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# Advanced Vision Practical Report 2020

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## Abstract

This is our report for the coursework for the Advanced Vision course at the University of Edinburgh. In it we describe how from a sequence of 3D point clouds, each showing the same person from a different angle, a single 3-D model of the person's head is generated. We describe the various steps taken for the entire process in Section 2, and analyze, discuss the quality of the 3-D model in Section 3, 4.

## 1. Task Description

In this task we have been provided with 4 sequences of 15 frames. Each sequence shows a different person sitting on a chair, captured by a stationary Intel RealSense depth sensor. The chair is turned by a small angle from frame to frame, such that the person turns by a full  $360^\circ$  over a complete sequence. Each frame is a point cloud, composing a 640 x 480 dimension RGB image in the x-y plane, and each with a z-coordinate representing the distance to the camera. The task is to generate a single 3-D model, fusing the 15 frames into a single point cloud, and to repeat this for each of the 4 sequences.

## 2. Algorithms

The algorithms applied for the processing can be summarized into four major steps:

1. Extracting the relevant data point from each point cloud.
2. Estimating the reference frame transformation between consecutive frames.
3. Fusing all of the points into a single 3D coordinate system.
4. Building as complete a 3D model as possible.

which will be discussed in detail in the following four subsection respectively.

### 2.1. Extract the relevant data from each point cloud

This stage attempts to remove the points which are irrelevant to the “head-reconstruction” task. The irrelevant points

correspond to the entire background in the image (i.e. the wall, the whiteboard, etc.), as shown in the first column of Figure 1.

This stage is achieved by applying three filters sequentially.

To keep track of the mapping of the pixel indices between the filtered image and the unfiltered image, a list of integers `xy_mesh` ranging from 0 to 307200<sup>1</sup> is updated as each filter is applied.

Two other filters have also been tried out, but were eventually not used. All five filters are discussed in the sections below.

#### 2.1.1. NAN FILTER

For some pixels the z-coordinate is undefined. These pixels should be removed for the future tasks. The NaN filter removes the 3D pixels whose z-coordinate is `NaN`<sup>2</sup>. Example images showing the remaining pixels are shown in the second column of Figure 1.

#### 2.1.2. DEPTH FILTER

This filter removes the 3D pixels whose  $z$  coordinate value is greater than a certain threshold<sup>3</sup>. These pixels correspond to the 3-D points of the background that are further away to the camera. After several trials, we found a threshold of 1.5 works best for the given data. The third column in Figure 1 shows the remaining pixels after applying the depth filter. Unfortunately, some pixels of the nose, e.g. in image c of S\_1 in Figure 1, are also removed due to the defective depth data.

#### 2.1.3. BACKGROUND COLOR FILTER

After the applying these filters, we still have some pixels left that belong to the background, such as the pixels on the left of the right ear of the person in the third column in Figure 1. These points can be easily identified by their color, which is close to the average color of the background. Thus we designed a filter that removes the pixels at the edge of the foreground object with a color similar to the

<sup>1</sup>The number of pixels for each frame of the image

<sup>2</sup>See method `filter_nan()` in `single_head.py`

<sup>3</sup>See method in `filter_depth()` in `single_head.py`

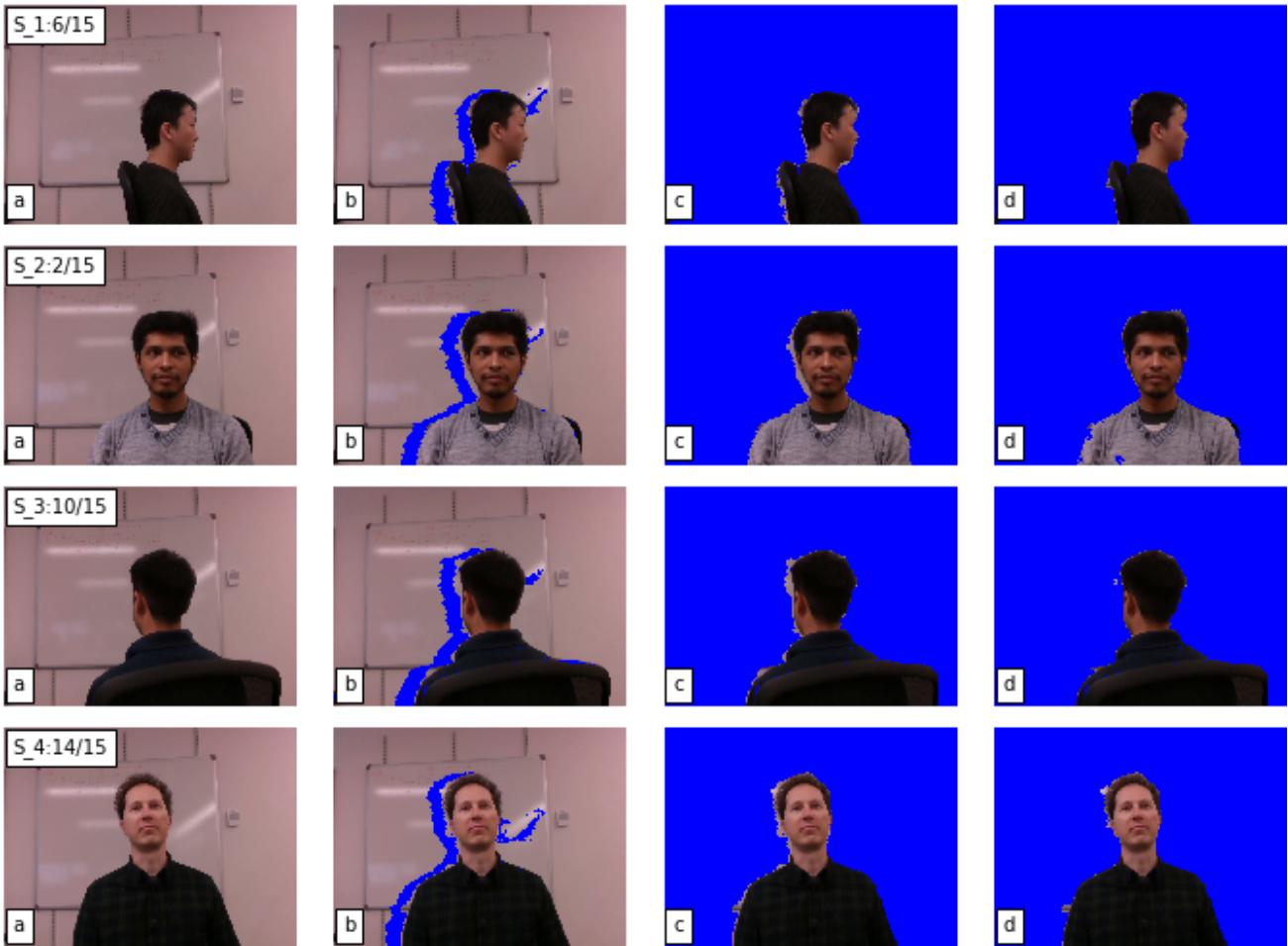


Figure 1. Pre-processing results on sample frames in each sequence of the data set. Column a) shows the original colour image, column b) shows the same image after the NaN filter has been applied. Note that the pixels that are filtered out have been coloured blue, to maximize contrast with the remaining pixels. Column c) shows the result after the Depth filter has been applied. Finally column d) shows the result after applying the background removal filter

average background color<sup>4</sup>. The average background color `bg_color` is computed by taking the mean RGB value of all pixels that have been filtered out by the preceding filters. Now, a pixel is removed from the remaining pixel list if the  $l_2$  distance between its color vector and `bg_color` is greater than a preset threshold `d_color` and if the pixel is on the edge of the remaining foreground object. The edge pixels are determined by whether there are enough pixels within a distance, e.g. a  $3 \times 3$  pixel block, defined by that pixel, in the filtered image we currently have.

We apply this filter iteratively, until no more pixels are removed from the pixel list of the foreground object. The fourth column in Figure 1 shows the remaining pixels after applying the background color filter.

<sup>4</sup>See method `remove_background_color()` in `single_head.py`

We can see from the figures that there are still some unwanted silver colored pixels on the left of the chair, which corresponds to the metal frame of the whiteboard as in the first column in Figure 1. They were not removed because this color differs too much from the background. Two other attempts (discussed in Section 2.1.4 and 2.1.5) were made to replace this background color filter, though failed. As it turns out, the problem of the silver pixels is successfully eliminated in the processing of Section 2.4, when we merge the 15 frames into a complete head and reduce the total number of pixels.

#### 2.1.4. EDGE-BASED FILTER(UNEMPLOYED)

As discussed in Section 2.1.3, we wanted to remove the pixels belonging to the whiteboard frame from our foreground object. The challenge is that their color is quite different from the background. If we would increase the  $l_2$  distance

threshold w.r.t. the RGB color as used in the background color filter, that could lead to removing parts of the person where color is similar to the background.

Thus we experimented with an Edge-based filter<sup>5</sup> in the light of these problems. We want the filter to find the boundary of the object we are interested, then flood fill it to obtain a binary image, which we can use to obtain the corresponding pixels. However, the edge output of the Canny edge detector isn't always connect, and carelessly dilation would result in the edges merged with irrelevant background objects. Thus we use `findContours()`, `drawContours()` from OpenCV to try to connect the disconnected edges, and apply these three steps iteratively to obtain as complete an edge as possible while avoiding cases similar to dilation happen (because drawing contours would also make the edge thicker). To avoid unwanted objects in the image, we also had to manually located the range each person are moving around (e.g. for the first person, it's between column 260-480 and row 120-370 of the image) and cropped the outside region out. In the end, we apply the `binary_fill_holes()` and a couple iterations of erosion to obtain the interested region. The unfiltered pixels are shown in Figure 2

As a result, we successfully removed the silver pixels from the whiteboard, but still lost the bright pixels on the nose of the person. But since a) the problem of the silver pixels can be eliminated in the final merging step and b) the assignment does not ask us to crop out the head itself, this filter is not used for the final system. We also didn't remove the edge pixels of the person as that can abandon a lot of useful pixels.



Figure 2. After the Edge-based filter is applied. All the removed pixels so far are colored blue in the image. The frame is the same one as the frame S\_1:6/15 in Figure 1

#### 2.1.5. PARZEN WINDOW FILTER (UNEMPLOYED)

This filter also attempts to remove the flying pixels by replacing the Background Color filter mentioned in Section 2.1.3. These 3D points typically have less neighbouring points than the normal points within a radius by their nature,

<sup>5</sup>See `edge_based_filter()` in `single_head.py`

which is exploited here. The filter<sup>6</sup> works by, given a 3D point  $p$  and a preset radius  $r$ , measuring the number of its neighbouring points `num_neighbor` within the sphere defined by  $p$  as the center and  $r$  as the radius. And we remove the point  $p$  if `num_neighbor` is less than a preset threshold. However, this algorithm has a computation complexity  $O(DN^2)$  where  $N$  is the number of points,  $D$  is the dimension of each point vector. We improved it by testing only the points on the edge of the foreground object. The edge points are determined, based on the binary 2D image from the Section 2.1.2 filter, using essentially the same method as described in Section 2.1.3.

After experimenting various hyper parameters, we found that the filter works best with `num_neighbor=7`,  $r = 0.005$  and applying this iteratively 10 times. The resulting image is shown in Figure 3. The output is not ideal as a) it still leaves quite a few flying pixels in the foreground and b) it starts to remove some foreground pixels that we would like to keep, e.g. the pixels on the chest. Therefore this filter is also not used in the final system.



Figure 3. After the Parzen window filter is applied. All the removed pixels so far are colored blue in the image.

## 2.2. ESTIMATING THE REFERENCE FRAME TRANSFORMATION BETWEEN CONSECUTIVE FRAMES

The reference frame transformation estimation is performed in four steps. First we calculate SIFT keypoint descriptors for each frame. Then we use these keypoint descriptors to find an initial, coarse estimation of the reference frame transformations between consecutive frames. Subsequently we applied two additional algorithms to further refine this estimation: the Iterative Closest Point algorithm (ICP) and a self-defined algorithm, 6-D Refine.

### 2.2.1. SIFT KEYPOINT EXTRACTION AND MATCHING

SIFT keypoints are extracted from 2D images and matched between consecutive frames for the next step of the pipeline. The SIFT keypoints and the matches are computed using the OpenCV library (Bradski, 2000) functions<sup>7</sup>. We experi-

<sup>6</sup>See in `parzen_filter()` in `single_head.py`

<sup>7</sup>See `get_descriptors()` in `SIFT.py`

mented with over 100 sets of parameters and a variety of image color spaces, and finally settled on the following parameters: `contrastThreshold=0.02, edgeThreshold =10, sigma=0.5`. The `contrastThreshold` was decreased and the `edgeThreshold` was increased from the default values to make the function generate more keypoints, while the `sigma` was reduced because of the relative high image resolution. These adjustments enabled the function to capture more subtle details. The descriptors located at the edge of the person is removed as a)they are usually weak, b)the existence of some flying pixels, using the same procedure as the “edge pixel detection” except with a larger window.

The keypoint matching is done by a brute force matcher<sup>8</sup>. It works by comparing the  $l2$  distance between each 128-dimensional-keypoint descriptor from one image to all the descriptors from another image and returning the one with the closest distance.

On a small tangent, the ratio test on the distances  $d_1, d_2$  to the two nearest descriptors are experimented, with only the matches with  $d_1 < 0.9 * d_2$  are kept to improve the matches’ quality. The lower the ratio, the more matches are filtered out. But this was left out in the end as the performance improvement was insignificant.

An even simpler filter has been applied and proved to be helpful. We remove the match pairs with a difference  $d_y$  in the y-axis higher than 15<sup>9</sup>, based on the fact that we know the people are only rotating so that the real corresponding points between frames should not have much vertical variance.

The remaining matches between two frames are then passed on for the next stage of processing.

The results for each of the data sequences from this stage are shown in detail in Figure 10, 11, 12 and 13.

### 2.2.2. ESTIMATING 3-D TRANSFORMATIONS WITH THE RANSAC METHOD

With keypoints matches from consecutive frames, we use the SVD of matrix based algorithm (Lorusso et al., 1995) in combination of the Random sample consensus (RANSAC) technique (due to some spurious matches between keypoints) to estimate the best transformation.

The transformation estimation algorithm can be summarised as follows: assuming that two set of  $N$  3-D points  $m_i$  and  $d_i, i = 1...N$  (corresponding to the matching points from two consecutive frames) are related by  $d_i = Rm_i + T + V_i$ , where  $R$  is a 3x3 rotation matrix,  $T$  a 3x1 translation vector and  $V_i$  a 3x1 noise vector. Solving for the optimal trans-

formation  $\hat{R}, \hat{T}$  such that the least squares error function  $\sum_{i=1}^N \|d_i - \hat{R}m_i - \hat{T}\|^2$  is minimised. The closed form solution we used works by first obtaining a) a 3x3 correlation matrix  $H = \sum_{i=1}^N m_i, id_i, i^T$  where each vector set is centered and b) its SVD decomposition matrices  $H = U\Sigma V^T$ . Then the  $\hat{R}, \hat{T}$  that we want is  $\hat{R} = VU^T$  and  $\hat{T} = \bar{d} - \hat{R}\bar{m}$  (whereby  $\bar{d}, \bar{m}$  represents the mean vector of the set  $\{d_i\}$ ,  $\{m_i\}$ ). In the special case when the determinant of  $\hat{R}$  is -1, the reflection of the rotation is produced, and we can correct it by using  $\hat{R} = V'U^T$  instead, where  $V' = [v_1, v_2, -v_3]$  and  $v_i$  is the  $i$ -th column of  $V$ .

This method is wrapped inside a RANSAC algorithm<sup>10</sup>. At each iteration, a number of match points are sampled. To find the optimal way of calculating inliers for each RANSAC transformation, we designed and experimented with the following three modes (all calculated after the estimated transformation is applied).

**Mode “Matches”:** In this mode, we define an inlier as a pair of matching keypoints with a  $l2$  distance smaller than a pre-defined threshold `maxDist`.

**Mode “Coverage”:** In this mode, an inlier is defined as a cloud point in one frame that has a neighboring point in the other frame within a pre-defined threshold `maxDist`.

**Mode “Dynamic”:** In this mode, the system records both the previous mentioned inlier statistics.

This is computed iterative e.g. 10000 times, and the transformation associated with the most number of inliers is used as the transformation for the whole frame of the cloud points. In the “Dynamic” mode, there are two “best” transformations one based on each calculation of the inliers, and the “coverage” one is only used when the distance between the transformed inliers from “matches” are bigger than a empirically defined threshold.

In the reported result, only the mode “Matches” is used as the performance of the other two modes are not consistently better over the data set.

### 2.2.3. FINE TUNING I - 6D REFINE

We observed that sometimes the RANSAC based transformation as described in Section 2.2.2 introduces a significant error. This may still place two adjacent frames reasonably close to each other, but leaves a significant offset and angle between the two. The ICP method can only solve this partially, which can be understood by comparing its operation with the effect of hooking rubber bands to each point in frame A, and to connecting it to its closest neighbour in Frame B. Apart from the desired effect (frame A is pulled towards frame B), this also introduces two unwanted side effects: First of all parts of the frame A that should not

<sup>8</sup>See `get_matches()` in SIFT.py

<sup>9</sup>An value found empirically

<sup>10</sup>See `estimate_transform()` in multi\_head.py

overlap with frame B are still tied with rubber bands to frame B. The effect this has on the rest position towards which frame A is pulled is exacerbated by the fact that especially these rubber bands from non overlapping sections are stretched out most, therefore applying a relative big "force" away from the ideal position. Secondly, if two frames are already overlapping over a significant area, but still need to be shifted w.r.t to each other, ICP will not help, as the rubber bands will now be tied between sections of the frames that are shifted w.r.t. to each other, introducing a force that will counter any correction of the offset.

To overcome these issues with ICP we thought of an alternative algorithm, which we called the the 6D-refine algorithm. The objective of this algorithm is not not minimize certain distances, but rather to maximise the number of pairs of points between two frames that are close to each other. SO more formally we are trying to maximize the number of pairs -  $\{a_i, b_i\}$ , where  $a_i$  and  $b_i$  are each a point in frames A and B, such that for each pair  $\|a_i - b_i\|$  is small. This is done by changing (wiggling) the position and orientation of frame B w.r.t to frame A. The position of frame B is varied over its 6 degree-of-freedom: 3 angles  $\phi, \rho$  and  $\theta$  and 3 Cartesian axes,  $x, y$  and  $z$ , hence its name: 6D refine.

The 6D refine works in two phases: In the *first* phase<sup>11</sup>, Frame B is step wise rotated over  $\pm 25^\circ$  for each angle and step wise translated over 10 cm for each axis, all w.r.t to the starting position. (So the algorithm does not sample the full 6 dimensional space, which would be computationally prohibitive). This allows the algorithm to scan the solution space coarsely, and identify positions/orientations of Frame B that increase the number of points of frame B that are close to Frame A.

In the *second* phase<sup>12</sup>, frame B is moved to look for the local optimum of  $n$  for each of the 6 parameters. Each parameters  $\phi, \rho, \theta, x, y$  and  $z$  is individually increased or decreased until further increasing or decreasing does not further improve  $n$ . And then this local optimization is repeated until  $n$  does not change anymore between subsequent sweeps. The maximum distance between adjacent points in the second phase (0.02) is set to a smaller value than in the first phase (0.01).

The effect of 6D refine between two frames is shown in the Figure 4.

#### 2.2.4. FINE TUNING II - ITERATIVE CLOSEST POINT (ICP) ALGORITHM

After the previous transformations from Section 2.2.2, the  $l_2$  distance between matching keypoints are low, but this is not guaranteed for the other actual-corresponding points

between these two frames. The ICP algorithm is used to compute another fine tuning transformation, on top of the current one, to refine the registration. The ICP works by first set a number  $N$  which is less than the number of points in either frames, sample  $N$  points from the first frame, then for each point sampled, find the closest point in the other frame in terms of Euclidean distance. This results in two sets of points of the same size from the two frames of cloud points. Then a transformation is estimated to minimize the sum of the distances combined using exactly the same method as the algorithm discussed in Section 2.2.2 except without RANSAC.

However, the ICP does not work as good as we expected in our situation, because we suspect there are non-corresponding points on the edge of the frames (e.g. the right edge of the frame on the right and the left edge of the frame on the left) will shift the frames to a worse registration in some cases. Thus we decide not to include it in our final work. Some remedies are discussed in Section 4.

### 2.3. Fuse all of the points into a single 3D coordinate system

For each pair of consecutive frames  $i, j$  we stored the sets of resulting SIFT matches in a separate data structure, "Link"<sup>13</sup> which describes the connection between any pair of consecutive frames. This data structure allowed us to pre-compute the SIFT matches using RANSAC as described in Section 2.2.1, and to only apply the actual transformation  $T_{i,j}$  based on the calculated matches when fusing the frames together. In this way we could use the same SIFT matches, but choose freely in which order we would assemble the entire 3D model.

When performing the final fusion of the individual frames, we used 3 different methods, each using a different order for assembling the individual frames:

**Method A:** Starting with frame 1 and moves all the way through to frame 15.

**Method B:** Starting at the back (Frame 8) and then stitching the frames from either side until reaching the front.

**Method C:** In this method we first examine the quality of the SIFT matches between each pair of adjacent frames. The quality is based on an estimate of the transformation error. We calculate the mean squared transformation error as:

$$MSE_T = \frac{1}{N-6} \sum_{i=1}^N \|d_i - \hat{R}m_i - \hat{T}\|^2$$

This is a measure for the accuracy of the transform. The

<sup>11</sup>See `refine_over_range()` in `refine.py`

<sup>12</sup>See `refine_local()` in `refine.py`

<sup>13</sup>See class `Link()` : in `link.py`

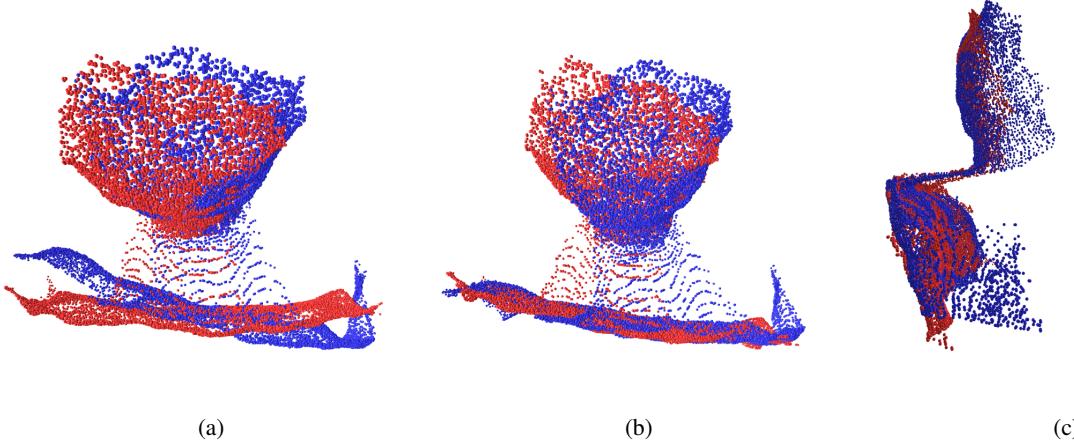


Figure 4. The effect of the 6D-Refine algorithm on two subsequent frames in sequence 1: 4a before 6D-Refine, 4b and 4c after 6D-Refine seen from the top and the left-hand side. The point clouds have been coloured and sparsified to clearly show how well shapes match

number 6 reflects Bessel's correction to account for the degrees of freedom in the transformations we considered. Note that this error metric does not reflect the expected error in individual transformations, but rather the contribution in the the expected error of individual transformations from the error in the estimation of the translation itself. This makes this metric suitable for comparing the quality of a set of SIFT matches.

We used this error metric to determine the order in which we stitch new frames to the set of already fused frames. We start with the pair  $i, j$  that has the smallest  $MSE_T$  and then subsequently add the left- or right-hand adjacent frame to the set of fused frames, depending on which one has the smallest value for  $MSE_T$ . This ensures that we do not use the transformation associated with the pair with the worst  $MSE_T$ , which significantly improves the quality of the overall set of fused frames.

#### 2.4. Building as complete a 3D model as possible

After all the frames have been transformed to one system, there are many layers of points corresponding to the same region of the head (e.g. the person's left eye appears in more than 5 frames). We apply a scanning algorithm to reduce the points to one single mesh. This mesh is generated from a set of radials, each radiating out from an axis through the center of the torso. The position of this axis is marked in the images in Figure 7 by the green and red dot, just above and below the center of the torso. The radials are now each defined by their height  $y$  and angle  $\phi$ . The  $y$ -values range from -0.35 to 0.20 and are separated by a 0.003 interval. The  $\phi$  values range from  $0^\circ$  to  $360^\circ$  in steps of  $2^\circ$ . For each radial we project the points that are within a small distance (0.01) from the radial, onto the radial. For these points we

calculate the mean RGB color and median distance to the center axis. This results in a new dot on the radial. We now obtain a regular mesh of points.

As a result, the total number of points of the model are reduced without losing much details of the head.

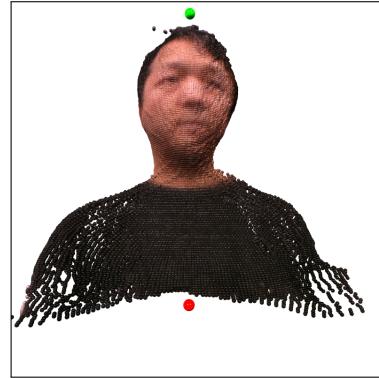


Figure 5. The resulting mesh for sequence 1.

### 3. Performance on The Test Data

The performance of the four stages of the algorithms introduced above are each discussed in detail in the following four subsections.

#### 3.1. Data Extraction

As briefly mentioned before, Figure 1 shows the results after each of the 3 key steps during pre-processing: the NAN filter, the depth filter and the background color filter.

In the end, a large proportion of a flying pixels belonging to the background are removed. However, there are still some

flying pixels with color similar to the background remaining, e.g. from the metal frame of the whiteboard, and we can already see that there are pixels from the person starting to be removed, e.g. the pixels on the sweater of the second row, due to a) its color being similar to the background and b) a NAN pixel on the sweater which allows the near by pixels to pass the “edge pixel test”. Thus we cannot further increase the threshold  $d_{color}$ . The effect of these irrelevant pixels to the following processing is insignificant because of the removal of the SIFT descriptors near the edge of the person and our final pixel reduction method.

### 3.2. SIFT keypoint extraction and matching

We show two examples of key point matching in Figure 6. The keypoints that were matched by the RANSAC algorithm are shown in green, the unused ones in red. We can see that there are many more matches between adjacent frames for the two frames showing the front, as there are for the ones showing the back.

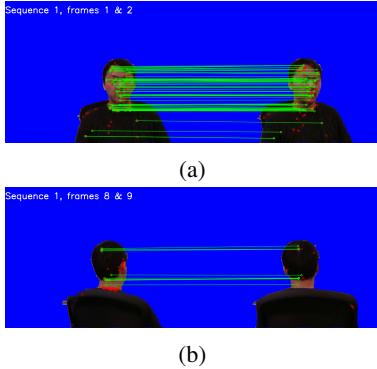


Figure 6. Examples of keypoint matching

All remaining SIFT matches can be found in appendix Figure 10, 11, 12 and 13 in the appendix show the detected SIFT keypoints for each of the 4 sequences.

Table 1, 2, 3 and 4 show the quality of the obtained matches. The number of matches shows the number of potential matches between keypoints. The number of inliers shows the number of matches that were selected by the RANSAC algorithm.  $\sqrt{MSE_T}$  shows the root of the expected mean squared error in the transformation, as defined in Section 2.3. The underlined values are  $\sqrt{MSE_T}$  are the best performing ones, whereas the **bold** ones are the worst values.

Seq:	1		
Pair	Matches	Inliers	$\sqrt{MSE_T}$
1-2	248	91	0.0061
2-3	264	107	0.0053
3-4	237	89	0.0083
4-5	241	96	0.0073
5-6	172	56	0.0084
6-7	117	42	0.0059
7-8	68	26	0.0114
8-9	29	10	0.0157
9-10	14	6	<b>NaN</b>
10-11	33	16	0.0205
11-12	69	21	0.0084
12-13	88	28	0.0084
13-14	127	52	0.0086
14-15	165	57	0.0119
15-1	271	116	<u>0.0045</u>

Table 1. Quality of SIFT transformations in terms of number of inliers and  $\sqrt{MSE_T}$  for Sequence 1

Seq:	2		
Pair	Matches	Inliers	$\sqrt{MSE_T}$
1-2	921	334	0.0027
2-3	763	302	0.0036
3-4	680	268	0.0037
4-5	639	217	0.0041
5-6	585	233	0.0033
6-7	295	111	0.0048
7-8	154	55	0.0032
8-9	137	50	0.0029
9-10	162	61	0.0034
10-11	150	57	0.0031
11-12	84	32	<b>0.0076</b>
12-13	230	97	0.0072
13-14	704	282	0.004
14-15	022	384	<u>0.002</u>
15-1	980	371	0.0025

Table 2. Quality of SIFT transformations in terms of number of inliers and  $\sqrt{MSE_T}$  for Sequence 2

### 3.3. Data Point Fusion

We explored 5 methods to determine the order in which frames are fused, in combination with additional post-processing to compensate for possible remaining transformation errors: Method A and method B (see Section 2.3, each without additional processing steps, Method A + ICP, in which the set of transformations is followed by ICP (see Section 2.2.4 method A followed by +6D refine (see Section 2.2.3), and finally we also used method C (Section 2.3).

Seq:	3		
Pair	Matches	Inliers	$\sqrt{MSE_T}$
1-2	270	109	0.0023
2-3	283	103	0.0023
3-4	184	67	0.0058
4-5	149	62	0.0038
5-6	109	52	0.0028
6-7	91	35	0.0034
7-8	47	17	0.0081
8-9	21	8	<b>0.0195</b>
9-10	35	12	0.0057
10-11	52	21	0.0088
11-12	81	28	0.0041
12-13	111	52	0.0037
13-14	55	17	0.0146
14-15	156	57	0.0053
15-1	235	101	0.0025

Table 3. Quality of SIFT transformations in terms of number of inliers and  $\sqrt{MSE_T}$  for Sequence 3

Seq:	4		
Pair	Matches	Inliers	$\sqrt{MSE_T}$
1-2	165	67	0.0011
2-3	145	60	0.0025
3-4	102	37	0.0061
4-5	83	34	0.0069
5-6	78	24	0.0091
6-7	86	35	0.0034
7-8	59	21	0.0047
8-9	23	6	<b>Nan</b>
9-10	20	6	<b>Nan</b>
10-11	27	7	0.0219
11-12	68	31	0.005
12-13	86	29	0.0059
13-14	82	26	0.007
14-15	136	49	0.0056
15-1	122	50	0.0054

Table 4. Quality of SIFT transformations in terms of number of inliers and  $\sqrt{MSE_T}$  for Sequence 4

In order to judge the quality of the overall fusion process we manually annotated the position of the center of the left eye in each of the frames (if the left eye is visible). Using this data we calculated for each of the 5 methods the average distance from the mean positions of center of the eye markers. The results are given in Table 5

As can be seen, Method A and B yield exactly the same result. This can be understood by only considering the error each transformation introduces: As long as for each

Seq:	A	B	A + ICP	A + 6D-Refine	C
1	0.047	0.047	0.032	0.020	0.0056
2	0.088	0.088	0.090	0.044	0.0023
3	0.035	0.035	0.029	0.031	0.0030
4	0.053	0.053	0.070	0.016	0.0018

Table 5. Mean deviation from left eye markers

neighbouring pair  $\{i, j\}$ , both method A and B use the same set of SIFT matches, the resulting transformation  $T_{i,j}$  introduces the exact same error. How the errors accumulate only depends on which pairs of adjacent frames are used. For method A and B these pairs are identical. IN both methods only pair  $\{15, 1\}$  is not used. We see that ICP and 6D-Refine can improve these results. Especially the 6D-Refine method shows a good performance. Finally we have method C. Method C works really well when only looking at the mean deviation from the left eye markers, as the the transformations between the frames at the front are of better quality in terms of  $MSE_T$ , as compared to the ones on the back. This can be explained from the fact that the features on the face (nose, mouth, eyes etc) are very distinct, and provide good keypoints.

The final results based on method C are shown in Figure 7

For the data point fusion we only use method C to generate the full set of fused points. This method ensures a better quality of the overall fused as we do not use the weakest link between individual frames. The resulting point clouds are shown in Figure 7.

### 3.4. Data Point Reduction

Finally we merge the data set into a single mesh, as described in Section 2.3. In the images we see that the points on the mesh are further apart if the distance from the core is greater. The resulting meshes for all heads area shown in Figure 8.

## 4. Discussion

There are some particular successes, failures and potential remedies in this work that we conclude to the following 3 points.

### 4.1. Hyper-parameter optimization

There are numerous hyper-parameters in the system, e.g. the contrast threshold, the edge threshold for SIFT, the sampling proportion for RANSAC, the ratio for the ratio test for matches, different modes to calculate the inliers, whether to apply ICP, etc, that are difficult to choose that can generalize

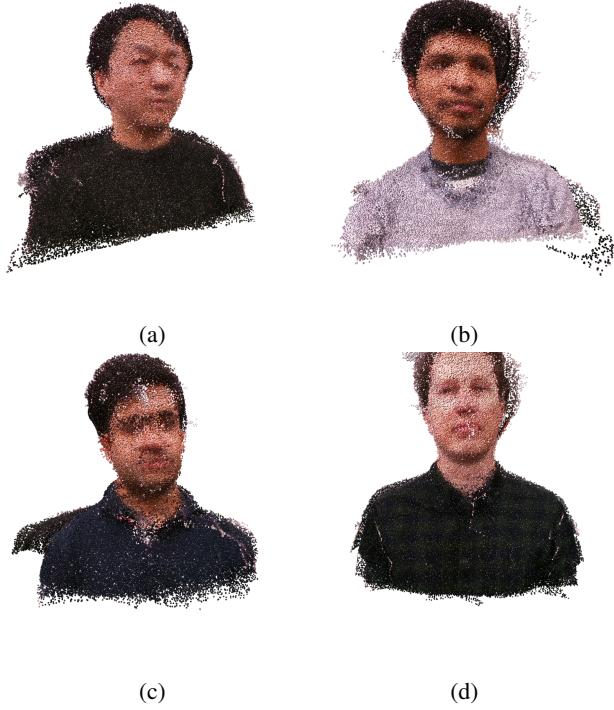


Figure 7. Fused images of the individual sequences

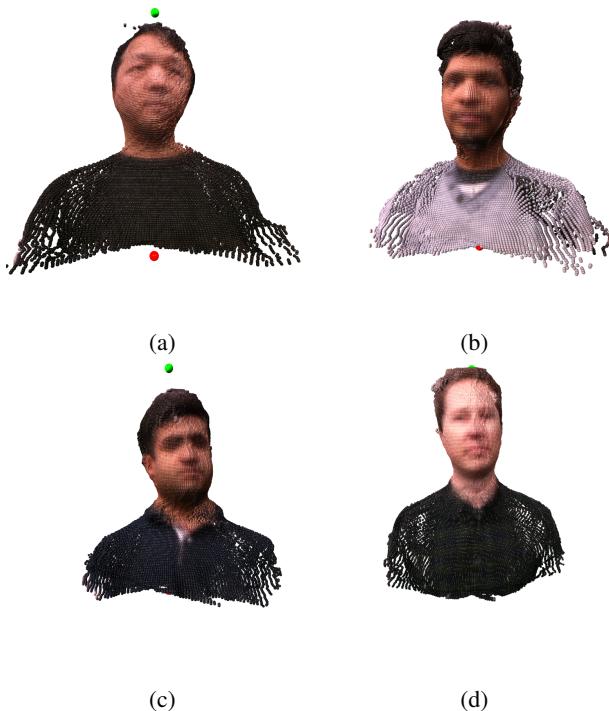


Figure 8. Mesh-rendered images of the individual sequences

to the entire data set. A set of parameters that work well with one sequence might lead to inconsistent performance for another. This naturally leads us to looking for an general

objective function; whereby it is defined in terms of the parameters mentioned above and outputs a numeral value as an indication of the transformation estimation quality. This allows us to optimize all the parameters with respect to individual “links”. Such a function should take into account of both the quality of matches points and the percentage of coverage (as calculated in the mode “coverage” in Section 2.2). Such a function is not tested systematically on the data set due to our time and computing power constraints, and it can be investigated in future works.

#### 4.2. Fusing all points into a single 3D system

The overall process of fusing the heads depends strongly on the quality of the SIFT matches, which varies from frame to frame and is in itself strongly depending on hyper-parameter values. We did find that the  $MSE_T$  metric provides a good measure of judging the quality of the found transformation. This led us to using the  $MSE_T$  of the transformation to decide on the order in which the frames are stitched together, which we referred to as method C. Method C provided a considerable improvement over method A and B, (which are effectively the same).

It is interesting to see how using method A (or B) results in fused heads that seem to have two faces in the front. It is clear that because we stitch together the frames ending at the front side, that the errors will all accumulate between frames 1 and 15, appearing as a with two faces. We can see from the bottom view that the 6D-refine method was able to ensure all the surfaces align well, however we do not cover the full  $360^\circ$ . This can be explained from the fact that all transformation functions we use try to find as many matches between the individual frames as possible. This leads to greater overlap between the individual frames, more than there should have been. This then leads to making a smaller rotation than the full  $360^\circ$ .

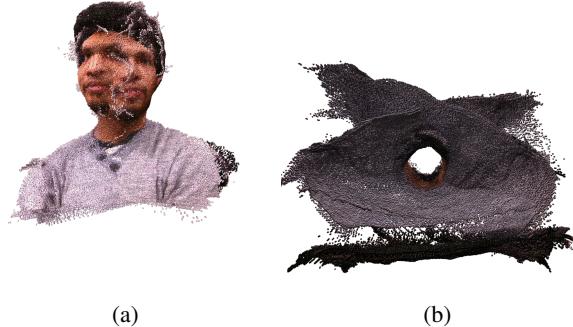


Figure 9. Method A resulting in two faces at the front, front and bottom view

As described in Section 2.2.2 we also implemented an alternative RANSAC mechanism, in which we did not try to minimize the transformation error  $MSE_T$ , but rather tried

to maximize the “coverage”, where the coverage is the fraction of points that has a neighbour in the other frame that is within a certain maximum distance. A potential advantage is that it is quite resilient against errors in the SIFT matches, as it does not judge the quality of the found transformation based on SIFT matches, but rather on proximity between all potential point pair. However, it is not as accurate as a good SIFT match itself, because we set the maximum distance between point pairs to a relatively large number for robustness, which in itself set a lower bound on the achievable accuracy. Secondly it still requires finding a set of SIFT matches that yields a transformation with high coverage. In that sense it still depends on good SIFT matches. This method worked sometimes better and sometimes less good than the standard RANSAC method. For this reason we decided not to use the “coverage” method.

Then finally the 6D refine method proved capable of correcting some significant transformation errors. Especially the frames with the backs of the persons had less good SIFT matches and therefore a greater  $MSE_T$ . Here we saw that the 6D-refine method proved beneficial as it corrected some significant transformation errors. The first part of Section 2.2.3 provides insight in the underlying mechanism that made this method better than ICP. Figure 4 shows a practical example of the 6D refine algorithm at work.

### 4.3. Reducing the total number of points

The mesh generation method as described in Section 2.4. It works reasonably well, and provides the additional advantage that it not only defines a set of points, but also provides an unambiguous definition of a surface of the person. However, we do realize two downsides: firstly, the point density becomes a linear function of the distance to the center of the torso. This leads to loss of resolution around the shoulders. Secondly, by setting a certain maximum distance to the radial and using the average color of all points within that distance as the color of the resulting point in the mesh, the resulting colors of the head become slightly blurred. Interestingly we found that for determining the projected position of the resulting points on the radial, the median provided a smoother surface than the mean. This can be explained from the fact that the median by natures is robust to outliers. We also see that the mesh face is smaller than what we see when rendering the fused point sets. This is because what we see from the latter is only the frames that form the outside of the torso, whereas our mesh follows the contours of the frames in the middle.

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## A. SIFT Matches

The SIFT descriptor matches between all the consecutive frames in the data set.

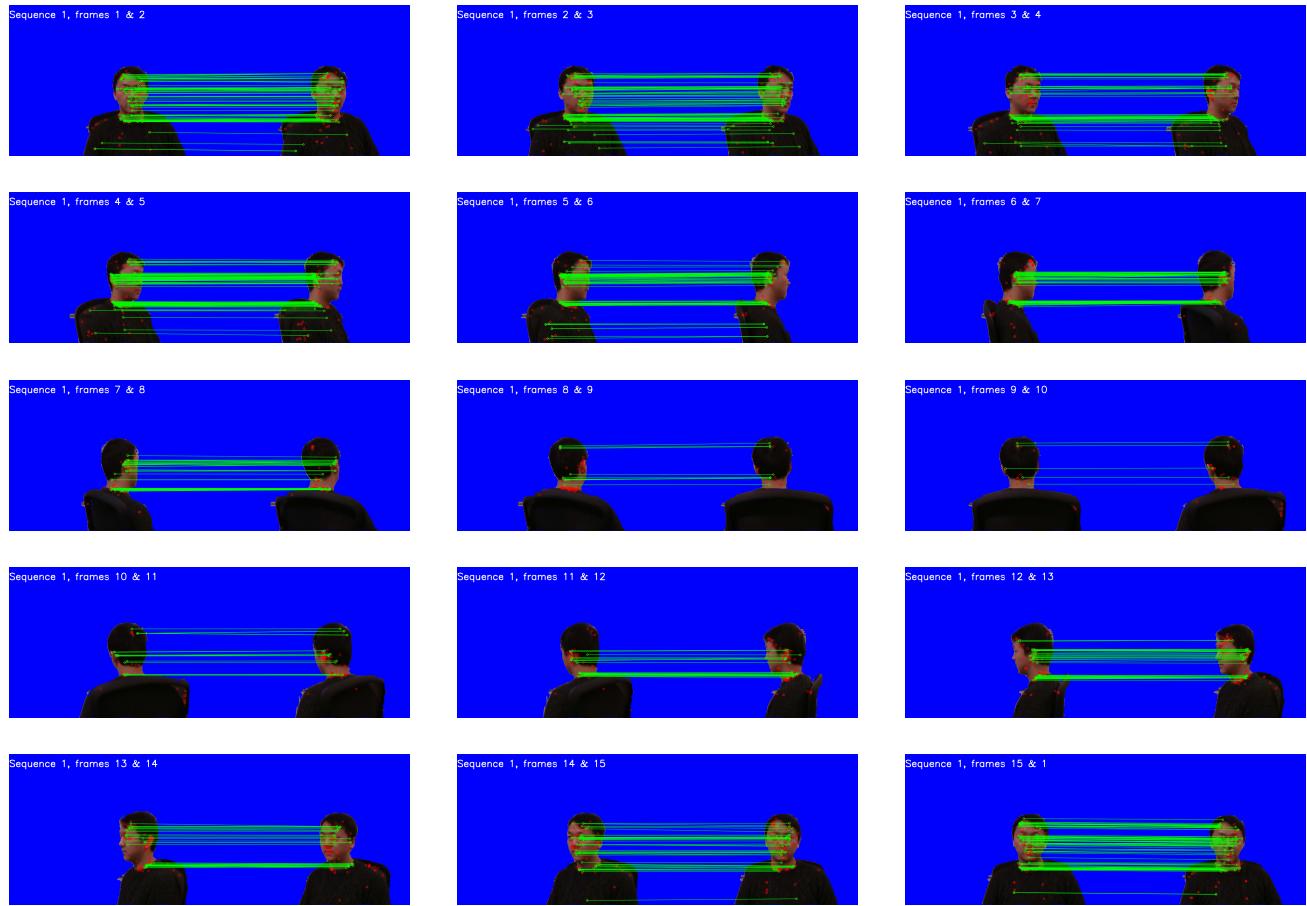


Figure 10. SIFT Points for all possible pairs of adjacent frames for Sequence 1. Green ones are the ones that match, red ones are the ones that do not match

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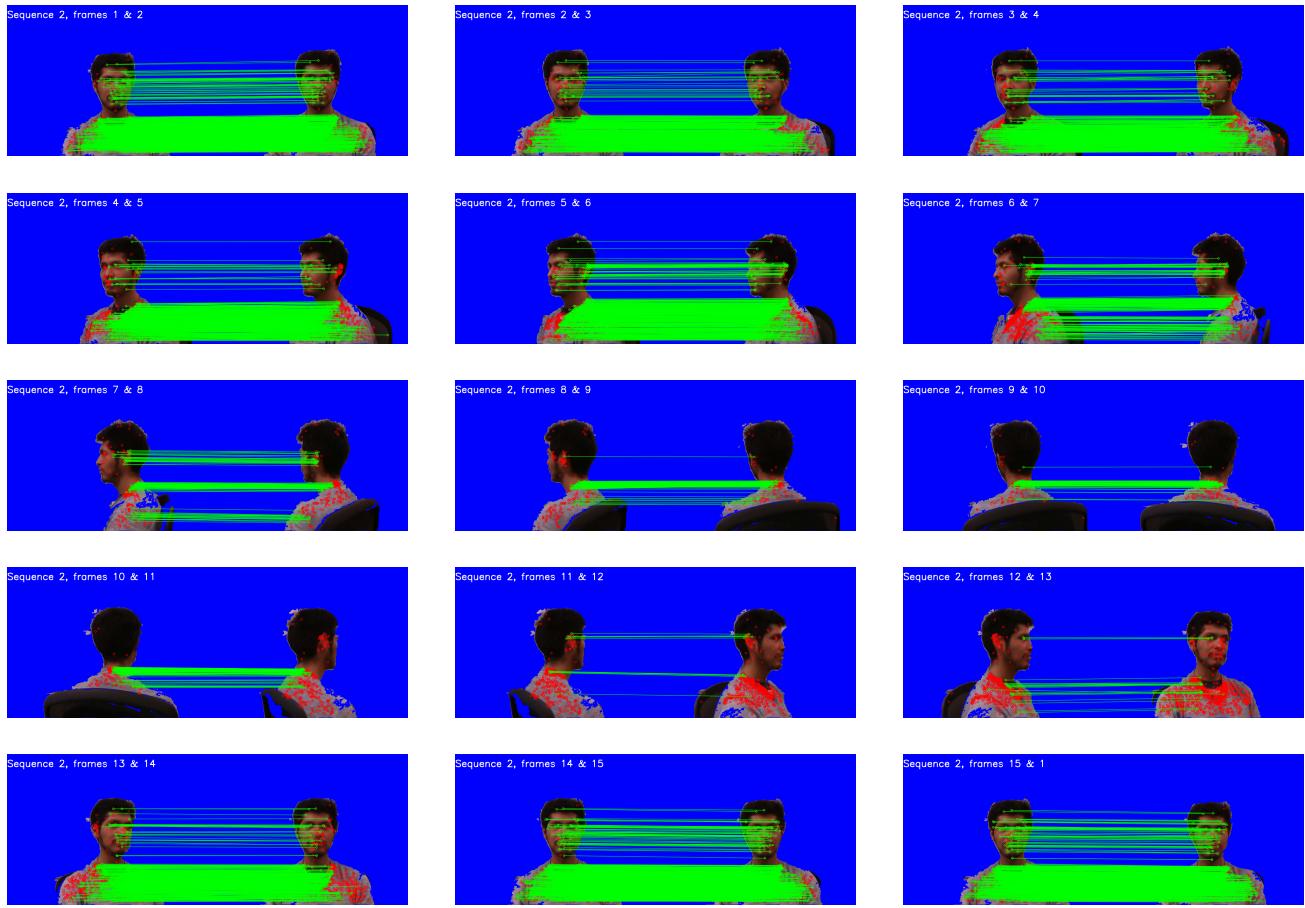


Figure 11. SIFT Points for all possible pairs of adjacent frames for Sequence 2. Green ones are the ones that match, red ones are the ones that do not match

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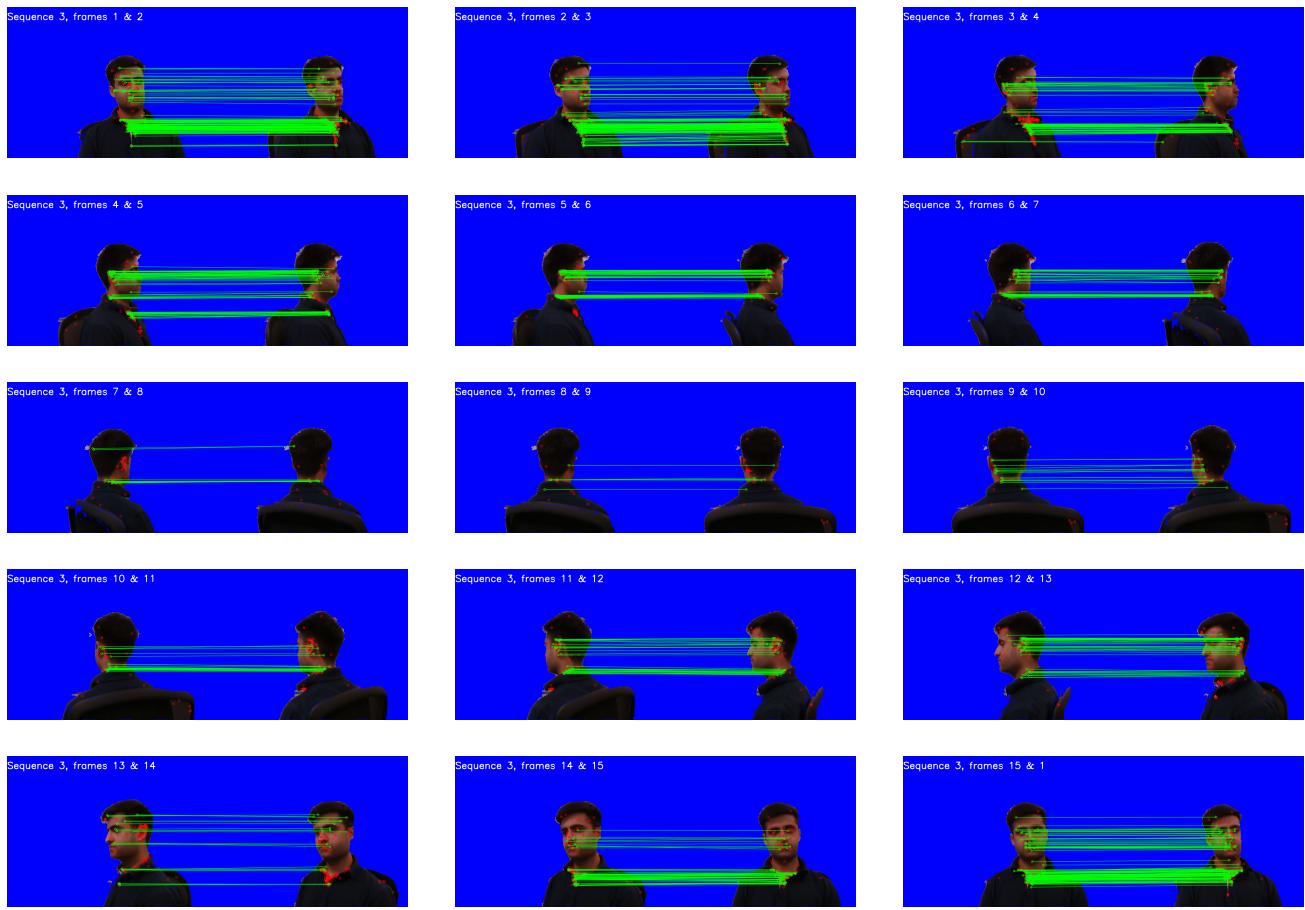


Figure 12. SIFT Points for all possible pairs of adjacent frames for Sequence 3. Green ones are the ones that match, red ones are the ones that do not match

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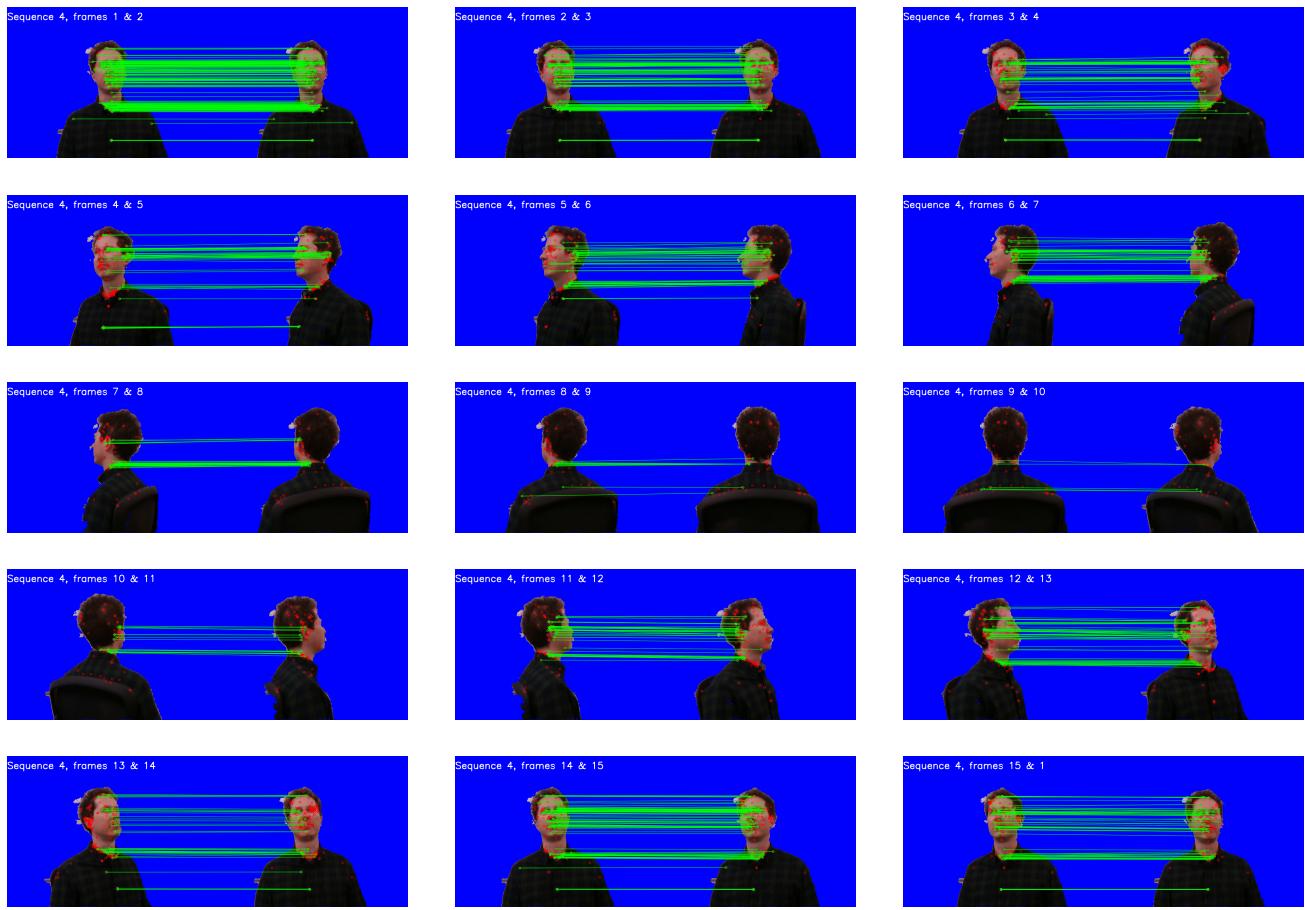
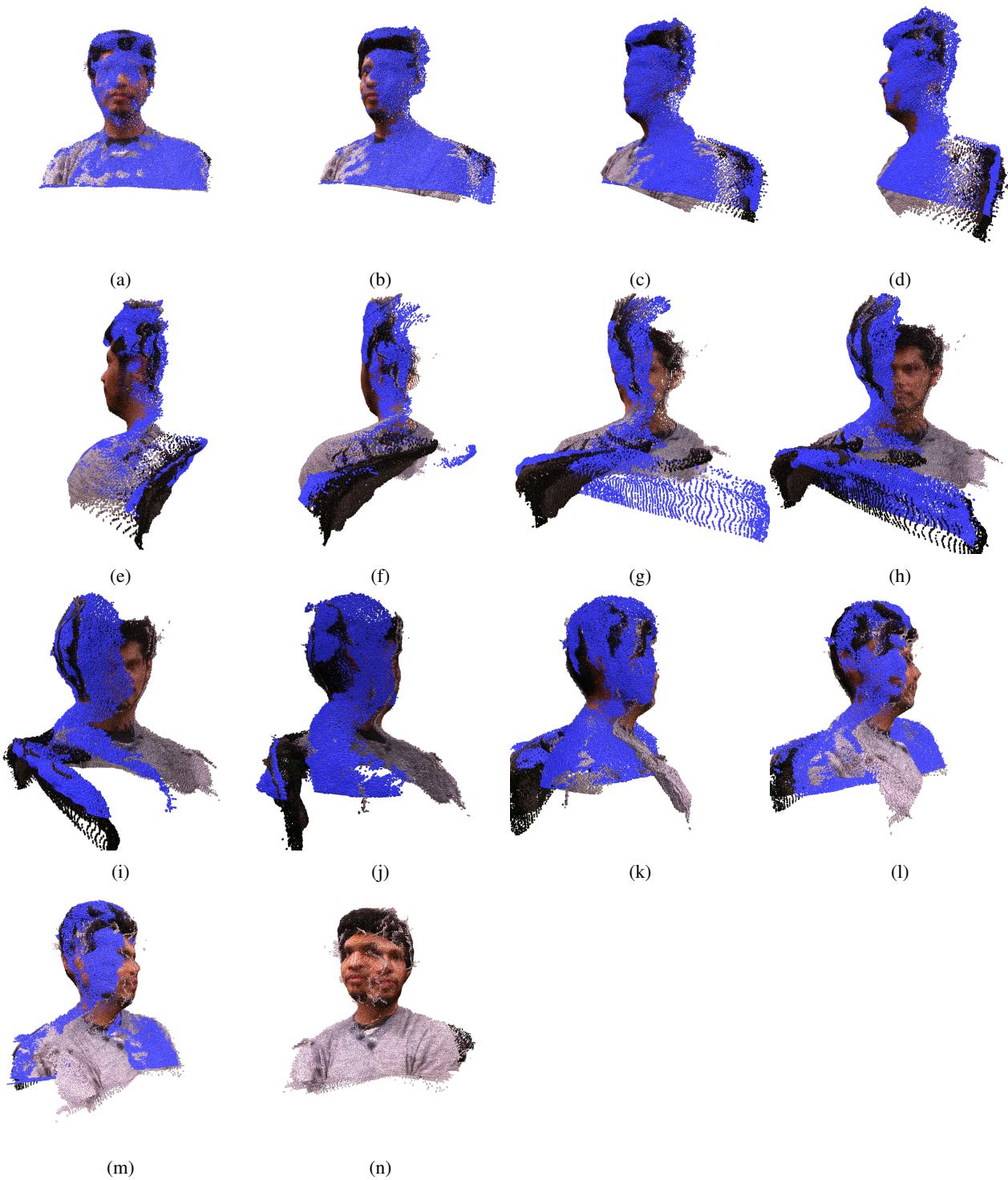


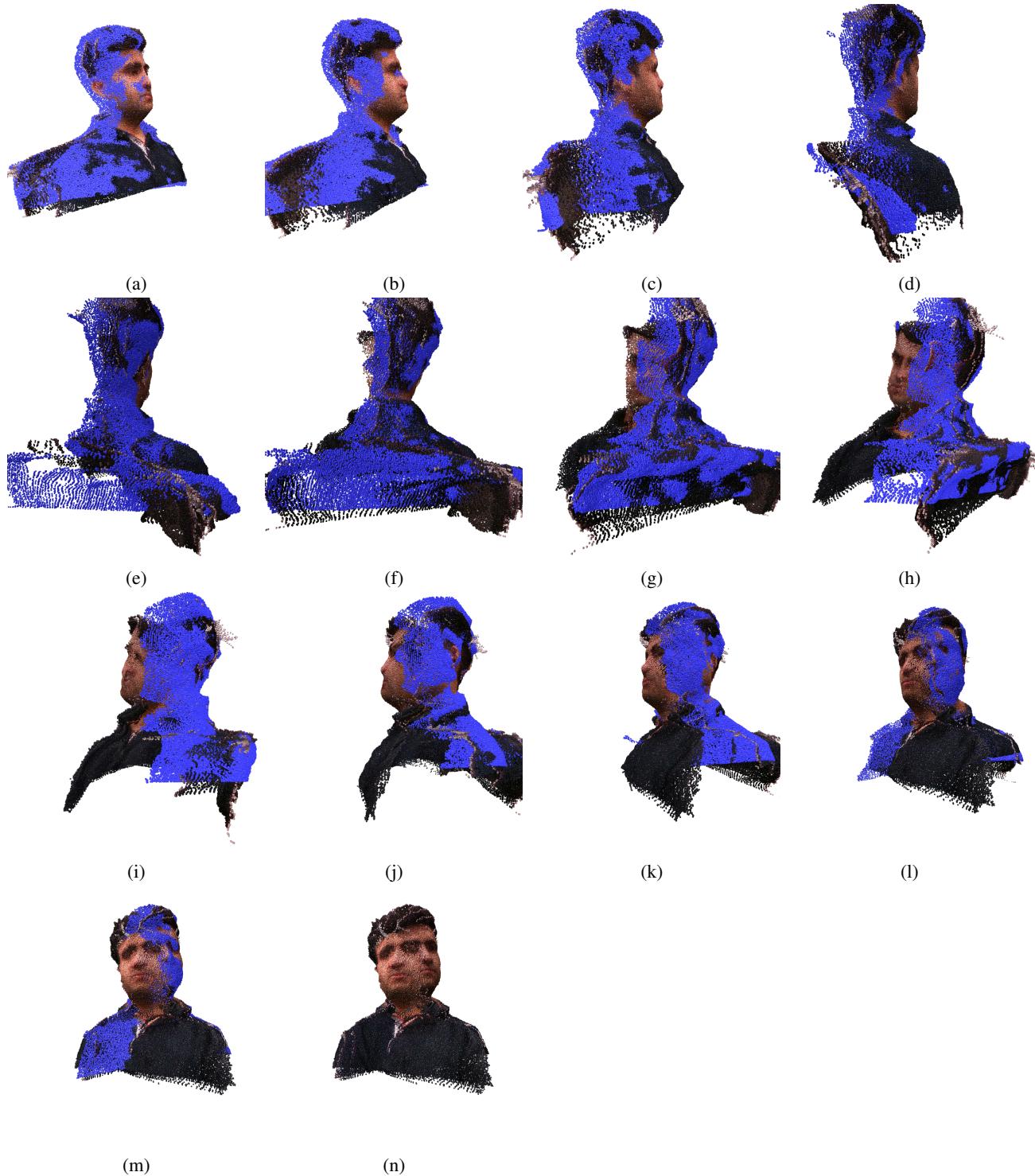
Figure 13. SIFT Points for all possible pairs of adjacent frames for Sequence 4. Green ones are the ones that match, red ones are the ones that do not match

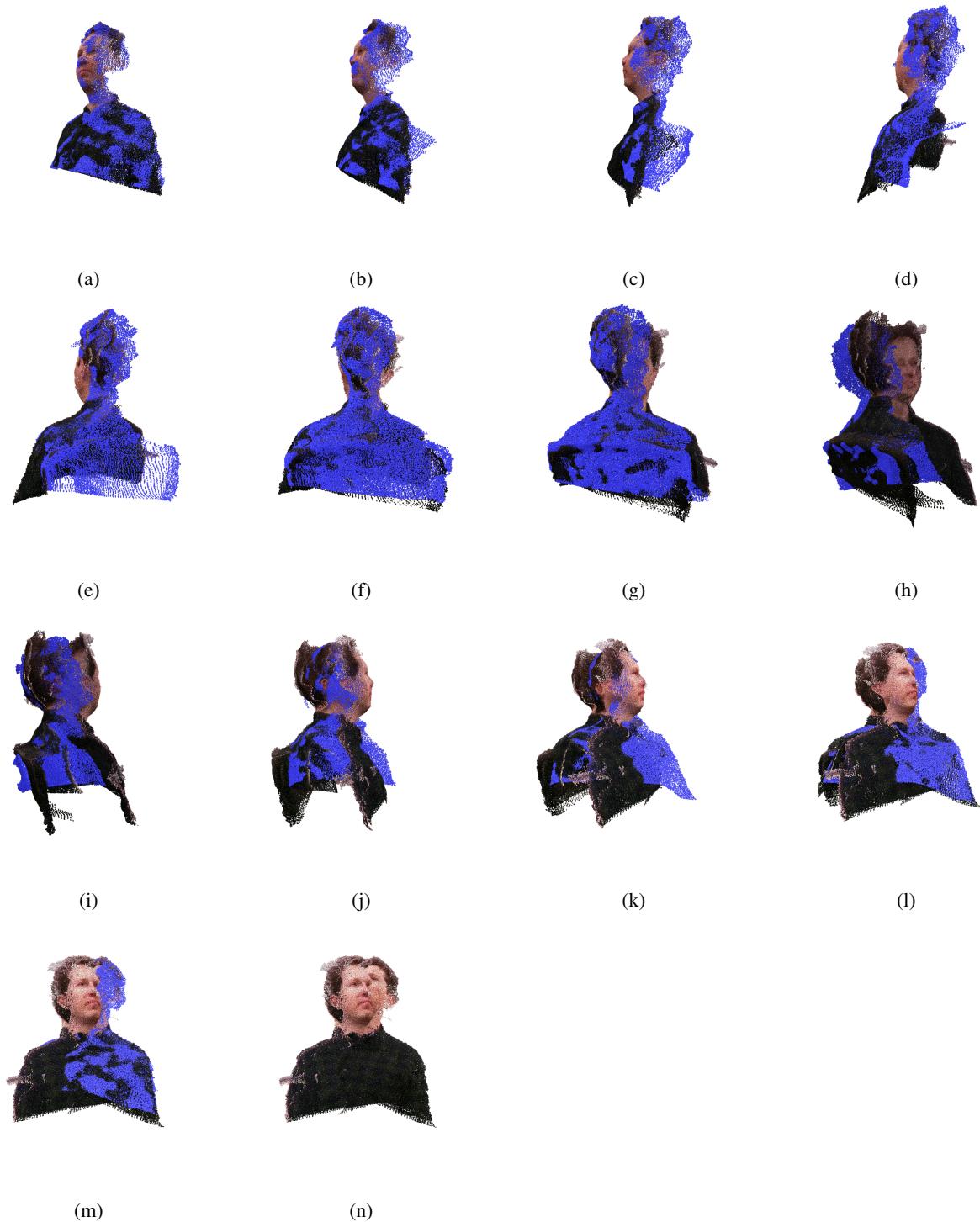
## B. Frame Fusion Results

The full merge set of the cloud point of each sequence with our method A. The newly added frame is colored blue in each figure, with the full head in the end.









## C. Code base

The code for this coursework is subdivided over the following nine files:

- **av\_cw.py** Top Level Code for AV Coursework. It merges individual point clouds into a single MultiHead object. Produces images of the individual merging steps and calculates performance metrics.
- **single\_head.py** Defining the SingleHead class, used for pre-processing on individual frames. It's mainly discussed in Section 2.1 of the report.
- **multi\_head.py** Defining the MultiHead class used for joining a set of SingleHeads objects into one complete head. It imports functions from SIFT.py, icp.py, refine.py (mentioned below) to generate as complete a head as possible.
- **link.py** Defines the Link object, which contains all required variables to store the results of SIFT matches between two subsequent frames.
- **SIFT.py** for extracting keypoints from images and estimating the 3D transformation.
- **icp.py** for performing ICP transformation as discussed in Section 2.2.4.
- **refine.py** for performing the 6D refine method, as discussed in Section 2.2.3.
- **gui.py** for displaying 3D objects such as the 3D model of the head.
- **procrustes.py**. Performing the Procrustes analysis without the RANSAC, as discussed in Section 2.2.2. We borrowed this function from the internet so it is not listed in the appendix.

These files are shown below:

### av\_cw.py:

```

1 """
2 Top Level Code for AV Coursework
3 Merges individual point clouds into a single multihead object
4 Produces images of the individual merging steps and calculates performance metrics
5 """
6 from single_head import SingleHead
7 from multi_head import MultiHead
8 import numpy as np
9
10 # Sequence number in the data, range from 1 to 4.
11 Sequence = 1
12
13 # Frame number in the data, range from 1 to 15.
14 for frame_idx in range(1, 16): # loop through all frames
15     # Read the data from the file, define by Sequence and frame_idx and store the data in
16     # a SingleHead object
17     head = SingleHead.read_from_file(Sequence,
18                                     frame_idx)
19     print(frame_idx)
20     # apply all filters to remove the unwanted cloud points.
21     head.apply_all_filters()
22     # save the processed head
23     head.save()
24
25 # create a list of all the heads, from the save SingleHead objects
26 list_of_all_heads = [SingleHead.load_from_pickle(Sequence, i) for i in
27                      range(1, 16)]
28
29 # create a MultiHead object from the list:
30 mhead = MultiHead.create_from_heads(list_of_all_heads)
31 mhead.save()
32 # calculate the SIFT points for each SingleHead in the MultiHead object:

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32 mhead.calc_all_sift_keypoints()
33 # calculate the SIFT transform for each pair of adjacent heads, each pair of adjacent
   SingleHeads shares a Link Object:
34 mhead.calc_all_sift_transforms()
35
36 # Set merge method to either A-C
37 method = 'A'
38
39 if method == 'A':
40     # corresponds to Method A in the documentation/report.
41     mhead.Method_A(sift_transform_method="matches", icp=True, refine_range=False,
42     refine_local=False)
42 elif method == 'B':
43     # Method B
44     mhead.Method_B(sift_transform_method="matches", icp=True, refine_range=False,
45     refine_local=False)
45 elif method == 'C':
46     # Method C
47     mhead.Method_C(sift_transform_method="matches", icp=True, refine_range=False,
48     refine_local=False)
49
50 # create a series of png images for the spheres
51 mhead.create_png_series()
52
52 # calculate the mean eye distance:
53 mean_eye_dist = mhead.left_eye_deviation()
54
55 # Save the MultiHead object for later re-use:
56 mhead.save()

```

**single\_head.py:**

```

1 import numpy as np
2 import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
3 import matplotlib
4 import os
5 import struct
6 from vpython import *
7 import pickle
8 import cv2
9 from scipy.ndimage.morphology import binary_fill_holes
10 from SIFT import *
11 from tqdm.notebook import tqdm
12 from sklearn.neighbors import NearestNeighbors
13
14
15 def float_2_rgb(num):
16     packed = struct.pack('!f', num)
17     return [c for c in packed][1:]
18
19
20 class SingleHead():
21     """
22         Class for manipulating individual frames of the head.
23     """
24     def __init__(self, data_path=None):
25         self.data_path = data_path
26         self.background_color = [0, 0, 1]
27         self.keypoints_clr = [1, 0, 0]
28         self.visible = True
29
30     @classmethod
31     def read_from_file(cls, sequence_id, frame_id):
32         """
33             Read from a .pcd file and extract its xyz and rgb values as

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34     two seperate lists, stored in xyz, rgb class variables.
35     params:
36     sequence_id (int): The person's number, from 1 to 4.
37     frame_id (int): The frame number, from 1 to 15.
38     depth (float): threshold parameter for the depth filter.
39     """
40     # compose the data path
41     data_path = f"./Data/{sequence_id}"
42     this = cls(data_path)
43     file_name = os.path.join(data_path, f"{sequence_id}_{frame_id}.pcd")
44
45     # read the .pcd file
46     pc = np.genfromtxt(file_name, skip_header=13)
47
48     # extract the xyz, rgb info
49     this.xyz = pc[:, 0:3]
50     this.rgb = np.asarray([float_2_rgb(num) for num in pc[:, 3]])/256
51     this.xyz_unfiltered= pc[:, 0:3]
52     this.rgb_unfiltered= np.asarray([float_2_rgb(num) for num in pc[:, 3]])/256
53     this.sequence_id=sequence_id
54     this.frame_id=frame_id
55     this.img_coord_from_xyz()
56
57     return this
58
59 @classmethod
60 def load_from_pickle(cls, sequence_id, frame_id):
61     return cls.load(f"pickled_head/head{sequence_id}_{frame_id}.p")
62
63 @classmethod
64 def load(cls, data_file='head.p'):
65     """
66     :param data_file: file to load from, default name is the default file used for
67     saving
68     :return: object of threeD_head class
69     """
70     try:
71         with open(data_file, 'rb') as file_object:
72             raw_data = file_object.read()
73         return pickle.loads(raw_data)
74     except:
75         raise FileNotFoundError (f'{data_file} could not be found, create {data_file} by
76 using .save() first ')
77
78 def apply_all_filters(self, depth=1.5):
79     """
80     perform thresholding in depth axis, remove the nan pixels and the flying pixels.
81     Then center the pixels, create vpython spheres
82     """
83     self.reset_filters()
84     self.filter_nan()
85     self.filter_depth(depth)
86     self.remove_background_color()
87     # two experimental filters that are not applied in the real production.
88     # self.edge_based_filter()
89     # self.parzen_filter()
90     self.center()
91
92     def color_eye(self, row, column):
93         """
94         Color the left eye point in red
95         """
96         self.left_eye_ind = row * 640 + column
97         image = self.twoD_image.copy()
98         image = image.reshape(-1, 3)

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97     image[self.left_eye_ind] = [1,0,0]
98     image = image.reshape(480,640,3)
99     plt.imshow(image); plt.show()
100    plt.imsave("left_eye_mark.png",image)
101
102   def img_coord_from_xyz(self):
103       """
104           Convert a list of rbg values to a 2D image
105           params:
106               rgb (list[int,int,int]): a list of rgb values
107           return:
108               the rgb image in a 480, 640 format
109       """
110
111   image = np.reshape(self.rgb,(480,640,3))
112   self.xy_mesh=np.arange(640*480)
113   self.twoD_image= image
114   return image
115
116   def get_filtered_image(self,filename=None):
117       """
118           return the 2d image after all filters have been applied
119           :return: returns image filterd by all filter operations, black where filters have
120           been applied
121       """
122
123   twoD_image = self.twoD_image.copy().reshape(-1, 3)
124   if not self.background_color is None:
125       img = np.ones((480 * 640, 3)) * self.background_color
126   else:
127       img = np.zeros((480 * 640, 3))
128   for v in self.xy_mesh:
129       img[v] = twoD_image[v]
130
131   return img.reshape((480, 640, 3))
132
133   def save_filtered_image(self,filename=None):
134       """
135           save the 2d image after all filters have been applied
136           :return: None
137       """
138
139   twoD_image = self.twoD_image.copy().reshape(-1, 3)
140   if not self.background_color is None:
141       img = np.ones((480 * 640, 3)) * self.background_color
142   else:
143       img = np.zeros((480 * 640, 3))
144   for v in self.xy_mesh:
145       img[v] = twoD_image[v]
146   # save image to head_2d_image
147   image_dir = "head_2d_image"
148   save_path = os.path.join(image_dir,"head_{0}_{1}.png".format(self.sequence_id,\nself.frame_id,filename))
149   img = img.reshape((480,640,3))
150   plt.imsave(save_path,img)
151
152   def reset_filters(self):
153       """
154           Resets all the filters and create a xy_mesh variable storing the indices of the
155           original/unfiltered pixels, which becomes
156           useful when some pixels are filtered out later (when the length of xy_mesh is less
157           than 640*480). So e.g. we can say after several
158           filters that the first element in the xy_mesh corresponds to the pixel 105731 in
159           the original image.
160       """
161
162       self.xy_mesh = np.arange(640 * 480)
163       self.xyz=self.xyz_unfiltered
164       self.rgb=self.rgb_unfiltered

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```

158
159     def reset_positions(self):
160         """
161             Resets the xyz position to the untransformed position.
162         """
163         self.xyz=self.xyz_unfiltered[self.xy_mesh]
164
165     def reset_colors(self):
166         """
167             Resets the rgb values to the unfiltered, unmarked rgb values
168         """
169         self.rgb=self.rgb_unfiltered[self.xy_mesh]
170
171     def get_bw_image(self):
172         """
173             :return: black and white image with all pixels set to white that have not been
174             filtered out
175         """
176         img= np.zeros((480*640,3))
177         for v in self.xy_mesh:
178             img[v]=[1,1,1]
179         return img.reshape(480,640,3)
180
181     def get_bool_image(self):
182         """
183             :return: a boolean image, True for all pixels thah have not been filtered out
184         """
185         img = np.zeros(480 * 640) > 0
186         for v in self.xy_mesh:
187             img[v] = True
188         return img.reshape(480, 640)
189
190     def transform(self, tform):
191         """
192             transform the cloud points:  XYZ*cR + t
193         """
194         R, c, t = tform['rotation'], tform['scale'], tform['translation']
195         self.xyz = self.xyz.dot(c * R) + t
196         self.keypoints = self.keypoints.dot(c * R) + t
197
198     def transform_homo(self, T):
199         """
200             transform the image:  XYZ*T
201         """
202         ones = np.ones((1, self.xyz.shape[0]))
203         self.xyz = np.concatenate((self.xyz, ones.T), axis=1)
204         self.xyz = self.xyz.dot(T)
205         self.xyz = self.xyz[:, :3]
206
207     def paint(self, color):
208         """
209             paint the entire head into one color
210         """
211         color=np.asarray(color).reshape(-1)
212         # self.rgb = self.rgb.mean(axis=1).reshape((-1,1)).dot(np.asarray([[1,1,1]])) *
213         color
214         self.rgb = self.rgb.mean(axis=1).reshape((-1,1)).dot(np.asarray([[0,0,0]])) +
215         color
216
217     def edge_based_filter(self, up=150, down=370, left=260, right=480):
218         """
219             Take the twoD_image attribute and generate a binary
220             filter based on edge detection and binary fill holes.
221         """
222         # extract the s layer of the HSV image

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220     image = self.twoD_image.copy()
221     plt.imsave("head_2d_image/full_{0}_{1}.png".format(self.sequence_id, self.frame_id),
222     image)
223     image = cv2.imread("head_2d_image/full_{0}_{1}.png".format(self.sequence_id, self.
224     frame_id))
225     edge = cv2.Canny(image, 0, 250)
226     # generating as complete an edge as possible
227     for i in range (3):
228         _, contours, hierarchy = cv2.findContours(edge, cv2.RETR_TREE, cv2.
229         CHAIN_APPROX_NONE)
230         image_another = image.copy()
231         cv2.drawContours(image_another, contours, -1, (255,0,0), 0)
232         edge = cv2.Canny(image_another,0,250)
233
234         plt.imshow(edge);plt.show()
235         # manually crop out the person
236         edge[479,:]=1
237         kernel = np.ones((3,3))
238         dilation = cv2.dilate(edge,kernel,iterations =4)
239         dilation[:up,:]=0
240         dilation[down,:,:]=0
241         dilation[:,right:]=0
242         dilation[:,left:]=0
243         # perform flood fill based on the boundry
244         im_floodfill = binary_fill_holes(dilation)
245         im_floodfill = im_floodfill*1
246         im_floodfill = np.uint8(im_floodfill)
247         erode = cv2.erode(im_floodfill,kernel,iterations=7)
248         # filter out the unwanted pixels
249         edge_filter = erode > 0
250         edge_filter = np.ravel(edge_filter)
251         filter = [edge_filter[i] for i in self.xy_mesh]
252         self.xy_mesh = self.xy_mesh[filter]
253         self.rgb = self.rgb[filter]
254         self.xyz = self.xyz[filter]
255         self.save_filtered_image("edge_based")
256
257     def filter_depth(self,depth):
258         """
259         :param depth: any pixel with depth greater than this value is removed
260         :return:
261         """
262         depth_filter = self.xyz[:, 2] < depth
263         self.xy_mesh=self.xy_mesh[depth_filter]
264         self.rgb= self.rgb[depth_filter]
265         self.xyz= self.xyz[depth_filter]
266         self.save_filtered_image("depth_filter")
267
268     def filter_nan(self):
269         """
270             removes all entries where any of the xyz coordinates is nan
271         """
272         nan_filter = ~np.isnan(self.xyz).any(axis=1)
273         self.xy_mesh=self.xy_mesh[nan_filter]
274         self.xyz = self.xyz[nan_filter]
275         self.rgb = self.rgb[nan_filter]
276         self.save_filtered_image("nan_filter")
277
278     def sparsify(self,sparsity):
279         """
280             :param sparsity: the fraction of pixels that is retained
281             :return: updates the object
282         """
283         l = self.xyz.shape[0]

```

```

282     filter = np.random.random((1)) < sparsity
283     self.sparse_xy_mesh = self.xy_mesh[filter]
284
285     self.sparse_xyz = self.xyz[filter]
286     self.sparse_rgb = self.rgb[filter]
287
288     def center(self):
289         """
290             centers the object
291         :return:
292         """
293         self.center_pos= self.xyz.mean(axis=0)
294         self.xyz = self.xyz - self.center_pos
295         self.xyz_unfiltered = self.xyz_unfiltered - self.center_pos
296
297     def parzen_filter(self,p=7,r=0.005):
298         """
299             Remove the "flying pixels" if there are less than p pixels within a distance r
300             from the 3D pixel.
301         """
302         filter = np.ones(self.xy_mesh.shape) > 0
303         start_cnt = np.sum(filter)
304         end_cnt = 0
305         remove_count = 0
306
307         # perform removal for 10 iterations
308         for _ in range(10):
309             filter = np.ones(self.xy_mesh.shape) > 0
310             start_cnt = np.sum(filter)
311             length = len(filter)
312             bool_img = self.get_bool_image()
313
314             NN = NearestNeighbors()
315             NN.fit(self.xyz)
316             # check the number of pixels in each 3 by 3 window
317             for i,(coord,index) in enumerate (zip(self.xyz,self.xy_mesh)):
318                 y=index//640
319                 x=index%640
320                 small_bool = bool_img[max(y-1,0):y + 2, max(x-1,0):x + 2]
321
322                 if np.sum(small_bool)<8:
323                     # calculate the number of points near coord with a radius of r
324                     num_within = len(NN.radius_neighbors([coord],radius=r,return_distance=
325 False)[0])
326                     print(num_within)
327                     if num_within < p :
328                         remove_count+=1
329                         filter[i] = False
330
331             # remove unwanted points from attributes.
332             self.xy_mesh=self.xy_mesh[filter]
333             self.xyz = self.xyz[filter]
334             self.rgb = self.rgb[filter]
335             end_cnt = np.sum(filter)
336             print(remove_count)
337             self.save_filtered_image("parzen_window")
338
339     def remove_background_color(self):
340         """
341             Updates the filters by removing colors on the edge
342         :return:
343         """
344         verbose = False
345         min_grad=0.08
346         # size of the window
347         size=3

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345     # lower bound and upper bound offset
346     lb=size//2 # 1
347     ub=size//2+1 # 2
348     filter = np.ones(self.xy_mesh.shape) > 0
349     # number of pixel points before processing
350     start_cnt=np.sum(filter)
351     # mean colors
352     m1=np.nanmean(self.rgb_unfiltered, axis=0)
353     m2=np.nanmean(self.rgb, axis=0)
354     self.bg_color = (m1*640*480-m2*start_cnt)/(640*480-start_cnt)
355     end_cnt=0
356
357     # hault when there are still pixels being removed from the image
358     while end_cnt<start_cnt:
359         bool_img = self.get_bool_image()
360         filter = np.ones(self.xy_mesh.shape) > 0
361         start_cnt = np.sum(filter)
362         # loop through all the unfiltered pixels
363         for i, index in enumerate (self.xy_mesh):
364             # convert to x,y coordinate in the 2D image
365             y=index//640
366             x=index%640
367             verbose =(y==200 and x > 270 and x < 300)
368             verbose=False
369             if x>0 and y > 0 and x < 640-lb and y < 480-lb:
370                 # sum the pixels in the window around the current pixel
371                 small_bool = bool_img[y-1:y + 2, x-1:x + 2]
372                 small_rgb = self.twoD_image[y - lb:y + ub, x - lb:x + ub]
373                 ctr_color = small_rgb[lb, lb]
374
375                 # if the pixel is on the edge of the filtered image
376                 if np.sum(small_bool)<= 6:
377                     if verbose:
378                         print(small_bool)
379                         print(x, y, ctr_color, self.bg_color)
380                         print(np.linalg.norm(ctr_color - self.bg_color))
381
382                     # if the pixel is too similar to the background color, then
383                     removed
384                     if np.linalg.norm(ctr_color-self.bg_color) < min_grad:
385                         if verbose:
386                             print("remove")
387                             filter[i] = False
388
389                     # compute the number of left over pixel in the image
390                     end_cnt = np.sum(filter)
391                     # update the xy_mesh
392                     self.xy_mesh = self.xy_mesh[filter]
393                     self.xyz = self.xyz[filter]
394                     self.rgb = self.rgb[filter]
395
396                     self.save_filtered_image("background_color")
397
398     def create_keypoints(self, SIFT_contrastThreshold, SIFT_edgeThreshold, SIFT_sigma):
399         """
400             Get the SIFT keypoints and descriptions with the specified parameters and remove
401             the keypoints
402             located at the edge of the foreground object.
403             """
404             # fetch the filtered 2D image as img
405             img = self.get_filtered_image()
406             self.kp, self.des = get_descriptors(img, SIFT_contrastThreshold,
407             SIFT_edgeThreshold, SIFT_sigma)
408             # remove the edges that are on the edge
409             diameter = 15 # minimum distance from the edge
410             self.kp, self.des = self.remove_edge_points(self.kp, self.des, diameter=diameter)

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407
408     def create_vpython_spheres(self, force_sparce=False):
409         """
410             creates the spheres for either a frame or consecutive frames that can be used by
411             vpython
412         """
413         if force_sparce:
414             sparce_xyz = self.sparse_xyz
415             sparce_rgb = self.sparse_rgb
416         else:
417             sparce_xyz = self.xyz
418             sparce_rgb = self.rgb
419             radius = np.ones(sparce_xyz.shape[0]) * 0.0015
420             rad = 0.001
421             # generate vpython spheres
422             self.spheres = [{'pos': vec(sparce_xyz[i, 0], -sparce_xyz[i, 1], -sparce_xyz[i,
423                 2]), 'radius': 0.0015,
424                 'color': (vec(sparce_rgb[i, 0], sparce_rgb[i, 1], sparce_rgb[i,
425                 2])))} for i in
426                 range(sparce_xyz.shape[0])]
427             data_file = f"pickled_head/head_spheres.p"
428             pickle.dump(self.spheres, open(data_file, 'wb'))
429
430
431     def save(self, file_name=None):
432         """
433             :param file_name: file name for storing the file
434         """
435         if not os.path.isdir("pickled_head"):
436             os.mkdir("pickled_head")
437         if file_name is None:
438             file_name = f"pickled_head/head{self.sequence_id}_{self.frame_id}.p"
439             pickle.dump(self, open(file_name, 'wb'))
440
441
442     def remove_edge_points(self, kps, des, diameter):
443         """
444             Works on input sift keypoint and descriptors and filter out the ones that are on
445             the edge.
446         """
447         coords = np.round([kp.pt for kp in kps]).astype("int")
448         bw = self.get_bool_image()
449         offset = diameter // 2
450         # sum up the number of pixels in the squared within the proximity of descriptor
451         # points.
452         filter = [np.sum(bw[coord[1]-offset : coord[1]-offset+diameter,
453                         coord[0]-offset : coord[0]-offset+diameter]) == diameter ** 2 for
454         coord in coords]
455         return [kp for i, kp in enumerate(kps) if filter[i]], np.asarray([d for i, d in
456         enumerate(des) if filter[i]])

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**multi\_head.py:**

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1 import pickle
2 import icp
3 from vpython import *
4 from SIFT import *
5 from tqdm.autonotebook import tqdm
6 from refine import *
7 from link import Link
8 import numpy as np
9 from math import isnan
10 import pandas as pd
11
12
13 class MultiHead():
14     def __init__(self):

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15     self.heads = []
16     self.links = []
17     self.frame_sequence = []
18
19     @classmethod
20     def joined_heads(cls, head1, head2):
21         """
22             Class method that initiate MultiHead object, with head1, head2 being two
23             SingleHead objects.
24         """
25         this = cls()
26         for head in [head1, head2]:
27             this.append(head)
28         return this
29
30     @classmethod
31     def load_from_pickle(cls, sequence_id, name=None):
32         """
33             :param data_file: file to load from, default name is the default file used for
34             saving
35             :return: object of MultiHead class
36         """
37         if name is None:
38             print(f"Loading Sequence {sequence_id}...", end="")
39             data_file = f"pickled_head/mhead{sequence_id}.p"
40         else:
41             data_file = f"pickled_head/{name}.p"
42             print(f"Loading {data_file}...", end="")
43         try:
44             with open(data_file, 'rb') as file_object:
45                 raw_data = file_object.read()
46             this = pickle.loads(raw_data)
47         except:
48             raise FileNotFoundError(f'{data_file} could not be found, create {data_file} by
49             using .save() first')
50             # load the keypoint information from pickle
51             for head in this.heads:
52                 if hasattr(head, 'kp'):
53                     head.kp = [cv2.KeyPoint(x=point[0][0], y=point[0][1], _size=point[1],
54                     _angle=point[2],
55                                         _response=point[3], _octave=point[4], _class_id=
56                     point[5]) for point in head.kp]
57             # load the link information from pickle
58             for link in this.links:
59                 if hasattr(link, 'matches'):
60                     link.matches = [cv2.DMatch(_distance=match[0], _imgIdx=match[1], _queryIdx
61 =match[2], _trainIdx=match[3])
62                         for match in link.matches]
63             print("done")
64             return this
65
66     @classmethod
67     def create_from_heads(cls, list_of_heads, first=0, last=14):
68         """
69             :param list_of_heads: A list of SingleHead objects
70             :param first: frame id of the first head
71             :param last: frame id of the last head
72             :return: an MultiHead object
73         """
74
75         print("creating mhead object from a list of SingleHead objects")
76         list_of_heads[first].reset_positions()
77         list_of_heads[first].reset_colors()
78         list_of_heads[first + 1].reset_positions()
79         list_of_heads[first + 1].reset_colors()
80         this = MultiHead.joined_heads(list_of_heads[first], list_of_heads[first + 1])

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74     this.links.append(Link(left=list_of_heads[first + 1].frame_id, right=list_of_heads
75 [first].frame_id))
76     for i in range(first + 2, last + 1):
77         this.links.append(Link(left=list_of_heads[i].frame_id, right=list_of_heads[i -
78 1].frame_id))
79         list_of_heads[i].reset_positions()
80         list_of_heads[i].reset_colors()
81         this.append(list_of_heads[i])
82         if i == last:
83             this.links.append(Link(left=list_of_heads[first].frame_id, right=
84 list_of_heads[i].frame_id))
85     return this
86
87 def left_eye_deviation(self):
88     """
89     Compute the error deviation from the prelabeled points.
90     param: sequence_id (int) the person's number
91     Return: the mean and the deviations of the left eyes in the 3D model for the
92     person with sequence_id.
93     """
94     all_eye_ind = [
95         [172576, 172581, None, None, None, None, None, None, None, None, None, None,
96         169336, 170000, 169380],
97         [153974, 150143, 150124, None, None, None, None, None, None, None, None, None,
98         None, 147576, 150775],
99         [152103, 152745, None, None, None, None, None, None, None, None, None, None,
100        150113, 149516, 151469],
101        [116190, 116191, 114265, None, None, None, None, None, None, None, None, None,
102        None, 110410, 111688]]
103     my_eye_ind = all_eye_ind[self.heads[0].sequence_id - 1]
104
105     eye_coord = []
106     for frame, ind in enumerate(my_eye_ind):
107         if ind:
108             ind_xy = np.argwhere(self.heads[frame].xy_mesh == ind)
109             eye_coord.append(self.heads[frame].xyz[ind_xy][0][0])
110     eye_coord = np.array(eye_coord)
111     mean_coord = np.mean(eye_coord, axis=0)
112     sub_mean = eye_coord - mean_coord
113     distances = np.linalg.norm(sub_mean, axis=1)
114     print(f"mean distance: {np.mean(distances)}")
115     return np.mean(distances)
116
117 def calc_all_sift_keypoints(self, SIFT_contrastThreshold=0.02, SIFT_edgeThreshold=8,
118 SIFT_sigma=0.5):
119     """
120     Calculate the keypoints for all the SingleHead object in self.heads.
121     """
122     print(SIFT_contrastThreshold, SIFT_edgeThreshold)
123     for head in self.heads:
124         head.create_keypoints(SIFT_contrastThreshold, SIFT_edgeThreshold, SIFT_sigma)
125
126 def calc_all_sift_transforms(self):
127     """
128     calculates SIFT transforms for each of the heads
129     :return:
130     """
131     for link in self.links:
132         # link.reset()
133         self.ransac_from_link(link)
134
135 def append(self, head):
136     """
137     Append another head to the list of heads
138     """

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130     head.reset_positions()
131     head.visible = False
132     head.center()
133     self.heads.append(head)
134
135     def head_id_from_frame_id(self, frame_id):
136         """
137             Map from actual frame id to the index of this list of heads.
138         """
139         for i, head in enumerate(self.heads):
140             if head.frame_id == frame_id:
141                 return i
142         raise ValueError
143
144     def get_next_unpositioned_link(self, sift_transform_method="coverage"):
145         """
146             Return the next link to merge based the error of the links.
147         """
148         if not sift_transform_method in ["coverage", "matches", "dynamic"]:
149             raise ValueError
150         best_error = 1
151         best_coverage = -1
152         best_link_index = None
153         any_head_positioned = False
154         for head in self.heads:
155             if head.visible:
156                 any_head_positioned = True
157
158             for i, link in enumerate(self.links):
159                 head_left = self.heads[self.head_id_from_frame_id(link.left)]
160                 head_right = self.heads[self.head_id_from_frame_id(link.right)]
161                 # if this is the best error so far and either (one of the 2 heads is visible,
162                 # or none of all the heads is visible)
163                 possibly_this_link = ((head_left.visible and not head_right.visible) or (
164                     (not head_left.visible) and head_right.visible) or not
165                     any_head_positioned)
166                 if ((link.err_matches < best_error and sift_transform_method == "matches") or
167                     (
168                         link.pct_coverage > best_coverage and sift_transform_method == "coverage"))
169                     and possibly_this_link:
170                         best_error = link.err_matches
171                         best_coverage = link.pct_coverage
172                         best_link_index = i
173         return best_link_index, best_error
174
175     def reset_all_head_positions(self):
176         """
177             Reset the head positions and colors to initial values
178         """
179         self.frame_sequence=[]
180         for head in self.heads:
181             head.reset_positions()
182             head.reset_colors()
183             head.visible = False
184
185     def reset_all_head_colors(self):
186         """
187             Reset the head color to initial values
188         """
189         for head in self.heads:
190             head.reset_colors()
191
192     def ransac_from_link(self, link):
193         """
194

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191     Computes the matching keypoints and estimate the Procrustes transformation,
192     then stores the tranformation result as link attributes.
193     """
194     # fetch the frame id.
195     head1 = self.heads[self.head_id_from_frame_id(link.right)]
196     head2 = self.heads[self.head_id_from_frame_id(link.left)]
197     # if the maches has not yet been computed
198     if not hasattr(link, "matches"):
199         matches = get_matches(head1, head2)
200         sample_matches_cvg, pct_coverage, sample_matches_mchs, err_matches, matches =
201         estimate_transform(head1,
202                            head2,
203                            matches)
204         # store the results
205         link.add_ransac_results(sample_matches_cvg, pct_coverage, sample_matches_mchs,
206         err_matches, matches)
207     return link
208
209     def sift_transform_from_link(self, link, right_to_left, sift_transform_method="matches"
210     ):
211         """
212             Perform transformation estimation with the selected transformation method
213         """
214         # obtain the frame id
215         if not sift_transform_method in ["coverage", "matches", "dynamic"]:
216             raise ValueError
217         head1 = self.heads[self.head_id_from_frame_id(link.right)]
218         head2 = self.heads[self.head_id_from_frame_id(link.left)]
219
220         # perform ransac and procrustes to find the best matches for the transformation
221         link = self.ransac_from_link(link)
222         xyz1, xyz2, matches = get_xyz_from_matches(head1, head2, link.matches)
223
224         # use different set of match points based on the transform_method which can be ["coverage",
225         # "matches", "dynamic"].
226         if sift_transform_method == "dynamic":
227             if isnan(link.err_matches): # if the error value using match point inliers is
228                 Nan
229                 spl_mchs = link.sample_matches_cvg
230             elif link.err_matches < 0.01: # if the error value is less than 0.01
231                 spl_mchs = link.sample_matches_mchs
232             else:
233                 spl_mchs = link.sample_matches_cvg
234             # use the coverage error measure
235             elif sift_transform_method == "coverage":
236                 spl_mchs = link.sample_matches_cvg
237             # use the matches error measure
238             elif sift_transform_method == "matches":
239                 spl_mchs = link.sample_matches_mchs
240             head1.keypoints = xyz1[spl_mchs]
241             head2.keypoints = xyz2[spl_mchs]
242
243             # set color for drawings
244             head1.keypoints_clr = [1, 0, 0]
245             head2.keypoints_clr = [0, 1, 0]
246
247             # perform the transformation
248             if right_to_left:
249                 d, Z, tform12 = procrustes(xyz2[spl_mchs], xyz1[spl_mchs])
250                 t = tform12['rotation']
251                 head1.transform(tform12)
252             else:
253                 d, Z, tform21 = procrustes(xyz1[spl_mchs], xyz2[spl_mchs])

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249         t = tform21['rotation']
250         head2.transform(tform21)
251     # generate the images indicating the transformation
252     draw_matches(head1, head2, link.matches, spl_mchs)
253     return link
254
255 def icp_transform_from_link(self, link, right_to_left):
256     """
257     :param link: the Link object between the two heads that are to be ICP-ed
258     :param right_to_left: in which direction is the ICP happening? Left to right or
259     rightto left
260     :return: link, while correct head has been transformed
261     """
262     if right_to_left:
263         self.icp_transform(link.left, link.right,
264                           max_iterations=1)
265     else:
266         self.icp_transform(link.right, link.left,
267                           max_iterations=1)
268     return link
269
270 def refine_transform_from_link(self, link, right_to_left, angle_over_range=False,
271                               cartesian_over_range=False,
272                               filter=None):
273     """
274     calls the refine_6D fucntions, passing on all parameters, selecting whether head A
275     moves to head B or the other way round
276     """
277     if right_to_left:
278         filter, score = refine_6D(self, A=link.left, B=link.right, angle_over_range=
279                                   angle_over_range,
280                                   pos_over_range=cartesian_over_range, filter=filter)
281     else:
282         filter, score = refine_6D(self, A=link.right, B=link.left, angle_over_range=
283                                   angle_over_range,
284                                   pos_over_range=cartesian_over_range, filter=filter)
285     return filter, score
286
287 def all_transforms_from_link(self, link, sift_transform_method="matches", icp=False,
288                             refine_range=False, refine_local=False):
289     """
290     :param link: The link for which all transforms are to be performed
291     :return: the link itslef, unmodified.
292     Identifies which head is to be transformed (the one that is not visible)
293     Transforms the head that is not visible and makes it visible (headx.visible = True)
294     """
295     head1 = self.heads[self.head_id_from_frame_id(link.right)]
296     head2 = self.heads[self.head_id_from_frame_id(link.left)]
297
298     # add the head to the frame sequence
299     if link.right not in self.frame_sequence:
300         self.frame_sequence.append(link.right)
301     if link.left not in self.frame_sequence:
302         self.frame_sequence.append(link.left)
303
304     # determine the merge direction
305     right_to_left = head2.visible and not head1.visible
306     if right_to_left:
307         self.last_head_id = self.head_id_from_frame_id(link.right)
308     else:
309         self.last_head_id = self.head_id_from_frame_id(link.left)
310
311     # perform the basic transformation based on the calculated SIFT matches:
312     self.sift_transform_from_link(link, right_to_left, sift_transform_method=
313                                 sift_transform_method)

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307
308     # perform the Refine operation with Zwart algorithm, if it's set True
309     filter = None
310     if refine_range:
311         filter, score = self.refine_transform_from_link(link, right_to_left,
312                                         angle_over_range=True,
313                                         cartesian_over_range=True,
314                                         filter=filter)
315         filter, score = self.refine_transform_from_link(link, right_to_left,
316                                         angle_over_range=True,
317                                         cartesian_over_range=True,
318                                         filter=filter)
319     else:
320         score = 1000 # just very high
321     if refine_local:
322         last_score = 0
323         before_last_score = 0
324         while score > last_score or score > before_last_score:
325             before_last_score = last_score
326             last_score = score
327             filter, score = self.refine_transform_from_link(link, right_to_left,
328                                         filter=filter)
329             self.icp_transform_from_link(link, right_to_left)
330
331     # perform the ICP transformation, if it's set True
332     if icp:
333         self.icp_transform_from_link(link, right_to_left)
334         head1.visible = True
335         head2.visible = True
336         return link
337
338     def icp_transform(self, frame1, frame2, r=0.05, max_iterations=1):
339         """
340         param:
341         r (float): sampling rate for head1
342         file_name (string): file name of combined spheres
343         """
344         # perform one iteration of icp algorithm
345         head1 = self.heads[self.head_id_from_frame_id(frame1)]
346         head2 = self.heads[self.head_id_from_frame_id(frame2)]
347
348         # sample both array to the same size
349         n_sample = int(head1.xyz.shape[0] * r)
350         n_1 = head1.xyz.shape[0]
351         n_2 = head2.xyz.shape[0]
352         sample_1 = np.random.choice(np.arange(n_1), n_sample)
353         sample_2 = np.random.choice(np.arange(n_2), n_sample)
354         T, distance, ite = icp.icp(head1.xyz[sample_1], head2.xyz[sample_2],
355                                     max_iterations=max_iterations)
356
357         # transform head2
358         head2.transform_homo(T)
359         return
360
361     def create_spheres(self, sparcity=1.0, name=None):
362         self.spheres = []
363         for head in self.heads:
364             if head.visible:
365                 if sparcity < 1:
366                     head.sparsify(sparcity)
367                     head.create_vpython_spheres(force_sparce=True)
368                 else:
369                     head.create_vpython_spheres(force_sparce=False)
370                     self.spheres += head.spheres
371         pickle.dump((self.spheres, name), open("pickled_head/head_spheres.p", 'wb'))

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368
369     def save(self):
370         # save keypoints for each SingleHead
371         for head in self.heads:
372             if hasattr(head, 'kp'):
373                 head.kp = [(point.pt, point.size, point.angle, point.response, point.
374                             octave,
375                             point.class_id) for point in head.kp]
376         # save the information for Links, e.g. machtes
377         for link in self.links:
378             if hasattr(link, 'matches'):
379                 link.matches = [(match.distance, match.imgIdx, match.queryIdx, match.
380                                 trainIdx) for match in
381                                 link.matches]
382
383         pickle.dump(self, open(f"pickled_head/mhead{self.heads[0].sequence_id}.p", 'wb'))
384         for head in self.heads:
385             if hasattr(head, 'kp'):
386                 head.kp = [cv2.KeyPoint(x=point[0][0], y=point[0][1], _size=point[1],
387                                         _angle=point[2],
388                                         _response=point[3], _octave=point[4], _class_id=
389                                         point[5]) for point in head.kp]
390
391             for link in self.links:
392                 if hasattr(link, 'matches'):
393                     link.matches = [cv2.DMatch(_distance=match[0], _imgIdx=match[1], _queryIdx
394 =match[2], _trainIdx=match[3])
395                               for match in link.matches]
396
397         print("Saving Completed")
398
399     def create_png_of_spheres(self, sparcity, name, alpha=0):
400         import subprocess
401         self.create_spheres(sparcity=sparcity, name=name)
402         subprocess.call(["python", "gui.py", "save_only", "alpha", f"{int(alpha)}"])
403
404     def show_spheres(self, sparcity, name=None, alpha=0):
405         import subprocess
406         self.create_spheres(sparcity=sparcity, name=name)
407         subprocess.run(["python", "gui.py", "alpha", f"{int(alpha)}"])
408
409     def create_png_series(self, name="", sparcity=0.5):
410         """
411             Generate the image sequences for the merge set
412         """
413         self.reset_all_head_colors()
414         for head in self.heads:
415             head.visible = False
416         sequence = self.heads[0].sequence_id
417         print(self.frame_sequence)
418         for i, head_idx in enumerate(self.frame_sequence):
419             head=self.heads[head_idx-1]
420             head.visible = True
421             self.reset_all_head_colors()
422             head.paint([.2, .2, 1])
423
424             if sequence in [2, 4]:
425                 alpha = -(head_idx-self.frame_sequence[0]) * 360 / 15
426             else:
427                 alpha = (head_idx-self.frame_sequence[0]) * 360 / 15
428             if i != 0:
429                 file_name=f"Seq_{sequence}_{i}_{name}.replace("__", "_")
430                 self.create_png_of_spheres(sparcity=sparcity, name=file_name, alpha=alpha)
431             self.reset_all_head_colors()
432             file_name = f"Seq_{sequence}_all_{name}.replace("__", "_")

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428         self.create_png_of_spheres(sparcity=sparcity, name=file_name, alpha=alpha)
429
430     def create_mesh(self, name):
431         """
432             The full head pixel reduction algorithm as described in Building as complete a 3D
433             head as possible
434         """
435         def n2v(p):
436             return vec(p[0], p[1], p[2])
437         def prj(p):
438             return vec(p[0], -p[1], -p[2])
439         self.objects = []
440         O = np.asarray([0, 0, 0.05])
441
442         # set the vertically varying values
443         y_range = (-0.35, 0.20)
444         o = {'type': "point", 'pos': prj(O + np.asarray([0, 1, 0]) * y_range[0]), 'radius':
445             "0.01",
446             'color': vec(0, 1, 0)}
447         self.objects.append(o)
448         o = {'type': "point", 'pos': prj(O + np.asarray([0, 1, 0]) * y_range[1]), 'radius':
449             "0.01",
450             'color': vec(1, 0, 0)}
451         self.objects.append(o)
452
453         y_step = 0.003
454         big_angle_step = 20
455         small_angle_step = 2
456
457         colors = np.vstack([this_head.rgb for this_head in self.heads if this_head.visible
458     ])
459         points = np.vstack([this_head.xyz for this_head in self.heads if this_head.visible
460     ])
461
462         filter_s = np.logical_and(points[:, 1] > y_range[0], points[:, 1] < y_range[1])
463         points_s = points[filter_s]
464         colors_s = colors[filter_s]
465         y_range = np.arange(y_range[0], y_range[1], step=y_step)
466
467         with tqdm(total=y_range.size) as progressbar:
468             for y in y_range:
469                 O_for_y = np.asarray([0, y, 0]) + O
470                 filter_ss = np.logical_and(points_s[:, 1] > y - 2 * y_step, points_s[:, 1]
471                 < y + 2 * y_step)
472                 points_ss = points_s[filter_ss]
473                 colors_ss = colors_s[filter_ss]
474                 vec_from_O_ss = points_ss - O_for_y
475                 angles_ss = np.mod(np.angle(vec_from_O_ss[:, 0] + 1j * vec_from_O_ss[:, 1]),
476                 2 * np.pi)
477                 # revolve through all the angles in a plane
478                 for theta_0 in np.pi * np.arange(0., 360, step=big_angle_step) / 180:
479                     filtersss = np.logical_and(
480                         angles_ss > theta_0 - np.pi * small_angle_step / 180,
481                         angles_ss < theta_0 + (big_angle_step + small_angle_step) * np.pi
482                     / 180)
483                     pointssss = points_ss[filtersss]
484                     colorssss = colors_ss[filtersss]
485                     vec_from_O_sss = vec_from_O_ss[filtersss]
486                     if pointssss.size > 0:
487                         for theta_1 in np.pi * np.arange(0, big_angle_step, step=
488                         small_angle_step) / 180:
489                             theta = theta_0 + theta_1
490                             U = np.cos(theta), 0, np.sin(theta)
491                             filter1 = np.linalg.norm(vec_from_O_sss - np.inner(U,
492                             vec_from_O_sss).reshape((-1, 1)) * U,

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483                                     axis=1) < 0.003
484             filter2 = np.inner(U, vec_from_0_sss) > 0
485             filter = np.logical_and(filter1, filter2)
486             filtered_points = points_sss[filter]
487             if len(filtered_points) > 0:
488                 angles_sss = angles_ss[filter_sss]
489                 mean = np.mean(filtered_points, axis=0)
490                 mean = np.inner(U, mean - O_for_y) * np.asarray(U) +
O_for_y
491                 mean_col = np.mean(colors_sss[filter], axis=0)
492                 self.objects.append(
493                     {'type': 'point', 'pos': prj(mean), 'radius': "0.003",
'color': n2v(mean_col)})
494             progressbar.set_description(f"Scanning{np.arange(0, big_angle_step, step=
small_angle_step).size}")
495             progressbar.update(1)
496             # save the object inside a pickle
497             pickle.dump((self.objects, name), open(f"pickled_head/head_mesh.p", 'wb'))
498             print("completed")
499
500
501     def Method_A(self, sift_transform_method="matches", icp=True, refine_range=True,
refine_local=True, verbose=True):
502         """
503             Build up a full head starting from the right front and revolve in one direction.
504         """
505         for link_idx in range(14): # iterate through the links between heads
506             # calculate and perform all transformations for each link:
507             if verbose:
508                 self.links[link_idx].print_short()
509             self.all_transforms_from_link(self.links[link_idx], sift_transform_method=
sift_transform_method, icp=icp, refine_range=refine_range, refine_local=refine_local)
510
511     def Method_B(self, sift_transform_method="matches", icp=True, refine_range=True,
refine_local=True, verbose=True):
512         """
513             Build a full head starting from the back and build up from both directions to the
front.
514         """
515         for link_idx in range(6,14): # iterate through the links between heads
516             if verbose:
517                 self.links[link_idx].print_short()
518             self.all_transforms_from_link(self.links[link_idx], sift_transform_method=
sift_transform_method, icp=icp, refine_range=refine_range,
refine_local=refine_local)
519             for link_idx in range(5, -1, -1):
520                 if verbose:
521                     self.links[link_idx].print_short()
522                     self.all_transforms_from_link(self.links[link_idx], sift_transform_method=
sift_transform_method, icp=icp, refine_range=refine_range, refine_local=refine_local)
523
524     def Method_C(self, sift_transform_method="matches", icp=True, refine_range=True,
refine_local=True, verbose=True):
525         """
526             Build up a full head by starting from the link with the lowest error and leave the
one with the worst in the end.
527         """
528         only_first_n = 15
529         self.reset_all_head_positions()
530         link_idx, err = self.get_next_unpositioned_link(sift_transform_method=
sift_transform_method)
531         positioned_head_count = 0
532         while (not link_idx is None) and (positioned_head_count < only_first_n or
only_first_n == -1):# iterate through the links between heads:
533             if verbose:

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535         self.links[link_idx].print_short()
536         self.all_transforms_from_link(self.links[link_idx], sift_transform_method=
537             sift_transform_method, icp=icp,
538             refine_range=refine_range, refine_local=
539             refine_local)
540             link_idx, err = self.get_next_unpositioned_link(sift_transform_method=
541             sift_transform_method)
542             positioned_head_count = max(positioned_head_count + 1, 2)
543
544
545     def create_dataframe(self):
546         """
547             Generate the DataFrame for quantitative analysis
548         """
549         self.df = pd.DataFrame(
550             columns=['Right', 'Left', 'Err', 'Matches', 'Inliers for Matches', 'Inliers
551             for Coverage', 'Coverage'])
552         for link in self.links:
553             self.df = self.df.append({'Right': int(link.right),
554                 'Left': int(link.left),
555                 'Err': link.err_matches,
556                 'Matches': len(link.matches),
557                 'Inliers for Matches': sum(link.kp_sample_matches),
558                 'Inliers for Coverage': sum(link.inliers_all_points)
559
560                 },
561                 ignore_index=True)
562
563     return self.df
564
565
566     def create_df_for_report(self):
567         """
568             Populate the DataFrame with data for quantitative analysis
569         """
570         self.create_dataframe()
571         df = self.df.copy()
572         df[['Right', "Left", "Inliers for Matches", "Inliers for Coverage", "Matches"]] =
573         df[
574             ["Right", "Left", "Inliers for Matches", "Inliers for Coverage", "Matches"]].
575         astype("int")
576         df['Pair'] = df.Left.map(str) + " - " + df.Right.map(str)
577         df = df.drop(columns=['Right', 'Left', 'Inliers for Coverage'])
578         df['Coverage'] = df['Coverage'] * 100
579         df['Coverage'] = df.Coverage.map('{:.2f}'.format)
580         df['Err'] = df.Err.map('{:.4f}'.format)
581         df = df.rename(columns={"Inliers for Matches": "Inliers"})
582         df = df[['Pair', 'Matches', 'Inliers', 'Err', 'Coverage']]
583         print(df.to_latex(index=False))
584
585     return df
586
587     def create_res_for_report(self):
588         """
589             Add another two information column to the table.
590         """
591         res = self.results.copy()
592         res = res.rename(columns={'sift_transform_method': 'method'})
593         res = res.drop(columns=['refine_range', 'refine_local'])
594         print(res.to_latex(index=False))
595
596     return res
597
598     def try_methods(self, refine_range=False, refine_local=False):
599         """
600             Automatic generation of experiments result comparing different methods.
601         """
602         self.results = pd.DataFrame(
603             columns=['method', 'sift_transform_method', 'icp', 'refine_range', '

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refine_local', 'mean_dist'])

593     for method in ['A', 'C']:
594         for sift_transform_method in ["coverage", "matches", "dynamic"]:
595             # for sift_transform_method in ["matches"]:
596             for icp in [True, False]:
597                 if method == 'A':
598                     # Method A
599                     self.Method_A(sift_transform_method=sift_transform_method, icp=icp
600 , refine_range=refine_range, refine_local=refine_local, verbose=False)
601                 elif method == 'B':
602                     # Method B
603                     self.Method_B(sift_transform_method=sift_transform_method, icp=icp
604 , refine_range=refine_range, refine_local=refine_local, verbose=False)
605                 elif method == 'C':
606                     # Method C
607                     self.Method_C(sift_transform_method=sift_transform_method, icp=icp
608 , refine_range=refine_range, refine_local=refine_local, verbose=False)
609                     self.results = self.results.append({'method': method,
610                                         'sift_transform_method': sift_transform_method,
611                                         'icp': icp,
612                                         'refine_range': refine_range,
613                                         'refine_local': refine_local,
614                                         'mean_dist': self.left_eye_deviation()},
615                                         ignore_index=True)

616     return self.results

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**link.py:**

```

1 import numpy as np
2 """
3 The Link object contains all required variables to store the results of SIFT matches
4 between two subsequent frames.
5 It is defined by:
6 The IDs of two Single Heads, self.left and self.right
7 the result of the RANAC operation based on the SIFT matches:
8     The matches object, self.matches: indicating which
9     the inliers object, self.inliers: a boolean filter to select the calcualted matches
10    from self.matches
11    the resulting transformation, tform and the error metric, indicating how good the
12    match is.
13 """
14
15 class Link():
16     def __init__(self, left, right):
17         """
18             left and right are the frame id of the heads
19         """
20         self.left = left
21         self.right = right
22
23     def add_matches(self, matches):
24         self.matches = matches
25
26     def reset(self):
27         if hasattr(self, "sample_matches_cvg"):
28             del self.sample_matches_cvg
29         if hasattr(self, "pct_coverage"):
30             del self.pct_coverage
31         if hasattr(self, "sample_matches_mchs"):
32             del self.sample_matches_mchs
33         if hasattr(self, "err_matches"):
34             del self.err_matches
35         if hasattr(self, "matches"):
36

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34         del self.matches
35
36     def add_ransac_results(self, sample_matches_cvg, pct_coverage, sample_matches_mchs,
37                           err_matches, matches):
38         """
39             Store the results from the RANSAC computation to the object.
40         """
41         # the sample matches with the best coverage amount all points
42         self.sample_matches_cvg = sample_matches_cvg
43         self.pct_coverage = pct_coverage
44         # the sample matches with the best inlier matches numbers
45         self.sample_matches_mchs = sample_matches_mchs
46         self.err_matches = err_matches
47         self.matches = matches
48
49     def print(self):
50         print("left:", self.left, "\tright:", self.right)
51         if hasattr(self, "matches"):
52             print(f"# Matches {len(self.matches)}")
53         if hasattr(self, "sample_matches_mchs"):
54             print(f"# Inliers {len(self.sample_matches_mchs)}")
55         if hasattr(self, "pct_coverage"):
56             print(f"Covariance {100 * self.pct_coverage:.0f}%")
57         if hasattr(self, "err_matches"):
58             print(f"Err Matches {self.err_matches:.4f}%")
59
60     def print_short(self):
61         print(
62             f"{self.left}-{self.right}, Count={np.sum(self.sample_matches_mchs)}, Err
Matches={self.err_matches:.4f}, Cov={100 * self.pct_coverage:.1f}")

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**SIFT.py:**

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1 import cv2
2 import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
3 from tqdm.autonotebook import tqdm
4 from procrustes import *
5 from icp import nearest_neighbor
6 import os
7
8
9 def get_matches(head1, head2):
10     # find K nearest matches ( in terms of descriptors
11     bf = cv2.BFMatcher()
12     matches = bf.knnMatch(head1.des, head2.des, k=2)
13     # unfoled the list
14     # matches = [val for sublist in matches for val in sublist]
15
16     # using one nearest neighbor
17     good_without_list = [sublist[0] for sublist in matches]
18
19     # use the ratio test
20     # good_without_list=[]
21     # for m, n in matches:
22     #     if m.distance < 0.9 * n.distance:
23     #         # good.append([m])
24     #         good_without_list.append(m)
25     return good_without_list
26
27 def remove_height_variation_from_matches(head1, head2, matches):
28     max_variation_y_dimension = 15
29     matches = [m for m in matches if
30                 (abs(head1.kp[m.queryIdx].pt[1] - head2.kp[m.trainIdx].pt[1]) <
31                  max_variation_y_dimension)]
32     return matches

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32
33 def get_xyz_from_matches(head1, head2, matches):
34     """
35     Get the sets of 3D points of the respective heads, corresponding to the matches.
36     :param head1: a head object.
37     :param head2: a head object.
38     :param matches: a list of DMatch objects.
39     :return: xyz1/2 the sets of 3d points of the respective heads, corresponding to the
40     matches.
41     """
42     matches = remove_height_variation_from_matches(head1, head2, matches)
43
44     pts1 = np.float32([head1.kp[m.queryIdx].pt for m in matches]).reshape(-1, 1, 2)
45     xyl = np.round(pts1).astype("int").reshape(-1, 2)
46     xyindex1 = xy1[:, 1] * 640 + xy1[:, 0]
47     indices1 = [np.argwhere(head1.xy_mesh == ind) for ind in xyindex1]
48     filter1 = [len(ind) > 0 for ind in indices1]
49
50     pts2 = np.float32([head2.kp[m.trainIdx].pt for m in matches]).reshape(-1, 1, 2)
51     xy2 = np.round(pts2).astype("int").reshape(-1, 2)
52     xyindex2 = xy2[:, 1] * 640 + xy2[:, 0]
53     indices2 = [np.argwhere(head2.xy_mesh == ind) for ind in xyindex2]
54     filter2 = [len(ind) > 0 for ind in indices2]
55
56     filter = np.asarray(filter1) & np.asarray(filter2)
57     indices1 = np.asarray(indices1)[filter]
58     indices2 = np.asarray(indices2)[filter]
59     xyz1 = np.asarray([head1.xyz[ind[0][0]] for ind in indices1])
60     xyz2 = np.asarray([head2.xyz[ind[0][0]] for ind in indices2])
61     return xyz1, xyz2, matches
62
63 def estimate_transform(head1, head2, matches):
64     """
65     Estimate the transform from a set of match objects and two head objects using the
66     RANSAC
67     technique and the Procrutes algorithm.
68     param head1 (SingleHead): one head as the anchor.
69     param head2 (SingleHead): another head to transform from.
70     param matches (list(DMatch)): a list of match points from two heads.
71     """
72     kp_xyz1, kp_xyz2, matches = get_xyz_from_matches(head1, head2, matches)
73
74     # RANSAC parameters
75     max_dist_matches = 0.007
76     max_dist_coverage = 0.01
77
78     no_iterations = 5000 # number of ransac iterations.
79     no_iterations_all_points = 200 # number of ransac that does coverage calculation.
80     min_num_matches = 6 # minimum number of matches for procrustes
81     sample_thresh = 0.6 # threshold for sampling match matches
82     best_count_coverage = 0 # record the best number of point covered by a transformation
83     best_count_matches = 0 # record the best number of maches covered by a tranformation
84     best_pct_coverage = -1 # the coverage value that we want to maximize
85     best_err_matches = 1000 # the inlier matches that we want to maximize
86     best_sample_matches_cvg = []
87     best_sample_matches_mchs = []
88
89     # store the points from both frames for coverage calculation
90     l = head2.xyz.shape[0]
91     filter2 = np.random.random((l)) < 0.1
92     xyz1 = head1.xyz
93     xyz2 = head2.xyz[filter2]
94     temp_best_tform = None
95     with tqdm(total=no_iterations) as progressbar:

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95     # total RANSAC iterations
96     for j in range(no_iterations):
97         kp_sample = np.random.rand(kp_xyz2.shape[0]) > sample_thresh # get random
98         sample set
99         progressbar.update(1) # tqdm
100        temp_best_count = -1
101        if np.sum(kp_sample) >= min_num_matches: # enough points to unambiguously
102            define transformation?
103            _, _, tform = procrustes(kp_xyz1[kp_sample], kp_xyz2[kp_sample])
104            R, c, t = tform['rotation'], tform['scale'], tform['translation']
105            dist = np.linalg.norm(kp_xyz2.dot(c * R) + t - kp_xyz1, axis=1)
106            inliers = dist < max_dist_matches
107
108            # if there are more inliers for this transformation.
109            if (np.sum(inliers) > best_count_matches):
110                best_sample_matches_mchs = kp_sample.copy()
111                best_count_matches = np.sum(inliers)
112                err = np.sqrt(np.var(dist) / (np.sum(kp_sample) - min_num_matches))
113                best_err_matches = err
114                # update the progress bar
115                progressbar.set_description(
116                    f"Head {head1.frame_id} & {head2.frame_id} :cnt:{best_count_matches:.0f} err:{best_err_matches:.4f} cov:{100 * best_pct_coverage :.2f}%")
117
118            # number of ransac that does coverage calculation
119            if j < no_iterations_all_points:
120                R, c, t = tform['rotation'], tform['scale'], tform['translation']
121                xyz2_trans = xyz2.dot(c * R) + t
122                distances, indices = nearest_neighbor(xyz2_trans, xyz1)
123                count_all_points = np.sum(distances < max_dist_coverage)
124                # see if the new transformation has a better coverage
125                if count_all_points > best_count_coverage:
126                    best_count_coverage = count_all_points
127                    best_pct_coverage = best_count_coverage / xyz2.shape[0]
128                    best_sample_matches_cvg = kp_sample.copy()
129                    progressbar.set_description(
130                        f"Head {head1.frame_id} & {head2.frame_id} :cnt:{best_count_matches:.0f} err:{best_err_matches:.4f} cov:{100 * best_pct_coverage :.2f}%")
131
132    return best_sample_matches_cvg, best_pct_coverage, best_sample_matches_mchs,
133    best_err_matches, matches
134
135 def draw_matches(head1, head2, matches, inliers):
136     """
137     Generate the images with the match points between two frames
138     """
139     images_dir="images"
140     if not os.path.isdir(images_dir):
141         os.mkdir(images_dir)
142     # set the background color
143     head1.background_color=np.array([0,0,0.99])
144     head2.background_color=np.array([0,0,0.99])
145     img1 = cv2.cvtColor((head1.get_filtered_image() * 256).astype("uint8"), cv2.
146     COLOR_BGR2RGB)
147     img2 = cv2.cvtColor((head2.get_filtered_image() * 256).astype("uint8"), cv2.
148     COLOR_BGR2RGB)
149     # parameters for drawing
150     draw_params = dict(matchColor=(0, 255, 0),
151                         singlePointColor=(0, 0, 255),
152                         matchesMask=inliers.ravel().tolist(),
153                         flags=0)
154     # generate the images along with the matches indication
155     img3 = cv2.drawMatches(img1, head1.kp, img2, head2.kp, matches1to2=matches,

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151             outImg=None, **draw_params)
152
153     # label parameters
154     font = cv2.FONT_HERSHEY_SIMPLEX
155     bottomLeftCornerOfText = (0, 40)
156     fontScale = 1
157     fontColor = (255, 255, 255)
158     lineType = 2
159
160     # add text label onto the image
161     cv2.putText(img3, f"Sequence {head1.sequence_id}, frames {head1.frame_id} & {head2.
162     frame_id}",
163                 bottomLeftCornerOfText,
164                 font,
165                 fontScale,
166                 fontColor,
167                 lineType)
168
169     # save the image
170     file_name=f"Seq_{head1.sequence_id}_frames_SIFT_{head1.frame_id}_{head2.frame_id}.png"
171     full_path= os.path.join(images_dir, file_name)
172     cv2.imwrite(full_path, img3)
173
174
175 def get_descriptors(img, SIFT_contrastThreshold, SIFT_edgeThreshold, SIFT_sigma):
176     """
177     Get a set of SIFT parameters given a color image in an array and three SIFT parameters
178     .
179     param:
180     img (array): colored image
181     The others are all SIFT parameters
182     """
183
184     # scale pixel values the image
185     img = img * 256
186     img = cv2.cvtColor(img.astype("uint8"), cv2.COLOR_BGR2RGB)
187     sift = cv2.xfeatures2d.SIFT_create(contrastThreshold=SIFT_contrastThreshold,
188                                         edgeThreshold=SIFT_edgeThreshold,
189                                         sigma=SIFT_sigma)
190     kp, des = sift.detectAndCompute(img, None)
191
192     return kp, des

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**icp.py:**

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1 # From : https://github.com/ClayFlannigan/icp
2 import numpy as np
3 from sklearn.neighbors import NearestNeighbors
4
5
6 def best_fit_transform(A, B):
7     """
8     Calculates the least-squares best-fit transform that maps corresponding points A to B
9     in m spatial dimensions
10    Input:
11        A: Nxm numpy array of corresponding points
12        B: Nxm numpy array of corresponding points
13    Returns:
14        T: (m+1)x(m+1) homogeneous transformation matrix that maps A on to B
15        R: mxm rotation matrix
16        t: mx1 translation vector
17
18    assert A.shape == B.shape
19
20    # get number of dimensions
21    m = A.shape[1]
22
23    # translate points to their centroids
24    centroid_A = np.mean(A, axis=0)

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25     centroid_B = np.mean(B, axis=0)
26     AA = A - centroid_A
27     BB = B - centroid_B
28
29     # rotation matrix
30     H = np.dot(AA.T, BB)
31     U, S, Vt = np.linalg.svd(H)
32     R = np.dot(Vt.T, U.T)
33
34     # special reflection case
35     if np.linalg.det(R) < 0:
36         Vt[m-1, :] *= -1
37         R = np.dot(Vt.T, U.T)
38
39     # translation
40     t = centroid_B.T - np.dot(R, centroid_A.T)
41
42     # homogeneous transformation
43     T = np.identity(m+1)
44     T[:m, :m] = R
45     T[:m, m] = t
46
47     return T, R, t
48
49
50 def nearest_neighbor(src, dst):
51     """
52     Find the nearest (Euclidean) neighbor in dst for each point in src
53     Input:
54         src: Nxm array of points
55         dst: Nxm array of points
56     Output:
57         distances: Euclidean distances of the nearest neighbor
58         indices: dst indices of the nearest neighbor
59     """
60
61     # assert src.shape == dst.shape
62
63     neigh = NearestNeighbors(n_neighbors=1)
64     neigh.fit(dst)
65     distances, indices = neigh.kneighbors(src, return_distance=True)
66     return distances.ravel(), indices.ravel()
67
68
69 def icp(A, B, init_pose=None, max_iterations=1, tolerance=0.0001, distance_threshold=0.04)
70     """
71     The Iterative Closest Point method: finds best-fit transform that maps points A on to
72     points B
73     Input:
74         A: Nxm numpy array of source mD points
75         B: Nxm numpy array of destination mD point
76         init_pose: (m+1)x(m+1) homogeneous transformation
77         max_iterations: exit algorithm after max_iterations
78         tolerance: convergence criteria
79     Output:
80         T: final homogeneous transformation that maps A on to B
81         distances: Euclidean distances (errors) of the nearest neighbor
82         i: number of iterations to converge
83     """
84     verbose = False
85     if verbose:
86         print("start icp")
87     assert A.shape == B.shape

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88 # get number of dimensions
89 m = A.shape[1]
90
91 # make points homogeneous, copy them to maintain the originals
92 src = np.ones((m + 1, A.shape[0]))
93 dst = np.ones((m + 1, B.shape[0]))
94 src[:m, :] = np.copy(A.T)
95 dst[:m, :] = np.copy(B.T)
96
97 # apply the initial pose estimation
98 if init_pose is not None:
99     src = np.dot(init_pose, src)
100
101 prev_error = -1
102
103 for i in range(max_iterations):
104     # find the nearest neighbors between the current source and destination points
105     distances, indices = nearest_neighbor(src[:m, :].T, dst[:m, :].T)
106     filter = distances < 0.02
107     if verbose:
108         print(distances.shape, indices.shape, src.shape)
109         print("step: ", i, "before: ", np.mean(distances))
110     # compute the transformation between the current source and nearest destination
111     # points
112     T, _, _ = best_fit_transform(src[:m, :].T[filter], dst[:m, indices].T[filter])
113     if verbose:
114         print("found the best fit transform", i)
115     # update the current source
116     src = np.dot(T, src)
117
118     # check error
119     mean_error = np.mean(distances)
120     if np.abs(prev_error - mean_error) < tolerance and prev_error > 0:
121         break
122     prev_error = mean_error
123
124     # calculate final transformation
125     T, _, _ = best_fit_transform(A, src[:m, :].T)
126
127 return T, distances, i

```

**refine.py:**

```

1 from icp import nearest_neighbor
2 import numpy as np
3 from tqdm.autonotebook import tqdm
4
5
6 def calc_R(phi, axis):
7     """
8         :param phi: angle, in degrees
9         :param axis: axis for rotation 3D array
10        :return: rotation matrix, as function of angle and selected axis.
11    """
12    phi_rad = phi * np.pi / 180
13    if (np.array(axis) == np.array([1, 0, 0])).all():
14        return np.array([[1, 0, 0], [0, np.cos(phi_rad), -np.sin(phi_rad)], [0, np.sin(phi_rad), np.cos(phi_rad)]])
15    elif (np.array(axis) == np.array([0, 1, 0])).all():
16        return np.array([[np.cos(phi_rad), 0, np.sin(phi_rad)], [0, 1, 0], [-np.sin(phi_rad), 0, np.cos(phi_rad)]])
17    elif (np.array(axis) == np.array([0, 0, 1])).all():
18        return np.array([[np.cos(phi_rad), -np.sin(phi_rad), 0], [np.sin(phi_rad), np.cos(phi_rad), 0], [0, 0, 1]])
19    raise ValueError("invalid axis")

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20
21 def refine_over_range(mhead, A, B, range, step, axis, filter, angle, max_distance=0.005):
22     """
23         :param mhead: Multi Head Object
24         :param A: Index of Head A
25         :param B: Index of Head B
26         :param range: vary the axis over this range
27         :param step: step size
28         :param axis: axis (can be carthsesian or angles)
29         :param filter: subset of points of Head B that are actually used
30         :param angle: angular(True) or carthesian(False)
31         :param max_distance: max distance between points on head B to head A
32         :return: (optimum translation or rotation,fraction of point in range, applied filter )
33     """
34
35     max_distance_between_points = max_distance
36     best_count = -1
37
38     head1 = mhead.heads[mhead.head_id_from_frame_id(A)]
39     head2 = mhead.heads[mhead.head_id_from_frame_id(B)]
40     l = head2.xyz.shape[0]
41
42     if filter is None:
43         filter2 = np.random.random((l)) < 0.1 # only consider 10% of the points, to
44         reduce computational complexity
45     else:
46         filter2 = filter # if filter is provided, re-use existing filter, to keep
47         optimization consistent
48
49     for value in np.arange(-range, range, step):
50         if angle:
51             CoG = head2.xyz.mean(axis=0)
52             R = calc_R(value, axis)
53             head2.xyz = np.dot(head2.xyz - CoG, R) + CoG
54         else:
55             head2.xyz = head2.xyz + value
56         xyz1 = head1.xyz
57         xyz2 = head2.xyz[filter2]
58         distances, indices = nearest_neighbor(xyz2, xyz1)
59         count = np.sum(distances < max_distance_between_points)
60         if count > best_count:
61             best_value = value
62             best_count = count
63         if angle:
64             R = calc_R(-value, axis)
65             head2.xyz = np.dot(head2.xyz - CoG, R) + CoG
66         else:
67             head2.xyz = head2.xyz - value
68         if angle:
69             R = calc_R(best_value, axis)
70             head2.xyz = np.dot(head2.xyz - CoG, R) + CoG
71         else:
72             head2.xyz = head2.xyz + best_value
73     return best_value * np.array(axis), best_count / np.size(
74         xyz2), filter2 # move the head to the best position for the given
75
76 def refine_local(mhead, A, B, step, axis, angle, filter=None, max_distance=0.01):
77     """
78         :param mhead: Multi Head Object
79         :param A: Index of Head A
80         :param B: Index of Head B
81         :param step: step size
82         :param axis: axis (can be carthsesian or angles)

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83 :param angle: angular(True) or carthesian(False)
84 :param filter: subset of points of Head B that are actually used
85 :param max_distance: max distance between points on head B to head A
86 :return: (optimum translation or rotation, fraction of point in range, applied filter )
87
88 algorithm looks for local optimum: it scans over the given axis (angular or carthesian)
89 ) and look for local optimum by either increasing or decreasing the middle position,
90 tracking values at the boundaries
91 """
92 max_distance_between_points = max_distance
93 head1 = mhead.heads[mhead.head_id_from_frame_id(A)]
94 head2 = mhead.heads[mhead.head_id_from_frame_id(B)]
95 l = head2.xyz.shape[0]
96 if filter is None:
97     filter2 = np.random.random((l)) < 0.1 # only consider 10% of the points, to
98     reduce computational complexity
99 else:
100     filter2 = filter # if filter is provided, re-use existing filter, to keep
101     optimization consistent
102 lower_count = 0 # track at thee positions lower, middle and higher
103 higher_count = 0
104 middle_count = 0
105 value = 0
106 init = 3
107 bounce_count = 0
108 move_down = True
109 while lower_count >= middle_count or higher_count >= middle_count or init > 0:
110     if lower_count > middle_count or init > 0:
111         s = -step
112         move_down = True
113     elif higher_count > middle_count:
114         s = step
115         move_down = False
116     elif lower_count == middle_count:
117         s = -step
118     elif move_down == False:
119         bounce_count += 1
120         move_down = True
121     elif higher_count == middle_count:
122         s = step
123         move_down = False
124     else:
125         break
126     if bounce_count == 2:
127         break
128     init -= 1
129     value = value + s
130
131     # apply transformation, looking either at higher or lower position. as we come
132     # from the middle position, we need to take a double step (2 * s)
133     if angle:
134         CoG = head2.xyz.mean(axis=0) # calculate Center of Gravity, i.e. the middle
135         of the object
136         R = calc_R(2 * s, axis)
137         head2.xyz = np.dot(head2.xyz - CoG, R) + CoG # turn with respect to center of
138         gravity
139     else:
140         t = np.array(axis) * 2 * s
141         head2.xyz = head2.xyz + t
142
143 xyz1 = head1.xyz
144 xyz2 = head2.xyz[filter2]
145 # calculate distances
146 distances, indices = nearest_neighbor(xyz2, xyz1)
147 # count how many distance are within range
148 count = np.sum(distances < max_distance_between_points)

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142     # move back to middle position
143     if angle:
144
145         R = calc_R(-s, axis)
146         head2.xyz = np.dot(head2.xyz - CoG, R) + CoG
147     else:
148         t = np.array(axis) * -1 * s
149         head2.xyz = head2.xyz + t
150     if move_down:
151         higher_count = middle_count
152         middle_count = lower_count
153         lower_count = count
154     elif not move_down:
155         lower_count = middle_count
156         middle_count = higher_count
157         higher_count = count
158     return value * np.array(axis), middle_count / np.size(xyz2), filter2
159
160 def refine_6D(mhead, A, B, angle_over_range=False, pos_over_range=False, filter=None):
161     """
162     :param mhead: Multi Head Object
163     :param A: Index of Head A
164     :param B: Index of Head B
165     :param angle_over_range: Whether we refine the angle locally or over a range
166     :param pos_over_range: Whether we refine the position locally or over a range
167     :param filter: subset of points of Head B that are actually used
168     :return: the filter and the score (fraction of points of Head B that are within wide/
169     fine max distance of a point on head A) after 6D refinement
170
171     Transforms Head B over 3 axes and 3 angles to maximise number of overlapping points
172     with Head A
173
174     """
175     t = np.zeros(3)
176
177     # hyperparameters:
178     # for range scanning
179     phi_range = 25 # degrees
180     phi_raster = 1 # degrees
181     s_range = 0.1 # meters
182     s_raster = 0.02 # meters
183     max_distance_range = 0.02 # maximum distance between points during range scanning
184     # for local scanning:
185     s_wide = 0.005 # wide steps for the cartesian axes
186     s_fine = 0.002 # fine steps for the cartesian axes
187     phi_wide = 2 # wide steps for the angle
188     phi_fine = 0.4 # fine steps for the angle
189     max_distance_local = 0.01 # maximum distance between points during local scanning
190
191     if angle_over_range: # phase 1, scanning angle over a range
192         with tqdm(total=3) as progressbar:
193             for axis in [[0, 1, 0], [1, 0, 0], [0, 0, 1]]:
194                 x, score, filter = refine_over_range(mhead, A, B, range=phi_range, step=
195                 phi_raster, axis=axis,
196                                         filter=filter,
197                                         angle=True, max_distance=
198                                         max_distance_range)
199                 t = t + x
200                 progressbar.set_description(
201                     f"scan {A} to {B} phi:{t[0]: 3.1f},{t[1]: 3.1f},{t[2]: 3.1f} Scr={100
202                     * score:2.2f}%")


203             progressbar.update(1)
204     else: # phase 2, iterative local scanning of the angle
205         with tqdm(total=3) as progressbar:
206             for s in [phi_wide, phi_fine]:

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202         for axis in [[0, 1, 0], [1, 0, 0], [0, 0, 1]]:
203             x, score, filter = refine_local(mhead, A, B, s, axis, angle=True,
204             filter=filter,
205                                         max_distance=max_distance_local)
206             t = t + x
207             progressbar.set_description(
208                 f"refine {A} to {B} phi:{t[0]: 3.1f},{t[1]: 3.1f},{t[2]: 3.1f} Scr
209                 ={100 * score:2.2f}%)")
210             progressbar.update(1)
211             t = np.zeros(3)
212
213             if pos_over_range: # phase 1, scanning position over a range
214                 with tqdm(total=3) as progressbar:
215                     for axis in [[1, 0, 0], [0, 1, 0], [0, 0, 1]]:
216                         x, score, filter = refine_over_range(mhead, A, B, range=s_range, step=
217                         s_raster, axis=axis,
218                                         filter=filter,
219                                         angle=False, max_distance=
220                                         max_distance_range)
221                         t = t + 1000 * x
222                         progressbar.set_description(
223                             f"scan {A} to {B} t :{t[0]: 3.1f},{t[1]: 3.1f},{t[2]: 3.1f} Scr={100
224                             * score:2.2f}%)"
225                         progressbar.update(1)
226             else: # phase 2, scanning position locally
227                 with tqdm(total=6) as progressbar:
228                     for s in [s_wide, s_fine]:
229                         for axis in [[1, 0, 0], [0, 1, 0], [0, 0, 1]]:
230                             x, score, filter = refine_local(mhead, A, B, s, axis, angle=False,
231                             filter=filter,
232                                         max_distance=max_distance_local)
233                             t = t + 1000 * x
234                             progressbar.set_description(
235                                 f"refine {A} to {B} t :{t[0]: 3.1f},{t[1]: 3.1f},{t[2]: 3.1f} Scr
236                                 ={100 * score:2.2f}%)"
237                             progressbar.update(1)
238
239             return filter, score

```

**gui.py:**

```

1 """
2 GUI for rendering 3D head objects
3 """
4
5 import sys
6
7 from vpython import *
8 from vpython.no_notebook import stop_server
9 import pickle
10 import time
11 import numpy as np
12
13 def Savebutton():
14     # take a screen shot of the 3d object
15     global name
16     if name is None:
17         file_name = f"mesh.png"
18     else:
19         file_name = f"{name}.png"
20     scene.capture(file_name)
21
22
23 def Readbutton():
24     # read 3-d object from the file

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25 global name
26 if 'l' in globals():
27     global l
28     for i in range(len(l)):
29         o = l.pop()
30         o.visible = False
31         del o
32
33 if 'c' in globals():
34     global c
35     c.visible = False
36     del c
37
38 data_file = 'pickled_head/head_spheres.p'
39 try:
40     with open(data_file, 'rb') as file_object:
41         raw_data = file_object.read()
42         (spheres, name) = pickle.loads(raw_data)
43 except:
44     raise FileNotFoundError(f'{data_file} could not be found, create {data_file} by
45 using .save() first')
46
47 c = points(pos=spheres, size_units='world')
48 print(len(spheres))
49
50 def ReadMeshbutton():
51     # read the other 3-D object which should correspond to the mesh of the head
52     global name
53     if 'c' in globals():
54         global c
55         c.visible = False
56         del c
57
58     if 'l' in globals():
59
60         for i in range(len(l)):
61             o = l.pop()
62             o.visible = False
63             del o
64
65     data_file = 'pickled_head/head_mesh.p'
66     try:
67         with open(data_file, 'rb') as file_object:
68             raw_data = file_object.read()
69             (mesh, name) = pickle.loads(raw_data)
70     except:
71         raise FileNotFoundError(f'{data_file} could not be found, create {data_file} by
72 using .save() first')
73
74     for o in mesh:
75         if o['type'] == "pyr":
76             p = pyramid(pos=o['pos'])
77             l.append(p)
78         elif o['type'] == "point":
79             col = o['color']
80             r = float(o['radius'])
81             p = sphere(pos=o['pos'], color=col, radius=r)
82             l.append(p)
83
84 # displaying the 3-d object
85 args = sys.argv
86
87 scene.width = scene.height = 800
88 scene.background = color.white
89 scene.range = 0.5

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88
89 button(text='Save', bind=Savebutton)
90 button(text='Read', bind=Readbutton)
91 button(text='Mesh', bind=ReadMeshbutton)
92
93 scene.append_to_caption("""<br>Right button drag or Ctrl-drag to rotate "camera" to view
94 scene.
95 Middle button or Alt-drag to drag up or down to zoom in or out.
96 On a two-button mouse, middle is left + right.
97 Touch screen: pinch/extend to zoom, swipe or two-finger rotate."""")
98
99 data_file = 'pickled_head/head_spheres.p'
100 name = None
101
102 try:
103     with open(data_file, 'rb') as file_object:
104         raw_data = file_object.read()
105 except:
106     raise FileNotFoundError(f'{data_file} could not be found, create {data_file} by using .
107 save() first ')
108 (spheres, name) = pickle.loads(raw_data)
109 print(len(spheres))
110 c = points(pos=spheres, size_units='world')
111 rate(20)
112 l = []
113
114 print(args)
115
116 if "alpha" in args:
117     alpha = int(args[args.index("alpha") + 1])
118
119 else:
120     alpha = 0
121
122 scene.light = [
123     distant_light(direction=vector(np.sin(-(45 + alpha) * np.pi / 180), 0.3, np.cos(-(45 +
124         alpha) * np.pi / 180)),
125         color=color.gray(0.3)),
126     distant_light(direction=vector(np.sin(-(+45 + alpha) * np.pi / 180), 0.3, np.cos(-(-45
127         + alpha) * np.pi / 180)),
128             color=color.white)]
129
130 print(alpha)
131 scene.forward = vec(np.sin(alpha * np.pi / 180), 0, -np.cos(alpha * np.pi / 180))
132
133 if "save_only" in args:
134     time.sleep(len(spheres) // 10000)
135     Savebutton()
136     time.sleep(len(spheres) // 30000)
137     stop_server()

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