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**Lab 3: Motion Tracking**

**Objectives:**

- Learn to use OpenCV for motion tracking.

**Preparation:**

- Read the following materials to familiarize yourself **before** you go for the lab session:
  - OpenCV Python Reference Manual:
    - Basic Structures
    - Reading and Writing Images and Video
    - Functions `cv2.imread`, `cv2.imwrite`, `cv2.goodFeaturesToTrack`, `cv2.cornerSubPix`, `cv2.calcOpticalFlowPyrLK`.
- Create a folder in the PC with your name, e.g., `d:/myname`. This folder will be used as your working directory.
- Download the file `Lab_Motion.zip` from IVLE into your working directory. Uncompress the file and you should find the following files: `motionAY1415.pdf`, `LabPhoto1.jpg`, `LabPhoto2.jpg` & `LabVideo.MOV`.

**Part 0. Import Modules**

1. Create a python script file and name it `motion.py`.
2. Set the working directory, e.g., `d:/myname`, and import relevant modules:

```
import os
os.chdir("d:/myname")
```

**Part 1. Image and Video Input, Output and Display**

Part 1 illustrates useful OpenCV Python functions for reading, writing, and displaying images and video.

1. Read an image and display image information.  
Read and display image information with OpenCV Python:

```
import cv2
import cv2.cv as cv
```

```

import numpy as np
import os
os.chdir("d:/myname")

im = cv2.imread("LabPhoto1.jpg", cv2.CV_LOAD_IMAGE_COLOR)
gr = cv2.imread("LabPhoto1.jpg", cv2.CV_LOAD_IMAGE_GRAYSCALE)

# Pops up a window for displaying the image
winname = "imageWin"
win = cv.NamedWindow(winname, cv.CV_WINDOW_AUTOSIZE)
string = 'motion'
cv2.putText(im,string,(20,20),cv2.FONT_HERSHEY_COMPLEX_SMALL,1
,(255,255,255))
cv2.imshow('motion image',im)
cv2.waitKey(1000)
cv.DestroyWindow(winname)

```

Note that reading the image with `cv2.CV_LOAD_IMAGE_GRAYSCALE` forces the loaded image to become a grayscale image.

A grayscale image has only one channel.

## 2. Saving images

```

cv2.imwrite('colorImage.jpg', im)
cv2.imwrite('grayImage.jpg', gr)

```

## 3. Read video file and display video information.

```

cap = cv2.VideoCapture("/ --- your directory ---/LabVideo.MOV")
print "frameWidth  = ", cap.get(cv.CV_CAP_PROP_FRAME_WIDTH)
print "frameHeight = ", cap.get(cv.CV_CAP_PROP_FRAME_HEIGHT)
print "fps          = ", cap.get(cv.CV_CAP_PROP_FPS)
print "frameCount  = ", cap.get(cv.CV_CAP_PROP_FRAME_COUNT)

```

## 4. Read a video and play back a fast version:

```

# Play video in window
invid = cv2.VideoCapture("/---your directory ---/LabVideo.MOV")

width  = int(invid.get(cv.CV_CAP_PROP_FRAME_WIDTH))
height = int(invid.get(cv.CV_CAP_PROP_FRAME_HEIGHT))
fps     = int(invid.get(cv.CV_CAP_PROP_FPS))
len     = int(invid.get(cv.CV_CAP_PROP_FRAME_COUNT))

```

```
# process the video frame by frame
for i in range(len):
    _,im = invid.read()

    if (i % 3 == 0):
        cv2.imshow('fastForward',im)
        cv2.waitKey(100)

# Close video and window.
del invid
cv2.destroyAllWindows()
```

## Part 2. Motion Tracking

Part 2 is to use OpenCV Python functions for motion tracking by Lucas-Kanade tracker.

1. Read two images in colour LabPhoto1.jpg and LabPhoto2.jpg and show them in two separate windows

**Example:** `im1 = cv2.imread("LabPhoto1.jpg", cv2.CV_LOAD_IMAGE_COLOR)`

2. Print the dimension of images
3. Convert the color images to gray scale images

**Example:** `grImg1 = cv2.cvtColor(im1, cv2.COLOR_BGR2GRAY)`

Show the gray scale images in two separate windows and print them.

4. Save the gray scale images

**Example:** `cv2.imwrite('grayImage1.jpg', grImg1)`

5. For the first gray scale image, find the good features for tracking purposes

**Example:**

```
feat1 = cv2.goodFeaturesToTrack(grImg1, cornerCount, qualityLevel, minDistance)
feat1 = feat1.reshape((-1, 2))
```

where      `cornerCount = 200` is the maximum number of feature points to be extracted;  
              `qualityLevel = 0.001` is the parameter characterizing the minimal accepted  
    quality of image corners. Higher number means more stringent.  
              `minDistance = 9.0` is the minimum acceptable Euclidean distance between

feature points

6. Perform Lucas Kanade Tracking with Image Pyramid

First, refine the feature (corner) point locations:

```
criteria = (cv.CV_TERMCRIT_ITER | cv.CV_TERMCRIT_EPS, 80, 0.0001)
win = (3,3) # actual size is 3*2+1 x 3*2+1
zero_zone = (-1,-1) # no dead zone
cv2.cornerSubPix(grImg1, feat1, win, zero_zone, criteria)
```

Next, perform Lucas Kanade tracking with image pyramid:

```
feat2 = np.copy(feat1)
feat2, status, err = cv2.calcOpticalFlowPyrLK(grImg1, grImg2, feat1, feat2)
```

7. Load the color images again, overlay the feature points and show and print the resultant images.

**Example:**

```
im1 = cv2.imread("LabPhoto1.jpg", cv2.CV_LOAD_IMAGE_COLOR)
cv2.namedWindow("Picture1")
for (x,y) in feat1:
    cv2.circle(im1, (int(x), int(y)), 3, (255, 255, 255), -1)
cv2.imshow("Picture1", im1)
if cv2.waitKey(0) == 27:
    cv2.destroyAllWindows()
# Save marked images.
cv2.imwrite('LabPhotoTracking1.jpg', im1)
```

Do the same for image 2.

8. Manually inspect the tracking results. Identify the points that were not tracked accurately i.e. points that were off by more than half a window size. Explain why do you think the tracking was wrong.

**Submission Instruction**

Submit the following at the end of the lab session:

1. Print-out of your Python program.
2. Print-out of the saved marked images in Q7 and your answer for Q8.
3. Submit the softcopy of your Python program to IVLE

Please put your python program in a folder and submit the folder. Use the following convention to name your folder:

MatriculationNumber\_yourName\_Lab#. For example, if your matriculation number is A1234567B, and your name is Chow Yuen Fatt, for this lab, your file name should be A1234567B\_ChowYuenFatt\_Lab3.

Remember to write your name on the hardcopy print-outs.