Computer Vision II - Lecture 13

Multi-Object Tracking III

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Course Outline

- Single-Object Tracking
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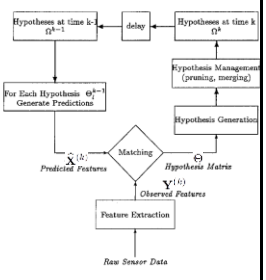
Recap: Multi-Hypothesis Tracking (MHT)

- Ideas
  - Instead of forming a track tree, keep a set of hypotheses that generate child hypotheses based on the associations.
  - Enforce exclusion constraints between tracks and measurements in the assignment.
  - Integrate track generation into the assignment process.
  - After hypothesis generation, merge and prune the current hypothesis set.



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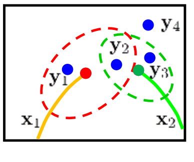
Recap: Hypothesis Generation

- Create hypothesis matrix of the feasible associations

$$\Theta = \begin{array}{c} \mathbf{x}_1\ \mathbf{x}_2\ \mathbf{x}_{fa}\ \mathbf{x}_{nt} \\ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \mathbf{y}_1 \\ \mathbf{y}_2 \\ \mathbf{y}_3 \\ \mathbf{y}_4 \end{array}$$



- Interpretation
  - Columns represent tracked objects, rows encode measurements
  - A non-zero element at matrix position (i,j) denotes that measurement $\mathbf{y}_i$ is contained in the validation region of track $\mathbf{x}_j$.
  - Extra column $\mathbf{x}_{fa}$ for association as *false alarm*.
  - Extra column $\mathbf{x}_{nt}$ for association as *new track*.
  - Turn this hypothesis matrix

Recap: Assignments

Z_j	$\mathbf{x}_1$	$\mathbf{x}_2$	$\mathbf{x}_{fa}$	$\mathbf{x}_{nt}$
$\mathbf{y}_1$	0	0	1	0
$\mathbf{y}_2$	1	0	0	0
$\mathbf{y}_3$	0	1	0	0
$\mathbf{y}_4$	0	0	0	1

- Impose constraints
  - A measurement can originate from only one object.

  ⇒ Any row has only a single non-zero value.
  - An object can have at most one associated measurement per time step.

  ⇒ Any column has only a single non-zero value, except for $\mathbf{x}_{fa}$, $\mathbf{x}_{nt}$

Recap: Calculating Hypothesis Probabilities

- Probabilistic formulation
  - It is straightforward to enumerate all possible assignments.
  - However, we also need to calculate the probability of each child hypothesis.
  - This is done recursively:

$$
\begin{aligned}
p(\Omega_j^{(k)}|\mathbf{Y}^{(k)}) &= p(Z_j^{(k)}, \Omega_{p(j)}^{(k-1)}|\mathbf{Y}^{(k)}) \\
&\overset{Bayes}{=} \eta p(\mathbf{Y}^{(k)}|Z_j^{(k)}, \Omega_{p(j)}^{(k-1)}) p(Z_j^{(k)}, \Omega_{p(j)}^{(k-1)}) \\
&= \underbrace{\eta}_{\text{Normalization factor}} \underbrace{p(\mathbf{Y}^{(k)}|Z_j^{(k)}, \Omega_{p(j)}^{(k-1)})}_{\text{Measurement likelihood}} \underbrace{p(Z_j^{(k)}|\Omega_{p(j)}^{(k-1)})}_{\text{Prob. of assignment set}} \underbrace{p(\Omega_{p(j)}^{(k-1)})}_{\text{Prob. of parent}}
\end{aligned}
$$

Recap: Measurement Likelihood

- Use KF prediction
  - Assume that a measurement $\mathbf{y}_i^{(k)}$ associated to a track $\mathbf{x}_j$ has a Gaussian pdf centered around the measurement prediction $\hat{\mathbf{x}}_j^{(k)}$ with innovation covariance $\widehat{\mathbf{\Sigma}}_j^{(k)}$.
  - Further assume that the pdf of a measurement belonging to a new track or false alarm is uniform in the observation volume W (the sensor's field-of-view) with probability W^{-1}.
  - Thus, the measurement likelihood can be expressed as

$$
\begin{aligned}
p\left(\mathbf{Y}^{(k)}|Z_j^{(k)}, \Omega_{p(j)}^{(k-1)}\right) &= \prod_{i=1}^{M_k} \mathcal{N}\left(\mathbf{y}_i^{(k)}; \hat{\mathbf{x}}_j, \widehat{\mathbf{\Sigma}}_j^{(k)}\right)^{\delta_i} W^{-(1-\delta_i)} \\
&= W^{-(N_{fal}+N_{new})} \prod_{i=1}^{M_k} \mathcal{N}\left(\mathbf{y}_i^{(k)}; \hat{\mathbf{x}}_j, \widehat{\mathbf{\Sigma}}_j^{(k)}\right)^{\delta_i}
\end{aligned}
$$

Recap: Probability of an Assignment Set

$$p(Z_j^{(k)}|\Omega_{p(j)}^{(k-1)})$$

- Composed of three terms
  1. Probability of the number of tracks N_{det}, N_{fal}, N_{new}
     - Assumption 1: N_{det} follows a binomial distribution

$$p(N_{det}|\Omega_{p(j)}^{(k-1)}) = \binom{N}{N_{det}} p_{det}^{N_{det}} (1-p_{det})^{(N-N_{det})}$$

where N is the number of tracks in the parent hypothesis

- Assumption 2: N_{fal} and N_{new} both follow a Poisson distribution with expected number of events $\lambda_{fal}W$ and $\lambda_{new}W$

$$
\begin{aligned}
p(N_{det}, N_{fal}, N_{new}|\Omega_{p(j)}^{(k-1)}) = & \binom{N}{N_{det}} p_{det}^{N_{det}} (1-p_{det})^{(N-N_{det})} \\
& \cdot \mu(N_{fal}; \lambda_{fal}W) \cdot \mu(N_{new}; \lambda_{new}W)
\end{aligned}
$$

Recap: Probability of an Assignment Set

2. Probability of a specific assignment of measurements
   - Such that $M_k = N_{det} + N_{fal} + N_{new}$ holds.
   - This is determined as 1 over the number of combinations

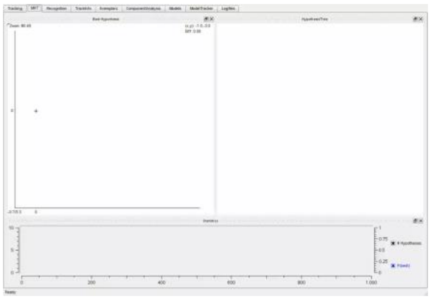
$$\binom{M_k}{N_{det}} \binom{M_k - N_{det}}{N_{fal}} \binom{M_k - N_{det} - N_{fal}}{N_{new}}$$

3. Probability of a specific assignment of tracks
   - Given that a track can be either *detected* or not *detected*.
   - This is determined as 1 over the number of assignments

$$\frac{N!}{(N-N_{det})!} \binom{N - N_{det}}{N_{det}}$$

⇒ When combining the different parts, many terms cancel out!

Laser-based Leg Tracking using MHT



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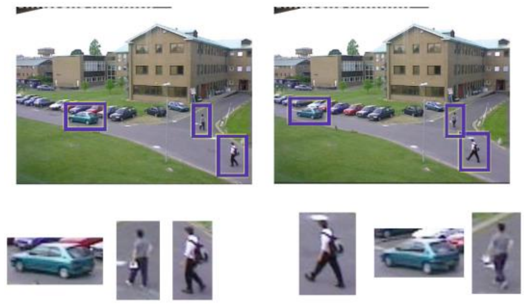
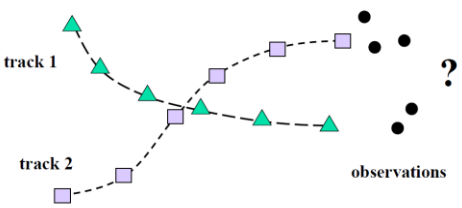
Back to Data Association...

- Goal: Match detections across frames



Data Association



- Main question here
  - How to determine which measurements to add to which track?
  - Today: consider this as a matching problem

Linear Assignment Formulation

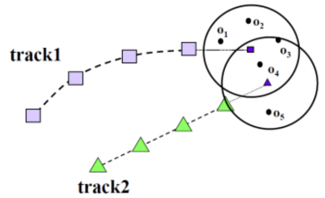
- Form a matrix of pairwise similarity scores
- Similarity could be
  - based on motion prediction
  - based on appearance
  - based on both

	Frame $t+1$		
Frame t			
	0.11	**0.95**	0.23
	0.85	0.25	**0.89**
	**0.90**	0.12	0.81

- Goal
  - Choose one match from each row and column to maximize the sum of scores

Linear Assignment Formulation

- Example: Similarity based on motion prediction
  - Predict motion for each trajectory and assign scores for each measurement based on inverse (Mahalanobis) distance, such that closer measurements get higher scores.



	ai1	ai2
1	3.0	
2	5.0	
3	**6.0**	1.0
4	9.0	**8.0**
5		3.0

  - Choose at most one match in each row and column to maximize sum of scores

Linear Assignment Problem

- Formal definition
  - Maximize $\sum_{i=1}^{N}\sum_{j=1}^{M} w_{ij} z_{ij}$

    subject to
    $$\left.\begin{array}{l}\sum_{j=1} z_{ij} = 1;\ i = 1,2,\ldots,N \\ \sum_{i=1} z_{ij} = 1;\ j = 1,2,\ldots,M \\ z_{ij} \in \{0,1\}\end{array}\right\}$$
    Those constraints ensure that Z is a permutation matrix
  - The permutation matrix constraint ensures that we can only match up one object from each row and column.
  - Note: Alternatively, we can minimize cost rather than maximizing weights. $\arg\min_{z_{ij}} \sum_{i=1}^{N}\sum_{j=1}^{M} c_{ij} z_{ij}$

Greedy Solution to LAP

	1	2	3	4	5
1	0.95	0.76	0.62	0.41	0.06
2	0.23	0.46	0.79	0.94	0.35
3	0.61	0.02	0.92	0.92	0.81
4	0.49	0.82	0.74	0.41	0.01
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- Greedy algorithm
  - Find the largest score
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  - Repeat
- Result: score =

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- Greedy algorithm
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- Result: score = 0.95 + 0.94 + 0.92 + 0.82 + 0.14 = 3.77

Is this the best we can do?

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Optimal solution
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- Discussion
  - Greedy method is easy to program, quick to run, and yields "pretty good" solutions in practice.
  - But it often does not yield the optimal solution.

Optimal Solution

- Hungarian Algorithm
  - There is an algorithm called Kuhn-Munkres or "Hungarian" algorithm specifically developed to efficiently solve the linear assignment problem.
  - Reduces assignment problem to bipartite graph matching.
  - When starting from an $N \times N$ matrix, it runs in $\mathcal{O}(N^3)$.
  - ⇒ If you need LAP, you should use it.
- In the following
  - Look at other algorithms that generalize to multi-frame (>2 frames) problems.
  - ⇒ Min-Cost Network Flow

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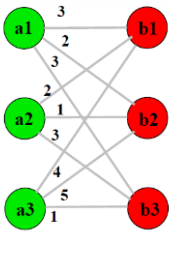
Min-Cost Flow

- Small example

	1	2	3
1	3	2	3
2	2	1	3
3	4	5	1



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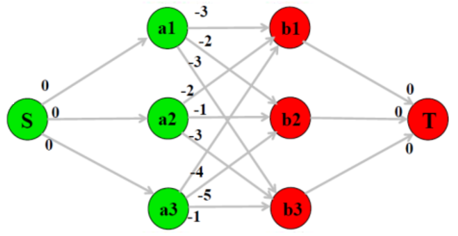
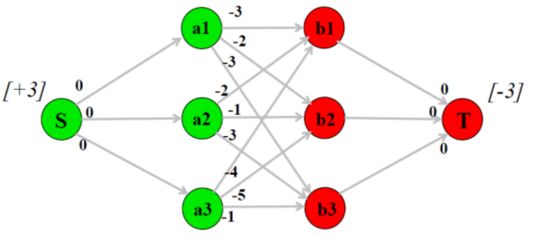


- Conversion into flow graph
  - Transform weights into costs $c_{ij} \propto w_{ij}$
  - Add source/sink nodes with 0 cost.
  - Directed edges with a capacity of 1.

Min-Cost Flow



- Conversion into flow graph
  - Pump N units of flow from source to sink.
  - Internal nodes pass on flow ($\sum$ flow in $= \sum$ flow out).
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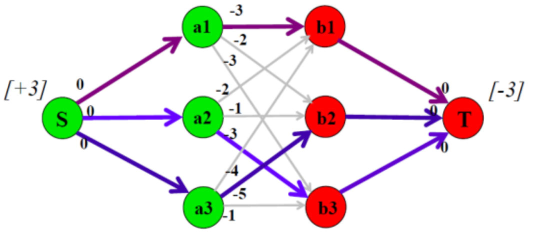

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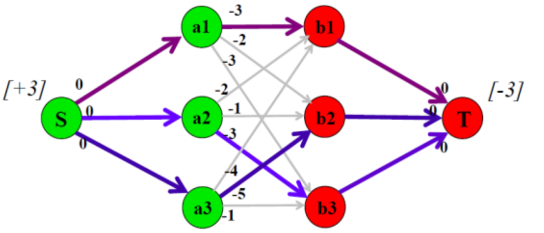
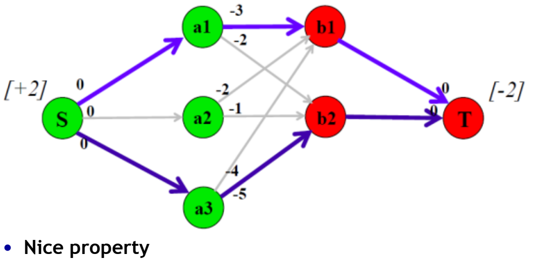


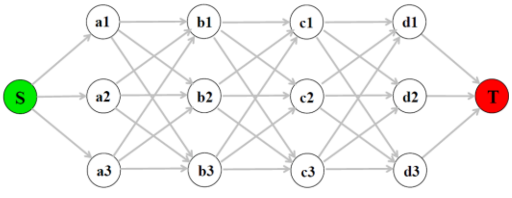
- Solving the Min-Cost Flow problem
  - There are standard algorithms for efficiently solving min-cost network flow
  - E.g., push-relabel or successive shortest path algorithms

Min-Cost Flow



- Nice property
  - Min-cost formalism readily generalizes to matching sets with unequal sizes.

Using Network Flow for Tracking



- Approach
  - Seek a globally optimal solution by considering observations over all frames in "batch mode".
  - $\Rightarrow$ Extend two-frame min-cost formulation by adding observations from all frames into the network.

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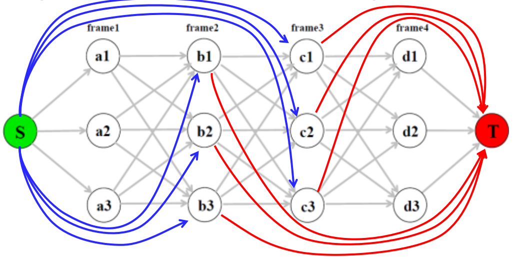

- **Complication 1**
  - Tracks can start later than frame1 (and end earlier than frame4)

  ⇒ Connect the source and sink nodes to all intermediate nodes.

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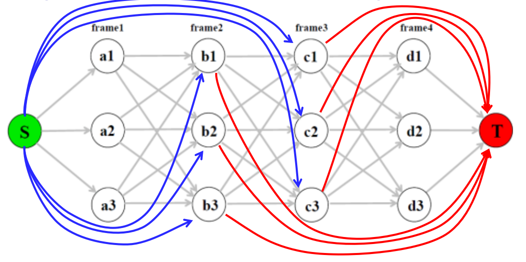

- **Complication 2**
  - Trivial solution: zero cost!

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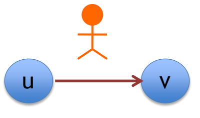
Using Network Flow for Tracking

- **Solution**
  - Divide each detection into 2 nodes



Detection edge

$$C_i = \log \frac{\beta_i}{1 - \beta_i}$$ ⟵ Probability that detection i is a false alarm

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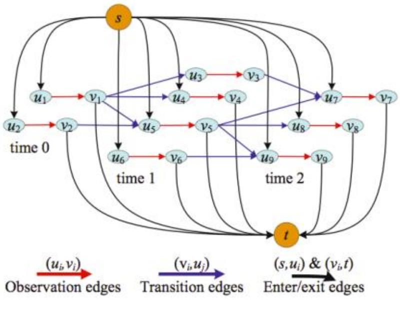
Network Flow Approach



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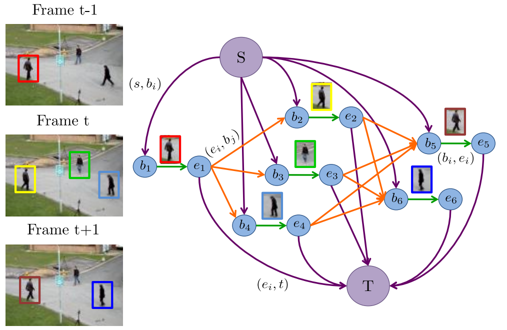
Network Flow Approach: Illustration



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Min-Cost Formulation

- **Objective Function**

$$\mathcal{T}* = \underset{\mathcal{T}}{\operatorname{argmin}} \sum_i C_{in,i} f_{in,i} + \sum_i C_{i,out} f_{i,out}$$

$$+ \sum_{i,j} C_{i,j} f_{i,j} + \sum_i C_i f_i$$

- **subject to**
  - Flow conservation at all nodes

$$f_{in,i} + \sum_j f_{j,i} = f_i = f_{out,i} + \sum_j f_{i,j} \ \forall i$$

  - Edge capacities

$$f_i \leq 1$$

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$$C_i = -log(P_i)$$

- Equivalent to Maximum A-Posteriori formulation

$$\mathcal{T}* = \underset{\mathcal{T}}{\operatorname{argmax}} \prod_i P(\mathbf{o}_i|\mathcal{T}) P(\mathcal{T})$$

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Min-Cost Formulation

- Objective Function

IN OUT

$$\mathcal{T}* = \underset{\mathcal{T}}{\operatorname{argmin}} \sum_i C_{in,i} f_{in,i} + \sum_i C_{i,out} f_{i,out}$$

TRANSITION

$$+ \sum_{i,j} C_{i,j} f_{i,j} + \sum_i C_i f_i$$

Likelihood of the detection

$$C_i = -log(P_i)$$

- Equivalent to Maximum A-Posteriori formulation

$$\mathcal{T}* = \underset{\mathcal{T}}{\operatorname{argmax}} \prod_i P(\mathbf{o}_i|\mathcal{T}) P(\mathcal{T})$$

$$P(\mathcal{T}) = \prod_{T_k \in \mathcal{T}} P(T_k)$$

Independence assumption + Markov

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Network Flow Solutions

- Push-relabel method
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- Successive shortest path algorithm
  - Berclaz, Fleuret, Turetken and Fua, **"Multiple Object Tracking using K-shortest Paths Optimization,"** IEEE PAMI, Sep 2011.
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  - **These both include approximate dynamic programming solutions**

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References and Further Reading

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