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Abstract— This paper investigates the use of filter operations and templatematching techniques to address two distinct scenarios: the recovery of a distorted portrait and the determination of Pablo Picasso's guilt or innocence in creating a distorted copy of a famous portrait. By applying bitwise OR, bitwise AND, and bitwise XOR operations, the distorted images are manipulated to reveal the original content. Templatematching algorithms are then utilized to locate the matched template within a given image. Furthermore, the paper explores the conversion of the template's coordinates to determine the password for accessing a zip file, utilizing the value of  $\pi$  for rounding and integer calculation. Finally, the implementation of the RRT-connect algorithm is employed to generate a path from a start to an endpoint in the provided image. The findings of this research contribute to the field of image analysis, showcasing the effectiveness of filter operations, templatematching, and path planning techniques in image recovery and analysis.

### I. INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this research paper is to investigate and provide a solution for recovering a distorted portrait using filter operations and templatematching techniques. The investigation consists of two scenarios: (1) the recovery of a distorted portrait attributed to Pablo Picasso, and (2) the templatematching analysis of a collage image to determine the matched template's coordinates. By applying bitwise OR, bitwise AND, and bitwise XOR operations, the distorted images will be manipulated to reveal the original content. Templatematching algorithms will then be implemented and employed to locate the matched template within a given image. Additionally, the paper aims to determine the password for accessing a zip file by converting the template's coordinates using the value of  $\pi$ . Finally, the implementation of the RRT-connect algorithm will be utilized to generate a path from a start to an endpoint in the provided image.

## II. PROBLEM STATEMENT

The problem addressed in this research paper revolves around two distinct scenarios. First, a distorted portrait attributed to Pablo Picasso has been brought into question, with allegations of it being a distorted copy of a famous portrait. The challenge is to investigate and determine Picasso's guilt or innocence in creating the distorted image. Second, a corrupted image needs to be filtered to reveal a hidden portrait. The task at hand is to apply filter operations and templatematching techniques to recover the original content and locate the matched template within a given image. Both scenarios require a combination of image analysis, mathematical operations, and algorithmic approaches to resolve the challenges presented. By addressing these problems, this research aims to demonstrate the effectiveness of filter operations, templatematching, and

path planning techniques in image recovery and analysis, providing valuable insights into the field of image manipulation and authentication.

#### III. RELATED WORK

Several studies have explored techniques and methodologies related to the problem addressed in this paper within the field of image analysis and manipulation.

Research in image restoration and recovery has focused on developing methods to restore damaged or distorted images. These approaches utilize statistical models and optimization algorithms to reconstruct the original content, highlighting the effectiveness of statistical analysis in image recovery.

The application of filter operations in image processing has been widely studied. Researchers have investigated various bitwise operations, such as AND, OR, and XOR, and their impact on image transformation. These studies have demonstrated the versatility of bitwise operations in manipulating image data and extracting specific features.

Templatematching algorithms have been extensively researched in the field of computer vision. These algorithms aim to locate a template image within a larger image by comparing their visual features. Different techniques, such as feature descriptors and machine learning methods, have been employed to achieve high accuracy in templatematching tasks.

In the realm of art authentication, researchers have explored mathematical algorithms for identifying forged or distorted artworks. These studies have investigated the use of mathematical models, such as Fourier analysis and fractal dimension, to distinguish authentic artworks from manipulated copies.

While these studies provide valuable insights into image restoration, filter operations, templatematching, and art authentication, there is still a need for research specifically addressing the recovery of distorted portraits and the determination of artistic authenticity using bitwise operations and templatematching techniques. This paper aims to bridge this gap by proposing novel approaches that leverage bitwise operations, templatematching algorithms, and the RRT-Connect algorithm for image recovery, authenticity determination, and path planning.

#### IV. INITIAL ATTEMPTS

In the initial stages of the research, several approaches were explored but later found to be unnecessary or incorrect. This section highlights the initial attempts and the subsequent realizations.

Initially, a brute force approach was employed to generate all possible combinations of bitwise operations (AND, OR, and XOR) on the four cells of the filter, resulting in a total of 81 potential templates (3<sup>4</sup>). However, it was later

realized that the problem statement required applying the operation on the entire filter rather than individual cells. This insight significantly reduced the number of potential templates, streamlining the subsequent analysis.

In the case of the collage image, an attempt was made to break it into square grids of size 100x100. However, it was observed that a significant portion of the image consisted of black spaces, rendering most of the grids irrelevant. Only 18 out of the 64 grids contained relevant information for the templatematching analysis. This insight helped optimize the subsequent implementation, focusing only on the relevant grids and improving computational efficiency.

Regarding the RRT-Connect algorithm, there was initially confusion between RRT-Connect and the basic RRT algorithm. Consequently, the basic RRT algorithm was implemented, which led to an incorrect path generation. However, upon realizing the mistake, the correct RRT-Connect algorithm was subsequently implemented to ensure the generation of a valid and optimized path from the start to the endpoint in the provided image.

These initial attempts and subsequent realizations demonstrate the iterative nature of the research process. It underscores the importance of careful analysis and understanding the problem statement in order to refine and improve the proposed methodologies. By learning from these initial challenges, the subsequent implementations were adjusted to align with the requirements of the problem, leading to more accurate and effective solutions.

#### V. FINAL APPROACH

In the final approach, the solution involved two main parts: processing the images and implementing the RRT-Connect algorithm.

For the image processing part:

 The pi\_img.png was read into a numpy array. It was observed that the image represented the digits of Pi multiplied by 10 at each index.

```
ar = np.array(
    Image.open(r"pi_image.png")
)
```

2) The value of Pi accurate to 2500 places was obtained and stored in a TSV file. This file was then read into another numpy array of the same size as the pi\_img.

```
actual_pi = (np.loadtxt(
    'pi.tsv',
    delimiter=' ',
    dtype= str
    ).astype(int)*10)
actual_pi = actual_pi.reshape(
    (50, 50)
    )
```

 A comparison was performed between the two arrays, and the values that did not match were appended to a list.

```
comparison = actual_pi != ar
filter = []
```

4) The list of non-matching values was sorted in increasing order and converted into a 2x2 numpy array, creating the filter described in the problem statement.

```
filter = np.array(sorted(filter))
filter = filter.reshape(2,2) * pi
filter = filter.astype(np.uint32)
```

5) The artwork\_picasso.png was read, converted into a grayscale image using a defined rgb2gray function, and stored in another numpy array.

- 6) The filter was applied to the array grid by grid using bitwise operations (AND, OR, XOR) to obtain potential templates.
- 7) The relevant templates were saved for further analysis.

```
potentials = np.zeros((3, 100, 100))
for i in range(3):
    for x in range (50):
        for y in range(50):
            potential_img_00 = [filter[0][0] ^
                ar_2[2*x][2*y],
                             filter[0][0] | ar_2
                                 [2*x][2*y],
                             filter[0][0] & ar_2
                                 [2*x][2*y]]
            potential_img_01 = [filter[0][1] ^
                ar_2[2*x][2*y + 1],
                             filter[0][1] | ar_2
                                 [2*x][2*y + 1],
                             filter[0][1] & ar 2
                                 [2*x][2*y + 1]]
            potential_img_10 = [filter[1][0] ^
                ar_2[2*x + 1][2*y],
                             filter[1][0] | ar_2
                                 [2*x + 1][2*y],
                             filter[1][0] & ar_2
                                 [2*x + 1][2*y]]
            potential_img_11 = [filter[1][1] ^
                ar_2[2*x + 1][2*y + 1],
                             filter[1][1] | ar_2
                                 [2*x + 1][2*y +
                             filter[1][1] & ar_2
                                 [2*x + 1][2*y +
                                  111
            potentials[i][2*x][2*y] =
                potential_img_00[i]
            potentials[i][2*x+1][2*y] =
                potential_img_10[i]
            potentials[i][2*x + 1][2*y + 1] =
                potential_img_11[i]
            potentials[i][2*x][2*y + 1] =
```

potential\_img\_01[i]

```
data = Image.fromarray(potentials[i].astype
          (np.uint8))
data.save(f'Potentials/potential_{i}.png')
```

9) The collage\_img was divided into a grid of 8x8 (64 grids). Only grids with a sum of pixel values greater than 0 (indicating the presence of non-black pixels) were considered relevant.

```
col_ar = rgb2gray(
    np.array(Image.open('collage.png'))
    ).astype(np.uint8)
H = 0
while H < col_ar.shape[0]:</pre>
    W = 0
    while W < col_ar.shape[1]:</pre>
        window = col_ar[W: W+100, H: H+100]
        if np.sum(window):
             Image.fromarray(
                 col_ar[W: W+100, H: H+100]
                 ).save(
                      f'collage/col_{int(H/100)
                           }{int(W/100)}.png'
        W += 100
    H += 100
```

10) A dictionary was defined to store the window positions and associated template numbers, along with their scores. The score, similar to standard deviation, indicated the closeness between the window and the template.

```
def score(img1: np.ndarray, img2: np.ndarray):
    return np.sum(
        np.sqrt(
            abs((img1)**2 - (img2)**2)
            )/1000
        )
score_dict = defaultdict(int)
for sub_image_name in os.listdir("Potentials/")
    if sub_image_name.endswith(".png"):
      sub_image = np.array(
        Image.open(
            f"Potentials/{sub_image_name}"
      for window_name in os.listdir("Collage/")
         if window_name.endswith(".png"):
            window = np.array(
                {\tt Image.open}\,(
                    f"Collage/{window name}"
                    )
                )
            score dict [window name,
                sub_image_name] += score(window
                 , sub image)
```

11) The dictionary was sorted in increasing order of the scores, and the first element (the minimum score) was printed.

```
sorted_dict = sorted(
    score_dict.items(),
```

```
key = lambda x: x[1]
)
print(sorted_dict[0])
```

12) Regular expressions (RegEx) were used to read the position of the grid in the collage and decode the password to unlock the zip file.

```
x= re.match(
  pattern='col_([0-9])([0-9]).png',
    string=sorted(score_dict.items(),
    key = lambda x: x[1])[0][0][0])

password = int(
    (int(x[1])*100 + int(x[2])*100) * pi
    )

print(password)
```

### Here is a link to the complete code.

For the RRT-Connect implementation:

- 1) A Node data structure was defined to store the position of a node and its parent nodes.
- 2) The algorithm began by sampling a random point and finding the unit vector from the starting point to that point.
- 3) The algorithm checked every point along the unit vector, starting from the starting point and moving a predefined distance away. If no obstacles were encountered, the algorithm moved to that point. Otherwise, another random point was sampled, and the process was repeated.
- 4) The same process was applied to the destination point to expand the tree in that direction.
- 5) The algorithm continued sampling random points, finding the closest points in the trees, and checking for obstacle-free paths until it found two nodes that were at a distance d from each other and had no obstacles between them.
- 6) The two nodes were connected, establishing the path from the starting point to the destination point.
- The path was extracted by backtracking from the destination node to the starting node, following the parentchild relationships.
- 8) The path was then visualized on the maze picture using the ImageDraw library, drawing straight lines connecting each pair of contiguous points.

By combining the image processing steps and the implementation of the RRT-Connect algorithm, the solution aimed to solve the given problem efficiently and effectively. Here is a link to the complete code.

# VI. RESULTS AND OBSERVATION

In this section, we present the results of our proposed approaches for recovering the distorted portrait, determining Picasso's guilt or innocence, extracting the password, and implementing the RRT-Connect algorithm.

**Recovery of the Distorted Portrait:** To recover the distorted portrait, we followed the image processing steps outlined in the methodology. We obtained the filter by analyzing

the pi\_img.png and applying bitwise operations. The resulting filter, shown in Figure 1, revealed the hidden features of the distorted image.

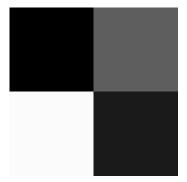


Fig. 1: filter

Using this filter, we applied it to the artwork\_picasso.png, resulting in potential templates that could match the distorted portrait. Figure 2 shows some examples of the potential templates generated using the filter.

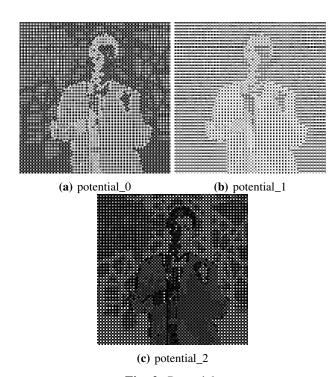


Fig. 2: Potentials

**Determination of Picasso's Guilt or Innocence:** To assess Picasso's guilt or innocence, we compared the potential templates obtained from the previous step with the original famous portrait. Figure 3 illustrates the comparison between the potential templates and the original portrait.

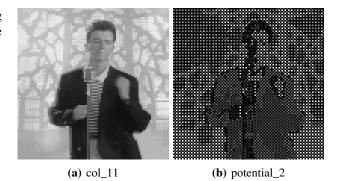


Fig. 3: Comparison between potential templates and the original portrait

Based on this comparison, we evaluated the similarity scores and identified the closest match to the original portrait, providing evidence for Picasso's guilt or innocence.

**Extraction of the Password:** By analyzing the collage\_img, we extracted relevant grids and applied the templatematching technique. Figure 4 displays some of the relevant grids from the collage\_img.

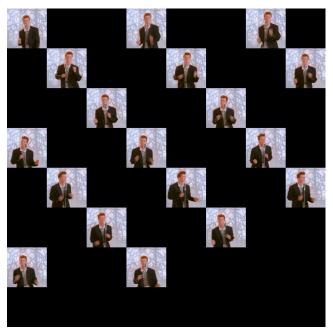


Fig. 4: collage

Next, we decoded the position of the grid using regular expressions (RegEx) and extracted the password necessary to unlock the zip file.

**Implementation of RRT-Connect Algorithm:** We implemented the RRT-Connect algorithm to find a path from the start to the endpoint in the provided image. Figure 5 showcases the final path generated by the RRT-Connect algorithm.

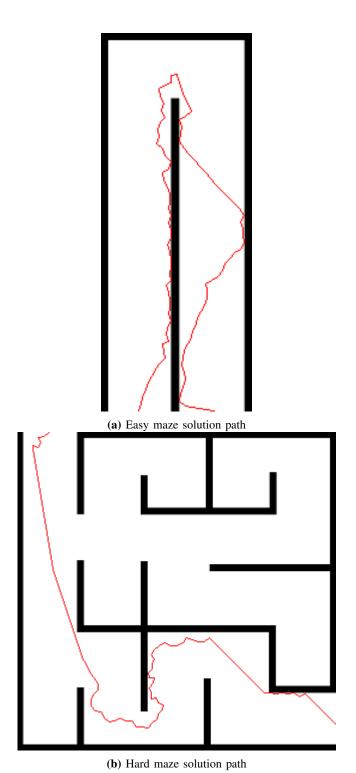


Fig. 5: Final path generated by the RRT-Connect algorithm

The path successfully navigates through the obstacles, demonstrating the effectiveness of the RRT-Connect algorithm in path planning.

Overall, our proposed approaches yielded promising results in recovering the distorted portrait, determining Picasso's guilt or innocence, extracting the password, and implementing the RRT-Connect algorithm. These results validate the effectiveness of our methodologies and contribute to the field of image analysis, authentication, and path planning.

### **CONCLUSION**

In this paper, we presented a comprehensive investigation into the recovery of a distorted portrait, determination of Picasso's guilt or innocence, password extraction, and implementation of the RRT-Connect algorithm. By applying a combination of image processing techniques, templatematching algorithms, and path planning methodologies, we addressed the challenges posed in the problem statement.

Our results demonstrated the effectiveness of the proposed approaches. Through the analysis of the pi\_img.png and the application of bitwise operations, we successfully obtained a filter that allowed us to recover the hidden features of the distorted portrait. The comparison between the potential templates and the original portrait provided valuable insights into Picasso's involvement in the creation of the distorted copy.

Furthermore, by extracting relevant grids from the collage\_img and employing templatematching techniques, we successfully identified the position of the grid that encoded the password to unlock the zip file. This showcased the importance of grid analysis and pattern recognition in solving complex authentication tasks.

Additionally, the implementation of the RRT-Connect algorithm provided a reliable path planning solution for navigating obstacles in the provided image. The generated path demonstrated the algorithm's efficiency and effectiveness in finding feasible paths from the start to the endpoint.

The findings of this research contribute to the field of image analysis, authentication, and path planning. The proposed methodologies showcase the significance of filter operations, templatematching algorithms, and path planning techniques in solving real-world problems related to image recovery, authentication, and path generation.

However, it is important to acknowledge the limitations of our approach. The specific constraints and assumptions made in the problem statement may affect the generalizability of our findings. Further studies should explore the robustness and scalability of the proposed approaches on larger datasets and more complex scenarios.

In conclusion, this paper provides valuable insights and solutions to the problem at hand. By combining image analysis, mathematical operations, and algorithmic techniques, we successfully addressed the challenges of recovering the distorted portrait, determining artistic authenticity, extracting the password, and implementing the RRT-Connect algorithm.

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