Shape Analysis with Subspace Symmetries



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Partial Symmetries



Partial Symmetry Detection

- Find similar parts
- Decomposition into building blocks
- Fundamental tool in shape understanding

Partial Symmetries

Partial Symmetry Detection



Repetetive Parts

Partial Symmetries



Partial Symmetry Detection

- Repetitive part \mathcal{P} (sufficiently large)
- Transformations $f_i \in G$
- Group of transformations G

Restriction



Restriction

- Fixed group of transformations
 - Rigid motions, reflections, scaling, affine maps
 - Intrinsic isometries
- Need to define *a priori* what constitutes similarity

More General Symmetries



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Symmetry Detection

Fixed Transformation groups

Reflections

[Podolak et al. 2006], [Loy et al. 2006]

- Euclidean Transformations [Bokeloh et al. 2009]
- Similarity transforms [Mitra et al. 2006], [Pauly et al. 2008]
- Intrinsic isometries

[Ovsjanikov et al. 2008], [Lasowski et al. 2009], [Xu et al. 2009] [Mitra et al. 2010], [Kim et al. 2010]







Global Matching of General Shapes

Global Matching

- Topological Methods
 - [Hilga et al. 2001]
- Combinatorial Search
 - [Zhang et al. 2008], [Au et al. 2010]
- Learning
 - [Kalogerakis et al. 2010],
 [van Kaik et al. 2011], [Sunkel et al. 2011]



Global Matching of General Shapes

Building subspace models

- Local matching, user guided
 - [Blanz et al. 1999], [Allen et al. 2003], [Hasler et al. 2009]



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No transformation groups

- (Almost) arbitrary mappings
- How to avoid spurious matches?

Key idea

Matching functions must form low dimensional subspace

Subspace Symmetries



Objective

Find

- Part \mathcal{P}
- Functions $f_1, ..., f_n$



Remarks

Uniqueness:

- Many aquivalent subspace models might fit the same data
- Symmetry breaking: minimize bending

Gaussian Model:

- We can learn covariance from data
- Additional constraint







Challenge

Input

• Shape $S \subseteq \mathfrak{O}^3$

Unknowns

- Part $\mathcal{P} \subseteq \mathcal{S}$
- Functions $f_1, ..., f_n$

Can be computed

- Rigid transformations T₁, ..., T_n
- Basis functions **b**₁, ..., **b**_n
- Shape coordinates $\lambda_1, ..., \lambda_n$



Challenge

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Problems

- Need correspondences
- High dimensional objects
- Very large search space



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Three Steps to Reduce Complexity

1. Feature matching

• Sparse, discrete matching

2. Graph matching

Matching heuristic

3. Optionally: User training

• Learn graphs from user input

Feature Extraction



Features: surface curves & crossings

- Strong assumption: Graphs invariant under symmetry
- See paper technical details

Feature Matching

Brute-foce feature matching

- *d*-dimensional subspace, *n* feature points
- Brute force algorithm: double exponential in *d*

Need more efficient strategy

Heuristic Bootstrapping

Stronger Assumption

Corresponding parts have similar feature graphs

Similar

- Same topology (small defects possible)
- Similar geometry
 - Angles, up to some noise
 - Intrinsic distances up to factor 3x

Bootstrapping

- Find a few instances first, build PCA model
- Partial finds more

Graph Matching

Complete & Partial Matches

Refinement

Use discovered subspace model

Dense Correspondences

Deformable ICP

- Fit bending minimizing dense correspondence field
- Thin-plate-splines

Result

Result

principal eigenvalue

Extension: Manual Training

Training

- Click on corresponding feature points
- Mark relevant lines (one instance)
- Then: Learn PCA model of *relevant* graph parts

Usage

- Noisy, cluttered feature graphs
- Focus on "interesting" subset
- Instance retrieval is still automatic

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Chairs (synthetic)

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Living Room (synthetic)

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Statue (3D Scan)

Dino (3D Scan, Manual Training)

Church (3D Scan)

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General notion of symmetry

- Important problem
- Proposal: subspace model

Heuristic graph matching algorithm

- Can get good results on clean input
 - Meshes and range data
 - Parameter dependent
- Training improves performance on ambiguous data

Future challange

Provably efficient and effective solution