Content Based Retrieval on 3D Face Data

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Motivation

- Indrivati Atmosukarto's Thesis:
 - Global 2D azimuth-elevation angles histograms are successfully used in 3D shape quantification for deformational plagiocephaly and classification of 22q11.2DS.
 - Can we use azimuth-elevation angles histograms for retrieval?

Image Acquisition: 3dMD



About the Data



- 'us' database: 14 head meshes of 12 people.
- Data is limited
 - Hard to find similarity
 - No ground truth: survey.

Methodology

Pose Normalized Heads

Masking

Histograms



Feature Extraction



- Compute the azimuth and elevation angles of the surface normal vectors of each point on the mesh.
- Construct 2D histograms of angles.





Query for Carrie - eyes

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Retrieval Results:



Ground Truth:

















Kalast



Jiastir

Query for Jia - mouth



Discussion

- Ground truth: people's perception of similarity.
- Azimuth & Elevation angles may not correspond to human's perception of similarity.
- Database is too small to derive a statistically significant result.

Future Work

- Alternative features: Gaussian Curvature, Lynn's method of distance matrices.
- Larger databases: FaceBase collaborator Seth Weinberg's data repository of 3500 healthy Caucasian individuals.
- User friendly GUI.