CS 91R: The Computational Image Assignment 5: Hough Transform

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In this lab, we will experiment with the Hough Transform, a method for finding lines in images by combining some of the techniques used earlier in the course: edge detection, histograms, and homogeneous coordinates.



Figure 1: hough

1 Warm-up

- 1. Understand create_hough(nimg: p5.Image, nhro: int, ntheta: int): 2D list
 - This method creates the hough histogram with **nhro** bins for the line distance and **ntheta** bins for the angle. Remember the line equation we use for hough is $\rho = x \cos(\theta) + y \sin(\theta)$.
 - Write a few words about what the 2 map calls are doing in the reflection.
 - Why do we need to bound check r (making sure it's between 0 and nrho), but not ti?
- 2. In this lab we'll be using jsfeat for some of the things we've already implemented ourselves. Experiment a little with the arguments to gaussian_blur and canny to get the best results for edge detection.

2 Implementation

- 3. Implement draw_hough_lines(hough: 2D list).
 - The method should draw all the lines in the hough histogram that have non-zero counts.

Note: Odds are you will see many lines, you might use max_count(hist) to find the one most-likely line while debugging.

- 4. Implement filter_lines(hough: 2D list): 2D list
 - Given a histogram of detected lines, return a new histogram. Some ideas:
 - threshold the histogram by some constant (i.e., have more than N votes)
 - threshold the histogram by some proportion (i.e., in the top 25% of vote)
 - non-maximal suppression: only lines that are the most voted-for in their neighborhood survive

3 Learning Objectives

- find lines in images
- use homogeneous coordinates to represent lines
- perform non-maximal suppression
- use jsfeat for some low-level image processing tasks

4 Deliverables

- 1. Commit the javascript sketch.js to the repo.
- 2. Write the reflection (as a markdown document named reflection.md) about what you were able to accomplish in this lab. Don't forget the collaboration statement!