Michel Gondry train video

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0S43lwBF0uM
Let’s predict weather:

- Given today’s weather only, we want to know tomorrow’s
- Suppose weather can only be {Sunny, Cloudy, Raining}

The “Weather Channel” algorithm:

- Over a long period of time, record:
  - How often S followed by R
  - How often S followed by S
  - Etc.
- Compute percentages for each state:
  - P(R|S), P(S|S), etc.
- Predict the state with highest probability!
- It’s a Markov Chain
Markov Chain

What if we know today and yesterday’s weather?

\[
\begin{pmatrix}
0.3 & 0.6 & 0.1 \\
0.4 & 0.3 & 0.3 \\
0.2 & 0.4 & 0.4 \\
\end{pmatrix}
\]
Text Synthesis

[Shannon, ’48] proposed a way to generate English-looking text using N-grams:

• Assume a generalized Markov model
• Use a large text to compute prob. distributions of each letter given N-1 previous letters
• Starting from a seed repeatedly sample this Markov chain to generate new letters
• Also works for whole words

WE NEED TO EAT CAKE
Results (using alt.singles corpus):

- “As I've commented before, really relating to someone involves standing next to impossible.”
- “One morning I shot an elephant in my arms and kissed him.”
- “I spent an interesting evening recently with a grain of salt”
Video Textures

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Problem statement

video clip

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video texture
Our approach

• How do we find good transitions?
Finding good transitions

- Compute $L_2$ distance $D_{i,j}$ between all frames

Similar frames make good transitions
Markov chain representation

Similar frames make good transitions
Transition costs

- Transition from i to j if successor of i is similar to j
- Cost function: \( C_{i \rightarrow j} = D_{i+1, j} \)
Transition probabilities

• Probability for transition $P_{i \rightarrow j}$ inversely related to cost:

  $$P_{i \rightarrow j} \sim \exp \left( - \frac{C_{i \rightarrow j}}{\sigma^2} \right)$$

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Preserving dynamics
Preserving dynamics
Preserving dynamics

- Cost for transition $i \rightarrow j$

\[ C_{i \rightarrow j} = \sum_{k = -N}^{N-1} w_k D_{i+k+1, j+k} \]
Preserving dynamics – effect

- Cost for transition $i \rightarrow j$

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C_{i \rightarrow j} = \sum_{k = -N}^{N-1} w_k D_{i+k+1, j+k}
\]
Dead ends

• No good transition at the end of sequence
Future cost

- Propagate future transition costs backward
- Iteratively compute new cost

\[ F_{i \rightarrow j} = C_{i \rightarrow j} + \alpha \min_k F_{j \rightarrow k} \]
Future cost

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- Q-learning
Finding good loops

- Alternative to random transitions
- Precompute set of loops up front
Video portrait

- c.f. Harry Potter
Region-based analysis

- Divide video up into regions
- Generate a video texture for each region
User-controlled video textures

User selects target frame range

slow  variable  fast
Video-based animation

- Like sprites in computer games
- Extract sprites from real video
- Interactively control desired motion

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Video sprite extraction

blue screen matting
and velocity estimation
Video sprite control

- Augmented transition cost:

\[ C_{i \rightarrow j} = \alpha \ C_{i \rightarrow j} + \beta \ \text{angle} \]

Animation

Similarity term  Control term

vector to mouse pointer

velocity vector
Video sprite control

• Need future cost computation
• Precompute future costs for a few angles.
• Switch between precomputed angles according to user input

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Interactive fish
Summary / Discussion

• Some things are relatively easy
Discussion

• Some are hard
“Amateur” by Lasse Gjertsen

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JzqumbhfxRo

similar idea:
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MsBMG-p1HDM&feature=share&list=PLFFD733D0FF425290
Texture

- Texture depicts spatially repeating patterns
- Many natural phenomena are textures

radishes  rocks  yogurt
Texture Synthesis

- Goal of Texture Synthesis: create new samples of a given texture
- Many applications: virtual environments, hole-filling, texturing surfaces
The Challenge

• Need to model the whole spectrum: from repeated to stochastic texture
Efros & Leung Algorithm

- Assuming Markov property, compute $P(p|N(p))$
  - Building explicit probability tables infeasible
  - Instead, we search the input image for all similar neighborhoods — that’s our pdf for $p$
  - To sample from this pdf, just pick one match at random
Some Details

• Growing is in “onion skin” order
  – Within each “layer”, pixels with most neighbors are synthesized first
  – If no close match can be found, the pixel is not synthesized until the end

• Using *Gaussian-weighted* SSD is very important
  – to make sure the new pixel agrees with its closest neighbors
  – Approximates reduction to a smaller neighborhood window if data is too sparse
Neighborhood Window

input
Varying Window Size

Increasing window size
Synthesis Results

french canvas

rafiia weave
More Results

white bread

brick wall
Homage to Shannon
Hole Filling
Extrapolation
Summary

• The Efros & Leung algorithm
  – Very simple
  – Surprisingly good results
  – Synthesis is easier than analysis!
  – …but very slow
Image Quilting [Efros & Freeman]

Observation: neighbor pixels are highly correlated

Idea: unit of synthesis = block

- Exactly the same but now we want $P(B|N(B))$
- Much faster: synthesize all pixels in a block at once
- Not the same as multi-scale!
Input texture

Random placement of blocks

Neighboring blocks constrained by overlap

Minimal error boundary cut
Minimal error boundary

overlapping blocks

vertical boundary

overlap error

min. error boundary
**Our Philosophy**

- The “Corrupt Professor’s Algorithm”:
  - Plagiarize as much of the source image as you can
  - Then try to cover up the evidence

- Rationale:
  - Texture blocks are by definition correct samples of texture so problem only connecting them together
Failures (Chernobyl Harvest)
Portilla & Simoncelli

Our algorithm

Wei & Levoy

Portilla & Simoncelli

Xu, Guo & Shum

input image
Political Texture Synthesis!

**Bush campaign digitally altered TV ad**

President Bush’s campaign acknowledged Thursday that it had digitally altered a photo that appeared in a national cable television commercial. In the photo, a handful of soldiers were multiplied many times.

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This section shows a sampling of the duplication of soldiers.

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Original photograph
Fill Order

• In what order should we fill the pixels?
Fill Order

• In what order should we fill the pixels?
  – choose pixels that have more neighbors filled
  – choose pixels that are continuations of lines/curves/edges

Exemplar-based Inpainting demo

http://research.microsoft.com/vision/cambridge/i3l/patchworks.htm
Application: Texture Transfer

• Try to explain one object with bits and pieces of another object:
Texture Transfer

Constraint

Texture sample
Texture Transfer

- Take the texture from one image and “paint” it onto another object

Same as texture synthesis, except an additional constraint:
1. Consistency of texture
2. Similarity to the image being “explained”
Image Analogies

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Image Analogies

A

A'

B

B'
Blur Filter

Unfiltered source \((A)\)

Filtered source \((A')\)

Unfiltered target \((B)\)

Filtered target \((B')\)
Edge Filter

Unfiltered source (A)  Filtered source (A')

Unfiltered target (B)  Filtered target (B')
Artistic Filters
Colorization

Unfiltered source \((A)\)

Filtered source \((A')\)

Unfiltered target \((B)\)

Filtered target \((B')\)
Texture-by-numbers
Super-resolution
Super-resolution (result!)

B

B'