Computer Vision (CV) **Winter Term 2013 / 2014**

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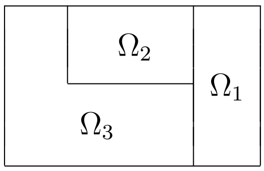
Homework Assignment H5

Problem 1 (Segmentation) 8 Points

Let the following 4×4 piecewise constant image with three regions be given:



$\Leftrightarrow$

14	6	6	2
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where the size of each pixel is 1×1. Use the algorithm from Lecture 15 that approximates the solution of the *Mumford-Shah Cartoon model* for different scale parameters λ by successively increasing λ and merging adjacent regions. Specify all merging events, the corresponding scale parameters as well as the corresponding segmentations.

Please download the required file `cv13_ex06.tgz` from the lecture webpage. To unpack the data, use `tar xvfz cv13_ex06.tgz` .

Problem 2 (PDE-based morphology - Dilation and Erosion) 8 Points

(a) In the file `pde_morphology.c`, supplement the routines `dilation_point` and `erosion_point` with the missing code such that they implement one iteration step for the pixel (i, j).

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gcc -O3 -o pde_morphology pde_morphology.c -lm
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(b) Use the program `pde_morphology` to perform dilation and erosion on the images `head.pgm` and `bank.pgm`.

(c) Why is it not possible to reconstruct the results from the lecture for `bank.pgm` with this implementation?

Remark: The program will be able to handle both color and gray images.

Problem 3 (PDE-based morphology - Shock Filter) 8 Points

(a) In the same code file, supplement the routines `hessian` and `shock_filter` such that an implementation of the shock-filter is created. Since the program should be able to handle color images as well as gray value images, we extend our theoretical knowledge:

For color images, one could perform coherence enhancing shock filtering for each channel seperately. However, this would create shocks at different locations in each channel. Thus, Weickert `[http://www.mia.uni-saarland.de/Publications/weickert-dagm03.pdf]` proposed to synchronize the processes as follows:

i) Compute the joint structure tensor

$$J_{f_1,f_2,f_3} = \sum_{c=1}^{3} J_{f_c} = \sum_{c=1}^{3} K_\rho * \nabla f_c \nabla f_c^\top$$

ii) Compute the dominant direction η as dominant eigenvector of J_ρ

iii) Average second order derivatives in η direction: $v_{\eta\eta} = \sum_{c=1}^{3} v_{c\eta\eta}$

iv) Evolve the channels according to

$$\partial_t u_c = -\mathrm{sgn}(v_{\eta\eta})\,|\nabla u_c| \quad c = 1, 2, 3$$

Remark: We are interested in the sign of $v_{\eta\eta}$, so the factor $\frac{1}{3}$ is neglectible.
Remark: The second order derivatives should be computed using the hessian matrix:

$$v_{c\eta\eta} = \eta^\top H_{v_c}\eta; \qquad\qquad H_{v_c} = \begin{pmatrix} \partial_{xx}v_c & \partial_{xy}v_c \\ \partial_{xy}v_c & \partial_{yy}v_c \end{pmatrix}$$

Remark: Instead of averaging derivatives, one may average the Hessians (linearity).

(b) Check your implementation with the color image `baboon.ppm` and the gray image `finger.pgm`. You should be able to reproduce the results from the lecture slides.

(c) Take a photo of yourself and perform shock filtering with parameters at your taste. Most image formats can be converted to `ppm` using `convert image.xyz image.ppm`

Submission:

The theoretical Problem 1 has to be submitted in handwritten form before the next tutorial (January 16th). For the practical Problems 2 and 3, please submit your files as follows: Rename the main directory `cv13_ex06` to `cv13_ex06_<your_name>` and use the command

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tar cvfz cv13_ex06_<your_name>.tgz cv13_ex06_<your_name>
```

to pack the data. The directory that you pack should contain the following files:

- the supplemented source code file `pde_morphology.c`
- the created images
  - for 2(b) (at least for images)
  - for 3(b) (at least two images)
  - for 3(c) (at least one funny picture)
- a text file `readme.txt` that contains
  - information on all people working together for this assignment
  - selected parameters for the submitted pictures

Please make sure that only the final version of the code files and the images are included. Submit the archive via e-mail to your tutor via the address `volz@vis.uni-stuttgart.de` .

Deadline for Submission is Thursday, January 16th, 2:00 pm (before the tutorial)

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Classroom Assignment C6

Problem 1 (Mean Curvature Motion)

Show that the various definitions of MCM on slide 5, lecture 17 are really equivalent.