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Context Aware Vision using Image-Based Active Recognition

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Presentation Plan:

Project Overview (R. B. Fisher)
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WP3 - Selective Attention (R. B. Fisher)
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- WP5 Model Learning (J. L Crowley)
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WP 4: Recognition processes



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Define, implement and compare attention driven methods for detection and observation of entities and properties

<u>Tasks</u>:

T4.1 Define and implement visual processes

T4.2 Define representations for object, situation and context

T4.3 Develop processes of object recognition under variation of viewpoint

T4.4 Develop processes for diagnosing and recovering from errors

<u>Deliverables</u>

D22/24 - Report and Software on Property Observation

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Report and Software on Property Observation



Problem:

Measure properties for detecting entities and recognizing entities as objects (playing roles in situations).

Approach:

Attributes of tracked entities (position, size, velocity, etc)
 View invariant descriptions of Appearance (structural and

statistical)





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Attributes for tracked entities: Position, Speed, Direction, Activity Level

Experiment:

Compare observed values with ground truth in hand-labeled benchmark sequences.





Report and Software on Property Observation



For each target, robust tracking provides

- Image Position, Height and Width
- Velocity (Speed, Direction).
- Position of Entry (target creation) into image
- Motion energy (or activity)

Motion energy is computed as SAD within ROI's

$$En(ROI) = \frac{1}{3NM} \sum_{x,y \in ROI} \sum_{c \in r,g,b} |I^{t}(x,y,c) - I^{t-1}(x,y,c)|$$



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Evaluation of property "speed"





Benchmark sequence "Browse2"

- Ground truth (red, green) is computed from a temporal window of 4 frames
- Estimated speed (blue, mauve) is smoothed by tracking. Conclusion:
- Estimation is reliable,
- Lag is not a problem.







Benchmark sequence "Browse2"

- Ground truth (red, green) is computed from a temporal window of 4 frames Conclusion:
- Estimated Direction (blue mauve) accurate only when speed is non-zero.
- (hand labeled bounding boxes do not move for stationary target because tool for hand labeling allows copy of results from previous frame.







Motion direction estimate is precise when speed is larger than some threshold.

For very little speed, the motion direction is arbitrary.



Labels for activity: inactive, active, walking, running

- Motion energy correlates with inactive, active and running.
- Poor Correlation for Walking (large variance in energy)



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D29/34 Report and Software for Error Recovery



<u>Objective</u>:

Detect, diagnose and repair when system performance degrades.

Approach:

Learn a model of correct system behaviour Monitor system output and detect errors Classify errors Repair system according to error class



Observation Processes





Pipeline of modules controlled by a supervisor Supervisor Provides:

- Execution Scheduler
- Parameter Regulation
- Error Handling

- Command Interpreter
- Reflexive Description



Autonomic Properties

(Provided by process supervisor)



<u>Auto-descriptive</u>: The process controller provides descriptions of the capabilities and the current state of the process.

<u>Auto-regulatory</u>: The process controller can adapt parameters to maintain a desired process state.

Auto-critical: Process estimates confidence for all properties and events.

<u>Self Monitoring</u>: Maintaining a description of process state and quality of service



Process Model: histogram for process outputs

Semi-Supervised learning:

- User configures and launches a process.
- System classifies each frame as valid, known error, unknown.
- User validates classification, sequence stored.
- Model updated after each validation.
- Process converges after a few minutes (using CAVIAR indoor testbed).



Training the Process Model







Training the Process Model





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Training the Process Model



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Error Detection:

Calculates likelihood from output of N most recent frames Raises event if likelihood falls below threshold for N frames



Error Classification



<u>Method</u>: Cascaded Support Vector Machines

Classify error as known/unknown
 If known, assign error to class.

<u>Output</u>: The error sequence and class.





Error Monitoring and Recovery





Two Cases:

If Error labeled as a known class

• Use repair code for class to reconfigure process.

if Error labeled as Unknown

• Store data sequence in data base for off line learning.



Error Monitoring and Recovery





Error Recovery:

Error Class is used to select recovery procedure (hand coded)



Error Monitoring and Recovery



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Conclusion:

Self Monitoring allows error recovery and auto-regulation

Error Recovery:

• Provides robust system behaviour under real world conditions.

Auto-regulation (Y2):

- Provides robust, real time quality of service under variations of illumination and operating Conditions.
- Allows system installation by unskilled personnel.



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Report and Software for Object Recognition under Variations of Viewpoint



Problem:

Recognize target under variations of view direction and illumination conditions.

Approach:

- Scale and orientation invariance from normalised receptive fields
- Comparison of Statistical and Structural approachs

Structural Approach:

• Natural interest points and Natural interest "ridges".

Statistical:

- SIFT, Ridge normalised SIFT
- Auto-Associative Classifiers



Chromatic Gaussian Receptive Fields



Normalized in scale and orientation of local neighborhood Real Time calculation with binomial pyramid.







The normalisation to intrinsic scale provides scale invariant description of appearance

$$\sigma_{i}(i, j) = \operatorname{Arg}_{\sigma} - \operatorname{Max}_{\sigma} \{ < \nabla^{2} G(\sigma) \cdot A(i, j) > \}$$



Natural Interest Points

(Scale Invariant "Salient" image features)

Natural Interest points: Local extrema of $\langle \nabla^2 G(i,j,s) \cdot A(i,j) \rangle$ over i, j, s (Current state of the art in "salient image features")








Natural Interest Points

(Scale Invariant "Salient" image features)



Local extrema of $\langle \nabla^2 G(i,j,s) \cdot A(i,j) \rangle$ over i, j, s

Problems with Points

- Elongated shapes
- Lack of discrimination power
- No orientation information

Proposal: Natural Interest Ridges Maximal ridges in Laplacian Scale Space: $\langle \nabla^2 G(i,j,s) \cdot A(i,j) \rangle$ over i, j, s







Natural Ridge Detection [Tran04]





Laplacian

Hessian

Compute Derivatives at different Scales. For each point (x,y,scale)

- Compute second derivatives: f_{xx}, f_{yy}, f_{xy}
- Compute eigenvalues and eigenvectors of Hessian matrice:
- Detect local extremum in the direction corresponding to the largest eigenvalue.
- Assemble ridge points,



Ridge Detection and Linking



- For each ridge point (x,y,s) at scale s:
- If: Lap(x,y,s) > threshold

 $Lap(x,y,s-1) \leq Lap(x,y,s) \geq Lap(x,y,s+1)$

Then note as ridge point











Structural Modelling of Humans using Ridges



Human form can be represented by three dominant ridges:



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Dominant Ridge: Torso ridge

Ridge at largest scale.

Tests : Length to scale ratio, direction (scene vertical)

(Scene vertical observed at set-up)





Structural model for Human Form



A human: Feature vector of 10 dimensions

(N_{ridges},theta1,len1,dis1,theta2,len2,dis2,theta3,len3,dis3)

Features are normalized by scale of human





Learning articulated models



Human models are learned from 12 video sequences in the hall of INRIA by using K-Means (34 clusters)





Example Results: Browsing



Task: Classify Imagette Class 1: Contains one or more Human (Green) Class 2: Does not contain a human (Red)



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Example Results: Random ROIs



Task: Classify Imagette Class 1: Contains one or more Human (Green) Class 2: Does not contain a human (Red)





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Estimating number of people in groups by using majors ridges



Counting the number of people in a group using number of major ridges.



Early results: only 51.3 % of Imagettes correctly classified in first experiment



Statistical Recognition of Imagettes



Objectives :

- Classification of imagettes based on appearance.
- Invariant to viewpoint (affine transformations)
- Robust to illumination changes

Approach:

- Gradient histograms normalized by ridge parameters
 Inspired by:
 - SIFT descriptor [Lowe04] and
 - Gaussian Receptive Field Histograms [Schiele00]

Method:

- Estimation of a local reference using ridges
- Normalize scale and orientation of gradient
- Compute histograms for 4 quadrants
- Compare to model for human(s)



 $\langle G_x^{\theta} \cdot A(i,j) \rangle = \langle G_x \cdot A(i,j) \rangle Cos(\theta) + \langle G_y \cdot A(i,j) \rangle Sin(\theta)$

Problem: How to determine orientation Classic Approach:

$$\theta_{i}(i, j) = \operatorname{Tan}^{-1}\left(\frac{\langle G_{y} \cdot A(i, j) \rangle}{\langle G_{x} \cdot A(i, j) \rangle}\right)$$

Alternative: Direction of dominant ridge

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Ridge Description



Ridge Linking:

- Ridge detection at individual scales
- Group overlapping ridges across scales to form 3d blob in (i, j, s).

Ridge feature estimation

- Position, Scale: first moments (C.o.G.) of ridge blob
- Length: Major axis of second moment
- Orientation: Angle of second moment.



Ridge parameter estimation









Experimental results



Two classes ("1person" and "0person")

Training database:

12 video sequences: 20000 imagettes with one person.

Test database:

12 video sequences: 9500 imagettes with one person2 video sequences: 5000 imagettes without person.



Recognition rate and precision for two classes



Experimental results: Browsing



Task: Classify imagettes Class 1: Contains one or more human (Green) Class 2: Does not contain a human (Red)





Experimental results: Meeting



Task: Classify imagettes Class 1: Contains one or more human (Green) Class 2: Does not contain a human (Red)





Experimental results: Empty



Task: Classify Imagettes Class 1: Contains one or more human (Green) Class 2: Does not contain a human (Red)



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Conclusion



Ridge-based normalisation for statistical classification is

- Affine Invariant
- Robust to Occlusions
- Useful at Video rate.
- Useful for any object with a dominant ridge.
- Easily trained to new classes,

But also:

- Sensitive to local illumination (shadows)
- Less reliable than structural approach because of ridge detection errors (can be improved).



Recognition with Linear Auto-Associative Networks



Objectives :

Classification of imagettes based on appearance.

Approach:

- Use Imagette ROI to normalize scale and orientation.
- Classify imagette based on Appearance

Method:

- Auto-associative Memories [Abdi94]
- Widrow-Hoff learning rule to learn a linear subspace



Recognition with Linear Auto-Associative Networks



Widrow-Hoff learning rule to learn a linear subspace

Learning: For M normalised imagettes $\{x_m\}$

 $W^{(t+1)} = W^{(t)} + h(X_m - W^{(t)} X_m) X_m^{\mathsf{T}}$

Recognition: S = II X - W X II

S is a similarity score $0 \le S \le 1$



Normalisation



Normalise scale and orientation using ROI parameters Affine transformation of imagette to 25 x 25 pixels. (Note: Problems encountered with hand labeled data)







Recognition with Linear Auto-Associative Networks



Three Experiments:

 Train single class for imagettes with 1 person. (no separate Class for 0 persons or N>1 persons)
 Train 2 Classes: 0-persons, and 1 person.
 Train 2 Classes: 0-persons and N>0 persons



Experiment 1

Train single class for imagettes with 1 person.



Interest: Can be learned in lab and applied to all sites. Conclusion: 0.2 recognition rate Not reliable. Need to learn Background (imagettes with 0 person).



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Experiment 2

Train 2 Classes: 0-persons, and 1 person.



Inconvenience: Requires learning in-situ.

Conclusion: Reliable discrimination for 0/1 person class imagettes





Experiment 3

Train 2 Classes: 0-persons, and N person.



Inconvenience: Requires learning in-situ.

Conclusion: Works almost as well as 0/1 person classification



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Precision and Recall



Experiment	1	2	3
Class	1/0 Person	1/0 Person	N/0 Persons
1st class recall	-	99 %	99 %
2 nd class recall	-	68 %	70 %
1st class precision	-	95 %	93 %
2 nd class precision	-	93 %	90 %



Demo: Browse Sequence



Green: N persons in Imagette Red: No Person in Imagette



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Demo: Meeting Sequence



Green: N persons in Imagette Red: No Person in Imagette



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Demo: Empty Image



Green: N persons in Imagette Red: No Person in Imagette



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Conclusions:

1) Natural Interest ridges can provide affine invariant normalisation when reliably detected.

2) Structural description is reliable, but requires hand crafted model.

- 3) Statisical (SIFT) description:
 - Easily implemented
 - Problems when prinicipal ridge is not properly detected
- 4) Linear Auto-Associative Networks
 - Reliable and easily used for imagette classification.
 - Usable for target "recognition" for reacquisition.


WP 5: Acquiring models for contexts, situations and control of perception



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- D27/32 Report / Software on Context Modeling
- D30/37 Report / Software on Federation Assembly





<u>Objective</u>:

• Provide tools for automatic acquisition of situation networks.

Approach:

• Statistical learning using Hidden Markov Models.

Learning:

- Use BaumWelch (EM) to learn models with different numbers of states
- Select model with best results

Recognition:

• Use viterbi algorithm





Training Data:

28 CAVIAR Benchmark Sequences with Ground truth.



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<u>Groups</u>:

Use ground truth data about groups



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Converting Ground Truth to Labels

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Label Sequences normalised in length to 100 labels per benchmark.



Example of sequences



Example ("browsing 2"):



Demo: Learning Context Model





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Demo: Recognizing Situations



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Evaluation

- Error metric: number of misclassified validation sequences.
- Need of a label for each sequence and one for each class to compare.
- Sequence labeling done by hand.

Test:

- Use of Group information for merged imagettes
- Robustness to noise.
- Influence of threshold.





test cases

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Simulation of noise





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Random selection of *n* observations to add noise

For each selected observation, replace code with random number

Executed tests:			Learning	
			clean	noisy
	Validation	clean	Test CC	Test NC
		noisy	Test CN	Test NN



Results: number of errors







Results: number of classes







Influence of threshold







Influence of threshold







Results on Context learning



Best results when the system organizes itself. Notion of groups does not improve performance Good robustness to noise when less than 30% of codes corrupted.



Conclusion



Good recognition rate: 1.96% of errors (2 errors for 102 sequences).

Strong point of method: Automatic Learning Opens possibility for interactive model acquisition.



WP 5: Acquiring models for contexts, situations and control of perception



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Process Federations: Assemblies of autonomous processes



Example: Multi-Camera target tracking



Example: Multi-Camera Target tracking using INRIA ParkingLot TestBed.





D30/37 Report / Software on Federation Assembly



BIP : Basic Interaction Protocol for Event Flow Services

<u>Objective</u>:

 Provide Software tools for manual and automatic assembly of process federations

<u>Approach</u>: BIP: A process federation middleware providing

- Event Dispatching
- Establishing Direct Data streams
- Ontology registry for data and processes
- Graphical Interface tools.



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Report / Software on Federation Assembly



- BIP : Basic Interaction Protocol for Event Flow Services (Adapted from Process Federation Tool)
 - Module Library Management Tool (in ImaLab)
 - Process Configuration Tool
 - Federation Configuration tool
 - Process and Federation Monitoring Tool



BIP: first version (test)





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BIP: Federating a Camera and a Tracker





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BIP Demo: Federation of image query connected to a tracker debugger





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BIP Demo: Federation with tracker connected to a tracker debugger





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BIP Demo: Process Shutdown





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BIP Demo: distributed service discovery





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<u>Deliverables</u>

- D27/32 Report / Software on Context Modeling
- D30/37 Report / Software on Federation Assembly





WP 6 Performance Evaluation

INRIA has constructed two test bed environments for acquiring benchmark data sets

Indoor Test-bed: INRIA RA Entrance Hall

• 2 Cameras: one w/wide angle lens, one steerable pan-tilt-zoom

Outdoor Test-bed: INRIA Back Parking lot

- 2 Cameras platforms:
 - 4 Fixed cameras w/wide angle lens
 - 1 steerable surveillance cameras
 - Fixed cameras form wide baseline stereo pairs



WP7 Dissemination



<u>Objectives</u>

- Disseminate the research results of CAVIR
- Disseminate the research experience to colleagues

<u>Tasks</u>

- T7.1 Scientific dissemination
- T7.2 Educational dissemination
- T7.3 Industrial dissemination

Deliverables

- D3: (month 12) ECVision network activity
- D11: (month 24) ECVision network activity
- D26: (month 36) ECVision network activity



WP7 Dissemination



T7.1 Scientific dissemination

Publications:

2 book chapter, 2 MSc dissertations, 12 conf. papers, 1 journal papers.

T7.2 Educational dissemination

Workshop: Sixth IEEE Int. Work. on Performance Evaluation of Tracking and Surveillance (PETS04), in association with ECCV 2004, Prague, May 2004.

T7.3 Industrial dissemination

- INRIA and Blue Eye Video: commercial Applications
- IST & Observit: access to new shopping centre surveillance data for ground truth
- UEDIN: new EPSRC project that complements CAVIAR, investigating pre-fight detection and dense crowd behaviour.

Project Web site: http://homepages.inf.ed.ac.uk/rbf/CAVIAR/







EXTRA SLIDES

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