

Patch Matching

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DIP PROJECT
EVALUATION-1

Approximate Nearest Neighbour Algorithm

- Patch-based sampling methods have become a popular tool for image and video synthesis and analysis.
- Applications include texture synthesis, image and video completion, summarization and retargeting, image recomposition and editing, image stitching and collages, new view synthesis, noise removal and more.
- Approximate Nearest Neighbour Algorithm algorithm offers substantial performance improvements over the previous state of the art (20-100x), enabling its use in interactive editing tools.

```

Function [NMF]=PatchMatch(target , source, window)
    //Defined in the paper
    radius=source_image_size/4 ; alpha=0.5 ; max_no_iters=-log(w)/log(alpha)
    //Random Initialization
    NMF->random_initialization_of_indices_from_source(leaving_padded_indices)
    Calculate L2 dists for each pixel window of source and its corresponding pixel window in target linked by
    random NMF with and store in offset[ ]
    For max_iters:
        For each pixel in target image:(i,j)
            //Propagation->P
            Calculate idx=argmin(index)[offset(i,j),offset(i-1,j),offset(i,j-1)]
            if(idx==2)
                NMF(i,j,1)=NMF(i,j,1)+1;NMF(i,j,2)=NMF(i,j,2);Update offset of (i,j)
            if(idx==3)
                NMF(i,j,1)=NMF(i,j,1);NMF(i,j,2)=NMF(i,j,2)+1;Update offset of (i,j)
            //Random Search->S
            Calculate range of search according to radius and max_no_iters
            Define the boundaries of search for each pixel according to the above range
            Update NMF and offsets if we find a better L2 distance for a window corresponding to (i,j)
        end
    end
End

```

Reconstruction of image:

We move with a stride of `window_size` and reconstruct the image using the `patch_matched` from source image of the first pixel in each stride

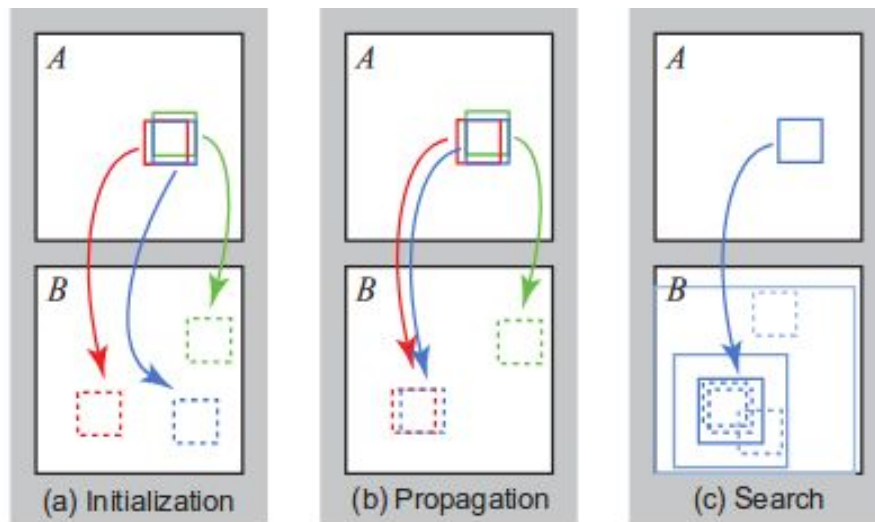


Figure 2: *Phases of the randomized nearest neighbor algorithm: (a) patches initially have random assignments; (b) the blue patch checks above/green and left/red neighbors to see if they will improve the blue mapping, propagating good matches; (c) the patch searches randomly for improvements in concentric neighborhoods.*

Halting criteria.

- Although different criteria for halting may be used depending on the application, in practice we have found it works well to iterate a fixed number of times. All the results shown here were computed with 4-5 iterations total, after which the NNF has almost always converged.
- The practical and theoretical proofs for convergence are provided below:

Practical Proof

Source Image

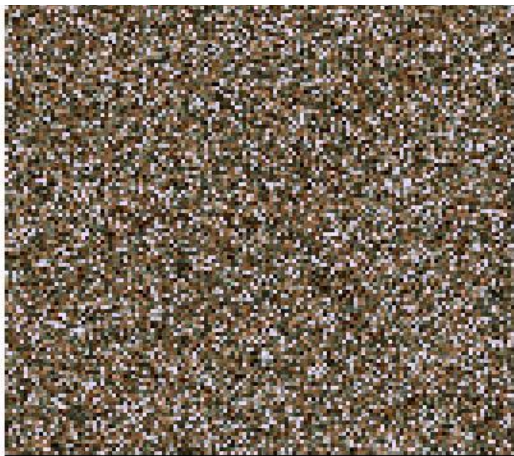


Image that has to be reconstructed from Source Image



After every iteration (window_size=3)

Random Initialised NNF



$\frac{1}{4}$ iteration



After every iteration

$\frac{3}{4}$ th iteration



1st iteration



After every iteration

2nd iteration



3rd iteration



After every iteration

4th iteration



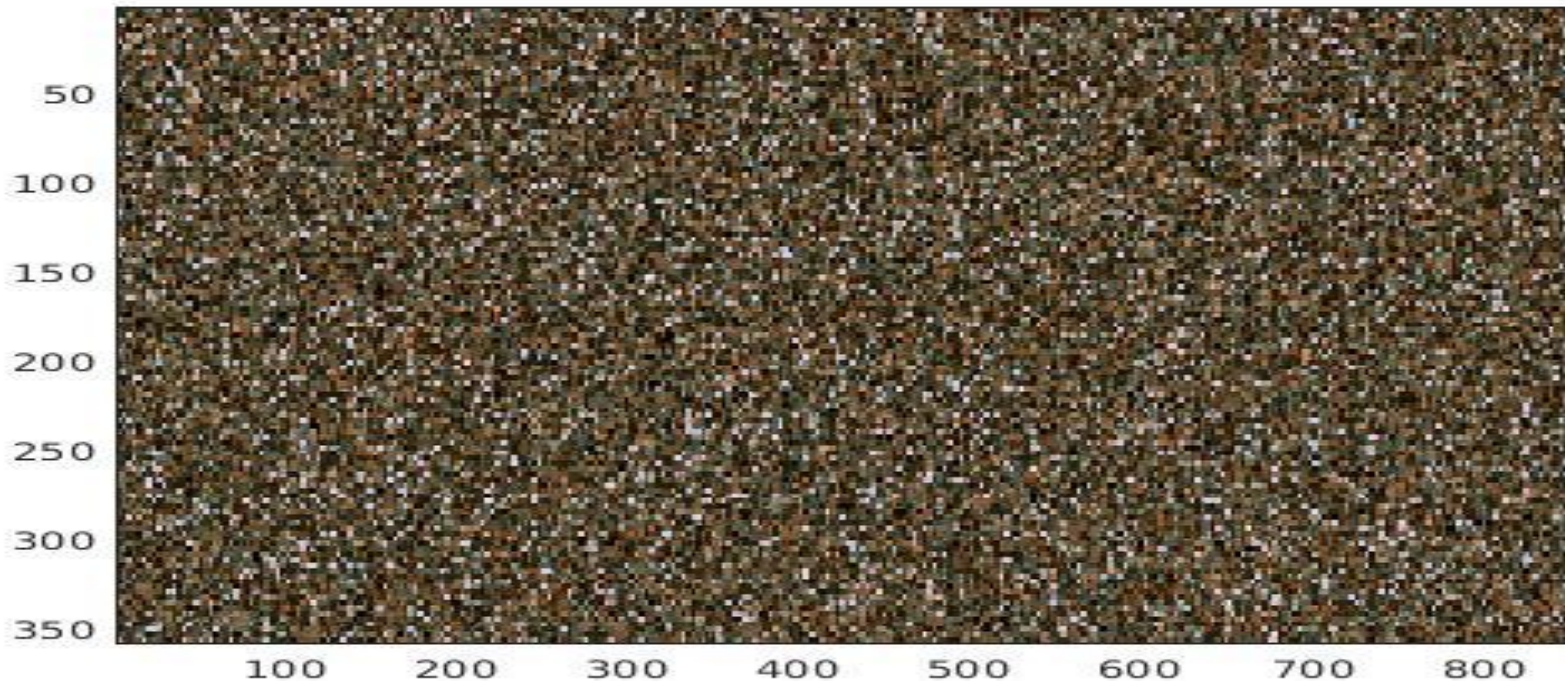
Source Image



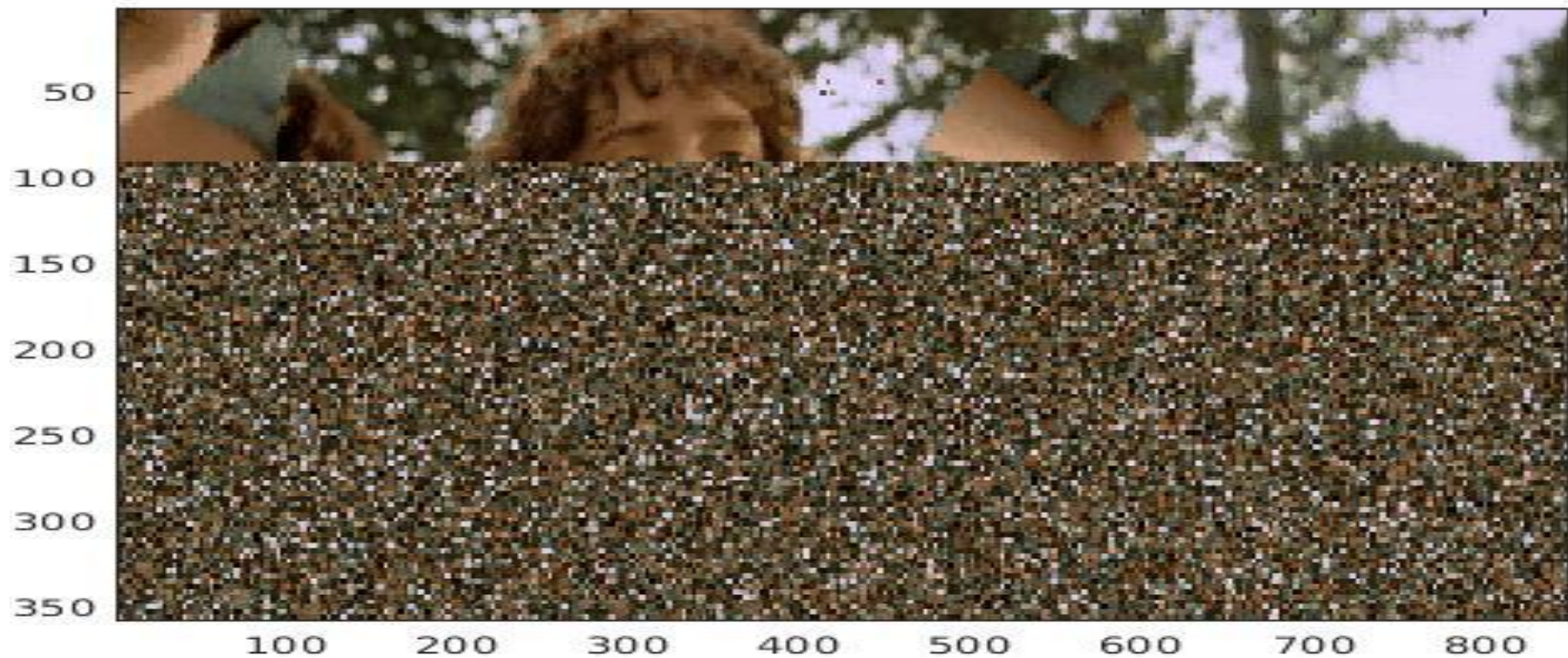
Image that has to be reconstructed from Source Image



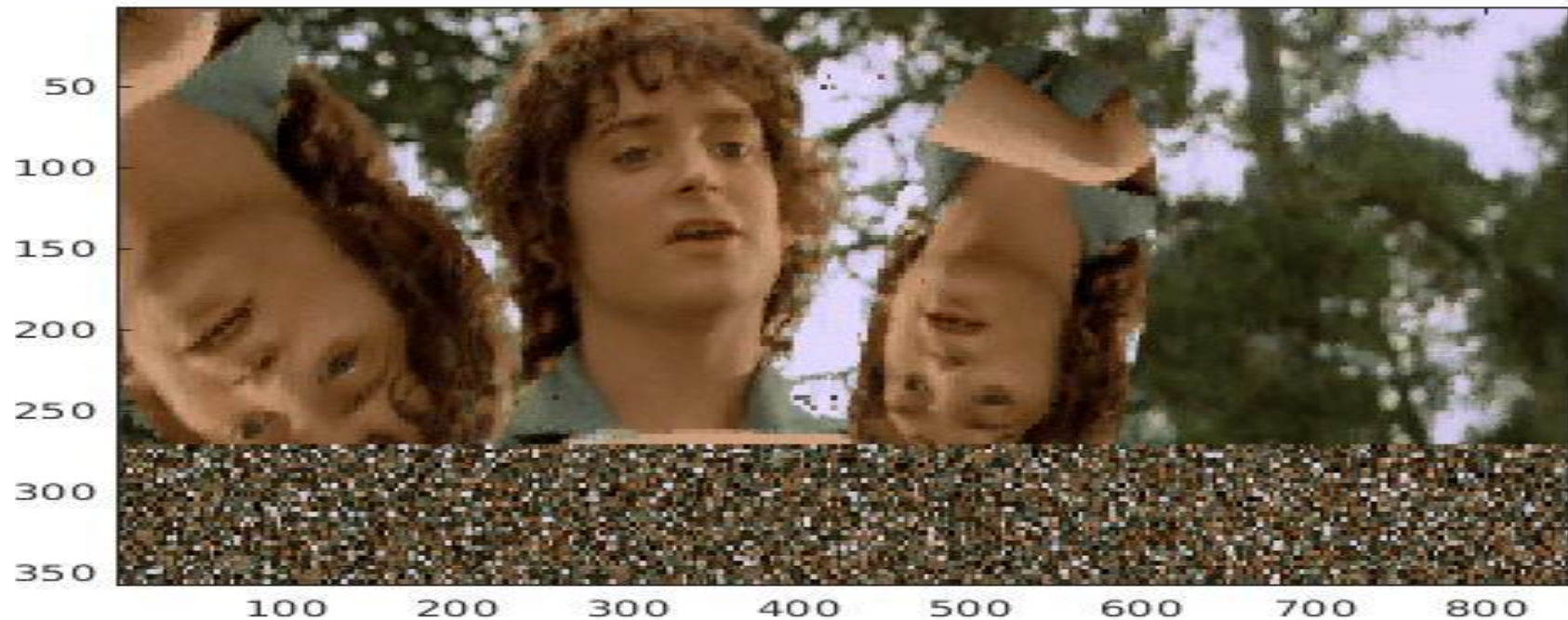
Random initialization



After $\frac{1}{4}$ iteration



After $\frac{3}{4}$ iteration



After 1st iteration



After 2nd iteration



After 3rd iteration



After 4th iteration



Theoretical proof

Step1:

- We start by analyzing the convergence to the exact nearest neighbourhood field and then extend the solution to an approximate solution
- Assume A and B have equal number of pixels M (same size)
- Probability that the random initialization for a pixel is the best offset = $1/M$
- Probability that the random initialization for all the pixels is not the best offset = $(1 - 1/M)^M$
- Probability that at least one pixel has the best offset in the random initialization = $1 - (1 - 1/M)^M$
- $\lim_{M \rightarrow \infty} (p) = 1 - e^{-1}$

Convergence Theoretical Proof

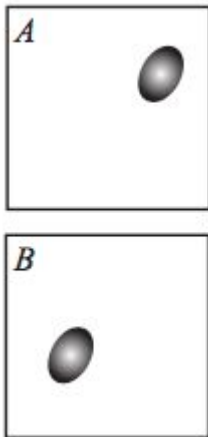
Step2:

- For an approximate solution, we can also consider a “correct” assignment to be any assignment within a small neighbourhood of size ‘C’ pixels around the offset.
- In that case $p = 1 - (1 - C/M)^M$
- $\lim_{M \rightarrow \infty} (p) = 1 - e^{-C}$

Convergence Theoretical Proof

Step-3:

- Consider a synthetic example in which both A and B have M pixels each but we are interested in matching a region of m pixels in A to a region of m pixels in B
- No further information is provided about M-m pixels in A and B



Convergence Theoretical Proof

- The probability that any of the m pixels lands within the neighborhood C of the correct offset is given by $p=1-(1-C/M)^m$
- The probability that we did not converge on iterations $0, 1, \dots, t-1$ and converge on iteration t is $p(1-p)^t$.
- The probabilities thus form a geometric distribution, and the expected time of convergence is $E(t) = 1/p - 1$
- To simplify, let the relative feature size be $\gamma=m/M$
- Take the limit as $M \rightarrow \infty$

$$\begin{aligned}\langle t \rangle &= [1 - (1 - C/M)^{\gamma M}]^{-1} - 1 \\ \lim_{M \rightarrow \infty} \langle t \rangle &= [1 - \exp(-C\gamma)]^{-1} - 1\end{aligned}$$

- By Taylor expansion for small γ ,

$$\langle t \rangle = (C\gamma)^{-1} - \frac{1}{2} = M/(Cm) - \frac{1}{2}$$

- $\langle t \rangle$ is our expected number of iterations to convergence remains a constant for large image resolutions and a small feature size m relative to image resolution

Milestones left

Illustrating the applications that use randomised NNF algorithm