

Learning Residual Elastic Warps for Image Stitching under Dirichlet Boundary Condition

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Overview

1. Residual Elastic Warps for Overlap Region Align

2. Dirichlet Boundary Condition for discontinuity free deep image stitching







Multi-step Sequential Alignment of Two Images with Homography and Thin-plate Spline.

Previous Deep Image Stitching

w/ Dirichlet Boundary Condition

- Previous deep stitching focuses on reducing L1 Loss of Overlapping region.
- The criteria cause discontinuity between overlap and non-overlap regions.
- Our introduction of Dirichlet boundary condition resolves the limitation.



 ΔD^G (or ΔD^L) : Four corner (or Control Point) Displacement vector for DLT (or TPS warp),

 S_V : DLT, S_{P_r} TPS warp, N/K: Iteration Number of Global/Local Alignment, P_r : 12 × 12 Uniform Grid.

 E_H, E_T : CNN Regressor for Homography or TPS, **C** : Cost volume, Pool: pooling **C** with **H** (or **F**).

Where $y \in Y$; $y = H \cdot x + F[x]$,

Res	Discussion			
Qualitative Comparison	Ablation study on Boundary Condition	Deep elastic warps with Optical Flow vs Thin-plate Spline		





Stitched Image







Robust ELA



Ours

LPC



w/o Boundary Constraint

w/ Constraint

Quantitative Comparison

Benchmark	UDIS-D					
Overlap Ratio	~ 30%	31 ~ 60%	61% ~	Average	Failure Ratio	Time (ms)
SIFT + RANSAC	18.32	21.68	22.30	21.48	1.27%	111
UDIS	19.61	20.15	19.88	19.97	0%	-
IHN	20.09	21.73	23.27	22.99	0%	38
APAP	21.28	22.30	23.54	22.69	12.30%	574
SPW	20.74	21.71	22.45	21.95	85.08%	383
LPC	17.07	21.04	21.59	20.82	42.13%	1395
Robust ELA	21.84	22.91	24.29	23.48	0.72%	79
Rewarp (ours)	22.11	24.55	26.08	24.84	0%	50





Homography + Optical Flow

Homography + TPS

High flexibility of warps cause artifacts in low-frequency regions.

Stitching under Very Large Parallax



Satisfying boundary condition while aligning two images may cause unnatural warps.