

Detecting and tracking faces and hands

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The Problem







1: Real-time face detection and tracking



Happy Face |

Robust Face Tracking





Creating a Training Set



• Select a few "seed" stills

 δX_2

- Simulate translation, scaling and rotation
 - \rightarrow labelled training set





 δX_3







Detecting frontal faces





Automatic Camera Management CAMBRIDGE

 Use position/scale information to control digital pan and zoom





Severe Illumination Change





2: Hand detection



















3D hand model





3D hand model



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



Matching oriented edges

Input Image



Edge Detection



Robust Edge Matching

Using Chamfer Distance





3D Model

Projected Contours

Skin colour features

Input Image

Skin Colour Model



Efficient Template Matching



3D Model



Combining features



 Using Training Data to learn linear discriminant function: 2000 positive examples (hand in correct pose) 2000 negative examples (hand in different pose & background)



Matching cost for one template:

 $C = Carea + \lambda Cedge$

λ: weighting factor determinedfrom training data

Can also be adapted online to give different weight to features



Tree-based bayesian filtering

Template-based Detection





- 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

Matching Multiple Templates



- Use tree structure to efficiently match many templates (>10,000)
- Arrange templates in tree based on their similarity
- Traverse tree using breadth-first search, several 'active' leaves possible









- 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.

Tracking - 3D mouse





Rotating in clutter





Opening and closing





Hand detection system







Where am I?



























































