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REGIMRobvid: Objects and scenes Detection for Robot vision 2013

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RobotVision
Outline

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Introduction

- Robotics has a large growth and profound change in scope.
- Visual detection one of the most popular research topics
- Vision playing an important role in robotics
Introduction

- 10 rooms/categories appear in the competition

(a) Hall  (b) Professor office  (c) Secretary

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**Introduction**

- 8 objects can appear in any image of the database


THE PROPOSED SYSTEM

- 2 concepts are used:
  - Object concepts and Scene concepts
- Learn 2 appropriate classifiers multi-classes using visual features and machines learning
- Detect one appropriate location and some objects.
THE PROPOSED SYSTEM

OFF-line

Training dataset

Scene concepts learning

Scene model

Object concepts learning

Object model
THE PROPOSED SYSTEM

Concept learning

1) PHOW features extraction

- Visual images by a Pyramid Histogram of Visual Words (PHOW) which are a variant of dense SIFT descriptors, extracted at multiple scales.

- A dictionary of visual words was first generated by quantizing the SIFT descriptors that capture the local spatial distribution of gradients.
2) Object and scene learning

- train the PEGASOS stochastic gradient descent as a linear SVM classifier

- perform a step of data pre-transforming through computing the homogeneous kernel map that provides a linear representation of a Chi2 kernel.
3) Concept scores estimation

- classify the test image using two obtained models for object and scene detection

- The outputs of each classifier are the concept having the best score and the detection scores vectors.
4) Concept Selection

- **Normalization**
  - discriminate the most representative objects and the most probably detected scene

\[
\text{Vector}[i] = \frac{\text{vector}[i] - \min}{\max - \min}
\]

Where: \( i = 1 \ldots N \)
Scores normalization by each image and each concept
4) Concept Selection

Threshold for concepts selection

The threshold calculated with respect to the distribution of scores of this object in all images in the validation dataset.

\[
\tau = \begin{cases} 
\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N} c_i^q \\
\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N} c_i^q + \sigma 
\end{cases}
\]

Where: 
- \(N\) is the number of images,
- \(c\) is the score of concept \(q\) in image \(i\).
- \(\sigma\) is the standard deviation of all scores for \(N\) images.
4) Concept Selection

- Threshold for concepts selection

- Scene selection
  Threshold is equal to the average of all scores of images according to this scene concept.
Experiments and results

- PHOW features extraction and PEGASOS SVM classifier with normalization and 1 threshold
- PHOW + PEGASOS SVM but with normalization and 2 thresholds

=> Our system ranked 4\textsuperscript{th}, achieving 4638.25 points on this task.
Conclusion

1st Participation of REGIM Lab to Robot Vision

Future considerations

- the process of scene selection needs to be improved, the system will give the result "unknown"
- Visual (RGB) images and depth images generated from 3D cloud points
- Objects tracking
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Thank you!

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