FFTs in Graphics and Vision

Invariance of Shape Descriptors
Outline

• Math Overview
  ◦ Translation and Rotation Invariance
  ◦ The 0<sup>th</sup> Order Frequency Component

• Shape Descriptors

• Invariance
Translation Invariance

Given a function $f$ in 2D, we obtain a translation invariant representation of the function by storing the magnitudes of the frequency components:

$$f(x, y) = \sum_{l,m=-\infty}^{\infty} \hat{f}(l, m) \frac{e^{i(lx+my)}}{2\pi}$$

\[\downarrow\]

$$\{\|\hat{f}(l, m)\|\} \quad l, m \in \mathbb{Z}$$
Rotation Invariance (Circle)

Given a function $f(\theta)$ on a circle, we obtain a rotation invariant representation by storing the magnitudes of the frequency components:

$$f(\theta) = \sum_{l=-\infty}^{\infty} \hat{f}(l) \frac{e^{il\theta}}{\sqrt{2\pi}}$$

$$\Downarrow$$

$$\{ ||\hat{f}(l)|| \} \quad l \in \mathbb{Z}$$
Rotation Invariance (2D)

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- Expressing \( f \) in polar coordinates:
  \[
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- Expressing each radial restriction in terms of its Fourier decomposition:
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- Storing the magnitude of the frequency components of the different radial restrictions:
  $$\{|\hat{f}_r(l)| \cdot \sqrt{2\pi r}\} \quad l \in \mathbb{Z}, r \in [0,1]$$
Rotation Invariance (Sphere)

Given a function $f(\theta, \phi)$ on a sphere, we obtain a rotation invariant representation by storing the magnitudes of the frequency components:

$$f(\theta, \phi) = \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=-l}^{l} \hat{f}(l, m) \cdot Y_{l}^{m}(\theta, \phi)$$

$$\downarrow$$

$$\left\{ \sqrt{\sum_{m=-l}^{l} \| \hat{f}(l, k) \|^2} \right\} \quad l \in \mathbb{Z}^{\geq 0}$$
Rotation Invariance (3D)

Given a function $f(x, y, z)$ in 3D, we obtain a rotation invariant representation of $f$ by:

- Expressing $f$ in spherical coordinates:
  
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  \[
  \left\{ \sqrt{\sum_{m=-l}^{l} \| \hat{f}_r(l, m) \|^2 \cdot 4\pi r^2} \right\}
  \quad l \in \mathbb{Z}^0, r \in [0,1]
  \]
The 0\textsuperscript{th} Order Frequency Component

Given a function on the circle $f(\theta)$, we can express the function in terms of its Fourier decomposition:

$$f(\theta) = \sum_{l=-\infty}^{\infty} \hat{f}(l) \frac{e^{il\theta}}{\sqrt{2\pi}}$$

What is the meaning of the 0\textsuperscript{th} order frequency component?
The 0\textsuperscript{th} Order Frequency Component

The \( l \textsuperscript{th} \) frequency is the dot product of the function with the \( l \textsuperscript{th} \) complex exponential:

\[
\hat{f}(l) = \left\langle f(\theta), \frac{e^{i l \theta}}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \right\rangle = \int_0^{2\pi} f(\theta) \cdot \frac{e^{-i l \theta}}{\sqrt{2\pi}} d\theta
\]

So the 0\textsuperscript{th} frequency component is:

\[
\hat{f}(0) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_0^{2\pi} f(\theta) \, d\theta
\]
The 0\textsuperscript{th} Order Frequency Component

Up to a normalization term, the 0\textsuperscript{th} frequency component of a function $f(\theta)$ is the integral of the function over the circle:

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The 0\textsuperscript{th} Order Frequency Component

Given a function on the sphere $f(\theta, \phi)$, we can express the function in terms of its spherical harmonic decomposition:

$$f(\theta, \phi) = \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=-l}^{l} \hat{f}(l, m) \cdot Y_l^m(\theta, \phi)$$

What is the meaning of the 0\textsuperscript{th} order frequency component?
The 0th Order Frequency Component

The \((l, m)^{th}\) frequency component is computed by taking the dot product of the function with the \((l, m)^{th}\) spherical harmonic:

\[
\hat{f}(l, m) = \langle f(\theta, \phi), Y_l^m(\theta, \phi) \rangle
\]

So the 0th frequency component is:

\[
\hat{f}(0,0) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{4\pi}} \int_{|\mathbf{p}|=1} f(\mathbf{p}) \, d\mathbf{p}
\]
The 0\textsuperscript{th} Order Frequency Component

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The 0\textsuperscript{th} Order Frequency Component

Note:

In the case that the function $f$ is positive the 0\textsuperscript{th} frequency coefficient will also be positive:

$$\|\hat{f}(0)\| = \hat{f}(0)$$
$$\|\hat{f}(0,0)\| = \hat{f}(0,0)$$
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Shape Matching

General Approach

Define a function that takes in two models and returns a measure of their proximity.

\[ D(M_1, M_2) \leq D(M_1, M_3) \]

\( M_1 \) is closer to \( M_2 \) than it is to \( M_3 \)
Shape Descriptors

Challenge

It is difficult to match shapes directly:

- Different triangulations of the same shape
- Different shapes have different genus
- The same shape may be in different poses
- Etc.
Shape Descriptors

Solution

Represent shapes by a structured abstraction that represents every shape in the same domain.

3D Models

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Shape Histograms

Approach

• Decompose space into concentric shells
• Store how much of the shape falls into each of the shells
Shape Histograms

Properties

• Each shape is represented by 1D array of values.

• The representation is invariant to rotation.
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D2 Shape Distributions

Approach

Avoid the whole problem of tessellation, genus, etc. by building the shape descriptor from random samples from the surface of the model:
D2 Shape Distributions

Key Idea

Use the fact that the distance between pairs of points on the model does not change if the model is translated and/or rotated.
D2 Shape Distributions

Descriptor

Represent shapes by binning point-pairs from the surface by distance:

\[ D2_P(d) = \frac{|\{p, q \in P \mid \|p - q\| = d\}|}{|P|^2} \]
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Extended Gaussian Images

Approach

Use the fact that every point on the surface has a position and a normal.
Extended Gaussian Images

Descriptor

Represent a model by binning surface normals
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Properties

• A 2D curve / 3D surface is represented by a histogram over a circle / sphere.

• The representation is invariant to translations.
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Normalization vs. Invariance

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Example:

We can normalize for translation by moving the surface so that the center of mass is at the origin.
Normalization vs. Invariance

We say that a shape representation is invariant with respect to translation / rotation if the representation discards information that depends on translation / rotation.
Invariance

We have seen a general method for making functions invariant to translation and rotation.
Invariance

Translation:

Compute the Fourier decomposition and store just the magnitudes of the Fourier coefficients.

\[
f(x, y, z) = \sum_{l,m,n} \hat{f}_{l,m,n} \cdot \frac{e^{i(lx+my+zn)}}{(2\pi)^{1.5}}
\]

\[
\{||\hat{f}_{l,m,n}||\}_{l,m,n}
\]

Translation Invariant Representation
Invariance

Rotation:

Compute the spherical harmonic decomposition and store just the sizes of the different frequency components of the different radial restrictions.

Spherical Coordinates

\[ f_r(\theta, \phi) = \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=-l}^{l} \hat{f}_r(l, m) \cdot Y_l^m(\theta, \phi) \]

Rotation Invariant Representation

\[ \left\{ \sqrt{\sum_{m=-l}^{l} \| \hat{f}_r(l, m) \|^2} \cdot \sqrt{4\pi r^2} \right\} \]

\( l=0 \)
Overblown Claim

All methods that represent 3D shapes in either a translation-invariant or rotation-invariant method implicitly use these invariance approaches.
Goal

Given the three shape descriptors:
  - Shape Histograms
  - Shape Distributions
  - Extended Gaussian Images

• How does the descriptor obtain its invariance?

• How can the descriptiveness of the descriptor be improved while maintaining invariance?
Shape Histograms

This shape descriptor represents a 3D shape by a 1D histogram.

It is obtained by binning points by their distance from the center and is rotation invariant.
Shape Histograms

The shape histogram starts by representing the surface by a 3D function, obtained by rasterizing the boundary into a voxel grid:

- A voxel has value 1 if intersects the boundary
- A voxel has value 0 otherwise.
Shape Histograms

The shape histogram can then be obtained by setting the value of the bin corresponding to radius \( r \) equal to the “size” of the rasterization restricted to the sphere of radius \( r \):

\[
\text{ShapeHistogram}(r) = \int_{|p|=r} \text{Raster}(p) \, dp
\]
Shape Histograms

We can express the rasterization in spherical coordinates:

\[ R(r, \theta, \phi) = \text{Raster}(r \cdot \cos \theta \cdot \sin \phi, r \cdot \cos \phi, r \cdot \sin \theta \cdot \sin \phi) \]

Then, for each radius, we get a spherical function:

\[ R_r(\theta, \phi) = R(r, \theta, \phi) \]

Which we can express as:

\[
R_r(\theta, \phi) = \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=-l}^{l} \hat{R}_r(l, m) \cdot Y_l^m(\theta, \phi)
\]
Shape Histograms

In this formulation, the value of the shape histogram at a radius of $r$ is the value of the $0^{th}$ spherical harmonic coefficient:* 

$$\text{ShapeHistogram}(r) = \hat{R}_r(0,0) \cdot \sqrt{4\pi r^2}$$

*The scale factor of $\sqrt{4\pi r^2}$ accounts for the fact that the area of the sphere of radius $r$ is $4\pi r^2$. 
Shape Histograms

So the shape histogram obtains its rotation invariance by storing the (size of the) $0^{th}$ order frequency component:

$$\text{ShapeHistogram}(r) = \hat{R}_r(0,0) \cdot \sqrt{4\pi r^2}$$

Extension:

We can obtain a more descriptive representation, without giving up rotation invariance, by storing the size of every frequency component:

$$\text{EShapeHistogram}(r, l) = \sqrt{\sum_{m=-l}^{l} \|\hat{R}_r(l, m)\|^2 \cdot \sqrt{4\pi r^2}}$$
D2 Shape Distribution

This shape descriptor represents a 3D shape by a 1D histogram.

It is obtained by binning point-pairs by their distance, and is both translation and rotation invariant.
D2 Shape Distribution

Let’s consider the rotation invariance first.
D2 Shape Distribution

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Then the shape distribution can be obtained by computing the Shape Histogram of the binning:
D2 Shape Distribution

As with the Shape Histogram, the D2 Shape Distribution can be realized by storing $0^{\text{th}}$ order frequency components of the spherical harmonic decomposition.

Extension:

As with the Shape Histogram the representation can be made more descriptive, without sacrificing rotation invariance, by storing the size of every frequency component.
D2 Shape Distribution

This accounts for the rotation invariance of the D2 Shape Distribution.

What makes it translation invariant?
D2 Shape Distribution

The Shape Distribution is computed from the binning of point-pair differences. How is this function computed?
D2 Shape Distribution

A point $q$ on the surface will contribute to bin $v$ if the point $q - v$ is also on the surface.

$\nu = q - p$

3D Model

Binned Difference Vectors
D2 Shape Distribution

Once again, we consider the rasterization of the surface into a regular voxel grid.
D2 Shape Distribution

A point $q$ on the surface will contribute to bin $v$ if the point $q - v$ is also on the surface.

\[ \Downarrow \]

\[ \text{Raster}(q - v) = 1 \]

\[ \Downarrow \]

\[ \text{DBin}(v) = \int_{q \in \text{Surface}} \text{Raster}(q - v) \, dq \]
D2 Shape Distribution

For an arbitrary point in space, \( q \), the point will only contribute to bin \( \nu \) if both \( q \) and \( q - \nu \) are on the surface.

That, is \( q \) will contribute to bin \( \nu \) if and only if:

\[
\text{Raster}(q) \cdot \text{Raster}(q - \nu) = 1
\]

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\Downarrow
\]

\[
\text{DBin}(\nu) = \int_{q \in \mathbb{R}^3} \text{Raster}(q) \cdot \text{Raster}(q - \nu) \, dq
\]
D2 Shape Distribution

Thus the binning function is just the cross-correlation of the rasterization with itself:

$$DBin(v) = \int_{q \in \mathbb{R}^3} \text{Raster}(q) \cdot \text{Raster}(q - v) \, dq$$

$$= (\text{Raster} \ast \text{Raster})(v)$$
D2 Shape Distribution

But the Fourier decomposition of the cross-correlation of $f$ with $g$ is obtained by multiplying the Fourier coefficients of $f$ by the conjugates of the Fourier coefficients of $g$:

$$(f \star g)(\theta) = \sum_{l=-\infty}^{\infty} (\hat{f}(l) \cdot \overline{\hat{g}(l)}) \cdot e^{il\theta}$$

When $f = g$, this gives:

$$(f \star g)(\theta) = \sum_{l=-\infty}^{\infty} \|\hat{f}(l)\|^2 \cdot e^{il\theta}$$
D2 Shape Distribution

Thus, the binning function implicitly converts the rasterization function into a function whose Fourier coefficients are the square norms of the Fourier coefficients of the rasterization.

Which is what we do to make a function translation invariant.
Extended Gaussian Image

This spherical shape descriptor represents a 3D shape by a histogram on the sphere.

It is obtained by binning points by their normal direction, and is translation invariant.
Extended Gaussian Image

To obtain the EGI representation, we can think of points on the model as living in a 5D space:

- The first 3 dimensions are indexed by the position.
- The last 2 are indexed by the normal direction.
Extended Gaussian Image

To obtain the EGI representation, we can think of points on the model as living in a 5D space.

If we fix the normal angle, we get a 3D slice of the 5D space, corresponding to all the points on the surface with the same normal:
Extended Gaussian Image

For each normal $n$, the EGI stores the “size” of the points in the normal slice corresponding to $n$.

This is just the 0$^{th}$ order frequency component of the rasterization of the points on the model with normal $n$. 
Extended Gaussian Image

For each normal $n$, the EGI stores the “size” of the points in the normal slice corresponding to $n$. This is just the $0^{th}$ order frequency component of the rasterization of the points on the model with normal $n$.

Extension:

We can get a more discriminating descriptor, without giving up translation invariance, by storing the size of every frequency component.