Image Processing (COMP0026)

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Content:
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-Why digital images?;
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-Discrete sampling model;
-Noise processes;

Key information

Year 2019/20
Credit value 15 (150 study hours)
Delivery UG L6, Campus-based
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Assessment

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Segmentation:
- Thresholding and thresholding algorithms;
- Performance evaluation and ROC analysis;
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- Split and merge algorithms;
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- Graph based methods;

Image transformations:
- Grey level transformations;
- Histogram equalization;
- Geometric transformations;
- Affine transformations;
- Polynomial warps;

Morphological operation:
- Erode and dilate as max and min operators on binary images;
- Open, close, thinning and other transforms;
- Medial axis transform;

Image filtering:
- Fourier analysis;
- Linear and non-linear filtering operations;
- Image convolutions;
- Separable convolutions;
- Sub-sampling and interpolation as convolution operations;

Edge and corner detection:
- Edge enhancement by differentiation;
- Effect of noise, edge detection and Canny implementation;
- Edge detector performance evaluation;
- Image structure tensor;
- Relationship to image auto-correlation;
- Characterisation and Harris corner detector;

Template matching and advanced topics:
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- Optical flow;
- Non-local means filtering;
- Poisson image editing;

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- Written examination (main exam period): 80%
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