RGB-D Images and Applications

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How does Kinect work?

Kinect has 3 components :-

- color camera (takes RGB values)
- IR camera (takes depth data)
- Microphone array (for speech recognition)



Depth Image



How Does the Kinect Compare?

- Distance Sensing
 - Alternatives Cheaper than Kinect
 - ~\$2 Single-Point Close-Range Proximity Sensor





- Motion Sensing and 3D Mapping
 - High Performing Devices with Higher Cost
- Good Performance for Distance and Motion Sensing
- Provides a bridge between low cost and high performance sensors

Depth Sensor

- IR projector emits predefined Dotted Pattern
- Lateral shift between projector and sensor
 - Shift in pattern dots
- Shift in dots determines Depth of Region



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- 11 Bit Accuracy
 - 2¹¹ = 2048 possible values
- Measured Depth
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 - 2047 = maximum distance
 - Approx. 16.5 ft.
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Other RGB-D sensors

• Intel RealSense Series

• Asus Xtion Pro

• Microsoft Kinect V2

• Structure Sensor





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Recognition: Human Pose recognition

- Research in pose recognition has been on going for 20+ years.
- Many assumptions: multiple cameras, manual initialization, controlled/simple backgrounds





Model-Based Estimation of 3D Human Motion, Ioannis Kakadiaris and Dimitris Metaxas, PAMI 2000



Fig. 22. Our automatic tracker on commercial sports footage with fast and extreme motions. On the **top**, we show results from a 300 frame sequence of a baseball pitch from the 2002 World Series. On the **bottom**, we show results from the *complete* medal-winning performance of Michelle Kwan from the 1998 Winter Olympics. We label frame numbers from the 7,600-frame sequence. For each sequence, our system first runs a walking pose finder on each frame; and then uses the single frame with the best score (shown in the **left insets**) to train the discriminative appearance models. In the baseball sequence, our system is able to track through frames with excessive motion blur and interfacing effects (the **center inset**). In the skating sequence, our system is able to track through extreme poses for thousands of frames. This means that our system can track long sequences with extreme poses, complex backgrounds, and fast movement *without manual intervention*.

Tracking People by Learning Their Appearance, Deva Ramanan, David A. Forsyth, and Andrew Zisserman, PAMI 2007

Kinect

• Why does depth help?



Algorithm design

Shotton et al. proposed two main steps:

- 1. Find body parts
- 2. Compute joint positions.



<u>Real-Time Human Pose Recognition in Parts from Single Depth Images</u> Jamie Shotton Andrew Fitzgibbon Mat Cook Toby Sharp Mark Finocchio Richard Moore Alex Kipman Andrew Blake, CVPR 2011

Finding body parts

• What should we use for a feature?

• What should we use for a classifier?

Finding body parts

- What should we use for a feature?
 - Difference in depth

- What should we use for a classifier?
 - Random Decision Forests
 - A set of decision trees

Features



$$f_{\theta}(I, \mathbf{x}) = d_I \left(\mathbf{x} + \frac{\mathbf{u}}{d_I(\mathbf{x})} \right) - d_I \left(\mathbf{x} + \frac{\mathbf{v}}{d_I(\mathbf{x})} \right)$$

 $d_I(x)$: depth at pixel x in image *I u*, *v*: parameters describing offsets

Classification



- 1. Randomly choose a set of thresholds and features for splits.
- 2. Pick the threshold and feature that provide the largest information gain.
- 3. Recurse until a certain accuracy is reached or depth is obtained.

Implementation details

- 3 trees (depth 20)
- 300k unique training images per tree.
- 2000 candidate features, and 50 thresholds
- One day on 1000 core cluster.

Synthetic data



Synthetic training/testing



Real test



Results



Estimating joints

- Apply mean-shift clustering to the labeled pixels.
- "Push back" each mode to lie at the center of the part.

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Hand gesture recognition



Hand Pose Inference

- Target: low-cost markerless mocap
 - Full articulated pose with high DoF
 - Real-time with low latency
- Challenges
 - Many DoF contribute to model deformation
 - Constrained unknown parameter space
 - Self-similar parts
 - Self occlusion
 - Device noise



- Tompson et al. Real-time continuous pose recovery of human hands using convolutional networks. *ACM SIGGRAPH 2014.*
- Supervised learning based approach
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RDF Hand Detection

• Per-pixel binary classification \rightarrow Hand centroid location



- Randomized decision forest (RDF)
 - Shotton et al.^[1]
 - Fast (parallel)
 - Generalize



[1] J. Shotten et al., Real-time human pose recognition in parts from single depth images, CVPR 11

Inferring Joint Positions



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Reconstruction: Kinect Fusion

- Newcombe et al. KinectFusion: Real-time dense surface mapping and tracking. 2011 IEEE International Symposium on Mixed and Augmented Reality.
- <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=quGhaggn3cQ</u>



Motivation

Augmented Reality



3d model scanning



Robot Navigation



Etc..

Challenges

- Tracking Camera Precisely
- Fusing and De-noising Measurements
- Avoiding Drift
- Real-Time
- Low-Cost Hardware

Proposed Solution

- Fast Optimization for Tracking, Due to High Frame Rate.
- Global Framework for fusing data
- Interleaving Tracking & Mapping
- Using Kinect to get Depth data (low cost)
- Using GPGPU to get Real-Time Performance (low cost)

Method



Tracking

• Finding Camera position is the same as fitting frame's Depth Map onto Model



Tracking – ICP algorithm

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(a)

(d)

(b)

(e)



(c)

(f)

- icp = iterative closest point
- Goal: fit two 3d point sets
- Problem: What are the correspondences?
- Kinect fusion chosen solution:
 - 1) Start with $T_{
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Tracking – ICP algorithm



- Tracking
 Mapping
- Assumption: frame and model are roughly aligned.True because of high frame rate

- Mapping is Fusing depth maps when camera poses are known
 - Model from existing frames
 - New frame
- Problems:
 - measurements are noisy
 - Depth maps have holes in them
- Solution:
 - using implicit surface representation
 - Fusing = estimating from all frames relevant





Mapping – surface representation

• Surface is represented implicitly - using Truncated Signed Distance Function (TSDF)





Voxel grid



•Numbers in cells measure voxel distance to surface – D







Tracking ➤ Mapping d= [pixel depth] – [distance from sensor to voxel]



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Pros & Cons

• Pros:

- Really nice results!
 - Real time performance (30 HZ)
 - Dense model
 - No drift with local optimization
 - Robust to scene changes
- Elegant solution
- Cons :
 - 3d grid can't be trivially up-scaled

Limitations

- doesn't work for large areas (Voxel-Grid)
- Doesn't work far away from objects (active ranging)
- Doesn't work out-doors (IR)
- Requires powerful Graphics card
- Uses lots of battery (active ranging)
- Only one sensor at a time