

We have currently used MATLAB to implement our tracking code as there is excellent support for [hardware](#). We are planning to use MATLAB wrapper for BeagleBone Black for rapid deployment.

Following is the main code for video processing:

```
clear all; close all; clc;

matlab_files_path = 'C:\Users\Prasad N R\Documents\MATLAB\TraQuad';
video_path = 'E:\TraQuad\TraQuad Indiegogo campaign\video\ScreenCast\original';

filename = 'NFS1.mp4';

cd(video_path);

video_object = VideoReader(filename);
%video = read(video_object);

videoReader = vision.VideoFileReader(filename);
videoWriter = vision.VideoFileWriter('mask.avi','FrameRate',videoReader.info.VideoFrameRate);

%number_of_frames = size(video,4);

%clear video;

multiplied = zeros(video_object.Height,video_object.Width,3);
count = 1;
while ~isDone(videoReader)
    fprintf('%d',count);
    videoFrame = step(videoReader);
    videoFrame = uint8(255*videoFrame);
    maskRGB = createMaskHSV(videoFrame);
```

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mask = createMaskNFS(maskRGB);

mask = uint8(mask);
multiplied(:,:,1) = mask.*videoFrame(:,:,1);
multiplied(:,:,2) = mask.*videoFrame(:,:,2);
multiplied(:,:,3) = mask.*videoFrame(:,:,3);

multiplied = uint8(multiplied);

step(videoWriter, multiplied);
count = count + 1;
clc;
end

release(videoReader);
release(videoWriter);

```

We have used two color thresholding functions: One in RGB and one in HSV color spaces and chosen in series to eliminate most of the noise (color-thresholding app has been employed for the process):

The HSV thresholding function is as follows:

```
% Auto-generated by colorThresholder app on 07-Aug-2015
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%-----
```

```
function RGB = createMaskHSV(RGB)
```

```
% Convert RGB image to chosen color space
```

```
I = rgb2hsv(RGB);
```

```
% Define thresholds for channel 1 based on histogram settings
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channel1Min = 0.938;
channel1Max = 0.079;

% Define thresholds for channel 2 based on histogram settings
channel2Min = 0.151;
channel2Max = 1.000;

% Define thresholds for channel 3 based on histogram settings
channel3Min = 0.019;
channel3Max = 0.503;

% Create mask based on chosen histogram thresholds
BW = (I(:,:,1) >= channel1Min ) | (I(:,:,1) <= channel1Max ) & ...
    (I(:,:,2) >= channel2Min ) & (I(:,:,2) <= channel2Max) & ...
    (I(:,:,3) >= channel3Min ) & (I(:,:,3) <= channel3Max);

% Initialize output masked image based on input image.
maskedRGBImage = RGB;

% Set background pixels where BW is false to zero.
maskedRGBImage(repmat(~BW,[1 1 3])) = 0;

```

RGB thresholding function is as follows:

```

% Auto-generated by colorThresholder app on 06-Aug-2015

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function BW = createMaskNFS(RGB)

```

```

% Convert RGB image to chosen color space

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```

I = RGB;

```

```
% Define thresholds for channel 1 based on histogram settings
```

```
channel1Min = 87.000;
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```
channel1Max = 181.000;
```

```
% Define thresholds for channel 2 based on histogram settings
```

```
channel2Min = 8.000;
```

```
channel2Max = 64.000;
```

```
% Define thresholds for channel 3 based on histogram settings
```

```
channel3Min = 4.000;
```

```
channel3Max = 60.000;
```

```
% Create mask based on chosen histogram thresholds
```

```
BW = (I(:,:,1) >= channel1Min ) & (I(:,:,1) <= channel1Max) & ...
```

```
    (I(:,:,2) >= channel2Min ) & (I(:,:,2) <= channel2Max) & ...
```

```
    (I(:,:,3) >= channel3Min ) & (I(:,:,3) <= channel3Max);
```

The final motion tracking code is as follows:

```
%% Motion-Based Multiple Object Tracking
```

```
% This example shows how to perform automatic detection and motion-based
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```
% tracking of moving objects in a video from a stationary camera.
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%%
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```
% Detection of moving objects and motion-based tracking are important
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```
% components of many computer vision applications, including activity
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% recognition, traffic monitoring, and automotive safety. The problem of
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```
% motion-based object tracking can be divided into two parts:
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%  
% # detecting moving objects in each frame  
% # associating the detections corresponding to the same object over time  
%  
% The detection of moving objects uses a background subtraction algorithm  
% based on Gaussian mixture models. Morphological operations are applied to  
% the resulting foreground mask to eliminate noise. Finally, blob analysis  
% detects groups of connected pixels, which are likely to correspond to  
% moving objects.  
%  
% The association of detections to the same object is based solely on  
% motion. The motion of each track is estimated by a Kalman filter. The  
% filter is used to predict the track's location in each frame, and  
% determine the likelihood of each detection being assigned to each  
% track.  
%  
% Track maintenance becomes an important aspect of this example. In any  
% given frame, some detections may be assigned to tracks, while other  
% detections and tracks may remain unassigned. The assigned tracks are  
% updated using the corresponding detections. The unassigned tracks are  
% marked invisible. An unassigned detection begins a new track.  
%  
% Each track keeps count of the number of consecutive frames, where it  
% remained unassigned. If the count exceeds a specified threshold, the  
% example assumes that the object left the field of view and it deletes the  
% track.  
%  
% This example is a function with the main body at the top and helper  
% routines in the form of  
%  
<matlab:helpview(fullfile(docroot,'toolbox','matlab','matlab_prog','matlab_prog.map'),'nested_funct  
ions') nested functions>
```

% below.

```
function multiObjectTracking()
```

```
% Create system objects used for reading video, detecting moving objects,  
% and displaying the results.
```

```
obj = setupSystemObjects();
```

```
tracks = initializeTracks(); % Create an empty array of tracks.
```

```
nextId = 1; % ID of the next track
```

```
global file_path;
```

```
global real_file_name;
```

```
file_path = 'E:\TraQuad\TraQuad Indiegogo campaign\video\ScreenCast\640_360';
```

```
real_file_name = 'NFS1motion.avi';
```

```
real_video_object = VideoReader(real_file_name);
```

```
videoReader = vision.VideoFileReader('NFS1.avi');
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```
videoWriter = vision.VideoFileWriter('NFS1final.avi','FrameRate',videoReader.info.VideoFrameRate);
```

```
% Detect moving objects, and track them across video frames.
```

```
while ~isDone(obj.reader)
```

```
    frame = readFrame();
```

```
    realFrame = step(videoReader);
```

```
    [centroids, bboxes, mask] = detectObjects(frame);
```

```
    predictNewLocationsOfTracks();
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```
    [assignments, unassignedTracks, unassignedDetections] = ...
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```
        detectionToTrackAssignment();
```

```
    updateAssignedTracks();
```

```

updateUnassignedTracks();
deleteLostTracks();
createNewTracks();

displayTrackingResults();
end

%% Create System Objects
% Create System objects used for reading the video frames, detecting
% foreground objects, and displaying results.

function obj = setupSystemObjects()
    %global file_path;
    %global real_file_name;
    % Initialize Video I/O
    % Create objects for reading a video from a file, drawing the tracked
    % objects in each frame, and playing the video.
    %cd(file_path);
    cd('E:\TraQuad\TraQuad Indiegogo campaign\video\ScreenCast\640_360');
    % Create a video file reader.
    %obj.reader = vision.VideoFileReader(real_file_name);
    obj.reader = vision.VideoFileReader('NFS1motion.avi');

    % Create two video players, one to display the video,
    % and one to display the foreground mask.
    obj.videoPlayer = vision.VideoPlayer('Position', [20, 400, 700, 400]);
    obj.maskPlayer = vision.VideoPlayer('Position', [740, 400, 700, 400]);

    % Create system objects for foreground detection and blob analysis

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% The foreground detector is used to segment moving objects from
% the background. It outputs a binary mask, where the pixel value
% of 1 corresponds to the foreground and the value of 0 corresponds
% to the background.
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```
obj.detector = vision.ForegroundDetector('NumGaussians', 3, ...
    'NumTrainingFrames', 40, 'MinimumBackgroundRatio', 0.7);
```

```
% Connected groups of foreground pixels are likely to correspond to moving
% objects. The blob analysis system object is used to find such groups
% (called 'blobs' or 'connected components'), and compute their
% characteristics, such as area, centroid, and the bounding box.
```

```
obj.blobAnalyser = vision.BlobAnalysis('BoundingBoxOutputPort', true, ...
    'AreaOutputPort', true, 'CentroidOutputPort', true, ...
    'MinimumBlobArea', 50);
```

```
end
```

```
%% Initialize Tracks
```

```
% The |initializeTracks| function creates an array of tracks, where each
% track is a structure representing a moving object in the video. The
% purpose of the structure is to maintain the state of a tracked object.
% The state consists of information used for detection to track assignment,
% track termination, and display.
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% The structure contains the following fields:
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% * |id| : the integer ID of the track
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% * |bbox| : the current bounding box of the object; used
```

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% for display
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% * |kalmanFilter| : a Kalman filter object used for motion-based
```

```

%           tracking
% * |age| :       the number of frames since the track was first
%           detected
% * |totalVisibleCount| : the total number of frames in which the track
%           was detected (visible)
% * |consecutiveInvisibleCount| : the number of consecutive frames for
%           which the track was not detected (invisible).
%
% Noisy detections tend to result in short-lived tracks. For this reason,
% the example only displays an object after it was tracked for some number
% of frames. This happens when |totalVisibleCount| exceeds a specified
% threshold.
%
% When no detections are associated with a track for several consecutive
% frames, the example assumes that the object has left the field of view
% and deletes the track. This happens when |consecutiveInvisibleCount|
% exceeds a specified threshold. A track may also get deleted as noise if
% it was tracked for a short time, and marked invisible for most of the of
% the frames.

```

```

function tracks = initializeTracks()
    % create an empty array of tracks
    tracks = struct(...
        'id', {}, ...
        'bbox', {}, ...
        'kalmanFilter', {}, ...
        'age', {}, ...
        'totalVisibleCount', {}, ...
        'consecutiveInvisibleCount', {});
end

```

```
%% Read a Video Frame
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```
% Read the next video frame from the video file.
```

```
function frame = readFrame()
```

```
    frame = obj.reader.step();
```

```
end
```

```
%% Detect Objects
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```
% The |detectObjects| function returns the centroids and the bounding boxes
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```
% of the detected objects. It also returns the binary mask, which has the
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```
% same size as the input frame. Pixels with a value of 1 correspond to the
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```
% foreground, and pixels with a value of 0 correspond to the background.
```

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%
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```
% The function performs motion segmentation using the foreground detector.
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```
% It then performs morphological operations on the resulting binary mask to
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```
% remove noisy pixels and to fill the holes in the remaining blobs.
```

```
function [centroids, bboxes, mask] = detectObjects(frame)
```

```
    % Detect foreground.
```

```
    mask = obj.detector.step(frame);
```

```
    % Apply morphological operations to remove noise and fill in holes.
```

```
    mask = imopen(mask, strel('rectangle', [3,3]));
```

```
    mask = imclose(mask, strel('rectangle', [15, 15]));
```

```
    mask = imfill(mask, 'holes');
```

```
    % Perform blob analysis to find connected components.
```

```
    [~, centroids, bboxes] = obj.blobAnalyser.step(mask);
```

```
end
```

```
%% Predict New Locations of Existing Tracks
```

% Use the Kalman filter to predict the centroid of each track in the
% current frame, and update its bounding box accordingly.

```
function predictNewLocationsOfTracks()
    for i = 1:length(tracks)
        bbox = tracks(i).bbox;

        % Predict the current location of the track.
        predictedCentroid = predict(tracks(i).kalmanFilter);

        % Shift the bounding box so that its center is at
        % the predicted location.
        predictedCentroid = int32(predictedCentroid) - bbox(3:4) / 2;
        tracks(i).bbox = [predictedCentroid, bbox(3:4)];
    end
end
```

%% Assign Detections to Tracks

% Assigning object detections in the current frame to existing tracks is
% done by minimizing cost. The cost is defined as the negative
% log-likelihood of a detection corresponding to a track.

%

% The algorithm involves two steps:

%

% Step 1: Compute the cost of assigning every detection to each track using
% the |distance| method of the |vision.KalmanFilter| System object. The
% cost takes into account the Euclidean distance between the predicted
% centroid of the track and the centroid of the detection. It also includes
% the confidence of the prediction, which is maintained by the Kalman
% filter. The results are stored in an MxN matrix, where M is the number of
% tracks, and N is the number of detections.

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%
% Step 2: Solve the assignment problem represented by the cost matrix using
% the |assignDetectionsToTracks| function. The function takes the cost
% matrix and the cost of not assigning any detections to a track.
%
% The value for the cost of not assigning a detection to a track depends on
% the range of values returned by the |distance| method of the
% |vision.KalmanFilter|. This value must be tuned experimentally. Setting
% it too low increases the likelihood of creating a new track, and may
% result in track fragmentation. Setting it too high may result in a single
% track corresponding to a series of separate moving objects.
%
% The |assignDetectionsToTracks| function uses the Munkres' version of the
% Hungarian algorithm to compute an assignment which minimizes the total
% cost. It returns an M x 2 matrix containing the corresponding indices of
% assigned tracks and detections in its two columns. It also returns the
% indices of tracks and detections that remained unassigned.

function [assignments, unassignedTracks, unassignedDetections] = ...
    detectionToTrackAssignment()

nTracks = length(tracks);
nDetections = size(centroids, 1);

% Compute the cost of assigning each detection to each track.
cost = zeros(nTracks, nDetections);
for i = 1:nTracks
    cost(i, :) = distance(tracks(i).kalmanFilter, centroids);
end

% Solve the assignment problem.

```

```
costOfNonAssignment = 20;
[assignments, unassignedTracks, unassignedDetections] = ...
    assignDetectionsToTracks(cost, costOfNonAssignment);
end
```

```
%% Update Assigned Tracks
```

```
% The |updateAssignedTracks| function updates each assigned track with the
% corresponding detection. It calls the |correct| method of
% |vision.KalmanFilter| to correct the location estimate. Next, it stores
% the new bounding box, and increases the age of the track and the total
% visible count by 1. Finally, the function sets the invisible count to 0.
```

```
function updateAssignedTracks()
    numAssignedTracks = size(assignments, 1);
    for i = 1:numAssignedTracks
        trackIdx = assignments(i, 1);
        detectionIdx = assignments(i, 2);
        centroid = centroids(detectionIdx, :);
        bbox = bboxes(detectionIdx, :);

        % Correct the estimate of the object's location
        % using the new detection.
        correct(tracks(trackIdx).kalmanFilter, centroid);

        % Replace predicted bounding box with detected
        % bounding box.
        tracks(trackIdx).bbox = bbox;

        % Update track's age.
        tracks(trackIdx).age = tracks(trackIdx).age + 1;
```

```

    % Update visibility.
    tracks(trackIdx).totalVisibleCount = ...
        tracks(trackIdx).totalVisibleCount + 1;
    tracks(trackIdx).consecutiveInvisibleCount = 0;
end
end

```

%% Update Unassigned Tracks

% Mark each unassigned track as invisible, and increase its age by 1.

```

function updateUnassignedTracks()
    for i = 1:length(unassignedTracks)
        ind = unassignedTracks(i);
        tracks(ind).age = tracks(ind).age + 1;
        tracks(ind).consecutiveInvisibleCount = ...
            tracks(ind).consecutiveInvisibleCount + 1;
    end
end
end

```

%% Delete Lost Tracks

% The |deleteLostTracks| function deletes tracks that have been invisible
% for too many consecutive frames. It also deletes recently created tracks
% that have been invisible for too many frames overall.

```

function deleteLostTracks()
    if isempty(tracks)
        return;
    end

    invisibleForTooLong = 3;
    ageThreshold = 10;

```

```

% Compute the fraction of the track's age for which it was visible.
ages = [tracks(:).age];
totalVisibleCounts = [tracks(:).totalVisibleCount];
visibility = totalVisibleCounts ./ ages;

% Find the indices of 'lost' tracks.
lostInds = (ages < ageThreshold & visibility < 0.2) | ...
    [tracks(:).consecutiveInvisibleCount] >= invisibleForTooLong;

% Delete lost tracks.
tracks = tracks(~lostInds);
end

```

%% Create New Tracks

```

% Create new tracks from unassigned detections. Assume that any unassigned
% detection is a start of a new track. In practice, you can use other cues
% to eliminate noisy detections, such as size, location, or appearance.

```

```
function createNewTracks()
```

```
    centroids = centroids(unassignedDetections, :);
```

```
    bboxes = bboxes(unassignedDetections, :);
```

```
    for i = 1:size(centroids, 1)
```

```
        centroid = centroids(i,:);
```

```
        bbox = bboxes(i, :);
```

```
        % Create a Kalman filter object.
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```
        kalmanFilter = configureKalmanFilter('ConstantVelocity', ...
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```
            centroid, [75, 150], [50, 100], 100);
```

```

% Create a new track.

newTrack = struct(...
    'id', nextId, ...
    'bbox', bbox, ...
    'kalmanFilter', kalmanFilter, ...
    'age', 1, ...
    'totalVisibleCount', 1, ...
    'consecutiveInvisibleCount', 0);

% Add it to the array of tracks.

tracks(end + 1) = newTrack;

% Increment the next id.

nextId = nextId + 1;

end

end

```

%% Display Tracking Results

```

% The |displayTrackingResults| function draws a bounding box and label ID
% for each track on the video frame and the foreground mask. It then
% displays the frame and the mask in their respective video players.

```

```

function displayTrackingResults()

% Convert the frame and the mask to uint8 RGB.

frame = im2uint8(frame);

mask = uint8(repmat(mask, [1, 1, 3])) .* 255;

minVisibleCount = 30;

if ~isempty(tracks)

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% Noisy detections tend to result in short-lived tracks.

% Only display tracks that have been visible for more than
% a minimum number of frames.

reliableTrackInds = ...
    [tracks(:).totalVisibleCount] > minVisibleCount;
reliableTracks = tracks(reliableTrackInds);

% Display the objects. If an object has not been detected
% in this frame, display its predicted bounding box.
if ~isempty(reliableTracks)
    % Get bounding boxes.
    bboxes = cat(1, reliableTracks.bbox);

    % Get ids.
    ids = int32([reliableTracks(:).id]);

    % Create labels for objects indicating the ones for
    % which we display the predicted rather than the actual
    % location.
    labels = cellstr(int2str(ids));
    predictedTrackInds = ...
        [reliableTracks(:).consecutiveInvisibleCount] > 0;
    isPredicted = cell(size(labels));
    isPredicted(predictedTrackInds) = {' predicted'};
    labels = strcat(labels, isPredicted);

    realFrame = insertObjectAnnotation(realFrame, 'rectangle', ...
        bboxes, labels);

% Draw the objects on the frame.
%frame = insertObjectAnnotation(frame, 'rectangle', ...

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    % bboxes, labels);

    % Draw the objects on the mask.
    %mask = insertObjectAnnotation(mask, 'rectangle', ...
    % bboxes, labels);
end
end

% Display the mask and the frame.
%obj.maskPlayer.step(mask);
%obj.videoPlayer.step(frame);
%obj.videoPlayer.step(realFrame);
step(videoWriter, realFrame);
end

release(videoReader);
release(videoWriter);

%% Summary
% This example created a motion-based system for detecting and
% tracking multiple moving objects. Try using a different video to see if
% you are able to detect and track objects. Try modifying the parameters
% for the detection, assignment, and deletion steps.
%
% The tracking in this example was solely based on motion with the
% assumption that all objects move in a straight line with constant speed.
% When the motion of an object significantly deviates from this model, the
% example may produce tracking errors. Notice the mistake in tracking the
% person labeled #12, when he is occluded by the tree.
%
% The likelihood of tracking errors can be reduced by using a more complex
% motion model, such as constant acceleration, or by using multiple Kalman
% filters for every object. Also, you can incorporate other cues for

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% associating detections over time, such as size, shape, and color.

```
displayEndOfDemoMessage(mfilename)
```

```
end
```

There are many improvements still needed which we are planning to develop over time.