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Women In Art

http://youtube.com/watch?v=nUDIoN-_Hxs
Image Warping and Morphing
Image Warping in Biology

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http://www-groups.dcs.st-and.ac.uk/~history/Miscellaneous/darcy.html

Importance of shape and structure in evolution

Skulls of a human, a chimpanzee and a baboon and transformations between them

Slide by Durand and Freeman
These transformations are a nested set of groups
• Closed under composition and inverse is a member
Recovering Transformations

What if we know \( f \) and \( g \) and want to recover the transform \( T \)?

- e.g. better align images from Project 1
- willing to let user provide correspondences
  - How many do we need?
Translation: # correspondences?

How many correspondences needed for translation?
How many Degrees of Freedom?
What is the transformation matrix?

\[ M = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & p'_x - p_x \\ 0 & 1 & p'_y - p_y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \]
Euclidian: # correspondences?

How many correspondences needed for translation+rotation?
How many DOF?
Affine: # correspondences?

How many correspondences needed for affine?
How many DOF?
How many correspondences needed for projective?
How many DOF?
Example: warping triangles

Given two triangles: ABC and A’B’C’ in 2D (12 numbers)
Need to find transform T to transfer all pixels from one to the other.

What kind of transformation is T?
How can we compute the transformation matrix:

\[
\begin{bmatrix}
x' \\
y'
\end{bmatrix} =
\begin{bmatrix}
a & b & c \\
d & e & f \\
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\]

Two ways: Algebraic and geometric
warping triangles (Barycentric Coordinates)

Don’t forget to move the origin too!

Very useful for Project 3… (hint,hint,nudge,nudge)
Given a coordinate transform \((x',y') = T(x,y)\) and a source image \(f(x,y)\), how do we compute a transformed image \(g(x',y') = f(T(x,y))\)?
Forward warping

Send each pixel $f(x,y)$ to its corresponding location $(x',y') = T(x,y)$ in the second image.

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Q: what if pixel lands “between” two pixels?
A: distribute color among neighboring pixels $(x',y')$
   - Known as “splatting”
   - Check out griddata in Matlab
Inverse warping

Get each pixel \( g(x',y') \) from its corresponding location \( (x,y) = T^{-1}(x',y') \) in the first image

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A: Interpolate color value from neighbors

- nearest neighbor, bilinear, Gaussian, bicubic
- Check out interp2 in Matlab / Python
Forward vs. inverse warping

Q: which is better?

A: usually inverse—eliminates holes
   • however, it requires an invertible warp function—not always possible...
Morphing = Object Averaging

The aim is to find “an average” between two objects

- Not an average of two images of objects…
- …but an image of the average object!
- How can we make a smooth transition in time?
  - Do a “weighted average” over time $t$

How do we know what the average object looks like?

- We haven’t a clue!
- But we can often fake something reasonable
  - Usually required user/artist input
Averaging Points

What’s the average of P and Q?

Linear Interpolation (Affine Combination):
New point $aP + bQ$, defined only when $a+b = 1$
So $aP+bQ = aP+(1-a)Q$

P and Q can be anything:
- points on a plane (2D) or in space (3D)
- Colors in RGB or HSV (3D)
- Whole images (m-by-n D)… etc.
Bilinear Interpolation

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bilinear_interpolation

Help interp2
Idea #1: Cross-Dissolve

Interpolate whole images:

\[ \text{Image}_{\text{halfway}} = (1-t)\text{Image}_1 + t\text{image}_2 \]

This is called \textbf{cross-dissolve} in film industry

But what is the images are not aligned?
Idea #2: Align, then cross-dissolve

Align first, then cross-dissolve
- Alignment using global warp – picture still valid
Global warp not always enough!

What to do?

- Cross-dissolve doesn’t work
- Global alignment doesn’t work
  - Cannot be done with a global transformation (e.g. affine)
- Any ideas?

Feature matching!

- Nose to nose, tail to tail, etc.
- This is a local (non-parametric) warp
Local (non-parametric) Image Warping

Need to specify a more detailed warp function

• Global warps were functions of a few (2,4,8) parameters
• Non-parametric warps $u(x,y)$ and $v(x,y)$ can be defined independently for every single location $x,y$!
• Once we know vector field $u,v$ we can easily warp each pixel (use inverse warping with interpolation)
Warp specification -- dense

Define vector field to specify a dense warp
Warp specification - sparse

How can we specify a sparse warp?

How do we go from feature points to pixels?
1. Input correspondences at key feature points
2. Define a triangular mesh over the points
   • Same mesh in both images!
   • Now we have triangle-to-triangle correspondences
3. Warp each triangle separately from source to destination
   • How do we warp a triangle?
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Two ways: Algebraic and geometric
Triangulations

A *triangulation* of set of points in the plane is a *partition* of the convex hull to triangles whose vertices are the points, and do not contain other points.

There are an exponential number of triangulations of a point set.
An $O(n^3)$ Triangulation Algorithm

Repeat until impossible:

- Select two sites.
- If the edge connecting them does not intersect previous edges, keep it.
“Quality” Triangulations

Let $\alpha(T) = (\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \ldots, \alpha_{3t})$ be the vector of angles in the triangulation $T$ in increasing order.

A triangulation $T_1$ will be “better” than $T_2$ if $\alpha(T_1) > \alpha(T_2)$ lexicographically.

The Delaunay triangulation is the “best”
- Maximizes smallest angles

![good triangulation](image1)

![bad triangulation](image2)
Improving a Triangulation

In any convex quadrangle, an edge flip is possible. If this flip improves the triangulation locally, it also improves the global triangulation.

If an edge flip improves the triangulation, the first edge is called illegal.
Naïve Delaunay Algorithm

Start with an arbitrary triangulation. Flip any illegal edge until no more exist.
Could take a long time to terminate.
Delaunay Triangulation by Duality

General position assumption: There are no four co-circular points.

Draw the dual to the Voronoi diagram by connecting each two neighboring sites in the Voronoi diagram.

**Corollary:** The DT may be constructed in $O(n \log n)$ time.

This is what Matlab’s `delaunay` function uses.
Full Morphing Procedure

for every $t$,

1. Find the average shape (the “mean dog”)
   • local warping

2. Find the average color
   • Cross-dissolve the warped images
1. Create Average Shape

How do we create an intermediate warp at time $t$?

- Assume $t = [0,1]$
- Simple linear interpolation of each feature pair
  - $p=(x,y) \rightarrow p'(x,y)$
- $(1-t)*p + t*p'$ for corresponding features $p$ and $p'$
2. Create Average Color

Interpolate whole images:

\[ \text{Image}_{\text{halfway}} = (1-t) \cdot \text{Image} + t \cdot \text{image}' \]

cross-dissolve!
Morphing & matting

Extract foreground first to avoid artifacts in the background

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Other Issues

Beware of folding
  • You are probably trying to do something 3D-ish

Morphing can be generalized into 3D
  • If you have 3D data, that is!

Extrapolation can sometimes produce interesting effects
  • Caricatures
Dynamic Scene ("Black or White", MJ)

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R4kLKv5gtxc
Project #3: morphing

1. Define corresponding points
2. Define triangulation on points
   - Use same triangulation for both images
3. For each $t = 0:step:1$
   a. Compute the average shape at $t$ (weighted average of points)
   b. For each triangle in the average shape
      - Get the affine projection to the corresponding triangles in each image
      - For each pixel in the triangle, find the corresponding points in each image and set value to weighted average (cross-dissolve each triangle)
   c. Save the image as the next frame of the sequence

Matlab hack: can be done with just two nested loops (for $t$, and for each triangle). Hint: compute warps for all pixels first, then use \texttt{interp2}