Image colorization

Approach

Convert the bitmap image into yuv color space

Because same in intensity values should have same color in a nearby region



Now apply the following optimization in U,V color space -

$$J(U) = \sum_{\mathbf{r}} \left(U(\mathbf{r}) - \sum_{\mathbf{s} \in N(\mathbf{r})} w_{\mathbf{r}\mathbf{s}} U(\mathbf{s}) \right)^2$$

The weight vector depends on the intensity values as -

$$w_{\mathbf{r}\mathbf{s}} \propto e^{-(Y(\mathbf{r}) - Y(\mathbf{s}))^2 / 2\sigma_{\mathbf{r}}^2}$$

Since same intensity value should have same color value and edge should have different colors, the colors can be assigned as-

U(r) = ai.Y(r) + bi, where ai and bi same for all pixels in a small matrix around r.

Results

Input Images

Output





