Sub-Riemannian Geometry in Image Processing



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SR geodesics on Lie Groups in Image Processing



Crossing structures are disentangled

Reconstruction of corrupted contours based on model of human vision



Brain Inspired Methods in Computer Vision

Perception of Visual Information by Human Brain



A Model of the Primary Visual Cortex V1



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Cortical Based Model of Perceptual Completion

- D.H. Hubel and T.N. Wiesel, Receptive fields of single neurones in the cat's striate cortex, 1959. Nobel prize in 1981.
- Sub-Riemanian structures in neurogeometry of the vision:
 - J. Petitot, The neurogeometry of pinwheels as a sub-Riemannian contact structure, 2003. (Heisenberg group.)
 - G. Citti and A. Sarti, A Cortical Based Model of Perceptual Completion in the Roto-Translation Space, 2006. (SE(2) group.)
- Variational principle: recovered arc has minimal length in the space (x, y, θ) :



Anthropomorphic Image Reconstruction

By given binary or grayscale image represented as series of isophotes (level lines of brightness) with some corrupted regions to restore the image in a natural (for human eye) way.



Input (Corrupted) Image Input Image with Detected Restored Image Corrupted Regions

[1] A. Mashtakov, A. Ardentov, Yu. Sachkov, *Parallel Algorithm and Software* for Image Inpainting via Sub-Riemannian Minimizers on the Group of Rototranslations, NMTMA, 2013.

Lie Group Analysis via Invertible Orientation Scores



R. Duits: generic mathematical model for contextual image analysis via scores on Lie groups with many applications.

Detection of salient curves in images

Analysis of Images of the Retina

Diabetic retinopathy --- one of the main causes of blindness.
Epidemic forms: 10% people in China suffer from DR.
Patients are found early --> treatment is well possible.
Early warning --- leakage and malformation of blood vessels.
The retina --- excellent view on the microvasculature of the brain.



Healthy retina

Diabetes Retinopathy with tortuous vessels

Geodesic Methods in Computer Vision

Image



Tracking of salient lines via datadriven minimal paths (or geodesics).

Data-driven Geodesic – curve that minimizes length functional weighted by external cost (function with high values at image locations with high curve saliency). Distance from source point



Fast Marching method to compute geodesics:

- 1) Computation of distance map from source point,
- 2) Geodesic via steepest decent on distance map.

Tracking of Lines in Flat Images via Sub-Riemannian Geodesics in SE(2)



[1] E.J. Bekkers, R. Duits, A. Mashtakov and G.R. Sanguinetti, *Data-driven Sub-Riemannian Geodesics in* SE(2), Proc. SSVM, 2015.

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 A PDE Approach to Data-driven Sub-Riemannian Geodesics in SE(2), SIIMS, 2015.

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Riemannian Approximation and Fast Marching

Riemannian metric tensor $\mathcal{G}_{\varepsilon} = \mathcal{C}^{2}(\cdot) \left(\xi^{2} \omega^{1} \otimes \omega^{1} + \omega^{2} \otimes \omega^{2} + \xi^{2} \varepsilon^{-2} \omega^{3} \otimes \omega^{3}\right)$



SR Fast Marching for highly anisotropic Riemannian eikonal equation

For
$$g \neq e$$
:

$$\frac{\mathcal{A}_1|_g(\mathcal{W}_{\varepsilon})^2}{\xi^2} + \mathcal{A}_2|_g(\mathcal{W}_{\varepsilon})^2 + \varepsilon^2 \frac{\mathcal{A}_3|_g(\mathcal{W}_{\varepsilon})^2}{\xi^2} = \mathcal{C}^2(g),$$
For $g = e$: $\mathcal{W}_{\varepsilon}(e) = 0.$

Sub-Riemannian metric tensor $\mathcal{G} = \mathcal{C}^2(\cdot) \left(\xi^2 \omega^1 \otimes \omega^1 + \omega^2 \otimes \omega^2\right)$



HJB system can be written as SR eikonal equation

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Numerical Verification for C=1



Comparison with Classical Methods

 \mathbb{R}^2 - Riemannian





















Tracking of Lines in Spherical Images via Sub-Riemannian Geodesics in SO(3)



Sub-Riemannian geodesic

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 [2] A.P. Mashtakov, R. Duits, Yu.L. Sachkov, E.J. Bekkers, I.Yu. Beschasnyi, Sub-Riemannian Geodesics in SO(3) with Application to Vessel Tracking in Spherical Images of Retina, Doklady Mathematics, 2017.

Sub-Riemannian Fast Marching on SO(3)



Association Fields via Data-driven SR-geodesics on SO(3)





Source: Field et al 1993



A. Mashtakov, R. Duits. A cortical based model for contour completion on the retinal sphere // PSTA. 2016.

Vessel Curvature via Data-driven SR-geodesics on SO(3)

 X_i - l.-i. v.f. on SO(3) \mathcal{A}_i - l.-i. v.f. on SE(2) $\gamma^{SO(3)}$ -SO(3) geodesic $\gamma^{SE(2)}$ - SE(2) geodesic

 \mathcal{W} - SR-distance from source point

Geodesic curvature

$$\begin{split} \kappa_{g}^{SO(3)}(\cdot) &= \\ &= -\xi^{2} \frac{X_{2}|_{\gamma^{SO(3)}(\cdot)}(\mathcal{W}^{SO(3)})}{X_{1}|_{\gamma^{SO(3)}(\cdot)}(\mathcal{W}^{SO(3)})} \end{split}$$

Plannar curvature

$$\begin{split} \kappa^{SE(2)}(\cdot) &= \\ &= -\xi^2 \frac{\mathcal{A}_2|_{\gamma^{SE(2)}(\cdot)}(\mathcal{W}^{SE(2)})}{\mathcal{A}_1|_{\gamma^{SE(2)}(\cdot)}(\mathcal{W}^{SE(2)})} \end{split}$$





Sub-Riemannian geodesics on SE(3)

Data-driven sub-Riemannian geodesics on **SE(3)** are used for detection and analysis of neuron fibers in magnetic resonance images of a human brain.



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 On sub-Riemannian geodesics in SE(3) whose spatial projections do not have cusps, JDCS, 2016.

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Sub-Riemannian Fast Marching in SE(3)



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Conclusion

- Sub-Riemannian geometry is a natural tool for brain inspired image processing.
- It is used for athropomorphic image reconstruction.
- And for detection of salient lines and elongated structures in 2D and 3D images.
- Data-driven SR geodesics in SE(2) show promissing results for vessel tracking in flat images of the retina.
- In SO(3) --- in spherical images of the retina.
- In SE(3) --- for fiber tracking in 3D MRI images of human brain.

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