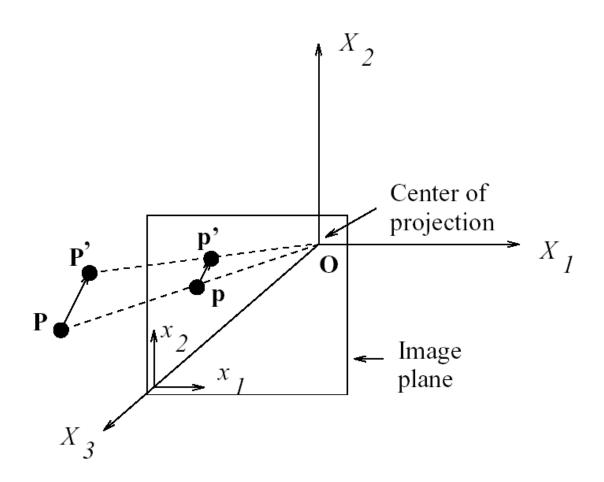
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Motion

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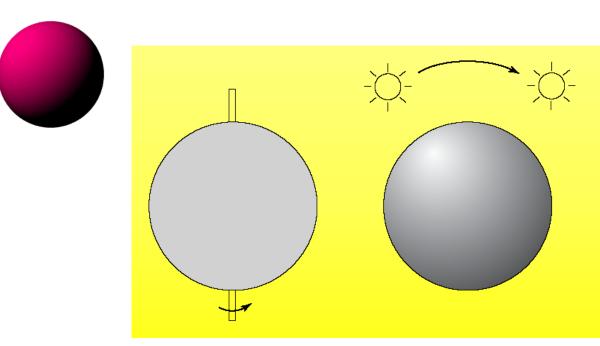
2D Motion vs. Optical Flow

- True 2D motion
 - There is 3D motion between object and camera
 - It is projected onto 2D imaging plane



2D Motion vs. Optical Flow

- Optical flow
 - observed, perceived, apparent 2D motion based on changes in pixel luminance
 - It also depends on illumination and object surface texture
 - It may not represent true 2D motion



On the left, a sphere is rotating under a constant ambient illumination, but the observed image does not change.

On the right, a point light source is rotating around a stationary sphere, causing the highlight point on the sphere to rotate.

Optical Flow Equation

- Given only video sequence without any other information (such as illumination condition), we cannot estimate true 2D motion.
- The best one can hope to estimate is optical flow
- Constant intensity assumption \rightarrow optical flow equation

Under "constant intensity assumption":

$$\psi(x+d_x, y+d_y, t+d_t) = \psi(x, y, t)$$

But, using Taylor's expansion :

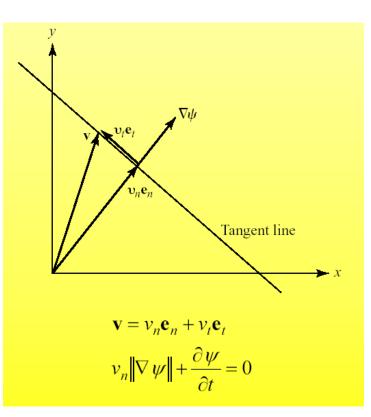
$$\psi(x + d_x, y + d_y, t + d_t) = \psi(x, y, t) + \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial t} d_t + \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial t} d_t + \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial t} d_t$$

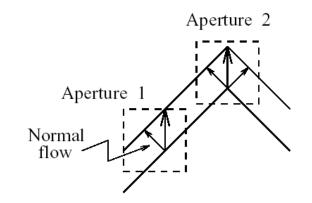
Spatial gradient at flow

$$+ \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y} d_y + \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial t} d_t = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} v_x + \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y} v_y + \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial t} = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad \nabla \psi \cdot \mathbf{v} + \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial t} = 0$$

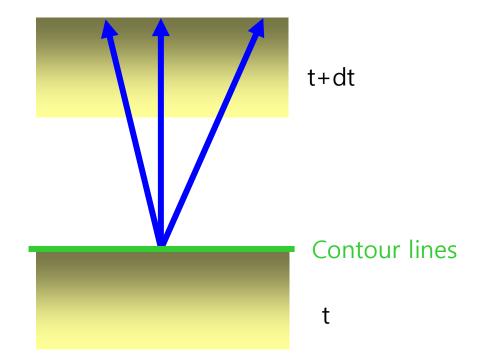
Ambiguities in Optical Flow Estimation

- Optical flow equation constrains the motion vector in the gradient direction v_n only
- The flow vector in the tangent direction v_t is under-determined
 - We can only determine the displacement that is orthogonal to the edges
- In regions with constant brightness $\nabla \psi = 0$, the flow is indeterminate
 - Optical flow estimation is unreliable in regions with flat texture and more reliable near edges

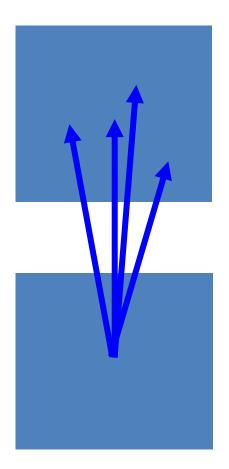




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Example

• Consider a video signal s(x, y, t) defined over the entire 3-D space (x, y, t), where s(x, y, t) is generated from one object, which undergoes translational motion with a uniform constant velocity (v_x, v_y) . Suppose that

$$s(x,y,0) = x + y + xy.$$

- 1. Determine s(x, y, t).
- 2. Show that in this case the following optical flow equation holds true.

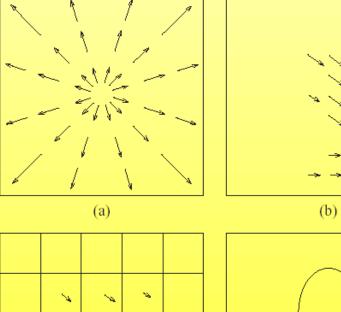
$$v_x \frac{\partial s(x, y, t)}{\partial x} + v_y \frac{\partial s(x, y, t)}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial s(x, y, t)}{\partial t} = 0$$

General Considerations for Motion Estimation

- Two categories of approaches
 - Feature based
 - Correspondence between edges, points, etc
 - Object tracking, 3D reconstruction from 2D
 - Intensity based
 - Optical flow estimation based on constant intensity assumption
 - Focus in this class
- Three important questions
 - How to represent the motion field?
 - Which cost function (criterion) to use to estimate motion parameters?
 - Which optimization technique?

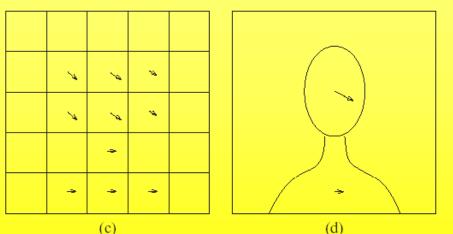
Motion Representation

Global: Entire motion field is represented by a few global parameters



Pixel-based: One MV at each pixel, with some smoothness constraint between adjacent MVs.

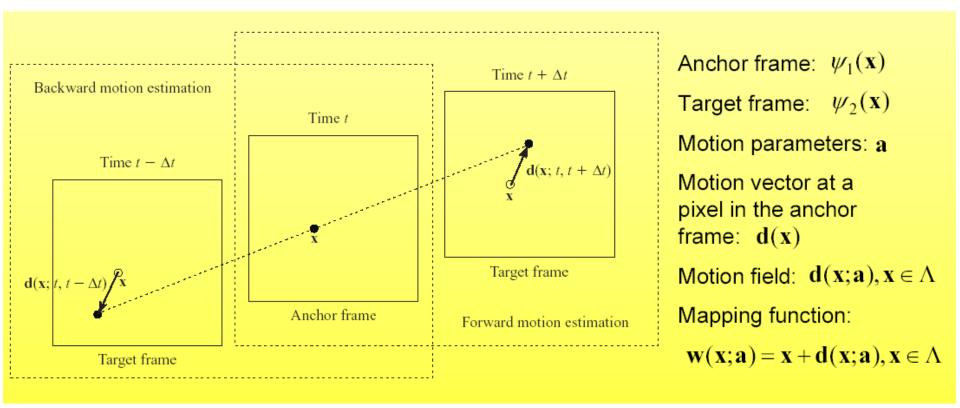
Block-based: Entire frame is divided into blocks, and motion in each block is characterized by a few parameters.



Region-based: Entire frame is divided into regions, each region corresponding to an object or subobject with consistent motion, represented by a few parameters.

Other representation: mesh-based (control grid) (to be discussed later)

Notations



Motion Estimation Criteria

Minimize displaced frame difference

$$E_{DFD}(\mathbf{a}) = \sum_{\mathbf{x} \in \Lambda} |\psi_2(\mathbf{w}(\mathbf{x}; \mathbf{a})) - \psi_1(\mathbf{x})|^p$$

■ For p = 2 (MSE), the necessary condition for minimum is that the derivative is zero. Let z = w(x; a) = x + d(x; a). Then, the derivative is given by

$$\frac{\partial E_{DFD}}{\partial \mathbf{a}} = 2 \sum_{\mathbf{x} \in \Lambda} (\psi_2(\mathbf{z}) - \psi_1(\mathbf{x})) \frac{\partial \psi_2}{\partial \mathbf{z}} \frac{\partial \mathbf{z}}{\partial \mathbf{a}}$$
$$= 2 \sum_{\mathbf{x} \in \Lambda} (\psi_2(\mathbf{z}) - \psi_1(\mathbf{x})) \frac{\partial \psi_2}{\partial \mathbf{z}} \frac{\partial \mathbf{d}}{\partial \mathbf{a}}$$

Motion Estimation Criteria

Optical Flow Equation

$$\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} d_x + \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y} d_y + \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial t} d_t = 0$$
$$\Rightarrow \quad \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} v_x + \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y} v_y + \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial t} = 0$$

where
$$\mathbf{d}(\mathbf{x}; \mathbf{a}) = [d_x, d_y]^T$$
 and
 $\mathbf{v}(\mathbf{x}; \mathbf{a}) = [v_x, v_y]^T = [d_x/d_t, d_y/d_t]^T$.

Thus, obtain the motion vector parameters a which minimizes the cost function

$$E_{OF}(\mathbf{a}) = \sum_{\mathbf{x} \in \Lambda} \left| \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \mathbf{x}} \mathbf{v}(\mathbf{x}; \mathbf{a}) + \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial t} \right|^p$$

Lucas-Kanade Method

- Based on optical flow equation
- Assuming all pixels in a small block surrounding a pixel have the same motion vector

Lucas-Kanade Method

Optical Flow Equation \$\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} v_x + \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} v_y + \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t} = 0\$
 For each pixel one equation two unknowns (\$v_x, v_y\$)
 Under-determined system

Idea

Assume that a block \mathcal{B} centered around the current pixel has the same motion and then minimize

$$E(v_x, v_y) = \sum_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{B}} \left(\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x}(\mathbf{x}) v_x + \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y}(\mathbf{x}) v_y + \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial t}(\mathbf{x}) \right)^2$$

Then, the optimal vector is set as the vector of the current pixel

Lucas-Kanade Method

Solution

By setting the partial derivatives with respect to v_x and v_y to zeros

$$\sum_{\mathbf{x}\in\mathcal{B}} \left(\frac{\partial\psi}{\partial x}(\mathbf{x})v_x + \frac{\partial\psi}{\partial y}(\mathbf{x})v_y + \frac{\partial\psi}{\partial t}(\mathbf{x}) \right) \frac{\partial\psi}{\partial x}(\mathbf{x}) = 0,$$
$$\sum_{\mathbf{x}\in\mathcal{B}} \left(\frac{\partial\psi}{\partial x}(\mathbf{x})v_x + \frac{\partial\psi}{\partial y}(\mathbf{x})v_y + \frac{\partial\psi}{\partial t}(\mathbf{x}) \right) \frac{\partial\psi}{\partial y}(\mathbf{x}) = 0,$$



$$\begin{bmatrix} v_x \\ v_y \end{bmatrix} = -\begin{bmatrix} \sum_{\mathbf{x}\in\mathcal{B}} \frac{\partial\psi}{\partial x}(\mathbf{x}) \frac{\partial\psi}{\partial x}(\mathbf{x}) & \sum_{\mathbf{x}\in\mathcal{B}} \frac{\partial\psi}{\partial x}(\mathbf{x}) \frac{\partial\psi}{\partial y}(\mathbf{x}) \\ \sum_{\mathbf{x}\in\mathcal{B}} \frac{\partial\psi}{\partial x}(\mathbf{x}) \frac{\partial\psi}{\partial y}(\mathbf{x}) & \sum_{\mathbf{x}\in\mathcal{B}} \frac{\partial\psi}{\partial y}(\mathbf{x}) \frac{\partial\psi}{\partial y}(\mathbf{x}) \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} \sum_{\mathbf{x}\in\mathcal{B}} \frac{\partial\psi}{\partial x}(\mathbf{x}) \frac{\partial\psi}{\partial t}(\mathbf{x}) \\ \sum_{\mathbf{x}\in\mathcal{B}} \frac{\partial\psi}{\partial y}(\mathbf{x}) \frac{\partial\psi}{\partial t}(\mathbf{x}) \end{bmatrix}$$

