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Lecture 6: Optic Flow IV Advanced Data and Smoothness Terms

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The Combined-Local-Global Approach (1)

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The Combined-Local-Global Approach

How Can We Improve the Robustness under Noise?

- ◆ *Idea:* Consider fixed local neighbourhood instead of single pixels in the data term
- ◆ *Example:* Integrate Lucas/Kanade method as data term into Horn/Schunck
 (Bruhn/Weickert/Schnörr 2002)

$$E(\mathbf{w}) = \int_{\Omega} \underbrace{\mathbf{w}^T J_{\rho} \mathbf{w}}_{\text{data term}} + \alpha \underbrace{(|\nabla u|^2 + |\nabla v|^2)}_{\text{smoothness term}} dx dy$$

where $J_{\rho} = K_{\rho} * J$ is the structure tensor (convolved motion tensor).

- ◆ *New:* **Combined-local-global** (CLG) approach as two-in-one-method
 - for $\rho \rightarrow 0$ one obtains global approach (Horn and Schunck)
 - for $\alpha \rightarrow 0$ one obtains local method (Lucas and Kanade)

The Combined-Local-Global Approach (2)

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Advantages and Shortcomings of the Combined-Local-Global Approach

◆ Advantages

- combines advantages of local and global methods
- robust under noise as local approaches (neighbourhood information)
- dense flow fields as global techniques (filling-in-effect)
- can be written in motion tensor notation
- can be combined with all kind of constancy assumptions (cf. last lecture)
- computationally not more expensive than original approach

◆ Drawbacks

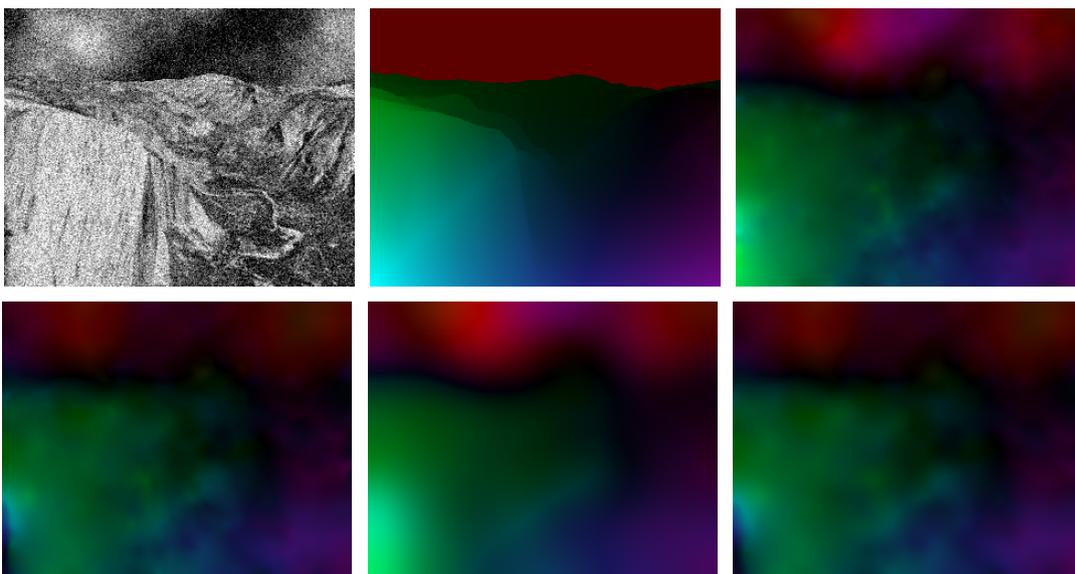
- additional parameter (integration scale ρ)
- relatively small impact (only small improvements)

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The Combined-Local-Global Approach (3)

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Results for the CLG Horn and Schunck Method under Noise $\sigma_n = 40$



Results for the Yosemite Sequence with clouds (L. Quam). **(a) Upper Left:** Frame 8 with Gaussian noise $\sigma_n = 40$. **(b) Upper Center:** Ground truth. **(c) Upper Right:** Grey value ($\sigma = 2.4$, $\alpha = 4100$). **(d) Lower Left:** Gradient ($\sigma = 4.2$, $\alpha = 55$). **(e) Lower Center:** Grey value + CLG ($\sigma = 2.4$, $\rho = 17.6$, $\alpha = 2000$). **(f) Lower Right:** Gradient + CLG ($\sigma = 4.2$, $\rho = 15.4$, $\alpha = 26$).

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Results for the CLG Horn and Schunck Method under Noise $\sigma_n = 40$

- ◆ Qualitative Evaluation for the Yosemite Sequence with Clouds

Technique		AAE
Horn and Schunck	(gradient constancy)	18.00°
Horn and Schunck + CLG	(gradient constancy)	17.42°
Horn and Schunck	(grey value constancy)	16.80°
Horn and Schunck + CLG	(grey value constancy)	15.82°

- ◆ Constancy assumptions on image derivatives are more sensitive to noise (without noise the gradient constancy outperforms the grey value constancy).
- ◆ The concept of local integration gives better results in all cases.

Robust Data Terms (1)

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Robust Data Terms

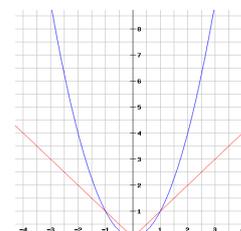
How Can We Improve the Robustness with Respect to Outliers?

- ◆ *Idea:* Reduce influence of outliers by using non-quadratic data terms
- ◆ *Example:* Replace quadratic data term by linear one (cf. SAD block matching) (Black/Anandan 1991, Bruhn/Weickert/Schnörr 2005)

$$E(\mathbf{w}) = \int_{\Omega} \underbrace{\Psi(\mathbf{w}^T J \mathbf{w})}_{\text{data term}} + \alpha \underbrace{(|\nabla u|^2 + |\nabla v|^2)}_{\text{smoothness term}} dx dy$$

where $\Psi(s^2) = \sqrt{s^2 + \epsilon^2}$ is the regularised L_1 norm with small $\epsilon > 0$.

- ◆ *Properties:* In general $\Psi(s^2)$ should be **positive**, **increasing**, **sub-quadratic** and **strictly convex** to allow for a unique solution in the case of data terms with linearised constancy assumptions.



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How Can We Extend this Idea to Multiple Constancy Assumptions?

- ◆ *Idea:* Use correlation between constancy assumptions as criterion
- ◆ *Example 1: **Joint Robustification*** if assumptions are correlated (e.g. RGB)
(Brox/Bruhn/Papenberg/Weickert 2004)

$$E(\mathbf{w}) = \int_{\Omega} \underbrace{\Psi\left(\sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i \mathbf{w}^T J_i \mathbf{w}\right)}_{\text{data term}} + \alpha \underbrace{(|\nabla u|^2 + |\nabla v|^2)}_{\text{smoothness term}} dx dy$$

- ◆ *Example 2: **Separate Robustification*** if assumptions can be fulfilled independently, such as e.g. the grey value and the gradient constancy
(Bruhn/Weickert 2005)

$$E(\mathbf{w}) = \int_{\Omega} \underbrace{\sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i \Psi(\mathbf{w}^T J_i \mathbf{w})}_{\text{data term}} + \alpha \underbrace{(|\nabla u|^2 + |\nabla v|^2)}_{\text{smoothness term}} dx dy$$

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Minimisation with Nonquadratic Data Term

- ◆ *Example:* Let us consider the Horn and Schunck method with robust data term

$$E(\mathbf{w}) = \int_{\Omega} \Psi(\mathbf{w}^T J \mathbf{w}) + \alpha (|\nabla u|^2 + |\nabla v|^2) dx dy$$

where $\Psi(s^2) = \sqrt{s^2 + \epsilon^2}$. The corresponding Euler-Lagrange equations read

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \Psi'(\mathbf{w}^T J \mathbf{w}) (J_{11}u + J_{12}v + J_{13}) - \alpha \Delta u, \\ 0 &= \Psi'(\mathbf{w}^T J \mathbf{w}) (J_{12}u + J_{22}v + J_{23}) - \alpha \Delta v. \end{aligned}$$

with (reflecting) Neumann boundary conditions $\mathbf{n}^T \nabla u = 0$ and $\mathbf{n}^T \nabla v = 0$.

- ◆ *New:* Due to the factor $\Psi'(\mathbf{w}^T J \mathbf{w})$ with $\Psi'(s^2) = \frac{\partial \Psi(s^2)}{\partial s^2} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{s^2 + \epsilon^2}}$ these equations are **nonlinear** in u and v . Unreliable locations are weighted down.

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Minimisation with Nonquadratic Data Term

- ◆ *Discretisation:* One obtains the following **nonlinear system of equations**

$$0 = [\Psi']_{i,j} ([J_{11}]_{i,j} u_{i,j} + [J_{12}]_{i,j} v_{i,j} + [J_{13}]_{i,j}) - \alpha \sum_{l \in x,y} \sum_{\mathcal{N}_l(i,j)} \frac{u_{i,\tilde{j}} - u_{i,j}}{h_l^2}$$

$$0 = [\Psi']_{i,j} ([J_{12}]_{i,j} u_{i,j} + [J_{22}]_{i,j} v_{i,j} + [J_{23}]_{i,j}) - \alpha \sum_{l \in x,y} \sum_{\mathcal{N}_l(i,j)} \frac{v_{i,\tilde{j}} - v_{i,j}}{h_l^2}$$

for $i = 1, \dots, N$ and $j = 1, \dots, M$. Thereby the nonlinear factor reads

$$[\Psi']_{i,j} = \Psi' \left(w_{i,j}^\top J_{i,j} w_{i,j} \right) = \Psi' \left(\begin{pmatrix} u_{i,j} \\ v_{i,j} \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}^\top \begin{pmatrix} [J_{11}]_{i,j} & [J_{12}]_{i,j} & [J_{13}]_{i,j} \\ [J_{12}]_{i,j} & [J_{22}]_{i,j} & [J_{23}]_{i,j} \\ [J_{13}]_{i,j} & [J_{23}]_{i,j} & [J_{33}]_{i,j} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u_{i,j} \\ v_{i,j} \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right).$$

- ◆ *Problem:* So far we have only dealt with linear system of equations. How can we solve such a nonlinear system of equations?

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Solving the Nonlinear System

- ◆ *Idea:* Solve nonlinear system as series of linear systems
- ◆ *Example:* Fixed point iteration, where the nonlinear expressions (here $[\Psi']_{i,j}$) are evaluated at the **old time step**. This requires to solve the linear equations system

$$0 = [\Psi']_{i,j}^k ([J_{11}]_{i,j} u_{i,j}^{k+1} + [J_{12}]_{i,j} v_{i,j}^{k+1} + [J_{13}]_{i,j}) - \alpha \sum_{l \in x,y} \sum_{\mathcal{N}_l(i,j)} \frac{u_{i,\tilde{j}}^{k+1} - u_{i,j}^{k+1}}{h_l^2}$$

$$0 = [\Psi']_{i,j}^k ([J_{12}]_{i,j} u_{i,j}^{k+1} + [J_{22}]_{i,j} v_{i,j}^{k+1} + [J_{23}]_{i,j}) - \alpha \sum_{l \in x,y} \sum_{\mathcal{N}_l(i,j)} \frac{v_{i,\tilde{j}}^{k+1} - v_{i,j}^{k+1}}{h_l^2}$$

for $i = 1, \dots, N$ and $j = 1, \dots, M$ at each fixed point iteration.

- ◆ *Properties:* This so-called **lagged nonlinearity method**
 - yields for non-constant images linear systems that are positive definite
 - requires only a very inexact solution for each linear system to converge

Robust Data Terms (6)

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Advantages and Shortcomings of Robust Data Terms

◆ Advantages

- improve the results with respect to outliers and noise
- can be combined with all constancy assumptions
- can be combined with the CLG approach
- can be solved as series of linear systems (small implementation effort)

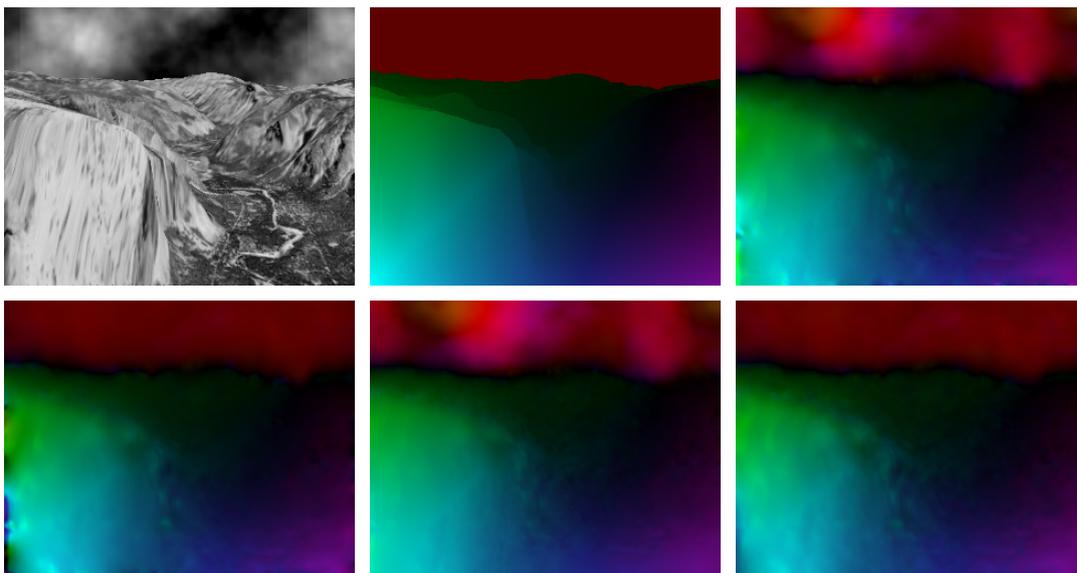
◆ Drawbacks

- computationally expensive (require solving nonlinear equation system)
- unlike block matching restricted to strictly convex functions (convergence)
- small structures may disappear (considered as outliers)

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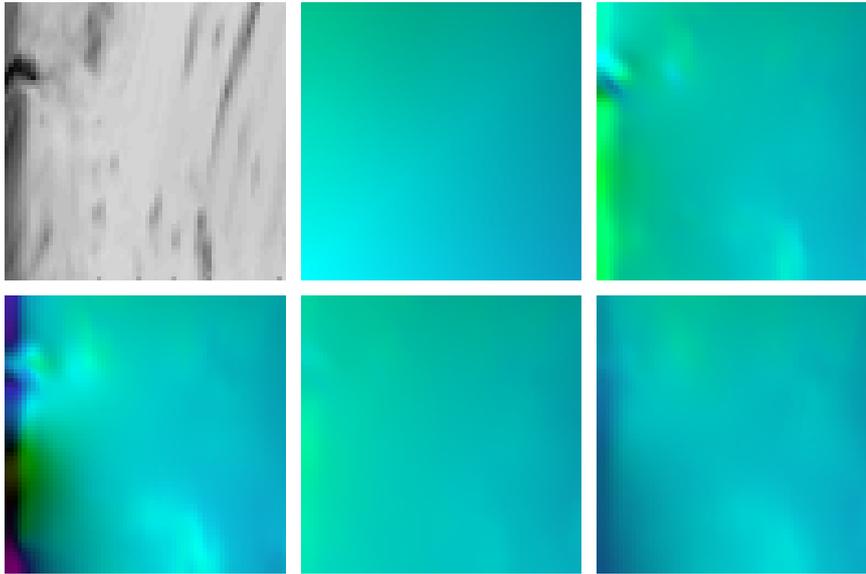
Results for the Robust Horn and Schunck Method



Results for the Yosemite Sequence with clouds (L. Quam). **(a) Upper Left:** Frame 8. **(b) Upper Center:** Ground truth. **(c) Upper Right:** Grey value constancy ($\sigma = 1.4$, $\alpha = 470$) **(d) Lower Left:** Gradient magnitude constancy ($\sigma = 1.9$, $\alpha = 14$). **(e) Lower Center:** Robust grey value constancy ($\sigma = 1.4$, $\alpha = 190$). **(f) Lower Right:** Robust gradient constancy ($\sigma = 2.1$, $\alpha = 400$).

Robust Data Terms (8)

Results for the Robust Horn and Schunck Method (Zoom Lower Left Corner)



Results for the Yosemite Sequence with clouds (L. Quam) – Zoom. **(a) Upper Left:** Frame 8. **(b) Upper Center:** Ground truth. **(c) Upper Right:** Grey value constancy ($\sigma = 1.4$, $\alpha = 470$) **(d) Lower Left:** Gradient magnitude constancy ($\sigma = 1.9$, $\alpha = 14$). **(e) Lower Center:** Robust grey value constancy ($\sigma = 1.4$, $\alpha = 190$). **(f) Lower Right:** Robust gradient constancy ($\sigma = 2.1$, $\alpha = 400$).

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Robust Data Terms (9)

Results for the Robust Horn and Schunck Method

◆ Qualitative Evaluation for the Yosemite Sequence with Clouds

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Horn and Schunck	(gradient constancy)	7.12°
Robust Horn and Schunck	(gradient constancy)	7.07°
Horn and Schunck	(grey value constancy)	5.91°
Robust Horn and Schunck	(grey value constancy)	5.21°

- ◆ Robust data terms in particular useful for higher order derivatives (enhanced sensitivity of such assumptions w.r.t to outliers and noise).
- ◆ Better results due to a better handling of boundaries (large amount of pixels that enter or leave the scene → outliers).

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Image-Driven Smoothness Terms

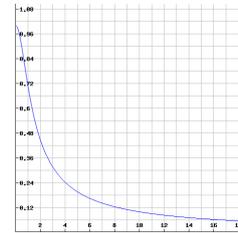
How Can We Preserve Discontinuities in the Motion Field?

- ◆ **Idea 1: Image-driven Isotropic** → Reduce smoothness totally at image edges
- ◆ **Example:** Using the weighting function $g(s^2) = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{s^2+\epsilon^2}}$ with $\epsilon > 0$ one obtains (Alvarez/Esclarín/Lefébure and Sánchez 1999)

$$E(\mathbf{w}) = \int_{\Omega} \underbrace{\mathbf{w}^T J \mathbf{w}}_{\text{data term}} + \alpha \underbrace{g(|\nabla f|^2) (|\nabla u|^2 + |\nabla v|^2)}_{\text{smoothness term}} dx dy$$

where the spatial image gradient $|\nabla f|^2$ serves as fuzzy edge detector.

- ◆ **Properties:** In general the weighting function $g(s^2)$ should be **positive** and **decreasing**. Often the derivative of a strictly convex function is used, i.e. $g(s^2) = \Psi'(s^2)$ with $\Psi(s^2)$ as before.



How Can We Preserve Discontinuities in the Motion Field?

- ◆ **Idea 2: Image-driven Anisotropic** → Reduce smoothness only **across** edges
- ◆ **Example:** Penalising only the projection of the flow along the edge yields (Nagel/Enkelmann 1986)

$$E(\mathbf{w}) = \int_{\Omega} \underbrace{\mathbf{w}^T J \mathbf{w}}_{\text{data term}} + \alpha \underbrace{(\nabla u^T D(\nabla f) \nabla u + \nabla v^T D(\nabla f) \nabla v)}_{\text{smoothness term}} dx dy$$

where the projection matrix **along the edge** (orthogonal to the gradient) reads

$$D(\nabla f) = \underbrace{\frac{1}{|\nabla f|^2 + 2\epsilon^2}}_{\text{normalisation } (\text{tr } D)^{-1}} \left(\underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} f_y^2 & -f_x f_y \\ -f_x f_y & f_x^2 \end{pmatrix}}_{\text{projection } \nabla f^\perp \nabla f^{\perp T}} + \epsilon^2 \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}}_{\text{regularisation } \epsilon > 0} \right)$$

- ◆ Deviations from smoothness **across the edge** not penalised (edges are preserved).

Image-Driven Smoothness Terms (3)

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Minimisation with Image-Driven Smoothness Terms

- ◆ *Generic Form:* The Euler-Lagrange equations for image-driven methods read

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= J_{11}u + J_{12}v + J_{13} - \alpha \operatorname{div} (D \nabla u), \\ 0 &= J_{12}u + J_{22}v + J_{23} - \alpha \operatorname{div} (D \nabla v) \end{aligned}$$

with (reflecting) Neumann boundary conditions $\mathbf{n}^\top \nabla u = 0$ and $\mathbf{n}^\top \nabla v = 0$.

- ◆ *Notation:* The corresponding **diffusion tensors** D are given by the 2×2 matrices

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Homogeneous (Horn/Schunck)} &\rightarrow D = I \\ \text{Image-driven Isotropic} &\rightarrow D = g(|\nabla f|^2) I \\ \text{Image-driven Anisotropic} &\rightarrow D = D(\nabla f) \end{aligned}$$

- ◆ *As Before:* The Euler-Lagrange equations of image-driven methods are **linear**, since the associated diffusions tensors do not depend on the unknowns u and v .

Image-Driven Smoothness Terms (4)

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Minimisation with Image-Driven Smoothness Terms

- ◆ *Discretisation:* Since the anisotropic approach requires discretisations with eight neighbours for the smoothness term, we restrict ourselves to the isotropic case
- ◆ *Step 1:* The discretisation of the divergence expression $\operatorname{div} (g(|\nabla f|^2) \nabla u)$ reads

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{div} (g \nabla u) &= (gu_x)_x + (gu_y)_y \\ &\approx \frac{(gu_x)_{i+\frac{1}{2},j} - (gu_x)_{i-\frac{1}{2},j}}{2(\frac{1}{2}h_x)} + \frac{(gu_y)_{i,j+\frac{1}{2}} - (gu_y)_{i,j-\frac{1}{2}}}{2(\frac{1}{2}h_y)} \\ &\approx \frac{\frac{g_{i+1,j} + g_{i,j}}{2} \left(\frac{u_{i+1,j} - u_{i,j}}{2(\frac{1}{2}h_x)} \right) - \frac{g_{i,j} + g_{i-1,j}}{2} \left(\frac{u_{i,j} - u_{i-1,j}}{2(\frac{1}{2}h_x)} \right)}{2(\frac{1}{2}h_x)} \\ &\quad + \frac{\frac{g_{i,j+1} + g_{i,j}}{2} \left(\frac{u_{i,j+1} - u_{i,j}}{2(\frac{1}{2}h_y)} \right) - \frac{g_{i,j} + g_{i,j-1}}{2} \left(\frac{u_{i,j} - u_{i,j-1}}{2(\frac{1}{2}h_y)} \right)}{2(\frac{1}{2}h_y)} \\ &= \frac{g_{i+1,j} + g_{i,j}}{2} \left(\frac{u_{i+1,j} - u_{i,j}}{h_x^2} \right) - \frac{g_{i,j} + g_{i-1,j}}{2} \left(\frac{u_{i,j} - u_{i-1,j}}{h_x^2} \right) \\ &\quad + \frac{g_{i,j+1} + g_{i,j}}{2} \left(\frac{u_{i,j+1} - u_{i,j}}{h_y^2} \right) - \frac{g_{i,j} + g_{i,j-1}}{2} \left(\frac{u_{i,j} - u_{i,j-1}}{h_y^2} \right). \end{aligned}$$

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Minimisation with Image-Driven Smoothness Terms

- ◆ *Step 2:* The discrete variant of the nonlinear weight $g(|\nabla f|^2)$ is given by

$$g_{i,j} = g(|\nabla f|_{i,j}^2) = g([J_{11}]_{i,j} + [J_{22}]_{i,j}) .$$

- ◆ The discrete Euler-Lagrange equations for the isotropic image-driven approach can finally be written as

$$0 = [J_{11}]_{i,j} u_{i,j} + [J_{12}]_{i,j} v_{i,j} + [J_{13}]_{i,j} - \alpha \sum_{l \in x,y} \sum_{(\tilde{i}, \tilde{j}) \in \mathcal{N}_l(i,j)} \frac{g_{\tilde{i}, \tilde{j}} + g_{i,j}}{2} \left(\frac{u_{\tilde{i}, \tilde{j}} - u_{i,j}}{h_l^2} \right)$$

$$0 = [J_{12}]_{i,j} u_{i,j} + [J_{22}]_{i,j} v_{i,j} + [J_{23}]_{i,j} - \alpha \sum_{l \in x,y} \sum_{(\tilde{i}, \tilde{j}) \in \mathcal{N}_l(i,j)} \frac{g_{\tilde{i}, \tilde{j}} + g_{i,j}}{2} \left(\frac{v_{\tilde{i}, \tilde{j}} - v_{i,j}}{h_l^2} \right)$$

for $i = 1, \dots, N$ and $j = 1, \dots, M$.

- ◆ *Properties:* The resulting **linear system of equations**
 - has the same structure as the one for the original Horn and Schunck method
 - has for non-constant images a positive definite system matrix (convergence)

Image-Driven Smoothness Terms (6)

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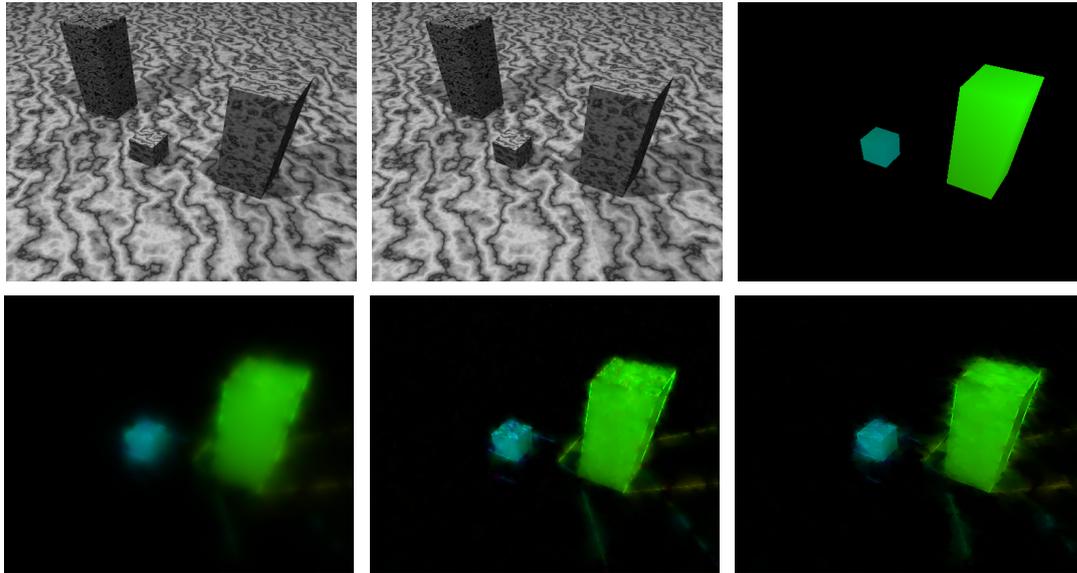
Advantages and Shortcomings of Image-Driven Smoothness Term

- ◆ **Advantages**
 - allow to respect discontinuities in the displacement field
 - still require to solve a linear system of equations
 - can be combined with any data term/any constancy assumption
- ◆ **Drawbacks**
 - spatial image gradient that serves edge detector is sensitive to noise
 - anisotropic case with boundary conditions difficult to implement
 - image edges are not always motion discontinuities (oversegmentation of the flow field in heavily textured regions)

Image-Driven Smoothness Terms (7)

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Results for Image-Driven Smoothness Terms



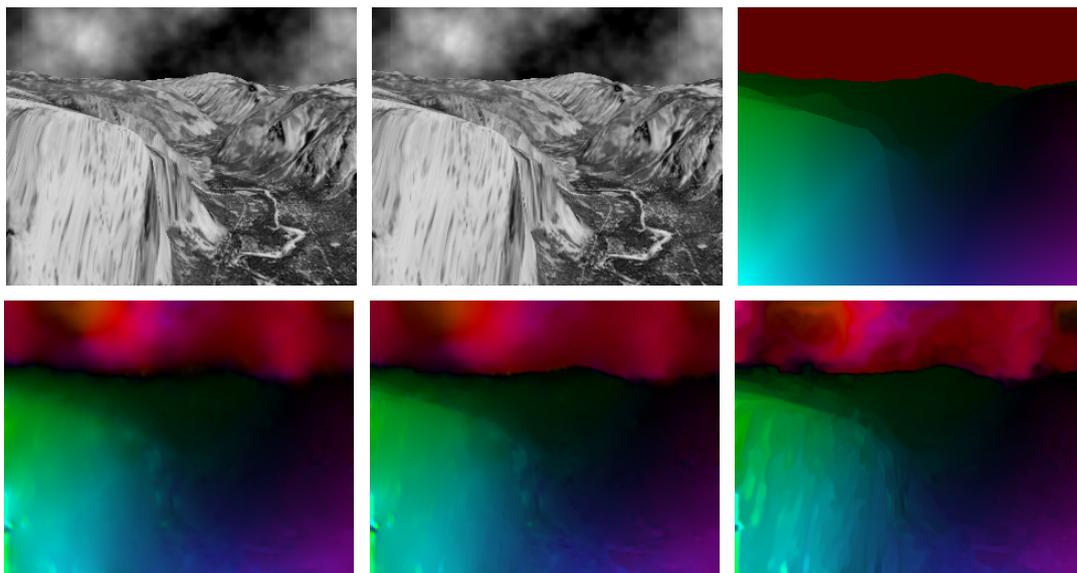
Results for the New Marble Sequence (H.-H. Nagel). **(a) Upper Left:** Frame 150. **(b) Upper Center:** Frame 151. **(c) Upper Right:** Ground truth. **(d) Lower Left:** Homogeneous regularisation. **(e) Lower Center:** Image-driven isotropic regularisation. **(f) Lower Right:** Image-driven anisotropic regularisation.

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Image-Driven Smoothness Terms (8)

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Results for Image-Driven Smoothness Terms



Results for the Yosemite Sequence with Clouds (L. Quam). **(a) Upper Left:** Frame 8. **(b) Upper Center:** Frame 9. **(c) Upper Right:** Ground truth. **(d) Lower Left:** Homogeneous regularisation ($\sigma = 1.3$, $\alpha = 500$). **(e) Lower Center:** Image-driven isotropic regularisation ($\sigma = 1.2$, $\alpha = 2700$). **(f) Lower Right:** Image-driven anisotropic regularisation ($\sigma = 1.3$, $\alpha = 4500$).

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Results for Image-Driven Smoothness Terms

- ◆ Qualitative Evaluation for the Yosemite Sequence with Clouds

Technique		AAE
Horn and Schunck	(homogeneous)	7.12°
Horn and Schunck	(image-driven isotropic)	6.44°
Horn and Schunck	(image-driven anisotropic)	6.28°

- ◆ Improvements at motion boundaries compared to homogeneous regularisation.
- ◆ Can be combined with any constancy assumption/any data term

How can we overcome the oversegmentation problem ?

Flow-Driven Smoothness Terms (1)

Flow-Driven Smoothness Terms

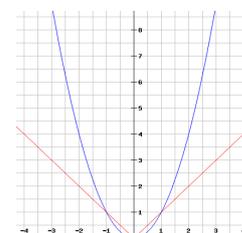
How Can We Overcome the Oversegmentation Problem?

- ◆ *Idea 1: Flow-driven Isotropic* → Allow piecewise constant flow fields
- ◆ *Example:* Make discontinuities more attractive by using linear penaliser (Schnörr 1994, Weickert/Schnörr 2001)

$$E(\mathbf{w}) = \int_{\Omega} \underbrace{\mathbf{w}^T J \mathbf{w}}_{\text{data term}} + \alpha \underbrace{\Psi(|\nabla u|^2 + |\nabla v|^2)}_{\text{smoothness term}} dx dy$$

where $\Psi(s^2) = \sqrt{s^2 + \epsilon^2}$ is the regularised L_1 norm with small $\epsilon > 0$.

- ◆ *Properties:* In general $\Psi(s^2)$ should be **positive**, **increasing**, **sub-quadratic** and **strictly convex** to allow for a unique solution in the case of data terms with linearised constancy assumptions.



Flow-Driven Smoothness Terms (2)

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How Can We Overcome the Oversegmentation Problem?

- ◆ **Idea 2: Flow-driven Anisotropic** → Allow directed piecewise constant flow fields
- ◆ **Example:** Adapt smoothness to evolving flow structure $\nabla u \nabla u^\top + \nabla v \nabla v^\top$ (Weickert/Schnörr 2001)

$$E(\mathbf{w}) = \int_{\Omega} \underbrace{\mathbf{w}^\top J \mathbf{w}}_{\text{data term}} + \alpha \underbrace{\text{tr} \Psi(\nabla u \nabla u^\top + \nabla v \nabla v^\top)}_{\text{smoothness term}} dx dy$$

where $\Psi(s^2) = \sqrt{s^2 + \epsilon^2}$ is the regularised L_1 norm with small $\epsilon > 0$.

- ◆ **New:** Requires application of scalar function Ψ to matrix A . This comes down to keeping the eigenvectors of A and applying Ψ only to its eigenvalues:

$$\Psi(A) = (\mathbf{e}_1, \mathbf{e}_2) \begin{pmatrix} \Psi(\lambda_1) & 0 \\ 0 & \Psi(\lambda_2) \end{pmatrix} (\mathbf{e}_1, \mathbf{e}_2)^\top .$$

- ◆ **Properties:** $\Psi(s^2)$ should be chosen as for the image-driven isotropic case.

Flow-Driven Smoothness Terms (3)

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Minimisation with Flow-Driven Smoothness Terms

- ◆ **Generic Form:** The Euler-Lagrange equations for flow-driven methods read

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= J_{11}u + J_{12}v + J_{13} - \alpha \operatorname{div}(\mathbf{D} \nabla u) , \\ 0 &= J_{12}u + J_{22}v + J_{23} - \alpha \operatorname{div}(\mathbf{D} \nabla v) \end{aligned}$$

with (reflecting) Neumann boundary conditions $\mathbf{n}^\top \nabla u = 0$ and $\mathbf{n}^\top \nabla v = 0$.

- ◆ **Notation:** The corresponding **diffusion tensors** \mathbf{D} are given by the 2×2 matrices

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Homogeneous (Horn/Schunck)} &\quad \rightarrow \quad \mathbf{D} = I \\ \text{Flow-driven Isotropic} &\quad \rightarrow \quad \mathbf{D} = \Psi'(|\nabla u|^2 + |\nabla v|^2) I \\ \text{Flow-driven Anisotropic} &\quad \rightarrow \quad \mathbf{D} = \Psi'(\nabla u \nabla u^\top + \nabla v \nabla v^\top) \end{aligned}$$

- ◆ **New:** The Euler-Lagrange equations of flow-driven methods are **nonlinear**, since the associated diffusions tensors depend on u and v – via $\Psi'(s^2) = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{s^2 + \epsilon^2}}$.

Flow-Driven Smoothness Terms (4)

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Minimisation with Flow-Driven Smoothness Terms

- ◆ *Discretisation:* As in the image-driven case we only consider the isotropic case
- ◆ The discrete Euler-Lagrange equations for the isotropic flow-driven approach read

$$0 = [J_{11}]_{i,j} u_{i,j} + [J_{12}]_{i,j} v_{i,j} + [J_{13}]_{i,j} - \alpha \sum_{l \in x,y} \sum_{(\tilde{i}, \tilde{j}) \in \mathcal{N}_l(i,j)} \frac{[\Psi']_{\tilde{i}, \tilde{j}} + [\Psi']_{i,j}}{2} \left(\frac{u_{\tilde{i}, \tilde{j}} - u_{i,j}}{h_l^2} \right)$$

$$0 = [J_{12}]_{i,j} u_{i,j} + [J_{22}]_{i,j} v_{i,j} + [J_{23}]_{i,j} - \alpha \sum_{l \in x,y} \sum_{(\tilde{i}, \tilde{j}) \in \mathcal{N}_l(i,j)} \frac{[\Psi']_{\tilde{i}, \tilde{j}} + [\Psi']_{i,j}}{2} \left(\frac{v_{\tilde{i}, \tilde{j}} - v_{i,j}}{h_l^2} \right)$$

for $i = 1, \dots, N$ and $j = 1, \dots, M$.

- ◆ *Nonlinearities:* The nonlinear expressions $[\Psi']_{i,j}$ are thereby computed as

$$[\Psi']_{i,j} = \Psi'(|\nabla u|_{i,j}^2 + |\nabla v|_{i,j}^2) = \Psi'([u_x]_{i,j}^2 + [u_y]_{i,j}^2 + [v_x]_{i,j}^2 + [v_y]_{i,j}^2)$$

with $[u_x]_{i,j}$, $[u_y]_{i,j}$, $[v_x]_{i,j}$ and $[v_y]_{i,j}$ being approximated via central differences.

Flow-Driven Smoothness Terms (5)

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Solving the Nonlinear System

- ◆ *Idea:* Solve nonlinear system as series of linear systems (cf. robust data terms)
- ◆ *Example:* Fixed point iteration, where the nonlinear expressions (here $[\Psi']_{i,j}$) are evaluated at the **old time step**. This requires to solve the linear equations system

$$0 = [J_{11}]_{i,j} u_{i,j}^{k+1} + [J_{12}]_{i,j} v_{i,j}^{k+1} + [J_{13}]_{i,j} - \alpha \sum_{l \in x,y} \sum_{(\tilde{i}, \tilde{j}) \in \mathcal{N}_l(i,j)} \frac{[\Psi']_{\tilde{i}, \tilde{j}}^k + [\Psi']_{i,j}^k}{2} \left(\frac{u_{\tilde{i}, \tilde{j}}^{k+1} - u_{i,j}^{k+1}}{h_l^2} \right)$$

$$0 = [J_{12}]_{i,j} u_{i,j}^{k+1} + [J_{22}]_{i,j} v_{i,j}^{k+1} + [J_{23}]_{i,j} - \alpha \sum_{l \in x,y} \sum_{(\tilde{i}, \tilde{j}) \in \mathcal{N}_l(i,j)} \frac{[\Psi']_{\tilde{i}, \tilde{j}}^k + [\Psi']_{i,j}^k}{2} \left(\frac{v_{\tilde{i}, \tilde{j}}^{k+1} - v_{i,j}^{k+1}}{h_l^2} \right)$$

for $i = 1, \dots, N$ and $j = 1, \dots, M$ at each fixed point iteration.

- ◆ *Properties:* This so-called **lagged nonlinearity method**
 - yields for non-constant images linear systems that are positive definite
 - requires only a very inexact solution for each linear system to converge

Flow-Driven Smoothness Terms (6)

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Advantages and Shortcomings of Flow-Driven Smoothness Term

◆ Advantages

- allow to respect discontinuities in the displacement field
- do not suffer from oversegmentation artifacts
- can be combined with any data term/any constancy assumption

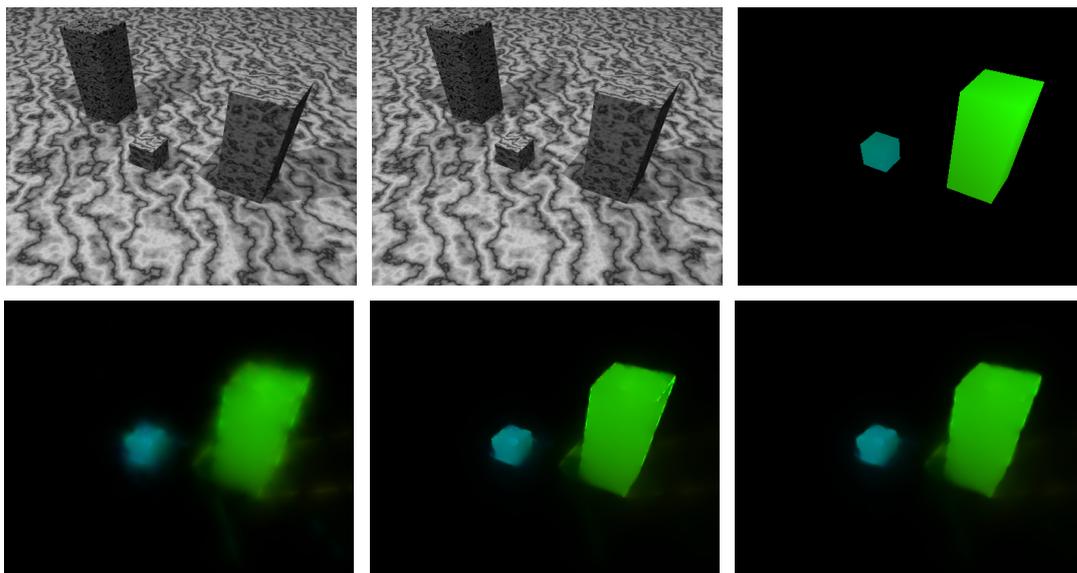
◆ Drawbacks

- require to solve a nonlinear system of equations
- anisotropic case with boundary conditions difficult to implement

Flow-Driven Smoothness Terms (7)

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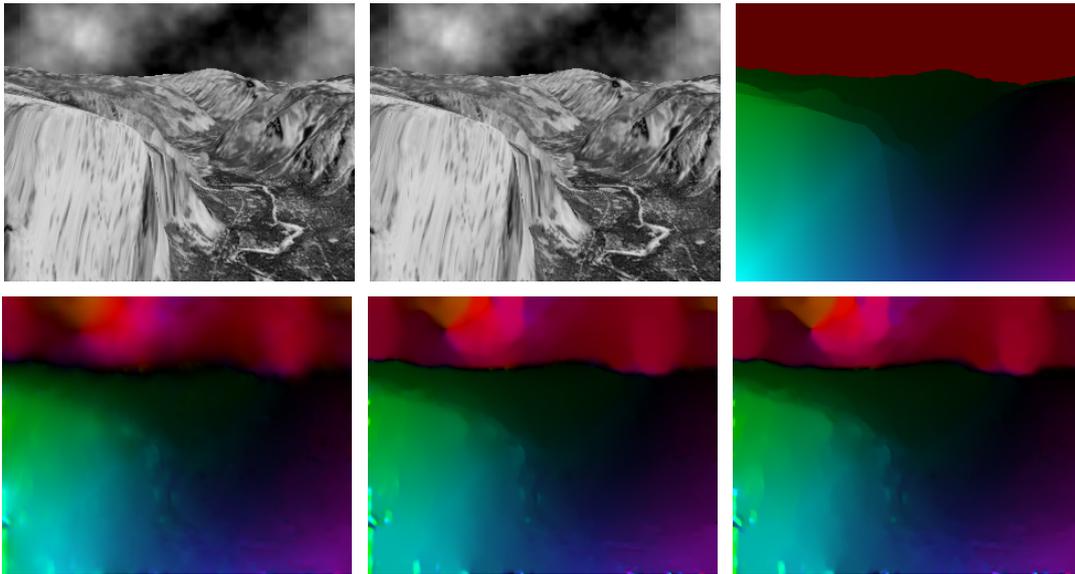
Results for Flow-Driven Smoothness Terms



Results for the New Marble Sequence (H.-H. Nagel). **(a) Upper Left:** Frame 150. **(b) Upper Center:** Frame 151. **(c) Upper Right:** Ground truth. **(d) Lower Left:** Homogeneous regularisation. **(e) Lower Center:** Flow-driven isotropic regularisation. **(f) Lower Right:** Flow-driven anisotropic regularisation.

Flow-Driven Smoothness Terms (8)

Results for Flow-Driven Smoothness Terms



Results for the Yosemite Sequence with Clouds (L. Quam). (a) **Upper Left:** Frame 8. (b) **Upper Center:** Frame 9. (c) **Upper Right:** Ground truth. (d) **Lower Left:** Homogeneous regularisation ($\sigma = 1.3$, $\alpha = 500$). (e) **Lower Center:** Flow-driven isotropic regularisation ($\sigma = 1.3$, $\alpha = 42$). (f) **Lower Right:** Flow-driven anisotropic regularisation ($\sigma = 1.3$, $\alpha = 44$).

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Flow-Driven Smoothness Terms (9)

Results for Flow-Driven Smoothness Terms

◆ Qualitative Evaluation for the Yosemite Sequence with Clouds

Technique		AAE
Horn and Schunck	(homogeneous)	7.12°
Horn and Schunck	(image-driven isotropic)	6.44°
Horn and Schunck	(flow-driven anisotropic)	6.42°
Horn and Schunck	(flow-driven isotropic)	6.32°
Horn and Schunck	(image-driven anisotropic)	6.28°

- ◆ Less oversegmentation artifacts at heavily textured regions
- ◆ Often better than image-driven regularisation (depends on the image sequence)
- ◆ Can be combined with any constancy assumption/any data term

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Overview of Diffusion-Inspired Regularisers

- ◆ Classification of different smoothness terms
(Weickert/Schnörr 2001)

Regularisation	Smoothness Term
homogeneous (Horn/Schunck 1981)	$\sum_{i=1}^2 \nabla_2 u_i ^2$
image-driven , isotropic (Alvarez et al. 1999)	$g(\nabla_2 f ^2) \sum_{i=1}^2 \nabla_2 u_i ^2$
image-driven , anisotropic (Nagel 1983)	$\sum_{i=1}^2 \nabla_2 u_i^\top D(\nabla_2 f) \nabla_2 u_i$
flow-driven , isotropic (Schnörr 1994)	$\Psi\left(\sum_{i=1}^2 \nabla_2 u_i ^2\right)$
flow-driven , anisotropic (Weickert/Schnörr 2001)	$\text{tr} \Psi\left(\sum_{i=1}^2 \nabla_2 u_i \nabla_2 u_i^\top\right)$

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Spatiotemporal Extensions (1)

Spatiotemporal Extensions

- ◆ *Idea:* Consider more than two frames for the computation
- ◆ *Example 1:* Extending the method of Horn and Schunck to the temporal domain
(Nagel 1990)

$$E(\mathbf{w}) = \int_{\Omega \times T} \underbrace{\mathbf{w}^\top J \mathbf{w}}_{\text{data term}} + \alpha \underbrace{(|\nabla_3 u|^2 + |\nabla_3 v|^2)}_{\text{smoothness term}} dx dy dt .$$

- **spatiotemporal** integration range $\Omega \times T$
 - **spatiotemporal** smoothness assumption using $\nabla_3 u = (u_x, u_y, u_t)$
- ◆ *Example 2:* Extending the flow-driven isotropic method to the temporal domain allows also **temporal discontinuities**
(Weickert/Schnörr 2001)

$$E(\mathbf{w}) = \int_{\Omega \times T} \underbrace{\mathbf{w}^\top J \mathbf{w}}_{\text{data term}} + \alpha \underbrace{\Psi(|\nabla_3 u|^2 + |\nabla_3 v|^2)}_{\text{smoothness term}} dx dy dt .$$

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Minimisation with Spatiotemporal Smoothness Terms

- ◆ The Euler-Lagrange equations for spatiotemporal methods are given by

$$0 \stackrel{!}{=} F_u - \frac{\partial}{\partial x} F_{u_x} - \frac{\partial}{\partial y} F_{u_y} - \frac{\partial}{\partial t} F_{u_t},$$

$$0 \stackrel{!}{=} F_v - \frac{\partial}{\partial x} F_{v_x} - \frac{\partial}{\partial y} F_{v_y} - \frac{\partial}{\partial t} F_{v_t}$$

with (reflecting) Neumann boundary conditions $\mathbf{n}^\top \nabla_3 u = 0$ and $\mathbf{n}^\top \nabla_3 v = 0$.

- ◆ For the spatiotemporal variant of the Horn and Schunck method they thus read

$$0 = J_{11}u + J_{12}v + J_{13} - \alpha \Delta_3 u,$$

$$0 = J_{12}u + J_{22}v + J_{23} - \alpha \Delta_3 v$$

with (reflecting) Neumann boundary conditions $\mathbf{n}^\top \nabla_3 u = 0$ and $\mathbf{n}^\top \nabla_3 v = 0$.

- ◆ **New: Spatiotemporal** Laplacian $\Delta_3 u = u_{xx} + u_{yy} + u_{tt}$ instead of a spatial one.

Spatiotemporal Extensions (3)

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Discrete Euler-Lagrange Equations

- ◆ The discrete Euler-Lagrange equations for the spatiotemporal method of Horn and Schunck can be written as

$$0 = [J_{11}]_{i,j,k} u_{i,j,k} + [J_{12}]_{i,j,k} v_{i,j,k} + [J_{13}]_{i,j,k} - \alpha \sum_{l \in \{x,y,t\}} \sum_{(\tilde{i}, \tilde{j}, \tilde{k}) \in \mathcal{N}_l(i,j,k)} \frac{u_{\tilde{i}, \tilde{j}, \tilde{k}} - u_{i,j,k}}{h_l^2}$$

$$0 = [J_{12}]_{i,j,k} u_{i,j,k} + [J_{22}]_{i,j,k} v_{i,j,k} + [J_{23}]_{i,j,k} - \alpha \sum_{l \in \{x,y,t\}} \sum_{(\tilde{i}, \tilde{j}, \tilde{k}) \in \mathcal{N}_l(i,j,k)} \frac{v_{\tilde{i}, \tilde{j}, \tilde{k}} - v_{i,j,k}}{h_l^2}$$

for $i = 1, \dots, N$, $j = 1, \dots, M$ and $k = 1, \dots, Z$ (Z denotes the number of frames).

- here, $\mathcal{N}_l(i, j, k)$ denotes the set of neighbours of pixel i, j, k in direction of axis l (assuming **six** direct neighbours, i.e. two in each direction)
- as the spatial method these equations constitute a **linear equations system**; this time however w.r.t. the $2N \times M \times Z$ unknowns $u_{i,j,k}$ and $v_{i,j,k}$.
- for non-constant images the matrix of the linear system is positive definite (convergence of Gauß-Seidel method)

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Advantages and Shortcomings of Spatiotemporal Smoothness Terms

◆ Advantages

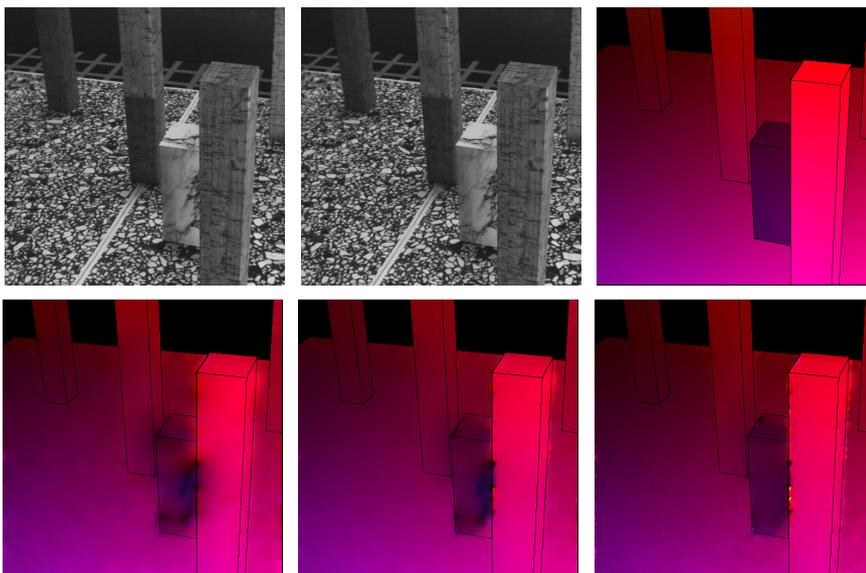
- allow to use more than two frames
- can make use of spatiotemporal presmoothing techniques
- are more robust due to spatiotemporal filling-in-effect
- can detect sub-pixel motion more accurately
- any smoothness term can be extended to the temporal domain
- can be combined with any data term/any constancy assumption
- computationally hardly more expensive per frame (less than 30%)

◆ Drawbacks

- not real-time suitable due to delayed en-block computation (require frames from the future to determine current frame)

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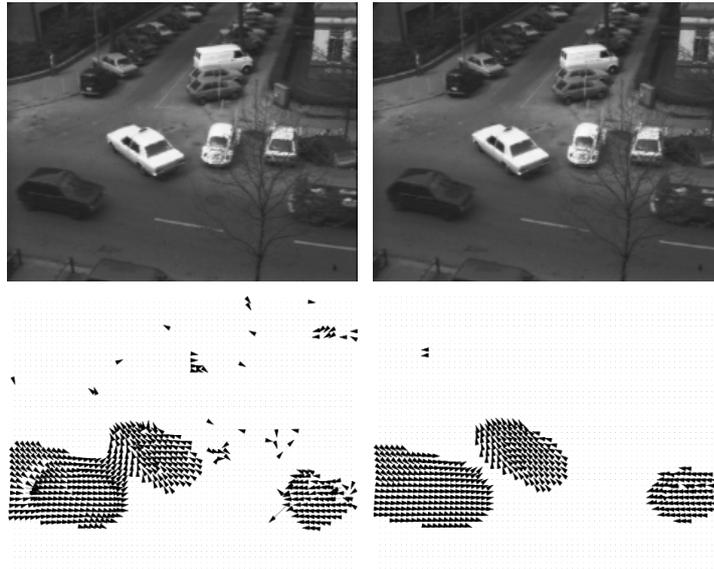
Results for Spatiotemporal Smoothness Terms



Results for the Old Marble Sequence (H.-H. Nagel). **(a) Upper Left:** Frame 16. **(b) Upper Center:** Frame 17. **(c) Upper Right:** Ground truth. **(d) Lower Left:** Homogeneous 2-D. **(e) Lower Center:** Flow-driven isotropic 2-D. **(f) Lower Right:** Flow-driven isotropic 3-D.

Spatiotemporal Extensions (6)

Results for Spatiotemporal Smoothness Terms



Results for the Taxi Sequence (H.-H. Nagel). (a) **Upper Left:** Frame 10. (b) **Upper Right:** Frame 11. (c) **Lower Left:** Homogeneous 2-D. (d) **Lower Right:** Homogeneous 3-D. *Author: J. Weickert*

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Spatiotemporal Extensions (7)

Results for Spatiotemporal Smoothness Terms

◆ Qualitative Evaluation for the Yosemite Sequence with Clouds

Technique		Frames	AAE
Horn and Schunck	(homogeneous)	2	7.12°
Horn and Schunck	(homogeneous)	3	6.83°
Horn and Schunck	(homogeneous)	4	6.54°
Horn and Schunck	(homogeneous)	5	6.56°
Horn and Schunck	(homogeneous)	6	6.23°
Horn and Schunck	(homogeneous)	8	6.31°
Horn and Schunck	(homogeneous)	10	6.30°
Horn and Schunck	(homogeneous)	12	6.25°

- ◆ The quality improves if more than two frames are used
- ◆ The number of frames should not be chosen too large (completely different types of motion may appear)

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Summary

- ◆ Locally integrating data terms improve the robustness under noise (CLG)
- ◆ Robust data terms yield a better performance in the presence of outliers
- ◆ Adaptive smoothness terms allow the preservations of motion discontinuities
 - image-driven smoothness terms adapt to image edges
 - flow-driven smoothness terms adapt to evolving flow edges
 - diffusion tensor notation as motion tensor equivalent for smoothness term
- ◆ Spatiotemporal smoothness terms allow to consider more than two frames
- ◆ Nonquadratic data and smoothness terms can be implemented using the lagged nonlinearity method (if the underlying penaliser functions are strictly convex)

Summary (2)

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Assignment 5

Programming Exercise (Gradient Constancy)

You can download the file `copcv09_ex05.tgz` from the web page

<http://www.mia.uni-saarland.de/Teaching/copcv09.shtml>

To unpack these data, use `tar xzvf copcv09_ex05.tgz`.

1. Supplement the routine `compute_motion_tensor()` in the C programme `horn_schunck.c` with missing code so that it computes the motion tensor of the *gradient constancy assumption*. You can approximate the required second order derivatives f_{xx} , f_{xy} , f_{yy} , f_{xt} , and f_{yt} by first computing f_x , f_y , and f_t and then applying a simple central difference scheme for additional x - and y - derivatives (without averaging). In order to compile your programme please use the contained makefile. The compiled programme is then executed by


```
./frontend <input_image1.pgm> <input_image2.pgm> <zoom_ratio> [ground_truth.F]
```

 where the integer parameter `zoom_ratio` is in general set to 1. The use of a ground truth file `ground_truth.F` is optional and triggers the computation of the average angular error (AAE).
2. Use the provided image pair `yos1.pgm` and `yos2.pgm` to optimise your results with respect to the average angular error (AAE).

Assignment 5

Programming Exercise (Backward Registration)

Use the same code for the second task.

3. Supplement the routine `backward_registration()` in the same C programme with missing code so that it compensates the second image by a given flow field.

4. You can use this routine by pressing `F8` after computing a displacement field. The motion compensated second frame is then written out as file `frame2_bw.pgm`. Use the Linux command

```
animate <frame1.pgm> <frame2_bw.pgm
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to visually compare the first and the motion compensated second visually for your best results for the sequences `yos1.pgm` and `yos2.pgm` as well as `rhein1.pgm` and `rhein2.pgm`. Do the results make sense in both cases?

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