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Chapter 1

Hierarchical Index

1.1 Class Hierarchy

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2.1 Class List

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Chapter 3

Class Documentation

3.1 COLA::DrawTools Class Reference

[DrawTools](#) is a class containing useful utilites for drawing outputs from COLA.

```
#include <DrawTools.h>
```

Public Member Functions

- void [DrawFlowPoint](#) (cv::Mat &output, cv::Mat &input_frame, [FlowPoint](#) &flow_vector)
DrawFlowPoint is used to plot a flot point on an image.
- void [DrawMatches](#) (cv::Mat &output, [FrameDescriptor](#) &train, [FrameDescriptor](#) &query, [FlowField](#) &field)
DrawMatches is used to plot matches from a flowfield onto an output bufer.
- void [DrawTau](#) (cv::Mat &output, [COLA::TauMat](#) &tau_field)
DrawFlowPoint is used to plot a flot point on an image.

3.1.1 Detailed Description

[DrawTools](#) is a class containing useful utilites for drawing outputs from COLA.

The Drawtools class provides functions for drawing matches, flow points, and taufields

3.1.2 Member Function Documentation

3.1.2.1 void COLA::DrawTools::DrawFlowPoint (cv::Mat & output, cv::Mat & input_frame, [FlowPoint](#) & flow_vector)

DrawFlowPoint is used to plot a flot point on an image.

Parameters

<i>output</i>	a cv::Mat containing a reference to the output frame we will write to.
<i>input</i>	a cv::Mat reference to the output buffer
<i>flow_vector</i>	a COLA::FlowPoint reference that will be plotted on the output buffer.

3.1.2.2 void COLA::DrawTools::DrawMatches (cv::Mat & output, [FrameDescriptor](#) & train, [FrameDescriptor](#) & query, [FlowField](#) & field)

DrawMatches is used to plot matches from a flowfield onto an output bufer.

Parameters

<i>output</i>	a cv::Mat containing a reference to the output frame we will write to.
<i>train</i>	a COLA::FrameDescriptor used source the train portion of the match set from
<i>query</i>	a COLA::FrameDescriptor used source the query portion of the match set from
<i>field</i>	a COLA::FlowField reference that will be used to source the matches for the given frame set.

3.1.2.3 void COLA::DrawTools::DrawTau (cv::Mat & output, COLA::TauMat & tau_field)

DrawFlowPoint is used to plot a flow point on an image.

Parameters

<i>output</i>	a cv::Mat containing a reference to the output frame we will write to.
<i>input</i>	a cv::Mat reference to the output buffer
<i>flow_vector</i>	a COLA::FlowPoint reference that will be plotted on the output buffer.

The documentation for this class was generated from the following files:

- include/COLA/DrawTools.h
- src/DrawTools.cpp

3.2 COLA::FeatureTracker Class Reference

Track features between frame pairs.

```
#include <FeatureTracker.h>
```

Public Member Functions

- [FeatureTracker](#) (unsigned int maxFeatures=1000)
FeatureTracker Constructor, initializes the image algorithms and sets max features to track. We use max features as a means of constrainign the computational complexity of the algorithm. [FeatureTracker](#) will save the first n features until maxFeatures is reached.
- virtual [~FeatureTracker](#) ()
Destructor.
- bool [generateDescriptors](#) (COLA::FrameDescriptor &frameDescriptor)
Generate the descriptors for a given frame.
- bool [frameMatcher](#) (COLA::FrameDescriptor &train, COLA::FrameDescriptor &query, COLA::FlowField &field)
frameMatcher creates a [COLA::FlowField](#) for a pair of COLA::FrameDescriptors

3.2.1 Detailed Description

Track features between frame pairs.

This is the feature tracker used by COLA. We can select different algorithms for use in the tracker by assigning an instance to the relevant pointer in the constructor. It is assumed that all descriptors inherit the relevant interfaces from OpenCV.

3.2.2 Constructor & Destructor Documentation

3.2.2.1 COLA::FeatureTracker::FeatureTracker (unsigned int *maxFeatures* = 1000)

[FeatureTracker](#) Constructor, initializes the image algorithms and sets max features to track. We use max features as a means of constrainign the computational complexity of the algorithm. [FeatureTracker](#) will save the first n features until maxFeatures is reached.

Parameters

<i>maxFeatures</i>	integer representation of the max features to track
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3.2.3 Member Function Documentation

3.2.3.1 bool COLA::FeatureTracker::frameMatcher (COLA::FrameDescriptor & *train*, COLA::FrameDescriptor & *query*, COLA::FlowField & *field*)

frameMatcher creates a [COLA::FlowField](#) for a pair of COLA::FrameDescriptors

Parameters

<i>&train</i>	COLA::FrameDescriptor the set of train features
<i>&query</i>	COLA::FrameDescriptor the set of query features
<i>&field</i>	COLA::FlowField the data structure we store the flow field in (the difference between tracked points in train -> query)

3.2.3.2 bool COLA::FeatureTracker::generateDescriptors (COLA::FrameDescriptor & *frameDescriptor*)

Generate the descriptors for a given frame.

Parameters

<i>&frameDescriptor</i>	COLA::FrameDescriptor the query frame to generate descriptors for
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The documentation for this class was generated from the following files:

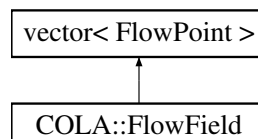
- include/COLA/FeatureTracker.h
- src/FeatureTracker.cpp

3.3 COLA::FlowField Class Reference

A [FlowField](#) represents a collection of FlowPoints from the same frame set.

```
#include <FlowField.h>
```

Inheritance diagram for COLA::FlowField:



Public Member Functions

- [FlowField](#) (int size)
Constructor.

- void **reset** (void)

*Reset the **FlowField** This allows us to reset the flow field without releasing the memory allocated to the vector. This is useful when we have an upper bound on the number of possible flow points and do not want to have to reallocate memory in between matchings.*

Public Attributes

- vector< vector< cv::DMatch > > **matches**

3.3.1 Detailed Description

A **FlowField** represents a collection of FlowPoints from the same frame set.

This is a vector grouping of FlowPoints for a given frame set. This is also used to carry the match vector used by the matcher for determining feature matches from the descriptors

3.3.2 Constructor & Destructor Documentation

3.3.2.1 COLA::FlowField::FlowField (int size)

Constructor.

Parameters

<i>size</i>	int the expected size of the flow field (used to pre-allocate the vector)
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The documentation for this class was generated from the following files:

- include/COLA/FlowField.h
- src/FlowField.cpp

3.4 COLA::FlowPoint Class Reference

FlowPoint is an object representation of an optical flow vector.

```
#include <FlowField.h>
```

Public Member Functions

- **FlowPoint** (cv::Point2f root, cv::Vec2f magnitude)
FlowPoint Constructor (Pre-Calculated flow vector)
- **FlowPoint** (cv::Point2f start, cv::Point2f end, float time_delta)
FlowPoint Constructor (Point Delta form)
- bool **operator==** (const **FlowPoint** &other) const
FlowPoint equivalence operator This operator allows us to compare COLA::FlowPoints.

Public Attributes

- cv::Point2f **location**
- cv::Vec2f **magnitude**

3.4.1 Detailed Description

[FlowPoint](#) is an object representation of an optical flow vector.

A [FlowPoint](#) object represent the location and magnitude of an optical flow point.

3.4.2 Constructor & Destructor Documentation

3.4.2.1 COLA::FlowPoint::FlowPoint (cv::Point2f *root*, cv::Vec2f *magnitude*)

[FlowPoint](#) Constructor (Pre-Calculated flow vector)

This constructor is used if we have a flow point we already calculated the magnitude for.

Parameters

<i>root</i>	cv::Point2f the location the flow vector represent the flow for. This is the current location of the feature.
<i>magnitude</i>	cv::Vec2f floating point representation of the x and y portions of the optical flow vector magnitude

3.4.2.2 COLA::FlowPoint::FlowPoint (cv::Point2f *start*, cv::Point2f *end*, float *time_delta*)

[FlowPoint](#) Constructor (Point Delta form)

Parameters

<i>start</i>	cv::Point2f the initial feature location
<i>end</i>	cv::Point2f the current (final) location of the feature
<i>time_delta</i>	float the elapsed time (in seconds) between start and end

3.4.3 Member Function Documentation

3.4.3.1 bool COLA::FlowPoint::operator== (const [FlowPoint](#) & *other*) const

[FlowPoint](#) equivalence operator This operator allows us to compare COLA::FlowPoints.

Parameters

<i>&other</i>	COLA::FlowPoint a reference to the FlowPoint we wish to compare this too.
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The documentation for this class was generated from the following files:

- include/COLA/FlowField.h
- src/FlowField.cpp

3.5 COLA::FrameDescriptor Class Reference

An object to contain all the relevant feature information for a frame.

```
#include <FrameDescriptor.h>
```

Public Member Functions

- [FrameDescriptor](#) (int numberOfFeatures=1000, cv::Rect roi_rect=cv::Rect())
Constructor.

- void [normalizeKeypoints](#) (void)
Transforms the KeyPoint vector to real-space.
- void [reset](#) (void)
prepare for a new reference frame without deallocating memory

Public Attributes

- cv::Rect **roi_rect**
- bool **roi_set**
- cv::Point2f **roi_offset**
- std::vector< cv::KeyPoint > **featurePoints**
- cv::Mat **descriptors**
- int **frame_number**
- struct timespec **timestamp**
- cv::Mat **refFrame**
- cv::Mat * **process_frame**

3.5.1 Detailed Description

An object to contain all the relevant feature information for a frame.

The [FrameDescriptor](#) class is a data structure that represents everything we know about a given frame. It contains the ROI information, source frame, Key Points (where interesting features are located) and the descriptors for those features. It also contains timestamp information useful for determining the elapsed time between frames. This is represented by both timestamp (for real-time implementations) and frame number (for offline video processing). See [COLA::Time](#) for more information on how time is tracked by the program. The ROI rectangle is used to create an ROI image from the original frame. This way, we can track the normalization of keypoints with respect to the original image.

3.5.2 Constructor & Destructor Documentation

3.5.2.1 COLA::FrameDescriptor::FrameDescriptor (int *numberOfFeatures* = 1000, cv::Rect *roi_rect* = cv::Rect ())

Constructor.

We initialize a frame descriptor with number of feature and an optional ROI rectangle.

Parameters

<i>numberOfFeatures</i>	int the maximum number of features to track
<i>roi_rect</i>	cv::Rect the ROI rectangle we will use to generate the sub-image for processing.

3.5.3 Member Function Documentation

3.5.3.1 void COLA::FrameDescriptor::normalizeKeypoints (void)

Transforms the KeyPoint vector to real-space.

This function allows us to transform the keypoints from ROI space to the full image space. This function will only carry out the transform once to prevent accidentally breaking the keypoint vector.

3.5.3.2 void COLA::FrameDescriptor::reset (void)

prepare for a new reference frame without deallocating memory

This resets the state of the frame descriptor by clearing the keypoint vector

The documentation for this class was generated from the following files:

- include/COLA/FrameDescriptor.h
- src/FrameDescriptor.cpp

3.6 COLA::GlobalFlow Class Reference

Calculates the global flow from a [COLA::FlowField](#).

```
#include <GlobalFlow.h>
```

Public Member Functions

- [GlobalFlow](#) (cv::Size frame_size)
Constructor (Pre-allocation)
- [COLA::FlowPoint CalculateGlobalFlow](#) ([COLA::FlowField](#) &flowField)
Global Flow calculator.

3.6.1 Detailed Description

Calculates the global flow from a [COLA::FlowField](#).

Sometimes we would like to see the flow of the whole image, we accomplish this by averaging an entire [FlowField](#) for a given set of frames.

3.6.2 Member Function Documentation

3.6.2.1 COLA::FlowPoint COLA::GlobalFlow::CalculateGlobalFlow (COLA::FlowField & flowField)

Global Flow calculator.

Parameters

<i>&flowField</i>	COLA::FlowField a reference to the flow field we will average to return the global flow vector.
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Returns

[COLA::FlowPoint](#) the optical flow vector representing the average flow of the image. The location of this vector is assumed to be the camera nodal point.

The documentation for this class was generated from the following files:

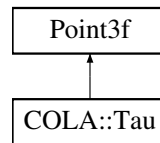
- include/COLA/GlobalFlow.h
- src/GlobalFlow.cpp

3.7 COLA::Tau Class Reference

Calculate the [Tau](#) value for a [FlowPoint](#).

```
#include <Tau.h>
```

Inheritance diagram for COLA::Tau:



Public Member Functions

- [Tau](#) (float tau, cv::Point2f location)
Constructor (Pre-calculated [Tau](#))
- [Tau](#) (COLA::FlowPoint &flow_pt, cv::Point2f &nodal)
Constructor (Calculate [Tau](#) from [FlowPoint](#))

Public Attributes

- float **tau**
- cv::Point2f **location**
- cv::Point2f **nodal**

3.7.1 Detailed Description

Calculate the [Tau](#) value for a [FlowPoint](#).

[Tau](#) is a mathematical representation of the time to collision with an object. [Tau](#) is effectively the orthogonal projection of the flow vector onto the nodal point.

$$\tau = \frac{||\vec{AN}||}{||\vec{AN}_{flow}||}$$

3.7.2 Constructor & Destructor Documentation

3.7.2.1 COLA::Tau::Tau (float tau, cv::Point2f location)

Constructor (Pre-calculated [Tau](#))

Parameters

<i>tau</i>	float the time until impact
<i>location</i>	cv::Point2f the location of the tau point.

3.7.2.2 COLA::Tau::Tau (COLA::FlowPoint & flow_pt, cv::Point2f & nodal)

Constructor (Calculate [Tau](#) from [FlowPoint](#))

This constructor calculates tau from a flow point and specified nodal (in relation to the [FlowPoint](#)).

Parameters

<i>&flow_pt</i>	COLA::FlowPoint the flow point we will calculate tau for
<i>&nodal</i>	cv::Point2f the nodal point of the camera (usually the center point of the frame)

The documentation for this class was generated from the following files:

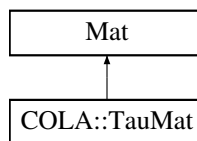
- include/COLA/Tau.h
- src/Tau.cpp

3.8 COLA::TauMat Class Reference

[Tau](#) Mat UNSTABLE.

```
#include <Tau.h>
```

Inheritance diagram for COLA::TauMat:



Public Member Functions

- **TauMat** (cv::Size mat_size, vector< [COLA::Tau](#) > tau_field)
- **TauMat** (cv::Size mat_size, [COLA::FlowField](#) &field)

3.8.1 Detailed Description

[Tau](#) Mat UNSTABLE.

This object is currently not in a stable state, however, it is designed to report the tau values in a matrix normalized to uchar for display

The documentation for this class was generated from the following files:

- include/COLA/Tau.h
- src/Tau.cpp

3.9 COLA::Time Class Reference

How COLA views time.

```
#include <Time.h>
```

Public Member Functions

- float [timeElapsed](#) ([COLA::FrameDescriptor](#) &start, [COLA::FrameDescriptor](#) &end)
Returns the elapsed time in seconds.
- bool [delay](#) (void)
burn off remaining time
- void [setTime](#) ([COLA::FrameDescriptor](#) &frame)
sets the timestamp for NOW in a given [COLA::FrameDescriptor](#)

Static Public Member Functions

- static [COLA::Time](#) * [Instance](#) (int fps=DEFAULT_FPS, bool live=false)
Singleton Constructor/Instance Retrieve.

Public Attributes

- bool **isLag**

Protected Member Functions

- **Time** (int fps, bool live)

3.9.1 Detailed Description

How COLA views time.

[COLA::Time](#) is a singleton object that makes a best effort at controlling the flow of time inside the program. For now, this is not written with actual real-time kernel usage. Essentially, the object "burns" time when the loop rate exceeds a pre designated FPS. It also contains a flag set when the loop time is above the current fps (the program is lagging).

[Time](#) has two modes, live and offline. The mode setting affects how time will externally report time. In offline mode, we assume that the data source is a video file. Thus, the time elapsed between frames is independent of the programs run time. Thus, time reports the elapsed time between to frames as the difference in frame number multiplied by the inverse of frames per second. In live mode, the object returns the actual clock difference between the two frames.

3.9.2 Member Function Documentation

3.9.2.1 bool COLA::Time::delay (void)

burn off remaining time

This function burns off any time remaining in the loop (to match requested FPS) and sets isLag to false. If the time is greater, it returns immediatly with true (lag) and sets isLag to true.

Returns

bool if true, the program is lagging

3.9.2.2 Time * COLA::Time::Instance (int *fps* = DEFAULT_FPS, bool *live* = false) [static]

Singleton Constructor/Instance Retrieve.

Since time is a singleton object, the constructor is made private. Instead, we use use the public Instance method to get the current instantiation, or construct a new instantiation using the supplied arguments. NOTE: if the singleton has already been Instantiated, the arguments fed into instance are ignored.

Parameters

<i>fps</i>	int the frames per second we want to run at
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<i>live</i>	bool sets whether the object is in real-time or offline mode. True sets to real-time mode False sets to offline.
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Returns

[COLA::Time*](#) the pointer to the global singleton instantiation.

3.9.2.3 void COLA::Time::setTime (COLA::FrameDescriptor & frame)

sets the timestamp for NOW in a given [COLA::FrameDescriptor](#)

This function updates the frame number (number of frames prior since the beginning of execution) (ALWAYS) and the timestamp (ONLY IN LIVE MODE)

Parameters

<i>&frame</i>	COLA::FrameDescriptor the reference to the frame we want to set the time for.
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3.9.2.4 float COLA::Time::timeElapsed (COLA::FrameDescriptor & start, COLA::FrameDescriptor & end)

Returns the elapsed time in seconds.

This function returns the elapsed time in realtime or offline (frame count difference multiplied by inverse FPS) depending on how the original object was instantiated.

Parameters

<i>&start</i>	COLA::FrameDescriptor the earlier frame
<i>&end</i>	COLA::FrameDescriptor the later frame

Returns

float the elapsed time in seconds

The documentation for this class was generated from the following files:

- include/COLA/Time.h
- src/Time.cpp