

Motion Estimation summary

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- 2D motion or projected motion is the perspective projection of the 3D motion on the image plane.
- Object point P at time t moves to point P' at t' and its perspective projection in the image plane from p to p'.









- **Optical flow** vector: the derivative of the correspondence vector: $[v_x, v_y]^T = [dx/dt, dy/dt]^T$.
- It describes the spatiotemporal changes of luminance $f_a(x, y, t)$.
- Motion speed: magnitude of the motion vector.
- The correspondence or optical flow vectors determine the apparent motion.









a) Motion field; b) motion speed.





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Global optical flow generated by a) camera pan and b) zoom.



- The optical flow field may be different from the 2D displacement field:
 - When the image has insufficient spatial information, the actual motion field is not observable.
 - Illumination changes alter luminance value of a static object.



Three-dimensional motion models



 3D solid object motion can be described by the affine transformation:

 $\mathbf{X}' = \mathbf{R}\mathbf{X} + \mathbf{T},$

 $\mathbf{T} = \begin{bmatrix} T_X \\ T_Y \\ T_Z \end{bmatrix}$

where **T** is a 3×1 translation vector:

and **R** is a 3×3 rotation matrix (various forms).



Three-dimensional motion models



- In Cartesian coordinates, **R** can be described:
 - either by the Euler rotation angles about the three coordinate axes *X*, *Y*, *Z*.
 - or by a rotation axis and a rotation angle about this axis.
- The matrices describing the clockwise rotation around each axis in the three dimensional space, are given by:

$$\mathbf{R} = \mathbf{R}_{Z}\mathbf{R}_{Y}\mathbf{R}_{X}.$$

- Their order does matter.
- **R** is orthonormal, satisfying $\mathbf{R}^T = \mathbf{R}^{-1}$ and $det(\mathbf{R}) = \pm 1$.





- In many occasions, it is difficult to distinguish between camera and visualized object motion.
 - We consider that the camera remains static and the scene objects move:

$$\begin{bmatrix} X' \\ Y' \\ Z' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} r_{11} & r_{12} & r_{13} \\ r_{21} & r_{22} & r_{23} \\ r_{31} & r_{32} & r_{33} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} X \\ Y \\ Z \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} T_X \\ T_Y \\ T_Z \end{bmatrix}.$$

From the 12 relevant parameters, only 6 are independent (3 rotation parameters and the 3 translation vector components).



- The new image point coordinates must be calculated as projections of the world coordinates.
- Analytical expression of the new coordinates [x', y']^T on the image plane as a function of the old position [x, y] and depth Z:

 $x' = \frac{(r_{11}x + r_{12}y + r_{13}f)Z + T_X f}{(r_{31}x + r_{32}y + r_{33}f)Z + T_Z f'}$

 $y' = \frac{(r_{21}x + r_{22}y + r_{23}f)Z + T_X f}{(r_{31}x + r_{32}y + r_{33}f)Z + T_Z f}.$





• It can be used for 2D image registration.



VML

Subtractive radiography.





• 2D affine mapping transformation for image mosaicking.



Estimation of twodimensional correspondence vectors

Frame t-1

 (α', ν')



Frame t

(x, y)

Frame t+1

 d_{v}

(x',y')





Estimation of twodimensional correspondence vectors





Object occlusion (right) and de-occlusion (left).



Estimation of twodimensional correspondence vectors

 Aperture problem: only local spatial information (within the camera aperture) is used for motion estimation.



Quality metrics for motion estimation



• **Peak Signal to Noise Ratio (PSNR)**: Metric for testing the quality of motion estimators' results, measured in *dB*:

 $PSNR = 10 \log_{10} \frac{N \times M}{\sum [f(x,y,t) - f(x + dx(x,y), y + dy(x,y), t - 1)]^2}.$

- $N \times M$: video frame size in pixels.
- Video luminance scaled in the range [0,1].
- dx, dy: the displacement components resulting from motion estimation at pixel $\mathbf{p} = [x, y]^T$.



Quality metrics for motion estimation



- Denominator: the **Displaced Frame Difference (DFD)** between the target frame t and the reference frame t 1.
- Motion field entropy:

 $H = -\sum_{dx} p(dx) \log_2 p(dx) - \sum_{dy} p(dy) \log_2 p(dy).$

• p(dx), p(dy): the probability density function (relative frequency) of the horizontal and vertical components of the displacement vector $\mathbf{d}(x, y) = [dx(x, y), dy(x, y)]^T$.



Block matching



• Block displacement **d** can be estimated by minimizing the displaced section difference for selecting the optimal displacement $\mathbf{d} = [dx, dy]^T$:

 $\min_{dx,dy} E(\mathbf{d}) = \sum_{n_1} \sum_{n_2} \|f(n_1, n_2, t) - f(n_1 + dx, n_2 + dy, t - 1)\|.$

- n_1, n_2 are pixel coordinates.
- L_1, L_2, L_p norms can be used for displaced frame difference estimation.









Sparse and dense motion fields.

One dimensional search





- A two-step method for searching for the minimum of *E*(d) along the horizontal and vertical directions:
 - 1st step. Search along the horizontal direction.
 - 2nd step. Based on the results of step 1, the minimum is searched for along the vertical direction.

Phase correlation



- Relative image blocks displacement is calculated using a normalized cross-correlation function calculated on the 2D spatial or Fourier domain.
- **Cross-correlation** between two video frames of size $N_1 \times N_2$ at times t and t - 1:

 $r_{t,t-1}(n_1,n_2) =$

$$\begin{split} \sum_{k_1=0}^{N_1-1} \sum_{k_2=0}^{N_2-1} f(k_1,k_2,t) f(n_1+k_1,n_2+k_2,t-1) &= \\ f(n_1,n_2,t) * f(-n_1,-n_2,t-1). \end{split}$$



Optical flow equation methods



- The continuous spatiotemporal video luminance $f_a(x, y, t)$, not $f_a(x, y, t)$ does not change along the object motion trajectory.
- For $\mathbf{x}_t = [x, y, t]^T$ on motion trajectory, the total derivative $\frac{df_a(\mathbf{x}_t)}{dt} = 0$ leads to **optical flow equation (OFE)**:

$$\frac{\partial f_a(\mathbf{x}_t)}{\partial x} v_x(\mathbf{x}, t) + \frac{\partial f_a(\mathbf{x}_t)}{\partial y} v_y(\mathbf{x}, t) + \frac{\partial f_a(\mathbf{x}_t)}{\partial t} = 0.$$

$$\mathbf{x} = [x, y], \ \mathbf{x}_t = [x, y, t]^T, \ v_x(\mathbf{x}, t) = dx/dt, \ v_y(\mathbf{x}, t) = dy/dt.$$



Optical flow equation methods





OFE smoothing methods



- They are based on the assumption that object motion is smooth, so that correspondence motion fields change smoothly in space.
 - Small spatial gradients.
- Horn-Schunck method: searches for a motion field that both satisfies the OFE and has small spatial optical flow vector changes.



OFE smoothing methods



VML

$$E_1(\mathbf{v}(\mathbf{x},t)) = \mathbf{\nabla} f_\alpha(\mathbf{x}_t) \cdot \mathbf{v}^T(\mathbf{x},t) + \frac{\partial f_\alpha(\mathbf{x}_t)}{\partial t}$$

 Spatial changes in the velocity vector field can be quantified by:

$$E_2^2(\mathbf{v}(\mathbf{x},t)) = \|\nabla v_x(\mathbf{x},t)\|^2 + \|\nabla v_y(\mathbf{x},t)\|^2 = \left(\frac{\partial v_x}{\partial x}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\partial v_x}{\partial y}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\partial v_y}{\partial x}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\partial v_y}{\partial y}\right)^2.$$



OFE smoothing methods



• OFE smoothing minimizes $E_1^2(\mathbf{v}), E_2^2(\mathbf{v})$ wrt the velocity vector components (v_x, v_y) at each point $\mathbf{x} = [x, y]^T$:

$$\min_{\mathbf{v}(\mathbf{x},t)} \int_{\mathcal{A}} \left(E_1^2(\mathbf{v}) + \lambda E_2^2(\mathbf{v}) \right) dx.$$

 λ : chosen heuristically parameter controling motion field

smoothing.



Neural Optical Flow estimation

- Optical flow estimation by using Convolutional Neural Networks.
- High accuracy, dense flow field, fast implementations.
- Supervised methods:
 - Highest accuracy;
 - Ground truth for real world video sequences is required.
- Unsupervised methods:
 - Lower, but comparable accuracy;
 - No need for optical flow ground truth.

Neural Optical Flow estimation **CML**

Flownet: Supervised NN optical flow estimation.

- Foundation stone for almost all later supervised networks.
- FlowNetS (Simple):
 - A single network branch.
 - Refinement module upscales conv6's output using outputs from various intermediate stages.
 - Two consecutive input frames, concatenated in the channel dimension.



Neural Optical Flow estimation **CML**

FlowNetC (**C**orrelation):

- two separate branches extracting features for each input image;
- they are later merged into one branch by correlating the extracted feature maps:

 $r_{f_1f_2}(n_1, n_2) = f_1(n_1, n_2) * f_2(-n_1, -n_2).$

• $f_1, f_2: (2k + 1) \times (2k + 1)$ 2D feature maps.







Object detection and Tracking



- Motion estimation estimates motion vectors on entire video frames.
- Object tracking relies on:
 - Object detection on a video frame.
 - Tracking of this object (essentially estimating its motion) over subsequent video frames.



Object Detection and Tracking



- Problem statement:
 - To detect an object (e.g. human face) that appear in each video frame and localize its *Region-Of-Interest (ROI)*.
 - To track the detected object over the video frames.



Object detection and Tracking



• Tracking associates each detected object ROI in the current video frame with one in the next video frame.

Therefore, we can describe the object ROI trajectory in a video segment in (x, y, t) coordinates.



Object Detection and Tracking



- Tracking failure may occur, i.e.,
 - after occlusions;
 - when the tracker drifts to the background or to another object.
- In such cases, object re-detection is employed.
- However, if any of the detected objects coincides with any of the objects already being tracked, the former ones are retained, while the latter ones are discarded from any further processing.



Object Detection and Tracking



• Periodic object re-detection can be applied to account for new faces entering the camera's field-of-view.

• Forward and backward tracking, when the entire video is available.



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