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Introduction

This paper proposes a reliable 3D fish tracking method using a novel master-slave camera setup. The kinematic model is learned with a Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) network, which predicts the 3D state of fish at each moment. We propose to use an innovative master-view-tracking-first strategy. The fish are first tracked in the master view. Cross-view association is then established utilizing motion continuity and epipolar constraint cues. Experiments on data sets of different fish densities show that the proposed method is effective and outperforms the state-of-theart methods.

Learning kinematic model

- The state of fish depends on a motion process in several consecutive frames, first-order Markov assumption does not hold.
- LSTM network has shown superior power in processing sequential data with varying lengths and learning long-term dependencies

Hence, we model the fish's motion process by learning an LSTM network.



, Network input: velocity sequence Output: the hypothetical velocity vector at time t + 1

The predicted state at time t + 1 is calculated as: $\tilde{X}^{t+1} = X^t + \tilde{V}^{t+1}$

The LSTM network is trained offline. Fish are tracked using conventional Kalman filter. Then the velocity sequences with different lengths are randomly selected from the manually checked tracking results.

We selected totally 50000 velocity sequences of different fish of 8-20 frames in length to be used as training sequences. The LSTM network is trained with Backpropagation Through Time (BPTT) under a matrix-based batch learning paradigm.

3D TRACKING SWIMMING FISH SCHOOL WITH LEARNED KINEMATIC MODEL USING LSTM NETWORK

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I. Fish detection in master view



II. Fish detection in slave views

Eye-focused Gabor feature detector



Gabor filter $\psi_{\vec{k}}(\vec{x}) = \frac{\vec{k}^2}{\sigma^2} \exp(-\frac{\vec{k}^2 x^2}{2\sigma^2}) [\exp(i\vec{k}\vec{x}) - \exp(-\frac{\sigma^2}{2})]$

Gabor feature: 2 frequency levels (v={0, 1}), 4 orientations ($u = \{0, 2, 4, 6\}$) to generate local descriptions at different scales and orientations. Image patch: 25*25, Gabor feature dimension: 25*25*8, After dimension reduction: 40

III. 2D Fish tracking in master view

Use Kalman filter, totally two cues are applied to calculate the weight term to build cross-frame association

1. Motion continuity

measures the distance between the predicted 2D state in master view reprojected from the 3D state predicted by LSTM network and detection

2. Appearance coherency

VEY Eye-focused scale-space Determinant of Hessian blob detector calculated by Normalized Cross Correlation (NCC) which measures the similarity of fish head image patches determined by predicted 2D state and detection.

IV. Cross-view data association

Associate the 2D tracking results in master view and detection results in two slave views and reconstruct 3D trajectories. Two cues used:

1. Motion continuity

The probability of detection j in slave view v being associated with object i is inversely proportional to Euclidean distance between them.

2. Epipolar constraint

inversely proportional to the Euclidean distance from detection j to the corresponding epipolar line of each object









Ours* denotes the proposed method without LSTM. P, R, F1, Frag and IDS correspond to Precision, Recall, F1-score, Fragments and ID Switches respectively.



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• Propose to use an innovative master-view-tracking-first strategy. The fish are first tracked in the master view. Crossview association is then established utilizing motion continuity and epipolar constraint cues.

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Experimental Results

Table 1. Description of the 3 data sets						
Group size	OF in top view	OF in side views				
5	0.40%	6.26%				
10	17.14%	45.21%				
20	24.17%	63.33%				

OF indicates the occlusion frequency. The video clips are available online a http://www.cv.fudan.edu.cn/fishtracking3d.htm

le 2. Performance comparison with other methods						
Method	Р	R	F1	Frag	IDS	
Ours	0.977	0.992	0.984	0.9	0.7	
Ours*	0.968	0.987	0.977	1.4	0.9	
Liu et al.	0.967	0.975	0.971	2.9	1.1	
idTracker	0.889	0.950	0.918	6.3	1.9	
Ours	0.961	0.971	0.966	3.9	0.9	
Ours*	0.953	0.967	0.960	4.8	1.1	
Liu et al.	0.942	0.958	0.950	6.3	3.8	
idTracker	0.833	0.907	0.868	36.9	7.3	
Ours	0.920	0.925	0.922	5.7	1.9	
Ours*	0.913	0.920	0.916	6.2	2.5	
Liu et al.	0.812	0.854	0.832	11.2	7.3	
idTracker	0.285	0.436	0.345	122.7	15.0	





(a)

Conclusion