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framework with target models included

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## **Abstract**

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# 1 Introduction

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## 1.1 Problem statement

### 1.1.1 The settings

### 1.1.2 The goal

## 1.2 The work environment: Scitas Izar

```
1 #!/bin/bash
2 #SBATCH --chdir /scratch/izar/jchavero
3 #SBATCH --partition=gpu
4 #SBATCH --qos=gpu_free
5 #SBATCH --gres=gpu:2
6 #SBATCH --nodes=1
7 #SBATCH --ntasks-per-node=1
8 #SBATCH --cpus-per-task=1
9 #SBATCH --mem 16G
10
11 echo STARTING AT `date`
12
13 echo "Loading modules"
14 module load gcc openmpi py-torch py-torchvision cuda
15
16 echo "Launching the Virtual Environment"
17 source ~/opt/izar1/venv-gcc/bin/activate
18
19 echo "Navigating to the directory and executing the task"
20 cd ~/Gen6D
21 python eval.py --cfg configs/gen6d_pretrain.yaml --object_name
    spacecraft/hubble
22
23 echo FINISHED AT `date`
```

Listing 1.1: Bash script `execute.sh` to run a machine learning model on Scitas Izar EPFL. While the overall structure remains consistent, this script is specific to Gen6D's architecture, further discussed later.

## **2 Scientific papers review**

### **2.1 Some ML models**

### **2.2 Gen6D: Pros and cons**

## **3 Gen6D: formal description**

### **3.1 Overview of the network**

### **3.2 Detection**

### **3.3 Viewpoint selection**

### **3.4 Pose refinement**

### **3.5 Results on LINEMOD**



## **4 Implementation of the model**

### **4.1 Data loader**

abstract base classes (ABC) each and every abstract method

### **4.2 Issues and proposed solutions**

#### **4.2.1 Issues No. 1**

#### **4.2.2 Issues No. 2**

## **5 Experimental results and analysis**

### **5.1 Spacecraft dataset characteristics**

### **5.2 Vizualisation of results**

### **5.3 Evaluation metrics**

### **5.4 Quantitative evaluation**

## **6 Ways of improvements**

### **6.1 Specialized spacecraft training set**

### **6.2 Improved object detection algorithms**

Rely more on the 3D model (for now only the size) and the segmented images, would optimize for symmetric and irregular shaped spacecrafts

### **6.3 Robustness to occlusion**

## 7 Conclusion

Limitations Acknowledgments My personal contribution

# Abbreviations

# Appendix

```
1 """
2 Author:      Jeremy Chaverot
3 Date:        November 29, 2023
4 Description: Create the files val.txt, train.txt and test.txt
               according to a test percentage
5 """
6
7 import os
8 import sys
9 import random
10
11
12 if __name__ == "__main__":
13
14     # Check if the correct number of arguments is provided
15     if len(sys.argv) != 3:
16         print("Usage: python format.py <object_name> <
17             test_percentage>")
18         sys.exit(1)
19
20     object = sys.argv[1]
21     test_percentage = float(sys.argv[2])
22
23     if (test_percentage < 0 or 1 < test_percentage):
24         print("Wrong value for the variable <test_percentage>.
25             Should be between 0 and 1 included.")
26         sys.exit(1)
27
28     # Get a list of all files in the folder
29     all_files = os.listdir(f'data/SpaceCraft/{object}/images')
30
31     # Filter the list to include only image files and exclude
32     # MacOS temporary files
33     image_files = [file for file in all_files if file.lower().
34         endswith(('.jpg')) and not file.startswith('.')_]
35
36     # Get the number of images in the folder
37     num_images = len(image_files)
38
39     # Iterate through each image and apply the transformation
```

```

36 with open(f'data/SpaceCraft/{object}/train.txt', 'w') as
    train, open(f'data/SpaceCraft/{object}/test.txt', 'w') as
    test:
37     for image_file in image_files:
38         rand = random.random()
39         image_path = 'SpaceCraft/hubble/images/' + image_file
40         if (rand < test_percentage):
41             test.write(image_path + '\n')
42         else: train.write(image_path + '\n')
43
44 print(f"Done splitting {num_images} images in train.txt and
    test.txt")

```

Listing A.1: Python script format.py to randomly generate the training set and the test set based on a specified probability. Should be run from Gen6D's root folder.

```

1  """
2  Author:      Jeremy Chaverot
3  Date:        November 20, 2023
4  Description: Transform every images of a folder into jpg format.
5  """
6
7  import os
8  import sys
9  from PIL import Image
10
11
12 def transform_image(image_path):
13     img = Image.open(image_path)
14     new_image_path = image_path.split('.')[0] + '.jpg'
15     img.save(new_image_path)
16
17
18 if __name__ == "__main__":
19
20     # Check if the correct number of arguments is provided
21     if len(sys.argv) != 2:
22         print("Usage: python to_jpg.py </path/to/your/images>")
23         sys.exit(1)
24
25     folder_path = sys.argv[1]
26
27     # Get a list of all files in the folder
28     all_files = os.listdir(folder_path)
29
30     # Filter the list to include only image files and exclude
31     # MacOS temporary files
32     image_files = [file for file in all_files if file.lower().
33                     endswith(('.png', '.jpg', '.jpeg', '.gif', '.bmp')) and not

```

```
file.startswith('.')]]

32
33 # Get the number of images in the folder
34 num_images = len(image_files)
35
36 # Iterate through each image and apply the transformation
37 for image_file in image_files:
38     image_path = os.path.join(folder_path, image_file)
39     transform_image(image_path)
40     os.remove(image_path)
41
42 print(f"Number of images transformed into .jpg: {num_images}")
)
```

Listing A.2: Python script to\_jpg.py to transform every images of a specified folder into jpg format.

```
1 """
2 Author:      Jeremy Chaverot
3 Date:        November 20, 2023
4 Description: Transform a txt file with quaternions and the
5               translation vector into multiple npy files containing the
6               rotation matrix augmented with the translation vector.
7 """
8
9 import numpy as np
10 import sys
11 import os
12
13 def quaternion_to_matrix(Q, translation):
14     """
15     Covert a quaternion and translation into a full three-
16     dimensional augmented rotation matrix.
17
18     Input
19     :param Q: A 4 element array representing the quaternion (
20               qw, qx, qy, qz).
21     :param translation: A 3 element array representing the
22               translation (x, y, z).
23
24     Output
25     :return: A 3x4 element matrix representing the full 3D
26               rotation matrix with
27               translation. This rotation matrix converts a
28               point in the local
29               reference frame to a point in the global
30               reference frame.
31     """
```



```

25
26     # Extract the values from Q
27     qw = Q[0]
28     qx = Q[1]
29     qy = Q[2]
30     qz = Q[3]
31
32     # Extract the values from the translation vector
33     x = translation[0]
34     y = translation[1]
35     z = translation[2]
36
37     # First row of the rotation matrix
38     r00 = 2 * (qw * qw + qx * qx) - 1
39     r01 = 2 * (qx * qy - qw * qz)
40     r02 = 2 * (qx * qz + qw * qy)
41
42     # Second row of the rotation matrix
43     r10 = 2 * (qx * qy + qw * qz)
44     r11 = 2 * (qw * qw + qy * qy) - 1
45     r12 = 2 * (qy * qz - qw * qx)
46
47     # Third row of the rotation matrix
48     r20 = 2 * (qx * qz - qw * qy)
49     r21 = 2 * (qy * qz + qw * qx)
50     r22 = 2 * (qw * qw + qz * qz) - 1
51
52     # 3x3 rotation matrix
53     rot_matrix_augm = np.array([[r00, r01, r02, x],
54                                [r10, r11, r12, y],
55                                [r20, r21, r22, z]])
56
57     return rot_matrix_augm
58
59
60 if __name__ == "__main__":
61
62     # Check if the correct number of arguments is provided
63     if len(sys.argv) != 3:
64         print("Usage: python quaternion_to_matrix.py </path/to/
65 your/text/file> </path/to/the/pose/folder>")
66         sys.exit(1)
67
68     file_path = sys.argv[1]
69     pose_folder_path = sys.argv[2]
70     file_content = None
71
72     try:
73         with open(file_path, 'r') as file:

```

```

73         file_content = file.read()
74     except FileNotFoundError:
75         print(f"The file {file_path} was not found.")
76         sys.exit(1)
77     except Exception as e:
78         print(f"An error occurred: {e}")
79         sys.exit(1)
80
81     poses = file_content.split('\n')[:-1]
82
83     # Iterate through each pose and apply the transformation
84     for pose in poses:
85         image_id, obj_id, qw, qx, qy, qz, x, y, z = pose.split(',')
86
87         Q = np.array([qw, qx, qy, qz], dtype=np.float32)
88         translation = np.array([x, y, z], dtype=np.float32)
89         matrix = quaternion_to_matrix(Q, translation)
90         np.save(pose_folder_path + '/pose' + str(int(image_id)),
91               matrix)
92
93     print(f"Number of transformation processed: {len(poses)}")

```

Listing A.3: Python script `quaternion_to_matrix.py` to transform a txt file with quaternions and the translation vector into multiple npy files containing the rotation matrix augmented with the translation vector.

```

1  """
2  Author:      Jeremy Chaverot
3  Date:        December 10, 2023
4  Description: Invert the masks from a given folder.
5  """
6
7  import cv2
8  import os
9  import sys
10
11
12  def inverse_masks_in_folder(folder_path):
13      # Iterate through the list of files at the specified path
14      for filename in os.listdir(folder_path):
15          # Filter to include only png image files and exclude MacOS
16          # temporary files
17          if filename.endswith(".png") and not filename.startswith(
18              '._'):
19              mask_path = os.path.join(folder_path, filename)
20              try:
21                  # Read the mask image
22                  mask = cv2.imread(mask_path, cv2.IMREAD_GRAYSCALE)
23              except:
24                  pass
25      )

```

```

21         if mask is None:
22             print(f"Failed to read image: {mask_path}")
23             continue
24
25         # Invert the mask
26         inverted_mask = cv2.bitwise_not(mask)
27
28         # Save the inverted mask with a temporary name
29         temp_path = os.path.join(folder_path, "temp_" +
filename)
30         cv2.imwrite(temp_path, inverted_mask)
31
32         # Delete the original mask
33         os.remove(mask_path)
34
35         # Rename the inverted mask to the original
filename
36         os.rename(temp_path, mask_path)
37         print(f"Inverted and replaced mask for: {
mask_path}")
38     except Exception as e:
39         print(f"Error processing {mask_path}: {e}")
40
41
42 if __name__ == "__main__":
43
44     # Check if the correct number of arguments is provided
45     if len(sys.argv) != 2:
46         print("Usage: python invert_mask.py <folder_path>")
47         sys.exit(1)
48
49     folder_path = sys.argv[1]
50     inverse_masks_in_folder(folder_path)

```

Listing A.4: Python script `invert_mask.py` to invert the masks from a specified folder. We aim to have a black object set against a white background.

```

1  """
2  Author:      Jeremy Chaverot
3  Date:        January 01, 2024
4  Description: Resize the images from a given folder.
5  """
6
7  import os
8  import sys
9  from PIL import Image
10
11
12 def resize_images(folder_path, resize_factor):

```

```
13 # Iterate through the list of files at the specified path
14 for filename in os.listdir(folder_path):
15     # Filter to include only png image files and exclude MacOS
    temporary files
16     if filename.endswith(".png") and not filename.startswith(
        '._'):
17         img_path = os.path.join(folder_path, filename)
18         with Image.open(img_path) as img:
19             # Calculate new size
20             new_size = tuple([int(dim / resize_factor) for
    dim in img.size])
21             # Resize the image
22             resized_img = img.resize(new_size, Image.
    ANTIALIAS)
23             # Save the resized image with a different name
    temporarily
24             temp_path = os.path.join(folder_path, "temp_" +
    filename)
25             resized_img.save(temp_path)
26
27             # Delete the original image
28             os.remove(img_path)
29
30             # Rename the resized image to the original filename
31             os.rename(temp_path, img_path)
32
33
34 if __name__ == "__main__":
35
36     # Check if the correct number of arguments is provided
37     if len(sys.argv) != 3:
38         print("Usage: resize.py <folder_path> <resize_factor>")
39         sys.exit(1)
40
41     folder_path = sys.argv[1]
42     factor = int(sys.argv[2])
43
44     resize_images(folder_path, factor)
```

Listing A.5: Python script `resize.py` designed to alter an image's size with respect to a specified resize factor.