Multigrid Acceleration of the Horn-Schunck Algorithm for the Optical Flow Problem

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Overview

- Introduction and Related Works
- Optical Flow Constraints
- Regularization
- Horn Schunck Algorithm
- Multigrid Scheme
- A Simple Illustration
- Variational Multigrid
- Experimental Results













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- ▶ Term originates with James Gibson in 1979
- \bowtie Quadratic smoothness \leftrightarrow Horn–Schunck (1981)
- Registration technique with local constraints ↔ Lucas–Kanade (1981)
- \bowtie Oriented smoothness \leftrightarrow Nagel–Enkelmann (1983–86)
- \bowtie Multigrid relaxation \leftrightarrow Terzopolous (1986)
- ➢ Performance evaluation of popular algorithms ↔ Barron–Fleet–Beauchemin (1994)
- \bowtie General anisotropic smoothness \leftrightarrow Weickert (1996)
- ✓ Optimal control framework ↔ Borzi–Ito–Kunisch (2002)



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 by the standard 5 point stencil $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 & -4 & 1 \\ & 1 & \end{pmatrix}$

and use $\Delta w = \bar{w} - w$ where \bar{w} is the average of the neighbors.



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Horn-Schunck	0.998
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$$L_{H} = \begin{pmatrix} R & 0 \\ 0 & R \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} L_{h}^{1} & L_{h}^{2} \\ L_{h}^{2} & L_{h}^{3} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} P & 0 \\ 0 & P \end{pmatrix}$$
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The marble sequence (512x512)





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The Hamburg taxi sequence (256x190)



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