



Autonomous Vehicle Localization By Leveraging Off-the-shelf Satellite Images

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Task Definition





Where am I?



Geo-tagged Satellite Image

Content Outline

(1) Coarse-level City-scale Localization



(2) Increasing the Localization Accuracy







Coarse-level City-scale Localization

- Part-1: Localizing Orientation Aligned Panoramas (AAAI 2020, NeurIPS 2019)
- Part-2: Localizing Images with Unknown Orientation and Limited FoV (CVPR 2020)

Image Retrieval







Constructing database:

Sample grids
 Split to small patches

Image Retrieval





The GPS of retrieved satellite image is assigned as current location.

A Typical Solution

Task Formulation

-- Image Retrieval

Solution -- Deep Metric Learning

Challenges

- 1. Significant domain differences
- 2. Unknown orientation and limited FoV
- 3. Limited localization accuracy

Our Solutions

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 Optimal feature transport for cross-view image geo-localization

 Y Shi, X Yu, L Liu, T Zhang, H Li

 AAAI oral 34 (07), 11990-11997

 Beyond Cross-view Image Retrieval: Highly Accurate Vehicle Localization Using Satellite

 Image

 Y Shi, H Li

 CVPR, 17010-17020

 Geometry-guided street-view panorama synthesis from satellite imagery

 Y Shi, DJ Campbell, X Yu, H Li

 TPAMI

 Accurate 3-DoF Camera Geo-Localization via Ground-to-Satellite Image Matching

 Y Shi, X Yu, L Liu, D Campbell, P Koniusz, H Li

 TPAMI

 CVLNet: Cross-View Semantic Correspondence Learning for Video-based Camera

 Localization

 V Shi X Yu, S Wang, H Li

Spatial-aware feature aggregation for image based cross-view geo-localization

Where am i looking at? joint location and orientation estimation by cross-view matching

Y Shi, X Yu, S Wang, H Li ACCV 2022 oral

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Part-1: Localizing Orientation Aligned Panoramas

AAAI 2020 & NeurIPS 2019

Geometry Correspondences

 -180° (180 $^{\circ}$)

-90

 -180° -90° 0° 90° 180°

Optimal Feature Transport (AAAI 2020)

1. Spatial layout information

2. Domain differences

Shi, Yujiao, et al. "Optimal feature transport for cross-view image geolocalization." AAAI 2020. Theory

$$\mathbf{P}^{*} = rgmin_{\mathbf{P}\in\mathcal{P}} \left\langle \mathbf{P},\mathbf{C}
ight
angle_{F} - \lambda h(\mathbf{P})$$

Row normalization:

$$\mathcal{N}_{i,j}^r(\mathbf{C}') = rac{c_{i,j}'}{\sum_{k=1}^N c_{i,k}'}$$

Column normalization:

$$\mathcal{N}_{i,j}^c(\mathbf{C}') = rac{c_{i,j}'}{\sum_{k=1}^N c_{k,j}'}$$

Polar Transform (NeurIPS 2019)

 -180° -90° 0° 90° 180°

Ground Panorama

Polar-transformed Satellite Image

Framework

Shi, Yujiao, et al. "Spatial-aware feature aggregation for image based cross-view geo-localization." NeurIPS 2019.

Spatial Attention

Localization Visualization

Orientation-aligned panoramas

Part-2: Localizing Images with Unknown Orientation and a limited FoV

CVPR 2020

Challenges

Satellite Image

Ground images captured at the same location but different orientations

Ground images with a limited FoV captured at the *same location but different orientation* can be totally **different**.

Orientation Estimation

Dynamic Similarity Matching:

Estimate orientation alignment between two-view images.

Framework

- Joint orientation and location estimation
- End-to-end

Shi, Yujiao, et al. "Where am i looking at? joint location and orientation estimation by cross-view matching." CVPR 2020.

Orientation Estimation

(a) FoV=360°

Table 4. Orientation prediction performance on correctly localized ground images.

| Dataset | | CVU | JSA | | CVACT_val | | | | | | | |
|--------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--|--|--|--|
| FoV | 360° | 180° | 90° | 70° | 360° | 180° | 90° | 70° | | | | |
| orien_acc | 99.41 | 98.54 | 76.15 | 61.67 | 99.84 | 99.10 | 74.51 | 55.18 | | | | |
| median_error | 2.38 | 2.38 | 4.50 | 4.88 | 1.97 | 2.89 | 5.21 | 6.22 | | | | |

(b) FoV=180°

180

180

0°

Limitation

Fig. 11: Examples of symmetric scenes (satellite images). At these locations, it is hard to determine the orientation (azimuth angle) of a ground image.

Localization Visualization

Unknown orientation and limited FoV

FoV= 360° , Azimuth= -32.344°

Query Image

 129.375° -129.375° -146.250° -180.000° FoV=180°, Azimuth=128.672° Top-1 Top-2 Top-3 Top-4

Drawbacks of Retrieval

Poor Localization accuracy

-- limited to the density of sampled grids.

Query Image

Increasing the Localization Accuracy

- Part-1: Exhaustive Search (TPAMI 2022)
- Part-2: Pose Optimization (CVPR 2021)
- Part-3: Localization with Uncertainty Estimates (ECCV 2022)
- Part-4: Geometry-guided SliceMatch (CVPR 2023)

Part-1

Exhaustive Search

TPAMI 2022

Exhaustive Search

Query Image

Top-1 Retrieved Satellite Image

Search every location per unit distance in the search region.

Localization Process

SSIM as similarity measure

Projected at (0, 0)

Projected at (-3, -8)

Projected at (4, -5)

Projected at (9, 2)

Shi, Yujiao, et al. "Accurate 3-DoF Camera Geo-Localization via Ground-to-Satellite Image Matching." TPAMI 2022.

Unknown orientation and limited FoV

Change feature maps to original images.

Fine-grained Localization

Localizing orientation-unknown panoramas

Fine-grained Localization

Top-1 retrieved image

Projected at satellite image center

Top-1 retrieved image

Projected at satellite image center

Projected at (6, -3), pred_orien=154°

Projected at (15, -9), pred_orien=67°

gt_orien=153°

gt_orien= 68°

Localizing images with unknown-orientation and limited FoV

Projective Transform

- Project satellite image to a ground-view according to a relative location
- Assume ground plane homography

$$\begin{cases} u_i^s = u_0 + sz_2 \tan(\pi v_i^t / H_g) \cos(2\pi u_i^t / W_g) \\ v_i^s = v_0 - sz_2 \tan(\pi v_i^t / H_g) \sin(2\pi u_i^t / W_g), \end{cases}$$

Quantitative Evaluation

User study

Which one is correct? GPS location, or our estimated location?

- (1) GPS location
- (2) Our estimated location
- (3) Both
- (4) Neither

Quantitative Evaluation

Fig. 14: User study results for fine-grained camera localization (orientation aligned). In this evaluation, users are asked to determine whether a location is correct or not. The color cyan indicates the portion of data where both GPS and our estimated locations are correct. The red bar "Neither" indicates the portion of data that cannot be localized when the FoV decreases from 360° to 180° .

User study

Method Limitation

Matching Satellite Image Projected Satellite Image at Ground GPS location

Projected Satellite Image at our estimated location Query Image

Further Exploration

- SSIM is not very effective
 - -- Better similarity metric? Feature Similarity
- Exhaustive search is computationally expensive
 - -- Sophisticated search strategy LM pose optimization

Part-2

Pose Optimization

CVPR 2022

Pose Optimization

Shi, Yujiao, and Hongdong Li. "Beyond cross-view image retrieval: Highly accurate vehicle localization using satellite image." CVPR 2022.

LM Optimization

LM Objective:

$$\hat{\xi} = \operatorname*{arg\,min}_{\xi} \|\mathbf{e}^l\|_2^2,$$

 $\mathbf{e}^l = \mathbf{F}_{s2g}^l - \mathbf{F}_g^l.$

 \mathbf{F}_{s2g}^{l} – projected ground features from satellite domain at the feature level l; \mathbf{F}_{g}^{l} – observed ground features at the feature level l;

Pose is updated by:

$$\xi_{t+1} = \xi_t + \widetilde{\mathbf{H}}^{-1} \mathbf{J}^T \mathbf{e},$$

$$\mathbf{J} = \frac{\partial \mathbf{F}_{s2g}}{\partial \xi} = \frac{\partial \mathbf{F}_{s2g}}{\partial \mathbf{p}_s} \frac{\partial \mathbf{p}_s}{\partial \xi}, \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{H} = \mathbf{J}^T \mathbf{J},$$

where t index iterations.

Framework

Multi-scale Coarse-to-fine Optimization

Satellite-to-ground Projection CVPR VANCOUVER, CA

Satellite parallel projection:

$$[u_s, v_s]^T = [\frac{z}{\alpha} + u_s^0, \frac{x}{\alpha} + v_s^0]^T,$$

 α – per-pixel real-word distance. **Ground (pin-hole) camera projection:**

$$w[u^g, v^g, 1]^T = \mathbf{K}[x_c, y_c, z_c]^T,$$

From ground camera to world camera:

$$[x, y, z]^T = \mathbf{R}([x_c, y_c, z_c]^T + \mathbf{t}), \qquad (3)$$

From ground pixel to satellite pixel:

(1)

$$v^{s}(//z)$$

 $v^{s}(//x)$
 x_{c}
 y_{c}
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 Real Camera Pose
 Initial Camera Pose (World Coordinates System)

Fig. 2 Coordinates illustration.

$$\begin{bmatrix} u_s \\ v_s \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\alpha} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{\alpha} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \left(w \mathbf{R} \mathbf{K}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} u_g \\ v_g \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + \mathbf{R} \mathbf{t} \right) + \begin{bmatrix} u_s^0 \\ v_s^0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$
(4)

Results – KITTI

Table 1. Performance comparison between our method and state-of-the-art methods on KITTI dataset.

| | | | | | Test1 | | | | Test2 | | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------|---------|-------|-------|-------|--------------|-------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------|---------|-------|-------|--------------|-------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--|
| | Lateral | | | Lo | Longitudinal | | | Azimuth | | | Lateral | | | Longitudinal | | | Azimuth | | |
| | d = 1 | d = 3 | d = 5 | d = 1 | d = 3 | d = 5 | $\theta = 1$ | $\theta = 3$ | $\theta = 5$ | d = 1 | d = 3 | d = 5 | d = 1 | d = 3 | d = 5 | $ \theta = 1$ | $\theta = 3$ | $\theta = 5$ | |
| CVM-NET [17] | 5.83 | 17.41 | 28.78 | 3.47 | 11.18 | 18.42 | - | - | - | 6.96 | 21.55 | 35.24 | 3.58 | 10.45 | 17.53 | - | - | - | |
| CVFT [49] | 7.71 | 22.37 | 36.28 | 3.82 | 11.48 | 18.63 | - | - | - | 7.20 | 22.05 | 36.21 | 3.63 | 11.11 | 18.46 | - | - | - | |
| SAFA [46] | 9.49 | 29.31 | 46.44 | 4.35 | 12.46 | 21.10 | - | - | - | 9.15 | 27.83 | 44.27 | 4.22 | 11.93 | 19.65 | - | - | - | |
| Polar-SAFA [46] | 9.57 | 30.08 | 45.83 | 4.56 | 13.01 | 21.12 | - | - | - | 10.02 | 29.09 | 46.19 | 3.82 | 11.87 | 19.84 | - | - | - | |
| DSM [47] | 10.12 | 30.67 | 48.24 | 4.08 | 12.01 | 20.14 | 3.58 | 13.81 | 24.44 | 10.77 | 31.37 | 48.24 | 3.87 | 11.73 | 19.50 | 3.53 | 14.09 | 23.95 | |
| VIGOR [70] | 18.61 | 49.06 | 69.79 | 4.29 | 13.01 | 21.47 | - | - | - | 17.38 | 48.20 | 70.79 | 4.07 | 12.52 | 20.14 | - | - | - | |
| Ours | 35.54 | 70.77 | 80.36 | 5.22 | 15.88 | 26.13 | 19.64 | 51.76 | 71.72 | 27.82 | 59.79 | 72.89 | 5.75 | 16.36 | 26.48 | 18.42 | 49.72 | 71.00 | |

Results

(1) SGD Vs. (2) ADAM. Vs. (3) LM

| | Test1 | | | | | | | | | | Test2 | | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------|---------|-------|-------|--------------|-------|-------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------|-------|--------------|-------|-------|---------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--|--|--|
| | Lateral | | | Longitudinal | | | Azimuth | | Lateral | | | Longitudinal | | | Azimuth | | | | | | |
| | d = 1 | d=3 | d = 5 | d = 1 | d = 3 | d = 5 | $\theta = 1$ | $\theta = 3$ | $\theta = 5$ | d = 1 | d = 3 | d = 5 | d = 1 | d = 3 | d = 5 | $\theta = 1$ | $\theta = 3$ | $\theta = 5$ | | | |
| SGD | 16.86 | 39.60 | 51.15 | 4.72 | 15.29 | 25.39 | 10.05 | 30.37 | 49.80 | 16.06 | 38.41 | 50.29 | 5.00 | 15.34 | 25.70 | 9.98 | 30.03 | 50.13 | | | |
| ADAM | 7.13 | 21.15 | 32.97 | 4.96 | 15.13 | 25.63 | 10.36 | 30.32 | 50.49 | 7.33 | 21.36 | 33.52 | 5.64 | 15.38 | 26.00 | 10.28 | 30.81 | 50.91 | | | |
| LM (Ours) | 35.54 | 70.77 | 80.36 | 5.22 | 15.88 | 26.13 | 19.64 | 51.76 | 71.72 | 27.82 | 59.79 | 72.89 | 5.75 | 16.36 | 26.48 | 18.42 | 49.72 | 71.00 | | | |

Table 4. Performance comparison by using different optimizers on the KITTI dataset.

Search region: 40 m x 40 m, 20-degree

Results

(1) Net. Vs. (2) LM

| | | Lateral | | L | Test1 | nal | | Azimuth | 1 | | Lateral | | Lo | Test2 | nal | Azimuth | | |
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| | d = 1 | d = 3 | d = 5 | d = 1 | d = 3 | d = 5 | $\theta = 1$ | $\theta = 3$ | $\theta = 5$ | d = 1 | d = 3 | d = 5 | d = 1 | d = 3 | d = 5 | $\theta = 1$ | $\theta = 3$ | $\theta = 5$ |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Net LM (Ours) | 27.14 35.54 | 58.28 70.77 | 71.91 80.36 | 4.53 5.22 | 15.19 15.88 | 25.36 26.13 | 45.56 19.64 | 93.19 51.76 | 99.76 71.72 | 20.26 27.82 | 53.94 59.79 | 67.42 72.89 | 5.40 5.75 | 15.82 16.36 | 25.58 26.48 | 42.03 18.42 | 92.32 49.72 | 99.81 71.00 |

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Search region: 40 m x 40 m, 20-degree

Pose Update Visualization

Weaknesses

Query

Reference

Query

Reference

- Red arrow: initial pose
- Blue arrow: GT pose
- Green arrow: predicted pose
- Purpose dots: intermediate pose

Part-3 : ECCV2022

Visual Cross-View Metric Localization with Dense Uncertainty Estimates

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Probabilistic Estimation

Framework

Visualization

Part-4: CVPR 2023

SliceMatch: Geometry-guided Aggregation for Cross-View Pose Estimation

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Code

Insight

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Framework

More details and results can be found in the paper

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Abstrac This work addre ., determining the 3-Degrees-of-Freedom camera pose s given ground-level image w.r.t. an aerial image of the lo al area. We propose SliceMatch, which consists of groun nd aerial feature extractors, feature aggregators, and a e predictor. The feature extractors extract dense feature om the ground and aerial images. Given a set of can om the ground and tarna images. idate camera poses, the feature aggregators construct ngle ground descriptor and a set of pose-dependent aeric ptors. Notably, our novel aerial feature aggregate cross-view attention module for ground-view guided tion and utilizes the geometric projection on of the ground camera's viewing frustum on the aeria stures. The efficient construction of aeria poot jeaune asing premputed masks. Slice tch is trained using contrastive learning and pose esated as a similarity comparison between w and the aerial descriptors. Compare to the state-of-the-art, SliceMatch achieves a 19% lower median localization error on the VIGOR benchmark using the same VGG16 backbone at 150 frames per second, and lower error when using a ResNet50 backbone

Figure 1: SilverAnds deteilities for a genuel-level image (a) his control, S-DaD provides a corresponding parelli large (A). In divide the camera's Horizontal Field of Vare (HPV) ims Valeer, i.e., vertical priors in (a). Aft end i attainstion, our reveal aggregation tog (c) applies cross-view attention to create ground video-peotic articli future mays. To efficiently not may candid that posses, the slice features are aggregated using pose-dependent articli tile masks for each pose are precomputed. All aerial pose descriptors are informed advection of the descriptor, resting and descriptor.

https://arxiv.org/abs/2211.14651

https://github.com/tudelft-iv/SliceMatch

Satellite to Street-view Panorama Synthesis

TPAMI 2022

Task Description

- Given a satellite image and a precise location
- What does it look like down there, as if one was standing right there?

Input: Satellite Image

Desired output: Street-View Panorama

Challenges:

- (1) severe occlusions;
- (2) different imaging modalities;
- (3) seasonal / weather differences, et al.

Shi, Yujiao, et al. "Geometry-guided street-view panorama synthesis from satellite imagery." TPAMI 2022.

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Geometry Correspondences

There is a deterministic mapping between the satellite to street-view cameras, *determined by the heights of scene objects*.

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Framework

Intermediate Visualization

Image

Map

(Intermediate)

Panorama (Final)

(Ground Truth)

Height Map Visualization

W or W/O Height Estimation

(a) Satellite Image (b) Ours w/o Height (Projection) (c) Ours

(d) Ground Truth

Satellite Image

Pix2Pix [23]

XFork [10]

Ours

Ground Truth

Satellite Image

Pix2Pix [23]

XFork [10]

Ours

Ground Truth

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Thank you!