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Computer Vision II - Lecture 4

Color based Tracking

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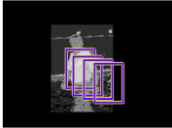
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Course Outline

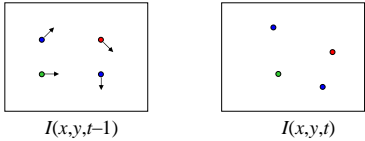
- Single-Object Tracking
 - Background modeling
 - Template based tracking
 - Color based tracking
 - Contour based tracking
 - Tracking by online classification
 - Tracking-by-detection
- Bayesian Filtering
- Multi-Object Tracking
- Articulated Tracking



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Recap: Estimating Optical Flow



- Optical Flow
 - Given two subsequent frames, estimate the apparent motion field $u(x,y)$ and $v(x,y)$ between them.
- Key assumptions
 - **Brightness constancy:** projection of the same point looks the same in every frame.
 - **Small motion:** points do not move very far.
 - **Spatial coherence:** points move like their neighbors.

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Recap: Lucas-Kanade Optical Flow

- Use all pixels in a $K \times K$ window to get more equations.
- Least squares problem:

$$\begin{bmatrix} I_x(p_1) & I_y(p_1) \\ I_x(p_2) & I_y(p_2) \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ I_x(p_{25}) & I_y(p_{25}) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \end{bmatrix} = - \begin{bmatrix} I_t(p_1) \\ I_t(p_2) \\ \vdots \\ I_t(p_{25}) \end{bmatrix} \quad A \quad d = b$$

$25 \times 2 \quad 2 \times 1 \quad 25 \times 1$
- Minimum least squares solution given by solution of

$$\begin{bmatrix} \sum I_x I_x & \sum I_x I_y \\ \sum I_x I_y & \sum I_y I_y \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \end{bmatrix} = - \begin{bmatrix} \sum I_x I_t \\ \sum I_y I_t \end{bmatrix}$$

$A^T A \quad A^T b$

Recall the Harris detector!

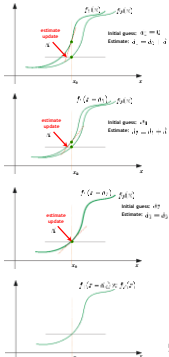
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Recap: Iterative Refinement

- Estimate velocity at each pixel using one iteration of LK estimation.
- Warp one image toward the other using the estimated flow field.
- Refine estimate by repeating the process.
- Iterative procedure
 - Results in subpixel accurate localization.
 - Converges for small displacements.

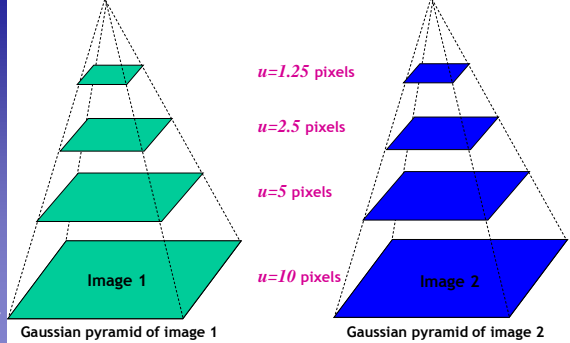


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Recap: Coarse-to-fine Optical Flow Estimation



$u = 1.25$ pixels
 $u = 2.5$ pixels
 $u = 5$ pixels
 $u = 10$ pixels

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Recap: Shi-Tomasi Feature Tracker (→KLT)

- Idea
 - Find good features using eigenvalues of second-moment matrix
 - Key idea: "good" features to track are the ones that can be tracked reliably.
- Frame-to-frame tracking
 - Track with LK and a pure *translation* motion model.
 - More robust for small displacements, can be estimated from smaller neighborhoods (e.g., 5×5 pixels).
- Checking consistency of tracks
 - Affine registration to the first observed feature instance.
 - Affine model is more accurate for larger displacements.
 - Comparing to the first frame helps to minimize drift.

J. Shi and C. Tomasi. [Good Features to Track](#). CVPR 1994.

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Recap: General LK Image Registration

- Goal
 - Find the warping parameters \mathbf{p} that minimize the sum-of-squares intensity difference between the template image $T(\mathbf{x})$ and the warped input image $I(\mathbf{W}(\mathbf{x};\mathbf{p}))$.
- LK formulation
 - Formulate this as an optimization problem

$$\arg \min_{\mathbf{p}} \sum_{\mathbf{x}} [I(\mathbf{W}(\mathbf{x}; \mathbf{p})) - T(\mathbf{x})]^2$$
 - We assume that an initial estimate of \mathbf{p} is known and iteratively solve for increments to the parameters $\Delta\mathbf{p}$:

$$\arg \min_{\Delta\mathbf{p}} \sum_{\mathbf{x}} [I(\mathbf{W}(\mathbf{x}; \mathbf{p} + \Delta\mathbf{p})) - T(\mathbf{x})]^2$$

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Recap: Step-by-Step Derivation

- Key to the derivation
 - Taylor expansion around $\Delta\mathbf{p}$

$$I(\mathbf{W}(\mathbf{x}; \mathbf{p} + \Delta\mathbf{p})) \approx I(\mathbf{W}(\mathbf{x}; \mathbf{p})) + \nabla I \frac{\partial \mathbf{W}}{\partial \mathbf{p}} \Delta\mathbf{p} + \mathcal{O}(\Delta\mathbf{p}^2)$$

$$= I(\mathbf{W}([x, y]; p_1, \dots, p_n))$$

$$+ \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial I}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial I}{\partial y} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial W_x}{\partial p_1} & \frac{\partial W_x}{\partial p_2} & \dots & \frac{\partial W_x}{\partial p_n} \\ \frac{\partial W_y}{\partial p_1} & \frac{\partial W_y}{\partial p_2} & \dots & \frac{\partial W_y}{\partial p_n} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \Delta p_1 \\ \Delta p_2 \\ \vdots \\ \Delta p_n \end{bmatrix}$$

∇I	$\frac{\partial \mathbf{W}}{\partial \mathbf{p}}$	Increment parameters to solve for $\Delta\mathbf{p}$
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Recap: LK Algorithm

- Iterate
 - Warp I to obtain $I(\mathbf{W}([x, y]; \mathbf{p}))$
 - Compute the error image $T([x, y]) - I(\mathbf{W}([x, y]; \mathbf{p}))$
 - Warp the gradient ∇I with $\mathbf{W}([x, y]; \mathbf{p})$
 - Evaluate $\frac{\partial \mathbf{W}}{\partial \mathbf{p}}$ at $([x, y]; \mathbf{p})$ (Jacobian)
 - Compute steepest descent images $\nabla I \frac{\partial \mathbf{W}}{\partial \mathbf{p}}$
 - Compute Hessian matrix $\mathbf{H} = \sum_{\mathbf{x}} \left[\nabla I \frac{\partial \mathbf{W}}{\partial \mathbf{p}} \right]^T \left[\nabla I \frac{\partial \mathbf{W}}{\partial \mathbf{p}} \right]$
 - Compute $\sum_{\mathbf{x}} \left[\nabla I \frac{\partial \mathbf{W}}{\partial \mathbf{p}} \right]^T [T([x, y]) - I(\mathbf{W}([x, y]; \mathbf{p}))]$
 - Compute $\Delta\mathbf{p} = \mathbf{H}^{-1} \sum_{\mathbf{x}} \left[\nabla I \frac{\partial \mathbf{W}}{\partial \mathbf{p}} \right]^T [T([x, y]) - I(\mathbf{W}([x, y]; \mathbf{p}))]$
 - Update the parameters $\mathbf{p} \leftarrow \mathbf{p} + \Delta\mathbf{p}$
- Until $\Delta\mathbf{p}$ magnitude is negligible

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Recap: LK Algorithm Visualization

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Example of a More Complex Warping Function

- Encode geometric constraints into region tracking
- Constrained homography transformation model
 - Translation parallel to the ground plane
 - Rotation around the ground plane normal
 - $W(x) = W_{obj} P W_t W_a Q x$

⇒ Input for high-level tracker with car steering model.

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Today: Color based Tracking

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- Mean-Shift
 - Mean-shift mode estimation
 - Using mean-shift on color images
- Mean-Shift with Explicit Weight Images
 - Histogram backprojection
 - CAMshift approach
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 - Comaniciu's approach
 - Bhattacharyya distance
 - Gradient ascent
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Mean-Shift

- Mean-Shift Tracking
 - Efficient approach to tracking objects whose appearance is defined by color.
 - Actually, the approach is not limited to color. Can also use texture, motion, etc.
- Popular use for object tracking
 - Very simple to implement
 - Non-parametric method, does not make strong assumptions about the shape of the distribution
 - Suitable for non-static distributions (as typical in tracking)
 - Can be combined with dynamic models (Kalman filters, etc.)
 - Good performance in practice

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Mean-Shift: Intuitive Description

Region of interest
Center of mass
Mean Shift vector

Objective: Find the densest region

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Using Mean-Shift on Color Models

- Two main approaches
 1. Explicit weight images
 - Create a color likelihood image, with pixels weighted by the similarity to the desired color (best for unicolored objects).
 - Use mean-shift to find spatial modes of the likelihood.
 2. Implicit weight images
 - Represent color distribution by a histogram.
 - Use mean-shift to find the region that has the most similar color distribution.

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Mean-Shift on Weight Images

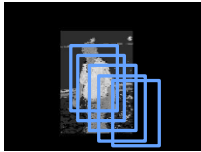
- Ideal case
 - Want an indicator function that returns 1 for pixels on the tracked object and 0 for all other pixels.
- Instead
 - Compute likelihood maps
 - Value at a pixel is proportional to the likelihood that the pixel comes from the tracked object.
- Likelihood can be based on
 - Color
 - Texture
 - Shape (boundary)
 - Predicted location



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Mean-Shift Tracking



- Idea
 - Let pixels form a uniform grid of data points.
 - Each pixel has a weight proportional to the likelihood that the pixel is on the object we want to track.
 - Perform standard mean-shift using the weighted set of points.

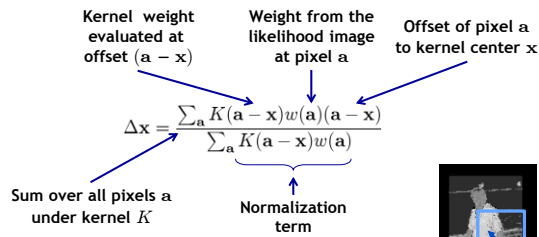
$$\Delta x = \frac{\sum_a K(a-x)w(a)(a-x)}{\sum_a K(a-x)w(a)}$$

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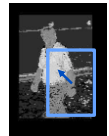
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Mean-Shift Tracking

- A closer look at the procedure...



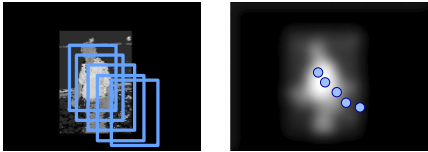
⇒ Mean-shift computes the weighted mean of all shifts (offsets), weighted by the likelihood under the kernel function.



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Duality Property



- Duality
 - Running mean-shift with kernel K on weight image w is equivalent to performing gradient ascent in a (virtual) image formed by convolving w by some shadow kernel H .
 - Note: mode we are looking for is mode of location (x,y) likelihood, NOT mode of color distribution.

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Example: Face Tracking using Mean-Shift

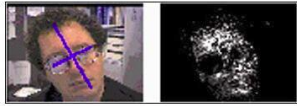


Figure 7: Orientation of the flesh probability distribution marked on the source video image

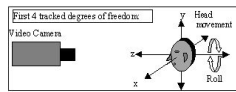



Figure 8: First four head tracked degrees of freedom: X, Y, Z location, and head roll

G. Bradski, [Computer Vision Face Tracking for use in a Perceptual User Interface](#), IEEE Workshop On Applications of Computer Vision, Princeton, NJ, 1998, pp.214-219.

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Explicit Weight Images



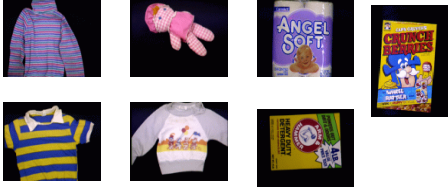
- Histogram backprojection
 - Histogram is an empirical estimate of $p(\text{color} | \text{object}) = p(c | o)$
 - Bayes' rule says: $p(o|c) = \frac{p(c|o)p(o)}{p(c)}$
 - Simplistic approximation: assume $p(o)/p(c)$ is constant.
 - ⇒ Use histogram h as a lookup table to set pixel values in the weight image.
 - If pixel maps to histogram bucket i , set weight for pixel to $h(i)$.

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Side Note: Color Histograms for Recognition

- Using color histograms for recognition
 - Works surprisingly well
 - In the first paper (1991), 66 objects could be recognized almost without errors



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Localization by Histogram Backprojection


- „Where in the image are the colors we're looking for?“
 - Query: object with histogram M
 - Given: image with histogram I
- Compute the „ratio histogram“: $R_i = \min \left[\frac{M_i}{I_i}, 1 \right]$
 - R reveals how important an object color is, relative to the current image.
 - Color is frequent on the object ⇒ large M_i
 - Color is frequent in the image ⇒ large I_i
 - This value is projected back into the image (i.e. the image values are replaced by the values of R that they index).
 - The result image is convolved with a circular mask the size of the target object.
 - Peaks in the convolved image indicate detected objects.

Does this sound familiar? 33

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Object Localization Results




- Example result after backprojection
 - Looking for blue pullover...

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Bradski's CAMshift

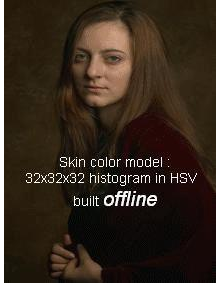


- Idea
 - Find x, y location of mode by mean-shift.
 - Determine z , roll angle θ by fitting an ellipse to the mode found using mean-shift.

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Visualization: Bradski's CAMshift in Action



Skin color model :
32x32x32 histogram in HSV
built **offline**

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Problem: Scale Changes

- Window always has the same size
 - When the object size changes, does not fit anymore
 - ⇒ Tracking soon diverges...

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Visualization: Scale Adaptation in CAMshift

Mean shift window initialization

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CAMShift Results

- Face tracking
 - Using a skin color model in HSV color space

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Applications: Perceptual User Interfaces

- Head tracking as input modality
 - Controlling a flight simulator by head gestures

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Implicit Weight Images

- Sometimes the weight is not explicitly created
 - Example: Mean-shift Tracking by Comaniciu et al.
 - Weight is embedded into the matching procedure
 - Comes out as a side effect of matching two pdfs.
- Interesting consequence
 - Implicit weight image changes between iterations of mean-shift, as compared to iterating to convergence on an explicit weight image!

⇒ We'll take a look at their approach and see how this works.

D. Comaniciu, V. Ramesh, P. Meer. [Kernel-Based Object Tracking](#), PAMI, Vol. 25(5), pp. 564-575, 2003.

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Mean-Shift Object Tracking

- Main idea: Match the pdf of the target object

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Mean-Shift Object Tracking

Target Model (centered at 0)

Target Candidate (centered at y)

$$\hat{q} = \{q_u\}_{u=1..m} \quad \sum_{u=1}^m q_u = 1$$

$$\hat{p}(y) = \{p_u(y)\}_{u=1..m} \quad \sum_{u=1}^m p_u(y) = 1$$

Similarity Function: $f(y) = f[\hat{q}, \hat{p}(y)]$

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Approach

- Color histogram representation

$$\text{target model: } \hat{q} = \{q_u\}_{u=1..m} \quad \sum_{u=1}^m q_u = 1$$

$$\text{target candidate: } \hat{p}(y) = \{p_u(y)\}_{u=1..m} \quad \sum_{u=1}^m p_u(y) = 1.$$
- Measuring distances between histograms
 - Distance as a function of window location y

$$d(y) = \sqrt{1 - \rho[\hat{p}(y), \hat{q}]},$$
 - where $\hat{p}(y)$ is the Bhattacharyya coefficient

$$\hat{p}(y) \equiv \rho[\hat{p}(y), \hat{q}] = \sum_{u=1}^m \sqrt{p_u(y)q_u},$$

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Approach

- Compute histograms via Parzen estimation

$$\hat{q}_u = C \sum_{i=1}^n k(\|x_i^* - u\|^2) \delta[b(x_i^*) - u],$$

$$\hat{p}_u(y) = C_h \sum_{i=1}^{n_h} k\left(\left\|\frac{y - x_i}{h}\right\|^2\right) \delta[b(x_i) - u],$$
 - where $k(\cdot)$ is some radially symmetric smoothing kernel profile, x_i is the pixel at location i , and $b(x_i)$ is the index of its bin in the quantized feature space.
- Consequence of this formulation
 - Gathers a histogram over a neighborhood
 - Also allows interpolation of histograms centered around an off-lattice location.

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Finding the Object

- Goal:
 - Find the location y that maximizes the Bhattacharyya coefficient
 - Taylor expansion around current values $p_u(y_0)$

$$\rho[\hat{p}(y), \hat{q}] \approx \frac{1}{2} \sum_{u=1}^m \sqrt{p_u(y_0)q_u} + \frac{C_h}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{n_h} w_i k\left(\left\|\frac{y - x_i}{h}\right\|^2\right)$$

This does not depend on y ⇒ Just need to maximize this. Note: It's a KDE!!!

$$\text{where } w_i = \sum_{u=1}^m \sqrt{\frac{q_u}{p_u(y_0)}} \delta[b(x_i) - u].$$

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- Taylor expansion around current values $p_u(\mathbf{y}_0)$

$$\rho[\hat{p}(\mathbf{y}), \hat{q}] \approx \frac{1}{2} \sum_{u=1}^m \sqrt{\hat{p}_u(\hat{\mathbf{y}}_0) \hat{q}_u} + \frac{C_h}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{n_h} w_i k \left(\left\| \frac{\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{x}_i}{h} \right\|^2 \right)$$

This does not depend on \mathbf{y} \Rightarrow Just need to maximize this. Note: It's a KDE!!!

- Find the mode of the second term by mean-shift iterations

$$\hat{\mathbf{y}}_1 = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n_h} \mathbf{x}_i w_i g \left(\left\| \frac{\hat{\mathbf{y}}_0 - \mathbf{x}_i}{h} \right\|^2 \right)}{\sum_{i=1}^{n_h} w_i g \left(\left\| \frac{\hat{\mathbf{y}}_0 - \mathbf{x}_i}{h} \right\|^2 \right)} \quad \text{where } g(x) = -k'(x)$$

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Finding the Object

- At each iteration, perform

$$\hat{\mathbf{y}}_1 = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n_h} \mathbf{x}_i w_i g \left(\left\| \frac{\hat{\mathbf{y}}_0 - \mathbf{x}_i}{h} \right\|^2 \right)}{\sum_{i=1}^{n_h} w_i g \left(\left\| \frac{\hat{\mathbf{y}}_0 - \mathbf{x}_i}{h} \right\|^2 \right)} \quad \text{where } g(x) = -k'(x)$$

- which is just standard mean-shift on (implicit) weight image w_i .
- Let's look at the weight image more closely. For each pixel \mathbf{x}_i

$$w_i = \sum_{u=1}^m \sqrt{\frac{\hat{q}_u}{\hat{p}_u(\hat{\mathbf{y}}_0)}} \delta[b(\mathbf{x}_i) - u]$$

This is only 1 once in the summation

\Rightarrow If pixel \mathbf{x}_i 's value maps to histogram bucket B , then

$$w_i = \sqrt{q_B p_B(\mathbf{y}_0)}$$

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Finding the Object

- Summary

- If model histogram is q_1, q_2, \dots, q_m and current data histogram is p_1, p_2, \dots, p_m
- Form weights $q_1/p_1, q_2/p_2, \dots, q_m/p_m$
- Do "histogram backprojection" of these values into the image to get the weight image w_i . (Note: this is done implicitly)

- Note


- In each iteration, p_1, p_2, \dots, p_m change, and therefore so does the weight image w_i .

\Rightarrow Different from applying mean-shift to fixed likelihood image!

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Results: Mean-Shift Tracking



- Configuration

- Feature space: $16 \times 16 \times 16$ quantized RGB
- Target manually selected in 1st frame
- Average mean-shift iterations per frame: 4


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Results: Mean-Shift Tracking

- Difficulties



Partial occlusion
Distraction
Motion blur

\Rightarrow Mean-shift still performs robustly despite those.

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Topics of This Lecture


- Mean-Shift
 - Mean-shift mode estimation
 - Using mean-shift on color images
- Mean-Shift with Explicit Weight Images
 - Histogram backprojection
 - CAMshift approach
- Mean-Shift with Implicit Weight Images
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Qualitative Intuition

- Bradski's Mean-Shift procedure
 - Assume that an object is 60% red and 40% green.
 - I.e., $q_1 = 0.6$, $q_2 = 0.4$, $q_i = 0$ for all other i .



- If we just did histogram backprojection of these likelihood values (a la Bradski), we would get this weight image:



- Mean-shift does a weighted center-of-mass computation at each iteration.

⇒ *Window will be biased towards the region of red pixels, since they have higher weight!*

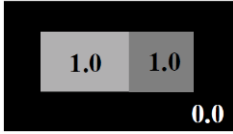
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Qualitative Intuition

- Comaniciu's approach
 - Let's assume the data histogram is perfectly located
 - ⇒ $q_1 = 0.6$, $q_2 = 0.4$, $q_i = 0$ for all other i .
 - $p_1 = 0.6$, $p_2 = 0.4$, $p_i = 0$ for all other i .
 - ⇒ $w_1 = \sqrt{0.6/0.6}$, $w_2 = \sqrt{0.4/0.4}$, $w_i = 0$ for all other i .

⇒ Resulting weight image:



⇒ *Much better!*

⇒ *Perfect object indicator function.*

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