VIDEO PROCESSING
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# Laboratory Manual 

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## Lab 1 - Introduction

Goal: to provide an introduction to video processing using Matlab's Image Processing Toolbox and Computer Vision System Toolbox. In this lab we'll learn to read and write video files and to segment video frames using edge detection, morphological operators and connected-component analysis.

Note: Don't change the code of the existing Matlab demo programs. Copy the Matlab demo program to your directory, save it with a different name and work with the "local" copied file.

## 1. Detecting a Cell Using Image Segmentation

Use the command doc in Matlab command window. Then select:

Image Processing Toolbox $\rightarrow$ Examples $\rightarrow$ Image Segmentation $\rightarrow$ Detecting a Cell Using Image Segmentation

Then press the button Open this Example (in the top-right corner). Then copy the contents of the file ipexcell.m to the file in your local directory.

1. Describe the algorithm used for cell detection.
2. What is edge detection?
3. Explain the command [ $\sim$, threshold] = edge(I, 'sobel'); What is the meaning of " $\sim$ "?
4. Explain the use of the FudgeFactor.
5. What is morphological processing?
6. Explain the command BWsdil = imdilate(BWs, [se90 se0]); What is the type of "[se90 se0]" and how the function imdilate uses "[se90 se0]"?

## 2. Cell counting

Use the command doc in Matlab command window. Then select:

## Computer Vision System Toolbox $\rightarrow$ Examples

Then find the section Analysis and choose Cell Counting.

Then press the button Open this Example (in the top-right corner). Then copy the contents of the file videocellcounting. $m$ to the file in your local directory.

1. Describe the algorithm used for cell counting.
2. Explain the use of the command step. (Pay attention to the fact that this function is used several times with different arguments.)
3. Explain the command isDone.
4. Explain the command release.
5. In the command
hdilate1 = vision.MorphologicalDilate('NeighborhoodSource', 'Property','Neighborhood', strel('square',7));
what is the use of the arguments "'NeighborhoodSource', 'Property'"? Can we discard these arguments from the command vision.MorphologicalDilate?
6. In contrast to the hinserttext1=..., in hinserttext2=... the argument 'FontSize' is not used. What is the value of 'FontSize' in this case?
7. What is connected-component analysis?
8. What command from the file videocellcounting.m uses connected-component analysis?
9. Explain the use of the commands:
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y1 = 2*image - step(hdilate1, image);
y1(y1<0) = 0;
y1(y1>1) = 1;
y2 = step(hdilate2, y1) - y1;
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Note: If it's possible, don't write video files in the lab, just display them (in order to save memory). At the end of work please delete large files.
Note: don't forget to use the command release in your code.

## 3. Detecting Cars in a Video of Traffic

Use the command doc in Matlab command window. Then select:
Image Processing Toolbox $\rightarrow$ Examples $\rightarrow$ Image Segmentation $\rightarrow$ Detecting Cars in a Video of Traffic

Then press the button Open this Example (in the top-right corner). Then copy the contents of the file ipextraffic.m to the file in your local directory.

1. Describe the algorithm used for cars detecting.
2. Why dark cars are not tracked?
3. Explain the command imextendedmax.
4. Explain the command imopen.
5. Explain the purpose of the command fliplr in the command $\mathbf{c}=$ floor(fliplr(c));
6. How can we make the following code
taggedCars(row,col,1,k) = 255;
taggedCars(row,col,2,k) = 0;
taggedCars(row,col,3,k) = 0;
more compact?
