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Computer Vision - Lecture 11

Local Features II

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Course Outline


- Image Processing Basics
- Segmentation & Grouping
- Object Recognition
- Object Categorization I
 - Sliding Window based Object Detection
- Local Features & Matching
 - Local Features - Detection and Description
 - Recognition with Local Features
- Object Categorization II
 - Part based Approaches
 - Deep Learning Approaches
- 3D Reconstruction
- Motion and Tracking

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A Script...

- We've created a script... for the part of the lecture on object recognition & categorization
 - K. Grauman, B. Leibe
Visual Object Recognition
Morgan & Claypool publishers, 2011



- Chapter 3: Local Feature Extraction (Last+this lecture)
- Chapter 4: Matching (Monday's topic)
- Chapter 5: Geometric Verification (Wednesday's topic)

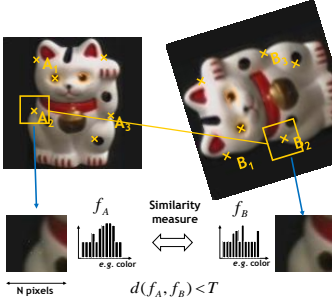
- Available on the L2P -

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Recap: Local Feature Matching Outline

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



$d(f_A, f_B) < T$


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Recap: Requirements for Local Features

- Problem 1:
 - Detect the same point *independently* in both images
- Problem 2:
 - For each point correctly recognize the corresponding one



We need a repeatable detector!

We need a reliable and distinctive descriptor!

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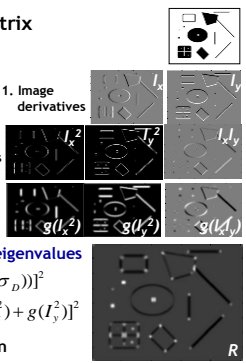
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Recap: Harris Detector [Harris88]

- Compute second moment matrix (autocorrelation matrix)

$$M(\sigma_r, \sigma_D) = g(\sigma_r) * \begin{bmatrix} I_x^2(\sigma_D) & I_x I_y(\sigma_D) \\ I_x I_y(\sigma_D) & I_y^2(\sigma_D) \end{bmatrix}$$

1. Image derivatives
2. Square of derivatives
3. Gaussian filter $g(\sigma)$



- 4. Cornerness function - two strong eigenvalues

$$R = \det[M(\sigma_r, \sigma_D)] - \alpha [\text{trace}(M(\sigma_r, \sigma_D))]^2$$

$$= g(I_x^2)g(I_y^2) - [g(I_x I_y)]^2 - \alpha [g(I_x^2) + g(I_y^2)]^2$$
- 5. Perform non-maximum suppression

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Recap: Harris Detector Responses [Harris88]

Effect: A very precise corner detector.

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Hessian Detector [Beaudet78]

- Hessian determinant

$$Hessian(I) = \begin{bmatrix} I_{xx} & I_{xy} \\ I_{xy} & I_{yy} \end{bmatrix}$$

Note: these are 2nd derivatives!

Intuition: Search for strong derivatives in two orthogonal directions

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Hessian Detector [Beaudet78]

- Hessian determinant

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$$\det(Hessian(I)) = I_{xx}I_{yy} - I_{xy}^2$$

In Matlab:
 $I_{xx} * I_{yy} - (I_{xy})^2$

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Hessian Detector - Responses [Beaudet78]

Effect: Responses mainly on corners and strongly textured areas.

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Hessian Detector - Responses [Beaudet78]

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Topics of This Lecture

- Local Feature Extraction (cont'd)
 - Scale Invariant Region Selection
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From Points to Regions...

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- The Harris and Hessian operators define interest points.
 - Precise localization
 - High repeatability



- In order to compare those points, we need to compute a descriptor over a region.
 - How can we define such a region in a scale invariant manner?
- I.e. how can we detect scale invariant interest regions?*


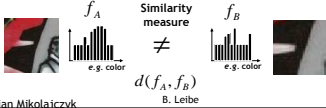
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Naïve Approach: Exhaustive Search

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- Multi-scale procedure
 - Compare descriptors while varying the patch size


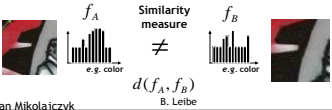
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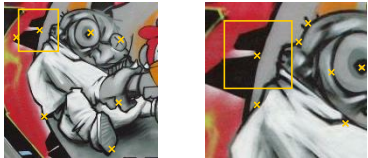
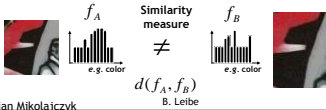
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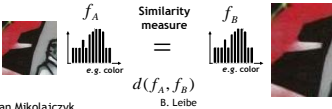
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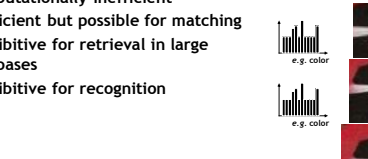
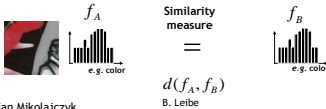
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Naïve Approach: Exhaustive Search

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- Comparing descriptors while varying the patch size
 - Computationally inefficient
 - Inefficient but possible for matching
 - Prohibitive for retrieval in large databases
 - Prohibitive for recognition

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Automatic Scale Selection

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- **Solution:**
 - Design a function on the region, which is “scale invariant” (the same for corresponding regions, even if they are at different scales)

Example: average intensity. For corresponding regions (even of different sizes) it will be the same.

- For a point in one image, we can consider it as a function of region size (patch width)

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Automatic Scale Selection

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- **Common approach:**
 - Take a local maximum of this function.
 - Observation: region size for which the maximum is achieved should be *invariant* to image scale.

Important: this scale invariant region size is found in each image **independently!**

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- **Function responses for increasing scale (scale signature)**

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Automatic Scale Selection

- Function responses for increasing scale (scale signature)

$f(U_{k,j}(x, \sigma))$ $f(U_{k,j}(x', \sigma))$

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Automatic Scale Selection

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Automatic Scale Selection

- Normalize: Rescale to fixed size

$f(U_{k,j}(x, \sigma))$ $f(U_{k,j}(x', \sigma))$

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What Is A Useful Signature Function?

- Laplacian-of-Gaussian = "blob" detector

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Characteristic Scale

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

Characteristic scale

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

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Laplacian-of-Gaussian (LoG)

- Interest points:
 - Local maxima in scale space of Laplacian-of-Gaussian

$L_{xx}(\sigma) + L_{yy}(\sigma)$

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LoG Detector: Workflow

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LoG Detector: Workflow

sigma = 11.9912

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LoG Detector: Workflow

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Difference-of-Gaussian (DoG)

- We can efficiently approximate the Laplacian with a difference of Gaussians:

$$L = \sigma^2 (G_{xx}(x, y, \sigma) + G_{yy}(x, y, \sigma))$$
 (Laplacian)

$$DoG = G(x, y, k\sigma) - G(x, y, \sigma)$$
 (Difference of Gaussians)
- Advantages?
 - No need to compute 2nd derivatives.
 - Gaussians are computed anyway, e.g. in a Gaussian pyramid.

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Key point localization with DoG

- Detect maxima of difference-of-Gaussian (DoG) in scale space
- Then reject points with low contrast (threshold)
- Eliminate edge responses

Candidate keypoints:
list of (x,y,σ)

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DoG - Efficient Computation

- Computation in Gaussian scale pyramid

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Results: Lowe's DoG

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Harris-Laplace [Mikolajczyk '01]

1. Initialization: Multiscale Harris corner detection

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Harris-Laplace [Mikolajczyk '01]

1. Initialization: Multiscale Harris corner detection

2. Scale selection based on Laplacian (same procedure with Hessian ⇒ Hessian-Laplace)

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Summary: Scale Invariant Detection

- **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).*

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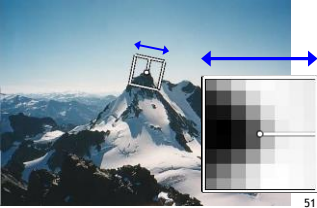
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Rotation Invariant Descriptors

- **Find local orientation**
 - Dominant direction of gradient for the image patch
- **Rotate patch according to this angle**
 - This puts the patches into a canonical orientation.

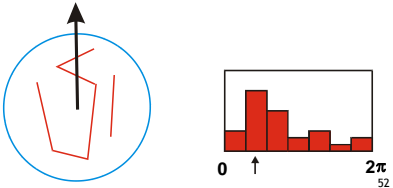



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Orientation Normalization: Computation

- Compute orientation histogram [Lowe, SIFT, 1999]
- Select dominant orientation
- Normalize: rotate to fixed orientation



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The Need for Invariance



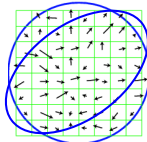
- **Up to now, we had invariance to**
 - Translation
 - Scale
 - Rotation
- **Not sufficient to match regions under viewpoint changes**
 - For this, we need also affine adaptation

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Affine Adaptation

- **Problem:**
 - Determine the characteristic shape of the region.
 - Assumption: shape can be described by "local affine frame".
- **Solution: iterative approach**
 - Use a circular window to compute second moment matrix.
 - Compute eigenvectors to adapt the circle to an ellipse.
 - Recompute second moment matrix using new window and iterate...

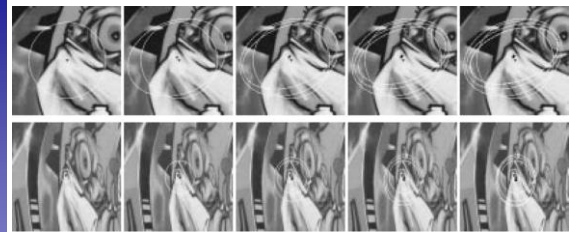


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Iterative Affine Adaptation



1. Detect keypoints, e.g. multi-scale Harris
2. Automatically select the scales
3. Adapt affine shape based on second order moment matrix
4. Refine point location


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K. Mikolajczyk and C. Schmid, [Scale and affine invariant interest point detectors](#), IJCV 60(1):63-86, 2004. Slide credit: Tinne Tuytelaars

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Affine Normalization/Deskewing



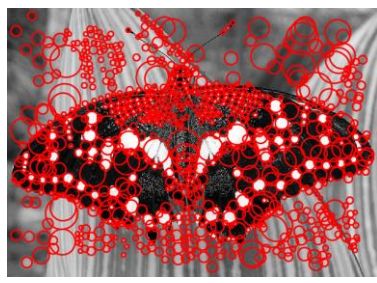
- **Steps**
 - Rotate the ellipse's main axis to horizontal
 - Scale the x axis, such that it forms a circle

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Affine Adaptation Example



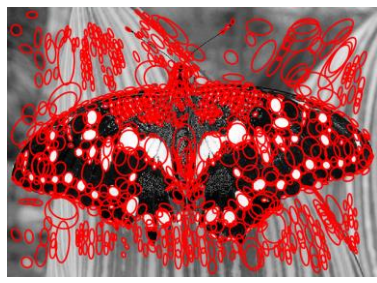
Scale-invariant regions (blobs)

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Affine Adaptation Example



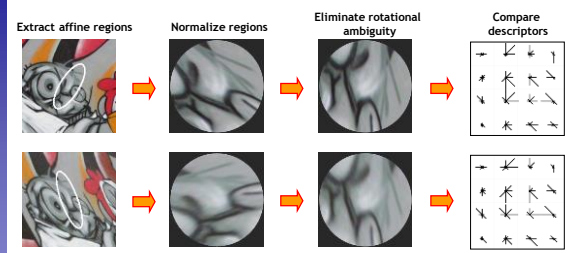
Affine-adapted blobs

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Summary: Affine-Inv. Feature Extraction



- Extract affine regions
- Normalize regions
- Eliminate rotational ambiguity
- Compare descriptors

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Invariance vs. Covariance

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

Covariant detection ⇒ invariant description

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Local Descriptors

- We know how to detect points
- Next question:
 - How to describe them for matching?

Point descriptor should be:

- Invariant
- Distinctive

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Local Descriptors

- Simplest descriptor: list of intensities within a patch.
- What is this going to be invariant to?

Write regions as vectors

$A \rightarrow a, B \rightarrow b$

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Feature Descriptors

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

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Feature Descriptors: SIFT

- 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, "Distinctive image features from scale-invariant keypoints." *IJCV* 60 (2), pp. 91-110, 2004.

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Overview: SIFT


- Extraordinarily robust matching technique
 - Can handle changes in viewpoint up to ~60 deg. out-of-plane rotation
 - Can handle significant changes in illumination
 - Sometimes even day vs. night (below)
 - Fast and efficient—can run in real time
 - Lots of code available
 - http://people.csail.mit.edu/albert/ladypack/wiki/index.php/Known_Implementations_of_SIFT



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Working with SIFT Descriptors

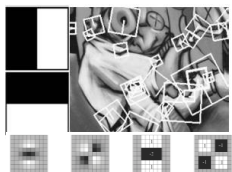
- One image yields:
 - n 2D points giving positions of the patches
 - [n x 2 matrix]
 - n scale parameters specifying the size of each patch
 - [n x 1 vector]
 - n orientation parameters specifying the angle of the patch
 - [n x 1 vector]
 - n 128-dimensional descriptors: each one is a histogram of the gradient orientations within a patch
 - [n x 128 matrix]



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Local Descriptors: SURF

- Fast approximation of SIFT idea
 - Efficient computation by 2D box filters & integral images
 - ⇒ 6 times faster than SIFT
 - Equivalent quality for object identification
 - <http://www.vision.ee.ethz.ch/~surf>
- GPU implementation available
 - Feature extraction @ 100Hz (detector + descriptor, 640x480 img)
 - <http://homes.esat.kuleuven.be/~ncorneli/gpusurf/>



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You Can Try It At Home...

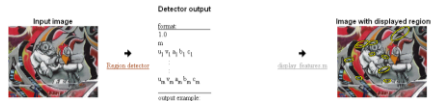
- For most local feature detectors, executables are available online:
 - <http://robots.ox.ac.uk/~vgg/research/affine>
 - <http://www.cs.ubc.ca/~lowe/keypoints/>
 - <http://www.vision.ee.ethz.ch/~surf>
 - <http://homes.esat.kuleuven.be/~ncorneli/gpusurf/>

Affine Covariant Features

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Affine Covariant Region Detectors

Detector output



Parameters defining an affine region

Code

Lines	Example of use	Displaying
<code>example1 -i img1.jpg -o img1.jpg -s 1000 -m 1000</code>	<code>example1 -i img1.jpg -o img1.jpg -s 1000 -m 1000</code>	<code>example1 -i img1.jpg -o img1.jpg -s 1000 -m 1000</code>
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<http://www.robots.ox.ac.uk/~vgg/research/affine/detectors.html#binaries>

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Applications of Local Invariant Features

- Wide baseline stereo
- Motion tracking
- Panoramas
- Mobile robot navigation
- 3D reconstruction
- Recognition
 - Specific objects
 - Textures
 - Categories
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Wide-Baseline Stereo

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B. Leibe Image from T. Tuytelaars ECCV 2006 tutorial

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Automatic Mosaicing

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Panorama Stitching

(a) Matier data set (7 images)

(b) Matier final stitch

<http://www.cs.ubc.ca/~mbrown/autostitch/autostitch.html>

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Recognition of Specific Objects, Scenes

Schmid and Mohr 1997

Sivic and Zisserman, 2003

Rothganger et al. 2003

Lowe 2002

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Recognition of Categories

Constellation model

Bags of words

Database	Sample cluster #1	Sample cluster #2
Alphabets		
Motorbikes		
Leaves		
Wild Cats		
Eyes		
Bicycles		
People		

Weber et al. (2000)
Fergus et al. (2003)

Csurka et al. (2004)
Dorko & Schmid (2005)
Sivic et al. (2005)
Lazebnik et al. (2006), ...

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Value of Local Features

- **Advantages**
 - Critical to find distinctive and repeatable local regions for multi-view matching.
 - Complexity reduction via selection of distinctive points.
 - Describe images, objects, parts without requiring segmentation; robustness to clutter & occlusion.
 - Robustness: similar descriptors in spite of moderate view changes, noise, blur, etc.
- How can we use local features for such applications?
 - Next: matching and recognition

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Topics of This Lecture

- Local Feature Extraction (cont'd)
 - Orientation normalization
 - Affine Invariant Feature Extraction
- Local Descriptors
 - SIFT
 - Applications
- Recognition with Local Features
 - Matching local features
 - Finding consistent configurations
 - Alignment: linear transformations
 - Affine estimation
 - Homography estimation

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Recognition with Local Features

- Image content is transformed into local features that are invariant to translation, rotation, and scale
- Goal: Verify if they belong to a consistent configuration

Local Features, e.g. SIFT

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Warping vs. Alignment

Warping: Given a source image and a transformation, what does the transformed output look like?

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

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Parametric (Global) Warping

- Transformation T is a coordinate-changing machine:

$$p' = T(p)$$
- What does it mean that T is global?
 - It's the same for any point p
 - It can be described by just a few numbers (parameters)
- Let's represent T as a matrix:

$$p' = Mp, \quad \begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{M} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}$$

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What Can be Represented by a 2×2 Matrix?

- **2D Scaling?**

$$\begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} s_x & 0 \\ 0 & s_y \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}$$
- **2D Rotation around (0,0)?**

$$\begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}$$
- **2D Shearing?**

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

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What Can be Represented by a 2x2 Matrix?

- **2D Mirror about y axis?**
 $x' = -x$
 $y' = y$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}$$
- **2D Mirror over (0,0)?**
 $x' = -x$
 $y' = -y$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}$$
- **2D Translation?**
 $x' = x + t_x$
 $y' = y + t_y$

NO!

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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 ...
 - Scale,
 - Rotation,
 - Shear, and
 - Mirror

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Homogeneous Coordinates

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

$$\text{Translation} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & t_x \\ 0 & 1 & t_y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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Basic 2D Transformations

- Basic 2D transformations as 3x3 matrices

$$\begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & t_x \\ 0 & 1 & t_y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Translation

$$\begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} s_x & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & s_y & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Scaling

$$\begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta & 0 \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Rotation

$$\begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & sh_x & 0 \\ sh_y & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Shearing

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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

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Projective Transformations

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

- **Projective transformations:**
 - Affine transformations, and
 - Projective warps
- Parallel lines do not necessarily remain parallel

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Alignment Problem

- 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”).

The diagram shows a set of points x_i on the left and a set of points x'_i on the right. A transformation T is indicated by an arrow pointing from the first set to the second. The points are colored: red, yellow, green, blue, and purple.

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Let's Start with Affine Transformations

- Simple fitting procedure (linear least squares)
- Approximates viewpoint changes for roughly planar objects and roughly orthographic cameras
- Can be used to initialize fitting for more complex models

Two images of a blue toy truck are shown side-by-side, illustrating different viewpoints of the same object.

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Fitting an Affine Transformation

The left image shows a stack of books. The right image shows a box with a green affine transformation fitted to its top surface.

- Affine model approximates perspective projection of planar objects

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Fitting an Affine Transformation

- Assuming we know the correspondences, how do we get the transformation?

Two images of a white cat are shown. The left image has points A_1, A_2, A_3 and the right image has points B_1, B_2, B_3 . Lines connect corresponding points between the two images. The coordinates are labeled as (x_i, y_i) and (x'_i, y'_i) .

$$\begin{bmatrix} x'_i \\ y'_i \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} m_1 & m_2 \\ m_3 & m_4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_i \\ y_i \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} t_1 \\ t_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

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Recall: Least Squares Estimation

- Set of data points: $(X_1, X'_1), (X_2, X'_2), (X_3, X'_3)$
- Goal: a linear function to predict X' 's from X 's:

$$Xa + b = X'$$
- We want to find a and b .
- How many (X, X') pairs do we need?

$$\begin{bmatrix} X_1 & 1 \\ X_2 & 1 \\ X_3 & 1 \\ \dots & \dots \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} X'_1 \\ X'_2 \\ X'_3 \\ \dots \end{bmatrix} \quad Ax = B$$
- What if the data is noisy?

Overconstrained problem

$\min \|Ax - B\|^2$

⇒ Least-squares minimization

Matlab: $x = A \setminus B$

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Fitting an Affine Transformation

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dots & & & & & & m_1 \\ x_i & y_i & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & m_2 \\ 0 & 0 & x_i & y_i & 0 & 1 & m_3 \\ \dots & & & & & & m_4 \\ & & & & & & t_1 \\ & & & & & & t_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \dots \\ x'_i \\ y'_i \\ \dots \end{bmatrix}$$

- How many matches (correspondence pairs) do we need to solve for the transformation parameters?
- Once we have solved for the parameters, how do we compute the coordinates of the corresponding point for (x_{new}, y_{new}) ?

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Homography

- A projective transform is a mapping between any two perspective projections with the same center of projection.
 - I.e. two planes in 3D along the same sight ray
- Properties
 - Rectangle should map to arbitrary quadrilateral
 - Parallel lines aren't
 - but must preserve straight lines
- This is called a **homography**

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

$p' \quad H \quad p$

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$p' \quad H \quad p$

Set scale factor to 1
⇒ 8 parameters left.

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Fitting a Homography

- Estimating the transformation

Homogenous coordinates Image coordinates

$$\begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \\ z' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} h_{11} & h_{12} & h_{13} \\ h_{21} & h_{22} & h_{23} \\ h_{31} & h_{32} & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x'' \\ y'' \\ z'' \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{z''} \begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Matrix notation
 $x' = Hx$
 $x'' = \frac{1}{z''} x'$

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Fitting a Homography

- Estimating the transformation

Homogenous coordinates Image coordinates

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Fitting a Homography

- Estimating the transformation

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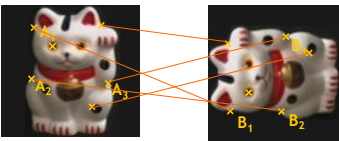
$$x''_A = \frac{h_{11}x_{A1} + h_{12}y_{A1} + h_{13}}{h_{31}x_{A1} + h_{32}y_{A1} + 1}$$

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Fitting a Homography

- Estimating the transformation



Homogenous coordinates

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Image coordinates

$$\begin{bmatrix} x'' \\ y'' \\ z'' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \\ z' \end{bmatrix}$$

Matrix notation

$$x'' = Hx'$$

$$x'' = \frac{1}{z'} x'$$

$$x_A \leftrightarrow x_{B_1}$$

$$x_A \leftrightarrow x_{B_2}$$

$$x_A \leftrightarrow x_{B_3}$$

$$\vdots$$

$$x_A = \frac{h_{11}x_{B_1} + h_{12}y_{B_1} + h_{13}}{h_{31}x_{B_1} + h_{32}y_{B_1} + 1}$$

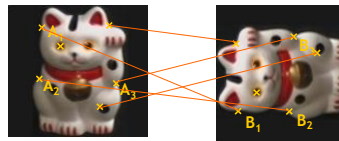
$$y_A = \frac{h_{21}x_{B_1} + h_{22}y_{B_1} + h_{23}}{h_{31}x_{B_1} + h_{32}y_{B_1} + 1}$$

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Fitting a Homography

- Estimating the transformation



Homogenous coordinates

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Image coordinates

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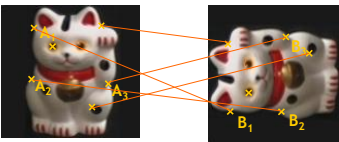
$$\vdots$$

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Fitting a Homography

- Estimating the transformation



Homogenous coordinates

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$$\vdots$$

$$h_{11}x_{B_1} + h_{12}y_{B_1} + h_{13} - x_A h_{31}x_{B_1} - x_A h_{32}y_{B_1} - x_A = 0$$

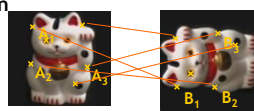
$$h_{21}x_{B_1} + h_{22}y_{B_1} + h_{23} - y_A h_{31}x_{B_1} - y_A h_{32}y_{B_1} - y_A = 0$$

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Fitting a Homography

- Estimating the transformation



$$h_{11}x_{B_1} + h_{12}y_{B_1} + h_{13} - x_A h_{31}x_{B_1} - x_A h_{32}y_{B_1} - x_A = 0$$

$$h_{21}x_{B_1} + h_{22}y_{B_1} + h_{23} - y_A h_{31}x_{B_1} - y_A h_{32}y_{B_1} - y_A = 0$$

$$Ah = 0$$

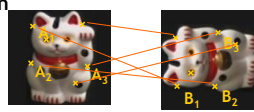
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Fitting a Homography

- Estimating the transformation
- Solution:
 - Null-space vector of A
 - Corresponds to smallest eigenvector



$$Ah = 0$$

$$A = UDV^T = U \begin{bmatrix} d_{11} & \dots & d_{19} & v_{11} & \dots & v_{19} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ d_{91} & \dots & d_{99} & v_{91} & \dots & v_{99} \end{bmatrix}^T$$

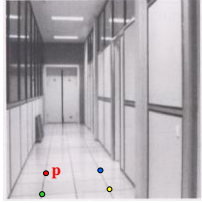
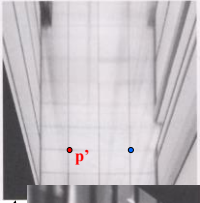
$$h = \begin{bmatrix} v_{19} \\ \vdots \\ v_{99} \end{bmatrix}$$

Minimizes least square error

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Image Warping with Homographies




Image plane in front

Black area where no pixel maps to

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Uses: Analyzing Patterns and Shapes

- What is the shape of the b/w floor pattern?

The floor (enlarged)

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Analyzing Patterns and Shapes

Automatic rectification

From Martin Kemp *The Science of Art* (manual reconstruction)

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Summary: Recognition by Alignment

- Basic matching algorithm
 - Detect interest points in two images.
 - Extract patches and compute a descriptor for each one.
 - Compare one feature from image 1 to every feature in image 2 and select the nearest-neighbor pair.
 - Repeat the above for each feature from image 1.
 - Use the list of best pairs to estimate the transformation between images.
- Transformation estimation
 - Affine
 - Homography

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Time for a Demo...

Automatic panorama stitching

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References and Further Reading

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- Details about the DoG detector and the SIFT descriptor can be found in
 - D. Lowe, [Distinctive image features from scale-invariant keypoints](#), *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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