
Computer Vision and Intelligent Systems

ECG795 Spring 2013

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Textbooks

Computer Vision: Algorithms and Applications, Richard Szeliski, ISBN: 1848829345
Digital Image Processing, R.C. Gonzalez and R.E. Woods, 3rd Edition, ISBN: 013168728X

Grading

Final:	30%	05/16 18:00
Project:	30%	Due 05/09
Homework:	40%	Bi-Weekly

Students may study together in groups but all assignments must be completed individually. Homework will be due in class on the designated date. No late homeworks will be accepted unless prior notification and arrangements are made.

The course will have a final video processing project. You will be required to submit a project report in the form of a conference styled manuscript for publication and make a presentation.

Catalog Description

Introductory graduate course in computer vision, machine learning, and pattern recognition with real-time systems. The course will be divided into two parts: image and video processing. Image processing topics will include image formation, morphology and connected components, feature detection and representation, segmentation, and stereo imaging. Video processing techniques will focus on motion estimation, tracking, and object detection and recognition.

The course will have programming homework assignments and a final project. Readings will be assigned in "Computer Vision: Algorithms and Applications" by Richard Szeliski as well as recent papers from top academic publications.

Programming assignments will use Matlab as well as OpenCV.

Prerequisites: Linear Algebra and Programming Experience

Topics

Image Processing

1. Image Formation - geometric primitives, camera model, digital imaging (sampling and quantization)
2. Image Processing - point operations, color transformations, histogram equalization, spatial image enhancement and filtering, connected components, morphology, multi-resolution pyramids

3. Feature Detection and Representation - corner detectors, invariant features (SIFT, SURF), HoG, edge detection, Canny edge-detector, non-maximal suppression, Hough transform, RANSAC
4. Segmentation - thresholding, region-based segmentation, split-and-merge, mean-shift, graph cuts
5. Stereo Imaging - camera calibration and epipolar geometry, image correspondence, multi-view stereo

Video Processing

1. Motion Estimation - optical flow, background modeling, mixture of Gaussians
2. Object Detection - nearest neighbor classification, correlation, Adaboost classifier, SVM
3. Object Recognition - Bayes classifier, Eigenfaces and Fisher faces, bag of words
4. Tracking - Kalman filter, particle filters, Condensation tracking, Mean-Shift tracking, multiple target tracking, feature tracking

Additional course material not present in the textbook will be distributed to the class when needed.

Course Objectives and Outcomes

- Students will have a clear understanding of image processing and computer vision fundamentals as well as the challenges.
- Students will be able to design and implement computer vision algorithms for real-time video processing.
- Students will be able to search for and read academic papers and critically evaluate their importance.
- Students will be able to present technical material orally in a clear and concise manner.

Course Policies

- There will be no make-up exams or late homework without prior arrangements.
- Extensions will only be granted for medical emergencies or due to the observance of a religious holiday. The instructor must be notified of the absence prior to the last day of late registration.
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