Simplifying Computer Vision Application Development

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- Stereo Vision
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Computer Vision – What is it?

- Using images and video to detect, classify, and track objects, activities, or events in order to “understand” a real-world scene
Computer Vision Workflow

1. Image/video acquisition
2. Image pre-processing
3. Feature detection
4. Feature extraction
5. Feature matching
6. Using features
   - Stabilization, mosaicking
   - Targeting, tracking
7. Feature classification

Image Acquisition Toolbox
Image Processing Toolbox

Computer Vision System Toolbox

Statistics & Machine Learning Toolbox
Detecting and Tracking a Single Face
Workflow: Detecting and Tracking a Single Face

- First detect person/object
- Use point tracking algorithm to track persons movements from frame-frame
Face Detection, Tracking and Feature Extraction

- Many algorithms available
  - `vision.CascadeObjectDetector` (Viola-Jones)
  - `vision.HistogramBasedTracker` (CAMShift)
  - `Vision.ForegroundDetector` (GMM)
  - Fast Retina Keypoint (FREAK) algorithm for feature extraction
  - Cascade object detector training using Haar, Histogram of Oriented Gradients (HOG), and Local Binary Pattern (LBP) features
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Workflow: Depth Estimation from Stereo Camera

Given pair of stereo images. Measure the distances from the camera to the three faces in the scene.
Stereo Vision Workflow

1. **Stereo Calibration**
   - Lens distortion correction
   - Rectification

2. **Depth estimation**

3. **3D Scene reconstruction**
Result

1.60 meters

1.88 meters

1.09 meters
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OpenCV Interface: What's in the package?

- Based on MEX Interface
- Provides “custom MEX” command to bring OpenCV based code into MATLAB
- Provides extensive set of data type conversions between OpenCV and MATLAB
- Examples and documentation to help users get started
Why use this OpenCV Interface?

- Extensive support for data type conversions
  - Differences in data storage paradigms accounted for
    - Row-major (OpenCV) and column-major (MATLAB)
    - 0-based indexing (OpenCV) and 1-based indexing (MATLAB)

- Ability to bring full OpenCV-based projects not just single functions
  - More efficient

- Pre-built OpenCV binaries provided with interfaces
Why use OpenCV with MATLAB?

- MATLAB advantages for OpenCV users
  - MATLAB environment for algorithm development and exploration
  - Visualizations and plots
  - Simpler interfaces

- OpenCV advantages for MATLAB users
  - Explore new algorithms submitted by researchers
  - Explore additional methods for common algorithms (e.g. optical flow and background subtraction)

- Collaborate with colleagues using OpenCV or MATLAB
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Typical Development Workflow

- Is my idea new? What is required?
- Is it robust to all kinds of conditions? (lighting noise, etc.)

Development of the algorithm and implementation are often done by different groups.

- Consideration of HW platform
  - FPGA? CPU? DSP? GPU?
- Speed and resource requirement
  - Resolution, Frame-rate constraint
  - Memory constraint
### Why Engineers translate MATLAB to C today?

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<td>Deploy MATLAB algorithms on Windows/Linux desktop PC</td>
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Improved MATLAB Coder app with Integrated Editor and Simplified Workflow

New user interface simplifies code generation workflow
Vision HDL Toolbox
*Design and prototype video image processing systems*

- Modeling hardware behavior of the algorithms
  - Pixel-based functions and blocks
  - Conversion between frames and pixels
  - Standard and custom frame sizes

- Prototyping algorithms on hardware
  - *(With HDL Coder)* Efficient and readable HDL code
  - *(With HDL Verifier)* FPGA-in-the-loop testing and acceleration
Summary: Why Use MATLAB for Computer Vision

- Save time
  - Simpler interfaces
  - Pre-trained models for detection and recognition
  - Apps to simplify time consuming workflows

- Extensive algorithm coverage
  - Object detection, recognition and tracking, 3D vision, point cloud processing
  - Feature detection, extraction and matching

- Use documentation to learn computer vision
- Use OpenCV with MATLAB
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