Introduction to motion correspondence



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Why estimate visual motion?

- Tracking
- Segmentation
- Structure from motion
- Action recognition

Action recognition and motion

http://astro.temple.edu/~tshipley/mocap/dotMovie.html



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Motion Field

- P(t) is a moving 3D point
- Velocity of scene point: V = dP/dt
- p(t) = (x(t), y(t)) is the projection of P in the image.
- Apparent velocity V in the image: given by components
 u = dx/dt and v = dy/dt
- Considering dt = 1: p(t+1) = p(t) + (u, v)
- Motion estimation task:
 - Estimate (u,v)

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v_ p(*t*+*dt*)

P(t+dt)

V

p(*t***)**

P(t)

Brightness constancy constraint

- Image is projection of 3D environment
- Each pixel: projection of a surface patch
- Pixel intensity influenced by 3D surface, incident light, camera ...
- Assumption: intensity of surface patch remains constant



Brightness constancy constraint

Optical flow estimation:

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Constraint:

$$I(x, y, t - 1) = I(x + u(x, y), y + v(x, y), t)$$

Taylor expansion of RHS:

$$I(x, y, t-1) \simeq I(x, y, t) + \frac{\partial I}{\partial x}u(x, y) + \frac{\partial I}{\partial y}v(x, y)$$

Brightness Constancy Constraint:

$$I_x u + I_y v + I_t = 0$$

Optical flow estimation - 2D to 1D









Optical flow estimation - 1D case

• How can we estimate the displacement?



Optical Flow Estimation - 1D case

- Known: Gradient, Difference of intensities at x-d
- Unknown: d



Brightness constraint: not enough for 2D!

$$I_x \cdot u + I_y \cdot v + I_t = 0$$



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The Aperture Problem



The Aperture Problem



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Optical flow uncertaintly



Overcoming the aperture effect



Brightness constancy constraint

$$I_x(p_i)u_i + I_x(p_i)v_i + I_t(p_i) = 0$$

Overcoming the aperture effect

united we move



Brightness constancy constraint

$$I_x(p_i)u + I_x(p_i)v + I_t(p_i) = 0$$

Lucas-Kanade

$$I_{x}(p_{i})u + I_{x}(p_{i})v + I_{t}(p_{i}) = 0$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} I_{x,1} & I_{y,1} \\ \vdots \\ I_{x,25} & I_{y,25} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -I_{t,1} \\ \vdots \\ -I_{t,25} \end{bmatrix}$$

Rewrite: $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{u}=\mathbf{b}$ 25 equations, 2 unknows

Residuals: $\epsilon = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{b}$ Cost: $\epsilon^T \epsilon = \mathbf{b}^T \mathbf{b} - 2\mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{b} + \mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A}\mathbf{u}$ Minimization: $\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A}\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{b}$

B. Lucas and T. Kanade. An iterative image registration technique with an application to stereo vision. IJCAI, 1981.

Lucas-Kanade, continued

$$\mathbf{A}^{T}\mathbf{A}\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{A}^{T}\mathbf{b}$$

$$\mathbf{u} = (\mathbf{A}^{T}\mathbf{A})^{-1}\mathbf{A}^{T}\mathbf{b}$$
Is it invertible?
$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} I_{x,1} & I_{y,1} \\ \vdots \\ I_{x,25} & I_{x,25} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{A}^{T}\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} \sum_{i} I_{x,i}^{2} & \sum_{i} I_{x,i}I_{y,i} \\ \sum_{i} I_{x,i}I_{y,i} & \sum_{i} I_{y,i}^{2} \end{bmatrix}$$

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$$J = G_{\rho} * \left[\left(\nabla G_{\sigma} * u \right)^T \left(\nabla G_{\sigma} * u \right) \right]$$

- Eigenvectors w_+, w_- : directions of maximal and minimal variation of u
- Eigenvalues: amounts of minimal and maximal variation *u*



Local structure and motion estimation



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Interpreting the eigenvalues

Classification of image points using eigenvalues of the second moment matrix:



SSD measure

- Sum of squared differences

$$E(x, y; d) = \sum_{(x', y') \in N(x, y)} [I_L(x' + d, y') - I_R(x', y')]^2$$





High-Texture Region







- Gradients are different, large magnitude
- Large λ_1 , large λ_2

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Edge







- Gradients very large or very small
- Large λ_1 , small λ_2

Low-Texture Region





- Gradients have small magnitude
- Small λ_1 , small λ_2

Shi-Tomasi feature tracker

- 1. Find good features (min eigenvalue of 2×2 Hessian)
- 2. Use Lucas-Kanade to track with pure translation
- 3. Use affine registration with first feature patch
- 4. Terminate tracks whose dissimilarity gets too large
- 5. Start new tracks when needed

Tracking example



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).

J. Shi and C. Tomasi. Good Features to Track. CVPR 1994.

Lucas-Kanade and the aperture effect

Brightness constancy + neighboring pixels have same (u,v)

$$I_x(p_i)u + I_x(p_i)v + I_t(p_i) = 0$$

5x5 window: 25 equations, 2 unknowns

$$\begin{bmatrix} I_x(\mathbf{p}_1) & I_y(\mathbf{p}_1) \\ I_x(\mathbf{p}_2) & I_y(\mathbf{p}_2) \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ I_x(\mathbf{p}_{25}) & I_y(\mathbf{p}_{25}) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \end{bmatrix} = -\begin{bmatrix} I_t(\mathbf{p}_1) \\ I_t(\mathbf{p}_2) \\ \vdots \\ I_t(\mathbf{p}_{25}) \end{bmatrix}$$

Solve the system around each pixel separately

Dense Lukas Kanade



Horn-Schunk and the aperture effect

Brightness constancy + flow smoothness:

$$J(u,v) = \frac{1}{2} \iint_{\Omega} \left[I_t + \nabla I \cdot (u,v) \right]^2 + \lambda \left[(\nabla u)^2 + (\nabla v)^2 \right] dx dy$$

Minimize with respect to u(x,y), v(x,y)

Euler-Lagrange derivative:

$$J_u = \frac{\partial J}{\partial u} - \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \frac{\partial J}{\partial u_x} - \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \frac{\partial J}{\partial u_y}$$

Minimum condition $J_u = 0, \quad J_v = 0$

B.K.P. Horn and B.G. Schunck, "Determining optical flow." Artificial Intelligence, 1981.

Horn-Schunk results



Lucas-Kanade revisited

• General expression for LK criterion:

$$E_{LK}(u,v)|_{x,y} = \sum_{\mathcal{N}(x,y)} (f_x u + f_y v + f_t)^2$$
$$= K_{\rho} * (f_x u + f_y v + f_t)^2|_{x,y}$$

• LK flow

$$\begin{bmatrix} K_{\rho} * f_x^2 & K_{\rho} * (f_x f_y) \\ K_{\rho} * (f_x f_y) & K_{\rho} * (f_y)^2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \end{bmatrix} = -\begin{bmatrix} K_{\rho} * (f_x f_t) \\ K_{\rho} * (f_y f_t) \end{bmatrix}$$

• How does this compare with Horn-Schunk criterion?

Lucas-Kanade meets Horn-Schunk

Introduce:
$$w \doteq \begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$
 $\nabla_3 f \doteq \begin{bmatrix} f_x \\ f_y \\ f_t \end{bmatrix}$
 $|\nabla w|^2 \doteq |\nabla u|^2 + |\nabla v|^2$ $J_\rho \doteq G_\rho * [\nabla_3 f \nabla_3 f^T]$
Lucas-Kanade $E_{LK}(w) = \int_{\Omega} w^T J_\rho w \, dx dy$
Horn-Schunk $E_{HS}(w) = \int_{\Omega} w^T J_0 w + a |\nabla w| dx dy$
Bruhn-Weickert-Schnoerr $E_{BWS}(w) = \int_{\Omega} w^T J_\rho w + a |\nabla w| dx dy$
A. Bruhn, J. Weickert, C. Schnörr: 'Lucas/Kanade meets Horn/Schunck: Combining local and global optic flow methods.' IJCV 2005

Horn-Schunk



Bruhn-Weickert-Schnoerr



Bruhn-Weickert-Schnoerr, continued

$$E_{BWS}(w) = \int_{\Omega} w^T J_{\rho} w + a |\nabla w| \mathrm{d}x \mathrm{d}y$$

Spatio-temporal regularization

$$E'_{BWS}(w) = \int_{\Omega \times [0,T]} w^T J_{\rho} w + a |\nabla_3 w| \mathrm{d}x \mathrm{d}y$$

Robust norms:

$$E_{BWS}^{''}(w) = \int_{\Omega \times [0,T]} \psi_1 \left(w^T J_\rho w \right) + a \psi_2 \left(|\nabla_3 w| \right) \mathrm{d}x \mathrm{d}y$$

Bruhn-Weickert-Schnoerr



Bruhn-Weickert-Schnoerr - anisotropic



Bruhn-Weickert-Schnoerr - flow regularization



Numerical solutions

• Euler-Lagrange:

$$I_x^2 u + I_x I_y v = \lambda \nabla^2 u - I_x I_t$$
$$I_x I_y u + I_y^2 v = \lambda \nabla^2 v - I_y I_t$$

Numerical approximation to Laplacian

$$\nabla^2 u \simeq 4\hat{u}(x,y) - u(x,y)$$

$$\hat{u}(x,y) = \frac{1}{4} \left(u(x-1,y) + u(x+1,y) + u(x,y-1) + u(x,y+1) \right)$$

- Sparse linear system in u,v
 - Gauss-Seidel, Successive Over Relaxation (SOR)
 - Multigrid





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(using *d* for *displacement* here instead of *u*)







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Large Displacements: Reduce Resolution!



Coarse-to-fine Optical Flow Estimation



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Beyond the brightness constancy constraint

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IN RED: ground truth segmentation (when available)

Motion-based action recognition

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HOHA dataset

Action : Sit down

Motion-based segmentation



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Code

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- Registration service: http://cvn.ecp.fr/
- <u>www.ipol.im</u>