

# Deep Convolutional Neural Networks for Camera Relocalization

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### Introduction Problem Statement

### The Task

Camera relocalization, also known as image-based localization, is defined as the task of determining the location of a given image in an arbitrary coordinate frame.





Introduction Problem Statement (continued)

### Basic camera relocalization

Each image  $x \in I$  is processed independently in order to predict a 6-DOF pose  $y = (y_{pos} \in \mathbb{R}^3, y_{rot} \in SO(3)) = f(x)$ .

### Temporal camera relocalization

A sequence of *N* images  $\mathbf{x}^{(1)}, \ldots, \mathbf{x}^{(N)}$  taken at a constant rate is processed jointly to predict:  $\mathbf{y}^{(1)}, \ldots, \mathbf{y}^{(n)} = f(\mathbf{x}^{(1)}, \ldots, \mathbf{x}^{(N)})$ .



### Introduction Related Work

### Approaches to camera relocalization

- fiducial markers based localization
  - markers usually not present in the environment
  - prone to blur, occlusion and illumination
- sparse feature based localization
  - rely on SIFT or ORB-like features
  - only work well in a controlled environment
  - do not scale with the spatial extent of the environment
  - computationally expensive
- traditional machine learning methods
- deep learning methods

# Introduction



### Machine Learning vs Deep Learning





What is deep learning?

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### **Deep Learning**

- a class of Machine Learning methods
- focuses on representation learning
- employs deep neural networks (DNN)
- scales very well with the amount of training data
- successful on a variety of difficult problems

# Introduction

Why deep learning for camera relocalization?

### Deep Learning for Camera Relocalization

- end-to-end training without the need to hand-craft features
- constant space and time complexity at test-time
- camera intrinsics are not required
- robust to blur, occlusion, texture-less surfaces and varying lighting conditions



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Camera Relocalization as Regression

### Camera Relocalization as Regression

- ► Given a training dataset of image-pose pairs:  $X_{train} = \{(\mathbf{x}^{(1)}, \mathbf{y}^{(1)}), \dots, (\mathbf{x}^{(n)}, \mathbf{y}^{(n)})\}$
- ► We train a model ŷ = f(x; θ), which regresses 6-DOF poses directly from image pixels
- ► The output prediction ŷ = (ŷ<sub>pos</sub> ∈ ℝ<sup>3</sup>, ŷ<sub>rot</sub> ∈ ℝ<sup>4</sup>) is composed of position and quaternion
- Models are composed of a pretrained CNN followed by a secondary regression model
- We use a multi-task loss function to learn position and attitude prediction at the same time



Related Work - Weighted loss function

### Naive weighted loss, Kendall et al. [ICCV 2015]

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{pos} + \beta \mathcal{L}_{rot}$$
  
 $\mathcal{L}_{pos} = \| \mathbf{x} - \hat{\mathbf{x}} \|_{p}, \ \ \mathcal{L}_{rot} = \left\| \mathbf{q} - \frac{\hat{\mathbf{q}}}{\| \hat{\mathbf{q}} \|} \right\|_{p}$ 

- β is a hyper-parameter, which balances the importance between position and attitude loss
- Predicted quaternion *q̂* is normalized to force it to a valid rotation in 3D space
- Searching for optimal  $\beta$  is expensive

Related Work - Homoscedastic uncertainty based loss function

### Homoscedastic uncertainty loss, Kendall et al. [CVPR 2017]

- Homoscedastic uncertainty does not depend on the data and captures the uncertainty of the task itself.
- Loss for each task contains trainable parameter σ.

$$\mathcal{L}_{\sigma} = \mathcal{L}_{pos} \hat{\sigma}_{pos}^{-2} + \log \hat{\sigma}_{pos}^{2} + \mathcal{L}_{rot} \hat{\sigma}_{rot}^{-2} + \log \hat{\sigma}_{rot}^{2}$$

For improved numerical stability, we learn  $\hat{s} \leftarrow \log \hat{\sigma}^2$ .

$$\mathcal{L}_{\sigma} = \mathcal{L}_{pos} \; e^{-\hat{s}_{pos}} + \hat{s}_{pos} \; + \; \mathcal{L}_{rot} \; e^{-\hat{s}_{rot}} + \hat{s}_{rot}$$

We call this loss function Naive Homoscedastic (NH)

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Proposed loss function - Quaternion error loss function

### Quaternion error based loss, This work

▶ Difference between two rotation in 3D space is defined as:  $\ominus: SO(3) \times SO(3) \mapsto \mathbb{R}^3$ , which returns a vectorial difference  $\boldsymbol{\theta} \in \mathbb{R}^3$  defined on quaternions as:

$$\begin{aligned} \boldsymbol{\theta} &= \log\left(\boldsymbol{q}^{-1} \otimes \hat{\boldsymbol{q}}\right) \\ \log \boldsymbol{q} &= \boldsymbol{q}_{v} \frac{\arctan(\|\boldsymbol{q}_{v}\|, q_{w})}{\|\boldsymbol{q}_{v}\|} \approx \frac{\boldsymbol{q}_{v}}{q_{w}} \left(1 - \frac{\|\boldsymbol{q}_{v}\|^{2}}{3q_{w}^{2}}\right) \approx \boldsymbol{q}_{v} \xrightarrow[\boldsymbol{\theta} \mapsto 0]{} \\ \mathcal{L}_{rot} &= \|\log\left(\boldsymbol{q}^{-1} \otimes \hat{\boldsymbol{q}}\right)\|_{p} \end{aligned}$$

► We combine this with homoscedastic uncertainty loss → Quaternion Error Homoscedastic (QEH)

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# Deep Learning for Camera Relocalization

### Transfer Learning

- We leverage Transfer Learning and compare performance on 4 different CNN models
- All FC layers and auxiliary branches are removed
- The output of a CNN is a feature vector passed in to a second model

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GoogLeNet	×	×		last 3 Inception modules	$\sim 31.5\%$	$\sim 6 {\rm M}$	$\sim$ 3.3M	$224 \times 224 \times 3$	1  imes 1024
Inception ResNet V2	×			last 10 Inception ResNet blocks	$\sim 11.4\%$	$\sim$ 54.3M	$\sim$ 23.5M	$299 \times 299 \times 3$	1  imes 1536
VGG16			×	last 3 Conv layers	$\sim 23\%$	$\sim$ 14.7M	$\sim 7.1 M$	$224 \times 224 \times 3$	$1 \times 512$

#### Transfer Learning - VGG16 architecture



#### VGG16 architecture

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Transfer Learning - GoogLeNet architecture





### GoogLeNet architecture

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Transfer Learning - Inception ResNet V2 architecture



**Basic residual block** 



#### Inception ResNet V2 architecture

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### Deep Learning for Camera Relocalization Regressor model

### Regressor model

- Based on PoseNet, Kendall at al. [ICCV 2015]
- Images are fed through the frozen layers of the network and the output is stored
- Only the non-frozen layers from CNN are instantiated for training





## Deep Learning for Camera Relocalization Spatial-LSTM model

### Spatial-LSTM model

- Based on Walch et al. [ICCV 2017]
- Same as Regressor model, but intermediate spatial LSTMs are inserted for better structured feature correlation
- 4-way scanning of the reshaped feature vector





### Deep Learning for Camera Relocalization Temporal-GRU model

### Temporal-GRU model

- Based on VidLoc, Clark et al. [CVPR 2017]
- Employs bidirectional GRUs instead of LSTMs
- Poses are jointly regressed from sequences of images





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Training methodology

### Training methodology

- Implemented using Keras and TensorFlow<sup>a</sup>
- Trained on GeForce GTX 950 with 2GB of VRAM
- Random hyper-parameter search:
  - Adam optimizer with hyper-parameters:  $\eta = 2 \times 10^{-4}, \ \beta_1 = 0.9, \ \beta_2 = 0.999, \ \varepsilon = 1 \times 10^{-8}$
  - L2 regularization and Dropout set to 0
  - L1 norm used in loss functions
- Center-crops of images to fit the network input size

<sup>a</sup>Code available at

https://github.com/snt-robotics/camera\_relocalization



Outline of experiments

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- 2 datasets: 7Scenes and new Airframe dataset
- 2 loss functions
  - Naive Homoscedastic (NH)
  - Quaternion Error Homoscedastic (QEH)
- 3 models: Regressor, Spatial-LSTM, Temporal-GRU
- 4 CNN models for feature extraction
  - GoogLeNet-ImageNet
  - GoogLeNet-Places365
  - InceptionResNetV2-ImageNet
  - VGG16-Hybrid1365



### Example images from 7Scenes dataset





Fire





Office





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Red kitchen





Stairs

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# Experimental evaluation

### 7Scenes dataset summary

	# im	ages	Spatial	# train		
Scenes	Train	Test	Extent [m]	images per m <sup>3</sup>		
Chess	4000	2000	$3 \times 2 \times 1$	667		
Fire	2000	2000	2.5  imes 0.5  imes 1	1600		
Heads	1000	1000	$2 \times 0.5 \times 1$	1000		
Office	6000	4000	2.5  imes 2  imes 1.5	800		
Pumpkin	4000	2000	2.5  imes 2  imes 1	800		
Red Kitchen	7000	5000	$4 \times 3 \times 1.5$	389		
Stairs	2000	1000	2.5  imes 2  imes 1.5	267		



### Experimental evaluation Airframe dataset



p = (0.801, -1.214, 1.625)q = (0.005, 0.017, 0.769, 0.639)

p = (0.798, -1.796, 1.628)q = (0.003, 0.018, 0.788, 0.615)





p = (2.262, -0.985, 1.629)q = (-0.005, 0.011, 0.972, 0.234)

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7Scenes dataset

### Airframe dataset summary

airframe-mixed	
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airframe-ind

	# im	lages	# images				
	Train	Test	Train	Test			
Position 1	3301	918	4219	0			
Position 2	1451	1087	2538	0			
Position 3	1733	809	2542	0			
Position 4	1120	385	1505	0			
Position 5	2002	670	2672	0			
Position 6	3792	1628	0	5420			
Sum	13399	5497	13476	5420			
Total	18896						



**7Scenes results** 

### Median performance on 7Scenes dataset

Data cot	Method	GoogLeNet-ImageNet		GoogLeNet-Places365		Inception-ResNet-V2		VGG16-Hybrid1365	
Duiu Soi	Method	position	orientation	position	orientation	position	orientation	position	orientation
	Spatial-LSTM,QEH	0.157m	6.95°	0.177m	6.41°	0.164m	7.36°	0.148m	5.261°
0	Spatial-LSTM,NH	0.159m	9.85°	0.243m	8.21°	0.162m	72.07°	0.137m	7.868°
Cliess	Regressor,QEH	0.196m	7.21°	0.203m	6.53°	0.197m	7.78°	0.188m	5.805°
	Regressor,NH	0.166m	9.73°	0.183m	9.45°	0.209m	13.32°	0.197m	8.157°
	Spatial-LSTM,QEH	0.325m	12.72°	0.331m	13.14°	0.344m	15.28°	0.272m	<b>10.62°</b>
Fire	Spatial-LSTM,NH	0.342m	15.49°	0.346m	38.08°	0.333m	37.49°	0.281m	35.42°
	Regressor,QEH	0.321m	12.92°	0.362m	15.01°	0.354m	16.03°	0.432m	12.88°
	Regressor,NH	0.319m	38.05°	0.379m	35.96°	0.365m	$40.16^{\circ}$	0.459m	15.95°
	Spatial-LSTM,QEH	0.365m	12.99°	0.392m	13.57°	0.345m	14.69°	0.336m	11.79°
Stairs	Spatial-LSTM,NH	0.363m	43.06°	0.390m	12.15°	0.350m	11.92°	0.330m	44.32°
	Regressor,QEH	0.424m	14.80°	0.406m	14.11°	0.346m	15.05°	0.388m	13.12°
	Regressor,NH	0.434m	$12.07^{\circ}$	0.419m	$40.68^{\circ}$	0.361m	11.70°	0.461m	13.28°











### Median performance on Airframe dataset

Data set	Method	GoogLeN	let-ImageNet	GoogLeNet-Places365		Inception-ResNet-V2		VGG16-Hybrid1365	
Data Set	wethou	position	orientation	position	orientation	position	orientation	position	orientation
	Spatial-LSTM,QEH	0.193m	3.85°	0.279m	5.39°	0.196m	3.76°	0.184m	4.22°
airframe-mixed	Spatial-LSTM,NH	0.259m	$5.69^{\circ}$	0.292m	$9.88^{\circ}$	0.273m	5.13°	0.229m	5.66°
anname-mixeu	Regressor,QEH	0.264m	3.91°	0.350m	5.82°	0.194m	3.37°	0.229m	3.97°
	Regressor,NH	0.350m	6.75°	0.399m	12.40°	0.265m	5.86°	0.286m	7.06°
	Temporal-GRU,QEH	0.340m	7.06°	0.476m	9.67°	-	-	0.247m	7.67°
	Temporal-GRU,NH	0.437m	$8.68^{\circ}$	0.691m	12.07°	-	-	0.367m	53.55°
airframe-ind	Spatial-LSTM,QEH	0.328m	7.39°	0.545m	10.41°	0.282m	5.28°	0.268m	5.16°
	Spatial-LSTM,NH	0.418m	13.44°	0.627m	14.97°	0.366m	9.76°	0.356m	10.29°
	Regressor,QEH	0.444m	7.95°	0.673m	$10.78^{\circ}$	0.287m	4.63°	0.415m	5.92°
	Regressor,NH	0.708m	11.43°	0.906m	$17.09^{\circ}$	0.391m	$6.78^{\circ}$	0.439m	50.12°







Saliency maps for 7Scenes and Airframe

# Saliency maps $[\nabla_I f(I; \theta)]$ for 7Scenes and airframe-ind datasets trained on Spatial-LSTM,QEH using VGG16-Hybrid1365



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State-of-the-Art comparison for 7Scenes dataset

### State-of-the-Art comparison for 7Scenes

7Scenes	PoseNet <sup>[1]</sup>	Walch et al <sup>[3]</sup>	PoseNet <sup>[2]</sup>	This work		
	( $\beta$ weight)	Spatial LSTM	Learn $\sigma^2$ Weight	Spatial-LSTM,QEH		
Chess	0.32m, 6.60°	0.24m, 5.77°	0.14m, <b>4</b> .50°	<b>0.137</b> m, 7.868° *		
Fire	0.47m, 14.0°	0.34m, 11.9°	<b>0.27</b> m, 11.8°	0.272m, <b>10.62</b> °		
Heads	0.30m, 12.2°	0.21m, 13.7°	0.18m, 12 <b>.</b> 1°	<b>0.164</b> m, 14.79°		
Office	0.48m, 7.24°	0.30m, 8.08°	0.20m, 5.77°	0.212m, 7.83°		
Pumpkin	0.49m, 8.12°	0.33m, 7.00°	0.25m, 4.82°	0.264m, 18.33°		
Red Kitchen	0.58m, 8.34°	0.37m, 8.83°	0.24m, 5.52°	0.291m, 7.04°		
Stairs	0.48m, 13.1°	0.40m, 13.7°	0.37m, <b>10.6</b> °	<b>0.336</b> m, 11.79°		

\* Naive-Homoscedastic (NH)

<sup>1</sup> Kendall et al. [ICCV 2015] - PoseNet: A Convolutional Network for Real-Time 6-DOF Camera Relocalization

<sup>2</sup> Kendall et al. [CVPR 2017] - Geometric Loss Functions for Camera Pose Regression with Deep Learning

<sup>3</sup> Walch et al. [ICCV 2017] - Image-based localization using LSTMs for structured feature correlation



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- We achieved competitive and sometimes outperforming results while using significantly less computation power
- VGG16-Hybrid1365 is the best choice for the CNN
- The novel quaternion homoscedastic (QEH) loss function vastly improves position and orientation prediction
- The new Airframe dataset is very challenging, but has interesting applications in Robotics
- Temporal models require a lot of computational power and data, although have much higher potential compared to standard models

## Future work



### Future work

- Obtaining a measure of uncertainty together with pose prediction
- Finetuning the whole network as opposed to just a part of it
- Further investigation of temporal GRU models



# Thank you for your attention

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### Appendix



Predicted trajectories

Top-down view of predicted trajectories on **airframe-ind** dataset using **Spatial-LSTM,QEH** with VGG16-Hybrid1365



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### Background Hyperparameter Search





### Grid Search vs Random Search, Bergstra et al. [NIPS 2011]



### Background Artificial Neural Networks



### Background Artificial Neural Networks



### Fully-connected Layer (FC)

- simplest neural network
- activation is usually ReLU: f(x) = max(x, 0)
- matrix multiplication followed by an element-wise activation:

$$\mathbf{y} = f(\mathbf{W}\mathbf{x}) = f(\sum_{k=1}^{m} w_{ik} x_{ki} + b_i)$$



### Background Training



Stochastic Gradient Descent **Require:** Training dataset  $T = \{(\mathbf{x}^{(1)}, \mathbf{y}^{(1)}), (\mathbf{x}^{(2)}, \mathbf{y}^{(2)}), \dots, (\mathbf{x}^{(N)}, \mathbf{y}^{(N)})\}$ **Require:** Neural network as function  $f(x; \theta_t)$  with  $\theta_0$  as initial parameters **Require:** Loss function  $\mathcal{L}(x, y)$ **Require:** Learning rate  $\eta$  and batch-size *m* 1:  $t \leftarrow 1$ 2: while stopping criterion not met do Shuffle T 3: 4·  $i \leftarrow 1$ while  $i \leq N$  do 5. Compute network output for j = i, ..., max(i + m - 1, N):  $\hat{y}^{(j)} = f(\mathbf{x}^{(j)}; \boldsymbol{\theta}_i)$ 6. Compute gradient estimate:  $\hat{g} \leftarrow \frac{1}{m} \sum_{j} \nabla_{\theta_{i}} \mathcal{L}(\hat{y}^{(j)}, y^{(j)})$ 7. 8. Update network parameters:  $\boldsymbol{\theta}_t \leftarrow \boldsymbol{\theta}_{t-1} - \eta \hat{\boldsymbol{g}}$  $t \leftarrow t+1$ 9: 10:  $i \leftarrow i + m$ end while 11: 12: end while

### Background Training (continued)



### Adam optimizer

- per-parameter adaptive with a leaky counter v<sub>t</sub>
- momentum *m<sub>t</sub>* helps smooth noisy gradient
- bias correction for first few updates due to 0 initialization
- very good convergence without the need for heavy finetuning of η

$$m_{t} = \beta_{1}m_{t-1} + (1 - \beta_{1})\hat{g}$$

$$v_{t} = \beta_{2}v_{t-1} + (1 - \beta_{2})\hat{g} \odot \hat{g}$$

$$\hat{m}_{t} = \frac{m_{t}}{1 - \beta_{1}^{t}}$$

$$\hat{v}_{t} = \frac{v_{t}}{1 - \beta_{2}^{t}}$$

$$\boldsymbol{\theta}_{t} = \boldsymbol{\theta}_{t-1} - \eta \frac{\hat{m}_{t}}{\sqrt{\hat{v}_{t}} + \varepsilon}$$



### Background Convolutional Neural Networks (CNN)

### **Convolutional Neural Network**

- excellent for processing data with grid-like topology e.g. images
- parameter sharing allows for processing high-dimensional data
- composed of convolution (conv) and pooling (pool) layers





### Background Convolution Layer

### **Convolution Layer**

- accepts input with size  $x \times y \times d$  and outputs  $x_o \times y_o \times n$  size
- performs convolutions on the input tensor for each filter
- resulting activation maps are stacked along depth dimension
- ► hyper-parameters are: # filters (n), filter size (f<sub>x</sub>, f<sub>y</sub>), strides (s<sub>x</sub>, s<sub>y</sub>) and padding (p<sub>x</sub>, p<sub>y</sub>)





### Background Pooling Layers

### Pooling Layer

- accepts input with size  $x \times y \times d$  and outputs  $x_o \times y_o \times d$  size
- reduces spatial dimensionality
- the reduction operation is usually max or average
- ► hyper-parameters are: type of operation, window size (w<sub>x</sub>, w<sub>y</sub>), strides (s<sub>x</sub>, s<sub>y</sub>)





### Background Recurrent Neural Networks (RNN)

### **Recurrent Neural Networks**

- offer persistence of information between time-steps using loops
- overcome the limitation of processing fixed-sized inputs
- more challenging to train than regular neural networks
- turing-complete





### Background Vanilla RNN

### Vanilla RNN

- simplest RNN
- vanishing and exploding gradient problem
- unable to learn long-term dependencies

$$\boldsymbol{h}_t = tanh(\boldsymbol{W}_{hh}\boldsymbol{h}_{t-1} + \boldsymbol{W}_{xh}\boldsymbol{x}_t + \boldsymbol{b})$$



### Background Long-short Term Memory

# Long-short Term Memory (LSTM)

- much better at learning long-term dependencies
- gating mechanism allows for uninterrupted gradient flow
- adds cell state, which acts as memory
- 4 times more parameters than Vanilla RNN

$$f_{t} = \sigma(W_{f}x_{t} + U_{f}h_{t-1} + b_{f})$$

$$i_{t} = \sigma(W_{i}x_{t} + U_{i}h_{t-1} + b_{i})$$

$$o_{t} = \sigma(W_{o}x_{t} + U_{o}h_{t-1} + b_{o})$$

$$c_{t} = f_{t} \odot c_{t-1} + i_{t} \odot tanh(W_{c}x_{t} + U_{c}h_{t-1} + b_{c})$$

$$h_{t} = o_{t} \odot tanh(c_{t})$$







### Background Gated Recurrent Unit

### Gated Recurrent Unit (GRU)

- variant of LSTM
- only 2 gates: reset r<sub>t</sub> and update z<sub>t</sub>
- 2 times less parameters than LSTM
- does not need as much data and time for training





Trajectories on airframe-mixed - Position 6



Top-down view of predicted trajectory on **airframe-mixed** dataset using **Spatial-LSTM,QEH** with VGG16-Hybrid1365









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# Experimental evaluation



















Airframe dataset results with Temporal-GRU model

### Airframe summary results with Temporal-GRU model

Data cot	Method	median		mae		max		std	
Data Set	Wethou	pos	orien	pos	orien	pos	orien	pos	orien
GoogLeNet	Temporal-GRU,QEH	0.340	7.059	0.485	8.512	2.698	33.96	0.412	5.382
ImageNet	Temporal-GRU,NH	0.437	8.68	0.565	11.79	3.426	174.1	0.434	11.90
GoogLeNet	Temporal-GRU,QEH	0.476	9.67	0.567	11.90	2.100	49.00	0.345	7.76
Places365	Temporal-GRU,NH	0.691	12.07	0.805	18.98	2.763	178	0.451	21.37
VGG16	Temporal-GRU,QEH	0.247	7.67	0.378	8.48	1.592	32.40	0.310	5.00
Hybrid1365	Temporal-GRU,NH	0.367	53.55	0.443	62.86	1.701	179.8	0.271	37.28