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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.
This script is specified to Gen6D's architecture, further discussed later.

2 Scientific papers review

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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

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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().
    endswith(('.png', '.jpg', '.jpeg', '.gif', '.bmp')) and not

```

```
file.startswith('._')]\n\n32\n33 # Get the number of images in the folder\n34 num_images = len(image_files)\n35\n36 # Iterate through each image and apply the transformation\n37 for image_file in image_files:\n38     image_path = os.path.join(folder_path, image_file)\n39     transform_image(image_path)\n40     os.remove(image_path)\n41\n42 print(f"Number of images transformed into .jpg: {num_images}"\n      )
```

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

```
1 """\n2 Author:      Jeremy Chaverot\n3 Date:        November 20, 2023\n4 Description: Transform a txt file with quaternions and the\n5               translation vector into multiple npy files containing the\n6               rotation matrix augmented with the translation vector.\n7 """\n8\n9 import numpy as np\n10 import sys\n11 import os\n12\n13 def quaternion_to_matrix(Q, translation):\n14     """\n15         Covert a quaternion and translation into a full three-\n16         dimensional augmented rotation matrix.\n17\n18         Input\n19         :param Q: A 4 element array representing the quaternion (qw, qx, qy, qz).\n20         :param translation: A 3 element array representing the translation (x, y, z).\n21\n22         Output\n23         :return: A 3x4 element matrix representing the full 3D rotation matrix with\n24                 translation. This rotation matrix converts a point in the local\n25                 reference frame to a point in the global reference frame.\n26     """
```



```

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.