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Dear Andreas,

Thanks very much for the second round of reviews of the JCGS submission 99-06, by Godtliebsen, Chaudhuri and I. It is good to see that we seem to be converging on a solution. Enclosed is a revision that seems to take the remaining requests into account. Here is an outline of what we have done:

- 1. Move stuff from our image analysis paper:
 - a. The relevant parts of Section 2.4 of the image paper have been copied and modified into Section 3.3.
 - b. Section 6.1 of the image paper has been copied into the new section 5.1, and suitably modified.
 - c. Section 2.5, of the image paper has been essentially moved into Section 3.3 of the present paper, and suitably modified.
 - d. Sections 6.2, 6.3 and 6.4 of the image paper have been moved into the present paper as Sections 5.2, 5.3 and 5.4, and suitably modified.
- 2. Reference only published / working papers. The controversial ones, the old references [11] and [15], which are now [12] and [16], have been given their North Carolina Institute of Statistics Mimeo Series numbers.

Best Wishes,

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