TNM087 - Image Processing and Analysis

WhitePoint.m

Background:

From the moment a camera sensor captures an image until it is stored, or displayed, the image is processed in several stages of a processing pipeline. This is shown in the following figure from Richard Szeliski, Computer Vision:

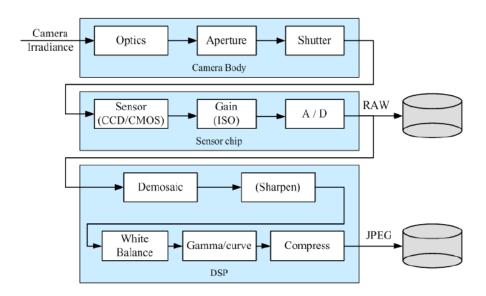


Figure 2.23 Image sensing pipeline, showing the various sources of noise as well as typical digital post-processing steps.

One of the steps is White Balancing or White Point Correction. This is often used to improve the overall color impression of the image or in computer vision it is used to compensate the influence of the illumination on the final image. A simple way to do this is to pick one (or several) point(s) in an image and map them to white. The simplest way to do this is to scale the pixel values in the three R, G and B channels using global constants. It is usually assumed that similar processes are used by the human visual system. This is known as von-Kries adaptation. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Von_Kries_Coefficient_Law

Task:

Use ginput to pick one point in the image OImage. In the new image CImage this pixel will have the maximum pixel value in each channel (so that appears to be a white point). The type of the output image is given by the input argument 'type'.

Syntax:

function CImage = WhitePoint(OImage,type)

Hints:

A minimal solution must be able to handle the cases where OImage is of type uint8 or a double array and CImage is of the type uint8 or double. Read the description of im2double and the simple conversion double(..) which are two tools to convert images to double arrays.

In an advanced version you may consider other datatypes for OImage and CImage like uint16.

The processing is done in the

% Here you need several lines of code where rgbvec defines the scaling
% after the scaling you have to truncate the pixel values
% Finally you have to convert the result to the datatype given by
otype

CImage =

section of the template. For loops over pixels are not accepted but otherwise there are several possible solutions. You can loop over the channels (R,G,B) or you can use reshape to do it in one line. For loops over pixels to truncate the pixel values are also not accepted.