

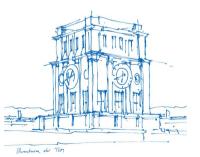


Computer Vision II: Multiple View Geometry (IN2228)

Chapter 05 Correspondence Estimation (Part 2 Large Motion)

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17 May 2023 12:00-13:30



Announcement

Updated Lecture Schedule

For updates, slides, and additional materials: <u>https://cvg.cit.tum.de/teaching/ss2023/cv2</u>

90-minute course; 45-minute course

Wed 19.04.2023 Chapter 00: Introduction Thu 20.04.2023 Chapter 01: Mathematical Backgrounds

Wed 26.04.2023 Chapter 02: Motion and Scene Representation (Part 1) Thu 27.04.2023 Chapter 02: Motion and Scene Representation (Part 2)

Wed 03.05.2023 Chapter 03: Image Formation (Part 1) Thu 04.05.2023 Chapter 03: Image Formation (Part 2)

Foundation

Wed 10.05.2023 Chapter 04: Camera Calibration Thu 11.05.2023 Chapter 05: Correspondence Estimation (Part 1)

Wed 17.05.2023 Chapter 05: Correspondence Estimation (Part 2)

Thu 18.05.2023 No lecture (Public Holiday)

Wed 24.05.2023 No lecture (Conference) Thu 25.05.2023 No lecture (Conference)

Videos and reading materials about the combination of deep learning and multi-view geometry

Wed 31.05.2023 Chapter 06: 2D-2D Geometry (Part 1) Thu 01.06.2023 Chapter 06: 2D-2D Geometry (Part 2)	
Wed 07.06.2023 Chapter 06: 2D-2D Geometry (Part 3) Thu 08.06.2023 No lecture (Public Holiday)	
Wed 14.06.2023 Chapter 07: 3D-2D Geometry (Part 1) Thu 15.06.2023 Chapter 07: 3D-2D Geometry (Part 2)	Core part
Wed 21.06.2023 Chapter 08: 3D-3D Geometry (Part 1) Thu 22.06.2023 Chapter 08: 3D-3D Geometry (Part 2)	
Wed 28.06.2023 Chapter 09: Single-view Geometry (Part 1) Thu 29.06.2023 Chapter 09: Single-view Geometry (Part 2)	
Wed 05.07.2023 Chapter 10: Photometric Error (Direct Met	(had)
Thu 06.07.2023 Chapter 11: Bundle Adjustment and Optimization	
Wed 12.07.2023 Chapter 12: Robot Estimation Thu 13.07.2023 Knowledge Review	Advanced topics and high-level task
Wed 19.07.2023 Chapter 13: SLAM and SFM (Part 2) Thu 20.07.2023 Chapter 13: SLAM and SFM (Part 1)	





Announcement

Updated Lecture Schedule

Though we do not have lectures on 24 and 25 May, the **exercise session will still be held normally on 24 May**.

Wed 24.05.2023 No lecture (Conference) Thu 25.05.2023 No lecture (Conference) Videos and reading materials about the combination of deep learning and multi-view geometry

 Tentative Exercise Schedule

 Wed 26.04.2023
 Exercise 1: Introduction

 Wed 03.05.2023
 Exercise 2: Mathematical Background

 Wed 10.05.2023
 Exercise 3: Representing a Moving Scene

 Wed 24.05.2023
 Exercise 4: Perspective Projection

 Wed 31.05.2023
 Exercise 5: Lucas-Kanade Method

 Wed 14.06.2023
 Exercise 6: Reconstruction from two views

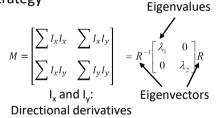
 Wed 21.06.2023
 Exercise 7: Reconstruction from multiple views

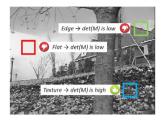
 Wed 05.07.2023
 Exercise 8: Direct Image Alignment

Wed 12.07.2023 Exercise 9: Direct Image Alignment



- Which Points Should We Track?
- ✓ Theoretical strategy





Problem: relatively low efficiency due to judgement on **all the pixels** in an image

✓ Practical solution

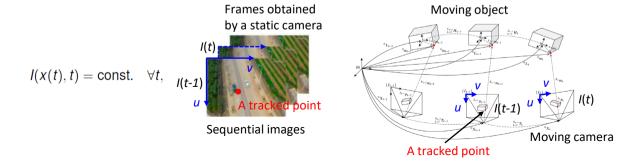




Subsequent images: only consider the **tracked** points



- Brightness Consistency
- ✓ Video I (sequential images) is w.r.t. the time t. A tracked point's position x is also w.r.t. the time t.
- \checkmark We use the pixel coordinate system whose origin is located at the top-left of image.





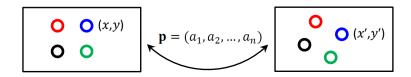
- Chicken-and-egg Problem \triangleright
- Definition \checkmark

A problem has two sets of unknown parameters. Parameters are mutually determined.

Examples \checkmark

$$\begin{aligned} x' &= xcos(a_3) - ysin(a_3) + a_1 \\ y' &= xsin(a_3) + ycos(a_3) + a_2 \end{aligned}$$

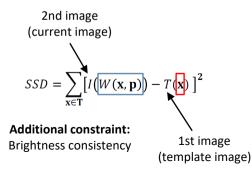
 $\begin{cases} (x,y) \text{ and } (x',y') \text{ constitute a pair of} \\ \text{unknown-but-sought correspondences} \\ \mathbf{p} = (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) \text{ are warping parameters to estimate} \end{cases}$

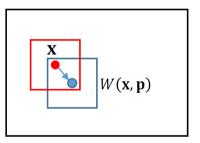




- Chicken-and-egg Problem
- ✓ Solution

Find additional constraint to solve parameters.





Brightness consistency



Today's Outline

- Overview of Indirect Method
- Feature Detector
- Feature Descriptor



Overview of Indirect Method

- Recap on Problem Formulation
- ✓ Core idea: To compute the transformation between two images, we resort to detecting and matching features (points or lines).
- Pros: They can cope with large frame-to-frame motions and strong illumination changes.
- Cons: They are slow due to costly feature extraction, matching, and outlier removal (e.g., RANSAC).

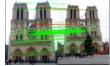


Direct method (KLT): A one-step strategy

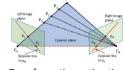


Feature detection

Inliers Outliers



Feature matching

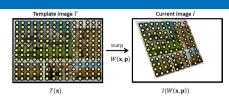


Transformation estimation

Indirect method: A two-step strategy

Overview of Indirect Method

Recap on Problem Formulation



Pipeline for alignment between template and current images
 Detect and match features that are invariant to scale, rotation, view point changes (e.g., SIFT)

2. Transformation computation and Geometric verification (e.g., 4 point RANSAC for planar objects, or 5 or 8 point RANSAC for 3D objects)

3. Refine the initial estimation by minimizing the sum of squared reprojection errors between the observed feature f^i in the current image and the warped corresponding feature $W(\mathbf{x}^i, \mathbf{p})$ from the template

$$\mathbf{p} = argmin_{\mathbf{p}} \sum_{i=1}^{N} \left\| W(\mathbf{x}^{i}, \mathbf{p}) - f^{i} \right\|^{2}$$
2D coordinates of points

Geometric feature (point) distance



- Definition of Blob
- ✓ A blob is a group of **connected pixels** in an image that share some common property (e.g, grayscale value).
- ✓ In the image below, the colored regions are blobs, and **blob detection** aims to identify and mark these regions.



- Comparison between Corner and Blob
- ✓ A corner is defined as the intersection of two or more edges
- Corners have high localization accuracy
- Corners are less distinctive than blobs
- E.g., Moravec, Harris, Shi-Tomasi, SUSAN, FAST

- ✓ Blob introduced before
- Blobs have less localization accuracy than corners
- Blobs are more distinctive than corners
- E.g., MSER, LOG, DOG (SIFT), SURF, CenSurE, etc.



Blobs

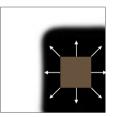


Corners

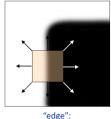




- **Corner Detection**
- ✓ Key observation: in the region around a corner, the image gradient has multiple dominant directions (e.g., vertical, horizontal, and diagonal).
- ✓ Shifting a window in any direction should cause large intensity changes around a corner.



"flat" region: no intensity change (i.e., SSD ≈ 0 in all directions)



no change along the edge direction

other directions)

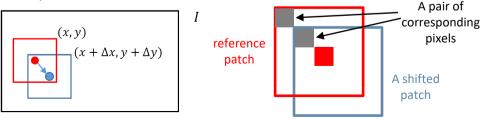
"corner": significant change in all directions (i.e., SSD $\gg 0$ in all directions)



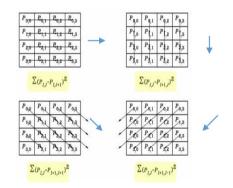
- Corner Detection
- ✓ We use Sum of Squared Differences (SSD) to measure the brightness change.
- ✓ Consider the reference patch and a patch **shifted by** (Δx , Δy). The Sum of Squared Differences between them is

$$SSD(\Delta x, \Delta y) = \sum_{x, y \in \Omega} (I(x, y) - I(x + \Delta x, y + \Delta y))^2$$

SSD along the direction along the diagonal



- Corner Detection
- ✓ Moravec's method
- For two patches, compute the **sum of squared differences** (SSD) between all pairs of corresponding pixels.
- A lower SSD indicates higher similarity between two patches.
- Consider SSD along multiple directions. The **interest measurement** of a patch is defined as the smallest SSD.
- If a patch's interest measurement is higher than a threshold, the patch center is a corner.
- ✓ We have to physically shift the window. Can we make it more efficient?



Horizontal, vertical, and two diagonals



Corner Detection

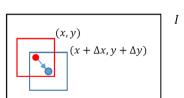
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✓ Approximating with a 1st order Taylor expansion (introduced before):

$$SSD(\Delta x, \Delta y) = \sum_{x,y \in \Omega} (I(x, y) - I(x + \Delta x, y + \Delta y))^2$$

Ve no longer minimize SSD but just measure SSD here
$$I(x + \Delta x, y + \Delta y) \approx I(x, y) + I_x(x, y)\Delta x + I_y(x, y)\Delta y$$
$$\Rightarrow SSD(\Delta x, \Delta y) \approx \sum_{x,y \in \Omega} (I_x(x, y)\Delta x + I_y(x, y)\Delta y))^2$$

This is a quadratic function in two variables (Δx , Δy)



$$f(a) + \frac{f'(a)}{1!}(x-a)$$

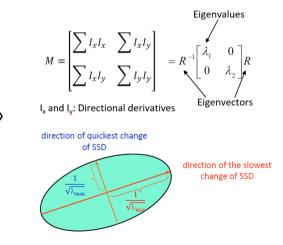
The first-order
Taylor polynomial

- Corner Detection
- ✓ Matrix form of approximation result

$$SSD(\Delta x, \Delta y) \approx \sum_{x, y \in \Omega} (I_x(x, y)\Delta x + I_y(x, y)\Delta y))^2$$
$$SSD(\Delta x, \Delta y) \approx \sum_{x, y \in \Omega} [\Delta x \quad \Delta y] \begin{bmatrix} I_x^2 & I_x I_y \\ I_x I_y & I_y^2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \Delta x \\ \Delta y \end{bmatrix}$$
$$= \begin{bmatrix} \Delta x \quad \Delta y \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \sum I_x^2 & \sum I_x I_y \\ \sum I_x I_y & \sum I_y^2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \Delta x \\ \Delta y \end{bmatrix}$$
$$Manually selected$$

This matrix encodes the SSD change







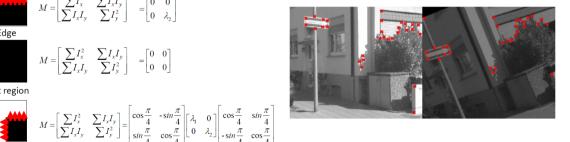
- **Corner Detection** \triangleright
- Conclusion \checkmark

If both eigenvalues are much larger than 0 then we have a corner.

$$M = \begin{bmatrix} \sum I_x^2 & \sum I_x I_y \\ \sum I_x I_y & \sum I_y^2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Edge
$$M = \begin{bmatrix} \sum I_x^2 & \sum I_x I_y \\ \sum I_x I_y & \sum I_y^2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Flat region

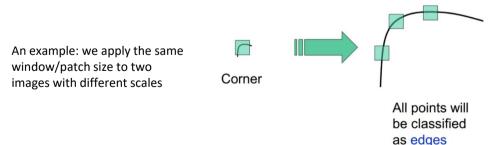


Corner

Representative results



- Corner Detection
- ✓ The above method without explicitly shifting patch is called Harris detector
- ✓ The Harris detector is not scale invariant (same patch size is not applicable to different scales of images)

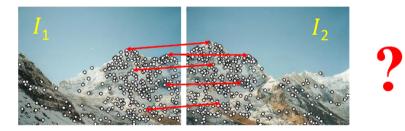




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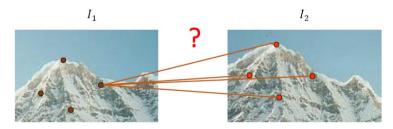
Feature Descriptor

- Feature Matching Based on Descriptor
- ✓ Given a detected point in I_1 , how to find the best match in I_2 ?



- Define point descriptors, e.g., Census, HOG, ORB , BRIEF , BRISK, FREAK.
- Define distance function that compares two descriptors, e.g., SSD , SAD , NCC or Hamming distance.

- Feature Matching Based on Descriptor
- ✓ A naive matching strategy: Brute force matching
- Here, we assume that detected points, point descriptions are both known.
- Compare each feature in I₁ against all the features in I₂ (N² comparisons, where N is the number of features in each image).
- Select the point pair with the minimum distance, i.e., the closest description.



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- Feature Matching Based on Descriptor
- ✓ Issue with closest descriptor:

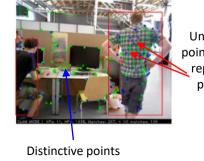
Algorithm can occasionally return good scores for false matches A solution: compute ratio of distances to 1st to 2nd closest descriptor

$$\frac{d_1}{d_2} < Threshold (usually 0.8)$$

Distinctive enough

where:

 $d_{\rm 1}$ is the distance from the closest descriptor $d_{\rm 2}$ is the distance of the 2nd closest descriptor



Unreliable points due to repetitive pattern



- Distance Function Definition
- ✓ Similarity measurement (applicable to both 2D and 1D)
- Sum of Squared Differences (SSD): always ≥ 0. It's exactly 0 only if H and F are identical

$$SSD = \sum_{u=-k}^{k} \sum_{v=-k}^{k} \left(H(u,v) - F(u,v) \right)$$

H and F denote left and right patches/descriptors respectively

• Sum of Absolute Differences (SAD): always \geq 0. It's 0 only if H and F are identical

$$SAD = \sum_{u=-k}^{k} \sum_{v=-k}^{k} |H(u,v) - F(u,v)|$$





1D descriptors



- Distance Function Definition
- ✓ Similarity measurement
- Normalized Cross Correlation (NCC): ranges between -1 and +1 and is exactly 1 if H and F are identical

(1,1) and (1,1):
NCC = 1
$$NCC = \frac{\sum_{u=-kv=-k}^{k} H(u,v)F(u,v)}{\sqrt{\sum_{u=-kv=-k}^{k} H(u,v)^2} \sqrt{\sqrt{\sum_{u=-kv=-k}^{k} F(u,v)^2}}}$$
(1,1) and (-1,-1):
NCC = -1

• To account for the difference in the average intensity of two images (typically caused by additive illumination changes), we subtract the mean value of each image:

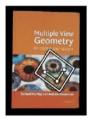
$$\mu_{H} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{u=-kv=-k}^{k} H(u,v) \qquad \mu_{F} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{u=-kv=-k}^{k} F(u,v) \qquad \bigoplus_{\text{Zero-mean}} ZSSD = \sum_{u=-kv=-k}^{k} \sum_{(H(u,v) - \mu_{H})}^{k} (H(u,v) - \mu_{H}) - (F(u,v) - \mu_{F}))^{2}$$



- Properties of Descriptor
- ✓ Distinctiveness of a feature descriptor
- A descriptor is a "description" of the pixel information **around** a feature.
- "Distinctiveness" means that the descriptor can uniquely distinguish a feature from the other features without ambiguity.
- ✓ Robustness to geometric changes
- Scale-invariant (for zooming)
- Rotation-invariant
- View point-invariant (for perspective changes)



Distinctiveness





Geometric changes



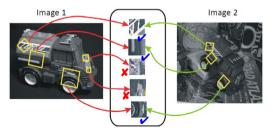
- Properties of Descriptor
- ✓ Robustness to illumination changes
- Small illumination changes are modelled with an affine transformation (so called affine illumination changes) changes:
 Intensities

$$I'(x, y) = \alpha I(x, y) + \beta$$





- Traditional Method based on Patch Feature
- ✓ General pipeline
- Determine the scale, rotation and viewpoint change of each patch (introduced later).
- Warp each patch into a canonical patch.
- Establish patch correspondences based on similarity of the warped patch.

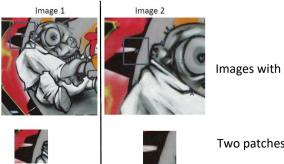


Canonical space



- Scale of Descriptor
- ✓ Problem formulation

Two image patches have the same size, but are in the **images with different scales**. How can we match these patches?

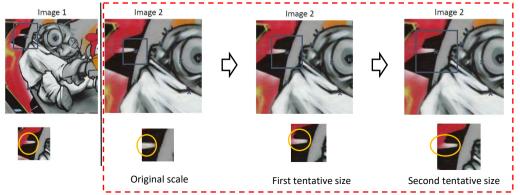


Images with different scales

Two patches with **the same size**



- Scale of Descriptor
- ✓ A possible solution
 Keep the left patch unchanged, and resize the right patch with different tentative sizes.





- Scale of Descriptor
- ✓ Patch size search is time-consuming
- We need to individually re-size all the patches in the right image.
- Algorithm complexity is N^2S assuming N features per image and S tentative sizes per feature.



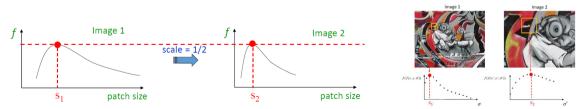
N patches



• A better solution of automatic size selection: We aim to "automatically" assign each patch (both left and right) its own size.



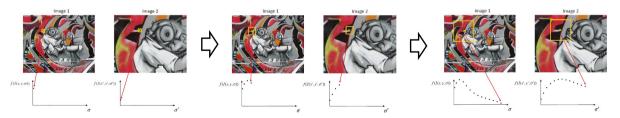
- Scale of Descriptor
- ✓ Overview of automatic size selection
- Core idea: Assign a function to the image patch. The function extremum is scale invariant.
- Try candidate scales in each image independently



- When the left patch is resized by s₁, and the right patch is resized by s₂, their associated functions both achieve (the same) extremum. s₁ and s₂ are our automatically determined sizes of patches.
- We care about which scale leads to the extremum. The value of extremum is not important.



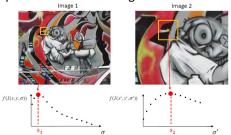
- Scale of Descriptor
- ✓ An example of automatic scale selection
- Patches with the same size correspond to different function values.



• Intuitively, only if two patches correspond to **the same 3D area**, their associated extreme values of function are the same.



- Scale of Descriptor
- ✓ An example of automatic scale selection
- Two patches with different sizes correspond to the same 3D areas. These two patches lead to the same extreme value of function.
- Note: We determine the scale of a patch in each image **independently**. We try a set of candidate scales for a patch. The scale leading to extremum is the optimal scale.



What scale-invariant function should we assign to patch?



- Scale of Descriptor
- ✓ Function properties
- A "good" function for scale detection should have a single & sharp peak
- Sharp intensity changes are good regions to monitor in order to identify the scale



• In our context, for ease of understanding, we do not consider a more complex case (multiple extrema)



- Scale of Descriptor
- \checkmark Function selection





Discontinuity

Smoothness

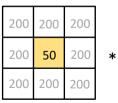
- Intuitively, a human can identify the scale (patch sizes) by comparing the areas with sharp brightness discontinuities. (we can easily identify the same 3D area at different scales)
- Therefore, the ideal function for determining the scale should be able to highlight sharp discontinuities.
- Solution: convolve image patch with a kernel that highlights edges

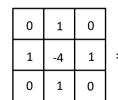
$$f = \text{Kernel} * \text{Image}$$

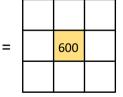
Scale invariant Function

A patch

- Scale of Descriptor
- $\checkmark\,$ Function selection
- Recap on Laplace operator









Apply Laplace operator to a pixel

$$\begin{split} \nabla^2 f &= \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2} \\ &= [f(x+1,y) + f(x-1,y) \\ &+ f(x,y+1) + f(x,y-1)] - 4f(x,y) \\ & \text{Laplace operator} \end{split}$$



Laplace operator highlights the pixels with sharp intensity discontinuity (e.g., edge pixels)





- Scale of Descriptor
- \checkmark Function selection
- Extension to the blob

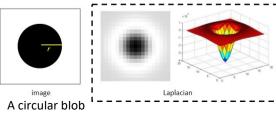
It has been shown that the Laplacian of Gaussian kernel is optimal under certain assumptions [1]

[1] Lindeberg, Scale-space theory: A basic tool for analysing structures at different scales, Journal of Applied Statistics, 1994

• The Laplacian of Gaussian is a circularly symmetric filter defined as:

$$LoG(x, y, \sigma) = \nabla^2 G_{\sigma}(x, y) = \frac{\partial^2 G_{\sigma}(x, y)}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 G_{\sigma}(x, y)}{\partial y^2}$$
$$\nabla^2 \text{ is the Laplacian operator: } \nabla^2 = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2}$$





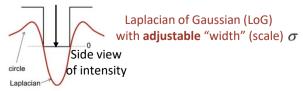


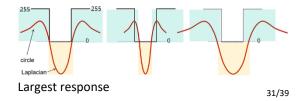
- Scale of Descriptor
- \checkmark Function selection

At what scale does the Laplacian achieve a maximum response (extremum) to a binary circle of radius r?

- To get the maximum response, the Laplacian has to be aligned to the circle.
- The maximum response occurs at $\sigma = r/\sqrt{2}$.
- A simplified but not general case with known circle. Generally, we have to test a set of candidate scales.

Circle pixels with low intensity (fixed)

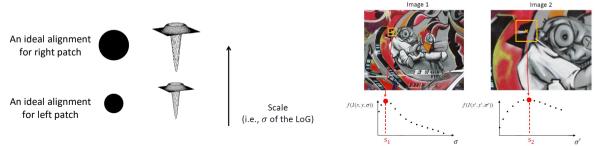




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Feature Descriptor

- Scale of Descriptor
- ✓ Scale determination
- An ideal alignment between blob and LoG leads to a extrema
- The correct scale is found at the local extremum





- Scale of Descriptor
- ✓ Post-processing

When the right scale is found, the patches must be normalized to a canonical size so that they can be compared by SSD. Patch normalization is done via warping.

Image 1



Image 2



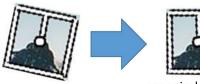


Rotation of Descriptor \triangleright

Determining patch orientation \checkmark Eigenvectors of M matrix of Harris (introduced before) or dominant gradient direction (see next slide)

Back-rotating patch through "patch warping" \checkmark This step puts the patches back into a canonical orientation



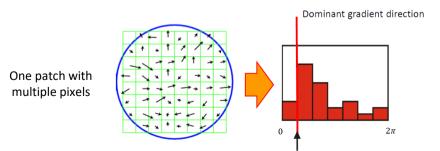




canonical orientation

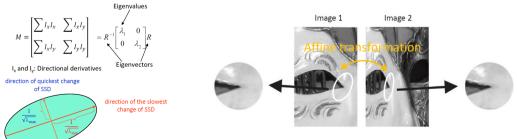


- Rotation of Descriptor
- ✓ A general pipeline to express patch orientation
- Compute gradients vectors at each pixel within a patch
- Build a histogram of gradient orientations, weighted by the gradient magnitudes (norm of vector).
- Extract all local maxima in the histogram: each local maximum above a threshold is a candidate dominant orientation.





- Viewpoint of Descriptor
- ✓ Affine warping provides invariance to small view-point changes
- The second moment **matrix M** of the Harris detector can be used to identify the two directions of fastest and slowest change of SSD around the feature
- Out of these two directions, an ellipse-shaped patch is extracted
- The region inside the ellipse is normalized to a canonical circular patch

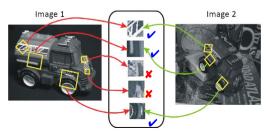




- Summary
- ✓ Scale, rotation, and affine-invariant patch matching
- 1. Scale assignment: compute the scale using the LoG operator. (scale-invariant)
- 2. Rotation assignment: use Harris or gradient histogram to find dominant orientation. (rotation-invariant)

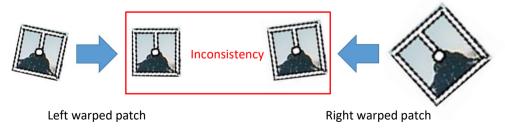
3. View point transformation: use Harris eigenvectors to extract affine transformation parameters. (view point-invariant)

4. Warp the patch into a canonical patch





- Disadvantages of Patch Feature-based Method
- ✓ If the warping is not estimated accurately, very small errors in rotation, scale, and view point will affect matching score (e.g., SSD of patch features).



Is there a better strategy without directly using patch feature? Census feature (introduced in the next class).



Summary

- Overview of Indirect Method
- Point Detector
- Point Descriptor





Thank you for your listening! If you have any questions, please come to me :-)