CS 474/674 Image Processing and Interpretation

Fall 2014 – Dr. George Bebis

Catalog Description: Image files, thresholding, histogram transformation, spectra, connectedness, edges, filtering, detection and recognition of objects, optical character recognition.

Prerequisites: CS202 and MATH/STAT 352. If you do not meet the prerequisite requirements for this course, you should see me immediately. Credit hours: 3.0

Meets: MW 9:30am – 10:45am (PE 205)

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Office Hours: MW 11:00am - 12:30pm or by appointment

Required Text:


Optional Texts:


Objectives

Digital image processing is among the fastest growing computer technologies. With increasing computer power, it is now possible to do numerically many tasks that were previously done using analogue techniques. The objective of this course is to provide an introduction to the theory and applications of digital image processing.

Course Outline (tentative)

- Introduction
- Digital Image Fundamentals
- Intensity Transformations and Spatial Filtering
- Filtering in the Frequency Domain
- Image Restoration
- Wavelets and Multi-resolution Processing
- Image Compression
- Image Segmentation
- Representation and Description
- Applications

Exams and Assignments

Grading will be based on two exams, several programming assignments, and a course project. Details are provided below:

- Homework problems will be assigned on a regular basis but will NOT be collected for grading. Homework solutions will be made available for each assignment.

- There will be two exams: a midterm and a final. The material covered in the exams will be drawn from the lectures and the homework.

- There will be 3-4 programming assignments which will be done on an individual basis. Graduate students will be required to do some extra work for each assignment.

- Students, working in groups of two, will be required to complete a project and submit a project report. Project topics will be chosen in coordination with the instructor and will be assigned shortly after the midterm exam. In general, a student will be required to implement a technique from the literature and apply it to some real data. There would be two targeted goals: the first goal would be to verify that the approach works and second, to identify potential weaknesses of the approach (i.e., cases where the approach fails to produce good results). Identifying ways to improve a given method will earn extra credit and possibly lead to a publication. Specific details will be provided in class.
Course Policies

- Lecture slides, assignments, and other useful information will be posted on the course web page.

- Both exams will be closed books, closed notes. If you are unable to attend an exam you must inform me in advance. Exams cannot be made up unless there is an extreme emergency.

- Discussion of your work with others is allowed and encouraged. However, each student should do his/her own work. **Assignments which are too similar will receive a zero.**

- **No** late work will be accepted unless there is an extreme emergency. If you are unable to hand in your work by the deadline, you must discuss it with me **before** the deadline.

- No incomplete grades (INC) will be given in this course and a missed exam may be made up only if it was missed due to an extreme emergency.

- Regular attendance is highly recommended. If you miss a class, you are responsible for all material covered or assigned in class.

Useful Tips

Since the material in this course is highly integrated, a limited understanding of one topic will have a serious effect on the understanding of subsequent topics. You should expect to spend many hours on this course outside the classroom. Do not expect to fully understand the material covered in this class if you do not spend many hours in front of your computer.

Don’t get behind in the programming assignments. Probably the main reason for students doing poorly in this course is getting behind in the assignments and never recovering. Design and implement in a top-down, modular fashion. Get something working that has the skeleton structure of what you need and then add features to it. Each time you add a feature, test it and make sure everything is still working. It can be tough to debug big programs if all you know is that the output is wrong and you are not sure anyone module is working. In addition, partial credit will be given for a program which at least partially works while it is very difficult to give credit for a program which may have many features but is not doing anything correctly.
**Academic Dishonesty**

Cheating, plagiarism or otherwise obtaining grades under false pretenses" constitute academic dishonesty according to the code of this university. Academic dishonesty will not be tolerated and penalties can include canceling a student's enrollment without a grade, giving an F for the course or for the assignment. For more details, see the UNR General Catalog.

**Disability Services**

Any student with a disability needing academic accommodations is requested to speak with me or contact the Disability Resource Center (Thompson Building, Suite 101), as soon as possible to arrange for appropriate accommodations.

**Academic Success Services**

Your student fees cover usage of the Math Center (784-443 or [www.unr.edu/mathcenter/](http://www.unr.edu/mathcenter/)), Tutoring Center (784-6801 or [www.unr.edu/tutoring/](http://www.unr.edu/tutoring/)), and University Writing Center (784-6030 or [http://www.unr.edu/writing_center/](http://www.unr.edu/writing_center/)). These centers support your classroom learning; it is your responsibility to take advantage of their services. Keep in mind that seeking help outside of class is the sign a responsible and successful student.

**Audio and Video Recording**

Surreptitious or covert video-taping of class or unauthorized audio recording of class is prohibited by law and by Board of Regents policy. This class may be videotaped or audio recorded only with the written permission of the instructor. In order to accommodate students with disabilities, some students may have been given permission to record class lectures and discussions. Therefore, students should understand that their comments during class may be recorded.
Grading Scheme

Midterm Exam: 25%
Final Exam: 25%
Prog. Assign: 30%
Project: 20%

A  90 and above
B  80-89
C  70-79
D  60-69
F  <59

Important dates

9/1/2014 – Labor Day (no classes)
10/15/2014 – Midterm exam
10/29/2014 – Final Day to Drop a Class
12/10/2014 – Prep Day
12/12/2014 - Final exam (2:45pm – 4:45pm)
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Program Outcomes:
Our graduates will have achieved:
1. an ability to apply knowledge of computing, mathematics, science, and engineering.
2. an ability to design and conduct experiments, as well as to analyze and interpret data.
3. an ability to design, implement, and evaluate a computer-based system, process, component, or program to meet desired needs, within realistic constraints specific to the field.
4. an ability to function effectively on multi-disciplinary teams.
5. an ability to analyze a problem, and identify, formulate and use the appropriate computing and engineering requirements for obtaining its solution.
6. an understanding of professional, ethical, legal, security and social issues and responsibilities.
7. an ability to communicate effectively with a range of audiences.
8. the broad education necessary to analyze the local and global impact of computing and engineering solutions on individuals, organizations, and society.
9. a recognition of the need for, and an ability to engage in continuing professional development and life-long learning.
10. a knowledge of contemporary issues.
11. an ability to use current techniques, skills, and tools necessary for computing and engineering practice.
12. an ability to apply mathematical foundations, algorithmic principles, and computer science and engineering theory in the modeling and design of computer-based systems in a way that demonstrates comprehension of the tradeoffs involved in design choices.
13. an ability to apply design and development principles in the construction of software systems or computer systems of varying complexity.

Computer Science & Engineering Program Objectives:
Within 3 to 5 years of graduation our graduates will:
1. be employed as computer science and engineering professionals beyond entry level positions or be making satisfactory progress in graduate programs.
2. have peer-recognized expertise together with the ability to articulate that expertise as computer science and engineering professionals.
3. apply good analytic, design, and implementation skills required to formulate and solve computer science and engineering problems.
4. demonstrate that they can function, communicate, collaborate and continue to learn effectively as ethically and socially responsible computer science or computer engineering professionals.