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A New Bidirectionally Motion-Compensated Orthogonal Transform for Video Coding

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Motivation

- Motion-compensated lifted Haar wavelet deviates substantially from orthonormality due to motion compensation
- Orthogonality offers good partition cell shapes



- Goal: Motion-adaptive transform that strictly maintains orthonormality while permitting flexible
 - unidirectional motion compensation and
 - bidirectional motion compensation

Outline

- Motion-Compensated Orthogonal Transform (MCOT)
- Bidirectionally MC incremental transform
- Special case: Unidirectionally MC incremental transform
- Bi-MCOT: Energy concentration constraint
- Dyadic transform for groups of pictures
- Experimental results

Orthogonal Video Transform

Orthogonal transform for triplets of input images:

low band image \rightarrow $\begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ y_3 \end{pmatrix} = T \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix}$

Factor *T* into a sequence of *k* incremental transforms:

$$T = T_k T_{k-1} \cdots T_{\kappa} \cdots T_2 T_1$$

- Each incremental transform is orthogonal: $T_{\kappa}T_{\kappa}^{T} = I$
- Incremental transforms generate a sequence of transformed image pairs:

$$\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{x}_{1}^{(\kappa+1)} \\ \mathbf{x}_{2}^{(\kappa+1)} \\ \mathbf{x}_{3}^{(\kappa+1)} \end{pmatrix} = T_{\kappa} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{x}_{1}^{(\kappa)} \\ \mathbf{x}_{2}^{(\kappa)} \\ \mathbf{x}_{3}^{(\kappa)} \end{pmatrix}$$

Bidirectionally MC Incremental Transform

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Unidirectionally MC Incremental Transform

Example: Unidirectionally MCOT

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Uni-MCOT: Energy Concentration Constraint

- Choose decorrelation factor for each incremental transform such that the energy in the high band to-be is removed
- Assume that pixel $x_{2,j}$ is connected to pixel $x_{1,i}$, i.e., $x_{2,j} = x_{1,l}$
- Resulting high band pixel to-be x"_{2,i} shall be zero:

$$\left(\begin{array}{c} u_1 x_{1,i} \\ \mathbf{0} \end{array}\right) = H\left(\begin{array}{c} v_1 x_{1,i} \\ v_2 x_{1,i} \end{array}\right)$$

- Energy conservation: $u_1^2 = v_1^2 + v_2^2$
- Decorrelation factor depends only on v₁ and v₂

Definition of Scale Counters

- Let n_1 , n_2 be the scale counters for pixel $x_{1,i}$, $x_{2,i}$
- n₁, n₂ simply count how often the pixel x_{1,i}, x_{2,j} are used as reference for motion compensation
- In the beginning, the scale counter is n = 0 and the scale factor is v = 1
- For arbitrary scale counter *m* and *n*, the scale factors are

$$u = \sqrt{m+1}$$
 and $v = \sqrt{n+1}$

• Example: Scale counter update rule for Uni-MCOT: $m_1 = n_1 + n_2 + 1$

Uni-MCOT: Experimental Results

temporal high band first decomposition level

temporal high band second decomposition level

Uni-MCOT: Experimental Results

temporal low band rescaled temporal low band second decomposition level second decomposition level

$$v = \sqrt{n+1}$$

Uni-MCOT: Experimental Results

Bi-MCOT: Euler's Rotation Theorem

- Any rotation in 3D can be given as a composition of rotations about three axes, i.e., $H = H_3 H_2 H_1$
- We choose the following composition:

$$H = \begin{pmatrix} \cos(\psi) & 0 & \sin(\psi) \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -\sin(\psi) & 0 & \cos(\psi) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos(\theta) & -\sin(\theta) \\ 0 & \sin(\theta) & \cos(\theta) \end{pmatrix}$$
$$\cdot \begin{pmatrix} \cos(\phi) & 0 & \sin(\phi) \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -\sin(\phi) & 0 & \cos(\phi) \end{pmatrix}$$

Euler angles ψ, θ, ϕ are determined by the energy concentration constraint

Bi-MCOT: Energy Concentration Constraint

- Assume that pixel $x_{2,j}$ is connected to pixels $x_{1,i}$ and $x_{3,l}$, i.e., $x_{1,i} = x_{2,j} = x_{3,l}$
- Zero-energy constraint for the high band pixel:

$$\begin{pmatrix} u_1 x_{1,i} \\ 0 \\ u_3 x_{1,i} \end{pmatrix} = H_3 H_2 H_1 \begin{pmatrix} v_1 x_{1,i} \\ v_2 x_{1,i} \\ v_3 x_{1,i} \end{pmatrix}$$

• Energy conservation: $u_1^2 + u_3^2 = v_1^2 + v_2^2 + v_3^2$

- Euler angles depend on the scale factors u and v
 - Averaging with equal weight
 - Burden low-band pixels equally

Bi-MCOT: Scale Counter Update Rule

- After each incremental transform, scale counters have to be updated for modified pixels
- Scale counter update rule for Bi-MCOT:

$$m_1 = n_1 + \frac{n_2 + 1}{2}$$
 and $m_3 = n_3 + \frac{n_2 + 1}{2}$

Recall: scale counter update rule for Uni-MCOT:

$$m_1 = n_1 + n_2 + 1$$

• Example: first decomposition level, i.e., $n_2 = 0$

- Uni-MCOT increases one scale counter by 1
- Bi-MCOT increases two scale counters by 0.5 each

Dyadic Transform for Groups of Pictures

Example: GOP size K=8

Bi-MCOT: Experimental Results

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Conclusions

- Motion-compensated orthogonal video transform which permits bidirectional motion compensation
- Highly flexible incremental transforms
- Systematic construction with Euler rotations
- Energy concentration constraint
- Results for integer-pel accurate bidirectionally MCOT
- Extensions to sub-pel accurate motion compensation are possible – see paper at DCC 2007

Further Reading

http://www.orthogonalvideo.org

