Subpixel Semantic Flow Supplementary Material

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In this supplementary material we provide the details of optimizing the objective function of the proposed subpixel semantic flow approach.

1 Optimization

We first derive the minimization of the subpixel semantic flow approach without bidirectional flow consistency. Consider the objective function in the continuous spatial domain:

$$E(u,v) = \int \psi\left(\sum_{k} |C_2(\mathbf{p} + \mathbf{w}(\mathbf{p}), k) - C_1(\mathbf{p}, k)|^2\right) d\mathbf{p} + \alpha \int \psi\left(|\nabla u(\mathbf{p})|^2 + |\nabla v(\mathbf{p})|^2\right) d\mathbf{p}$$
(1)

where $\mathbf{w}(\mathbf{p}) = (u(\mathbf{p}), v(\mathbf{p}))$ is the flow field we wish to obtain relating images I_1 and I_2 , $\psi(x^2) = \sqrt{x^2 + \varepsilon^2}$ with $\varepsilon = 0.001$ is a robust function, namely a differentiable, convex approximation of the L^1 norm, and $C_1(.)$ and $C_2(.)$ are densely extracted, normalized (zero mean, unit variance) Geometric Blur [II] descriptors treated as multi-channel images indexed by k. We take a gradient descent approach to minimize the above objective function and follow the notation used in [I]. Let us assume an initial guess of the flow field, \mathbf{w}_0 , is available and we are interested in the best increment direction $d\mathbf{w} = (du, dv)$. The perturbation around the initial flow field, \mathbf{w}_0 , yields the following objective function:

$$E(du, dv) = \int \psi \left(\sum_{k} |C_2(\mathbf{p} + \mathbf{w}_0(\mathbf{p}) + d\mathbf{w}(\mathbf{p}), k) - C_1(\mathbf{p}, k)|^2 \right) d\mathbf{p} + \alpha \int \psi \left(|\nabla (u_0(\mathbf{p}) + du(\mathbf{p}))|^2 + |\nabla (v_0(\mathbf{p}) + dv(\mathbf{p}))|^2 \right) d\mathbf{p}.$$
(2)

We linearize the correlation transform images around the initial flow field and obtain:

$$C_{2}(\mathbf{p} + \mathbf{w}_{0}(\mathbf{p}) + d\mathbf{w}(\mathbf{p}), k) \approx C_{2}(\mathbf{p} + \mathbf{w}_{0}(\mathbf{p}), k) + \frac{\partial C_{2}(\mathbf{p} + \mathbf{w}_{0}(\mathbf{p}), k)}{\partial x} du(\mathbf{p}) + \frac{\partial C_{2}(\mathbf{p} + \mathbf{w}_{0}(\mathbf{p}), k)}{\partial y} dv(\mathbf{p})$$
(3)

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$$C_{2}(\mathbf{p} + \mathbf{w}_{0}(\mathbf{p}) + d\mathbf{w}(\mathbf{p}), k) - C_{1}(\mathbf{p}, k) \approx C_{2}(\mathbf{p} + \mathbf{w}_{0}(\mathbf{p}), k) - C_{1}(\mathbf{p}, k) + \frac{\partial C_{2}(\mathbf{p} + \mathbf{w}_{0}(\mathbf{p}), k)}{\partial x} du(\mathbf{p}) + \frac{\partial C_{2}(\mathbf{p} + \mathbf{w}_{0}(\mathbf{p}), k)}{\partial y} dv(\mathbf{p}).$$
(4)

We denote

$$C_{2}\left(\mathbf{p}+\mathbf{w}_{0}\left(\mathbf{p}\right),k\right)-C_{1}\left(\mathbf{p},k\right)=C_{t}\left(\mathbf{p},k\right)$$
(5)

$$\frac{\partial C_2\left(\mathbf{p} + \mathbf{w}_0\left(\mathbf{p}\right), k\right)}{\partial x} = C_x\left(\mathbf{p}, k\right) \tag{6}$$

$$\frac{\partial C_2\left(\mathbf{p} + \mathbf{w}_0\left(\mathbf{p}\right), k\right)}{\partial y} = C_y\left(\mathbf{p}, k\right) \tag{7}$$

so that

$$C_{2}(\mathbf{p}+\mathbf{w}_{0}(\mathbf{p})+d\mathbf{w}(\mathbf{p}),k)-C_{1}(\mathbf{p},k)\approx C_{t}(\mathbf{p},k)+C_{x}(\mathbf{p},k)du(\mathbf{p})+C_{y}(\mathbf{p},k)dv(\mathbf{p}).$$
 (8)

We vectorize u_0 , v_0 , du, dv into U, V, dU, dV, obtain diagonal matrices $\mathbf{C}_x(k)$, and $\mathbf{C}_y(k)$ from $C_x(\mathbf{p},k)$ and $C_y(\mathbf{p},k)$ and similarly column vector $C_t(k)$ from $C_t(\mathbf{p},k)$ by spanning all pixels **p**. We denote \mathbf{D}_x and \mathbf{D}_y to be derivative filters in the direction of x and y respectively and introduce $\delta_{\mathbf{p}}$ as an indicator column vector whose value is 1 only at **p**. The objective function can then be evaluated on a discrete spatial domain as follows:

$$E(dU, dV) = \sum_{\mathbf{p}} \psi \left(\sum_{k} \left[C_{t}(\mathbf{p}, k) + C_{x}(\mathbf{p}, k) du(\mathbf{p}) + C_{y}(\mathbf{p}, k) dv(\mathbf{p}) \right]^{2} \right) + \alpha \sum_{\mathbf{p}} \psi \left(\left[\delta_{\mathbf{p}}^{T} \mathbf{D}_{x}(U + dU) \right]^{2} + \left[\delta_{\mathbf{p}}^{T} \mathbf{D}_{y}(U + dU) \right]^{2} + \left[\delta_{\mathbf{p}}^{T} \mathbf{D}_{x}(V + dV) \right]^{2} + \left[\delta_{\mathbf{p}}^{T} \mathbf{D}_{y}(V + dV) \right]^{2} \right)$$
(9)

$$E(dU, dV) = \sum_{\mathbf{p}} \psi \left(\sum_{k} \left[\delta_{\mathbf{p}}^{T} C_{t}(k) + \delta_{\mathbf{p}}^{T} C_{x}(k) dU + \delta_{\mathbf{p}}^{T} C_{y}(k) dV \right]^{2} \right) + \alpha \sum_{\mathbf{p}} \psi \left(\left[\delta_{\mathbf{p}}^{T} \mathbf{D}_{x}(U + dU) \right]^{2} + \left[\delta_{\mathbf{p}}^{T} \mathbf{D}_{y}(U + dU) \right]^{2} + \left[\delta_{\mathbf{p}}^{T} \mathbf{D}_{x}(V + dV) \right]^{2} + \left[\delta_{\mathbf{p}}^{T} \mathbf{D}_{y}(V + dV) \right]^{2} \right)$$
(10)

Note that this discretization is due to discrete spatial domain of images and not the discretization of the flow field, hence dU and dV are considered to be continuous variables.

Let $f_{\mathbf{p}}$ and $g_{\mathbf{p}}$ be the arguments of the robust functions:

$$f_{\mathbf{p}} = \sum_{k} \left[\delta_{\mathbf{p}}^{T} C_{t}\left(k\right) + \delta_{\mathbf{p}}^{T} \mathbf{C}_{x}\left(k\right) dU + \delta_{\mathbf{p}}^{T} \mathbf{C}_{y}\left(k\right) dV \right]^{2}$$
(11)

$$g_{\mathbf{p}} = \left[\delta_{\mathbf{p}}^{T}\mathbf{D}_{x}\left(U+dU\right)\right]^{2} + \left[\delta_{\mathbf{p}}^{T}\mathbf{D}_{y}\left(U+dU\right)\right]^{2} + \left[\delta_{\mathbf{p}}^{T}\mathbf{D}_{x}\left(V+dV\right)\right]^{2} + \left[\delta_{\mathbf{p}}^{T}\mathbf{D}_{y}\left(V+dV\right)\right]^{2}.$$
(12)

We have

$$E(dU,dV) = \sum_{\mathbf{p}} \psi(f_{\mathbf{p}}) + \alpha \sum_{\mathbf{p}} \psi(g_{\mathbf{p}}).$$
(13)

Using the 1st-order necessary condition of a local minimizer, we require:

$$\frac{\partial E\left(dU,dV\right)}{\partial dU} = 0, \ \frac{\partial E\left(dU,dV\right)}{\partial dV} = 0 \tag{14}$$

Let us consider $\frac{\partial E(dU,dV)}{\partial dU}$. The derivation of $\frac{\partial E(dU,dV)}{\partial dV}$ is analogous.

$$\frac{\partial E(dU,dV)}{\partial dU} = \sum_{\mathbf{p}} \psi'(f_{\mathbf{p}}) \cdot \frac{\partial f_{\mathbf{p}}}{\partial dU} + \alpha \psi'(g_{\mathbf{p}}) \cdot \frac{\partial g_{\mathbf{p}}}{\partial dU}$$
(15)

$$\frac{\partial f_{\mathbf{p}}}{\partial dU} = \sum_{k} 2 \cdot \left[\delta_{\mathbf{p}}^{T} C_{t}(k) + \delta_{\mathbf{p}}^{T} \mathbf{C}_{x}(k) dU + \delta_{\mathbf{p}}^{T} \mathbf{C}_{y}(k) dV \right] \cdot \frac{\partial \left[\delta_{\mathbf{p}}^{T} \mathbf{C}_{x}(k) dU \right]}{\partial dU}$$
$$= \sum_{k} 2 \cdot \left[\delta_{\mathbf{p}}^{T} C_{t}(k) + \delta_{\mathbf{p}}^{T} \mathbf{C}_{x}(k) dU + \delta_{\mathbf{p}}^{T} \mathbf{C}_{y}(k) dV \right] \cdot \left[\mathbf{C}_{x}(k) \delta_{\mathbf{p}} \right]$$
$$= \sum_{k} 2 \cdot \left[C_{x}(k) \delta_{\mathbf{p}} \delta_{\mathbf{p}}^{T} C_{t}(k) + \mathbf{C}_{x}(k) \delta_{\mathbf{p}} \delta_{\mathbf{p}}^{T} \mathbf{C}_{x}(k) dU + \mathbf{C}_{x}(k) \delta_{\mathbf{p}} \delta_{\mathbf{p}}^{T} \mathbf{C}_{y}(k) dV \right]$$
(16)

We are able to rotate the direction of multiplication in the above lines because the terms inside the bracket on the left hand side are scalars.

$$\frac{\partial g_{\mathbf{p}}}{\partial dU} = \frac{\partial}{\partial dU} \left[\left[\delta_{\mathbf{p}}^{T} \mathbf{D}_{x} U + \delta_{\mathbf{p}}^{T} \mathbf{D}_{x} dU \right]^{2} + \left[\delta_{\mathbf{p}}^{T} \mathbf{D}_{y} U + \delta_{\mathbf{p}}^{T} \mathbf{D}_{y} dU \right]^{2} \right]
= 2 \cdot \left[\delta_{\mathbf{p}}^{T} \mathbf{D}_{x} U + \delta_{\mathbf{p}}^{T} \mathbf{D}_{x} dU \right] \cdot \left[\mathbf{D}_{x}^{T} \delta_{\mathbf{p}} \right] + 2 \cdot \left[\delta_{\mathbf{p}}^{T} \mathbf{D}_{y} U + \delta_{\mathbf{p}}^{T} \mathbf{D}_{y} dU \right] \cdot \left[\mathbf{D}_{y}^{T} \delta_{\mathbf{p}} \right]
= 2 \cdot \left[\mathbf{D}_{x}^{T} \delta_{\mathbf{p}} \delta_{\mathbf{p}}^{T} \mathbf{D}_{x} U + \mathbf{D}_{x}^{T} \delta_{\mathbf{p}} \delta_{\mathbf{p}}^{T} \mathbf{D}_{x} dU + \mathbf{D}_{y}^{T} \delta_{\mathbf{p}} \delta_{\mathbf{p}}^{T} \mathbf{D}_{y} U + \mathbf{D}_{y}^{T} \delta_{\mathbf{p}} \delta_{\mathbf{p}}^{T} \mathbf{D}_{y} dU \right]
= 2 \cdot \left[\left(\mathbf{D}_{x}^{T} \delta_{\mathbf{p}} \delta_{\mathbf{p}}^{T} \mathbf{D}_{x} + \mathbf{D}_{y}^{T} \delta_{\mathbf{p}} \delta_{\mathbf{p}}^{T} \mathbf{D}_{y} \right) (U + dU) \right]$$
(17)

Combining the above terms, Eq. 16 and Eq. 17, we obtain:

$$\frac{\partial E\left(dU,dV\right)}{\partial dU} = \sum_{\mathbf{p}} \psi'\left(f_{\mathbf{p}}\right) \cdot \left[\sum_{k} 2 \cdot \left[\mathbf{C}_{x}\left(k\right) \delta_{\mathbf{p}} \delta_{\mathbf{p}}^{T} C_{t}\left(k\right) + \mathbf{C}_{x}\left(k\right) \delta_{\mathbf{p}} \delta_{\mathbf{p}}^{T} \mathbf{C}_{x}\left(k\right) dU + \mathbf{C}_{x}\left(k\right) \delta_{\mathbf{p}} \delta_{\mathbf{p}}^{T} \mathbf{C}_{y}\left(k\right) dV\right]\right] + \alpha \psi'\left(g_{\mathbf{p}}\right) \cdot \left[2 \cdot \left[\left(\mathbf{D}_{x}^{T} \delta_{\mathbf{p}} \delta_{\mathbf{p}}^{T} \mathbf{D}_{x} + \mathbf{D}_{y}^{T} \delta_{\mathbf{p}} \delta_{\mathbf{p}}^{T} \mathbf{D}_{y}\right)\left(U + dU\right)\right]\right]$$
(18)

We note that $\sum_{\mathbf{p}} \delta_{\mathbf{p}} \delta_{\mathbf{p}}^{T} = \mathbf{I}$. Introducing the diagonal matrices associated with the vector of the derivative of the robust function values at every $f_{\mathbf{p}}$ and $g_{\mathbf{p}}$, namely Ψ'_{f} and Ψ'_{g} , we note that the following equalities hold:

$$\sum_{\mathbf{p}} \boldsymbol{\psi}'(f_{\mathbf{p}}) \cdot \left[\sum_{k} 2 \cdot \left[\mathbf{C}_{x}(k) \, \boldsymbol{\delta}_{\mathbf{p}} \boldsymbol{\delta}_{\mathbf{p}}^{T} \boldsymbol{C}_{t}(k)\right]\right] = 2 \cdot \boldsymbol{\Psi}_{f}' \cdot \left[\sum_{k} \mathbf{C}_{x}(k) \cdot \boldsymbol{C}_{t}(k)\right]$$
(19)

$$\sum_{\mathbf{p}} \boldsymbol{\psi}'(f_{\mathbf{p}}) \cdot \left[\sum_{k} 2 \cdot \left[\mathbf{C}_{x}(k) \, \boldsymbol{\delta}_{\mathbf{p}} \boldsymbol{\delta}_{\mathbf{p}}^{T} \mathbf{C}_{x}(k) \, dU\right]\right] = 2 \cdot \boldsymbol{\Psi}_{f}' \cdot \left[\sum_{k} \mathbf{C}_{x}^{2}(k)\right] \cdot dU \qquad (20)$$

$$\sum_{\mathbf{p}} \boldsymbol{\psi}'(f_{\mathbf{p}}) \cdot \left[\sum_{k} 2 \cdot \left[\mathbf{C}_{x}(k) \, \boldsymbol{\delta}_{\mathbf{p}} \boldsymbol{\delta}_{\mathbf{p}}^{T} \mathbf{C}_{y}(k) \, dV\right]\right] = 2 \cdot \boldsymbol{\Psi}_{f}' \cdot \left[\sum_{k} \mathbf{C}_{x}(k) \cdot \mathbf{C}_{y}(k)\right] \cdot dV \qquad (21)$$

$$\sum_{\mathbf{p}} \boldsymbol{\psi}'(\boldsymbol{g}_{\mathbf{p}}) \cdot \left[2 \cdot \left[\mathbf{D}_{\boldsymbol{x}}^{T} \boldsymbol{\delta}_{\mathbf{p}} \boldsymbol{\delta}_{\mathbf{p}}^{T} \mathbf{D}_{\boldsymbol{x}}\right]\right] = 2 \cdot \mathbf{D}_{\boldsymbol{x}}^{T} \boldsymbol{\Psi}_{\boldsymbol{g}}' \mathbf{D}_{\boldsymbol{x}}$$
(22)

$$\sum_{\mathbf{p}} \boldsymbol{\psi}'(g_{\mathbf{p}}) \cdot \left[2 \cdot \left[\mathbf{D}_{y}^{T} \boldsymbol{\delta}_{\mathbf{p}} \boldsymbol{\delta}_{\mathbf{p}}^{T} \mathbf{D}_{y} \right] \right] = 2 \cdot \mathbf{D}_{y}^{T} \boldsymbol{\Psi}_{g}' \mathbf{D}_{y}$$
(23)

where we have used the fact that diagonal matrix multiplication is commutative. At a local minimum we require the gradient to vanish, hence

$$\Psi_{f}^{\prime} \cdot \left[\sum_{k} \mathbf{C}_{x}^{2}(k)\right] \cdot dU + \Psi_{f}^{\prime} \cdot \left[\sum_{k} \mathbf{C}_{x}(k) \cdot \mathbf{C}_{y}(k)\right] \cdot dV + \alpha \cdot \left[\mathbf{D}_{x}^{T} \Psi_{g}^{\prime} \mathbf{D}_{x} + \mathbf{D}_{y}^{T} \Psi_{g}^{\prime} \mathbf{D}_{y}\right] \cdot dU = -\Psi_{f}^{\prime} \cdot \left[\sum_{k} \mathbf{C}_{x}(k) \cdot C_{t}(k)\right] - \alpha \cdot \left[\mathbf{D}_{x}^{T} \Psi_{g}^{\prime} \mathbf{D}_{x} + \mathbf{D}_{y}^{T} \Psi_{g}^{\prime} \mathbf{D}_{y}\right] \cdot U$$
(24)

The term $\mathbf{D}_x^T \Psi_g' \mathbf{D}_x + \mathbf{D}_y^T \Psi_g' \mathbf{D}_y$ is called the Laplacian, **L**, operator. Analogously with similar derivation we obtain the first order necessary condition for dV:

$$\Psi_{f}^{\prime} \cdot \left[\sum_{k} \mathbf{C}_{x}(k) \cdot \mathbf{C}_{y}(k)\right] \cdot dU + \Psi_{f}^{\prime} \cdot \left[\sum_{k} \mathbf{C}_{y}^{2}(k)\right] \cdot dV + \alpha \cdot \left[\mathbf{D}_{x}^{T} \Psi_{g}^{\prime} \mathbf{D}_{x} + \mathbf{D}_{y}^{T} \Psi_{g}^{\prime} \mathbf{D}_{y}\right] \cdot dV = -\Psi_{f}^{\prime} \cdot \left[\sum_{k} \mathbf{C}_{y}(k) \cdot C_{t}(k)\right] - \alpha \cdot \left[\mathbf{D}_{x}^{T} \Psi_{g}^{\prime} \mathbf{D}_{x} + \mathbf{D}_{y}^{T} \Psi_{g}^{\prime} \mathbf{D}_{y}\right] \cdot V$$

$$(25)$$

Combining the above equalities and using a matrix-vector form we get:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \Psi'_{f} \cdot [\sum_{k} \mathbf{C}_{x}^{2}(k)] + \boldsymbol{\alpha} \cdot \mathbf{L} & \Psi'_{f} \cdot [\sum_{k} \mathbf{C}_{x}(k) \cdot \mathbf{C}_{y}(k)] \\ \Psi'_{f} \cdot [\sum_{k} \mathbf{C}_{x}(k) \cdot \mathbf{C}_{y}(k)] & \Psi'_{f} \cdot [\sum_{k} \mathbf{C}_{y}^{2}(k)] + \boldsymbol{\alpha} \cdot \mathbf{L} \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} dU \\ dV \end{bmatrix} = -\begin{bmatrix} \Psi'_{f} \cdot [\sum_{k} \mathbf{C}_{x}(k) \cdot C_{t}(k)] + \boldsymbol{\alpha} \cdot \mathbf{L} \cdot U \\ \Psi'_{f} \cdot [\sum_{k} \mathbf{C}_{y}(k) \cdot C_{t}(k)] + \boldsymbol{\alpha} \cdot \mathbf{L} \cdot V \end{bmatrix}$$
(26)

We solve the above linear system using coarse to fine refining scheme on a Gaussian pyramid with downsampling rate of 0.5 summarized in Algorithm 1.

Bidirectional flow consistency: Adding bidirectional flow consistency constraint extends the objective function as follows:

$$E(u,v) = \int \psi \left(\sum_{k} |C_2(\mathbf{p} + \mathbf{w}(\mathbf{p}), k) - C_1(\mathbf{p}, k)|^2 \right) d\mathbf{p} + \alpha \int \psi \left(|\nabla u(\mathbf{p})|^2 + |\nabla v(\mathbf{p})|^2 \right) d\mathbf{p} + \beta \int \phi \left(|\mathbf{w}(\mathbf{p}) + \mathbf{w}_{\mathbf{c}}(\mathbf{p})|^2 \right) d\mathbf{p}$$
(27)

where $\mathbf{w_c}$ denotes the flow field that is intended to be consistent with. We choose L^2 norm to measure flow consistency, *i.e.*, $\phi(x^2) = x^2$. Similar to the above derivation, the perturbation around an initial flow field, $\mathbf{w_0}$, yields the following objective function:

$$E(du, dv) = \int \psi \left(\sum_{k} |C_2(\mathbf{p} + \mathbf{w}_0(\mathbf{p}) + d\mathbf{w}(\mathbf{p}), k) - C_1(\mathbf{p}, k)|^2 \right) d\mathbf{p} + \alpha \int \psi \left(|\nabla (u_0(\mathbf{p}) + du(\mathbf{p}))|^2 + |\nabla (v_0(\mathbf{p}) + dv(\mathbf{p}))|^2 \right) d\mathbf{p} + \beta \int \phi \left(|\mathbf{w}_0(\mathbf{p}) + d\mathbf{w}(\mathbf{p}) + \mathbf{w}_c(\mathbf{p})|^2 \right) d\mathbf{p}.$$
(28)

Algorithm 1: Subpixel Semantic Flow Input : I_1, I_2, α, max iter Output : w Initialization: Set up P level pyramids of correlation transforms of Geometric Blur $[\square]$ descriptors, C_1 and C_2 . 1 for *level=P:-1:1* do 2 if *level=P* then $\mathbf{w} = 0$ 3 4 else upsample w to current level resolution 5 end 6 for *iter=1:max* iter do 7 compute Ψ'_f and Ψ'_g based on the current estimate of **w** 8 solve Eq. 26 9 update **w**; $\mathbf{w} = \mathbf{w} + [dU; dV]$ 10 median filter w to eliminate outliers 11 end 12 13 end

We shall only consider the effect of the last term. Vectorizing $u_0 + u_c$ and $v_0 + v_c$ as U_c and V_c respectively and evaluating the objective function on a discrete spatial domain as done before, we introduce the following new term:

$$c_{\mathbf{p}} = \left[\delta_{\mathbf{p}}^{T} \left(U_{c} + dU\right)\right]^{2} + \left[\delta_{\mathbf{p}}^{T} \left(V_{c} + dV\right)\right]^{2}.$$
(29)

The energy function on a discrete spatial domain then takes the following form:

$$E(dU,dV) = \sum_{\mathbf{p}} \psi(f_{\mathbf{p}}) + \alpha \sum_{\mathbf{p}} \psi(g_{\mathbf{p}}) + \beta \sum_{\mathbf{p}} \phi(c_{\mathbf{p}}).$$
(30)

Using the 1st-order necessary condition of a local minimizer we obtain the following linear system:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \Psi'_{f} \cdot [\Sigma_{k} \mathbf{C}_{x}^{2}(k)] + \boldsymbol{\alpha} \cdot \mathbf{L} + \boldsymbol{\beta} \cdot \mathbf{I} & \Psi'_{f} \cdot [\Sigma_{k} \mathbf{C}_{x}(k) \cdot \mathbf{C}_{y}(k)] \\ \Psi'_{f} \cdot [\Sigma_{k} \mathbf{C}_{x}(k) \cdot \mathbf{C}_{y}(k)] & \Psi'_{f} \cdot [\Sigma_{k} \mathbf{C}_{y}^{2}(k)] + \boldsymbol{\alpha} \cdot \mathbf{L} + \boldsymbol{\beta} \cdot \mathbf{I} \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} dU \\ dV \end{bmatrix} = -\begin{bmatrix} \Psi'_{f} \cdot [\Sigma_{k} \mathbf{C}_{x}(k) \cdot \mathbf{C}_{t}(k)] + \boldsymbol{\alpha} \cdot \mathbf{L} \cdot U + \boldsymbol{\beta} \cdot U_{c} \\ \Psi'_{f} \cdot [\Sigma_{k} \mathbf{C}_{y}(k) \cdot \mathbf{C}_{t}(k)] + \boldsymbol{\alpha} \cdot \mathbf{L} \cdot V + \boldsymbol{\beta} \cdot V_{c} \end{bmatrix}. \quad (31)$$

When considering a pair of images, we solve the above linear system using coarse to fine refining scheme on a Gaussian pyramid with downsampling rate of 0.5 in a coordinate descent fashion, where \mathbf{w}_c is replaced by current updates of \mathbf{w}_1 and \mathbf{w}_2 . This is summarized in Algorithm 2.

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Algorithm 2: Bidirectionally Consistent Subpixel Semantic Flow
   Input
                      : I_1, I_2, \alpha, \beta, max_{iter}
   Output
                      : W1.W2
   Initialization: Set up P level pyramids of correlation transforms of Geometric
                        Blur [\square] descriptors, C_1 and C_2.
 1 for level=P:-1:1 do
        if level=P then
 2
              w_1 = 0
 3
             compute \Psi'_{1f} and \Psi'_{1g} based on the current estimate of \mathbf{w}_1
 4
              solve Eq. 26
 5
              update w_1; w_1 = w_1 + [dU_1; dV_1]
 6
              median filter w_1 to eliminate outliers
 7
              w_2 = 0
 8
             compute \Psi'_{2f} and \Psi'_{2g} based on the current estimate of w_2
 9
              solve Eq. 26
10
              update w_2; w_2 = w_2 + [dU_2; dV_2]
11
              median filter w_2 to eliminate outliers
12
        else
13
              upsample w_1, w_2 to current level resolution
14
        end
15
        \mathbf{w_1}^{(0)} = \mathbf{w_1}, \mathbf{w_2}^{(0)} = \mathbf{w_2}
16
        for iter=1:max iter do
17
              compute \Psi'_{1f} and \Psi'_{1e} based on the current estimate of \mathbf{w}_1^{(iter-1)}
18
             solve Eq. 31 by replacing \mathbf{w}_{c} with \mathbf{w}_{2}^{(iter-1)}
19
              update \mathbf{w_1}^{(iter)}; \mathbf{w_1}^{(iter)} = \mathbf{w_1}^{(iter-1)} + [dU_1; dV_1]
20
              median filter \mathbf{w_1}^{(iter)} to eliminate outliers
21
              compute \Psi'_{2f} and \Psi'_{2g} based on the current estimate of \mathbf{w_2}^{(iter-1)}
22
              solve Eq. 31 by replacing \mathbf{w}_{c} with \mathbf{w}_{1}^{(iter-1)}
23
              update \mathbf{w_2}^{(iter)}; \mathbf{w_2}^{(iter)} = \mathbf{w_2}^{(iter-1)} + [dU_2; dV_2]
24
              median filter \mathbf{w}_2^{(iter)} to eliminate outliers
25
        end
26
27 end
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