| | Proposed | Ambiguities | Implementation |
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| Pre-processing | Trim non-breech face impression regions. | Trimming performed manually, processed data unavailable. | RANSAC + Hough Transform + crop exterior NA rows/columns isolates BF impression region.* |
| | Remove dropouts & outliers. | Outliers not defined, "removal" of dropouts is unclear. | Outliers/dropouts not removed. |
| | Apply band-pass Gaussian regression filter. | Unclear how wavelength cut- offs and implicit parameters are chosen. | Gaussian low, high, & band-pass filters with user-set cut-offs.* |
| Comparison | Rotate one surface matrix by some angle, θ. | Algorithm used to rotate surface matrices not specified. | Surface matrices rotated via nearest-neighbor interpolation.* |
| | Pair disjoint cells in non-rotated surface matrix with non-disjoint regions in rotated matrix. | Surface matrices somehow resized to all be of nominal dimension (e.g., 560x560). | Surface matrices are not automatically padded/cropped to nominal dimension. |
| | Calculate CCF for each cell/region pair. | Unclear how cell/region size ratio is determined. | User can set cell/region size ratio.* |
| | Identify translation values at which CCF_{max} occurs for each cell/region pair and θ value. | CCF calculation from definition or based on cross-correlation theorem? | CC theorem determines translation alignment values, pairwise-complete correlation calculated after alignment. |
| Top Vote | Calculate consensus-based translation/rotation reference values across all cell/region pairs. | Why median for both translation & rotation reference values? Mean or mode feasible alternatives? | set separately for translation & rotation values. Default is median, but the modal rotation |
| | Filter translation & rotation values by where the CCF _{max} value occurs for each cell/region pair. | | value has shown promise.* |
| | Count cell/region pairs with estimated translation/rotation alignment values within tolerances, $\{T_{dx}, T_{dy}, T_{\theta}\}$, of reference values and $CCF_{max} \ge T_{CCF}$. | How are optimal $\{T_{dx}, T_{dy}, T_{\theta}, T_{CCF}\}$ determined other than experimentation? | Thresholds currently decided by experimentation.* |
| High CMC | Perform comparison procedure in both directions. | | |
| | Build CMC- θ distributions by counting congruent cell/region pairs for each θ value. | | |
| | Determine if CMC-θ distributions attain a mode using High CMC criterion. | What if CMC-θ mode is wider than one θ value (i.e., consecutive θ values tie for the maximum CMC count)? | Median of consecutive tied θ values used as modal θ value. |
| | If CMC-θ mode is identified, then count CMCs in and around mode - else, defer to Top Vote method CMCs. | What if a CMC-θ mode is only identified in one direction? | Different user-specified options exist to handle cases in which a CMC-θ is identified in one direction.* |