

CS663 Assignment 1

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Question 2

Relationship between the motion vectors

It can be understood as follows:

Given that the motion is purely translational:

- u_{12} represents the motion vector that aligns image I_2 with image I_1 .
- u_{23} represents the motion vector that aligns image I_3 with image I_2 .
- u_{13} represents the motion vector that aligns image I_3 with image I_1 .

The relationship between these motion vectors can be described using vector addition:

$$u_{13} = u_{12} + u_{23}$$

This equation means that to align I_3 with I_1 , you can first align I_3 with I_2 using u_{23} , and then align I_2 with I_1 using u_{12} .

Practical Consideration

In an ideal scenario (i.e., perfect conditions with no noise, distortion, or errors), this relationship would hold exactly in practice. However, in real-world applications, some distorting factor (most likely to be present in practical estimation) may cause this relationship to not hold.

1. **Noise:** Image data is often noisy due to sensor imperfections, lighting variations, or other environmental factors. This noise can lead to inaccuracies in the estimation of the motion vectors.
2. **Numerical Precision:** Computational limitations such as numerical precision and rounding errors can also introduce small deviations from the expected relationship.
3. **Pixels:** This motion between the images isn't completely continuous i.e. it's discrete, limited by the pixel size. Hence if the actual motion is having some fractional term (in terms of pixels), we have to round it up/down causing deviation from the relationship.