

ME6406 Machine Vision

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Part 2C: LS Parameter Estimation, K-means Clustering, Curvature and Scale-space filtering

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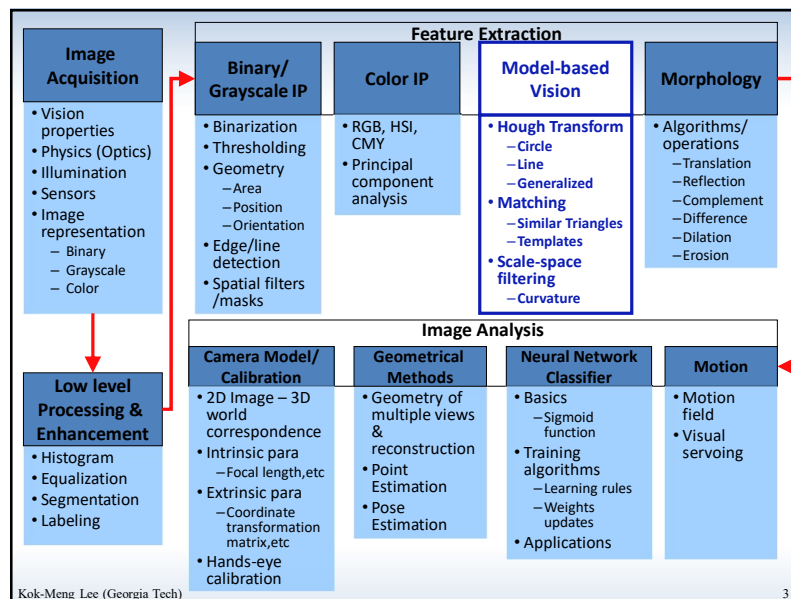
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Course Outline

- Introduction and low-level processing
 - Physics of digital images, histogram equalization, segmentation, edge detection, linear filters.
- **Model-based Vision**
 - **Hough transform, pattern representation, matching**
- Geometric methods
 - Camera model, calibration, pose estimation
- Neural network for machine vision
 - Basics, training algorithms, and applications
- Color images and selected topics
 - Physics, perception, processing and applications

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- ☐ **Curvature (feature representation) and Scale-space filtering method**

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Template matching (<http://kmlee.gatech.edu/me6406/>)

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Linear Least-Square (LS) Parameter Estimation

Consider

$$a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}x_2 + \dots + a_{1q}x_q = y_1$$

$$a_{21}x_1 + a_{22}x_2 + \dots + a_{2q}x_q = y_2$$

$$\dots a_{ij}x_j \dots = y_i$$

$$\underbrace{a_{p1}x_1 + a_{p2}x_2 + \dots + a_{pq}x_q}_{[A]x} = \underbrace{y_p}_y$$

$\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{y}$ where

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1q} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \dots & a_{2q} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ a_{p1} & a_{p2} & \dots & a_{pq} \end{bmatrix}; \mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_q \end{bmatrix}; \mathbf{y} = \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ \vdots \\ y_p \end{bmatrix}$$

$p < q$ Underconstrained \leftarrow More q unknowns than p equations (optimization)

$p = q$ Unique solutions

$p > q$ Overconstrained \leftarrow **More equations than unknowns (curve-fit and Calibration)**

Minimizing the error measure,

$$E \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \sum_{i=1}^p (a_{i1}x_1 + a_{i2}x_2 + \dots + a_{iq}x_q - y_i)^2 = \|\mathbf{Ax} - \mathbf{y}\|^2$$

or $E = \mathbf{e} \cdot \mathbf{e} = \mathbf{e}^T \mathbf{e}$ where $\mathbf{e} = \mathbf{Ax} - \mathbf{y}$.

$$\frac{\partial E}{\partial x_i} = 2 \frac{\partial \mathbf{e}}{\partial x_i} \cdot \mathbf{e} = 0$$

In matrix form

$$\left[\frac{\partial \mathbf{e}}{\partial x_i} \right]^T \mathbf{e} = 0$$

Let the columns of \mathbf{A} are the vectors

$$\mathbf{c}_j = [a_{1j} \ a_{2j} \ \dots \ a_{pj}]^T \text{ where } j = 1, \dots, q$$

$$\text{then } \mathbf{e} = \underbrace{[\mathbf{c}_1 \ \mathbf{c}_2 \ \dots \ \mathbf{c}_q]}_{[\mathbf{A}]} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_q \end{bmatrix} - \mathbf{y} = \underbrace{x_1 \mathbf{c}_1 + \dots + x_i \mathbf{c}_i + \dots + x_q \mathbf{c}_q}_{\Rightarrow \frac{\partial \mathbf{e}}{\partial x_i} = \mathbf{c}_i} - \mathbf{y}$$

$$\frac{\partial E}{\partial x_i} = 2 \frac{\partial \mathbf{e}}{\partial x_i} \cdot \mathbf{e} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{c}_1^T \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{c}_q^T \end{bmatrix}}_{\mathbf{A}^T} [\mathbf{Ax} - \mathbf{y}] = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{Ax} - \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{y} = 0$$

$$\text{or } \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{y}$$

$$\mathbf{x} = (\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A})^{-1} \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{y}$$

MATLAB command: $\mathbf{x} = \text{pinv}(\mathbf{A}) * \mathbf{b}$

K-means Clustering

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Introduction to K-means Clustering

Clustering

- ⊕ a process of grouping a set of objects into classes of similar objects.
- ⊕ A typical clustering approach is iteratively partitioning training data set to learn a partition of the given data space.

K-means algorithm (Unsupervised learning from raw data).

- ⊕ A heuristic method for global optimum, exhaustively search all partitions.
- ⊕ In principle, optimal partition achieved via minimizing the sum of squared distance to its “representative object” in each cluster.

Training set Classes of similar object

$$\text{Euclidean distance } d^2(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{m}_k) = \sum_{n=1}^N (x_n - m_{kn})^2$$

$$\text{Minimize } E = \sum_{k=1}^K \sum_{\mathbf{x} \in C_k} d^2(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{m}_k)$$
Cluster k

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Introduction to K-means Clustering

- Given the cluster number K , find a partition of K clusters to optimize the chosen partitioning criterion (cost function):

- ⊕ each cluster is represented by the center of the cluster and the algorithm converges to stable centroids of clusters.
- ⊕ The simplest partitioning method for clustering analysis and widely used in data mining applications.

Basic steps:

Initialization: set seed points (randomly)

- 1) Assign each object to the cluster of the nearest seed point measured with a specific distance metric
- 2) Compute new seed points as the centroids of the clusters of the current partition (the centroid is the centre, i.e., **mean point**, of the cluster)
- 3) Go back to Step 1), stop when no more new assignment (i.e., membership in each cluster no longer changes)

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K-means algorithm

- Given a training set, $\{\mathbf{x}^{(1)}, \dots, \mathbf{x}^{(m)}\}$, m number, n dim., $\mathbf{x}^{(i)} \in R^n$

1. Initialize cluster centroids ($\mu_1, \mu_2, \dots, \mu_k$), $\mu_j \in R^n$ randomly.

2. Repeat until convergence:

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(Assign step) For every i , set $c(i) := \arg \min_j \|\mathbf{x}^{(i)} - \mu_j\|^2$

(Update step) For each j , set $\mu_j := \frac{\sum_{i=1}^m \mathbf{1}\{c(i) = j\} \mathbf{x}^{(i)}}{\sum_{i=1}^m \mathbf{1}\{c(i) = j\}}$
}

Matlab command:

```
[cluster_idx, cluster_center, sumd] = kmeans(XY, cnum, 'distance', 'sqEuclidean', 'Replicates', 20);
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Step 1: Initialization

- ❑ **Termination conditions** (several possibilities):
 - ⊕ A fixed number of iterations.
 - ⊕ Partition unchanged.
 - ⊕ Centroid positions don't change.
- ❑ **Convergence** (A state in which clusters don't change)
 - ⊕ K-means is a special case of a general procedure known as the **Expectation Maximization** (EM) algorithm, which is known to converge.
 - ⊕ Number of iterations could be large but in practice usually isn't.

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K-means method

K=2

(a) 2D data

(b) Random generate mean

(c) Assign cluster

(d) Update mean

(e) Assign cluster

(f) Assign cluster (converge)

Expectation-maximization(EM) algorithm:

(E-step) Expectation (assign) step: (c), (e), (f): assign cluster

(M-step) Maximum (update) step: (b), (d): update mean

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Example: Suppose we have 4 features (A, B, C, D) and each has two attributes (a , b). The task is to group these objects into $K=2$ group of features.

Features	Attribute 1 (x): a	Attribute 1 (y): b
A	1	1
B	2	1
C	4	3
D	5	4

Step 0: Initialization: set seed points (randomly)

- 1 $c_1(1, 1)$: Group 1
- 2 $c_2(2, 1)$: Group 2

i	1	2	3	4	Centroid	
A	B	C	D	c_1	c_2	
x	1	2	4	5	1	2
y	1	1	3	4	1	1

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Example: Suppose we have 4 features (A, B, C, D) and each has two attributes (a , b). The task is to group these objects into $K=2$ group of features.

i	1	2	3	4	Group	Centroid
A	B	C	D			
x	1	2	4	5	c_1	$(c_{1x} = 1, c_{1y} = 1)$
y	1	1	3	4	c_2	$(c_{2x} = 2, c_{2y} = 1)$

Step 1: Use initial seed points for partitioning. Assign each object to the cluster with the nearest seed point.

$$D^0 = \begin{bmatrix} d_x(i, c_1) \\ d_x(i, c_2) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{(x_i - c_{1x})^2 + (y_i - c_{1y})^2} \\ \sqrt{(x_i - c_{2x})^2 + (y_i - c_{2y})^2} \end{bmatrix}$$

i	A	B	C	D	Cluster	Centroid
D^0	0	1	3.61	5	c_1	(1,1)
	1	0	2.83	4.24	c_2	(2,1)

For example, features C and D

$$d(C, c_1) = \sqrt{(4-1)^2 + (3-1)^2} = 3.61$$

$$d(C, c_2) = \sqrt{(4-2)^2 + (3-1)^2} = 2.83$$

$$d(D, c_1) = \sqrt{(5-1)^2 + (4-1)^2} = 5$$

$$d(D, c_2) = \sqrt{(5-2)^2 + (4-1)^2} = 4.24$$

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Example: Suppose we have 4 features (A, B, C, D) and each has two attributes (a, b). The task is to group these objects into $K=2$ group of features.

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1 2 Assign the membership to objects

Step 2: Compute new centroids of the current partition.

a. Knowing the members of each cluster, compute the new centroid of each group based on these new memberships.

$$c_1 = (1, 1); c_2 = \left(\frac{2+4+5}{3}, \frac{1+3+4}{3} \right) = \left(\frac{11}{3}, \frac{8}{3} \right)$$

b. Compute the distance of all objects to the new centroids

i	A	B	C	D	Group	Centroid
D^1	0	1	3.61	5	c_1	(1, 1)
	3.14	2.36	2.83	4.24	c_2	(11/3, 8/3)

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c. Renew membership based on new centroids.

New Partition

	A	B	C	D
x	1	2	4	5
y	1	1	3	4

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Example: Suppose we have 4 features (A, B, C, D) and each has two attributes (a, b). The task is to group these objects into $K=2$ group of features.

Step 3: Repeat the first two steps until its convergence.

a. Knowing the members of each cluster, compute the new centroid of each group based on these new memberships.

$$c_1 = \left(\frac{1+2}{2}, \frac{1+1}{2} \right) = \left(1\frac{1}{2}, 1 \right)$$

$$c_2 = \left(\frac{4+5}{2}, \frac{3+4}{2} \right) = \left(4\frac{1}{2}, 3\frac{1}{2} \right)$$

b. Compute the distance of all objects to the new centroids

	A	B	C	D	Group	Centroid
D^2	0.5	0.5	3.20	4.61	c_1	(1, 1)
	4.30	3.54	0.71	0.71	c_2	(9/2, 7/2)

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c. Stop due to no new assignment Membership in each cluster no longer change.

New Partition

	A	B	C	D
x	1	2	4	5
y	1	1	3	4

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How K-means partitions?

- When K centroids are set/fixed, they partition the whole data space into K mutually exclusive subspaces to form a partition.
- A partition amounts to a [Voronoi Diagram](#)
- Changing positions of centroids leads to a new partitioning.

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Curvature (Feature Representation) and Scale-space filtering method

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Curvature

\oplus A is a fixed point.
 \oplus P(x, y) is a variable point.
 \oplus Let s is the arc-length AP, and ψ is the angle between the x-axis and the tangent at P.

$$\tan \psi = \frac{dy}{dx}$$

Curvature is the rate of turning of the tangent with respect to the arc:

$$\text{Curvature } K = \frac{d\psi}{ds}$$

Radius of curvature, $\rho = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} \frac{\delta s}{\delta \psi} = \frac{ds}{d\psi} = \frac{1}{K}$

Circle of curvature

Center

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Curvature

$$\rho = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} \frac{\delta s}{\delta \psi} = \frac{ds}{d\psi} = \frac{1}{K}$$

$$\sec^2 \psi \frac{1}{\rho} = \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} \cos \psi$$

$$\Rightarrow \rho = \frac{\sec^3 \psi}{\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2}} = \frac{(1 + \tan^2 \psi)^{3/2}}{\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2}}$$

$$\tan \psi = \frac{dy}{dx}$$

Differentiating with respect to s,

$$\sec^2 \psi \frac{d\psi}{ds} = \frac{d}{ds} \left(\frac{dy}{dx} \right) = \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{dy}{dx} \right) \frac{dx}{ds}$$

$$\frac{1}{\rho} = \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} \cos \psi$$

$$K = \frac{1}{\rho} = \frac{\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2}}{\left[1 + \left(\frac{dy}{dx} \right)^2 \right]^{3/2}}$$

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The sign of K depends on $d^2 y / dx^2$

$$K = \frac{1}{\rho} = \frac{\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2}}{\left[1 + \left(\frac{dy}{dx} \right)^2 \right]^{3/2}}$$

Always positive

In 2D images, $K = \{x(s), y(s)\}$

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In parametric form, $x(s)$ and $y(s)$

Examples

$x(s) = s \cos \theta$
 $y(s) = s \sin \theta$

Straight line

Corner

Shape and size of circle.

$$x(s) = r \cos(2\pi s / N)$$

$$y(s) = r \sin(2\pi s / N)$$

where N is the path length.

smaller r

larger r

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In parametric form,

$$x(s); \dot{x} = \frac{dx}{ds} \text{ and } \ddot{x} = \frac{d^2x}{ds^2}$$

Similarly,

$$y(s); \dot{y} = \frac{dy}{ds} \text{ and } \ddot{y} = \frac{d^2y}{ds^2}$$

Thus,

$$y' = \frac{\dot{y}}{\dot{x}} \text{ where } y' = \frac{dy(s)}{dx(s)}$$

$$y'' = \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \frac{\dot{x}\ddot{y} - \dot{y}\ddot{x}}{\dot{x}^3}$$

Recall
$$K(s) = \frac{y''}{[1 + (y')^2]^{3/2}}$$

$$= \frac{\dot{x}\ddot{y} - \dot{y}\ddot{x}}{\left[1 + \left(\frac{\dot{y}}{\dot{x}}\right)^2\right]^{3/2}}$$

$$K(s) = \frac{\dot{x}\ddot{y} - \dot{y}\ddot{x}}{(\dot{x}^2 + \dot{y}^2)^{3/2}}$$

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Scale-space filtering method

Let $g_\sigma(s) = \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left(-\frac{s^2}{2\sigma^2}\right)$ be the Gausspan filter.

Smoothing the curve with $g_\sigma(s)$ is the same as convolving with $x(s)$ and $y(s)$. Mathematically,

$$X(s, \sigma) = x * g_\sigma = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(s-u) g_\sigma(u) du$$

$$Y(s, \sigma) = y * g_\sigma = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} y(s-u) g_\sigma(u) du$$

$X(s, \sigma)$ and $Y(s, \sigma)$ are the x and y coordinates of the smoothed curve, respectively; and $*$ is the convolution operator.

Recall curvature,

$$K[x(s), y(s)] = \frac{\dot{x}\ddot{y} - \dot{y}\ddot{x}}{(\dot{x}^2 + \dot{y}^2)^{3/2}}$$

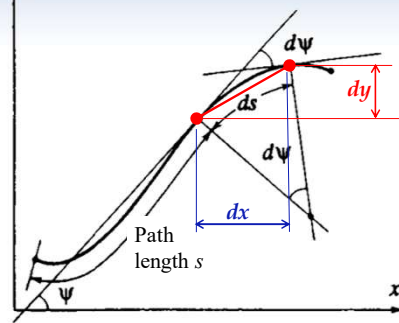
$$K_\sigma[X(s, \sigma), Y(s, \sigma)] = \frac{\dot{X}\ddot{Y} - \dot{Y}\ddot{X}}{(\dot{X}^2 + \dot{Y}^2)^{3/2}}$$

where $\dot{X} = \frac{\partial X}{\partial s}, \dot{Y} = \frac{\partial Y}{\partial s}, \ddot{X} = \frac{\partial^2 X}{\partial s^2}, \ddot{Y} = \frac{\partial^2 Y}{\partial s^2}$

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Scale-space filtering method (cont.)



$$\frac{dx}{ds} = \cos \psi; \quad \frac{dy}{ds} = \sin \psi$$

$$\dot{x}^2 + \dot{y}^2 = \cos^2 \psi + \sin^2 \psi = 1$$

$$K[x(s), y(s)] = \frac{\dot{x}\ddot{y} - \dot{y}\ddot{x}}{(\dot{x}^2 + \dot{y}^2)^{3/2}} = \dot{x}\ddot{y} - \dot{y}\ddot{x}$$

$$K(s, \sigma) = \dot{X}(s, \sigma)\ddot{Y}(s, \sigma) - \dot{Y}(s, \sigma)\ddot{X}(s, \sigma)$$

Detection of dominant points and corners

Scale-space curvature optimization

$$\partial K(X, Y) / \partial s = 0$$

$$\dot{X}(s, \sigma)\ddot{Y}(s, \sigma) - \dot{Y}(s, \sigma)\ddot{X}(s, \sigma) = 0$$

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Scale-space filtering method (cont.)

Let $F(s, \sigma)$ represents the function, $X(s, \sigma)$ or $Y(s, \sigma)$; and

$F(s, 0)$ is the unsmooth coordinates, $x(s)$ and $y(s)$, respectively.

$$F(s, \sigma) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(s-u) g_\sigma(u) du = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g_\sigma(s-u) f(u) du$$

$$f * g_\sigma = g_\sigma * f$$

$$\frac{dF(s, \sigma)}{ds} = \frac{d}{ds} (f * g_\sigma) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{df(s-u)}{ds} g_\sigma(u) du = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{dg_\sigma(s-u)}{ds} f(u) du$$

$$\dot{F}(s, \sigma) = \frac{d(F(s, 0) * g_\sigma)}{ds} = \frac{d(F(s, 0) * g_\sigma)}{ds} * g_\sigma$$

Discrete approximation:

$$F(s, \sigma) = f * g_\sigma$$

$$= \sum_{u=-5\sigma}^{5\sigma} f(s-u) g_\sigma(u)$$

$$\frac{dF(s, \sigma)}{ds} \approx F(j+1, \sigma) - F(j-1, \sigma)$$

$$\frac{d^2F(s, \sigma)}{ds^2} \approx F(j+1, \sigma) - 2F(j, \sigma) + F(j-1, \sigma)$$

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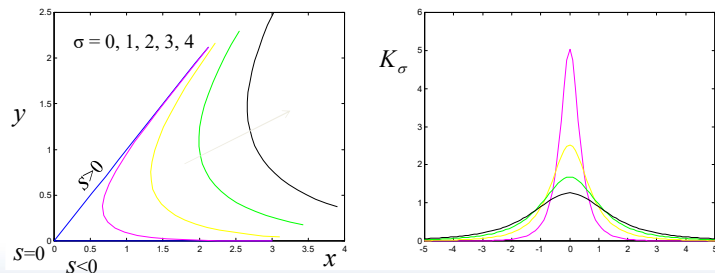
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Scale-space filtering method (cont.)

$$x(s) = \begin{cases} -s & s < 0 \\ s \cos \theta & s \geq 0 \end{cases}$$

$$y(s) = \begin{cases} 0 & s < 0 \\ s \sin \theta & s \geq 0 \end{cases}$$

$$K_\sigma(s) = \dot{X}\ddot{Y} - \dot{Y}\ddot{X}$$



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Detection of dominant points and corners

$$K_\sigma(X, Y) = \dot{X}\ddot{Y} - \dot{Y}\ddot{X}$$

Scale-space curvature optimization

$$\partial K(X, Y) / \partial s = 0$$

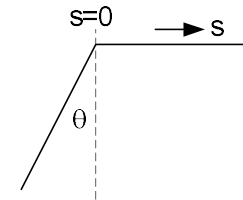
$$\dot{X}(s, \sigma)\ddot{Y}(s, \sigma) - \dot{Y}(s, \sigma)\ddot{X}(s, \sigma) = 0$$

$$-\dot{g}_\sigma \cos \theta = 0$$

At $\theta = 90^\circ$, it becomes a straight line.

In the case of $0 > -90^\circ$ but not equal to 90° , $\dot{g}_\sigma = 0$

Therefore, the only solution is at $s = 0$ independent of the corner angle θ , and the scale parameter σ . This produces a vertical line in scale space, that is, the absolute maxima occur at the same contour location independent of smoothing.



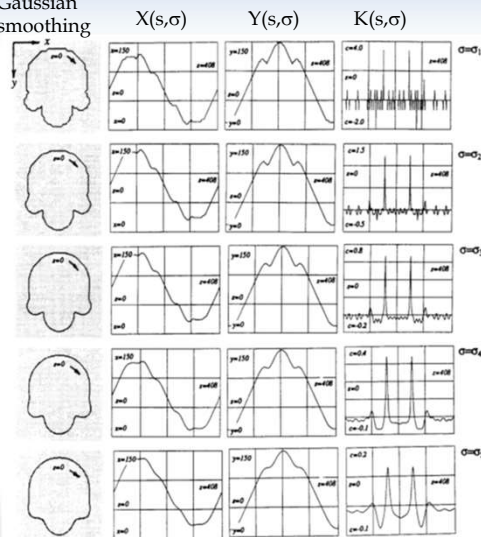
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Example

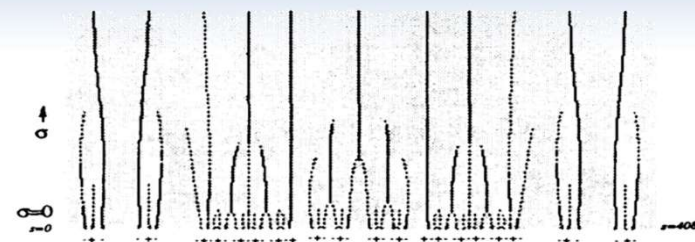
Result of the Gaussian smoothing



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Example

Scale space map of maxima of absolute curvature. The horizontal axis is the arc length of the curve at $\sigma = 0$. The vertical axis is the Gaussian function parameter D determining the degree of smoothing. The line pattern in the map represents the locations of the local maxima of the curvature. A + sign indicates downward concavity, and a - sign indicates upward concavity.

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Example: curvature method

1. Find the outside boundary
bwboundaries(~BW, 'noholes')
2. Gaussian smoothing
conv.m
3. Calculate curvature

$$K(s) = \dot{X}(s)\ddot{Y}(s) - \ddot{Y}(s)\dot{X}(s)$$

$$\dot{X}(s) \cong \text{diff}(X), \dot{Y}(s) \cong \text{diff}(Y)$$

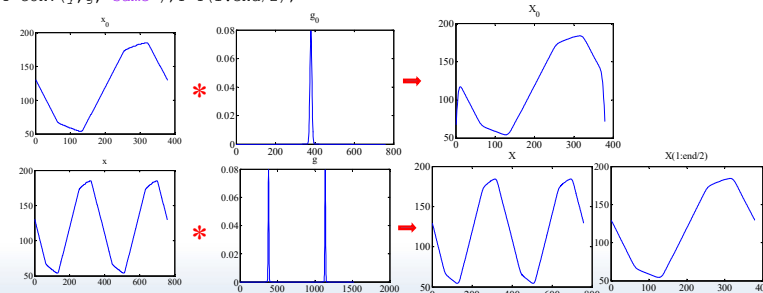
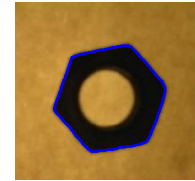
$$\ddot{X}(s) \cong \text{diff}(\dot{X}), \ddot{Y}(s) \cong \text{diff}(\dot{Y})$$
4. Find peaks
findpeaks.m



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Example: Gaussian smoothing

```
x=[x0;x0];y=[y0;y0];
% x, y are the xy position of edges
n=length(x);
s=linspace(-n/2,n/2,n);
sigma=5;
g0=1/sqrt(2*pi*sigma^2)*exp(-s.^2/(2*sigma^2));
g=[g0 g0]';
%convolve x(s), y(s) with Gaussian
X=conv(x,g,'same');X=X(1:end/2);
% same: Returns the central part of the convolution
of the same size as x
Y=conv(y,g,'same');Y=Y(1:end/2);
```



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