Automatic identification of landmarks by shape recognition

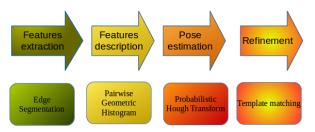
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Introduction

- The implementation based on "Automatic identification of landmarks in digital images", Palaniswamy, Sasirekha, Neil A. Thacker, and Christian Peter Klingenberg
- It includes four steps:



Method - Edge segmentation

Purpose:

- Extract the features (edge) from images
- Get the approximate lines

Method:

- Indicate the threshold value by analysis histogram of image
- Canny
- Break edge algorithm

Parameters:

- Threshold value: indicated by histogram analysis
- Canny ratio: 1:3 (lower:upper)
- Minimum distance to stop break edge: 3 pixels

Method - Edge segmentation





Method - Pairwise geometric histogram

Purpose: detecting the present of scene image in model image

- Method^[2]:
 - Construct the local PGH
 - Construct the shape PGH
 - Matching shape's PGH by Bhattacharyya metric

Parameters: to construct the PGH matrix (used to compute the metric)

- Angle accuracy: 90, 180, 360, 720
- Distance accuracy: 250, 500, 1000

Method - Pairwise geometric histogram Local PGH and shape PGH

Local PGH: PGH for each feature (line)
Shape PGH: contains many Local PGH

PGH: a matrix two dimensions: angle axis and distance axis

PGH information: angle between two lines and perpendicular distance from two endpoints of scene line to reference line.

Method - Probabilistic Hough Transform

- Purpose:
- Determine the presence and location of model image in scene image
 - Estimate the landmarks in the scene image
- Method:
- Construct the reference table
- Find the pair scene lines have the best "vote"
- Estimate the "reference point" in scene image
- Estimate the landmarks
- Result: Estimated model landmarks on scene image

Method - PHT Parameters

- Closet lines
 - Minimum length of each line: 60 pixels
 - Minimum angle between two lines: 15 degrees
 - Distance from an endpoint of a line to another line: 5 pixels
- Similar pairs
 - Maximum difference angle: 1 degree
 - Maximum difference scale: 1 pixel
 - Maximum difference position: 2 pixels

Method - Probabilistic Hough Transform



Method - Template matching

Purpose: Refine the estimated landmarks on the scene image

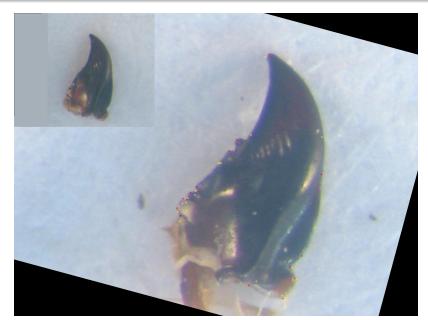
Method:

- On model image: For each landmark, create a bounding box with size "t1" and landmark is center point of box
- Rotate scene image to match with model
- On scene image: For each estimated landmark, create a bounding box with size "t2" and landmark is center point of box
- Sliding t1 on t2 and find the the best match (cross-correlation)

Parameters:

- Template box size: 400px
- Image box size: 1400px

Method - Template matching



Result

- Dataset: Mandibule droite and mandibule gauche
- Method includes 4 steps. The result of each step can effect to next step.
- This method can be used to identify the landmarks. But, in some cases, the estimated landmarks are not close with manual landmarks.

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Thank you!