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# Efficient estimation of target detection quality

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#### Introduction: multi-camera processing





Fields of view (and data) are projected to a common plane for multi-camera processing





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## What is detection quality?

- Detecting targets is key for many multicamera approaches
- Detection quality
  - models the miss-detection rate
  - related to the probability of a target to be detected within the FOV
  - accounts for the number of undetected targets over time



## Field Of View (FOV) models

- FOV projection
  - geometrical properties of the FOV
  - widely accepted abstraction: projection onto a plane
- Shape of the FOV projection
  - square (aerial views)
    - enable fast computation of detection quality
- triangular (pinhole camera)
  - more common
  - does not lend itself to fast computation



#### Detection quality for triangular FOVs

- Main ideas of our proposal ullet
  - mapping the problem to a definite integral considering uncertainty
  - integration domain: represents the FOV
  - integral: numerically approximated by combining quadrature-based integration and importance sampling



#### Proposal: overview



Pipeline to estimate detection quality via integration



Proposal (1/4)



- Quadrature decomposition
  - Integration of detection uncertainty  $f(z_i)$
  - Gaussian quadrature: tabulated weights  $w_r$  and normalized  $\hat{z}_r$

$$\int_{\Omega_i} f(z_i) d\boldsymbol{x} \approx \sum_{r=1}^N w_r f(\hat{z}_r)$$

a weighted sum of N function values at specified points  $\hat{z}_r$ within the domain of integration





Proposal (2/4)



- Optimal size selection
  - Number of samples to integrate according to
    - FOV size *FOV*<sub>i</sub>
    - detection uncertainty  $\Sigma$
  - Heuristic minimization approach







Proposal (3/4)



- Importance sampling
  - place higher density of samples where integrand is large
  - location uncertainty for targets handled by covariance matrix
    - such covariance may guide the location of quadrature samples
    - it can be approximated by a polygon: an ellipse



Proposal (4/4)



- Transformation and evaluation
  - adapt the coordinates of selected samples to the desired FOV
  - affine transformation  $X = T \cdot A$  to obtain samples in FOV
    - transformation *T* is found by  $T = X \cdot A^{-1}$

$$\begin{bmatrix} t_1 & t_2 & t_3 \\ t_4 & t_5 & t_6 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 & y_1 & z_1 \\ x_2 & y_2 & z_2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_1 & b_1 & c_1 \\ a_2 & b_2 & c_2 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}^{-1}$$



### **Evaluation on multi-target tracking**

- Task
  - to estimate detection quality  $P_D$
  - monitored área: 500x500
  - 8 cameras
  - triangular FOV projection
  - target state vector: position and velocity
  - Gaussian models for uncertainty
  - results over  $6 \cdot 10^5$  runs







FOV

#### **Detection quality: accuracy**

- Compared vs. quadrature number integration with N samples
- Performance measure
  - average estimation error: reference value found by evaluating

all locations in FOV  $\Omega_i$  (high comp. cost)



## Detection quality: cost

- Compared vs. quadrature number integration with N samples
- Performance measure
  - average relative cost
    - reference value: by evaluating all locations in FOV  $\Omega_i$



## Detection quality: uncertainty

- Uncertainty models
  - 6 uncertainty hypotheses



#### **Detection quality: comparison**

- Compared methods  $\bullet$ 
  - UG: Uniform Grid sampling
  - low accuracy | fast computation MC: Monte Carlo sample generation high accuracy | costly



## Application to tracking

- Comparison vs. MTIC multi-camera multi-target tracker
  - Information Consensus for distributed target tracking
  - detection quality  $P_D$  employed for JPDAF data association
  - cumulative distribution function of the target location



MTIC: Distributed multi-target tracking and data association in vision networks A. Kamal, J. Bappy, J. Farrell, and A. Roy-Chowdhury,

IEEE Trans. on Pattern Analysis and Machine Intelligence, 38(7):1397-1410, Jun 2016

#### Evaluation: application to tracking (side note)

- Joint Probabilistic Data Association Filter for multiple targets
  - for each target  $T^{j}$ , the mean measurement  $y^{j}$  is computed from all the measurements  $z_{n}$  and the association probabilities  $\beta^{jn}$



Bar-Shalom, Daum, Huang, The probabilistic data association filter, IEEE Control Systems, 2009 17/20

#### **Evaluation: application to tracking**

- MTIC improvement: consider realistic FOVs (triangular)
- Four different levels of clutter (affect miss-detection rate)
- Comparison against typical constant *P*<sub>D</sub> values of literature



## Conclusions

- Contribution
  - generic estimator for target detection quality
    with quadrature-based integration & importance sampling
  - closed-form function empirically derived to determine optimal number of integration points
  - results
    - + accuracy
    - computational cost
  - application to multi-camera multi-target tracking
    - improves tracking performance & accuracy-complexity trade-off
- Future work
  - extension to color features

#### WiSE-Mnet simulator for distributed computer vision

- Models: communication layers, sensing and distributed applications of camera networks (resource constraints)
- Networks capturing complex vectorial data (e.g. video)
- Includes implementations of state-of-the-art algorithms

#### www.eecs.qmul.ac.uk/~andrea/wise-mnet.html

