

Image Recognition Across Non-Uniform Blur, Illumination And Pose

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Abstract- Face recognition is a well-researched area, but one key vicinity now not addressed by many traditional approaches is that sensible face identification operates beneath an “open-universe” assumption in which some faces should be recognized, however now not others (referred to as distracters). In Bob’s graduation case, best friends have to be tagged at the same time as different faces ought to be left out. The appearing face reputation inside the presence of blur are based totally at the convolution version and can’t cope with non-uniform blurring situations that frequently get up from tilts and rotations in hand held cameras. In this paper, we endorse a methodology for face recognition in the presence of area-various movement blur comprising of arbitrarily-fashioned kernels.

We version the blurred face as a convex aggregate of geometrically converted instances of the targeted gallery face, and display that the set of all pix obtained through non-uniformly blurring a given picture forms a convex set. We first endorse a non uniform blur-sturdy algorithm by way of utilising the belief of a sparse digital camera trajectory in the digicam motion area to construct an strength function with l_1 -norm constraint on the digicam motion. The framework is then extended to handle illumination versions with the aid of exploiting the reality that the set of all snap shots acquired from a face image by way of non-uniform blurring and changing the illumination bureaucracy a bi-convex set.

I. INTRODUCTION

Face detection is a critical first step in any automatic face recognition system. Although face recognition research started very early, there was not much attention to face detection problem until recently. Over the last ten years, greater attention has been given to the face detection problem and there is a large increase in the number and variety of methods attributed to face detection. Given an image of arbitrary size, the task is to detect the presence of any human face appearing in the image and if there are any, return their positions. The fact that human faces may appear in different scales, orientations, and with different poses makes the face detection a challenging task. In addition, the conditions such as lightning, non rigidity of human faces, variation in

facial expressions, and the presence of facial features such as glasses, make-up or beards contribute significantly to the variation of facial appearance in an image. A large number of face detection methods have been reported in literature. Yang gives a comprehensive survey on existing methods. According to this survey, face detection methods can be mainly divided into two categories: appearance-based and feature-based methods. While the latter approach first extracts many point features and then matches these features with the face model the former directly models the pixel intensities.

Obviously, a priori knowledge is needed in the feature-based approaches, such as the shape of the head, eye and mouth location, color of the face, texture, and 3D model of the face. On the contrary, the appearance-based approaches do not need any priori knowledge; most of them treat the whole face as a vector of pixel intensities, which are then modeled using some techniques. Appearance-based approaches are known to be better suited for detecting non-frontal faces and more successful in complex scenes, however in simple scenes feature-based approaches are more successful to understand algorithms and techniques.

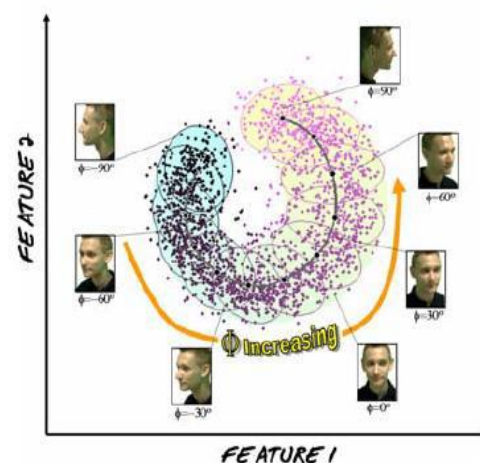


Fig: The effect of pose variation in the observation space

we develop a one-to-many transformation from an idealized “identity” space in which each individual has a unique vector regardless of pose, to the conventional feature space where features vary with pose. A subspace learning

approach using image gradient orientations for illumination and occlusion-robust face recognition. Practical face recognition algorithms must also possess the ability to recognize faces across reasonable variations in pose. Methods for face recognition across pose can broadly be classified into 2D and 3D techniques.

Removing non-uniform motion blur from images

Motion blur caused by a relative motion between a camera and a scene is inevitable due to the nature of a camera sensor that accumulates incoming light over a certain period of time. Many computer vision algorithms rely on the assumption that a scene is captured without such motion blur. However, this assumption generally does not hold unless the scene and the camera are both static. It is therefore important to correctly remove motion blur from images so that the subsequent algorithms can neglect the effect of motion blur. Motion deblurring has been studied by many researchers. Most methods solve the problem under an assumption that there is only a single motion blur kernel for the entire image. However, in real-world cases, photographed images often have spatially-varying motion blurs due to multiple relative motions caused by moving objects or depth variations from the camera removing non-uniform motion blur from multiple blurry images. Traditional methods focus on estimating a single motion blur kernel for the entire image. In contrast, we aim to restore images blurred by unknown, spatially varying motion blur kernels caused by different relative motions between the camera and the scene. Our algorithm simultaneously estimates multiple motions, motion blur kernels, and the associated image segments. We formulate the problem as a regularized energy function and solve it using an alternating optimization technique.

Many photos are corrupted by camera shake, moving objects, and out-of-focus areas. This is as true for personal snapshots as for professional pictures in newspapers, fashion magazines, or scientific articles. Short exposures and small apertures can be used to limit motion blur and increase depth of field, but this may result in noisy images, especially under low light conditions. It is therefore desirable to model the blurring process, and use the image content itself to estimate the corresponding parameters and restore a sharp image. This problem is known as blind deblurring (or blind deconvolution), and it is the topic of this presentation.

High-quality motion deblurring from a single image

One of the most common artifacts in digital photography is motion blur caused by camera shake. In many situations there simply is not enough light to avoid using a long

shutter speed, and the inevitable result is that many of our snapshots come out blurry and disappointing. Recovering an un-blurred image from a single, motion-blurred photograph has long been a fundamental research problem in digital imaging. If one assumes that the blur kernel – or point spread function (PSF) – is shift-invariant, the problem reduces to that of image deconvolution. Image deconvolution can be further separated into the blind and non-blind cases. In non-blind deconvolution, the motion blur kernel is assumed to be known or computed elsewhere; the only task remaining is to estimate the unblurred latent image.

We present an analysis of the causes of common artifacts found in current deblurring methods, and then introduce several novel terms within this probabilistic model that are inspired by our analysis. These terms include a model of the spatial randomness of noise in the blurred image, as well as a new local smoothness prior that reduces ringing artifacts by constraining contrast in the unblurred image wherever the blurred image exhibits low contrast. Finally, we describe an efficient optimization scheme that alternates between blur kernel estimation and unblurred image restoration until convergence.

The accuracy of face recognition systems deteriorates quite rapidly in unconstrained settings. This can be attributed to degradations arising from blur, changes in illumination, pose, and expression, partial occlusions etc. Motion blur, in particular, deserves special attention owing to the ubiquity of mobile phones and hand-held imaging devices. Dealing with camera shake is a very relevant problem because, while tripods hinder mobility, reducing the exposure time affects image quality. Moreover, in-built sensors such as gyros and accelerometers have their own limitations in sensing the camera motion. In an uncontrolled environment, illumination and pose could also vary, further compounding the problem. The focus of this paper is on developing a system that can recognize faces across non-uniform (i.e., space-variant) blur, and varying illumination and pose.

II. LITERATURE SURVEY

a. Non-uniform deblurring for shaken images

Blur from camera shake is mostly due to the 3D rotation of the camera, resulting in a blur kernel that can be significantly non-uniform across the image. However, most current deblurring methods model the observed image as a convolution of a sharp image with a uniform blur kernel. We propose a new parametrized geometric model of the blurring process in terms of the rotational velocity of the camera during

exposure. We apply this model to two different algorithms for camera shake removal: the first one uses a single blurry image (blind deblurring), while the second one uses both a blurry image and a sharp but noisy image of the same scene. We show that our approach makes it possible to model and remove a wider class of blurs than previous approaches, including uniform blur as a special case, and demonstrate its effectiveness with experiments on real images.

b. A blur-robust descriptor with applications to face recognition

Understanding the effect of blur is an important problem in unconstrained visual analysis. We address this problem in the context of image-based recognition by a fusion of image-formation models and differential geometric tools. First, we discuss the space spanned by blurred versions of an image and then, under certain assumptions, provide a differential geometric analysis of that space. More specifically, we create a subspace resulting from convolution of an image with a complete set of orthonormal basis functions of a prespecified maximum size (that can represent an arbitrary blur kernel within that size), and show that the corresponding subspaces created from a clean image and its blurred versions are equal under the ideal case of zero noise and some assumptions on the properties of blur kernels.

c. Robust estimation of albedo for illumination-invariant matching and shape recovery

We present a nonstationary stochastic filtering framework for the task of albedo estimation from a single image. There are several approaches in the literature for albedo estimation, but few include the errors in estimates of surface normals and light source direction to improve the albedo estimate. The proposed approach effectively utilizes the error statistics of surface normals and illumination direction for robust estimation of albedo, for images illuminated by single and multiple light sources. The albedo estimate obtained is subsequently used to generate albedo-free normalized images for recovering the shape of an object. Traditional shape-from-shading (SFS) approaches often assume constant/piecewise constant albedo and known light source direction to recover the underlying shape.

Using the estimated albedo, the general problem of estimating the shape of an object with varying albedo map and unknown illumination source is reduced to one that can be handled by traditional SFS approaches. Experimental results are provided to show the effectiveness of the approach and its application to illumination-invariant matching and shape recovery. The estimated albedo maps are compared with the

ground truth. The maps are used as illumination-invariant signatures for the task of face recognition across illumination variations. The recognition results obtained compare well with the current state-of-the-art approaches. Impressive shape recovery results are obtained using images downloaded from the Web with little control over imaging conditions. The recovered shapes are also used to synthesize novel views under novel illumination conditions.

Space Variant Blur

The blur invariant features are extracted from the blurred image and then used for recognition and follow this approach. In the local phase quantization (LPQ) method is used to extract blur invariant features. Though this approach works very well for small blurs, it is not very effective for large blurs. In a (blur) subspace is associated with each image and face recognition is performed in this feature space. It has been shown that the (blur) subspace of an image contains all the blurred version the image. However, this analysis does not take into account the convexity constraint that the blur kernels satisfy, and hence the (blur) subspace will include many other images apart from the blurred images. The third approach is the direct recognition approach. This is the approach taken in and by us. In artificially blurred versions of the gallery images are created and the blurred probe image is matched to them. Again, it is not possible to capture the whole space of blur kernels using this method. We avoid this problem by optimizing over the space of blur kernels. Finally, the fourth approach is to jointly deblur and recognition the face image .

4.2 Fast non-uniform deblurring using constrained camera pose subspace

Camera shake during exposure time often results in non-uniform blur across the entire image. Recent algorithms model the non-uniform blurry image as a linear combination of images observed by the camera at discretized poses, and focus on estimating the time fraction positioned at each pose. While these algorithms show promising results, they nevertheless entail heavy computational loads. In this work, we propose a novel single image deblurring algorithm to remove non-uniform blur. We estimate the local blur kernels at different image regions and obtain an initial guess of possible camera poses using backprojection. By restraining the possible camera poses in a low-dimensional subspace, we iteratively estimate the weight for each pose in the camera pose space. Experimental validations with the state-of-the-art methods demonstrate the efficiency and effectiveness of our algorithm for non-uniform deblurring.

Typical blur from camera shake often deviates from the standard uniform convolutional assumption, in part because of problematic rotations which create greater blurring away from some unknown center point. Consequently, successful blind deconvolution for removing shake artifacts requires the estimation of a spatially-varying or non-uniform blur operator. Using ideas from Bayesian inference and convex analysis, this paper derives a simple non-uniform blind deblurring algorithm with a spatially-adaptive image penalty.

Through an implicit normalization process, this penalty automatically adjust its shape based on the estimated degree of local blur and image structure such that regions with large blur or few prominent edges are discounted. Remaining regions with modest blur and revealing edges therefore dominate on average without explicitly incorporating structureselection heuristics. The algorithm can be implemented using an optimization strategy that is virtually tuning-parameter free and simpler than existing methods, and likely can be applied in other settings such as dictionary learning.

A generic face recognition system

The input of a face recognition system is always an image or video stream. The output is an identification or verification of the subject or subjects that appear in the image or video. Some approaches define a face recognition system as a three step process – From this point of view, the Face Detection and Feature Extraction phases could run simultaneously.



Fig: Generic Face recognition System

Face detection is defined as the process of extracting faces from scenes. So, the system positively identifies a certain image region as a face. This procedure has many applications like face tracking, pose estimation or compression.

The next step -feature extraction- involves obtaining relevant facial features from the data. These features could be certain face regions, variations, angles or measures, which can be human relevant (e.g. eyes spacing) or not. This phase has other applications like facial feature tracking or emotion recognition. Finally, the system does recognize the face. In an identification task, the system would report an identity from a database. This phase involves a comparison method, a classification algorithm and an accuracy measure. This phase

uses methods common to many other areas which also do some classification process -sound engineering, data mining et al. These phases can be merged, or new ones could be added. Therefore, we could find many different engineering approaches to a face recognition problem. Face detection and recognition could be performed in tandem, or proceed to an expression analysis before normalizing the face

Face detection

Nowadays some applications of Face Recognition don't require face detection. In some cases, face images stored in the data bases are already normalized. There is a standard image input format, so there is no need for a detection step. An example of this could be a criminal data base. There, the law enforcement agency stores faces of people with a criminal report. If there is new subject and the police has his or her passport photograph, face detection is not necessary. However, the conventional input image of computer vision systems are not that suitable. They can contain many items or faces. In these cases face detection is mandatory. It's also unavoidable if we want to develop an automated face tracking system. For example, video surveillance systems try to include face detection, tracking and recognizing. So, it's reasonable to assume face detection as part of the more ample face recognition problem. Face detection must deal with several well known challenges. They are usually present in images captured in uncontrolled environments, such as surveillance video systems. These challenges can be attributed to some factors: ^

Pose variation

The ideal scenario for face detection would be one in which only frontal images were involved. But, as stated, this is very unlikely in general uncontrolled conditions. Moreover, the performance of face detection algorithms drops severely when there are large pose variations. It's a major research issue. Pose variation can happen due to subject's movements or camera's angle.

Feature occlusion

The presence of elements like beards, glasses or hats introduces high variability. Faces can also be partially covered by objects or other faces.

Facial expression

Facial features also vary greatly because of different facial gestures. ^ Imaging conditions. Different cameras and ambient conditions can affect the quality of an image, affecting the appearance of a face.

There are some problems closely related to face detection besides feature extraction and face classification. For instance, face location is a simplified approach of face detection. Its goal is to determine the location of a face in an image where there's only one face. We can differentiate between face detection and face location, since the latter is a simplified problem of the former. Methods like locating head boundaries [59] were first used on this scenario and then exported to more complicated problems. Facial feature detection concerns detecting and locating some relevant features, such as nose, eyebrow, lips, ears, etc. Some feature extraction algorithms are based on facial feature detection. There is much literature on this topic, which is discussed later. Face tracking is other problem which sometimes is a consequence of face detection. Many system's goal is not only to detect a face, but to be able to locate this face in real time. Once again, video surveillance system is a good example.

Face detection problem structure

Face Detection is a concept that includes many sub-problems. Some systems detect and locate faces at the same time, others first perform a detection routine and then, if positive, they try to locate the face. Then, some tracking algorithms may be needed

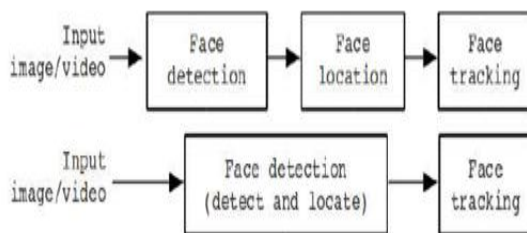
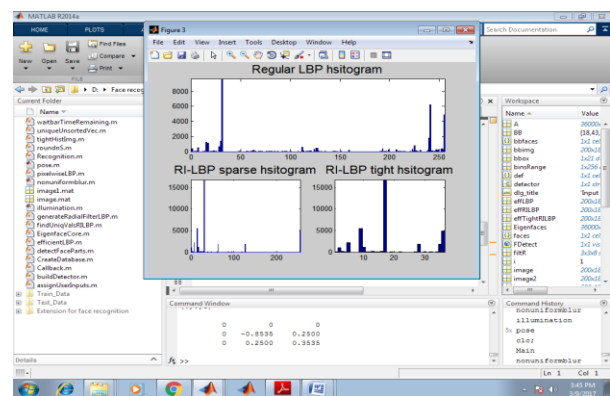


Fig: face detection processes

Face detection algorithms usually share common steps. Firstly, some data dimension reduction is done, in order to achieve a admissible response time. Some pre-processing could also be done to adapt the input image to the algorithm prerequisites. Then, some algorithms analyze the image as it is, and some others try to extract certain relevant facial regions. The next phase usually involves extracting facial features or measurements. These will then be weighted, evaluated or compared to decide if there is a face and where is it. Finally, some algorithms have a learning routine and they include new data to their models. Face detection is, therefore, a two class problem where we have to decide if there is a face or not in a picture. This approach can be seen as a simplified face recognition problem. Face recognition has to classify a given face, and there are as many classes as candidates. Consequently, many face detection methods are very similar

to face recognition algorithms. Or put another way, techniques used in face detection are often used in face recognition.



III. CONCLUSION

We proposed a methodology to perform face recognition under the combined effects of non-uniform blur, illumination, and pose. We showed that the set of all images obtained by non-uniformly blurring a given image using the TSF model is a convex set given by the convex hull of warped versions of the image. Capitalizing on this result, we initially proposed a non-uniform motion blur-robust face recognition algorithm NU-MOB. We then showed that the set of all images obtained from a given image by non-uniform blurring and changes in illumination forms a bi-convex set, and used this result to develop our non-uniform motion blur and illumination-robust algorithm MOBIL. We then extended the capability of MOBIL to handle even non-frontal faces by transforming the gallery to a new pose. The superiority of this method called MOBILAP over contemporary techniques.

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