

Tutorial 2: Medizinische Bildverarbeitung

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 - ▶ MINT: 8 Institutes
- ▶ Small, Excellent, Interactive, Multidisciplinary

MINT Section: Math, Info, Nat.-Sci, Tech

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14. Telematik
15. Theoretische Informatik

MIC: Mathematics and Image Computing

- ▶ Prof. Dr. B. Fischer, 1957–2013
- ▶ Prof. Dr. J. Modersitzki
- ▶ Prof. Dr. N.N.
- ▶ Dipl.-Math. Constantin Heck
- ▶ M.Sc. Thomas Polzin
- ▶ Dipl.-Math. Sebastian Suhr, with M. Burger, WWU Münster



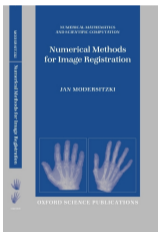
MIC: Mathematics and Image Computing

- ▶ Image Enhancement, Denoising
- ▶ Segmentation
- ▶ **Registration**
- ▶ Reconstruction

- ▶ Classical Methods (Filter, Fourier, Wavelets, . . .)
- ▶ Inverse Problems
- ▶ Modeling
- ▶ Numerical Methods for Image Processing
- ▶ Numerical Optimization
- ▶ Partial Differential Equations
- ▶ Variational Methods

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Image Registration, Data Fusion, Motion Correction

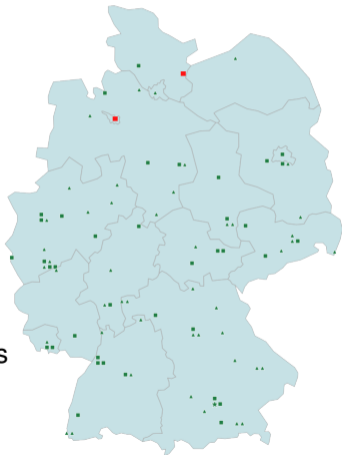


- ▶ **Jan Modersitzki**, Numerical Methods for Image Registration, Oxford University Press, New York, 2004.
- ▶ **FAIR**: <http://www.siam.org/books/fa06/>
- ▶ **Jan Modersitzki**, Flexible Algorithms for Image Registration, SIAM, Philadelphia, 2009.



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- ▶ applied research & prototyping (car industry, MP3, etc)
- ▶ Bridges industry and academic
- ▶ Largest organization for **applied research** in Europe:
 - ≈ 23.000 employees
 - ≈ 2,1 billion € per year
- ▶ about 80 units
 - Institutes and ▲ Project Groups
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▶ Institute for Medical Image Computing

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 ≈ 100 researcher
 $\approx 9 \cdot 10^6$ €

▶ Multidisciplinary R&D

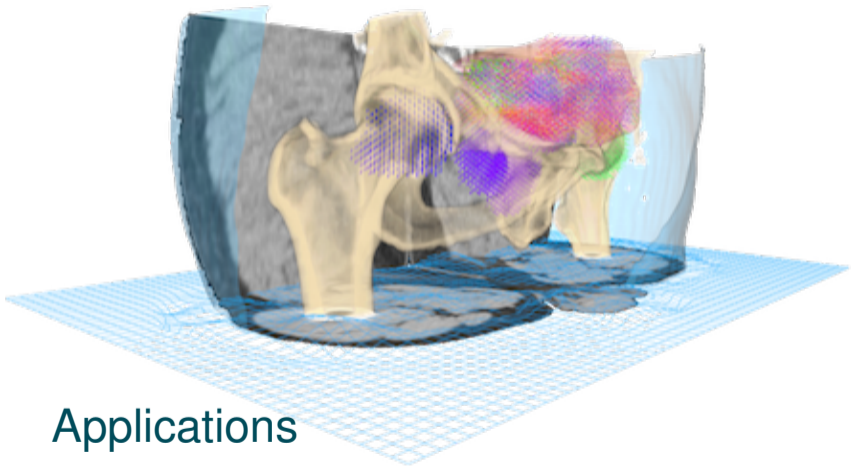
- ▶ Image acquisition, analysis, computing, denoising, enhancement, reconstruction, segmentation, visualization
- ▶ Modelling and simulation
- ▶ Applications, workflow and usability engineering



▶ Solutions for Clinical Problems

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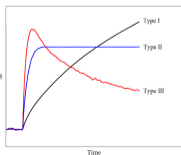
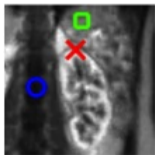
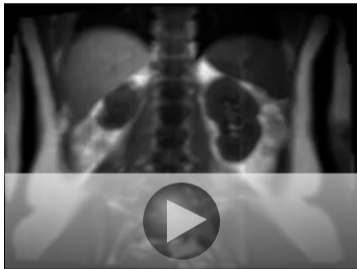
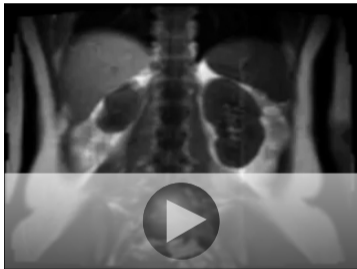




Applications

Dynamic Contrast Enhanced Magnetic Resonance Imaging Constantin Heck

with J. Rørvik, Haukeland Clinic and A. Lundevold, U Bergen

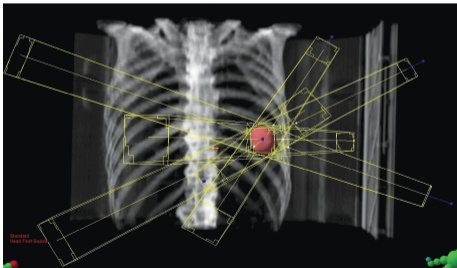
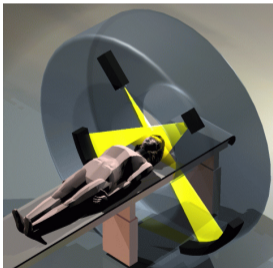


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Radiation Therapy

Mark Schenk, Nadine Traulsen

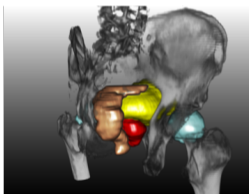
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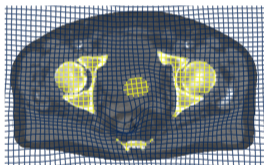
Local Rigidity in Radiation Therapy

Lars König, Nils Papenberg

with Benjamin Haas and Michael Wachsbüsch, Varian Medical



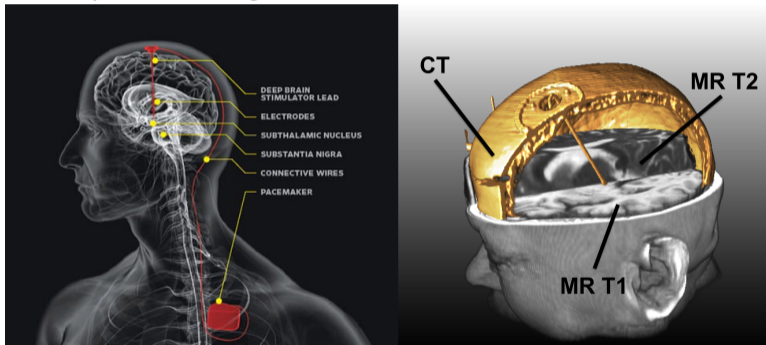
Deformation grid (■) with rigid areas (■)



König, Papenberg, Haas, Modersitzki: *Deformable Registration for Adaptive Radiotherapy with Guaranteed Local Rigidity Constraints*, Varian Research Partnership Symposium 2013

Guided Intervention: Deep Brain Stimulation

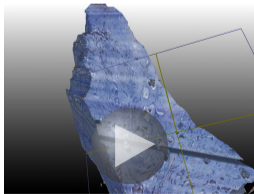
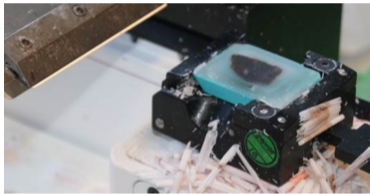
Kanglin Chen, Stefan Heldmann, Jan Rühaak
with Sapiens Steering Brain Stimulation B.V./NL



Rühaak et al.: *Accurate CT-MR image registration for deep brain stimulation: a multi-observer evaluation study*, SPIE 2015

Digital Pathology, Virtual Histology

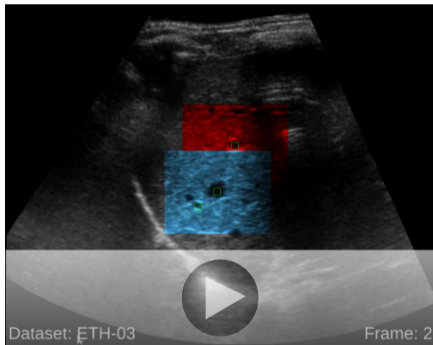
Judith Lotz, Johannes Lotz, Janine Olesch, Herbert Thiele



Lotz et al.: *Zooming in: High Resolution 3D Reconstruction of Differently Stained Histological Whole Slide Images*, SPIE 2014

Real-time Tracking

Till Kipshagen, Lars König, Jan Rühaak

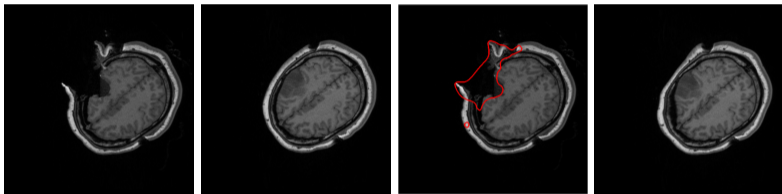


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Automatic Detection of Non-Correspondences

Kanglin Chen, Alexander Derksen

Brain-Shift

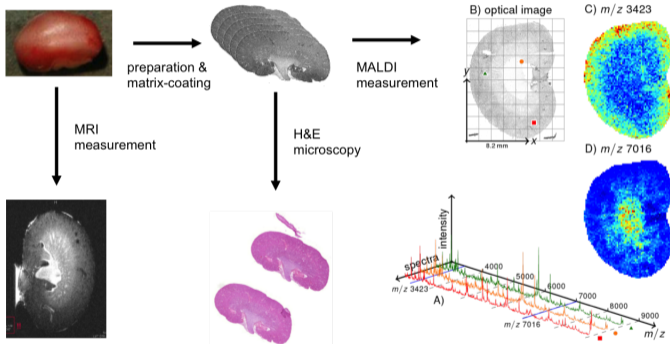


$$\mathcal{J}(\mathbf{y}, \Sigma) = \int_{\Omega \setminus \Sigma} |\mathcal{T}[\mathbf{y}] - R|^2 dx + \mathcal{S}[\mathbf{y}] + \text{Vol}(\Sigma) + \text{Per}(\Sigma) \xrightarrow{\mathbf{y}, \Sigma} \min$$

Chen, Derksen, Heldmann, Hallmann, Berkels: *Deformable Image Registration with Automatic Non-Correspondence Detection*, SSVM 2015

MALDI: Matrix-Assisted Laser Desorption/Ionization, 1 of 2

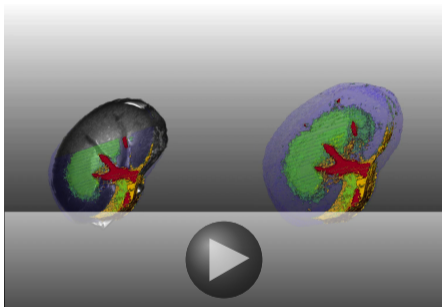
Stefan Heldmann, Judith Lotz, Herbert Thiele
BMBF funded



Thiele, Heldmann, Lotz: *2D and 3D MALDI-imaging: Conceptual strategies for visualization and data mining*, Biochem Biophys Acta, 2014

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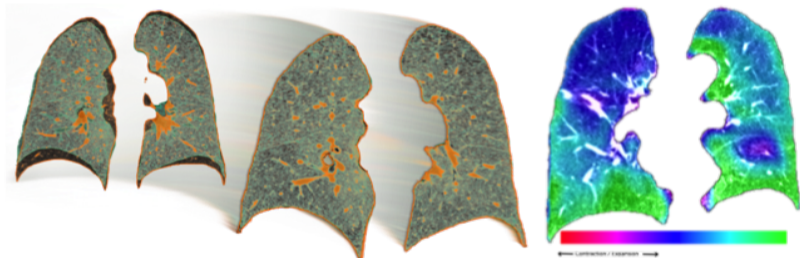


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Lung Registration with Volume Analysis

Stefan Heldmann, Till Kipshagen, Jan Rühaak

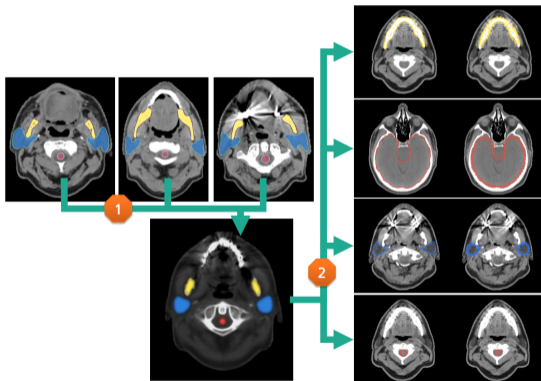
with Hoen-oh Shin from Hannover Medical School



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Atlases: Information Transfer

Kanglin Chen, Alexander Derksen, Marc Hallmann



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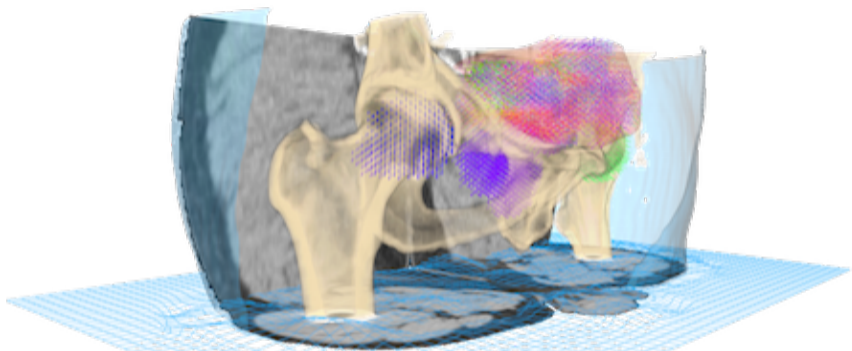


Image Registration

$$\mathcal{D}[\mathcal{T}[y], \mathcal{R}] + \mathcal{S}[y] \xrightarrow{y} \min, \quad y \in \mathcal{A}$$

Images Registration Approaches

- ▶ Demons
- ▶ Discrete approaches (optimization)
- ▶ Heuristics
- ▶ Mass-Transportation (Monge-Kantorovich Problem)
- ▶ Optical Flow
- ▶ Transport problems (geodesics, diffeomorphisms)
- ▶ Statistical approaches: Maximum A Posteriori probability
- ▶ Variational approaches

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Mathematical Modelling

- ▶ Data model, images: $\mathcal{T}, \mathcal{R} \in \mathcal{C}_c^1(\mathbb{R}^d, G)$, here: $G = \mathbb{R}$
- ▶ Interpolation / approximation: $\mathcal{T}(x) = \text{model}(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{T}, x)$
- ▶ Transformation model: $y : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d, \quad \mathcal{T}[y] := \mathcal{T} \circ y$

$$\mathcal{T}[y](x) := \mathcal{T}(y(x)) = \text{model}(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{T}, y(x))$$

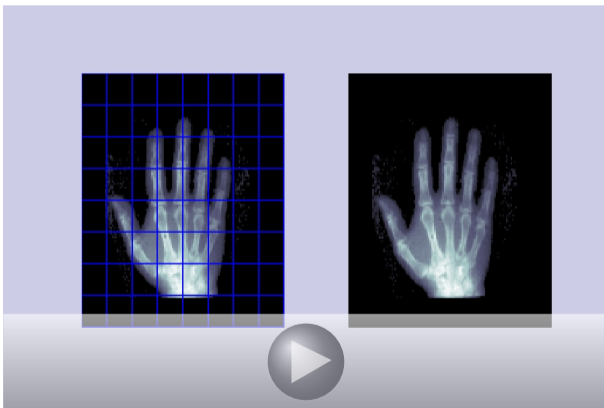
- ▶ Similarity of $\mathcal{T}[y]$ and \mathcal{R} : $\mathcal{D}[y] = \mathcal{D}[\mathcal{T}[y], \mathcal{R}]$
- ▶ Regularity of y : $\mathcal{S}[y]$
- ▶ Plausibility or constraints on y : $y \in \mathcal{A}$, admissible

Image Registration: Variational Formulation

$$\mathcal{J}[y] := \mathcal{D}[\mathcal{T}[y], \mathcal{R}] + \alpha \mathcal{S}[y] \xrightarrow{y} \min, \quad y \in \mathcal{A}$$

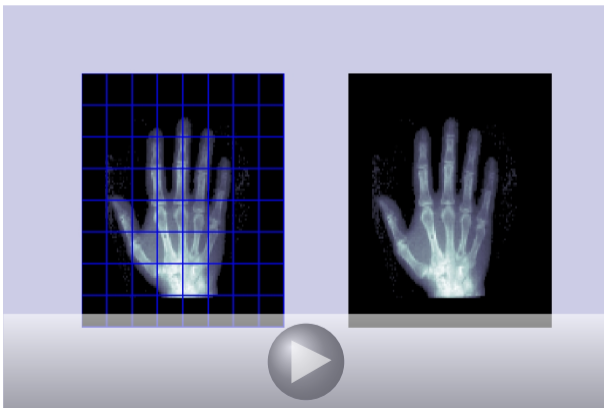
Transforming Images: Scaling

$$\mathcal{T}[y](x) = \mathcal{T}(y(x)) = \text{model}(X, \mathbb{T}, y(x))$$



Transforming Images: Non-linear

$$\mathcal{T}[y](x) = \mathcal{T}(y(x)) = \text{model}(X, \mathbb{T}, y(x))$$



Optimize then Discretize

$$\mathcal{J}[y] := \mathcal{D}[\mathcal{T}[y], \mathcal{R}] + \alpha \mathcal{S}[y] \xrightarrow{y} \min, \quad y \in \mathcal{A}$$

- ▶ $\nabla \mathcal{J} = 0 \rightsquigarrow$ ELE, PDE

$$(y_t =) \quad f(y) + \alpha A y = 0$$

- ▶ Issues: root finding, no optimization; no solid stopping
- ▶ Discretization issues: symmetry, boundary conditions
- ▶ Intuitive (Thirion's Demons!):

compute **forces** $f := f(y)$

apply **smoothing** $y \leftarrow G_\alpha * f, G_\alpha \approx (\alpha A)^{-1}$

Discretize then Optimize

$$\mathcal{J}[y] := \mathcal{D}[\mathcal{T}[y], \mathcal{R}] + \alpha \mathcal{S}[y] \xrightarrow{y} \min, \quad y \in \mathcal{A}$$

- ▶ discretizations $J^h, y^h, h \rightarrow 0$
- ▶ fixed h yields finite dimensional optimization problem

$$J(y^h) = \mathcal{D}(y^h) + \alpha \mathcal{S}(y^h) \xrightarrow{y^h} \min, \quad y^h \in \mathcal{A}^h$$

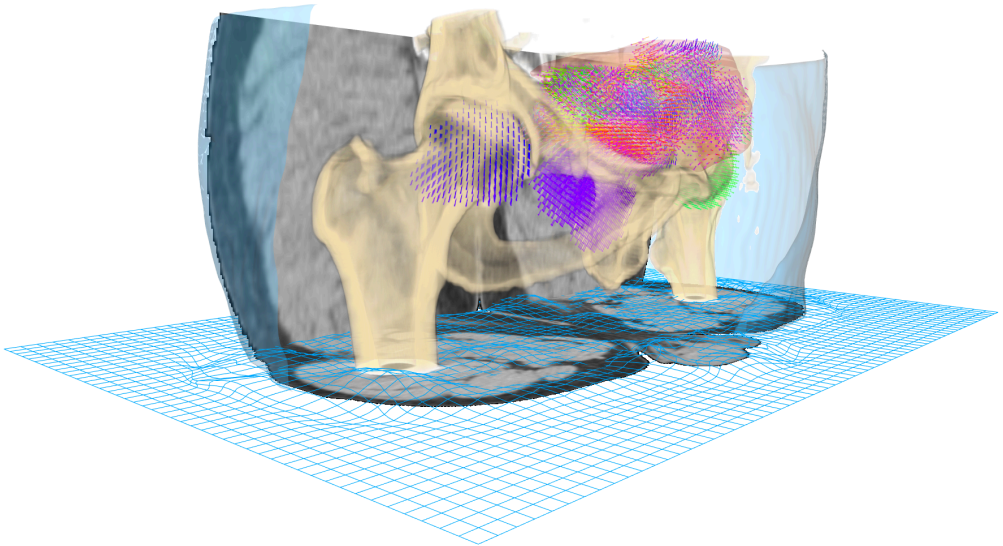
- ▶ efficient optimization schemes (Newton-type)
- ▶ proper stopping rules
- ▶ propagating y^h with respect to h
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**“Your x-ray showed a broken rib,
but we fixed it with Photoshop.”**



Data Models and Images: \mathcal{T} and \mathcal{R}

$$\mathcal{D}[\mathcal{T}[y], \mathcal{R}] + \mathcal{S}[y] \xrightarrow{y} \min$$

Outline

- General remarks, digital image processing
- Discrete data \mapsto continuous
- Scale-space
- Multilevel
- Continuous model \mapsto family of discretizations (grids, X^h , $h \rightarrow 0$)
- $\mathcal{T}[y]$: image transformations
- Derivatives ∂

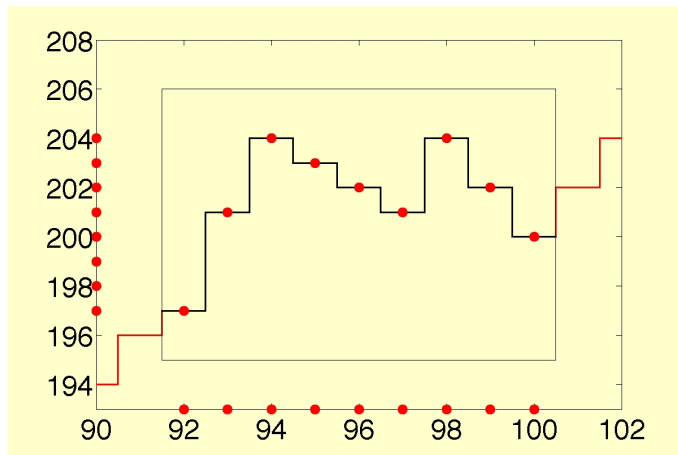
Digital Image Processing

Digital Image Processing



$\mathcal{T} : \Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow G \subset \mathbb{R}$, image dimension $d = 2, 3, 4$

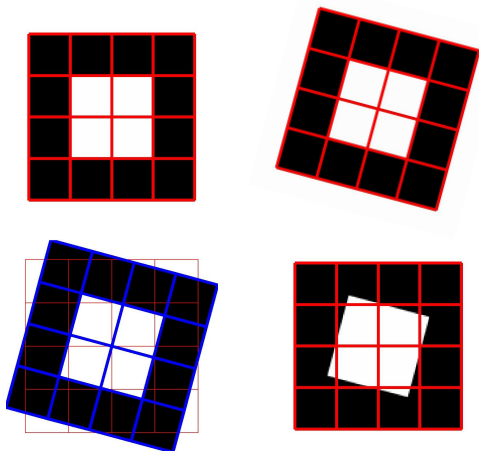
Images: a Closeup



images come **discrete**: $\text{TD} : \underbrace{\Omega \cap \mathbb{Z}^d}_{=: \text{XD, grid}} \rightarrow G \cap \mathbb{Z}$

The world is not discrete

Rotation of a discrete 4-by-4 pixel image



pixels/voxels do not transform naturally – **interpolation** is required

$D \rightarrow C$: discrete to continuous

Variational Approach for Image Registration

$$\mathcal{D}[\mathcal{T}[y], \mathcal{R}] + \mathcal{S}[y] \xrightarrow{y} \min$$

- Continuous models \mathcal{R}, \mathcal{T} for reference and template:

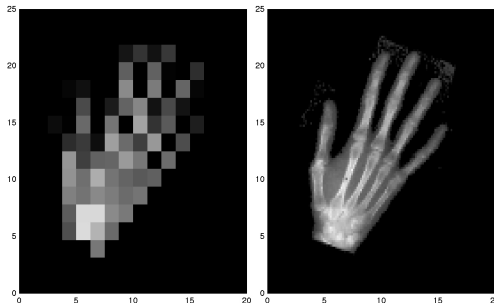
discrete data $X, T \rightsquigarrow \mathcal{T}[x] = \text{model}(X, T, x, \Theta)$

- Transformation $y: \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$

$$\mathcal{T}[y](x) = \mathcal{T}[y(x)] = \text{model}(X, T, y(x), \Theta)$$

Visualization and Discretization

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MATLAB  
f=@(x) sin(2*pi*x);  
m=5; m=5001;  
x=linspace(0,1,m);  
plot(x,f(x),'b-');  
  
setupHandData;  
T=@(x) inter(dataT,omega,x);  
m=[8,8]; m=[128,128];  
x=getCellCenteredGrid(omega,m);  
viewImagesc(T(x),omega,m);
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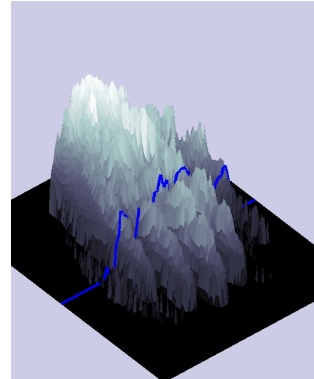
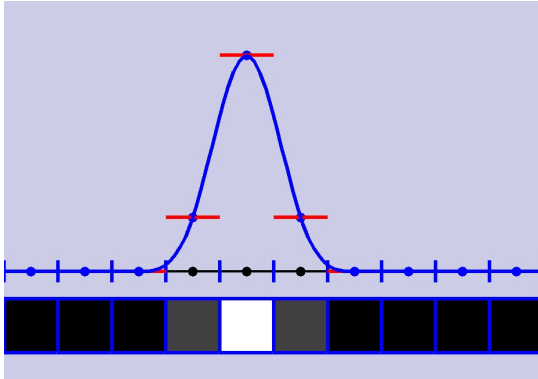


Integration: $h = 1/m$

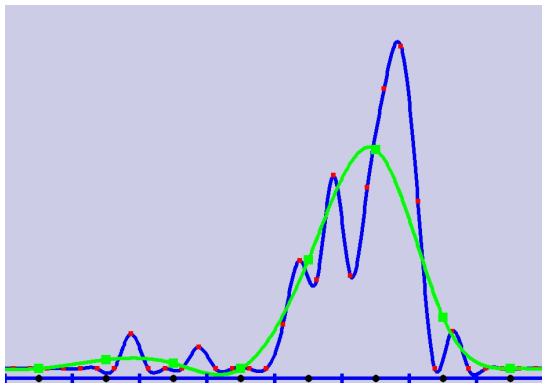
$$\int_0^1 f(x) dx = h \sum_{i=1}^m f(x_i) + \mathcal{O}(h^2), \quad m = ???$$

coarse: h big, inexpensive, inaccurate
fine: h small, expensive, accurate

Interpolation



Multilevel

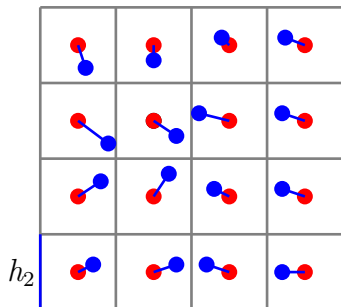


Sampling and Grids, Resolution

C→D: continuous to discrete

Discrete Transformed Image

- Given: discrete data TD and XD and interpolation scheme
 $\mathcal{T}[x] = \text{model}(\text{XD}, \text{TD}, x)$, continuous representation
- Wanted: discrete transformed image, $T(y^h)$



- grid point, $i = (i_1, i_2)$
 $(x_i^{h,1}, x_i^{h,2}) := [(i_1 - \frac{1}{2})h_1, (i_2 - \frac{1}{2})h_2]$
- grid (collecting all grid-points)
 $x^h := [x^{h,1}, x^{h,2}] := [x_i^{h,1}, x_i^{h,2}]_i$
- transformed grid
 $y^h := [y^{h,1}, y^{h,2}] := [y_i^{h,1}, y_i^{h,2}]_i$

$$h_1 \quad T(y^h) = [\mathcal{T}[y_i^h], \text{ all } i] = \text{discrete image}$$

$$\mathcal{T}[y] = [\mathcal{T}[y(x)], \text{ all } x] = \text{continuous image}$$

Derivatives

⇒ fast numerical optimization

Example: Derivatives for 2D Spline based \mathcal{T}

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{T}[x] &= \sum c_{i,j} b_i(x^1) b_j(x^2) \\ \partial_1 \mathcal{T}[x] &= \sum c_{i,j} b_i'(x^1) b_j(x^2), \quad \text{analytic derivative!} \\ \partial_2 \mathcal{T}[x] &= \sum c_{i,j} b_i(x^1) b_j'(x^2), \quad \text{analytic derivative!}\end{aligned}$$

y collection of n points in d dimensional space (here, $d = 2$)

$$y = \begin{pmatrix} (y_1^1, y_1^2) \\ \vdots \\ (y_n^1, y_n^2) \end{pmatrix}$$
$$T(y) = \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{T}[y_1^1, y_1^2] \\ \vdots \\ \mathcal{T}[y_n^1, y_n^2] \end{pmatrix}}_{\in \mathbb{R}^n}, \quad dT = \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} \partial_1 \mathcal{T}[y_1] & & \partial_2 \mathcal{T}[y_1] & & \\ & \ddots & & \ddots & \\ & & \partial_1 \mathcal{T}[y_n] & & \partial_2 \mathcal{T}[y_n] \end{pmatrix}}_{\in \mathbb{R}^{n, 2n}, \text{ sparse!}}$$

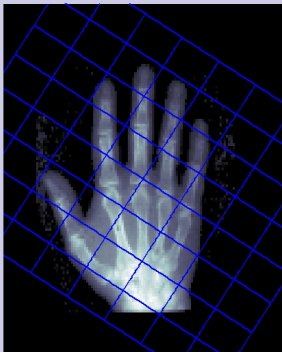
dT is an **analytic derivative**, don't mess with gradients!

Transforming Images

$$\mathcal{D}[\mathcal{T}[y], \mathcal{R}] + \mathcal{S}[y] \xrightarrow{y} \min$$

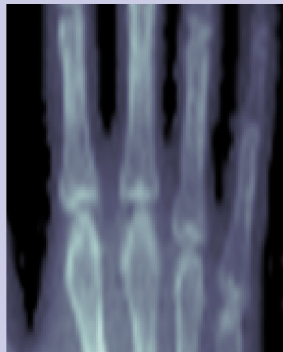
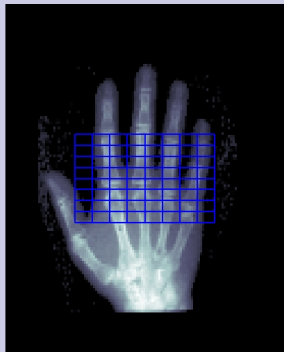
Transforming Images, **rotation**

$$\mathcal{T}[y](x) = \mathcal{T}[y(x)] = \text{model}(X, T, y(x))$$



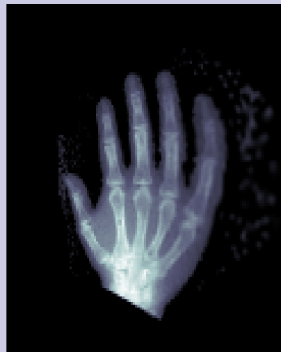
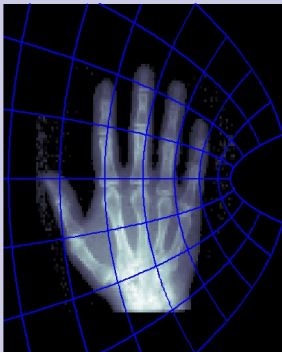
Transforming Images, **scale**

$$\mathcal{T}[y](x) = \mathcal{T}[y(x)] = \text{model}(X, T, y(x))$$



Transforming Images, **non-linear**

$$\mathcal{T}[y](x) = \mathcal{T}[y(x)] = \text{model}(X, T, y(x))$$



Transformation Models

Parametric transformations

- Finite-dimensional and linear space \mathcal{Q} , $y \in \mathcal{Q}$

$$y(x) = \sum_{j=1}^m w_j q_j(x) = Q(x) w, \quad \text{or: } y(w, x) = Q(x) P(w)$$

Non-Parametric transformations

- regularize y by $\mathcal{S}[y]$

Example: Affine Linear Transformations

$$y(w, x) = \sum_{j=1}^m w_j q_j(x) = Q(x)w, \quad \text{or: } y(w, x) = Q(x) P(w)$$

2D affine linear, six degrees of freedom: $w = (w_1^1, w_2^1, w_3^1, w_1^2, w_2^2, w_3^2)^\top$

$$y(w, x) = \begin{pmatrix} w_1^1 & w_2^1 \\ w_1^2 & w_2^2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x^1 \\ x^2 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} w_3^1 \\ w_3^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$y^\ell(w, x) = w_1^\ell x^1 + w_2^\ell x^2 + w_3^\ell \cdot 1 = [x^1, x^2, 1] w^\ell, \quad \ell = 1, 2$$

$$y(w, x) = \begin{pmatrix} x^1 & x^2 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & x^1 & x^2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} w = Q(x) w$$

Interpolation Toolbox

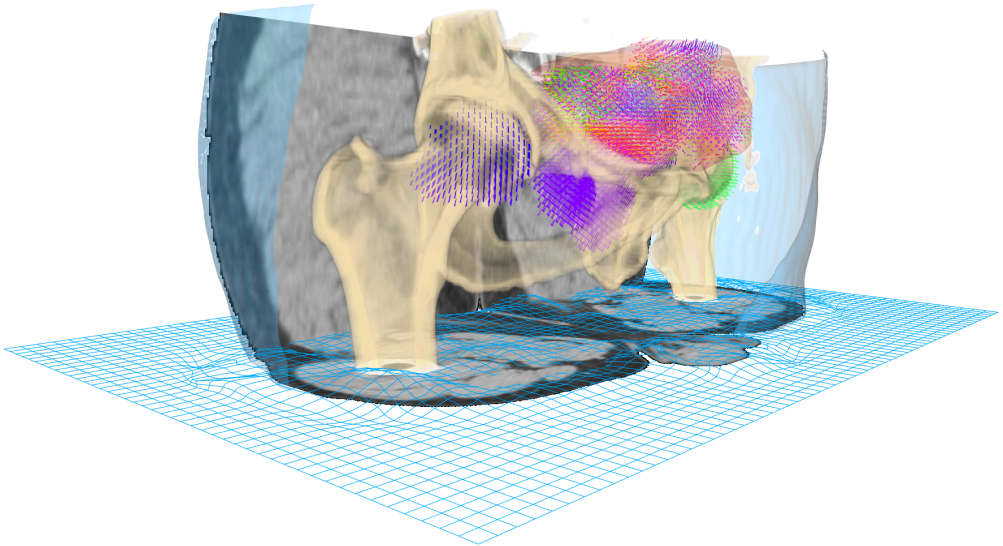
- Continuous models \mathcal{R}, \mathcal{T} for reference and template required interpolation / approximation / scale-space

$$\mathcal{T}[x] := \text{model}(X, T, x, \Theta)$$

- **Differentiability**: analytic derivatives a.e.
- Multi-resolution framework
- Transformed image (Eulerian framework)

$$\mathcal{T}[y](x) := \mathcal{T}[y(x)] = \text{model}(X, T, y(x), \Theta)$$

- **Numerics**: discretization x^h of Ω , T^h of \mathcal{T} , R^h of \mathcal{R}
- **Multilevel ! (discussed later)**



Distance Measures

$$\mathcal{D}[T[y], \mathcal{R}] + \mathcal{S}[y] \xrightarrow{y} \min$$

Example

R

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 4 | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 4 | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

T

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
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$(T_i - R_i)^2$

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 0 | 1 | 4 | 9 | 4 | 1 |
| 0 | 1 | 4 | 9 | 4 | 1 |
| 0 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 4 | 1 |
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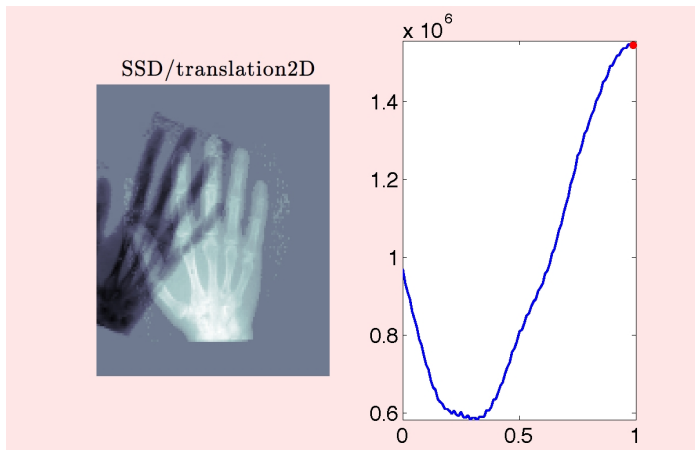
$$\mathcal{D}[T, \mathcal{R}] = \frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega} (\mathcal{T}[x] - \mathcal{R}(x))^2 dx \approx \frac{h}{2} \sum_i (T_i - R_i)^2$$

Example: SSD versus shifts, **linear** $\mathcal{T}[y]$

Example: $y(x) = (x_1 + w, x_2)$, w shift parameter

$$|\mathcal{T}[w] - \mathcal{R}|$$

$\mathcal{D}^{\text{SSD}}[\mathcal{T}[w], \mathcal{R}]$ versus w

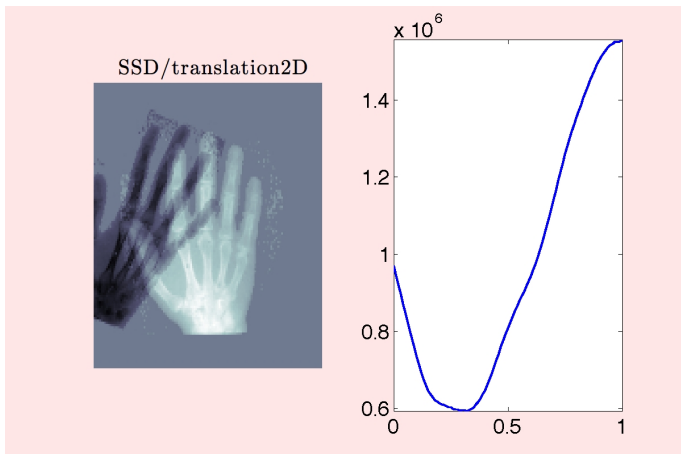


Example: SSD versus shifts, B-spline $\mathcal{T}[y]$

Example: $y(x) = (x_1 + w, x_2)$, w shift parameter

$$|\mathcal{T}[w] - \mathcal{R}|$$

$\mathcal{D}^{\text{SSD}}[\mathcal{T}[w], \mathcal{R}]$ versus w



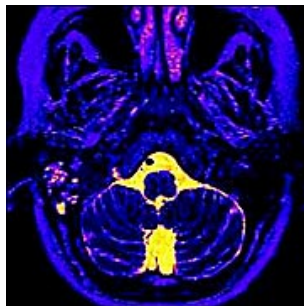
Sum of Squared Differences

- ☀ Simple
- ☀ Robust, least squares measure
- ☀ Intuitive
- ☀ Fast to compute, $\mathcal{O}(n)$
- ☁ Only for images of the same modality
- ☁ Integral measure, no point-to-point correspondence

Multi-Modal Images



?



Motivation

Goal: simple, intensity independent distance measure

Observation: $\mathcal{D} = \mathcal{D}[\mathcal{T}[y], \mathcal{R}]$

$$\underbrace{d_y \mathcal{D}}_{\text{force field}} = \underbrace{d_{\mathcal{T}} \mathcal{D}}_{\text{weights}} \cdot \underbrace{\nabla \mathcal{T}^{\top}}_{\text{edge image}}$$

Idea: use the gradient field $\nabla \mathcal{T}$ directly

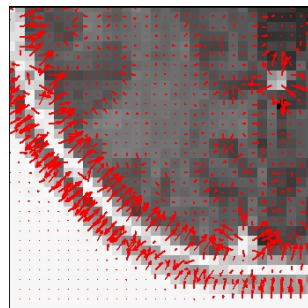
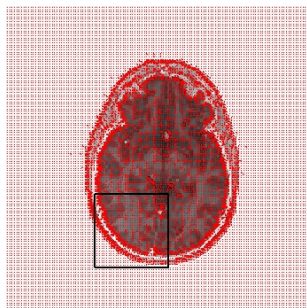
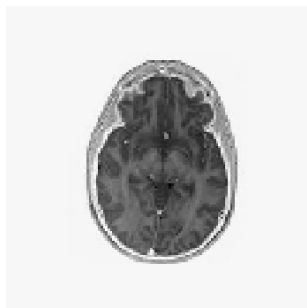
Motivation

But: ignore intensities $\rightsquigarrow \vec{n} = \frac{\nabla \mathcal{T}}{\|\nabla \mathcal{T}\|}$

Regularize: $\vec{n}_\eta = \frac{\nabla \mathcal{T}}{\sqrt{\|\nabla \mathcal{T}\|^2 + \eta^2}}$

edge-parameter η : differentiates edges and noise

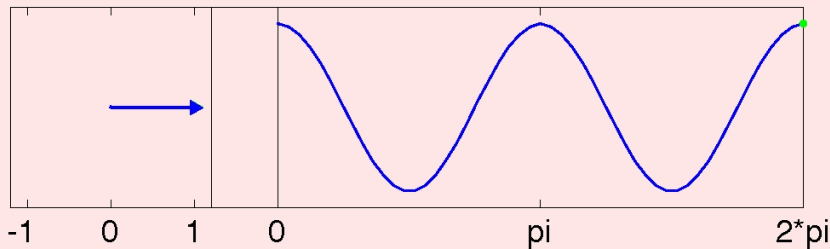
Example: Normalized Gradient Field



Gradient based distance measure

pointwise linear dependency of $\vec{n}^{\mathcal{T}}$ and $\vec{n}^{\mathcal{R}}$:

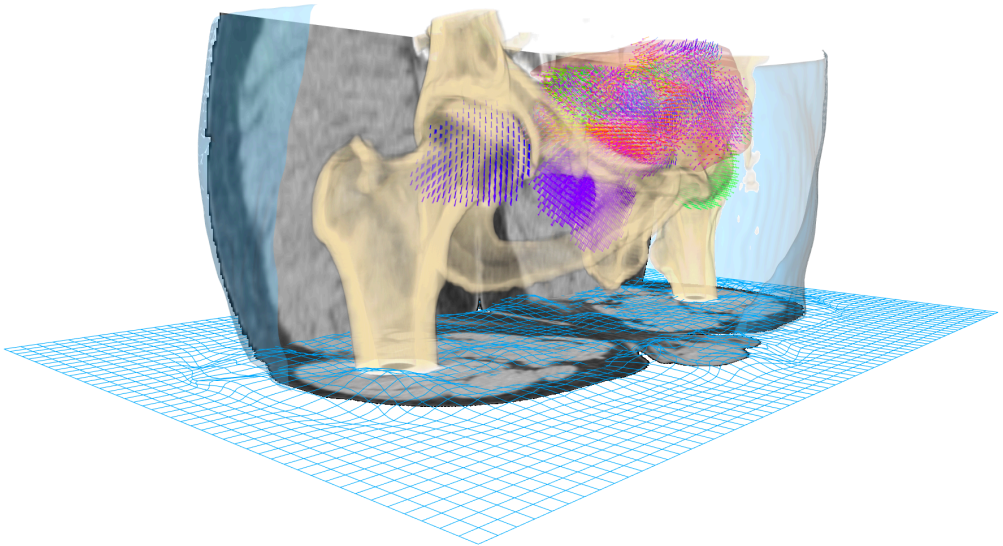
$$\cos \angle(\vec{n}^{\mathcal{T}}, \vec{n}^{\mathcal{R}})^2$$



$$\mathcal{D}^{\text{NGF}}[\mathcal{T}, \mathcal{R}] = \int_{\Omega} 1 - \left((\vec{n}^{\mathcal{T}})^{\top} \vec{n}^{\mathcal{R}} \right)^2 dx$$

Normalized Gradient Fields

- Two images are considered to be similar, if intensity changes occur at the same locations
- Focus on edges not on intensities
- Intuitive and interpretable, distances relate to spatial positions
- No tuning parameters
- Accessible for fast (derivative based) optimization schemes
- Accessible for multi-resolution
- Easy and straightforward to implement



Parametric Image Registration

$$\mathcal{D}[\mathcal{T}[y], \mathcal{R}] + \mathcal{S}[y] \xrightarrow{y} \min$$

Parametric Image Registration

Reduced Model

$$\mathcal{D}[T[y], \mathcal{R}] \stackrel{y}{=} \min \quad \text{subject to} \quad y \in \mathcal{Q}$$

- Distance measure \mathcal{D} (e.g., SSD)
- Finite-dimensional and linear space \mathcal{Q}

$$y(w, x) = \sum_{j=1}^m w_j q_j(x) = Q(x) w, \quad \text{or: } y(w, x) = Q(x) P(w)$$

Optimization

Parametric Registration

$$\mathcal{D}[\mathcal{T}[y], \mathcal{R}] \stackrel{y}{=} \min \quad \text{s.t.} \quad y \in \mathcal{Q} = \{Q(x) w, w \in \mathbb{R}^p\}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{D}[\mathcal{T}[y], \mathcal{R}] &\approx \frac{h}{2} \|T(y^h) - R\|_{\mathbb{R}^n}^2 &=: D(y^h) \\ y = Q(x) w &\approx Q(x^h) w = Q^h w &=: y^h \end{aligned}$$

Discretized Parametric Registration

$$D(w) = D(Q^h w) = \frac{h}{2} \|T(Q^h w) - R\|_{\mathbb{R}^n}^2 \stackrel{w}{=} \min$$

Optimization techniques:

- Steepest Descent, Gauß-Newton, Levenberg-Marquardt, BFGS, ...

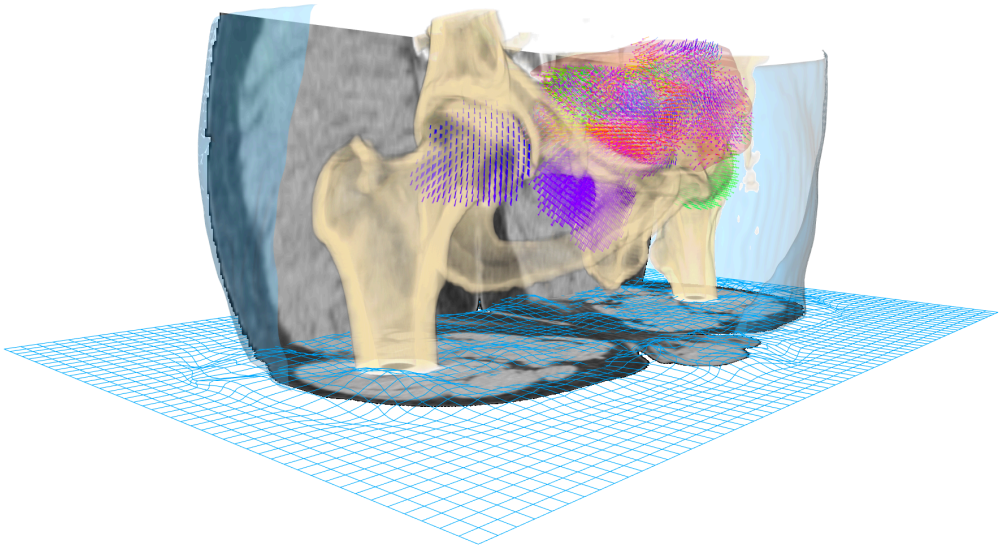
Gauß-Newton scheme

- Goal: $D(r(w)) \stackrel{w}{=} \min$
- Quadratic model: $H = dr^\top d^2 D dr + "dD d^2 r"$
- Gauß-Newton: linearize the inner function

$$D(r(w + u)) \approx D(r + dr u) \stackrel{u}{=} \min$$

- Necessary condition for minimizer: $d_w D + Hu \stackrel{!}{=} 0$

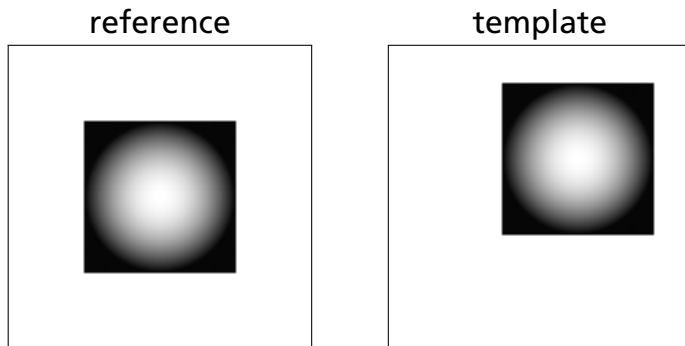
$$H = d_u^2 D(r + dr u) = dr^\top d^2 D dr$$



Regularization

$$\mathcal{D}[\mathcal{T}[y], \mathcal{R}] + \mathcal{S}[y] \xrightarrow{y} \min$$

Ill-posedness of Parametric Registration



How to match reference and template using **only rigid** transformations?

Implicit versus Explicit Regularization ...

Registration is ill-posed \rightsquigarrow requires regularization

■ Parametric Registration

- restriction to (low-dimensional) space (rigid, affine linear, spline,...)
- regularized by properties of the space (implicit)
- not physical or model based

■ Non-parametric Registration

- regularization by adding penalty or likelihood (explicit)
- allows for a physical model
- $\rightsquigarrow y$ is no longer parameterizable

... Implicit versus Explicit Regularization

registration is **ill-posed** \rightsquigarrow requires **regularization**

Parametric Registration

$$\mathcal{D}[\mathcal{R}, \mathcal{T}; y] \stackrel{y}{=} \min \text{ subject to } y \in \mathcal{Q} = \{Qw, w \in \mathbb{R}^m\}$$

Regularized Parametric Registration

$$\mathcal{D}[\mathcal{R}, \mathcal{T}; y] + \alpha \mathcal{S}[y] \stackrel{y}{=} \min \text{ subject to } y \in \mathcal{Q} = \{Qw, w \in \mathbb{R}^m\}$$

$$\text{Non-parametric Registration } \mathcal{D}[\mathcal{R}, \mathcal{T}; y] + \mathcal{S}[y] \stackrel{y}{=} \min$$

Overview

- Registration is **ill-posed** \rightsquigarrow requires **regularization**
- Regularizer controls **reasonability** of transformation
- Application conform regularization
- Enabling physical models
(linear elasticity, fluid flow, hyperelasticity, ...)
- \rightsquigarrow high dimensional optimization problems

Regularizer

$$\mathcal{S}[y] = \alpha \mathcal{S}^{\text{ext}}[y - y_{\text{reg}}]$$

Regularizer \mathcal{S}

transformation / displacement, $y(x) = x + u(x, t)$

- “elastic” $\mathcal{S}^{\text{elas}}[u] = \text{elastic potential of } u$
- “fluid” $\mathcal{S}^{\text{fluid}}[u] = \text{elastic potential of } \partial_t u$
- “diffusion” $\mathcal{S}^{\text{diff}}[u] = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\ell=1}^d \int_{\Omega} \|\nabla u_{\ell}\|_{\mathbb{R}^2}^2 dx$
- “curvature” $\mathcal{S}^{\text{curv}}[u] = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\ell=1}^d \int_{\Omega} (\Delta u_{\ell})^2 dx$
- “hyperelastic” $\mathcal{S}^{\text{hyper}}[\nabla y, \text{cof } \nabla y, \det \nabla y] = \dots$
- ...

Elastic Registration

transformation / displacement, $y(x) = x + u(x)$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{S}^{\text{elas}}[u] &= \text{elastic potential of } u \\ &= \int_{\Omega} \frac{\lambda + \mu}{2} \|\nabla \cdot u\|^2 + \frac{\mu}{2} \sum_{i=1}^d \|\nabla u_i\|^2 dx \end{aligned}$$

image painted on a rubber sheet



C. Broit.

Optimal Registration of Deformed Images.

PhD thesis, University of Pennsylvania, 1981.



Bajcsy & Kovačič 1986, Christensen 1994, Bro-Nielsen 1996, Gee et al. 1997, Fischer & M. 1999, Rumpf et al. 2002, ...

Diffusion Registration

transformation / displacement, $y(x) = x + u(x)$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{S}^{\text{diff}}[u] &= \text{oszillations of } u \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\ell=1}^d \int_{\Omega} \|\nabla u_{\ell}\|_{\mathbb{R}^d}^2 dx \end{aligned}$$

heat equation



B. Fischer and J. Modersitzki.

Fast diffusion registration.

AMS Contemporary Mathematics, Inverse Problems, Image Analysis, and Medical Imaging, 313:117–129, 2002.



Horn & Schunck 1981, Thirion 1996, Droske, Rumpf & Schaller 2003, ...

Curvature Registration

transformation / displacement, $y(x) = x + u(x)$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{S}^{\text{curv}}[u] &= \text{oszillations of } u \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\ell=1}^d \int_{\Omega} \|\Delta u_{\ell}\|_{\mathbb{R}^d}^2 dx \end{aligned}$$

bi-harmonic operator



B. Fischer and J. Modersitzki.

Curvature based image registration.

J. of Mathematical Imaging and Vision, 18(1):81–85, 2003.



Stefan Henn.

A multigrid method for a fourth-order diffusion equation with application to image processing.

SIAM J. Sci. Comput., 2005.

Large Deformations

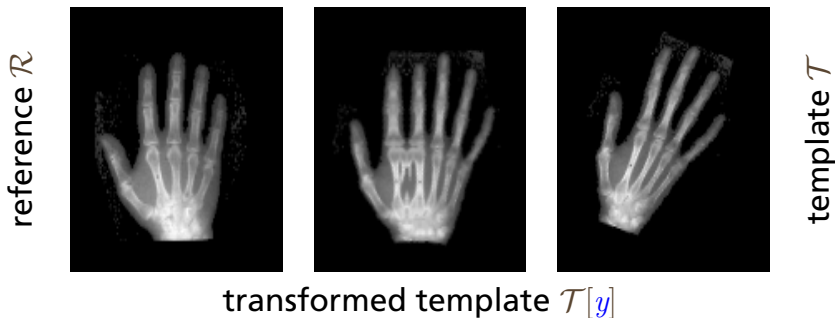
$$\mathcal{S}[\nabla y, \text{cof } \nabla y, \det \nabla y] = \int \|\nabla y\|^2 + \phi(\|\text{cof } \nabla y\|_{\text{Fro}}^2) + \psi(\det \nabla y) dx$$

-  S. Darkner et al.
Efficient Hyperelastic Regularization for Registration
Scandinavian Conference on Image Analysis, Ystad, Sweden, 2011.
-  M. Burger, J. Modersitzki, L. Ruthotto
A hyperelastic regularization energy for image registration.
submitted to SIAM SISC, 2012.

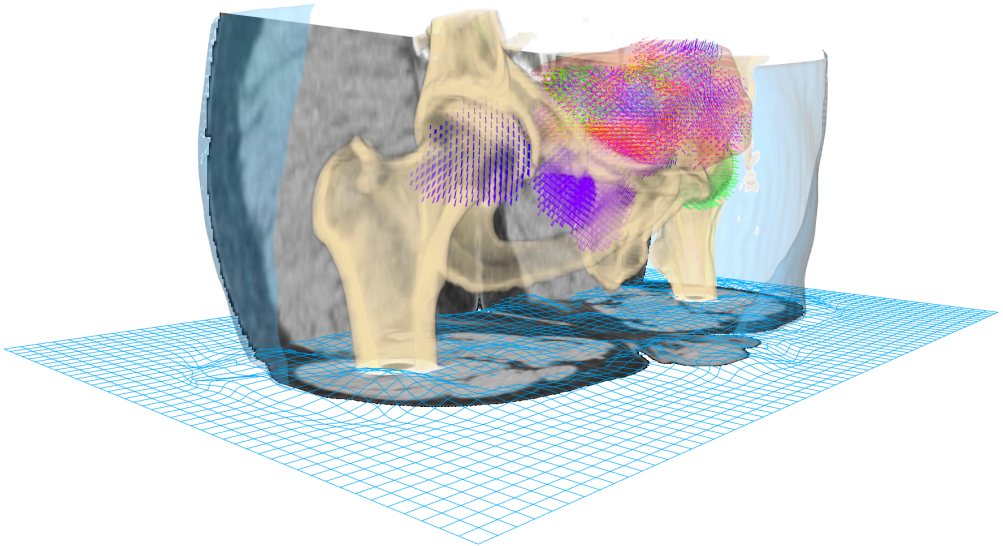
Regularizer

$$\mathcal{S}[y] = \alpha \mathcal{S}^{\text{ext}}[y - y_{\text{reg}}]$$

Does regularization matter? **It does!**



- MLIR, SSD, non-linear elasticity, spline interpolation



Numerical Methods for IR


$$\mathcal{D}[\mathcal{T}[y], \mathcal{R}] + \mathcal{S}[y] \xrightarrow{y} \min$$

Discretize \rightarrow Optimize: Concept

Discretization \rightsquigarrow finite dimensional problem: $y^h \approx y(x^h)$

$$D(y^h) + S[y^h] \xrightarrow{y^h} \min, \quad y^h \in \mathbb{R}^n, \quad h \rightarrow 0$$

 efficient optimization schemes (Newton-type)

 linear systems of type $H \delta_y = -\text{rhs}$,

$$H = M + B^\top B, \quad M \approx D_{yy}, \quad \text{rhs} = D_y + (B^\top B)y^h$$

 efficient multigrid solver for linear systems

 large steps

 discretization not straightforward (multigrid)

 all parts have to be differentiable (data model)

Example: 1D, SSD, and diffusion

$$\mathcal{J}[y] = \mathcal{D}[\mathcal{T}[y], \mathcal{R}] + \mathcal{S}[y] \xrightarrow{y} \min$$

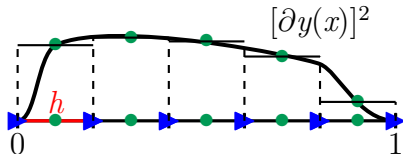
$$\stackrel{\text{e.g.}}{=} \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 [\mathcal{T}[y(x)] - \mathcal{R}(x)]^2 dx + \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 [\partial y(x)]^2 dx$$

$$\stackrel{\text{dis}}{\approx} \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 [\mathcal{T}[y(x)] - \mathcal{R}(x)]^2 dx + \frac{1}{2} h \| B^h y^h \|_{\mathbb{R}^n}^2$$

$$\stackrel{\text{dis}}{\approx} \frac{1}{2} h \| T(y^h) - R \|_{\mathbb{R}^n}^2 + \frac{1}{2} h \| B^h y^h \|_{\mathbb{R}^n}^2$$

$$=: J(y^h)$$

1D discretization, regularizer



midpoint rule for $\int_0^1 [\partial y(x)]^2 dx$

$$\partial y(x_{j+0.5}) \approx (y_{j+1}^h - y_j^h)/h$$

short differences!

- y^h is on **staggered grid**, ∂y is on **cell-centered grid** x^h
- $(\partial y)^h = B^h y^h$,
- midpoint rule

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^1 [\partial y(x)]^2 dx &\approx h \sum_{j=1}^n [\partial y(x_{j-0.5})]^2 \\ &\approx h \sum_{j=1}^n [B^h y^h]_j^2 = h \|B^h y^h\|_{\mathbb{R}^n}^2 \end{aligned}$$

Discretization of L_2 -norm Based Regularizer

L_2 -norm Based Regularizer

$$\mathcal{S}[y] = 0.5 \|\mathcal{B}[y]\|_{L_2(\Omega)}^2 = 0.5 \int_{\Omega} \mathcal{B}[y]^T \mathcal{B}[y] dx$$

Example

- $d = 1$, $\mathcal{B}[y] = y'$, $\mathcal{S}[y] = \int_0^{\omega} (y')^2 dx$
- diffusion, $d = 2$: $\mathcal{B}[y] = [\nabla y^1; \nabla y^2]$,

$$\mathcal{S}[y] = \int_{\Omega} (\partial_1 y^1)^2 + (\partial_2 y^1)^2 + (\partial_1 y^2)^2 + (\partial_2 y^2)^2 dx$$

- elastic, $d = 2$: $\mathcal{B}[y] = [\nabla y^1; \nabla y^2; \nabla \cdot y]$

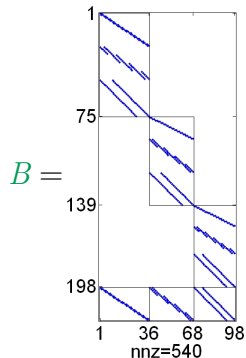
Discretized Regularizer

- $S[y] = \frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega} \mathcal{B}[y]^T \mathcal{B}[y] dx$
bi-linear form, differential operator \mathcal{B}
- $\mathcal{B} \approx (\nabla, \nabla \times, \nabla \cdot) \rightsquigarrow B \approx (\nabla^h, \nabla^h \times, \nabla^h \cdot)$
- $\int_{\Omega} \rightsquigarrow h \sum_i$
- important for multigrid solver: **short differences!**
 \rightsquigarrow staggered grids for y^h
- $S[y^h] = \frac{1}{2} \|B y^h\|_{\mathbb{R}^n}^2, \quad dS = B^T B y^h, \quad d^2 S = B^T B$
- **diffusion regularizer:** $B^T B = -\Delta^h$
- **elastic regularizer:** $B^T B = -\mu \Delta^h - (\mu + \lambda) \nabla^h \nabla^h$

Remarks on Discrete Operator B

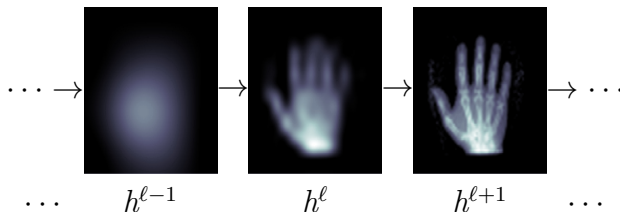
- Big
- Very sparse
- Structure
- Not needed: **matrix-free** code for

$$By, \quad B^T z, \quad (B^T B)y = \text{rhs}$$



Multilevel Strategie

Multilevel



for $\ell = 1 : \ell_{\max}$ **do**

transfer images to level ℓ

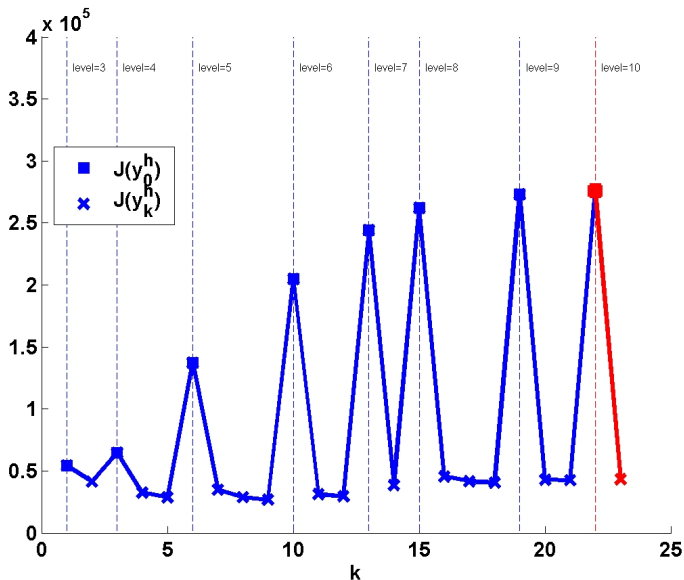
approximately solve problem for y

prolongating y to finer level \rightsquigarrow perfect starting point

end for



Example: Multilevel Iteration History



Advantages of Multilevel Strategy

- ☀ Regularization
- ☀ Focus on essential minima
- ☀ Creates extraordinary starting value
- ☀ Reduces computation time



Summary of Numerical Optimization

- Optimize \leftrightarrow Discretize

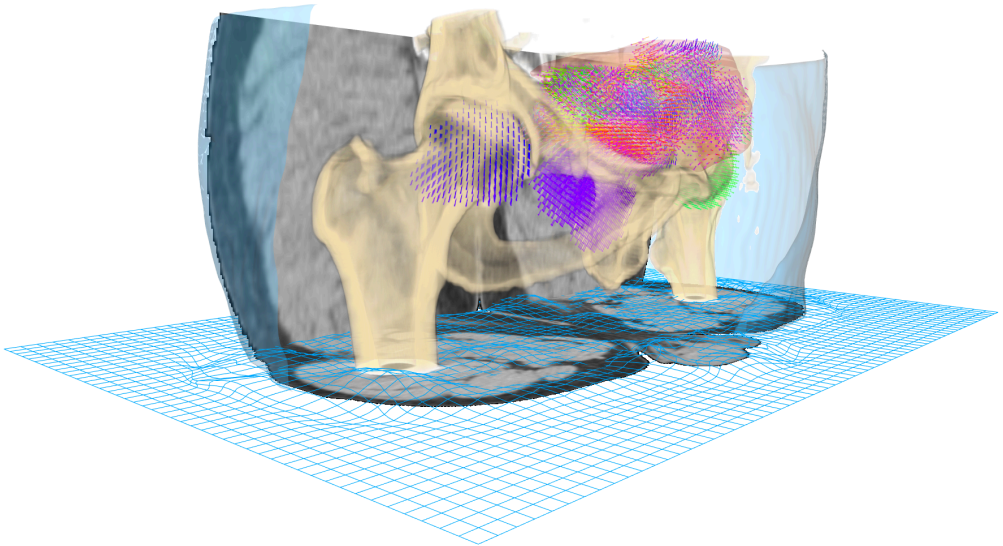
Advantages of Discretize \rightarrow Optimize

- efficient numerical optimization (Gauß-Newton, ℓ BFGS, Trust-Region)
- appropriate stopping criteria
- efficient line search strategies



Core: solve $H\delta_y = -\text{rhs}$

- preconditioned conjugate gradient with multigrid as preconditioner
- requires differentiable modules
- requires multigrid amenable discretization



Hands-On

$$\mathcal{D}[T[y], \mathcal{R}] + \mathcal{S}[y] \xrightarrow{y} \min$$

Hands on Session

- Small groups ~ 5-6 persons
- Matlab-Demonstration using FAIR

- Transformation
- Parametric Image Registration
- Non-parametric Image Registration

- **J. Modersitzki**, FAIR Flexible Algorithms for Image Registration, SIAM, 2009,
- See also <http://www.siam.org/books/fa06>
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- After the break!