

Hand tracking using a quadric surface model and Bayesian filter

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The Problem





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Background - Pedestrian detection





Every part of the street should be a safe place to cross.

At DaimlerChrysler, we look at the road with pedestrians in mind. Which is why we're developing an intelligent recognition system for our vehicles. The purpose of this technology will be to sense if there's an obstacle ahead of the car, and help the driver to avoid it. Good news for motorists. And for anyone crossing their paths.

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Answers for questions to come.

Background - using exemplars





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- Large number of templates are generated off-line to handle global motion and finger articulation.
- Need for
 - Inexpensive template-matching function
 - Distance Transform and Chamfer Matching
 - Efficient search structure
 - Bayesian Tree structure



- Building the 3D hand model and generating templates
- Learning the kinematic prior and building the tree
- Formulating the likelihood
- Tree-based Bayesian filtering
- Detection and tracking experiments

3D hand model







Statistical framework



- . Hand model has internal state θ_t
- . Use prediction (Prior) and measurement from image observation $D_{\rm t}$





Data collection with a CyberGlove



Kinematic hand model







Tree-based Bayesian Filter















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Building the hand model

Quadric: Second degree implicit surface defined by points X satisfying $\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{X} = 0$.

 $rank(\mathbf{Q}) = 4$ $rank(\mathbf{Q}) = 3$ $rank(\mathbf{Q}) = 2$ Ellipsoid Cone Cylinder Pair of Planes Уо π_{0} h х х х х z z z z \mathbf{y}_1 π, † y †y † y † y



Quadrics





For modelling more general shapes truncate quadrics by finding points X which satisfy:

$\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{X} = 0$ and $\mathbf{X}^T \Pi \mathbf{X} \ge 0$



Hand Model



- 37 truncated quadrics
- 27 degrees of freedom



Projection of a Quadric



Assuming a normalized projective camera $\mathbf{P} = [\mathbf{I} \mid 0]$

Parameterize 3D points $\mathbf{X}(s) = \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{x} \\ \mathbf{c} \end{vmatrix}$



 $\mathbf{X}^{T}(s) \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{X}(s) = 0$

Projection of a Quadric (2)





Condition for X(s) to be on the contour generator of Q:

$$\Delta = 0 \Leftrightarrow \mathbf{x}^{\mathrm{T}} (c\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{b}\mathbf{b}^{\mathrm{T}}) \mathbf{x} = 0$$
$$\mathbf{x}^{\mathrm{T}} \mathbf{C} \mathbf{x} = 0 \qquad \mathbf{C} = c\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{b}\mathbf{b}^{\mathrm{T}}$$

Projecting the Hand Model



3D model

Contours



3D Hand Model



- Used as generative model
- Constructed from 37 truncated quadrics (ellipsoids, cones)
- Efficient contour projection
- 21 degrees of freedom + 6 pose = 27





3D Hand Model



- Used as generative model
- Constructed from 35 truncated quadrics (ellipsoids, cones)
- Efficient contour projection
- 27 degrees of freedom



Single View Tracking





Stereo Tracking







Kinematic prior for articulated hand



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Kinematic hand model



Dimensionality Reduction



- Analyse joint angle data sets using PCA
- 95% of variance is captured by first eight eigenvectors

First principal component

Second principal component









Third principal component

Fourth principal component







Dimensionality Reduction



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Third principal component





Fourth principal component







3 eigenvectors



1 eigenvector



5 eigenvectors





Four basis configurations









Building the search tree

State-space partitioning





Template at grid centres become nodes of tree. Different levels obtained by subdividing each partition.





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Likelihood function

Distance Transform and Chamfer Matching

Feature Detection





- Camera Image
- Canny edge map
- Distance Transform
- Search Template





- Distance Image gives the distance to the nearest edge feature at every pixel location in the image.
- Calculated only once for each frame.
- Chamfer distance is a specific distance function that is calculated at each pixel by propagating the nearest distances from neighbouring pixels.

Distance Image & Chamfer Matching





- The cost of matching a template at a given image location can be calculated by adding the distances to the nearest edge feature from each of the template point.
- The nearest distances are readily obtained from the distance image.

$$C = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N} d_i$$

- A single template matching at a given location typically costs around 200 additions and one division operations- inexpensive.
- 50,000 hypothesis evaluations can be made in less than 1 second on a 1GHz 256MB PC.

Distance Image & Chamfer Matching





- Distance Image provides a smooth cost function.
- Efficient Searching techniques can be used to find the correct template.

Distance Image & Chamfer Matching





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Tree-based bayesian filtering

Tree-based Search

























Tracking as Inference



- Object has internal state Xt
- . Image observation Dt



Recursive Formulation



• Prediction Step:



• Measurement Step:









- The search-tree is brought into a Bayesian framework by adding the prior knowledge from previous frame.
- The Bayesian-Tree can be thought as approximating the posterior probability at different resolutions.



Experimental results

Tracking Results





Rotating in clutter





Opening and closing









- Building the 3D hand model and generating templates
- Learning the kinematic prior
- Efficiently evaluating the likelihood
- Tree-based Bayesian filtering
- Detection and tracking together