### Outline for today

- Histogram of Oriented Gradient (HOG) features
- Pictorial structures (PS) / deformable parts models (DPM)
- Mixtures of deformable models
- Parameter learning with latent SVM
- Possibly more...
  - Cascade detection with DPMs
  - Context rescoring

## (Review?) Template matching

- Consider matching with image patches
  - What could go wrong?

image



match quality e.g., cross correlation

### What is a feature map?

- Any transformation of an image into a new representation
- Example: transform an image into a binary edge map



Image source: wikipedia

### Feature map goals

- Introduce invariance
  - Bias, gain, nonlinear transformations
  - Small deformations



Figure 1.3: Variation in appearance due to a change in illumination

• Preserve larger scale spatial structure

Image: [Fergus05]

## Histograms of Oriented Gradients (HOG)

- Introduce invariance
  - Bias / gain / nonlinear transformations
    - bias: gradients / gain: local normalization
    - nonlinearity: clamping magnitude, orientations
  - Small deformations
    - spatial subsampling
    - local "bag" models



#### • References

- "Histograms of oriented gradients for human detection." N. Dalal and B. Triggs, CVPR 2005.
- "Finding people in images and videos." N. Dalal, Ph.D. Thesis, Institut National Polytechnique de Grenoble, 2006.

### HOG feature computation



# HOG terminology





- Many methods
  - (1, 0, -1) centered filter works best
  - Alternatives: uncentered, cubic corrected, Sobel, etc.
- Discrete approx. to partial derivatives
  - $I_x = I[x+1, y] I[x-1, y]$
  - $I_y = I[x, y+1] I[x, y-1]$



- At each pixel compute
  - Gradient magnitude:  $m = || (I_x, I_y) ||$
  - Gradient orientation:  $o = tan^{-1}(I_y / I_x)$
  - Quantize orientation; vote into bin (weighted)





#### Local contrast normalization and clipping



 $h^1 = max[0.2, h/||(h; h_1; h_2; h_4)||]$ 

 $h^2 = max[0.2, h/||(h; h_2; h_3; h_5)||]$ 

 $h^3 = max[0.2, h/||(h; h_4; h_6; h_7)||]$ 



 $h^4 = max[0.2, h/||(h; h_5; h_7; h_8)||]$ 

 $f = (h^1; h^2; h^3; h^4)$ 

Final dimensionality per cell: 36







#### • Sliding window feature vector

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$$\Phi(x, p) = (f_1; f_2; f_3; f_4; f_5; f_6)$$



### Questions?



Image pyramid



- "Dalal & Triggs detector"
  - HOG feature pyramid
  - Linear filter / sliding-window detector
  - SVM training to learn parameters w

# HOG reformulation



#### • PCA of HOG features

- Eigenvectors have a strong structure
- Dim. reduction to top 12 with no loss in performance

# HOG PCA eigenvectors



#### • Eigenvector structure

- All rows or columns are (approximately) constant in the top 12 eigenvectors
- Suggests a different basis

# V, a sparse basis for HOG



New basis  $V = \{u_1, \dots, u_9\} \cup \{v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4\}$ 

#### Interpretation of V

#### **Original HOG**

 $f = (h^1; h^2; h^3; h^4)$ 

Final dimensionality per cell: 36

 $\label{eq:f} \begin{array}{l} Analytic \ projection \\ f = (h^1 + h^2 + h^3 + h^4; 1 \cdot h^1; 1 \cdot h^2; 1 \cdot h^3; 1 \cdot h^4) \\ \\ Final \ dimensionality \\ \ per \ cell: \ 13 \end{array}$ 

## HOG summary

- There's no one true HOG feature
  - Large number of parameters and design choices (see Dalal's thesis)
  - Typical settings
    - cells: 6-8 pixels wide
    - cell blocks: 2x2 or 3x3 rectangular
- The original formulation contains redundant information
  - Efficient and intuitive dimensionality reduction by analytic projection

### Pictorial structure models

- Parts many appearance templates
- "Springs" spatial connections between parts





Image: [Felzenszwalb and Huttenlocher 05]

#### **PS** formulation

 $\mathbf{G} = (\mathbf{V}, \mathbf{E})$ 

$$V = (v_1, \ldots, v_n) \quad E \subseteq V \times V$$

 $(\mathbf{p}_1,\ldots,\mathbf{p}_n)\in \mathbf{P}^n$ 





#### PS score function for matching

$$\operatorname{score}(p_1,\ldots,p_n) = \sum_{i=1}^n m_i(p_i) + \sum_{(i,j)\in E} d_{ij}(p_i,p_j)$$



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- Objective: maximize score over p<sub>1</sub>,...,p<sub>n</sub>
- $h^n$  configurations! (h = |P|)
- If G = (V,E) is a tree,  $O(nh^2)$  algorithm
  - O(nh) with some restrictions on  $d_{ij}$

#### Dynamic programming on a tree



### Dynamic programming on a tree

- $\bullet$  Compute  $B_j$  in depth-first order
- When done

$$B_r = \max_{p_1, \dots, p_n} \operatorname{score}(p_1, \dots, p_n)$$

### Dynamic programming on a tree

$$B_j(p_i) = \max_{p_j} \left[ m_j(p_j) + d_{ij}(p_i, p_j) \right]$$

- In general, O(nh<sup>2</sup>)
- If d<sub>ij</sub>(p<sub>i</sub>,p<sub>j</sub>) = g(p<sub>i</sub> p<sub>j</sub>), g is convex, can use generalized distance transforms
  - practical O(nh) algorithm [Felzenszwalb and Huttenlocher]
- If d<sub>ij</sub>(p<sub>i</sub>,p<sub>j</sub>) is finite over a small, bounded region
  - O(nh) brute force with a small constant

### Where do m<sub>i</sub> and d<sub>ij</sub> come from?

- The machine learning approach
  - the computer learns them from training examples
- We'll talk about discriminative training later today



• Questions?

# Recall the Dalal & Triggs detector



Image pyramid



- "Dalal & Triggs detector"
  - HOG feature pyramid
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  - SVM training to learn parameters w

## PS + HOG + discriminative training





multi-resolution deformable parts model

image pyramid

HOG feature pyramid x

- Combine PS with D&T approach
  - HOG features
  - Linear filters / sliding-window detector
  - Discriminative max-margin (SVM) training

### **Detection with DPM**



### Mixtures of deformable parts models



- Captures viewpoint variation and occlusion
- Aspect ratio clustering and discriminative training

Mixture models: [Weber00, Schneiderman00, Bernstein05] [Felzenszwalb,Girshick,McAllester,Ramanan in PAMI 10]

#### Mixtures with latent orientation



car



horse



Learning without latent orientation







Learning with latent orientation

[Girshick,Felzenszwalb,McAllester voc-release4]

#### Questions about model structure?



## Training models



From images annotated with bounding boxes...

- 1. learn model structure
- 2. learn model parameters

## (not) Learning model structure

#### What's the model class?

Number of components?

Root filter sizes?

Root filter shapes?



Number of parts?

Anchor positions?

Part shapes and sizes?

Heuristics, cross validation, insight (from humans)

### Learning model parameters

- Dalal & Triggs successful combination of
  - HOG features
  - Linear SVM training
- This training problem is different
  - Training data is weakly/partially labeled
  - Several latent (unobserved) variables
    - Filter placement
    - Mixture component
    - Orientation

#### Linear parameterization



### Learning parameters for detection

$$\operatorname{score}_w(x,z) = w \cdot \Phi(x,z)$$



Intuitive objectives:some z should scorehigh near the object

all z not near should score low

Training example (x,y) x is an image y is a label: +1 for foreground; -1 for background Z(x) is a set of valid instantiations z

### Recall the SVM objective

$$\min_w \frac{1}{2} ||w||^2 + C \sum_{i=1}^n \max[0, 1-y_i w \cdot \Phi(x_i)]$$

- Fully supervised
- Goal: extend to handle latent variables
  - Latent SVM

# Latent SVM (MI–SVM)

$$\begin{split} \min_w \frac{1}{2} ||w||^2 + C \sum_{i=1}^n \max[0, 1-y_i F_w(x_i)] \\ F_w(x) = \max_{z \in Z(x)} w \cdot \Phi(x, z) \end{split}$$

- No longer convex
  - Why?
- "Semi-convexity" property
  - Non-convexity comes only from positive examples

[Andrews03, Felzenszwalb08]

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- Optimization (to a local minimum)
  - Coordinate descent
  - Convex-concave procedure CCCP