

Computer Vision assignment 2

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1 Math

1.1 (a) Derive the polar line representation: $\rho = x \cos \theta + y \sin \theta$

Let x and y be arbitrary points in the line. The normal vector is $(\cos \theta, \sin \theta)$. The inner product of the normal vector and (x, y) is always same as ρ . Note that ρ is the distance from the line to the origin.

$$\rho = (x, y) \cdot (\cos \theta, \sin \theta)$$

1.2 (a) Derive the polar plane representation in 3D

As same as 1.1, planes can be represented as normal product with ρ too. If we use the spherical coordinate in Figure 1, the normal vector is $(\sin \theta \cos \phi, \sin \theta \sin \phi, \cos \theta)$. Let an arbitrary point on the plane be (x, y, z) , then

$$\rho = (x, y, z) \cdot (\sin \theta \cos \phi, \sin \theta \sin \phi, \cos \theta)$$

where ρ is the distance from the line to the origin.

$$\rho = x \sin \theta \cos \phi + y \sin \theta \sin \phi + z \cos \theta$$

2 Generalized Hough Transform

2.1 Edge Detection

```
1 def image2edge(image, threshold1=50, threshold2=150):
2     #image = cv2.cvtColor(image, cv2.COLOR_BGR2GRAY)
3     LPF_image = cv2.GaussianBlur(image, (5, 5), 0)
4     edge_image = cv2.Canny(LPF_image, threshold1, threshold2)
5
6     return edge_image
7
8
9 template_edge_image = image2edge(template_image)
10
11 target_edge_image = image2edge(target_image)
```

The edge detection code uses canny from cv2. Additionally, gaussian filter is used before canny because it acts as a low pass filter. If gaussian filter is not used, the GHT algorithms detect noises too.

2.2 Calculating Gradients

```
1
2 # Gradient orientation calculation using Sobel operators
3 def calculate_gradients(image):
4     sobelx = cv2.Sobel(image, cv2.CV_64F, 1, 0, ksize=5)
5     sobely = cv2.Sobel(image, cv2.CV_64F, 0, 1, ksize=5)
6     plt.imshow(sobelx)
7     gradient = np.arctan2(sobely, sobelx)
8     return gradient
```

In this code, gradient is calculated by using Sobel filters with kernel size 3.

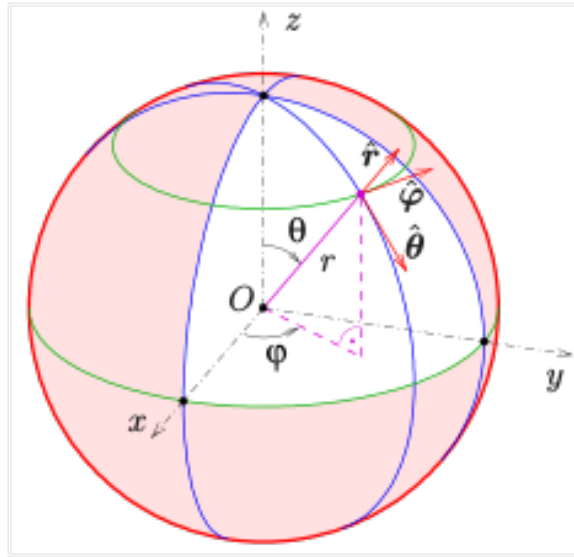


Figure 1: Spherical coordinate. Image source: [Wikipedia](#)

2.3 Building R table

```

1
2 def calculate_r_table(image_edges, gradients, reference_point):
3     # R-table dictionary to hold gradients and corresponding (r, alpha)
4     r_table = {}
5     for (i, j), value in np.ndenumerate(image_edges):
6         if value: # if edge is present
7             phi = gradients[i, j]
8             r = np.sqrt((reference_point[0] - i) ** 2
9                       + (reference_point[1] - j) ** 2)
10            alpha = np.arctan2(reference_point[1] - j, reference_point[0] - i)
11            if phi not in r_table:
12                r_table[phi] = []
13            r_table[phi].append((r, alpha))
14    return r_table

```

This code is based on the lecture slides in Figure reffig:GHT.

2.4 Generalized Hough Transform with scale and rotation invariant

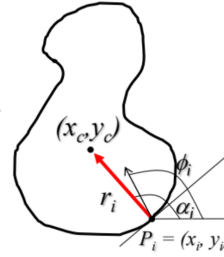
```

1
2 def generalized_hough_transform(target_edges,
3                                 gradients,
4                                 r_table,
5                                 scale_r = 1,
6                                 scale_alpha = 0):
7
8     vote_num = np.zeros(target_edges.shape, dtype=np.uint32)
9     for (i, j), value in np.ndenumerate(target_edges):
10        if value: # if edge is present
11            phi = gradients[i, j]
12            if phi in r_table:
13                for r, alpha in r_table[phi]:
14                    r = r * scale_r
15                    alpha += scale_alpha
16                    x = int(i + r * np.cos(alpha))
17                    y = int(j + r * np.sin(alpha))
18                    if ((0 <= x < vote_num.shape[0])
19                        and (0 <= y < vote_num.shape[1])):
20                        vote_num[x, y] += 1
21    return vote_num

```

- The idea of Hough transform can be extended to detect curves of no analytic form
- Representation:

1. Pick a reference point (x_c, y_c)
2. For $i = 1, \dots, n$:
 - a) Draw segment to the point P_i on the boundary.
 - b) Measure its length r_i and its orientation α_i .
 - c) Write the coordinates of (x_c, y_c) as a function of r_i and α_i
 - d) Record the gradient orientation ϕ_i at P_i .
3. Build a table with the data, indexed by ϕ_i .



Edge Gradient Orientation	$r = (r, \alpha)$
ϕ_1	r_1^1, r_1^2, r_1^3
ϕ_2	r_2^1, r_2^2
\vdots	\vdots
ϕ_n	$r_n^1, r_n^2, r_n^3, r_n^4$

$$x_c = x_i + r_i \cos(\alpha_i)$$

$$y_c = y_i + r_i \sin(\alpha_i)$$

Figure 2: Generalized Hough Transform Slide

The scale and rotation invariant GHT is implemented by adding `scale_r` argument and `scale_alpha` argument. `scale_r` is multiplied with the `r` from `r_table`, and `scale_alpha` is added from the `alpha`. Now this function is executed in 2 for-loops changing values of `scale_r` and `scale_alpha`.

```

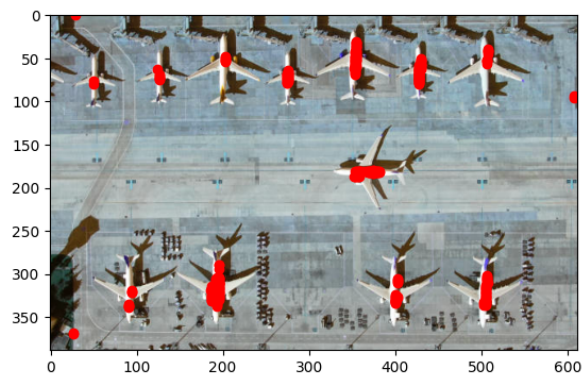
1 total_votes = []
2 for scale_r in scale_r_list:
3     for scale_alpha in scale_alpha_list:
4         vote_num = generalized_hough_transform(target_edge_image,
5                                                target_gradients,
6                                                r_table,
7                                                scale_r=scale_r,
8                                                scale_alpha=scale_alpha)
9     total_votes.append(vote_num)

```

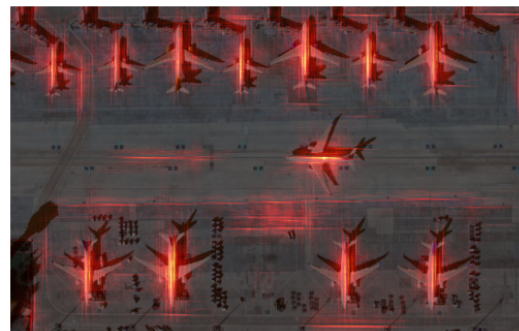
3 Results and Discussion

Figure 3a shows all the points where votes are greater or equal to the threshold 46. All the airplanes are detected in the picture. However, there exist points where there are no airplanes near, but was detected as an airplane. For example, the shadow of the airplane was also detected. This can be adjusted by changing the threshold of vote.

Figure 3b is the entire accumulator including the votes smaller than the threshold. You can see that all the airplane edges are well detected. The points inside the airplane is the denser than points at outside of airplane.



(a) Plotting points where votes are bigger or equal than the threshold (46)



(b) Plotting the entire accumulator and target image. The accumulator where the vote is smaller than 5 is erased.

Figure 3: Detected edge results