

# Intelligent Visual Tracking Based on Realtime Particle Filters

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## 지능로봇비전 연구실 최근 연구내용 요약 및 성과

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| 시각적 물체 추적  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>실시간 Particle Filter 시스템 구현 - Webcam 기반 (15fps)</li> <li>Unified Histogram Equalizer 설계</li> <li>이동하는 사람의 얼굴 영상 추적</li> <li>Geodesic Level Set기반 이동물체 윤곽 추출</li> <li>PTZ 카메라의 시각적 물체 추적</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>물체의 특징점(IFAD, 색상, 외곽선)을 Particle Filter로 적용, 샘플링, 예측, 측정단계를 반복하여 해당 물체 추적</li> <li>조명과 가려짐에 강인한 실시간 물체 추적 (5 Lux)</li> <li>템플릿 기반으로 실내조명에서 이동하는 사람 얼굴을 추적한 영상 획득 → 얼굴 이미지 추출 및 저장 (JPEG)</li> <li>유한 제어 점의 레벨 집합 이론을 적용, 연산속도 개선</li> <li>PTZ 카메라의 Pan, Tilt 변화에 따른 IFAD 영상 개선</li> </ul> |
| 물체 추적 및 인식 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>실시간 (2+) 채널 Stereo Visual Tracking 시스템의 시제품 제작</li> <li>PTZ 카메라의 실시간 추적 및 인식</li> <li>Particle Filter와 SIFT 기법에 의한 동시 추적 및 인식 시스템의 구현</li> <li>3차원 Human Motion Tracking</li> </ul>               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Disparity Map의 실시간 구현 및 상대 z-축 깊이 정보에 의해 가려진 물체들의 구분 추적</li> <li>SIFT (Scale-Invariant Feature Transform)의 실시간 설계 및 구현</li> <li>신경회로망기반 물체 인식 및 추적 시스템의 구현</li> <li>3차원 Human Model기반의 동작 추적 시스템 구현</li> </ul>  |

# Particle Filter: Definition & Problem Statement

## • Definition & Synopsis

- **Particle Filter (PF)** is a class of stochastic approximations of the state posterior with a set of  $N$  weighted particles (samples)  $\{X^{(i)}, \pi^{(i)}\}$  where  $X^{(i)}$  is a possible state and  $\pi^{(i)}$  is the associated weight. So, we perform the **Monte-Carlo simulation** of underlying **probability distributions** which may take arbitrary form, instead of deriving the analytic solution.
- **The state** may be any measurable contexts, e.g., position, velocity, rotating angle, scaling factor, tilting, etc.
- **The measure** may be any quantities, e.g., contrast, digital image subtraction, edge-detected silhouette, 2D or 3D contours, RGB or HSV colors, etc.

## • Problem Statement

- **Particle Filter (PF):** Given the old particle set  $\{X^{(i)}, \pi^{(i)}\}_{t-1}$ , compute a new particle set  $\{X^{(i)}, \pi^{(i)}\}_t$ 
  - Initialize the weights of a likelihood  $\{\pi^{(i)}\}_0 = 1/N$ , and its cumulative distribution  $\{c^{(i)}\}_0 = 1/N$ .
  - Each particle represents a possible state with the associated weight of a likelihood which is measurable or computable.
  - Simulate deterministic or probabilistic motion of particles, updating the weights using measurement likelihood.
  - The prior density is replaced by the posterior density.

# Particle Filter: Basics

## • Particle Filter Basics

- The posterior distribution is approximated by the ensemble of weights on all of these sampled particle sets.

(Factored Sampling)

$$P(x_t | z_t) = k P(z_t | x_t) P(x_t | z_{t-1}), \quad P(x_t | z_{t-1}) \leftarrow \text{Prior Density}$$

- Keep track of the state samples with non-zero posterior probability
- **More particles, better approximations.**
  - But there's no rule for the right number of particles (we cannot keep track of state samples if  $N$  is small; while we may have oversamples or misleading if  $N$  is too large)  $\rightarrow$  "impoverishment or depletion problems"
  - The number of effective weights:

$$N_{eff} = 1 / \sum_{i=1}^N \{\pi_i^{(i)}\}^2 \quad (1 \leq N_{eff} \leq N)$$

# Particle Filter: Basics

## - Bayesian Inference Rule of "Factored Sampling"

- Conditional Posterior Density Propagation

$$\begin{aligned}
 P(X_t | Z') &= \kappa P(Z_t | X_t) P(X_t | Z^{t-1}) \\
 &= \kappa P(Z_t | X_t) \int_{X_{t-1}} P(X_t | X_{t-1}) P(X_{t-1} | Z^{t-1}) dX_{t-1} \\
 &\cong \kappa P(Z_t | X_t) \sum_{i=1}^N P(X_t | X_{t-1}^{(i)}) P(X_{t-1}^{(i)} | Z^{t-1}) \\
 &= \kappa P(Z_t | X_t) q(X_t) \\
 P(X_t^{(i)} | Z') &= \frac{P(Z_t | X_t^{(i)}) q(X_t^{(i)})}{\sum_{j=1}^N P(Z_t | X_t^{(j)}) q(X_t^{(j)})} = \frac{\pi_i^{(i)} q(X_t^{(i)})}{\sum_{j=1}^N \pi_j^{(j)} q(X_t^{(j)})}
 \end{aligned}$$

$X_t$ : state,  $Z' = \{Z_1, \dots, Z_t\}$ : total observation,  $\kappa$ : proportional constant,  
 $P(X_t | Z')$ : posterior density,  $P(X_t | Z^{t-1})$ : prior density  
 $P(Z_t | X_t)$ : measurement density,  $P(X_t | X_{t-1})$ : Markov chain motion model,  
 $\pi_i^{(i)} = P(Z_t | X_t^{(i)})$ : weight of likelihood for the  $i^{\text{th}}$  particle  $X_t^{(i)}$ ,  
 $q(X_t) = \sum_{i=1}^N P(X_t | X_{t-1}^{(i)}) P(X_{t-1}^{(i)} | Z^{t-1})$ : proposal density

# Particle Filter: Basics

## - "Importance Weight" (Proposal Density Available)

- Target Density  $p(x)$ , Proposal Density  $q(x)$

$$\begin{aligned}
 E[f(x)] &= \int f(x) \frac{p(x)}{q(x)} q(x) dx \\
 &= \int f(x) W(x) q(x) dx \\
 &= \int_{X_t} f(X_t) \frac{P(X_t | Z')}{q(X_t | X_{t-1}, Z_t)} q(X_t | X_{t-1}, Z_t) dX_t \\
 &= \frac{1}{P(Z')} \int_{X_t} f(X_t) \left[ \frac{P(Z_t | X_t) P(X_t)}{q(X_t | X_{t-1}, Z_t)} \right] q(X_t | X_{t-1}, Z_t) dX_t \\
 W_t(X_t) &= \frac{P(Z_t | X_t) P(X_t)}{q(X_t | X_{t-1}, Z_t)}
 \end{aligned}$$

- Recursive Update for Importance Weights

$$W_t^{(i)} = W_{t-1}^{(i)} \frac{P(Z_t | X_t^{(i)}) P(X_t^{(i)} | X_{t-1}^{(i)})}{q(X_t^{(i)} | X_{t-1}^{(i)}, Z_t)} \quad \sum_{i=1}^N W_t^{(i)} = 1$$

# Visual Tracker (PF Algorithm)

## • Primary Updating Steps of PF Tracking (3 Steps)

- (1) Sampling (Selection)
  - randomly select  $N$  particles based on weights
  - use of prior distribution
  - same or nearby particle may be chosen multiple times
  - Selective Resampling – effective particle size  $N_{\text{eff}}$ , use of threshold in  $N_{\text{eff}}$
- (2) Predicting (Particle Dynamics)
  - prediction model (ARMA, Kalman or unscented filter)
  - move particles according to drift and diffusion
  - deterministic drift (known dynamics)
  - stochastic diffusion (unknown statistics)
- (3) Measuring (Output)
  - get a likelihood for each new sample by making a prediction about the image's local appearance and comparing
  - update the associated weight on a particle from the measured posterior distribution from the particle set
  - estimate the states (moments, translation, rotation, scaling, etc.) from the particle set

# Particle Filter: CONDENSATION Algorithm

**Iterate**

From the "old" sample-set  $\{x_t^{(1)}, x_t^{(2)}, \dots, x_t^{(N)}\}$ ,  $n = 1, \dots, N$  at time-step  $t-1$ , construct a "new" sample-set  $\{x_t^{(1)}, x_t^{(2)}, \dots, x_t^{(N)}\}$ ,  $n = 1, \dots, N$  for time  $t$ .

Construct the  $n^{\text{th}}$  of  $N$  new samples as follows:

1. Select a sample  $x_t^{(n)}$  as follows:
  - (a) generate a random number  $r \in [0, 1]$ , uniformly distributed.
  - (b) find, by binary sub-division, the smallest  $j$  for which  $\sum_{i=1}^j w_{t-1}^{(i)} \geq r$
  - (c) set  $x_t^{(n)} = x_{t-1}^{(j)}$ .
2. Predict by sampling from
 
$$p(x_t | x_{t-1}) = p(x_t^{(n)} | x_{t-1}^{(n)})$$

to choose each  $x_t^{(n)}$ . For instance, in the case that the dynamics are governed by a linear stochastic differential equation, the new sample value may be generated as:  $x_t^{(n)} = Ax_{t-1}^{(n)} + Bw_t^{(n)}$  where  $w_t^{(n)}$  is a vector of standard normal random variables, and  $B$  is the process noise covariance — see section 6.
3. Measure and weight the new position in terms of the measured feature  $z_t$ :
 
$$w_t^{(n)} = p(z_t | x_t^{(n)})$$

then normalize so that  $\sum_n w_t^{(n)} = 1$  and store together with cumulative probability as  $\{x_t^{(1)}, x_t^{(2)}, \dots, x_t^{(N)}\}$ , where

$$\begin{aligned} x_t^{(0)} &= 0, \\ x_t^{(n)} &= x_t^{(n-1)} + x_t^{(n)} \quad (n = 1, \dots, N). \end{aligned}$$

Once the  $N$  samples have been constructed, estimate, if desired, moments of the tracked position at time-step  $t$  as

$$\hat{z}(t|z) = \sum_{n=1}^N x_t^{(n)} / (x_t^{(N)})$$

obtaining, for instance, a mean position using  $f(x) = x$ .

Figure 6: The CONDENSATION algorithm.

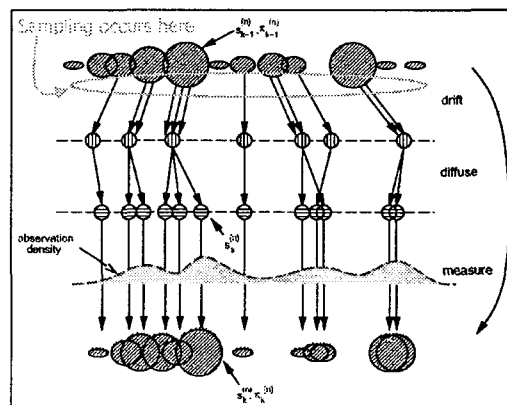


Figure 5: One time-step in the CONDENSATION algorithm. Each of the three steps — drift-diffuse-measure — of the probabilistic propagation process of figure 2 is represented by steps in the CONDENSATION algorithm.

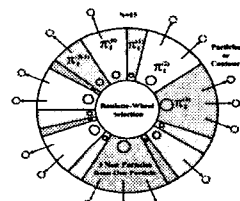
## Particle Filter: (1) Sampling

- (1) Sampling

- Normalize N particle weights ( $\sum w(i) = 1$  or  $\sum \pi(i) = 1$ )
- Select N particles by picking randomly and uniformly in [0,1]
- Similar to spinning a roulette wheel with arc-length of bins equal to particle weights
- Resample adaptively focusing on promising areas of the state space

- Steps:

- Generate  $r$  in  $U[0,1]$ .
- Find the smallest  $j$  for  $\{c(i)\}_{t-1} > r$ .
- Set  $St(i) = X_{t-1}(i)$ .



"Roulette-Wheel Selection"  
Again

## Particle Filter: (2) Prediction

- (2) Prediction

- Place each particle from the generative form of dynamics

$$S_{t+1}^{(i)} = F(S_t^{(i)}) + \epsilon_t$$

$\epsilon_t$  → random component (diffusion)  
 $F(S_t^{(i)})$  → deterministic component (drift)

- Nonlinear drift of each particle with different displacement
- Independent diffusion of each particle typically modeled with a Gaussian
  - Obtain predicted samples:
  - Often use Kalman filters (KF) as a prediction model
  - Linear Systems:

$$X_{t+1} = A X_t + B U_t + v_t \quad E(X_0) = X_0$$

$$Y_t = H X_t + w_t \quad v_t, w_t \sim N(0, \sigma^2)$$

# Particle Filter: (3) Measurement

- (3) Measurement

- For each particle  $s_t(i)$ , compute new weight  $\pi_t(i)$  using measurement likelihood

$$\pi_t(i) = P(z_t | X_t(i) = s_t(i))$$

- Plausibility conditions

- particles with impossible configurations are given 0 likelihood (ex: positions outside of image  $\pi(i)=0$ )
- number of effective weights are important !

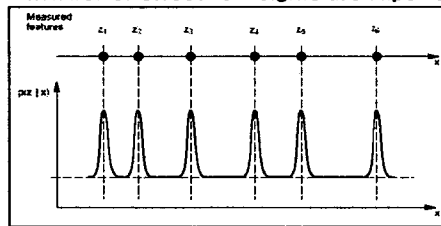


Figure 7: One-dimensional observation model. A probabilistic observation model allowing for clutter and the possibility of missing the targets altogether is specified here as a conditional density  $p(z_t | x)$ .

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Observation Model (Example) :  
Parametric Curves: B-Spline Snake with normal search



Figure 9: Observation process. The full set of a discretized state, represented as a parametric curve snake. The axes are normalized along which independent feature values ranging on unity.

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# Particle Filter: State Estimate

- Obtaining a State Estimate (Output)  $E[g(X_t)]$

$$E [ g ( X_t ) ] = \sum_{i=1}^N \pi_t^{(i)} \cdot g \left( S_{t|t-1}^{(i)} \right)$$

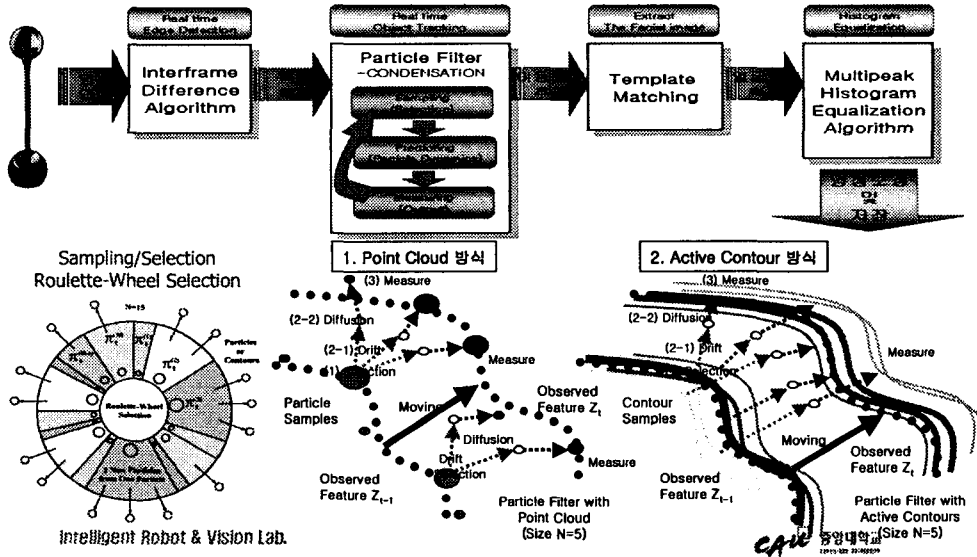
- Note that there's no explicit state estimate maintained
  - Just a cloud of particles
- We can obtain an estimate at a particular time by querying the current particle set
- Some approaches
  - "Mean" particle
    - Weighted sum of particles (1<sup>st</sup> moment)
    - Confidence: Inverse variance (2<sup>nd</sup> moment)
  - Really want a mode finder
    - Mean of tallest peak

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# 시각적 추적연구 도식 및 Particle Filter 알고리즘

- Block Diagram of Visual Object Tracking (Facial Tracking Example)



## PF Tracking: Solution to Re-Initialization Problem & Priority-based Subtractive Potential for Occlusion

- Solution to Re-Initialization Problem

- Competitive Adaptive Vector Quantization (c-AVQ)
- Region of Interest: Boundary Stripes (10-pixel wide)

c-AVQ for PF Re-Initialization

- Check boundary stripes  $P_n$  with threshold (3%~4% IFD data), if the condition holds.
- For all  $p_i(k)$  in  $P_n >$  threshold at time  $t$ , find the winner (the  $i^*$  cluster)

$$w_i^*(k) = \arg \min_j \{ |w_j(k) - p_i(k)| \} \quad j \in \{cluster\}$$

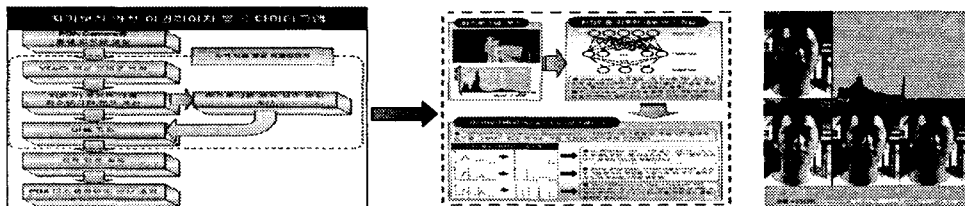
$$w_i^*(k+1) = w_i^*(k) + \mu (p_i(k) - w_i^*(k)) \quad k \rightarrow$$

- Update the  $i^*$  particle state s.t. the average is shifted to the  $i^*$  cluster center (the winner)

- Priority-based Subtraction of Background IFD Potential

- 자감 이미지(IFD)를 Potential Field (V)로 간주, 다수의 입자필터들에 대해 우선 순위(Priority)를 정하고 자감 클러스터링 기법과 유사하게 IFD 벡터에서 우선 순위에 의해 자감하며 순차적 샘플링, 예측, 출력을 반복하는 것
- 즉, 두 물체가 교차하여 가려지더라도 각기 독립적으로 다른 방향으로 추적이 가능함

## Self-Calibrated Multipeak Histogram Equalization



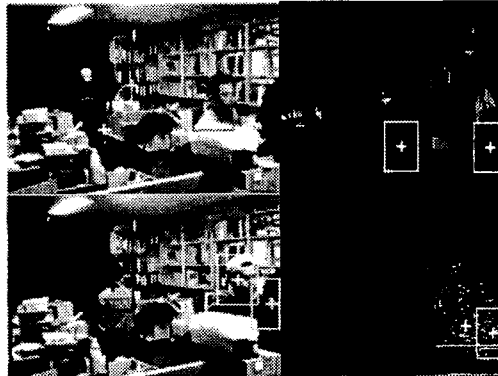
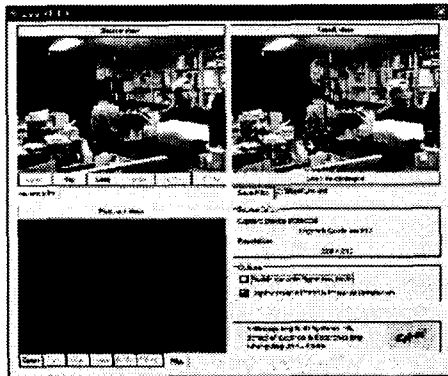
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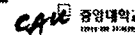
## 이동 물체 실시간 추적 기술 개발 (Particle Filter/Evol. Strategy 기법)

### • Particle Model 1 (Initial Particle Set)

- Point Clouds 방식
  - Gaussian or uniform priors with large covariance (initial uncertainty)
- 실시간 다중물체추적: Pentium4 (2.4GHz), WebCam (15~30fps), Direct-X 9.0
  - Particle Sets : 5(sets) x (100 particles), 조도 5 Lux에서의 물체 추적



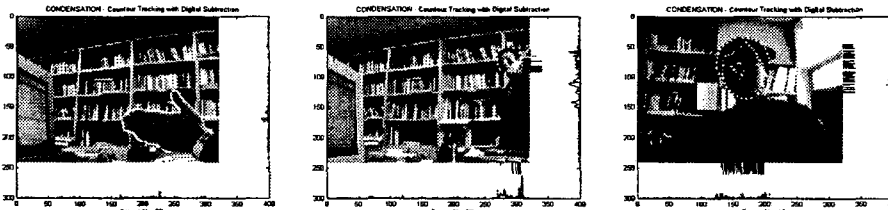
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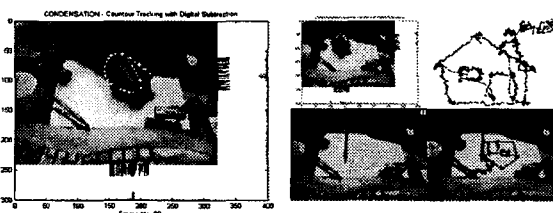
### • Particle Model 2 (Initial Particle Sets)

- B-Spline Snakes In Active Contours (Blake)
  - $Q = WY + Q$  Affine Shape Space (W: shape matrix; Y: shape-space vector; Q: spline vectors)
  - Measure: (1) IFD+Init. Contour, (2) IFD+Init. Contour+HSV, (3) IFD+init. Features



$$Q = W \cdot Y + Q$$

$Q = [Q_1, Q_2]^T$  ref. control pt. vector  
 $Q' = [Q'_1, Q'_2]^T$  updated control pt. vector  
 $Q' = [x_{r_1}(t), L, x_{r_2}(t), y_{r_1}(t), L, y_{r_2}(t)]^T$  (n: total no. of control pts.)  
 $W = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  shape matrix  
 $Y = [x_r, y_r, \cos \theta - 1 + \alpha, \cos \theta - 1 + \alpha, \sin \theta, \sin \theta]^T$  shape-space vector



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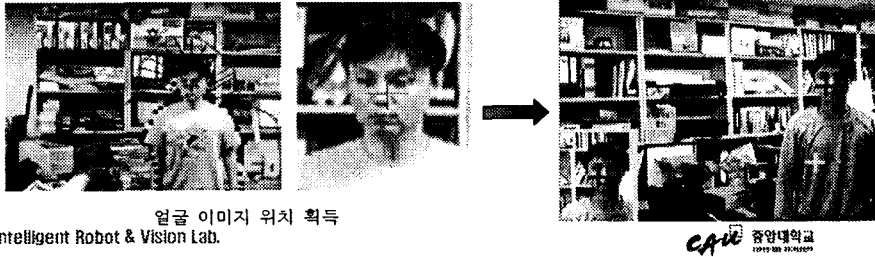




## Particle Filter & Real-time Template Matching

- IFD (InterFrame Difference) 및 Template matching
  - 움직이는 사람의 얼굴 이미지를 PF를 이용하여 실시간 검출
  - 추적된 영상으로부터 얼굴 이미지 획득 및 보정
- Real-time Template Matching
  - Control point :  $c_0, c_1, \dots, c_n$
  - Measurement line :  $m_0, m_1, \dots, m_n$
  - Template Control Point의 Normal 방향의 Measurement Line을 이용하여 Sub-control Point을 동적으로 생성
- 얼굴 이미지 위치 결정

$$P_{head}(x, y) = \frac{\sum_{head} (sub-control\ point(x, y))}{N_{head}}$$



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## Geodesic Level Set: Derivation

- Define F as the speed in the normal direction:

$$F = \vec{x}'(t) \cdot \vec{n} = \vec{x}'(t) \frac{\nabla \phi}{|\nabla \phi|} \Rightarrow F |\nabla \phi| = \vec{x}'(t) \nabla \phi \quad (1)$$

- A particle on the front with path  $\vec{x}(t)$  is on the zero level set:

$$\begin{aligned} \phi(\vec{x}(t), t) = 0 &\xrightarrow{\text{by chain rule}} \frac{d\phi}{dt} = \phi_{\vec{x}} \cdot \vec{x}'(t) + \phi_t = 0 \\ \nabla \phi(\vec{x}(t), t) \cdot \vec{x}'(t) + \phi_t &= 0 \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

(1) into (2):  $F |\nabla \phi| + \phi_t = 0$ , given  $\phi(\vec{x}, t) = 0$ ,  
"Continuous Level Set Equation"

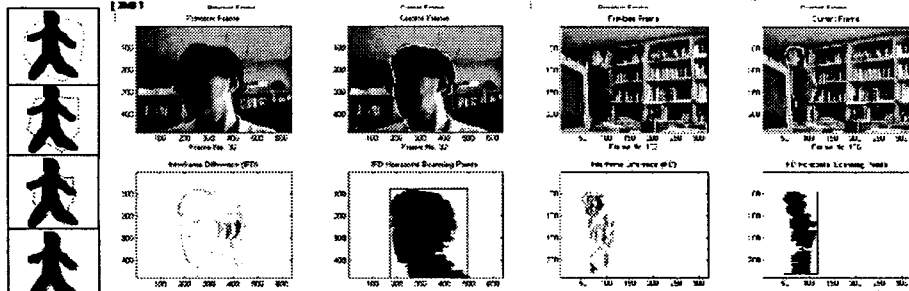
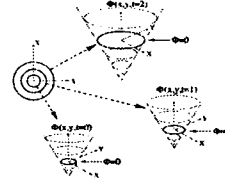
# 가변 윤곽선의 측지 레벨집합에 기반한 물체추적

## • Deformable B-Snakes based on Geodesic Level Set

- 유한한 가변 제어점으로 레벨집합 이븐의 연산을 수행하여 연산속도를 획기적으로 개선
- 1. 입력 영상으로부터 초기매곡선을 전개, 객체를 추출하기 위한 경계함수를 구한다. 경계함수는 Inter-frame Difference Algorithm을 이용하여 얻는다.
- 2. 추출 하고자 하는 물체의 내부 또는 외부에 초기 매곡선을 지정하기 위하여, 사용자 입력 혹은 미리 정의된 유한개의 Control point를 설정한다.
- 3. Level Set 알고리즘을 이용하여 곡선을 전개 시킨다.
- 4. 인접한 Control Point의 관계를 고려하여 동적으로 point를 생성 또는 소멸 시킨다.
- 5. 모든 Control Point에서의 Level Set 함수 값이 불변할 때까지 곡선을 전개 시킨다.
- 6. 모든 Control Point의 집합이 추출하고자 하는 물체의 최종 윤곽선 점들이다.

$$F \cdot |\nabla\Phi| + \frac{d\Phi}{dt} = 0,$$

$$\{\Phi(x(t), t=0) \text{ given}\}$$

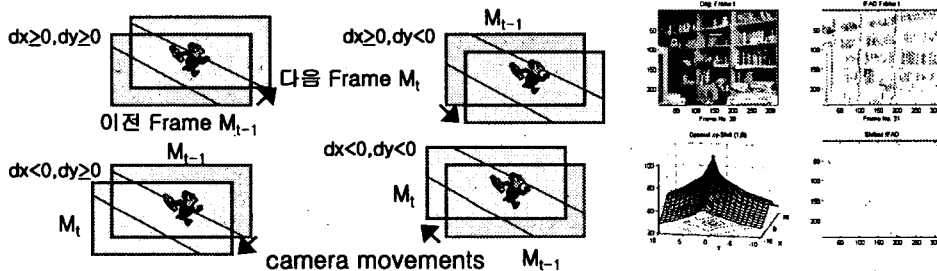


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# PT camera-based Shift-Invariant Tracking

- Optimal xy-Shifts → 4 cases: (dx,dy) has different boundaries



## • Gradient Search

- MIT Rule for Optimal xy-Shift:  $(dx^*, dy^*)$ 

$$\begin{bmatrix} dx_t \\ dy_t \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} dx_{t-1} \\ dy_{t-1} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \mu_x & 0 \\ 0 & \mu_y \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \partial f_R / \partial x \\ \partial f_R / \partial y \end{bmatrix}$$
- Problems:
  - Sharp Peak & Slow Neighbor
- Solution:
  - Adaptation Gain inversely proportional to Gradient
  - Reduce Gain to 1 if Fitness Ratio > 90%

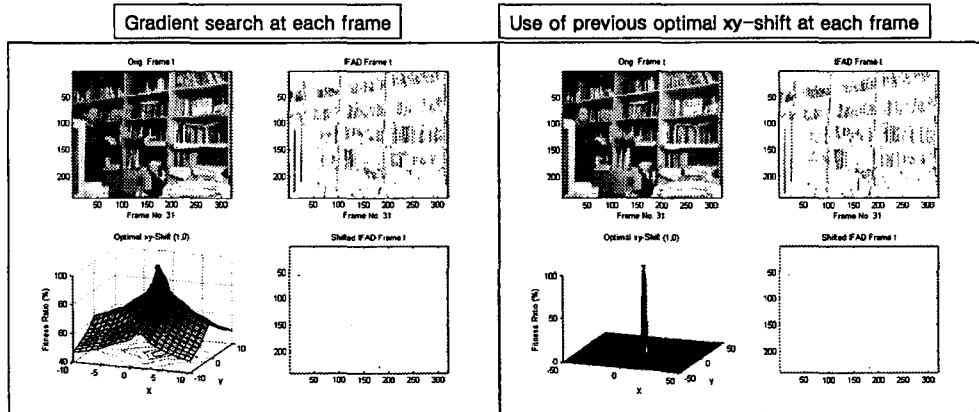
$$\mu = \mu' = 1 + \alpha \cdot \exp \left( - \frac{\|\nabla f_R\|^2}{R} \right)$$

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# PT camera-based Shift-Invariant Tracking

- Gradient Search within 8 Steps (2~8 steps)
  - 4 buffer-to-buffer subtraction per step
  - Min. 8 ~ Max. 32 buffer-to-buffer IFAD computations per frame



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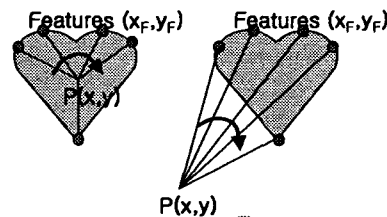
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# Segmentation Tracking

- Segmentation Tracking
  - To track & distinguish foreground (objects) from background (the environment).
  - For Intensity Images (with point-wise Intensity levels), four popular approaches are:
    - Threshold techniques
    - Edge-based methods
    - Region-based techniques
    - Connectivity-preserving relaxation methods
  - Recent techniques of connectivity-preserving relaxation method
    - Active contour model
    - The main idea is to start with some initial boundary shape represented in the form of spline curves, and iteratively modify it by applying various shrink/expansion operations according to some energy function. Although the energy-minimizing model is not new, coupling it with the maintenance of an "elastic" contour model gives it an interesting new twist. As usual with such methods, getting trapped into a local minimum is a risk against which one must guard; this is no easy task.

## Stepwise Procedure of Segmentation Tracking

1. Measured Feature: IFAD or IF2DAD
2. Preprocessing: Median Filter
3. Data Compression: Local Maxima
4. Angular Sorting: Quick-sort
5. Accumulation of Sliced Angles:
  - Add by comparing with "corner angle"
  - Register if accumulation > (360-corner angle)



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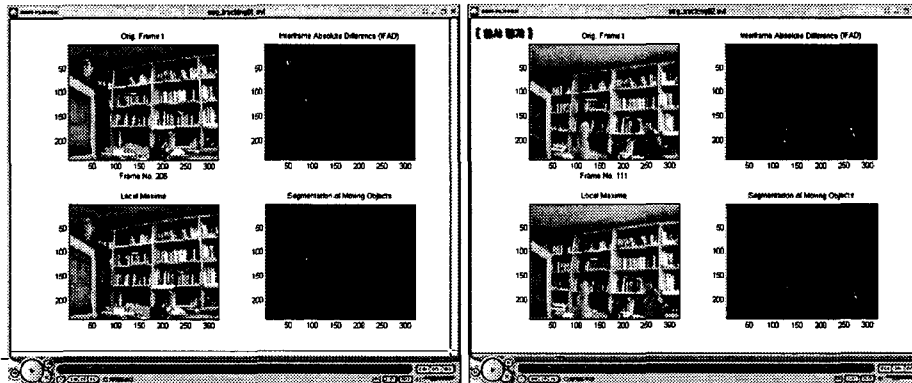
# Segmentation Tracking

- Real-time Issue

- Each Frame:

- Sorting (Total No. of Feature Points), Iterations (Feature ⇄ x Region of Interest)
    - Ex) 200 features x width 80 x height 60 = 960,000 (real-time almost impossible)
    - Solution: Reduced Resolution (320x240 → 64x48 seg. map)

Use of PF to obtain region of interest → Localize Regions of Interest



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Epilogue

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