CAP5415-Computer Vision

Lecture 8-Motion Models, Feature Tracking, and Alignment

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Readings

• Szeliski, R. Ch. 7
• Bergen et al. ECCV 92, pp. 237-252.
• Shi, J. and Tomasi, C. CVPR 94, pp.593-600.

• Slide Credits: Szeliski, Shah and B. Freeman
Recap: Estimating Optical Flow

- Assume the image intensity $I$ is constant

\[ I(x, y, t) = I(x + dx, y + dy, t + dt) \]
**First Assumption: Brightness Constraint**

\[ I(x, y, t) \approx I(x + dx, y + dy, t + dt) \]

\[ I(x(t) + u.\Delta t, y(t) + v.\Delta t) - I(x(t), y(t), t) \approx 0 \]

Assuming \( I \) is differentiable function, and expand the first term using Taylor’s series:

\[ \frac{\partial I}{\partial x} \frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{\partial I}{\partial y} \frac{dy}{dt} + \frac{\partial I}{\partial t} = 0 \]

Compact representation

\[ I_x u + I_y v + I_t = 0 \]

Brightness constancy constraint
Second Assumption: Gradient Constraint

Velocity vector is constant within a small neighborhood (LUCAS AND KANADE)

\[ E(u, v) = \int_{x,y} (I_x u + I_y v + I_t)^2 \, dx \, dy \]

\[ \frac{\partial E(u, v)}{\partial u} = \frac{\partial E(u, v)}{\partial v} = 0 \]

\[ 2(I_x u + I_y v + I_t)I_x = 0 \]

\[ 2(I_x u + I_y v + I_t)I_y = 0 \]
Recap: Lucas-Kanade

\[
\begin{bmatrix}
\sum I_x^2 & \sum I_x I_y \\
\sum I_x I_y & \sum I_y^2
\end{bmatrix}
\begin{bmatrix}
u \\
v
\end{bmatrix}
= -
\begin{bmatrix}
\sum I_x I_t \\
\sum I_y I_t
\end{bmatrix}
\]

Structural Tensor representation

\[
\begin{bmatrix}
T_{xx} & T_{xy} \\
T_{xy} & T_{yy}
\end{bmatrix}
\begin{bmatrix}
u \\
v
\end{bmatrix}
= -
\begin{bmatrix}
T_{xt} \\
T_{yt}
\end{bmatrix}
\]

\[
u = \frac{T_{yt} T_{xy} - T_{xt} T_{yy}}{T_{xx} T_{yy} - T_{xy}^2}
\]
and

\[
u = \frac{T_{xt} T_{xy} - T_{yt} T_{xx}}{T_{xx} T_{yy} - T_{xy}^2}
\]
Pitfalls & Alternatives

- Brightness constancy is not satisfied
  - Correlation based method could be used
- A point may not move like its neighbors
  - Regularization based methods
- The motion may not be small (Taylor does not hold!)
  - Multi-scale estimation could be used
Multi-Scale Flow Estimation

Gaussian pyramid of image $I_t$

$u=10$ pixels

$u=5$ pixels

$u=2.5$ pixels

$u=1.25$ pixels

Gaussian pyramid of image $I_{t+1}$
Recap: Horn & Schunck

- Global method with smoothness constraint to solve aperture problem
- Minimize a global energy function

\[ E(u, v) = \int_{x, y} [(I_x u + I_y v + I_t)^2 + \alpha^2(|\nabla u|^2 + |\nabla v|^2)] \, dx \, dy \]

- Take partial derivatives w.r.t. \( u \) and \( v \):

\[ (I_x u + I_y v + I_t) I_x - \alpha^2 \nabla u = 0 \]
\[ (I_x u + I_y v + I_t) I_y - \alpha^2 \nabla v = 0 \]
Global Motion Models (Parametric)

All pixels are considered to summarize global motion!

- **2D Models**
  - Affine
  - Quadratic
  - Planar projective (homography)

- **3D Models**
  - Inst. Camera motion models
  - Homography + epipole
  - Plane + parallax
Motion Models

- Translation: 2 unknowns
- Affine: 6 unknowns
- Perspective: 8 unknowns
- 3D rotation: 3 unknowns
Global Motion

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Recap: Object Tracking

- Track an object over a sequence of images
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  – Check consistency of tracks by “affine registration” to the first observed instance of the feature
Shi-Tomasi Feature Tracker

Figure 1: Three frame details from Woody Allen’s *Manhattan*. The details are from the 1st, 11th, and 21st frames of a subsequence from the movie.

Figure 2: The traffic sign windows from frames 1, 6, 11, 16, 21 as tracked (top), and warped by the computed deformation matrices (bottom).

Shi and Tomasi
CVPR 1994
Good Features To Track.
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• Tracking in fixed/moving camera
KLT Tracking Algorithm

• Find *GoodFeaturesToTrack*
  – Harris Corners (thresholded on smallest eigenvalues)

• Use LK algorithm to find optical flows

• Use Coarse-to-Fine strategy to deal with large movements

• When creating long tracks, check appearance of registered patch against appearance of initial patch to find points that have drifted
Recent Developments at Optical Flow

• Start with LK or similar methods
  + Gradient consistency
  + Energy minimization with smoothing term
  + Region matching
  + KeyPoint matching

Large displacement optical flow, Brox et al., CVPR 2009
Recent Developments at Optical Flow

• Use of Machine Learning
  – Deep Learning (ICCV 2015, Fischer et al., FlowNet)
**DeepFlow (Large Displacement Optical Flow)**

- Basically it is a matching algorithm with variational approach [Weinzaepfel et al., ICCV 2013].
- Dense correspondence (matching)
- Self-smooth matching
- Large displacement optical flow
  - [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k_wkDLJ8lJE](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k_wkDLJ8lJE)
• Can we use SIFT features for tracking?
Ex: SIFT Tracking

Frame 0  →  Frame 100
How to evaluate correctness of optical flows?
Optical Flow - Quantitative Evaluation

\[ E_{ep2} = \sqrt{(u - u^*)^2 + (v - v^*)^2} \]
\[ E_{ep1} = |u - u^*| + |v - v^*| \]

- Where \( u=(u,v) \) is computed, \( u=(u^*,v^*) \) ground truth velocity vectors.

\[ E_{ang} = \arccos \left( \frac{u^T u^*}{|u||u^*|} \right) \]
Interpretation of Optical Flow Fields
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Object features all have zero velocity.
Interpretation of Optical Flow Fields
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Object is moving to the Right.
Interpretation of Optical Flow Fields
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Object is moving Directly toward the camera that is stationary
Interpretation of Optical Flow Fields
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Camera is moving into the scene, and an object moving passed the camera.
Interpretation of Optical Flow Fields
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Object is rotating about the line of sight to the camera
Interpretation of Optical Flow Fields
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Object is rotating about an axis perpendicular to the line of sight.
Application in Image Alignment

• Motion can be used for image alignment

\[
\begin{bmatrix}
x' \\
y'
\end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix}
a & b \\
c & d
\end{bmatrix}\begin{bmatrix}
x \\
y
\end{bmatrix}
\]
Practice: Homogenous Coordinates

Q: How can we represent translation as a 3x3 matrix?

\[ x' = x + t_x \]
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Translation =
\[
\begin{bmatrix}
1 & 0 & t_x \\
0 & 1 & t_y \\
0 & 0 & 1
\end{bmatrix}
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Translation matrix:
\[
\begin{bmatrix}
1 & 0 & t_x \\
0 & 1 & t_y \\
0 & 0 & 1
\end{bmatrix}
\]
Practice: Basic 2D Transformations

- **Translate**
  \[
  \begin{bmatrix}
  x' \\
  y' \\
  1
  \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix}
  1 & 0 & t_x \\
  0 & 1 & t_y \\
  0 & 0 & 1
  \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix}
  x \\
  y \\
  1
  \end{bmatrix}
  \]

- **Rotate**
  \[
  \begin{bmatrix}
  x' \\
  y' \\
  1
  \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix}
  \cos \Theta & -\sin \Theta & 0 \\
  \sin \Theta & \cos \Theta & 0 \\
  0 & 0 & 1
  \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix}
  x \\
  y \\
  1
  \end{bmatrix}
  \]

- **Scale**
  \[
  \begin{bmatrix}
  x' \\
  y' \\
  1
  \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix}
  s_x & 0 & 0 \\
  0 & s_y & 0 \\
  0 & 0 & 1
  \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix}
  x \\
  y \\
  1
  \end{bmatrix}
  \]

- **Shear**
  \[
  \begin{bmatrix}
  x' \\
  y' \\
  1
  \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix}
  1 & s_h x & 0 \\
  s_h y & 1 & 0 \\
  0 & 0 & 1
  \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix}
  x \\
  y \\
  1
  \end{bmatrix}
  \]
Affine Transformation

- Affine transformations are combinations of ...  
  - Linear transformations, and  
  - Translations
- Properties of affine transformations:
  - Origin does not necessarily map to origin
  - Lines map to lines
  - Parallel lines remain parallel
  - Ratios are preserved
  - Closed under composition
  - Models change of basis

\[
\begin{bmatrix}
  x' \\
  y' \\
  w'
\end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix}
  a & b & c \\
  d & e & f \\
  0 & 0 & 1
\end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix}
  x \\
  y \\
  w
\end{bmatrix}
\]

projective
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Affine matrix decomposition
Translation + rotation + scaling

\[
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\begin{bmatrix}
  x \\
  y \\
  w
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\]

\[p' = T(t_x, t_y) \quad R(\Theta) \quad S(s_x, s_y) \quad p\]
Questions?

• PA2 will be including optical flow estimations.