



Advanced Medical Image Registration Techniques

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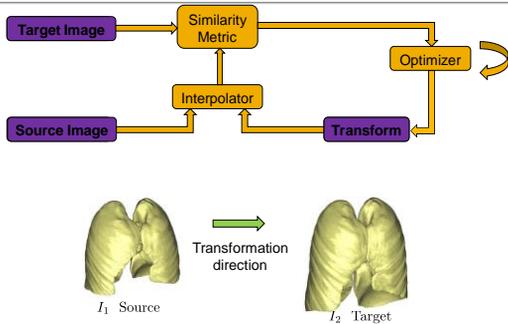
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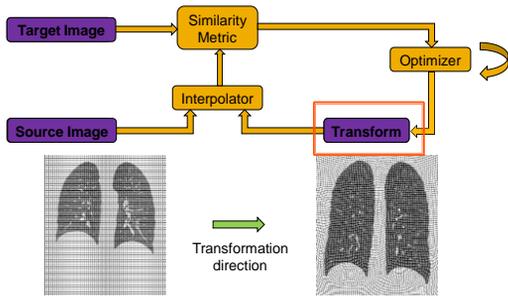
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- Symmetric Image Registration
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- Currents
- Applications



Registration Framework



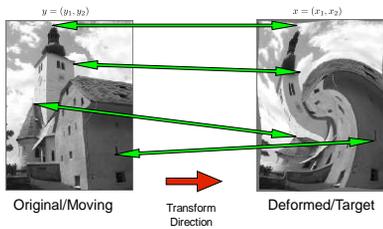
Registration Framework



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Transformation

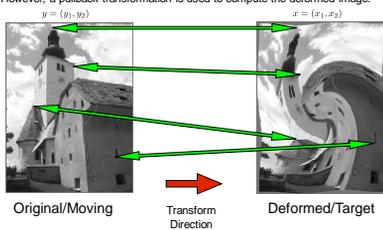
- A transformation establishes a unique correspondence between each (y_1, y_2) coordinate in the original image with a point (x_1, x_2) in the deformed/transformed image.



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Transformation

- There are two types of transformations that produce the same deformed image:
 - A push-forward transformation pushes an intensity from (y_1, y_2) to (x_1, x_2) .
 - A pullback transformation pulls an intensity from (y_1, y_2) to (x_1, x_2) .
- Push-forward and pullback transformations are inverses of each other.
- It is convenient to use a push-forward transformation when describing how an image transforms from its original to its deformed shape.
- However, a pullback transformation is used to compute the deformed image.



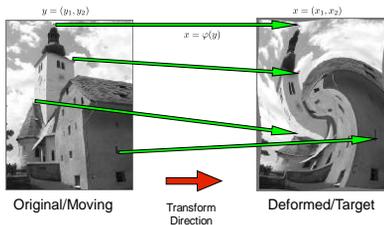
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Push-forward Transformation

A push-forward transformation is a vector valued function φ that maps a point (y_1, y_2) in the original image to a point (x_1, x_2) in the deformed image.

$$x_1 = \varphi_1(y_1, y_2)$$

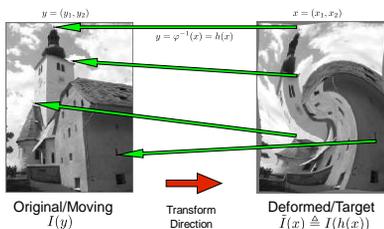
$$x_2 = \varphi_2(y_1, y_2)$$



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Pullback Transformation

- A pullback transformation is a vector valued function $\varphi^{-1} = h$ that maps a point x to y .
- It is used to pull back the intensity value at y to x to create the deformed image.



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Suppose we want to actually apply a transform to an image. How should we do it?

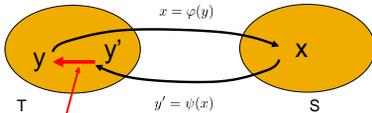
Directly using the push-forward transform may not work as you would expect...

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Inverse Consistency Error*

The **inverse consistency error** is defined to be the difference between the composition of the forward and reverse transformations $\varphi \circ \psi$, and the **identity transformation**.

NOTE: φ and ψ are both push-forward transformations. The inverse consistency error can equivalently be stated using pullback transformations.



Inverse Consistency Error = $\|y - y'\|$ where $y' = \psi(\varphi(y))$

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Push-forward Transformation Jacobian Determinant*

The determinant of the push-forward transformation Jacobian describes the pointwise **expansion or contraction** produced by the transformation at y .

$$J(y) = \left[\frac{\partial \varphi(y)}{\partial y} \right] = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial x_1}{\partial y_1} & \frac{\partial x_1}{\partial y_2} & \frac{\partial x_1}{\partial y_3} \\ \frac{\partial x_2}{\partial y_1} & \frac{\partial x_2}{\partial y_2} & \frac{\partial x_2}{\partial y_3} \\ \frac{\partial x_3}{\partial y_1} & \frac{\partial x_3}{\partial y_2} & \frac{\partial x_3}{\partial y_3} \end{bmatrix} = \text{Push-forward Jacobian}$$

Example interpretations of the push-forward Jacobian determinant:

- $\det(J) = 0 \rightarrow$ transformation is singular (no inverse)
- $0 < \det(J) < 1 \rightarrow$ area becomes smaller
- $\det(J) = 1 \rightarrow$ area is preserved
- $\det(J) > 1 \rightarrow$ area becomes larger

NOTE: The Jacobian determinant is occasionally referred to as "the Jacobian."

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Pullback Transformation Jacobian Determinant*

The determinant of the pullback transformation Jacobian describes the pointwise **expansion or contraction** produced by the transformation at x .

$$J(x) = \left[\frac{\partial \varphi^{-1}(x)}{\partial x} \right] = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial y_1}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial y_1}{\partial x_2} & \frac{\partial y_1}{\partial x_3} \\ \frac{\partial y_2}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial y_2}{\partial x_2} & \frac{\partial y_2}{\partial x_3} \\ \frac{\partial y_3}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial y_3}{\partial x_2} & \frac{\partial y_3}{\partial x_3} \end{bmatrix} = \text{Pullback Jacobian}$$

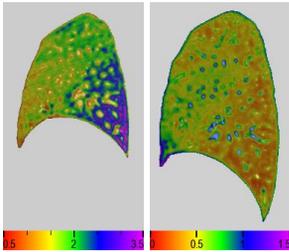
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NOTE: The matrix inverse of the push-forward Jacobian matrix is the Jacobian matrix of the pullback transformation if the transformation is a diffeomorphism.

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Jacobian Maps



Inhalation

Exhalation

- Jac > 1: Expansion (purple)
- Jac < 1: Contraction (red)
- Jac = 1: No volume change
- An obvious dorsal to ventral gradient is noticed
- Vessels have small volume change.

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Diffeomorphism*

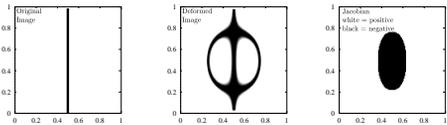
Definition: A **diffeomorphism** is a differentiable transformation from \mathbb{R}^n to \mathbb{R}^n , a bijection (a one-to-one and onto map) and its inverse is differentiable.

Transforming an image with a diffeomorphism ensures that

- Objects do not rip apart.
- Neighborhood structure is maintained.
- Objects/structures change size but do not disappear or get turned inside out.

Example:

$h(x) = (x_1 + \frac{1}{4} \sin 2\pi x_1 \sin \pi x_2, x_2)$ for $\vec{x} \in \Omega = [0, 1]^2$ is not a diffeomorphism.



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Parameterizing Diffeomorphisms*

In the large deformation setting:

- A diffeomorphic transformation is most often parameterized by a **velocity field**.



Curve and Surface Registration Using Currents

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Curve- and Surface-based Registration of Lung CT images via Currents

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Currents

- In 2005, J. Glaunès and M. Vaillant introduced the concept of currents in the field of Computational Anatomy.
- The currents similarity measure does not assume point correspondence between meshes or polygonal curves.
- They proposed to use the framework of reproducing kernel Hilbert spaces (RKHS) to give a tractable formula of this metric as well as its derivatives.

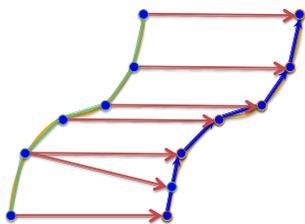
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How to Represent a Curve?



Points and line segments

Points, line segments and tangents

How do we define correspondence between two lines?

Pointwise?

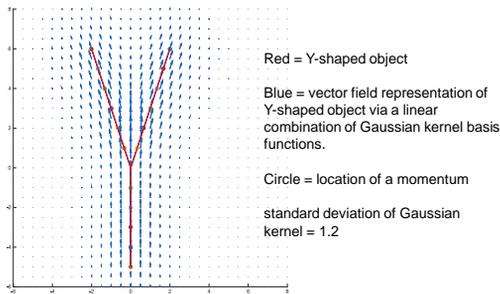
What if there are a different number of points?

One solution is to use currents to represent a curve. Currents do not assume correspondence between curves

But, what is a current?

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Reproducing Kernel Hilbert Space



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Reproducing Kernel Hilbert Space

- Let W denote the space of test functions which is the set of square integrable functions convolved with a smoothing kernel.
- Formally, W is defined as a Reproducing Kernel Hilbert Space (RKHS).
- Assume a Gaussian kernel: $K^W(x, y) = \exp(-|x - y|^2 / \lambda_W^2) Id$.
- The RKHS of vector fields W have two important properties:
 - W is the closed span of the vector fields of the form $\omega(x) = K^W(x, y)\beta$ for any fixed points y and vector β . The pair (y, β) is called momentum.
 - W is provided with an inner product defined by

$$\langle K^W(\cdot, x)\alpha, K^W(\cdot, y)\beta \rangle_W = \alpha^t K^W(x, y)\beta \quad (1)$$

Example:

$$\left\langle \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \exp\left(-\frac{(x_1 - 5)^2 + (x_2 - 6)^2}{4}\right), \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \exp\left(-\frac{(x_1 - 7)^2 + (x_2 - 8)^2}{4}\right) \right\rangle_W$$

$$= 1 \cdot 2 \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \exp\left(-\frac{(5 - 7)^2 + (6 - 8)^2}{4}\right) = 0.4$$

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- If ω denotes the vector field $K^W(\cdot, y)\beta$ in Eq. 1, this equation can be written as

$$\langle K^W(\cdot, x)\alpha, \omega \rangle_W = \alpha^t \omega(x) \quad (2)$$

which is called the "reproducing property".

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Reproducing Kernel Hilbert Space

W = RKHS

Basis: $\omega = K^W(\cdot, y)\alpha$
Smooth vector fields



$\langle \omega, \omega' \rangle_W$

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Dual Space = Space of Currents

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Dual Space of W
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Currents Basis

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Basis: $\delta_x^\alpha = \mathcal{L}_W(K^W(\cdot, x)\alpha)$
Linear functionals

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Current Similarity Cost Function

The joint cost function for registering both line and surface currents from source currents (L_1, S_1) to target currents (L_2, S_2) is defined by

$$C(v) = \left\| \varphi_* L_1 - L_2 \right\|_{W_2}^2 + \alpha \left\| \varphi_* S_1 - S_2 \right\|_{W_2}^2 + \beta \int_0^1 \left\| v_t \right\|_V^2 dt \quad (1)$$

where the transformation $\varphi = \phi_1$ satisfies

$$\frac{d}{dt} \phi_t(x) = v_t(\phi_t(x)) \quad (2)$$

- Curve: push-forward action is given by: $\varphi_* \delta_x^\alpha = \delta_{\varphi(x)}^{d_x \varphi(\alpha)}$
- Surface: push-forward action is given by: $\varphi_* \delta_x^\alpha = \delta_{\varphi(x)}^{d_x \varphi(d_x \varphi(x))^{-1}(\alpha)}$

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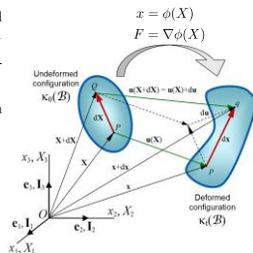
Mechanical Analysis

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Deformation of a Continuum Body

- ϕ is the transformation from the undeformed configuration to the deformed configuration
- $x = \phi(X) = X + u(X)$ where u is the displacement field
- $F = \nabla \phi(X) = I + \nabla u(X)$ is the deformation gradient tensor
- F is the Jacobian of ϕ

$$F = \nabla \phi(X) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial \phi_1}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial \phi_1}{\partial x_2} & \frac{\partial \phi_1}{\partial x_3} \\ \frac{\partial \phi_2}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial \phi_2}{\partial x_2} & \frac{\partial \phi_2}{\partial x_3} \\ \frac{\partial \phi_3}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial \phi_3}{\partial x_2} & \frac{\partial \phi_3}{\partial x_3} \end{bmatrix}$$



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RT Applications

- Biomechanical analysis of lung motion using mechanical measures (PI Reinhardt, HL079406, Iowa).
- Tracking cumulative dose in pulmonary RT in presence of tumor regression and atelectasis (PI Hugo, CA166119, VCU and Iowa)
- 4DCT reconstruction using 4D B-spline registration (PI Hugo, CA166119, VCU and Iowa)
- Modeling and predicting dose response in pulmonary RT using pretreatment Jacobian determinant (PI Bayouth, CA166703, Wisconsin and Iowa)
- Starting Aug 2016 at Wisconsin, treating patients with Pulmonary RT plans that spare healthy lung tissue based on pretreatment Jacobian determinant (PI Bayouth, CA166703, Wisconsin and Iowa)

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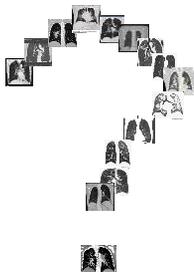
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