

Implementation of Gabor Filter on ARM9 Processor

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Abstract: This work implements gabor filter on ARM9 board. Gabor filters are widely used as band pass filters in image processing for texture analysis, feature extraction, edge detection etc. They have frequency and orientation representation similar to human visual system. They have the property of self similarity that is every filter can be generated from mother wavelet. ARM9 processors have v4t architecture. It has strong arithametical capability. Since the ARM9 has features like camera interface, AHB, Enhanced DSP instruction, the filter implemented on ARM9 can be used for realtime image processing. This implementation uses Opencv functions
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I. Introduction

Gabor wavelet was proposed by Dennis Gabor in 1946. He defined the "quantum principle" for information: the time-frequency domain for 1D signals must be quantised in such a way, there should not be any signal or filter that can occupy less than a certain minimal area in it. The minimal area which represents trade off between time resolution and frequency resolution has a lower limit in this [1]. He showed that Gaussian modulated complex exponentials provides the best representation. The original Gabor functions are generated with fixed Gaussian. Many image processing tasks can be done using Gabor wavelets. In fact Gabor wavelet can be treated as a magnifying lense for seeing the features of image. J.G Dugman showed that the Gabor coefficient mimics the visual cells of humans [6]. They are used in even remote sensing of data.

ARM processors can be used for image processing with the support of high computational facility, clock frequency, cycle count, pipeline design and extra peripherals. The used processor system on a chip does not integrate image processor.

The pipelining, storage, display interfaces and other modules increase the number of simultaneous computations. ARM processors support operating systems such as Android, Linux, WinCE, Nucleus, Integrity etc. It has low cost development tools. With simple text editor and GCC we can compile the code. In contrast to traditional image processing equipments which are bulky, consume more power, and costly ARM line processors offer a good image processing solution [9]. They can perform in realtime also. Moreover ARM shows adaptability to software packages which means we can port packages like matlab and opencv to the ARM [10].

II. Gabor Wavelet

Generalized the Gabor function to the following 2D form in order to model the receptive fields of the orientation selective simple cells [6]:

$$\varphi_i(y_i) = \frac{l_j^2}{\sigma^2} \frac{\exp(l_j^2 y_0^2)}{\sigma^2} [x^{l_m y} - \exp\frac{-\sigma^2}{2}] \quad (1)$$

Each i is a plane wave characterized by the vector l_i enveloped by a Gaussian function, where σ is the standard deviation of this Gaussian. The center frequency of i th filter is given by the characteristic wave vector

$$l_i = \begin{pmatrix} l_i x \\ l_i y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} l_v \cos\theta\mu \\ l_v \sin\theta\mu \end{bmatrix} \quad (2)$$

having a scale and orientation given by (l_v, θ) . The first term determines the oscillatory part of the kernel, and the second term compensates for the DC value. If we subtract the DC response, Gabor filters show no response to the overall level of illumination.

Neurophysiological study about the receptive field of simple cells shows that spatial structure of the cells having different size is virtually invariant. Daugman proved that ensemble of simple cells is modeled as a family

of sampled 2D gabor wavelet in log-polar model .By this process we will get a class equivalent to affine coherent states generated by rotation and dilation.This process of decomposition is called wavelet transform of the image[5]

$$s_j(y) = \int j(y)\psi_j(y - y^l)dy \tag{3}$$

Where $j(y)$ is the image intensity value at y . Each member of gabor wavelet represents receptive field structure of a simple cell in visual cortex.Gabor decomposition mimics directional microscope with some orientation and scaling scenarios.

Gabor wavelet transform is introduced and widely used in computer vision area . U.s government conducted a program to find the best algorithm for facerecognition.In that Gabor wavelet based system was the best one[4].

III. Implementation Of Gabor Wavelet

In this work Gabor filter is implemented on opencv.We used the formula Gabor=Gaussian*Fourier multiplication of a harmonic function with Gaussian function gives Impulse function.The filter has both real and imaginary component.We can use either the real or imaginary part separately or can be used as a complex number.

$$gab(a, b; \lambda, \theta, \varphi, \sigma) = \exp(-(a^i)^2 + (b^i)^2)2\sigma^2 \exp(i(2\pi a^i \lambda)) \tag{4}$$

Real

$$gab(a, b; \lambda, \theta, \varphi, \sigma) = \exp(-(a^i)^2 + (b^i)^2)2\sigma^2 \cos(i(2\pi a^i \lambda + \varphi)) \tag{5}$$

Imaginary

$$gab(a, b; \lambda, \theta, \varphi, \sigma) = \exp(-(a^i)^2 + (b^i)^2)2\sigma^2 \sin(i(2\pi a^i \lambda + \varphi)) \tag{6}$$

$$\begin{aligned} a^i &= a \cos\theta + b \sin\theta . \\ b^i &= -a \sin\theta + b \cos\theta . \end{aligned} \tag{7}$$

λ = the wavelength of the sinusoidal factor,
 θ = the orientation of the gabor function,
 φ = the phase offset,
 σ = denotes the Gaussian envelope and denotes spatial aspect ratio.

Here the output of the filter may not be an image ,it can be a list of values or parameter.Most image processing take the image as two dimensional signal. Here resizing the image is important.Also the image is converted in to the pixel matrix[3]

IV. Result

Gabor wavelet is implemented on the ARM9 board .The result is as shown in figure.It can be used for edge detection, facerecognition etc.All these are subjects to future work.

TABLE I: Gabor coefficients

serial number	Coefficients
1	.00737943
2	1.25E -04
3	-4.00E -06
4	3.46E -07
5	5.51E -08
6	2.45e -12
7	-1.38e -11
8	3.55e -13
9	7.53e -14

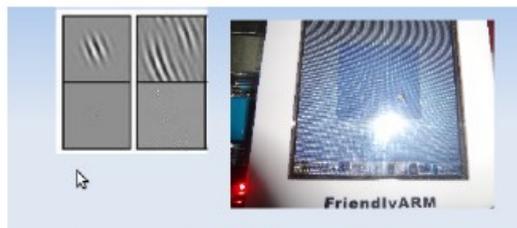


Fig. 1: gabor coefficients generated on ARM.

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