

A quick way to process two input images is

```
im1 = imread('your_first_frame_name');
im2 = imread('your_second_frame_name');
uv = estimate_flow_interface(im1, im2, 'classic+nl-fast');
```

The output uv is an M x N x 2 matrix.

You can also run the demo program `estimate_flow_demo.m` and follow it to try different methods and parameter setting. Have fun!

Any scientific work that makes use of our code should appropriately mention this in the text and cite our CVPR 2010 paper (see below).

Note that the program was written in a Linux environment with MATLAB R2008b. It has only been tested on one Windows machine (Windows7 with MATLAB R2007b) and one Mac machine (Matlab 2009b). Please report problems you encounter to us (dqsun at cs.brown.edu).

Output:

```
uv = estimate_flow_demo; The estimated flow field on "RubberWhale" has an average
angular error (AAE) of 2.401 degrees and an average end-point error (EPE) of 0.076.
```

Note that the default method is a fast version of the reported "Classic+NL" method on the Middlebury benchmark. Please read the comments in the beginning of the demo program for more methods.

Data:

Please download training and test data

other-color-twoframes.zip, other-gt-flow.zip, and eval-color-twoframes.zip

from <http://vision.middlebury.edu/flow/data/>

and extract them to data/ (You can change the filepath in the beginning of `utils/local/read_flow_file.m` "filePath = 'data/';" to the folder that you save the data)

There might be a tiny difference for some methods ("classic-c" and "ba") and sequences from those reported in the technical report, if you run `estimate_flow_demo.m` directly. Results reported in the technical report were obtained using the gray images from the Middlebury website. `estimate_flow_demo.m` takes the color images and converts them to the gray images with the MATLAB built-in function `rgb2gray`, but the converted gray images are slightly different from those directly downloaded from the Middlebury website.

You may need to compile `utils/mex/sor.pp` file to use the sor solver or download some MATLAB sor solver.

Possible errors

a)

Error using ==> \

Out of memory. Type HELP MEMORY for your option.

Uncomment this line in `estimate_flow_interface.m`

```
%ope.solver = 'pcg';
```

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