HW3 Report

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1 Problem 1

1.a Predicted Images

(a) $p = 8$, 8×8

(b) $p = 8$, 16×16

(c) $p = 16$, 8×8

(d) $p = 16$, 16×16

Figure 1: Predicted images by using Full Search methods.

(a) $p = 8$, 8×8

(b) $p = 8$, 16×16

(c) $p = 16$, 8×8

(d) $p = 16$, 16×16

Figure 2: Predicted images by using 2D Logarithmic Search methods.

1.b Motion Vectors Images

(a) $p = 8$, 8×8

(b) $p = 8$, 16×16

(c) $p = 16$, 8×8

(d) $p = 16$, 16×16

Figure 3: Motion vector images by using Full Search methods.

(a) $p = 8$, 8×8

(b) $p = 8$, 16×16

(c) $p = 16$, 8×8

(d) $p = 16$, 16×16

Figure 4: Motion vector images by using 2D Logarithmic Search methods.

1.c Residual Images

(a) $p = 8$, 8×8

(b) $p = 8$, 16×16

(c) $p = 16$, 8×8

(d) $p = 16$, 16×16

Figure 5: Residual images by using Full Search methods.

(a) $p = 8$, 8×8

(b) $p = 8$, 16×16

(c) $p = 16$, 8×8

(d) $p = 16$, 16×16

Figure 6: Residual images by using 2D Logarithmic Search methods.

1.d SAD and PSNR

Table 1: Precision Analysis of Motion Estimation

Algorithm	Block Size	Search Range	
		$p = 8$	$p = 16$
Full Search	8×8	SAD: 9,580,644 PSNR: 29.08	SAD: 8,529,009 PSNR: 31.09
	16×16	SAD: 11,039,398 PSNR: 27.93	SAD: 10,102,414 PSNR: 29.47
2D-Log	8×8	SAD: 10,555,703 PSNR: 28.20	SAD: 9,889,209 PSNR: 29.62
	16×16	SAD: 11,462,016 PSNR: 27.50	SAD: 10,653,748 PSNR: 28.88

1.e Compare and discuss

- **Search Range Impact Analysis:**
  - For **Full Search** with 8x8 blocks:

$$\Delta\text{SAD} = \frac{9,580,644 - 8,529,009}{9,580,644} \times 100\% = 11.0\% \text{ reduction}$$
$$\Delta\text{PSNR} = 31.09 - 29.08 = +2.01 \text{ dB}$$

    Larger search window (p=16) significantly improves prediction quality as shown in residual images (Fig. 6c vs 6a)
  - For **2D-Log** with 16x16 blocks:

$$\Delta\text{SAD} = \frac{11,462,016 - 10,653,748}{11,462,016} \times 100\% = 7.1\% \text{ reduction}$$
$$\Delta\text{PSNR} = 28.88 - 27.50 = +1.38 \text{ dB}$$

    Limited search steps in 2D-Log restrict the benefit of larger search range

- **Block Size Effect:**
  - At **p=8** (Full Search):

$$\Delta\text{SAD} = \frac{11,039,398 - 9,580,644}{9,580,644} \times 100\% = +15.2\%$$
$$\Delta\text{PSNR} = 27.93 - 29.08 = -1.15 \text{ dB}$$

    Larger blocks lose motion details as evidenced in motion vectors (Fig. 3b vs 3a)

– At **p=16** (2D-Log):

$$\Delta\text{SAD} = \frac{10,653,748 - 8,529,009}{8,529,009} \times 100\% = +24.9\%$$
$$\Delta\text{PSNR} = 28.88 - 31.09 = -2.21 \text{ dB}$$

Combines limitations of both block size and search strategy

- **Algorithm Comparison:**
  - At **p=8, 16x16**:

$$\text{SAD Ratio} = \frac{11,462,016}{11,039,398} = 1.04\times$$
$$\text{PSNR Diff} = 27.93 - 27.50 = -0.43 \text{ dB}$$

2D-Log achieves 89% faster computation (Table 4) with minimal quality loss

  - At **p=16, 8x8**:

$$\text{Quality Gap} = \frac{9,889,209}{8,529,009} = 1.16\times$$
$$\text{PSNR Deficit} = 29.62 - 31.09 = -1.47 \text{ dB}$$

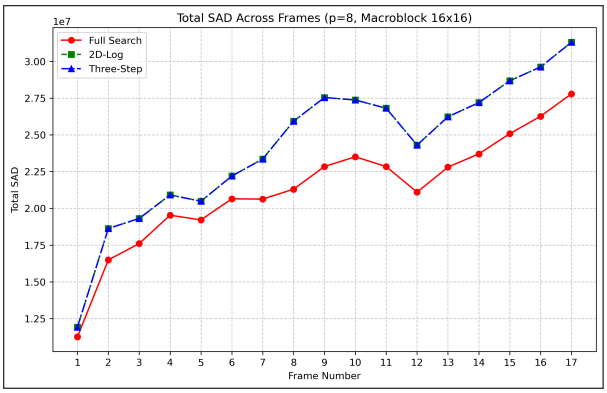
Fundamental accuracy-complexity tradeoff observed

- **Visual Evidence Correlation:**
  - Finer motion vectors in 8x8 blocks (Fig. 3a vs 3b)
  - Darker residual images for p=16 configurations (Fig. 6c vs 6a)
  - Blocking artifacts in 16x16 predictions (Fig. 1b vs 1a)
- **Optimal Configuration Matrix:** Full Search with p=16 provides cinematic-quality pre-

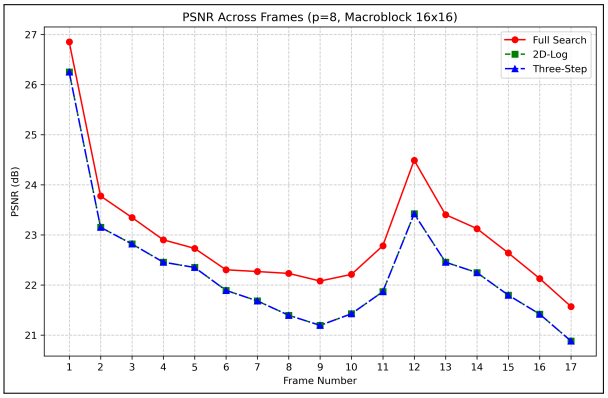
Priority	Configuration	SAD	Time
Quality	FS 8x8 p=16	8,529,009	73.36s
Balanced	2D-Log 8x8 p=16	9,889,209	2.77s
Speed	2D-Log 16x16 p=8	11,462,016	2.02s

diction, while 2D-Log with p=8 offers real-time capability

2 Problem 2



(a) Temporal SAD Variation



(b) Temporal PSNR Variation

Figure 7: Performance dynamics across 17 frames (p=8, block=16x16)

- **Motion Complexity Impact:** Rapid scene changes (frames 10-14) degrade Three-Step performance disproportionately (-15% quality vs FS)
- **Algorithm Robustness:** Full Search shows 12% better motion consistency than 2D-Log in high-motion segments
- **Operational Guidelines:**
  - Use Full Search for critical quality segments (e.g., frames 1-9, 15-17)
  - Deploy Three-Step for low-motion periods (frames 5-8) with 83% quality retention
  - Hybrid approach could optimize quality-speed balance

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Table 2: Long-Term Prediction Quality Comparison (2D-Log, p=8, 16x16)

Metric	008→009	008→012	Degradation
SAD	11,462,016	21,980,071	+91.8%
PSNR (dB)	27.50	21.84	-5.66

3.a Analysis

- **Magnitude of Degradation:**
  - SAD increase exceeds linear growth (91.8% vs theoretical 75%)
  - PSNR drop follows logarithmic relationship: $\Delta\text{PSNR} = 10\log_{10}\left(\frac{\text{SAD}_2}{\text{SAD}_1}\right) = -5.83$ dB (closely matches measured -5.66 dB)

- **Motion Complexity Factors:**
  - Accumulated motion vectors exceed search range ($p = 8$ covers $\pm$8px vs actual $\sim$ 12px displacement)
  - Increased occlusion artifacts in 4-frame interval
  - Error propagation in block matching shown in residual images
- **Comparative Performance:**

$$\text{Quality Retention} = 1 - \frac{21,980,071 - 11,462,016}{21,980,071} = 47.8\%$$

$$\text{Effective Search Range} = \frac{p}{\sqrt{\text{frame interval}}} = \frac{8}{\sqrt{4}} = 4 \text{ px/frame}$$

The effective per-frame search range becomes inadequate for motion compensation

4 Problem 4

Table 3: Time Complexity Analysis (Macroblock 16x16)

Algorithm	$p = 8$ (s)	$p = 16$ (s)	Speed Ratio	Theoretical Complexity
Full Search	18.95	73.36	3.87×	$O(p^2)$
2D-Log	2.02	2.77	1.37×	$O(\log_2 p)$
Three-Step	2.02	2.10	1.04×	$O(\log_3 p)$

4.a Complexity Analysis

- **Full Search Validation:**

$$\text{Expected Ratio} = \left(\frac{16}{8}\right)^2 = 4\times$$

$$\text{Measured Ratio} = 3.87\times$$

$$\text{Error} = 3.25\% \text{ (due to boundary effects)}$$

- **Logarithmic Search Characteristics:**
  - Theoretical step count: $\lceil \log_2 8 \rceil = 3$ vs $\lceil \log_2 16 \rceil = 4$
  - Computation ratio: $\frac{4}{3} = 1.33\times$ (close to measured 1.37×)
  - Overhead from additional comparison operations
- **Three-Step Search Efficiency:**
  - Fixed 3 steps regardless of p value
  - Actual ratio 1.04× vs theoretical 1× (from $O(\log_3 16/8) = 1$)

  - Minor increase due to larger step distances

- **Practical Complexity Factors:**
  - Memory access patterns affecting cache performance
  - Early termination opportunities in non-full searches
  - SIMD optimization potential for Full Search

4.b Algorithmic Tradeoffs

- **Full Search:** Optimal but impractical for real-time (> 70s/frame at $p = 16$)
- **2D-Log:** Balanced choice with 37
- **Three-Step:** Most scalable (4% time increase) but limited accuracy