Lightricks Take-Home Project

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1 Question I

let |H| = n and |B| = m. Looking at the algorithms definition, for every $u \in H$ we perform two summations, each one over |B| = m elements. In other words, for every $u \in H$ we perform $O(1) \times 2m = O(m)$ operations, where the O(1) indicates the complexity of the multiplication w(u, v)I(v) for some u and some v (in the numerator), or the "multiplication" of w(u, v) with 1 (in the denominator). This results in an O(nm) complexity operation overall.

The above result could also be understood in terms of vector and matrices multiplication, as was implemented in the code. More specifically, our weight function $w: H \times B \to \mathbb{R}^{>0}$ was represented as a matrix W with dimensions $n \times m$, and the sum over all $v \in B$ could be represented as a dot product of W with the vector that represents all points in B (in the numerator) or the dot product with W and a vector of ones with size |B| = m (for the denominator).

Furthermore, as the boundary is generated using at most 8 neighbours of a pixel in the hole, it could contain at most 8n = O(n) points, therefore $O(nm) = O(n^2)$. (Do notice though that only if n = 1 we have 8 neighbours, and in any other case that considers only one hole, the number of neighbours is usually smaller)

2 Question II

A plausible solution to this would be as followed: divide our Hole H into ℓ disjoint sections $\{H_i\}_{i=1}^{\ell}$ (notice that ℓ is a constant, predefined number which is not a function of n). Next, calculate the center of every H_i (Center of mass, if you will) $\{\mu_i\}_{i=1}^{\ell}$. From here, in an iterative process, set $I(H_j)$ using the same algorithm as before, using μ_j instead of u. In other words, for every $u_j \in H_j$ we set $I(u_j) = \frac{\sum_{v \in B} w(\mu_j, v)I(v)}{\sum_{v \in B} w(center, v)}$. Notice that in this scenario, the weight function could be represented as a different vector for every ℓ (or a matrix $\ell \times m$, rather than a matrix of size $O(n^2)$)

In terms of time complexity, generating $\{H_i\}_{i=1}^{\ell}$ takes O(n) as we go over all points in H and split. From here we loop ℓ times, and in each iteration we calculate the center of mass (which is an O(n) operation), the corresponding weight vector that represents distances between the current center of mass to all points in B (which is an O(n) operation as well), and finally the summation which adds up |B| = O(n) elements as well (this was represented as vector multiplication), All together we are dealing with $\ell \times (O(n) + O(n) + O(n)) = O(n)$.

3 Question III

Couldn't really figure it out, but perhaps there is a way to represent $\sum_{v \in B} w(u, v) I(v)$ (or $W \cdot I_B$) as a convolution, and if that so, one could use the convolution theorem to achieve nlogn runtime. More specifically, using $FT^{-1}[FT[f] \cdot FT[g]]$ instead of f * g, if f and g are function such that f * g represents the sum of $w \cdot I$