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Preface

Digital image processing mainly focuses on the research of signal processing, such as image contrast adjustment, image coding, image denoising and filtering. It is different that Image analysis emphasizes describing images with symbolic representations, analysis, interpretation, and recognition. Along with the boom in artificial intelligent and deep learning, digital image processing is going deeper and more advanced. People start the researches in simulating the human vision to see, to understand, and even to explain the real world using three techniques; image segmentation, image analysis, and image understanding. The Image segmentation is to extract the features such as the edges and regions for image analyzing, recognition, and understanding. Image analysis is to extract intelligent information from underlying features and their relationship using mathematical models and Image processing techniques. Image analysis and image processing are closely related. Although there may be a certain degree of overlapping, they are different in essence. Therefore, image analysis is more related to pattern recognition and computer vision. It is generally used to analyze the underlying features and superstructures by some mathematical models. The researches of image analysis are mainly focused on content-based image retrieval, face recognition, emotion recognition, optical character recognition, handwriting recognition, biomedical image analysis, video object extraction. The Image understanding is to further understand the meanings and scenario explanations by researching the properties and relations of the features and objects. The objects for image understanding are symbols from description; the process is similar to human brain.

Corresponding to image analysis, video analysis is to analyze the video frames of surveillance camera using computer vision techniques. It is also able to filter the background such as wind, rain, snow, fallen leaves, birds, and floating flags. It is so called object tracking in complex background. Due to the variant illusion, motion, occlusion, color, and complex background, the difficulty of object detection and tracking algorithm design is increased.

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The steps in image and video analysis mainly include segmentation, classification, and explanation. The classification process normally extracts the features by SIFT and LBP. With the use of deep learning techniques, people start using deep feature by extracting automatically for image classification, scenario classification, and behaviors analysis.

Our purpose in writing this book is to present advanced applications in image and video processing. We believed that this book is distinguished from other MATLAB-based fundamental textbooks which only introduces the basic functions such as the transform, enhancement, restoration, coding, and resizing of image. Our book emphasized the advanced applications such as image dehazing correction, image deraining correction, image stitching, image watermarking, visual object recognition, moving object tracking, dynamic scene classification, pedestrian re-identification, behavior analysis with deep learning, and so on.

The book is divided into three parts:

Part I: The Basic Concepts

Chapter 1 briefly introduces the fundamental principles including the analysis techniques: scene segmentation, feature description, and object recognition. There are also some summaries about examples of advanced applications, such as image fusion, image inpainting, image stitching, image watermarking, object tracking, and pedestrian re-identification.

Chapter 2 introduces the functions of MATLAB toolboxes for image and video processing.

Chapter 3 presents the image and video segmentation methods of threshold, region-based, partial differential equation, clustering, graph theory, and cumulative difference-based motion region extraction.

Chapter 4 presents the feature extraction and representations, which includes Harris corner detection, SUSAN edge detection, the point feature detection algorithm SIFT and SURF.

Part II: Advances in Image Processing

This part includes the image processing techniques such as image correction, image inpainting, image fusions, image stitching, image watermarking.

Chapter 5 firstly introduces three filters for image denoise and blurred functions. Then, it mainly introduces the correction techniques of image dehazing, image deraining, and text image feature correction.

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Chapter 6 presents the image inpainting techniques including the principle, structure, algorithm, and some example codes.

Chapter 7 firstly introduces the fusions types and their schemes and then mentioned a very important method: wavelet transform for image fusion. Finally, it discusses the evaluation of image fusion objectively and subjectively.

Chapter 8 introduces the image stitching techniques such as region-based, feature-based, and feature point method. The SIFT and Harris corner detection algorithms are also introduced in this chapter.

Chapter 9 briefly introduces the image watermarking in three different transforms which are spatial-domain-based, DCT-based and DWT-based watermarking techniques.

Chapter 10 introduces the object recognition techniques including face recognition, facial expression, and image-to-character extraction and recognition.

Part III: Advances in Video Processing and then Associated Chapters

Chapters 11–14 mainly introduce the video processing techniques of moving object tracking, dynamic scene classification based on TMBP, behavior recognition based on LDA topic model, person re-identification based on metric learning, lip recognition instance based on deep learning model, and deep CNN architecture for event recognition.

Chapter 11 introduces the object tracking techniques using Gaussian mixture model for background detection, and the RANSAC for feature points tracking. Further extend the mean-shift object tracking algorithm.

Chapter 12 introduces the dynamic scene classification and discusses the TMBP and LDA models for the classification.

Chapter 13 presents a person re-identification method by using the image understanding technique.

Chapter 14 presents the deep learning in image and video understanding.

For the convenience of the readers to evaluate the performance of the algorithms, we also give the common evaluation criteria in the appendix.

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