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Face Swapping

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Introduction

- Face Swapping refers to a person's face being swapped with the face of another person or an animal or with some other object.
- This started with photoshop in early 2000's and then buzzfeed started publishing about face swaps with some striking examples in 2012.
- In 2016, Snapchat introduced face swap filters to its over 150 million users which led to a significant trend.
- Sometimes, failures of these apps results in "memes".
- Some of the documentation is taken from Matthew Earl's GitHub

What Makes Implementing Face Swapping Difficult?

This is easier!!



This is what we want!



How is that possible?

- Two Swedish Computer Vision Researchers Kazemi and Sullivan, created the One MilliSecond Face Alignment with Ensemble of regression Trees.
- They Developed a quick method to find the facial Landmark.
- This method is present in Dlib Library



Figure 6. Final results on the HELEN database.

Face Swapping

- **Problem:** Different face images will have their own different characteristics.
- **Steps to solve**
 - ◆ Extract the characteristics of faces
 - ◆ Adjust the translation, rotation, and scaling
 - ◆ Color Balancing
 - ◆ Create the mask to indicate the area to blend two images in
 - ◆ Modifying the result image

Facial Landmarks



(a)



(b)

Install Dlib and Download the pre-trained model from
http://dlib.net/files/shape_predictor_68_face_landmarks.dat.bz2

Found by using detector() and predictor() functions

Steps to solve

- Extract the characteristics of faces
 - ◆ Using dlib library to detect facial landmarks of both images
 - into two numpy arrays size 68x2 represents points of characteristics.
- Adjust the translation, rotation, and scaling
 - ◆ Translation and scaling: using ordinary procrustes analysis
 - Mean & SD
 - ◆ Rotation: singular-value decomposition
 - ◆ Construct the transformation matrix M to use in the affine transformation.

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Steps to solve

- Color Balancing
 - ◆ RGB scaling on specified area using cv2.GaussianBlur
 - "too small" kernel size: cv2.GaussianBlur could not make it to be the plain intensity
 - "too large" kernel size covers the excessive area and that affects the color balancing process.



Steps to solve

- Create the mask to indicate the area to blend two images in
 - ◆ making them a plain white area using cv2.fillConvexPoly
 - ◆ compare which to be blended by using function numpy.max
 - White on img2
 - Black on img1
 - Grayscale value along the edges
- $$\text{output} = \text{img1} * (1 - \text{mask}) + \text{img2} * \text{mask}$$
- Modifying the result image
 - ◆ Using trackbar
 - Adjust kernel size for color scaling



Other (GOOD & BAD) results



Live Video Swapping

- In Live video processing, The Live Video is face swapped with a filter(or other person's face)
- To find the facial features we either use Dlib or Haar Cascade Classifiers
- We get the faster frame rate at the output with Haar Cascade Classifiers
- Performance wise they both are almost same
- We have Dlib On and Off option in our code

What is HAAR Cascade?

- It's an edge detection method that inputs Haar Features into a series of classifiers to identify objects in the image
- They're trained to find one type of object
- But, we can use several of them in parallel e.g detecting eyes and face together

They're Almost Same!

- In Picture Swapping, we swapped faces between two images
- In Live video Swapping, we are continuously capturing the live image and swapping them with selected filter if the face is detected in the live image.

Let's see some examples!

Input:



Output



Example 2 (Input)



Output



Questions?

Thank you!