#### **Templates and Image Pyramids**



#### Computational Photography

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# Why do we get different, distance-dependent interpretations of hybrid images?



#### Hybrid Image in FFT



#### Review

1. Match the spatial domain image to the Fourier magnitude image



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## Today's class: applications of filtering

• Template matching

• Coarse-to-fine alignment

• Denoising, Compression

## Template matching

- Goal: find 💽 in image
- Main challenge: What is a good similarity or distance measure between two patches?
  - Correlation
  - Zero-mean correlation
  - Sum Square Difference
  - Normalized Cross
     Correlation



- Goal: find 💽 in image
- Method 0: filter the image with eye patch

im = image
f = filter



#### What went wrong?

- Goal: find 💽 in image
- Method 1: filter the image with zero-mean eye

 $h[m,n] = \sum_{k,l} (f[k,l] - \overline{f}) \underbrace{im[m+k,n+l]}_{\text{mean of filter f}}$ 



Input







- Goal: find 💽 in image
- Method 2: SSD  $h[m,n] = \sum_{k,l} (f[k,l] - im[m+k,n+l])^2$



#### Can SSD be implemented with linear filters?

$$h[m,n] = \sum_{k,l} (f[k,l] - im[m+k,n+l])^2$$
  

$$h[m,n] = \sum_{k,l} (f[k,l]^2 - 2 \cdot im[m+k,n+l] \cdot f[k,l] + im[m+k,n+l]^2)$$
  

$$h[m,n] = \sum_{k,l} f[k,l]^2 - 2 \sum_{k,l} im[m+k,n+l] \cdot f[k,l] + \sum_{k,l} im[m+k,n+l]^2$$

$$h = \sum_{k,l} f[k,l]^2 - 2 \text{ filter}(im, f) + \text{ filter}(im. ^2, \text{ones}(f. \text{ shape}))$$

$$f$$
linear filter
constant
Element-wise square f, then
sum with ones kernel of size f

• Goal: find 💽 in image

• Method 2: SSD

What's the potential downside of SSD?

 $h[m,n] = \sum_{k,l} (f[k,l] - im[m+k,n+l])^2$ 



Input

1- sqrt(SSD)

- Goal: find 💽 in image
- Method 3: Normalized cross-correlation

(divide by product of standard deviations of template and image patch)

Python: cv2.matchTemplate(im,template,cv2.TM\_CCOEFF\_NORMED)

- Goal: find 💽 in image
- Method 3: Normalized cross-correlation



Input

Normalized X-Correlation

Thresholded Image

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#### Q: What is the best method to use?

A: Depends

- Zero-mean filter: fastest but not a great matcher
- SSD: next fastest, sensitive to overall intensity
- Normalized cross-correlation: slowest, invariant to local average intensity and contrast

Q: What if we want to find larger or smaller eyes?

A: Image Pyramid

#### **Review of Sampling**



#### Gaussian pyramid







Source: Forsyth

#### Laplacian filter



Source: Lazebnik

#### Laplacian pyramid





#### Computing Gaussian/Laplacian Pyramid



#### Creating a 2-level Laplacian pyramid



# Reconstructing the image from Laplacian pyramid



#### Hybrid Image in Laplacian Pyramid

#### Extra points for project 1

High frequency  $\rightarrow$  Low frequency



- 1. Compute Gaussian pyramid
- 2. Align at coarse level
  - Find minimum SSD position
- 3. Successively align at finer levels
  - Search small range (e.g., 5x5)
     centered around position
     determined at coarser scale







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Why is this faster?

Are we guaranteed to get the same result?



#### Can you align the images using the FFT?

#### Compression

#### How is it that a 4 megapixel image (12MB) can be compressed to a few hundred KB without a noticeable change?

#### Lossy Image Compression (JPEG)



Block-based Discrete Cosine Transform (DCT)

## Using DCT in JPEG

- The first coefficient B(0,0) is the DC component, the average intensity
- The top-left coeffs represent low frequencies, the bottom right – high frequencies





#### Image compression using DCT

- Quantize
  - More coarsely for high frequencies (which also tend to have smaller values)

Quantization table

 $35 \ 55 \ 64 \ 81 \ 104 \ 113$ 

92 95 98 112 100 103

64 78 87 103 121 120 101

12

24

49 72

Q =

12

22

92

99

- Many quantized high frequency values will be zero
- Encode
  - Can decode with inverse dct

Filter responses $\overset{u}{\longrightarrow}$									
	-415.38	-30.19	-61.20	27.24	56.13	-20.10	-2.39	0.46	
G =	4.47	-21.86	-60.76	10.25	13.15	-7.09	-8.54	4.88	$\downarrow v$
	-46.83	7.37	77.13	-24.56	-28.91	9.93	5.42	-5.65	
	-48.53	12.07	34.10	-14.76	-10.24	6.30	1.83	1.95	
	12.12	-6.55	-13.20	-3.95	-1.88	1.75	-2.79	3.14	
	-7.73	2.91	2.38	-5.94	-2.38	0.94	4.30	1.85	
	-1.03	0.18	0.42	-2.42	-0.88	-3.02	4.12	-0.66	
	-0.17	0.14	-1.07	-4.19	-1.17	-0.10	0.50	1.68	
Quantized values									
			5 -3 -	6 2	2 - 1	0 0			
0 -2				4 1	1 0	0 0			
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#### JPEG Compression Summary

- 1. Convert image to YCrCb
- 2. Subsample color by factor of 2
  - People have bad resolution for color
- 3. Split into blocks (8x8, typically), subtract 128
- 4. For each block
  - a. Compute DCT coefficients
  - b. Coarsely quantize
    - Many high frequency components will become zero
  - c. Encode (e.g., with Huffman coding)

## Lossless compression (PNG)

- 1. Predict that a pixel's value based on its upper-left neighborhood
  - Choose one rule per row, e.g. x~=A or x~=floor((A+B)/2)
- 2. Store difference of predicted and actual value
- 3. Pkzip it (DEFLATE algorithm)



#### Denoising



Additive Gaussian Noise



#### **Reducing Gaussian noise**



Smoothing with larger standard deviations suppresses noise, but also blurs the image

Source: S. Lazebnik

#### Reducing salt-and-pepper noise by Gaussian smoothing



## Alternative idea: Median filtering

• A median filter operates over a window by selecting the median intensity in the window



• Is median filtering linear?

## Median filter

- What advantage does median filtering have over Gaussian filtering?
  - Robustness to outliers



Source: K. Grauman

#### Median filter



Python: scipy.ndimage.median\_filter (image, size)

Source: M. Hebert

#### Median Filtered Examples





original image



1px median filter



3px median filter

10px median filter

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Medianfilterp.png http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Median\_filter\_example.jpg

#### Median vs. Gaussian filtering



Gaussian

#### Median

#### Other filter choices

- Weighted median (pixels further from center count less)
- Clipped mean (average, ignoring few brightest and darkest pixels)
- Bilateral filtering (weight by spatial distance *and* intensity difference)

cv2.bilateralFilter(size, sigma\_color, signal\_spatial)



Bilateral filtering

- Filtering in spatial domain
  - Slide filter over image and take dot product at each position
  - Remember properties of linear filters

- Linear filters for basic processing
  - Edge filter (high-pass)
  - -Gaussian filter (low-pass)
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• Derivative of Gaussian



- Filtering in frequency domain
  - Can be faster than filtering in spatial domain (for large filters)
  - Can help understand effect of filter
  - Algorithm:
    - 1. Convert image and filter to FFT
    - 2. Pointwise-multiply FFTs
    - 3. Convert result to spatial domain with inverse FFT

- Applications of filters
  - Template matching (SSD or normalized x-corr)
    - SSD can be done with linear filters, is sensitive to overall intensity
  - Gaussian pyramid
    - Coarse-to-fine search, multi-scale detection
  - Laplacian pyramid
    - Can be used for blending (later)
    - More compact image representation

- Applications of filters
  - Downsampling
    - Need to sufficiently low-pass before downsampling
  - Compression
    - In JPEG, coarsely quantize high frequencies
  - Reducing noise (important for aesthetics and for later processing such as edge detection)
    - Gaussian filter, median filter, bilateral filter

#### Next lecture

• Light and color

