

# CAP 4453 <br> Robot Vision 

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## Short Review from last class

## Image warping



How do we find point correspondences automatically?

## Corner Detection: Basic Idea

- We should easily recognize the point by looking through a small window
- Shifting a window in any direction should give a large change in intensity

"flat" region:
no change in all directions

"edge": no change along the edge direction

"corner": significant change in all directions


## Harris Detector

1. Compute x and y derivatives of image

$$
I_{x}=G_{\sigma}^{x} * I \quad I_{y}=G_{\sigma}^{y} * I
$$

2. Compute products of derivatives at every pixel

$$
I_{x^{2}}=I_{x} \cdot I_{x} \quad I_{y^{2}}=I_{y} \cdot I_{y} I_{x y}=I_{x} \cdot I_{y}
$$

3. Compute the sums of the products of derivatives at each pixel

$$
S_{x y}=G_{\sigma} * I_{x y}
$$

$$
\begin{aligned}
& S_{y^{2}}=G_{\sigma^{\prime}} * I_{y^{2}} \\
& S_{x^{2}}=G_{\sigma^{\prime}} * I_{x^{2}}
\end{aligned}
$$

4. Define the matrix at each pixel

$$
M(x, y)=\left[\begin{array}{ll}
S_{x^{2}}(x, y) & S_{x y}(x, y) \\
S_{x y}(x, y) & S_{y^{2}}(x, y)
\end{array}\right]
$$

5. Compute the response of the detector at each pixel

$$
R=\operatorname{det} M-k(\operatorname{trace} M)^{2}
$$

6. Threshold on value of R; compute non-max suppression.

Use threshold on eigenvalues to detect corners


Harris \& Stephens (1988)

## $R=\operatorname{det}(M)-\kappa \operatorname{trace}^{2}(M)$

Kanade \& Tomasi (1994)

## $R=\min \left(\lambda_{1}, \lambda_{2}\right)$

Nobel (1998)

$$
R=\frac{\operatorname{det}(M)}{\operatorname{trace}(M)+\epsilon}
$$

$$
\begin{aligned}
\operatorname{det} M & =\lambda_{1} \lambda_{2} \\
\operatorname{trace} M & =\lambda_{1}+\lambda_{2}
\end{aligned}
$$

$$
\operatorname{det}\left(\left[\begin{array}{ll}
a & b \\
c & d
\end{array}\right]\right)=a d-b c
$$

$$
\operatorname{trace}\left(\left[\begin{array}{ll}
a & b \\
c & d
\end{array}\right]\right)=a+d
$$

## Harris corner detection and translation

- What happens if image is translated?
- Derivatives, second moment matrix obtained through convolution, which is translation equivariant
- Eigenvalues based only on derivatives so cornerness is invariant
- Thus Harris corner detection location is equivariant to translation, and response is invariant to translation



## What about rotation?



- Now every patch is rotated, so problem?
- Recall properties of second moment matrix
- Eigenvalues and eigenvectors of $M$

- Define shift directions with the smallest and largest change in error
- $x_{\max }=$ direction of largest increase in E (across the edge)
- $\lambda_{\max }=$ amount of increase in direction $x_{\max }$
- $x_{\text {min }}=$ direction of smallest increase in E (along the edge)
- $\lambda_{\text {min }}=$ amount of increase in direction $x_{\text {min }}$


## What about rotation?



- What happens to eigenvalues and eigenvectors when a patch rotates?
- Eigenvectors represent the direction of maximum / minimum change in appearance, so they rotate with the patch
- Eigenvalues represent the corresponding magnitude of maximum/minimum change so they stay constant
- Corner response is only dependent on the eigenvalues so is invariant to rotation
- Corner location is as before equivariant to rotation.


## What about scaling?

- What was one patch earlier is now many



# implementation 

```
For each level of the Gaussian pyramid
    compute feature response (e.g. Harris, Laplacian)
For each level of the Gaussian pyramid
    if local maximum and cross-scale
    save scale and location of feature (x,y,s)
```


## Implementation

- Instead of computing $f$ for larger and larger windows, we can implement using a fixed window size with a Gaussian pyramid



## Blob detection

## Laplacian of Gaussian

- "Blob" detector

- Find maxima and minima of LoG operatakakmspace and scale


## Characteristic scale

- We define the characteristic scale as the scale that produces peak of Laplacian response

T. Lindeberg (1998). "Feature detection with automatic scale selection." International Journal of Computer Vision 30 (2): pp 77--116.


## optimal scale



Full size image

$3 / 4$ size image


# Robot Vision 

11. Feature points description

## Outline

- Motivation
- Detecting key points
- Harris corner detector
- Blob detection
- Feature descriptors
- HOG
- MOPS
- SIFT


## Matching feature points

We know how to detect good points Next question: How to match them?


Two interrelated questions:

1. How do we describe each feature point?
2. How do we match descriptions?

Feature descriptor


## Feature matching



## Feature Descriptor



## Feature detection and description

- Harris corner detection gives:
- Location of each detected corner
- Orientation of the corner (given by $\mathbf{x}_{\max }$ )
- Scale of the corner (the image scale which gives the maximum response at this location)
- Want feature descriptor that is
- Invariant to photometric transformations, translation, rotation, scaling
- Discriminative


## Multiscale Oriented PatcheS descriptor

- Describe a corner by the patch around that pixel
- Scale invariance by using scale identified by corner detector
- Rotation invariance by using orientation identified by corner detector
- Photometric invariance by subtracting mean and dividing by standard deviation



## Multiscale Oriented PatcheS descriptor

- Take $40 \times 40$ square window around detected feature at the right scale
- Scale to $1 / 5$ size (using prefiltering)
- Rotate to horizontal
- Sample $8 x 8$ square window centered at feature
- Intensity normalize the window by subtracting the mean, dividing by the standard deviation in the
 window


## MOPS



Figure 1. Multi-scale Oriented Patches (MOPS) extracted at five pyramid levels from one of the Matier images. The boxes show the feature orientation and the region from which the descriptor vector is sampled.

## Towards a better feature descriptor

- Match pattern of edges
- Edge orientation - clue to shape
- Invariant to almost all photometric transformations
- Be resilient to small deformations
- Deformations might move pixels around, but slightly
- Deformations might change edge orientations, but slightly


## Invariance to deformation

- Precise edge orientations are not resilient to out-of-plane rotations and deformations
- But we can quantize edge orientation: only record rough orientation


Between 30 and 45

## Invariance to deformation

$$
g(\theta)=\left\{\begin{array}{lr}
0 & \text { if } 0<\theta<2 \pi / N \\
1 & \text { if } 2 \pi / N<\theta<4 \pi / N \\
2 & \text { if } 4 \pi / N<\theta<6 \pi / N \\
& \ldots \\
N-1 & \text { if } 2(N-1) \pi / N
\end{array}\right.
$$

## Invariance to deformation

- Deformation can also move pixels around
- Again, instead of precise location of each pixel, only want to record rough location
- Divide patch into a grid of cells
- Record counts of each orientation in each cell: orientation histograms



## Histogram of Oriented Gradients (HOG)

- Revisiting histogram

| 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 4 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| 5 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| 1 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 1 |

image

histogram

## Histogram of Oriented Gradients (HOG)

- Given an image I , and a pixel location ( $\mathrm{i}, \mathrm{j}$ ).
- We want to compute the HOG feature for that pixel.
- The main operations can be described as a sequence of five steps.



## Histogram of Oriented Gradients (HOG)

- Step 1: Extract a square window (called "block") of some size.



## Histogram of Oriented Gradients (HOG)

- Step 2: Divide block into a square grid of sub-blocks (called "cells") ( $2 \times 2$ grid in our example, resulting in four cells).



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- Step 3: Compute orientation histogram of each cell.


Gradient direction $\quad \theta=\tan ^{-1} \frac{f_{x}}{f_{y}}$

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- Cell size is $8 \times 8$
- Quantize the gradient orientation into 9 bins (0-180)
- The vote is the gradient magnitude



## Histogram of Oriented Gradients (HOG)

- Step 4: Concatenate the four histograms of each block.



## Histogram of Oriented Gradients (HOG)

Let vector v be concatenation of the four histograms from step 4.

- Step 5: Normalize v.

Here we have three options for how to do it:

- Option 1: Divide v by its Euclidean norm.
- Option 2: Divide v by its L1 norm (the L1 norm is the sum of all absolute values of $v$ ).
- Option 3:
- Divide v by its Euclidean norm.
- In the resulting vector, clip any value over 0.2
- Then, renormalize the resulting vector by dividing again by its Euclidean norm.


## Summary of HOG computation

- Step 1: Extract a square window (called "block") of some size around the pixel location of interest.
- Step 2: Divide block into a square grid of sub-blocks (called "cells") ( $2 \times 2$ grid in our example, resulting in four cells).
- Step 3: Compute orientation histogram of each cell.
- Step 4: Concatenate the four histograms.
- Step 5: normalize v using one of the three options described previously.


## Histogram of Oriented Gradients (HOG)

- Parameters and design options:
- Angles range from 0 to 180 or from 0 to 360 degrees?
- In the Dalal \& Triggs paper, a range of 0 to 180 degrees is used, and
- HOGs are used for detection of pedestrians.
- Number of orientation bins.
- Usually 9 bins, each bin covering 20 degrees.
- Cell size.
- Cells of size $8 \times 8$ pixels are often used.
- Block size.
- Blocks of size $2 \times 2$ cells ( $16 \times 16$ pixels) are often used.
- Usually a HOG feature has 36 dimensions.
- 4 cells * 9 orientation bins.


## Histogram of Oriented Gradients (HOG)



Histogram of Oriented Gradients


# Scale Invariant Feature Transform (SIFT) 

A feature detector and a feature descriptor

## Scale Invariant Feature Transform (SIFT)

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## Scale Invariant Feature Transform (SIFT)

- Image content is transformed into local feature coordinates
- Invariant to
- translation
- rotation
- scale, and
- other imaging parameters


## Scale Invariant Feature Transform (SIFT)

- Image content is transformed into local feature coordinates



## Scale Invariant Feature Transform (SIFT)

- Procedure at High Level



## SIFT. Automatic scale selection



How to find patch sizes at which $f$ response is equal?
What is a good $f$ ?

## SIFT. Automatic scale selection



## SIFT. Automatic scale selection



## SIFT. Automatic scale selection



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## SIFT. Automatic scale selection



## SIFT. Automatic scale selection



## What is a useful signature function $f$ ?



## Blob detection

Original signal


Formally...
Laplacian filter


Original signal


Highest response when the signal has the same characteristic scale as the filter

## What is a useful signature function $f$ ?

"Blob" detector is common for corners

- Laplacian (2 $2^{\text {nd }}$ derivative) of Gaussian (LoG)


Function
response

Image blob size

Find local maxima in position-scale space


What happens if you apply different Laplacian filters?


What happened when you applied different Laplacian filters?

Full size

2.1
4.2
6.0

15.5

2.1
9.8

4.2
6.0

15.5


## optimal scale



Full size image

$3 / 4$ size image

## optimal scale



Full size image

$3 / 4$ size image


## Scale Invariant Detection

- Functions for determining scale $f=$ Kernel $*$ Image Kernels:
$\nabla^{2} g=\frac{\partial^{2} g}{\partial x^{2}}+\frac{\partial^{2} g}{\partial y^{2}}$
(Laplacian)
$D o G=G(x, y, k \sigma)-G(x, y, \sigma)$ (Difference of Gaussians)
where Gaussian


$$
G(x, y, \sigma)=\frac{1}{2 \pi \sigma^{2}} e^{-\frac{x^{2}+y^{2}}{2 \sigma^{2}}}
$$

> Note: The LoG and DoG operators are both rotation equivariant

## Alternative to compute Laplacian of Gaussian

- Approximate LoG with Difference-of-Gaussian (DoG).

1. Blur image with $\sigma$ Gaussian kernel
2. Blur image with ko Gaussian kernel
3. Subtract 2. from 1.


## Scale-Space



Find local maxima in position-scale space of DoG


## Results: Difference of Gaussians

- Larger circles = larger scale
- Descriptors with maximal scale response



## SIFT Orientation estimation

- Compute gradient orientation histogram
- Select dominant orientation $\Theta$


A keypoint


## SIFT Orientation Normalization

- Compute gradient orientation histogram
- Select dominant orientation $\Theta$
- Normalize: rotate to fixed orientation




## SIFT Detector

- In addition to position $x, y$ of the feature,
- Scale $\sigma$ (determined by smoothing value)
- Orientation of dominant gradient $\theta$


## SIFT detections



## Patch at detected position, scale, orientation



## SIFT descriptor

- Compute on local $16 \times 16$ window around detection.
- Rotate and scale window according to discovered orientation $\Theta$ and scale $\sigma$ (gain invariance).
- Compute gradients weighted by a Gaussian of variance half the window (for smooth falloff).


Actually $16 \times 16$, only showing $8 \times 8$

## SIFT descriptor

- $4 \times 4$ array of gradient orientation histograms weighted by gradient magnitude.
- Bin into 8 orientations $\times 4 \times 4$ array $=128$ dimensions.


Showing only $2 \times 2$ here but is $4 \times 4$

Image gradients


## SIFT Descriptor Extraction



## SIFT descriptor

- Extract patch around detected keypoint
- Normalize the patch to canonical scale and orientation



## SIFT descriptor

- Extract patch around detected keypoint
- Normalize the patch
to canonical scale and orientation
- Resize patch to $16 x 16$ pixels



## SIFT descriptor

- Compute the gradients



## SIFT descriptor

- Compute the gradients
- Unaffected by additive intensity change
- Apply a Gaussian weighting function



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- Avoids sudden changes in the descriptor with small changes in the window position



## SIFT descriptor

- Compute the gradients
- Unaffected by additive intensity change
- Apply a Gaussian weighting function
- Weighs down gradients far from the centre
- Avoids sudden changes in the descriptor with small changes in the window position
- Divide the patch into $164 \times 4$ pixels squares



## SIFT descriptor

- Compute gradient direction histograms over 8 directions in each square
- Trilinear interpolation
- Robust to small shifts, while preserving some spatial information



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## SIFT descriptor

- Concatenate the histograms to obtain a 128 dimensional feature vector




## Reduce effect of illumination

-128-dim vector normalized to 1

- Threshold gradient magnitudes to avoid excessive influence of high gradients
- After normalization, clamp gradients $>0.2$
- Renormalize



## SIFT descriptor

- Concatenate the histograms to obtain a 128 dimensional feature vector
- Normalize to unit length
- Invariant to multiplicative contrast change
- Threshold gradient magnitudes to avoid excessive influence of high gradients

- Clamp gradients > 0.2
- Renormalize



## SIFT summary

- Extract a $16 \times 16$ patch around detected keypoint
- Compute the gradients and apply a Gaussian weighting function
- Divide the window into a $4 \times 4$ grid of cells
- Compute gradient direction histograms over 8 directions in each cell
- Concatenate the histograms to obtain a 128 dimensional feature vector
- Normalize to unit length



## Review: Local Descriptors

- Most features can be thought of as
- templates,
- histograms (counts),
- or combinations
- The ideal descriptor should be

- Robust and Distinctive
- Compact and Efficient
- Most available descriptors focus on edge/gradient information
- Capture texture information
- Color rarely used


## Binary descriptors

- Extremely efficient construction and comparison
- Based on pairwise intensity comparisons
- Sampling pattern around keypoint
- Set of sampling pairs
- Feature descriptor vector is a binary string:


$$
\begin{aligned}
& F=\sum_{0 \leq a \leq N} 2^{a} T\left(P_{a}\right) \\
& T\left(P_{a}\right)= \begin{cases}1 & \text { if } I\left(P_{a}^{r 1}\right)>I\left(P_{a}^{r 2}\right) \\
0 & \text { otherwise }\end{cases}
\end{aligned}
$$

- Matching using Hamming distance:

$$
L=\sum_{0 \leq a \leq N} X O R\left(F_{a}^{1}, F_{a}^{2}\right)
$$



BRISK sampling pairs

## Binary descriptors

| Method | Sampling pattern | Orientation <br> calculation | Sampling pairs |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| BRIEF | None | None | Random |
| ORB | None | Moments | Learned pairs |
| BRISK | Concentric circles, <br> More points on <br> outer rings | Comparing <br> gradients of long <br> pairs | Short pairs |
| FREAK | Overlapping <br> concentric circles, <br> more points on <br> inner rings | Comparing <br> gradients of <br> preselected 45 <br> pairs | Learned pairs |
|  |  |  |  |



BRIEF sampling pairs

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ORB sampling pairs

## Binary descriptors

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BRISK sampling pairs

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FREAK sampling pattern


FREAK sampling pairs

## Binary descriptors

- Often achieves very good performance compared to SIFT/SURF
- Much faster than SIFT/SURF



| Time per keypoint | SIFT | SURF | BRISK | FREAK |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Description in $[\mathrm{ms}]$ | 2.5 | 1.4 | 0.031 | 0.018 |
| Matching time in $[\mathrm{ns}]$ | 1014 | 566 | 36 | 25 |

Table 1: Computation time on $800 \times 600$ images where approximately 1500 keypoints are detected per image. The computation times correspond to the description and matching of all keypoints.

## References

## Basic reading:

- Szeliski textbook, Sections 4.1.
- Gil's CV blog | Gil's Computer vision blog (gilscvblog.com)


## Questions?

