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Geometric Models of the Visual Front-End

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Generalized Image Understanding

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Geometric models

task = geometry inference Self-organization:

- axioms, mathematics

Pattern recognition

- S-COSFIRE contextual model Self-organization:
 - learning, Hebbian rules, neural nets

This talk: early vision geometry.

How can we explain the extremely well organized very extensive filter banks?

→ HPC, Computer-Aided Diagnosis



Vision is the most extensively studied function in the brain.



Multi-scale sampling at the retina: measuring at many resolutions simultaneously



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macaque

disc

nasal

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macaque

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Rodieck 2004 : 'The first steps of seeing'

Multi-scale retina: measuring at many resolutions simultaneously







'Spurious resolution': artefact of the wrong aperture (Koenderink, 1990)

First principles derivation of the Gaussian kernel as optimal aperture



The energy *E* becomes:

 $E \sim \tilde{g} x \ln g x x 1 \sim g x x 2 \sim x g x x 3 \sim x^2 g x x$

and is minimum when $\frac{E}{\sigma} = 0$. The 's are the Lagrange multipliers.

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An important first finding is that g is an exponential function.

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Now we can solve for all three 's:

solution @ Solve eqn1, eqn2, eqn3 , 01, 02, 03 , Method 1 "Legacy"

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$$\frac{1}{4} \log \frac{\ddot{Y}^4}{4 s^2 v^4}$$
, o2 $\frac{1}{2 v^2}$

g x_, V_{-} @ Simplify g x • Flatten solution , $v \land 0$

 $\frac{\ddot{Y}^{0\frac{x^{2}}{2v^{2}}}}{\sqrt{2s}v}$

which is the Gaussian function. A beautiful result. We have found the Gaussian as the *unique* solution to the set of constraints, which in principle are a formal statement of the *uncommittment* of the observation.

There are 11 known axiomatic derivations of the Gaussian kernel as the optimal aperture for uncommitted observations [Weickert 2002].



 $\partial_x = 0, \partial_v = 0$

Gaussian derivatives to 5th order

High order differential geometry, features, shape ...

V1 simple cells receptive fields model: Multi-scale differential operators

The brains takes high order derivatives of incoming images, up to 4th order.

(Young 1991, Koenderink 1994)

 $-\frac{1}{x} L_0 \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{G} \mathbf{x};$ $I_0 \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{G} \mathbf{x};$

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Eigenpatches: PCA analysis



A PCA analysis of the patches:

m[⊤]m



Movie:

cat trained with horizontal bars (Colin Blakemore, Oxford) 3:30 6:06







Retinal receptive fields have a center-surround structure.

50% on-center, 50% off-center







Koenderink: the Gaussian induces a multi-scale paradigm. scale is free parameter.

The Gaussian is the Green's function of the diffusion equation:

$$\frac{L}{s} \quad \frac{2L}{x^{2}} \quad \frac{2L}{y^2}$$

Center-surround model: Laplacian of Gaussian kernel.

Why do we measure with a Laplacian? 'Lateral inhibition'. We may measure only points of interest, with change of RF size.



Troxler's fading:

With stabilized retinal images vision disappears.

Regularization:

- <u>smoothing</u> the data, convolution with some kernel;
- interpolation, by a polynomial (multidimensional) function;

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- <u>energy minimization</u>, of a cost function under constraints
- <u>fitting a function</u> to the data (e.g. cubic splines);
- graduated convexity [Blake1987];
- <u>deformable templates</u> ('snakes') [McInerney1996];
- <u>thin plates splines</u> [Bookstein1989];
- <u>Tikhonov regularization</u>.



MathematicsSmooth test functionComputer visionKernel, filterBiological visionReceptive field



Relation regularization - Gaussian scale-space

An essential result in scale-space theory was shown by Mads Nielsen (Copenhagen University). He proved that Tikhonov regularization is essentially equivalent to convolution with a Gaussian kernel.



minimize this function for g, given the constraint that the derivative behaves well.

Euler-Lagrange:



In the Fourier domain the expressions are easier:

$$E g \square F \square f g^2 \square g^2 \square g^2 \square f g^2 \square f g^2 \square f g^2 \square f g^2 \square g^2 \square f g^2 \square g^2 \square f g^2 \square g^2$$

$$\frac{dE}{dg} = 2\int -\ddot{g} = 0$$

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In the spatial domain:



Filter proposed by Castan, 1990

Including the second order derivative:



Taylor expansion of the Gaussian in the Fourier domain:



By recursion:

Tikhonov regularization is equivalent to Gaussian blurring



An example of high order derivatives and regularization:

Deblurring with a scale-space approach



Can we inverse the diffusion equation?



Recall that scale-space is infinitely differentiable due to the regularization properties of the observation process.

We can construct a Taylor expansion of the scale-space in any direction, including the negative scale direction.

Taylor expansion 'downwards':

L is y, s - ds
$$\frac{\Pi L}{\Pi s} ds + \frac{1}{2!} \frac{\Pi^2 L}{\Pi s^2} ds^2 - \frac{1}{3!} \frac{\Pi^3 L}{\Pi s^3} ds^3 + O ds^4$$

The derivatives with respect to s (scale) can be expressed in spatial derivatives due to the diffusion equation

$$\frac{L}{s} \quad \frac{2L}{x^{2}} \quad \frac{2L}{y^2}$$



It is well-known that subtraction of the Laplacian sharpens the image. It is the first order approximation of the deblurring process.

Deblurring to 4th, 8th,

16th and 32nd order:







order = 16

There are 560 derivative terms in the 32nd order expression!





12th order Laplacian = 24th order Gaussian derivatives Out[20]=

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Colour receptive fields from eigenpatches of a color image











Idea Koenderink: *Gaussian derivatives* of zero, first and second order in the wavelength domain, single scale = 55 nm.

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The reflected spectrum is:

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$E(\lambda) = e(\lambda) \left(1 - \rho_f(n, s, v)\right)^2 R_{\infty}(\lambda)$

- $e(\lambda) = emitted light$
- v = viewing direction
- n = surface patch normal
- s = direction of illumination
- ρ_{f} = Fresnel front surface reflectance coefficient
- $R_{-} = body reflectance$

Because of projection of the energy distribution on the image plane the vectors n, s and v will depend on the position at the imaging plane. So the energy at a point x is then related to:

$$E(\lambda, x) = e(\lambda, x)(1 - \rho_f(x))^2 R_{\infty}(\lambda, x)$$

We assume an illumination with a locally constant color:

$$E(\lambda, x) = e(\lambda)i(x)(1 - \rho_f(x))^2 R_{\infty}(\lambda, x)$$

Aim: describe material changes independent of the illumination.

$$E(\lambda, x) = e(\lambda)i(x)(1 - \rho_f(x))^2 R_{\infty}(\lambda, x)$$

$$\frac{\partial E}{\partial \lambda} = i(x)(1 - \rho_f(x))^2 R_\infty(\lambda, x) \frac{\partial e}{\partial \lambda} + e(\lambda)i(x)(1 - \rho_f(x))^2 \frac{\partial R_\infty}{\partial \lambda}$$

Both equations have many common terms

The normalized differential

$$\hat{E} = \frac{1}{E} \frac{\partial E}{\partial \lambda} = \frac{1}{e(\lambda)} \frac{\partial e}{\partial \lambda} + \frac{1}{R_{\infty}(\lambda, x)} \frac{\partial R_{\infty}}{\partial \lambda}$$

determines material changes *independent of the viewpoint, surface orientation, illumination direction, illumination intensity and illumination color*!

The derivative jet to x and λ forms a complete family of geometric **invariants**:

$$rac{\partial^{n+m}\hat{E}}{\partial\lambda^n\partial x^m}$$

These are *observed* properties, so we convolve with Gaussian derivatives

$$\frac{\partial^{n} \hat{E}}{\partial \lambda^{n}} = \hat{E} \otimes G(\lambda; \lambda_{0} \cong 515nm; \sigma_{\lambda} \cong 55nm)$$







Luminance gradient edge detection





Color invariant edge detection



Blue-yellow edges

Note the complete absence of detection of black-white edges.

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Orientation sensitivity map of simple cells in V1



Cortical hyper columns encode for position and orientation



Connections exist between similar orientations to far away columns





Duits, R. Duits, M. Almsick, and B. Haar Romeny, "Invertible orientation scores as an application of generalized wavelet theory," *Pattern Recognition and Image Analysis,* vol. 17, no. 1, pp. 42–75, Mar. 2007.



Sampling the Fourier domain in "pieces of a cake"





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TU/e technische universiteit eindhoven Gabor vs Cake Kernel – Fourier Domain



Cake Kernel

TU/e technische universiteit eindhoven Construction of Orientation Scores



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In China: 10% has diabetes, > 100 million people. Massive screening program for early diabetes detection TU/e + NEU: CAD on retinal fundus images. Target: 24 million people (province of Liaoning).



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6 images 32 MB, 11 hospitals, 200 health centers, 4 vans 17 image features + 18 diabetic metadata PR: SVM, LVQ, etc.







Maastricht Study: 5000+5000 people, 32 parameters, 38 M€/10y

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With adaptive optics we can compensate for deformed wave fronts.

Now we can reveal individual photoreceptors.







Different orientations are disentangled in the orientation space



TU/e technische universiteit eindhoven Denoising of crossing fibers (collagen, tissue engineered heart valve)



Franken et al., TU/e, 2010

- Operations on orientation scores
 - Diffusion on $\mathbb{R}^3 \times \mathbb{S}^2$
 - Contour enhancement

$$\partial_t W(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{n}, t) = \left(D_{33} (\mathbf{A}_3)^2 + D_{44} ((\mathbf{A}_4)^2 + (\mathbf{A}_5)^2) \right)$$
$$\lim_{t \neq 0} W(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{n}, t) = U(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{n})$$





TU/e MRI: k-space: 3D spatial sampling, q-space: 3D orientational



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The problem is crossings, kissings, splittings, endings, etc. Glyphs: 8th order spherical harmonics





vIST/e: Visualization tool for DW MRI (A. Vilanova - project leader)

- Operations on orientation scores
 - Diffusion on $\mathbb{R}^3 \times \mathbb{S}^2$
 - Linear contour enhancement: Convolution
 - $(\Phi(U))(\mathbf{x},\mathbf{n}) = \int_{\mathbb{D}^3} \int_{S^2} p(R_{\mathbf{n}'}^T(\mathbf{x}-\mathbf{x}'), R_{\mathbf{n}'}^T\mathbf{n}) U(\mathbf{x}',\mathbf{n}') d\sigma(\mathbf{n}') d\mathbf{x}'$





Complex brain connectivity from HARDI MRI sequences





Gabor receptive fields Gabor wavelets Multi-spatial frequency stack (another filter bank)

Multi-spatial frequency





Cardiac deformation assessment – MRI tagging

thicker stripes: stretching



 \rightarrow changes in local spatial frequency

TU/e technische universiteit eindhoven Multi-spatial frequency – Gabor wavelets

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Non-invasive heart infarct quantification



Math model for extensive filterbanks:

- Counter-intuitive: add dimensions
- Lie group theoretical model
- Axiomatic, first principles Context, Gestalt
- Massively parallel implementation





Multiscale



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Lie Group Vision



Multi-spatial frequency



Multidisparity

ERC grant Remco Duits, 2013-2018 EU project 'MANET'







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2D: 32 Mpixel, 6 scales, 64 orientations, 9 derivatives, 16 spatial frequencies, 3-64 colors, 16 velocities, 64 velocity directions, 16 disparities

3D: 1 Gvoxel, 6 scales, 64x32 orientations, 15 derivatives, 16 spatial frequencies, 3-64 colors, 16 velocities, 64x32 velocity directions



Multiscale





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