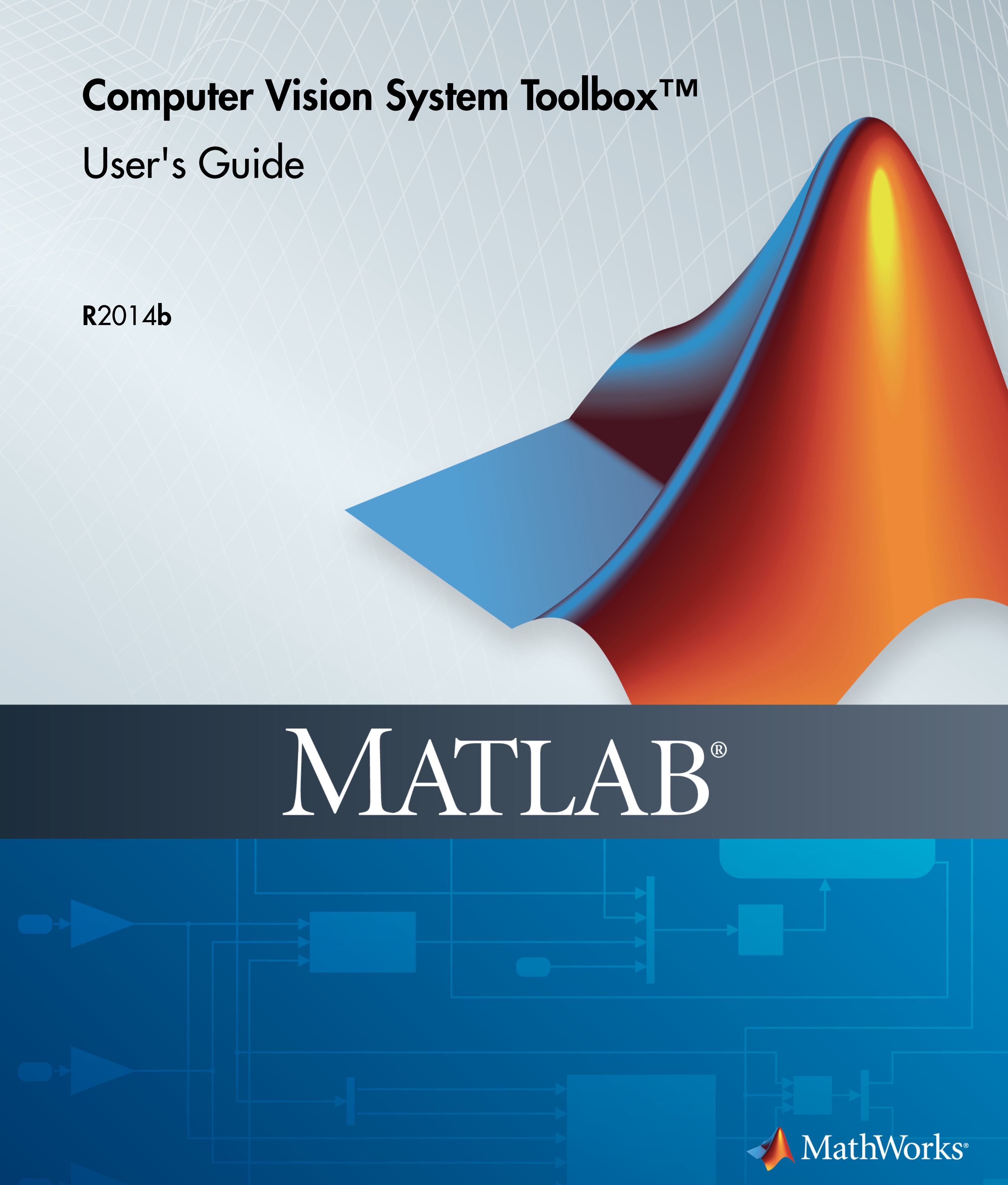

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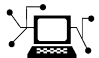

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Using the Installer for Computer Vision System Toolbox Product

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- "OCR Language Data Files " on page 1-4
- "OpenCV Interface" on page 1-7

Install Support Packages for Computer Vision System Toolbox

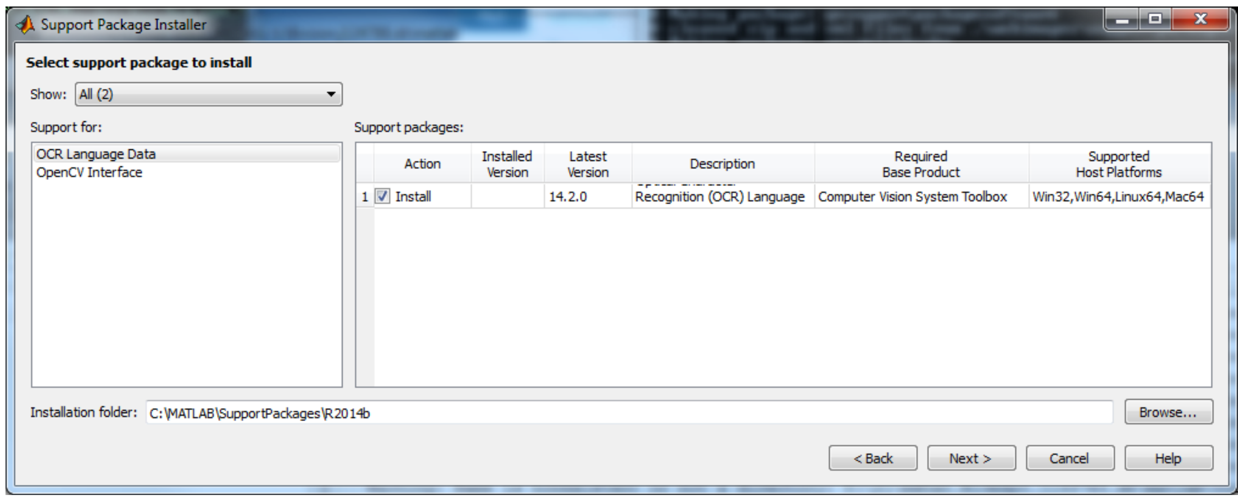
This example shows how to add third-party data files. After you complete this process, you can use the data with the Computer Vision System Toolbox™ product.

1. In a MATLAB® Command Window, type:

   ```
   visionSupportPackages
   ```

2. In the Support Package Installer, follow the instructions for installation. For more information about the options on a particular screen, click **Help**.
3. At **Select support package to install** select the data you want to add:

   - `Computer Vision System Toolbox OCR Language Data`
   - `Computer Vision System Toolbox OpenCV Interface`



4. Accept or change the installation folder and click **Next**.

   Note: You must have write privileges for the Installation folder.

5. Follow the remaining prompts to download and install the support package.

The installation process adds one or both of these items:

- Computer Vision System Toolbox OCR Language Data

- Computer Vision System Toolbox OpenCV Interface

When a new version of MATLAB software is released, repeat this process to check for updates. You can also check for updates between releases.

More About

- “OCR Language Data Files ”
- “OpenCV Interface”

OCR Language Data Files

Install OCR Language Data Files

Use the `visionSupportPackages` function to launch the Support Package Installer. Follow the steps in the "Install Support Packages for Computer Vision System Toolbox" directions.

Pretrained Language Data Files and the `ocr` function

The OCR Language Data support package contains pretrained language data files from the OCR Engine page, tesseract-ocr, to use with the `ocr` function. After you install the pretrained language data files, you can specify one or more additional languages using the `Language` property of the `ocr` function. Use the appropriate language string with the property.

```
txt = ocr(img,'Language','Finnish');
```

List of OCR language data in support package

- `'Afrikaans'`
- `'Albanian'`
- `'AncientGreek'`
- `'Arabic'`
- `'Azerbaijani'`
- `'Basque'`
- `'Belarusian'`
- `'Bengali'`
- `'Bulgarian'`
- `'Catalan'`
- `'Cherokee'`
- `'ChineseSimplified'`
- `'ChineseTraditional'`
- `'Croatian'`

- 'Czech'
- 'Danish'
- 'Dutch'
- 'English'
- 'Esperanto'
- 'EsperantoAlternative'
- 'Estonian'
- 'Finnish'
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- 'Latvian'
- 'Lithuanian'
- 'Macedonian'
- 'Malay'
- 'Malayalam'
- 'Maltese'
- 'MathEquation'

- `'MiddleEnglish'`
- `'MiddleFrench'`
- `'Norwegian'`
- `'Polish'`
- `'Portuguese'`
- `'Romanian'`
- `'Russian'`
- `'SerbianLatin'`
- `'Slovakian'`
- `'Slovenian'`
- `'Spanish'`
- `'SpanishOld'`
- `'Swahili'`
- `'Swedish'`
- `'Tagalog'`
- `'Tamil'`
- `'Telugu'`
- `'Thai'`
- `'Turkish'`
- `'Ukrainian'`

See Also

`ocr` | `visionSupportPackages`

More About

- "Install Support Packages for Computer Vision System Toolbox"

OpenCV Interface

Install OpenCV Interface Files

The OpenCV Support package helps you integrate your OpenCV C++ code into MATLAB. It lets you build MEX files that calls OpenCV functions. Use the `visionSupportPackages` function to launch the Support Package Installer. Follow the steps in the "Install Support Packages for Computer Vision System Toolbox" directions.

Support Package Contents

The Computer Vision System Toolbox OpenCV Interface support package installs all the files you need in the `visionopencv` folder. To find the path to this folder, type the following command:

```
which mexOpenCV.m
```

The `visionopencv` folder contains:
`example` folder: Template Matching, Foreground Detector, and Oriented FAST and Rotated BRIEF (ORB) examples. Each subfolder contains a `README.txt` file with step-by-step instructions.
`opencv` folder: OpenCV header files, library files (for Windows® only), and OpenCV license file.
`registry` folder: Registration files.
`mexOpenCV.m` file: Function to build MEX files.
`README.txt` file: Help file.

Create an OpenCV MEX file

Call the `mexOpenCV` function with your source file.

```
>> mexOpenCV yourfile.cpp
```

For help creating MEX files, type the following at the MATLAB command prompt:

```
help mexOpenCV
```

OpenCV Examples

The OpenCV Interface support package includes three examples. Each example subfolder contains all the files you need to run the example. To run an example, you must call the

`mexOpenCV` function with one of the supplied source files. Each example subfolder also contains a `README.txt` file with specific instructions.

Template Matching

To run the Template Matching example, follow these steps:

1. Change your current working folder to the `example/TemplateMatching` folder.
2. Create the MEX-file from the source file:

   ```
   mexOpenCV matchTemplateOCV.cpp
   ```
3. Run the test script, which uses the generated MEX-file:

   ```
   testMatchTemplate.m
   ```

Foreground Detector

To run the Foreground Detector example, follow these steps:

1. Change your current working folder to the `example/ForegroundDetector` folder.
2. Create the MEX-file from the source file:

   ```
   mexOpenCV backgroundSubtractorOCV.cpp
   ```
3. Run the test script, which uses the generated MEX-file:

   ```
   testBackgroundSubtractor.m
   ```

Detect ORB Features

To run the Oriented FAST and Rotated BRIEF (ORB) Detector example, follow these steps:

1. Change your current working folder to the `example/ORB` folder.
2. Create the MEX-file for the detector from the source file:

   ```
   mexOpenCV detectORBFeaturesOCV.cpp
   ```
3. Create the MEX-file for the extractor from the source file:

```
mexOpenCV extractORBFeaturesOCV.cpp
```

4 Run the test script, which uses the generated MEX-files:

```
testORBFeaturesOCV.m
```

See Also

`visionSupportPackages`

More About

- “Install Support Packages for Computer Vision System Toolbox”

2

Input, Output, and Conversions

Learn how to import and export videos, and perform color space and video image conversions.

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- “Import from Video Files” on page 2-4
- “Batch Process Image Files” on page 2-6
- “Display a Sequence of Images” on page 2-8
- “Partition Video Frames to Multiple Image Files” on page 2-11
- “Combine Video and Audio Streams” on page 2-15
- “Import MATLAB Workspace Variables” on page 2-17
- “Transmit Audio and Video Content Over Network” on page 2-19
- “Resample Image Chroma” on page 2-21
- “Convert Intensity to Binary Images” on page 2-25
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- “Process Multidimensional Color Video Signals” on page 2-39
- “Data Formats” on page 2-44

Export to Video Files

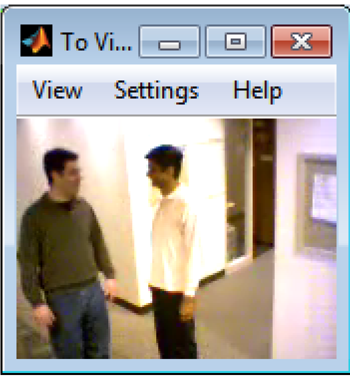
The Computer Vision System Toolbox blocks enable you to export video data from your Simulink® model. In this example, you use the To Multimedia File block to export a multimedia file from your model. This example also uses Gain blocks from the **Math Operations** Simulink library.

You can open the example model by typing

```
ex_export_to_mmf
```

at the MATLAB command line.

1. Run your model.
2. You can view your video in the To Video Display window.



By increasing the red, green, and blue color values, you increase the contrast of the video. The To Multimedia File block exports the video data from the Simulink model to a multimedia file that it creates in your current folder.

This example manipulated the video stream and exported it from a Simulink model to a multimedia file. For more information, see the To Multimedia File block reference page.

Setting Block Parameters for this Example

The block parameters in this example were modified from default values as follows:

<table>
<tr><th>Block</th><th>Parameter</th></tr>
<tr><td>Gain</td><td>The Gain blocks are used to increase the red, green, and blue values of the video stream. This increases the contrast of the video:
• Main pane, Gain = <code>1.2</code>
• Signal Attributes pane, Output data type = <code>Inherit: Same as input</code></td></tr>
<tr><td>To Multimedia File</td><td>The To Multimedia File block exports the video to a multimedia file:
• Output file name = <code>my_output.avi</code>
• Write = <code>Video only</code>
• Image signal = <code>Separate color signals</code></td></tr>
</table>

Configuration Parameters

You can locate the **Model Configuration Parameters** by selecting **Model Configuration Parameters** from the **Simulation** menu. For this example, the parameters on the **Solver** pane, are set as follows:

- **Stop time** = `20`
- **Type** = `Fixed-step`
- **Solver** = `Discrete (no continuous states)`

Import from Video Files

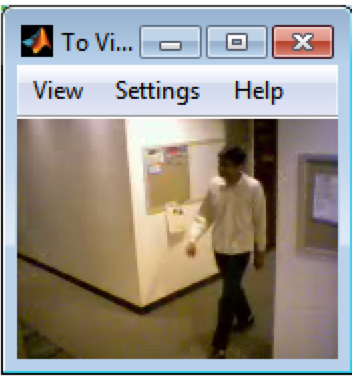
In this example, you use the From Multimedia File source block to import a video stream into a Simulink model and the To Video Display sink block to view it. This procedure assumes you are working on a Windows platform.

You can open the example model by typing

```
ex_import_mmf
```

at the MATLAB command line.

1 Run your model.
2 View your video in the To Video Display window that automatically appears when you start your simulation.



Note: The video that is displayed in the To Video Display window runs at the frame rate that corresponds to the input sample time. To run the video as fast as Simulink processes the video frames, use the Video Viewer block.

You have now imported and displayed a multimedia file in the Simulink model. In the "Export to Video Files" on page 2-2 example you can manipulate your video stream and export it to a multimedia file.

For more information on the blocks used in this example, see the From Multimedia File and To Video Display block reference pages.

Setting Block Parameters for this Example

The block parameters in this example were modified from default values as follows:

Block	Parameter
From Multimedia File	Use the From Multimedia File block to import the multimedia file into the model: • If you do not have your own multimedia file, use the default `vipmen.avi` file, for the **File name** parameter. • If the multimedia file is on your MATLAB path, enter the filename for the **File name** parameter. • If the file is not on your MATLAB path, use the **Browse** button to locate the multimedia file. • Set the **Image signal** parameter to `Separate color signals`. By default, the **Number of times to play file** parameter is set to `inf`. The model continues to play the file until the simulation stops.
To Video Display	Use the To Video Display block to view the multimedia file. • **Image signal**: `Separate color signals` Set this parameter from the **Settings** menu of the display viewer.

Configuration Parameters

You can locate the **Model Configuration Parameters** by selecting **Model Configuration Parameters** from the **Simulation** menu. For this example, the parameters on the **Solver** pane, are set as follows:

- **Stop time** = `20`
- **Type** = `Fixed-step`
- **Solver** = `Discrete (no continuous states)`

Batch Process Image Files

A common image processing task is to apply an image processing algorithm to a series of files. In this example, you import a sequence of images from a folder into the MATLAB workspace.

Note: In this example, the image files are a set of 10 microscope images of rat prostate cancer cells. These files are only the first 10 of 100 images acquired.

---

1 Specify the folder containing the images, and use this information to create a list of the file names, as follows:

```
fileFolder = fullfile(matlabroot,'toolbox','images','imdemos');
dirOutput = dir(fullfile(fileFolder,'AT3_1m4_*.tif'));
fileNames = {dirOutput.name}'
```

2 View one of the images, using the following command sequence:

```
I = imread(fileNames{1});
imshow(I);
text(size(I,2),size(I,1)+15, ...
    'Image files courtesy of Alan Partin', ...
    'FontSize',7,'HorizontalAlignment','right');
text(size(I,2),size(I,1)+25, ....
    'Johns Hopkins University', ...
    'FontSize',7,'HorizontalAlignment','right');
```

3 Use a for loop to create a variable that stores the entire image sequence. You can use this variable to import the sequence into Simulink.

```
for i = 1:length(fileNames)
    my_video(:,:,i) = imread(fileNames{i});
end
```

For additional information about batch processing, see the “Batch Processing Image Files in Parallel” example in the Image Processing Toolbox™.

Configuration Parameters

You can locate the **Model Configuration Parameters** by selecting **Model Configuration Parameters** from the **Simulation** menu. For this example, the parameters on the **Solver** pane, are set as follows:

- **Stop time** = `10`
- **Type** = `Fixed-step`
- **Solver** = `Discrete (no continuous states)`

Display a Sequence of Images

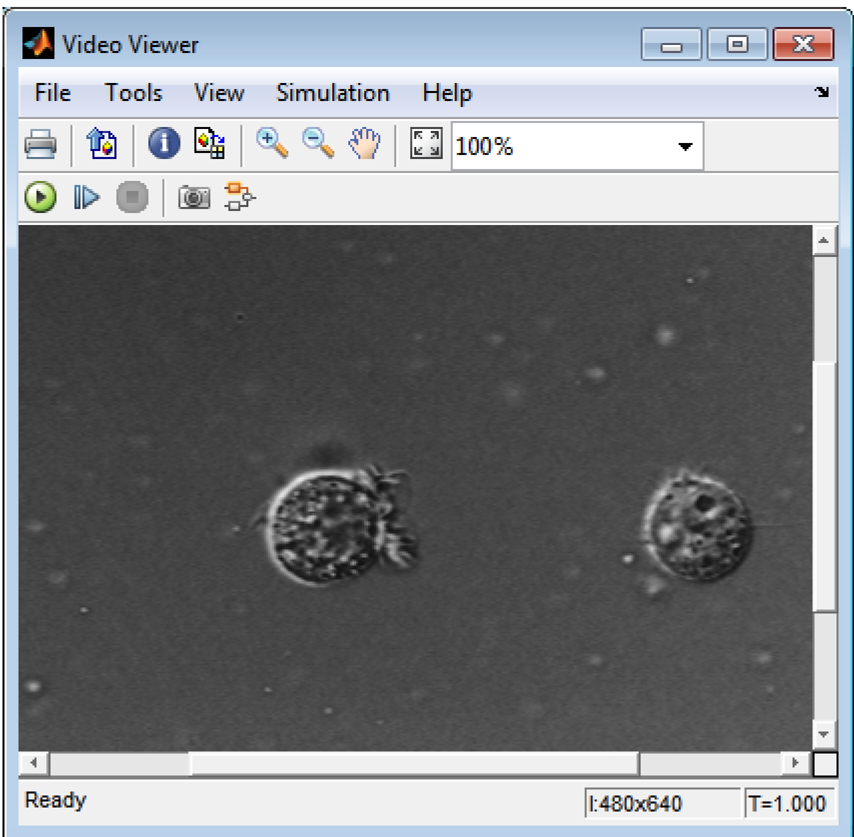
This example displays a sequence of images, which were saved in a folder, and then stored in a variable in the MATLAB workspace. At load time, this model executes the code from the "Batch Process Image Files" on page 2-6 example, which stores images in a workspace variable.

You can open the example model by typing

```
ex_display_sequence_of_images
```

at the MATLAB command line.

1 The Video From Workspace block reads the files from the MATLAB workspace. The **Signal** parameter is set to the name of the variable for the stored images. For this example, it is set to `my_video`.
2 The Video Viewer block displays the sequence of images.
3 Run your model. You can view the image sequence in the Video Viewer window.



4 Because the Video From Workspace block's **Sample time** parameter is set to 1 and the **Stop time** parameter in the configuration parameters, is set to 10, the Video Viewer block displays 10 images before the simulation stops.

Pre-loading Code

To find or modify the pre-loaded code, select **File** > **Model Properties** > **Model Properties**. Then select the **Callbacks** tab. For more details on how to set-up callbacks, see "Callbacks for Customized Model Behavior".

Configuration Parameters

You can locate the **Model Configuration Parameters** by selecting **Model Configuration Parameters** from the **Simulation** menu. For this example, the parameters on the **Solver** pane, are set as follows:

- **Stop time** = `10`
- **Type** = `Fixed-step`
- **Solver** = `Discrete (no continuous states)`

Partition Video Frames to Multiple Image Files

In this example, you use the To Multimedia File block, the Enabled Subsystem block, and a trigger signal, to save portions of one AVI file to three separate AVI files.

You can open the example model with the link below or by typing

`ex_vision_partition_video_frames_to_multiple_files`
at the MATLAB command line.

1 Run your model.
2 The model saves the three output AVI files in your current folder.
3 View the resulting files by typing the following commands at the MATLAB command prompt:

```
mplay output1.avi
mplay output2.avi
mplay output3.avi
```

4 Press the **Play** button on the MPlay GUI.

For more information on the blocks used in this example, see the From Multimedia File, Insert Text, Enabled Subsystem, and To Multimedia File block reference pages.

Setting Block Parameters for this Example

The block parameters in this example were modified from default values as follows:

Block	Parameter
From Multimedia File	The From Multimedia File block imports an AVI file into the model. • Cleared **Inherit sample time from file** checkbox.
Insert Text	The example uses the Insert Text block to annotate the video stream with frame numbers. The block writes the frame number in green, in the upper-left corner of the output video stream. • **Text**: `'Frame %d'` • **Color**: `[0 1 0]` • **Location**: `[10 10]`

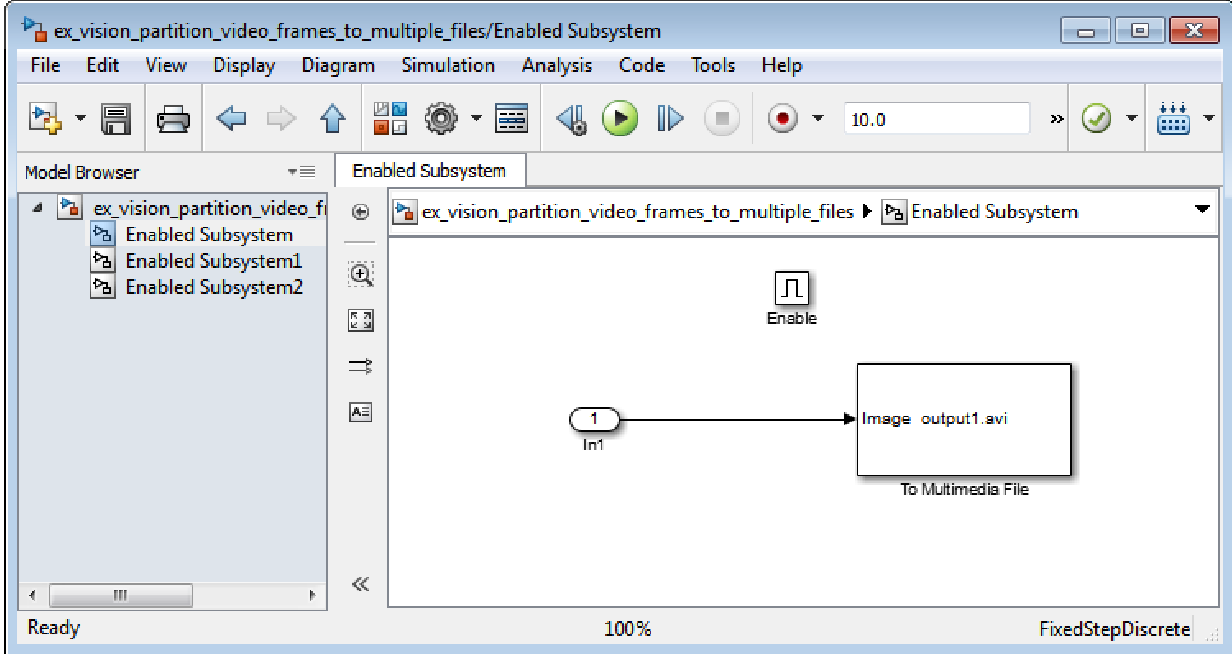
Block	Parameter
To Multimedia File	The To Multimedia File blocks send the video stream to three separate AVI files. These block parameters were modified as follows: • **Output file name**: `output1.avi`, `output2.avi`, and `output3.avi`, respectively • **Write**: `Video only`
Counter	The Counter block counts the number of video frames. The example uses this information to specify which frames are sent to which file. The block parameters are modified as follows: • **Number of bits**: `8` • **Sample time**: `1/30`
Bias	The bias block adds a bias to the input. The block parameters are modified as follows: • **Bias**: `1`
Compare to Constant	The Compare to Constant block sends frames 1 to 9 to the first AVI file. The block parameters are modified as follows: • **Operator**: `<` • **Constant value**: `10`
Compare to Constant1 **Compare to Constant2**	The Compare to Constant1 and Compare to Constant2 blocks send frames 10 to 19 to the second AVI file. The block parameters are modified as follows: • **Operator**: `>=` • **Constant value**: `10` The Compare to Constant2 block parameters are modified as follows: • **Operator**: `<` • **Constant value**: `20`

Block	Parameter
Compare to Constant3	The Compare to Constant3 block send frames 20 to 30 to the third AVI file. The block parameters are modified as follows: • **Operator**: >= • **Constant value**: 20
Compare to Constant4	The Compare to Constant4 block stopa the simulation when the video reaches frame 30. The block parameters are modified as follows: • **Operator**: == • **Constant value**: 30 • **Output data type mode**: `boolean`

Using the Enabled Subsystem Block

Each To Multimedia File block gets inserted into one Enabled Subsystem block, and connected to it's input. You can do this, by double-clicking the Enabled Subsystem blocks, then click-and-drag a To Multimedia File block into it.

Each enabled subsystem should look similar to the subsystem shown in the following figure.



Configuration Parameters

You can locate the **Model Configuration Parameters** by selecting **Model Configuration Parameters** from the **Simulation** menu. For this example, the parameters on the **Solver** pane, are set as follows:

- **Solver** pane, **Type** = `Fixed-step`
- **Solver** pane, **Solver** = `Discrete (no continuous states)`

Combine Video and Audio Streams

In this example, you use the From Multimedia File blocks to import video and audio streams into a Simulink model. You then write the audio and video to a single file using the To Multimedia File block.

You can open the example model by typing

```
ex_combine_video_and_audio_streams
```

on the MATLAB command line.

1. Run your model. The model creates a multimedia file called `output.avi` in your current folder.
2. Play the multimedia file using a media player. The original video file now has an audio component to it.

Setting Up the Video Input Block

The From Multimedia File block imports a video file into the model. During import, the **Inherit sample time from file** check box is deselected, which enables the **Desired sample time** parameter. The other default parameters are accepted.

The From Multimedia File block used for the input video file inherits its sample time from the `vipmen.avi` file. For video signals, the sample time equals the frame period. The frame period is defined as 1/(frame rate). Because the input video frame rate is 30 frames per second (fps), the block sets the frame period to `1/30` or `0.0333` seconds per frame.

Setting Up the Audio Input Block

The From Multimedia File1 block imports an audio file into the model.

The **Samples per audio frame** parameter is set to `735`. This output audio frame size is calculated by dividing the frequency of the audio signal (22050 samples per second) by the frame rate (approximately 30 frames per second).

You must adjust the audio signal frame period to match the frame period of the video signal. The video frame period is `0.0333` seconds per frame. Because the frame period is also defined as the frame size divided by frequency, you can calculate the frame period of

the audio signal by dividing the frame size of the audio signal (735 samples per frame) by the frequency (22050 samples per second) to get `0.0333` seconds per frame.
frame period = (*frame size*)/(*frequency*)
frame period = (`735` *samples per frame*)/(22050 *samples per second*)
frame period = `0.0333` seconds per frame
Alternatively, you can verify that the frame period of the audio and video signals is the same using a Simulink Probe block.

Setting Up the Output Block

The To Multimedia File block is used to output the audio and video signals to a single multimedia file. The `Video and audio` option is selected for the **Write** parameter and `One multidimensional signal` for the **Image signal** parameter. The other default parameters are accepted.

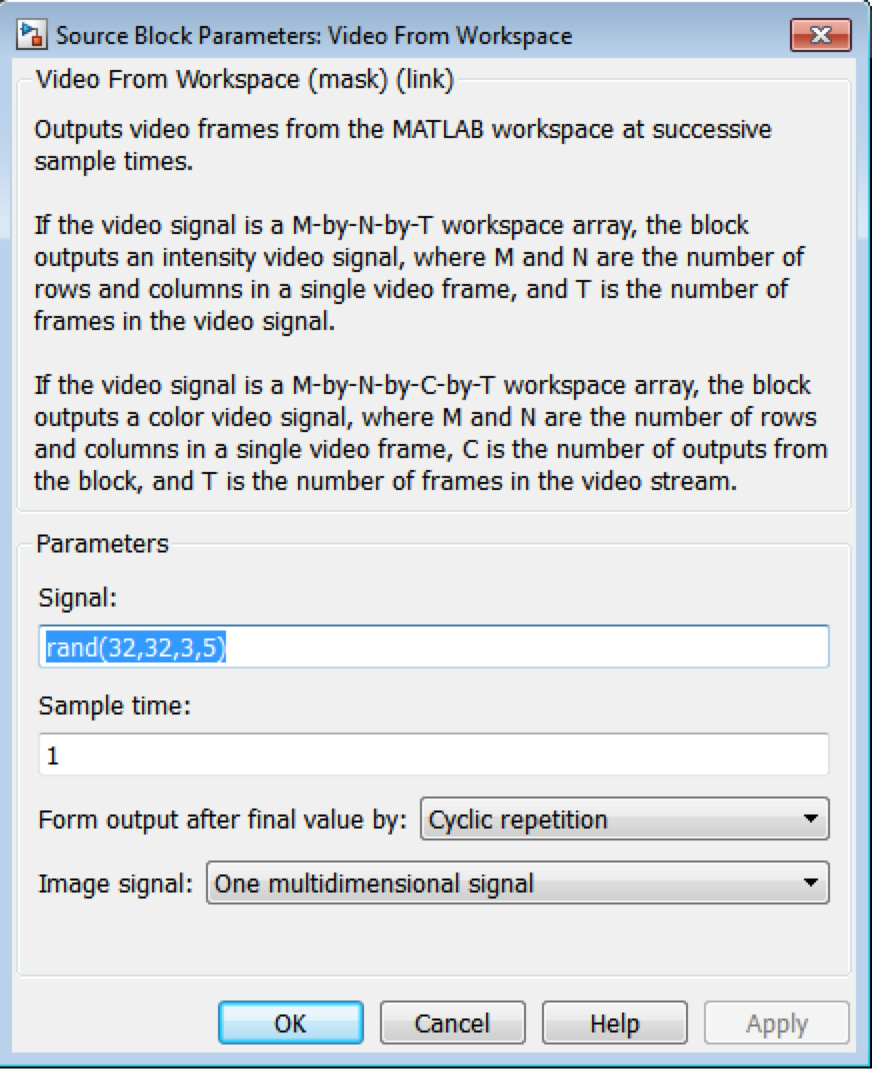
Configuration Parameters

You can locate the Configuration Parameters by selecting **Model Configuration Parameters** from the **Simulation** menu. The parameters, on the **Solver** pane, are set as follows:

- **Stop time** = `10`
- **Type** = `Fixed-step`
- **Solver** = `Discrete (no continuous states)`

Import MATLAB Workspace Variables

You can import data from the MATLAB workspace using the Video From Workspace block, which is created specifically for this task.



Use the **Signal** parameter to specify the MATLAB workspace variable from which to read. For more information about how to use this block, see the Video From Workspace block reference page.

Transmit Audio and Video Content Over Network

MATLAB and Simulink support network streaming via the Microsoft® MMS protocol (which is also known as the ASF, or advanced streaming format, protocol). This ability is supported on Windows operating systems. If you are using other operating systems, you can use UDP to transport your media streams. If you are using Simulink, use the To Multimedia File and From Multimedia File blocks. If you are using MATLAB, use the `VideoFileWriter` and the `VideoFileReader` System objects. It is possible to encode and view these streams with other applications.

In order to view an MMS stream generated by MATLAB, you should use Internet Explorer®, and provide the URL (e.g. "mms://127.0.0.1:81") to the stream which you wish to read. If you wish to create an MMS stream which can be viewed by MATLAB, download the Windows Media® Encoder or Microsoft Expression Encoder application, and configure it to produce a stream on a particular port (e.g. 81). Then, specify that URL in the **Filename** field of the From Multimedia File block or `VideoFileReader` System object™.

You cannot send and receive MMS streams from the same process. If you wish to send and receive, the sender or the receiver must be run in rapid accelerator mode or compiled as a separate application using Simulink Coder™.

If you run the “Transmit Audio and Video Over a Network” on page 2-19 example with **sendReceive** set to `'send'`, you can open up Internet Explorer and view the URL on which you have set up a server. By default, you should go to the following URL: `mms://127.0.0.1:80`. If you run this example with **sendReceive** set to `'receive'`, you will be able to view a MMS stream on the local computer on port `81`. This implies that you will need to set up a stream on this port using software such as the Windows Media Encoder (which may be downloaded free of charge from Microsoft).

Transmit Audio and Video Over a Network

This example shows how to specify parameters to transmit audio and video over a network.

Specify the **sendReceive** parameter to either ‘send’ to write the stream to the network or ‘receive’ to read the stream from the network.

```
sendReceive = 'send';
url = 'mms://127.0.0.1:81';
```

```
    filename = 'vipmen.avi';
```

Either send or receive the stream, as specified.

```
if strcmpi(sendReceive, 'send')
    % Create objects
    hSrc = vision.VideoFileReader(filename);
    hSnk = vision.VideoFileWriter;

    % Set parameters
    hSnk.FileFormat = 'WMV';
    hSnk.AudioInputPort = false;
    hSnk.Filename = url;

    % Run loop. Ctrl-C to exit
    while true
        data = step(hSrc);
        step(hSnk, data);
    end

else
    % Create objects
    hSrc = vision.VideoFileReader;
    hSnk = vision.DeployableVideoPlayer;

    % Set parameters
    hSrc.Filename = url;

    % Run loop. Ctrl-C to exit
    while true
        data = step(hSrc);
        step(hSnk, data);
    end
end
```

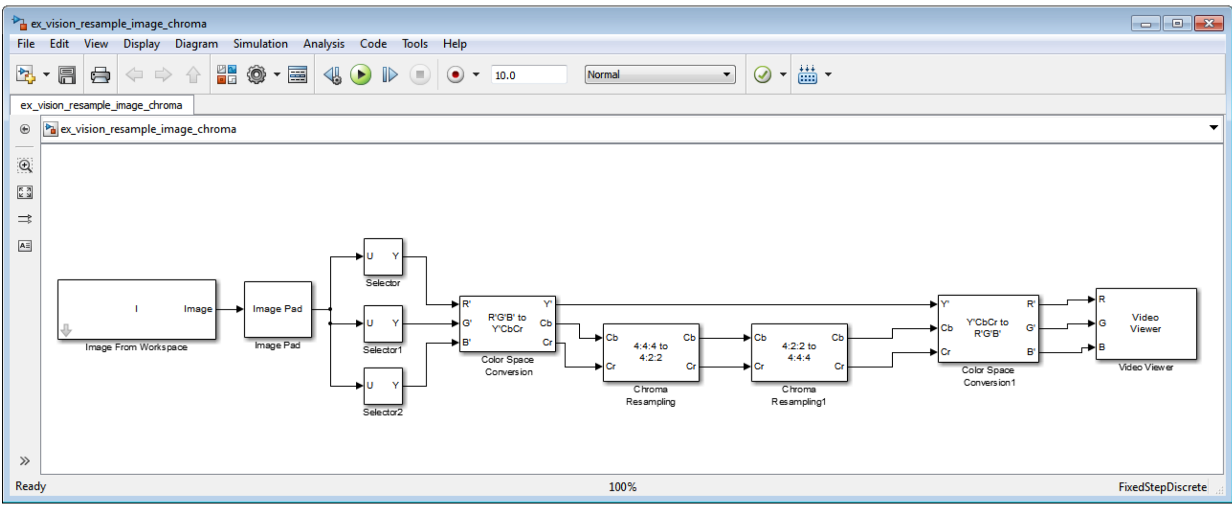
Resample Image Chroma

In this example, you use the Chroma Resampling block to downsample the Cb and Cr components of an image. The Y'CbCr color space separates the luma (Y') component of an image from the chroma (Cb and Cr) components. Luma and chroma, which are calculated using gamma corrected R, G, and B (R', G', B') signals, are different quantities than the CIE chrominance and luminance. The human eye is more sensitive to changes in luma than to changes in chroma. Therefore, you can reduce the bandwidth required for transmission or storage of a signal by removing some of the color information. For this reason, this color space is often used for digital encoding and transmission applications.

You can open the example model by typing

```
ex_vision_resample_image_chroma
```

on the MATLAB command line.



1. Define an RGB image in the MATLAB workspace. To do so, at the MATLAB command prompt, type:

   ```
   I= imread('autumn.tif');
   ```

   This command reads in an RGB image from a TIF file. The image `I` is a 206-by-345-by-3 array of 8-bit unsigned integer values. Each plane of this array represents the red, green, or blue color values of the image.

2. To view the image this array represents, at the MATLAB command prompt, type:

```
imshow(I)
```

3. Configure Simulink to display signal dimensions next to each signal line. Select **Display** > **Signals & Ports** > **Signal Dimensions**.
4. Run your model. The recovered image appears in the Video Viewer window. The Chroma Resampling block has downsampled the Cb and Cr components of an image.
5. Examine the signal dimensions in your model. The Chroma Resampling block downsamples the Cb and Cr components of the image from 206-by-346 matrices to 206-by-173 matrices. These matrices require less bandwidth for transmission while still communicating the information necessary to recover the image after it is transmitted.

Setting Block Parameters for This Example

The block parameters in this example are modified from default values as follows:

Block	Parameter
Image from Workspace	Import your image from the MATLAB workspace. Set the **Value** parameter to `I`.
Image Pad	Change dimensions of the input `I` array from 206-by-345-by-3 to 206-by-346-by-3. You are changing these dimensions because the Chroma Resampling block requires that the dimensions of the input be divisible by 2. Set the block parameters as follows: • **Method** = `Symmetric` • **Add columns to** = `Right` • **Number of added columns** = `1` • **Add row to** = `No padding` The Image Pad block adds one column to the right of each plane of the array by repeating its border values. This padding minimizes the effect of the pixels outside the image on the processing of the image. **Note** When you process video streams, be aware that it is computationally expensive to pad every video frame. You should

Block	Parameter
	change the dimensions of the video stream before you process it with Computer Vision System Toolbox blocks.
Selector, Selector1, Selector2	Separate the individual color planes from the main signal. Such separation simplifies the color space conversion section of the model. Set the Selector block parameters as follows: **Selector1** • **Number of input dimensions** = `3` • **Index 1** = `Select all` • **Index 2** = `Select all` • **Index 3** = `Index vector (dialog)` and **Index** = `1` **Selector2** • **Number of input dimensions** = `3` • **Index 1** = `Select all` • **Index 2** = `Select all` • **Index 3** = `Index vector (dialog)` and **Index** = `2` **Selector2** • **Number of input dimensions** = `3` • **Index 1** = `Select all` • **Index 2** = `Select all` • **Index 3** = `Index vector (dialog)` and **Index** = `3`
Color Space Conversion	Convert the input values from the R'G'B' color space to the Y'CbCr color space. The prime symbol indicates a gamma corrected signal. Set the **Image signal** parameter to `Separate color signals`.
Chroma Resampling	Downsample the chroma components of the image from the 4:4:4 format to the 4:2:2 format. Use the default parameters. The dimensions of the output of the Chroma Resampling block are smaller than the dimensions of the input. Therefore, the output signal requires less bandwidth for transmission.

Block	Parameter
Chroma Resampling1	Upsample the chroma components of the image from the 4:2:2 format to the 4:4:4 format. Set the **Resampling** parameter to `4:2:2 to 4:4:4`.
Color Space Conversion1	Convert the input values from the Y'CbCr color space to the R'G'B' color space. Set the block parameters as follows: • **Conversion** = `Y'CbCr to R'G'B'` • **Image signal** = `Separate color signals`
Video Viewer	Display the recovered image. Select **File>Image signal** to set **Image signal** to `Separate color signals`.

Configuration Parameters

Open the Configuration dialog box by selecting **Model Configuration Parameters** from the **Simulation** menu. Set the parameters as follows:

- **Solver** pane, **Stop time** = `0`
- **Solver** pane, **Type** = `Fixed-step`
- **Solver** pane, **Solver** = `Discrete (no continuous states)`

Convert Intensity to Binary Images

Binary images contain Boolean pixel values that are either 0 or 1. Pixels with the value 0 are displayed as black; pixels with the value 1 are displayed as white. Intensity images contain pixel values that range between the minimum and maximum values supported by their data type. Binary images can contain only 0s and 1s, but they are not binary images unless their data type is Boolean."Thresholding Intensity Images Using Relational Operators" on page 2-25

Thresholding Intensity Images Using Relational Operators

You can use the Relational Operator block to perform a thresholding operation that converts your intensity image to a binary image. This example shows you how to accomplish this task.

You can open the example model by typing

```
ex_vision_thresholding_intensity
```

on the MATLAB command line.

1 Create a new Simulink model, and add to it the blocks shown in the following table.

Block	Library	Quantity
Image From File	Computer Vision System Toolbox > Sources	1
Video Viewer	Computer Vision System Toolbox > Sinks	2
Relational Operator	Simulink > Logic and Bit Operations	1
Constant	Simulink > Sources	1

2 Use the Image from File block to import your image. In this example the image file is a 256-by-256 matrix of 8-bit unsigned integer values that range from 0 to 255. Set the **File name** parameter to `rice.png`

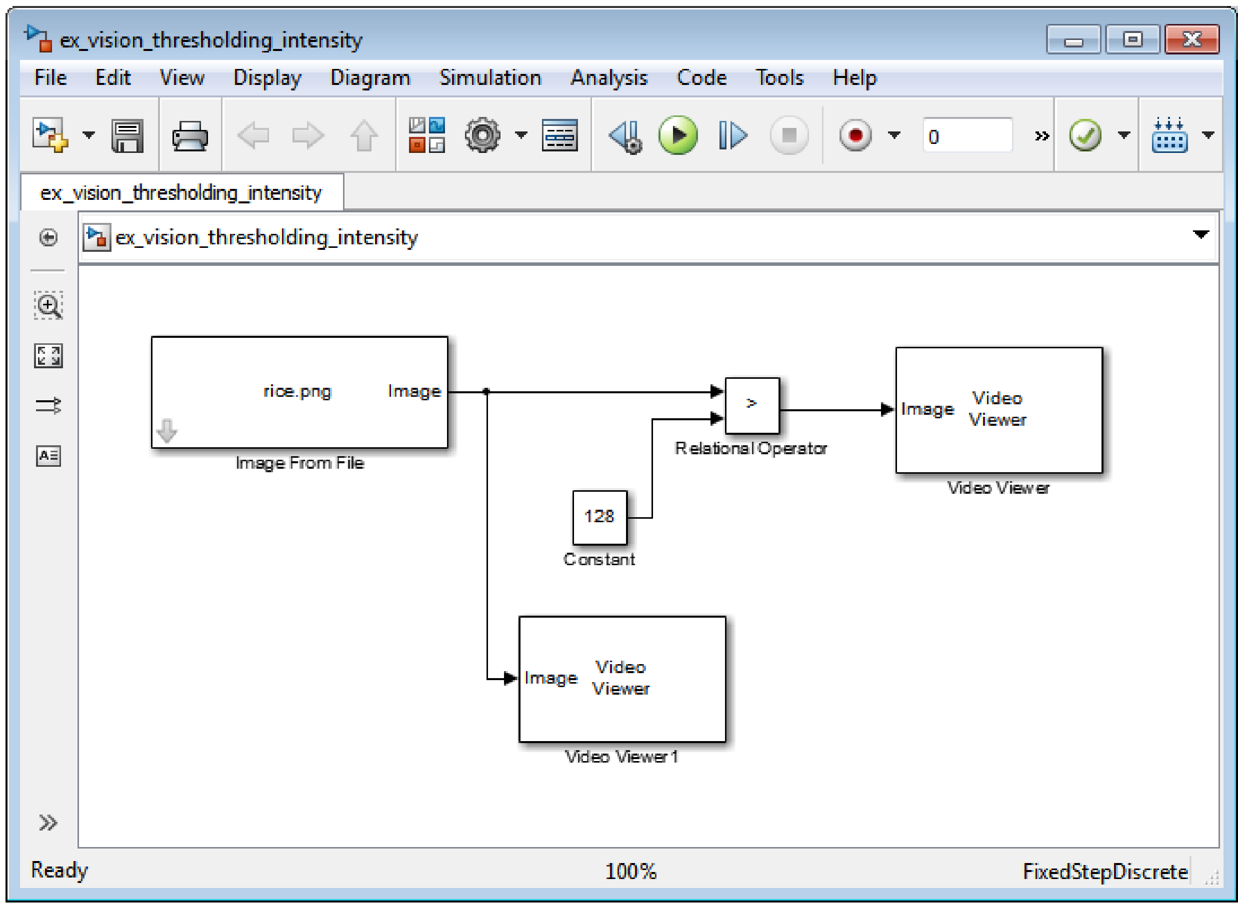
3 Use the Video Viewer1 block to view the original intensity image. Accept the default parameters.

4 Use the Constant block to define a threshold value for the Relational Operator block. Since the pixel values range from 0 to 255, set the **Constant value** parameter to `128`. This value is image dependent.

5 Use the Relational Operator block to perform a thresholding operation that converts your intensity image to a binary image. Set the **Relational Operator** parameter to >. If the input to the Relational Operator block is greater than 128, its output is a Boolean 1; otherwise, its output is a Boolean 0.

6 Use the Video Viewer block to view the binary image. Accept the default parameters.

7 Connect the blocks as shown in the following figure.

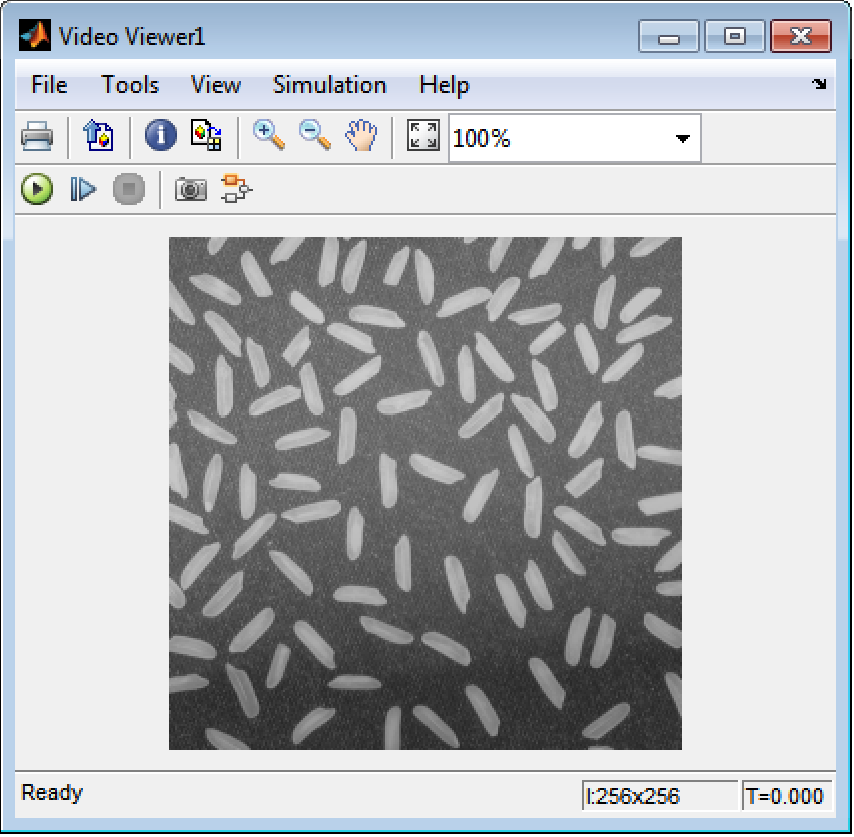


8 Set the configuration parameters. Open the Configuration dialog box by selecting **Simulation** > **Model Configuration Parameters** menu. Set the parameters as follows:

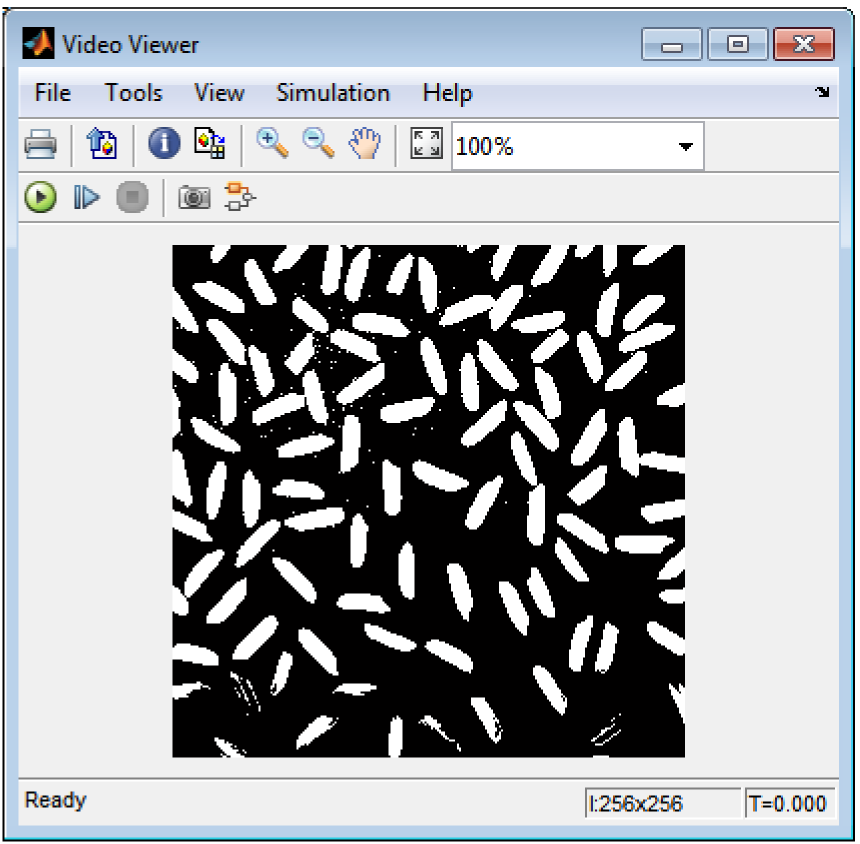
- **Solver** pane, **Stop time** = `0`
- **Solver** pane, **Type** = `Fixed-step`
- **Solver** pane, **Solver** = `Discrete (no continuous states)`

9 Run your model.

The original intensity image appears in the Video Viewer1 window.



The binary image appears in the Video Viewer window.



Note: A single threshold value was unable to effectively threshold this image due to its uneven lighting. For information on how to address this problem, see "Correct Nonuniform Illumination".

You have used the Relational Operator block to convert an intensity image to a binary image. For more information about this block, see the Relational Operator block reference page in the Simulink documentation. For additional information, see "Converting Between Image Types" in the Image Processing Toolbox documentation.

Thresholding Intensity Images Using the Autothreshold Block

In the previous topic, you used the Relational Operator block to convert an intensity image into a binary image. In this topic, you use the Autothreshold block to accomplish the same task. Use the Autothreshold block when lighting conditions vary and the threshold needs to change for each video frame.

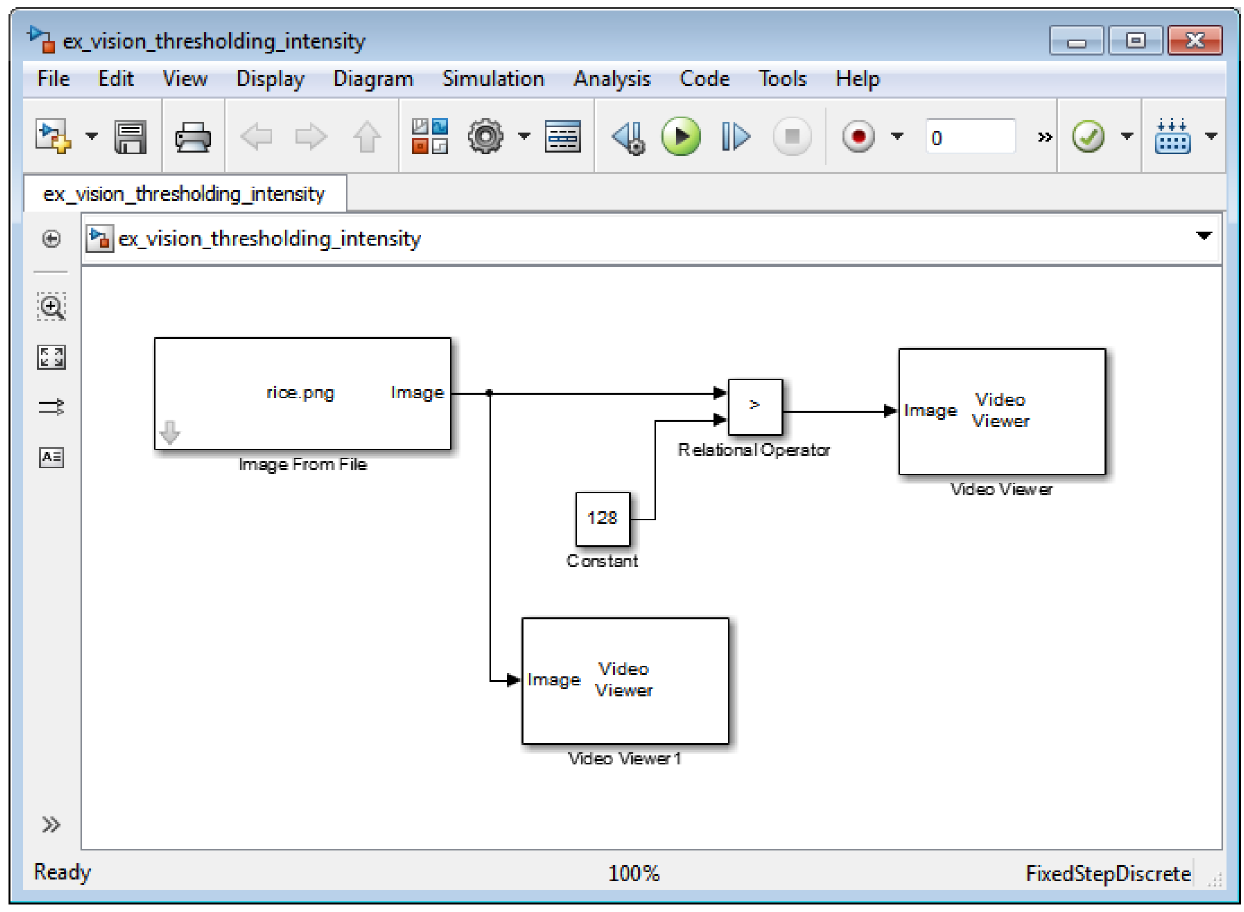
Note: Running this example requires a DSP System Toolbox™ license.

```
ex_vision_autothreshold
```

1 If the model you created in “Thresholding Intensity Images Using Relational Operators” on page 2-25 is not open on your desktop, you can open the model by typing

   ```
   ex_vision_thresholding_intensity
   ```

   at the MATLAB command prompt.



2 Use the Image from File block to import your image. In this example the image file is a 256-by-256 matrix of 8-bit unsigned integer values that range from 0 to 255. Set the **File name** parameter to `rice.png`

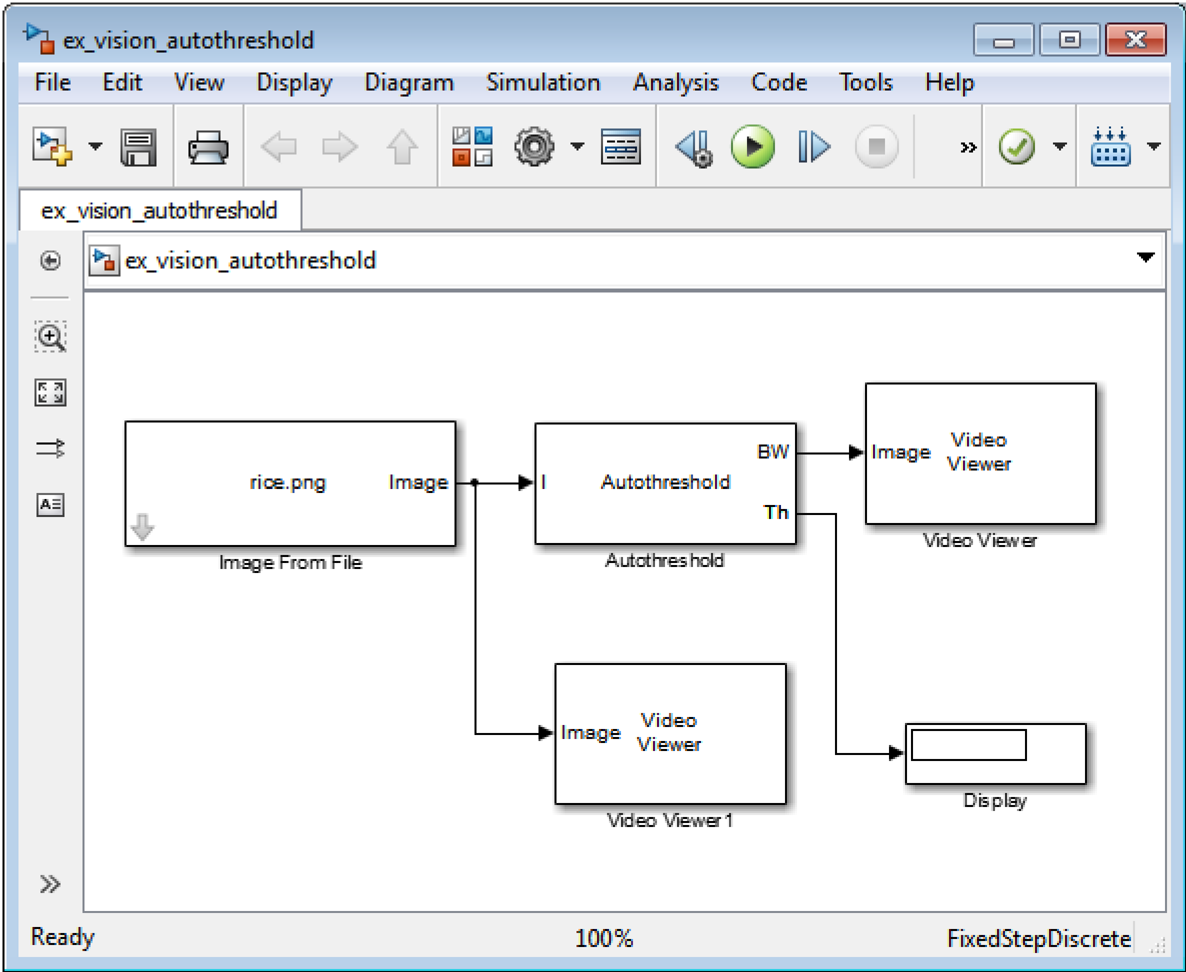
3 Delete the Constant and the Relational Operator blocks in this model.

4 Add an Autothreshold block from the Conversions library of the Computer Vision System Toolbox into your model.

5 Use the Autothreshold block to perform a thresholding operation that converts your intensity image to a binary image. Select the **Output threshold** check box. This block outputs the calculated threshold value at the **Th** port.

6 Add a Display block from the Sinks library of the DSP System Toolbox library. Connect the Display block to the **Th** output port of the Authothreshold block.

Your model should look similar to the following figure:



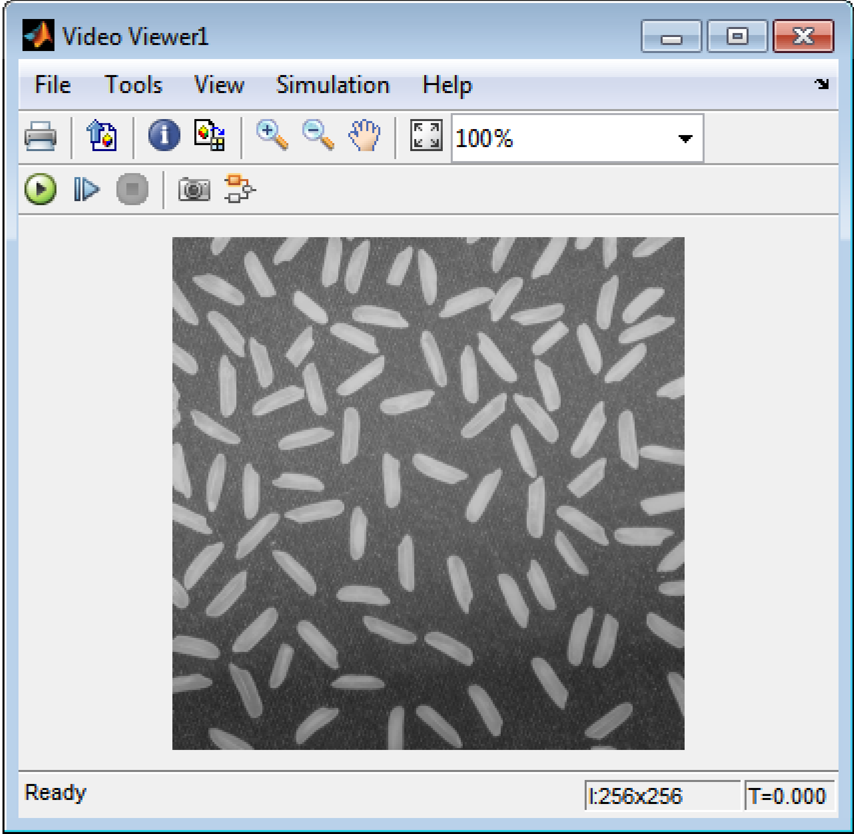
7 Double-click the Image From File block. On the **Data Types** pane, set the **Output data type** parameter to `double`.

8 If you have not already done so, set the configuration parameters. Open the Configuration dialog box by selecting **Model Configuration Parameters** from the **Simulation** menu. Set the parameters as follows:

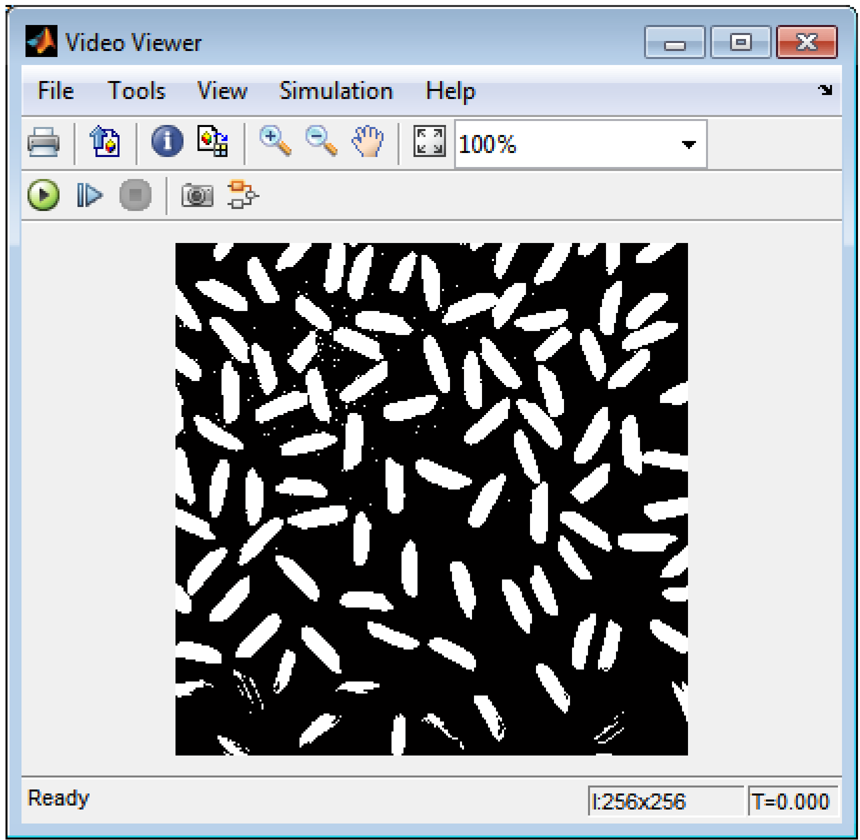
- **Solver** pane, **Stop time** = `0`
- **Solver** pane, **Type** = `Fixed-step`
- **Solver** pane, **Solver** = `Discrete (no continuous states)`

9 Run the model.

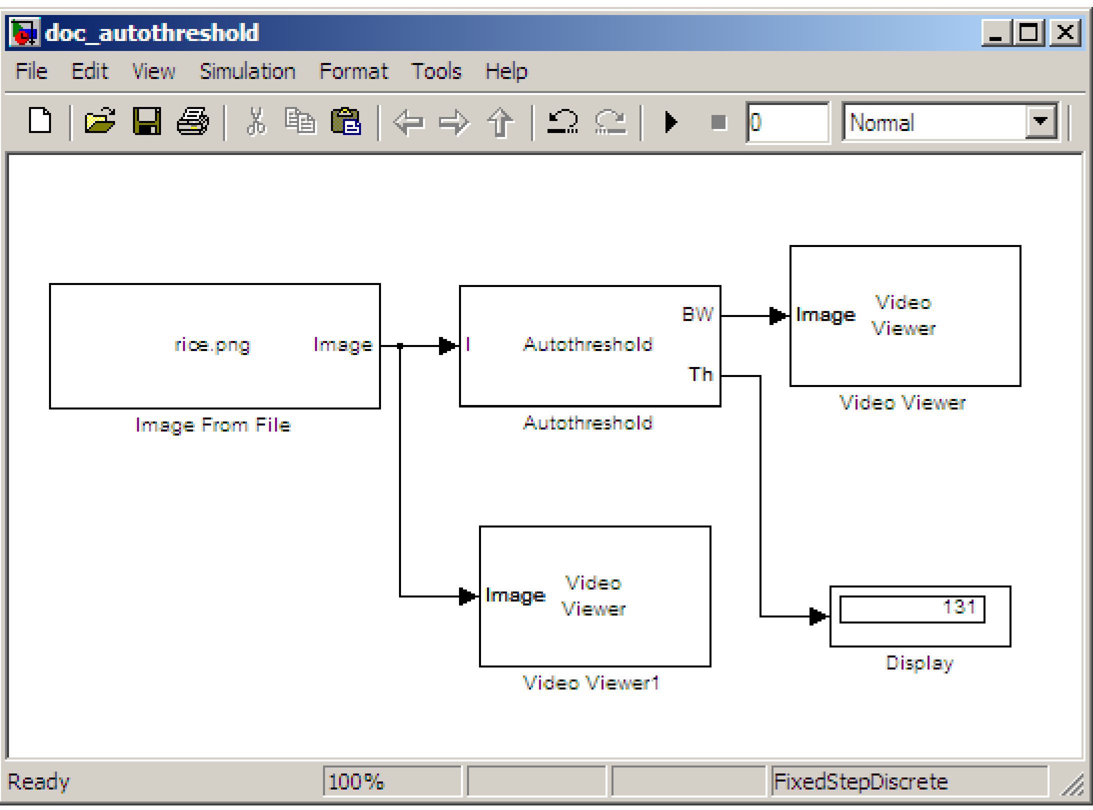
The original intensity image appears in the Video Viewer1 window.



The binary image appears in the Video Viewer window.



In the model window, the Display block shows the threshold value, calculated by the Autothreshold block, that separated the rice grains from the background.



You have used the Autothreshold block to convert an intensity image to a binary image. For more information about this block, see the Autothreshold block reference page in the *Computer Vision System Toolbox Reference*. To open an example model that uses this block, type `vipstaples` at the MATLAB command prompt.

Convert R'G'B' to Intensity Images

The Color Space Conversion block enables you to convert color information from the R'G'B' color space to the Y'CbCr color space and from the Y'CbCr color space to the R'G'B' color space as specified by Recommendation ITU-R BT.601-5. This block can also be used to convert from the R'G'B' color space to intensity. The prime notation indicates that the signals are gamma corrected.

Some image processing algorithms are customized for intensity images. If you want to use one of these algorithms, you must first convert your image to intensity. In this topic, you learn how to use the Color Space Conversion block to accomplish this task. You can use this procedure to convert any R'G'B' image to an intensity image:

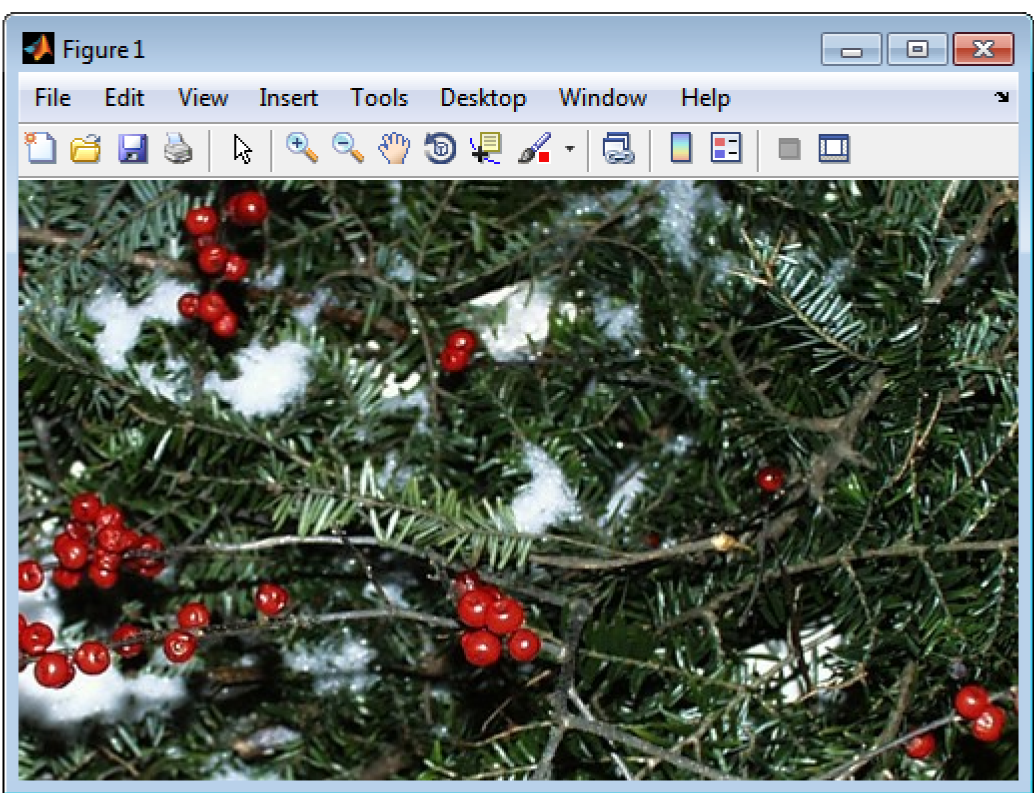
```
ex_vision_convert_rgb
```

1. Define an R'G'B' image in the MATLAB workspace. To read in an R'G'B' image from a JPG file, at the MATLAB command prompt, type

   ```
   I= imread('greens.jpg');
   ```

   `I` is a 300-by-500-by-3 array of 8-bit unsigned integer values. Each plane of this array represents the red, green, or blue color values of the image.
2. To view the image this matrix represents, at the MATLAB command prompt, type

   ```
   imshow(I)
   ```



3 Create a new Simulink model, and add to it the blocks shown in the following table.

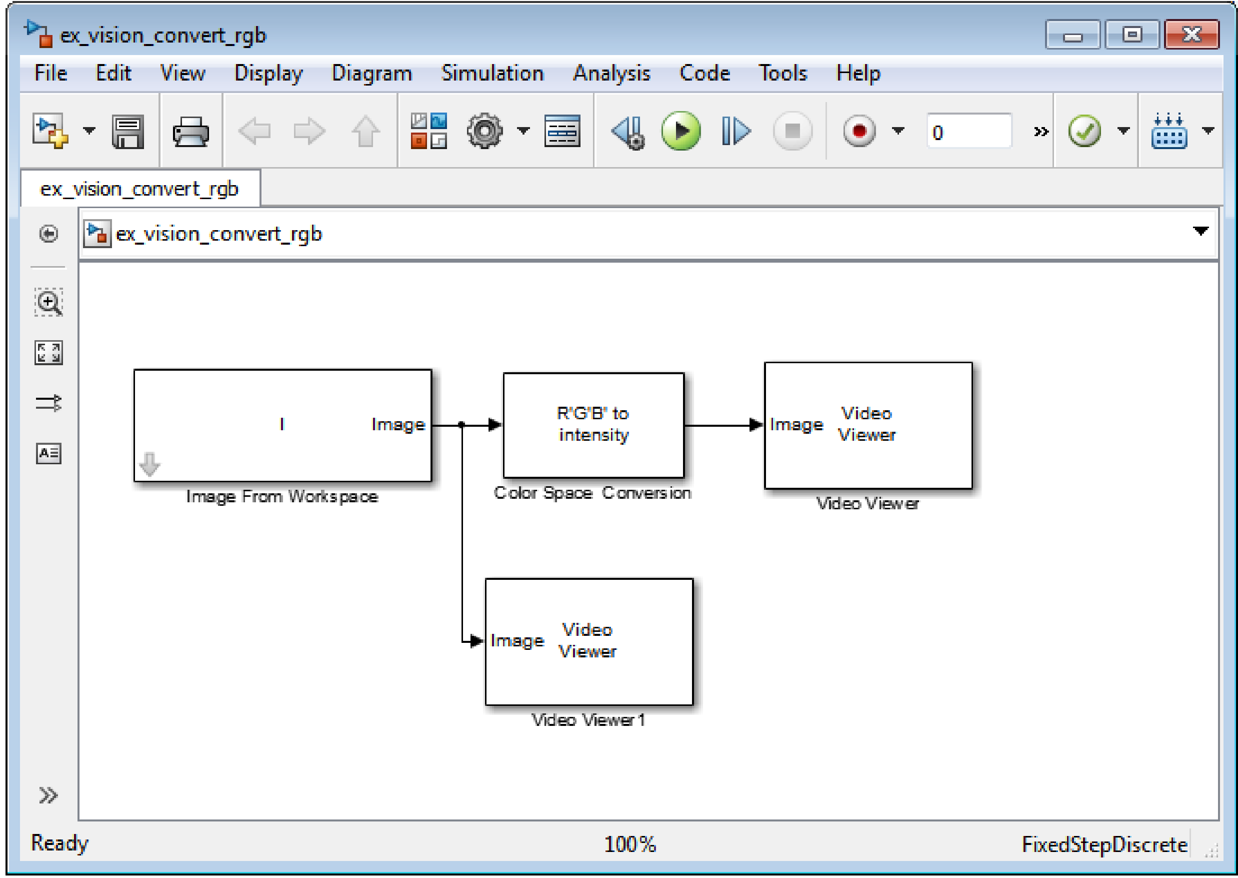
Block	Library	Quantity
Image From Workspace	Computer Vision System Toolbox > Sources	1
Color Space Conversion	Computer Vision System Toolbox > Conversions	1
Video Viewer	Computer Vision System Toolbox > Sinks	2

4 Use the Image from Workspace block to import your image from the MATLAB workspace. Set the**Value** parameter to `I`.

5 Use the Color Space Conversion block to convert the input values from the R'G'B' color space to intensity. Set the **Conversion** parameter to `R'G'B' to intensity`.

6 View the modified image using the Video Viewer block. View the original image using the Video Viewer1 block. Accept the default parameters.

7 Connect the blocks so that your model is similar to the following figure.



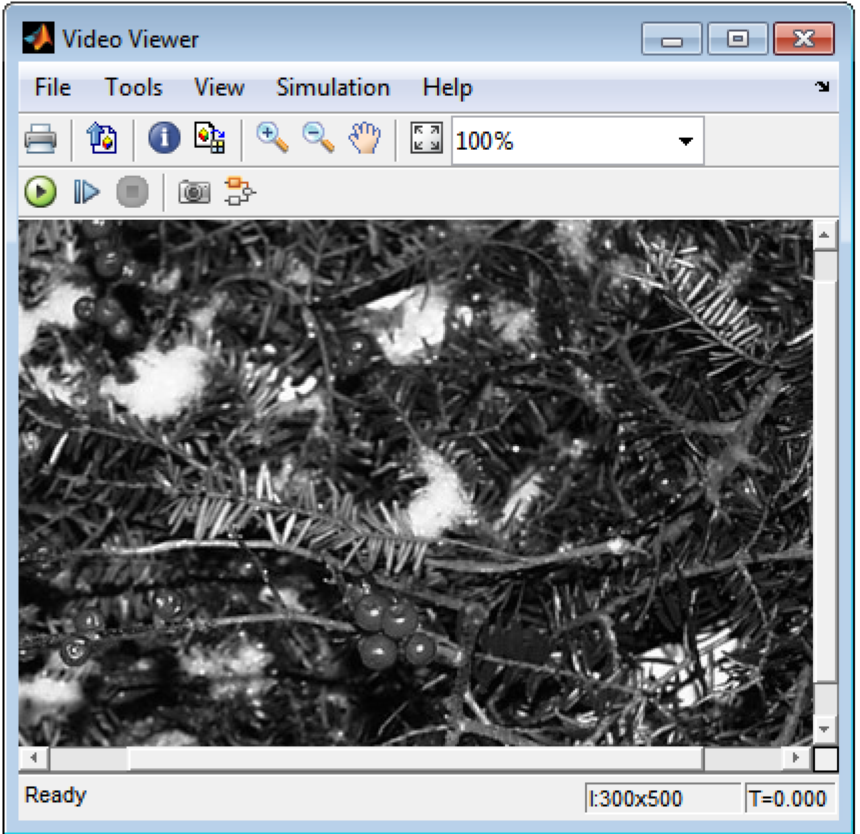
8 Set the configuration parameters. Open the Configuration dialog box by selecting **Model Configuration Parameters** from the **Simulation** menu. Set the parameters as follows:

- **Solver** pane, **Stop time** = 0

- **Solver** pane, **Type** = `Fixed-step`
- **Solver** pane, **Solver** = `Discrete (no continuous states)`

9 Run your model.

The image displayed in the Video Viewer window is the intensity version of the `greens.jpg` image.

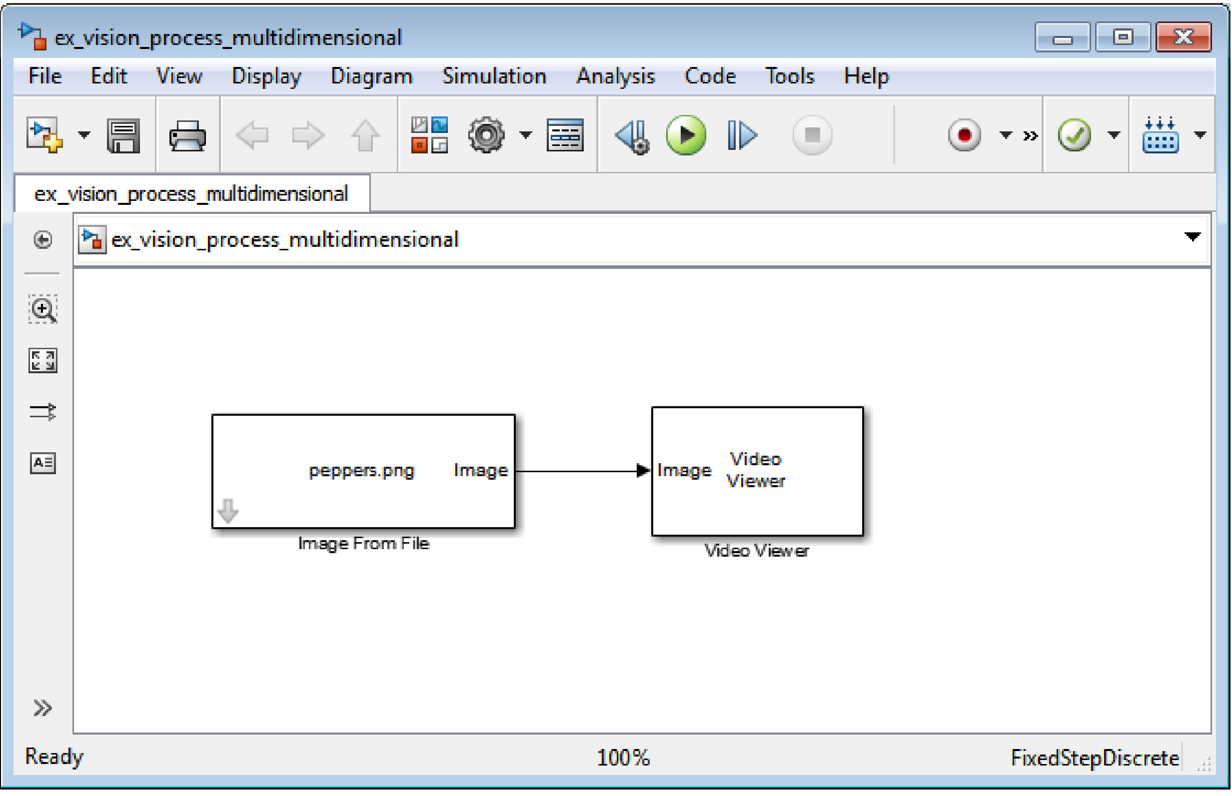


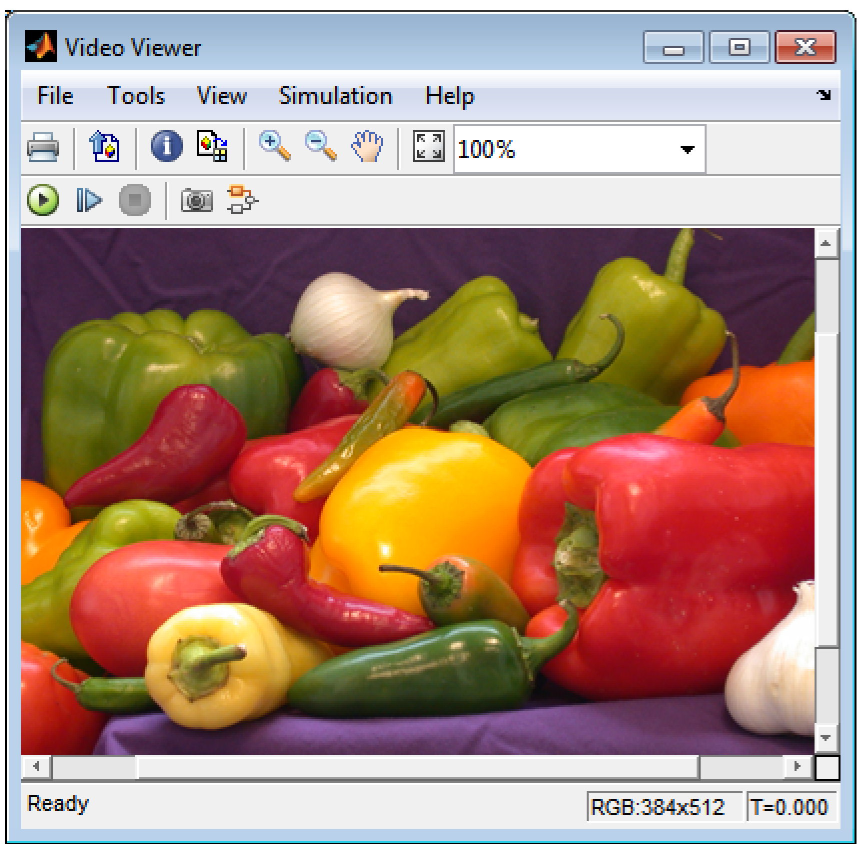
In this topic, you used the Color Space Conversion block to convert color information from the R'G'B' color space to intensity. For more information on this block, see the Color Space Conversion block reference page.

Process Multidimensional Color Video Signals

The Computer Vision System Toolbox software enables you to work with color images and video signals as multidimensional arrays. For example, the following model passes a color image from a source block to a sink block using a 384-by-512-by-3 array.

```
ex_vision_process_multidimensional
```





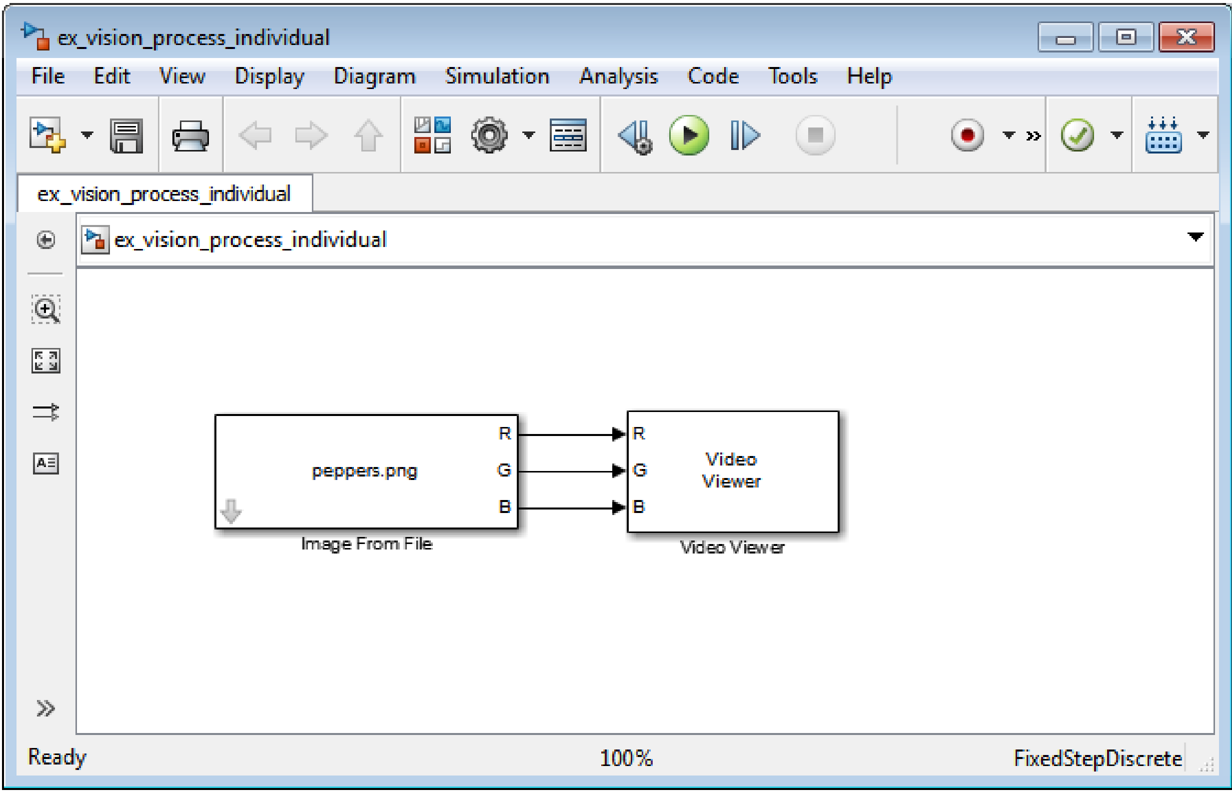
You can choose to process the image as a multidimensional array by setting the **Image signal** parameter to `One multidimensional signal` in the Image From File block dialog box.

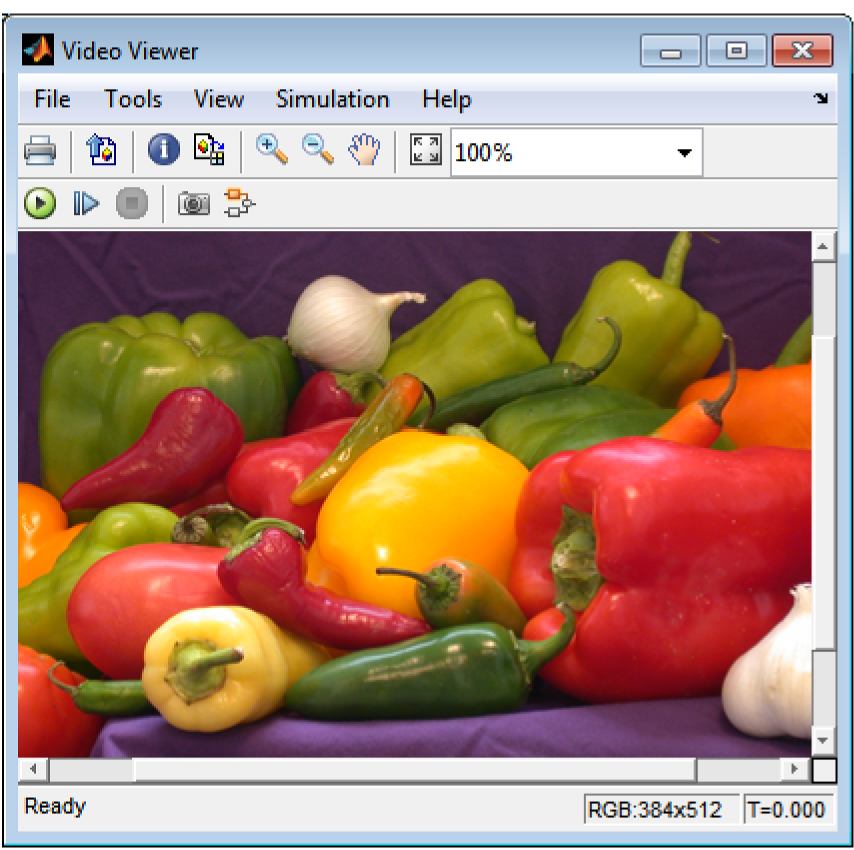
The blocks that support multidimensional arrays meet at least one of the following criteria:

- They have the **Image signal** parameter on their block mask.
- They have a note in their block reference pages that says, “This block supports intensity and color images on its ports.”
- Their input and output ports are labeled “Image”.

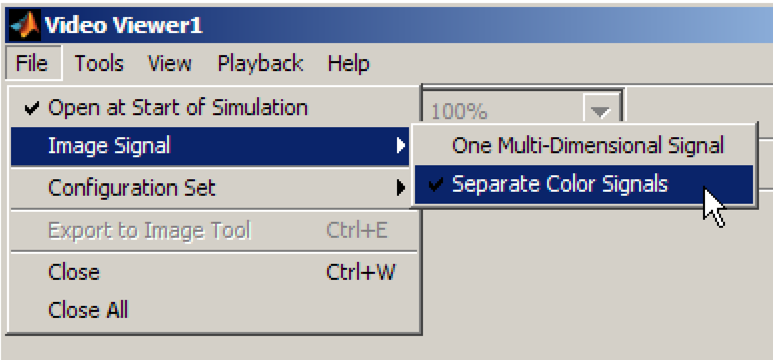
You can also choose to work with the individual color planes of images or video signals. For example, the following model passes a color image from a source block to a sink block using three separate color planes.

```
ex_vision_process_individual
```





To process the individual color planes of an image or video signal, set the **Image signal** parameter to `Separate color signals` in both the Image From File and Video Viewer block dialog boxes.



Note: The ability to output separate color signals is a legacy option. It is recommend that you use multidimensional signals to represent color data.

If you are working with a block that only outputs multidimensional arrays, you can use the Selector block to separate the color planes. For an example of this process, see "Measure an Angle Between Lines". If you are working with a block that only accepts multidimensional arrays, you can use the Matrix Concatenation block to create a multidimensional array. For an example of this process, see "Find the Histogram of an Image".

Data Formats

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Video Formats

Video data is a series of images over time. Video in binary or intensity format is a series of single images. Video in RGB format is a series of matrices grouped into sets of three, where each matrix represents an R, G, or B plane.

Defining Intensity and Color

Video data is a series of images over time. Video in binary or intensity format is a series of single images. Video in RGB format is a series of matrices grouped into sets of three, where each matrix represents an R, G, or B plane.

The values in a binary, intensity, or RGB image can be different data types. The data type of the image values determines which values correspond to black and white as well as the absence or saturation of color. The following table summarizes the interpretation of the upper and lower bound of each data type. To view the data types of the signals at each port, from the **Display** menu, point to **Signals & Ports**, and select **Port Data Types**.

Data Type	Black or Absence of Color	White or Saturation of Color
Fixed point	Minimum data type value	Maximum data type value
Floating point	0	1

Note The Computer Vision System Toolbox software considers any data type other than double-precision floating point and single-precision floating point to be fixed point.

For example, for an intensity image whose image values are 8-bit unsigned integers, 0 is black and 255 is white. For an intensity image whose image values are double-precision floating point, 0 is black and 1 is white. For an intensity image whose image values are 16-bit signed integers, -32768 is black and 32767 is white.

For an RGB image whose image values are 8-bit unsigned integers, 0 0 0 is black, 255 255 255 is white, 255 0 0 is red, 0 255 0 is green, and 0 0 255 is blue. For an RGB image whose image values are double-precision floating point, 0 0 0 is black, 1 1 1 is white, 1 0 0 is red, 0 1 0 is green, and 0 0 1 is blue. For an RGB image whose image values are 16-bit signed integers, -32768 -32768 -32768 is black, 32767 32767 32767 is white, 32767 -32768 -32768 is red, -32768 32767 -32768 is green, and -32768 -32768 32767 is blue.

Video Data Stored in Column-Major Format

The MATLAB technical computing software and Computer Vision System Toolbox blocks use column-major data organization. The blocks' data buffers store data elements from the first column first, then data elements from the second column second, and so on through the last column.

If you have imported an image or a video stream into the MATLAB workspace using a function from the MATLAB environment or the Image Processing Toolbox, the Computer Vision System Toolbox blocks will display this image or video stream correctly. If you have written your own function or code to import images into the MATLAB environment, you must take the column-major convention into account.

Image Formats

In the Computer Vision System Toolbox software, images are real-valued ordered sets of color or intensity data. The blocks interpret input matrices as images, where each element of the matrix corresponds to a single pixel in the displayed image. Images can be binary, intensity (grayscale), or RGB. This section explains how to represent these types of images.

Binary Images

Binary images are represented by a Boolean matrix of 0s and 1s, which correspond to black and white pixels, respectively.

For more information, see “Binary Images” in the Image Processing Toolbox documentation.

Intensity Images

Intensity images are represented by a matrix of intensity values. While intensity images are not stored with colormaps, you can use a gray colormap to display them.

For more information, see “Grayscale Images” in the Image Processing Toolbox documentation.

RGB Images

RGB images are also known as a true-color images. With Computer Vision System Toolbox blocks, these images are represented by an array, where the first plane represents the red pixel intensities, the second plane represents the green pixel intensities, and the third plane represents the blue pixel intensities. In the Computer Vision System Toolbox software, you can pass RGB images between blocks as three separate color planes or as one multidimensional array.

For more information, see “Truecolor Images” in the Image Processing Toolbox documentation.

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Display

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View Streaming Video in MATLAB

Video Player System Object

Use the video player System object when you require a simple video display in MATLAB.

For more information about the video player object, see the `vision.VideoPlayer` reference page.

Deployable Video Player System Object

Use the deployable video player object as a basic display viewer designed for optimal performance. This block supports code generation for the Windows platform.

For more information about the Deployable Video Player block, see the `vision.DeployableVideoPlayer` object reference page.

Preview Video in MATLAB using MPlay Function

The MPlay function enables you to view videos represented as variables in the MATLAB workspace.

You can open several instances of the MPlay function simultaneously to view multiple video data sources at once. You can also dock these MPlay GUIs in the MATLAB desktop. Use the figure arrangement buttons in the upper-right corner of the Sinks window to control the placement of the docked GUIs.

The MPlay GUI enables you to view videos directly from files without having to load all the video data into memory at once. The following procedure shows you how to use the MPlay GUI to load and view a video one frame at a time:

1. On the MPlay GUI, click *open file* icon,
2. Use the Connect to File dialog box to navigate to the multimedia file you want to view in the MPlay window.

   Click **Open**. The first frame of the video appears in the MPlay window.

   Note: The MPlay GUI supports AVI files that the `VideoReader` supports.
3. Experiment with the MPlay GUI by using it to play and interact with the video stream.

View Video with Simulink Blocks

Video Viewer Block

Use the Video Viewer block when you require a wired-in video display with simulation controls in your Simulink model. The Video Viewer block provides simulation control buttons directly from the GUI. The block integrates play, pause, and step features while running the model and also provides video analysis tools such as pixel region viewer.

For more information about the Video Viewer block, see the Video Viewer block reference page.

To Video Display Block

Use the To Video Display block in your Simulink model as a simple display viewer designed for optimal performance. This block supports code generation for the Windows platform.

For more information about the To Video Display block, see the To Video Display block reference page.

View Video with MPlay

The MPlay GUI enables you to view video signals in Simulink models without adding blocks to your model.

You can open several instances of the MPlay GUI simultaneously to view multiple video data sources at once. You can also dock these MPlay GUIs in the MATLAB desktop. Use

the figure arrangement buttons in the upper-right corner of the Sinks window to control the placement of the docked GUIs.

Set Simulink simulation mode to `Normal` to use `mplay` . MPlay does not work when you use “Accelerating Simulink Models”.

The following procedure shows you how to use MPlay to view a Simulink signal:

1 Open a Simulink model. At the MATLAB command prompt, type

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vipmplaytut
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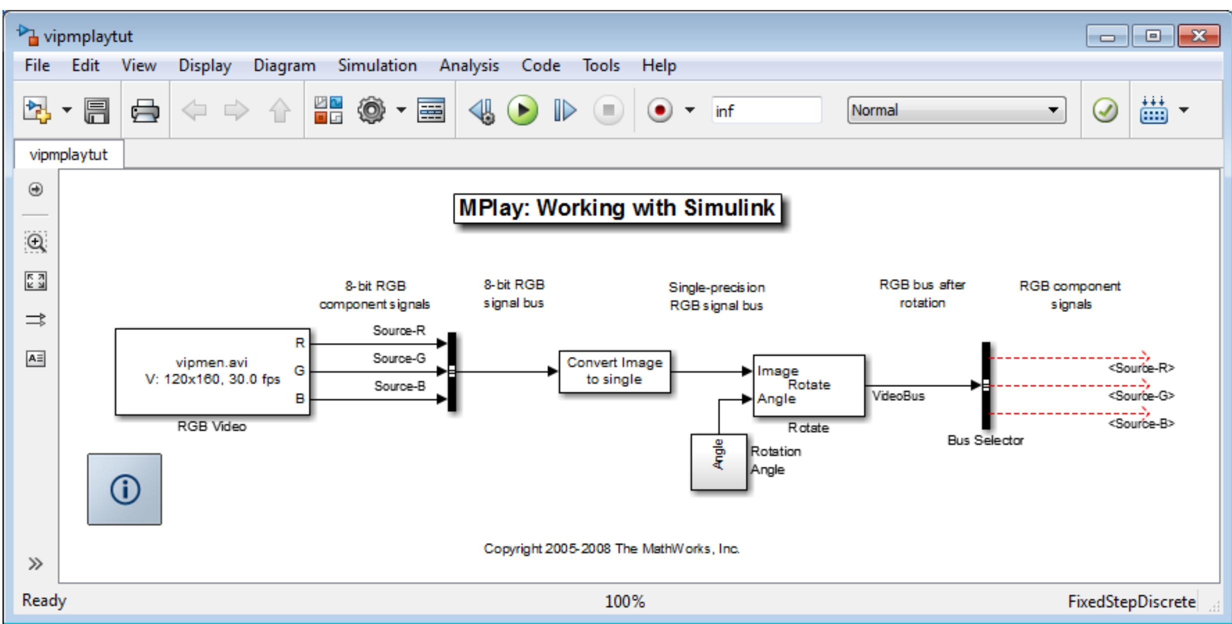


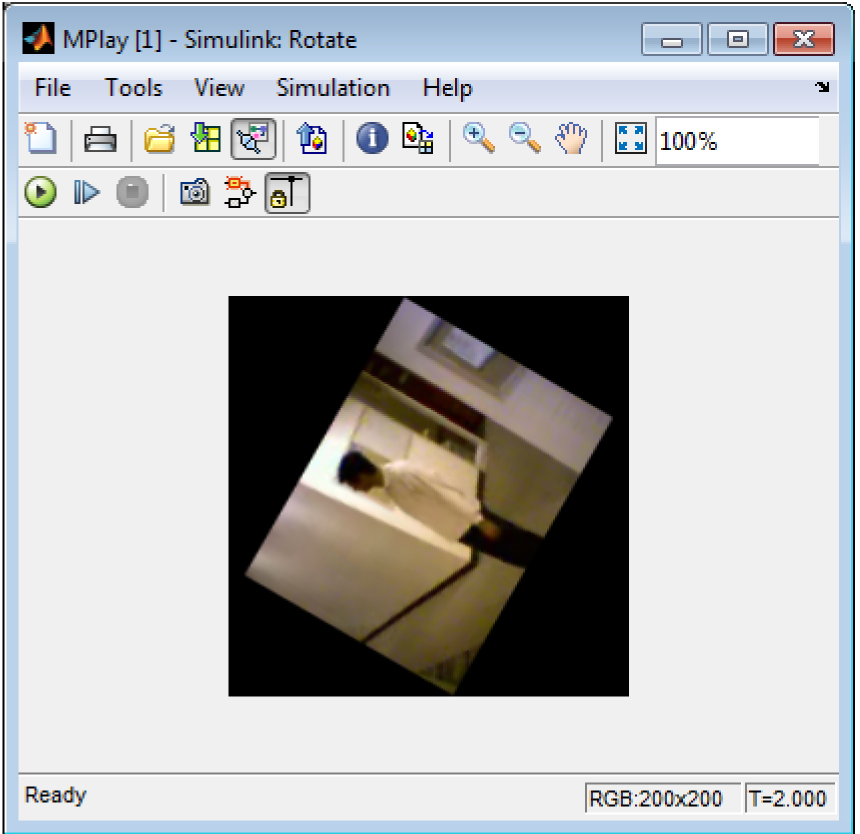
2 Open an MPlay GUI by typing `mplay` on the MATLAB command line.

3 Run the model.

4 Select the signal line you want to view. For example, select the bus signal coming out of the Rotate block.

5 On the MPlay GUI, click *Connect to Simulink Signal* GUI element,

The video appears in the MPlay window.



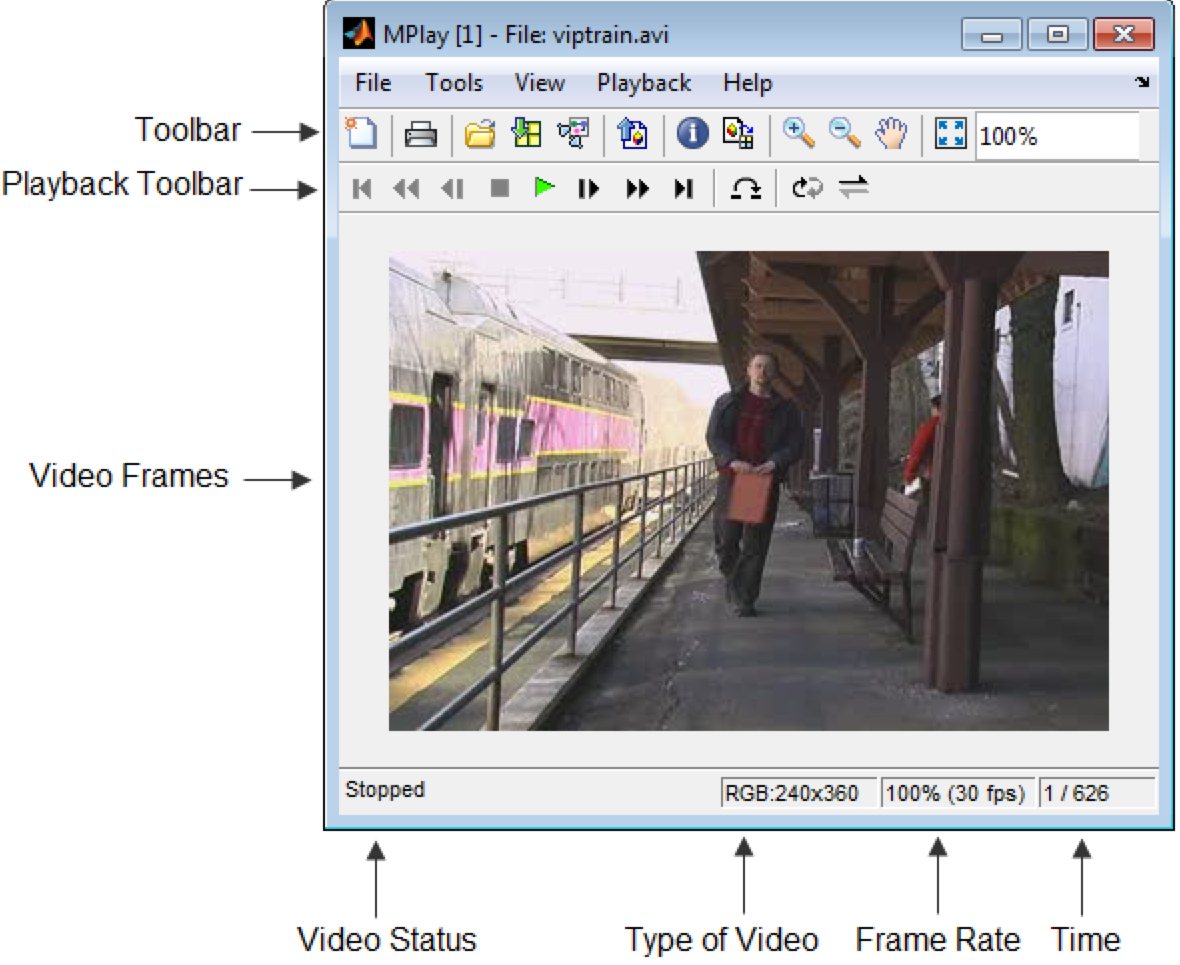
6 Change to floating-scope mode by clicking the *persistent connect* GUI element, button.

7 Experiment with selecting different signals and viewing them in the MPlay window. You can also use multiple MPlay GUIs to display different Simulink signals.

Note: During code generation, the Simulink Coder does not generate code for the MPlay GUI.

MPlay

The following figure shows the MPlay GUI containing an image sequence.



The following sections provide descriptions of the MPlay GUI toolbar buttons and equivalent menu options.

Toolbar Buttons

GUI	Menu Equivalent	Shortcut Keys and Accelerators	Description
	File > New MPlay	**Ctrl+N**	Open a new MPlay GUI.
	File > Print	**Ctrl+P**	Print the current display window. Printing is only available when the display is not changing. You can enable printing by placing the display in snapshot mode, or by pausing or stopping model simulation, or simulating the model in step-forward mode. To print the current window to a figure rather than sending it to your printer, select **File > Print to figure**.
	File > Print	**Ctrl+P**	Print the current scope window. Printing is only available when the scope display is not changing. You can enable printing by placing the scope in snapshot mode, or by pausing or stopping model simulation. To print the current scope window to a figure rather than sending it to your printer, select **File > Print to figure**.
	File > Open	**Ctrl+O**	Connect to a video file.
	File > Import from Workspace	**Ctrl+I**	Connect to a variable from the base MATLAB workspace.
	File > Connect to Simulink Signal		Connect to a Simulink signal.

GUI	Menu Equivalent	Shortcut Keys and Accelerators	Description
	File > Export to Image Tool	**Ctrl+E**	Send the current video frame to the Image Tool. For more information, see “Using the Image Viewer App to Explore Images” in the Image Processing Toolbox documentation. The Image Tool only knows the frame is an intensity image if the colormap of the frame is grayscale (`gray(256)`). Otherwise, the Image Tool assumes that the frame is an indexed image and disables the **Adjust Contrast** button.
	Tools > Video Information	**V**	View information about the video data source.
	Tools > Pixel Region	N/A	Open the Pixel Region tool. For more information about this tool, see the Image Processing Toolbox documentation.
	Tools > Zoom In	N/A	Zoom in on the video display.
	Tools > Zoom Out	N/A	Zoom out of the video display.
	Tools > Pan	N/A	Move the image displayed in the GUI.
	Tools > Maintain Fit to Window	N/A	Scale video to fit GUI size automatically. Toggle the button on or off.
100%	N/A	N/A	Enlarge or shrink the video display. This option is available if you do not select the **Maintain Fit to Window** button.

Playback Toolbar — Workspace and File Sources

GUI	Menu Equivalent	Shortcut Keys and Accelerators	Description
	Playback > Go to First	**F**, **Home**	Go to the first frame of the video.
	Playback > Rewind	Up arrow	Jump back ten frames.
	Playback > Step Back	Left arrow, **Page Up**	Step back one frame.
	Playback > Stop	**S**	Stop the video.
	Playback > Play	**P**, Space bar	Play the video.
	Playback > Pause	**P**, Space bar	Pause the video. This button appears only when the video is playing.
	Playback > Step Forward	Right arrow, **Page Down**	Step forward one frame.
	Playback > Fast Forward	Down arrow	Jump forward ten frames.
	Playback > Go to Last	**L**, **End**	Go to the last frame of the video.
	Playback > Jump to	**J**	Jump to a specific frame.
	Playback > Playback Modes > Repeat	**R**	Repeated video playback.
	Playback > Playback Modes > Forward play	**A**	Play the video forward.
	Playback > Playback Modes > Backwardplay	**A**	Play the video backward.

GUI	Menu Equivalent	Shortcut Keys and Accelerators	Description
	Playback > Playback Modes > AutoReverse play	**A**	Play the video forward and backward.

Playback Toolbar — Simulink Sources

GUI	Menu Equivalent	Shortcut Keys and Accelerators	Description
	Simulation > Stop	**S**	Stop the video. This button also controls the Simulink model.
	Simulation > Start	**P**, Space bar	Play the video. This button also controls the Simulink model.
	Simulation > Pause	**P**, Space bar	Pause the video. This button also controls the Simulink model and appears only when the video is playing.
	Simulation > Step Forward	Right arrow, Page Down	Step forward one frame. This button also controls the Simulink model.
	Simulation > Simulink Snapshot	N/A	Click this button to freeze the display in the MPlay window.
	View > Highlight Simulink Signal	**Ctrl+L**	In the model window, highlight the Simulink signal the MPlay GUI is displaying.
	Simulation > Floating Signal Connection (not selected)	N/A	Indicates persistent Simulink connection. In this mode, the MPlay GUI always associates with the Simulink signal you selected before you clicked the **Connect to Simulink Signal** button.
	Simulation > Floating Signal	N/A	Indicates floating Simulink connection. In this mode, you can

GUI	Menu Equivalent	Shortcut Keys and Accelerators	Description
	Connection (selected)		click different signals in the model, and the MPlay GUI displays them. You can use only one MPlay GUI in floating-scope mode at a time.

Configuration

The MPlay Configuration dialog box enables you to change the behavior and appearance of the GUI as well as the behavior of the playback shortcut keys.

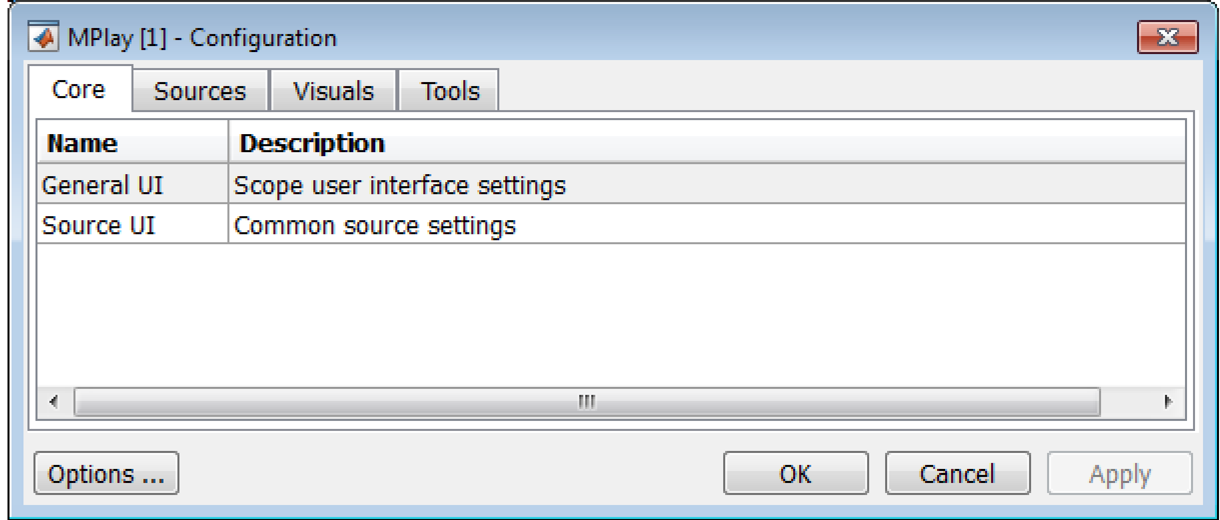
- To open the Configuration dialog box, select **File** > **Configuration Set** > **Edit**.
- To save the configuration settings for future use, select **File** > **Configuration Set** > **Save as**.

Note: By default, the MPlay GUI uses the configuration settings from the file `mplay.cfg`. Create a backup copy of the file to store your configuration settings.

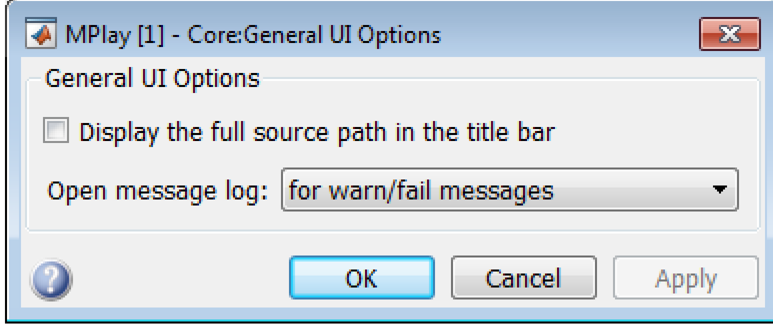
- To load a preexisting configuration set, select **File** > **Configuration Set** > **Load**.

Configuration Core Pane

The Core pane controls the graphic user interface (GUI) general and source settings.



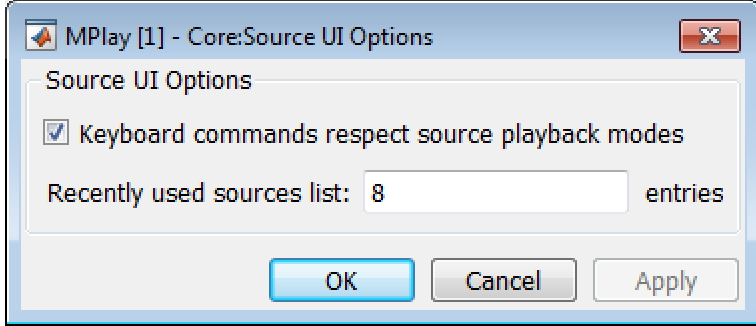
General UI
Click **General UI**, and then select the **Options** button to open the General UI Options dialog box.



If you select the **Display the full source path in the title bar** check box, the full Simulink path appears in the title bar. Otherwise, the title bar displays a shortened name.

Use the **Message log opens** parameter to control when the Message log window opens. You can use this window to debug issues with video playback. Your choices are `for any new messages`, `for warn/fail messages`, `only for fail messages`, or `manually`.

Source UI
Click Source UI, and then click the **Options** button to open the Source UI Options dialog box.



If you select the **Keyboard commands respect playback modes** check box, the keyboard shortcut keys behave in response to the playback mode you selected.

Using the Keyboard commands respect playback modes

Open and play a video using MPlay.

1. Select the **Keyboard commands respect playback modes** check box.
2. Select the **Backward playback** button.

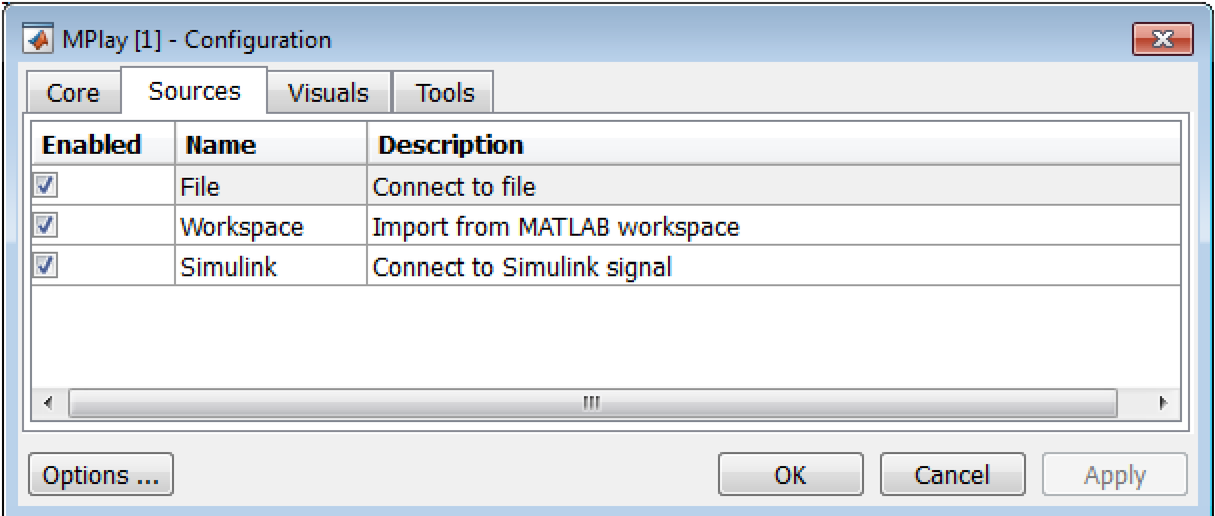
   - Using the right keyboard arrow key moves the video backward, and using the left keyboard arrow key moves the video forward.
   - With MPlay set to play backwards, the keyboard "forward" performs "forward with the direction the video is playing".

To disconnect the keyboard behavior from the MPlay playback settings, clear the check box.

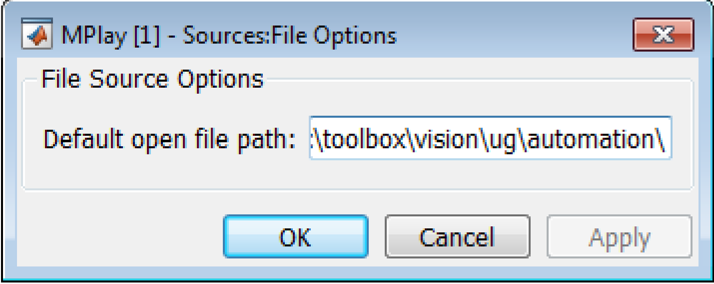
Use the **Recently used sources list** parameter to control the number of sources you see in the **File** menu.

Configuration Sources Pane

The Sources pane contains the GUI options that relate to connecting to different sources. Select the **Enabled** check box next to each source type to specify to which type of source you want to connect the GUI.

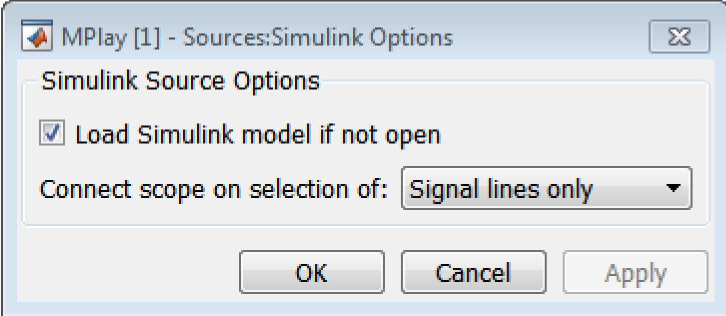


- Click **File**, and then click the **Options** button to open the **Sources:File Options** dialog box.



  Use the **Default open file path** parameter to control the folder that is displayed in the **Connect to File** dialog box. The **Connect to File** dialog box becomes available when you select **File > Open**.

- Click **Simulink**, and then click the **Options** button to open the **Sources:Simulink Options** dialog box.

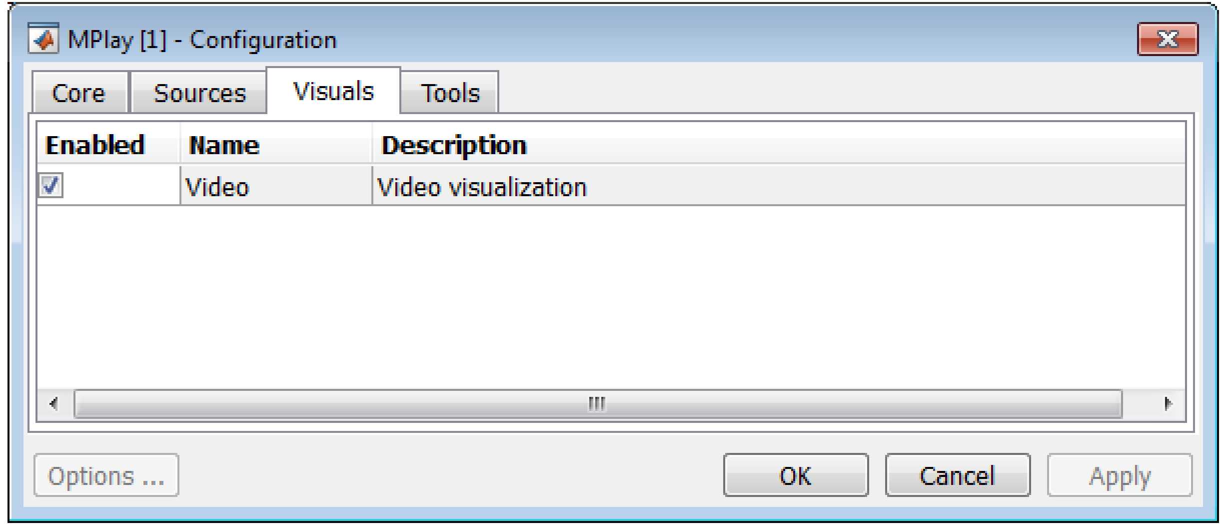


You can have the Simulink model associated with an MPlay GUI to open with MPlay. To do so, select the **Load Simulink model if not open** check box.

Select **Signal lines only** to sync the video display only when you select a signal line. If you select a block the video display will not be affected. Select **Signal lines or blocks** to sync the video display to the signal line or block you select. The default is **Signal lines only**.

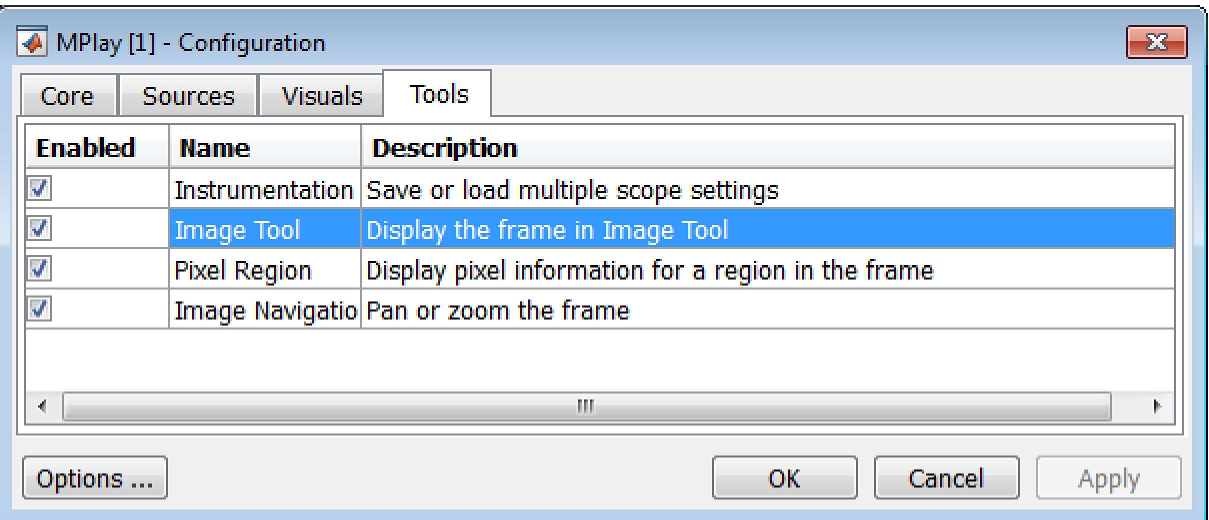
Configuration Visuals Pane

The Visuals pane contains the name of the visual type and its description.

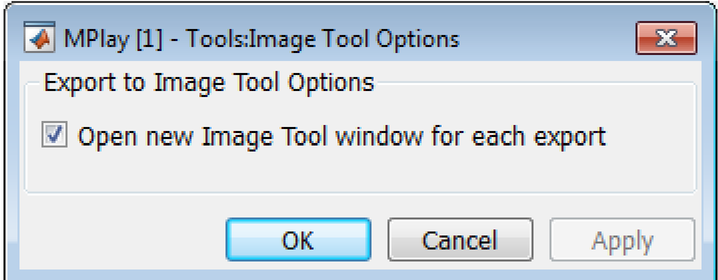


Configuration Tools Pane

The Tools pane contains the tools that are available on the MPlay GUI. Select the **Enabled** check box next to the tool name to specify which tools to include on the GUI.



Click **Image Tool**, and then click the **Options** button to open the Image Tool Options dialog box.



Select the **Open new Image Tool window for export** check box if you want to open a new Image Tool for each exported frame.

Pixel Region

Select the **Pixel Region** check box to display and enable the pixel region GUI button. For more information on working with pixel regions, see "Getting Information about the Pixels in an Image".

Image Navigation Tools

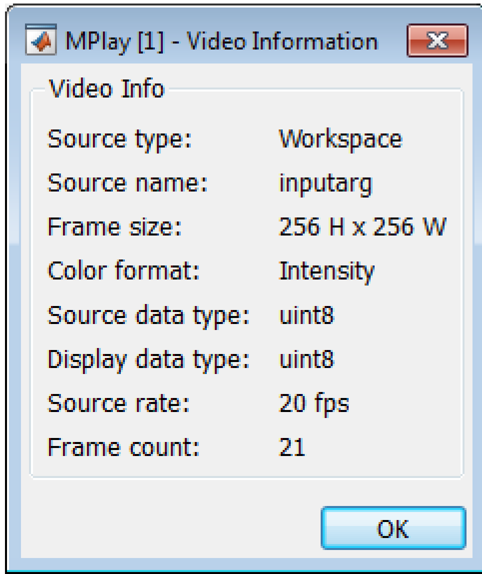
Select the **Image Navigation Tools** check box to enable the pan-and-zoom GUI button.

Instrumentation Set

Select the **Instrumentation Set** check box to enable the option to load and save viewer settings. The option appears in the **File** menu.

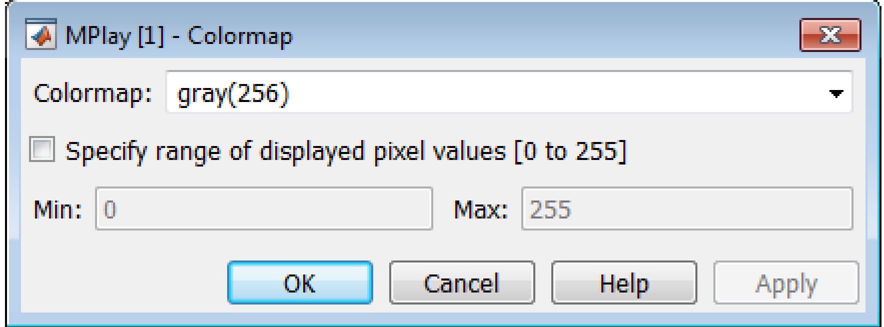
Video Information

The Video Information dialog box lets you view basic information about the video. To open this dialog box, select **Tools > Video Information** or click the information button .



Color Map for Intensity Video

The Colormap dialog box lets you change the colormap of an intensity video. You cannot access the parameters on this dialog box when the GUI displays an RGB video signal. To open this dialog box for an intensity signal, select **Tools > Colormap** or press **C**.



Use the **Colormap** parameter to specify the colormap to apply to the intensity video.

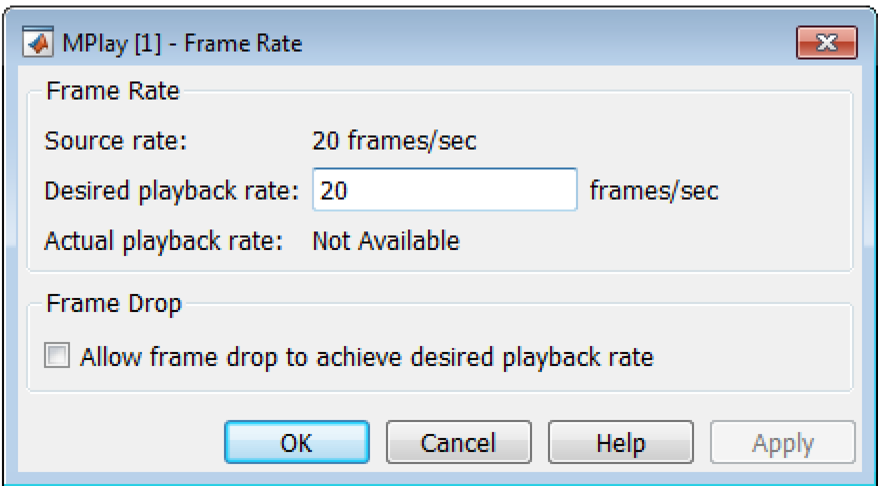
Sometimes, the pixel values do not use the entire data type range. In such cases, you can select the **Specify range of displayed pixel values** check box. You can then enter the range for your data. The dialog box automatically displays the range based on the data type of the pixel values.

Frame Rate

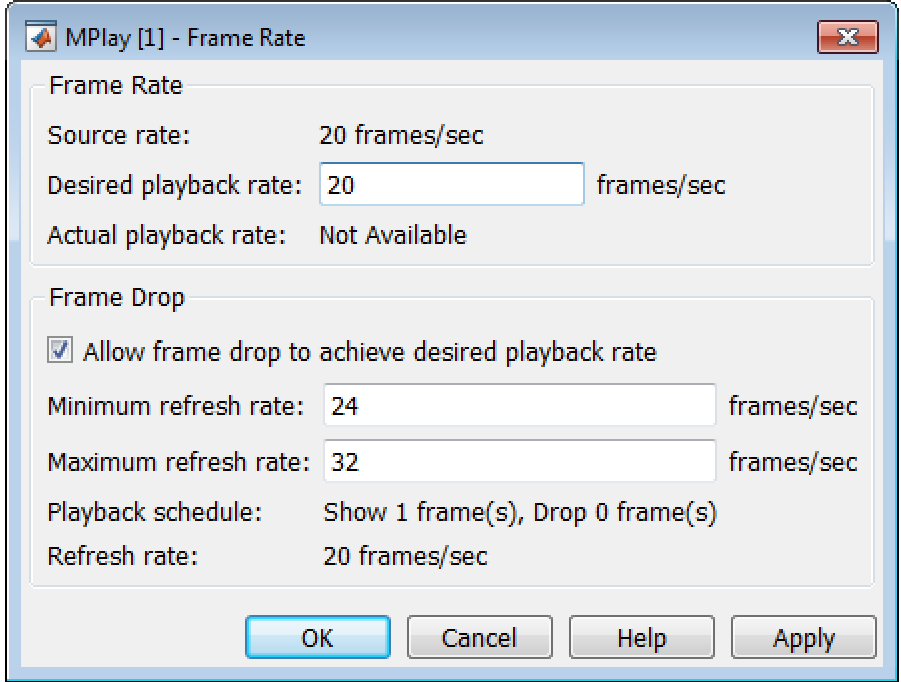
The Frame Rate dialog box displays the frame rate of the source. It also lets you change the rate at which the MPlay GUI plays the video and displays the actual playback rate.

Note: This dialog box becomes available when you use the MPlay GUI to view a video signal.

The *playback rate* is the number of frames the GUI processes per second. You can use the **Desired playback rate** parameter to decrease or increase the playback rate. To open this dialog box, select **Playback** > **Frame Rate** or press **T**.



To increase the playback rate when system hardware cannot keep pace with the desired rate, select the **Allow frame drop to achieve desired playback rate** check box. This parameter enables the MPlay GUI to achieve the playback rate by dropping video frames. Dropped video frames sometimes cause lower quality playback.



You can refine further the quality of playback versus hardware burden, by controlling the number of frames to drop per frame or frames displayed.
For example, suppose you set the **Desired playback rate** to 80 frames/sec. One way to achieve the desired playback rate is to set the **Playback schedule** to `Show 1 frame, Drop 3 frames`. Change this playback schedule, by setting the refresh rates (which is how often the GUI updates the screen), to:
Maximum refresh rate: `21` frames/sec
Minimum refresh rate: `20` frames/sec
MPlay can achieve the desired playback rate (in this case, 80 frames/sec) by using these parameter settings.

In general, the relationship between the **Frame Drop** parameters is:

$$Desired_rate = refresh_rate * \frac{show_frames + drop_frames}{show_frames}$$

In this case, the *refresh_rate* includes a more accurate calculation based on both the minimum and maximum refresh rates.

Use the **Minimum refresh rate** and **Maximum refresh rate** parameters to adjust the playback schedule of video display. Use these parameters in the following way:

- Increase the **Minimum refresh rate** parameter to achieve smoother playback.
- Decrease the **Maximum refresh rate** parameter to reduce the demand on system hardware.

Saving the Settings of Multiple MPlay GUIs

The MPlay GUI enables you to save and load the settings of multiple GUI instances. You only have to configure the MPlay GUIs associated with your model once.

To save the GUI settings:

- Select **File** > **Instrumentation Sets** > **Save Set**

To open the preconfigured MPlay GUIs:

- Select **File** > **Instrumentation Sets** > **Load Set**

You can save instrument sets for instances of MPlay connected to a source. If you attempt to save an instrument set for an MPlay instance that is not connected to a source, the Message Log displays a warning.

Message Log

The Message Log dialog box provides a system level record of configurations and extensions used. You can filter what messages to display by **Type** and **Category**, view the records, and display record details.

- The **Type** parameter allows you to select either `All`, `Info`, `Warn`, or `Fail` message logs.
- The **Category** parameter allows you to select either `Configuration` or `Extension` message summaries.
- The `Configuration` message indicates a new configuration file loaded.
- The `Extension` message indicates a registered component. For example, a `Simulink` message, indicating a registered component, available for configuration.

Status Bar

Along the bottom of the MPlay viewer is the status bar. It displays information, such as video status, Type of video playing (`I` or `RGB`), Frame size, Percentage of frame rate, Frame rate, and `Current frame: Total frames`.

Note: A minus sign (`-`) for `Current frame` indicates reverse video playback.

Graphics

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Abandoned Object Detection

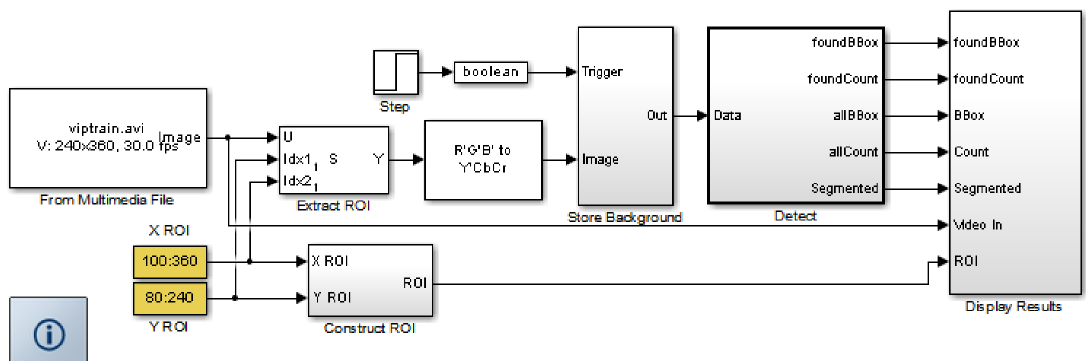
This example shows how to track objects at a train station and to determine which ones remain stationary. Abandoned objects in public areas concern authorities since they might pose a security risk. Algorithms, such as the one used in this example, can be used to assist security officers monitoring live surveillance video by directing their attention to a potential area of interest.

This example illustrates how to use the Blob Analysis and MATLAB® Function blocks to design a custom tracking algorithm. The example implements this algorithm using the following steps: 1) Eliminate video areas that are unlikely to contain abandoned objects by extracting a region of interest (ROI). 2) Perform video segmentation using background subtraction. 3) Calculate object statistics using the Blob Analysis block. 4) Track objects based on their area and centroid statistics. 5) Visualize the results.

Watch the Abandoned Object Detection example.

Example Model

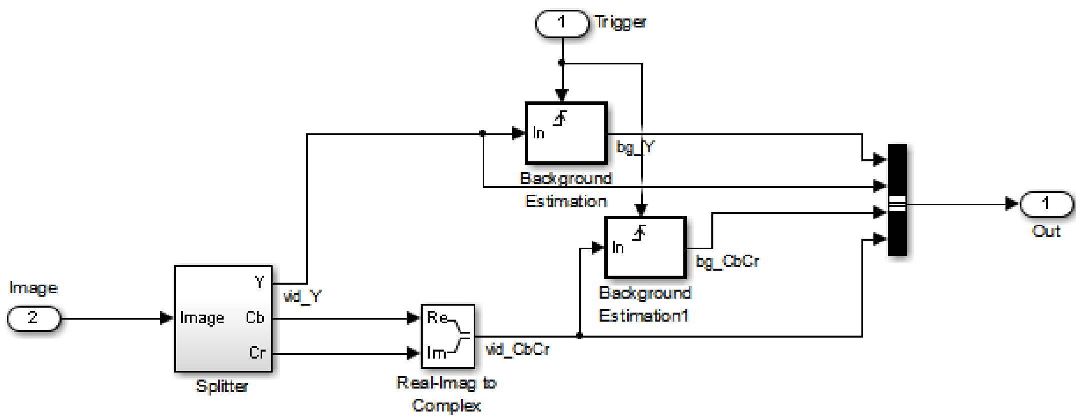
The following figure shows the Abandoned Object Detection example model.



Store Background Subsystem

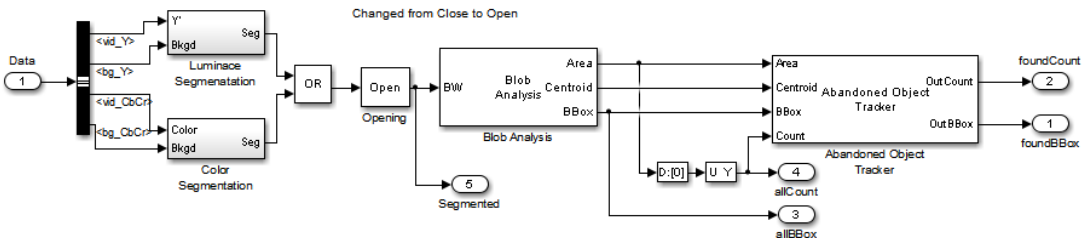
This example uses the first frame of the video as the background. To improve accuracy, the example uses both intensity and color information for the background subtraction operation. During this operation, Cb and Cr color channels are stored in a complex array.

If you are designing a professional surveillance system, you should implement a more sophisticated segmentation algorithm.

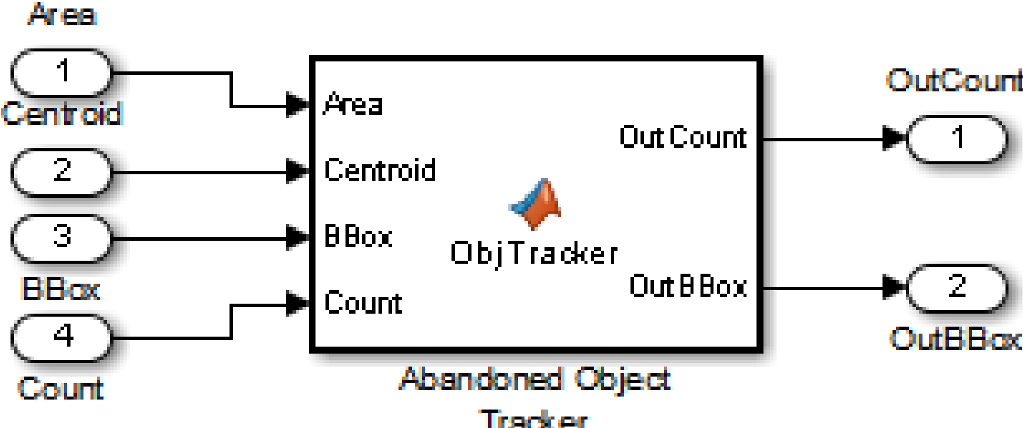


Detect Subsystem

The Detect subsystem contains the main algorithm. Inside this subsystem, the Luminance Segmentation and Color Segmentation subsystems perform background subtraction using the intensity and color data. The example combines these two segmentation results using a binary OR operator. The Blob Analysis block computes statistics of the objects present in the scene.



Abandoned Object Tracker subsystem, shown below, uses the object statistics to determine which objects are stationary. To view the contents of this subsystem, right-click the subsystem and select Look Under Mask. To view the tracking algorithm details, double-click the Abandoned Object Tracker block. The MATLAB® code in this block is an example of how to implement your custom code to augment Computer Vision System Toolbox™ functionality.



Abandoned Object Detection Results

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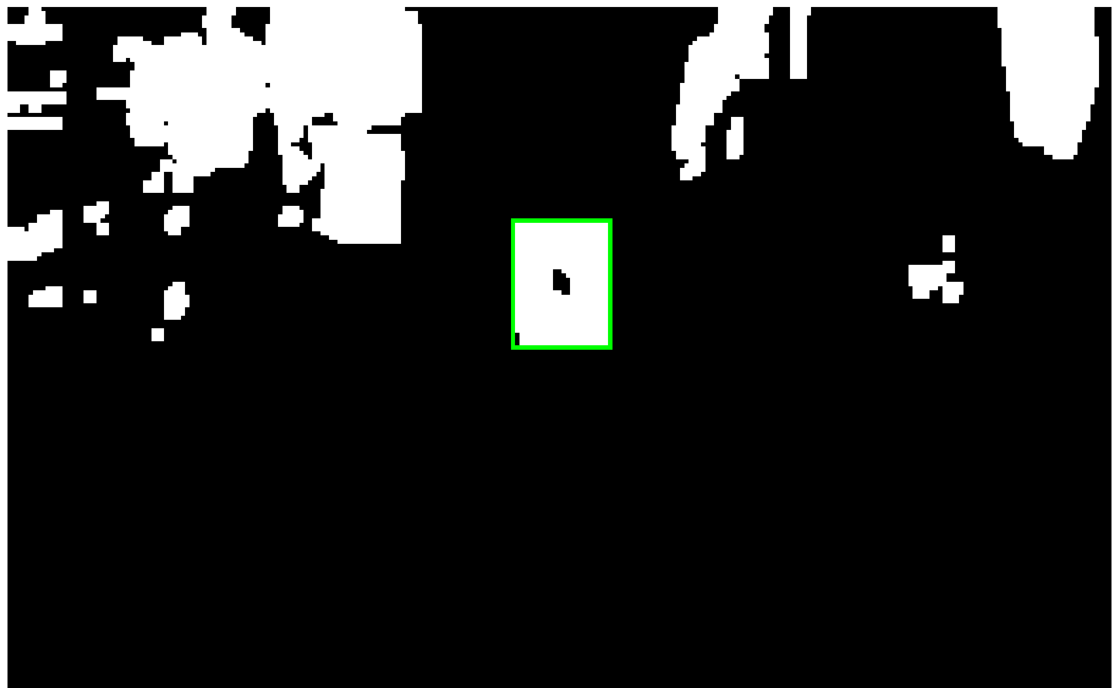
The Threshold window shows the result of the background subtraction in the ROI.



The Abandoned Objects window highlights the abandoned objects with a red box.

Abandoned Object Detection

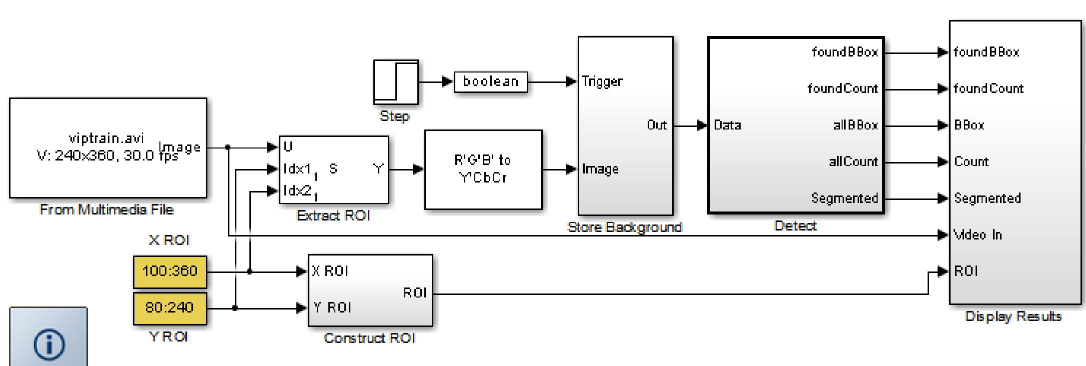
This example shows how to track objects at a train station and to determine which ones remain stationary. Abandoned objects in public areas concern authorities since they might pose a security risk. Algorithms, such as the one used in this example, can be used to assist security officers monitoring live surveillance video by directing their attention to a potential area of interest.

This example illustrates how to use the Blob Analysis and MATLAB® Function blocks to design a custom tracking algorithm. The example implements this algorithm using the following steps: 1) Eliminate video areas that are unlikely to contain abandoned objects by extracting a region of interest (ROI). 2) Perform video segmentation using background subtraction. 3) Calculate object statistics using the Blob Analysis block. 4) Track objects based on their area and centroid statistics. 5) Visualize the results.

Watch the Abandoned Object Detection example.

Example Model

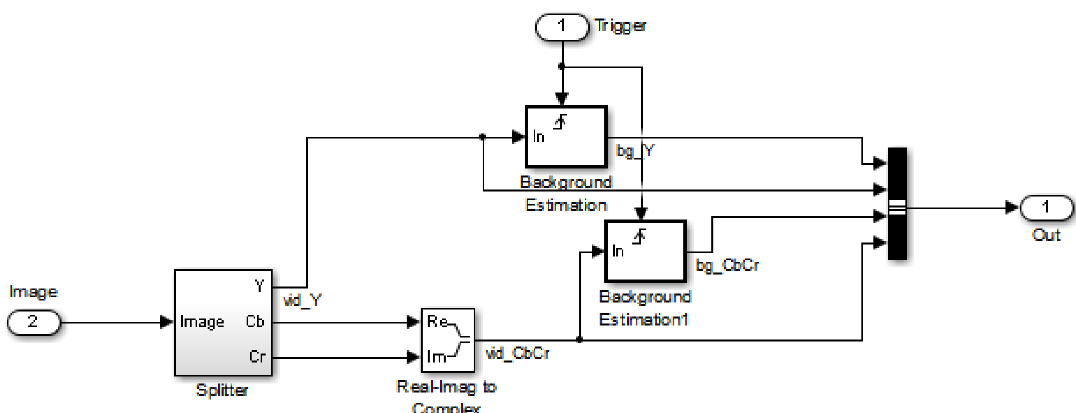
The following figure shows the Abandoned Object Detection example model.



Store Background Subsystem

This example uses the first frame of the video as the background. To improve accuracy, the example uses both intensity and color information for the background subtraction operation. During this operation, Cb and Cr color channels are stored in a complex array.

If you are designing a professional surveillance system, you should implement a more sophisticated segmentation algorithm.



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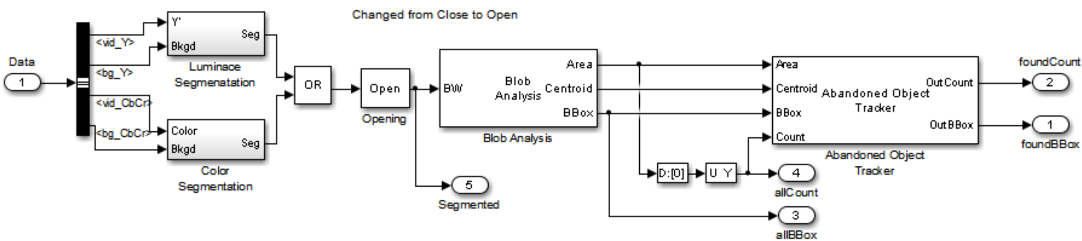

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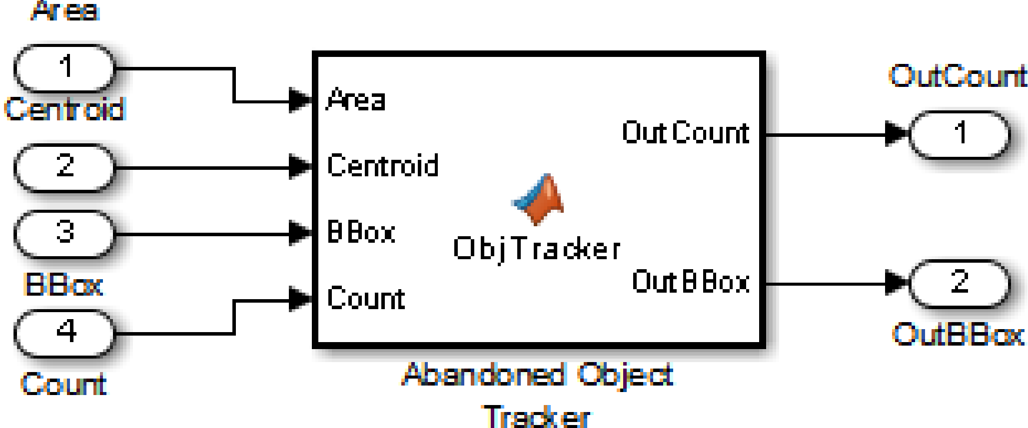

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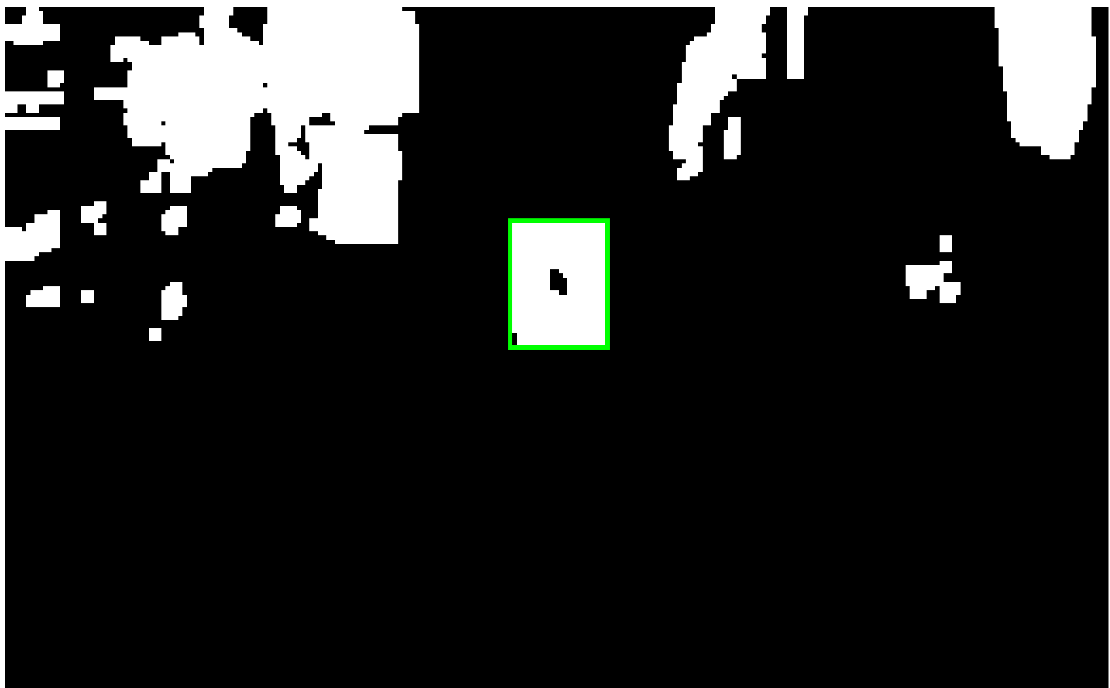
The Threshold window shows the result of the background subtraction in the ROI.



The Abandoned Objects window highlights the abandoned objects with a red box.

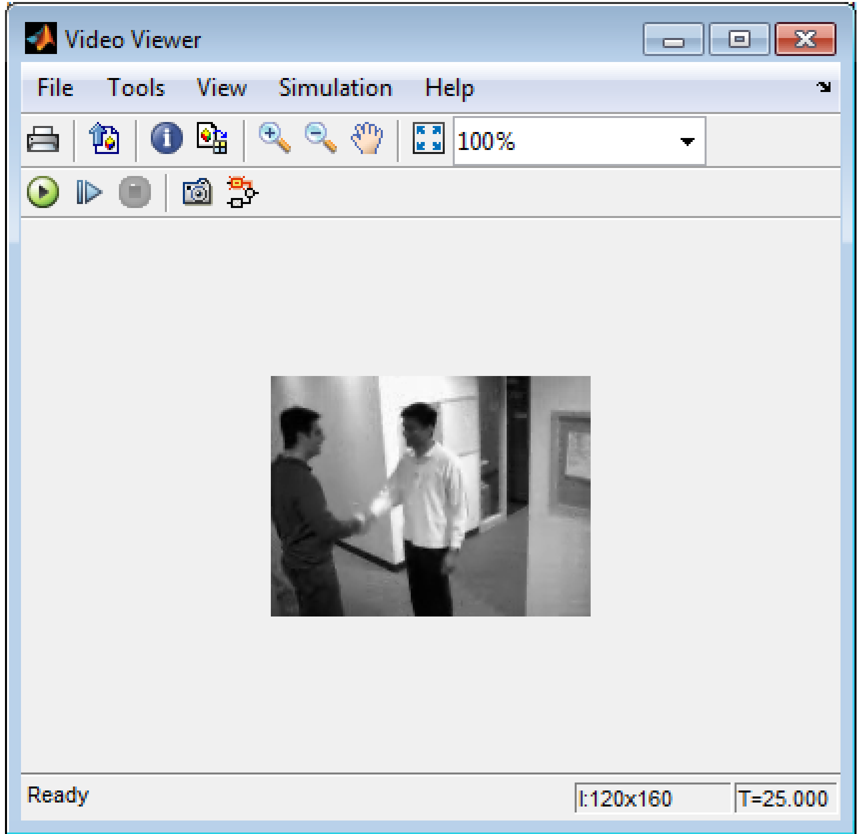
Annotate Video Files with Frame Numbers

You can use the `vision.TextInserter` System object in MATLAB, or theInsert Text block in a Simulink model, to overlay text on video streams. In this Simulink model example, you add a running count of the number of video frames to a video using the Insert Text block. The model contains the From Multimedia File block to import the video into the Simulink model, a Frame Counter block to count the number of frames in the input video, and two Video Viewer blocks to view the original and annotated videos.

You can open the example model by typing

```
ex_vision_annotate_video_file_with_frame_numbers
```
on the MATLAB command line.

1. Run your model.
2. The model displays the original and annotated videos.



Color Formatting

For this example, the color format for the video was set to `Intensity`, and therefore the color value for the text was set to a scaled value. If instead, you set the color format to `RGB`, then the text value must satisfy this format, and requires a 3-element vector.

Inserting Text

Use the Insert Text block to annotate the video stream with a running frame count. Set the block parameters as follows:

- **Main** pane, **Text** = `['Frame count' sprintf('\n') 'Source frame: %d']`
- **Main** pane, **Color value** = `1`

- **Main** pane, **Location [x y]** = `[2 85]`
- **Font** pane, **Font face** = `LucindaTypewriterRegular`

By setting the **Text** parameter to `['Frame count' sprintf('\n') 'Source frame: %d']`, you are asking the block to print `Frame count` on one line and the `Source frame:` on a new line. Because you specified `%d`, an ANSI C printf-style format specification, the Variables port appears on the block. The block takes the port input in decimal form and substitutes this input for the `%d` in the string. You used the **Location [x y]** parameter to specify where to print the text. In this case, the location is 85 rows down and 2 columns over from the top-left corner of the image.

Configuration Parameters

Set the configuration parameters. Open the Configuration dialog box by selecting **Model Configuration Parameters** from the **Simulation** menu. Set the parameters as follows:

- **Solver** pane, **Stop time** = `inf`
- **Solver** pane, **Type** = `Fixed-step`
- **Solver** pane, **Solver** = `Discrete (no continuous states)`

Draw Shapes and Lines

When you specify the type of shape to draw, you must also specify it's location on the image. The table shows the format for the points input for the different shapes.

Rectangle

Shape	PTS input	Drawn Shape
Single Rectangle	Four-element row vector `[x y width height]` where • `x` and `y` are the one-based coordinates of the upper-left corner of the rectangle. • `width` and `height` are the width, in pixels, and height, in pixels, of the rectangle. The values of `width` and `height` must be greater than 0.	(x,y) (x + width-1, y + height

Shape	PTS input	Drawn Shape
M Rectangles	M-by-4 matrix $$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 & y_1 & width_1 & height_1 \\ x_2 & y_2 & width_2 & height_2 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ x_M & y_M & width_M & height_M \end{bmatrix}$$ where each row of the matrix corresponds to a different rectangle and is of the same form as the vector for a single rectangle.	M=2 (x1,y1) (x1 + width1-1, y1 + height1-1) (x,y) (x2 + width2-1, y2 + he

Line and Polyline

You can draw one or more lines, and one or more polylines. A polyline contains a series of connected line segments.

Shape	PTS input	Drawn Shape
Single Line	Four-element row vector `[`x_1 y_1 x_2 y_2`]` where • x_1 and y_1 are the coordinates of the beginning of the line. • x_2 and y_2 are the coordinates of the end of the line.	
M Lines	*M*-by-4 matrix $$\begin{bmatrix} x_{11} & y_{11} & x_{12} & y_{12} \\ x_{21} & y_{21} & x_{22} & y_{22} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ x_{M1} & y_{M1} & x_{M2} & y_{M2} \end{bmatrix}$$ where each row of the matrix corresponds to a different line and is of the same form as the vector for a single line.	

Shape	PTS input	Drawn Shape
Single Polyline with (*L*-1) Segments	Vector of size 2*L*, where *L* is the number of vertices, with format, `[x1, y1, x2, y2, ..., xL, yL]`. • x_1 and y_1 are the coordinates of the beginning of the first line segment. • x_2 and y_2 are the coordinates of the end of the first line segment and the beginning of the second line segment. • x_L and y_L are the coordinates of the end of the $(L\text{-}1)^{th}$ line segment. The polyline always contains (*L*-1) number of segments because the first and last vertex points do not connect. The block produces an error message when the number of rows is less than two or not a multiple of two.	

Shape	PTS input	Drawn Shape
M Polylines with (L-1) Segments	2L-by-N matrix $\begin{bmatrix} x_{11} & y_{11} & x_{12} & y_{12} & \cdots & x_{1L} & y_{1L} \\ x_{21} & y_{21} & x_{22} & y_{22} & \cdots & x_{2L} & y_{2L} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ x_{M1} & y_{M1} & x_{M2} & y_{M2} & \cdots & x_{ML} & y_{ML} \end{bmatrix}$ where each row of the matrix corresponds to a different polyline and is of the same form as the vector for a single polyline. When you require one polyline to contain less than (L–1) number of segments, fill the matrix by repeating the coordinates of the last vertex. The block produces an error message if the number of rows is less than two or not a multiple of two.	

Polygon

You can draw one or more polygons.

Shape	PTS input	Drawn Shape
Single Polygon with L line segments	Row vector of size $2L$, where L is the number of vertices, with format, `[`x_1 y_1 x_2 y_2 `...` x_L y_L`]` where • x_1 and y_1 are the coordinates of the beginning of the first line segment. • x_2 and y_2 are the coordinates of the end of the first line segment and the beginning of the second line segment. • x_L and y_L are the coordinates of the end of the $(L\text{-}1)^{th}$ line segment and the beginning of the Lth line segment. The block connects `[`x_1 y_1`]` to `[`x_L y_L`]` to complete the polygon. The block produces an error if the number of rows is negative or not a multiple of two.	

Shape	PTS input	Drawn Shape
M Polygons with the largest number of line segments in any line being L	M-by-2L matrix $$\begin{bmatrix} x_{11} & y_{11} & x_{12} & y_{12} & \cdots & x_{1L} & y_{1L} \\ x_{21} & y_{21} & x_{22} & y_{22} & \cdots & x_{2L} & y_{2L} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ x_{M1} & y_{M1} & x_{M2} & y_{M2} & \cdots & x_{ML} & y_{ML} \end{bmatrix}$$ where each row of the matrix corresponds to a different polygon and is of the same form as the vector for a single polygon. If some polygons are shorter than others, repeat the ending coordinates to fill the polygon matrix. The block produces an error message if the number of rows is less than two or is not a multiple of two.	

Circle

You can draw one or more circles.

Shape	PTS input	Drawn Shape
Single Circle	Three-element row vector `[x y radius]` where • `x` and `y` are coordinates for the center of the circle. • `radius` is the radius of the circle, which must be greater than 0.	radius (x, y)

Shape	PTS input	Drawn Shape
M Circles	*M-by-3* matrix $\begin{bmatrix} x_1 & y_1 & radius_1 \\ x_2 & y_2 & radius_2 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ x_M & y_M & radius_M \end{bmatrix}$ where each row of the matrix corresponds to a different circle and is of the same form as the vector for a single circle.	

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Feature Detection, Extraction, and Matching

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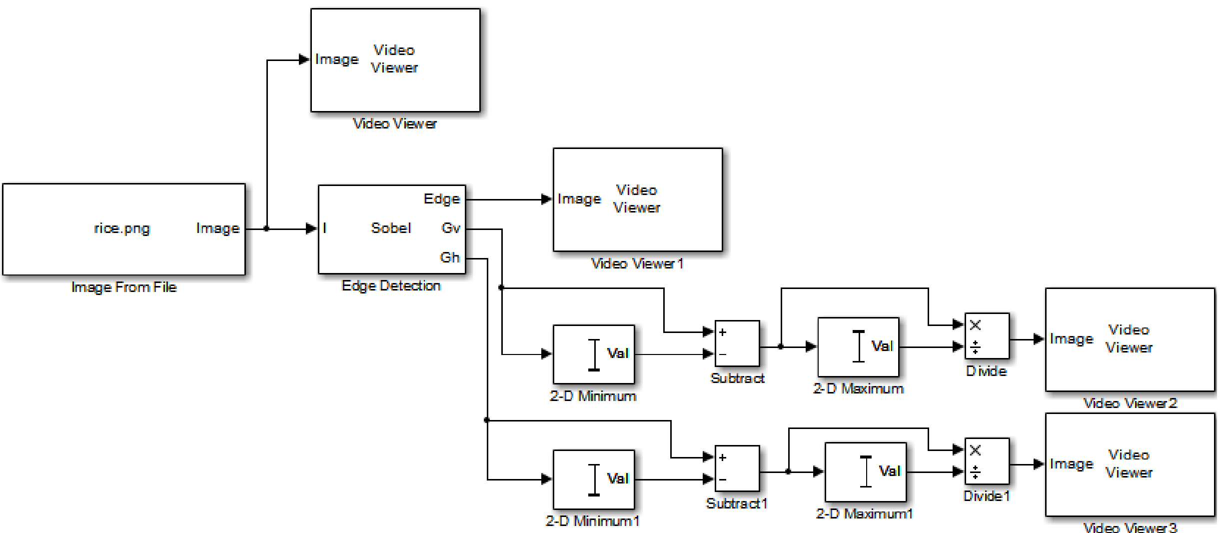
Detect Edges in Images

This example shows how to find the edges of rice grains in an intensity image. It finds the pixel locations where the magnitude of the gradient of intensity exceeds a threshold value. These locations typically occur at the boundaries of objects.

Open the Simulink model.

```
ex_vision_detect_edges_in_image
```



Set block parameters.

Block	Parameter setting
Image From File	• **File name** to `rice.png`.

Block	Parameter setting
	• **Output data type** to `single`.
Edge Detection	Use the Edge Detection block to find the edges in the image. • **Output type** = `Binary image and gradient components` • Select the **Edge thinning** check box.
Video Viewer and **Video Viewer1**	View the original and binary images. Accept the default parameters for both viewers.
2-D Minimum and **2-D Minimum1**	Find the minimum value of Gv and Gh matrices. Set the **Mode** parameters to `Value` for both of these blocks.
Subtract and **Subtract1**	Subtract the minimum values from each element of the Gv and Gh matrices. This process ensures that the minimum value of these matrices is `0`. Accept the default parameters.
2-D Maximum and **2-D Maximum1**	Find the maximum value of the new Gv and Gh matrices. Set the **Mode** parameters to `Value` for both of these blocks.
Divide and **Divide1**	Divide each element of the Gv and Gh matrices by their maximum value. This normalization process ensures that these matrices range between `0` and `1`. Accept the default parameters.
Video Viewer2 and **Video Viewer3**	View the gradient components of the image. Accept the default parameters.

Set configuration parameters.

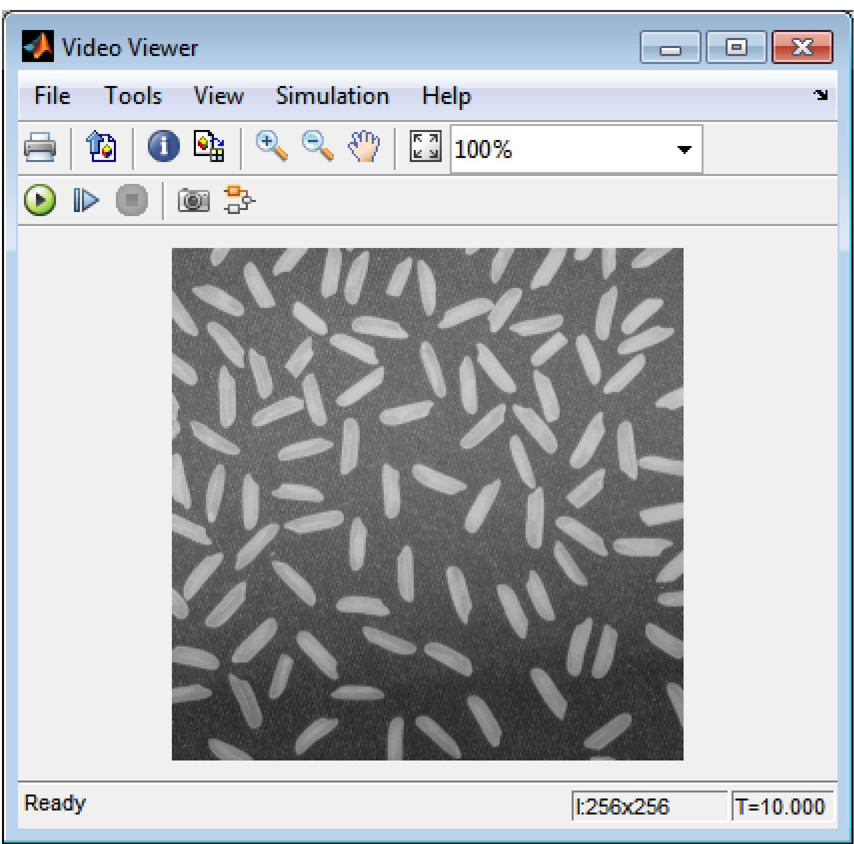
Open the Configuration dialog box by selecting **Model Configuration Parameters** from the **Simulation** menu. The parameters are set as follows:

- **Solver** pane, **Stop time** = `0`
- **Solver** pane, **Type** = `Fixed-step`

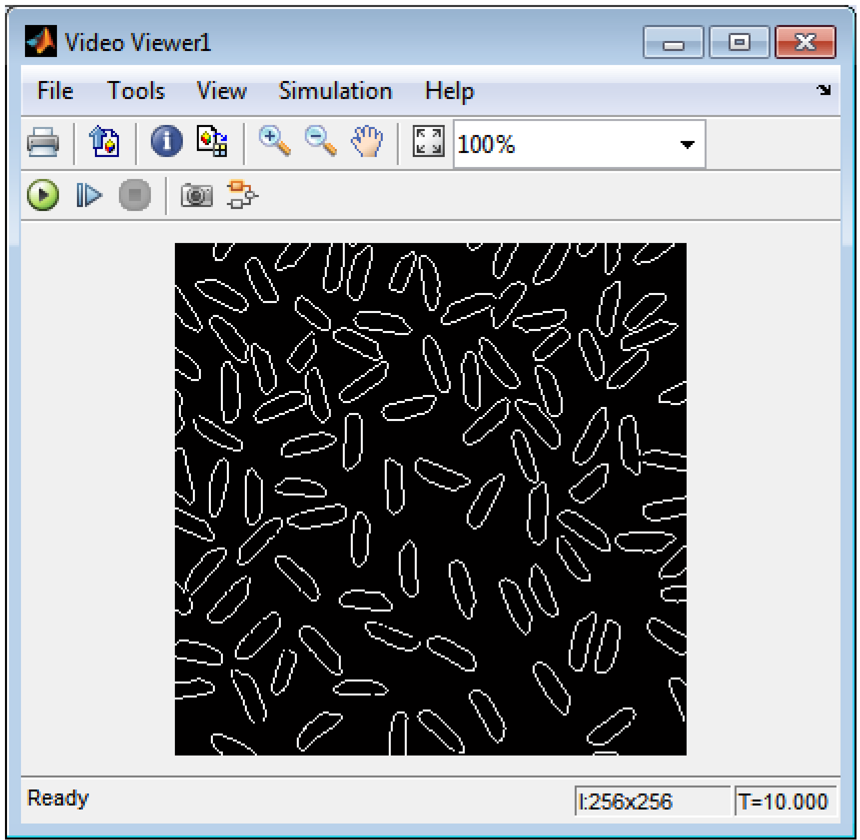
- **Solver** pane, **Solver** = `Discrete (no continuous states)`
- **Diagnostics** pane, **Automatic solver parameter selection:** = `none`

Run your model and view edge detection results.

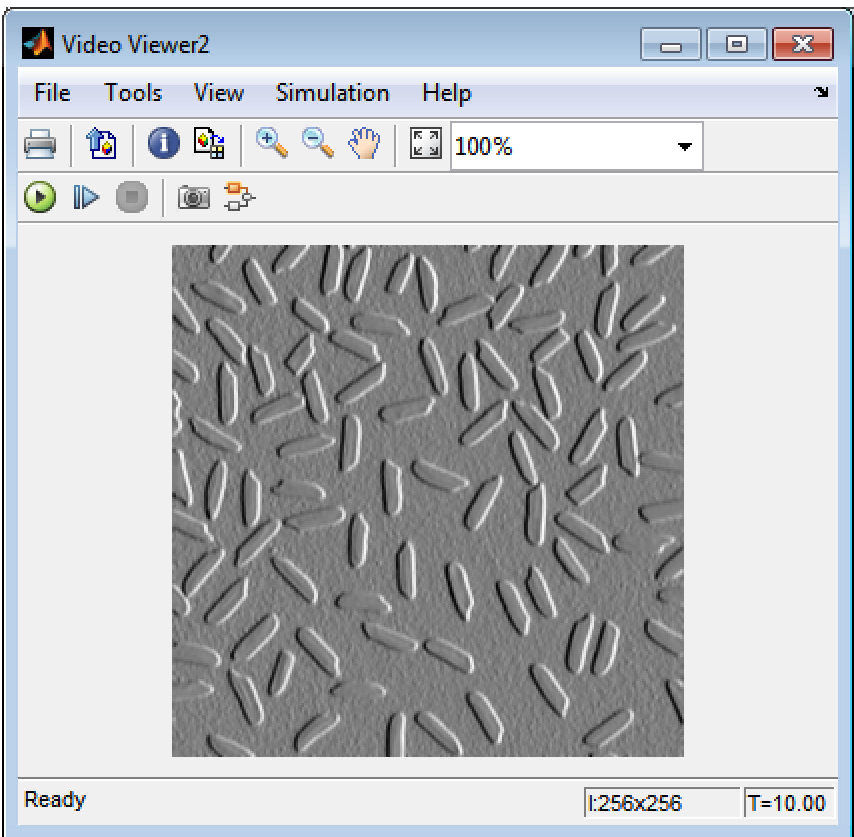
The Video Viewer window displays the original image.



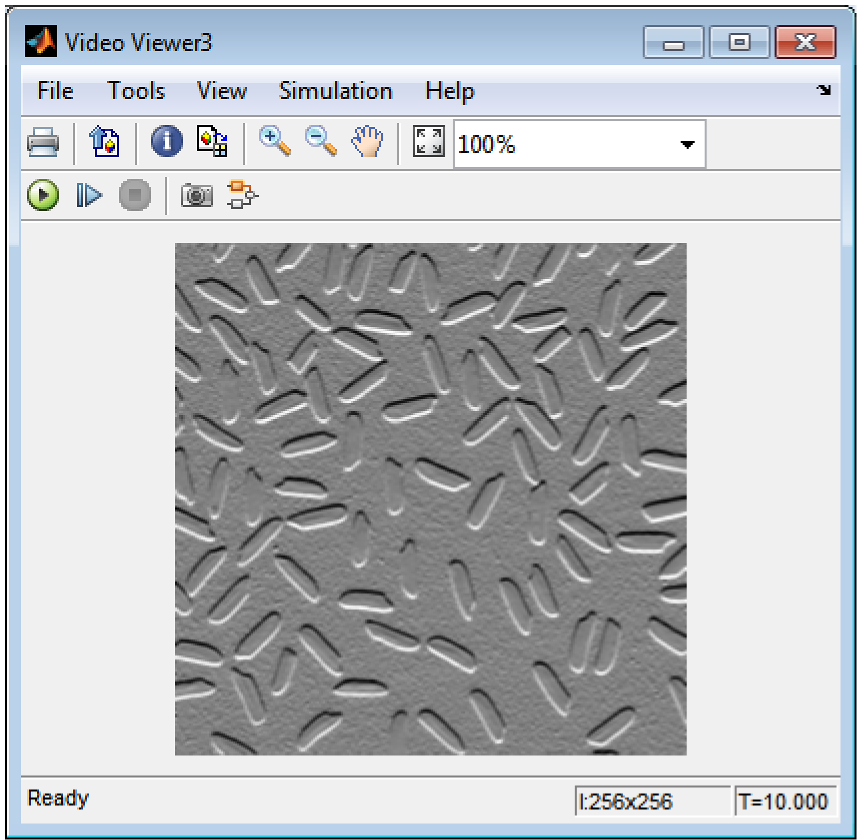
The Video Viewer1 window displays the edges of the rice grains in white and the background in black.



The Video Viewer2 window displays the intensity image of the vertical gradient components of the image. You can see that the vertical edges of the rice grains are darker and more well defined than the horizontal edges.



The Video Viewer3 window displays the intensity image of the horizontal gradient components of the image. In this image, the horizontal edges of the rice grains are more well defined.

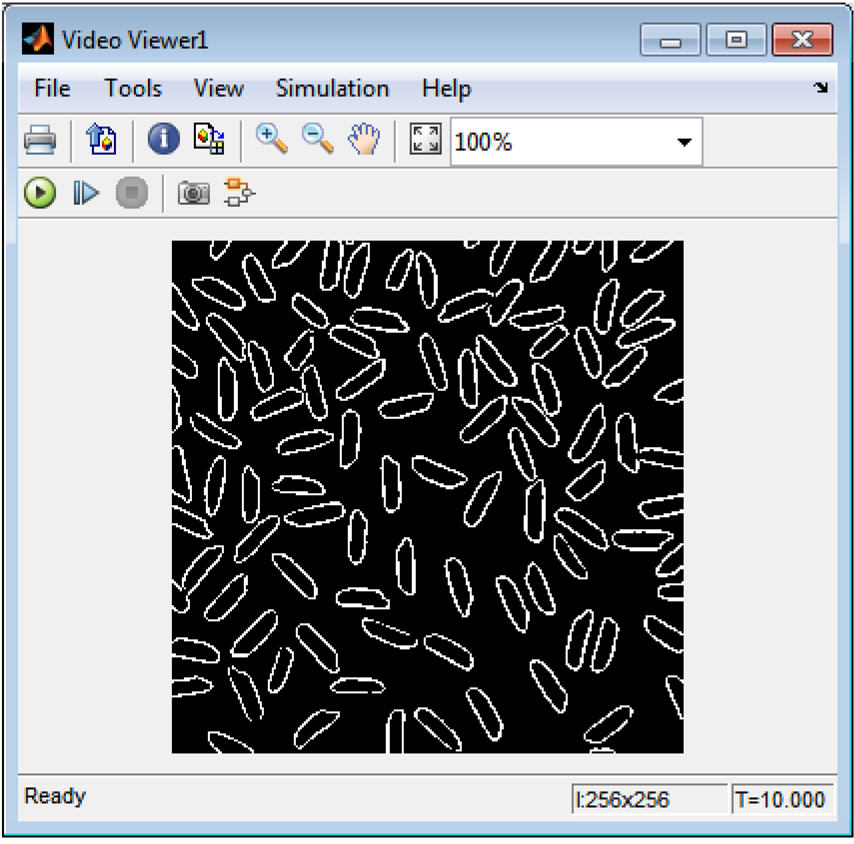


The Edge Detection block convolves the input matrix with the Sobel kernel. This calculates the gradient components of the image that correspond to the horizontal and vertical edge responses. The block outputs these components at the **Gh** and **Gv** ports, respectively. Then the block performs a thresholding operation on the gradient components to find the binary image. The binary image is a matrix filled with 1s and 0s. The nonzero elements of this matrix correspond to the edge pixels and the zero elements correspond to the background pixels. The block outputs the binary image at the **Edge** port.

The matrix values at the **Gv** and **Gh** output ports of the Edge Detection block are double-precision floating-point. These matrix values need to be scaled between 0 and 1 in order to display them using the Video Viewer blocks. This is done with the Statistics and Math Operation blocks.

Run the model faster by double-clicking the Edge Detection block and clear the **Edge thinning** check box.

Your model runs faster because the Edge Detection block is more efficient when you clear the **Edge thinning** check box. However, the edges of rice grains in the Video Viewer window are wider.



Close the model.

```
bdclose('ex_vision_detect_edges_in_image');
```

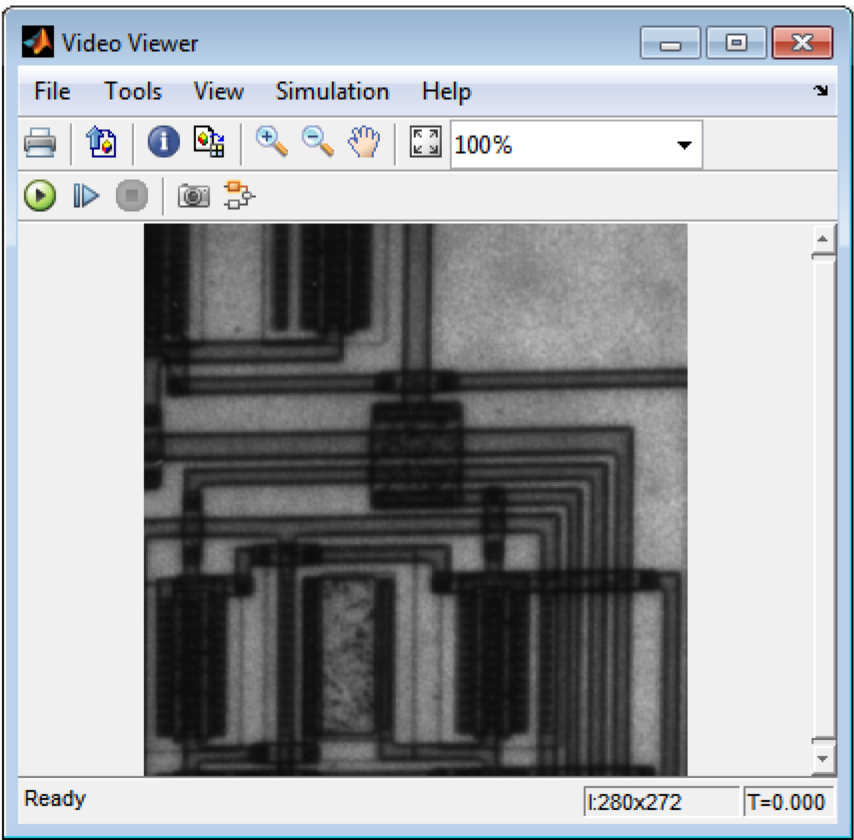
Detect Lines in Images

This example shows you how to find lines within images and enables you to detect, measure, and recognize objects. You use the Hough Transform, Find Local Maxima, Edge Detectionand Hough Lines blocks to find the longest line in an image.

You can open the model for this example by typing

```
ex_vision_detect_lines
```

at the MATLAB command line.



The Video Viewer blocks display the original image, the image with all edges found, and the image with the longest line annotated.

The Edge Detection block finds the edges in the intensity image. This process improves the efficiency of the Hough Lines block by reducing the image area over which the block searches for lines. The block also converts the image to a binary image, which is the required input for the Hough Transform block.

For additional examples of the techniques used in this section, see the following list of examples. You can open these examples by typing the title at the MATLAB command prompt:

Example	MATLAB	Simulink model-based
Lane Departure Warning System	videoldws	vipldws
Rotation Correction	videorotationcorrection	viphough

Setting Block Parameters

Block	Parameter setting
Hough Transform	The Hough Transform block computes the Hough matrix by transforming the input image into the rho-theta parameter space. The block also outputs the rho and theta values associated with the Hough matrix. The parameters are set as follows: • **Theta resolution (radians)** = `pi/360` • Select the **Output theta and rho values** check box.
Find Local Maxima	The Find Local Maxima block finds the location of the maximum value in the Hough matrix. The block parameters are set as follows: • **Maximum number of local maxima** = 1 • **Input is Hough matrix spanning full theta range**

Block	Parameter setting
Selector	The Selector blocks separate the indices of the rho and theta values, which the Find Local Maxima block outputs at the **Idx** port. The rho and theta values correspond to the maximum value in the Hough matrix. The Selector blocks parameters are set as follows: • **Number of input dimensions:** `1` • **Index mode** = `One-based` • **Index Option** = `Index vector (port)` • **Input port size** = `2`
Variable Selector	The Variable Selector blocks index into the rho and theta vectors and determine the rho and theta values that correspond to the longest line in the original image. The parameters of the Variable Selector blocks are set as follows: • **Select** = `Columns` • **Index mode** = `One-based`
Hough Lines	The Hough Lines block determines where the longest line intersects the edges of the original image. • **Sine value computation method** = `Trigonometric function`
Draw Shapes	The Draw Shapes block draws a white line over the longest line on the original image. The coordinates are set to superimpose a line on the original image. The block parameters are set as follows: • **Shape** = `Lines` • **Border color** = `White`

Configuration Parameters

Set the configuration parameters. Open the Configuration dialog box by selecting **Model Configuration Parameters** from the **Simulation** menu. Set the parameters as follows:

- **Solver** pane, **Stop time** = `0`
- **Solver** pane, **Type** = `Fixed-step`
- **Solver** pane, **Solver** = `discrete (no continuous states)`
- **Solver** pane, **Fixed-step size (fundamental sample time):** = `0.2`

Measure Angle Between Lines

The Hough Transform, Find Local Maxima, and Hough Lines blocks enable you to find lines in images. With the Draw Shapes block, you can annotate images. In the following example, you use these capabilities to draw lines on the edges of two beams and measure the angle between them.

Running this example requires a DSP System Toolbox license.

`ex_vision_measure_angle_btwn_lines`

1 Create a new Simulink model, and add to it the blocks shown in the following table.

Block	Library	Quantity
Image From File	Computer Vision System Toolbox > Sources	1
Color Space Conversion	Computer Vision System Toolbox > Conversions	1
Edge Detection	Computer Vision System Toolbox > Analysis & Enhancement	1
Hough Transform	Computer Vision System Toolbox > Transforms	1
Hough Lines	Computer Vision System Toolbox > Transforms	1
Find Local Maxima	Computer Vision System Toolbox > Statistics	1
Draw Shapes	Computer Vision System Toolbox > Text & Graphics	1
Video Viewer	Computer Vision System Toolbox > Sinks	3

Block	Library	Quantity
Submatrix	DSP System Toolbox > Math Functions > Matrices and Linear Algebra > Matrix Operations	4
Selector	Simulink > Signal Routing	4
MATLAB Function	Simulink > User-Defined Functions	1
Terminator	Simulink > Sinks	1
Display	Simulink > Sinks	1

2 Use the Image From File block to import an image into the Simulink model. Set the parameters as follows:

- **File name** = `gantrycrane.png`
- **Sample time** = 1

3 Use the Color Space Conversion block to convert the RGB image into the Y'CbCr color space. You perform this conversion to separate the luma information from the color information. Accept the default parameters.

Note: In this example, you segment the image using a thresholding operation that performs best on the Cb channel of the Y'CbCr color space.

4 Use the Selector and Selector1 blocks to separate the Y' (luminance) and Cb (chrominance) components from the main signal.

The Selector block separates the Y' component from the entire signal. Set its block parameters as follows:

- **Number of input dimensions** = 3
- **Index mode** = `One-based`
- **1 Index Option** = `Select all`
- **2 Index Option** = `Select all`
- **3 Index Option** = `Index vector (dialog)`, **Index** = 1

The Selector1 block separates the Cb component from the entire signal. Set its block parameters as follows:

- **Number of input dimensions** = 3

- **Index mode** = `One-based`
- **1 Index Option** = `Select all`
- **2 Index Option** = `Select all`
- **3 Index Option** = `Index vector (dialog)`, **Index** = `2`

5. Use the Submatrix and Submatrix1 blocks to crop the Y' and Cb matrices to a particular region of interest (ROI). This ROI contains two beams that are at an angle to each other. Set the parameters as follows:

   - **Starting row** = `Index`
   - **Starting row index** = `66`
   - **Ending row** = `Index`
   - **Ending row index** = `150`
   - **Starting column** = `Index`
   - **Starting column index** = `325`
   - **Ending column** = `Index`
   - **Ending column index** = `400`

6. Use the Edge Detection block to find the edges in the Cb portion of the image. This block outputs a binary image. Set the **Threshold scale factor** parameter to `1`.
7. Use the Hough Transform block to calculate the Hough matrix, which gives you an indication of the presence of lines in an image. Select the **Output theta and rho values** checkbox.

   Note: In step 11, you find the theta and rho values that correspond to the peaks in the Hough matrix.

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8. Use the Find Local Maxima block to find the peak values in the Hough matrix. These values represent potential lines in the input image. Set the parameters as follows:

   - **Neighborhood size** = `[11 11]`
   - Select the **Input is Hough matrix spanning full theta range** checkbox.
   - Uncheck the **Output variable size signal** checkbox.

   Because you are expecting two lines, leave the **Maximum number of local maxima (N)** parameter set to `2`.

9 Use the Submatrix2 block to find the indices that correspond to the theta values of the two peak values in the Hough matrix. Set the parameters as follows:

- **Starting row** = `Index`
- **Starting row index** = `2`
- **Ending row** = `Index`
- **Ending row index** = `2`

The Idx port of the Find Local Maxima block outputs a matrix whose second row represents the One-based indices of the theta values that correspond to the peaks in the Hough matrix. Now that you have these indices, you can use a Selector block to extract the corresponding theta values from the vector output of the Hough Transform block.

10 Use the Submatrix3 block to find the indices that correspond to the rho values of the two peak values in the Hough matrix. Set the parameters as follows:

- **Ending row** = `Index`
- **Ending row index** = `1`

The Idx port of the Find Local Maxima block outputs a matrix whose first row represents the One-based indices of the rho values that correspond to the peaks in the Hough matrix. Now that you have these indices, you can use a Selector block to extract the corresponding rho values from the vector output of the Hough Transform block.

11 Use the Selector2 and Selector3 blocks to find the theta and rho values that correspond to the peaks in the Hough matrix. These values, output by the Hough Transform block, are located at the indices output by the Submatrix2 and Submatrix3 blocks. Set both block parameters as follows:

- **Index mode** = `One-based`
- **1 Index Option** = `Index vector (port)`
- **Input port size** = `-1`

You set the **Index mode** to `One-based` because the Find Local Maxima block outputs One-based indices at the Idx port.

12 Use the Hough Lines block to find the Cartesian coordinates of lines that are described by rho and theta pairs. Set the **Sine value computation method** parameter to `Trigonometric function`.

13 Use the Draw Shapes block to draw the lines on the luminance portion of the ROI. Set the parameters as follows:

- **Shape** = `Lines`
- **Border color** = `White`

14 Use the MATLAB Function block to calculate the angle between the two lines. Copy and paste the following code into the block:

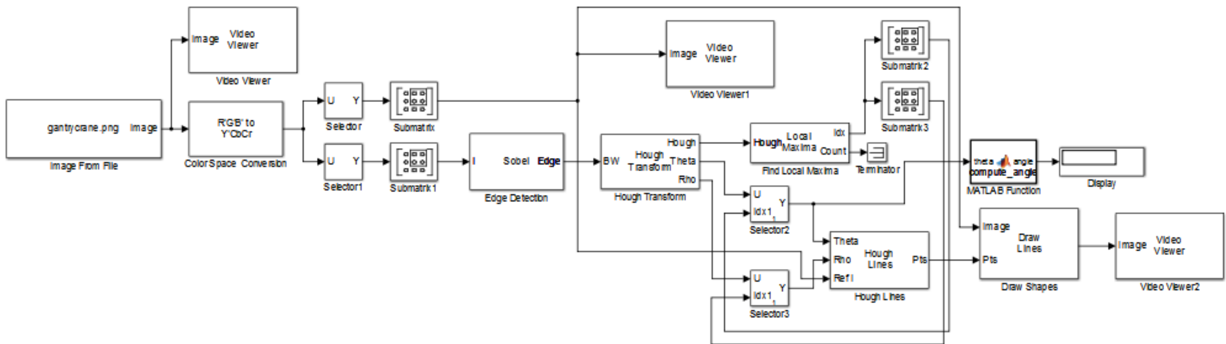
```
function angle = compute_angle(theta)

% Compute the angle value in degrees
angle = abs(theta(1)-theta(2))*180/pi;
% Always return an angle value less than 90 degrees
if (angle>90)
    angle = 180-angle;
end
```

15 Use the Display block to view the angle between the two lines. Accept the default parameters.

16 Use the Video Viewer blocks to view the original image, the ROI, and the annotated ROI. Accept the default parameters.

17 Connect the blocks as shown in the following figure.



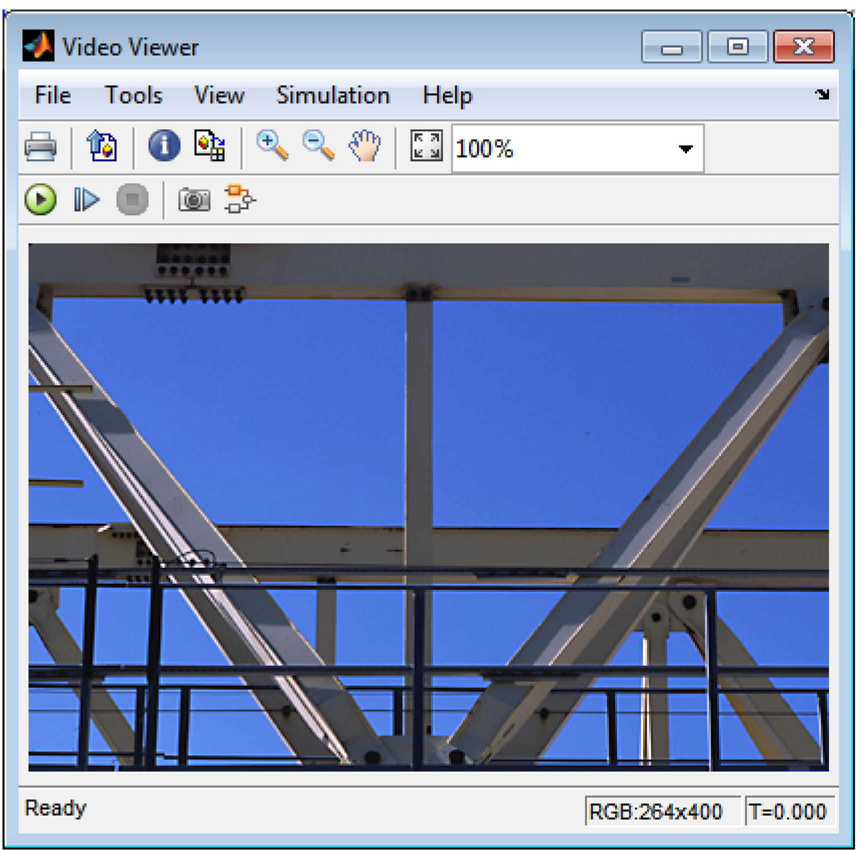
18 Set the configuration parameters. Open the Configuration dialog box by selecting **Model Configuration Parameters** from the **Simulation** menu. Set the parameters as follows:

- **Solver** pane, **Stop time** = `0`
- **Solver** pane, **Type** = `Fixed-step`

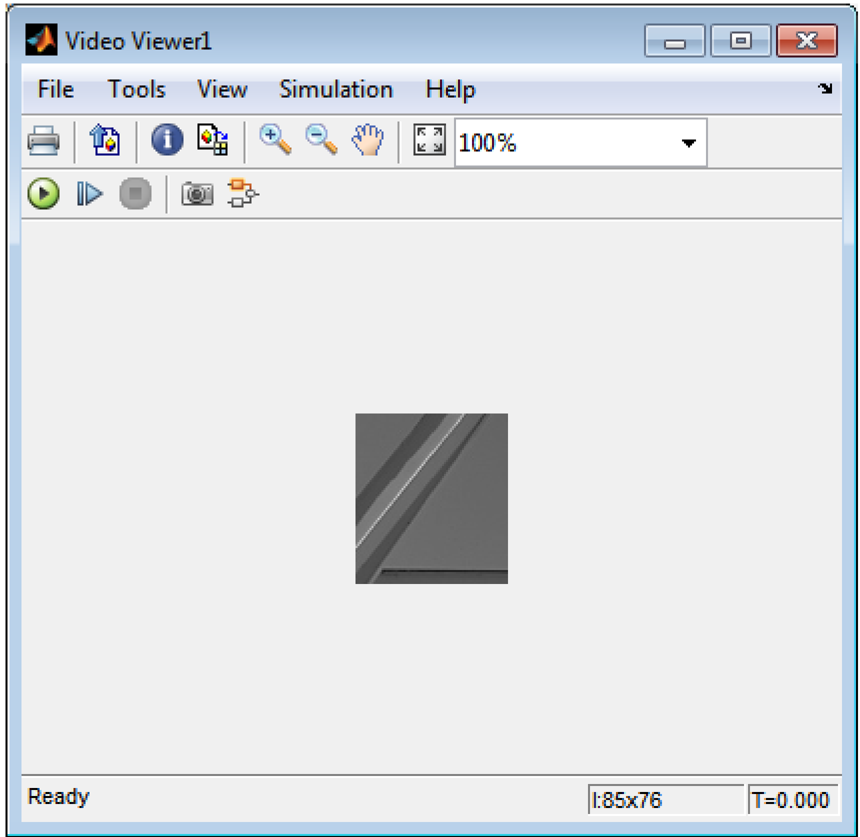
- **Solver** pane, **Solver** = `Discrete (no continuous states)`

19 Run the model.

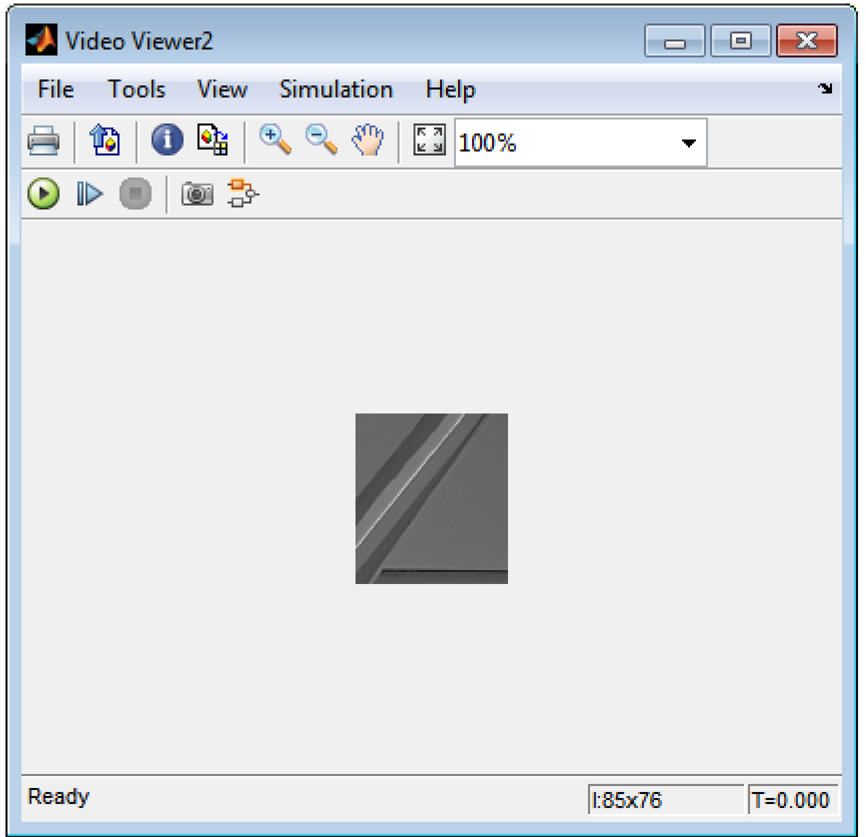
The Video Viewer window displays the original image.



The Video Viewer1 window displays the ROI where two beams intersect.



The Video Viewer2 window displays the ROI that has been annotated with two white lines.



The Display block shows a value of 58, which is the angle in degrees between the two lines on the annotated ROI.

You have now annotated an image with two lines and measured the angle between them. For additional information, see the Hough Transform, Find Local Maxima, Hough Lines, and Draw Shapes block reference pages.

Single Camera Calibration Using the Camera Calibrator App

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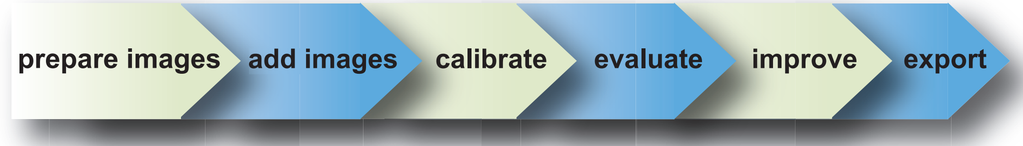
Camera Calibrator Overview

You can use the camera calibrator to estimate camera intrinsics, extrinsics, and lens distortion parameters. You can use these camera parameters for various computer vision applications. These applications include removing the effects of lens distortion from an image, measuring planar objects, or reconstructing 3-D scenes from multiple cameras.

Single Camera Calibration Workflow



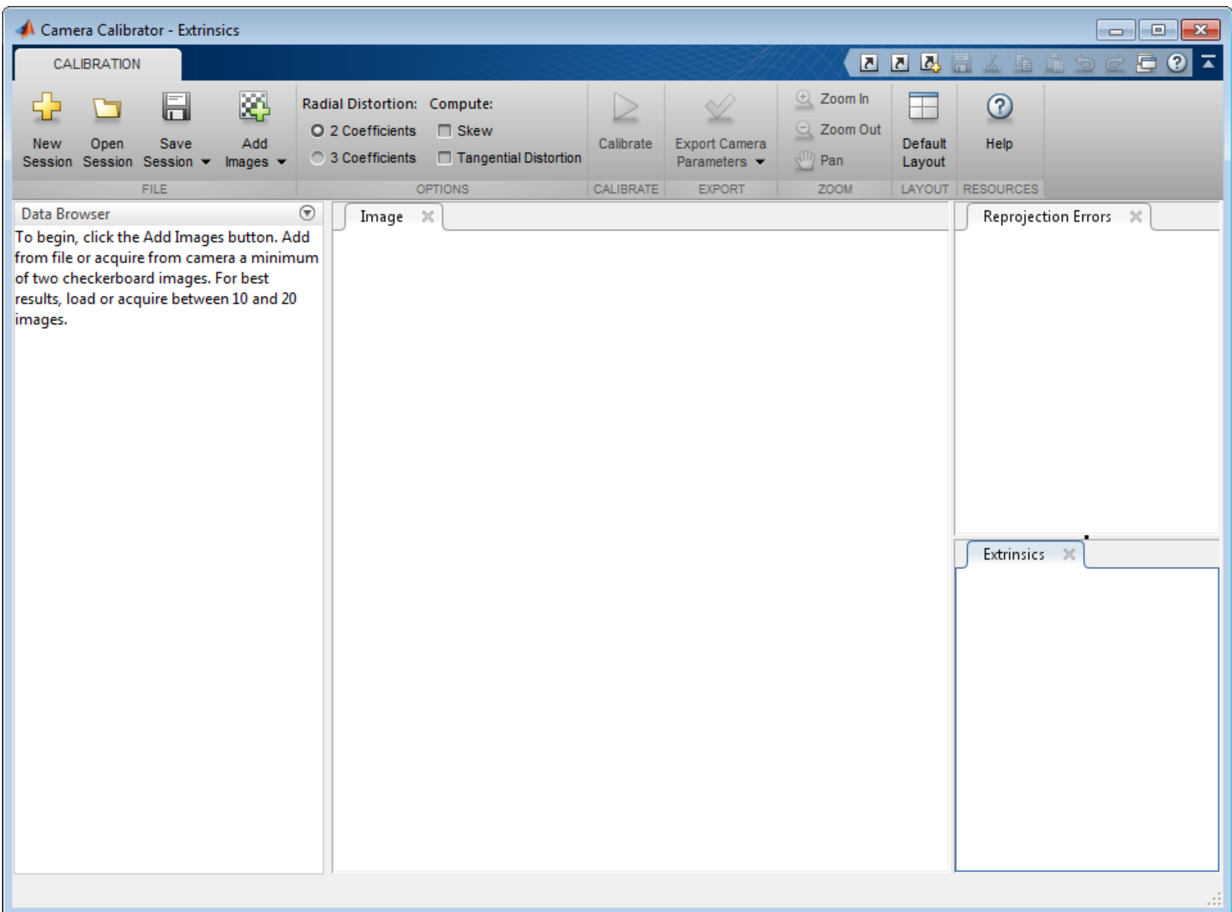
Follow this workflow to calibrate your camera using the app:

1. Prepare images, camera, and calibration pattern.
2. Load images.
3. Calibrate the camera.
4. Evaluate calibration accuracy.
5. Adjust parameters to improve accuracy (if necessary).
6. Export the parameters object.

In some cases, the default values work well, and you do not need to make any improvements before exporting parameters. If you do need to make improvements, you can use the camera calibration functions in MATLAB. For a list of functions, see “Geometric Camera Calibration”.

Open the Camera Calibrator

You can select the Camera Calibrator from the apps tab on the MATLAB desktop or by typing `cameraCalibrator` at the MATLAB command line.



Prepare the Pattern, Camera, and Images

For best results, use between 10 and 20 images of the calibration pattern. The calibrator requires at least three images. Use uncompressed images or lossless compression formats such as PNG. The calibration pattern and the camera setup must satisfy a set of requirements to work with the calibrator. For greater calibration accuracy, follow these instructions for preparing the pattern, setting up the camera, and capturing the images.

Prepare the Checkerboard Pattern

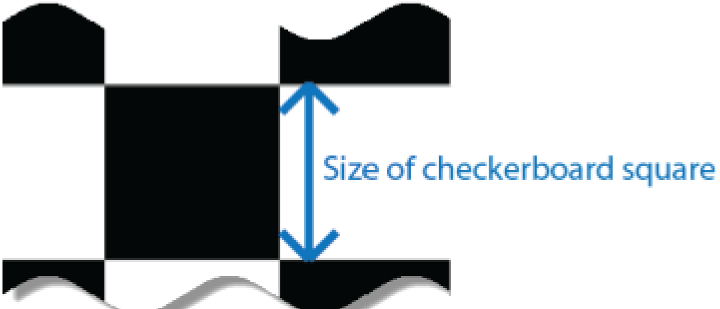
The Camera Calibrator app uses a checkerboard pattern. A checkerboard pattern is a convenient calibration target. If you want to use a different pattern to extract key points, you can use the camera calibration MATLAB functions directly. See “Geometric Camera Calibration” for the list of functions.

You can print (from MATLAB) and use the checkerboard pattern provided. The checkerboard pattern you use must not be square. One side must contain an even number of squares and the other side must contain an odd number of squares. Therefore, the pattern contains two black corners along one side and two white corners on the opposite side. This criteria enables the app to determine the orientation of the pattern. The calibrator assigns the longer side to be the *x*-direction.

To prepare the checkerboard pattern:

1 Attach the checkerboard printout to a flat surface. Imperfections on the surface can affect the accuracy of the calibration.

2 Measure one side of the checkerboard square. You need this measurement for calibration. The size of the squares can vary depending on printer settings.



3 To improve the detection speed, set up the pattern with as little background clutter as possible.

Camera Setup

To properly calibrate your camera, follow these rules:

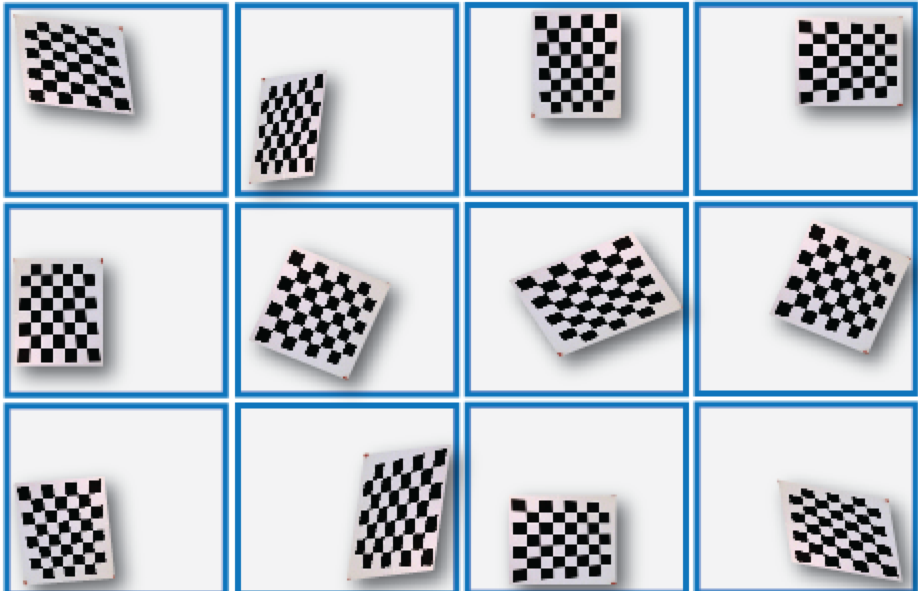
- Keep the pattern in focus, but do not use autofocus.
- Do not change zoom settings between images. Otherwise the focal length changes.

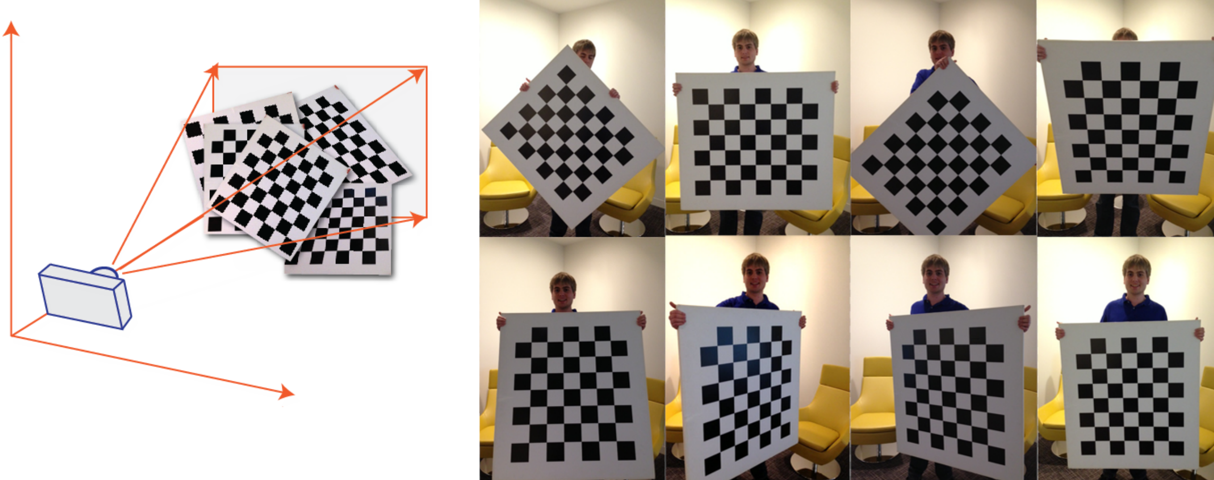
Capture Images

For best results, use at least 10 to 20 images of the calibration pattern. The calibrator requires at least three images. Use uncompressed images or images in lossless compression formats such as PNG. For greater calibration accuracy:

- Capture the images of the pattern at a distance roughly equal to the distance from your camera to the objects of interest. For example, if you plan to measure objects from 2 meters, keep your pattern approximately 2 meters from the camera.
- Place the checkerboard at an angle less than 45 degrees relative to the camera plane.
- Do not modify the images. For example, do not crop them.
- Do not use autofocus or change the zoom between images.
- Capture the images of a checkerboard pattern at different orientations relative to the camera.

- Capture enough different images of the pattern so that you have covered as much of the image frame as possible. Lens distortion increases radially from the center of the image and sometimes is not uniform across the image frame. To capture this lens distortion, the pattern must appear close to the edges.





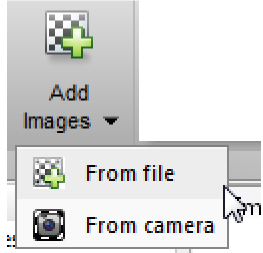
The Calibrator works with a range of checkerboard square sizes. As a general rule, your checkerboard should fill at least 20% of the captured image. For example, the preceding images were taken with a checkerboard square size of 108 mm.

Add Images

To begin calibration, you must add images. You can add saved images from a folder or add images directly from a camera. The calibrator analyze the images to ensure they meet the calibrator requirements and then detects the points.

Add Images from File

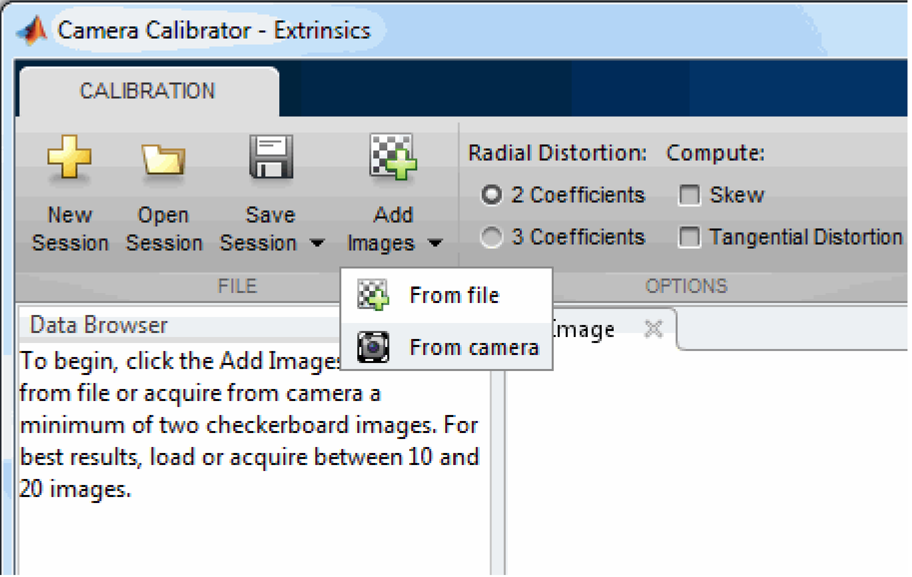
Click the Add images, button, and select `From file`. You can add images from multiple folders by clicking Add images for each folder.



Acquire Live Images

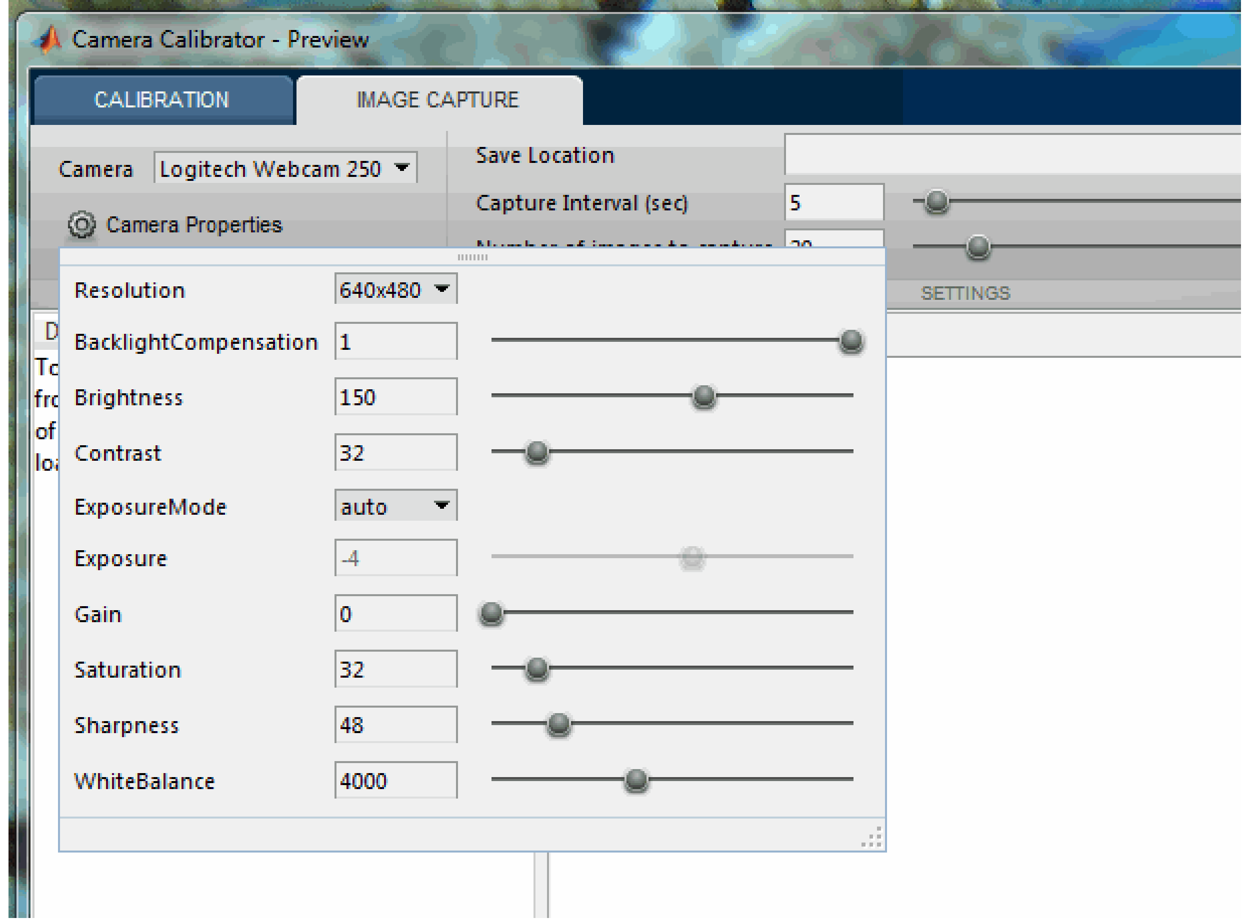
To begin calibration, you must add images. You can acquire images live from a Webcam using the MATLAB Webcam support. You must have the MATLAB Support Package for USB Webcams installed to use this feature. See “Install the Webcam Support Package” for information on installing the support package.

1 To add live images, click the **Add Images** arrow and select **From camera**.



2 The **Image Capture** tab opens. If you have only one Webcam connected to your system, it is selected by default and a live preview window opens. If you have multiple cameras connected and want to use a different one, select the camera in the **Camera** list.

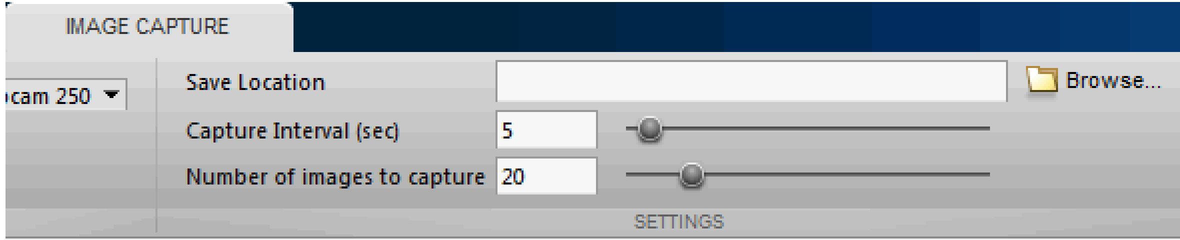
3 You can set properties for the camera to control the image. Click the **Camera Properties** field to open a list of your camera’s properties. This list varies, depending on your device.



Use the sliders or drop-downs to change any available property settings. The **Preview** window updates dynamically when you change a setting. When you are done setting properties, click outside of the box to dismiss the properties list.

4. Enter a location for the acquired image files in the **Save Location** field by typing the path to the folder or using the **Browse** button. You must have permission to write to the folder you select.

5. Set your capture parameters.

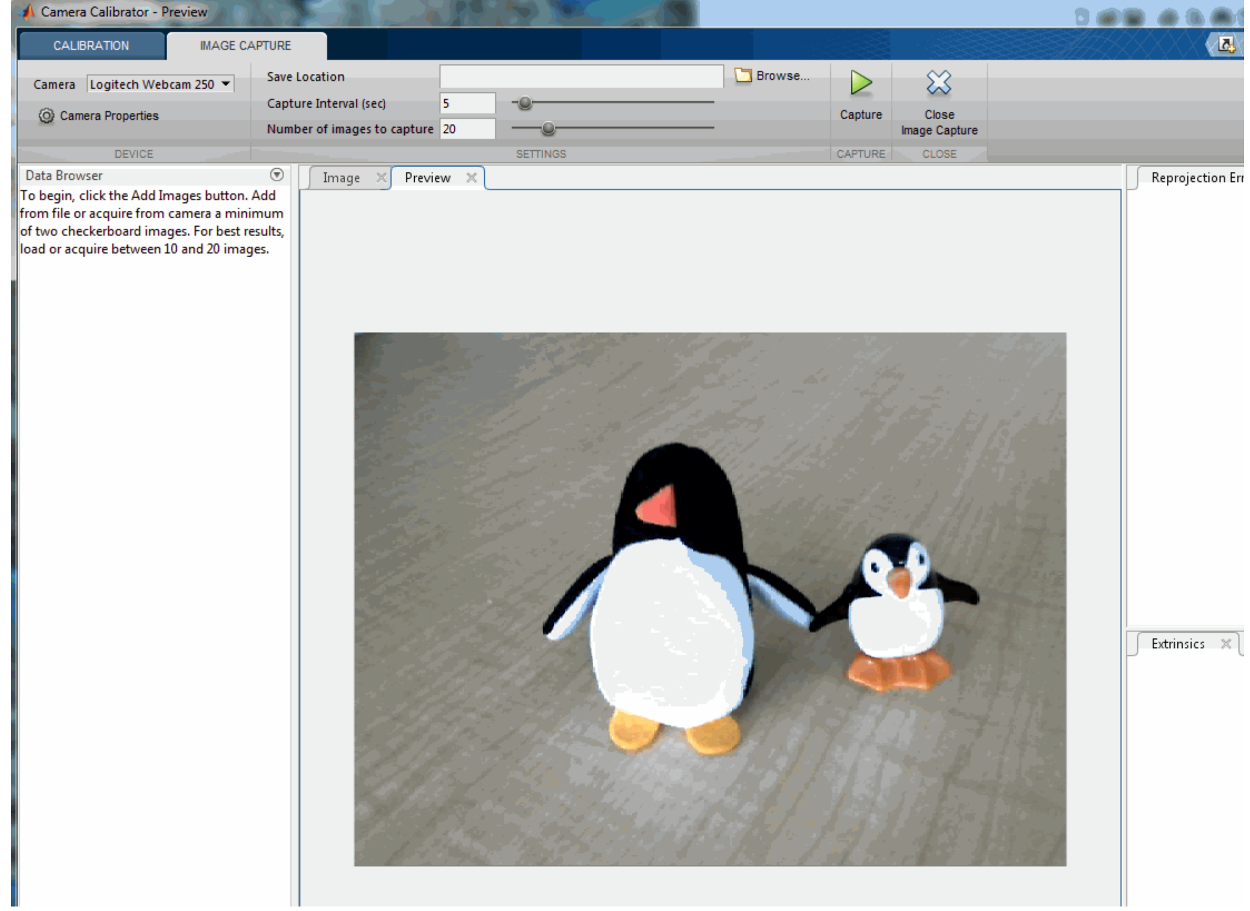


In the **Capture Interval** field, use the text box or slider to set the number of seconds between image captures. The default is 5 seconds, the minimum is 1 second, and the maximum is 60 seconds.

In the **Number of images to capture** field, use the text box or slider to set the number of image captures. The default is 20 images, the minimum is 2 images, and the maximum is 100 images.

In the default configuration, a total of 20 images are captured, one every 5 seconds.

6. It is helpful to dock the **Preview** window in the center of the tool. Move it from the right panel into the middle panel by dragging the banner. It then docks in the middle as shown here.

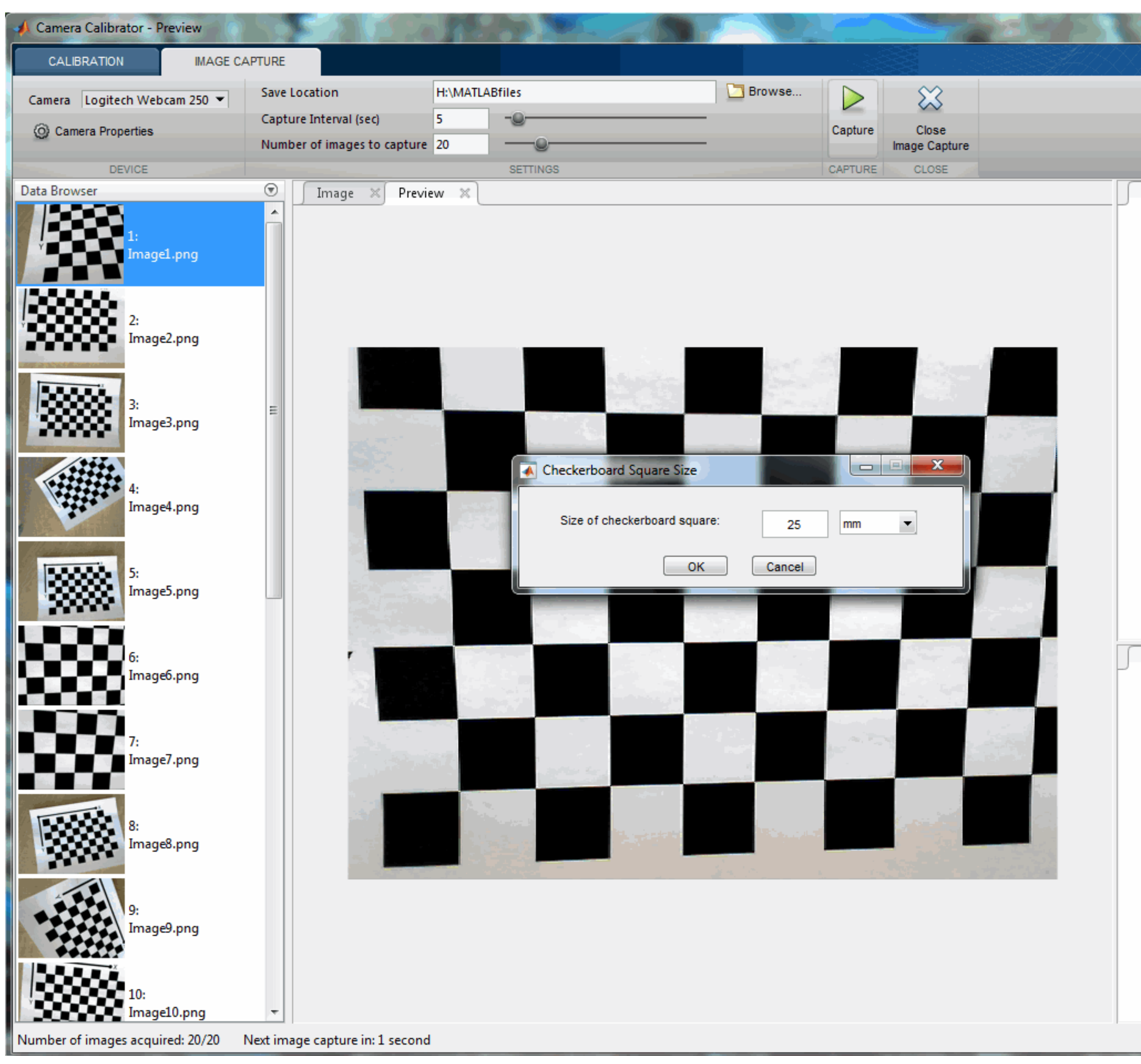


7 The **Preview** window shows the live images streamed as RGB data. After you adjust any device properties and capture settings, use the **Preview** window as a guide to line up the camera to acquire the checkerboard pattern image you wish to capture.

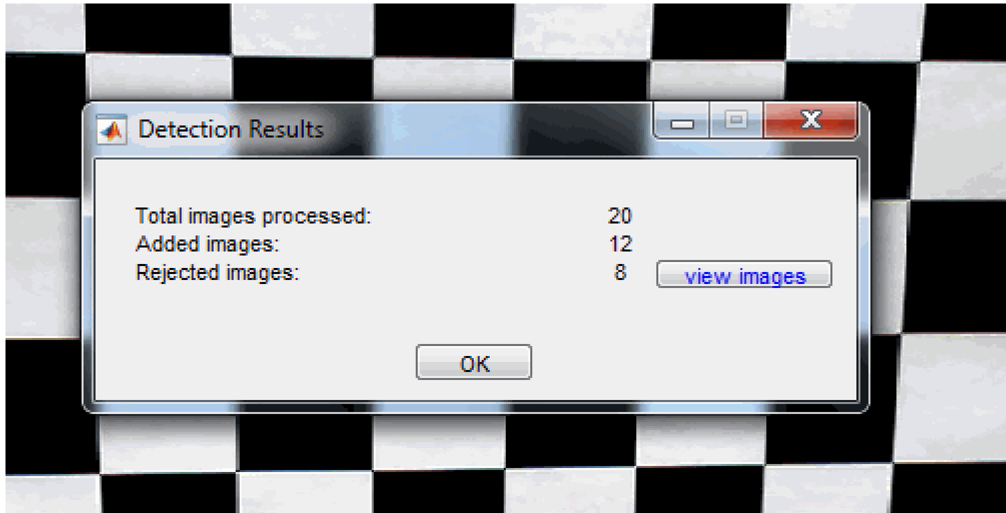
8 Click the **Capture** button. The number of images you set are captured and the thumbnails of the snapshots appear in the **Data Browser** panel. They are automatically named incrementally and are captured as `.png` files.

You can optionally stop the image capture before the designated number of images are captured by clicking **Stop Capture**.

When you are capturing images of a checkerboard, after the designated number of images are captured, a message displays with the size of the checkerboard square. Click **OK**.



The Detection Results are then calculated and displayed. For example:

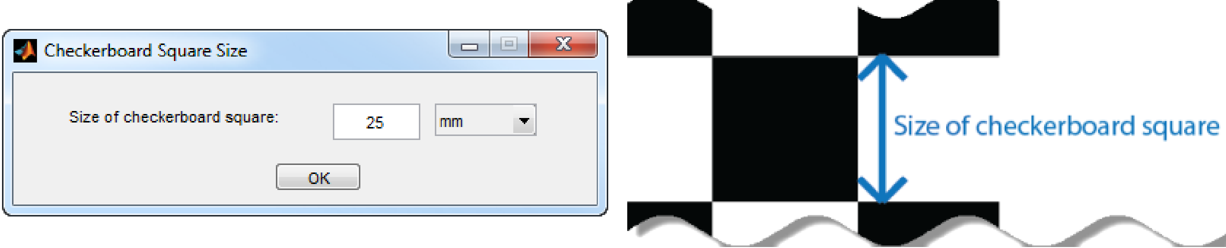


9 Click **OK** in the **Detection Results** dialog box.

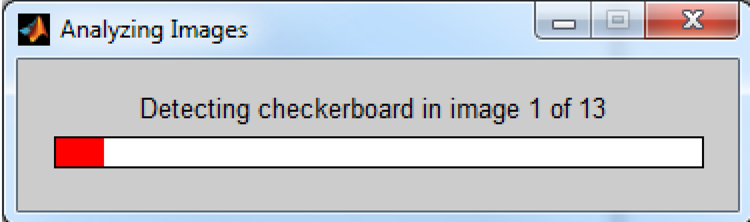
10 When you have finished acquiring live images, you can click **Close Image Capture** to close the **Image Capture** tab and return to the **Calibration** tab.

Analyze Images

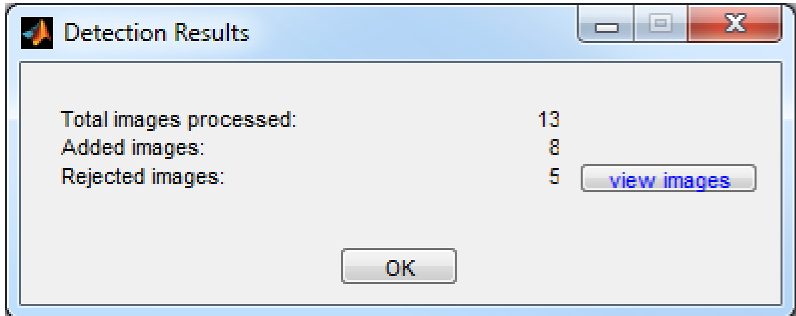
After you select the images, in the Checkerboard Square Size dialog box, enter the length of one side of a square from the checkerboard pattern.



The calibrator attempts to detect a checkerboard in each of the added images. An Analyzing Images progress bar window appears, indicating detection progress.



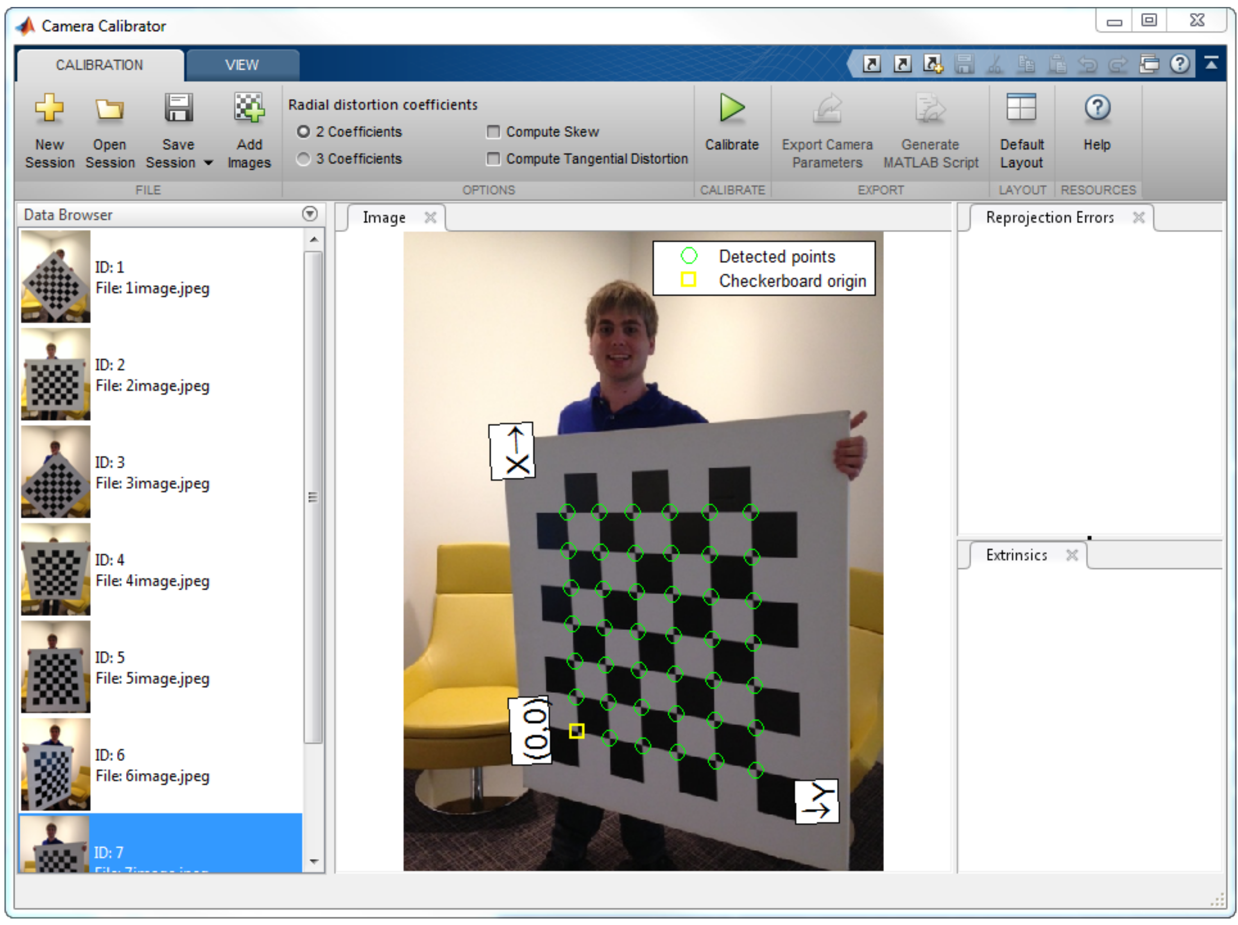
If any of the images are rejected, the Detection Results window appears, which contains diagnostic information. The results indicate how many total images were processed, and how many were accepted, rejected, or skipped The calibrator skips duplicate images.



To view the rejected images, click **view images**. The calibrator rejects duplicate images. It also rejects images where the entire checkerboard could not be detected. Possible reasons for no detection are a blurry image or an extreme angle of the pattern. Detection takes longer with larger images and with patterns that contain a large number of squares.

View Images and Detected Points

The Data Browser pane displays a list of images with IDs. These images contain a detected pattern. To view an image, select it from the **Data Browser** pane.



The **Image** pane displays the checkerboard image with green circles to indicate detected points. You can verify the corners were detected correctly using the zoom controls on the **View** tab. The yellow square indicates the (0,0) origin. The X and Y arrows indicate the checkerboard axes orientation.

Calibrate

Once you are satisfied with the accepted images, click Calibrate. The default calibration settings assume the minimum set of camera parameters. Start by running the calibration with the default settings. After evaluating the results, you can try to improve calibration

accuracy by adjusting the settings and adding or removing images, and then calibrate again.

Calibration Algorithm

The calibration algorithm assumes a pinhole camera model:

$$w \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} X & Y & Z & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} R \\ t \end{bmatrix} K$$

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- (X,Y,Z): world coordinates of a point
- (x,y): image coordinates of the corresponding image point in pixels
- w: arbitrary homogeneous coordinates scale factor
- K: camera intrinsic matrix, defined as:

  $$\begin{bmatrix} f_x & 0 & 0 \\ s & f_y & 0 \\ c_x & c_y & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

  The coordinates $[c_x\ c_y]$ represent the optical center (the principal point), in pixels. When the x and y axis are exactly perpendicular, the skew parameter, s, equals 0.

  $f_x = F^*s_x$

  $f_y = F^*s_y$

  F, is the focal length in world units, typically expressed in millimeters.

  $[s_x, s_y]$ are the number of pixels per world unit in the x and y direction respectively.

  f_x and f_y are expressed in pixels.
- R: matrix representing the 3-D rotation of the camera
- t: translation of the camera relative to the world coordinate system

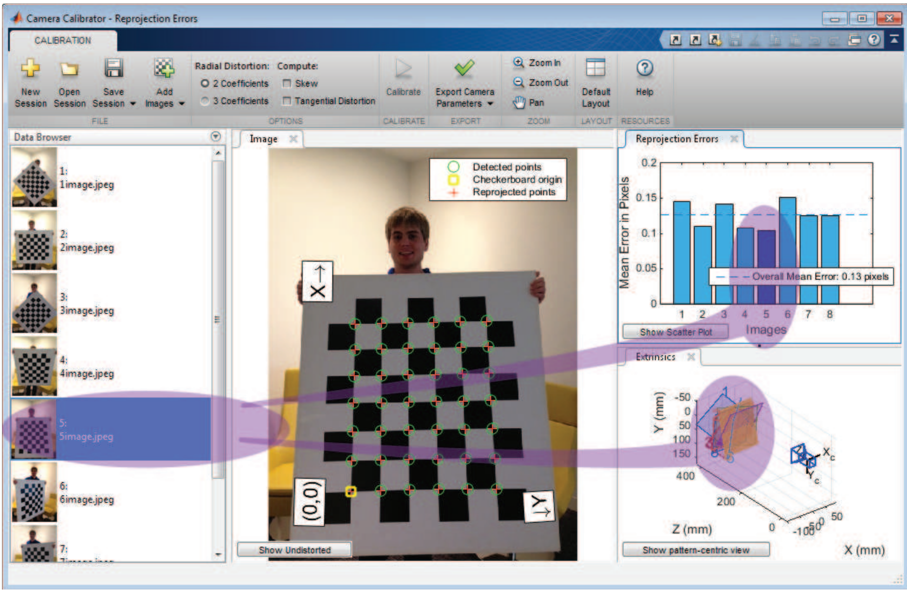
The camera calibration algorithm estimates the values of the intrinsic parameters, the extrinsic parameters, and the distortion coefficients. Camera calibration involves these steps:

1 Solve for the intrinsics and extrinsics in closed form, assuming that lens distortion is zero. [1]

2 Estimate all parameters simultaneously, including the distortion coefficients, using nonlinear least-squares minimization (Levenberg–Marquardt algorithm). Use the closed-form solution from the preceding step as the initial estimate of the intrinsics and extrinsics. Set the initial estimate of the distortion coefficients to zero. [1][2]

Evaluate Calibration Results

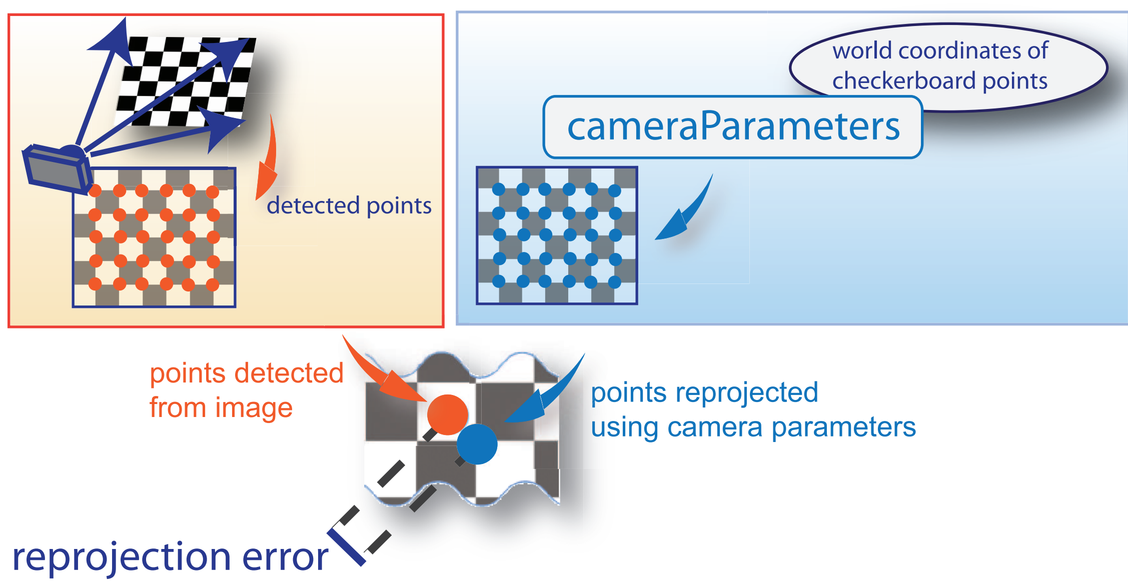
You can evaluate calibration accuracy by examining the reprojection errors and the camera extrinsics, and by viewing the undistorted image. For best calibration results, use all three methods of evaluation.



Examine Reprojection Errors

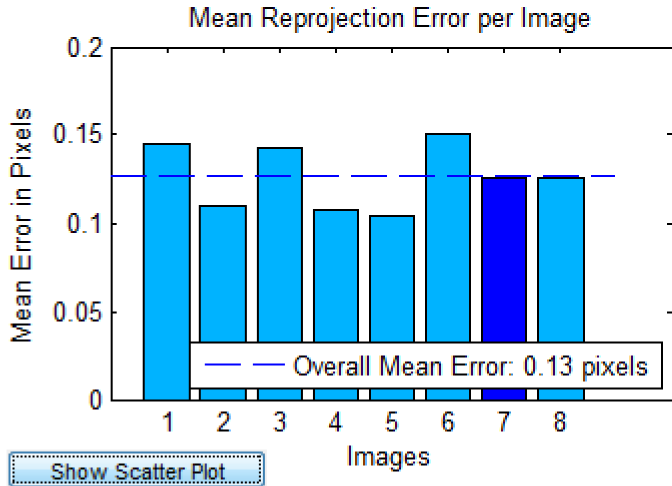
The *reprojection errors* are the distances in pixels between the detected and the reprojected points. The Camera Calibrator app calculates reprojection errors by

projecting the checkerboard points from world coordinates, defined by the checkerboard, into image coordinates. The app then compares the reprojected points to the corresponding detected points. As a general rule, reprojection errors of less than one pixel are acceptable.



The Camera Calibrator app displays, in pixels, the reprojection errors as a bar graph and as a scatter plot. You can toggle between them using the button on the display. You can identify the images that adversely contribute to the calibration from either one of the graphs. You can then select and remove those images from the list in the **Data Browser** pane.

Bar Graph
The bar graph displays the mean reprojection error per image, along with the overall mean error. The bar labels correspond to the image IDs. The highlighted bar corresponds to the selected image.

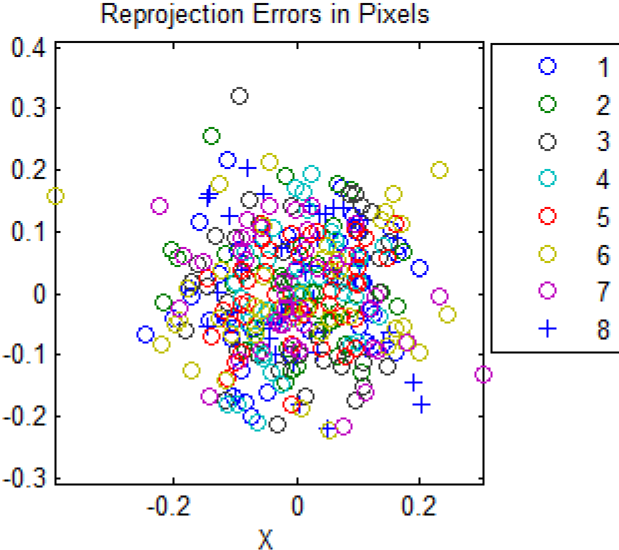


Select an image in one of these ways:

- Clicking the corresponding bar in the graph.
- Select the image from the list in the **Data Browser** pane.

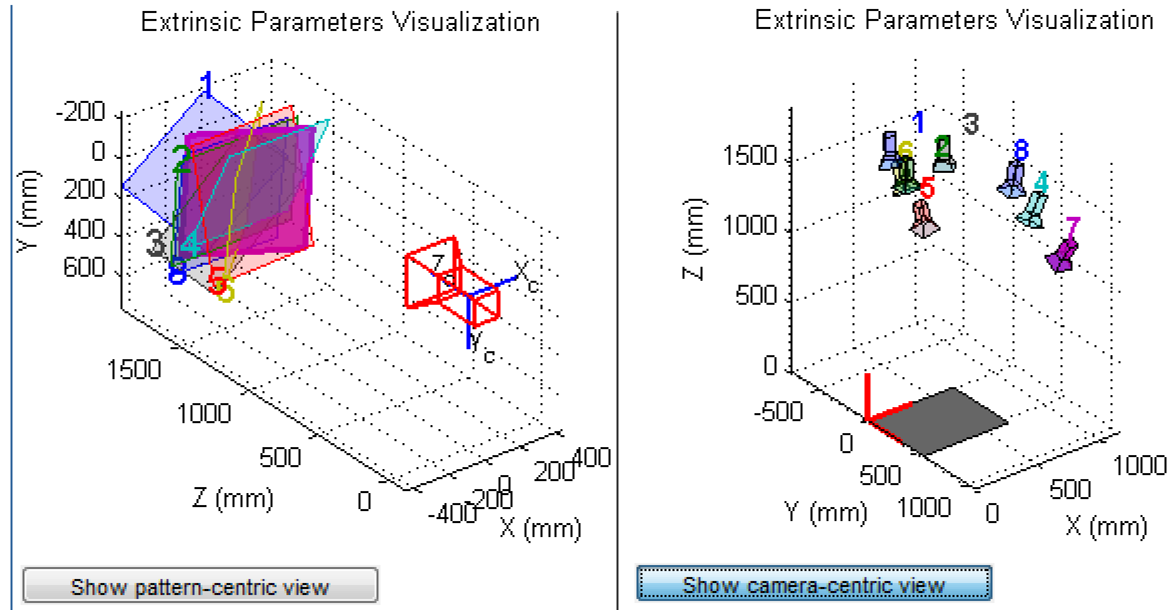
Scatter Plot

The scatter plot displays the reprojection errors for each point. The plus markers correspond to the points in the selected image. An accurate calibration typically results in a compact cloud of points. Outliers indicate potential issues with the corresponding images. To improve accuracy, consider removing those images.



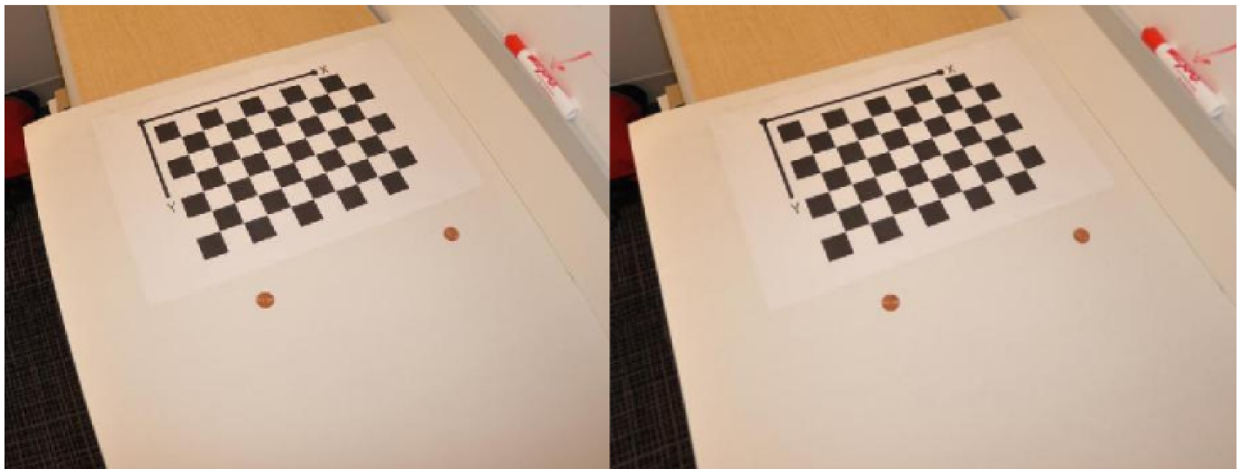
Examine Extrinsic Parameter Visualization

The 3-D extrinsic parameters plot provides a camera-centric view of the patterns and a pattern-centric view of the camera. The camera-centric view is helpful if the camera was stationary when the images were captured. The pattern-centric view is helpful if the pattern was stationary. Click the button on the display to toggle between the two visuals. Click and drag a graph to rotate it. Click a checkerboard or a camera to select it. The highlighted data in the visualizations correspond to the selected image in the list. Examine the relative positions of the pattern and the camera to see if they match what you expect. For example, a pattern that appears behind the camera indicates a calibration error.



View Undistorted Image

To view the effects of removing lens distortion, in the **Image** pane, click the **Show Undistorted**. If the calibration was accurate, the distorted lines in the image become straight.



It is important to check the undistorted images even if the reprojection errors are low. If the pattern covers only a small percentage of the image, the distortion estimation might be incorrect, even though the calibration resulted in few reprojection errors.

Improve Calibration

To improve the calibration, you can remove high-error images, add more images, or modify the calibrator settings.

Add or Remove Images

Consider adding more images if:

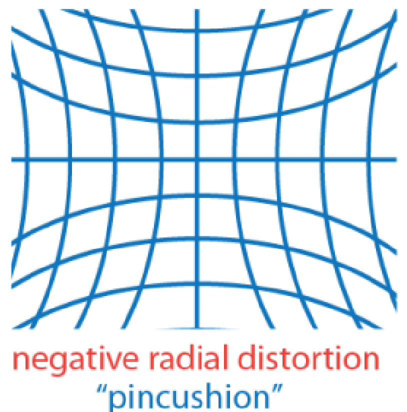
- You have less than 10 images.
- The patterns do not cover enough of the image frame.
- The patterns do not have enough variation in orientation with respect to the camera.

Consider removing images if the images:

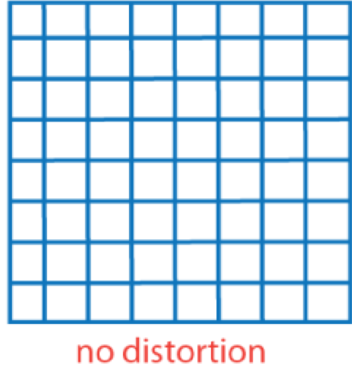
- Have a high mean reprojection error
- Are blurry
- Contain a checkerboard at an angle greater than 45 degrees relative to the camera plane
- Contain incorrectly detected checkerboard points

Change the Number of Radial Distortion Coefficients

You can specify 2 or 3 radial distortion coefficients by selecting the corresponding radio button from the **Options** section. *Radial distortion* occurs when light rays bend more near the edges of a lens than they do at its optical center. The smaller the lens, the greater the distortion.



negative radial distortion
"pincushion"



no distortion

positive radial distortion
"barrel"

The radial distortion coefficients model this type of distortion. The distorted points are denoted as ($x_{distorted}$, $y_{distorted}$):

$x_{distorted} = x(1 + k_1*r^2 + k_2*r^4 + k_3*r^6)$

$y_{distorted} = y(1 + k_1*r^2 + k_2*r^4 + k_3*r^6)$

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- x, y: undistorted pixel locations
- k_1, k_2, and k_3: radial distortion coefficients of the lens
- r^2: $x^2 + y^2$

Typically, two coefficients are sufficient for calibration. For severe distortion, such as in wide-angle lenses, select **3 Coefficents** to include k_3.

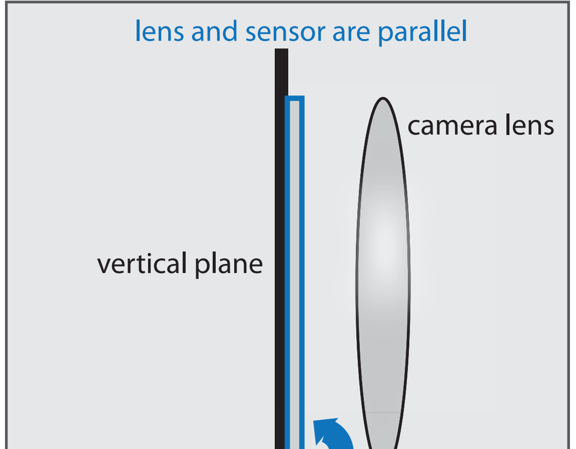
The undistorted pixel locations are in normalized image coordinates, with the origin at the optical center. The coordinates are expressed in world units.

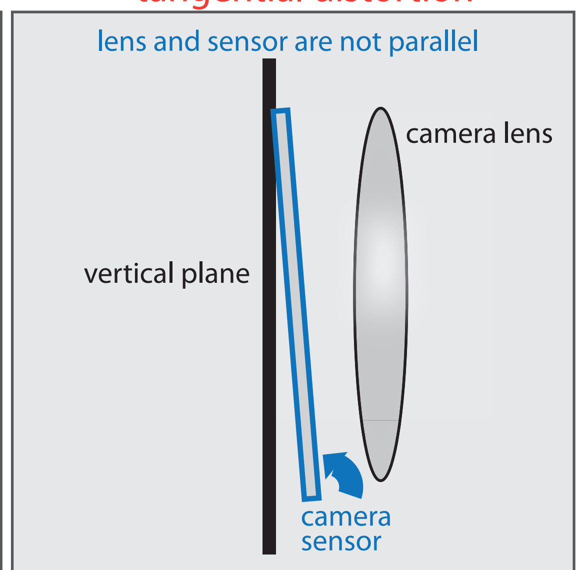
Compute Skew

When you select the **Compute Skew** check box, the calibrator estimates the image axes skew. Some camera sensors contain imperfections that cause the x- and y-axis of the image to not be perpendicular. You can model this defect using a skew parameter. If you do not select the check box, the image axes are assumed to be perpendicular, which is the case for most modern cameras.

Compute Tangential Distortion

Tangential distortion occurs when the lens and the image plane are not parallel. The tangential distortion coefficients model this type of distortion.





The distorted points are denoted as ($x_{distorted}$, $y_{distorted}$):

$x_{distorted} = x + [2 * p_1 * y + p_2 * (r^2 + 2 * x^2)]$

$y_{distorted} = y + [p_1 * (r^2 + 2*y^2) + 2 * p_2 * x]$

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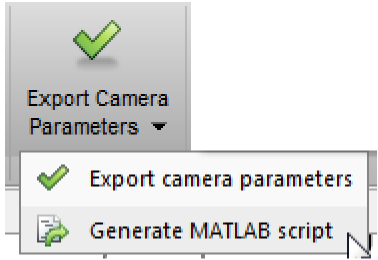
- x, y: undistorted pixel locations
- p_1 and p_2: tangential distortion coefficients of the lens
- $r^2 = x^2 + y^2$

The undistorted pixel locations are in normalized image coordinates, with the origin at the optical center. The coordinates are in world units.

When you select the **Compute Tangential Distortion** check box, the calibrator estimates the tangential distortion coefficients. Otherwise, the calibrator sets the tangential distortion coefficients to zero.

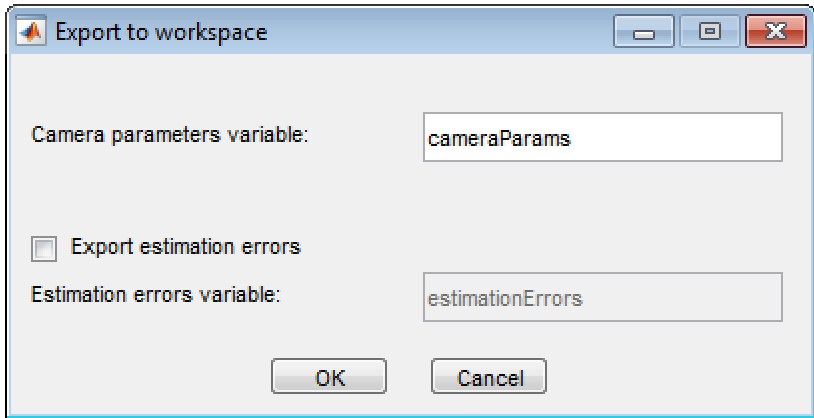
Export Camera Parameters

When you are satisfied with calibration accuracy, click **Export Camera Parameters**. You can save and export the camera parameters to an object or generate the camera parameters as a MATLAB script.



Export Camera Parameters

Click **Export Camera Parameters** to create a `cameraParameters` object in your workspace. The object contains the intrinsic and extrinsic parameters of the camera, and the distortion coefficients. You can use this object for various computer vision tasks, such as image undistortion, measuring planar objects, and 3-D reconstruction. See "Measuring Planar Objects with a Calibrated Camera". You can optionally export the `cameraCalibrationErrors` object, which contains the standard errors of estimated camera parameters.



Generate MATLAB Script

Click **Generate MATLAB script** to save your camera parameters to a MATLAB script, enabling you to reproduce the steps from your calibration session.

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Stereo Camera Calibrator Overview

You can use the Stereo Camera Calibrator app to calibrate a stereo camera, which you can then use to recover depth from images. A stereo system consists of two cameras: camera 1 and camera 2. The app estimates the parameters of each of the two cameras. It also calculates the position and orientation of camera 2 relative to camera 1.

The app produces an object containing the stereo camera parameters. You can use this object to rectify stereo images using the `rectifyStereoImages` function, reconstruct the 3-*D* scene using the `reconstructScene` function, or compute 3-*D* locations corresponding to matching pairs of image points using the `triangulate` function.

The suite of calibration functions used by the Stereo Camera Calibrator app provide the workflow for stereo system calibration. You can use them directly in the MATLAB workspace. For a list of functions, see "Geometric Camera Calibration".

Stereo Camera Calibration Workflow

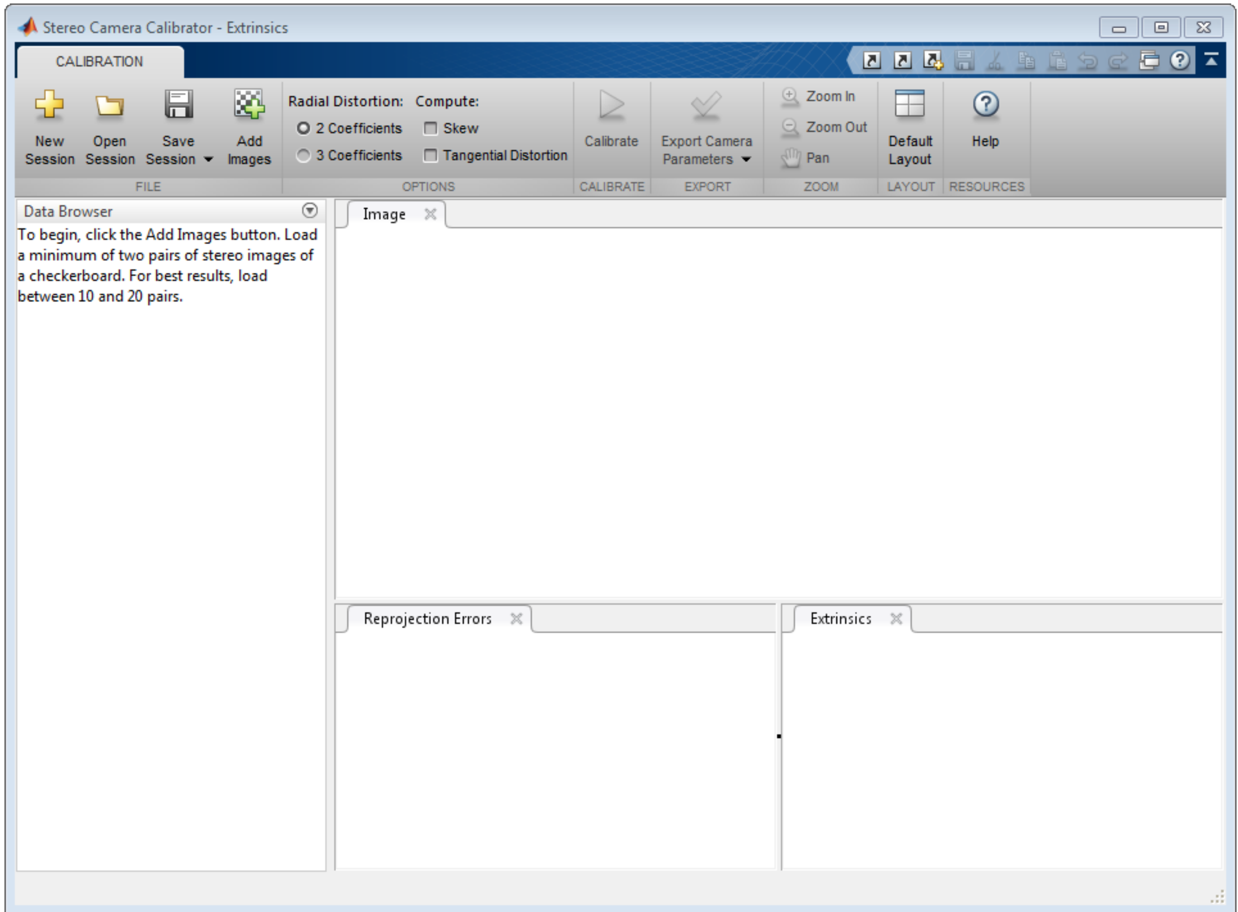
Follow this workflow to calibrate your stereo camera using the app:

1. Prepare images, camera, and calibration pattern.
2. Load image pairs.
3. Calibrate the stereo camera.
4. Evaluate calibration accuracy.
5. Adjust parameters to improve accuracy (if necessary).
6. Export the parameters object.

In some cases, the default values work well, and you do not need to make any improvements before exporting parameters. If you do need to make improvements, you can use the camera calibration functions in MATLAB. For a list of functions, see “Geometric Camera Calibration”.

Open the Stereo Camera Calibrator

You can select the Stereo Camera Calibrator from the apps tab on the MATLAB desktop or by typing `stereoCameraCalibrator` at the MATLAB command line.



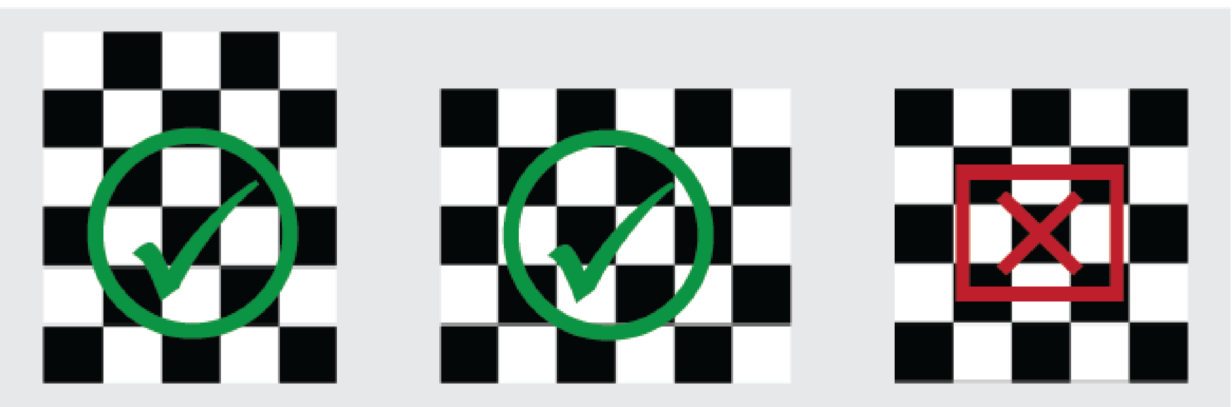
Image, Camera, and Pattern Preparation

For best results, use between 10 and 20 images of the calibration pattern. The calibrator requires at least three images. Use uncompressed images or lossless compression formats such as PNG. The calibration pattern and the camera setup must satisfy a set of requirements to work with the calibrator. For greater calibration accuracy, follow these instructions for preparing the pattern, setting up the camera, and capturing the images.

Prepare the Checkerboard Pattern

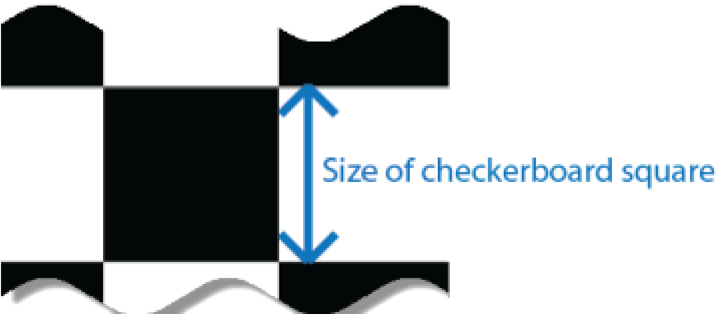
The Camera Calibrator app uses a checkerboard pattern, which is a convenient calibration target. If you want to use a different pattern to extract key points, you can use the camera calibration MATLAB functions directly. See “Geometric Camera Calibration” for the list of functions.

You can print (from MATLAB) and use the checkerboard pattern provided. The checkerboard pattern you use must not be square. One side must contain an even number of squares and the other side must contain an odd number of squares. Therefore, the pattern contains two black corners along one side and two white corners on the opposite side. This criteria enables the app to determine the orientation of the pattern. The calibrator assigns the longer side to be the *x*-direction.



To prepare the checkerboard pattern:

1. Attach the checkerboard printout to a flat surface. Imperfections on the surface can affect the accuracy of the calibration.
2. Measure one side of the checkerboard square. You need this measurement for calibration. The size of the squares can vary depending on printer settings.



3 To improve the detection speed, set up the pattern with as little background clutter as possible.

Camera Setup

To properly calibrate your camera, follow these rules:

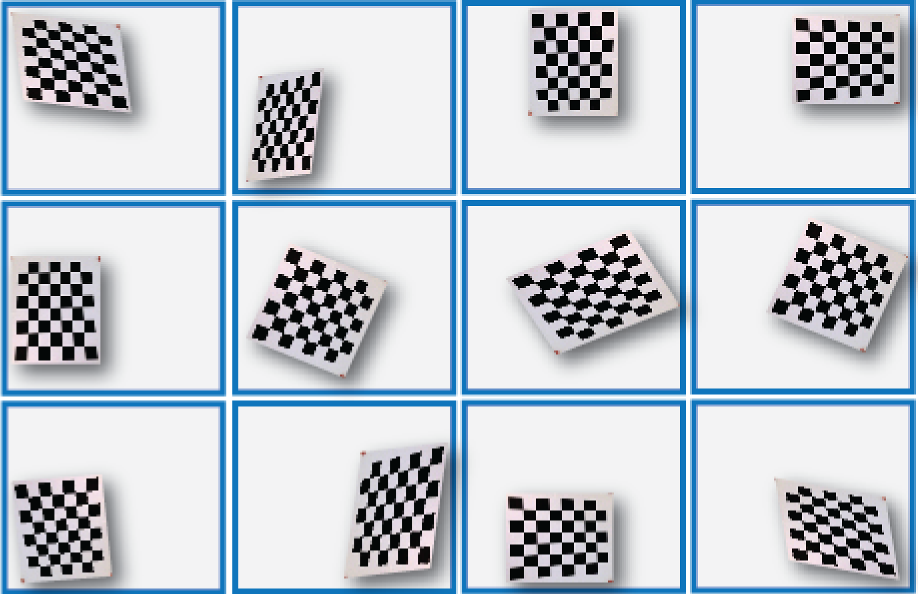
- Keep the pattern in focus, but do not use auto-focus.
- Do not change zoom settings between images, otherwise the focal length changes.

Capture Images

For best results, use at least 10 to 20 images of the calibration pattern. The calibrator requires at least three images. Use uncompressed images or images in lossless compression formats such as PNG. For greater calibration accuracy:

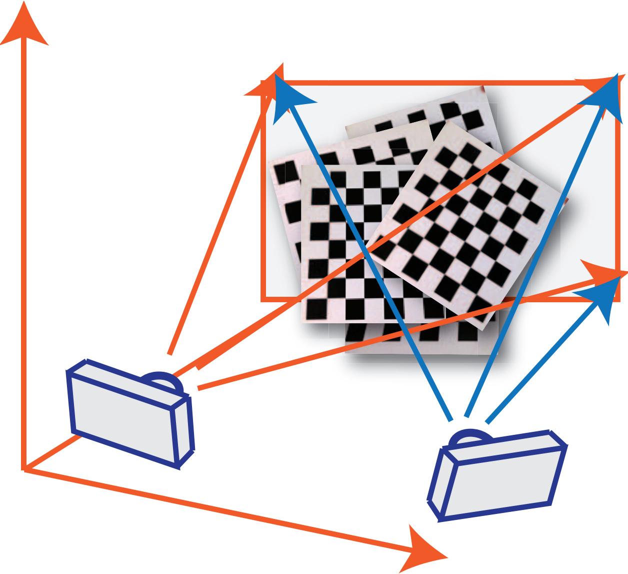
- Capture the images of the pattern at a distance roughly equal to the distance from your camera to the objects of interest. For example, if you plan to measure objects from 2 meters, keep your pattern approximately 2 meters from the camera.
- Place the checkerboard at an angle less than 45 degrees relative to the camera plane.
- Do not modify the images. For example, do not crop them.
- Do not use autofocus or change the zoom between images.
- Capture the images of a checkerboard pattern at different orientations relative to the camera.

- Capture enough different images of the pattern so that you have covered as much of the image frame as possible. Lens distortion increases radially from the center of the image and sometimes is not uniform across the image frame. To capture this lens distortion, the pattern must appear close to the edges.



Specific to stereo camera calibration:

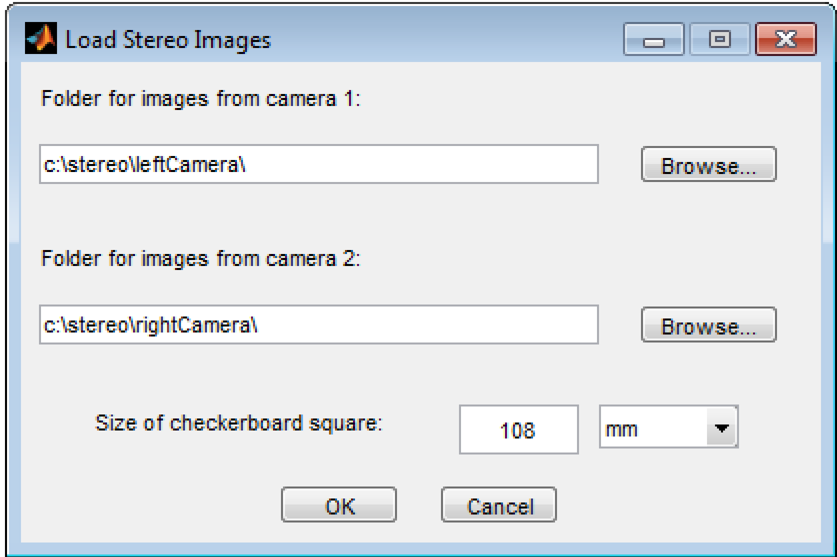
- Make sure the checkerboard pattern is fully visible in both images of each stereo pair.

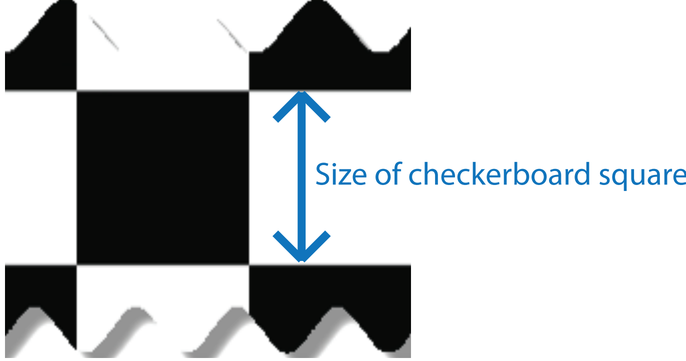


- Keep the pattern stationary for each image pair. Any motion of the pattern between taking image 1 and image 2 of the pair negatively affects the calibration.
- To create a stereo display, or anaglyph, position the two cameras approximately 55 mm apart. This distance represents the average distance between human eyes.
- For greater reconstruction accuracy at longer distances, position your cameras farther apart.

Add Image Pairs

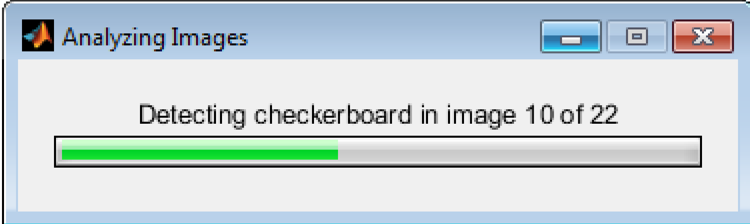
To begin calibration, click Add images to add two sets of stereo images of the checkerboard. You can add images from multiple folders by clicking Add images. Select the locations for the images corresponding to camera 1 and camera 2. Enter the length of one side of a square from the checkerboard pattern.



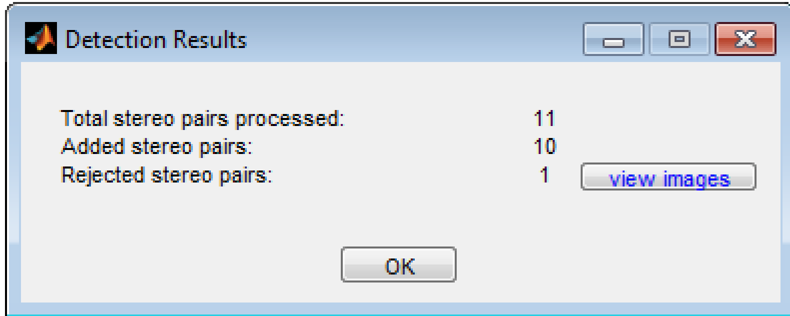


Analyze Images

The calibrator attempts to detect a checkerboard in each of the added images. An Analyzing Images progress bar window appears, indicating detection progress.



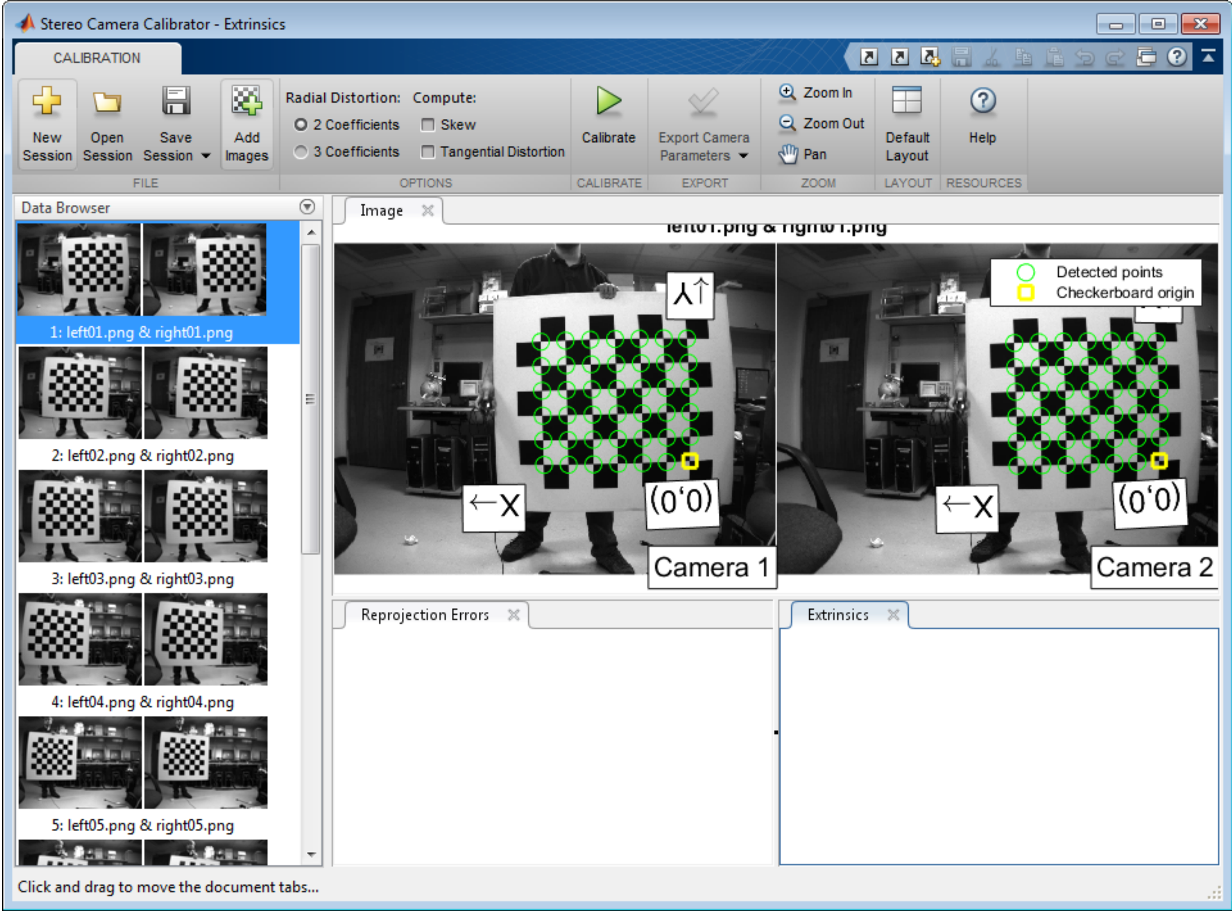
If any of the image pairs are rejected, the Detection Results window appears, which contains diagnostic information. The results indicate how many total image pairs were processed, and how many were accepted, rejected, or skipped The calibrator skips duplicate images.



To view the rejected images, click **view images**. The calibrator rejects duplicate images. It also rejects images where the entire checkerboard could not be detected. Possible reasons for no detection are a blurry image or an extreme angle of the pattern. Detection takes longer with larger images and with patterns that contain a large number of squares.

View Images and Detected Points

The Data Browser pane displays a list of image pairs with IDs. These image pairs contain a detected pattern. To view an image, select it from the **Data Browser** pane.



The **Image** pane displays the checkerboard image pair with green circles to indicate detected points. You can verify the corners were detected correctly using the zoom controls on the **View** tab. The yellow square indicates the (0,0) origin. The X and Y arrows indicate the checkerboard axes orientation.

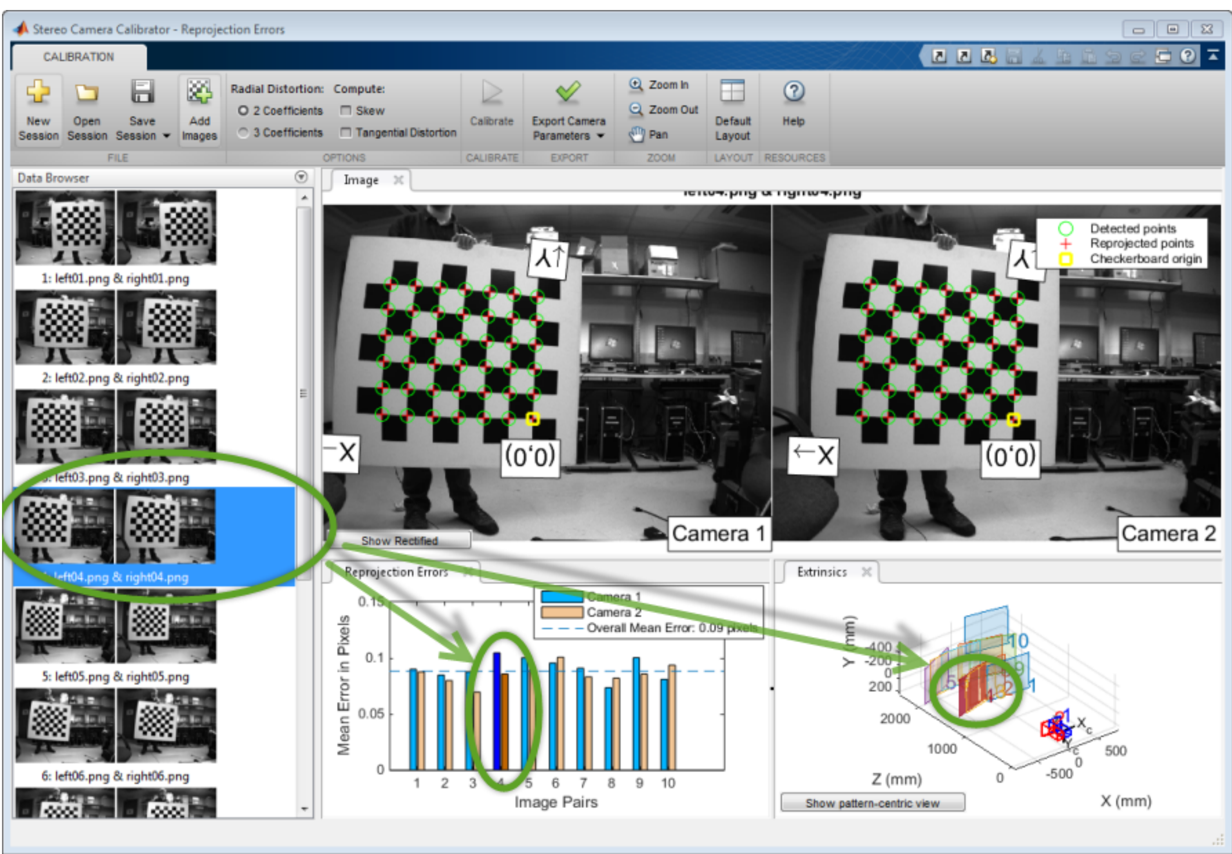
Calibrate

Once you are satisfied with the accepted image pairs, click Calibrate. The default calibration settings assume the minimum set of camera parameters. Start by running the calibration with the default settings. After evaluating the results, you can try to improve

calibration accuracy by adjusting the settings and adding or removing images, and then calibrate again.

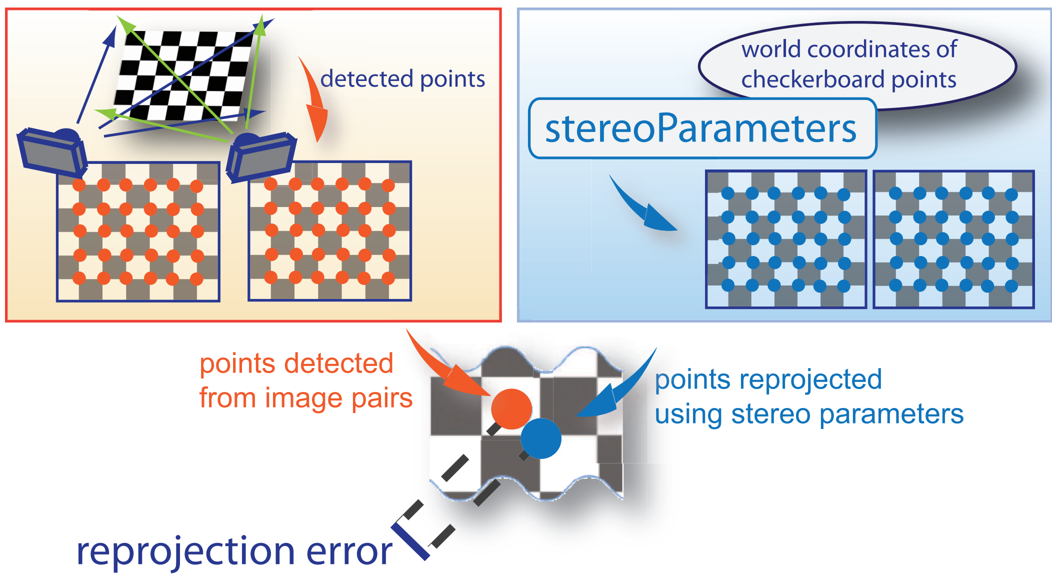
Evaluate Calibration Results

You can evaluate calibration accuracy by examining the reprojection errors and the camera extrinsics, and by viewing the undistorted image. For best calibration results, use all three methods of evaluation.



Examine Reprojection Errors

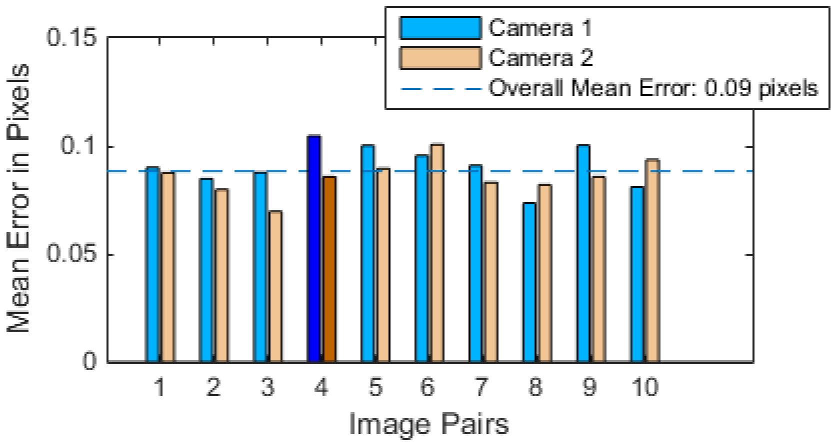
The *reprojection errors* are the distances in pixels between the detected and the reprojected points. The Stereo Camera Calibrator app calculates reprojection errors by projecting the checkerboard points from world coordinates, defined by the checkerboard, into image coordinates. The app then compares the reprojected points to the corresponding detected points. As a general rule, reprojection errors of less than one pixel are acceptable.



The Stereo Camera Calibrator app displays, in pixels, the reprojection errors as a bar graph and as a scatter plot. You can toggle between them using the button on the display. You can identify the image pairs that adversely contribute to the calibration from either one of the graphs. You can then select and remove those images from the list in the **Data Browser** pane.

Bar Graph

The bar graph displays the mean reprojection error per image, along with the overall mean error. The bar labels correspond to the image pair IDs. The highlighted pair of bars corresponds to the selected image pair.

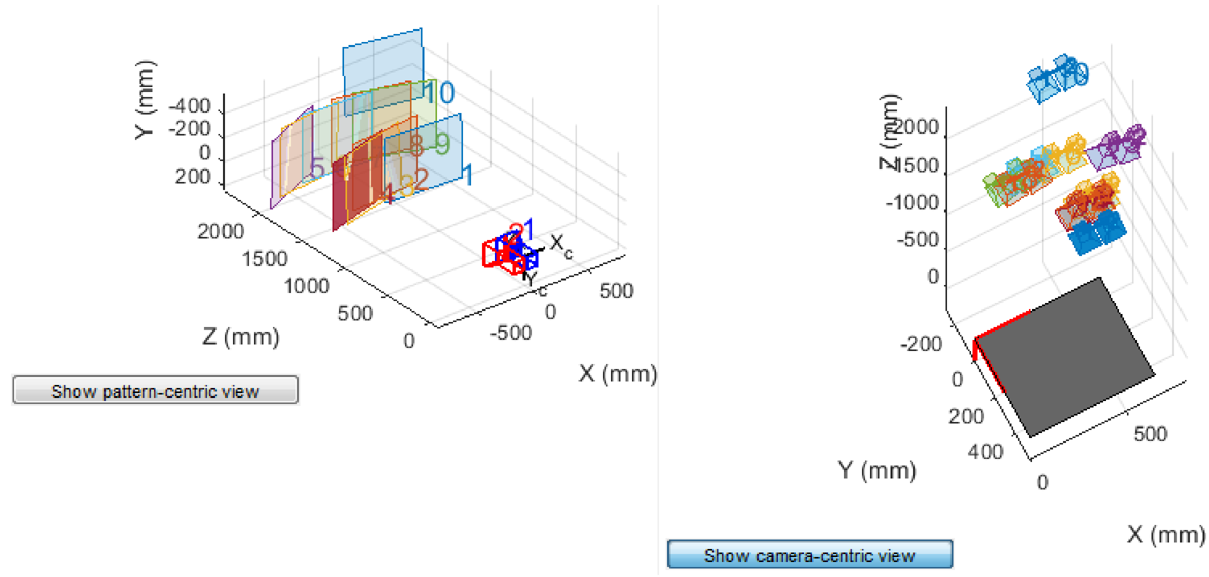


Select an image pair in one of these ways:

- Clicking the corresponding bar in the graph.
- Select the image pair from the list in the **Data Browser** pane.

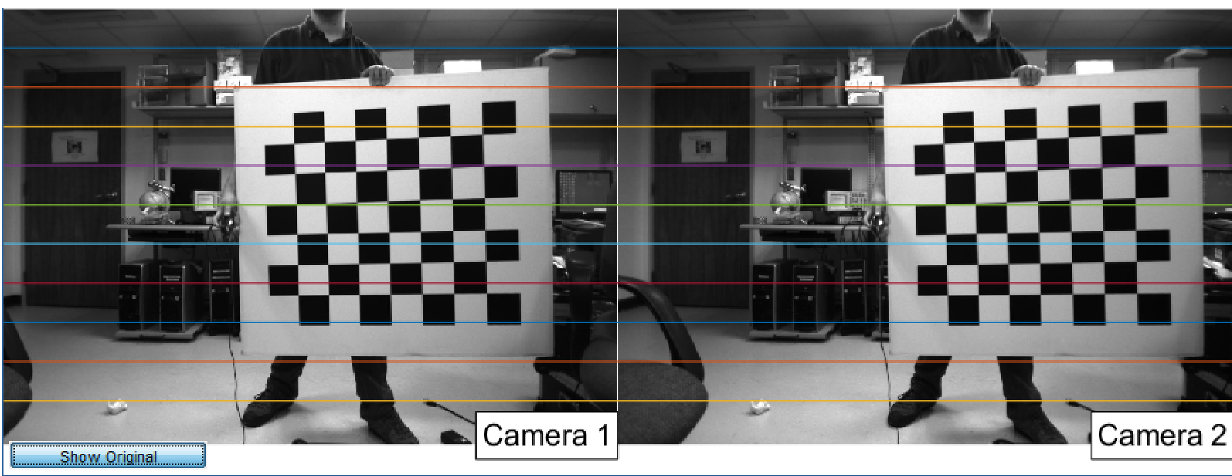
Examine Extrinsic Parameter Visualization

The 3-D extrinsic parameters plot provides a camera-centric view of the patterns and a pattern-centric view of the camera. The camera-centric view is helpful if the camera was stationary when the images were captured. The pattern-centric view is helpful if the pattern was stationary. Click the button on the display to toggle between the two visuals. Click and drag a graph to rotate it. Click a checkerboard or a camera to select it. The highlighted data in the visualizations correspond to the selected image in the list. Examine the relative positions of the pattern and the camera to see if they match what you expect. For example, a pattern that appears behind the camera indicates a calibration error.



Show Rectified Images

To view the effects of stereo rectification, in the **Image** pane, click **Show Rectified**. If the calibration was accurate, the images become undistorted and row-aligned.



It is important to check the rectified images even if the reprojection errors are low. Sometimes, if the pattern only covers a small percentage of the image, the calibration achieves low reprojection errors, but the distortion estimation is incorrect. An example of this type of incorrect estimation for single camera calibration is shown below.

Improve Calibration

To improve the calibration, you can remove high-error image pairs, add more image pairs, or modify the calibrator settings.

Add and Remove Image Pairs

Consider adding more image pairs if:

- You have less than 10 image pairs.
- The patterns do not cover enough of the image frame.
- The patterns in your image pairs do not have enough variation in orientation with respect to the camera.

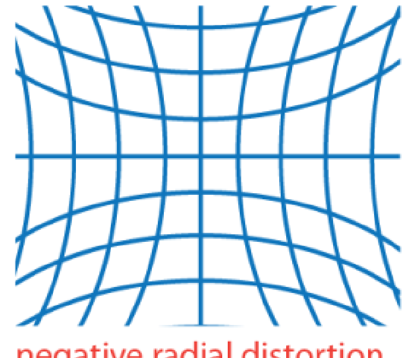
YConsider removing image pairs if the images:

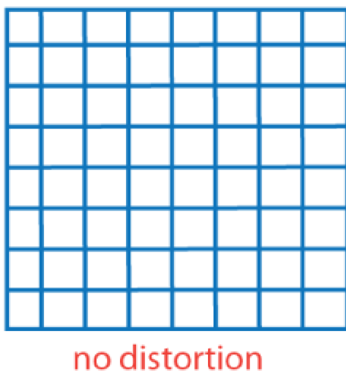
- Have a high mean reprojection error.
- Are blurry.

- Contain a checkerboard at an angle greater than 45 degrees relative to the camera plane.
- Contain incorrectly detected checkerboard points.

Change the Number of Radial Distortion Coefficients

You can specify 2 or 3 radial distortion coefficients by selecting the corresponding radio button from the **Options** section. *Radial distortion* occurs when light rays bend more near the edges of a lens than they do at its optical center. The smaller the lens, the greater the distortion.





The radial distortion coefficients model this type of distortion. The distorted points are denoted as ($x_{\text{distorted}}$, $y_{\text{distorted}}$):

$$x_{\text{distorted}} = x(1 + k_1 * r^2 + k_2 * r^4 + k_3 * r^6)$$

$$y_{\text{distorted}} = y(1 + k_1 * r^2 + k_2 * r^4 + k_3 * r^6)$$

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- x, y: undistorted pixel locations
- k_1, k_2, and k_3: radial distortion coefficients of the lens
- r^2: $x^2 + y^2$

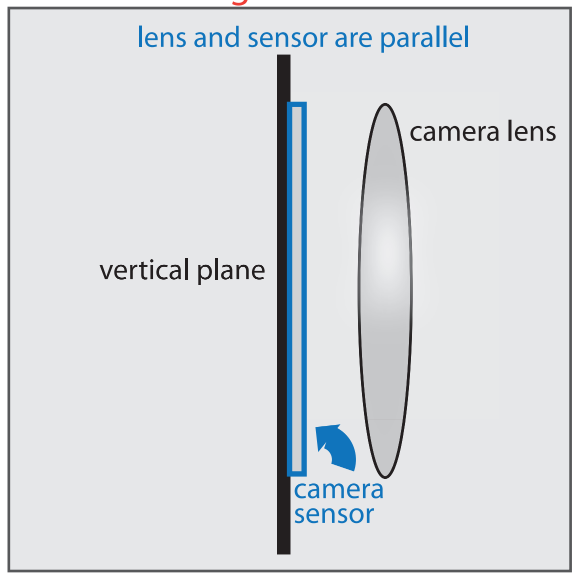
Typically, two coefficients are sufficient for calibration. For severe distortion, such as in wide-angle lenses, select **3 Coefficents** to include k_3.

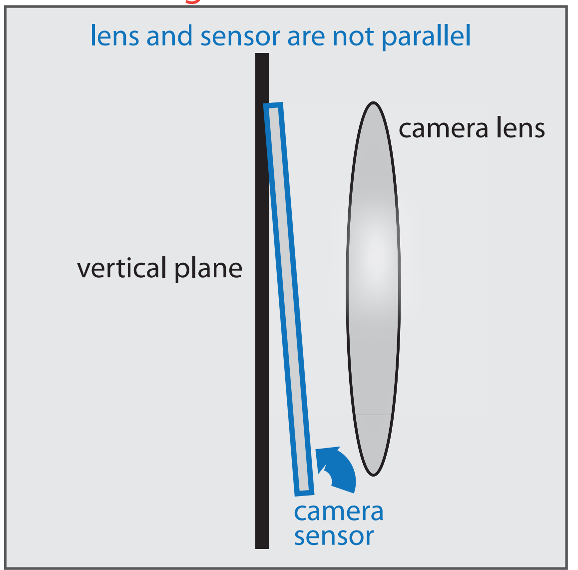
Compute Skew

When you select the **Compute Skew** check box, the calibrator estimates the image axes skew. Some camera sensors contain imperfections that cause the x- and y-axis of the image to not be perpendicular. You can model this defect using a skew parameter. If you do not select the check box, the image axes are assumed to be perpendicular, which is the case for most modern cameras.

Compute Tangential Distortion

Tangential distortion occurs when the lens and the image plane are not parallel. The tangential distortion coefficients model this type of distortion.





The distorted points are denoted as ($x_{distorted}$, $y_{distorted}$):

$x_{distorted} = x + [2 * p_1 * y + p_2 * (r^2 + 2 * x^2)]$

$y_{distorted} = y + [p_1 * (r^2 + 2*y^2) + 2 * p_2 * x]$

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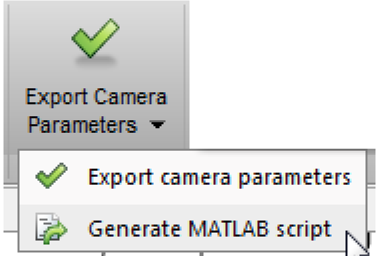
- x, y: undistorted pixel locations
- p_1 and p_2: tangential distortion coefficients of the lens
- $r^2 = x^2 + y^2$

The undistorted pixel locations are in normalized image coordinates, with the origin at the optical center. The coordinates are in world units.

When you select the **Compute Tangential Distortion** check box, the calibrator estimates the tangential distortion coefficients. Otherwise, the calibrator sets the tangential distortion coefficients to zero.

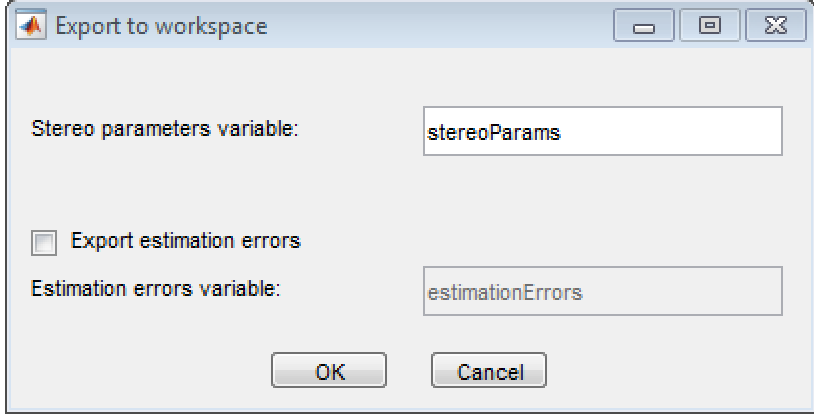
Export Camera Parameters

When you are satisfied with calibration accuracy, click **Export Camera Parameters**. You can save and export the camera parameters to an object or generate the camera parameters as a MATLAB script.



Export Camera Parameters

Click **Export Camera Parameters** to create a `stereoParameters` object in your workspace. The object contains the intrinsic and extrinsic parameters of the camera, and the distortion coefficients. You can use this object for various computer vision tasks, such as image undistortion, measuring planar objects, and 3-D reconstruction. See “Stereo Calibration and Scene Reconstruction”. You can optionally export the `stereoCalibrationErrors` object, which contains the standard errors of estimated stereo parameters.



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You can also generate a MATLAB script which allows you save and reproduce the steps from your calibration session.

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Point Feature Types

Image feature detection is a building block of many computer vision tasks, such as image registration, tracking, and object detection. The Computer Vision System Toolbox includes a variety of functions for image feature detection. These functions return points objects that store information specific to particular types of features, including (x,y) coordinates (in the Location property). You can pass a points object from a detection function to a variety of other functions that require feature points as inputs. The algorithm that a detection function uses determines the type of points object it returns.

Functions That Return Points Objects

Points Object	Returned By	Type of Feature
`cornerPoints`	`detectFASTFeatures` Features from accelerated segment test (FAST) algorithm Uses an approximate metric to determine corners.[1]	Corners Single-scale detection Point tracking, image registration with little or no scale change, corner detection in scenes of human origin, such as streets and indoor scenes.
	`detectMinEigenFeatures` Minimum eigenvalue algorithm Uses minimum eigenvalue metric to determine corner locations. [4]	
	`detectHARRISFeatures` Harris-Stephens algorithm More efficient than the minimum eigenvalue algorithm.[3]	
`BRISKPoints`	`detectBRISKFeatures` Binary Robust Invariant Scalable Keypoints (BRISK) algorithm [6]	

Points Object	Returned By	Type of Feature
		Corners Multiscale detection Point tracking, image registration, handles changes in scale and rotation, corner detection in scenes of human origin, such as streets and indoor scenes
`SURFPoints`	`detectSURFFeatures` Speeded-up robust features (SURF) algorithm[11]	Blobs Multiscale detection Object detection and image registration with scale and rotation changes
`MSERRegions`	`detectMSERFeatures` Maximally stable extremal regions (MSER) algorithm [7][8][9][10]	Regions of uniform intensity Multi-scale detection Registration, wide baseline stereo calibration, text detection, object detection. Handles changes to scale and rotation. More robust to affine transforms in contrast to other detectors.

Functions That Accept Points Objects

Function	Description	
`extractFeatures`	Extract interest point descriptors	
	Method	**Feature Vector**
	`BRISK`	The function sets the `Orientation` property of the validPoints output object to the orientation of the extracted features, in radians.
	`FREAK`	The function sets the `Orientation` property of the validPoints output object to the orientation of the extracted features, in radians.
	`SURF`	The function sets the `Orientation` property of the validPoints output object to the orientation of the extracted features, in radians. When you use an `MSERRegions` object with the `SURF` method, the `Centroid` property of the object extracts SURF descriptors. The `Axes` property of the object selects the scale of the SURF descriptors such that the circle representing the feature has an area proportional to the MSER ellipse area. The scale is calculated as `1/4*sqrt((majorAxes/2).*(minorAxes/2))` and saturated to `1.6`, as required by the `SURFPoints` object.
	`Block`	Simple square neighbhorhood. The `Block` method extracts only the neighborhoods fully contained within the image boundary. Therefore, the output, `validPoints`, can contain fewer points than the input `POINTS`.
	`Auto`	The function selects the Method based on the class of the input points and implements: The `FREAK` method for a `cornerPoints` input object.

Function	Description
	The `SURF` method for a `SURFPoints` or `MSERRegions` input object. The `FREAK` method for a `BRISKPoints` input object. For an M-by-2 input matrix of [x y] coordinates, the function implements the `Block` method.
`extractHOGFeature`	Extract histogram of oriented gradients (HOG) features
`estimateGeometric`	Estimate geometric transform from matching point pairs
`triangulate`	3-D locations of undistorted matching points in stereo images
`estimateFundament`	Estimate fundamental matrix from corresponding points in stereo images
`estimateUncalibra`	Uncalibrated stereo rectification
`insertMarker`	Insert markers in image or video
`showMatchedFeatur`	Display corresponding feature points
`undistortPoints`	Correct point coordinates for lens distortion

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Related Examples

- “Detect BRISK Points in an Image and Mark Their Locations”
- “Find Corner Points in an Image Using the FAST Algorithm”
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- “Find Corner Points Using the Eigenvalue Algorithm”
- “Find MSER Regions in an Image”
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- “Image Search using Point Features”

Local Feature Detection and Extraction

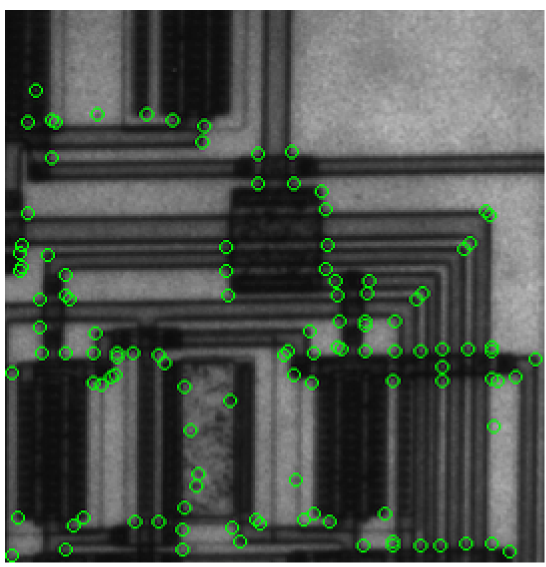
Local features and their descriptors are the building blocks of many computer vision algorithms. Their applications include image registration, object detection and classification, tracking, and motion estimation. Using local features enables these algorithms to better handle scale changes, rotation, and occlusion. The Computer Vision System Toolbox™ provides the FAST, Harris, and Shi & Tomasi corner detectors, and the SURF and MSER blob detectors. The toolbox includes the SURF, FREAK, BRISK, and HOG descriptors. You can mix and match the detectors and the descriptors depending on the requirements of your application.

What Are Local Features?

Local features refer to a pattern or distinct structure found in an image, such as a point, edge, or small image patch. They are usually associated with an image patch that differs from its immediate surroundings by texture, color, or intensity. What the feature actually represents does not matter, just that it is distinct from its surroundings. Examples of local features are blobs, corners, and edge pixels.

Example of Corner Detection

```
I = imread('circuit.tif');
corners = detectFASTFeatures(I,'MinContrast', 0.1);
hold on
J=insertMarker(I,corners,'circle');
imshow(J);
```



Benefits and Applications of Local Features

Local features provide the ability to find image correspondences regardless of occlusion, changes in viewing conditions, or the presence of clutter. The properties of local features also make them suitable for image classification, such as in “Image Classification with Bag of Visual Words”.

Local features are used in two fundamental ways.

- To localize anchor points for use in image stitching or 3-D reconstruction.
- To represent image contents compactly for detection or classification that does not require segmentation.

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Image category recognition	"Image Category Classification Using Bag of Features"
Finding geometry of a stereo system	"Uncalibrated Stereo Image Rectification"
3-D reconstruction	"Sparse 3-D Reconstruction From Two Views"
Image retrieval	"Image Search using Point Features"

What Makes a Good Local Feature?

Detectors that rely on gradient-based and intensity variation approaches detect good local features. They include edge, blob, and region detectors. Good local features exhibit the following properties:

- **Repeatable detections**:
  When given two images of the same scene, most features that the detector finds in both images are the same. The features are robust to changes in viewing conditions and noise.
- **Distinctive**:
  The neighborhood around the feature center varies enough to allow for a reliable comparison between the features.
- **Localizable**:
  The feature has a unique location assigned to it. Changes in viewing conditions do not affect its location.

Feature Detection and Feature Extraction

Feature detection selects regions of an image that have unique content, such as corners or blobs. Use feature detection to find points of interest that you can use for further processing. These points do not necessarily correspond to physical structures, such as the corners of a table. The key to feature detection is to find features that remain locally invariant so that you can detect them even in the presence of rotation or scale change.

Feature extraction is typically done on regions centered around detected features. Descriptors are computed from a local image neighborhood. They are used to characterize and compare the extracted features. This process generally involves extensive image processing. You can compare processed patches to other patches, regardless of changes

in scale or orientation. The main idea is to create a descriptor that remains invariant despite patch transformations that may involve changes in rotation or scale.

Choose a Feature Detector and Descriptor

Select the best feature detector and descriptor by considering the criteria of your application and the nature of your data. The first table helps you understand the general criteria to drive your selection. The next two tables provide details for detectors and descriptors available in the Computer Vision System Toolbox.

Considerations for Detector and Descriptor Selection

Criteria	Suggestion
Type of features in your image	Use a detector appropriate for your data. For example, if your image contains an image of bacteria cells, use the blob detector rather than the corner detector. If your image is an aerial view of a city, you may use the corner detector to find man-made structures.
Context in which you are using the features • Matching key points • Classification	The HOG and SURF descriptors are suitable for classification tasks. In contrast, binary descriptors are typically used as well-localized anchor points.
Type of distortion present in your image	Choose a detector and descriptor that addresses the distortion in your data. For example, if there is no scale change present, consider a corner detector that does not handle scale. If your data contains a higher level of distortion, such as scale and rotation, then use the more computationally intensive SURF feature detector and descriptor.
Performance requirements • Require real time performance • Accuracy versus speed	Binary detector and descriptors are generally faster but may be less accurate. For greater accuracy, you can also use several detectors and descriptors at the same time.

Choose a Detection Function Based on Feature Type

Detector	Feature Type	Function	Multiscale
FAST by Rosten and Drummond	Corner	`detectFASTFeature`	No
Minimum eigenvalue algorithm by Shi and Tomasi	Corner	`detectMinEigenFea`	No
Corner detector by Harris and Stephens	Corner	`detectHarrisFeatu`	No
SURF by Bay, Ess, Tuytelaars, and Van Gool	Blob	`detectSURFFeature`	Yes
BRISK by Leutenegger, Chli, and Siegwart	Corner	`detectBRISKFeatur`	Yes
MSER by Mata, Chum, Urba, and Pajdla	Region with uniform intensity	`detectMSERFeature`	Yes

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Note: Detection functions return objects that contain information about the features. The `extractHOGFeatures` and `extractFeatures` functions can use these objects to create descriptors.

Choose a Descriptor Method

Descriptor	Binary	Function and Method	Invariance		Typical Use	
			Scale	Rotation	Keypoint Matching	Classification
HOG	No	`extractHO`	No	No	No	Yes
SURF	No	`extractFe` 'Method','SU	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
FREAK	Yes	`extractFe` 'Method','FR	Yes	Yes	Yes	No

Descriptor	Binary	Function and Method	Invariance		Typical Use	
			Scale	Rotation	Keypoint Matching	Classification
BRISK	Yes	`extractFe` 'Method','BF	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Block Simple pixel neighborhoo around a keypoint	No	`extractFe` 'Method','Bl	No	No	Yes	Yes

Note:

- The `extractFeatures` function provides different extraction methods to best match the requirements of your application. When you do not specify the 'Method' input for the `extractFeatures` function, the function automatically selects the method based on the type of input point class.
- Binary features are fast, but are less precise in terms of localization. They are not suitable for classification tasks. The `extractFeatures` function returns a `binaryFeatures` object. This object enables the Hamming distance based matching metric used in the `matchFeatures` function.

How to Use Local Features

Registering two images is a simple way to understand local features. This example finds a geometric transformation between two images. It uses local features to find well-localized anchor points.

Display two images.

One image is the original image. The other is the original image rotated and scaled.

```
original = imread('cameraman.tif');
figure;
imshow(original);
text(size(original,2),size(original,1)+15, ...
```

```
    'Image courtesy of Massachusetts Institute of Technology', ...
    'FontSize',7,'HorizontalAlignment','right');

scale = 1.3;
J = imresize(original, scale);
theta = 31;
distorted = imrotate(J,theta);
figure
imshow(distorted)
```

Image courtesy of Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Determine the transform to correct the distorted image.

To determine the transform, you must first find matching SURF features in the original and distorted images.

```
ptsOriginal  = detectSURFFeatures(original);
ptsDistorted = detectSURFFeatures(distorted);
```

Compare the detected blobs between the two images.

The detection step found several roughly corresponding blob structures in both images. The next step compares the detected blobs between the two images. The process of comparing features is facilitated by feature extraction, which determines a local patch descriptor.

```
[featuresOriginal,  validPtsOriginal]  = extractFeatures(original,ptsOriginal);
[featuresDistorted, validPtsDistorted] = extractFeatures(distorted,ptsDistorted);
```

All of the original points may not have been used to extract descriptors. Points might have been rejected if they were too close to the image border. Therefore, the valid points are returned in addition to the feature descriptors.

The patch size to compute the descriptors is determined during the feature extraction step. The patch size corresponds to the scale at which the feature is detected. Regardless of the patch size, the two feature vectors, featuresOriginal and featuresDistorted, are computed in such a way, that they are of equal length. The descriptors enable you to compare detected features, regardless of their size and rotation.

Find putative matches.

In the next step, the descriptors are used to obtain putative matches between the features using the `matchFeatures` function. Putative matches imply that the results may contain some invalid matches. Two patches that match can indicate like features but may not be a correct match. A corner of a table may look like a corner of a chair, but the two features are obviously not a match.

```
indexPairs = matchFeatures(featuresOriginal, featuresDistorted);
```

Find point locations from both images.

Each row of the returned `indexPairs` contains two indices of putative feature matches between the images. Use the indices to collect the actual point locations from both images.

```
matchedOriginal  = validPtsOriginal(indexPairs(:,1));
matchedDistorted = validPtsDistorted(indexPairs(:,2));
```

Display the putative matches.

```
figure
showMatchedFeatures(original,distorted,matchedOriginal,matchedDistorted)
```

```
title('Putatively matched points (including outliers)')
```

Putatively matched points (including outliers)

Analyze feature locations.

You can remove the false matches if there are a sufficient number of points that are valid matches. An effective technique for this scenario is the RANSAC algorithm. The `estimateGeometricTransform` function implements M-estimator Sample Consensus (MSAC), which is a variant of the RANSAC algorithm. MSAC finds a geometric transform and separates the inliers (correct matches) from the outliers (spurious matches).

```
[tform, inlierDistorted, inlierOriginal] = estimateGeometricTransform(matchedDistorted,
```

Display matching points.

```
figure
showMatchedFeatures(original,distorted,inlierOriginal,inlierDistorted)
title('Matching points (inliers only)')
legend('ptsOriginal','ptsDistorted')
```

Verify the computed geometric transform.

Apply the computed geometric transform to the distorted image.

```
outputView = imref2d(size(original));
recovered  = imwarp(distorted,tform,'OutputView',outputView);
```

Display the recovered image and the original image.

```
figure
imshowpair(original,recovered,'montage')
```

Image Registration Using Multiple Features

This example builds on the results of the "How to Use Local Features" example. Using more than one detector and descriptor pair enables you to combine and reinforce your results. It also helps when you cannot obtain enough good matches (inliers) using a single feature detector.

Load the original image.

```
original = imread('cameraman.tif');
```

```
figure;
imshow(original);
text(size(original,2),size(original,1)+15, ...
    'Image courtesy of Massachusetts Institute of Technology', ...
    'FontSize',7,'HorizontalAlignment','right');
```

Image courtesy of Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Scale and rotate the original image to create the distorted image.

```
scale = 1.3;
J = imresize(original, scale);
```

```
theta = 31;
distorted = imrotate(J,theta);
figure
imshow(distorted)
```

Detect features.

Use the BRISK and then SURF detectors to detect features in both images.

```
ptsOriginalBRISK  = detectBRISKFeatures(original, 'MinContrast', 0.01);
ptsDistortedBRISK = detectBRISKFeatures(distorted, 'MinContrast', 0.01);

ptsOriginalSURF  = detectSURFFeatures(original);
ptsDistortedSURF = detectSURFFeatures(distorted);
```

Extract descriptors.

Extract descriptors from the original and distorted images. The BRISK features use the FREAK descriptor by default.

```
[featuresOriginalFREAK,  validPtsOriginalBRISK]  = extractFeatures(original,  ptsOrigin
[featuresDistortedFREAK, validPtsDistortedBRISK] = extractFeatures(distorted, ptsDistor

[featuresOriginalSURF,  validPtsOriginalSURF]  = extractFeatures(original,  ptsOriginal
[featuresDistortedSURF, validPtsDistortedSURF] = extractFeatures(distorted, ptsDistorte
```

Determine putative matches.

Match FREAK and then SURF descriptors. Start with detector and matching thresholds lower than default values to obtain as many feature matches as possible. Once you get a working solution, you can gradually increase the thresholds in order to reduce the computational load required to extract and match features.

```
indexPairsBRISK = matchFeatures(featuresOriginalFREAK, featuresDistortedFREAK, 'MatchTh

indexPairsSURF = matchFeatures(featuresOriginalSURF, featuresDistortedSURF);
```

Obtain putatively matched points for BRISK and SURF.

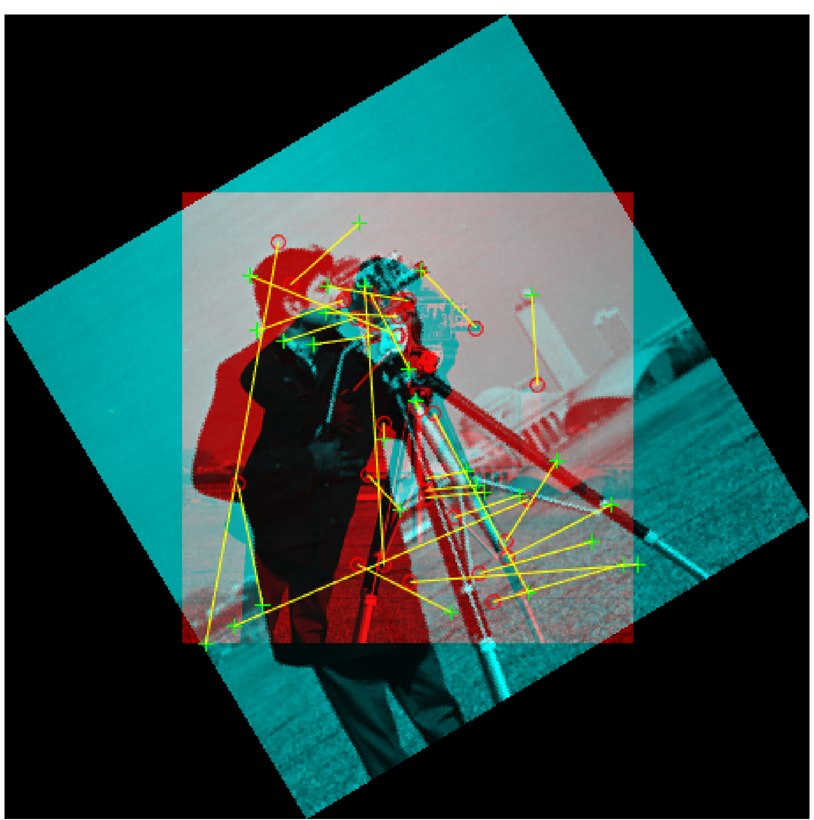
```
matchedOriginalBRISK  = validPtsOriginalBRISK(indexPairsBRISK(:,1));
matchedDistortedBRISK = validPtsDistortedBRISK(indexPairsBRISK(:,2));

matchedOriginalSURF  = validPtsOriginalSURF(indexPairsSURF(:,1));
matchedDistortedSURF = validPtsDistortedSURF(indexPairsSURF(:,2));
```

Visualize the BRISK putative matches.

```
figure
showMatchedFeatures(original, distorted, matchedOriginalBRISK, matchedDistortedBRISK)
title('Putative matches using BRISK & FREAK')
legend('ptsOriginalBRISK','ptsDistortedBRISK')
```

```
Warning: Plot empty.
```



Combine the putatively matched BRISK and SURF local features.

Use the `Location` property to combine the point locations from BRISK and SURF features.

```
matchedOriginalXY  = [matchedOriginalSURF.Location; matchedOriginalBRISK.Location];
matchedDistortedXY = [matchedDistortedSURF.Location; matchedDistortedBRISK.Location];
```

Determine inlier points and geometric transform of BRISK and SURF features.

```
[tformTotal,inlierDistortedXY,inlierOriginalXY] = estimateGeometricTransform(matchedDis
```

Display the results.

The result provides several more matches than the example that used a single feature detector.

```
figure
showMatchedFeatures(original,distorted,inlierOriginalXY,inlierDistortedXY)
title('Matching points using SURF and BRISK (inliers only)')
legend('ptsOriginal','ptsDistorted')
```

Compare the original and recovered image.

```
outputView = imref2d(size(original));
recovered  = imwarp(distorted,tformTotal,'OutputView',outputView);

figure;
imshowpair(original,recovered,'montage')
```

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Related Examples

- “Detect BRISK Points in an Image and Mark Their Locations”
- “Find Corner Points in an Image Using the FAST Algorithm”
- “Find Corner Points Using the Harris-Stephens Algorithm”
- “Find Corner Points Using the Eigenvalue Algorithm”
- “Find MSER Regions in an Image”
- “Detect SURF Interest Points in a Grayscale Image”
- “Automatically Detect and Recognize Text in Natural Images”
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Label Images for Classification Model Training

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Description

The Training Image Labeler provides an easy way to label positive samples that the `trainCascadeObjectDetector` function uses to create a cascade classifier. Using this app, you can:

- Interactively specify rectangular regions of interest (ROIs).
- Using the ROIs, you can detect objects of interest in target images with the `vision.CascadeObjectDetector` System object.
- You can load multiple images at one time, draw ROIs, and then export the ROI information in the appropriate format for the `trainCascadeObjectDetector`. The labeler app supports all image data formats that the `trainCascadeObjectDetector` function uses.

Open the Training Image Labeler

In the MATLAB desktop, on the **Apps** tab, click the Training Image Labeler icon, . Or, at the command line, type:

```
trainingImageLabeler
```

App Controls

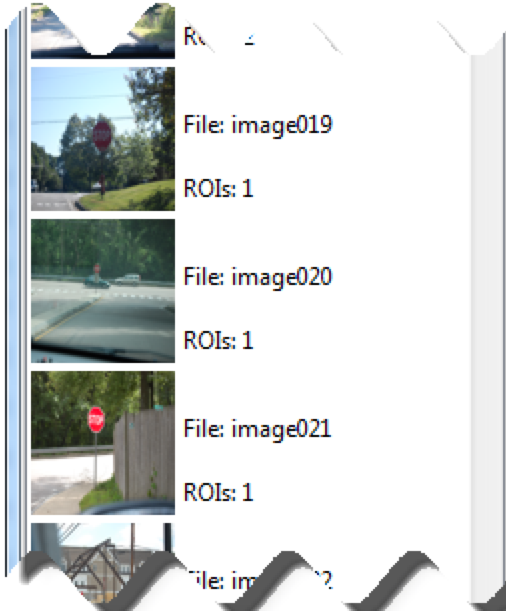
You can add an unlimited number of images to the **Data Browser**. You can then select, remove, and create ROIs, and save your session. When you are done, you can export the ROI information to an XML file.

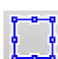
Add Images

Use the **Add Images** icon to select and add images to the **Data Browser**. You can add more images at any time during your editing session. The source images remain in the

folder where they were originally located. The app does not make copies of the original images or move them. If you rotate the images in the **Data Browser**, the app overwrites the images in their original location with the modified orientation.

The app provides a list of image thumbnails that you loaded for the session. Next to each thumbnail, you see the file name and number of ROIs created in that image.



 **Specify Regions of Interest**

After you have loaded images, you can delineate ROIs. You can switch between images and continue creating ROIs. Drag the cursor over the object in the image that you want to identify for an ROI. You can modify the size of an ROI by clicking either the corner or side grips. To copy and paste an ROI, left-click within it's border to select it. You can select one or more ROIs to move or to copy and paste. To delete an ROI, click the red x-box, [x], in the upper-right corner.

Remove
Rotate
Sort

Remove, Rotate, and Sort Images

You can remove, rotate, or sort the images. Right-click any image to access these options. To select multiple images, press **Ctrl**+click. To select consecutive images, press **Shift**+click. To sort images by the number of ROIs, from least amount of ROIs contained in each image, right-click any image and select **Sort list by number of ROIs**.

New Session

When you start a new session, you can save the current session before clearing it.

Open Session

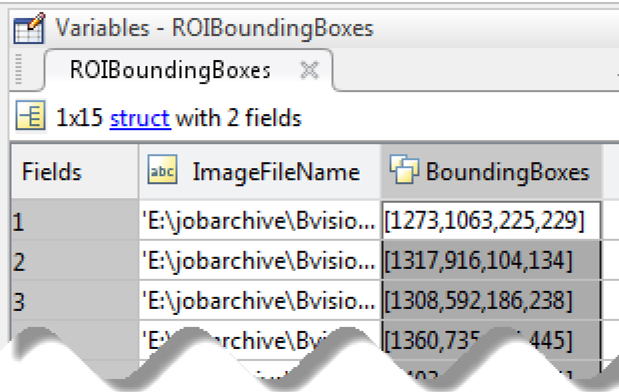
You can open a new session to replace or add to the current session. The app loads the selected .MAT session file. To replace your current session, from the **Open Session** options, select **Open an existing session**. To combine multiple sessions, select **Add session to the current session**.

Save Session

You can name and save your session to a .MAT file. The default name is `LabelingSession`. The saved session file contains all the required information to reload the session in the state that you saved it. It contains the paths to the original images, the coordinates for the ROI bounding boxes for each image, file names, and logical information to record the state of the files.

Export ROIs

When you click the **Export ROIs** button, the app exports the ROI information to the MATLAB workspace in a 1-by-*M* structure, where *M* represents the number of images. The structure contains two fields. One field stores the image file location and the other field stores the corresponding ROI information for each image. You are prompted to name the variable or to accept the default `positiveInstances` name. The first field, imageFileName, contains the full path and file name of the images. The app does not copy and resave images, so the stored path refers to the original image and folder that you loaded the images from. The second field, objectBoundingBoxes, contains the ROI [*x*, *y*, *width*, *height*] information.



See Also

`vision.CascadeObjectDetector` | `imrect` | `insertObjectAnnotation` | `trainCascadeObjectDetector` | `trainingImageLabeler`

More About

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External Web Sites

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Train a Cascade Object Detector

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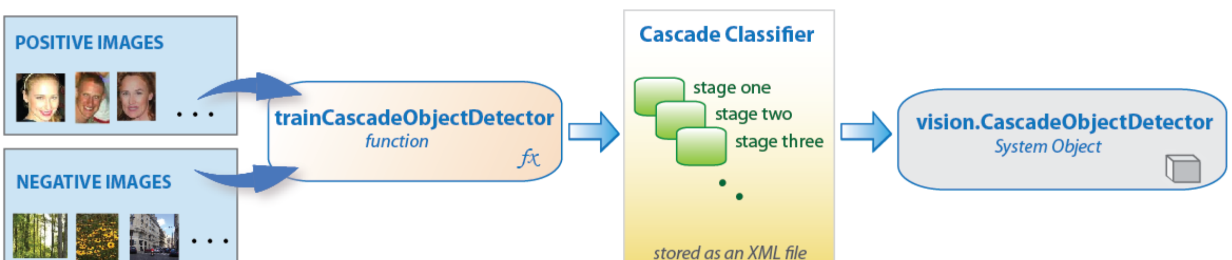
Why Train a Detector?

The `vision.CascadeObjectDetector` System object comes with several pretrained classifiers for detecting frontal faces, profile faces, noses, upperbody, and eyes. However, these classifiers may not be sufficient for a particular application. Computer Vision System Toolbox provides the `trainCascadeObjectDetector` function to train a custom classifier.



What Kind of Objects Can Be Detected?

The Computer Vision System Toolbox cascade object detector can detect object categories whose aspect ratio does not vary significantly. Objects whose aspect ratio remains approximately fixed include faces, stop signs, or cars viewed from one side.

The `vision.CascadeObjectDetector` System object detects objects in images by sliding a window over the image. The detector then uses a cascade classifier to decide

whether the window contains the object of interest. The size of the window varies to detect objects at different scales, but its aspect ratio remains fixed. The detector is very sensitive to out-of-plane rotation, because the aspect ratio changes for most 3-D objects. Thus, you need to train a detector for each orientation of the object. Training a single detector to handle all orientations will not work.

How does the Cascade Classifier work?

The cascade classifier consists of stages, where each stage is an ensemble of weak learners. The weak learners are simple classifiers called *decision stumps*. Each stage is trained using a technique called boosting. *Boosting* provides the ability to train a highly accurate classifier by taking a weighted average of the decisions made by the weak learners.

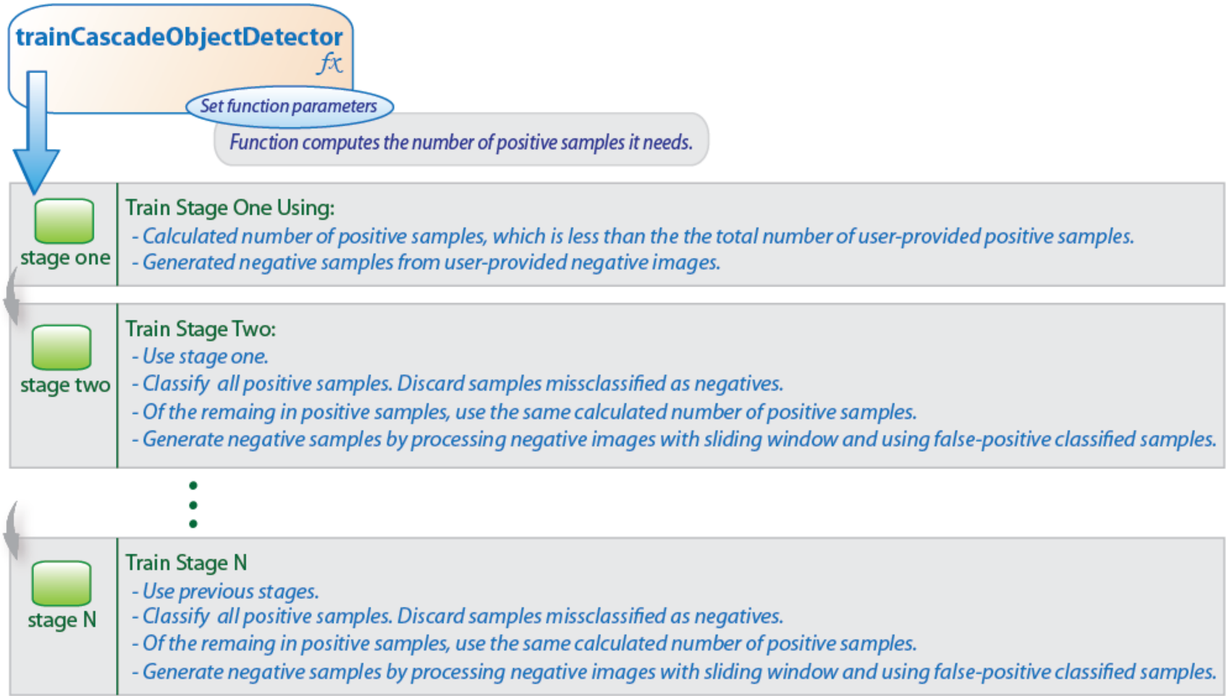
Each stage of the classifier labels the region defined by the current location of the sliding window as either positive or negative. Positive indicates an object was found and negative indicates no object. If the label is negative, the classification of this region is complete, and the detector slides the window to the next location. If the label is positive, the classifier passes the region to the next stage. The detector reports an object found at the current window location when the final stage classifies the region as positive.

The stages are designed to reject negative samples as fast as possible. The assumption is that the vast majority of windows do not contain the object of interest. Conversely, true positives are rare, and worth taking the time to verify. A *true positive* occurs when a positive sample is correctly classified. A *false positive* occurs when a negative sample is mistakenly classified as positive. A *false negative* occurs when a positive sample is mistakenly classified as negative. To work well, each stage in the cascade must have a low false negative rate. If a stage incorrectly labels an object as negative, the classification stops, and there is no way to correct the mistake. However, each stage may have a high false positive rate. Even if it incorrectly labels a nonobject as positive, the mistake can be corrected by subsequent stages.

The overall false positive rate of the cascade classifier is f^s, where f is the false positive rate per stage in the range (0 1), and s is the number of stages. Similarly, the overall true positive rate is t^s, where t is the true positive rate per stage in the range (0 1]. Thus, you can see that adding more stages reduces the overall false-postive rate, but it also reduces the overall true positive rate.

How to Use The `trainCascadeObjectDetector` Function to Create a Cascade Classifier

Cascade classifier training requires a set of positive samples and a set of negative images. You must provide a set of positive images with regions of interest specified to be used as positive samples. You can use the `trainingImageLabeler` app to label objects of interest with bounding boxes. The app outputs an array of structs to use for positive samples. You also must provide a set of negative images from which the function generates negative samples automatically. Set the number of stages, feature type, and other function parameters to achieve acceptable detector accuracy.



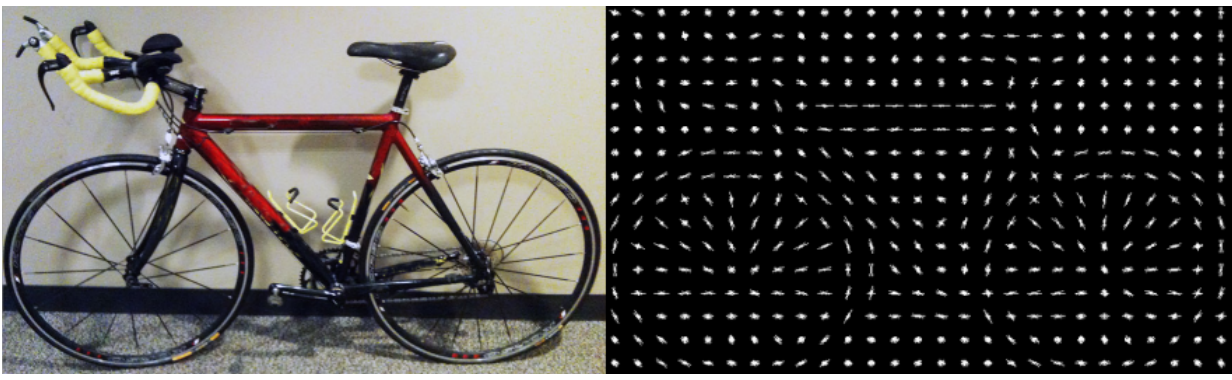
Tips and Trade-offs to Consider When Setting Parameters

You want to select the function parameters to optimize the number of stages, false positive rate, true positive rate, and the type of features to use for training. When you set the parameters, consider the tradeoffs described in the following table.

If you...	Then...
Have a large training set, (in the thousands).	You can increase the number of stages and set a higher false positive rate for each stage.
Have a small training set.	You may need to decrease the number of stages and set a lower false positive rate for each stage.
Want to reduce the probability of missing an object.	You should increase the true positive rate. However, a high true positive rate may prevent you from being able to achieve the desired false positive rate per stage. This means that the detector will be more likely to produce false detections.
Want to reduce the number of false detections.	You should increase the number of stages or decrease the false alarm rate per stage.

Feature Types Available for Training

Choose the feature which suits the type of object detection you need. The `trainCascadeObjectDetector` supports three types of features: Haar, Local Binary Patterns (LBP), and Histograms of Oriented Gradients (HOG). Historically, Haar and LBP features have been used for detecting faces. They work well for representing fine-scale textures. The HOG features have been used for detecting objects such as people and cars. They are useful for capturing the overall shape of an object. For example, in the following visualization of the HOG features, you can see the outline of the bicycle.



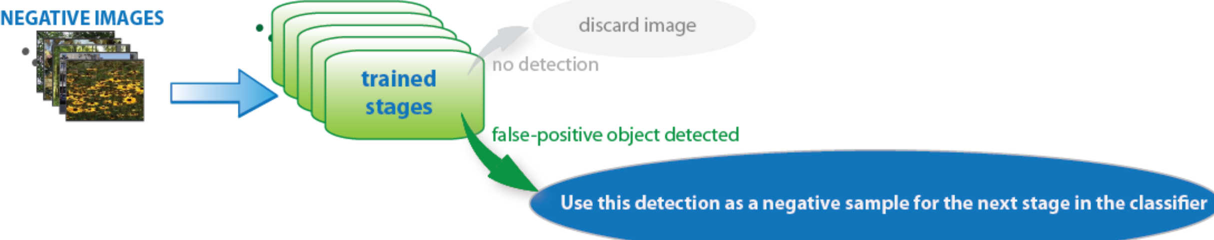
You may need to run the `trainCascadeObjectDetector` function multiple times to tune the parameters. To save time, you can try using LBP or HOG features on a small subset of your data because training a detector using Haar features takes much longer. After that, you can try the Haar features to see if the accuracy can be improved.

Supply Positive Samples

You can specify positive samples in two ways. One way is to specify rectangular regions in a larger image. The regions contain the objects of interest. The other approach is to crop out the object of interest from the image and save it as a separate image. Then, you can specify the region to be the entire image. You can also generate more positive samples from existing ones by adding rotation or noise, or by varying brightness or contrast.

Supply Negative Images

Negative samples are not specified explicitly. Instead, the `trainCascadeObjectDetector` function automatically generates negative samples from user-supplied negative images that do not contain objects of interest. Before training each new stage, the function runs the detector consisting of the stages already trained on the negative images. If any objects are detected from these, they must be false positives. These false positives are used as negative samples. In this way, each new stage of the cascade is trained to correct mistakes made by previous stages.



As more stages are added, the detector's overall false positive rate decreases, causing generation of negative samples to be more difficult. For this reason, it is helpful to supply as many negative images as possible. To improve training accuracy, supply negative images that contain backgrounds typically associated with the objects of interest. Also, include negative images that contain nonobjects similar in appearance to the objects of interest. For example, if you are training a stop-sign detector, the negative images should contain other road signs and shapes.

Choose The Number of Stages

There is a trade-off between fewer stages with a lower false positive rate per stage or more stages with a higher false positive rate per stage. Stages with a lower false positive rate are more complex because they contain a greater number of weak learners. Stages with a higher false positive rate contain fewer weak learners. Generally, it is better to have a greater number of simple stages because at each stage the overall false positive rate decreases exponentially. For example, if the false positive rate at each stage is 50%, then the overall false positive rate of a cascade classifier with two stages is 25%. With three stages, it becomes 12.5%, and so on. However, the greater the number of stages, the greater the amount of training data the classifier requires. Also, increasing the number of stages increases the false negative rate. This results in a greater chance of rejecting a positive sample by mistake. You should set the false positive rate (FalseAlarmRate) and the number of stages, (NumCascadeStages) to yield an acceptable overall false positive rate. Then, you can tune these two parameters experimentally.

There are cases when the training may terminate early. For example, training may stop after seven stages, even though you set the number of stages parameter to 20. This can happen when the function cannot generate enough negative samples. Note, that if you run the function again and set the number of stages to seven, you will not get the same result. This is because the number of positive and negative samples to use for each stage will be recalculated for the new number of stages.

Training Time

Training a good detector requires thousands of training samples. Processing time for a large amount of data varies. It is likely to take on the order of hours or even days. During training, the function displays the time it took to train each stage in the MATLAB command window. Training time depends on the type of feature you specify. Using Haar features takes much longer than using LBP or HOG features.

Troubleshooting

What to do if you run out of positive samples?

The `trainCascadeObjectDetector` function automatically determines the number of positive samples to use to train each stage. The number is based on the total number of positive samples supplied by the user and the values of the TruePositiveRate and NumCascadeStages parameters.

The number of available positive samples used to train each stage depends on the true positive rate. The rate specifies what percentage of positive samples the function may

classify as negative. If a sample is classified as a negative by any stage, it never reaches subsequent stages. For example, suppose you set the TruePositiveRate to `0.9`, and all of the available samples are used to train the first stage. In this case, 10% of the positive samples may be rejected as negatives, and only 90% of the total positive samples are available for training the second stage. If training continues, then each stage is trained with fewer and fewer samples. Each subsequent stage must solve an increasingly more difficult classification problem with fewer positive samples. With each stage getting fewer samples, the later stages are likely to over-fit the data.

Ideally, you want to use the same number of samples to train each stage. To do so, the number of positive samples used to train each stage must be less than the total number of available positive samples. The only exception is that — when the value of TruePositiveRate times the total number of positive samples is less than 1, no positive samples are rejected as negatives.

The function calculates the number of positive samples to use at each stage using the following formula:
number of positive samples = `floor`(totalPositiveSamples / (1 + (NumCascadeStages - 1) * (1 - TruePositiveRate)))
Unfortunately, this calculation does not guarantee that there is going to be the same number of positive samples available for each stage. The reason is that it is impossible to predict with certainty how many positive samples are going to be rejected as negatives. The training continues as long as the number of positive samples available to train a stage is greater than 10% of the number of samples the function determined automatically using the preceding formula. If there are not enough positive samples the training stops and the function issues a warning. It will output a classifier consisting of the stages it has been able to train up to this point. If the training stops, you can add more positive samples. Alternatively, you can increase TruePositiveRate. Reducing the number of stages would also work, but such reduction can also result in a higher overall false alarm rate.

What to do if you run out of negative samples?

The function calculates the number of negative samples used at each stage. This calculation is done by multiplying the number of positive samples used at each stage by the value of NegativeSamplesFactor.

Just as with positive samples, there is no guarantee that the calculated number of negative samples are always available for a particular stage. The `trainCascadeObjectDetector` function generates negative samples from the negative

images. However, with each new stage, the overall false alarm rate of the cascade classifier decreases, making it less likely to find the negative samples.

The training continues as long as the number of negative samples available to train a stage is greater than 10% of the calculated number of negative samples. If there are not enough negative samples the training stops and the function issues a warning. It outputs a classifier consisting of the stages it has been able to train up to this point. When the training stops, the best approach is to add more negative images. Alternatively, you can try to reduce the number of stages, or increase the false positive rate.

Examples

Train a Five-Stage Stop-Sign Detector

This example shows how to set up and train a five-stage, stop-sign detector, using 86 positive samples. The default value for TruePositiveRate is `0.995`.

Step 1: Load the positive samples data from a MAT file. File names and bounding boxes are contained in the array of structures labeled `'data'`.

```
load('stopSigns.mat');
```

Step 2: Add the image directory to the MATLAB path.

```
imDir = fullfile(matlabroot,'toolbox','vision','visiondemos','stopSignImages');
addpath(imDir);
```

Step 3: Specify folder with negative images.

```
negativeFolder = fullfile(matlabroot,'toolbox','vision','visiondemos','non_stop_signs'
```

Step 4: Train the detector.

```
trainCascadeObjectDetector('stopSignDetector.xml',data,negativeFolder,'FalseAlarmRate'
```

Computer Vision software returns the following message:

```
Automatically setting ObjectTrainingSize to [ 33, 32 ]
Using at most 86 of 86 positive samples per stage
Using at most 172 negative samples per stage

Training stage 1 of 5
[...............................................................................]
Used 86 positive and 172 negative samples

Training stage 2 of 5
[...............................................................................]
Used 86 positive and 172 negative samples

Training stage 3 of 5
[...............................................................................]
Used 86 positive and 172 negative samples

Training stage 4 of 5
[...............................................................................]
Used 86 positive and 172 negative samples

Training stage 5 of 5
[...............................................................................]
Used 86 positive and 172 negative samples

Training complete
```

Notice that all 86 positive samples were used to train each stage. This is because the true-positive rate is very high relative to the number of positive samples.

Train a Five-Stage Stop-Sign Detector with a Decreased True-Positive Rate

This example shows you how to train a stop-sign detector on the same data set as the first example, (steps 1–4), but decreased TruePositiveRate to 0.98.

Step 4: Train the detector.

```
trainCascadeObjectDetector('stopSignDetector_tpr0_98.xml',data,negativeFolder,'FalseAla
```

```
Automatically setting ObjectTrainingSize to [ 33, 32 ]
Using at most 79 of 86 positive samples per stage
Using at most 158 negative samples per stage

Training stage 1 of 5
[........................................................................]
Used 79 positive and 158 negative samples

Training stage 2 of 5
[........................................................................]
Used 79 positive and 158 negative samples

Training stage 3 of 5
[........................................................................]
Used 79 positive and 158 negative samples

Training stage 4 of 5
[........................................................................]
Used 79 positive and 158 negative samples

Training stage 5 of 5
[........................................................................]
Used 79 positive and 85 negative samples

Training complete
```

Notice that only 79 of the total 86 positive samples were used to train each stage. This is because the true-positive rate was low enough for the function to start rejecting some of the positive samples as false-negatives.

Train a Ten-stage Stop-Sign Detector

This example shows you how to train a stop-sign detector on the same data set as the first example, (steps 1–4), but increased the number of stages to 10.

Step 4: Train the detector.

```
trainCascadeObjectDetector('stopSignDetector_10stages.xml',data,negativeFolder,'FalseAl
```

```
Automatically setting ObjectTrainingSize to [ 33, 32 ]
Using at most 86 of 86 positive samples per stage
Using at most 172 negative samples per stage

Training stage 1 of 10
[........................................................................]
Used 86 positive and 172 negative samples

Training stage 2 of 10
[........................................................................]
Used 86 positive and 172 negative samples

Training stage 3 of 10
[........................................................................]
Used 86 positive and 172 negative samples

Training stage 4 of 10
[........................................................................]
Used 86 positive and 172 negative samples

Training stage 5 of 10
[........................................................................]
Used 86 positive and 172 negative samples

Training stage 6 of 10
[........................................................................]
Used 86 positive and 33 negative samples

Training stage 7 of 10
[....................................................Warning:
Unable to generate a sufficient number of negative samples for this stage.
Consider reducing the number of stages, reducing the false alarm rate
or adding more negative images.

Cannot find enough samples for training.
Training will halt and return cascade detector with 6 stages
Training complete
```

In this case, NegativeSamplesFactor was set to 2, therefore the number of negative samples used to train each stage was 172. Notice that the function was only able to generate 33 negative samples for stage 6, and it was not able to train stage 7 at all. This condition occurs because the number of negatives in stage 7 was less than 17, (roughly half of the previous number of negative samples). The function produced a stop-sign detector with 6 stages, instead of the 10 previously specified. The resulting overall false alarm rate is 0.2^7=1.28e-05, while the expected false alarm rate was 1.024e-07.

At this point, you could add more negative images, reduce the number of stages, or increase the false-positive rate. For example, you can increase the false-positive rate, FalseAlarmRate to 0.5. The expected overall false-positive rate in this case would be 0.0039.

Step 4: Train the detector.

```
trainCascadeObjectDetector('stopSignDetector_10stages_far0_5.xml',data,negativeFolder,
```

```
Automatically setting ObjectTrainingSize to [ 33, 32 ]
Using at most 86 of 86 positive samples per stage
Using at most 172 negative samples per stage

Training stage 1 of 10
[........................................................................]
Used 86 positive and 172 negative samples

Training stage 2 of 10
[........................................................................]
Used 86 positive and 172 negative samples

Training stage 3 of 10
[........................................................................]
Used 86 positive and 172 negative samples

Training stage 4 of 10
[........................................................................]
Used 86 positive and 172 negative samples

Training stage 5 of 10
[........................................................................]
Used 86 positive and 172 negative samples

Training stage 6 of 10
[........................................................................]
Used 86 positive and 172 negative samples

Training stage 7 of 10
[........................................................................]
Used 86 positive and 172 negative samples

Training stage 8 of 10
[........................................................................]
Used 86 positive and 172 negative samples

Training stage 9 of 10
[....................................................
Very low false alarm rate 0.000587108 reached in stage.
 Training will halt and return cascade detector with 8 stages
Training complete
```

Notice that now the function was able to train 8 stages before it stopped because the threshold reached the overall false alarm rate of 0.000587108.

More About

- “Label Images for Classification Model Training”

External Web Sites

- Cascade Training GUI

Image Classification with Bag of Visual Words

You can use the Computer Vision System Toolbox functions for image category classification by creating a bag of visual words. The process generates a histogram of visual word occurrences that represent an image. These histograms are used to train an image category classifier. The steps below describe how to setup your images, create the bag of visual words, and then train and apply an image category classifier.

Step 1: Set Up Image Category Sets

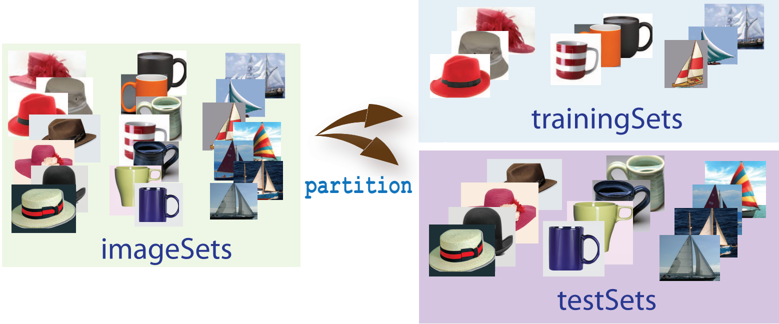
Organize and partition the images into training and test subsets. Use the `imageSet` function to organize categories of images to use for training an image classifier. Organizing images into categories makes handling large sets of images much easier. You can use the `imageSet.partition` method to create subsets of representative images from each category.

Read the category images and create the image sets.

```
setDir  = fullfile(toolboxdir('vision'),'visiondemos','imageSets');
imgSets = imageSet(setDir,'recursive');
```

Separate the sets into training and test image subsets. In this example, 30% of the images are partitioned for training and the remainder for testing.

```
[trainingSets,testSets] = partition(imgSets,0.3,'randomize');
```

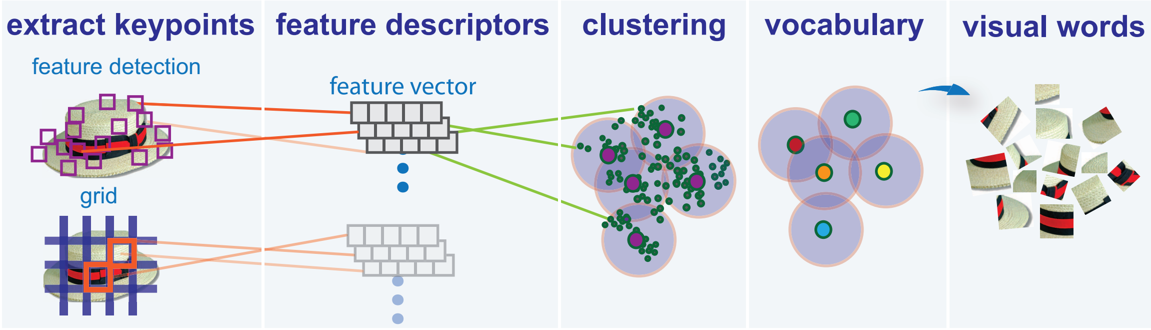


Step 2: Create Bag of Features

Create a visual vocabulary, or bag of features, by extracting feature descriptors from representative images of each category.

The bagOfFeatures object defines the features, or visual words, by using the "k-means clustering" algorithm on the feature descriptors extracted from trainingSets. The algorithm iteratively groups the descriptors into *k* mutually exclusive clusters. The resulting clusters are compact and separated by similar characteristics. Each cluster center represents a feature, or visual word.

You can extract features based on a feature detector, or you can define a grid to extract feature descriptors. The grid method may lose fine-grained scale information. Therefore, use the grid for images that do not contain distinct features, such as an image containing scenery, like the beach. Using speeded up robust features (or SURF) detector provides greater scale invariance. By default, the algorithm runs the 'grid' method.

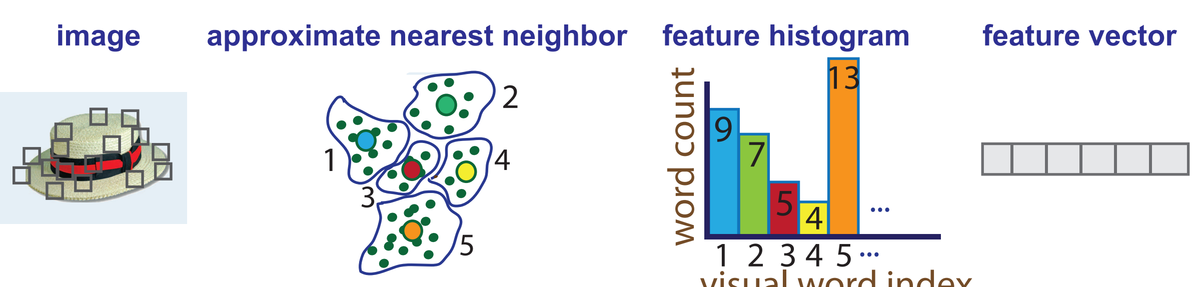


This algorithm workflow analyzes images in their entirety. Images must have appropriate labels describing the class that they represent. For example, a set of car images could be labeled cars. The workflow does not rely on spatial information nor on marking the particular objects in an image. The bag-of-visual-words technique relies on detection without localization.

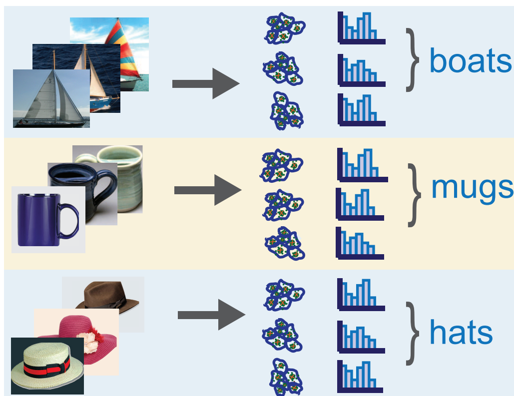
Step 3: Train an Image Classifier With Bag of Visual Words

The trainImageCategoryClassifier function returns an image classifier. The function trains a multiclass classifier using the error-correcting output codes (ECOC) framework with binary support vector machine (SVM) classifiers. The trainImageCategoryClassfier function uses the bag of visual words returned by the bagOfFeatures object to encode images in the image set into the histogram of visual words. The histogram of visual words are then used as the positive and negative samples to train the classifier.

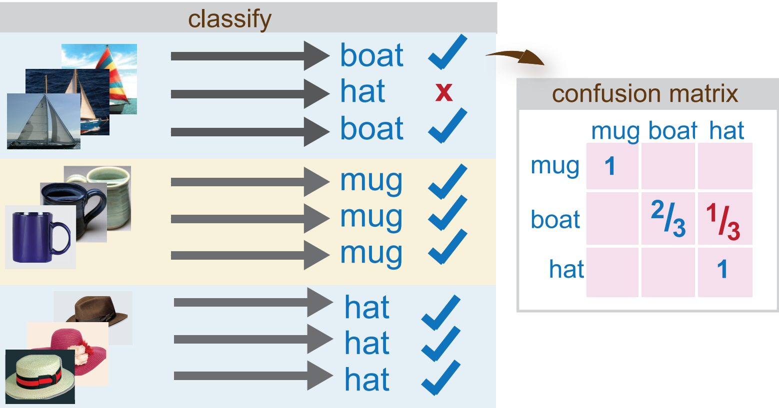
1 Use the `bagOfFeatures` `encode` method to encode each image from the training set. This function detects and extracts features from the image and then uses the approximate nearest neighbor algorithm to construct a feature histogram for each image. The function then increments histogram bins based on the proximity of the descriptor to a particular cluster center. The histogram length corresponds to the number of visual words that the `bagOfFeatures` object constructed. The histogram becomes a feature vector for the image.



2 Repeat step 1 for each image in the training set to create the training data.



3 Evaluate the quality of the classifier. Use the `imageCategoryClassifier` `evaluate` method to test the classifier against the validation image set. The output confusion matrix represents the analysis of the prediction. A perfect classification results in a normalized matrix containing 1s on the diagonal. An incorrect classification results fractional values.



Step 4: Classify an Image or Image Set

Use the `imageCategoryClassifier` `predict` method on a new image to determine it's category.

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Related Examples

- "Image Category Classification Using Bag of Features"

Motion Estimation and Tracking

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Object Tracking

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Face Detection and Tracking Using the KLT Algorithm

This example shows how to automatically detect and track a face using feature points. The approach in this example keeps track of the face even when the person tilts his or her head, or moves toward or away from the camera.

Introduction

Object detection and tracking are important in many computer vision applications including activity recognition, automotive safety, and surveillance. In this example, you will develop a simple face tracking system by dividing the tracking problem into three parts:

1. Detect a face
2. Identify facial features to track
3. Track the face

Detect a Face

First, you must detect the face. Use the `vision.CascadeObjectDetector` System object™ to detect the location of a face in a video frame. The cascade object detector uses the Viola-Jones detection algorithm and a trained classification model for detection. By default, the detector is configured to detect faces, but it can be used to detect other types of objects.

```
% Create a cascade detector object.
faceDetector = vision.CascadeObjectDetector();

% Read a video frame and run the face detector.
videoFileReader = vision.VideoFileReader('tilted_face.avi');
videoFrame      = step(videoFileReader);
bbox            = step(faceDetector, videoFrame);
```

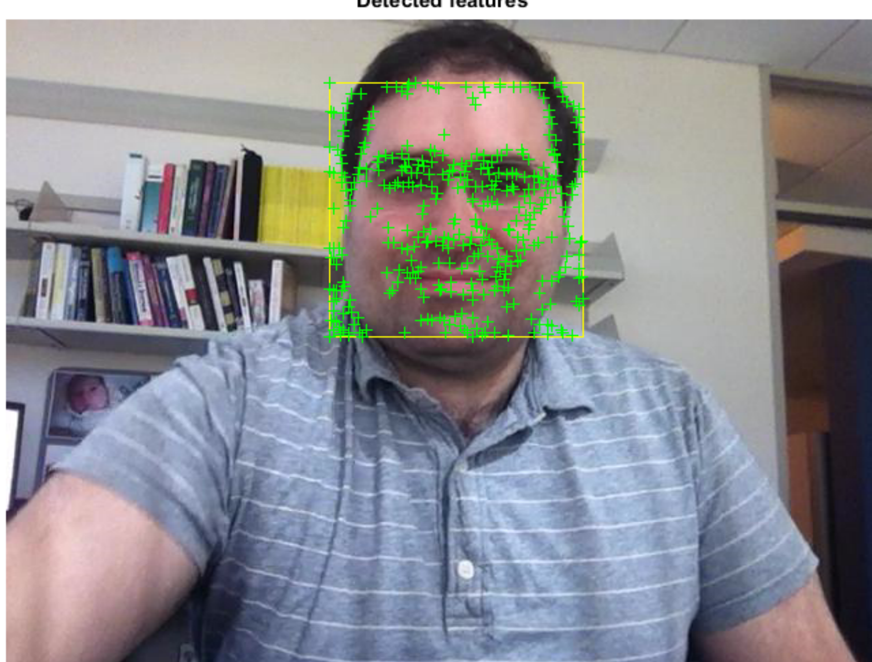
```
% Draw the returned bounding box around the detected face.
videoFrame = insertShape(videoFrame, 'Rectangle', bbox);
figure; imshow(videoFrame); title('Detected face');

% Convert the first box into a list of 4 points
% This is needed to be able to visualize the rotation of the object.
bboxPoints = bbox2points(bbox(1, :));
```

To track the face over time, this example uses the Kanade-Lucas-Tomasi (KLT) algorithm. While it is possible to use the cascade object detector on every frame, it is computationally expensive. It may also fail to detect the face, when the subject turns or tilts his head. This limitation comes from the type of trained classification model used for detection. The example detects the face only once, and then the KLT algorithm tracks the face across the video frames.

Identify Facial Features To Track

The KLT algorithm tracks a set of feature points across the video frames. Once the detection locates the face, the next step in the example identifies feature points that can be reliably tracked. This example uses the standard, "good features to track" proposed by Shi and Tomasi.

```
% Detect feature points in the face region.
points = detectMinEigenFeatures(rgb2gray(videoFrame), 'ROI', bbox);

% Display the detected points.
figure, imshow(videoFrame), hold on, title('Detected features');
plot(points);
```



Initialize a Tracker to Track the Points

With the feature points identified, you can now use the `vision.PointTracker` System object to track them. For each point in the previous frame, the point

tracker attempts to find the corresponding point in the current frame. Then the `estimateGeometricTransform` function is used to estimate the translation, rotation, and scale between the old points and the new points. This transformation is applied to the bounding box around the face.

```
% Create a point tracker and enable the bidirectional error constraint to
% make it more robust in the presence of noise and clutter.
pointTracker = vision.PointTracker('MaxBidirectionalError', 2);

% Initialize the tracker with the initial point locations and the initial
% video frame.
points = points.Location;
initialize(pointTracker, points, videoFrame);
```

Initialize a Video Player to Display the Results

Create a video player object for displaying video frames.

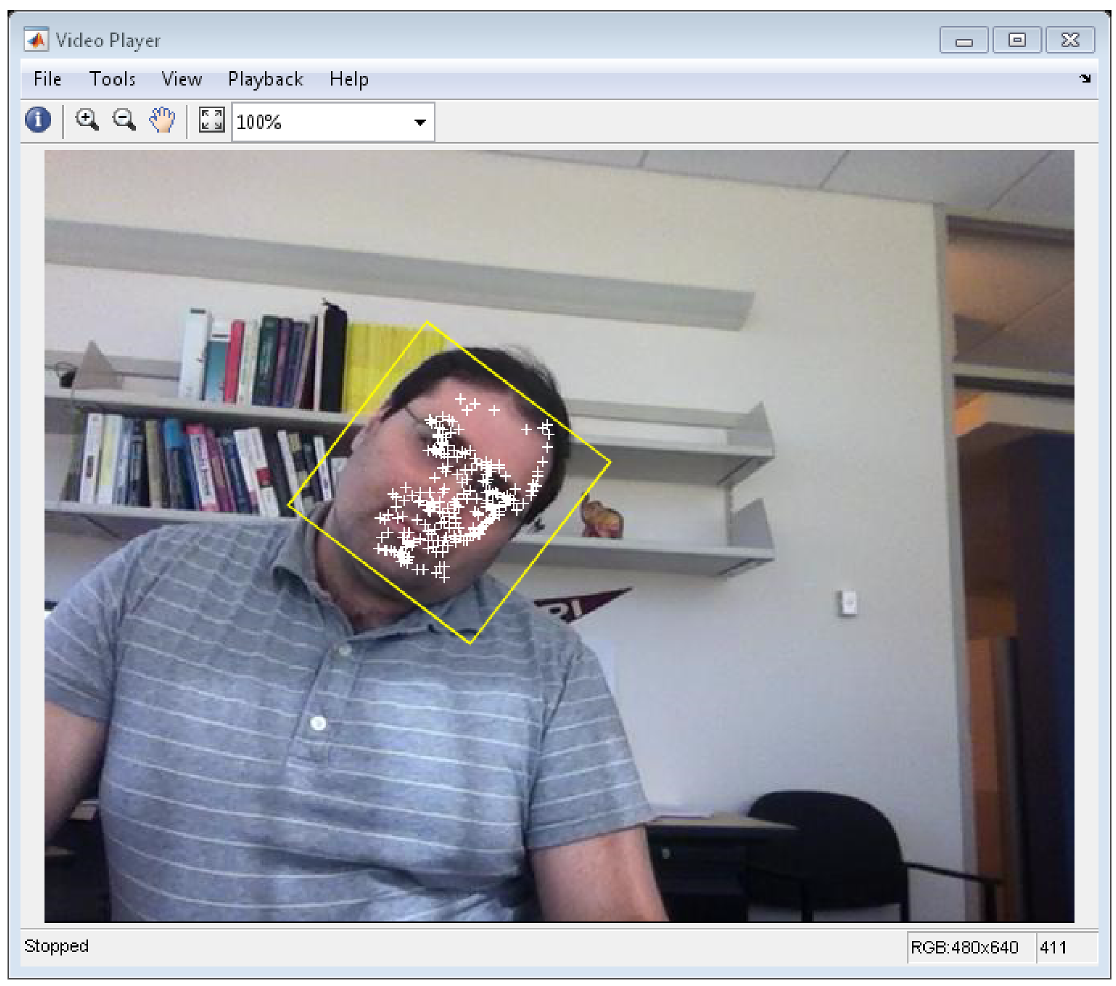
```
videoPlayer  = vision.VideoPlayer('Position',...
    [100 100 [size(videoFrame, 2), size(videoFrame, 1)]+30]);
```

Track the Face

Track the points from frame to frame, and use `estimateGeometricTransform` function to estimate the motion of the face.

```
% Make a copy of the points to be used for computing the geometric
% transformation between the points in the previous and the current frames
oldPoints = points;

while ~isDone(videoFileReader)
    % get the next frame
    videoFrame = step(videoFileReader);

    % Track the points. Note that some points may be lost.
    [points, isFound] = step(pointTracker, videoFrame);
    visiblePoints = points(isFound, :);
    oldInliers = oldPoints(isFound, :);

    if size(visiblePoints, 1) >= 2 % need at least 2 points

        % Estimate the geometric transformation between the old points
        % and the new points and eliminate outliers
        [xform, oldInliers, visiblePoints] = estimateGeometricTransform(...
            oldInliers, visiblePoints, 'similarity', 'MaxDistance', 4);
```

```
            % Apply the transformation to the bounding box points
            bboxPoints = transformPointsForward(xform, bboxPoints);

            % Insert a bounding box around the object being tracked
            bboxPolygon = reshape(bboxPoints', 1, []);
            videoFrame = insertShape(videoFrame, 'Polygon', bboxPolygon, ...
                'LineWidth', 2);

            % Display tracked points
            videoFrame = insertMarker(videoFrame, visiblePoints, '+', ...
                'Color', 'white');

            % Reset the points
            oldPoints = visiblePoints;
            setPoints(pointTracker, oldPoints);
        end

        % Display the annotated video frame using the video player object
        step(videoPlayer, videoFrame);
    end

    % Clean up
    release(videoFileReader);
    release(videoPlayer);
    release(pointTracker);
```



Summary

In this example, you created a simple face tracking system that automatically detects and tracks a single face. Try changing the input video, and see if you are still able to detect and track a face. Make sure the person is facing the camera in the initial frame for the detection step.

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Using Kalman Filter for Object Tracking

This example shows how to use the `vision.KalmanFilter` object and `configureKalmanFilter` function to track objects.

This example is a function with its main body at the top and helper routines in the form of nested functions below.

```
function kalmanFilterForTracking
```

Introduction

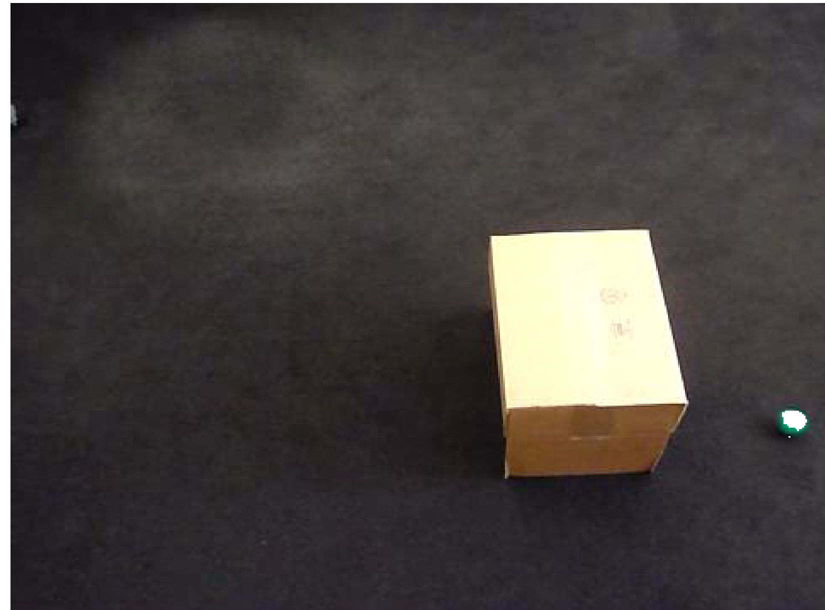
The Kalman filter has many uses, including applications in control, navigation, computer vision, and time series econometrics. This example illustrates how to use the Kalman filter for tracking objects and focuses on three important features:

- Prediction of object's future location
- Reduction of noise introduced by inaccurate detections
- Facilitating the process of association of multiple objects to their tracks

Challenges of Object Tracking

Before showing the use of Kalman filter, let us first examine the challenges of tracking an object in a video. The following video shows a green ball moving from left to right on the floor.

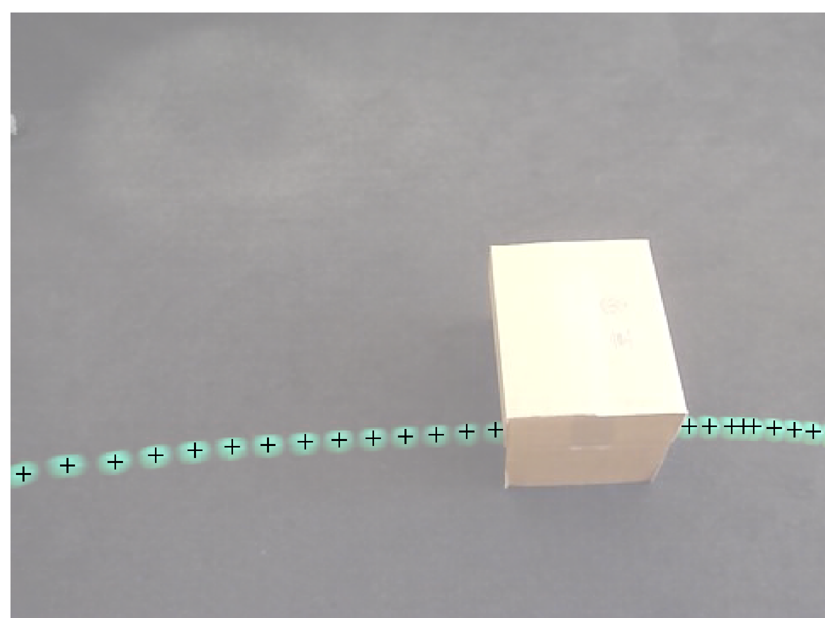
```
showDetections();
```



The white region over the ball highlights the pixels detected using `vision.ForegroundDetector`, which separates moving objects from the background. The background subtraction only finds a portion of the ball because of the low contrast between the ball and the floor. In other words, the detection process is not ideal and introduces noise.

To easily visualize the entire object trajectory, we overlay all video frames onto a single image. The "+" marks indicate the centroids computed using blob analysis.

```
showTrajectory();
```



Two issues can be observed:

1. The region's center is usually different from the ball's center. In other words, there is an error in the measurement of the ball's location.
2. The location of the ball is not available when it is occluded by the box, i.e. the measurement is missing.

Both of these challenges can be addressed by using the Kalman filter.

Track a Single Object Using Kalman Filter

Using the video which was seen earlier, the `trackSingleObject` function shows you how to:

- Create `vision.KalmanFilter` by using `configureKalmanFilter`

- Use `predict` and `correct` methods in a sequence to eliminate noise present in the tracking system
- Use `predict` method by itself to estimate ball's location when it is occluded by the box

The selection of the Kalman filter parameters can be challenging. The `configureKalmanFilter` function helps simplify this problem. More details about this can be found further in the example.

The `trackSingleObject` function includes nested helper functions. The following top-level variables are used to transfer the data between the nested functions.

```
frame            = [];  % A video frame
detectedLocation = [];  % The detected location
trackedLocation  = [];  % The tracked location
label            = '';  % Label for the ball
utilities        = [];  % Utilities used to process the video
```

The procedure for tracking a single object is shown below.

```
function trackSingleObject(param)
  % Create utilities used for reading video, detecting moving objects,
  % and displaying the results.
  utilities = createUtilities(param);

  isTrackInitialized = false;
  while ~isDone(utilities.videoReader)
    frame = readFrame();

    % Detect the ball.
    [detectedLocation, isObjectDetected] = detectObject(frame);

    if ~isTrackInitialized
      if isObjectDetected
        % Initialize a track by creating a Kalman filter when the ball is
        % detected for the first time.
        initialLocation = computeInitialLocation(param, detectedLocation);
        kalmanFilter = configureKalmanFilter(param.motionModel, ...
          initialLocation, param.initialEstimateError, ...
          param.motionNoise, param.measurementNoise);

        isTrackInitialized = true;
        trackedLocation = correct(kalmanFilter, detectedLocation);
```

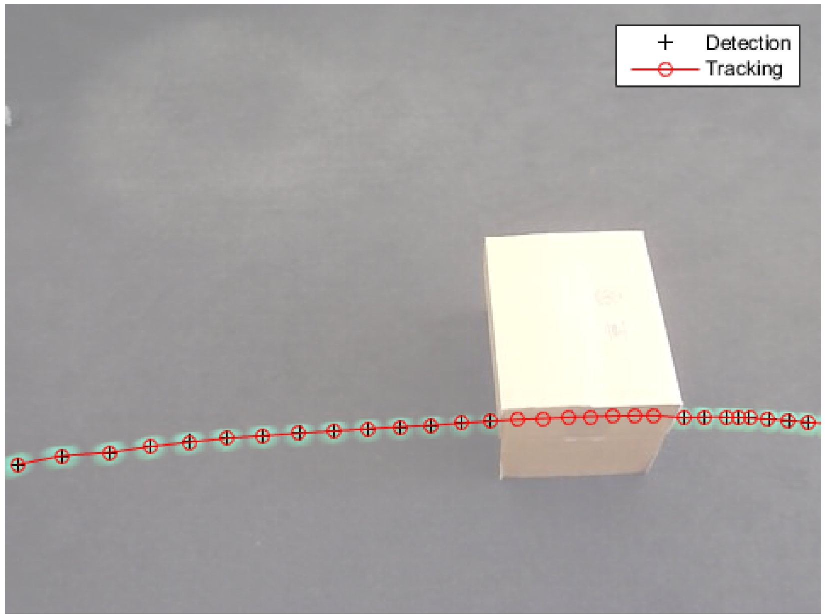
```
        label = 'Initial';
      else
        trackedLocation = [];
        label = '';
      end

    else
      % Use the Kalman filter to track the ball.
      if isObjectDetected % The ball was detected.
        % Reduce the measurement noise by calling predict followed by
        % correct.
        predict(kalmanFilter);
        trackedLocation = correct(kalmanFilter, detectedLocation);
        label = 'Corrected';
      else % The ball was missing.
        % Predict the ball's location.
        trackedLocation = predict(kalmanFilter);
        label = 'Predicted';
      end
    end

    annotateTrackedObject();
  end % while

  showTrajectory();
end
```

There are two distinct scenarios that the Kalman filter addresses:

- When the ball is detected, the Kalman filter first predicts its state at the current video frame, and then uses the newly detected object location to correct its state. This produces a filtered location.
- When the ball is missing, the Kalman filter solely relies on its previous state to predict the ball's current location.

You can see the ball's trajectory by overlaying all video frames.

```
param = getDefaultParameters();  % get Kalman configuration that works well
                                 % for this example

trackSingleObject(param);  % visualize the results
```



Explore Kalman Filter Configuration Options

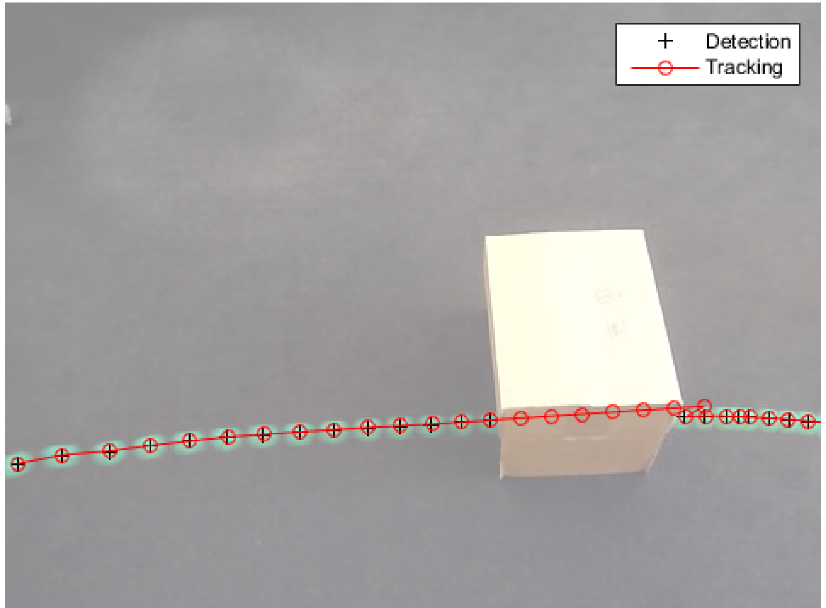
Configuring the Kalman filter can be very challenging. Besides basic understanding of the Kalman filter, it often requires experimentation in order to come up with a set of suitable configuration parameters. The `trackSingleObject` function, defined above, helps you to explore the various configuration options offered by the `configureKalmanFilter` function.

The `configureKalmanFilter` function returns a Kalman filter object. You must provide five input arguments.

```
kalmanFilter = configureKalmanFilter(MotionModel, InitialLocation,
         InitialEstimateError, MotionNoise, MeasurementNoise)
```

The **MotionModel** setting must correspond to the physical characteristics of the object's motion. You can set it to either a constant velocity or constant acceleration model. The following example illustrates the consequences of making a sub-optimal choice.

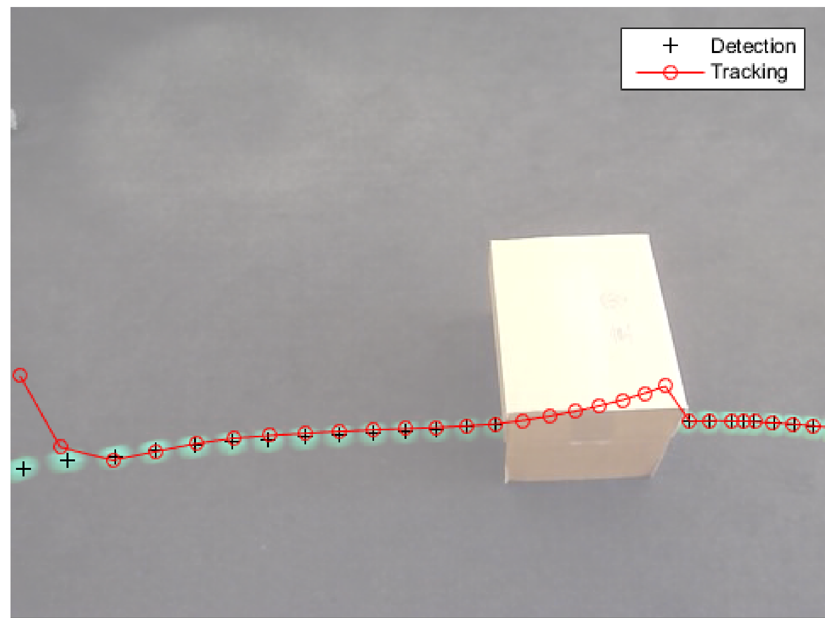
```
param = getDefaultParameters();         % get parameters that work well
param.motionModel = 'ConstantVelocity'; % switch from ConstantAcceleration
                                        % to ConstantVelocity
% After switching motion models, drop noise specification entries
% corresponding to acceleration.
param.initialEstimateError = param.initialEstimateError(1:2);
param.motionNoise          = param.motionNoise(1:2);

trackSingleObject(param); % visualize the results
```



Notice that the ball emerged in a spot that is quite different from the predicted location. From the time when the ball was released, it was subject to constant deceleration due to resistance from the carpet. Therefore, constant acceleration model was a better choice. If you kept the constant velocity model, the tracking results would be sub-optimal no matter what you selected for the other values.

Typically, you would set the **InitialLocation** input to the location where the object was first detected. You would also set the **InitialEstimateError** vector to large values since the initial state may be very noisy given that it is derived from a single detection. The following figure demonstrates the effect of misconfiguring these parameters.

```
param = getDefaultParameters();  % get parameters that work well
param.initialLocation = [0, 0];  % location that's not based on an actual detection
param.initialEstimateError = 100*ones(1,3); % use relatively small values

trackSingleObject(param); % visualize the results
```

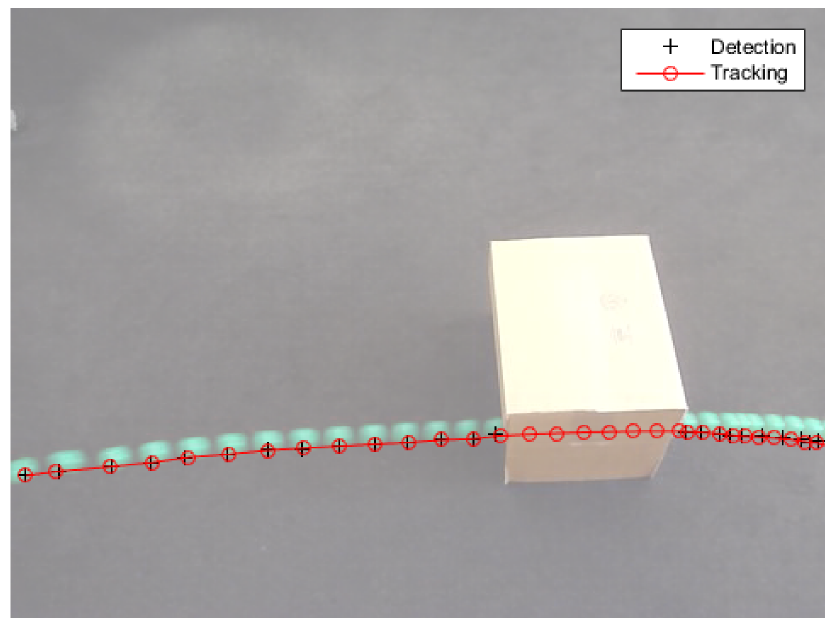


With the misconfigured parameters, it took a few steps before the locations returned by the Kalman filter align with the actual trajectory of the object.

The values for **MeasurementNoise** should be selected based on the detector's accuracy. Set the measurement noise to larger values for a less accurate detector. The following

example illustrates the noisy detections of a misconfigured segmentation threshold. Increasing the measurement noise causes the Kalman filter to rely more on its internal state rather than the incoming measurements, and thus compensates for the detection noise.

```
param = getDefaultParameters();
param.segmentationThreshold = 0.0005; % smaller value resulting in noisy detections
param.measurementNoise      = 12500;  % increase the value to compensate
                                      % for the increase in measurement noise

trackSingleObject(param); % visualize the results
```



Typically objects do not move with constant acceleration or constant velocity. You use the **MotionNoise** to specify the amount of deviation from the ideal motion model. When you increase the motion noise, the Kalman filter relies more heavily on the incoming

measurements than on its internal state. Try experimenting with **MotionNoise** parameter to learn more about its effects.

Now that you are familiar with how to use the Kalman filter and how to configure it, the next section will help you learn how it can be used for multiple object tracking.

Note: In order to simplify the configuration process in the above examples, we used the `configureKalmanFilter` function. This function makes several assumptions. See the function's documentation for details. If you require greater level of control over the configuration process, you can use the `vision.KalmanFilter` object directly.

Track Multiple Objects Using Kalman Filter

Tracking multiple objects poses several additional challenges:

- Multiple detections must be associated with the correct tracks
- You must handle new objects appearing in a scene
- Object identity must be maintained when multiple objects merge into a single detection

The `vision.KalmanFilter` object together with the `assignDetectionsToTracks` function can help to solve the problems of

- Assigning detections to tracks
- Determining whether or not a detection corresponds to a new object, in other words, track creation
- Just as in the case of an occluded single object, prediction can be used to help separate objects that are close to each other

To learn more about using Kalman filter to track multiple objects, see the example titled Motion-Based Multiple Object Tracking.

Utility Functions Used in the Example

Utility functions were used for detecting the objects and displaying the results. This section illustrates how the example implemented these functions.

Get default parameters for creating Kalman filter and for segmenting the ball.

```
function param = getDefaultParameters
```

```
  param.motionModel           = 'ConstantAcceleration';
  param.initialLocation       = 'Same as first detection';
  param.initialEstimateError  = 1E5 * ones(1, 3);
  param.motionNoise           = [25, 10, 1];
  param.measurementNoise      = 25;
  param.segmentationThreshold = 0.05;
end
```

Read the next video frame from the video file.

```
function frame = readFrame()
  frame = step(utilities.videoReader);
end
```

Detect and annotate the ball in the video.

```
function showDetections()
  param = getDefaultParameters();
  utilities = createUtilities(param);
  trackedLocation = [];

  idx = 0;
  while ~isDone(utilities.videoReader)
    frame = readFrame();
    detectedLocation = detectObject(frame);
    % Show the detection result for the current video frame.
    annotateTrackedObject();

    % To highlight the effects of the measurement noise, show the detection
    % results for the 40th frame in a separate figure.
    idx = idx + 1;
    if idx == 40
      combinedImage = max(repmat(utilities.foregroundMask, [1,1,3]), frame);
      figure, imshow(combinedImage);
    end
  end % while

  % Close the window which was used to show individual video frame.
  uiscopes.close('All');
end
```

Detect the ball in the current video frame.

```
function [detection, isObjectDetected] = detectObject(frame)
  grayImage = rgb2gray(frame);
```

```
  utilities.foregroundMask = step(utilities.foregroundDetector, grayImage);
  detection = step(utilities.blobAnalyzer, utilities.foregroundMask);
  if isempty(detection)
    isObjectDetected = false;
  else
    % To simplify the tracking process, only use the first detected object.
    detection = detection(1, :);
    isObjectDetected = true;
  end
end
```

Show the current detection and tracking results.

```
function annotateTrackedObject()
  accumulateResults();
  % Combine the foreground mask with the current video frame in order to
  % show the detection result.
  combinedImage = max(repmat(utilities.foregroundMask, [1,1,3]), frame);

  if ~isempty(trackedLocation)
    shape = 'circle';
    region = trackedLocation;
    region(:, 3) = 5;
    combinedImage = insertObjectAnnotation(combinedImage, shape, ...
      region, {label}, 'Color', 'red');
  end
  step(utilities.videoPlayer, combinedImage);
end
```

Show trajectory of the ball by overlaying all video frames on top of each other.

```
function showTrajectory
  % Close the window which was used to show individual video frame.
  uiscopes.close('All');

  % Create a figure to show the processing results for all video frames.
  figure; imshow(utilities.accumulatedImage/2+0.5); hold on;
  plot(utilities.accumulatedDetections(:,1), ...
    utilities.accumulatedDetections(:,2), 'k+');

  if ~isempty(utilities.accumulatedTrackings)
    plot(utilities.accumulatedTrackings(:,1), ...
      utilities.accumulatedTrackings(:,2), 'r-o');
    legend('Detection', 'Tracking');
  end
```

```
end
```

Accumulate video frames, detected locations, and tracked locations to show the trajectory of the ball.

```
function accumulateResults()
  utilities.accumulatedImage      = max(utilities.accumulatedImage, frame);
  utilities.accumulatedDetections ...
    = [utilities.accumulatedDetections; detectedLocation];
  utilities.accumulatedTrackings  ...
    = [utilities.accumulatedTrackings; trackedLocation];
end
```

For illustration purposes, select the initial location used by the Kalman filter.

```
function loc = computeInitialLocation(param, detectedLocation)
  if strcmp(param.initialLocation, 'Same as first detection')
    loc = detectedLocation;
  else
    loc = param.initialLocation;
  end
end
```

Create utilities for reading video, detecting moving objects, and displaying the results.

```
function utilities = createUtilities(param)
  % Create System objects for reading video, displaying video, extracting
  % foreground, and analyzing connected components.
  utilities.videoReader = vision.VideoFileReader('singleball.avi');
  utilities.videoPlayer = vision.VideoPlayer('Position', [100,100,500,400]);
  utilities.foregroundDetector = vision.ForegroundDetector(...
    'NumTrainingFrames', 10, 'InitialVariance', param.segmentationThreshold);
  utilities.blobAnalyzer = vision.BlobAnalysis('AreaOutputPort', false, ...
    'MinimumBlobArea', 70, 'CentroidOutputPort', true);

  utilities.accumulatedImage      = 0;
  utilities.accumulatedDetections = zeros(0, 2);
  utilities.accumulatedTrackings  = zeros(0, 2);
end

end
```

Motion-Based Multiple Object Tracking

This example shows how to perform automatic detection and motion-based tracking of moving objects in a video from a stationary camera.

Detection of moving objects and motion-based tracking are important components of many computer vision applications, including activity recognition, traffic monitoring, and automotive safety. The problem of motion-based object tracking can be divided into two parts:

1. detecting moving objects in each frame
2. associating the detections corresponding to the same object over time

The detection of moving objects uses a background subtraction algorithm based on Gaussian mixture models. Morphological operations are applied to the resulting foreground mask to eliminate noise. Finally, blob analysis detects groups of connected pixels, which are likely to correspond to moving objects.

The association of detections to the same object is based solely on motion. The motion of each track is estimated by a Kalman filter. The filter is used to predict the track's location in each frame, and determine the likelihood of each detection being assigned to each track.

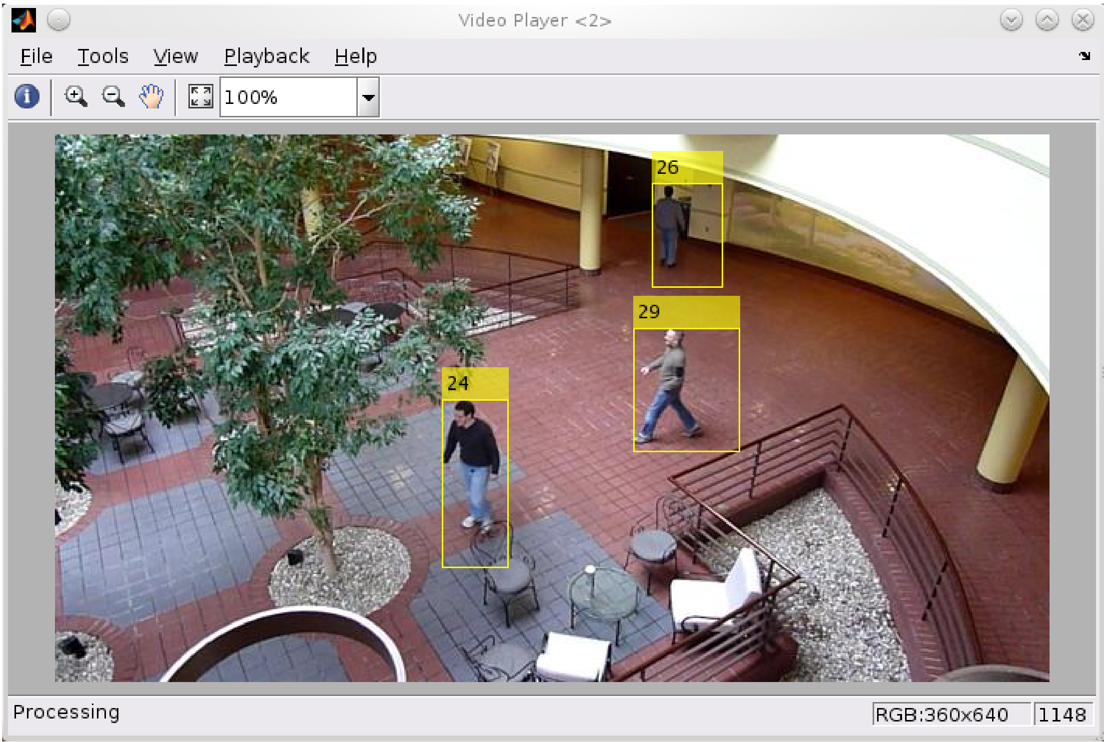
Track maintenance becomes an important aspect of this example. In any given frame, some detections may be assigned to tracks, while other detections and tracks may remain unassigned.The assigned tracks are updated using the corresponding detections. The unassigned tracks are marked invisible. An unassigned detection begins a new track.

Each track keeps count of the number of consecutive frames, where it remained unassigned. If the count exceeds a specified threshold, the example assumes that the object left the field of view and it deletes the track.

This example is a function with the main body at the top and helper routines in the form of nested functions below.

```
function multiObjectTracking()

% Create System objects used for reading video, detecting moving objects,
% and displaying the results.
obj = setupSystemObjects();

tracks = initializeTracks(); % Create an empty array of tracks.
```

```
nextId = 1; % ID of the next track

% Detect moving objects, and track them across video frames.
while ~isDone(obj.reader)
    frame = readFrame();
    [centroids, bboxes, mask] = detectObjects(frame);
    predictNewLocationsOfTracks();
    [assignments, unassignedTracks, unassignedDetections] = ...
        detectionToTrackAssignment();

    updateAssignedTracks();
    updateUnassignedTracks();
    deleteLostTracks();
    createNewTracks();

    displayTrackingResults();
end
```



Create System Objects

Create System objects used for reading the video frames, detecting foreground objects, and displaying results.

```
function obj = setupSystemObjects()
    % Initialize Video I/O
    % Create objects for reading a video from a file, drawing the tracked
    % objects in each frame, and playing the video.

    % Create a video file reader.
    obj.reader = vision.VideoFileReader('atrium.avi');

    % Create two video players, one to display the video,
    % and one to display the foreground mask.
    obj.videoPlayer = vision.VideoPlayer('Position', [20, 400, 700, 400]);
    obj.maskPlayer = vision.VideoPlayer('Position', [740, 400, 700, 400]);
```

```
        % Create System objects for foreground detection and blob analysis

        % The foreground detector is used to segment moving objects from
        % the background. It outputs a binary mask, where the pixel value
        % of 1 corresponds to the foreground and the value of 0 corresponds
        % to the background.

        obj.detector = vision.ForegroundDetector('NumGaussians', 3, ...
            'NumTrainingFrames', 40, 'MinimumBackgroundRatio', 0.7);

        % Connected groups of foreground pixels are likely to correspond to moving
        % objects.  The blob analysis System object is used to find such groups
        % (called 'blobs' or 'connected components'), and compute their
        % characteristics, such as area, centroid, and the bounding box.

        obj.blobAnalyser = vision.BlobAnalysis('BoundingBoxOutputPort', true, ...
            'AreaOutputPort', true, 'CentroidOutputPort', true, ...
            'MinimumBlobArea', 400);
    end
```

Initialize Tracks

The `initializeTracks` function creates an array of tracks, where each track is a structure representing a moving object in the video. The purpose of the structure is to maintain the state of a tracked object. The state consists of information used for detection to track assignment, track termination, and display.

The structure contains the following fields:

- `id` : the integer ID of the track
- `bbox` : the current bounding box of the object; used for display
- `kalmanFilter` : a Kalman filter object used for motion-based tracking
- `age` : the number of frames since the track was first detected
- `totalVisibleCount` : the total number of frames in which the track was detected (visible)
- `consecutiveInvisibleCount` : the number of consecutive frames for which the track was not detected (invisible).

Noisy detections tend to result in short-lived tracks. For this reason, the example only displays an object after it was tracked for some number of frames. This happens when `totalVisibleCount` exceeds a specified threshold.

When no detections are associated with a track for several consecutive frames, the example assumes that the object has left the field of view and deletes the track. This happens when `consecutiveInvisibleCount` exceeds a specified threshold. A track may also get deleted as noise if it was tracked for a short time, and marked invisible for most of the of the frames.

```
function tracks = initializeTracks()
    % create an empty array of tracks
    tracks = struct(...
        'id', {}, ...
        'bbox', {}, ...
        'kalmanFilter', {}, ...
        'age', {}, ...
        'totalVisibleCount', {}, ...
        'consecutiveInvisibleCount', {});
end
```

Read a Video Frame

Read the next video frame from the video file.

```
function frame = readFrame()
    frame = obj.reader.step();
end
```

Detect Objects

The `detectObjects` function returns the centroids and the bounding boxes of the detected objects. It also returns the binary mask, which has the same size as the input frame. Pixels with a value of 1 correspond to the foreground, and pixels with a value of 0 correspond to the background.

The function performs motion segmentation using the foreground detector. It then performs morphological operations on the resulting binary mask to remove noisy pixels and to fill the holes in the remaining blobs.

```
function [centroids, bboxes, mask] = detectObjects(frame)

    % Detect foreground.
    mask = obj.detector.step(frame);

    % Apply morphological operations to remove noise and fill in holes.
    mask = imopen(mask, strel('rectangle', [3,3]));
    mask = imclose(mask, strel('rectangle', [15, 15]));
```

```
        mask = imfill(mask, 'holes');

        % Perform blob analysis to find connected components.
        [~, centroids, bboxes] = obj.blobAnalyser.step(mask);
    end
```

Predict New Locations of Existing Tracks

Use the Kalman filter to predict the centroid of each track in the current frame, and update its bounding box accordingly.

```
    function predictNewLocationsOfTracks()
        for i = 1:length(tracks)
            bbox = tracks(i).bbox;

            % Predict the current location of the track.
            predictedCentroid = predict(tracks(i).kalmanFilter);

            % Shift the bounding box so that its center is at
            % the predicted location.
            predictedCentroid = int32(predictedCentroid) - bbox(3:4) / 2;
            tracks(i).bbox = [predictedCentroid, bbox(3:4)];
        end
    end
```

Assign Detections to Tracks

Assigning object detections in the current frame to existing tracks is done by minimizing cost. The cost is defined as the negative log-likelihood of a detection corresponding to a track.

The algorithm involves two steps:

Step 1: Compute the cost of assigning every detection to each track using the `distance` method of the `vision.KalmanFilter` System object™. The cost takes into account the Euclidean distance between the predicted centroid of the track and the centroid of the detection. It also includes the confidence of the prediction, which is maintained by the Kalman filter. The results are stored in an MxN matrix, where M is the number of tracks, and N is the number of detections.

Step 2: Solve the assignment problem represented by the cost matrix using the `assignDetectionsToTracks` function. The function takes the cost matrix and the cost of not assigning any detections to a track.

The value for the cost of not assigning a detection to a track depends on the range of values returned by the `distance` method of the `vision.KalmanFilter`. This value must be tuned experimentally. Setting it too low increases the likelihood of creating a new track, and may result in track fragmentation. Setting it too high may result in a single track corresponding to a series of separate moving objects.

The `assignDetectionsToTracks` function uses the Munkres' version of the Hungarian algorithm to compute an assignment which minimizes the total cost. It returns an M x 2 matrix containing the corresponding indices of assigned tracks and detections in its two columns. It also returns the indices of tracks and detections that remained unassigned.

```
function [assignments, unassignedTracks, unassignedDetections] = ...
        detectionToTrackAssignment()

    nTracks = length(tracks);
    nDetections = size(centroids, 1);

    % Compute the cost of assigning each detection to each track.
    cost = zeros(nTracks, nDetections);
    for i = 1:nTracks
        cost(i, :) = distance(tracks(i).kalmanFilter, centroids);
    end

    % Solve the assignment problem.
    costOfNonAssignment = 20;
    [assignments, unassignedTracks, unassignedDetections] = ...
        assignDetectionsToTracks(cost, costOfNonAssignment);
end
```

Update Assigned Tracks

The `updateAssignedTracks` function updates each assigned track with the corresponding detection. It calls the `correct` method of `vision.KalmanFilter` to correct the location estimate. Next, it stores the new bounding box, and increases the age of the track and the total visible count by 1. Finally, the function sets the invisible count to 0.

```
function updateAssignedTracks()
    numAssignedTracks = size(assignments, 1);
    for i = 1:numAssignedTracks
        trackIdx = assignments(i, 1);
        detectionIdx = assignments(i, 2);
        centroid = centroids(detectionIdx, :);
        bbox = bboxes(detectionIdx, :);
```

```
            % Correct the estimate of the object's location
            % using the new detection.
            correct(tracks(trackIdx).kalmanFilter, centroid);

            % Replace predicted bounding box with detected
            % bounding box.
            tracks(trackIdx).bbox = bbox;

            % Update track's age.
            tracks(trackIdx).age = tracks(trackIdx).age + 1;

            % Update visibility.
            tracks(trackIdx).totalVisibleCount = ...
                tracks(trackIdx).totalVisibleCount + 1;
            tracks(trackIdx).consecutiveInvisibleCount = 0;
        end
    end
```

Update Unassigned Tracks

Mark each unassigned track as invisible, and increase its age by 1.

```
    function updateUnassignedTracks()
        for i = 1:length(unassignedTracks)
            ind = unassignedTracks(i);
            tracks(ind).age = tracks(ind).age + 1;
            tracks(ind).consecutiveInvisibleCount = ...
                tracks(ind).consecutiveInvisibleCount + 1;
        end
    end
```

Delete Lost Tracks

The `deleteLostTracks` function deletes tracks that have been invisible for too many consecutive frames. It also deletes recently created tracks that have been invisible for too many frames overall.

```
    function deleteLostTracks()
        if isempty(tracks)
            return;
        end

        invisibleForTooLong = 20;
        ageThreshold = 8;
```

```
        % Compute the fraction of the track's age for which it was visible.
        ages = [tracks(:).age];
        totalVisibleCounts = [tracks(:).totalVisibleCount];
        visibility = totalVisibleCounts ./ ages;

        % Find the indices of 'lost' tracks.
        lostInds = (ages < ageThreshold & visibility < 0.6) | ...
            [tracks(:).consecutiveInvisibleCount] >= invisibleForTooLong;

        % Delete lost tracks.
        tracks = tracks(~lostInds);
    end
```

Create New Tracks

Create new tracks from unassigned detections. Assume that any unassigned detection is a start of a new track. In practice, you can use other cues to eliminate noisy detections, such as size, location, or appearance.

```
    function createNewTracks()
        centroids = centroids(unassignedDetections, :);
        bboxes = bboxes(unassignedDetections, :);

        for i = 1:size(centroids, 1)

            centroid = centroids(i,:);
            bbox = bboxes(i, :);

            % Create a Kalman filter object.
            kalmanFilter = configureKalmanFilter('ConstantVelocity', ...
                centroid, [200, 50], [100, 25], 100);

            % Create a new track.
            newTrack = struct(...
                'id', nextId, ...
                'bbox', bbox, ...
                'kalmanFilter', kalmanFilter, ...
                'age', 1, ...
                'totalVisibleCount', 1, ...
                'consecutiveInvisibleCount', 0);

            % Add it to the array of tracks.
            tracks(end + 1) = newTrack;
```

```
            % Increment the next id.
            nextId = nextId + 1;
        end
    end
```

Display Tracking Results

The `displayTrackingResults` function draws a bounding box and label ID for each track on the video frame and the foreground mask. It then displays the frame and the mask in their respective video players.

```
    function displayTrackingResults()
        % Convert the frame and the mask to uint8 RGB.
        frame = im2uint8(frame);
        mask = uint8(repmat(mask, [1, 1, 3])) .* 255;

        minVisibleCount = 8;
        if ~isempty(tracks)

            % Noisy detections tend to result in short-lived tracks.
            % Only display tracks that have been visible for more than
            % a minimum number of frames.
            reliableTrackInds = ...
                [tracks(:).totalVisibleCount] > minVisibleCount;
            reliableTracks = tracks(reliableTrackInds);

            % Display the objects. If an object has not been detected
            % in this frame, display its predicted bounding box.
            if ~isempty(reliableTracks)
                % Get bounding boxes.
                bboxes = cat(1, reliableTracks.bbox);

                % Get ids.
                ids = int32([reliableTracks(:).id]);

                % Create labels for objects indicating the ones for
                % which we display the predicted rather than the actual
                % location.
                labels = cellstr(int2str(ids'));
                predictedTrackInds = ...
                    [reliableTracks(:).consecutiveInvisibleCount] > 0;
                isPredicted = cell(size(labels));
                isPredicted(predictedTrackInds) = {' predicted'};
                labels = strcat(labels, isPredicted);
```

```
                % Draw the objects on the frame.
                frame = insertObjectAnnotation(frame, 'rectangle', ...
                    bboxes, labels);

                % Draw the objects on the mask.
                mask = insertObjectAnnotation(mask, 'rectangle', ...
                    bboxes, labels);
            end
        end

        % Display the mask and the frame.
        obj.maskPlayer.step(mask);
        obj.videoPlayer.step(frame);
    end
```

Summary

This example created a motion-based system for detecting and tracking multiple moving objects. Try using a different video to see if you are able to detect and track objects. Try modifying the parameters for the detection, assignment, and deletion steps.

The tracking in this example was solely based on motion with the assumption that all objects move in a straight line with constant speed. When the motion of an object significantly deviates from this model, the example may produce tracking errors. Notice the mistake in tracking the person labeled #12, when he is occluded by the tree.

The likelihood of tracking errors can be reduced by using a more complex motion model, such as constant acceleration, or by using multiple Kalman filters for every object. Also, you can incorporate other cues for associating detections over time, such as size, shape, and color.

```
end
```

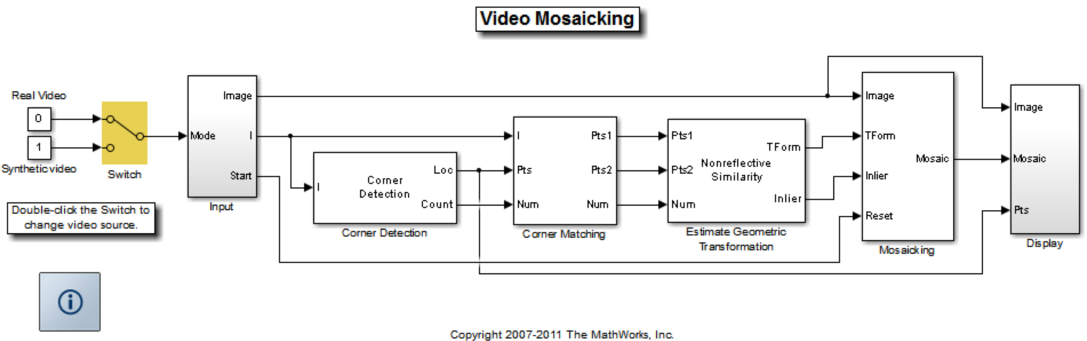
Video Mosaicking

This example shows how to create a mosaic from a video sequence. Video mosaicking is the process of stitching video frames together to form a comprehensive view of the scene. The resulting mosaic image is a compact representation of the video data. The Video Mosaicking block is often used in video compression and surveillance applications.

This example illustrates how to use the Corner Detection block, the Estimate Geometric Transformation block, the Projective Transform block, and the Compositing block to create a mosaic image from a video sequence.

Example Model

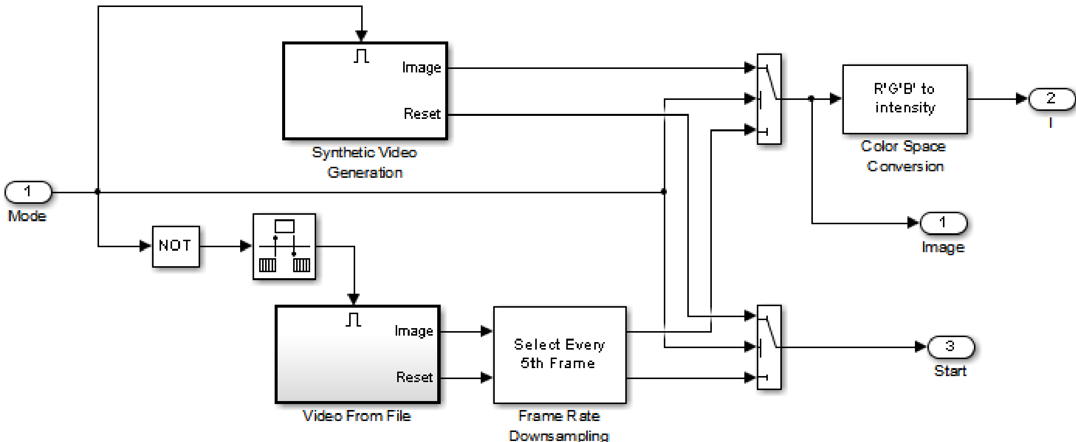
The following figure shows the Video Mosaicking model:



The Input subsystem loads a video sequence from either a file, or generates a synthetic video sequence. The choice is user defined. First, the Corner Detection block finds points that are matched between successive frames by the Corner Matching subsystem. Then the Estimate Geometric Transformation block computes an accurate estimate of the transformation matrix. This block uses the RANSAC algorithm to eliminate outlier input points, reducing error along the seams of the output mosaic image. Finally, the Mosaicking subsystem overlays the current video frame onto the output image to generate a mosaic.

Input Subsystem

The Input subsystem can be configured to load a video sequence from a file, or to generate a synthetic video sequence.

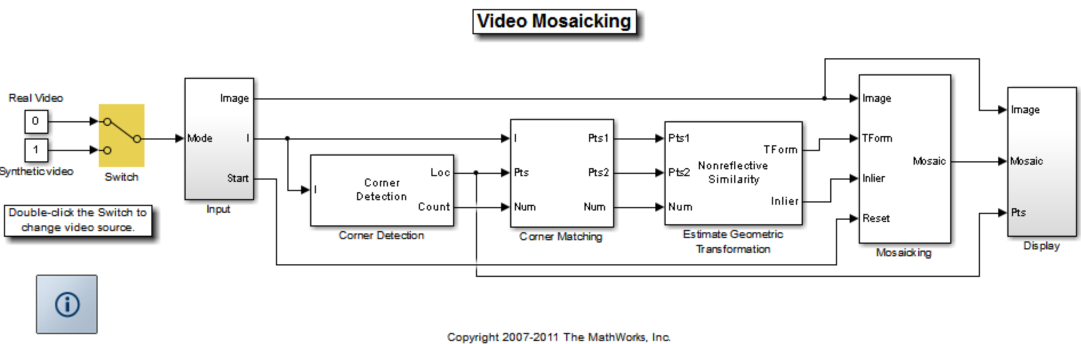


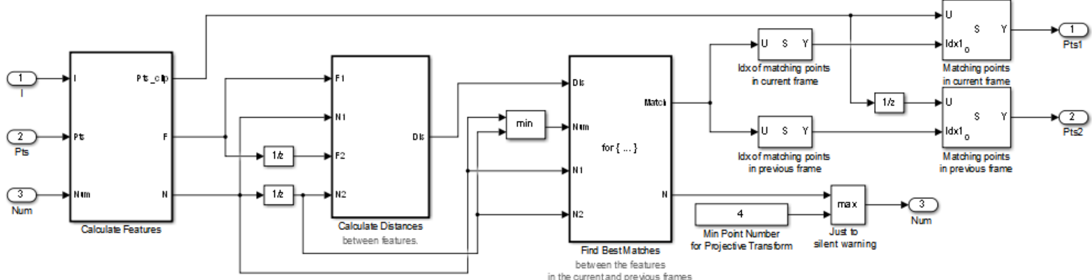
If you choose to use a video sequence from a file, you can reduce computation time by processing only some of the video frames. This is done by setting the downsampling rate in the Frame Rate Downsampling subsystem.

If you choose a synthetic video sequence, you can set the speed of translation and rotation, output image size and origin, and the level of noise. The output of the synthetic video sequence generator mimics the images captured by a perspective camera with arbitrary motion over a planar surface.

Corner Matching Subsystem

The subsystem finds corner features in the current video frame in one of three methods. The example uses Local intensity comparison (Rosen & Drummond), which is the fastest method. The other methods available are the Harris corner detection (Harris & Stephens) and the Minimum Eigenvalue (Shi & Tomasi).

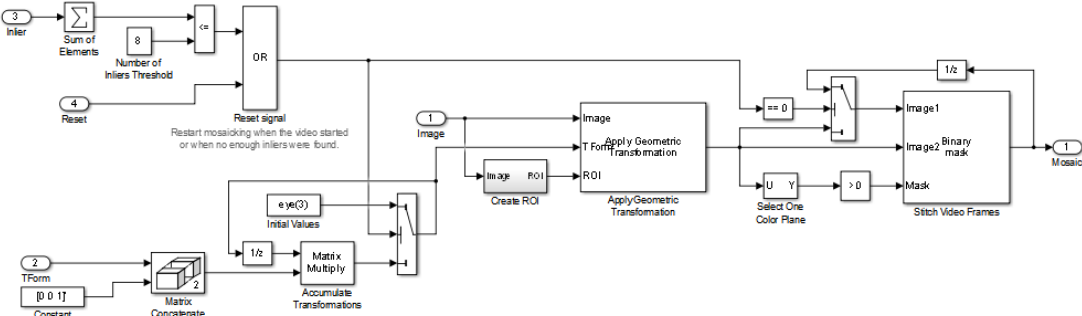




The Corner Matching Subsystem finds the number of corners, location, and their metric values. The subsystem then calculates the distances between all features in the current frame with those in the previous frame. By searching for the minimum distances, the subsystem finds the best matching features.

Mosaicking Subsystem

By accumulating transformation matrices between consecutive video frames, the subsystem calculates the transformation matrix between the current and the first video frame. The subsystem then overlays the current video frame on to the output image. By repeating this process, the subsystem generates a mosaic image.

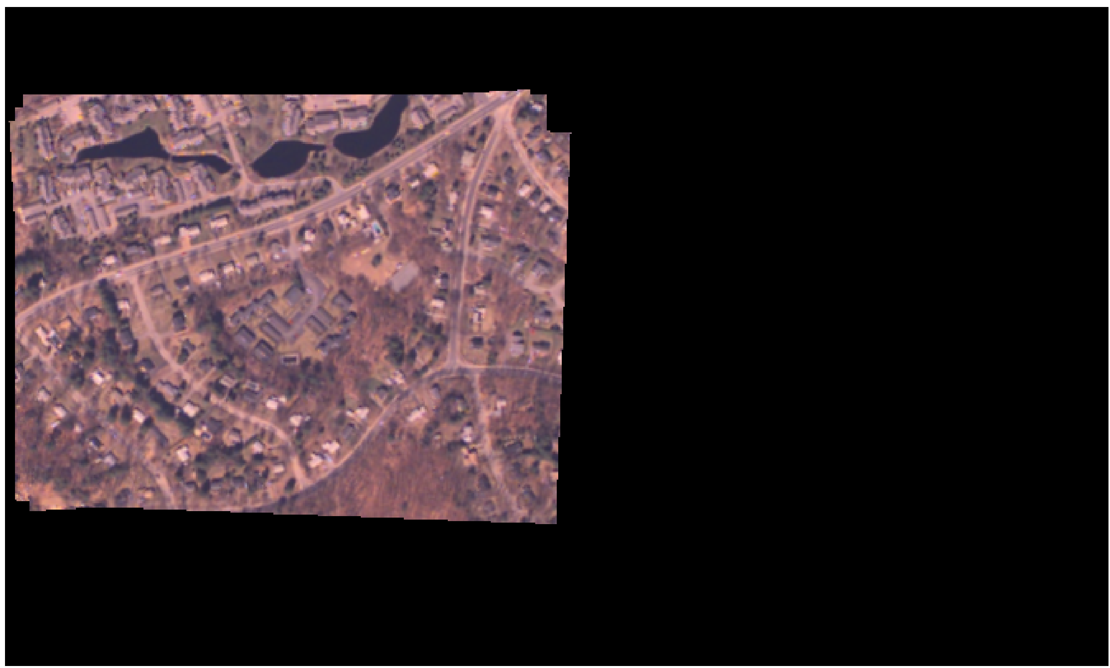


The subsystem is reset when the video sequence rewinds or when the Estimate Geometric Transformation block does not find enough inliers.

Video Mosaicking Using Synthetic Video

The Corners window shows the corner locations in the current video frame.

The Mosaic window shows the resulting mosaic image.



Video Mosaicking Using Captured Video

The Corners window shows the corner locations in the current video frame.

The Mosaic window shows the resulting mosaic image.

Pattern Matching

This example shows how to use the 2-D normalized cross-correlation for pattern matching and target tracking. The example uses predefined or user specified target and number of similar targets to be tracked. The normalized cross correlation plot shows that when the value exceeds the set threshold, the target is identified.

Introduction

In this example you use normalized cross correlation to track a target pattern in a video. The pattern matching algorithm involves the following steps:

- The input video frame and the template are reduced in size to minimize the amount of computation required by the matching algorithm.
- Normalized cross correlation, in the frequency domain, is used to find a template in the video frame.
- The location of the pattern is determined by finding the maximum cross correlation value.

Initialization

Initialize required variables such as the threshold value for the cross correlation and the decomposition level for Gaussian Pyramid decomposition.

```
threshold = single(0.99);
level = 2;
```

Create System object™ to read a video file.

```
hVideoSrc = vision.VideoFileReader('vipboard.avi', ...
                                   'VideoOutputDataType', 'single',...
                                   'ImageColorSpace', 'Intensity');
```

Create three gaussian pyramid System objects for decomposing the target template and decomposing the Image under Test(IUT). The decomposition is done so that the cross correlation can be computed over a small region instead of the entire original size of the image.

```
hGaussPymd1 = vision.Pyramid('PyramidLevel',level);
hGaussPymd2 = vision.Pyramid('PyramidLevel',level);
hGaussPymd3 = vision.Pyramid('PyramidLevel',level);
```

Create a System object to rotate the image by angle of pi before computing multiplication with the target in the frequency domain which is equivalent to correlation.

```
hRotate1 = vision.GeometricRotator('Angle', pi);
```

Create two 2-D FFT System objects one for the image under test and the other for the target.

```
hFFT2D1 = vision.FFT;
hFFT2D2 = vision.FFT;
```

Create a System object to perform 2-D inverse FFT after performing correlation (equivalent to multiplication) in the frequency domain.

```
hIFFFT2D = vision.IFFT;
```

Create 2-D convolution System object to average the image energy in tiles of the same dimension of the target.

```
hConv2D = vision.Convolver('OutputSize','Valid');
```

Here you implement the following sequence of operations.

```
% Specify the target image and number of similar targets to be tracked. By
% default, the example uses a predefined target and finds up to 2 similar
% patterns. Set the variable useDefaultTarget to false to specify a new
% target and the number of similar targets to match.
useDefaultTarget = true;
[Img, numberOfTargets, target_image] = ...
  videopattern_gettemplate(useDefaultTarget);

% Downsample the target image by a predefined factor using the
% gaussian pyramid System object. You do this to reduce the amount of
% computation for cross correlation.
target_image = single(target_image);
target_dim_nopyramid = size(target_image);
target_image_gp = step(hGaussPymd1, target_image);
target_energy = sqrt(sum(target_image_gp(:).^2));

% Rotate the target image by 180 degrees, and perform zero padding so that
% the dimensions of both the target and the input image are the same.
target_image_rot = step(hRotate1, target_image_gp);
[rt, ct] = size(target_image_rot);
Img = single(Img);
Img = step(hGaussPymd2, Img);
[ri, ci]= size(Img);
r_mod = 2^nextpow2(rt + ri);
c_mod = 2^nextpow2(ct + ci);
target_image_p = [target_image_rot zeros(rt, c_mod-ct)];
```

```
target_image_p = [target_image_p; zeros(r_mod-rt, c_mod)];

% Compute the 2-D FFT of the target image
target_fft = step(hFFT2D1, target_image_p);

% Initialize constant variables used in the processing loop.
target_size = repmat(target_dim_nopyramid, [numberOfTargets, 1]);
gain = 2^(level);
Im_p = zeros(r_mod, c_mod, 'single'); % Used for zero padding
C_ones = ones(rt, ct, 'single');      % Used to calculate mean using conv
```

Create a System object to calculate the local maximum value for the normalized cross correlation.

```
hFindMax = vision.LocalMaximaFinder( ...
            'Threshold', single(-1), ...
            'MaximumNumLocalMaxima', numberOfTargets, ...
            'NeighborhoodSize', floor(size(target_image_gp)/2)*2 - 1);
```

Create a System object to display the tracking of the pattern.

```
sz = get(0,'ScreenSize');
pos = [20 sz(4)-400 400 300];
hROIPattern = vision.VideoPlayer('Name', 'Overlay the ROI on the target', ...
    'Position', pos);
```

Initialize figure window for plotting the normalized cross correlation value

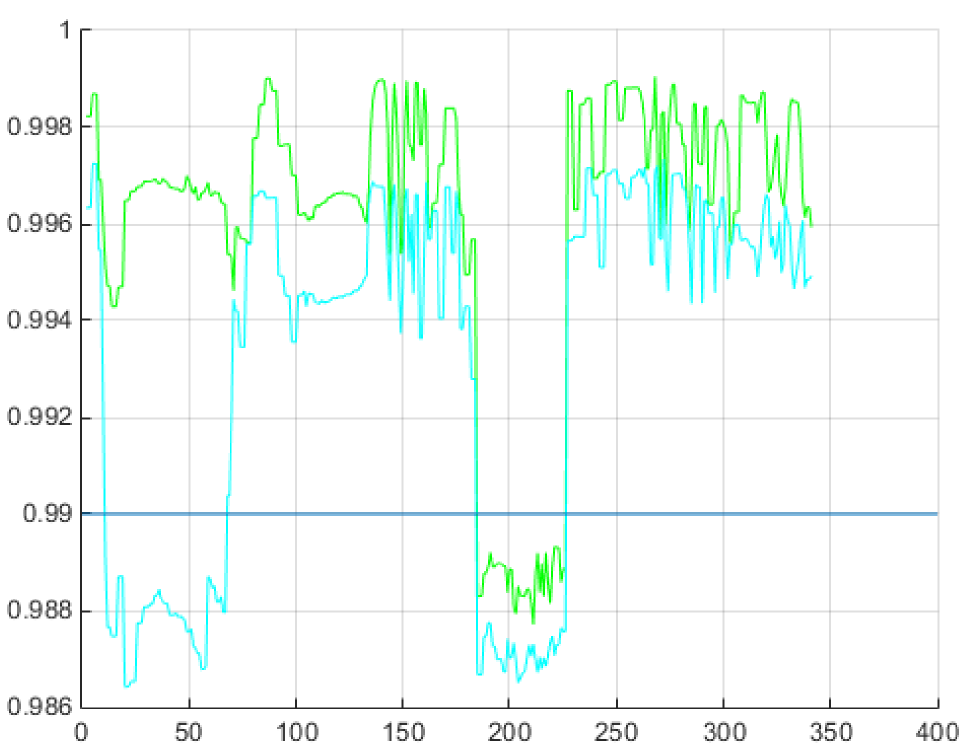
```
hPlot = videopatternplots('setup',numberOfTargets, threshold);
```

Video Processing Loop

Create a processing loop to perform pattern matching on the input video. This loop uses the System objects you instantiated above. The loop is stopped when you reach the end of the input file, which is detected by the `VideoFileReader` System object.

```
while ~isDone(hVideoSrc)
    Im = step(hVideoSrc);
    Im_gp = step(hGaussPymd3, Im);

    % Frequency domain convolution.
    Im_p(1:ri, 1:ci) = Im_gp;    % Zero-pad
    img_fft = step(hFFT2D2, Im_p);
    corr_freq = img_fft .* target_fft;
    corrOutput_f = step(hIFFFT2D, corr_freq);
    corrOutput_f = corrOutput_f(rt:ri, ct:ci);
```

```
    % Calculate image energies and block run tiles that are size of
    % target template.
    IUT_energy = (Im_gp).^2;
    IUT = step(hConv2D, IUT_energy, C_ones);
    IUT = sqrt(IUT);

    % Calculate normalized cross correlation.
    norm_Corr_f = (corrOutput_f) ./ (IUT * target_energy);
    xyLocation = step(hFindMax, norm_Corr_f);

    % Calculate linear indices.
    linear_index = sub2ind([ri-rt, ci-ct]+1, xyLocation(:,2),...
        xyLocation(:,1));

    norm_Corr_f_linear = norm_Corr_f(:);
    norm_Corr_value = norm_Corr_f_linear(linear_index);
    detect = (norm_Corr_value > threshold);
    target_roi = zeros(length(detect), 4);
    ul_corner = (gain.*(xyLocation(detect, :)-1))+1;
    target_roi(detect, :) = [ul_corner, fliplr(target_size(detect, :))];

    % Draw bounding box.
    Imf = insertShape(Im, 'Rectangle', target_roi, 'Color', 'green');
    % Plot normalized cross correlation.
    videopatternplots('update',hPlot,norm_Corr_value);
    step(hROIPattern, Imf);
end

release(hVideoSrc);
```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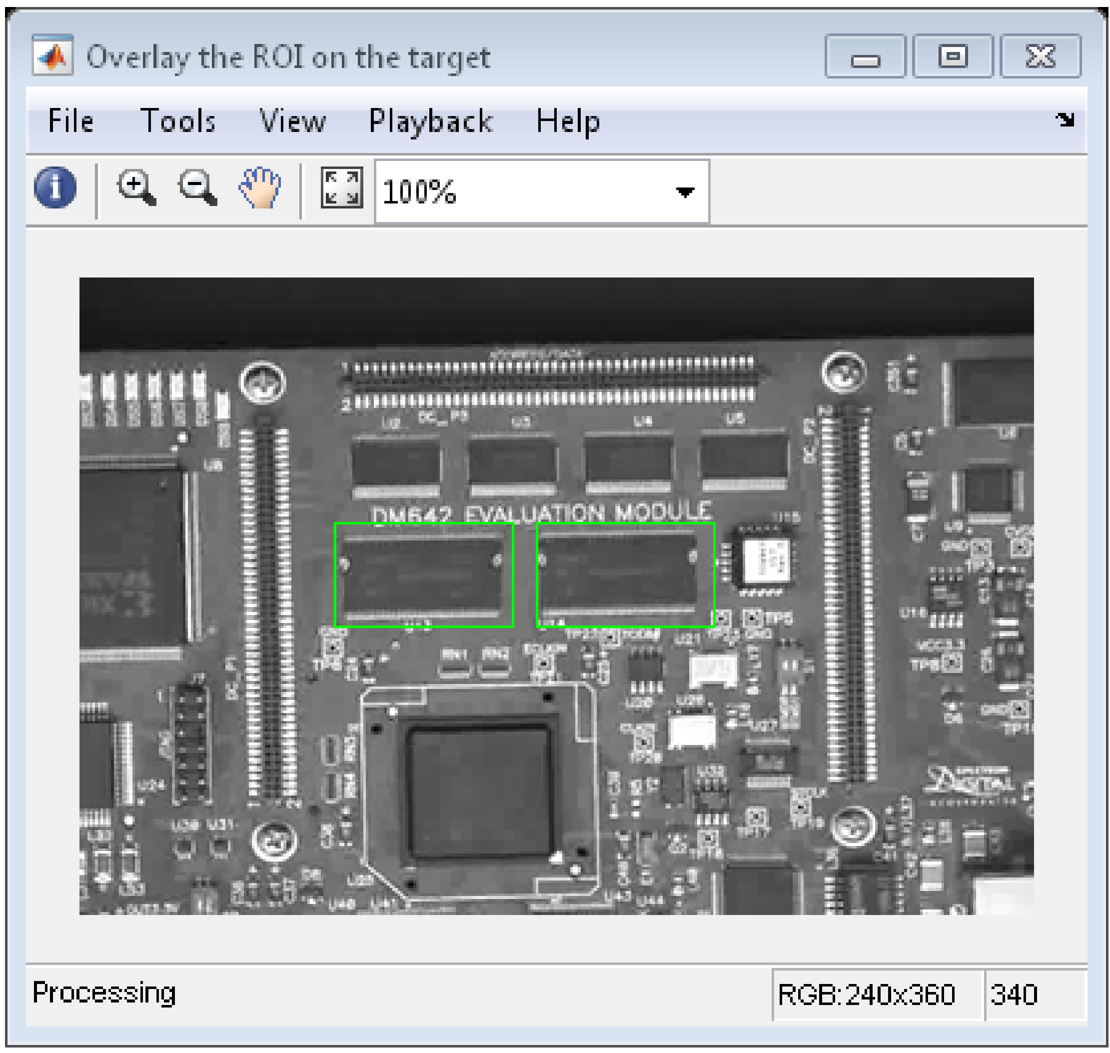


Summary

This example shows use of Computer Vision System Toolbox™ to find a user defined pattern in a video and track it. The algorithm is based on normalized frequency domain cross correlation between the target and the image under test. The video player window displays the input video with the identified target locations. Also a figure displays the normalized correlation between the target and the image which is used as a metric to

match the target. As can be seen whenever the correlation value exceeds the threshold (indicated by the blue line), the target is identified in the input video and the location is marked by the green bounding box.

Appendix

The following helper functions are used in this example.

- videopattern_gettemplate.m
- videopatternplots.m

Pattern Matching

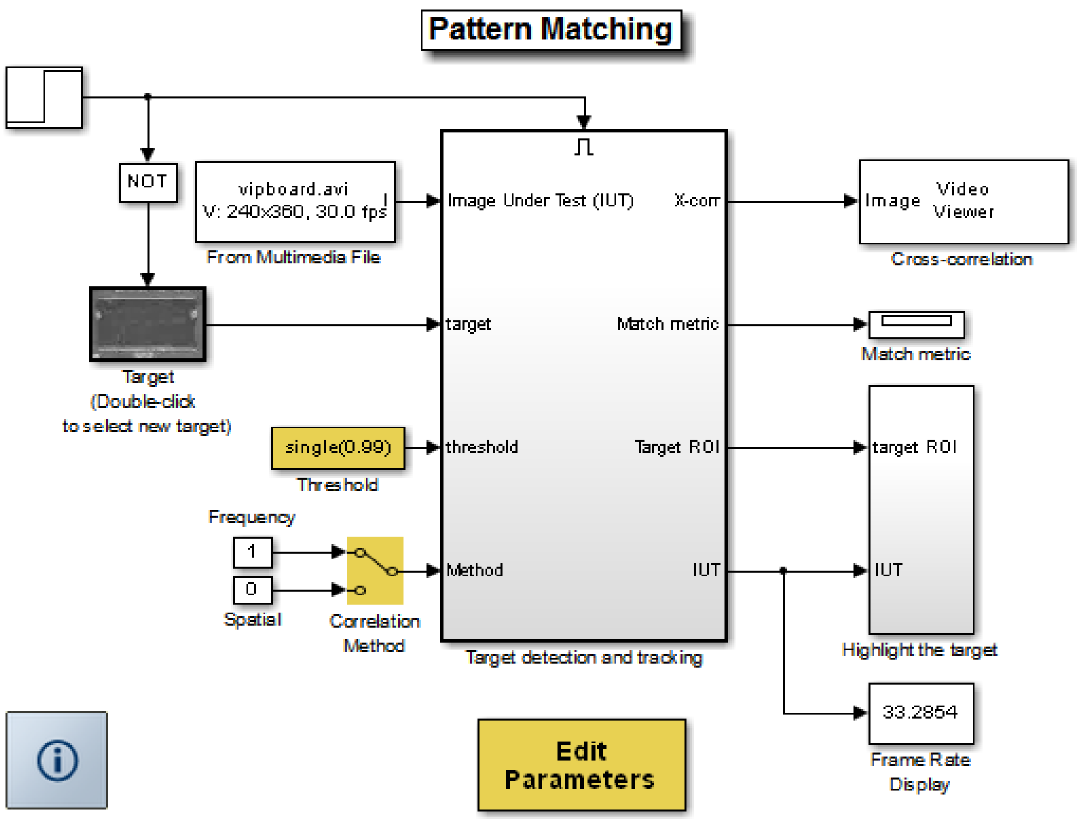
This example shows how to use the 2-D normalized cross-correlation for pattern matching and target tracking.

Double-click the Edit Parameters block to select the number of similar targets to detect. You can also change the pyramiding factor. By increasing it, you can match the target template to each video frame more quickly. Changing the pyramiding factor might require you to change the Threshold value.

Additionally, you can double-click the Correlation Method switch to specify the domain in which to perform the cross-correlation. The relative size of the target to the input video frame and the pyramiding factor determine which domain computation is faster.

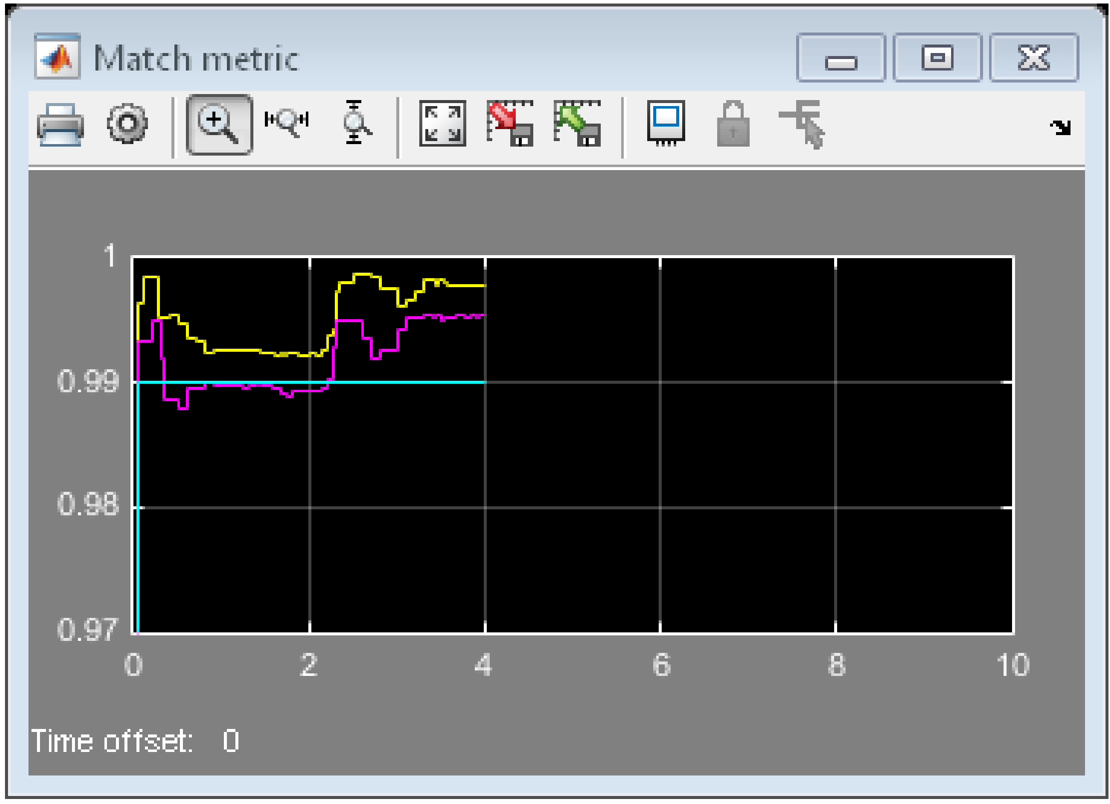
Example Model

The following figure shows the Pattern Matching model:



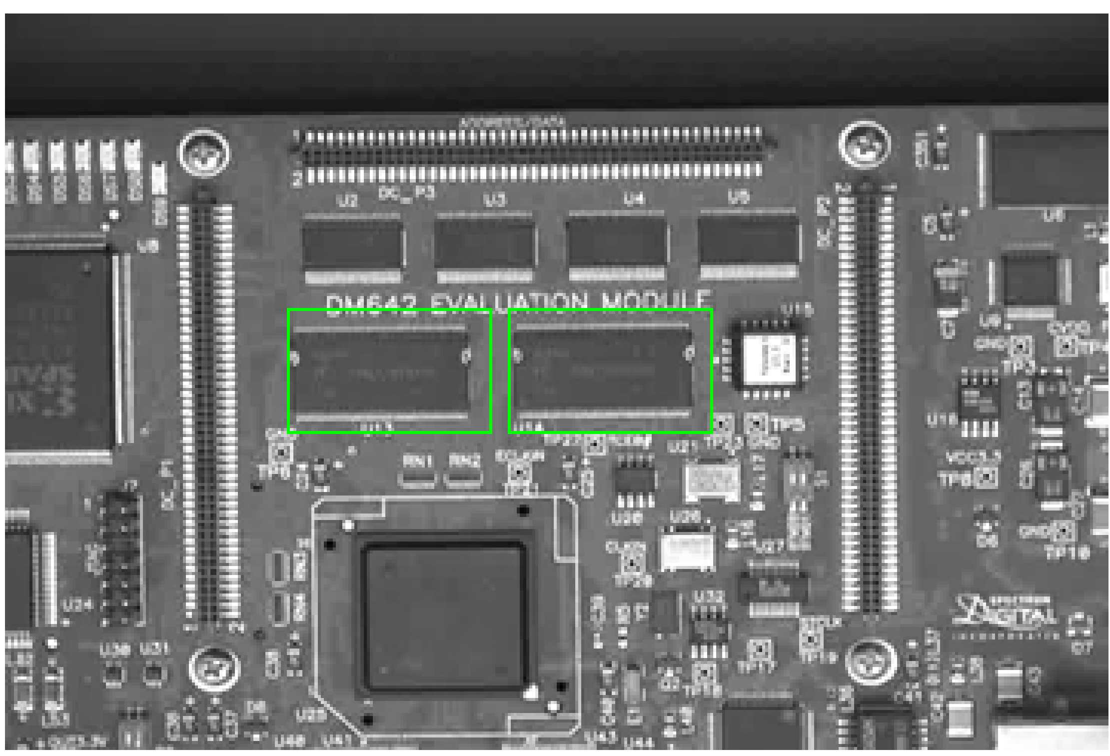
Pattern Matching Results

The Match metric window shows the variation of the target match metrics. The model determines that the target template is present in a video frame when the match metric exceeds a threshold (cyan line).



The Cross-correlation window shows the result of cross-correlating the target template with a video frame. Large values in this window correspond to the locations of the targets in the input image.

The Overlay window shows the locations of the targets by highlighting them with rectangular regions of interest (ROIs). These ROIs are present only when the targets are detected in the video frame.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Track an Object Using Correlation

You can open the example model by typing

`ex_vision_track_object`
on the MATLAB command line.

In this example, you use the 2-D Correlation, 2-D Maximum, and Draw Shapes blocks to find and indicate the location of a sculpture in each video frame:

1. Create a new Simulink model, and add to it the blocks shown in the following table.

Block	Library	Quantity
Read Binary File	Computer Vision System Toolbox > Sources	1
Image Data Type Conversion	Computer Vision System Toolbox > Conversions	1
Image From File	Computer Vision System Toolbox > Sources	1
2-D Correlation	Computer Vision System Toolbox > Statistics	1
2-D Maximum	Computer Vision System Toolbox > Statistics	1
Draw Shapes	Computer Vision System Toolbox > Text & Graphics	1
Video Viewer	Computer Vision System Toolbox > Sinks	1
Data Type Conversion	Simulink > Signal Attributes	1
Constant	Simulink > Sources	1
Mux	Simulink > Signal Routing	1

2. Use the Read Binary File block to import a binary file into the model. Set the block parameters as follows:

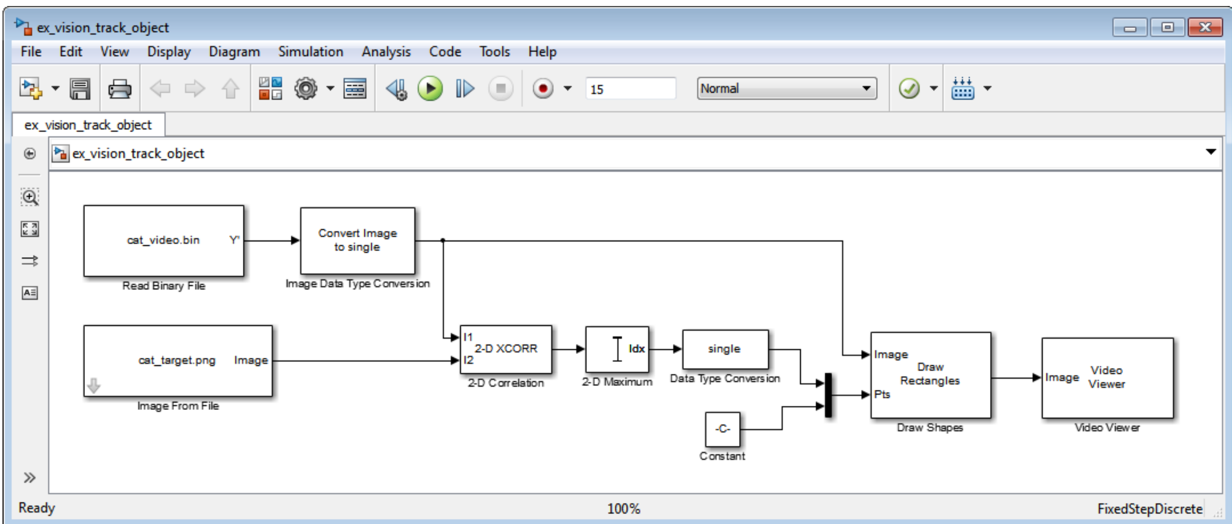
   - **File name** = `cat_video.bin`
   - **Four character code** = `GREY`
   - **Number of times to play file** = `inf`

- **Sample time** = `1/30`

3. Use the Image Data Type Conversion block to convert the data type of the video to single-precision floating point. Accept the default parameter.
4. Use the Image From File block to import the image of the cat sculpture, which is the object you want to track. Set the block parameters as follows:
   - **Main** pane, **File name** = `cat_target.png`
   - **Data Types** pane, **Output data type** = `single`
5. Use the 2-D Correlation block to determine the portion of each video frame that best matches the image of the cat sculpture. Set the block parameters as follows:
   - **Output size** = `Valid`
   - Select the **Normalized output** check box.

   Because you chose `Valid` for the **Output size** parameter, the block outputs only those parts of the correlation that are computed without the zero-padded edges of any input.
6. Use the 2-D Maximum block to find the index of the maximum value in each input matrix. Set the **Mode** parameter to `Index`. This block outputs the zero-based location of the maximum value as a two-element vector of 32-bit unsigned integers at the **Idx** port.
7. Use the Data Type Conversion block to change the index values from 32-bit unsigned integers to single-precision floating-point values. Set the **Output data type** parameter to `single`.
8. Use the Constant block to define the size of the image of the cat sculpture. Set the **Constant value** parameter to `single([41 41])`.
9. Use the Mux block to concatenate the location of the maximum value and the size of the image of the cat sculpture into a single vector. You use this vector to define a rectangular region of interest (ROI) that you pass to the Draw Shapes block.
10. Use the Draw Shapes block to draw a rectangle around the portion of each video frame that best matches the image of the cat sculpture. Accept the default parameters.
11. Use the Video Viewer block to display the video stream with the ROI displayed on it. Accept the default parameters. This block automatically displays the video in the Video Viewer window when you run the model. Because the image is represented by single-precision floating-point values, a value of 0 corresponds to black and a value of 1 corresponds to white.

12 Connect the blocks as shown in the following figure.

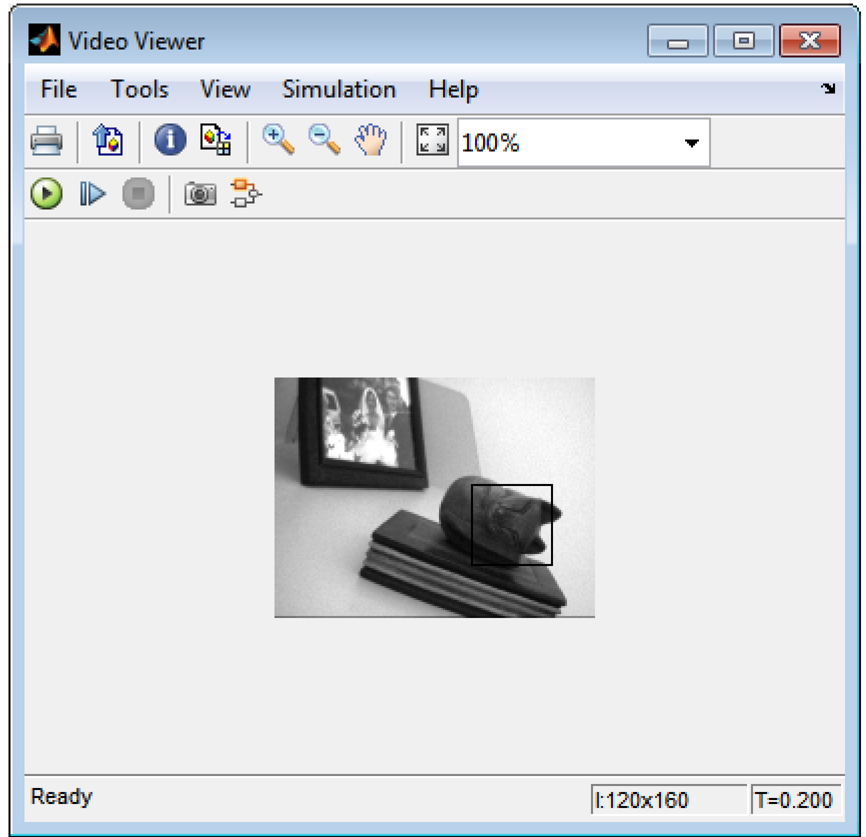


13 Set the configuration parameters. Open the Configuration dialog box by selecting **Model Configuration Parameters** from the **Simulation** menu. Set the parameters as follows:

- **Solver** pane, **Stop time** = `inf`
- **Solver** pane, **Type** = `Fixed-step`
- **Solver** pane, **Solver** = `Discrete (no continuous states)`

14 Run the simulation.

The video is displayed in the Video Viewer window and a rectangular box appears around the cat sculpture. To view the video at its true size, right-click the window and select **Set Display To True Size**.



As the video plays, you can watch the rectangular ROI follow the sculpture as it moves.

In this example, you used the 2-D Correlation, 2-D Maximum, and Draw Shapes blocks to track the motion of an object in a video stream. For more information about these blocks, see the 2-D Correlation, 2-D Maximum, and Draw Shapes block reference pages.

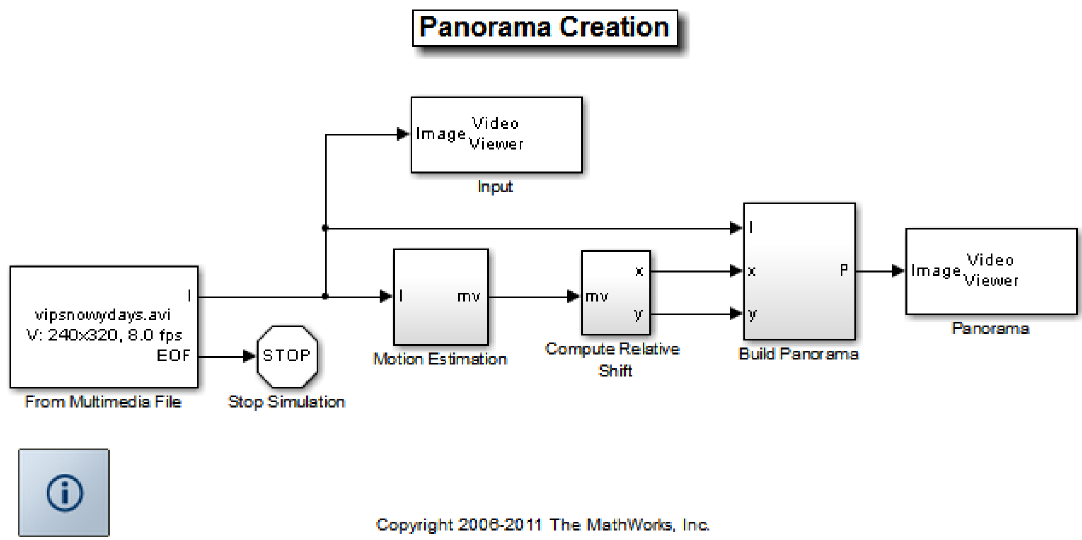
Note This example model does not provide an indication of whether or not the sculpture is present in each video frame. For an example of this type of model, type `vippattern` at the MATLAB command prompt.

Panorama Creation

This example shows how to create a panorama from a video sequence. The model calculates the motion vector between two adjacent video frames and uses it to find the portion of each frame that best matches the previous frame. Then it selects the matching portion and concatenates it with the previous frame. By repeating this process, it builds a panoramic image out of the video sequence.

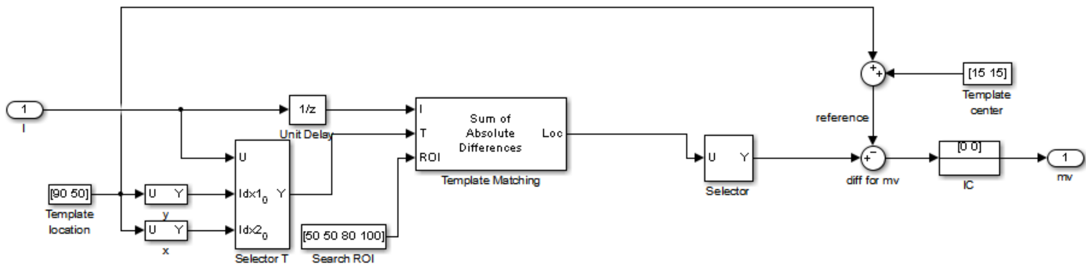
Example Model

The following figure shows the Panorama Creation model:



Motion Estimation Subsystem

This model computes the Sum of Absolute Differences (SAD) using Template Matching block to estimate the motion between consecutive video frames. Then it computes the motion vector of a particular block in the current frame with respect to the previous frame. The model uses this motion vector to align consecutive frames of the video to form a panoramic picture.



Panorama Creation Results

The model takes the video sequence in the Input window and creates a panorama, which it displays in the Panorama window. Note that this method of panoramic picture creation assumes there is no zooming or rotational variation in the video.

Available Example Versions

Windows® only: vippanorama_win.slx

Platform independent: vippanorama_all.slx

Windows-only example models might contain compressed multimedia files or To Video Display blocks, both of which are only supported on Windows platforms. The To Video Display block supports code generation, and its performance is optimized for Windows.

Geometric Transformations

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Rotate an Image

You can use the Rotate block to rotate your image or video stream by a specified angle. In this example, you learn how to use the Rotate block to continuously rotate an image.

Note: Running this example requires a DSP System Toolbox license.

```
ex_vision_rotate_image
```

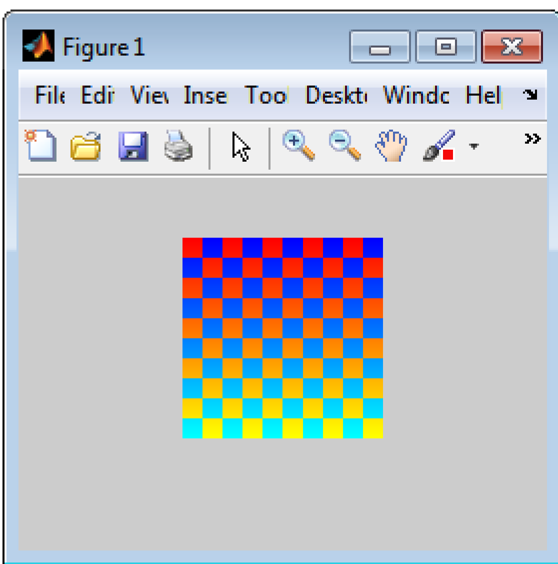
1. Define an RGB image in the MATLAB workspace. At the MATLAB command prompt, type

   ```
   I = checker_board;
   ```

   `I` is a 100-by-100-by-3 array of double-precision values. Each plane of the array represents the red, green, or blue color values of the image.

2. To view the image this matrix represents, at the MATLAB command prompt, type

   ```
   imshow(I)
   ```



3. Create a new Simulink model, and add to it the blocks shown in the following table.

Block	Library	Quantity
Image From Workspace	Computer Vision System Toolbox > Sources	1
Rotate	Computer Vision System Toolbox > Geometric Transformations	1
Video Viewer	Computer Vision System Toolbox > Sinks	2
Gain	Simulink > Math Operations	1
Display	DSP System Toolbox > Sinks	1
Counter	DSP System Toolbox > Signal Management > Switches and Counters	1

4. Use the Image From Workspace block to import the RGB image from the MATLAB workspace. On the Main pane, set the **Value** parameter to `I`. Each plane of the array represents the red, green, or blue color values of the image.

5. Use the Video Viewer block to display the original image. Accept the default parameters.

   The Video Viewer block automatically displays the original image in the Video Viewer window when you run the model. Because the image is represented by double-precision floating-point values, a value of 0 corresponds to black and a value of 1 corresponds to white.

6. Use the Rotate block to rotate the image. Set the block parameters as follows:

   - **Rotation angle source** = `Input port`
   - **Sine value computation method** = `Trigonometric function`

   The Angle port appears on the block. You use this port to input a steadily increasing angle. Setting the **Output size** parameter to `Expanded to fit rotated input image` ensures that the block does not crop the output.

7. Use the Video Viewer1 block to display the rotating image. Accept the default parameters.

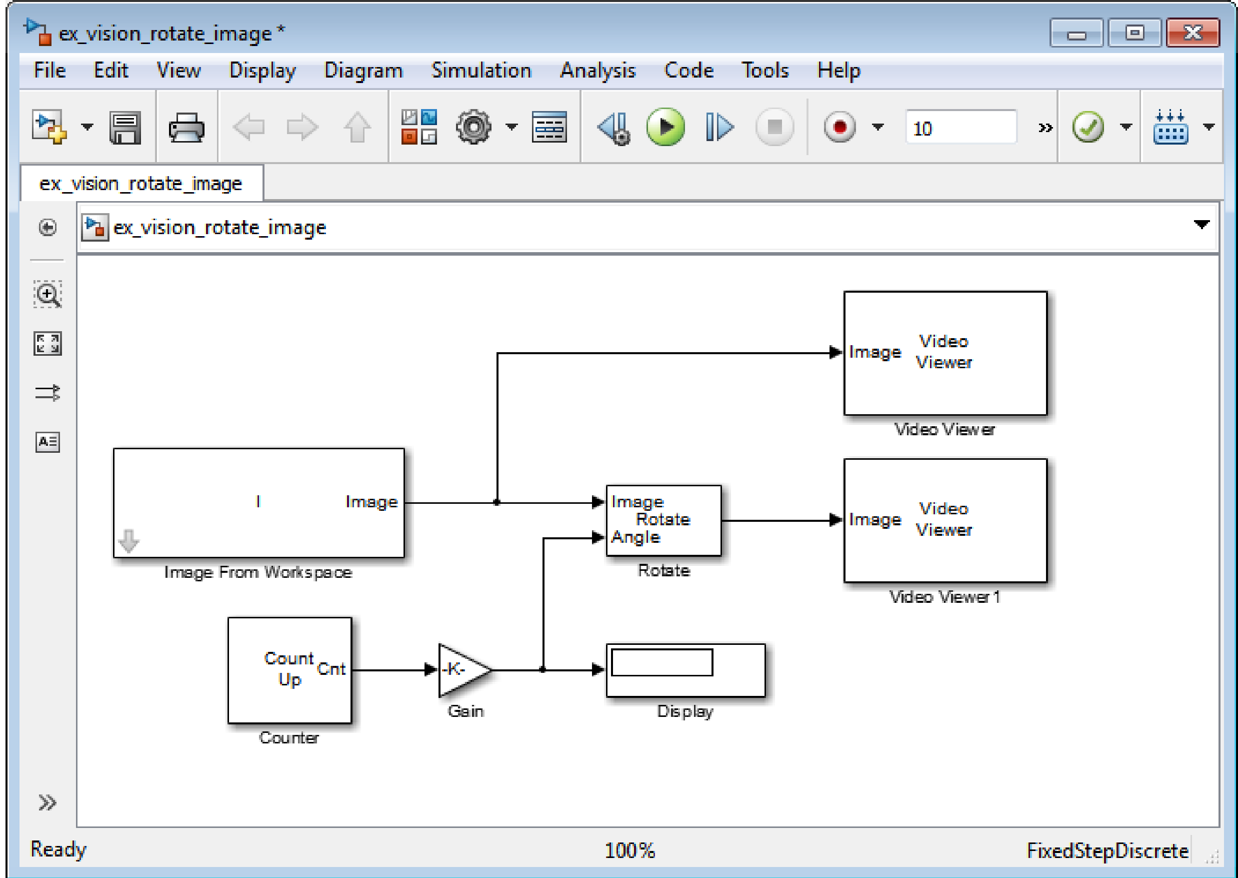
8. Use the Counter block to create a steadily increasing angle. Set the block parameters as follows:

   - **Count event** = `Free running`

- **Counter size** = `16 bits`
- **Output** = `Count`
- Clear the **Reset input** check box.
- **Sample time** = `1/30`

The Counter block counts upward until it reaches the maximum value that can be represented by 16 bits. Then, it starts again at zero. You can view its output value on the Display block while the simulation is running. The Counter block's **Count data type** parameter enables you to specify it's output data type.

9. Use the Gain block to convert the output of the Counter block from degrees to radians. Set the **Gain** parameter to `pi/180`.
10. Connect the blocks as shown in the following figure.

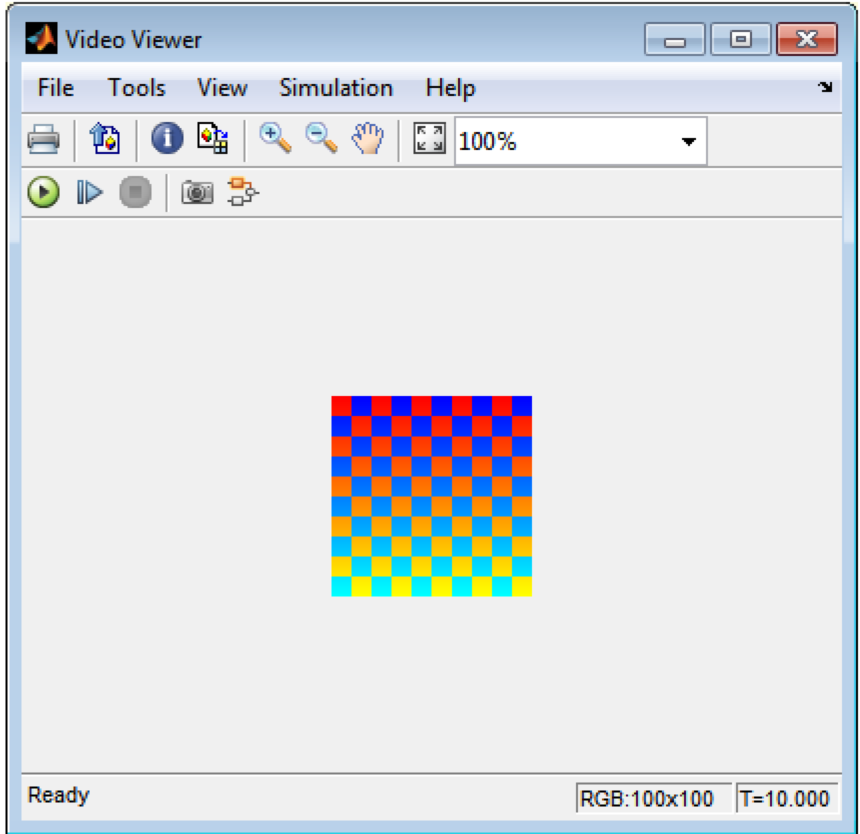


11 Set the configuration parameters. Open the Configuration dialog box by selecting **Model Configuration Parameters** from the **Simulation** menu. Set the parameters as follows:

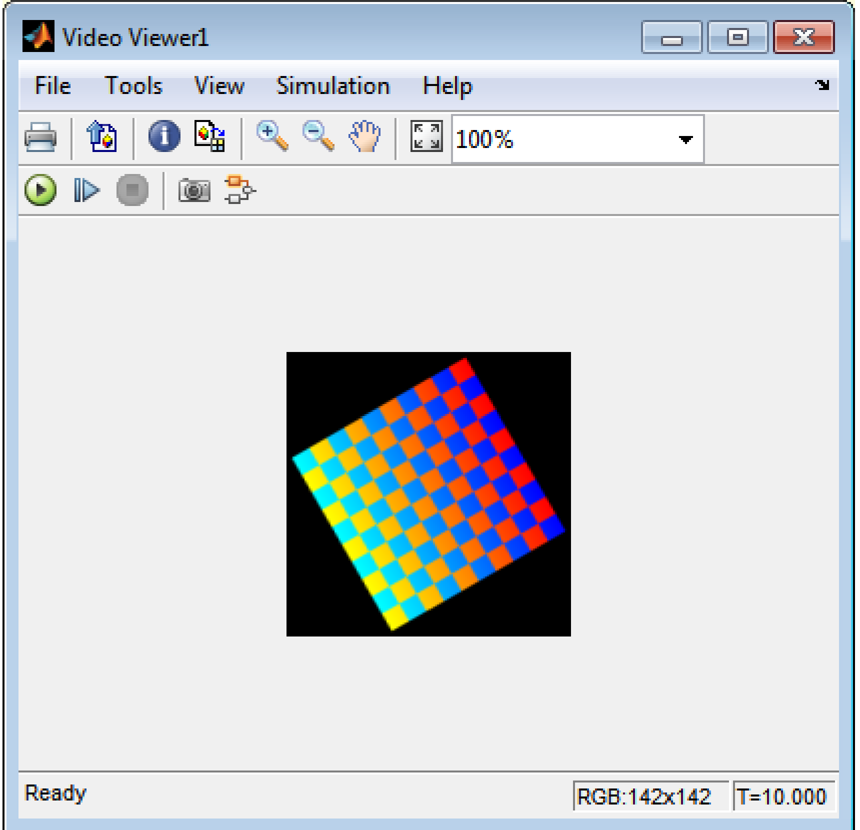
- **Solver** pane, **Stop time** = `inf`
- **Solver** pane, **Type** = `Fixed-step`
- **Solver** pane, **Solver** = `Discrete (no continuous states)`

12 Run the model.

The original image appears in the Video Viewer window.



The rotating image appears in the Video Viewer1 window.



In this example, you used the Rotate block to continuously rotate your image. For more information about this block, see the Rotate block reference page in the *Computer Vision System Toolbox Reference*. For more information about other geometric transformation blocks, see the Resize and Shear block reference pages.

Note If you are on a Windows operating system, you can replace the Video Viewer block with the To Video Display block, which supports code generation.

Resize an Image

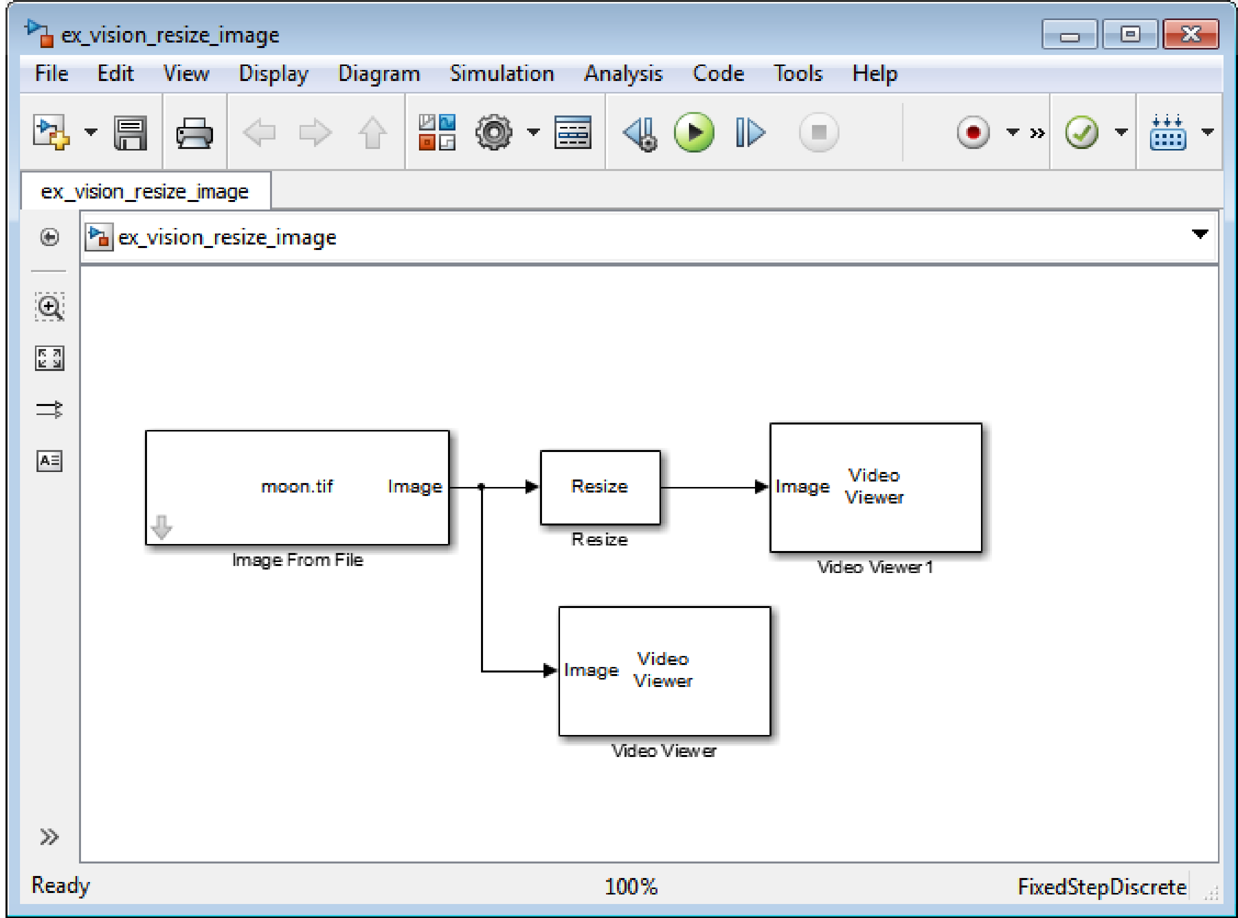
You can use the Resize block to change the size of your image or video stream. In this example, you learn how to use the Resize block to reduce the size of an image:

```
ex_vision_resize_image
```

1. Create a new Simulink model, and add to it the blocks shown in the following table.

Block	Library	Quantity
Image From File	Computer Vision System Toolbox > Sources	1
Resize	Computer Vision System Toolbox > Geometric Transformations	1
Video Viewer	Computer Vision System Toolbox > Sinks	2

2. Use the Image From File block to import the intensity image. Set the **File name** parameter to `moon.tif`. The tif file is a 537-by-358 matrix of 8-bit unsigned integer values.
3. Use the Video Viewer block to display the original image. Accept the default parameters. This block automatically displays the original image in the Video Viewer window when you run the model.
4. Use the Resize block to shrink the image. Set the **Resize factor in %** parameter to `50`. This shrinks the image to half its original size.
5. Use the Video Viewer1 block to display the modified image. Accept the default parameters.
6. Connect the blocks as shown in the following figure.

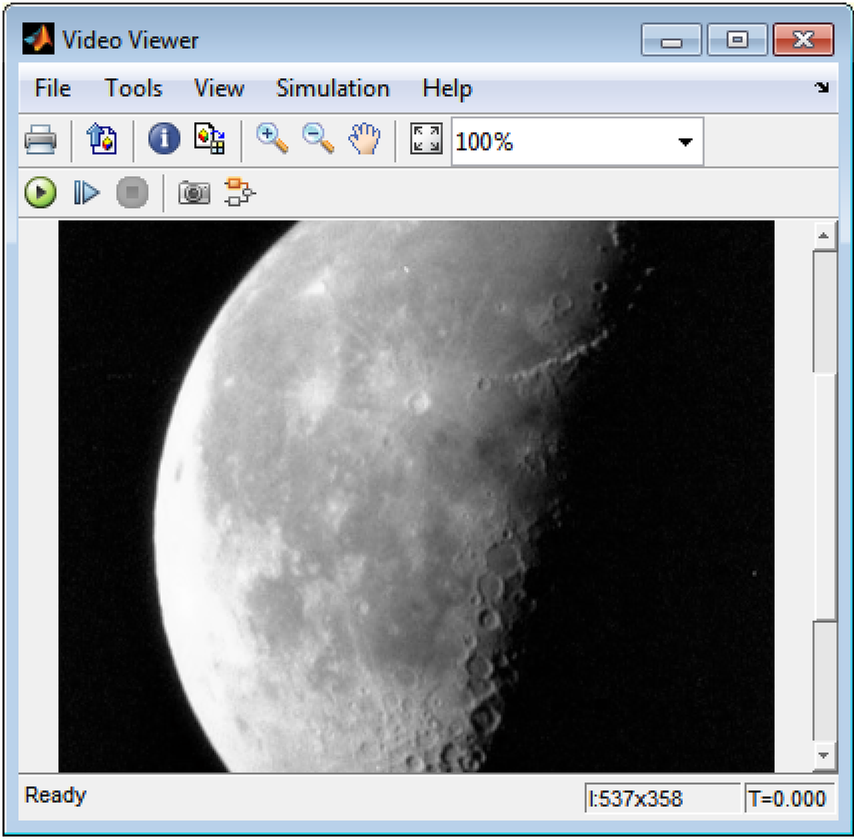


7 Set the configuration parameters. Open the Configuration dialog box by selecting **Model Configuration Parameters** from the **Simulation** menu. Set the parameters as follows:

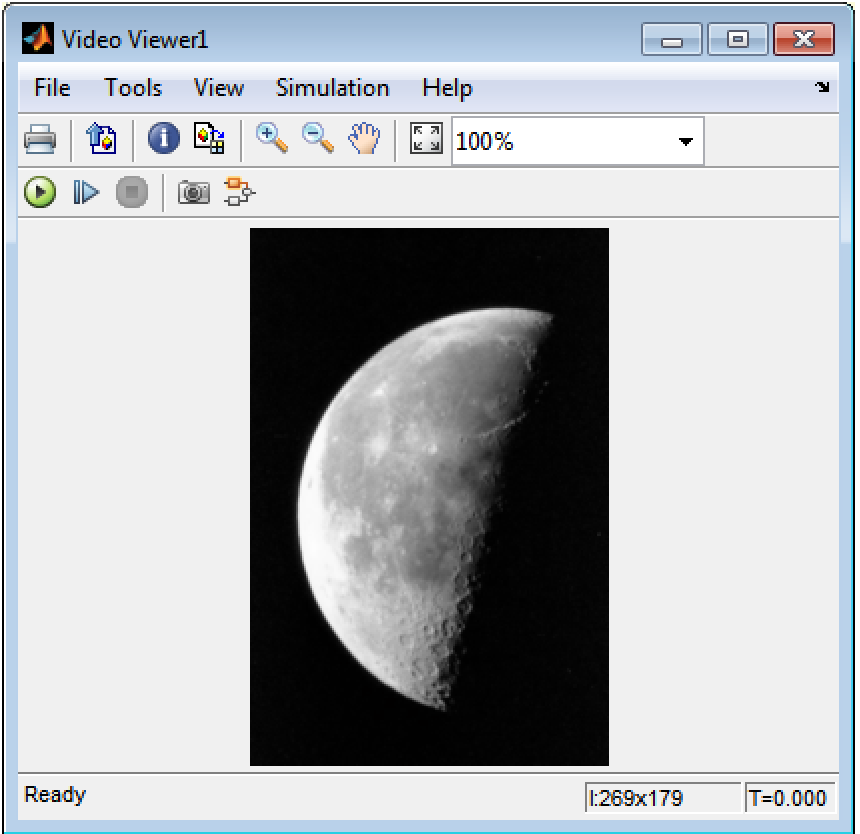
- **Solver** pane, **Stop time** = `0`
- **Solver** pane, **Type** = `Fixed-step`
- **Solver** pane, **Solver** = `Discrete (no continuous states)`

8 Run the model.

The original image appears in the Video Viewer window.



The reduced image appears in the Video Viewer1 window.



In this example, you used the Resize block to shrink an image. For more information about this block, see the Resize block reference page. For more information about other geometric transformation blocks, see the Rotate, Apply Geometric Transformation, Estimate Geometric Transformation, and Translate block reference pages.

Crop an Image

You can use the Selector block to crop your image or video stream. In this example, you learn how to use the Selector block to trim an image down to a particular region of interest:

`ex_vision_crop_image`

1 Create a new Simulink model, and add to it the blocks shown in the following table.

Block	Library	Quantity
Image From File	Computer Vision System Toolbox > Sources	1
Video Viewer	Computer Vision System Toolbox > Sinks	2
Selector	Simulink > Signal Routing	1

2 Use the Image From File block to import the intensity image. Set the **File name** parameter to `coins.png`. The image is a 246-by-300 matrix of 8-bit unsigned integer values.

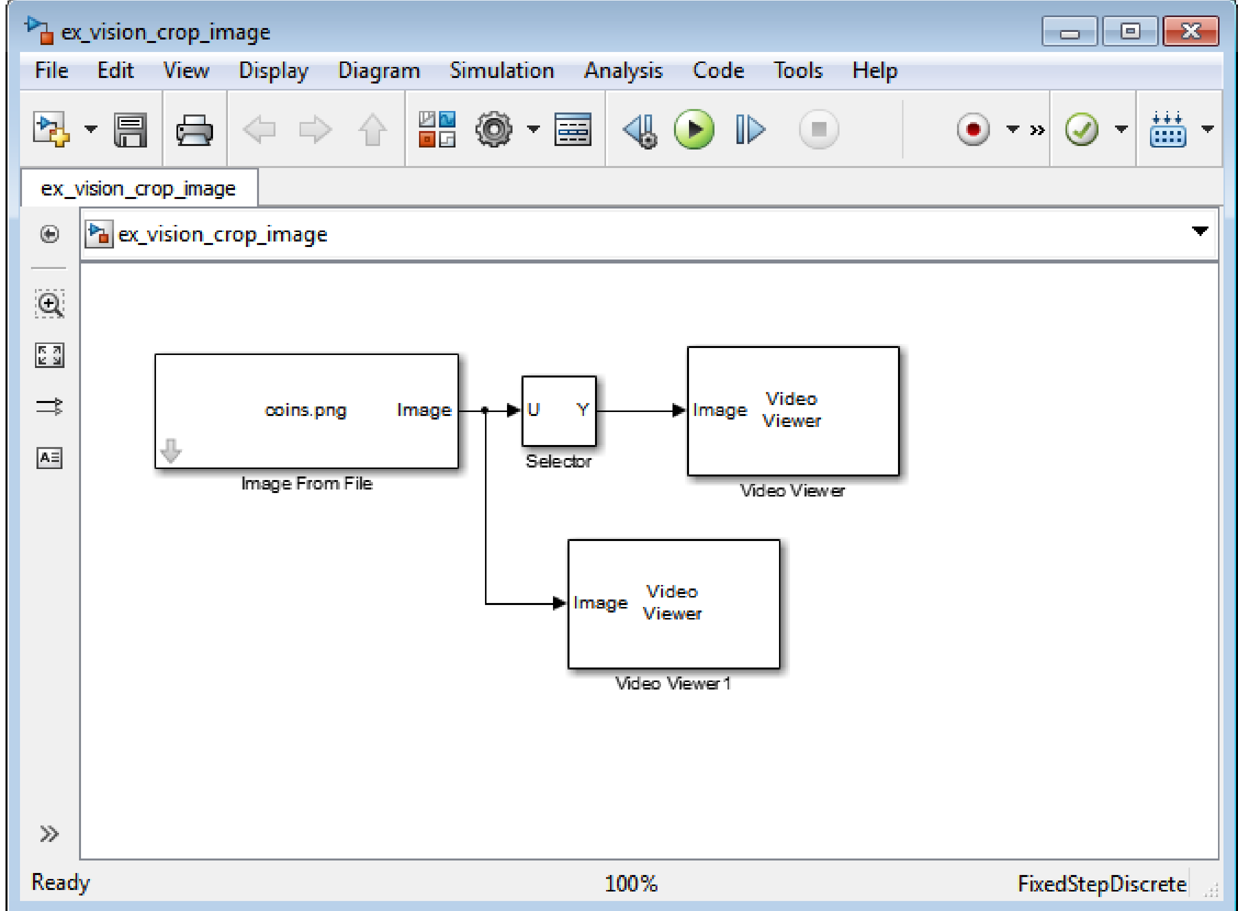
3 Use the Video Viewer block to display the original image. Accept the default parameters. This block automatically displays the original image in the Video Viewer window when you run the model.

4 Use the Selector block to crop the image. Set the block parameters as follows:

- **Number of input dimensions** = 2
- **1**
  - **Index Option** = `Starting index (dialog)`
  - **Index** = 140
  - **Output Size** = 70
- **2**
  - **Index Option** = `Starting index (dialog)`
  - **Index** = 200
  - **Output Size** = 70

The Selector block starts at row 140 and column 200 of the image and outputs the next 70 rows and columns of the image.

5. Use the Video Viewer1 block to display the cropped image. This block automatically displays the modified image in the Video Viewer window when you run the model.
6. Connect the blocks as shown in the following figure.

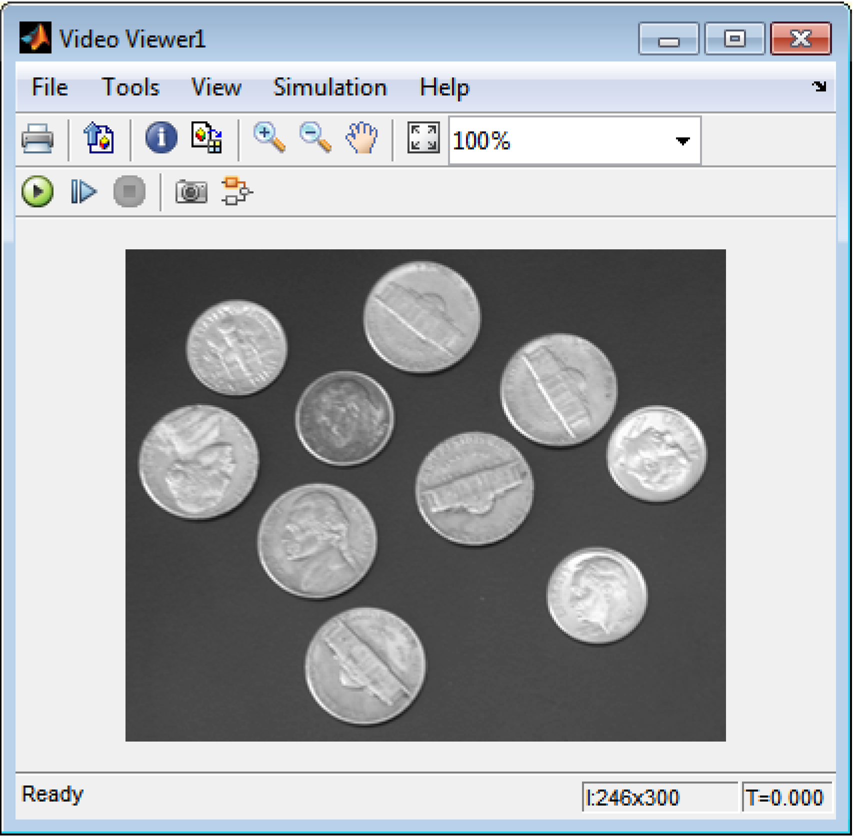


7. Set the configuration parameters. Open the Configuration dialog box by selecting **Model Configuration Parameters** from the **Simulation** menu. Set the parameters as follows:

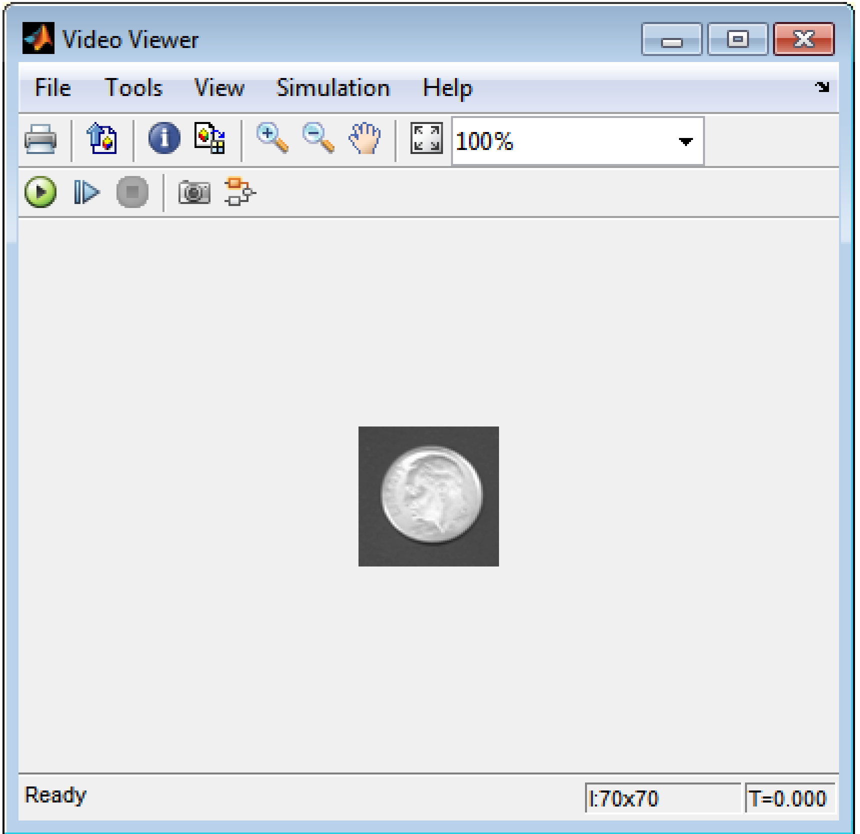
- **Solver** pane, **Stop time** = `0`
- **Solver** pane, **Type** = `Fixed-step`
- **Solver** pane, **Solver** = `Discrete (no continuous states)`

8 Run the model.

The original image appears in the Video Viewer window.



The cropped image appears in the Video Viewer1 window. The following image is shown at its true size.



In this example, you used the Selector block to crop an image. For more information about the Selector block, see the Simulink documentation. For information about the `imcrop` function, see the Image Processing Toolbox documentation.

Interpolation Methods

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Nearest Neighbor Interpolation

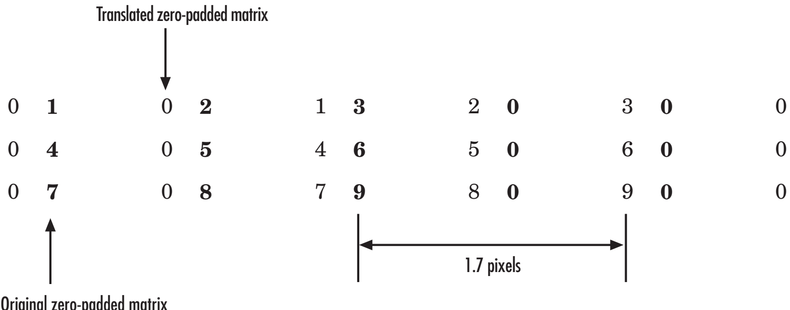
For nearest neighbor interpolation, the block uses the value of nearby translated pixel values for the output pixel values.

For example, suppose this matrix,

```
1 2 3
4 5 6
7 8 9
```

represents your input image. You want to translate this image 1.7 pixels in the positive horizontal direction using nearest neighbor interpolation. The Translate block's nearest neighbor interpolation algorithm is illustrated by the following steps:

1 Zero pad the input matrix and translate it by 1.7 pixels to the right.



2 Create the output matrix by replacing each input pixel value with the translated value nearest to it. The result is the following matrix:

```
0  0  1  2  3
0  0  4  5  6
0  0  7  8  9
```

Note: You wanted to translate the image by 1.7 pixels, but this method translated the image by 2 pixels. Nearest neighbor interpolation is computationally efficient but not as accurate as bilinear or bicubic interpolation.

Bilinear Interpolation

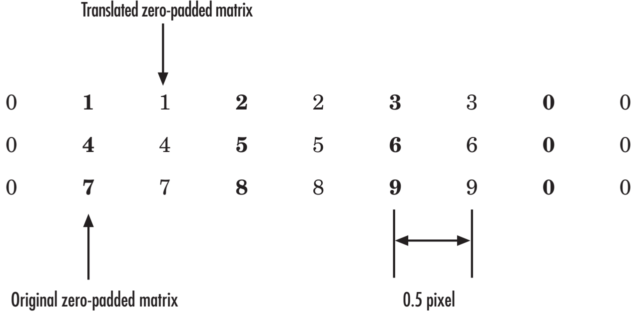
For bilinear interpolation, the block uses the weighted average of two translated pixel values for each output pixel value.

For example, suppose this matrix,

```
1  2  3
4  5  6
7  8  9
```

represents your input image. You want to translate this image 0.5 pixel in the positive horizontal direction using bilinear interpolation. The Translate block's bilinear interpolation algorithm is illustrated by the following steps:

1 Zero pad the input matrix and translate it by 0.5 pixel to the right.



2 Create the output matrix by replacing each input pixel value with the weighted average of the translated values on either side. The result is the following matrix where the output matrix has one more column than the input matrix:

0.5	1.5	2.5	1.5
2	4.5	5.5	3
3.5	7.5	8.5	4.5

Bicubic Interpolation

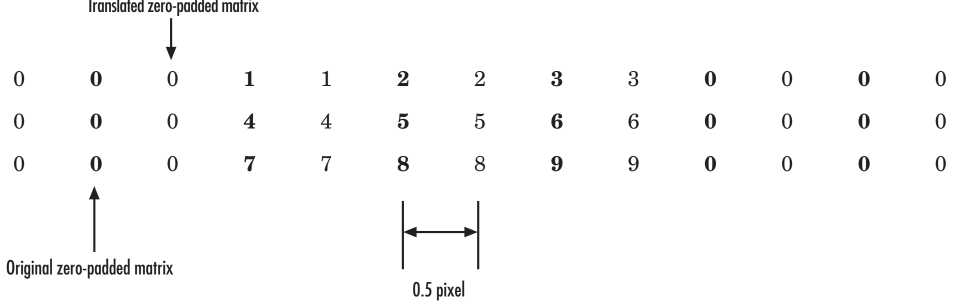
For bicubic interpolation, the block uses the weighted average of four translated pixel values for each output pixel value.

For example, suppose this matrix,

1	2	3
4	5	6
7	8	9

represents your input image. You want to translate this image 0.5 pixel in the positive horizontal direction using bicubic interpolation. The Translate block's bicubic interpolation algorithm is illustrated by the following steps:

1 Zero pad the input matrix and translate it by 0.5 pixel to the right.



2 Create the output matrix by replacing each input pixel value with the weighted average of the two translated values on either side. The result is the following matrix where the output matrix has one more column than the input matrix:

```
0.375     1.5       3     1.625
1.875   4.875   6.375     3.125
3.375    8.25    9.75     4.625
```

Video Stabilization

This example shows how to remove the effect of camera motion from a video stream.

Introduction

In this example we first define the target to track. In this case, it is the back of a car and the license plate. We also establish a dynamic search region, whose position is determined by the last known target location. We then search for the target only within this search region, which reduces the number of computations required to find the target. In each subsequent video frame, we determine how much the target has moved relative to the previous frame. We use this information to remove unwanted translational camera motions and generate a stabilized video.

Initialization

Create a System object™ to read video from a multimedia file. We set the output to be of intensity only video.

```
% Input video file which needs to be stabilized.
filename = 'shaky_car.avi';

hVideoSource = vision.VideoFileReader(filename, ...
                                      'ImageColorSpace', 'Intensity',...
                                      'VideoOutputDataType', 'double');
```

Create a geometric translator System object used to compensate for the camera movement.

```
hTranslate = vision.GeometricTranslator( ...
                              'OutputSize', 'Same as input image', ...
                              'OffsetSource', 'Input port');
```

Create a template matcher System object to compute the location of the best match of the target in the video frame. We use this location to find translation between successive video frames.

```
hTM = vision.TemplateMatcher('ROIInputPort', true, ...
                            'BestMatchNeighborhoodOutputPort', true);
```

Create a System object to display the original video and the stabilized video.

```
hVideoOut = vision.VideoPlayer('Name', 'Video Stabilization');
hVideoOut.Position(1) = round(0.4*hVideoOut.Position(1));
hVideoOut.Position(2) = round(1.5*(hVideoOut.Position(2)));
```

```
hVideoOut.Position(3:4) = [650 350];
```

Here we initialize some variables used in the processing loop.

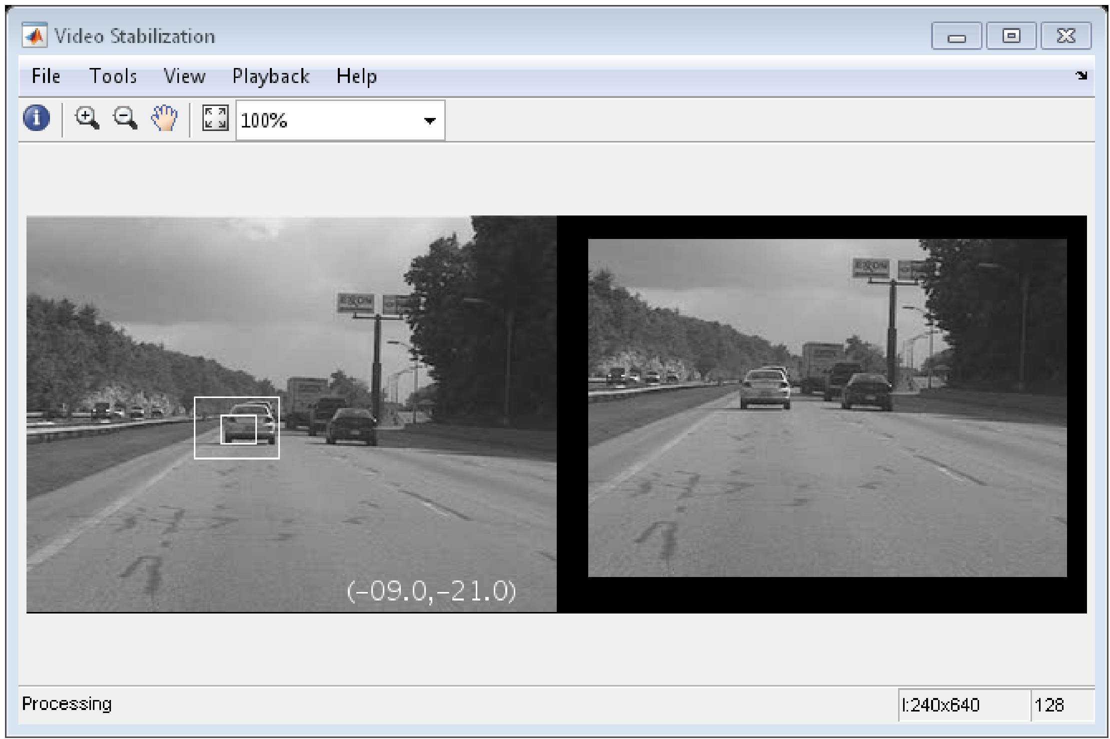
```
pos.template_orig = [109 100]; % [x y] upper left corner
pos.template_size = [22 18];   % [width height]
pos.search_border = [15 10];   % max horizontal and vertical displacement
pos.template_center = floor((pos.template_size-1)/2);
pos.template_center_pos = (pos.template_orig + pos.template_center - 1);
fileInfo = info(hVideoSource);
W = fileInfo.VideoSize(1); % Width in pixels
H = fileInfo.VideoSize(2); % Height in pixels
BorderCols = [1:pos.search_border(1)+4 W-pos.search_border(1)+4:W];
BorderRows = [1:pos.search_border(2)+4 H-pos.search_border(2)+4:H];
sz = fileInfo.VideoSize;
TargetRowIndices = ...
  pos.template_orig(2)-1:pos.template_orig(2)+pos.template_size(2)-2;
TargetColIndices = ...
  pos.template_orig(1)-1:pos.template_orig(1)+pos.template_size(1)-2;
SearchRegion = pos.template_orig - pos.search_border - 1;
Offset = [0 0];
Target = zeros(18,22);
firstTime = true;
```

Stream Processing Loop

This is the main processing loop which uses the objects we instantiated above to stabilize the input video.

```
while ~isDone(hVideoSource)
    input = step(hVideoSource);

    % Find location of Target in the input video frame
    if firstTime
      Idx = int32(pos.template_center_pos);
      MotionVector = [0 0];
      firstTime = false;
    else
      IdxPrev = Idx;

      ROI = [SearchRegion, pos.template_size+2*pos.search_border];
      Idx = step(hTM, input, Target, ROI);

      MotionVector = double(Idx-IdxPrev);
    end
```

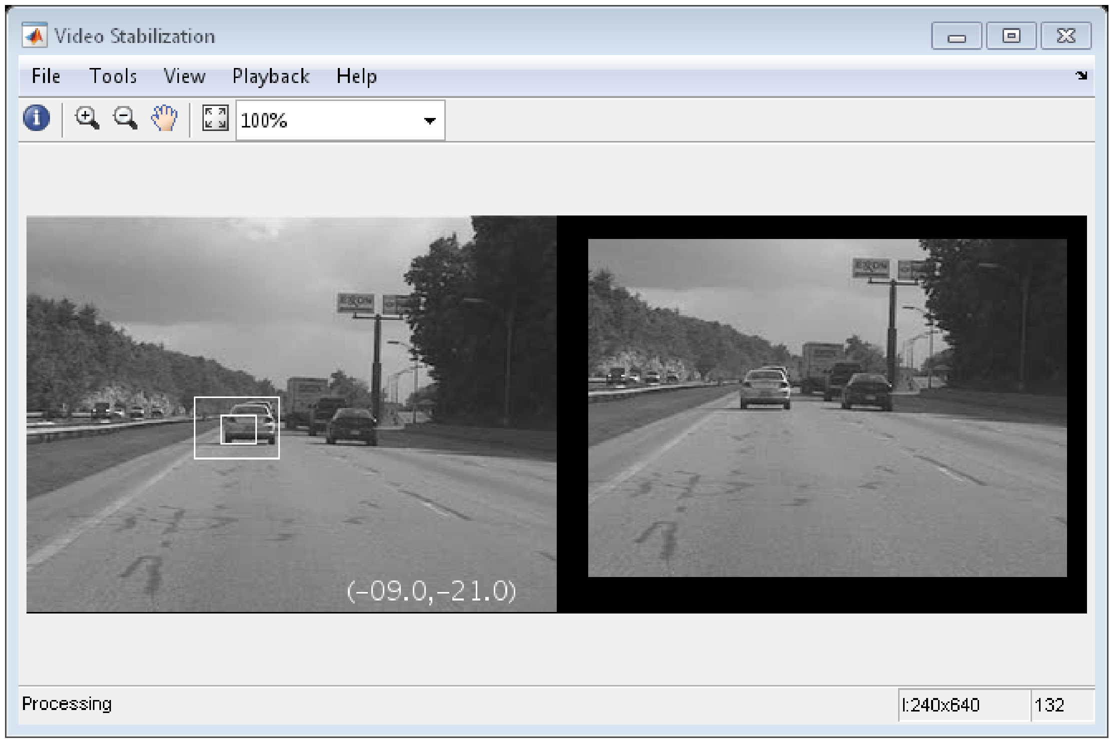
```
    [Offset, SearchRegion] = updatesearch(sz, MotionVector, ...
        SearchRegion, Offset, pos);

    % Translate video frame to offset the camera motion
    Stabilized = step(hTranslate, input, fliplr(Offset));

    Target = Stabilized(TargetRowIndices, TargetColIndices);

    % Add black border for display
    Stabilized(:, BorderCols) = 0;
    Stabilized(BorderRows, :) = 0;

    TargetRect = [pos.template_orig-Offset, pos.template_size];
    SearchRegionRect = [SearchRegion, pos.template_size + 2*pos.search_border];

    % Draw rectangles on input to show target and search region
    input = insertShape(input, 'Rectangle', [TargetRect; SearchRegionRect],...
                        'Color', 'white');
    % Display the offset (displacement) values on the input image
    txt = sprintf('(%+05.1f,%+05.1f)', Offset);
    input = insertText(input(:,:,1),[191 215],txt,'FontSize',16, ...
                    'TextColor', 'white', 'BoxOpacity', 0);
    % Display video
    step(hVideoOut, [input(:,:,1) Stabilized]);
end
```



Release

Here you call the release method on the objects to close any open files and devices.

```
release(hVideoSource);
```



Conclusion

Using the Computer Vision System Toolbox™ functionality from MATLAB® command line it is easy to implement complex systems like video stabilization.

Appendix

The following helper function is used in this example.

- updatesearch.m

Video Stabilization

This example shows how to remove the effect of camera motion from a video stream. In the first video frame, the model defines the target to track. In this case, it is the back of a car and the license plate. It also establishes a dynamic search region, whose position is determined by the last known target location. The model only searches for the target within this search region, which reduces the number of computations required to find the target. In each subsequent video frame, the model determines how much the target has moved relative to the previous frame. It uses this information to remove unwanted translational camera motions and generate a stabilized video.

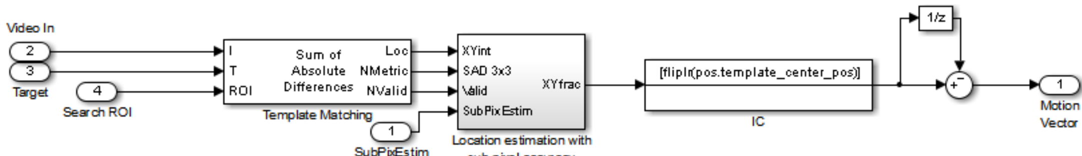
Example Model

The following figure shows the Video Stabilization model:

Estimate Motion Subsystem

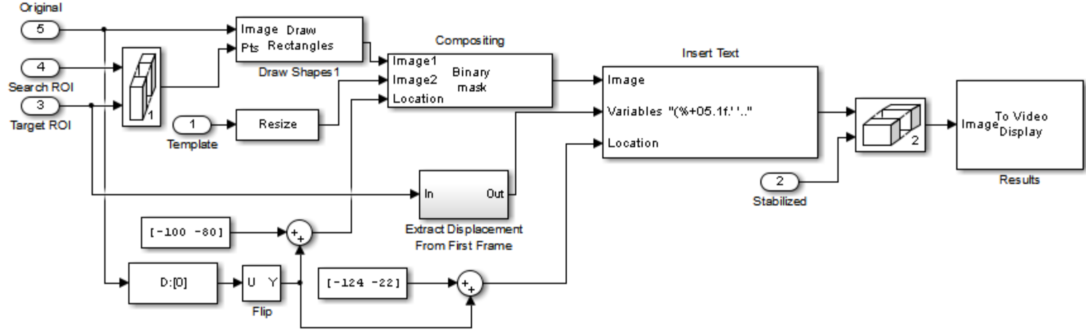
The model uses the Template Matching block to move the target over the search region and compute the Sum of Absolute Differences (SAD) at each location. The location with

the lowest SAD value corresponds to the location of the target in the video frame. Based on the location information, the model computes the displacement vector between the target and its original location. The Translate block in the Stabilization subsystem uses this vector to shift each frame so that the camera motion is removed from the video stream.



Display Results Subsystem

The model uses the Resize, Compositing, and Insert Text blocks to embed the enlarged target and its displacement vector on the original video.



Video Stabilization Results

The figure on the left shows the original video. The figure on the right shows the stabilized video.

Available Example Versions

Floating-point versions of this example:

Windows® only: vipstabilize_win.slx

Platform independent: vipstabilize_all.slx

Fixed-point versions of this example:

Windows only: vipstabilize_fixpt_win.slx

Platform independent: vipstabilize_fixpt_all.slx

Fixed-point versions of this example that simulate row major data organization:

Windows only: vipstabilize_fixpt_rowmajor_win.slx

Platform independent: vipstabilize_fixpt_rowmajor_all.slx

Windows-only example models might contain compressed multimedia files or To Video Display blocks, both of which are only supported on Windows platforms. The To Video Display block supports code generation, and its performance is optimized for Windows.

Filters, Transforms, and Enhancements

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Adjust the Contrast of Intensity Images

This example shows you how to modify the contrast in two intensity images using the Contrast Adjustment and Histogram Equalization blocks.

`ex_vision_adjust_contrast_intensity`

1 Create a new Simulink model, and add to it the blocks shown in the following table.

Block	Library	Quantity
Image From File	Computer Vision System Toolbox > Sources	2
Contrast Adjustment	Computer Vision System Toolbox > Analysis & Enhancement	1
Histogram Equalization	Computer Vision System Toolbox > Analysis & Enhancement	1
Video Viewer	Computer Vision System Toolbox > Sinks	4

2 Place the blocks listed in the table above into your new model.

3 Use the Image From File block to import the first image into the Simulink model. Set the **File name** parameter to `pout.tif`.

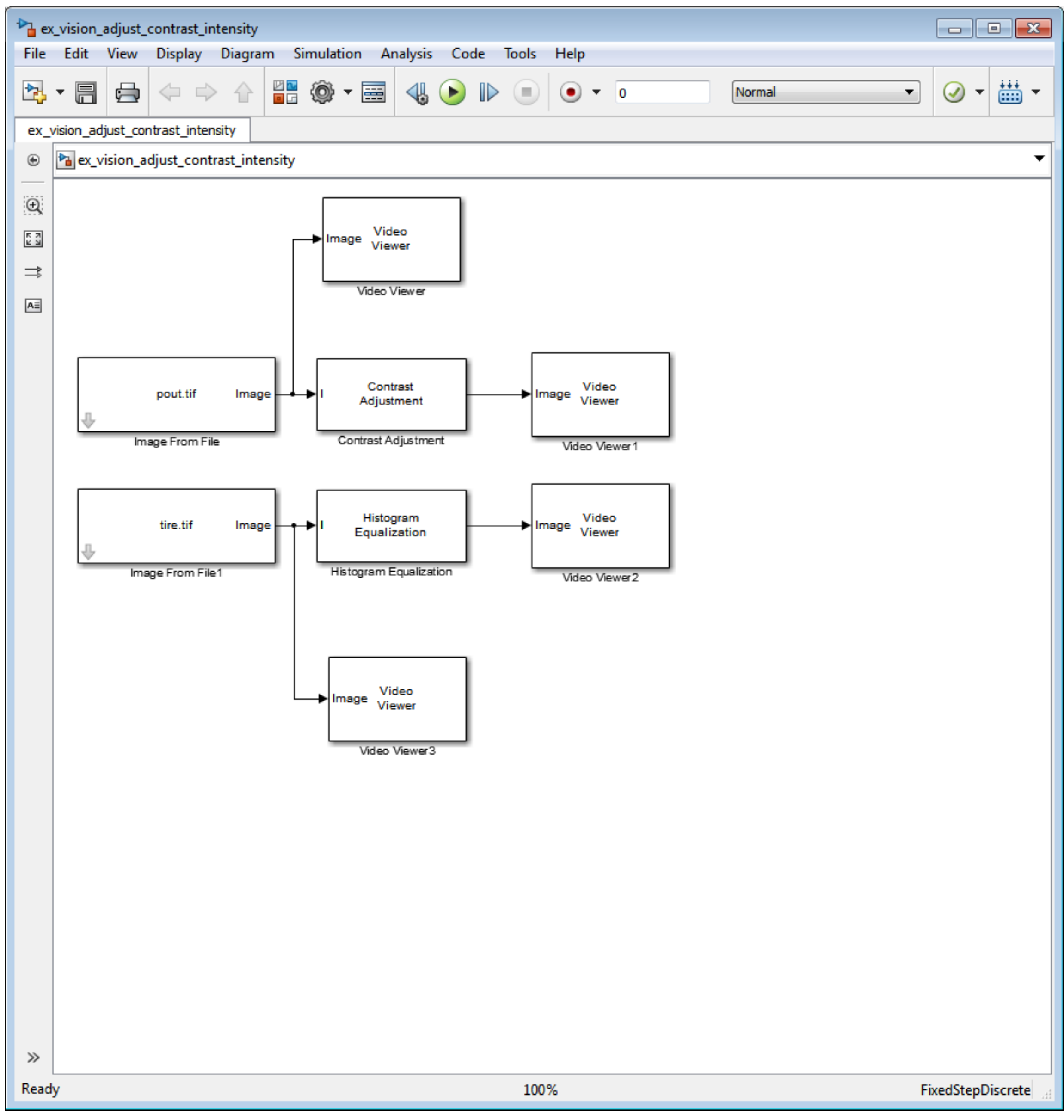
4 Use the Image From File1 block to import the second image into the Simulink model. Set the **File name** parameter to `tire.tif`.

5 Use the Contrast Adjustment block to modify the contrast in `pout.tif`. Set the **Adjust pixel values from** parameter to `Range determined by saturating outlier pixels`. This block adjusts the contrast of the image by linearly scaling the pixel values between user-specified upper and lower limits.

6 Use the Histogram Equalization block to modify the contrast in `tire.tif`. Accept the default parameters. This block enhances the contrast of images by transforming the values in an intensity image so that the histogram of the output image approximately matches a specified histogram.

7 Use the Video Viewer blocks to view the original and modified images. Accept the default parameters.

8 Connect the blocks as shown in the following figure.

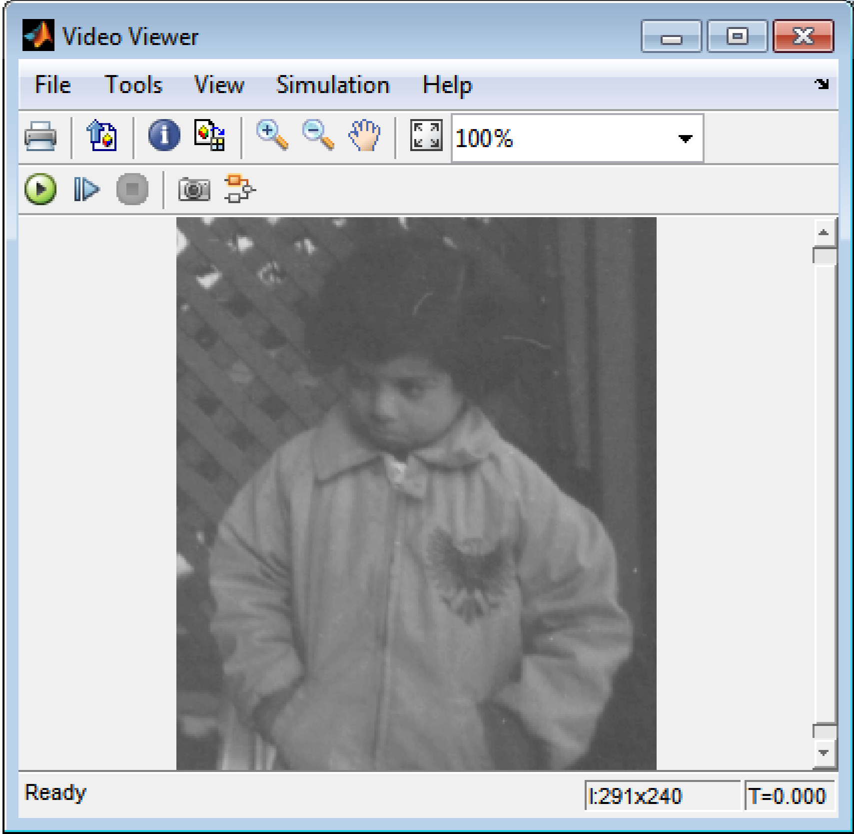

ex_vision_adjust_contrast_intensity
File Edit View Display Diagram Simulation Analysis Code Tools Help
Normal
Image Video Viewer
Video Viewer
pout.tif Image
Image From File
I Contrast Adjustment
Contrast Adjustment
Image Video Viewer
Video Viewer1
tire.tif Image
Image From File1
I Histogram Equalization
Histogram Equalization
Image Video Viewer
Video Viewer2
Image Video Viewer
Video Viewer3
Ready
100%
FixedStepDiscrete

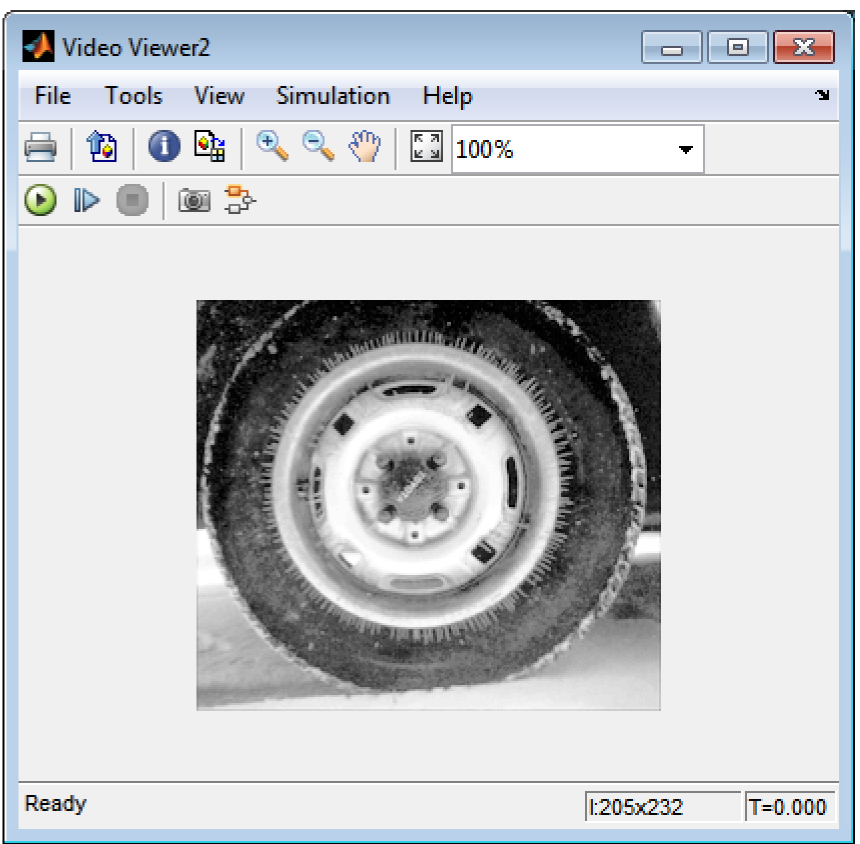
9 Set the configuration parameters. Open the Configuration dialog box by selecting **Model Configuration Parameters** from the **Simulation** menu. Set the parameters as follows:

- **Solver** pane, **Stop time** = `0`
- **Solver** pane, **Type** = `Fixed-step`
- **Solver** pane, **Solver** = `Discrete (no continuous states)`

10 Run the model.

The results appear in the Video Viewer windows.





In this example, you used the Contrast Adjustment block to linearly scale the pixel values in `pout.tif` between new upper and lower limits. You used the Histogram Equalization block to transform the values in `tire.tif` so that the histogram of the output image approximately matches a uniform histogram. For more information, see the Contrast Adjustment and Histogram Equalization reference pages.

Adjust the Contrast of Color Images

This example shows you how to modify the contrast in color images using the Histogram Equalization block.

ex_vision_adjust_contrast_color.mdl

1. Use the following code to read in an indexed RGB image, `shadow.tif`, and convert it to an RGB image. The model provided above already includes this code in `file` > `Model Properties` > `Model Properties` > `InitFcn`, and executes it prior to simulation.

```
[X map] = imread('shadow.tif');
shadow = ind2rgb(X,map);
```

2. Create a new Simulink model, and add to it the blocks shown in the following table.

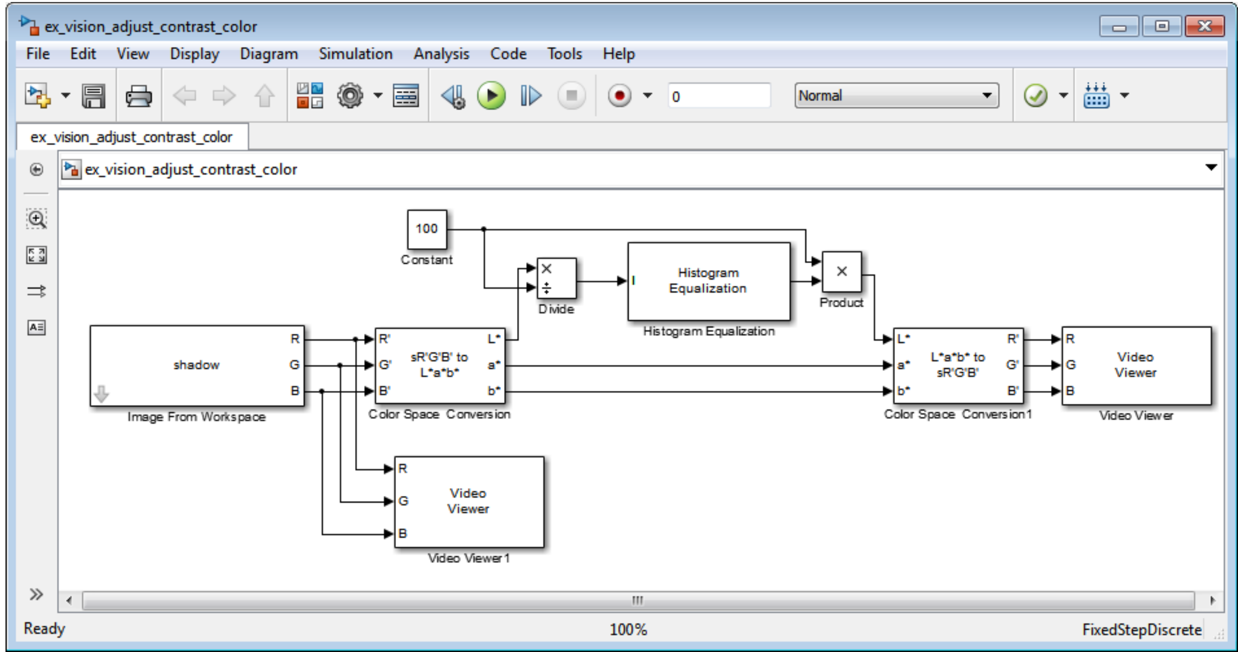
Block	Library	Quantity
Image From Workspace	Computer Vision System Toolbox > Sources	1
Color Space Conversion	Computer Vision System Toolbox > Conversions	2
Histogram Equalization	Computer Vision System Toolbox > Analysis & Enhancement	1
Video Viewer	Computer Vision System Toolbox > Sinks	2
Constant	Simulink > Sources	1
Divide	Simulink > Math Operations	1
Product	Simulink > Math Operations	1

3. Place the blocks listed in the table above into your new model.
4. Use the Image From Workspace block to import the RGB image from the MATLAB workspace into the Simulink model. Set the block parameters as follows:
   - **Value** = `shadow`
   - **Image signal** = `Separate color signals`
5. Use the Color Space Conversion block to separate the luma information from the color information. Set the block parameters as follows:
   - **Conversion** = `sR'G'B' to L*a*b*`

- **Image signal** = `Separate color signals`

  Because the range of the L* values is between `0` and `100`, you must normalize them to be between zero and one before you pass them to the Histogram Equalization block, which expects floating point input in this range.

6. Use the Constant block to define a normalization factor. Set the **Constant value** parameter to `100`.
7. Use the Divide block to normalize the L* values to be between `0` and `1`. Accept the default parameters.
8. Use the Histogram Equalization block to modify the contrast in the image. This block enhances the contrast of images by transforming the luma values in the color image so that the histogram of the output image approximately matches a specified histogram. Accept the default parameters.
9. Use the Product block to scale the values back to be between the `0` to `100` range. Accept the default parameters.
10. Use the Color Space Conversion1 block to convert the values back to the sR'G'B' color space. Set the block parameters as follows:
    - **Conversion** = `L*a*b* to sR'G'B'`
    - **Image signal** = `Separate color signals`
11. Use the Video Viewer blocks to view the original and modified images. For each block, set the **Image signal** parameter to `Separate color signals` from the file menu.
12. Connect the blocks as shown in the following figure.

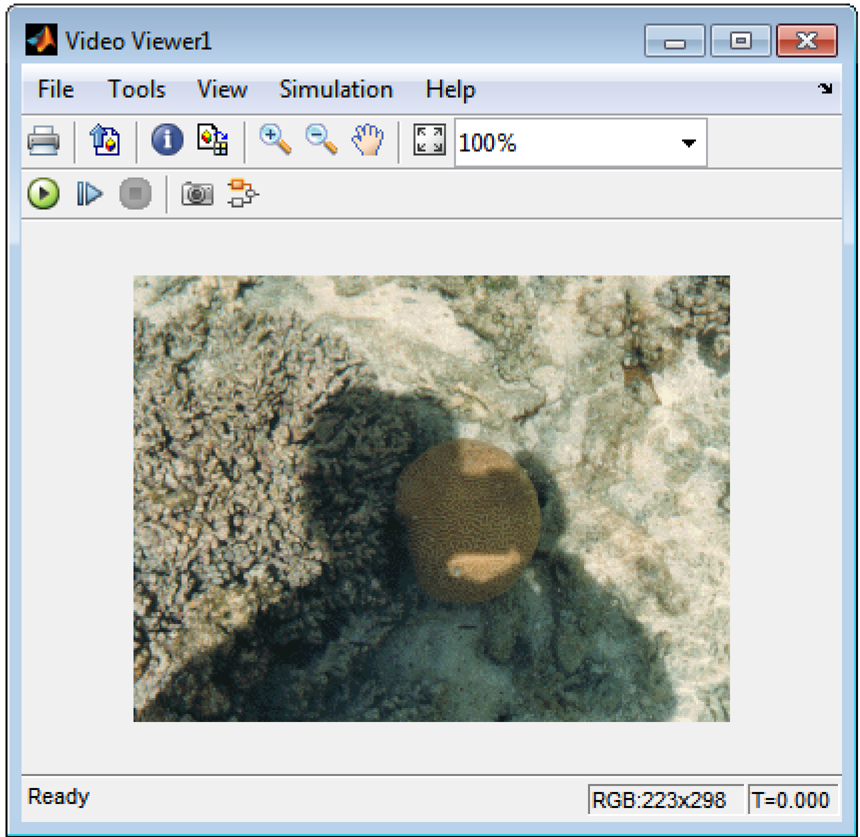


13 Set the configuration parameters. Open the Configuration dialog box by selecting **Model Configuration Parameters** from the **Simulation** menu. Set the parameters as follows:

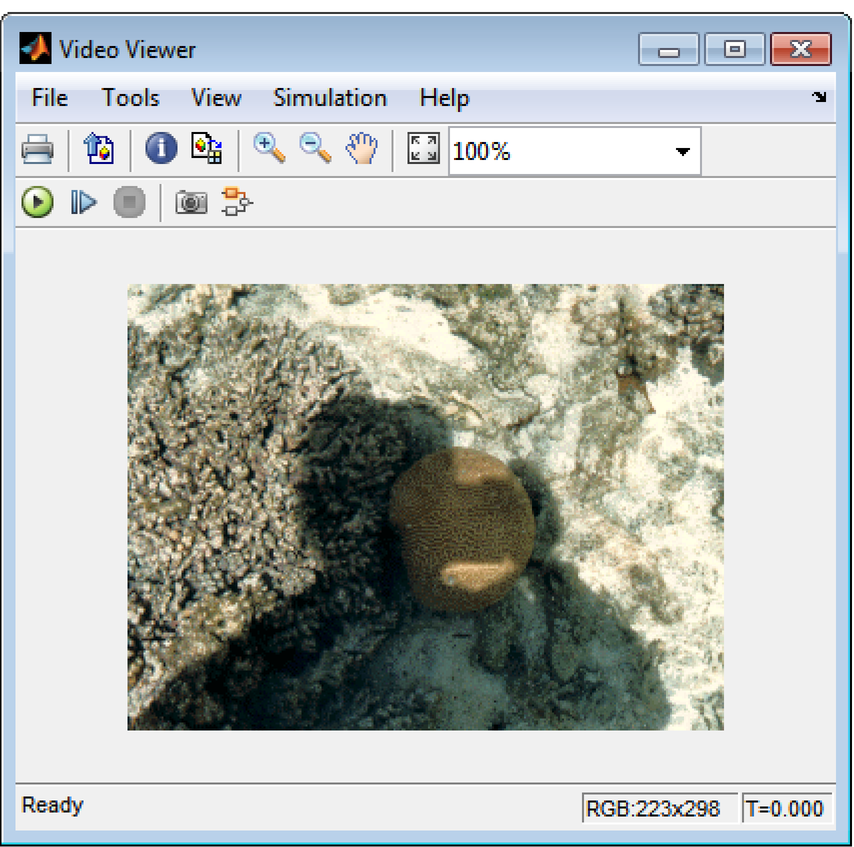
- **Solver** pane, **Stop time** = `0`
- **Solver** pane, **Type** = `Fixed-step`
- **Solver** pane, **Solver** = `Discrete (no continuous states)`

14 Run the model.

As shown in the following figure, the model displays the original image in the Video Viewer1 window.



As the next figure shows, the model displays the enhanced contrast image in the Video Viewer window.



In this example, you used the Histogram Equalization block to transform the values in a color image so that the histogram of the output image approximately matches a uniform histogram. For more information, see the Histogram Equalization reference page.

Remove Salt and Pepper Noise from Images

Median filtering is a common image enhancement technique for removing salt and pepper noise. Because this filtering is less sensitive than linear techniques to extreme changes in pixel values, it can remove salt and pepper noise without significantly reducing the sharpness of an image. In this topic, you use the Median Filter block to remove salt and pepper noise from an intensity image:

```
ex_vision_remove_noise
```

1 Define an intensity image in the MATLAB workspace and add noise to it by typing the following at the MATLAB command prompt:

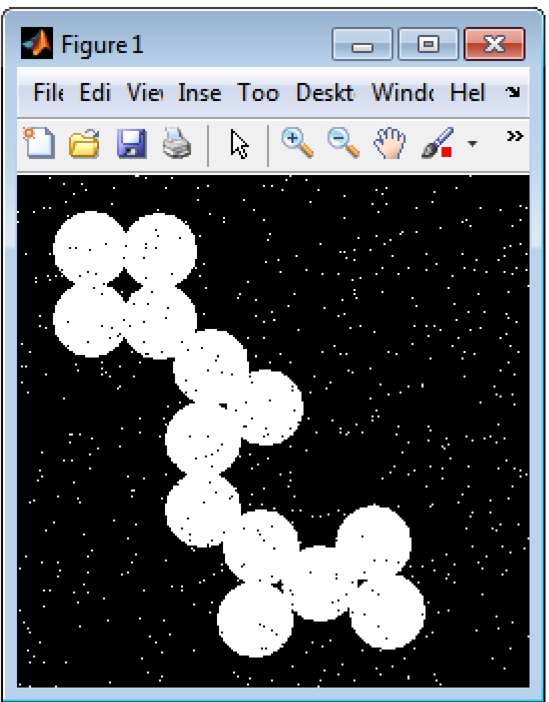
```
I= double(imread('circles.png'));
I= imnoise(I,'salt & pepper',0.02);
```

`I`is a 256-by-256 matrix of 8-bit unsigned integer values.

The model provided with this example already includes this code in `file>Model Properties>Model Properties>InitFcn`, and executes it prior to simulation.

2 To view the image this matrix represents, at the MATLAB command prompt, type

```
imshow(I)
```



The intensity image contains noise that you want your model to eliminate.

3 Create a Simulink model, and add the blocks shown in the following table.

Block	Library	Quantity
Image From Workspace	Computer Vision System Toolbox > Sources	1
Median Filter	Computer Vision System Toolbox > Filtering	1
Video Viewer	Computer Vision System Toolbox > Sinks	2

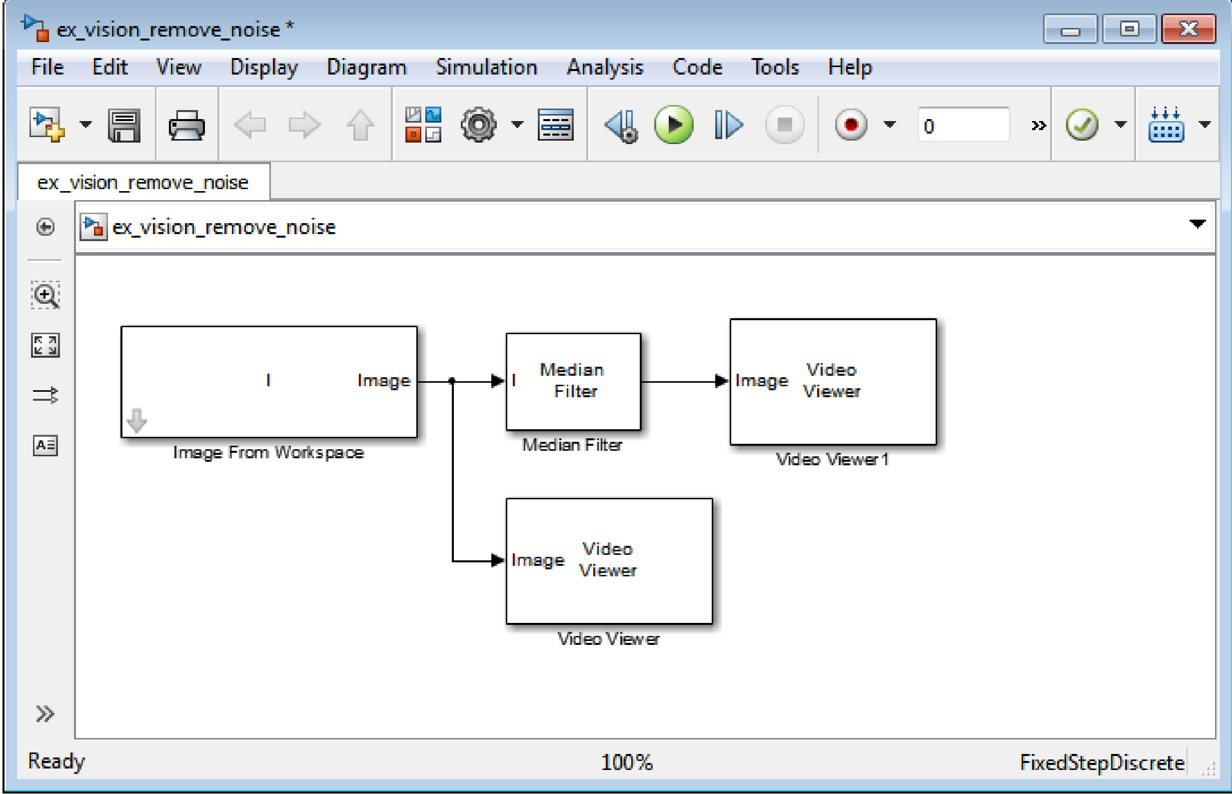
4 Use the Image From Workspace block to import the noisy image into your model. Set the **Value** parameter to `I`.

5 Use the Median Filter block to eliminate the black and white speckles in the image. Use the default parameters.

The Median Filter block replaces the central value of the 3-by-3 neighborhood with the median value of the neighborhood. This process removes the noise in the image.

6 Use the Video Viewer blocks to display the original noisy image, and the modified image. Images are represented by 8-bit unsigned integers. Therefore, a value of 0 corresponds to black and a value of 255 corresponds to white. Accept the default parameters.

7 Connect the blocks as shown in the following figure.



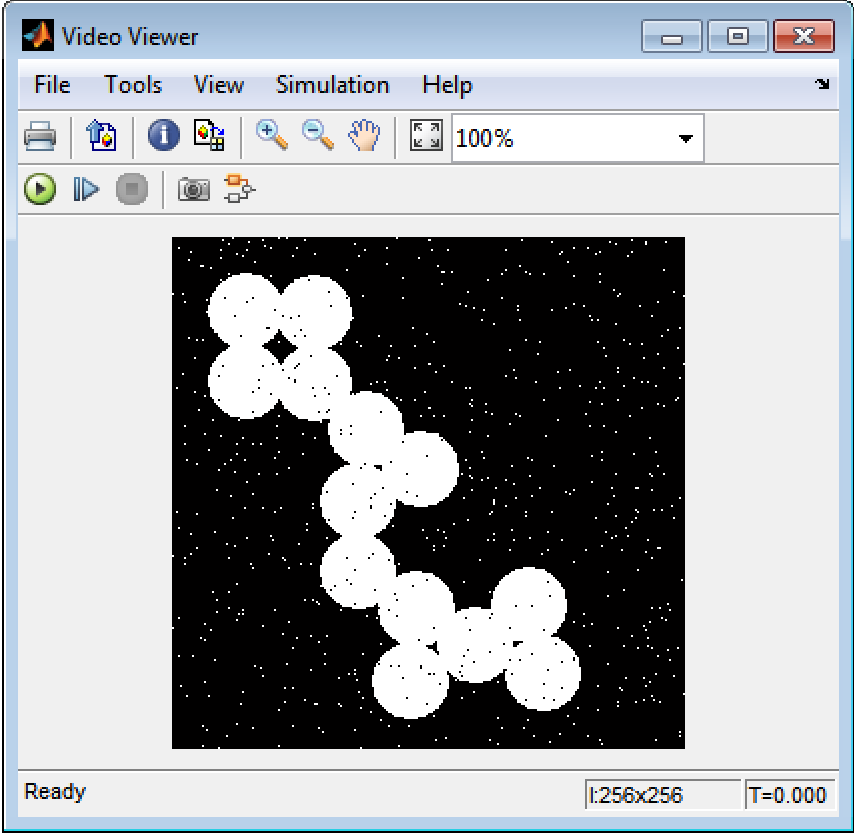
8 Set the configuration parameters. Open the Configuration dialog box by selecting **Model Configuration Parameters** from the **Simulation** menu. Set the parameters as follows:

- **Solver** pane, **Stop time** = 0

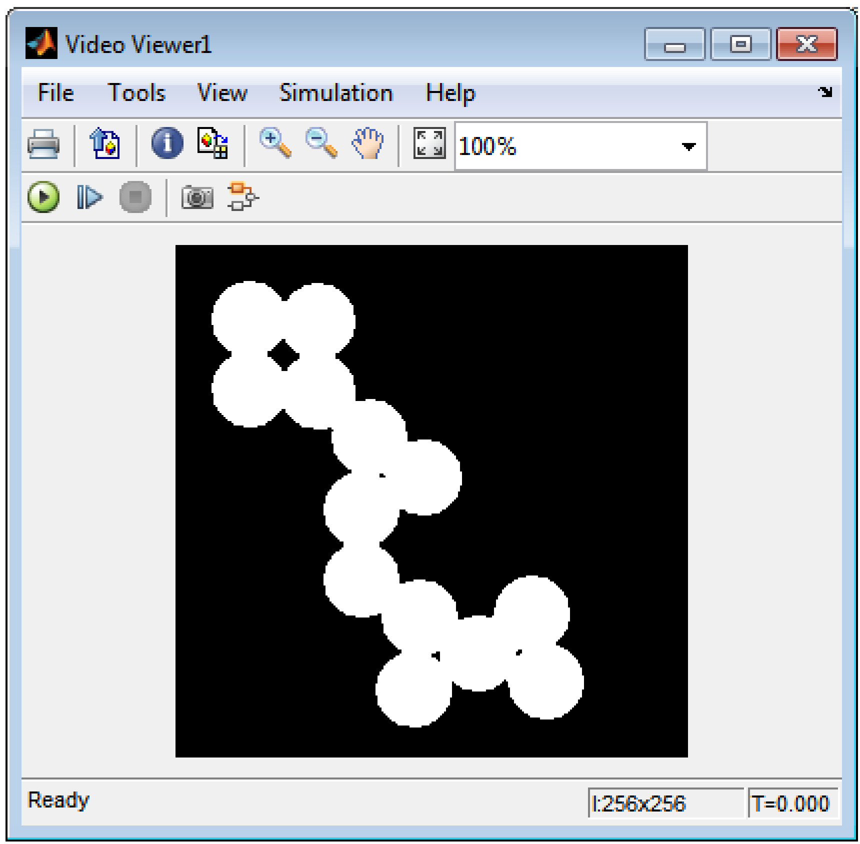
- **Solver** pane, **Type** = `Fixed-step`
- **Solver** pane, **Solver** = `Discrete (no continuous states)`

9 Run the model.

The original noisy image appears in the Video Viewer window. To view the image at its true size, right-click the window and select **Set Display To True Size**.



The cleaner image appears in the Video Viewer1 window. The following image is shown at its true size.



You have used the Median Filter block to remove noise from your image. For more information about this block, see the Median Filter block reference page in the *Computer Vision System Toolbox Reference*.

Sharpen an Image

To sharpen a color image, you need to make the luma intensity transitions more acute, while preserving the color information of the image. To do this, you convert an R'G'B' image into the Y'CbCr color space and apply a highpass filter to the luma portion of the image only. Then, you transform the image back to the R'G'B' color space to view the results. To blur an image, you apply a lowpass filter to the luma portion of the image. This example shows how to use the 2-D FIR Filter block to sharpen an image. The prime notation indicates that the signals are gamma corrected.

```
ex_vision_sharpen_image
```

1. Define an R'G'B' image in the MATLAB workspace. To read in an R'G'B' image from a PNG file and cast it to the double-precision data type, at the MATLAB command prompt, type

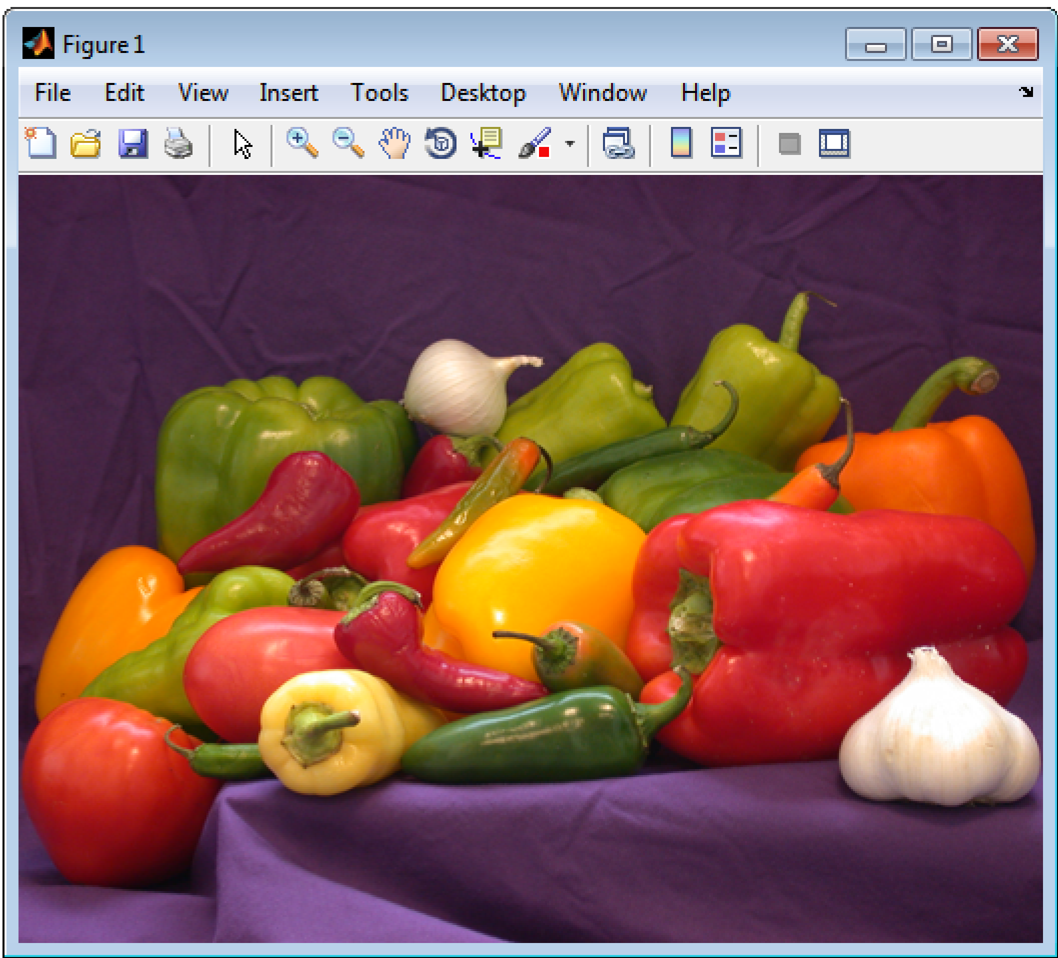
   ```
   I= im2double(imread('peppers.png'));
   ```

   `I` is a 384-by-512-by-3 array of double-precision floating-point values. Each plane of this array represents the red, green, or blue color values of the image.

   The model provided with this example already includes this code in `file>Model Properties>Model Properties>InitFcn`, and executes it prior to simulation.

2. To view the image this array represents, type this command at the MATLAB command prompt:

   ```
   imshow(I)
   ```



Now that you have defined your image, you can create your model.

3 Create a new Simulink model, and add to it the blocks shown in the following table.

Block	Library	Quantity
Image From Workspace	Computer Vision System Toolbox > Sources	1

Block	Library	Quantity
Color Space Conversion	Computer Vision System Toolbox > Conversions	2
2-D FIR Filter	Computer Vision System Toolbox > Filtering	1
Video Viewer	Computer Vision System Toolbox > Sinks	1

4 Use the Image From Workspace block to import the R'G'B' image from the MATLAB workspace. Set the parameters as follows:

- **Main** pane, **Value** = `I`
- **Main** pane, **Image signal** = `Separate color signals`

The block outputs the R', G', and B' planes of the `I` array at the output ports.

5 The first Color Space Conversion block converts color information from the R'G'B' color space to the Y'CbCr color space. Set the **Image signal** parameter to `Separate color signals`

6 Use the 2-D FIR Filter block to filter the luma portion of the image. Set the block parameters as follows:

- **Coefficients** = `fspecial('unsharp')`
- **Output size** = `Same as input port I`
- **Padding options** = `Symmetric`
- **Filtering based on** = `Correlation`

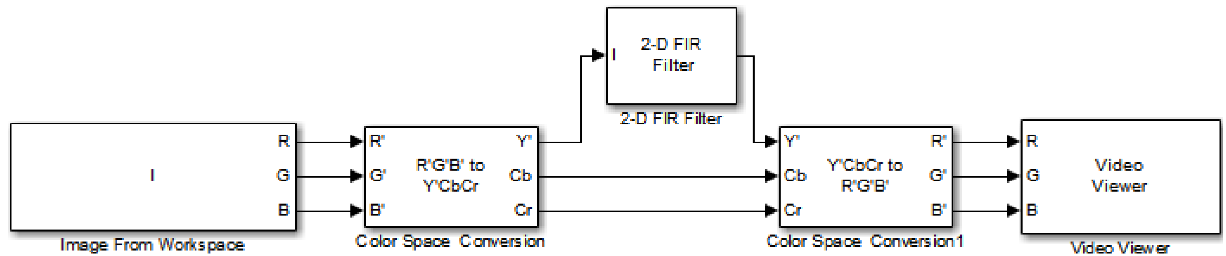
The `fspecial('unsharp')` command creates two-dimensional highpass filter coefficients suitable for correlation. This highpass filter sharpens the image by removing the low frequency noise in it.

7 The second Color Space Conversion block converts the color information from the Y'CbCr color space to the R'G'B' color space. Set the block parameters as follows:

- **Conversion** = `Y'CbCr to R'G'B'`
- **Image signal** = `Separate color signals`

8 Use the Video Viewer block to automatically display the new, sharper image in the Video Viewer window when you run the model. Set the **Image signal** parameter to `Separate color signals`, by selecting **File > Image Signal**.

9 Connect the blocks as shown in the following figure.

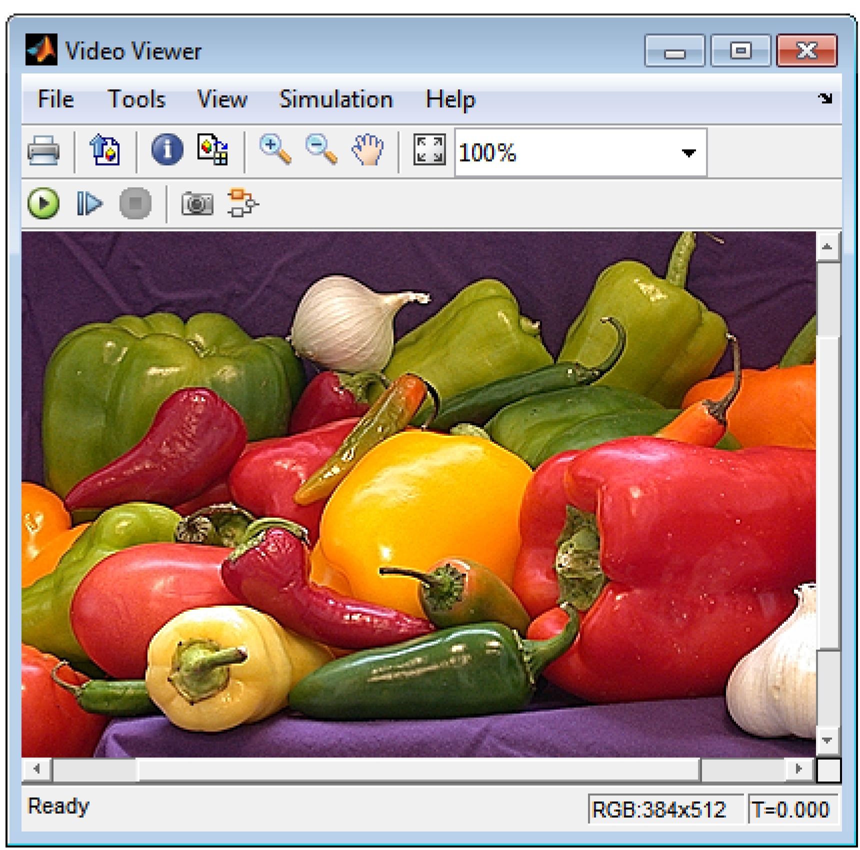


10 Set the configuration parameters. Open the Configuration dialog box by selecting **Model Configuration Parameters** from the **Simulation** menu. Set the parameters as follows:

- **Solver** pane, **Stop time** = `0`
- **Solver** pane, **Type** = `Fixed-step`
- **Solver** pane, **Solver** = `Discrete (no continuous states)`

11 Run the model.

A sharper version of the original image appears in the Video Viewer window.



To blur the image, double-click the 2-D FIR Filter block. Set **Coefficients** parameter to `fspecial('gaussian',[15 15],7)` and then click **OK**. The `fspecial('gaussian',[15 15],7)` command creates two-dimensional Gaussian lowpass filter coefficients. This lowpass filter blurs the image by removing the high frequency noise in it.

In this example, you used the Color Space Conversion and 2-D FIR Filter blocks to sharpen an image. For more information, see the Color Space Conversion and 2-D FIR Filter, and `fspecial` reference pages.

Statistics and Morphological Operations

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Find the Histogram of an Image

The Histogram block computes the frequency distribution of the elements in each input image by sorting the elements into a specified number of discrete bins. You can use the Histogram block to calculate the histogram of the R, G, and/or B values in an image. This example shows you how to accomplish this task:

Note: Running this example requires a DSP System Toolbox license.

You can open the example model by typing

```
ex_vision_find_histogram
```

on the MATLAB command line.

1. Create a new Simulink model, and add to it the blocks shown in the following table.

Block	Library	Quantity
Image From File	Computer Vision System Toolbox > Sources	1
Video Viewer	Computer Vision System Toolbox > Sinks	1
Matrix Concatenate	Simulink > Math Operations	1
Vector Scope	DSP System Toolbox > Sinks	1
Histogram	DSP System Toolbox > Statistics	3

2. Use the Image From File block to import an RGB image. Set the block parameters as follows:
   - **Sample time** = `inf`
   - **Image signal** = `Separate color signals`
   - **Output port labels:** = `R|G|B`
   - On the Data Types tab, **Output data type:** = `double`
3. Use the Video Viewer block to automatically display the original image in the viewer window when you run the model. Set the **Image signal** parameter to `Separate color signals` from the `File` menu.
4. Use the Histogram blocks to calculate the histogram of the R, G, and B values in the image. Set the Main tab block parameters for the three Histogram blocks as follows:

- **Lower limit of histogram:** 0
- **Upper limit of histogram:** 1
- **Number of bins:** = 256
- **Find the histogram over:** = Entire Input

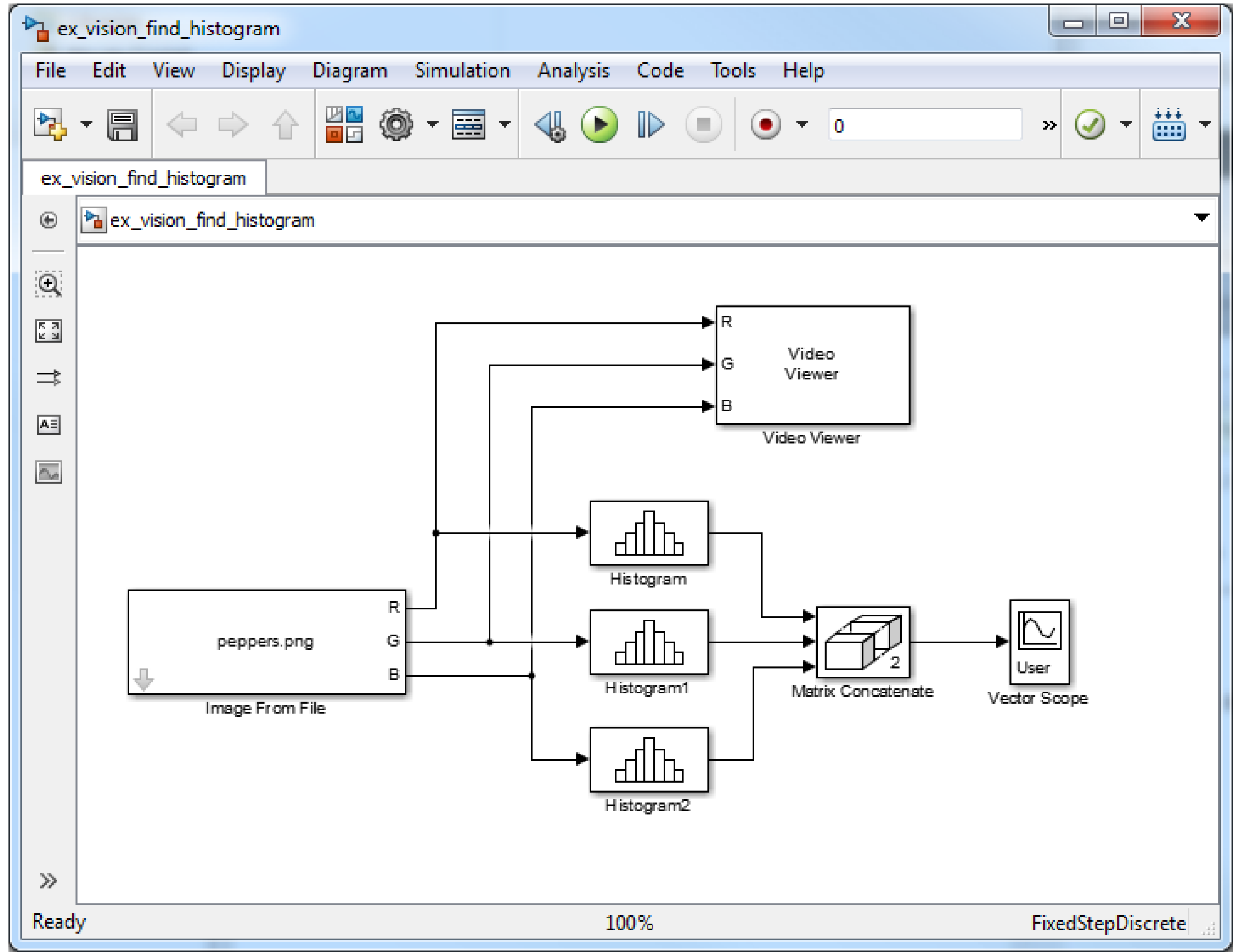
The **R**, **G**, and **B** input values to the Histogram block are double-precision floating point and range between 0 and 1. The block creates 256 bins between the maximum and minimum input values and counts the number of R, G, and B values in each bin.

5. Use the Matrix Concatenate block to concatenate the R, G, and B column vectors into a single matrix so they can be displayed using the Vector Scope block. Set the **Number of inputs** parameter to 3.

6. Use the Vector Scope block to display the histograms of the R, G, and B values of the input image. Set the block parameters as follows:

   - **Scope Properties** pane, **Input domain** = User-defined
   - **Display Properties** pane, clear the **Frame number** check box
   - **Display Properties** pane, select the **Channel legend** check box
   - **Display Properties** pane, select the **Compact display** check box
   - **Axis Properties** pane, clear the **Inherit sample increment from input** check box.
   - **Axis Properties** pane, **Minimum Y-limit** = 0
   - **Axis Properties** pane, **Maximum Y-limit** = 1
   - **Axis Properties** pane, **Y-axis label** = Count
   - **Line Properties** pane, **Line markers** = .|s|d
   - **Line Properties** pane, **Line colors** = [1 0 0]|[0 1 0]|[0 0 1]

7. Connect the blocks as shown in the following figure.

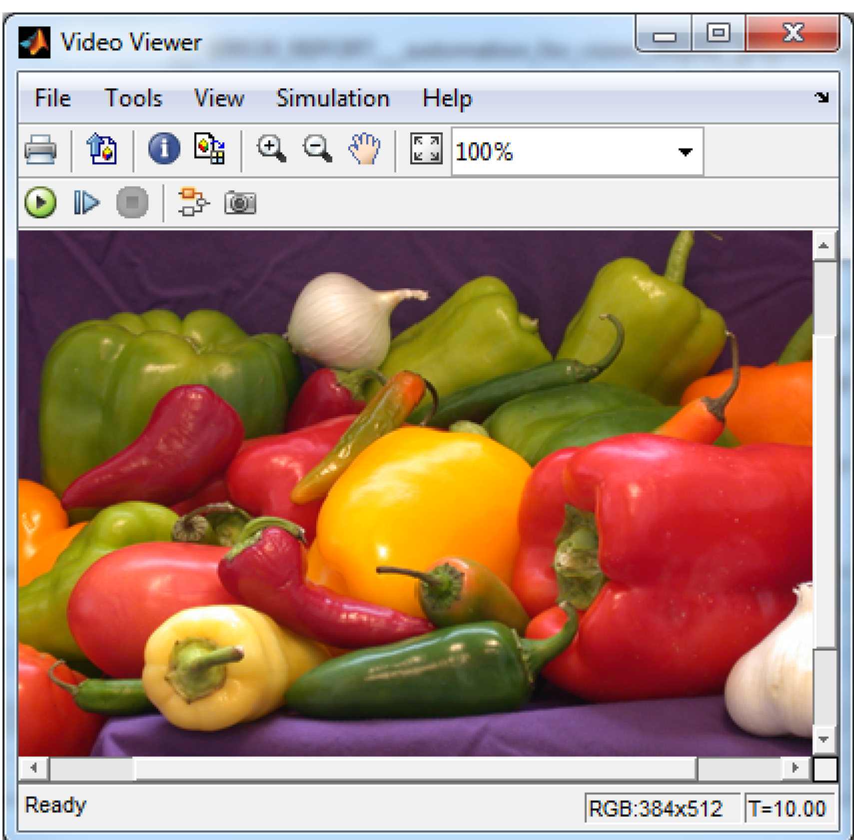


8 Open the Configuration dialog box by selecting **Model Configuration Parameters** from the **Simulation** menu. Set the parameters as follows:

- **Solver** pane, **Stop time** = `0`
- **Solver** pane, **Type** = `Fixed-step`
- **Solver** pane, **Solver** = `Discrete (no continuous states)`

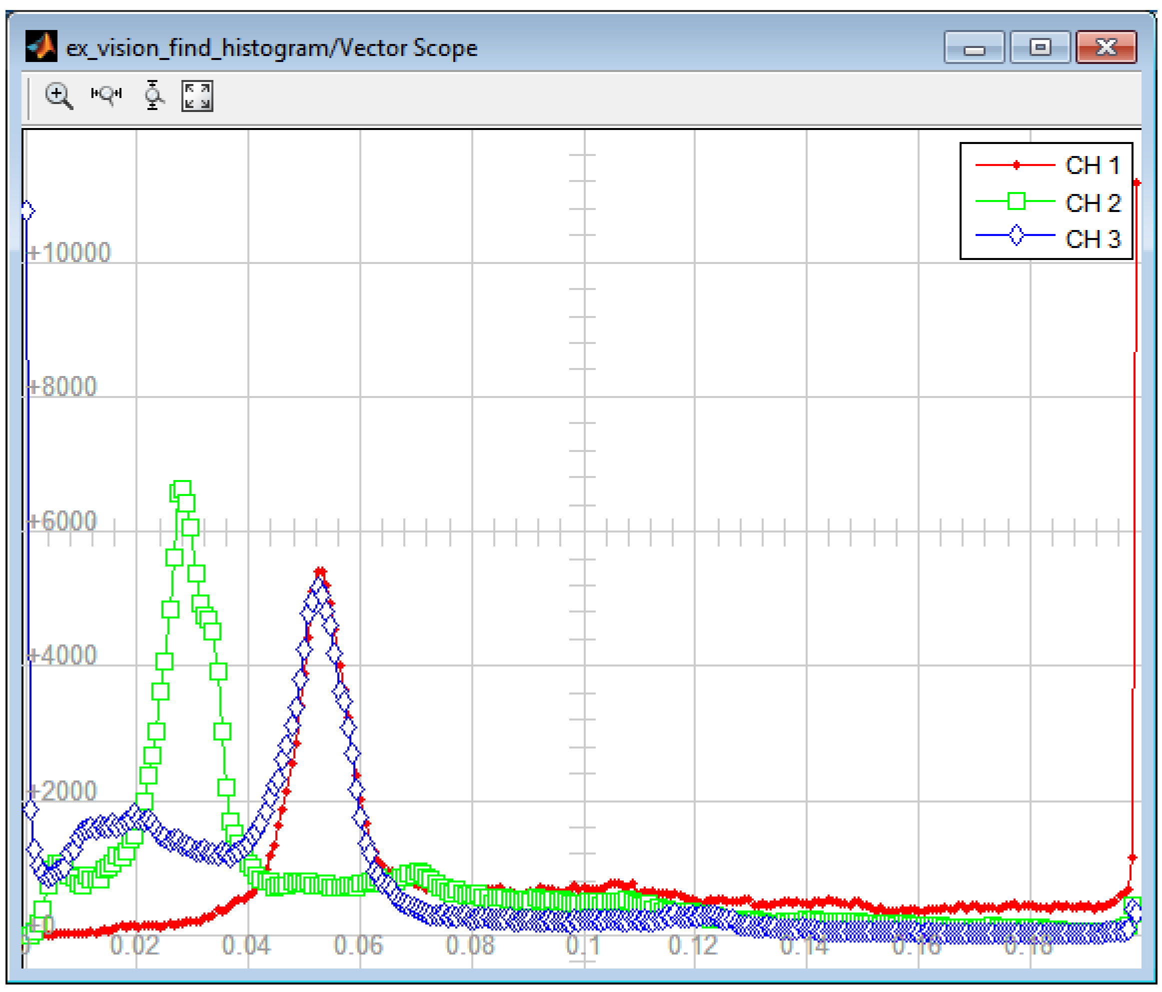
9 Run the model using either the simulation button, or by selecting Simulation > Start.

The original image appears in the Video Viewer window.



10 Right-click in the Vector Scope window and select **Autoscale**.

The scaled histogram of the image appears in the Vector Scope window.



You have now used the 2-D Histogram block to calculate the histogram of the R, G, and B values in an RGB image. To open a model that illustrates how to use this block to calculate the histogram of the R, G, and B values in an RGB video stream, type `viphistogram` at the MATLAB command prompt.

Correct Nonuniform Illumination

Global threshold techniques, which are often the first step in object measurement, cannot be applied to unevenly illuminated images. To correct this problem, you can change the lighting conditions and take another picture, or you can use morphological operators to even out the lighting in the image. Once you have corrected for nonuniform illumination, you can pick a global threshold that delineates every object from the background. In this topic, you use the Opening block to correct for uneven lighting in an intensity image:

You can open the example model by typing

`ex_vision_correct_uniform`
on the MATLAB command line.

1 Create a new Simulink model, and add to it the blocks shown in the following table.

Block	Library	Quantity
Image From File	Computer Vision System Toolbox > Sources	1
Opening	Computer Vision System Toolbox > Morphological Operations	1
Video Viewer	Computer Vision System Toolbox > Sinks	4
Constant	Simulink > Sources	1
Sum	Simulink > Math Operations	2
Data Type Conversion	Simulink > Signal Attributes	1

2 Use the Image From File block to import the intensity image. Set the **File name** parameter to `rice.png`. This image is a 256-by-256 matrix of 8-bit unsigned integer values.

3 Use the Video Viewer block to view the original image. Accept the default parameters.

4 Use the Opening block to estimate the background of the image. Set the **Neighborhood or structuring element** parameter to `strel('disk',15)`.

   The `strel` function creates a circular STREL object with a radius of 15 pixels. When working with the Opening block, pick a STREL object that fits within the objects you want to keep. It often takes experimentation to find the neighborhood or STREL object that best suits your application.

5 Use the Video Viewer1 block to view the background estimated by the Opening block. Accept the default parameters.

6 Use the first Sum block to subtract the estimated background from the original image. Set the block parameters as follows:

- **Icon shape** = `rectangular`
- **List of signs** = `-+`

7 Use the Video Viewer2 block to view the result of subtracting the background from the original image. Accept the default parameters.

8 Use the Constant block to define an offset value. Set the **Constant value** parameter to `80`.

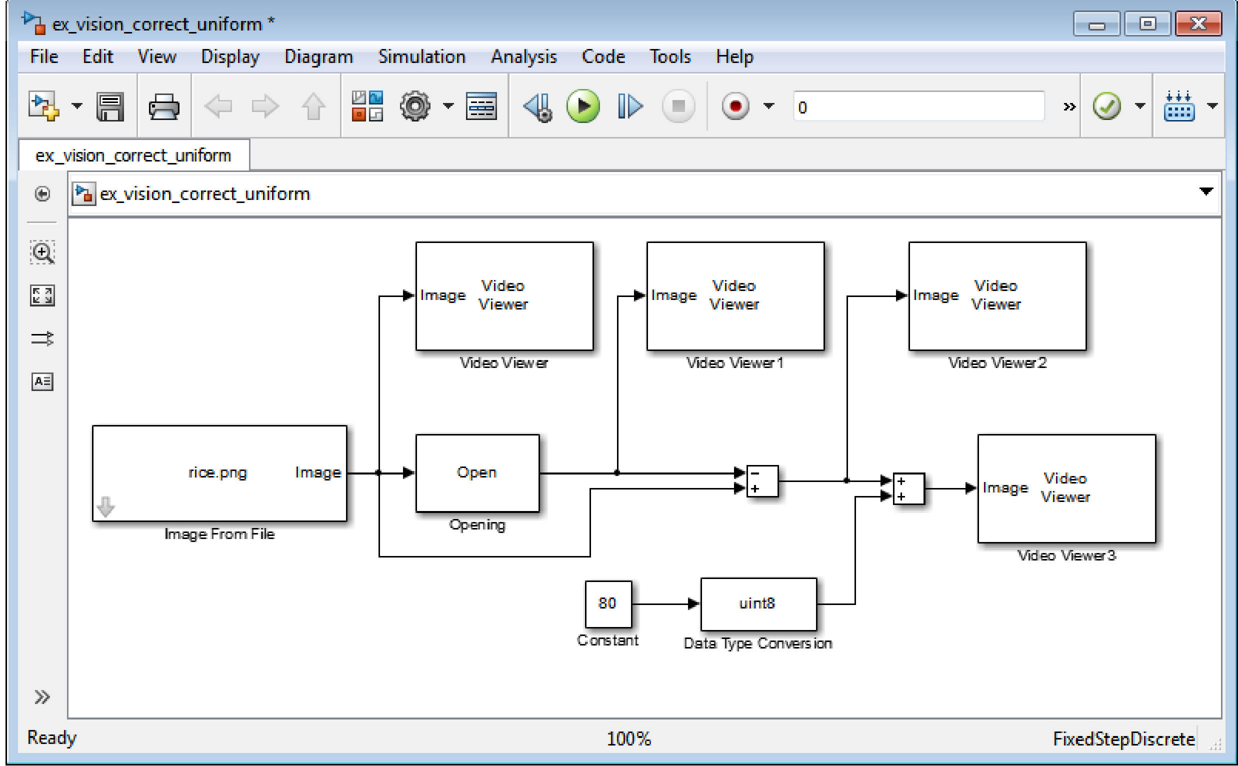
9 Use the Data Type Conversion block to convert the offset value to an 8-bit unsigned integer. Set the **Output data type mode** parameter to `uint8`.

10 Use the second Sum block to lighten the image so that it has the same brightness as the original image. Set the block parameters as follows:

- **Icon shape** = `rectangular`
- **List of signs** = `++`

11 Use the Video Viewer3 block to view the corrected image. Accept the default parameters.

12 Connect the blocks as shown in the following figure.

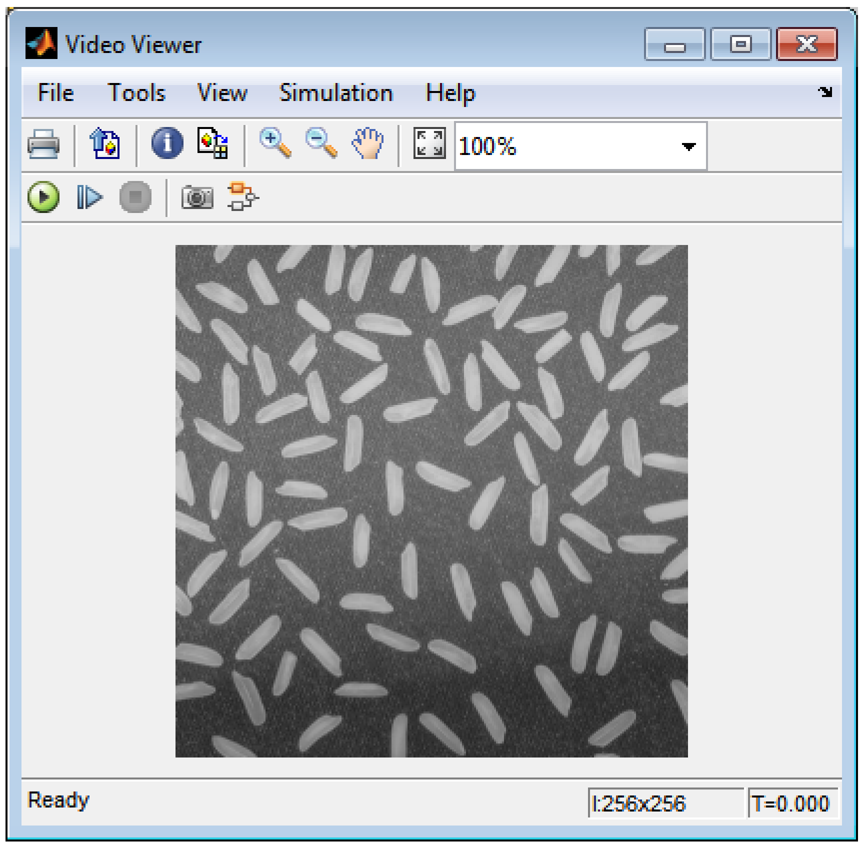


13 Set the configuration parameters. Open the Configuration dialog box by selecting **Model Configuration Parameters** from the **Simulation** menu. Set the parameters as follows:

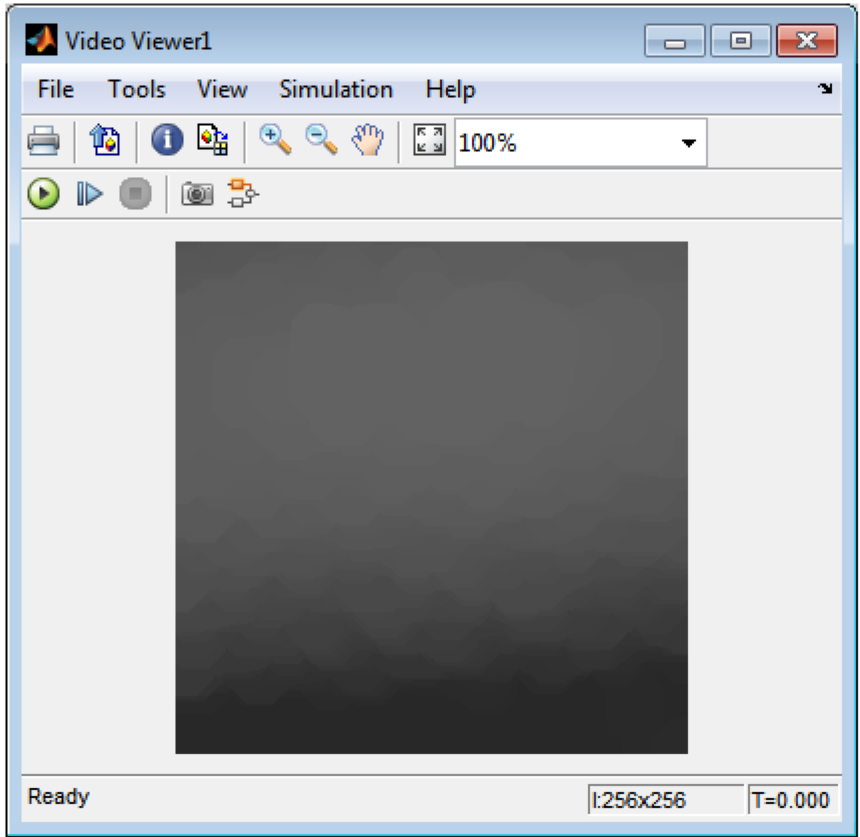
- **Solver** pane, **Stop time** = 0
- **Solver** pane, **Type** = `Fixed-step`
- **Solver** pane, **Solver** = `discrete (no continuous states)`

14 Run the model.

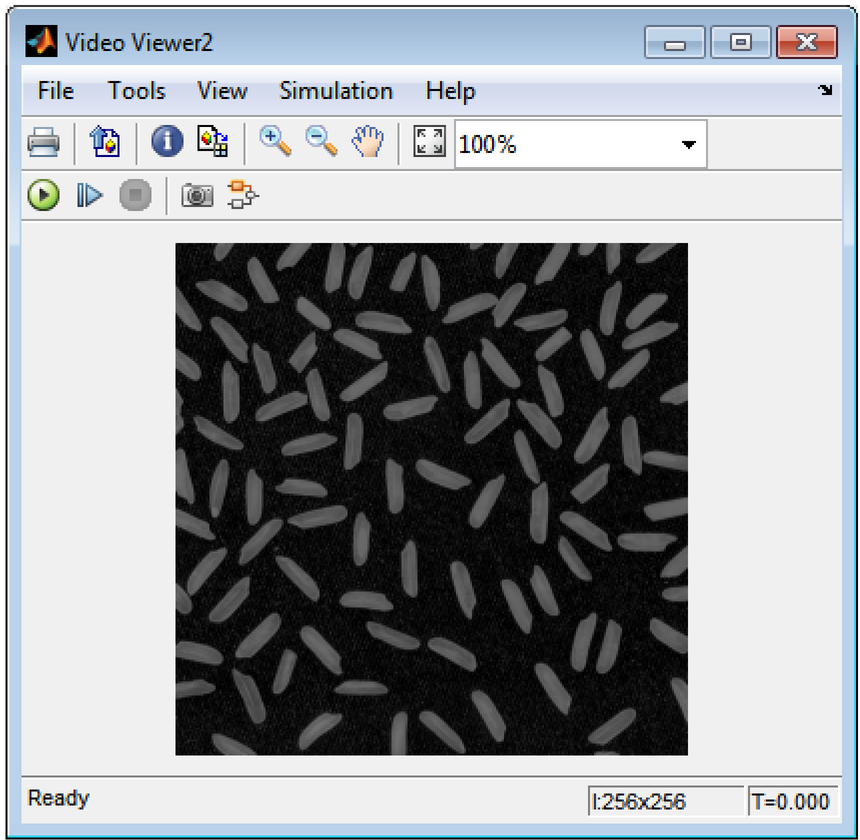
The original image appears in the Video Viewer window.



The estimated background appears in the Video Viewer1 window.

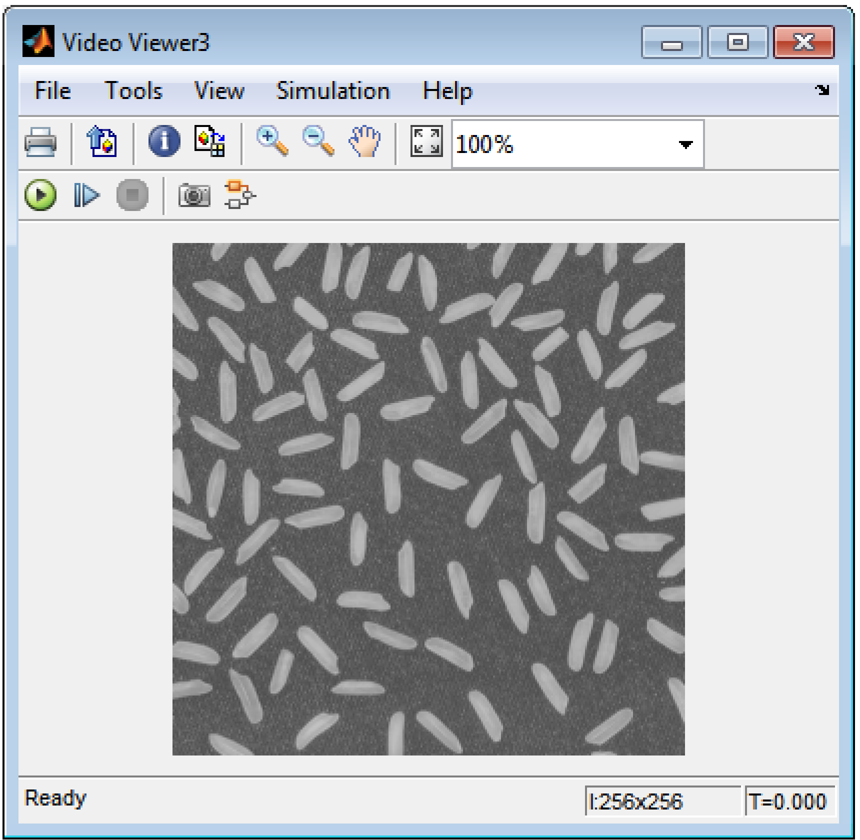


The image without the estimated background appears in the Video Viewer2 window.



The preceding image is too dark. The Constant block provides an offset value that you used to brighten the image.

The corrected image, which has even lighting, appears in the Video Viewer3 window. The following image is shown at its true size.



In this section, you have used the Opening block to remove irregular illumination from an image. For more information about this block, see the Opening reference page. For related information, see the Top-hat block reference page. For more information about STREL objects, see the `strel` function in the Image Processing Toolbox documentation.

Count Objects in an Image

In this example, you import an intensity image of a wheel from the MATLAB workspace and convert it to binary. Then, using the Opening and Label blocks, you count the number of spokes in the wheel. You can use similar techniques to count objects in other intensity images. However, you might need to use additional morphological operators and different structuring elements.

Note: Running this example requires a DSP System Toolbox license.

You can open the example model by typing

```
ex_vision_count_objects
```

on the MATLAB command line.

1 Create a new Simulink model, and add to it the blocks shown in the following table.

Block	Library	Quantity
Image From File	Computer Vision System Toolbox > Sources	1
Opening	Computer Vision System Toolbox> Morphological Operations	1
Label	Computer Vision System Toolbox > Morphological Operations	1
Video Viewer	Computer Vision System Toolbox > Sinks	2
Constant	Simulink > Sources	1
Relational Operator	Simulink > Logic and Bit Operations	1
Display	DSP System Toolbox > Sinks	1

2 Use the Image From File block to import your image. Set the **File name** parameter to `testpat1.png`. This is a 256-by-256 matrix image of 8-bit unsigned integers.

3 Use the Constant block to define a threshold value for the Relational Operator block. Set the **Constant value** parameter to `200`.

4 Use the Video Viewer block to view the original image. Accept the default parameters.

5. Use the Relational Operator block to perform a thresholding operation that converts your intensity image to a binary image. Set the **Relational Operator** parameter to <.

   If the input to the Relational Operator block is less than 200, its output is 1; otherwise, its output is 0. You must threshold your intensity image because the Label block expects binary input. Also, the objects it counts must be white.

6. Use the Opening block to separate the spokes from the rim and from each other at the center of the wheel. Use the default parameters.

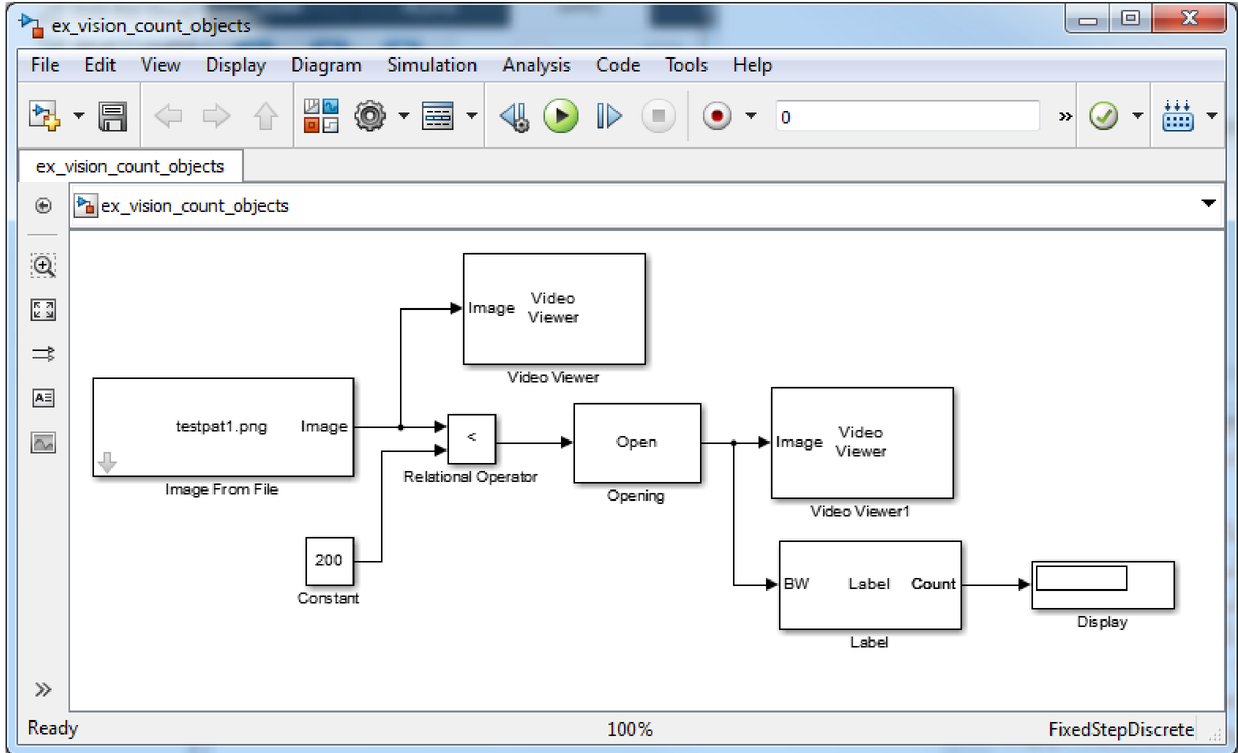
   The `strel` function creates a circular STREL object with a radius of 5 pixels. When working with the Opening block, pick a STREL object that fits within the objects you want to keep. It often takes experimentation to find the neighborhood or STREL object that best suits your application.

7. Use the Video Viewer1 block to view the opened image. Accept the default parameters.

8. Use the Label block to count the number of spokes in the input image. Set the **Output** parameter to `Number of labels`.

9. The Display block displays the number of spokes in the input image. Use the default parameters.

10. Connect the block as shown in the following figure.

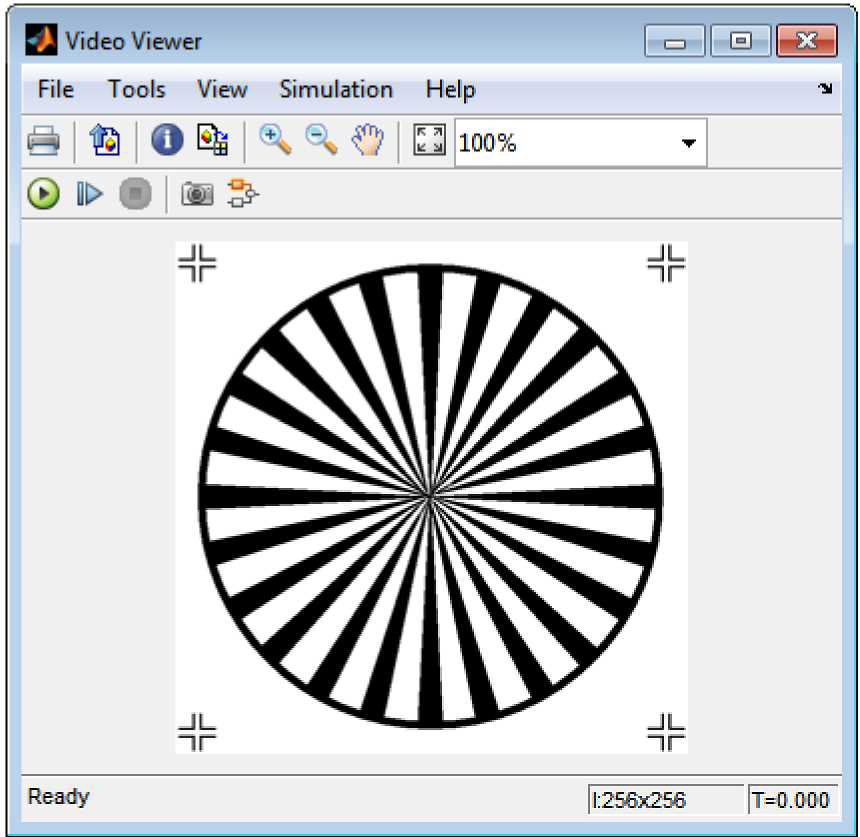


11 Set the configuration parameters. Open the Configuration dialog box by selecting **Model Configuration Parameters** from the **Simulation** menu. Set the parameters as follows:

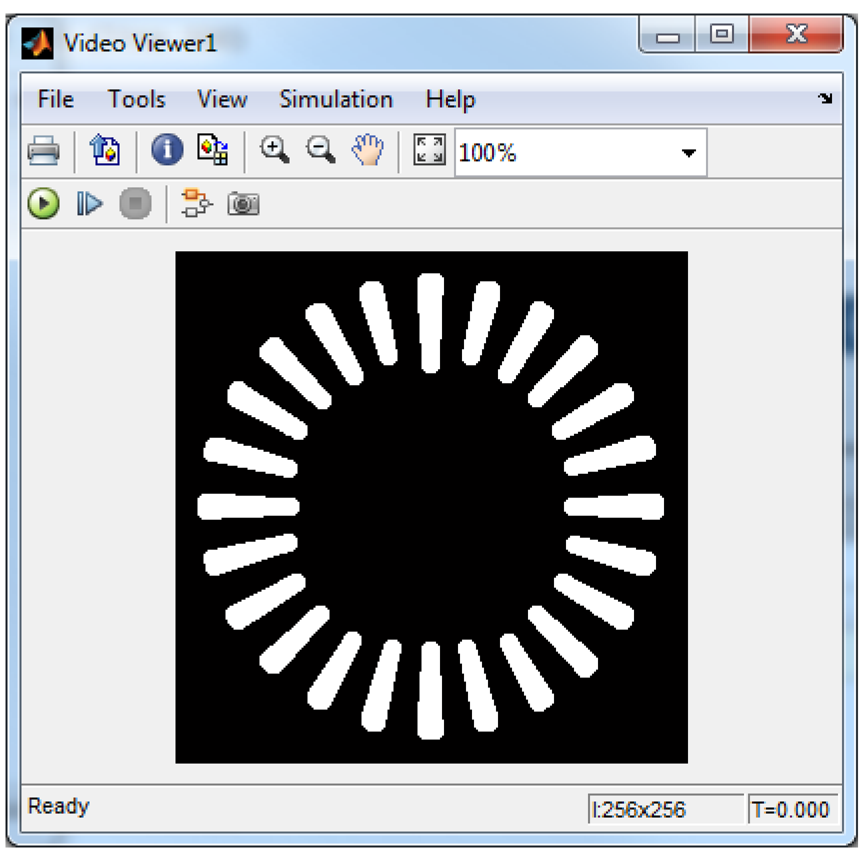
- **Solver** pane, **Stop time** = `0`
- **Solver** pane, **Type** = `Fixed-step`
- **Solver** pane, **Solver** = `discrete (no continuous states)`

12 Run the model.

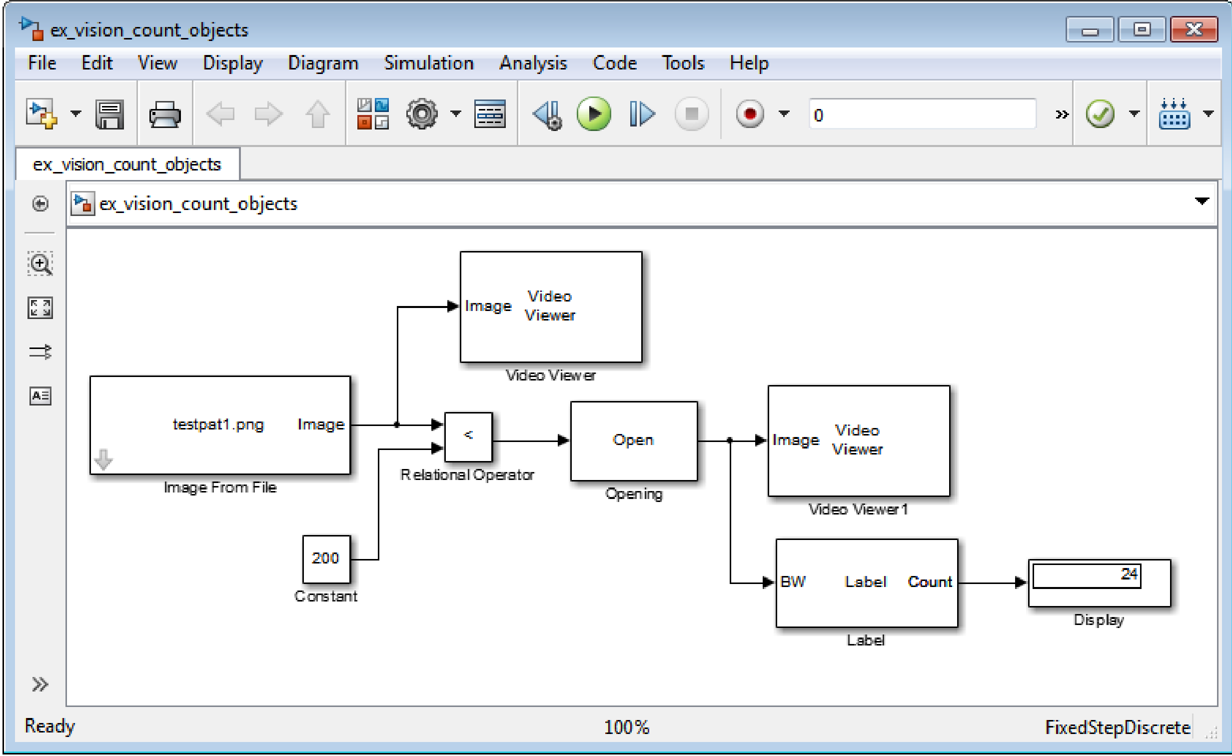
The original image appears in the Video Viewer1 window. To view the image at its true size, right-click the window and select **Set Display To True Size**.



The opened image appears in the Video Viewer window. The following image is shown at its true size.



As you can see in the preceding figure, the spokes are now separate white objects. In the model, the Display block correctly indicates that there are 24 distinct spokes.



You have used the Opening and Label blocks to count the number of spokes in an image. For more information about these blocks, see the Opening and Label block reference pages in the *Computer Vision System Toolbox Reference*. If you want to send the number of spokes to the MATLAB workspace, use the To Workspace block in Simulink or the Signal to Workspace block in DSP System Toolbox. For more information about STREL objects, see `strel` in the Image Processing Toolbox documentation.

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Fixed-Point Design

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Fixed-Point Signal Processing

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Note: To take full advantage of fixed-point support in System Toolbox software, you must install Fixed-Point Designer™ software.

Fixed-Point Features

Many of the blocks in this product have fixed-point support, so you can design signal processing systems that use fixed-point arithmetic. Fixed-point support in DSP System Toolbox software includes

- Signed two's complement and unsigned fixed-point data types
- Word lengths from 2 to 128 bits in simulation
- Word lengths from 2 to the size of a `long` on the Simulink Coder C code-generation target
- Overflow handling and rounding methods
- C code generation for deployment on a fixed-point embedded processor, with Simulink Coder code generation software. The generated code uses all allowed data types supported by the embedded target, and automatically includes all necessary shift and scaling operations

Benefits of Fixed-Point Hardware

There are both benefits and trade-offs to using fixed-point hardware rather than floating-point hardware for signal processing development. Many signal processing applications require low-power and cost-effective circuitry, which makes fixed-point hardware a natural choice. Fixed-point hardware tends to be simpler and smaller. As a result, these units require less power and cost less to produce than floating-point circuitry.

Floating-point hardware is usually larger because it demands functionality and ease of development. Floating-point hardware can accurately represent real-world numbers, and

its large dynamic range reduces the risk of overflow, quantization errors, and the need for scaling. In contrast, the smaller dynamic range of fixed-point hardware that allows for low-power, inexpensive units brings the possibility of these problems. Therefore, fixed-point development must minimize the negative effects of these factors, while exploiting the benefits of fixed-point hardware; cost- and size-effective units, less power and memory usage, and fast real-time processing.

Benefits of Fixed-Point Design with System Toolboxes Software

Simulating your fixed-point development choices before implementing them in hardware saves time and money. The built-in fixed-point operations provided by the System Toolboxes software save time in simulation and allow you to generate code automatically.

This software allows you to easily run multiple simulations with different word length, scaling, overflow handling, and rounding method choices to see the consequences of various fixed-point designs before committing to hardware. The traditional risks of fixed-point development, such as quantization errors and overflow, can be simulated and mitigated in software before going to hardware.

Fixed-point C code generation with System Toolbox software and Simulink Coder code generation software produces code ready for execution on a fixed-point processor. All the choices you make in simulation in terms of scaling, overflow handling, and rounding methods are automatically optimized in the generated code, without necessitating time-consuming and costly hand-optimized code.

Fixed-Point Concepts and Terminology

In this section...
“Fixed-Point Data Types” on page 10-4
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“Precision and Range” on page 10-6

Note: The “Glossary” defines much of the vocabulary used in these sections. For more information on these subjects, see the “Fixed-Point Designer” documentation.

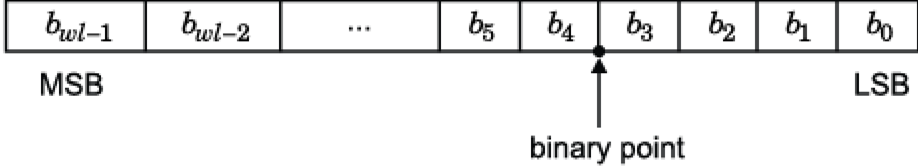
Fixed-Point Data Types

In digital hardware, numbers are stored in binary words. A binary word is a fixed-length sequence of bits (1's and 0's). How hardware components or software functions interpret this sequence of 1's and 0's is defined by the data type.

Binary numbers are represented as either fixed-point or floating-point data types. In this section, we discuss many terms and concepts relating to fixed-point numbers, data types, and mathematics.

A fixed-point data type is characterized by the word length in bits, the position of the binary point, and whether it is signed or unsigned. The position of the binary point is the means by which fixed-point values are scaled and interpreted.

For example, a binary representation of a generalized fixed-point number (either signed or unsigned) is shown below:



where

- b_i is the ith binary digit.

- wl is the word length in bits.
- b_{wl-1} is the location of the most significant, or highest, bit (MSB).
- b_0 is the location of the least significant, or lowest, bit (LSB).
- The binary point is shown four places to the left of the LSB. In this example, therefore, the number is said to have four fractional bits, or a fraction length of four.

Fixed-point data types can be either signed or unsigned. Signed binary fixed-point numbers are typically represented in one of three ways:

- Sign/magnitude
- One's complement
- Two's complement

Two's complement is the most common representation of signed fixed-point numbers and is used by System Toolbox software. See “Two's Complement” on page 10-10 for more information.

Scaling

Fixed-point numbers can be encoded according to the scheme

$$\textit{real-world value} = (\textit{slope} \times \textit{integer}) + \textit{bias}$$

where the slope can be expressed as

$$\textit{slope} = \textit{slope adjustment} \times 2^{\textit{exponent}}$$

The integer is sometimes called the *stored integer*. This is the raw binary number, in which the binary point assumed to be at the far right of the word. In System Toolboxes, the negative of the exponent is often referred to as the *fraction length*.

The slope and bias together represent the scaling of the fixed-point number. In a number with zero bias, only the slope affects the scaling. A fixed-point number that is only scaled by binary point position is equivalent to a number in the Fixed-Point Designer [Slope Bias] representation that has a bias equal to zero and a slope adjustment equal to one. This is referred to as binary point-only scaling or power-of-two scaling:

$$\textit{real-world value} = 2^{\textit{exponent}} \times \textit{integer}$$

or

$$\textit{real-world value} = 2^{-\textit{fraction length}} \times \textit{integer}$$

In System Toolbox software, you can define a fixed-point data type and scaling for the output or the parameters of many blocks by specifying the word length and fraction length of the quantity. The word length and fraction length define the whole of the data type and scaling information for binary-point only signals.

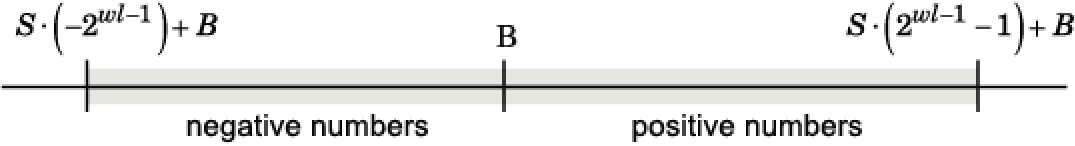
All System Toolbox blocks that support fixed-point data types support signals with binary-point only scaling. Many fixed-point blocks that do not perform arithmetic operations but merely rearrange data, such as Delay and Matrix Transpose, also support signals with [Slope Bias] scaling.

Precision and Range

You must pay attention to the precision and range of the fixed-point data types and scalings you choose for the blocks in your simulations, in order to know whether rounding methods will be invoked or if overflows will occur.

Range

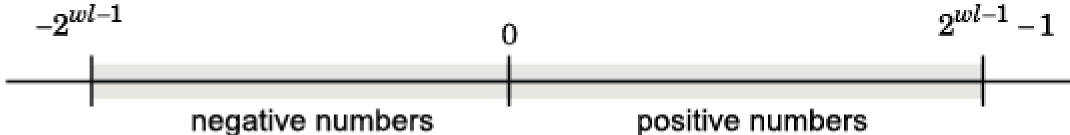
The range is the span of numbers that a fixed-point data type and scaling can represent. The range of representable numbers for a two's complement fixed-point number of word length wl, scaling S, and bias B is illustrated below:



For both signed and unsigned fixed-point numbers of any data type, the number of different bit patterns is $2wl$.

For example, in two's complement, negative numbers must be represented as well as zero, so the maximum value is $2wl^{-1}$. Because there is only one representation for zero, there are an unequal number of positive and negative numbers. This means there is a representation for $-2wl^{-1}$ but not for $2wl^{-1}$:

For slope = 1 and bias = 0:



Overflow Handling

Because a fixed-point data type represents numbers within a finite range, overflows can occur if the result of an operation is larger or smaller than the numbers in that range.

System Toolbox software does not allow you to add guard bits to a data type on-the-fly in order to avoid overflows. Any guard bits must be allocated upon model initialization. However, the software does allow you to either *saturate* or *wrap* overflows. Saturation represents positive overflows as the largest positive number in the range being used, and negative overflows as the largest negative number in the range being used. Wrapping uses modulo arithmetic to cast an overflow back into the representable range of the data type. See "Modulo Arithmetic" on page 10-9 for more information.

Precision

The precision of a fixed-point number is the difference between successive values representable by its data type and scaling, which is equal to the value of its least significant bit. The value of the least significant bit, and therefore the precision of the number, is determined by the number of fractional bits. A fixed-point value can be represented to within half of the precision of its data type and scaling.

For example, a fixed-point representation with four bits to the right of the binary point has a precision of 2^{-4} or 0.0625, which is the value of its least significant bit. Any number within the range of this data type and scaling can be represented to within $(2^{-4})/2$ or 0.03125, which is half the precision. This is an example of representing a number with finite precision.

Rounding Modes

When you represent numbers with finite precision, not every number in the available range can be represented exactly. If a number cannot be represented exactly by the specified data type and scaling, it is *rounded* to a representable number. Although precision is always lost in the rounding operation, the cost of the operation and the

amount of bias that is introduced depends on the rounding mode itself. To provide you with greater flexibility in the trade-off between cost and bias, DSP System Toolbox software currently supports the following rounding modes:

- `Ceiling` rounds the result of a calculation to the closest representable number in the direction of positive infinity.
- `Convergent` rounds the result of a calculation to the closest representable number. In the case of a tie, `Convergent` rounds to the nearest even number. This is the least biased rounding mode provided by the toolbox.
- `Floor`, which is equivalent to truncation, rounds the result of a calculation to the closest representable number in the direction of negative infinity.
- `Nearest` rounds the result of a calculation to the closest representable number. In the case of a tie, `Nearest` rounds to the closest representable number in the direction of positive infinity.
- `Round` rounds the result of a calculation to the closest representable number. In the case of a tie, `Round` rounds positive numbers to the closest representable number in the direction of positive infinity, and rounds negative numbers to the closest representable number in the direction of negative infinity.
- `Simplest` rounds the result of a calculation using the rounding mode (`Floor` or `Zero`) that adds the least amount of extra rounding code to your generated code. For more information, see “Rounding Mode: Simplest” in the Fixed-Point Designer documentation.
- `Zero` rounds the result of a calculation to the closest representable number in the direction of zero.

To learn more about each of these rounding modes, see “Rounding” in the Fixed-Point Designer documentation.

For a direct comparison of the rounding modes, see “Choosing a Rounding Method” in the Fixed-Point Designer documentation.

Arithmetic Operations

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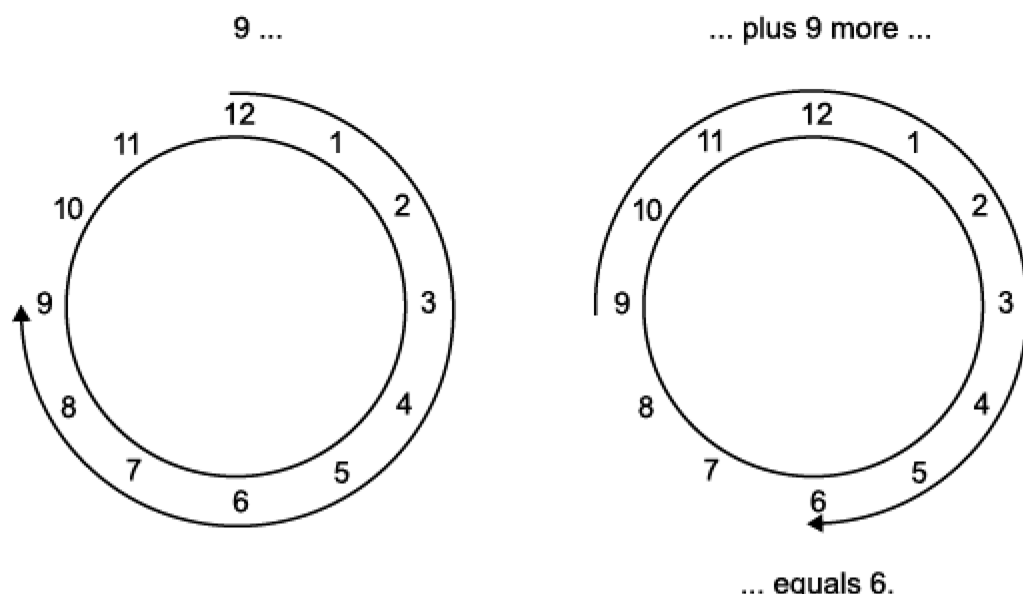
Note: These sections will help you understand what data type and scaling choices result in overflows or a loss of precision.

Modulo Arithmetic

Binary math is based on modulo arithmetic. Modulo arithmetic uses only a finite set of numbers, wrapping the results of any calculations that fall outside the given set back into the set.

For example, the common everyday clock uses modulo 12 arithmetic. Numbers in this system can only be 1 through 12. Therefore, in the “clock” system, 9 plus 9 equals 6. This can be more easily visualized as a number circle:



Similarly, binary math can only use the numbers 0 and 1, and any arithmetic results that fall outside this range are wrapped "around the circle" to either 0 or 1.

Two's Complement

Two's complement is a way to interpret a binary number. In two's complement, positive numbers always start with a 0 and negative numbers always start with a 1. If the leading bit of a two's complement number is 0, the value is obtained by calculating the standard binary value of the number. If the leading bit of a two's complement number is 1, the value is obtained by assuming that the leftmost bit is negative, and then calculating the binary value of the number. For example,

$$01 = (0 + 2^0) = 1$$

$$11 = ((-2^1) + (2^0)) = (-2 + 1) = -1$$

To compute the negative of a binary number using two's complement,

1. Take the one's complement, or "flip the bits."
2. Add a 1 using binary math.

3 Discard any bits carried beyond the original word length.

For example, consider taking the negative of 11010 (-6). First, take the one's complement of the number, or flip the bits:

$$11010 \rightarrow 00101$$

Next, add a 1, wrapping all numbers to 0 or 1:

```
00101
   +1
-----
00110 (6)
```

Addition and Subtraction

The addition of fixed-point numbers requires that the binary points of the addends be aligned. The addition is then performed using binary arithmetic so that no number other than 0 or 1 is used.

For example, consider the addition of 010010.1 (18.5) with 0110.110 (6.75):

```
010010.1     (18.5)
 +0110.110    (6.75)
----------
011001.010  (25.25)
```

Fixed-point subtraction is equivalent to adding while using the two's complement value for any negative values. In subtraction, the addends must be sign extended to match each other's length. For example, consider subtracting 0110.110 (6.75) from 010010.1 (18.5):

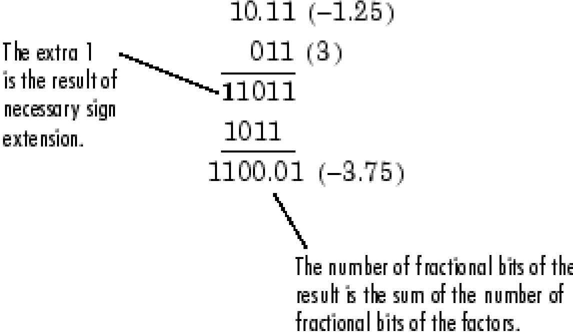
Most fixed-point DSP System Toolbox blocks that perform addition cast the adder inputs to an accumulator data type before performing the addition. Therefore, no further

shifting is necessary during the addition to line up the binary points. See “Casts” on page 10-14 for more information.

Multiplication

The multiplication of two's complement fixed-point numbers is directly analogous to regular decimal multiplication, with the exception that the intermediate results must be sign extended so that their left sides align before you add them together.

For example, consider the multiplication of 10.11 (-1.25) with 011 (3):



Multiplication Data Types

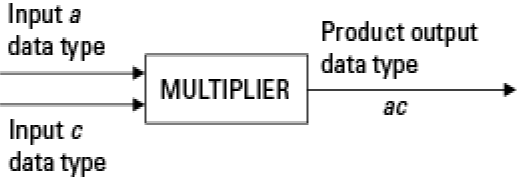
The following diagrams show the data types used for fixed-point multiplication in the System Toolbox software. The diagrams illustrate the differences between the data types used for real-real, complex-real, and complex-complex multiplication. See individual reference pages to determine whether a particular block accepts complex fixed-point inputs.

In most cases, you can set the data types used during multiplication in the block mask. See Accumulator Parameters, Intermediate Product Parameters, Product Output Parameters, and Output Parameters. These data types are defined in “Casts” on page 10-14.

Note: The following diagrams show the use of fixed-point data types in multiplication in System Toolbox software. They do not represent actual subsystems used by the software to perform multiplication.

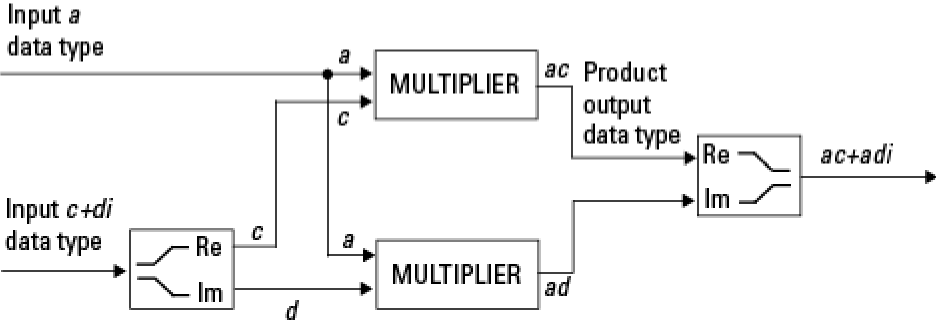
Real-Real Multiplication

The following diagram shows the data types used in the multiplication of two real numbers in System Toolbox software. The software returns the output of this operation in the product output data type, as the next figure shows.



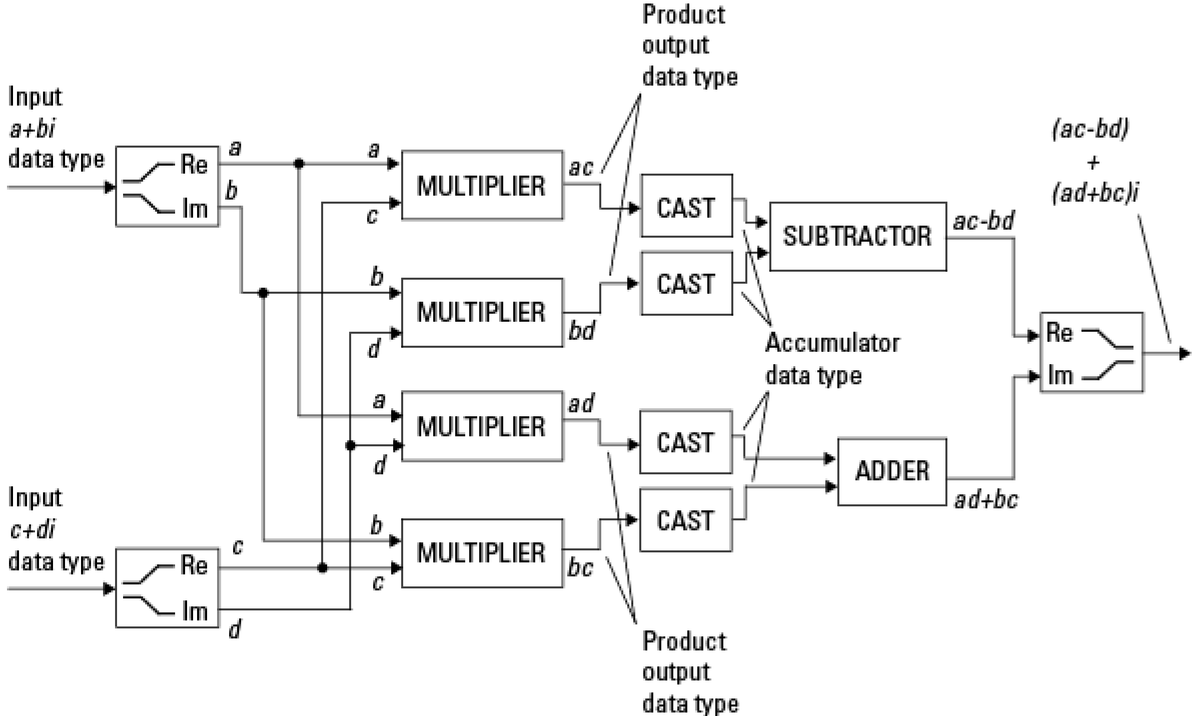
Real-Complex Multiplication

The following diagram shows the data types used in the multiplication of a real and a complex fixed-point number in System Toolbox software. Real-complex and complex-real multiplication are equivalent. The software returns the output of this operation in the product output data type, as the next figure shows.



Complex-Complex Multiplication

The following diagram shows the multiplication of two complex fixed-point numbers in System Toolbox software. Note that the software returns the output of this operation in the accumulator output data type, as the next figure shows.



System Toolbox blocks cast to the accumulator data type before performing addition or subtraction operations. In the preceding diagram, this is equivalent to the C code

```
acc=ac;
acc-=bd;
```

for the subtractor, and

```
acc=ad;
acc+=bc;
```

for the adder, where *acc* is the accumulator.

Casts

Many fixed-point System Toolbox blocks that perform arithmetic operations allow you to specify the accumulator, intermediate product, and product output data types, as

applicable, as well as the output data type of the block. This section gives an overview of the casts to these data types, so that you can tell if the data types you select will invoke sign extension, padding with zeros, rounding, and/or overflow.

Casts to the Accumulator Data Type

For most fixed-point System Toolbox blocks that perform addition or subtraction, the operands are first cast to an accumulator data type. Most of the time, you can specify the accumulator data type on the block mask. See Accumulator Parameters. Since the addends are both cast to the same accumulator data type before they are added together, no extra shift is necessary to insure that their binary points align. The result of the addition remains in the accumulator data type, with the possibility of overflow.

Casts to the Intermediate Product or Product Output Data Type

For System Toolbox blocks that perform multiplication, the output of the multiplier is placed into a product output data type. Blocks that then feed the product output back into the multiplier might first cast it to an intermediate product data type. Most of the time, you can specify these data types on the block mask. See Intermediate Product Parameters and Product Output Parameters.

Casts to the Output Data Type

Many fixed-point System Toolbox blocks allow you to specify the data type and scaling of the block output on the mask. Remember that the software does not allow mixed types on the input and output ports of its blocks. Therefore, if you would like to specify a fixed-point output data type and scaling for a System Toolbox block that supports fixed-point data types, you must feed the input port of that block with a fixed-point signal. The final cast made by a fixed-point System Toolbox block is to the output data type of the block.

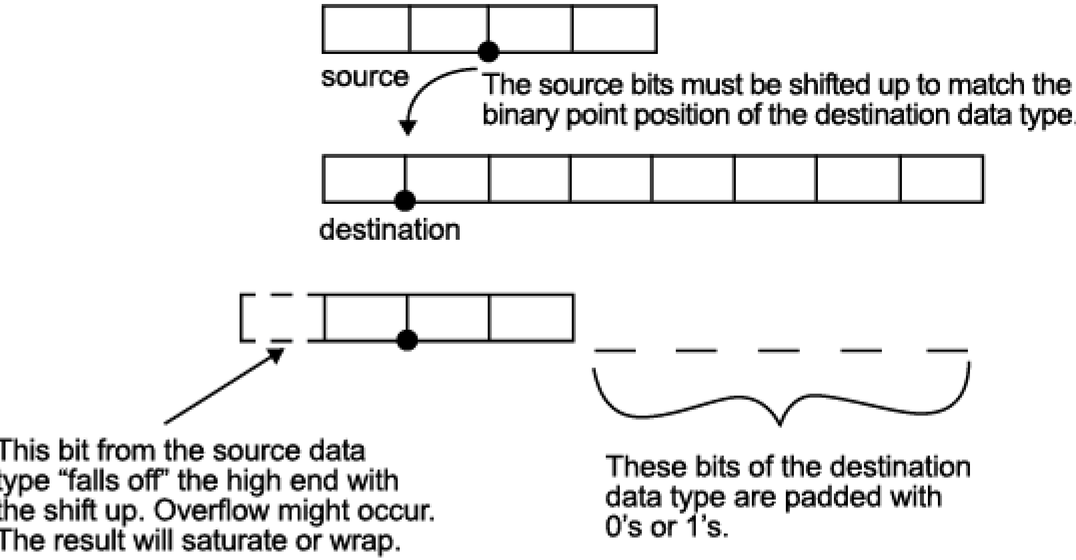
Note that although you can not mix fixed-point and floating-point signals on the input and output ports of blocks, you can have fixed-point signals with different word and fraction lengths on the ports of blocks that support fixed-point signals.

Casting Examples

It is important to keep in mind the ramifications of each cast when selecting these intermediate data types, as well as any other intermediate fixed-point data types that are allowed by a particular block. Depending upon the data types you select, overflow and/or rounding might occur. The following two examples demonstrate cases where overflow and rounding can occur.

Cast from a Shorter Data Type to a Longer Data Type

Consider the cast of a nonzero number, represented by a four-bit data type with two fractional bits, to an eight-bit data type with seven fractional bits:



As the diagram shows, the source bits are shifted up so that the binary point matches the destination binary point position. The highest source bit does not fit, so overflow might occur and the result can saturate or wrap. The empty bits at the low end of the destination data type are padded with either 0's or 1's:

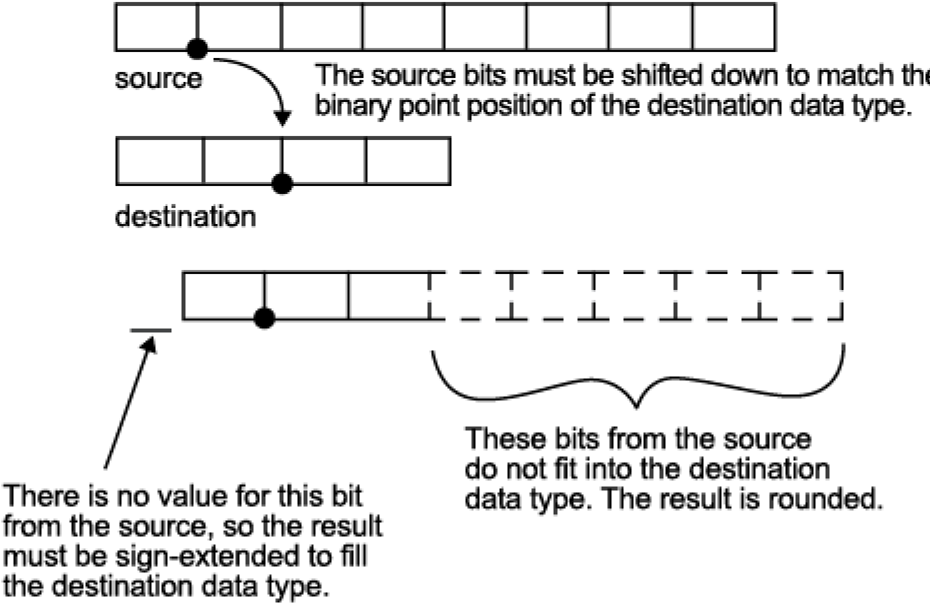
- If overflow does not occur, the empty bits are padded with 0's.
- If wrapping occurs, the empty bits are padded with 0's.
- If saturation occurs,
  - The empty bits of a positive number are padded with 1's.
  - The empty bits of a negative number are padded with 0's.

You can see that even with a cast from a shorter data type to a longer data type, overflow might still occur. This can happen when the integer length of the source data type (in this case two) is longer than the integer length of the destination data type (in this case

one). Similarly, rounding might be necessary even when casting from a shorter data type to a longer data type, if the destination data type and scaling has fewer fractional bits than the source.

Cast from a Longer Data Type to a Shorter Data Type

Consider the cast of a nonzero number, represented by an eight-bit data type with seven fractional bits, to a four-bit data type with two fractional bits:



As the diagram shows, the source bits are shifted down so that the binary point matches the destination binary point position. There is no value for the highest bit from the source, so the result is sign extended to fill the integer portion of the destination data type. The bottom five bits of the source do not fit into the fraction length of the destination. Therefore, precision can be lost as the result is rounded.

In this case, even though the cast is from a longer data type to a shorter data type, all the integer bits are maintained. Conversely, full precision can be maintained even if you cast to a shorter data type, as long as the fraction length of the destination data type is the same length or longer than the fraction length of the source data type. In that case, however, bits are lost from the high end of the result and overflow might occur.

The worst case occurs when both the integer length and the fraction length of the destination data type are shorter than those of the source data type and scaling. In that case, both overflow and a loss of precision can occur.

Fixed-Point Support for MATLAB System Objects

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"Displaying Fixed-Point Properties" on page 10-20
"Setting System Object Fixed-Point Properties" on page 10-21

For information on working with Fixed-Point features, refer to the "Fixed-Point" topic.

Getting Information About Fixed-Point System Objects

System objects that support fixed-point data processing have fixed-point properties, which you can display for a particular object by typing `vision.<ObjectName>.helpFixedPoint` at the command line.

See "Displaying Fixed-Point Properties" on page 10-20 to set the display of System object fixed-point properties.

The following Computer Vision System Toolbox objects support fixed-point data processing.

Fixed-Point Data Processing Support

```
vision.AlphaBlender
vision.Autocorrelator
vision.Autothresholder
vision.BlobAnalysis
vision.BlockMatcher
vision.ContrastAdjuster
vision.Convolver
vision.CornerDetector
vision.Crosscorrelator
vision.DCT
vision.Deinterlacer
vision.DemosaicInterpolator
vision.EdgeDetector
```

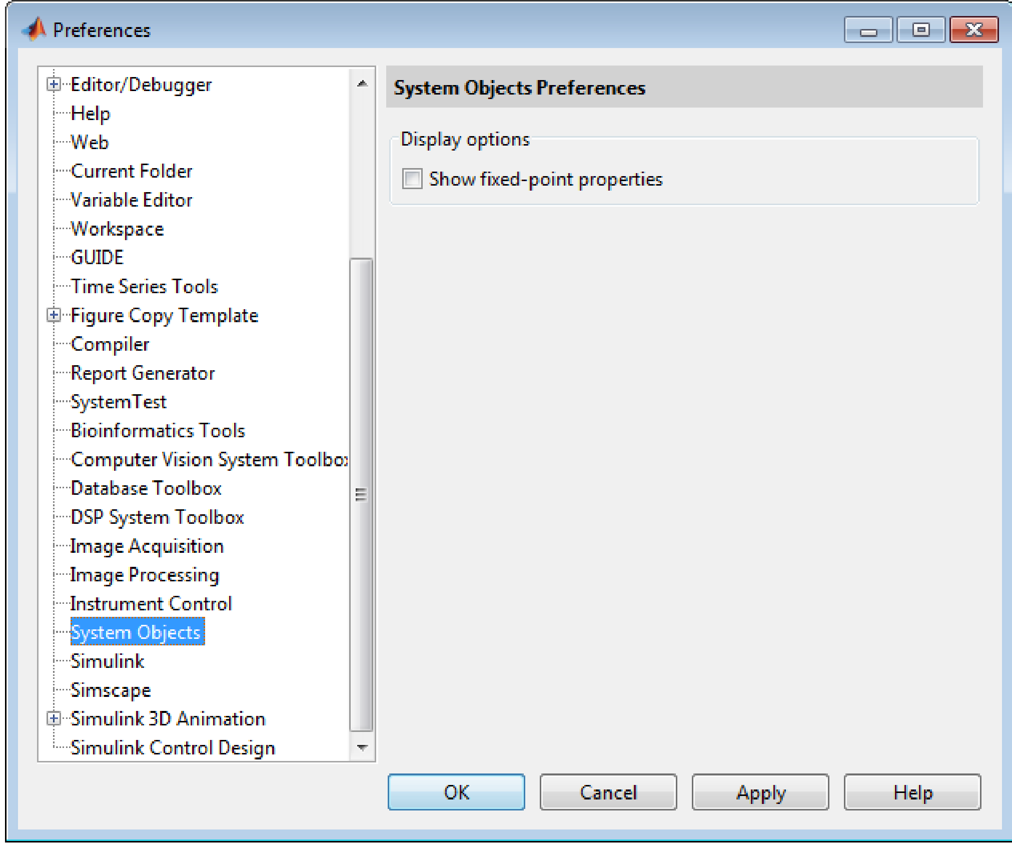
```
vision.FFT
vision.GeometricRotator
vision.GeometricScaler
vision.GeometricTranslator
vision.Histogram
vision.HoughLines
vision.HoughTransform
vision.IDCT
vision.IFFT
vision.ImageDataTypeConverter
vision.ImageFilter
vision.MarkerInserter
vision.Maximum
vision.Mean
vision.Median
vision.MedianFilter
vision.Minimum
vision.OpticalFlow
vision.PSNR
vision.Pyramid
vision.SAD
vision.ShapeInserter
vision.Variance
```

Displaying Fixed-Point Properties

You can control whether the software displays fixed-point properties with either of the following commands:

- `matlab.system.showFixedPointProperties`
- `matlab.system.hideFixedPointProperties`

at the MATLAB command line. These commands set the **Show fixed-point properties** display option. You can also set the display option directly via the MATLAB preferences dialog box. Select the **Preferences** icon from the MATLAB desktop, and then select **System Objects**. Finally, select or deselect **Show fixed-point properties**.



If an object supports fixed-point data processing, its fixed-point properties are active regardless of whether they are displayed or not.

Setting System Object Fixed-Point Properties

A number of properties affect the fixed-point data processing used by a System object. Objects perform fixed-point processing and use the current fixed-point property settings when they receive fixed-point input.

You change the values of fixed-point properties in the same way as you change any System object property value. You also use the Fixed-Point Designer `numerictype` object to specify the desired data type as fixed-point, the signedness, and the word- and fraction-lengths.

In the same way as for blocks, the data type properties of many System objects can set the appropriate word lengths and scalings automatically by using full precision. System objects assume that the target specified on the Configuration Parameters Hardware Implementation target is `ASIC/FPGA`.

If you have not set the property that activates a dependent property and you attempt to change that dependent property, a warning message displays. For example, for the `vision.EdgeDetector` object, before you set `CustomProductDataType` to `numerictype(1,16,15)` you must set `ProductDataType` to `'Custom'`.

Note: System objects do not support fixed-point word lengths greater than 128 bits.

For any System object provided in the Toolbox, the fimath settings for any fimath attached to a fi input or a fi property are ignored. Outputs from a System object never have an attached fimath.

Specify Fixed-Point Attributes for Blocks

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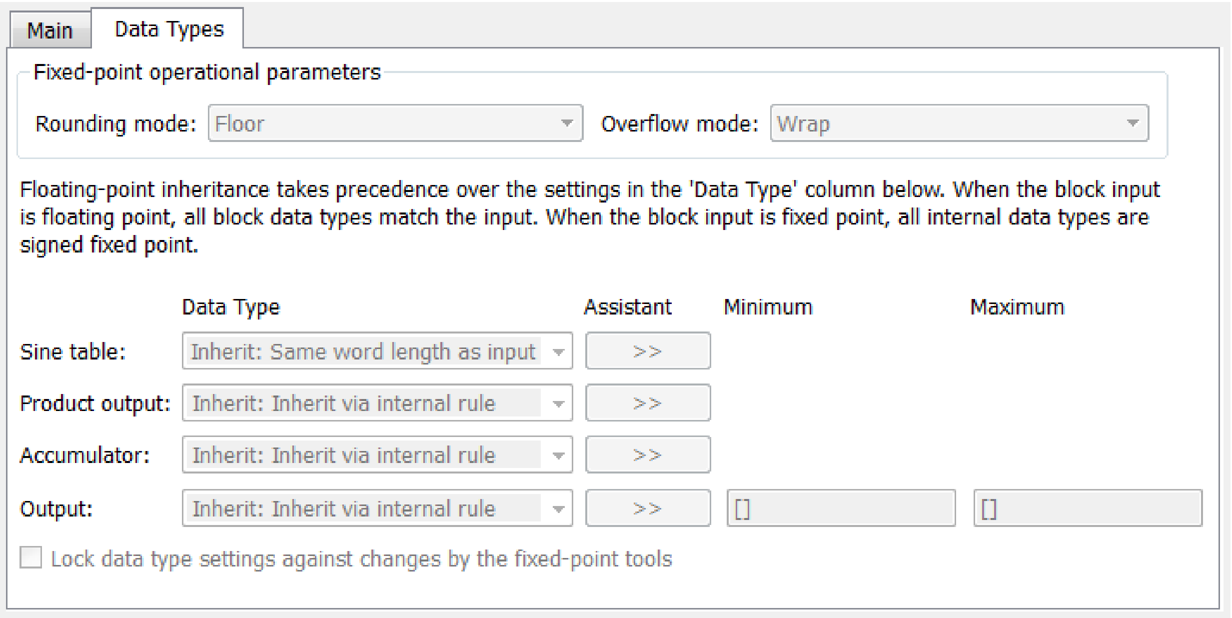
“Specify Data Types for Fixed-Point Blocks” on page 10-37

Fixed-Point Block Parameters

System Toolbox blocks that have fixed-point support usually allow you to specify fixed-point characteristics through block parameters. By specifying data type and scaling information for these fixed-point parameters, you can simulate your target hardware more closely.

Note: Floating-point inheritance takes precedence over the settings discussed in this section. When the block has floating-point input, all block data types match the input.

You can find most fixed-point parameters on the **Data Types** pane of System Toolbox blocks. The following figure shows a typical **Data Types** pane.



All System Toolbox blocks with fixed-point capabilities share a set of common parameters, but each block can have a different subset of these fixed-point parameters. The following table provides an overview of the most common fixed-point block parameters.

Fixed-Point Data Type Parameter	Description
Rounding Mode	Specifies the rounding mode for the block to use when the specified data type and scaling cannot exactly represent the result of a fixed-point calculation. See "Rounding Modes" on page 10-7 for more information on the available options.
Overflow Mode	Specifies the overflow mode to use when the result of a fixed-point calculation does not fit into the representable range of the specified data type. See "Overflow Handling" on page 10-7 for more information on the available options.

Fixed-Point Data Type Parameter	Description
Intermediate Product	Specifies the data type and scaling of the intermediate product for fixed-point blocks. Blocks that feed multiplication results back to the input of the multiplier use the intermediate product data type. See the reference page of a specific block to learn about the intermediate product data type for that block.
Product Output	Specifies the data type and scaling of the product output for fixed-point blocks that must compute multiplication results. See the reference page of a specific block to learn about the product output data type for that block. For or complex-complex multiplication, the multiplication result is in the accumulator data type. See "Multiplication Data Types" on page 10-12 for more information on complex fixed-point multiplication in System toolbox software.
Accumulator	Specifies the data type and scaling of the accumulator (sum) for fixed-point blocks that must hold summation results for further calculation. Most such blocks cast to the accumulator data type before performing the add operations (summation). See the reference page of a specific block for details on the accumulator data type of that block.
Output	Specifies the output data type and scaling for blocks.

Using the Data Type Assistant

The **Data Type Assistant** is an interactive graphical tool available on the **Data Types** pane of some fixed-point System Toolbox blocks.

To learn more about using the **Data Type Assistant** to help you specify block data type parameters, see the following section of the Simulink documentation:
"Specify Data Types Using Data Type Assistant"

Checking Signal Ranges

Some fixed-point System Toolbox blocks have **Minimum** and **Maximum** parameters on the **Data Types** pane. When a fixed-point data type has these parameters, you can use them to specify appropriate minimum and maximum values for range checking purposes.

To learn how to specify signal ranges and enable signal range checking, see "Signal Ranges" in the Simulink documentation.

Specify System-Level Settings

You can monitor and control fixed-point settings for System Toolbox blocks at a system or subsystem level with the Fixed-Point Tool. For additional information on these subjects, see

- The `fxptdlg` reference page — A reference page on the Fixed-Point Tool in the Simulink documentation
- "Fixed-Point Tool" — A tutorial that highlights the use of the Fixed-Point Tool in the Fixed-Point Designer software documentation

Logging

The Fixed-Point Tool logs overflows, saturations, and simulation minimums and maximums for fixed-point System Toolbox blocks. The Fixed-Point Tool does not log overflows and saturations when the `Data overflow` line in the **Diagnostics > Data Integrity** pane of the Configuration Parameters dialog box is set to `None`.

Autoscaling

You can use the Fixed-Point Tool autoscaling feature to set the scaling for System Toolbox fixed-point data types.

Data type override

System Toolbox blocks obey the `Use local settings`, `Double`, `Single`, and `Off` modes of the **Data type override** parameter in the Fixed-Point Tool. The `Scaled double` mode is also supported for System Toolboxes source and byte-shuffling blocks, and for some arithmetic blocks such as Difference and Normalization.

Inherit via Internal Rule

Selecting appropriate word lengths and scalings for the fixed-point parameters in your model can be challenging. To aid you, an `Inherit via internal rule` choice is often available for fixed-point block data type parameters, such as the **Accumulator** and **Product output** signals. The following sections describe how the word and fraction lengths are selected for you when you choose `Inherit via internal rule` for a fixed-point block data type parameter in System Toolbox software:

- "Internal Rule for Accumulator Data Types" on page 10-27
- "Internal Rule for Product Data Types" on page 10-28
- "Internal Rule for Output Data Types" on page 10-28
- "The Effect of the Hardware Implementation Pane on the Internal Rule" on page 10-28
- "Internal Rule Examples" on page 10-30

Note: In the equations in the following sections, *WL* = word length and *FL* = fraction length.

Internal Rule for Accumulator Data Types

The internal rule for accumulator data types first calculates the ideal, full-precision result. Where *N* is the number of addends:

$$WL_{ideal\ accumulator} = WL_{input\ to\ accumulator} + \text{floor}(\log_2(N-1)) + 1$$

$$FL_{ideal\ accumulator} = FL_{input\ to\ accumulator}$$

For example, consider summing all the elements of a vector of length 6 and data type sfix10_En8. The ideal, full-precision result has a word length of 13 and a fraction length of 8.

The accumulator can be real or complex. The preceding equations are used for both the real and imaginary parts of the accumulator. For any calculation, after the full-precision result is calculated, the final word and fraction lengths set by the internal rule are

affected by your particular hardware. See “The Effect of the Hardware Implementation Pane on the Internal Rule” on page 10-28 for more information.

Internal Rule for Product Data Types

The internal rule for product data types first calculates the ideal, full-precision result:

$$WL_{ideal\ product} = WL_{input\ 1} + WL_{input\ 2}$$

$$FL_{ideal\ product} = FL_{input\ 1} + FL_{input\ 2}$$

For example, multiplying together the elements of a real vector of length 2 and data type sfix10_En8. The ideal, full-precision result has a word length of 20 and a fraction length of 16.

For real-complex multiplication, the ideal word length and fraction length is used for both the complex and real portion of the result. For complex-complex multiplication, the ideal word length and fraction length is used for the partial products, and the internal rule for accumulator data types described above is used for the final sums. For any calculation, after the full-precision result is calculated, the final word and fraction lengths set by the internal rule are affected by your particular hardware. See “The Effect of the Hardware Implementation Pane on the Internal Rule” on page 10-28 for more information.

Internal Rule for Output Data Types

A few System Toolbox blocks have an `Inherit via internal rule` choice available for the block output. The internal rule used in these cases is block-specific, and the equations are listed in the block reference page.

As with accumulator and product data types, the final output word and fraction lengths set by the internal rule are affected by your particular hardware, as described in “The Effect of the Hardware Implementation Pane on the Internal Rule” on page 10-28.

The Effect of the Hardware Implementation Pane on the Internal Rule

The internal rule selects word lengths and fraction lengths that are appropriate for your hardware. To get the best results using the internal rule, you must specify the type of hardware you are using on the **Hardware Implementation** pane of the Configuration

Parameters dialog box. You can open this dialog box from the **Simulation** menu in your model.

ASIC/FPGA

On an ASIC/FPGA target, the ideal, full-precision word length and fraction length calculated by the internal rule are used. If the calculated ideal word length is larger than the largest allowed word length, you receive an error. The largest word length allowed for Simulink and System Toolbox software is 128 bits.

Other targets

For all targets other than ASIC/FPGA, the ideal, full-precision word length calculated by the internal rule is rounded up to the next available word length of the target. The calculated ideal fraction length is used, keeping the least-significant bits.

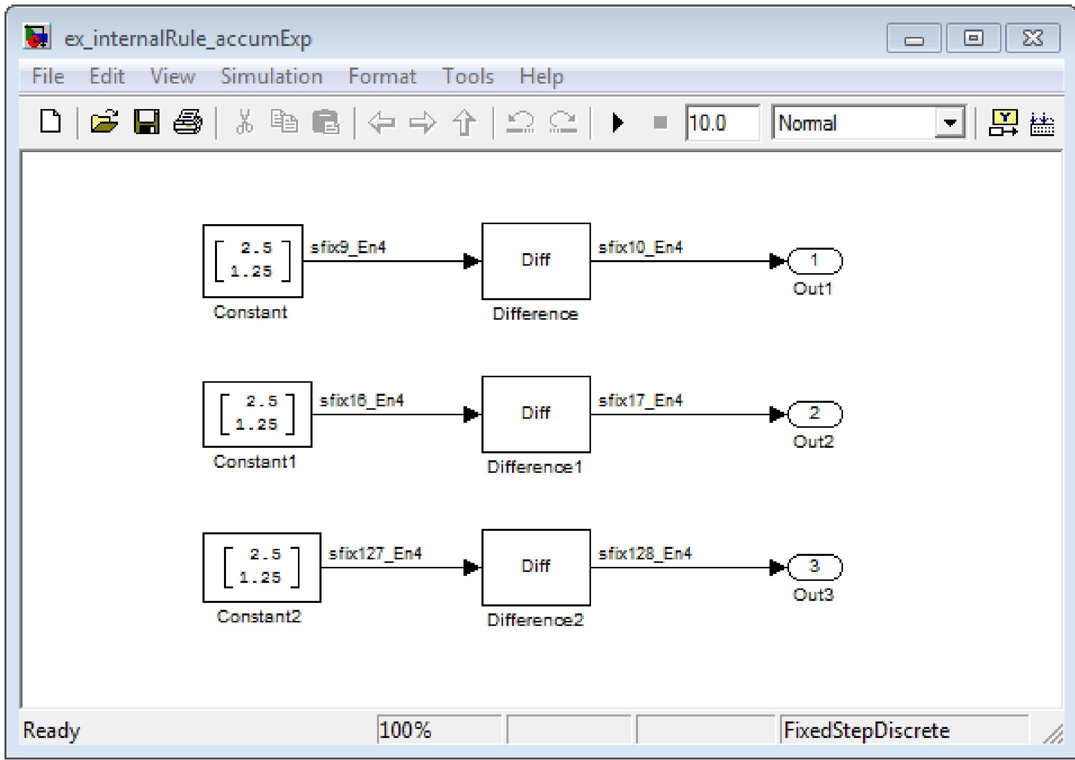
If the calculated ideal word length for a product data type is larger than the largest word length on the target, you receive an error. If the calculated ideal word length for an accumulator or output data type is larger than the largest word length on the target, the largest target word length is used.

Internal Rule Examples

The following sections show examples of how the internal rule interacts with the **Hardware Implementation** pane to calculate accumulator data types and product data types.

Accumulator Data Types

Consider the following model ex_internalRule_accumExp.



In the Difference blocks, the **Accumulator** parameter is set to `Inherit: Inherit via internal rule`, and the **Output** parameter is set to `Inherit: Same as accumulator`. Therefore, you can see the accumulator data type calculated by the internal rule on the output signal in the model.

In the preceding model, the **Device type** parameter in the **Hardware Implementation** pane of the Configuration Parameters dialog box is set to `ASIC/FPGA`. Therefore, the accumulator data type used by the internal rule is the ideal, full-precision result.

Calculate the full-precision word length for each of the Difference blocks in the model:

$$
\begin{aligned}
WL_{ideal\ accumulator} &= WL_{input\ to\ accumulator} + \text{floor}(\log_2(number\ of\ accumulations)) + 1 \\
WL_{ideal\ accumulator} &= 9 + \text{floor}(\log_2(1)) + 1 \\
WL_{ideal\ accumulator} &= 9 + 0 + 1 = 10
\end{aligned}
$$

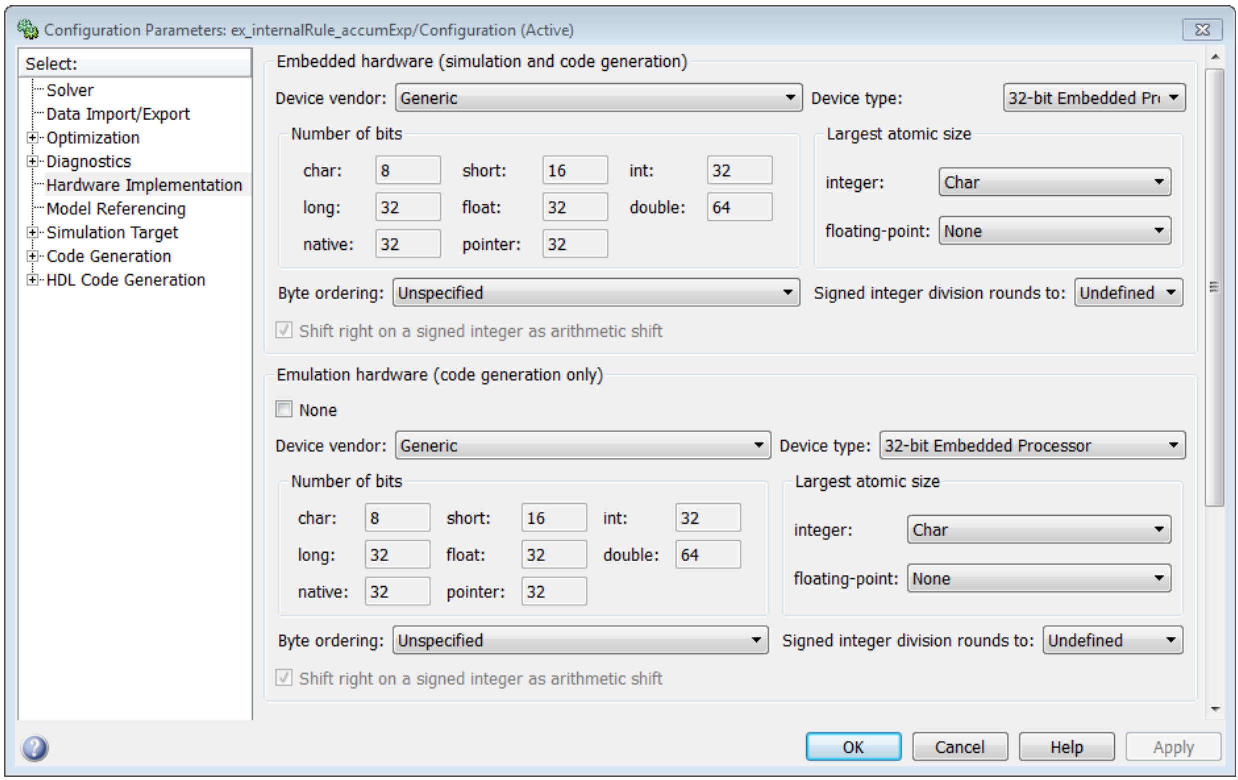
$$
\begin{aligned}
WL_{ideal\ accumulator1} &= WL_{input\ to\ accumulator1} + \text{floor}(\log_2(number\ of\ accumulations)) + 1 \\
WL_{ideal\ accumulator1} &= 16 + \text{floor}(\log_2(1)) + 1 \\
WL_{ideal\ accumulator1} &= 16 + 0 + 1 = 17
\end{aligned}
$$

$$
\begin{aligned}
WL_{ideal\ accumulator2} &= WL_{input\ to\ accumulator2} + \text{floor}(\log_2(number\ of\ accumulations)) + 1 \\
WL_{ideal\ accumulator2} &= 127 + \text{floor}(\log_2(1)) + 1 \\
WL_{ideal\ accumulator2} &= 127 + 0 + 1 = 128
\end{aligned}
$$

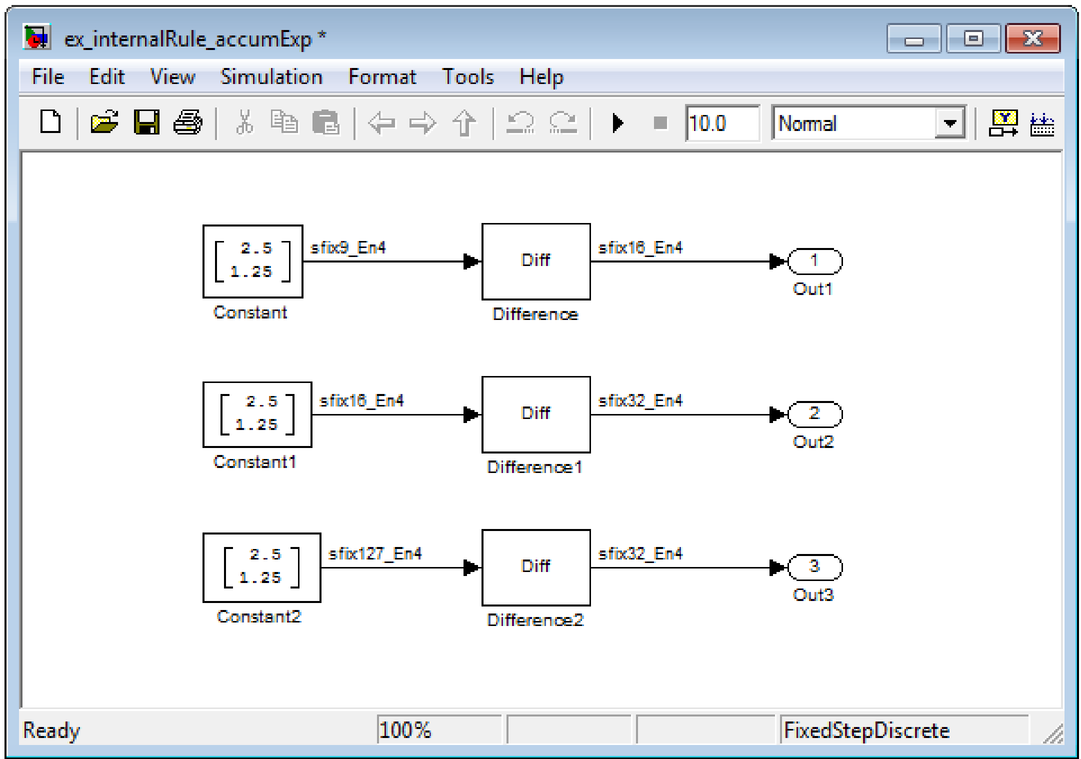
Calculate the full-precision fraction length, which is the same for each Matrix Sum block in this example:

$$
\begin{aligned}
FL_{ideal\ accumulator} &= FL_{input\ to\ accumulator} \\
FL_{ideal\ accumulator} &= 4
\end{aligned}
$$

Now change the **Device type** parameter in the **Hardware Implementation** pane of the Configuration Parameters dialog box to `32–bit Embedded Processor`, by changing the parameters as shown in the following figure.

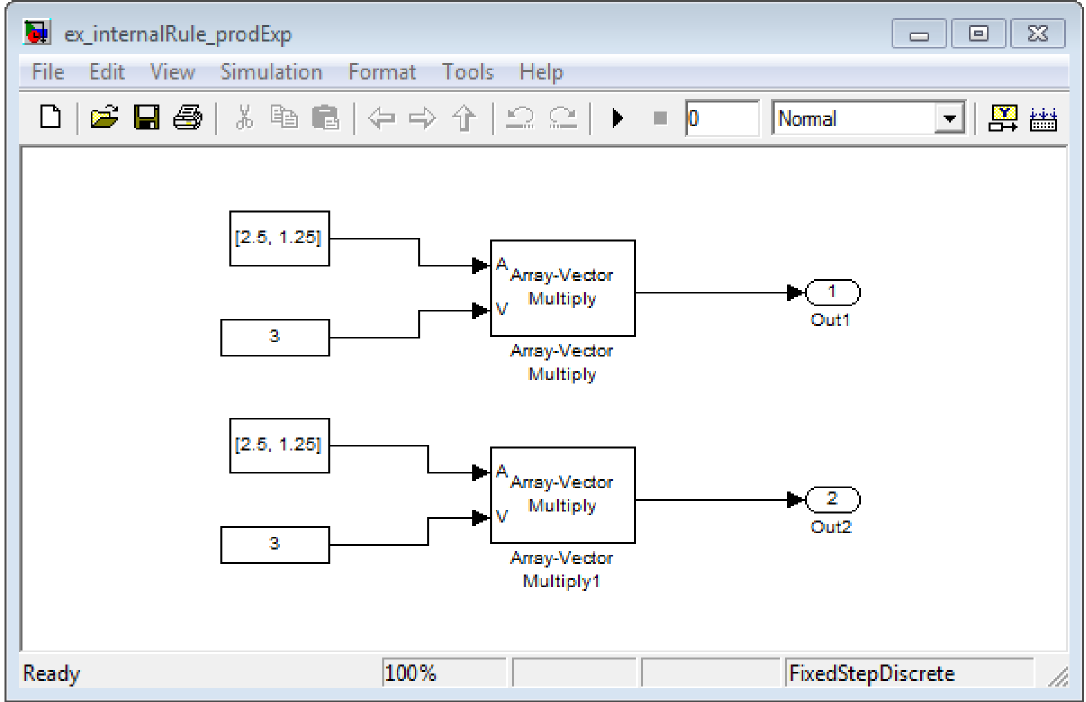


As you can see in the dialog box, this device has 8-, 16-, and 32-bit word lengths available. Therefore, the ideal word lengths of 10, 17, and 128 bits calculated by the internal rule cannot be used. Instead, the internal rule uses the next largest available word length in each case You can see this if you rerun the model, as shown in the following figure.



Product Data Types

Consider the following model ex_internalRule_prodExp.



In the Array-Vector Multiply blocks, the **Product Output** parameter is set to `Inherit: Inherit via internal rule`, and the **Output** parameter is set to `Inherit: Same as product output`. Therefore, you can see the product output data type calculated by the internal rule on the output signal in the model. The setting of the **Accumulator** parameter does not matter because this example uses real values.

For the preceding model, the **Device type** parameter in the **Hardware Implementation** pane of the Configuration Parameters dialog box is set to `ASIC/FPGA`. Therefore, the product data type used by the internal rule is the ideal, full-precision result.

Calculate the full-precision word length for each of the Array-Vector Multiply blocks in the model:

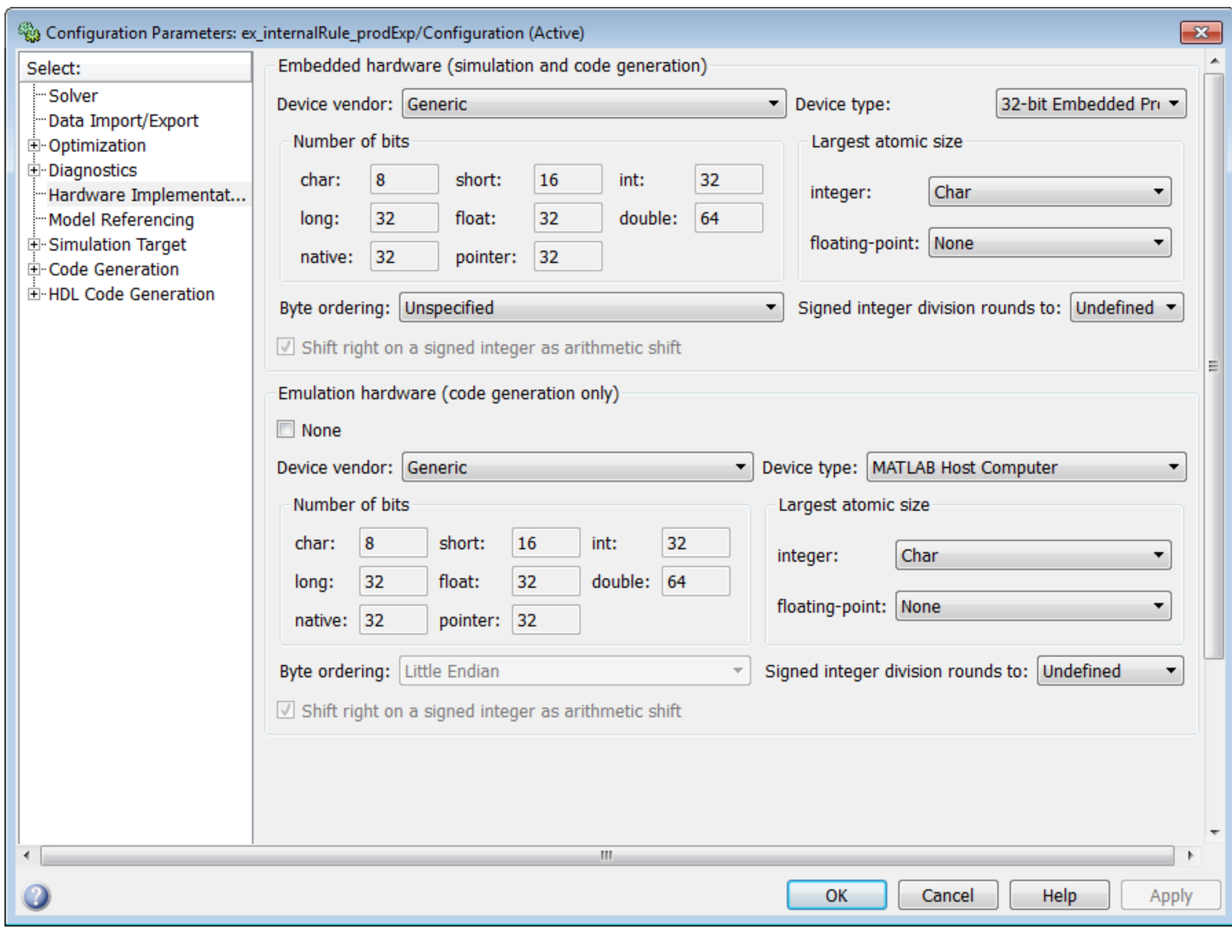
$$WL_{ideal\ product} = WL_{input\ a} + WL_{input\ b}$$
$$WL_{ideal\ product} = 7 + 5 = 12$$

$$WL_{ideal\ product1} = WL_{input\ a} + WL_{input\ b}$$
$$WL_{ideal\ product1} = 16 + 15 = 31$$

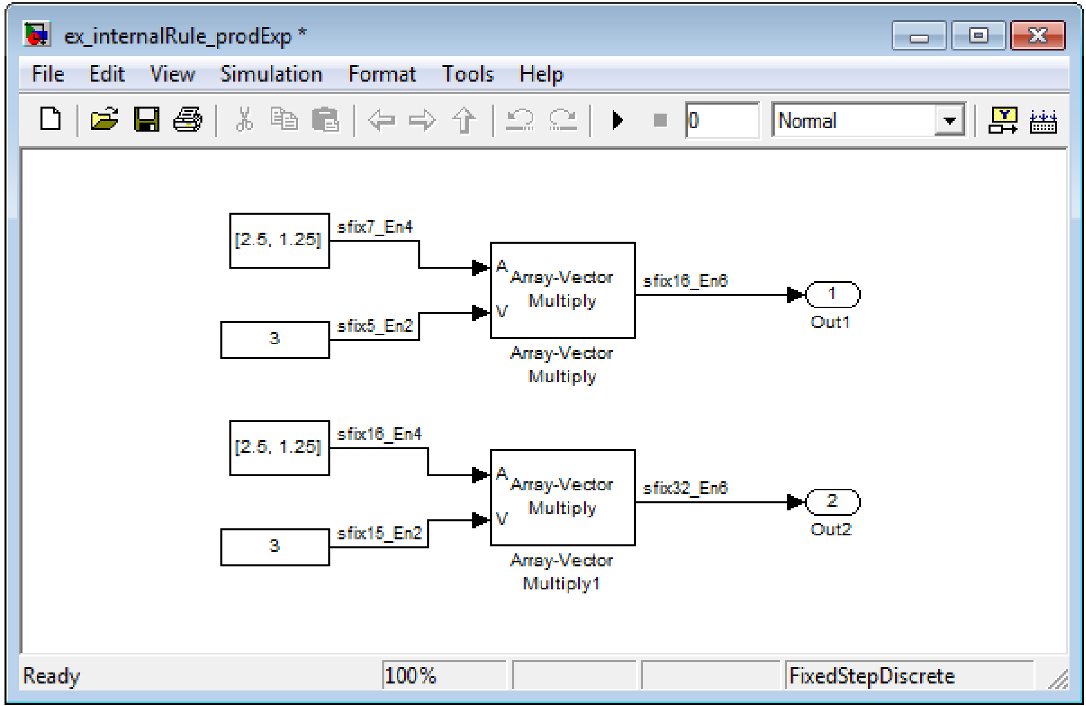
Calculate the full-precision fraction length, which is the same for each Array-Vector Multiply block in this example:

$$FL_{ideal\ accumulator} = FL_{input\ to\ accumulator}$$
$$FL_{ideal\ accumulator} = 4$$

Now change the **Device type** parameter in the **Hardware Implementation** pane of the Configuration Parameters dialog box to `32–bit Embedded Processor`, as shown in the following figure.



As you can see in the dialog box, this device has 8-, 16-, and 32-bit word lengths available. Therefore, the ideal word lengths of 12 and 31 bits calculated by the internal rule cannot be used. Instead, the internal rule uses the next largest available word length in each case. You can see this if you rerun the model, as shown in the following figure.



Specify Data Types for Fixed-Point Blocks

The following sections show you how to use the Fixed-Point Tool to select appropriate data types for fixed-point blocks in the `ex_fixedpoint_tut` model:

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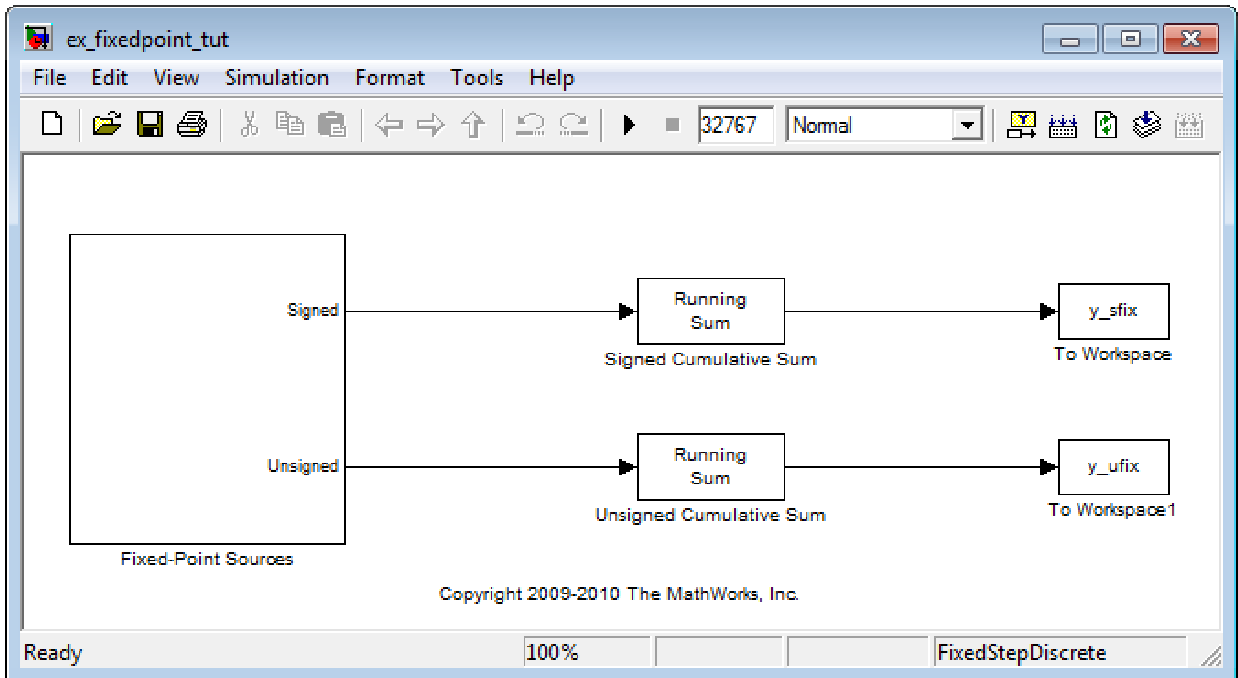
- "Use the Fixed-Point Tool to Propose Fraction Lengths" on page 10-43
- "Examine the Results and Accept the Proposed Scaling" on page 10-43

Prepare the Model

1 Open the model by typing ex_fixedpoint_tut at the MATLAB command line.



This model uses the Cumulative Sum block to sum the input coming from the Fixed-Point Sources subsystem. The Fixed-Point Sources subsystem outputs two signals with different data types:

- The Signed source has a word length of 16 bits and a fraction length of 15 bits.
- The Unsigned source has a word length of 16 bits and a fraction length of 16 bits.

2 Run the model to check for overflow. MATLAB displays the following warnings at the command line:

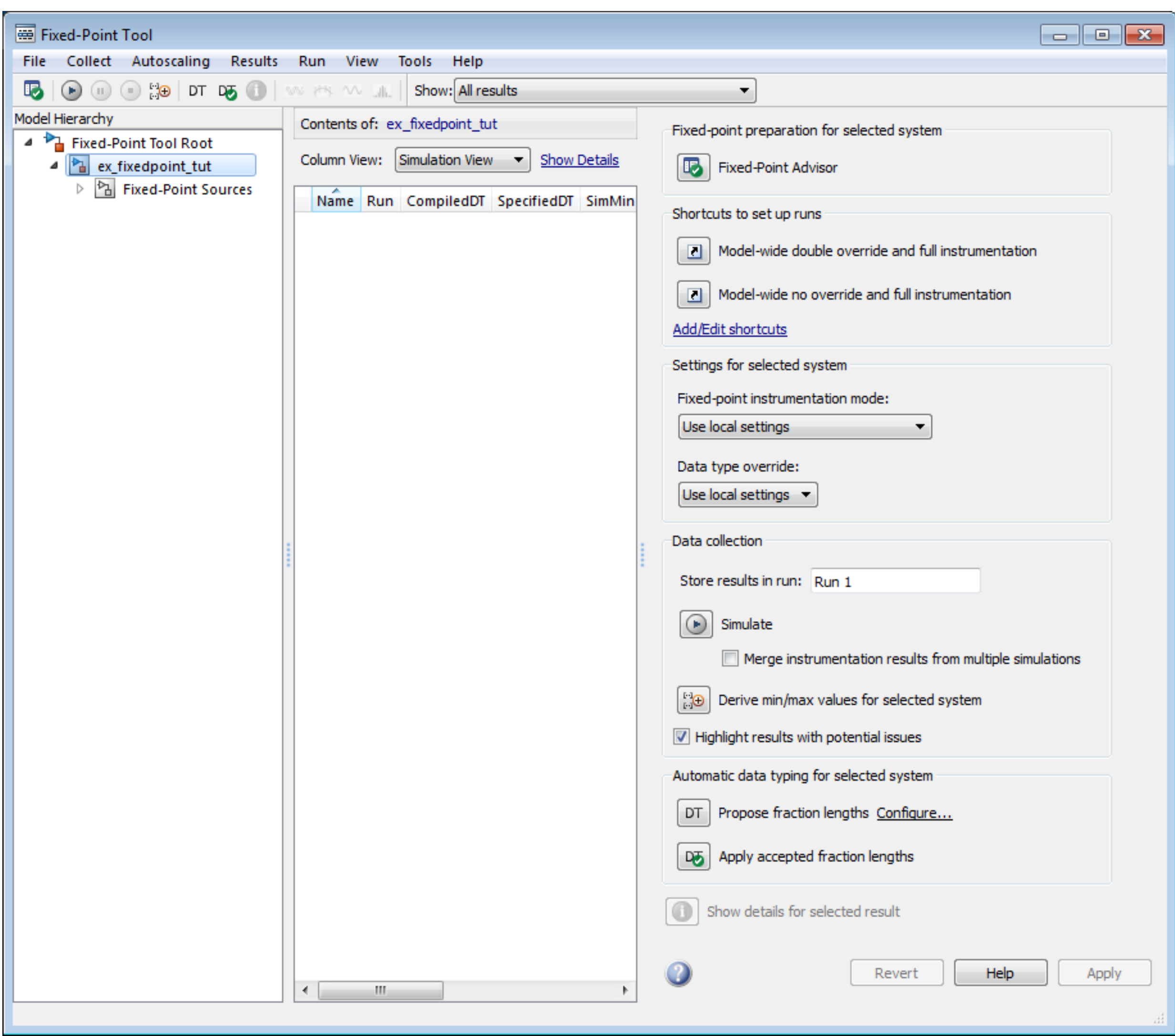
```
Warning: Overflow occurred. This originated from
'ex_fixedpoint_tut/Signed Cumulative Sum'.
Warning: Overflow occurred. This originated from
'ex_fixedpoint_tut/Unsigned Cumulative Sum'.
```

According to these warnings, overflow occurs in both Cumulative Sum blocks.

3 To investigate the overflows in this model, use the Fixed-Point Tool. You can open the Fixed-Point Tool by selecting **Tools** > **Fixed-Point** > **Fixed-Point Tool**

from the model menu. Turn on logging for all blocks in your model by setting the **Fixed-point instrumentation mode** parameter to `Minimums, maximums and overflows`.

4 Now that you have turned on logging, rerun the model by clicking the Simulation button.



5. The results of the simulation appear in a table in the central **Contents** pane of the Fixed-Point Tool. Review the following columns:

   - **Name** — Provides the name of each signal in the following format: `Subsystem Name/Block Name: Signal Name`.
   - **SimDT** — The simulation data type of each logged signal.
   - **SpecifiedDT** — The data type specified on the block dialog for each signal.
   - **SimMin** — The smallest representable value achieved during simulation for each logged signal.
   - **SimMax** — The largest representable value achieved during simulation for each logged signal.
   - **OverflowWraps** — The number of overflows that wrap during simulation.

   For more information on each of the columns in this table, see the "Contents Pane" section of the Simulink `fxptdlg` function reference page.

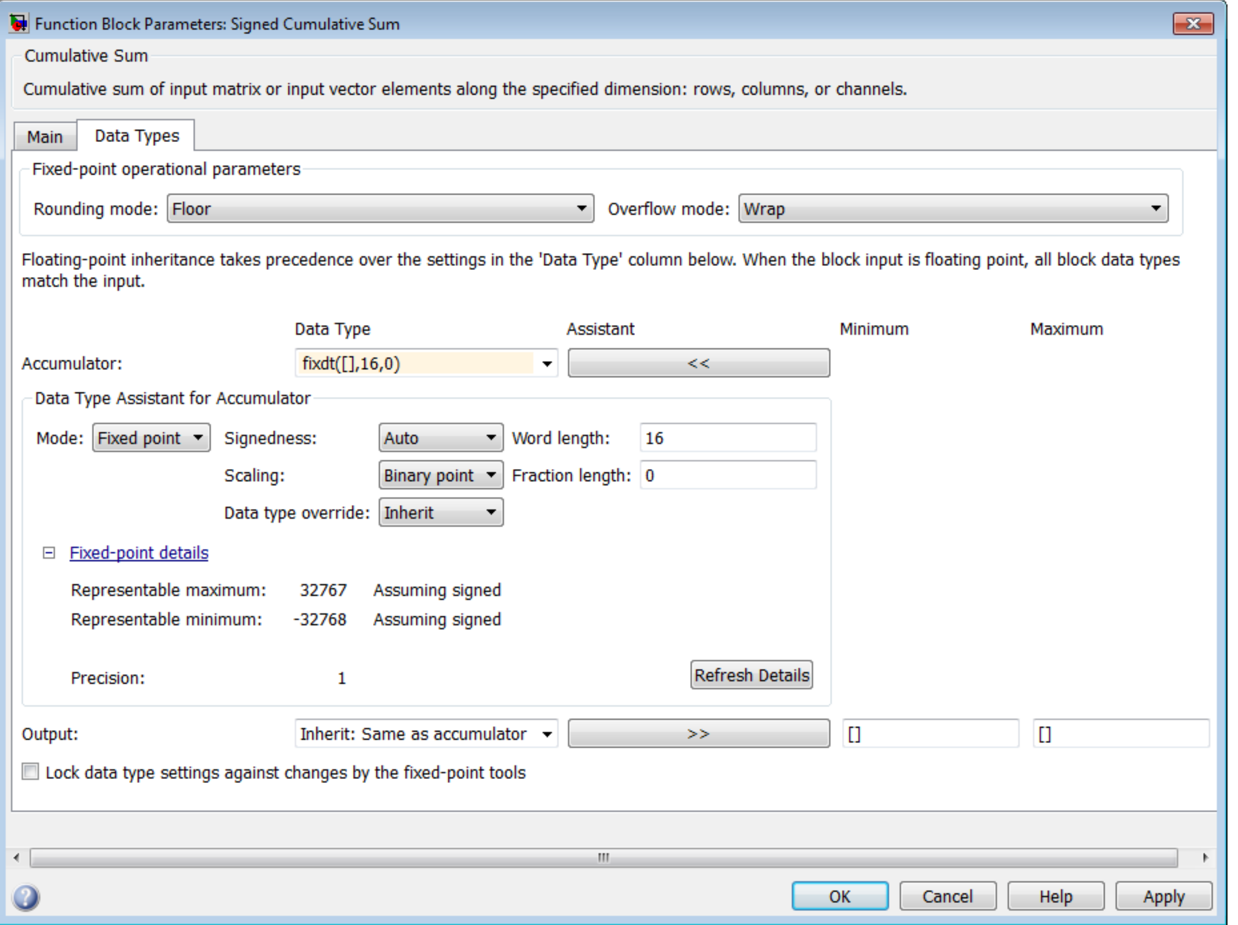
   You can also see that the **SimMin** and **SimMax** values for the Accumulator data types range from `0` to `.9997`. The logged results indicate that 8,192 overflows wrapped during simulation in the Accumulator data type of the Signed Cumulative Sum block. Similarly, the Accumulator data type of the Unsigned Cumulative Sum block had 16,383 overflows wrap during simulation.

   To get more information about each of these data types, highlight them in the **Contents** pane, and click the **Show details for selected result** button ( )

6. Assume a target hardware that supports 32-bit integers, and set the Accumulator word length in both Cumulative Sum blocks to `32`. To do so, perform the following steps:

   1. Right-click the `Signed Cumulative Sum: Accumulator` row in the Fixed-Point Tool pane, and select **Highlight Block In Model**.
   2. Double-click the block in the model, and select the **Data Types** pane of the dialog box.
   3. Open the **Data Type Assistant for Accumulator** by clicking the Assistant button (>>) in the Accumulator data type row.
   4. Set the **Mode** to `Fixed Point`. To see the representable range of the current specified data type, click the **Fixed-point details** link. The tool displays the

representable maximum and representable minimum values for the current data type.



5. Change the **Word length** to 32, and click the **Refresh details** button in the **Fixed-point details** section to see the updated representable range. When you change the value of the **Word length** parameter, the data type string in the **Data Type** edit box automatically updates.
6. Click **OK** on the block dialog box to save your changes and close the window.

7 Set the word length of the Accumulator data type of the Unsigned Cumulative Sum block to `32` bits. You can do so in one of two ways:

- Type the data type string `fixdt([],32,0)` directly into **Data Type** edit box for the Accumulator data type parameter.
- Perform the same steps you used to set the word length of the Accumulator data type of the Signed Cumulative Sum block to `32` bits.

7 To verify your changes in word length and check for overflow, rerun your model. To do so, click the **Simulate** button in the Fixed-Point Tool.

The **Contents** pane of the Fixed-Point Tool updates, and you can see that no overflows occurred in the most recent simulation. However, you can also see that the **SimMin** and **SimMax** values range from `0` to `0`. This underflow happens because the fraction length of the Accumulator data type is too small. The **SpecifiedDT** cannot represent the precision of the data values. The following sections discuss how to find a floating-point benchmark and use the Fixed-Point Tool to propose fraction lengths.

Use Data Type Override to Find a Floating-Point Benchmark

The **Data type override** feature of the Fixed-Point tool allows you to override the data types specified in your model with floating-point types. Running your model in `Double` override mode gives you a reference range to help you select appropriate fraction lengths for your fixed-point data types. To do so, perform the following steps:

1. Open the Fixed-Point Tool and set **Data type override** to `Double`.
2. Run your model by clicking the **Run simulation and store active results** button.
3. Examine the results in the **Contents** pane of the Fixed-Point Tool. Because you ran the model in `Double` override mode, you get an accurate, idealized representation of the simulation minimums and maximums. These values appear in the **SimMin** and **SimMax** parameters.
4. Now that you have an accurate reference representation of the simulation minimum and maximum values, you can more easily choose appropriate fraction lengths. Before making these choices, save your active results to reference so you can use them as your floating-point benchmark. To do so, select **Results > Move Active Results To Reference** from the Fixed-Point Tool menu. The status displayed in the **Run** column changes from `Active` to `Reference` for all signals in your model.

Use the Fixed-Point Tool to Propose Fraction Lengths

Now that you have your `Double` override results saved as a floating-point reference, you are ready to propose fraction lengths.

1 To propose fraction lengths for your data types, you must have a set of `Active` results available in the Fixed-Point Tool. To produce an active set of results, simply rerun your model. The tool now displays both the `Active` results and the `Reference` results for each signal.
2 Select the **Use simulation min/max if design min/max is not available** check box. You did not specify any design minimums or maximums for the data types in this model. Thus, the tool uses the logged information to compute and propose fraction lengths. For information on specifying design minimums and maximums, see "Signal Ranges" in the Simulink documentation.
3 Click the **Propose fraction lengths** button ( ). The tool populates the proposed data types in the **ProposedDT** column of the **Contents** pane. The corresponding proposed minimums and maximums are displayed in the **ProposedMin** and **ProposedMax** columns.

Examine the Results and Accept the Proposed Scaling

Before accepting the fraction lengths proposed by the Fixed-Point Tool, it is important to look at the details of that data type. Doing so allows you to see how much of your data the suggested data type can represent. To examine the suggested data types and accept the proposed scaling, perform the following steps:

1 In the **Contents** pane of the Fixed-Point Tool, you can see the proposed fraction lengths for the data types in your model.

   - The proposed fraction length for the Accumulator data type of both the Signed and Unsigned Cumulative Sum blocks is 17 bits.
   - To get more details about the proposed scaling for a particular data type, highlight the data type in the **Contents** pane of the Fixed-Point Tool.
   - Open the Autoscale Information window for the highlighted data type by clicking the **Show autoscale information for the selected result** button ( ).

2 When the Autoscale Information window opens, check the **Value** and **Percent Proposed Representable** columns for the **Simulation Minimum** and **Simulation Maximum** parameters. You can see that the proposed data type can represent 100% of the range of simulation data.

3. To accept the proposed data types, select the check box in the **Accept** column for each data type whose proposed scaling you want to keep. Then, click the **Apply accepted fraction lengths** button ( ). The tool updates the specified data types on the block dialog boxes and the **SpecifiedDT** column in the **Contents** pane.
4. To verify the newly accepted scaling, set the **Data type override** parameter back to **Use local settings**, and run the model. Looking at **Contents** pane of the Fixed-Point Tool, you can see the following details:

   - The **SimMin** and **SimMax** values of the `Active` run match the **SimMin** and **SimMax** values from the floating-point `Reference` run.
   - There are no longer any overflows.
   - The **SimDT** does not match the **SpecifiedDT** for the Accumulator data type of either Cumulative Sum block. This difference occurs because the Cumulative Sum block always inherits its **Signedness** from the input signal and only allows you to specify a **Signedness** of `Auto`. Therefore, the **SpecifiedDT** for both Accumulator data types is `fixdt([],32,17)`. However, because the Signed Cumulative Sum block has a signed input signal, the **SimDT** for the Accumulator parameter of that block is also signed (`fixdt(1,32,17)`). Similarly, the **SimDT** for the Accumulator parameter of the Unsigned Cumulative Sum block inherits its **Signedness** from its input signal and thus is unsigned (`fixdt(0,32,17)`).

Code Generation

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Code Generation for Computer Vision Processing in MATLAB

Several Computer Vision System Toolbox functions have been enabled to generate C/C++ code. To use code generation with computer vision functions, follow these steps:

- Write your Computer Vision System Toolbox function or application as you would normally, using functions from the Computer Vision System Toolbox.
- Add the `%#codegen` compiler directive to your MATLAB code.
- Open the MATLAB Coder app, create a project, and add your file to the project. Once in MATLAB Coder, you can check the readiness of your code for code generation. For example, your code may contain functions that are not enabled for code generation. Make any modifications required for code generation.
- Generate code by clicking **Build** on the Build tab of the MATLAB Coder app. You can choose to build a MEX file, a C/C++ shared library, a C/C++ dynamic library, or a C/C ++ executable.

  Even if you addressed all readiness issues identified by MATLAB Coder, you might still encounter build issues. The readiness check only looks at function dependencies. When you try to generate code, MATLAB Coder might discover coding patterns that are not supported for code generation. View the error report and modify your MATLAB code until you get a successful build.

For more information about code generation, see the MATLAB Coder documentation and the “Introduction to Code Generation with Feature Matching and Registration” example.

Note: To generate code from MATLAB code that contains Computer Vision System Toolbox functionality, you must have the MATLAB Coder software.

When working with generated code, note the following:

- For some Computer Vision System Toolbox functions, code generation includes creation of a shared library.
- Refer to the “Code Generation Support, Usage Notes, and Limitations” on page 11-3 for supported functionality, usages, and limitations.

Code Generation Support, Usage Notes, and Limitations

Code Generation Support, Usage Notes, and Limitations for Functions, Classes, and System Objects

To generate code from MATLAB code that contains Computer Vision System Toolbox functions, classes, or System objects, you must have the MATLAB Coder software.

Name	Remarks and Limitations
Feature Detection, Extraction, and Matching	
`BRISKPoints`	Compile-time constant inputs: No restriction Supports MATLAB Function block: No To index locations with this object, use the syntax: `points.Location(idx,:)`, for `points` object. See visionRecovertformCodeGeneration_kernel.m, which is used in the "Introduction to Code Generation with Feature Matching and Registration" example.
`cornerPoints`	Compile-time constant input: No restriction Supports MATLAB Function block: No To index locations with this object, use the syntax: `points.Location(idx,:)`, for `points` object. See visionRecovertformCodeGeneration_kernel.m, which is used in the "Introduction to Code Generation with Feature Matching and Registration" example.
`detectBRISKFeatures`	Supports MATLAB Function block: No Generated code for this function uses a precompiled platform-specific shared library.
`detectFASTFeatures`	Supports MATLAB Function block: No Generated code for this function uses a precompiled platform-specific shared library.
`detectHarrisFeatures`	Compile-time constant input: FilterSize Supports MATLAB Function block: No Generated code for this function uses a precompiled platform-specific shared library.

Name	Remarks and Limitations
`detectMinEigenFeatures`	Compile-time constant input: FilterSize Supports MATLAB Function block: No Generated code for this function uses a precompiled platform-specific shared library.
`detectMSERFeatures`	Compile-time constant input: No restriction Supports MATLAB Function block: No Generated code for this function uses a precompiled platform-specific shared library. For code generation, the function outputs regions.PixelList as an array. The region sizes are defined in regions.Lengths.
`detectSURFFeatures`	Compile-time constant input: No restrictions Supports MATLAB Function block: No Generated code for this function uses a precompiled platform-specific shared library.
`extractFeatures`	Generates platform-dependent library: Yes for BRISK, FREAK, and SURF methods only. Compile-time constant input: Method Supports MATLAB Function block: Yes for Block method only. Generated code for this function uses a precompiled platform-specific shared library.
`extractHOGFeatures`	Compile-time constant input: No Supports MATLAB Function block: No
`matchFeatures`	Generates platform-dependent library: Yes for MATLAB host. Generates portable C code for non-host target. Compile-time constant input: Method and Metric. Supports MATLAB Function block: Yes

Name	Remarks and Limitations
`MSERRegions`	Compile-time constant input: No restrictions. Supports MATLAB Function block: Yes For code generation, you must specify both the pixellist cell array and the length of each array, as the second input. The object outputs, regions.PixelList as an array. The region sizes are defined in regions.Lengths. Generated code for this function uses a precompiled platform-specific shared library.
`SURFPoints`	Compile-time constant input: No restrictions. Supports MATLAB Function block: No To index locations with this object, use the syntax: `points.Location(idx,:)`, for `points` object. See visionRecovertformCodeGeneration_kernel.m, which is used in the “Introduction to Code Generation with Feature Matching and Registration” example.
`vision.BoundaryTracer`	Supports MATLAB Function block: Yes “System Objects in MATLAB Code Generation”
`vision.EdgeDetector`	Supports MATLAB Function block: Yes “System Objects in MATLAB Code Generation”
Image Registration and Geometric Transformations	
`estimateGeometricTransform`	Compile-time constant input: transformType Supports MATLAB Function block: No
`vision.GeometricRotator`	Supports MATLAB Function block: Yes “System Objects in MATLAB Code Generation”
`vision.GeometricScaler`	Supports MATLAB Function block: Yes “System Objects in MATLAB Code Generation”
`vision.GeometricShearer`	Supports MATLAB Function block: Yes “System Objects in MATLAB Code Generation”
`vision.GeometricTransformer`	Supports MATLAB Function block: Yes “System Objects in MATLAB Code Generation”

Name	Remarks and Limitations
vision.GeometricTranslator	Supports MATLAB Function block: Yes "System Objects in MATLAB Code Generation"
Object Detection and Recognition	
ocr	Compile-time constant input: TextLayout, Language, and CharacterSet. Supports MATLAB Function block: No Generated code for this function uses a precompiled platform-specific shared library.
ocrText	Compile-time constant input: No restrictions. Supports MATLAB Function block: No
vision.PeopleDetector	Supports MATLAB Function block: No Generated code for this function uses a precompiled platform-specific shared library. "System Objects in MATLAB Code Generation"
vision.CascadeObjectDetector	Supports MATLAB Function block: No Generated code for this function uses a precompiled platform-specific shared library. "System Objects in MATLAB Code Generation"
Tracking and Motion Estimation	
assignDetectionsToTracks	Compile-time constant input: No restriction. Supports MATLAB Function block: Yes
vision.BlockMatcher	Supports MATLAB Function block: Yes "System Objects in MATLAB Code Generation"
vision.ForegroundDetector	Supports MATLAB Function block: No Generates platform-dependent library: Yes for MATLAB host. Generates portable C code for non-host target. Generated code for this function uses a precompiled platform-specific shared library. "System Objects in MATLAB Code Generation"
vision.HistogramBasedTracker	Supports MATLAB Function block: Yes "System Objects in MATLAB Code Generation"
vision.KalmanFilter	Supports MATLAB Function block: Yes "System Objects in MATLAB Code Generation"

Name	Remarks and Limitations
`vision.OpticalFlow`	Supports MATLAB Function block: Yes “System Objects in MATLAB Code Generation”
`vision.PointTracker`	Supports MATLAB Function block: Yes “System Objects in MATLAB Code Generation”
`vision.TemplateMatcher`	Supports MATLAB Function block: Yes “System Objects in MATLAB Code Generation”
Camera Calibration and Stereo Vision	
`bboxOverlapRatio`	Compile-time constant input: No restriction Supports MATLAB Function block: No
`disparity`	Compile-time constant input: Method. Supports MATLAB Function block: No Generated code for this function uses a precompiled platform-specific shared library.
`epipolarline`	Compile-time constant input: No restrictions. Supports MATLAB Function block: Yes
`estimateFundamentalMatrix`	Compile-time constant input: Method, OutputClass, DistanceType, and ReportRuntimeError. Supports MATLAB Function block: Yes
`estimateUncalibratedRectification`	Compile-time constant input: transformType Supports MATLAB Function block: No
`isEpipoleInImage`	Compile-time constant input: No restrictions. Supports MATLAB Function block: Yes
`lineToBorderPoints`	Compile-time constant input: No restrictions. Supports MATLAB Function block: Yes
`selectStrongestBbox`	Compile-time constant input: No restriction Supports MATLAB Function block: No
Statistics	
`vision.Autocorrelator`	Supports MATLAB Function block: Yes “System Objects in MATLAB Code Generation”
`vision.BlobAnalysis`	Supports MATLAB Function block: Yes “System Objects in MATLAB Code Generation”

Name	Remarks and Limitations
`vision.Crosscorrelator`	Supports MATLAB Function block: Yes "System Objects in MATLAB Code Generation"
`vision.Histogram`	Supports MATLAB Function block: Yes "System Objects in MATLAB Code Generation"
`vision.LocalMaximaFinder`	Supports MATLAB Function block: Yes "System Objects in MATLAB Code Generation"
`vision.Maximum`	Supports MATLAB Function block: Yes "System Objects in MATLAB Code Generation"
`vision.Mean`	Supports MATLAB Function block: Yes "System Objects in MATLAB Code Generation"
`vision.Median`	Supports MATLAB Function block: Yes "System Objects in MATLAB Code Generation"
`vision.Minimum`	Supports MATLAB Function block: Yes "System Objects in MATLAB Code Generation"
`vision.PSNR`	Supports MATLAB Function block: Yes "System Objects in MATLAB Code Generation"
`vision.StandardDeviation`	Supports MATLAB Function block: Yes "System Objects in MATLAB Code Generation"
`vision.Variance`	Supports MATLAB Function block: Yes "System Objects in MATLAB Code Generation"
Morphological Operations	
`vision.ConnectedComponentLabeler`	Supports MATLAB Function block: Yes "System Objects in MATLAB Code Generation"
`vision.MorphologicalBottomHat`	Supports MATLAB Function block: Yes "System Objects in MATLAB Code Generation"
`vision.MorphologicalClose`	Supports MATLAB Function block: Yes "System Objects in MATLAB Code Generation"
`vision.MorphologicalDilate`	Supports MATLAB Function block: Yes "System Objects in MATLAB Code Generation"
`vision.MorphologicalErode`	Supports MATLAB Function block: Yes "System Objects in MATLAB Code Generation"

Name	Remarks and Limitations
`vision.MorphologicalOpen`	Supports MATLAB Function block: Yes “System Objects in MATLAB Code Generation”
`vision.MorphologicalTopHat`	Supports MATLAB Function block: Yes “System Objects in MATLAB Code Generation”
Filters, Transforms, and Enhancements	
`integralImage`	Supports MATLAB Function block: Yes
`vision.Convolver`	Supports MATLAB Function block: Yes “System Objects in MATLAB Code Generation”
`vision.ContrastAdjuster`	Supports MATLAB Function block: Yes “System Objects in MATLAB Code Generation”
`vision.DCT`	Supports MATLAB Function block: Yes “System Objects in MATLAB Code Generation”
`vision.Deinterlacer`	Supports MATLAB Function block: Yes “System Objects in MATLAB Code Generation”
`vision.EdgeDetector`	Supports MATLAB Function block: Yes “System Objects in MATLAB Code Generation”
`vision.FFT`	Supports MATLAB Function block: Yes “System Objects in MATLAB Code Generation”
`vision.HistogramEqualizer`	Supports MATLAB Function block: Yes “System Objects in MATLAB Code Generation”
`vision.HoughLines`	Supports MATLAB Function block: Yes “System Objects in MATLAB Code Generation”
`vision.HoughTransform`	Supports MATLAB Function block: Yes “System Objects in MATLAB Code Generation”
`vision.IDCT`	Supports MATLAB Function block: Yes “System Objects in MATLAB Code Generation”
`vision.IFFT`	Supports MATLAB Function block: Yes “System Objects in MATLAB Code Generation”
`vision.ImageFilter`	Supports MATLAB Function block: Yes “System Objects in MATLAB Code Generation”
`vision.MedianFilter`	Supports MATLAB Function block: Yes “System Objects in MATLAB Code Generation”

Name	Remarks and Limitations
vision.Pyramid	Supports MATLAB Function block: Yes “System Objects in MATLAB Code Generation”
Video Loading, Saving, and Streaming	
vision.DeployableVideoPlayer	Supports MATLAB Function block: Yes Generates code on Linux® and Windows platforms Generated code for this function uses a precompiled platform-specific shared library. “System Objects in MATLAB Code Generation”
vision.VideoFileReader	Supports MATLAB Function block: Yes Generated code for this function uses a precompiled platform-specific shared library. “System Objects in MATLAB Code Generation”
vision.VideoFileWriter	Supports MATLAB Function block: Yes Generated code for this function uses a precompiled platform-specific shared library. “System Objects in MATLAB Code Generation”
Color Space Formatting and Conversions	
vision.Autothresholder	Supports MATLAB Function block: Yes “System Objects in MATLAB Code Generation”
vision.ChromaResampler	Supports MATLAB Function block: Yes “System Objects in MATLAB Code Generation”
vision.ColorSpaceConverter	Supports MATLAB Function block: Yes “System Objects in MATLAB Code Generation”
vision.DemosaicInterpolator	Supports MATLAB Function block: Yes “System Objects in MATLAB Code Generation”
vision.GammaCorrector	Supports MATLAB Function block: Yes “System Objects in MATLAB Code Generation”
vision.ImageComplementer	Supports MATLAB Function block: Yes “System Objects in MATLAB Code Generation”
vision.ImageDataTypeConverter	Supports MATLAB Function block: Yes “System Objects in MATLAB Code Generation”

Name	Remarks and Limitations
`vision.ImagePadder`	Supports MATLAB Function block: Yes "System Objects in MATLAB Code Generation"
Graphics	
`insertMarker`	Compile-time constant input: marker Supports MATLAB Function block: Yes
`insertShape`	Compile-time constant input: shape and SmoothEdges Supports MATLAB Function block: Yes
`vision.AlphaBlender`	Supports MATLAB Function block: Yes "System Objects in MATLAB Code Generation"
`vision.MarkerInserter`	Supports MATLAB Function block: Yes "System Objects in MATLAB Code Generation"
`vision.ShapeInserter`	Supports MATLAB Function block: Yes "System Objects in MATLAB Code Generation"
`vision.TextInserter`	Supports MATLAB Function block: Yes "System Objects in MATLAB Code Generation"

Simulink Shared Library Dependencies

In general, the code you generate from Computer Vision System Toolbox blocks is portable ANSI® C code. After you generate the code, you can deploy it on another machine. For more information on how to do so, see "Relocate Code to Another Development Environment" in the Simulink Coder documentation.

There are a few Computer Vision System Toolbox blocks that generate code with limited portability. These blocks use precompiled shared libraries, such as DLLs, to support I/O for specific types of devices and file formats. To find out which blocks use precompiled shared libraries, open the Computer Vision System Toolbox Block Support Table. You can identify blocks that use precompiled shared libraries by checking the footnotes listed in the **Code Generation Support** column of the table. All blocks that use shared libraries have the following footnote:

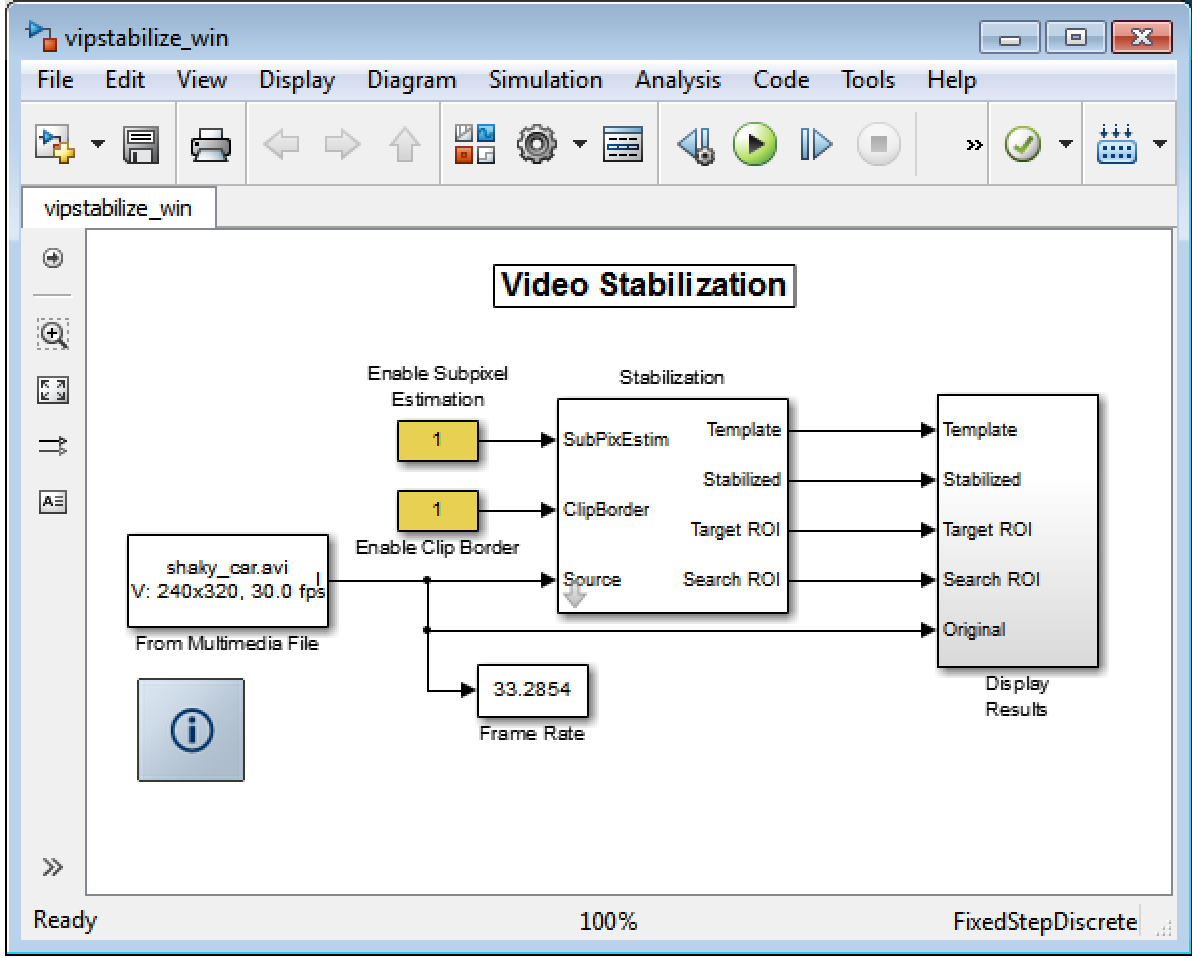
```
Host computer only. Excludes Real-Time Windows (RTWIN) target.
```

Simulink Coder provides functions to help you set up and manage the build information for your models. For example, one of the Build Information functions that Simulink Coder provides is `getNonBuildFiles`. This function allows you to identify the shared libraries required by blocks in your model. If your model contains any blocks that use precompiled shared libraries, you can install those libraries on the target system. The folder that you install the shared libraries in must be on the system path. The target system does not need to have MATLAB installed, but it does need to be supported by MATLAB.

Accelerating Simulink Models

The Simulink software offer `Accelerator` and `Rapid Accelerator` simulation modes that remove much of the computational overhead required by Simulink models. These modes compile target code of your model. Through this method, the Simulink environment can achieve substantial performance improvements for larger models. The performance gains are tied to the size and complexity of your model. Therefore, large models that contain Computer Vision System Toolbox blocks run faster in `Rapid Accelerator` or `Accelerator` mode.

To change between `Rapid Accelerator`, `Accelerator`, and `Normal` mode, use the drop-down list at the top of the model window.



For more information on the accelerator modes in Simulink, see "Choosing a Simulation Mode".

Define New System Objects

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Summary List of Methods for Defining New System Objects

The following Impl methods comprise the System objects API for defining new System objects. For more information see “Define System Objects”.

- `cloneImpl`
- `getDiscreteStateImpl`
- `getDiscreteStateSpecificationImpl`
- `getHeaderImpl`
- `getIconImpl`
- `getInputNamesImpl`
- `getNumInputsImpl`
- `getNumOutputsImpl`
- `getOutputDataTypeImpl`
- `getOutputNamesImpl`
- `getOutputSizeImpl`
- `getPropertyGroupsImpl`
- `infoImpl`
- `isInactivePropertyImpl`
- `isInputDirectFeedthroughImpl`
- `isOutputComplexImpl`
- `isOutputFixedSizeImpl`
- `loadObjectImpl`
- `outputImpl`
- `processTunedPropertiesImpl`
- `propagatedInputComplexity`
- `propagatedInputDataType`
- `propagatedInputFixedSize`
- `propagatedInputSize`
- `releaseImpl`
- `resetImpl`

- `saveObjectImpl`
- `setProperties`
- `setupImpl`
- `stepImpl`
- `supportsMultipleInstanceImpl`
- `updateImpl`
- `validateInputsImpl`
- `validatePropertiesImpl`

Define Basic System Objects

This example shows how to create a basic System object that increments a number by one.

The class definition file contains the minimum elements required to define a System object.

Create the Class Definition File

1 Create a MATLAB file named `AddOne.m` to contain the definition of your System object.

```
edit AddOne.m
```

2 Subclass your object from `matlab.System`. Insert this line as the first line of your file.

```
classdef AddOne < matlab.System
```

3 Add the `stepImpl` method, which contains the algorithm that runs when users call the `step` method on your object. You always set the `stepImpl` method access to `protected` because it is an internal method that users do not directly call or run.

All methods, except static methods, expect the System object handle as the first input argument. You can use any name for your System object handle.

In this example, instead of passing in the object handle, ~ is used to indicate that the object handle is not used in the function. Using ~ instead of an object handle prevents warnings about unused variables from occurring.

By default, the number of inputs and outputs are both one. To change the number of inputs or outputs, use the `getNumInputsImpl` or `getNumOutputsImpl` method, respectively.

```
methods (Access = protected)
   function y = stepImpl(~,x)
      y = x + 1;
   end
end
```

Note: Instead of manually creating your class definition file, you can use an option on the **New** > **System Object** menu to open a template. The **Basic** template opens a simple

System object template. The **Advanced** template includes more advanced features of System objects, such as backup and restore. The **Simulink Extension** template includes additional customizations of the System object for use in the Simulink MATLAB System block. You then can edit the template file, using it as guideline, to create your own System object.

Complete Class Definition File for Basic System Object

```
classdef AddOne < matlab.System
% ADDONE Compute an output value one greater than the input value

  % All methods occur inside a methods declaration.
  % The stepImpl method has protected access
  methods (Access = protected)

    function y = stepImpl(~,x)
      y = x + 1;
    end
  end
end
```

See Also

matlab.System | getNumInputsImpl | getNumOutputsImpl | stepImpl

Related Examples

- “Change Number of Step Inputs or Outputs” on page 12-7

More About

- “System Design and Simulation in MATLAB”

Change Number of Step Inputs or Outputs

This example shows how to specify two inputs and two outputs for the `step` method.

If you specify the inputs and outputs to the `stepImpl` method, you do not need to specify the `getNumInputsImpl` and `getNumOutputsImpl` methods. If you have a variable number of inputs or outputs (using varargin or varargout), include the `getNumInputsImpl` or `getNumOutputsImpl` method, respectively, in your class definition file.

Note: You should only use `getNumInputsImpl` or `getNumOutputsImpl` methods to change the number of System object inputs or outputs. Do not use any other handle objects within a System object to change the number of inputs or outputs.

You always set the `getNumInputsImpl` and `getNumOutputsImpl` methods access to `protected` because they are internal methods that users do not directly call or run.

Update the Algorithm for Multiple Inputs and Outputs

Update the `stepImpl` method to specify two inputs and two outputs. You do not need to implement associated `getNumInputsImpl` or `getNumOutputsImpl` methods.

```
methods (Access = protected)
   function [y1,y2] = stepImpl(~,x1,x2)
      y1 = x1 + 1
      y2 = x2 + 1;
   end
end
```

Update the Algorithm and Associated Methods

Update the `stepImpl` method to use varargin and varargout. In this case, you must implement the associated `getNumInputsImpl` and `getNumOutputsImpl` methods to specify two or three inputs and outputs.

```
methods (Access = protected)
   function varargout = stepImpl(obj,varargin)
      varargout{1} = varargin{1}+1;
      varargout{2} = varargin{2}+1;
      if (obj.numInputsOutputs = 3)
         varargout{3} = varargin{3}+1;
      end
```

```
    end

    function validatePropertiesImpl(obj)
       if ~((obj.numInputsOutputs == 2) ||...
            (obj.numInputsOutputs == 3))
          error('Only 2 or 3 input and outputs allowed.');
       end
    end

    function numIn = getNumInputsImpl(obj)
       numIn = 3;
       if (obj.numInputsOutputs == 2)
          numIn = 2;
       end
    end

    function numOut = getNumOutputsImpl(obj)
       numOut = 3;
       if (obj.numInputsOutputs == 2)
          numOut = 2;
       end
    end
end
```

Use this syntax to run the algorithm with two inputs and two outputs.

```
x1 = 3;
x2 = 7;
[y1,y2] = step(AddOne,x1,x2);
```

To change the number of inputs or outputs, you must release the object before rerunning it.

```
release(AddOne)
x1 = 3;
x2 = 7;
x3 = 10
[y1,y2,y3] = step(AddOne,x1,x2,x3);
```

Complete Class Definition File with Multiple Inputs and Outputs

```
 classdef AddOne < matlab.System
% ADDONE Compute output values one greater than the input values

   % This property is nontunable and cannot be changed
```

```
% after the setup or step method has been called.
properties (Nontunable)
   numInputsOutputs = 3;   % Default value
  end

% All methods occur inside a methods declaration.
% The stepImpl method has protected access
methods (Access = protected)
   function varargout = stepImpl(obj,varargin)
      if (obj.numInputsOutputs = 2)
         varargout{1} = varargin{1}+1;
         varargout{2} = varargin{2}+1;
      else
         varargout{1} = varargin{1}+1;
         varargout{2} = varargin{2}+1;
         varargout{3} = varargin{3}+1;
      end
   end

   function validatePropertiesImpl(obj)
      if ~((obj.numInputsOutputs == 2) ||
           (obj.numInputsOutputs == 3))
         error('Only 2 or 3 input and outputs allowed.');
      end
   end

   function numIn = getNumInputsImpl(obj)
      numIn = 3;
      if (obj.numInputsOutputs == 2)
         numIn = 2;
      end
   end

   function numOut = getNumOutputsImpl(obj)
      numOut = 3;
      if (obj.numInputsOutputs == 2)
         numOut = 2;
      end
   end
end
```

```
end
```

See Also

`getNumInputsImpl` | `getNumOutputsImpl`

Related Examples

- "Validate Property and Input Values" on page 12-13
- "Define Basic System Objects" on page 12-5

More About

- "System Object Input Arguments and ~ in Code Examples" on page 12-76

Specify System Block Input and Output Names

This example shows how to specify the names of the input and output ports of a System object–based block implemented using a MATLAB System block.

Define Input and Output Names

This example shows how to use `getInputNamesImpl` and `getOutputNamesImpl` to specify the names of the input port as "source data" and the output port as "count."

If you do not specify the `getInputNamesImpl` and `getOutputNamesImpl` methods, the object uses the `stepImpl` method input and output variable names for the input and output port names, respectively. If the `stepImpl` method uses *varargin* and *varargout* instead of variable names, the port names default to empty strings.

```
methods (Access = protected)
   function inputName = getInputNamesImpl(~)
          inputName = 'source data';
   end

   function outputName = getOutputNamesImpl(~)
          outputName = 'count';
   end
end
```

Complete Class Definition File with Named Inputs and Outputs

```
classdef MyCounter < matlab.System

   % MyCounter Count values above a threshold

    properties
       Threshold = 1
    end
    properties (DiscreteState)
       Count
    end

    methods
       function obj = MyCounter(varargin)
          setProperties (obj,nargin,varargin{:});
       end
    end
```

```
    methods (Access = protected)
       function setupImpl(obj)
          obj.Count = 0;
       end
       function resetImpl(obj)
          obj.Count = 0;
       end
       function y = stepImpl(obj,u)
          if (u > obj.Threshold)
             obj.Count = obj.Count + 1;
          end
          y = obj.Count;
       end
       function inputName = getInputNamesImpl(~)
          inputName = 'source data';
       end
       function outputName = getOutputNamesImpl(~)
          outputName = 'count';
       end
    end
end
```

See Also

`getInputNamesImpl` | `getNumInputsImpl` | `getNumOutputsImpl` | `getOutputNamesImpl`

Related Examples

- "Change Number of Step Inputs or Outputs" on page 12-7

More About

- "System Object Input Arguments and ~ in Code Examples" on page 12-76

Validate Property and Input Values

This example shows how to verify that the user's inputs and property values are valid.

Validate Properties

This example shows how to validate the value of a single property using `set.`*`PropertyName`* syntax. In this case, the *`PropertyName`* is `Increment`.

```
methods
   % Validate the properties of the object
   function set.Increment(obj,val)
       if val >= 10
         error('The increment value must be less than 10');
       end
       obj.Increment = val;
   end
 end
```

This example shows how to validate the value of two interdependent properties using the `validatePropertiesImpl` method. In this case, the `UseIncrement` property value must be `true` and the `WrapValue` property value must be less than the `Increment` property value.

```
methods (Access = protected)
   function validatePropertiesImpl(obj)
       if obj.UseIncrement && obj.WrapValue < obj.Increment
         error('Wrap value must be less than increment value');
       end
   end
end
```

Validate Inputs

This example shows how to validate that the first input is a numeric value.

```
methods (Access = protected)
   function validateInputsImpl(~,x)
      if ~isnumeric(x)
         error('Input must be numeric');
      end
   end
```

```
end
```

Complete Class Definition File with Property and Input Validation

```
classdef AddOne < matlab.System
% ADDONE Compute an output value by incrementing the input value

  % All properties occur inside a properties declaration.
  % These properties have public access (the default)
  properties (Logical)
    UseIncrement = true
  end

  properties (PositiveInteger)
    Increment = 1
    WrapValue = 10
  end

  methods
    % Validate the properties of the object
    function set.Increment(obj, val)
        if val >= 10
          error('The increment value must be less than 10');
        end
        obj.Increment = val;
    end
  end

  methods (Access = protected)
    function validatePropertiesImpl(obj)
        if obj.UseIncrement && obj.WrapValue < obj.Increment
          error('Wrap value must be less than increment value');
        end
    end

    % Validate the inputs to the object
    function validateInputsImpl(~,x)
        if ~isnumeric(x)
          error('Input must be numeric');
        end
    end

    function out = stepImpl(obj,in)
      if obj.UseIncrement
        out = in + obj.Increment;
```

```
      else
        out = in + 1;
      end
    end
  end
end
```

Note: All inputs default to variable-size inputs. See “Change Input Complexity or Dimensions” for more information.

See Also

`validateInputsImpl` | `validatePropertiesImpl`

Related Examples

- “Define Basic System Objects” on page 12-5

More About

- “Methods Timing” on page 12-73
- “Property Set Methods”
- “System Object Input Arguments and ~ in Code Examples” on page 12-76

Initialize Properties and Setup One-Time Calculations

This example shows how to write code to initialize and set up a System object.

In this example, you allocate file resources by opening the file so the System object can write to that file. You do these initialization tasks one time during setup, rather than every time you call the step method.

Define Public Properties to Initialize

In this example, you define the public `Filename` property and specify the value of that property as the nontunable string, `default.bin`. Users cannot change *nontunable* properties after the `setup` method has been called. Refer to the Methods Timing section for more information.

```
properties (Nontunable)
  Filename = 'default.bin'
end
```

Define Private Properties to Initialize

Users cannot access *private* properties directly, but only through methods of the System object. In this example, you define the `pFileID` property as a private property. You also define this property as *hidden* to indicate it is an internal property that never displays to the user.

```
properties (Hidden,Access = private)
  pFileID;
end
```

Define Setup

You use the `setupImpl` method to perform setup and initialization tasks. You should include code in the `setupImpl` method that you want to execute one time only. The `setupImpl` method is called once during the first call to the `step` method. In this example, you allocate file resources by opening the file for writing binary data.

```
methods
  function setupImpl(obj)
    obj.pFileID = fopen(obj.Filename,'wb');
    if obj.pFileID < 0
       error('Opening the file failed');
```

```
    end
  end
end
```

Although not part of setup, you should close files when your code is done using them. You use the `releaseImpl` method to release resources.

Complete Class Definition File with Initialization and Setup

```
classdef MyFile < matlab.System
% MyFile write numbers to a file

    % These properties are nontunable. They cannot be changed
    % after the setup or step  method has been called.
    properties (Nontunable)
        Filename = 'default.bin' % the name of the file to create
    end

    % These properties are private. Customers can only access
    % these properties through methods on this object
    properties (Hidden,Access = private)
        pFileID; % The identifier of the file to open
    end

    methods (Access = protected)
        % In setup allocate any resources, which in this case
        % means opening the file.
        function setupImpl(obj)
            obj.pFileID = fopen(obj.Filename,'wb');
            if obj.pFileID < 0
                error('Opening the file failed');
            end
        end

        % This System object™ writes the input to the file.
        function stepImpl(obj,data)
            fwrite(obj.pFileID,data);
        end

        % Use release to close the file to prevent the
        % file handle from being left open.
        function releaseImpl(obj)
            fclose(obj.pFileID);
        end
    end
```

```
end
```

See Also

`releaseImpl` | `setupImpl` | `stepImpl`

Related Examples

- “Release System Object Resources” on page 12-34
- “Define Property Attributes” on page 12-23

More About

- “Methods Timing” on page 12-73

Set Property Values at Construction Time

This example shows how to define a System object constructor and allow it to accept name-value property pairs as input.

Set Properties to Use Name-Value Pair Input

Define the System object constructor, which is a method that has the same name as the class (`MyFile` in this example). Within that method, you use the `setProperties` method to make all public properties available for input when the user constructs the object. `nargin` is a MATLAB function that determines the number of input arguments. varargin indicates all of the object's public properties.

```
methods
   function obj = MyFile(varargin)
      setProperties(obj,nargin,varargin{:});
   end
end
```

Complete Class Definition File with Constructor Setup

```
classdef MyFile < matlab.System
% MyFile write numbers to a file

    % These properties are nontunable. They cannot be changed
    % after the setup or step method has been called.
    properties (Nontunable)
        Filename ='default.bin' % the name of the file to create
        Access = 'wb' % The file access string (write, binary)
    end

    % These properties are private. Customers can only access
    % these properties through methods on this object
    properties (Hidden,Access = private)
        pFileID; % The identifier of the file to open
    end

    methods
        % You call setProperties in the constructor to let
        % a user specify public properties of object as
        % name-value pairs.
        function obj = MyFile(varargin)
          setProperties(obj,nargin,varargin{:});
        end
```

```
    end

    methods (Access = protected)
        % In setup allocate any resources, which in this case is
        % opening the file.
        function setupImpl(obj)
            obj.pFileID = fopen(obj.Filename,obj.Access);
            if obj.pFileID < 0
                error('Opening the file failed');
            end
        end

        % This System object™ writes the input to the file.
        function stepImpl(obj,data)
            fwrite(obj.pFileID,data);
        end

        % Use release to close the file to prevent the
        % file handle from being left open.
        function releaseImpl(obj)
            fclose(obj.pFileID);
        end
    end
end
```

See Also

nargin | setProperties

Related Examples

- “Define Property Attributes” on page 12-23
- “Release System Object Resources” on page 12-34

Reset Algorithm State

This example shows how to reset an object state.

Reset Counter to Zero

`pCount` is an internal counter property of the System object `obj`. The user calls the `reset` method, which calls the `resetImpl` method. In this example , `pCount` resets to 0.

Note: When resetting an object's state, make sure you reset the size, complexity, and data type correctly.

```
methods (Access = protected)
   function resetImpl(obj)
      obj.pCount = 0;
   end
end
```

Complete Class Definition File with State Reset

```
classdef Counter < matlab.System
% Counter System object™ that increments a counter

   properties (Access = private)
      pCount
   end

   methods (Access = protected)
      % In step, increment the counter and return
      % its value as an output
      function c = stepImpl(obj)
          obj.pCount = obj.pCount + 1;
          c = obj.pCount;
      end

      % Reset the counter to zero.
      function resetImpl(obj)
         obj.pCount = 0;
      end
   end
```

```
end
```

See “Methods Timing” on page 12-73 for more information.

See Also

`resetImpl`

More About

- “Methods Timing” on page 12-73

Define Property Attributes

This example shows how to specify property attributes.

Property attributes, which add details to a property, provide a layer of control to your properties. In addition to the MATLAB property attributes, System objects can use these three additional attributes—`nontunable`, `logical`, and `positiveInteger`. To specify multiple attributes, separate them with commas.

Specify Property as Nontunable

Use the *nontunable* attribute for a property when the algorithm depends on the value being constant once data processing starts. Defining a property as nontunable may improve the efficiency of your algorithm by removing the need to check for or react to values that change. For code generation, defining a property as nontunable allows the memory associated with that property to be optimized. You should define all properties that affect the number of input or output ports as nontunable.

System object users cannot change nontunable properties after the `setup` or `step` method has been called. In this example, you define the `InitialValue` property, and set its value to 0.

```
properties (Nontunable)
   InitialValue = 0;
end
```

Specify Property as Logical

Logical properties have the value, `true` or `false`. System object users can enter `1` or `0` or any value that can be converted to a logical. The value, however, displays as `true` or `false`. You can use sparse logical values, but they must be scalar values. In this example, the `Increment` property indicates whether to increase the counter. By default, `Increment` is tunable property. The following restrictions apply to a property with the `Logical` attribute,

- Cannot also be `Dependent` or `PositiveInteger`
- Default value must be `true` or `false`. You cannot use `1` or `0` as a default value.

```
properties (Logical)
   Increment = true
end
```

Specify Property as Positive Integer

In this example, the private property pCount is constrained to accept only real, positive integers. You cannot use sparse values. The following restriction applies to a property with the PositiveInteger attribute,

- Cannot also be Dependent or Logical

```
properties (PositiveInteger)
   Count
end
```

Specify Property as DiscreteState

If your algorithm uses properties that hold state, you can assign those properties the DiscreteState attribute . Properties with this attribute display their state values when users call getDiscreteStateImpl via the getDiscreteState method. The following restrictions apply to a property with the DiscreteState attribute,

- Numeric, logical, or fi value, but not a scaled double fi value
- Does not have any of these attributes: Nontunable, Dependent, Abstract, Constant, or Transient.
- No default value
- Not publicly settable
- GetAccess = Public by default
- Value set only using the setupImpl method or when the System object is locked during resetImpl or stepImpl

In this example, you define the Count property.

```
properties (DiscreteState)
   Count;
end
```

Complete Class Definition File with Property Attributes

```
classdef Counter < matlab.System
% Counter Increment a counter to a maximum value

  % These properties are nontunable. They cannot be changed
  % after the setup or step method has been called.
  properties (Nontunable)
```

```
        % The inital value of the counter
        InitialValue = 0
    end
    properties (Nontunable, PositiveInteger)
        % The maximum value of the counter
        MaxValue = 3
    end

    properties (Logical)
        % Whether to increment the counter
        Increment = true
    end

    properties (DiscreteState)
        % Count state variable
        Count
    end

    methods (Access = protected)
        % In step, increment the counter and return its value
        % as an output

        function c = stepImpl(obj)
            if obj.Increment && (obj.Count < obj.MaxValue)
                obj.Count = obj.Count + 1;
            else
                disp(['Max count, ' num2str(obj.MaxValue) ',reached'])
            end
            c = obj.Count;
        end

        % Setup the Count state variable
        function setupImpl(obj)
            obj.Count = 0;
        end

        % Reset the counter to one.
        function resetImpl(obj)
            obj.Count = obj.InitialValue;
        end
    end
```

```
end
```

More About

- “Class Attributes”
- “Property Attributes”
- “What You Cannot Change While Your System Is Running”
- “Methods Timing” on page 12-73

Hide Inactive Properties

This example shows how to hide the display of a property that is not active for a particular object configuration.

Hide an inactive property

You use the `isInactivePropertyImpl` method to hide a property from displaying. If the `isInactiveProperty` method returns `true` to the property you pass in, then that property does not display.

```
methods (Access = protected)
  function flag = isInactivePropertyImpl(obj,propertyName)
    if strcmp(propertyName,'InitialValue')
      flag = obj.UseRandomInitialValue;
    else
      flag = false;
    end
  end
end
```

Complete Class Definition File with Hidden Inactive Property

```
classdef Counter < matlab.System
  % Counter Increment a counter

  % These properties are nontunable. They cannot be changed
  % after the setup or step method has been called.
  properties (Nontunable)
    % Allow the user to set the initial value
    UseRandomInitialValue = true
    InitialValue = 0
  end

  % The private count variable, which is tunable by default
  properties (Access = private)
    pCount
  end

  methods (Access = protected)
    % In step, increment the counter and return its value
    % as an output
    function c = stepImpl(obj)
      obj.pCount = obj.pCount + 1;
```

```
      c = obj.pCount;
    end

    % Reset the counter to either a random value or the initial
    % value.
    function resetImpl(obj)
      if obj.UseRandomInitialValue
        obj.pCount = rand();
      else
        obj.pCount = obj.InitialValue;
      end
    end

    % This method controls visibility of the object's properties
    function flag = isInactivePropertyImpl(obj,propertyName)
      if strcmp(propertyName,'InitialValue')
        flag = obj.UseRandomInitialValue;
      else
        flag = false;
      end
    end
  end
end
```

See Also

`isInactivePropertyImpl`

Limit Property Values to Finite String Set

This example shows how to limit a property to accept only a finite set of string values.

Specify a Set of Valid String Values

String sets use two related properties. You first specify the user-visible property name and default string value. Then, you specify the associated hidden property by appending "Set" to the property name. You must use a capital "S" in "Set."

In the "Set" property, you specify the valid string values as a cell array of the `matlab.system.Stringset` class. This example uses `Color` and `ColorSet` as the associated properties.

```
properties
   Color = 'blue'
end

properties (Hidden,Transient)
   ColorSet = matlab.system.StringSet({'red','blue','green'});
end
```

Complete Class Definition File with String Set

```
classdef Whiteboard < matlab.System
% Whiteboard Draw lines on a figure window
%
% This System object™ illustrates the use of StringSets

   properties
     Color = 'blue'
   end

   properties (Hidden,Transient)
     % Let them choose a color
     ColorSet = matlab.system.StringSet({'red','blue','green'});
   end

   methods (Access = protected)
     function stepImpl(obj)
         h = Whiteboard.getWhiteboard();
         plot(h, ...
           randn([2,1]),randn([2,1]), ...
           'Color',obj.Color(1));
```

```
      end
      function releaseImpl(obj)
          cla(Whiteboard.getWhiteboard());
          hold on
      end
    end

    methods (Static)
      function a = getWhiteboard()
          h = findobj('tag','whiteboard');
          if isempty(h)
            h = figure('tag','whiteboard');
            hold on
          end
          a = gca;
      end
    end
end
```

String Set System Object Example

```
%%
% Each call to step draws lines on a whiteboard

%% Construct the System object
hGreenInk = Whiteboard;
hBlueInk  = Whiteboard;

% Change the color
% Note: Press tab after typing the first single quote to
% display all enumerated values.
hGreenInk.Color = 'green';
hBlueInk.Color  = 'blue';

% Take a few steps
for i=1:3
  hGreenInk.step();
  hBlueInk.step();
end

%% Clear the whiteboard
hBlueInk.release();

%% Display System object used in this example
```

```
type('Whiteboard.m');
```

See Also

`matlab.system.StringSet`

Process Tuned Properties

This example shows how to specify the action to take when a tunable property value changes during simulation.

The `processTunedPropertiesImpl` method is useful for managing actions to prevent duplication. In many cases, changing one of multiple interdependent properties causes an action. With the `processTunedPropertiesImpl` method, you can control when that action is taken so it is not repeated unnecessarily.

Control When a Lookup Table Is Generated

This example of `processTunedPropertiesImpl` causes the `pLookupTable` to be regenerated when either the `NumNotes` or `MiddleC` property changes.

```
methods  (Access = protected)
   function processTunedPropertiesImpl(obj)
      obj.pLookupTable = obj.MiddleC * ...
         (1+log(1:obj.NumNotes)/log(12));
   end
end
```

Complete Class Definition File with Tuned Property Processing

```
classdef TuningFork < matlab.System
  % TuningFork Illustrate the processing of tuned parameters
  %

  properties
    MiddleC = 440
    NumNotes = 12
  end

  properties (Access = private)
    pLookupTable
  end

  methods (Access = protected)
    function resetImpl(obj)
      obj.MiddleC = 440;
      obj.pLookupTable = obj.MiddleC * ...
          (1+log(1:obj.NumNotes)/log(12));
    end
```

```
    function hz = stepImpl(obj,noteShift)
      % A noteShift value of 1 corresponds to obj.MiddleC
      hz = obj.pLookupTable(noteShift);
    end

    function processTunedPropertiesImpl(obj)
      % Generate a lookup table of note frequencies
      obj.pLookupTable = obj.MiddleC * ...
          (1+log(1:obj.NumNotes)/log(12));
    end
  end
end
```

See Also

processTunedPropertiesImpl

Release System Object Resources

This example shows how to release resources allocated and used by the System object. These resources include allocated memory, files used for reading or writing, etc.

Release Memory by Clearing the Object

This method allows you to clear the axes on the Whiteboard figure window while keeping the figure open.

```
methods
   function releaseImpl(obj)
      cla(Whiteboard.getWhiteboard());
      hold on
   end
end
```

Complete Class Definition File with Released Resources

```
classdef Whiteboard < matlab.System
% Whiteboard Draw lines on a figure window
%
% This System object™ shows the use of StringSets
%
   properties
     Color = 'blue'
   end

   properties (Hidden)
     % Let user choose a color
     ColorSet = matlab.system.StringSet({'red','blue','green'});
   end

   methods (Access = protected)
     function stepImpl(obj)
         h = Whiteboard.getWhiteboard();
         plot(h, ...
           randn([2,1]), randn([2,1]), ...
           'Color',obj.Color(1));
     end

     function releaseImpl(obj)
         cla(Whiteboard.getWhiteboard());
         hold on
```

```
    end

  methods (Static)
    function a = getWhiteboard()
        h = findobj('tag','whiteboard');
        if isempty(h)
          h = figure('tag','whiteboard');
          hold on
        end
        a = gca;
    end
  end
end
```

See Also

`releaseImpl`

Related Examples

- "Initialize Properties and Setup One-Time Calculations" on page 12-16

Define Composite System Objects

This example shows how to define System objects that include other System objects.

This example defines a filter System object from an FIR System object and an IIR System object.

Store System Objects in Properties

To define a System object from other System objects, store those objects in your class definition file as properties. In this example, FIR and IIR are separate System objects defined in their own class-definition files. You use those two objects to calculate the `pFir` and `pIir` property values.

```
properties (Nontunable, Access = private)
   pFir % Store the FIR filter
   pIir % Store the IIR filter
end

methods
   function obj = Filter(varargin)
      setProperties(obj,nargin,varargin{:});
      obj.pFir = FIR(obj.zero);
      obj.pIir = IIR(obj.pole);
   end
end
```

Complete Class Definition File of Composite System Object

```
classdef Filter < matlab.System
% Filter System object with a single pole and a single zero
%
% This System object illustrates composition by
% composing an instance of itself.
%

    properties (Nontunable)
      zero = 0.01
      pole = 0.5
    end

    properties (Nontunable,Access = private)
      pZero % Store the FIR filter
      pPole % Store the IIR filter
```

```
    end

    methods
        function obj = Filter(varargin)
            setProperties(obj,nargin,varargin{:});
            % Create instances of FIR and IIR as
            % private properties
            obj.pZero = Zero(obj.zero);
            obj.pPole = Pole(obj.pole);
        end
    end

    methods (Access = protected)
        function setupImpl(obj,x)
            setup(obj.pZero,x);
            setup(obj.pPole,x);
        end

        function resetImpl(obj)
            reset(obj.pZero);
            reset(obj.pPole);
        end

        function y = stepImpl(obj,x)
            y = step(obj.pZero,x) + step(obj.pPole,x);
        end
        function releaseImpl(obj)
            release(obj.pZero);
            release(obj.pPole);
        end
    end
end
```

Class Definition File for IIR Component of Filter

```
classdef Pole < matlab.System

  properties
    Den = 1
  end

  properties (Access = private)
    tap = 0
  end
```

```
  methods
    function obj = Pole(varargin)
      setProperties(obj,nargin,varargin{:},'Den');
    end
  end

  methods (Access = protected)
    function y = stepImpl(obj,x)
      y = x + obj.tap * obj.Den;
      obj.tap = y;
    end
  end

end
```

Class Definition File for FIR Component of Filter

```
classdef Zero < matlab.System

  properties
    Num = 1
  end

  properties (Access = private)
    tap = 0
  end

  methods
    function obj = Zero(varargin)
      setProperties(obj,nargin,varargin{:},'Num');
    end
  end

  methods (Access = protected)
    function y = stepImpl(obj,x)
      y = x + obj.tap * obj.Num;
      obj.tap = x;
    end
  end

end
```

See Also

`nargin`

Define Finite Source Objects

This example shows how to define a System object that performs a specific number of steps or specific number of reads from a file.

Use the FiniteSource Class and Specify End of the Source

1. Subclass from finite source class.

```
classdef RunTwice < matlab.System & ...
   matlab.system.mixin.FiniteSource
```

2. Specify the end of the source with the `isDoneImpl` method. In this example, the source has two iterations.

```
methods (Access = protected)
  function bDone = isDoneImpl(obj)
     bDone = obj.NumSteps==2
  end
```

Complete Class Definition File with Finite Source

```
classdef RunTwice < matlab.System & ...
    matlab.system.mixin.FiniteSource
  % RunTwice System object that runs exactly two times
  %
  properties (Access = private)
    NumSteps
  end

  methods (Access = protected)
    function resetImpl(obj)
      obj.NumSteps = 0;
    end

    function y = stepImpl(obj)
      if ~obj.isDone()
        obj.NumSteps = obj.NumSteps + 1;
        y = obj.NumSteps;
      else
        y = 0;
      end
    end

    function bDone = isDoneImpl(obj)
```

```
      bDone = obj.NumSteps==2;
    end
  end
end
```

See Also

`matlab.system.mixin.FiniteSource`

More About

- “What Are Mixin Classes?” on page 12-77
- “Subclassing Multiple Classes”
- “System Object Input Arguments and ~ in Code Examples” on page 12-76

Save System Object

This example shows how to save a System object.

Save System Object and Child Object

Define a `saveObjectImpl` method to specify that more than just public properties should be saved when the user saves a System object. Within this method, use the default `saveObjectImpl@matlab.System` to save public properties to the struct, `s`. Use the `saveObject` method to save child objects. Save protected and dependent properties, and finally, if the object is locked, save the object's state.

```
methods (Access = protected)
   function s = saveObjectImpl(obj)
      s = saveObjectImpl@matlab.System(obj);
      s.child = matlab.System.saveObject(obj.child);
      s.protected = obj.protected;
      s.pdependentprop = obj.pdependentprop;
      if isLocked(obj)
         s.state = obj.state;
      end
   end
end
```

Complete Class Definition File with Save and Load

```
classdef MySaveLoader < matlab.System

  properties (Access = private)
    child
    pdependentprop
  end

  properties (Access = protected)
    protected = rand;
  end

  properties (DiscreteState = true)
    state
  end

  properties (Dependent)
    dependentprop
  end
```

```
methods
  function obj = MySaveLoader(varargin)
    obj@matlab.System();
    setProperties(obj,nargin,varargin{:});
  end
end

methods (Access = protected)
  function setupImpl(obj)
    obj.state = 42;
  end

  function out = stepImpl(obj,in)
    obj.state = in;
    out = obj.state;
  end
end


% Serialization
methods (Access = protected)
  function s = saveObjectImpl(obj)
    % Call the base class method
    s = saveObjectImpl@matlab.System(obj);

    % Save the child System objects
    s.child = matlab.System.saveObject(obj.child);

    % Save the protected & private properties
    s.protected = obj.protected;
    s.pdependentprop = obj.pdependentprop;

    % Save the state only if object locked
    if isLocked(obj)
      s.state = obj.state;
    end
  end

  function loadObjectImpl(obj,s,wasLocked)
    % Load child System objects
    obj.child = matlab.System.loadObject(s.child);

    % Load protected and private properties
```

```
      obj.protected = s.protected;
      obj.pdependentprop = s.pdependentprop;

      % Load the state only if object locked
      if wasLocked
        obj.state = s.state;
      end

      % Call base class method to load public properties
      loadObjectImpl@matlab.System(obj,s,wasLocked);
    end
  end
end
```

See Also

loadObjectImpl | saveObjectImpl

Related Examples

- “Load System Object” on page 12-44

Load System Object

This example shows how to load a System object.

Load System Object and Child Object

Define a `loadObjectImpl` method to load a previously saved System object. Within this method, use the `matlab.System.loadObject` to assign the child object struct data to the associated object property. Assign protected and dependent property data to the associated object properties. If the object was locked when it was saved, assign the object's state to the associated property. Load the saved public properties with the `loadObjectImpl` method.

```
methods (Access = protected)
    function loadObjectImpl(obj,s,wasLocked)
      obj.child = matlab.System.loadObject(s.child);
      obj.protected = s.protected;
      obj.pdependentprop = s.pdependentprop;
      if wasLocked
        obj.state = s.state;
      end
      loadObjectImpl@matlab.System(obj,s,wasLocked);
    end
   end
end
```

Complete Class Definition File with Save and Load

```
classdef MySaveLoader < matlab.System

  properties (Access = private)
    child
    pdependentprop
  end

  properties (Access = protected)
    protected = rand;
  end

  properties (DiscreteState = true)
    state
  end

  properties (Dependent)
```

```
  dependentprop
end

methods
  function obj = MySaveLoader(varargin)
    obj@matlab.System();
    setProperties(obj,nargin,varargin{:});
  end
end

methods (Access = protected)
  function setupImpl(obj)
    obj.state = 42;
  end

  function out = stepImpl(obj,in)
    obj.state = in;
    out = obj.state;
  end
end


% Serialization
methods (Access = protected)
  function s = saveObjectImpl(obj)
    % Call the base class method
    s = saveObjectImpl@matlab.System(obj);

    % Save the child System objects
    s.child = matlab.System.saveObject(obj.child);

    % Save the protected & private properties
    s.protected = obj.protected;
    s.pdependentprop = obj.pdependentprop;

    % Save the state only if object locked
    if isLocked(obj)
      s.state = obj.state;
    end
  end

  function loadObjectImpl(obj,s,wasLocked)
    % Load child System objects
    obj.child = matlab.System.loadObject(s.child);
```

```
      % Load protected and private properties
      obj.protected = s.protected;
      obj.pdependentprop = s.pdependentprop;

      % Load the state only if object locked
      if wasLocked
        obj.state = s.state;
      end

      % Call base class method to load public properties
      loadObjectImpl@matlab.System(obj,s,wasLocked);
    end
  end
end
```

See Also

loadObjectImpl | saveObjectImpl

Related Examples

- “Save System Object” on page 12-41

Clone System Object

This example shows how to clone a System object.

Clone System Object

You can define your own clone method, which is useful for copying objects without saving their state. The default `cloneImpl` method copies both a System object™ and its current state. If an object is locked, the default `cloneImpl` creates a cloned object that is also locked. An example of when you may want to write your own clone method is for cloning objects that handle resources. These objects cannot allocate resources twice and you would not want to save their states. To write your clone method, use the `saveObject` and `loadObject` methods to perform the clone within the `cloneImpl` method.

```
methods (Access = protected)
   function obj2 = cloneImpl(obj1)
      s = saveObject (obj1);
      obj2 = loadObject(s);
   end
end
```

Complete Class Definition File with Clone

```
classdef PassThrough < matlab.System
  methods (Access = protected)
    function y = stepImpl(~,u)
        y = u;
    end
    function obj2 = cloneImpl(obj1)
        s = matlab.System.saveObject(obj1);
        obj2 = matlab.System.loadObject(s);
    end
  end
end
```

See Also

`cloneImpl` | `loadObjectImpl` | `saveObjectImpl`

Define System Object Information

This example shows how to define information to display for a System object.

Define System Object Info

You can define your own `info` method to display specific information for your System object. The default `infoImpl` method returns an empty struct. This `infoImpl` method returns detailed information when the `info` method is called using `info(x,'details')` or only count information if it is called using `info(x)`.

```
methods (Access = protected)
   function s = infoImpl(obj,varargin)
      if nargin>1 && strcmp('details',varargin(1))
         s = struct('Name','Counter',...
             'Properties', struct('CurrentCount', ...
              obj.pCount,'Threshold',obj.Threshold));
      else
         s = struct('Count',obj.pCount);
      end
   end
end
```

Complete Class Definition File with InfoImpl

```
classdef Counter < matlab.System
   % Counter Count values above a threshold

   properties
      Threshold = 1
   end

   properties (DiscreteState)
      Count
   end

   methods (Access = protected)
      function setupImpl(obj)
         obj.Count = 0;
      end

      function resetImpl(obj)
         obj.Count = 0;
      end
```

```
      function y = stepImpl(obj,u)
         if (u > obj.Threshold)
            obj.Count = obj.Count + 1;
         end
         y = obj.Count;
      end

      function s = infoImpl(obj,varargin)
         if nargin>1 && strcmp('details',varargin(1))
            s = struct('Name','Counter',...
            'Properties', struct('CurrentCount', ...
            obj.pCount,'Threshold',obj.Threshold));
         else
            s = struct('Count',obj.pCount);
      end
   end
end
```

See Also

infoImpl

Define System Block Icon

This example shows how to define the block icon of a System object–based block implemented using a MATLAB System block.

Use the CustomIcon Class and Define the Icon

1 Subclass from custom icon class.

```
classdef MyCounter < matlab.System & ...
   matlab.system.mixin.CustomIcon
```

2 Use `getIconImpl` to specify the block icon as `New Counter` with a line break (`\n`) between the two words.

```
methods (Access = protected)
   function icon = getIconImpl(~)
      icon = sprintf('New\nCounter');
   end
end
```

Complete Class Definition File with Defined Icon

```
classdef MyCounter < matlab.System & ...
   matlab.system.mixin.CustomIcon

   % MyCounter Count values above a threshold

    properties
       Threshold = 1
    end
    properties (DiscreteState)
       Count
    end

    methods
       function obj = MyCounter(varargin)
          setProperties(obj,nargin,varargin{:});
       end
    end

    methods (Access = protected)
       function setupImpl(obj)
          obj.Count = 0;
       end
```

```
        function resetImpl(obj)
           obj.Count = 0;
        end
        function y = stepImpl(obj,u)
           if (u > obj.Threshold)
              obj.Count = obj.Count + 1;
           end
           y = obj.Count;
        end
        function icon = getIconImpl(~)
           icon = sprintf('New\nCounter');
        end
    end
end
```

See Also

`matlab.system.mixin.CustomIcon` | `getIconImpl`

More About

- “What Are Mixin Classes?” on page 12-77
- “Subclassing Multiple Classes”
- “System Object Input Arguments and ~ in Code Examples” on page 12-76

Add Header to System Block Dialog

This example shows how to add a header panel to a System object–based block implemented using a MATLAB System block.

Define Header Title and Text

This example shows how to use `getHeaderImpl` to specify a panel title and text for the `MyCounter` System object.

If you do not specify the `getHeaderImpl`, the block does not display any title or text for the panel.

You always set the `getHeaderImpl` method access to `protected` because it is an internal method that end users do not directly call or run.

```
methods (Static, Access = protected)
   function header = getHeaderImpl
      header = matlab.system.display.Header('MyCounter',...
        'Title','My Enhanced Counter');
   end
end
```

Complete Class Definition File with Defined Header

```
 classdef MyCounter < matlab.System

   % MyCounter Count values

    properties
       Threshold = 1
    end
    properties (DiscreteState)
       Count
    end

    methods (Static, Access = protected)
      function header = getHeaderImpl
         header = matlab.system.display.Header('MyCounter',...
           'Title','My Enhanced Counter',...
           'Text', 'This counter is an enhanced version.');
      end
    end
```

```
    methods (Access = protected)
       function setupImpl(obj,u)
          obj.Count = 0;
       end
       function y = stepImpl(obj,u)
          if (u > obj.Threshold)
             obj.Count = obj.Count + 1;
          end
          y = obj.Count;
       end
       function resetImpl(obj)
          obj.Count = 0;
       end
    end
end
```

See Also

`matlab.system.display.Header` | `getHeaderImpl`

Add Property Groups to System Object and Block Dialog

This example shows how to define property sections and section groups for System object display. The sections and section groups display as panels and tabs, respectively, in the MATLAB System block dialog.

Define Section of Properties

This example shows how to use `matlab.system.display.Section` and `getPropertyGroupsImpl` to define two property group sections by specifying their titles and property lists.

If you do not specify a property in `getPropertyGroupsImpl`, the block does not display that property.

```
methods (Static, Access = protected)
   function groups = getPropertyGroupsImpl
      valueGroup = matlab.system.display.Section(...
           'Title','Value parameters',...
           'PropertyList',{'StartValue','EndValue'});

      thresholdGroup = matlab.system.display.Section(...
           'Title','Threshold parameters',...
           'PropertyList',{'Threshold','UseThreshold'});
      groups = [valueGroup,thresholdGroup];
   end
end
```

Define Group of Sections

This example shows how to use `matlab.system.display.SectionGroup`, `matlab.system.display.Section`, and `getPropertyGroupsImpl` to define two tabs, each containing specific properties.

```
methods (Static, Access = protected)
   function groups = getPropertyGroupsImpl
      upperGroup = matlab.system.display.Section(...
           'Title', 'Upper threshold', ...
           'PropertyList',{'UpperThreshold'});
      lowerGroup = matlab.system.display.Section(...
           'Title','Lower threshold', ...
           'PropertyList',{'UseLowerThreshold','LowerThreshold'});

      thresholdGroup = matlab.system.display.SectionGroup(...
```

```
        'Title', 'Parameters', ...
        'Sections',  [upperGroup,lowerGroup]);

      valuesGroup = matlab.system.display.SectionGroup(...
        'Title', 'Initial conditions', ...
        'PropertyList',  {'StartValue'});

      groups = [thresholdGroup, valuesGroup];
   end
end
```

Complete Class Definition File with Property Group and Separate Tab

```
classdef EnhancedCounter < matlab.System
   % EnhancedCounter  Count values considering thresholds

   properties
      UpperThreshold = 1;
      LowerThreshold = 0;
   end

   properties (Nontunable)
      StartValue = 0;
   end

   properties(Logical,Nontunable)
      % Count values less than lower threshold
      UseLowerThreshold = true;
   end

   properties (DiscreteState)
      Count;
   end

   methods (Static, Access = protected)
      function groups = getPropertyGroupsImpl
         upperGroup = matlab.system.display.Section(...
              'Title', 'Upper threshold', ...
              'PropertyList',{'UpperThreshold'});
         lowerGroup = matlab.system.display.Section(...
              'Title','Lower threshold', ...
              'PropertyList',{'UseLowerThreshold','LowerThreshold'});

         thresholdGroup = matlab.system.display.SectionGroup(...
              'Title', 'Parameters', ...
```

```
            'Sections',  [upperGroup,lowerGroup]);

         valuesGroup = matlab.system.display.SectionGroup(...
            'Title', 'Initial conditions', ...
            'PropertyList',  {'StartValue'});

         groups = [thresholdGroup, valuesGroup];
      end
   end

   methods (Access = protected)
      function setupImpl(obj)
         obj.Count = obj.StartValue;
      end

      function y = stepImpl(obj,u)
         if obj.UseLowerThreshold
            if (u > obj.UpperThreshold) || ...
                  (u <  obj.LowerThreshold)
               obj.Count = obj.Count + 1;
            end
         else
            if (u > obj.UpperThreshold)
               obj.Count = obj.Count + 1;
            end
         end
         y = obj.Count;
      end
      function resetImpl(obj)
         obj.Count = obj.StartValue;
      end


      function flag = isInactivePropertyImpl(obj, prop)
         flag = false;
         switch prop
            case 'LowerThreshold'
               flag = ~obj.UseLowerThreshold;
         end
      end
   end
```

```
end
```

See Also

`matlab.system.display.Section` | `matlab.system.display.SectionGroup` | `getPropertyGroupsImpl`

More About

- “System Object Input Arguments and ~ in Code Examples” on page 12-76

Set Output Size

This example shows how to specify the size of a System object output using the `getOutputSizeImpl` method. Use this method when Simulink cannot infer the output size from the inputs during model compilation.

Subclass from both the `matlab.System` base class and the `Propagates` mixin class.

```
classdef CounterReset < matlab.System & ...
    matlab.system.mixin.Propagates
```

Use the `getOutputSizeImpl` method to specify the output size.

```
methods (Access = protected)
   function sizeout = getOutputSizeImpl(~)
      sizeout = [1 1];
   end
end
```

View the method in the complete class definition file.

```
classdef CounterReset < matlab.System & matlab.system.mixin.Propagates
   % CounterReset Count values above a threshold

   properties
      Threshold = 1
   end

   properties (DiscreteState)
      Count
   end

   methods (Access = protected)
      function setupImpl(obj)
         obj.Count = 0;
      end

      function y = stepImpl(obj,u1,u2)
         % Add to count if u1 is above threshold
         % Reset if u2 is true
         if (u2)
            obj.Count = 0;
         elseif (u1 > obj.Threshold)
            obj.Count = obj.Count + 1;
```

```
            end
            y = obj.Count;
        end

        function resetImpl(obj)
            obj.Count = 0;
        end

        function [sz,dt,cp] = getDiscreteStateSpecificationImpl(~,name)
            if strcmp(name,'Count')
                sz = [1 1];
                dt = 'double';
                cp = false;
            else
                error(['Error: Incorrect State Name: 'name'.']);
            end
        end
        function dataout = getOutputDataTypeImpl(~)
            dataout = 'double';
        end
        function sizeout = getOutputSizeImpl(~)
            sizeout = [1 1];
        end
        function cplxout = isOutputComplexImpl(~)
            cplxout = false;
        end
        function fixedout = isOutputFixedSizeImpl(~)
            fixedout = true;
        end
    end
end
```

See Also

`matlab.system.mixin.Propagates` | `getOutputSizeImpl`

More About

- “What Are Mixin Classes?” on page 12-77
- “Subclassing Multiple Classes”
- “System Object Input Arguments and ~ in Code Examples” on page 12-76

Set Output Data Type

This example shows how to specify the data type of a System object output using the `getOutputDataTypeImpl` method. Use this method when Simulink cannot infer the data type from the inputs during model compilation.

Subclass from both the `matlab.System` base class and the `Propagates` mixin class.

```
 classdef CounterReset < matlab.System & ...
     matlab.system.mixin.Propagates
```

Use the `getOutputDataTypeImpl` method to specify the output data type as a double.

```
methods (Access = protected)
   function dataout = getOutputDataTypeImpl(~)
      dataout = 'double';
   end
end
```

View the method in the complete class definition file.

```
classdef CounterReset < matlab.System & matlab.system.mixin.Propagates
   % CounterReset Count values above a threshold

   properties
      Threshold = 1
   end

   properties (DiscreteState)
      Count
   end

   methods (Access = protected)
      function setupImpl(obj)
         obj.Count = 0;
      end

      function resetImpl(obj)
         obj.Count = 0;
      end

      function y = stepImpl(obj,u1,u2)
         % Add to count if u1 is above threshold
         % Reset if u2 is true
```

```
        if (u2)
            obj.Count = 0;
        elseif (u1 > obj.Threshold)
            obj.Count = obj.Count + 1;
        end
        y = obj.Count;
    end

    function [sz,dt,cp] = getDiscreteStateSpecificationImpl(~,name)
        if strcmp(name,'Count')
            sz = [1 1];
            dt = 'double';
            cp = false;
        else
            error(['Error: Incorrect State Name: 'name'.']);
        end
    end
    function dataout = getOutputDataTypeImpl(~)
        dataout = 'double';
    end
    function sizeout = getOutputSizeImpl(~)
        sizeout = [1 1];
    end
    function cplxout = isOutputComplexImpl(~)
        cplxout = false;
    end
    function fixedout = isOutputFixedSizeImpl(~)
        fixedout = true;
    end
  end
end
```

See Also

`matlab.system.mixin.Propagates` | `getOutputDataTypeImpl`

More About

- “What Are Mixin Classes?” on page 12-77
- “Subclassing Multiple Classes”
- “System Object Input Arguments and ~ in Code Examples” on page 12-76

Set Output Complexity

This example shows how to specify whether a System object output is complex or real using the `isOutputComplexImpl` method. Use this method when Simulink cannot infer the output complexity from the inputs during model compilation.

Subclass from both the `matlab.System` base class and the `Propagates` mixin class.

```
 classdef CounterReset < matlab.System & ...
     matlab.system.mixin.Propagates
```

Use the `isOutputComplexImpl` method to specify that the output is real.

```
methods (Access = protected)
   function cplxout = isOutputComplexImpl(~)
      cplxout = false;
   end
end
```

View the method in the complete class definition file.

```
classdef CounterReset < matlab.System & matlab.system.mixin.Propagates
   % CounterReset Count values above a threshold

   properties
      Threshold = 1
   end

   properties (DiscreteState)
      Count
   end

   methods (Access = protected)
      function setupImpl(obj)
         obj.Count = 0;
      end

      function resetImpl(obj)
         obj.Count = 0;
      end

      function y = stepImpl(obj,u1,u2)
         % Add to count if u1 is above threshold
         % Reset if u2 is true
```

```
            if (u2)
               obj.Count = 0;
            elseif (u1 > obj.Threshold)
               obj.Count = obj.Count + 1;
            end
            y = obj.Count;
         end

         function [sz,dt,cp] = getDiscreteStateSpecificationImpl(~,name)
            if strcmp(name,'Count')
               sz = [1 1];
               dt = 'double';
               cp = false;
            else
               error(['Error: Incorrect State Name: 'name'.']);
            end
         end
         function dataout = getOutputDataTypeImpl(~)
            dataout = 'double';
         end
         function sizeout = getOutputSizeImpl(~)
            sizeout = [1 1];
         end
         function cplxout = isOutputComplexImpl(~)
            cplxout = false;
         end
         function fixedout = isOutputFixedSizeImpl(~)
            fixedout = true;
         end
      end
   end
```

See Also

matlab.system.mixin.Propagates | isOutputComplexImpl

More About

- "What Are Mixin Classes?" on page 12-77
- "Subclassing Multiple Classes"
- "System Object Input Arguments and ~ in Code Examples" on page 12-76

Specify Whether Output Is Fixed- or Variable-Size

This example shows how to specify whether a System object output is fixed- or variable-size. Use the `isOutputFixedSizeImpl` method when Simulink cannot infer the output type from the inputs during model compilation.

Subclass from both the `matlab.System` base class and the `Propagates` mixin class.

```
 classdef CounterReset < matlab.System & ...
     matlab.system.mixin.Propagates
```

Use the `isOutputFixedSizeImpl` method to specify that the output is fixed size.

```
methods (Access = protected)
   function fixedout = isOutputFixedSizeImpl(~)
      fixedout = true;
   end
end
```

View the method in the complete class definition file.

```
classdef CounterReset < matlab.System & matlab.system.mixin.Propagates
   % CounterReset Count values above a threshold

   properties
      Threshold = 1
   end

   properties (DiscreteState)
      Count
   end

   methods (Access = protected)
      function setupImpl(obj)
         obj.Count = 0;
      end

      function resetImpl(obj)
         obj.Count = 0;
      end

      function y = stepImpl(obj,u1,u2)
         % Add to count if u1 is above threshold
         % Reset if u2 is true
```

```
            if (u2)
               obj.Count = 0;
            elseif (u1 > obj.Threshold)
               obj.Count = obj.Count + 1;
            end
            y = obj.Count;
         end

         function [sz,dt,cp] = getDiscreteStateSpecificationImpl(~,name)
            if strcmp(name,'Count')
               sz = [1 1];
               dt = 'double';
               cp = false;
            else
               error(['Error: Incorrect State Name: 'name'.']);
            end
         end
         function dataout = getOutputDataTypeImpl(~)
            dataout = 'double';
         end
         function sizeout = getOutputSizeImpl(~)
            sizeout = [1 1];
         end
         function cplxout = isOutputComplexImpl(~)
            cplxout = false;
         end
         function fixedout = isOutputFixedSizeImpl(~)
            fixedout = true;
         end
      end
   end
```

See Also

matlab.system.mixin.Propagates | isOutputFixedSizeImpl

More About

- “What Are Mixin Classes?” on page 12-77
- “Subclassing Multiple Classes”
- “System Object Input Arguments and ~ in Code Examples” on page 12-76

Specify Discrete State Output Specification

This example shows how to specify the size, data type, and complexity of a discrete state property using the `getDiscreteStateSpecificationImpl` method. Use this method when your System object has a property with the `DiscreteState` attribute and Simulink cannot infer the output specifications during model compilation.

Subclass from both the `matlab.System` base class and from the `Propagates` mixin class.

```
 classdef CounterReset < matlab.System & ...
     matlab.system.mixin.Propagates
```

Use the `getDiscreteStateSpecificationImpl` method to specify the size and data type. Also specify the complexity of a discrete state property, which is used in the counter reset example.

```
methods (Access = protected)
   function [sz,dt,cp] = getDiscreteStateSpecificationImpl(~,name)
      sz = [1 1];
      dt = 'double';
      cp = false;
   end
end
```

View the method in the complete class definition file.

```
classdef CounterReset < matlab.System & matlab.system.mixin.Propagates
   % CounterReset Count values above a threshold

   properties
      Threshold = 1
   end

   properties (DiscreteState)
      Count
   end

   methods (Access = protected)
      function setupImpl(obj)
         obj.Count = 0;
      end

      function resetImpl(obj)
```

```
            obj.Count = 0;
         end

         function y = stepImpl(obj,u1,u2)
            % Add to count if u1 is above threshold
            % Reset if u2 is true
            if (u2)
               obj.Count = 0;
            elseif (u1 > obj.Threshold)
               obj.Count = obj.Count + 1;
            end
            y = obj.Count;
         end

         function [sz,dt,cp] = getDiscreteStateSpecificationImpl(~,name)
            sz = [1 1];
            dt = 'double';
            cp = false;
         end
         function dataout = getOutputDataTypeImpl(~)
            dataout = 'double';
         end
         function sizeout = getOutputSizeImpl(~)
            sizeout = [1 1];
         end
         function cplxout = isOutputComplexImpl(~)
            cplxout = false;
         end
         function fixedout = isOutputFixedSizeImpl(~)
            fixedout = true;
         end
      end
   end
```

See Also

`matlab.system.mixin.Propagates` | `getDiscreteStateSpecificationImpl`

More About

- “What Are Mixin Classes?” on page 12-77
- “Subclassing Multiple Classes”
- “System Object Input Arguments and ~ in Code Examples” on page 12-76

Use Update and Output for Nondirect Feedthrough

This example shows how to implement nondirect feedthrough for a System object using the `updateImpl`, `outputImpl` and `isInputDirectFeedthroughImpl` methods. In nondirect feedthrough, the object's outputs depend only on the internal states and properties of the object, rather than the input at that instant in time. You use these methods to separate the output calculation from the state updates of a System object. This enables you to use that object in a feedback loop and prevent algebraic loops.

Subclass from the Nondirect Mixin Class

To use the `updateImpl`, `outputImpl`, and `isInputDirectFeedthroughImpl` methods, you must subclass from both the `matlab.System` base class and the `Nondirect` mixin class.

```
classdef IntegerDelaySysObj < matlab.System & ...
  matlab.system.mixin.Nondirect
```

Implement Updates to the Object

Implement an `updateImpl` method to update the object with previous inputs.

```
methods (Access = protected)
   function updateImpl(obj,u)
      obj.PreviousInput = [u obj.PreviousInput(1:end-1)];
   end
end
```

Implement Outputs from Object

Implement an `outputImpl` method to output the previous, not the current input.

```
methods (Access = protected)
   function [y] = outputImpl(obj,~)
      y = obj.PreviousInput(end);
   end
end
```

Implement Whether Input Is Direct Feedthrough

Implement an `isInputDirectFeedthroughImpl` method to indicate that the input is nondirect feedthrough.

```
methods (Access = protected)
```

```
      function flag = isInputDirectFeedthroughImpl(~,~)
         flag = false;
      end
   end
```

Complete Class Definition File with Update and Output

```
classdef intDelaySysObj < matlab.System &...
      matlab.system.mixin.Nondirect &...
      matlab.system.mixin.CustomIcon
   % intDelaySysObj Delay input by specified number of samples.

   properties
      InitialOutput = 0;
   end
   properties (Nontunable)
      NumDelays = 1;
   end
   properties (DiscreteState)
      PreviousInput;
   end

   methods (Access = protected)
      function validatePropertiesImpl(obj)
         if ((numel(obj.NumDelays)>1) || (obj.NumDelays <= 0))
            error('Number of delays must be positive non-zero scalar value.');
         end
         if (numel(obj.InitialOutput)>1)
            error('Initial Output must be scalar value.');
         end
      end

      function setupImpl(obj)
         obj.PreviousInput = ones(1,obj.NumDelays)*obj.InitialOutput;
      end

      function resetImpl(obj)
         obj.PreviousInput = ones(1,obj.NumDelays)*obj.InitialOutput;
      end

      function [y] = outputImpl(obj,~)
         y = obj.PreviousInput(end);
      end
      function updateImpl(obj, u)
         obj.PreviousInput = [u obj.PreviousInput(1:end-1)];
```

```
        end
        function flag = isInputDirectFeedthroughImpl(~,~)
           flag = false;
        end
    end
end
```

See Also

matlab.system.mixin.Nondirect | isInputDirectFeedthroughImpl | outputImpl | updateImpl

More About

- “What Are Mixin Classes?” on page 12-77
- “Subclassing Multiple Classes”
- “System Object Input Arguments and ~ in Code Examples” on page 12-76

Enable For Each Subsystem Support

This example shows how to enable using a System object in a Simulink For Each subsystem. Include the `supportsMultipleInstanceImpl` method in your class definition file. This method applies only when the System object is used in Simulink via the MATLAB System block.

Use the `supportsMultipleInstanceImpl` method and have it return `true` to indicate that the System object supports multiple calls in a Simulink For Each subsystem.

```
methods (Access = protected)
   function flag = supportsMultipleInstanceImpl(obj)
       flag = true;
   end
end
```

View the method in the complete class definition file.

```
classdef RandSeed < matlab.System
% RANDSEED Random noise with seed for use in For Each subsystem

    properties (DiscreteState)
       count;
    end

    properties (Nontunable)
       seed = 20;
    end

    properties (Nontunable,Logical)
       useSeed = false;
    end

   methods (Access = protected)
       function y = stepImpl(obj,u1)
         % Initial use after reset/setup
         % and use the seed
         if (obj.useSeed && ~obj.count)
             rng(obj.seed);
         end
         obj.count = obj.count + 1;
         [m,n] = size(u1);
         % Uses default rng seed
         y = rand(m,n) + u1;
```

```
        end

       function setupImpl(obj)
           obj.count = 0;
       end
       function resetImpl(obj)
           obj.count = 0;
       end

        function flag = supportsMultipleInstanceImpl(obj)
          flag = obj.useSeed;
        end
    end
end
```

See Also

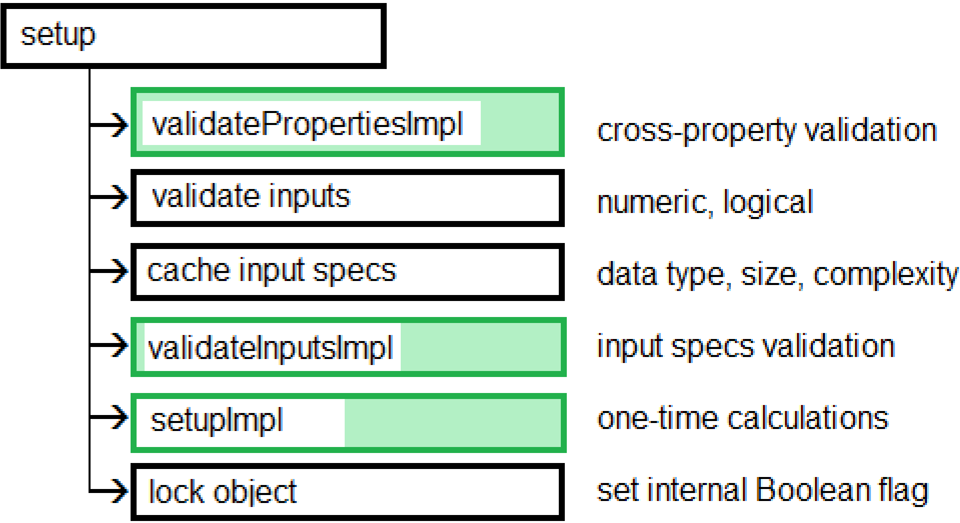
matlab.System | supportsMultipleInstanceImpl

Methods Timing

In this section...
"Setup Method Call Sequence" on page 12-73
"Step Method Call Sequence" on page 12-73
"Reset Method Call Sequence" on page 12-74
"Release Method Call Sequence" on page 12-75

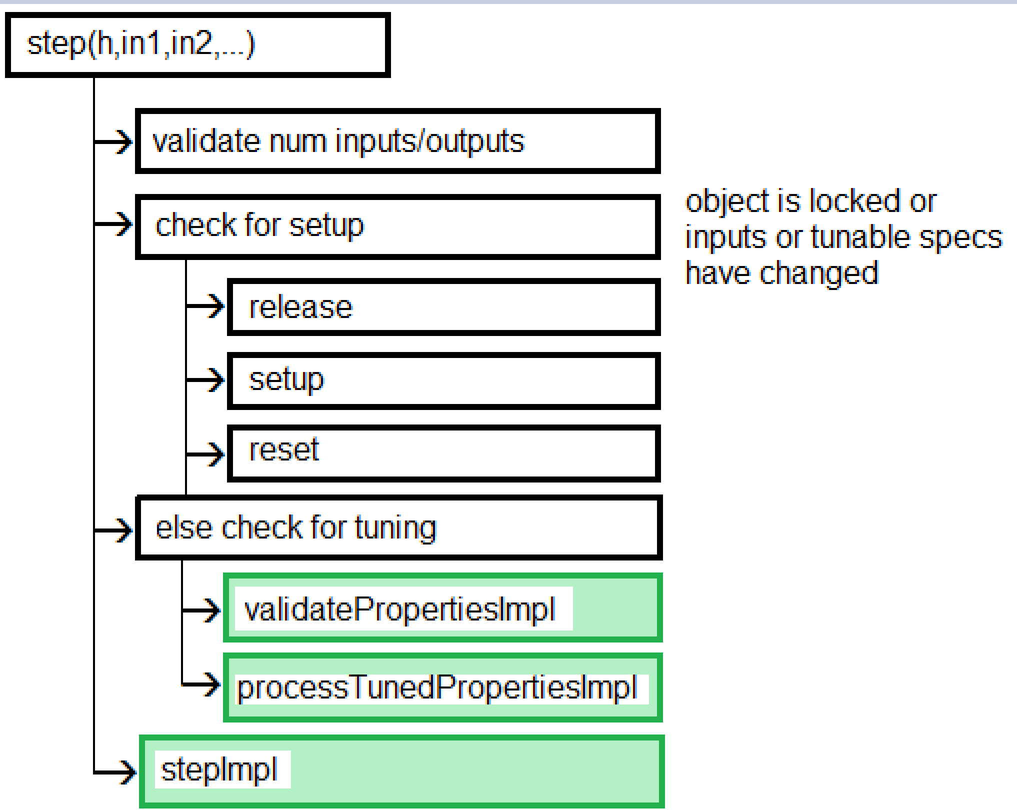
Setup Method Call Sequence

This hierarchy shows the actions performed when you call the `setup` method.



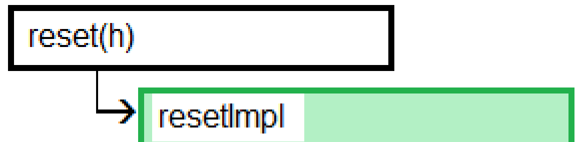
Step Method Call Sequence

This hierarchy shows the actions performed when you call the `step` method.



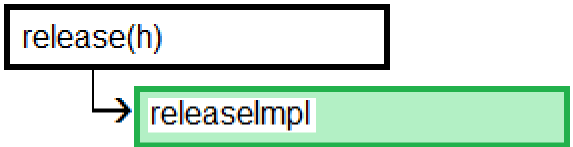
Reset Method Call Sequence

This hierarchy shows the actions performed when you call the `reset` method.



Release Method Call Sequence

This hierarchy shows the actions performed when you call the `release` method.



See Also

`releaseImpl` | `resetImpl` | `setupImpl` | `stepImpl`

Related Examples

- "Release System Object Resources" on page 12-34
- "Reset Algorithm State" on page 12-21
- "Set Property Values at Construction Time" on page 12-19
- "Define Basic System Objects" on page 12-5

More About

- "What Are System Object Methods?"
- "The Step Method"
- "Common Methods"

System Object Input Arguments and ~ in Code Examples

All methods, except static methods, expect the System object handle as the first input argument. You can use any name for your System object handle. In many examples, instead of passing in the object handle, ~ is used to indicate that the object handle is not used in the function. Using ~ instead of an object handle prevents warnings about unused variables.

What Are Mixin Classes?

Mixin classes are partial classes that you can combine in various combinations to form desired behaviors using multiple inheritance. System objects are composed of a base class, `matlab.System` and may include one or more mixin classes. You specify the base class and mixin classes on the first line of your class definition file.

The following mixin classes are available for use with System objects.

- `matlab.system.mixin.CustomIcon` — Defines a block icon for System objects in the MATLAB System block
- `matlab.system.mixin.FiniteSource` — Adds the `isDone` method to System objects that are sources
- `matlab.system.mixin.Nondirect` — Allows the System object, when used in the MATLAB System block, to support nondirect feedthrough by making the runtime callback functions, `output` and `update` available
- `matlab.system.mixin.Propagates` — Enables System objects to operate in the MATLAB System block using the interpreted execution

Best Practices for Defining System Objects

A System object is a specialized kind of MATLAB object that is optimized for iterative processing. Use System objects when you need to call the `step` method multiple times or process data in a loop. When defining your own System object, use the following suggestions to help your code run efficiently.

- Define all one-time calculations in the `setupImpl` method and cache the results in a private property. Use the `stepImpl` method for repeated calculations.
- For parameters that do not change, define them in a locked object as `Nontunable` properties.
- If the number of System object inputs does not change, do not implement the `getNumInputsImpl` method. Also do not implement the `getNumInputsImpl` method when you explicitly list the inputs in the `stepImpl` method instead of using `varargin`. The same caveats apply to the outputs, `getNumOutputsImpl` and `varargout`.
- Variables that do not need to retain their values between calls should have local scope for that method.
- If properties are accessed more than once in the `stepImpl` method, or in the `updateImpl` and `outputImpl` methods, cache those properties as local variables inside the method. Iterative calculations using cached local variables run faster than calculations that must access the properties of an object. When the calculations for the method complete, you can save the local cached results back to the properties of that System object. Copy frequently used tunable properties into private properties.
- For best practices for including System objects in code generation, see “System Objects in MATLAB Code Generation”.