left(-\frac{G^2}{\sigma_g^2}\right)\right)$$



Database

- 19 action videos
 - Moving camera
 - Different viewpoints
 - Different actors


Action Videos



The first row contains two indoor office scenes. The left image shows a man in a black leather jacket standing in an office. The right image shows a man in a light blue shirt and white pants standing in an office. The second row contains two outdoor scenes. The left image shows a person on a bicycle on a path with trees. The right image shows a person on a bicycle on a path under a shelter.

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Action Videos



The first row contains one outdoor scene showing a person on a bicycle on a path under a shelter. The second row contains two indoor tennis scenes. Both images show a person in a white shirt and shorts on a tennis court, with a green backdrop behind them.

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Action Videos







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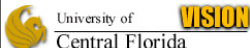
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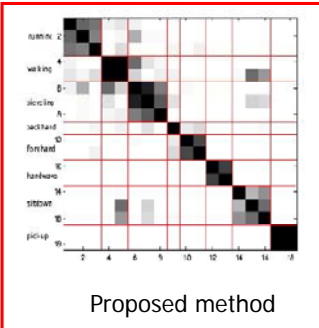
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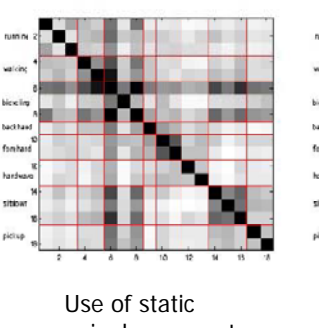


Recognition Performance

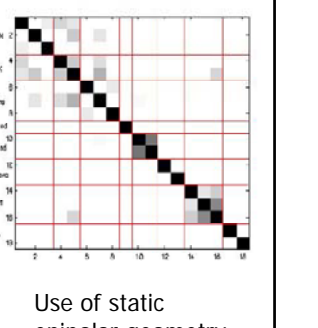
- Confusion matrices for various methods




Proposed method



Use of static epipolar geometry

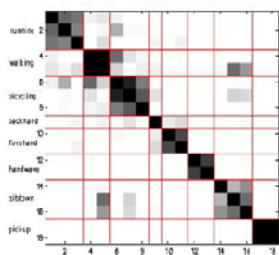


Use of static epipolar geometry and our metric

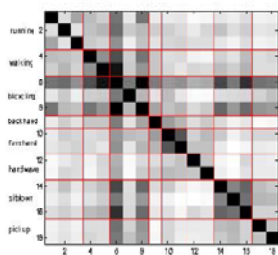


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Proposed method



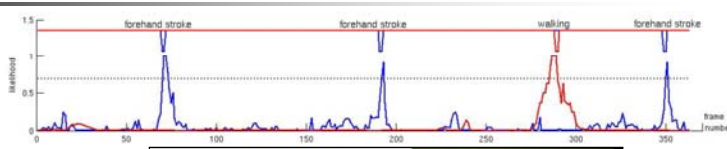
Use of static epipolar geometry





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Action Retrieval




Exemplar Actions





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Actions



The grid contains 20 small photographs arranged in four rows and five columns. The photos depict various scenes: people working at computers, individuals in athletic wear on a green court, people walking on a paved path, a person on a bicycle, a person on a horse, a person on a horse in a field, a person on a horse in a field, a person on a horse in a field, a person on a horse in a field, a person on a horse in a field, a person on a horse in a field, a person on a horse in a field, a person on a horse in a field, a person on a horse in a field, a person on a horse in a field, a person on a horse in a field, a person on a horse in a field, a person on a horse in a field, a person on a horse in a field, a person on a horse in a field.

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