



# SHAPE ATTRIBUTES

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# CHAPTER 1

## INTRODUCTION

### 1.1 CONTEXT

This report is the result of a university assignment. It aims to prove that the student understood the motivation, goals and means of studying pattern recognition. Therefore, this is a way of summarizing a series of observations and experiments done on images containing shapes.

### 1.2 MOTIVATION

We want to be able to extract shapes from images and differentiate between them. Using various **shape attributes**, we should be able to conclude which shapes are similar, which are different, which of them are the same but just rotated at different angles, what their main axis of inertia is and so on. Being able to recognise these attributes is a small but important step towards us to identifying and categorising shapes from images. From there on, many possibilities exist: image indexing, searching for certain shapes (e.g. “images with squares”) etc.

### 1.3 GOALS

Given multiple shapes,  $S_1, \dots, S_n$ , each shape  $S_i$  being represented by its image pixels, find proper **shape indexes** that would allow us to classify these shapes and conclude on a shape’s features (e.g. main axis of inertia for  $S_i$ ). Therefore, we are interested in finding means (that is **shape attributes**, **shape invariants**) to uniquely identify them. The **shape invariants** would help us say that  $S_i$  and  $S_j, i \neq j$  are the same, even if  $S_j$  is rotated at a certain angle, for example.

## CHAPTER 2

# EXPERIMENTS

### 2.1 TECHNICAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

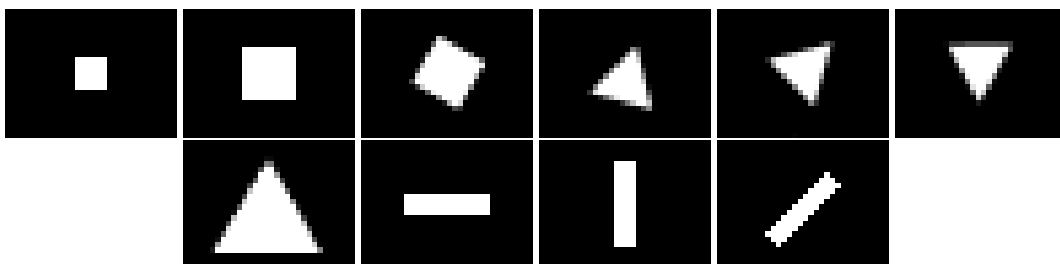
The following code presented was written using *R*. The images from which the shapes were extracted were used as gray images. 2.1

### 2.2 LOADING DATA

Images are loaded then converted to grayscale. Right now, we are not interested in their color, so they'll only be black and white.

```
1  rdfReadGreyImage <- function (nom) {  
2      image <- readImage (paste('images/', nom, sep=''))  
3      if (length (dim (image)) == 2) {  
4          image  
5      } else {  
6          channel (image, 'red')  
7      }  
8  }
```

**LISTING 2.1**  
Loading images in R



**FIGURE 2.1**  
Shape images

## 2.3 MOMENTS OF A SHAPE

We define the *moment of a shape* as the following:

$$M_{ij} = \sum_x \sum_y x^i y^j A(x, y)$$

where  $A(x, y)$  is the value of the pixel  $(x, y)$  of the shape's image. One can easily observe that  $M_{00}$  is equal to the number of pixels that are not black. We call that the *surface* of the shape.

```

1  rdfMoment <- function (im, p, q) {
2    x <- (1 : (dim (im) [1])) ^ p
3    y <- (1 : (dim (im) [2])) ^ q
4    as.numeric (rbind (x) %*% im %*% cbind (y))
5  }

```

**LISTING 2.2**  
Calculating the moment of a shape

The *barycenter* is defined as being the following:

$$(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) = \left( \frac{M_{10}}{M_{00}}, \frac{M_{01}}{M_{00}} \right)$$

Having these, we can now make our  $M_{ij}$  invariant to the translation of the shape. We can define the *centered moment* as being:

$$\mu_{ij} = \sum_x \sum_y (x - \bar{x})^i (y - \bar{y})^j I(x, y)$$

```

1  rdfMomentCentre <- function (im, p, q) {
2    # Barycentre
3    s <- rdfSurface (im)
4    cx <- rdfMoment (im, 1, 0) / s
5    cy <- rdfMoment (im, 0, 1) / s
6    # Initialiser les vecteurs x et y
7    x <- (1 : (dim (im) [1]) - cx) ^ p
8    y <- (1 : (dim (im) [2]) - cy) ^ q
9    # Calcul du moment centre
10   as.numeric (rbind (x) %*% im %*% cbind (y))
11 }

```

**LISTING 2.3**  
Calculating centered moments

## 2.4 INERTIA MATRIX

Inspiring ourselves from physics, we may use these moments to calculate the inertia matrix:

$$I = \begin{pmatrix} \mu_{20} & \mu_{11} \\ \mu_{11} & \mu_{02} \end{pmatrix}$$

We'll be using  $I$  later on to tell which is the main axis of inertia for different shapes. For now, let's take a look at its values for the images with rectangles and squares.

```
[1] "Horizontal rectangle:"
      [,1] [,2]
[1,] 1360  0
[2,]  0  80
[1] "Vertical rectangle:"
      [,1] [,2]
[1,]  80  0
[2,]  0 1360
[1] "Diagonal rectangle:"
      [,1] [,2]
[1,] 678.5 -619.5
[2,] -619.5 678.5
[1] "Smooth diagonal rectangle:"
      [,1] [,2]
[1,] 745.0080 -647.0326
[2,] -647.0326 748.4077

[1] "Small square:"
      [,1] [,2]
[1,] 105  0
[2,]  0 105
[1] "Big square:"
      [,1] [,2]
[1,] 825  0
[2,]  0 825
[1] "Big square 30deg:"
      [,1] [,2]
[1,] 842.4965158 0.2446836
[2,] 0.2446836 843.2052085
[1] "Big square 45deg:"
      [,1] [,2]
[1,] 840.336263 1.458065
[2,] 1.458065 839.716792
```

**FIGURE 2.2**  
Inertia matrices for rectangles and squares

Upon calculating the values for the rectangles, we can observe that their matrix of inertia is different for each shape. For the horizontal rectangle, it's intuitive that the following equation should happen:  $\mu_{20} > \mu_{02}$ . That's because there are more pixels distributed over the  $x$  axis. For the vertical rectangle, it's the opposite. The inertia matrix tells us just that. For the diagonal rectangle, there's an interesting observation:  $\mu_{20} = \mu_{02}$ . That's because the rectangle is rotated at 45 degrees, so the pixels are uniformly distributed horizontally and vertically. For the two diagonal rectangles, the values differ, but it's interesting to notice that the proportion  $\frac{\mu_{20}}{\mu_{02}}$  is about the same. That would mean that the rectangles are similarly oriented, which is true.

The  $\frac{\mu_{20}}{\mu_{02}}$  proportion is also kept in the case of the the squares which aren't rotated. Another interesting observation is that for the shapes that aren't rotated,  $\mu_{11} = 0$ . All of these already give us valuable information as to how the shape looks, so they can definitely be used as shape attributes. However, we can still improve these.

## 2.5 SHAPE'S INERTIA

### 2.5.1 NORMALISED MOMENT CENTERS

For our next trick, we can make  $\mu_{ij}$  invariant to the scale of the image. We define the *normalized centered moment* as the following:

$$\eta_{ij} = \frac{\mu_{ij}}{\mu_{00}^{1+\frac{i+j}{2}}}$$

```
1  rdfMomentCentreNormalise <- function (img, p, q) {
2    upq = rdfMomentCentre(img, p, q)
3    u00 = rdfMomentCentre(img, 0, 0)
4    normalised = upq / (u00 ** (1 + (p + q)/2))
5    normalised
6  }
```

**LISTING 2.4**  
Calculating normalised centered moments

Taking a look at the values<sup>1</sup>, we can notice that  $\eta_{22}$ , for example, becomes invariant to the size of the image (for example for the triangles).  $\eta_{20}$  and  $\eta_{02}$  still tell us how pixels are distributed over the  $x$  and  $y$  axis, but they are now not influenced by the shape's size.

[1] "rectangle-horizontal"	[1] "carre-6"	[1] "triangle-10"
[1] 0.332 0.020 0.006	[1] 0.081 0.081 0.007	[1] 0.095 0.101 0.008
[1] "rectangle-vertical"	[1] "carre-10"	[1] "triangle-10-15deg"
[1] 0.020 0.332 0.006	[1] 0.082 0.082 0.007	[1] 0.096 0.099 0.008
[1] "rectangle-diagonal"	[1] "carre-10-30deg"	[1] "triangle-10-45deg"
[1] 0.202 0.202 0.063	[1] 0.084 0.084 0.004	[1] 0.099 0.097 0.008
[1] "rectangle-diagonal-lisse"	[1] "carre-10-45deg"	[1] "triangle-10-60deg"
[1] 0.179 0.180 0.047	[1] 0.085 0.085 0.003	[1] 0.094 0.101 0.008

**FIGURE 2.3**  
Normalised moment centers

## 2.5.2 MAIN MOMENTS OF INERTIA

Using the *normalised centered moments*, rather than just *centered moments*, we can calculate:

$$I = \begin{pmatrix} \eta_{20} & \eta_{11} \\ \eta_{11} & \eta_{02} \end{pmatrix}$$

Afterwards, we can calculate the *eigen values* of the matrix  $I$ . The values obtained,  $I_1$  and  $I_2$  are the *main moments of inertia*:

$$I' = \begin{pmatrix} I_1 & 0 \\ 0 & I_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

```

1  mainInertionAxis <- function(im, normalise=TRUE){
2    if (normalise == TRUE)
3      f <- rdfMomentCentreNormalise
4    else
5      f <- rdfMomentCentre
6    u20 <- f(im, 2, 0)
7    u11 <- f(im, 1, 1)
8    u02 <- f(im, 0, 2)
9    I <- matrix(c(u20, u11, u11, u02), nrow=2, ncol=2)
10   ev <- eigen(I)
11   tenseur <- diag(ev$values)
12 }
```

**LISTING 2.5**  
Calculating the main moments of inertia

<sup>1</sup>The values were rounded to 3 decimals

Let's have a look at how  $I_1$  and  $I_2$  look for the shapes above. We can see that these values<sup>2</sup> tell us how much "inertia" there is on each of the shape's axis. However, we have no information as to how shapes are rotated. For that, we can look at the *eigen vectors* of the  $I$  matrix.

[1] "carre-6"	[1] "triangle-10"
[1] 0.081 0.081	[1] 0.101 0.095
[1] "carre-10"	[1] "triangle-10-15deg"
[1] 0.082 0.082	[1] 0.100 0.095
[1] "carre-10-30deg"	[1] "triangle-10-45deg"
[1] 0.084 0.084	[1] 0.101 0.095
[1] "carre-10-45deg"	[1] "triangle-10-60deg"
[1] 0.085 0.085	[1] 0.102 0.093

**FIGURE 2.4**  
Main inertia moments

### 2.5.3 MAIN AXIS OF INERTIA

The *eigen vectors* of the  $I$  matrix can tell us how the shapes are oriented. We can clearly see that the 2 squares that are not rotated have the same *eigen vectors*. The triangles, however, all have different vectors because they are all rotated in a different way, but their *main moments of inertia* are the same.

[1] "carre-6"	[1] "triangle-10"
[1] [1] [2]	[1] [1] [2]
[1,] 0 -1	[1,] -0.2038465 -0.9790029
[2,] 1 0	[2,] 0.9790029 -0.2038465
[1] "carre-10"	[1] "triangle-10-15deg"
[1] [1] [2]	[1] [1] [2]
[1,] 0 -1	[1,] -0.4667712 -0.8843781
[2,] 1 0	[2,] 0.8843781 -0.4667712
[1] "carre-10-30deg"	[1] "triangle-10-45deg"
[1] [1] [2]	[1] [1] [2]
[1,] 0.2975906 -0.9546936	[1,] -0.8082025 -0.5889047
[2,] 0.9546936 0.2975906	[2,] 0.5889047 -0.8082025
[1] "carre-10-45deg"	[1] "triangle-10-60deg"
[1] [1] [2]	[1] [1] [2]
[1,] -0.7771076 0.6293678	[1,] -0.2465855 -0.9691210
[2,] -0.6293678 -0.7771076	[2,] 0.9691210 -0.2465855

**FIGURE 2.5**  
Main inertia axis

Having made these observation, we can conclude that these attributes are fairly important to describe a shape. They can tell us how their "weight" is distributed over their *main axis of inertia*.

<sup>2</sup>The values were rounded to 3 decimals



## 2.6 HU INVARIANTS

Using the *normalised center moments*, we can define the *Hu invariants*. These are invariants with respect to translation, scale, and rotation. Please refer to NANNANANANA to see how these are defined. We'll only look at the first 5 invariants.

```

1  rdfMomentsInvariants <- function(nom) {
2    img <- rdfReadGreyImage(nom)
3    if (interactive()) {
4      display(img, paste('images/', nom, sep=''), method="raster", all=TRUE)
5    }
6
7    n02 <- rdfMomentCentreNormalise(img, 0, 2)
8    n03 <- rdfMomentCentreNormalise(img, 0, 3)
9    n11 <- rdfMomentCentreNormalise(img, 1, 1)
10   n12 <- rdfMomentCentreNormalise(img, 1, 2)
11   n20 <- rdfMomentCentreNormalise(img, 2, 0)
12   n21 <- rdfMomentCentreNormalise(img, 2, 1)
13   n30 <- rdfMomentCentreNormalise(img, 3, 0)
14
15   hu1 <- n20 + n02
16   hu2 <- (n20 - n02)**2 + (2*n11)**2
17   hu3 <- (n30 - 3*n12)**2 + (3*n21 - n03)**2
18   hu4 <- (n30 + n12)**2 + (n21 + n03)**2
19   hu5 <- (n30 - 3*n12)*(n30 + n12)*((n30 + n12)**2 - 3*(n21 + n03)**2) +
20     (3*n21 - n03)*(n21 + n03)*(3*(n30 + n12)**2 - (n21 + n03)**2)
21
22   c(hu1, hu2, hu3, hu4, hu5)
23 }

```

**LISTING 2.6**  
Calculating Hu invariants

	hu1	hu2	hu3	hu4	hu5
carre-6	0.1620	0.0000	0.0000	0	0
carre-10	0.1650	0.0000	0.0000	0	0
carre-10-30deg	0.1681	0.0000	0.0000	0	0
carre-10-45deg	0.1706	0.0000	0.0000	0	0
rectangle-horizontal	0.3516	0.0977	0.0000	0	0
rectangle-vertical	0.3516	0.0977	0.0000	0	0
rectangle-diagonal	0.4034	0.1357	0.0000	0	0
rectangle-diagonal-lisse	0.3590	0.0968	0.0000	0	0
triangle-10	0.1956	0.0000	0.0046	0	0
triangle-10-15deg	0.1952	0.0000	0.0046	0	0
triangle-10-45deg	0.1957	0.0000	0.0046	0	0
triangle-10-60deg	0.1949	0.0001	0.0044	0	0

**FIGURE 2.6**  
Hu invariants for shapes

Analysing the values<sup>3</sup> above, we can see that some of these are not affected by a shape’s rotation. For example,  $hu_3$  is similar for the triangles. For the horizontal and vertical rectangles,  $hu_1$  has the same value, as the shapes have the same *surface* and are not rotated.

	hu1	hu2	hu3	hu4	hu5
chiffre-0	0.4562	0.0175	0.0000	0.0000	0e+00
chiffre-1	0.6166	0.2461	0.0146	0.0029	0e+00
chiffre-2	0.5967	0.1356	0.0074	0.0024	0e+00
chiffre-3	0.5274	0.0891	0.0162	0.0046	0e+00
chiffre-4	0.3466	0.0168	0.0151	0.0002	0e+00
chiffre-5	0.5135	0.0765	0.0052	0.0020	0e+00
chiffre-6	0.3838	0.0167	0.0017	0.0003	0e+00
chiffre-7	0.5952	0.1605	0.1078	0.0211	5e-04
chiffre-8	0.3763	0.0192	0.0001	0.0000	0e+00
chiffre-9	0.3880	0.0181	0.0027	0.0005	0e+00

**FIGURE 2.7**  
Hu invariants for digits

As for the digits, values are not similar. This is because each shape is unique in its own way. It’s interesting to notice that for digits 0 and 8, we have  $hu_4 = 0$ . Intuitively, that could be because the pixels for 0 and 8 are “evenly” distributed relative to their center.

<sup>3</sup>Values here were rounded to 4 decimals

## CHAPTER 3

# CONCLUSION

We have managed to use the *moments of a shape* in order to define *shape attributes*. Having these, we now know information such as the *surface* of a shape, the *barycenter* of the shape, what its *main axis of inertia* is and how much “inertia” exists on each of these axis, thanks to the *eigen values* calculated from  $I$ , the *inertia matrix*. Being able to make these invariant to the translation, rotation and scale of a shape is also a big advantage and should serve us well in the future.