



计算机视觉表征与识别 Chapter 9: Alignment and Transformation

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Correspondence and alignment



Correspondence: matching points, patches, edges, or regions across images





Recap: Keypoint Matching



1. Find a set of distinctive keypoints

2. Define a region around each keypoint

3. Extract and normalize the region content

4. Compute a local descriptor from the normalized region

5. Match local descriptors



Recap: Key trade-offs



Detection

More Repeatable

Robust detection Precise localization

Description

More Distinctive

Minimize wrong matches

More Points Robust to occlusion Works with less texture

 \mathbf{B}^{1}

More Flexible

Robust to expected variations Maximize correct matches





- Invariance:
 - > features(transform(image)) = features(image)
- Covariance:
 - > features(transform(image)) = transform(features(image))



Covariant detection \Rightarrow invariant description



- Given: Two images of the same scene with a large scale difference between them.
- Goal: Find the same interest points independently in each image.
- Solution: Search for *maxima* of suitable functions in *scale* and in *space* (over the image).
- Two strategies
 - > Laplacian-of-Gaussian (LoG)
 - > Difference-of-Gaussian (DoG) as a fast approximation
 - These can be used either on their own, or in combinations with single-scale keypoint detectors (Harris, Hessian).



Orientation Normalization



- Compute orientation histogram
- Select dominant orientation
- Normalize: rotate to fixed orientation

[Lowe, SIFT, 1999]



Slide adapted from David Lowe



Summary: Affine Invariance







Feature Descriptor



- Disadvantage of patches as descriptors:
 - Small shifts can affect matching score a lot



• Solution: histograms







- Scale Invariant Feature Transform
- Descriptor computation:
 - Divide patch into 4x4 sub-patches: 16 cells
 - Compute histogram of gradient orientations (8 reference angles) for all pixels inside each sub-patch
 - Resulting descriptor: 4x4x8 = 128 dimensions



David G. Lowe. <u>"Distinctive image features from scale-invariant keypoints."</u> *IJCV* 60 (2), pp. 91-110, 2004.



SURF: Descriptor Extraction



- 1. Split the interest region (20s x 20s) into 4 x 4 square sub-regions.
- 2. Calculate Haar wavelet responses dx and dy, and weight the responses with a Gaussian kernel.

3. Sum the response over each sub-region for dx and dy, then sum the absolute value of response.

4. Concatenate summation results in all sub-regions, forming a 64D SURF descriptor.





X. Han et al. Matchnet: Unifying feature and metric learning for patch-based matching. In CVPR 2015.



MatchNet





- Simultaneously learn the descriptor and the metric
- Siamese Feature descriptor network
- Metric network on top
- Cross-entropy loss, transfer matching problem to classification problem
- Train time: 1 day 1 week

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Training MatchNet



Patch set 1 Patch set 2



Cross-entropy error

$$E = -\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \left[y_i \log(\hat{y}_i) + (1 - y_i) \log(1 - \hat{y}_i) \right]$$

• Stochastic gradient descent (SGD)

 A special reservoir sampler for negative sampling X. Han et al. Matchnet: Unifying feature and metric learning for patch-based matching. In CVPR 2015.



Testing MatchNet



Patch set 1 Patch set 2



1. Generate feature descriptors for all patches.

2. Pair the features and push them through the metric network to get the scores.





Discriminative power



Raw pixels

Sampled

Locally orderless

Global histogram

Generalization power





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Alignment: solving the transformation that makes two things match better





Parametric (global) warping









Transformation T is a coordinate-changing machine: p' = T(p)

What does it mean that *T* is global?

- Is the same for any point p
- o can be described by just a few numbers (parameters)

For linear transformations, we can represent T as a matrix

$$p' = \mathbf{T}p \qquad \qquad \begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{T} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}$$



Fitting and Alignment



Fitting: find the parameters of a model that best fit the data.

Alignment: find the parameters of the transformation that best align matched points.



Fitting and Alignment



Design challenges

- Design a suitable **goodness of fit** measure
 - Similarity should reflect application goals
 - Encode robustness to outliers and noise
- Design an optimization method
 - Avoid local optima
 - Find best parameters quickly



Global optimization / Search for parameters

- Least squares fit
- Robust least squares
- Iterative closest point (ICP)

Hypothesize and test

- Generalized Hough transform
- RANSAC





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- Not rotation-invariant
- Fails completely for vertical lines





Total least squares



If $(a^2+b^2=1)$ then Distance between point (x_i, y_i) and line ax+by+c=0 is $|ax_i + by_i + c|$



proof: http://mathworld.wolfram.com/Point-LineDistance2-Dimensional.html



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If $(a^2+b^2=1)$ then Distance between point (x_i, y_i) and line ax+by+c=0 is $|ax_i + by_i + c|$



Find (a, b, c) to minimize the sum of squared perpendicular distances

$$E = \sum_{i=1}^{n} (ax_i + by_i + c)^2$$

Slide modified from S. Lazebnik



Solution is eigenvector corresponding to smallest eigenvalue of A^TA

See details on Raleigh Quotient: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rayleigh_quotient





Good

- Clearly specified objective
- Optimization is easy

Bad

- May not be what you want to optimize
- Sensitive to outliers
 - Bad matches, extra points
- Doesn't allow you to get multiple good fits
 - Detecting multiple objects, lines, etc.



Other ways to search for parameters

Line search

- 1. For each parameter, step through values and choose value that gives best fit
- 2. Repeat (1) until no parameter changes

Grid search

- 1. Propose several sets of parameters, evenly sampled in the joint set
- 2. Choose best (or top few) and sample joint parameters around the current best; repeat

Gradient descent

- 1. Provide initial position (e.g., random)
- 2. Locally search for better parameters by following gradient





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- 1. Propose parameters
 - Try all possible
 - Each point votes for all consistent parameters
 - Repeatedly sample enough points to solve for parameters
- 2. Score the given parameters
 - Number of consistent points, possibly weighted by distance
- 3. Choose from among the set of parameters
 - Global or local maximum of scores
- 4. Possibly refine parameters using inliers





- 1. Create a grid of parameter values
- 2. Each point votes for a set of parameters, incrementing those values in grid
- 3. Find maximum or local maxima in grid



- Connection between image (x,y) and Hough (m,b) spaces
 - A line in the image corresponds to a point in Hough space.
 - To go from image space to Hough space:
 - Given a set of points (x,y), find all (m,b) such that y = mx + b



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 - > To go from image space to Hough space:
 - Given a set of points (x,y), find all (m,b) such that y = mx + b
 - > What does a point (x_0, y_0) in the image space map to?
 - Answer: the solutions of $b = -x_0m + y_0$
 - This is a line in Hough space.


Hough transform



P.V.C. Hough, Machine Analysis of Bubble Chamber Pictures, Proc. Int. Conf. High Energy Accelerators and Instrumentation, 1959

Given a set of points, find the curve or line that explains the data points best







Polar Representation for Lines

• Issues with usual (m,b) parameter space: can take on infinite values, undefined for vertical lines.



- d : perpendicular distance from line to origin
- $\boldsymbol{\theta}$: angle the perpendicular makes with the x-axis

 Point in image space
⇒ Sinusoid segment in Hough space





Slide adapted from Steve Seitz





Using the polar parameterization: $x\cos\theta + y\sin\theta = d$

Basic Hough transform algorithm

- 1. Initialize $H[d, \theta] = 0$.
- 2. For each edge point (x,y) in the image

for $\theta = 0$ to 180 // some quantization $d = x \cos \theta + y \sin \theta$ H[d, θ] += 1

H: accumulator array (votes)



d

- 3. Find the value(s) of (d, θ) where $H[d, \theta]$ is maximal.
- 4. The detected line in the image is given by $d = x \cos \theta + y \sin \theta$
- Time complexity (in terms of number of votes)?



Hough transform - experiments





Need to adjust grid size or smooth





Issue: spurious peaks due to uniform noise



1. Image \rightarrow Canny







2. Canny \rightarrow Hough votes







3. Hough votes \rightarrow Edges



Find peaks and post-process







Real-World Example









Showing longest segments found



Hough transform: pros and cons

<u>Pros</u>

- All points are processed independently, so can cope with occlusion, gaps
- Some robustness to noise: noise points unlikely to contribute *consistently* to any single bin
- Can detect multiple instances of a model in a single pass

<u>Cons</u>

- Complexity of search time increases exponentially with the number of model parameters
- Non-target shapes can produce spurious peaks in parameter space
- Quantization: can be tricky to pick a good grid size





Common applications

- Line fitting (also circles, ellipses, etc.)
- Object instance recognition (parameters are position/scale/orientation)
- Object category recognition (parameters are position/scale)



RANSAC



- RANdom Sample Consensus
- Approach: we want to avoid the impact of outliers, so let's look for "inliers", and use those only.
- Intuition: if an outlier is chosen to compute the current fit, then the resulting line (transformation) won't have much support from rest of the points (matches).







RANSAC loop:

- 1. Randomly select a *seed group* of points on which to base transformation estimate (e.g., a group of matches)
- 2. Compute transformation from seed group
- **3.** Find *inliers* to this transformation
- 4. If the number of inliers is sufficiently large, recompute least-squares estimate of transformation on all of the inliers
- Keep the transformation with the largest number of inliers



- Task: Estimate the best line
 - > How many points do we need to estimate the line?





• Task: Estimate the best line











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- > Suppose *w* is fraction of inliers (points from line).
- *n* points needed to define hypothesis (2 for lines)
- $\succ k$ samples chosen.
- Prob. that a single sample of n points is correct: w^n
- Prob. that all k samples fail is: $(1-w^n)^k$
- \Rightarrow Choose k high enough to keep this below desired failure rate.



Sample size	Proportion of outliers						
n	5%	10%	20%	25%	30%	40%	50%
2	2	3	5	6	7	11	17
3	3	4	7	9	11	19	35
4	3	5	9	13	17	34	72
5	4	6	12	17	26	57	146
6	4	7	16	24	37	97	293
7	4	8	20	33	54	163	588
8	5	9	26	44	78	272	1177







- RANSAC divides data into inliers and outliers and yields estimate computed from minimal set of inliers.
- Improve this initial estimate with estimation over all inliers (e.g. with standard least-squares minimization).
- But this may change inliers, so alternate fitting with reclassification as inlier/outlier.





RANSAC Example



- Find best stereo match within a square search window (here 300 pixels²)
- Global transformation model: epipolar geometry

before RANSAC

after RANSAC



Images from Hartley & Zisserman





Good

- Robust to outliers
- Applicable for larger number of objective function parameters than Hough transform
- Optimization parameters are easier to choose than Hough transform

Bad

- Computational time grows quickly with fraction of outliers and number of parameters
- Not as good for getting multiple fits (though one solution is to remove inliers after each fit and repeat)
- **Common applications**
- Computing a homography (e.g., image stitching)
- Estimating fundamental matrix (relating two views)





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- We have previously considered how to fit a model to image evidence
 - e.g., a line to edge points
- In alignment, we will fit the parameters of some **transformation** according to a set of matching feature pairs ("correspondences").





Common transformations





original

Transformed



translation



rotation







affine



perspective







- Scaling a coordinate means multiplying each of its components by a scalar
- Uniform scaling means this scalar is the same for all components:









Non-uniform scaling: different scalars per component:









Scaling operation: x' = axy' = by

• Or, in matrix form:



















Polar coordinates... $x = r \cos (\phi)$ $y = r \sin (\phi)$ $x' = r \cos (\phi + \theta)$ $y' = r \sin (\phi + \theta)$

Trig Identity... $x' = r \cos(\phi) \cos(\theta) - r \sin(\phi) \sin(\theta)$ $y' = r \sin(\phi) \cos(\theta) + r \cos(\phi) \sin(\theta)$

> Substitute... $x' = x \cos(\theta) - y \sin(\theta)$ $y' = x \sin(\theta) + y \cos(\theta)$







This is easy to capture in matrix form:

$$\begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\theta) & -\sin(\theta) \\ \sin(\theta) & \cos(\theta) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}$$

Even though $sin(\theta)$ and $cos(\theta)$ are nonlinear functions of θ ,

- x' is a linear combination of x and y
- y' is a linear combination of x and y

What is the inverse transformation?

- Rotation by $-\theta$
- For rotation matrices $\mathbf{R}^{-1} = \mathbf{R}^{T}$


2-D Shearing







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What transformations can be represented with a 2x2 matrix?

2D Scaling?

$$x' = s_x * x$$

 $y' = s_y * y$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{x'} \\ \mathbf{y'} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{s}_x & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{s}_y \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{x} \\ \mathbf{y} \end{bmatrix}$$

2D Rotate around (0,0)? $x' = \cos \Theta * x - \sin \Theta * y$ $y' = \sin \Theta * x + \cos \Theta * y$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \Theta & -\sin \Theta \\ \sin \Theta & \cos \Theta \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}$$

2D Shear?

$$x' = x + sh_x * y$$

 $y' = sh_y * x + y$
 $\begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & sh_x \\ sh_y & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}$



What transformations can be represented with a 2x2 matrix?

2D Mirror about Y axis?

$$\begin{array}{c} x' = -x \\ y' = y \end{array} \qquad \qquad \begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}$$

2D Mirror over (0,0)?

$$\begin{array}{c} x' = -x \\ y' = -y \end{array} \qquad \qquad \begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}$$

NO!

2D Translation?

$$x' = x + t_x$$
$$y' = y + t_y$$

Source: Alyosha E



2D Linear Transformations

$$\begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}$$

- Only linear 2D transformations can be represented with a 2x2 matrix.
- Linear transformations are combinations of ...
 - o Scale,
 - o Rotation,
 - Shear, and
 - Mirror



Homogeneous coordinates

To convert to homogeneous coordinates:

$$(x,y) \Rightarrow \left[\begin{array}{c} x \\ y \\ 1 \end{array} \right]$$

homogeneous image coordinates

Converting *from* homogeneous coordinates $\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ w \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow (x/w, y/w)$



- Q: How can we represent 2d translation as a 3x3 matrix using homogeneous coordinates? $x' = x + t_x$ $y' = y + t_y$
- A: Using the rightmost column:

$$\mathbf{Translation} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & \boldsymbol{t}_{x} \\ 0 & 1 & \boldsymbol{t}_{y} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$







Homogeneous Coordinates







Basic 2D transformations as 3x3 matrices





2D Affine Transformations

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

Affine transformations are combinations of ...

- Linear transformations, and
- Translations
- Parallel lines remain parallel

Affine Transformations

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Properties of affine transformations:

- Lines map to lines
- Parallel lines remain parallel
- Ratios are preserved
- Closed under composition

 $\begin{bmatrix} x'\\y' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a & b & c\\ d & e & f \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} y\\y\\1 \end{bmatrix}$

or

 $\begin{vmatrix} x' \\ y' \\ 1 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \begin{vmatrix} x \\ y \\ 1 \end{vmatrix}$



Projective Transformations

Projective transformations are combos of

- Affine transformations, and
- Projective warps

Properties of projective transformations:

- Lines map to lines
- Parallel lines do not necessarily remain parallel
- Ratios are not preserved
- Closed under composition
- Models change of basis
- Projective matrix is defined up to a scale (8 DOF)

 $\begin{vmatrix} x' \\ y' \\ w' \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \\ g & h & i \end{vmatrix} \begin{vmatrix} x \\ y \\ w \end{vmatrix}$





Image reprojection: Homography



- A projective transform is a mapping between any two PPs with the same center of projection
 - rectangle should map to arbitrary quadrilateral/
 - parallel lines aren't
 - but must preserve straight lines
- called Homography

$$\begin{bmatrix} wx' \\ wy' \\ w \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} * & * & * \\ * & * & * \\ * & * & * \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ l \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{p'} \qquad \mathbf{H} \qquad \mathbf{p}$$





Homography



 $\left(\frac{wx'}{w}, \frac{wy'}{w}\right)$

=(x',y')

To **apply** a given homography **H**

- Compute **p**' = **Hp** (regular matrix multiply)
- Convert **p**' from homogeneous to image coordinates





2D image transformations





Name	Matrix	# D.O.F.	Preserves:	Icon
translation	$igg[egin{array}{c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c $	2	orientation $+\cdots$	
rigid (Euclidean)	$\left[egin{array}{c c} m{R} & t \end{array} ight]_{2 imes 3}$	3	lengths $+\cdots$	\bigcirc
similarity	$\left[\left. s oldsymbol{R} \right oldsymbol{t} ight]_{2 imes 3}$	4	angles $+ \cdots$	\bigcirc
affine	$\left[egin{array}{c} oldsymbol{A} \end{array} ight]_{2 imes 3}$	6	parallelism $+\cdots$	
projective	$\left[egin{array}{c} ilde{H} \end{array} ight]_{3 imes 3}$	8	straight lines	





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Given matched points in $\{A\}$ and $\{B\}$, estimate the translation of the object

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_i^B \\ y_i^B \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_i^A \\ y_i^A \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} t_x \\ t_y \end{bmatrix}$$







Least squares solution

- 1. Write down objective function
- 2. Derived solution
 - a) Compute derivative
 - b) Compute solution
- 3. Computational solution
 - a) Write in form Ax=b
 - b) Solve using pseudo-inverse or eigenvalue decomposition









RANSAC solution Problem: outliers

- 1. Sample a set of matching points (1 pair)
- 2. Solve for transformation parameters
- 3. Score parameters with number of inliers
- 4. Repeat steps 1-3 N times







Problem: outliers, multiple objects, and/or many-to-one matches Hough transform solution

 (t_x, t_y)

- 1. Initialize a grid of parameter values
- 2. Each matched pair casts a vote for consistent values
- 3. Find the parameters with the most votes
- 4. Solve using least squares with inliers





References



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 Morgan & Claypool publishers, 2011



- Chapter 3: Local Feature Extraction
- Chapter 5: Geometric Verification

(Last lecture) (Today)



References



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 Multiple View Geometry in Computer Vision
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- Details about the DoG detector and the SIFT descriptor can be found in
 - D. Lowe, <u>Distinctive image features</u> <u>from scale-invariant keypoints</u>, *IJCV* 60(2), pp. 91-110, 2004



- Try the available local feature detectors and descriptors
 - http://www.robots.ox.ac.uk/~vgg/research/affine/detectors.html#binaries





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Obtain a wider angle view by combining multiple images.



Main questions





Alignment: Given two images, what is the transformation between them?





low to stitch together a panorame (a.k.a. mosaic)?

Basic Procedure

- Take a sequence of images from the same position
 - Rotate the camera about its optical center
- Compute transformation (homography) between Ο second image and first using corresponding points.
- Transform the second image to overlap with the first. Ο
- Blend the two together to create a mosaic. \bigcirc
- (If there are more images, repeat) Ο



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