SIGGRAPH Content Formatting Instructions



Figure 1: Spring Training 2009, Peoria, AZ.

Abstract

Keywords: Video summarization, Video navigation, Lecture videos, Blackboard-style lectures

1 Related Work

Navigation interface:

- [?] Lecture scape interface
- [?] Video Digest

Directly related to blackboard-style lectures:

- [?] Clickable visuals and panoramic frame
- [?] Panoramic frame

Other video summarization

- [?] Panopticon
- [?] Video Tapestry
- [?] soccer video summarization

Comic book style layout of keyframes

- [?]
- [?]
- [?]

Improving readability of video subtitles

- [?] optimizing subtitle placement by speaker recognition
- [?], [?] subtitle placement for sinle frame in cinema comics

2 Method

2.1 Time-stamped Transcript

Several on-line video lectures (e.g. Khan Academy) come with transcripts. In cases where transcripts were not provided, we used an on-line audio transcription service to acquire a verbatim text transcript. Then, we used a tool from [?] to compute an alignment between the video's audio file and the transcript. The final output is a time-stamped transcript, where each word is annotated with a start and end time.

2.2 Stroke Extraction

A *stroke* is defined as the set of foreground pixels that is drawn during one continuous drawing activity. The method used to extract strokes from video frames are similar to that used by [?] to extract visual objects in their NoteVideo interface. Figure ?? shows examples of extracted strokes from different videos. A typical stroke comprises several characters to several words, or it can also be a part of other drawings such as a graph (Figure ??c).

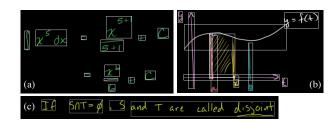


Figure 2: Examples of strokes extracted from different videos.

2.3 Hierarchical Grouping of Strokes

We group strokes into hierarchical units: lines and sentence-strokes. A line consists of a set of strokes that *belong together* semantically. For example, a line could be a single row of equations, or a graph including its labels. Figure ?? shows examples of lines. The problem of grouping strokes into lines is analogous to the problem of line breaking, also known as word wrapping [?]. An important difference is that in the traditional word wrapping problem, only a contiguous set of words can be put in the same line. In our case, strokes in a single line can be interspersed by strokes in a different line. This happens, for example, when the instructor goes back and

forth between two lines of equations, or between a graph and an equation (Figures ??).

Scoring function description

Pseudo code figure

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\begin{array}{l} \textbf{Input} \quad : \text{list of strokes } S \\ \textbf{Output: list of optimal lines, } L_{|S|} \\ L_{-1} = -\H/\ / \ L_i = \text{optimal set of lines upto } i\text{-th stroke} \end{array}
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Sentence is a meaningful unit. So, we divide the strokes in a line to sentence-strokes.

In summary, we have the following hierarchical grouping of strokes: strokes, sentence-strokes, and lines.

2.4 Layout

3 Results

4 User Study

4.1 Comprehension Task

[?]: 10-question pre-test and 10-question post-test. The two sets of questions test the same type of knowledge but were asked in a different ways (e.g. one question would be asked in identification form with a why question after, and the other question would be in essay form). Measured test scores and learning time.

4.2 Overview Task

4.3 Search Task

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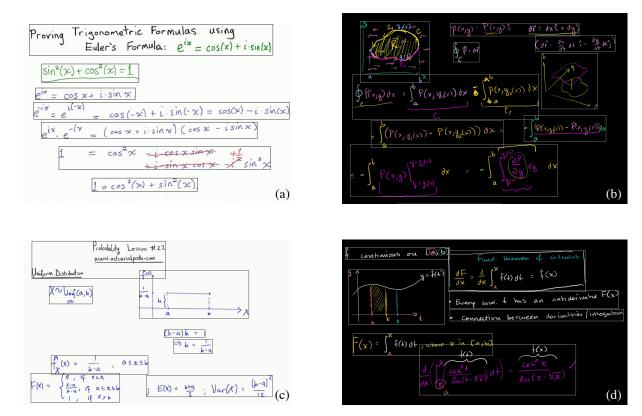


Figure 3: Examples of lines (i.e. set of strokes that belong together semantically) output from our line-breaking algorithm. Our algorithm successfully identifies meaningful groups even from complex layouts with a mix of equations, figures and graphs.