3D Reconstruction of Seabed using Stereo Vision

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Abstract

This paper describes a method for 3D reconstructing underwater scenes, specifically the terrain and its coral reefs using stereo vision. The method consists of preprocessing the images, extracting the foreground of the image, computing the disparity map, filtering the disparity map, constructing the point cloud from the disparity map and then meshing the point cloud.

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Chapter 1

Introduction

1.1 Statement of the Problem

The rise of autonomous underwater vehicles (AUVs) paved the way for better deepsea exploration. We can now gather data about the deep waters through AUVs by attaching instruments. One of the instruments that are usually attached are stereo cameras. Stereo cameras are widely used for robotic control and sensing, depth perception, navigation, gesture recognition, and 3D surface visualization.

The process of acquiring of good images underwater is not simple and faces a lot of challenges such as light attenuation, occlutions, bubbles and a lot more. The problem is how do we filter or take into account the problems that could be in the acquired underwater images in order to have a better 3D reconstruction.

1.2 Significance of this Study

The damage that has been done to our coral reefs is ever growing. A worldwide study in 2008 estimated that 19 percent of the existing coral reefs has already been lost and a projected 17 percent more over the next 10-20 years. Most of the destruction of the coral reefs caused by human-related activities.

Further study and research has to be done in order to understand and analyze these coral reefs in preserving and growing them altogether. In this paper, we will focus in better improving 3D reconstruction of underwater scenes, specifically the underwater terrain and its corals using stereo vision.

1.3 Scope of this Study

This study will focus on 3D reconstruction and not the image acquisition. I will be utilizing the dataset given by Dr. Pros Naval. The dataset contains frames/images of corals and underwater scenes that are already rectified.

The camera calibration was done by Dr. Pros Naval and he provided me the needed parameters for the methods to be used. Python language will be used for the experiments. Meshlab will be used for the viewing of the 3D model.

Chapter 2

3D Reconstruction Method

2.1 Preprocessing

The images used have already been stereo rectified. We use the grabcut algorithm, which is based on graph cuts, to extract the foreground and mask the surrounding background.



2.2 Disparity Map and Triangulation

SGBM + WLS filtering + Linear Triangulation

2.3 Interframe Reconstruction

Chapter 3

Experiments and Discussion

Chapter 4

Conclusion

Model

Appendix A

Description of the Environment and Source Codes

A.1 Environment

The program runs in the Matlab environment only. The researchers used Matlab particularly because it contains 2 toolboxes which are very essential to this project. These toolboxes are the Digital Signal Processing toolbox and the Neural Network toolbox. As the name implies, the Digital Signal Processing toolbox contains the functions the researchers primarily used in the Speech Analysis module – functions like the fft, hamming, and bartlett. Similarly, the Neural Network toolbox contains the functions used for constructing the MultiLayer Perceptron network implemented in this project; these functions are train, traingdx, sim, tansig, newff, and learngdm.

A.2 Interface Modules

A.2.1 Source Codes

The following modules of the program serve as the interface of the software.

Splash

Displays the splash screen.

Main Menu

Displays the main menu which consists of 3 choices "Train", "Test", and "Exit". When the user presses "Train", the program proceeds with the module Trainparam. When the user presses "Test", the program proceeds with another interface module, Note12. When the user presses "Exit", the program, as well as the Matlab environment is terminated.

Trainparam

Called upon choosing "Train" in the Main Menu. Gets the training parameters such as the number of enrollees, number of words in the training set, and the number of samples per word per enrollee from the user.

Get-Params

Stores the parameters given as input in Trainparam. Stores the parameters in 2 text files: the number of enrollees in numEnrollees.txt and the number of words and the number of samples per word per person in numWords.txt. Also calls the other modules which gets the other parameters from the user such as the names of the enrollees and words to be included in the word training set.

Get-Name

Called n times by the module Get-Params depending on the number of enrollees. Gets the names and log-in names of the enrollees then calls the module Store-Name to store them.

Store-Name

Also called n times depending on the number of enrollees specified. Stores the names and log-in names given as input in Get-Name. Stores the inputs in 2 text files: each name in name<enrollee number>.txt and all the log-in names in log-in.txt.

Get-Word

Called n times by the module Get-Params depending on the number of words specified. Gets each word to be included in the word training set then calls the module Store-Word to store the input.

Store-Word

Also called n times depending on the number of words. Stores the words given as input in Get-Word. Creates a text file called word-training-set.txt for the first word then simply appends the other input words to the same text file.

Note8

Displays a note to the user of what software to use for recording his voice, how to name the .WAV files to enable the program to use them, where to save the .WAV files and the format by which he should record his voice before the training. Also displays the word training set.

note12

Called when the user chooses "Train" in the Main Menu. Same as Note8 except it does not instruct the user on how to name the .WAV file generated because it is not necessary to the program anymore.

Decision

Displays the decision of the testing stage. If accept, displays the name of the speaker. If reject, displays "Sorry, but your voice does not match any of our voice models".

A.3 Speech Analysis Module

A.3.1 Source Code

Comput-Mfcc

Called n ($n = number \ of \ enrollees * nnumber \ of \ words * number \ of \ samples$) times by the Training module and called once in the Testing module. One of the most important modules because it reads the actual .WAV file, performs End Point Detection on the speech signal and computes the Mel-Frequency Cepstral Coefficients.

A.3.2 Matlab Functions Used

Wavread

function [y,Fs,bits]=wavread(file,ext)

WAVREAD Read Microsoft WAVE (".wav") sound file.

[Y,FS,BITS]=WAVREAD(FILE) returns the sample rate (FS) in Hertz and the number of bits per sample (BITS) used to encode the data in the file.

Supports multi-channel data, with up to 16 bits per sample.

NOTE: This file reader only supports Microsoft PCM data format. It also does not support wave-list data.

Hamming

function w = hamming(n-est,sflag)

HAMMING Hamming window.

W = HAMMING(N) returns the N-point symmetric Hamming window in a column vector.

FFT

FFT Discrete Fourier transform.

FFT(X) is the discrete Fourier transform (DFT) of vector X. If the length of X is a power of two, a fast radix-2 fast-Fourier transform algorithm is used. If the length of X is not a power of two, a slower non-power-of-two algorithm is employed. For matrices, the FFT operation is applied to each column. For N-D arrays, the FFT operation operates on the first non-singleton dimension.

Bartlett

function w = bartlett(n-est)

BARTLETT Bartlett window.

W = BARTLETT(N) returns the N-point Bartlett window.

A.4 Classifier Modules

A.4.1 Source Codes

The following modules implement the actual training of the neural network and the simulation for the testing.

Training

Calls the Speech Analysis Module n times first before executing. Concatenates all generated coefficients in one vector. Performs the actual training of the MultiLayer Perceptron Network. Informs the user of successful completion when finished.

Testing

Gets the .WAV input file first then calls Comput-mfcc to compute the Mel-Frequency Cepstral Coefficients. Performs the simulation of the MultiLayer Perceptron Network for the testing then passes the result to the Decision module.

A.4.2 Matlab Functions Used

Newff

function net = newff(pr,s,tf,btf,blf,pf)

NEWFF Create a feed-forward backpropagation network.

Syntax

net = newff(PR, [S1 S2...SNI], TF1 TF2...TFNI, BTF, BLF, PF)

Description

NEWFF(PR, S1 S2...SNI, TF1 TF2...TFNI, BTF, BLF, PF) takes,

PR - Rx2 matrix of min and max values for R input elements.

Si - Size of ith layer, for Nl layers.

TFi - Transfer function of ith layer, default = 'tansig'.

BTF - Backprop network training function, default = 'trainlm'.

BLF - Backprop weight/bias learning function, default = 'learngdm'.

PF - Performance function, default = 'mse'.

and returns an N layer feed-forward backprop network.

The transfer functions TFi can be any differentiable transfer function such as TANSIG, LOGSIG, or PURELIN.

The training function BTF can be any of the backprop training functions such as TRAINLM, TRAINBFG, TRAINRP, TRAINGD, etc.

The learning function BLF can be either of the backpropagation learning functions such as LEARNGD, or LEARNGDM.

The performance function can be any of the differentiable performance functions such as MSE or MSEREG.

Algorithm

Feed-forward networks consist of Nl layers using the DOTPROD weight function, NETSUM net input function, and the specified transfer functions.

The first layer has weights coming from the input. Each subsequent layer has a weight coming from the previous layer. All layers have biases. The last layer is the network output.

Each layer's weights and biases are initialized with INITNW.

Adaption is done with ADAPTWB which updates weights with the specified learning function. Training is done with the specified training function. Performance is measured according to the specified performance function.

Tansig

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function a = tansig(n,b)
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TANSIG Hyperbolic tangent sigmoid transfer function.

Syntax

A = tansig(N)

info = tansig(code)

Description

TANSIG is a transfer function. Transfer functions calculate a layer's output from its net input.

Algorithm

TANSIG(N) calculates its output according to:

$$n = 2/(1+\exp(-2*n))-1$$

This is mathematically equivalent to TANH(N). It differs in that it runs faster than the MATLAB implementation of TANH, but the results can have very small numerical differences. This function is a good trade off for neural networks, where speed is important and the exact shape of the transfer function is not.

Traingdx

function [net,tr] = traingdx(net,Pd,Tl,Ai,Q,TS,VV,TV)

TRAINGDX Gradient descent w/momentum and adaptive lr backpropagation.

Syntax

[net,tr] = traingdx(net,Pd,Tl,Ai,Q,TS,VV) info = traingdx(code)

Description

TRAINGDX is a network training function that updates weight and bias values according to gradient descent momentum and an adaptive learning rate.

Training occurs according to the TRAINGDX's training parameters shown here with their default values: net.trainParam.epochs 10 Maximum number of epochs to train

net.trainParam.goal 0 Performance goal
net.trainParam.lr 0.01 Learning rate
net.trainParam.lr-inc 1.05 Ratio to increase learning rate
net.trainParam.lr-dec 0.7 Ratio to decrease learning rate
net.trainParam.max-fail 5 Maximum validation failures
net.trainParam.max-perf-inc 1.04 Maximum performance increase
net.trainParam.mc 0.9 Momentum constant.

net.trainParam.min-grad 1e-10 Minimum performance gradient net.trainParam.show 25 Epochs between showing progress net.trainParam.time inf Maximum time to train in seconds Dimensions for these variables are:

Pd - NoxNixTS cell array, each element Pi,j,ts is a DijxQ matrix.

Tl - NlxTS cell array, each element Pi,ts is an VixQ matrix.

Ai - NlxLD cell array, each element Aii,k is an SixQ matrix.

Where

Ni = net.numInputs

Nl = net.numLayers

LD = net.numLayerDelays

Ri = net.inputsi.size

Si = net.layersi.size

Vi = net.targetsi.size

Dij = Ri * length(net.inputWeightsi,j.delays)

If VV is not [], it must be a structure of validation vectors,

VV.PD - Validation delayed inputs.

VV.Tl - Validation layer targets.

VV.Ai - Validation initial input conditions.

VV.Q - Validation batch size.

VV.TS - Validation time steps.

which is used to stop training early if the network performance on the validation vectors fails to improve or remains the same for MAX-FAIL epochs in a row.

Algorithm

TRAINGDX can train any network as long as its weight, net input, and transfer functions have derivative functions.

Backpropagation is used to calculate derivatives of performance PERF with respect to the weight and bias variables X. Each variable is adjusted according to the gradient descent with momentum.

$$dX = mc^*dXprev + lr^*mc^*dperf/dX$$

where dXprev is the previous change to the weight or bias.

For each epoch, if performance decreases toward the goal, then the learning rate is increased by the factor lr-inc. If performance increases by more than the factor max-perf-inc, the learning rate is adjusted by the factor lr-dec and the change, which increased the performance, is not made.

Training stops when any of these conditions occur:

- 1) The maximum number of EPOCHS (repetitions) is reached.
- 2) The maximum amount of TIME has been exceeded.
- 3) Performance has been minimized to the GOAL.
- 4) The performance gradient falls below MINGRAD.
- 5) Validation performance has increase more than MAX-FAIL times since the last time it decreased (when using validation).

Train

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function [net,tr]=train(net,P,T,Pi,Ai,VV,TV)

TRAIN Train a neural network.

Syntax

[net,tr] = train(NET,P,T,Pi,Ai)

[net,tr] = train(NET,P,T,Pi,Ai,VV,TV)
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Description

TRAIN trains a network NET according to NET.trainFcn and NET.trainParam.

TRAIN(NET,P,T,Pi,Ai) takes,

NET - Network.

P - Network inputs.

T - Network targets, default = zeros.

Pi - Initial input delay conditions, default = zeros.

Ai - Initial layer delay conditions, default = zeros.

and returns,

NET - New network.

TR - Training record (epoch and perf).

TRAIN(NET,P,T,Pi,Ai,VV,TV) takes optional structures of validation and test vectors,

VV.P, TV.P - Validation/test inputs.

VV.T, VV.T - Validation/test targets, default = zeros.

VV.Pi, VV.Pi - Validation/test initial input delay conditions, default = zeros.

VV.Ai, VV.Ai - Validation/test layer delay conditions, default = zeros.

The validation vectors are used to stop training early if further training on the primary vectors will hurt generalization to the validation vectors. Test vector performance can be used to measure how well the network generalizes beyond primary and validation vectors. If VV.T, VV.Pi, or VV.Ai are set to an empty matrix or cell array, default values will be used. The same is true for VT.T, VT.Pi, VT.Ai.

Algorithm

TRAIN calls the function indicated by NET.trainFcn, using the adaption parameter values indicated by NET.trainParam.

Typically one epoch of training is defined as a single presentation of all input vectors to the network. The network is then updated according to the results of all those presentations.

Training occurs until a maximum number of epochs occurs, the performance goal is met, or any other stopping condition of the function NET.trainFcn occurs.

Some training functions depart from this norm by presenting only one input vector (or sequence) each epoch. An input vector (or sequence) is chosen randomly each epoch from concurrent input vectors (or sequences). NEWC and NEWSOM return networks that use TRAINWB1, a training function that does this.

Sim

function [Y,Pf,Af]=sim(net,P,Pi,Ai)

SIM Simulate a neural network.

Syntax

[Y,Pf,Af] = sim(net,P,Pi,Ai)

[Y,Pf,Af] = sim(net,Q TS,Pi,Ai)

[Y,Pf,Af] = sim(net,Q,Pi,Ai)

Description

SIM simulates neural networks.

[Y,Pf,Af] = SIM(net,P,Pi,Ai)takes,

NET - Network.

P - Network inputs.

Pi - Initial input delay conditions, default = zeros.

Ai - Initial layer delay conditions, default = zeros.

and returns:

Y - Network outputs.

Pf - Final input delay conditions.

Af - Final layer delay conditions.

[Y,Pf,Af] = SIM(net,Q TS,Pi,Ai)

is used for networks which do not have an input, such as Hopfield networks when cell array notation is used.

[Y,Pf,Af] = SIM(net,Q,Pi,Ai) is used for networks which do not have an input, such as Hopfield networks when matrix notation is used.

Algorithm

SIM uses these properties to simulate a network NET.

NET.numInputs, NET.numLayers

NET.outputConnect, NET.biasConnect

NET.inputConnect, NET.layerConnect

These properties determine the network's weight and bias values, and the number of delays associated with each weight:

NET.inputWeightsi,j.value

NET.layerWeightsi,j.value

NET.layersi.value

NET.inputWeightsi,j.delays

NET.layerWeightsi,j.delays

These function properties indicate how SIM applies weight and bias values to inputs to get each layer's output:

NET.inputWeightsi,j.weightFcn

NET.layerWeightsi,j.weightFcn

NET.layersi.netInputFcn

NET.layersi.transferFcn

Learngdm

function [dw,ls] = learngdm(w,p,z,n,a,t,e,gW,gA,d,lp,ls)

LEARNGDM Gradient descent w/momentum weight/bias learning function.

Syntax

[dW,LS] = learngdm(W,P,Z,N,A,T,E,gW,gA,D,LP,LS)

[db,LS] = learngdm(b,ones(1,Q),Z,N,A,T,E,gW,gA,D,LP,LS)

info = learngdm(code)

Description

LEARNGDM is the gradient descent with momentum weight/bias learning function.

LEARNGDM(W,P,Z,N,A,T,E,gW,gA,D,LP,LS)

takes several inputs,

W - SxR weight matrix (or Sx1 bias vector).

P - RxQ input vectors (or ones(1,Q)).

Z - SxQ weighted input vectors.

N - SxQ net input vectors.

A - SxQ output vectors.

T - SxQ layer target vectors.

E - SxQ layer error vectors.

gW - SxR gradient with respect to performance.

gA - SxQ output gradient with respect to performance.

D - SxS neuron distances.

LP - Learning parameters, none, LP = [].

LS - Learning state, initially should be = [].

and returns,

dW - SxR weight (or bias) change matrix.

LS - New learning state.

Learning occurs according to LEARNGDM's learning parameters, shown here with their default values.

LP.lr - 0.01 - Learning rate

LP.mc - 0.9 - Momentum constant

LEARNGDM(CODE) returns useful information for each CODE string:

'pnames' - Returns names of learning parameters.

'pdefaults' - Returns default learning parameters.

'needg' - Returns 1 if this function uses gW or gA.

Algorithm

LEARNGDM calculates the weight change dW for a given neuron from the neuron's input P and error E, the weight (or bias) learning rate LR, and momentum constant MC, according to gradient descent with momentum:

$$dW = mc*dWprev + (1-mc)*lr*gW$$

The previous weight change dWprev is stored and read from the learning state LS.

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