

Exercise 6: Object features - moments

a)

The moments of inertia are the second order central moments, generally defined as

$$u_{pq} = \sum_x \sum_y (x - \bar{x})^p (y - \bar{y})^q f(x, y).$$

This is the moments around the two axes that are parallel to the image axes x and y , passing through the center of mass of the object (\bar{x} and \bar{y}).

$$\mu_{20} = \sum_{x=0}^{M-1} \sum_{y=0}^{N-1} (x - \bar{x})^2 f(x, y)$$

$$\mu_{02} = \sum_{x=0}^{M-1} \sum_{y=0}^{N-1} (y - \bar{y})^2 f(x, y)$$

$$\mu_{11} = \sum_{x=0}^{M-1} \sum_{y=0}^{N-1} (x - \bar{x})(y - \bar{y}) f(x, y)$$

b)

For an 2D object to exhibit a unique orientation the requirement is simply $\mu_{20} \neq \mu_{02}$.

c)

$$m_{pq} = \sum_x \sum_y x^p y^q f(x, y)$$

First, we need to see that the “same moment of inertia about the parallel image coordinate axes ($x=0$ and $y=0$)” is

$$m_{20} = \sum_x \sum_y x^2 f(x, y) = (x - 0)^2 f(x, y)$$

$$m_{02} = \sum_x \sum_y y^2 f(x, y) = (y - 0)^2 f(x, y)$$

We also need to know that

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{x} &= \frac{m_{10}}{m_{00}} \\ \bar{y} &= \frac{m_{01}}{m_{00}}\end{aligned}$$

Then we can for example look at the second order moment μ_{20} , and find that:

$$\begin{aligned}u_{20} &= \sum_x \sum_y (x - \bar{x})^2 f(x, y) \\ &= \sum_x \sum_y (x^2 - 2x\bar{x} + \bar{x}^2) f(x, y) \\ &= m_{20} - 2\bar{x}m_{10} + \bar{x}^2 m_{00} \\ &= m_{20} - 2\bar{x}m_{10} + \bar{x} \frac{m_{10}}{m_{00}} m_{00} \\ &= m_{20} - \bar{x}m_{10}.\end{aligned}$$

Which is what we wanted to show.

And also for μ_{02}

$$\begin{aligned}u_{02} &= \sum_x \sum_y (y - \bar{y})^2 f(x, y) \\ &= \sum_x \sum_y (y^2 - 2y\bar{y} + \bar{y}^2) f(x, y) \\ &= m_{02} - 2\bar{y}m_{01} + \bar{y}^2 m_{00} \\ &= m_{02} - 2\bar{y}m_{01} + \bar{y} \frac{m_{01}}{m_{00}} m_{00} \\ &= m_{02} - \bar{y}m_{01}\end{aligned}$$