Histograms of Oriented Gradients for Human Detection

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- Study the influence of each stage of the computation on performance, concluding that fine-scale gradients, fine orientation binning, relatively coarse spatial binning, and high-quality local contrast normalization in overlapping descriptor blocks

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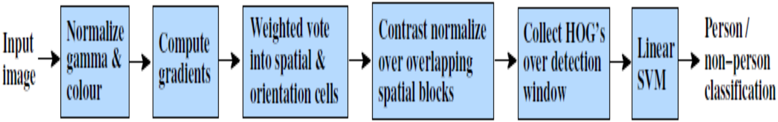

Figure 1: Method for human detection using HOG Descriptors

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- Train the HOG using linear SVM for human/non-human classification

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Algorithm for HOG

Algorithm 1 HOG Descriptors

Input: Set of Images of size 128×64
Output: HOG Descriptors for each image

1. Divide the Image window of size 128×64 into 8×8 blocks // Total 15×7 blocks
2. Calculate Gradient Histograms for every block
3. Collect 2×2 cells and normalize the histograms obtained above. // 4×9 histograms per cell // Normalization
4. Concatenate Histograms // Total vector size $= 15 \times 7 \times 2 \times 2 \times 9 = 3780$

Algorithm for histogram calculation

Algorithm 2 Histgram Calculation

Input: Image block of size 8×8
Output: Histogram of gradients

1. Take number of bins $= 9$
2. Divide $0 - 180^{\circ}$ into 9 bins $0 - 20, 20 - 40, \ldots, 160 - 180$ // May use any voting methods for giving weight to different orientations

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- The orientation bins are evenly spaced over $0 - 180^{\circ}$ ("unsigned" gradient) or $0 - 360^{\circ}$ ("signed" gradient).

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SIFT(Scale Invariant Feature Transform)

- The scale invariant feature transform (SIFT) algorithm is used to detect and describe local features in images
- Image features are transformed into local feature coordinates that are invariant to image translation, scaling, rotation and partially invariant to illumination changes
- To use the SIFT operator for object recognition purposes, it is applied on two object images, a model and a test image
- Calculation of SIFT image features is performed through the four consecutive steps

SIFT Algorithm

- **Scale-space extrema detection**
  - Extract scale and rotation invariant interest points (i.e., keypoints).
- **Keypoint localization**
  - Determine location and scale for each interest point.
  - Eliminate "weak" keypoints
- **Orientation assignment**
  - Assign one or more orientations to each keypoint.
- **Keypoint descriptor**
  - Use local image gradients at the selected scale

SIFT Features Matching

- To find corresponding features between the two images, which will lead to object recognition, different feature matching approaches can be used.
- According to the Nearest Neighbourhood procedure for each F_1^i feature in the model image feature set the corresponding feature F_2^j must be looked for in the test image feature set.
- The corresponding feature is one with the smallest Euclidean distance to the feature F_1^i
- A pair of corresponding feature $(F_1^i,\ F_2^j)$ called a match $M(F_1^i, F_2^j)$

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Thank You