Poisson Matting (ID:25)

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GOALS

- Matting for natural images in complex scenes by calculating the gradient of matte from image.
- Solving Poisson equation.
- Integrating user's knowledge and calculating matte in semi-supervised way(global and local matting)

IMAGE MATTING

Image matting involves the following steps:

- 1. Image matting in our setting refers to foreground extraction from any given image.
- 2. A new image can be blended from a background image and foreground image with its "alpha matte".
- 3. I(x,y) = alpha(x, y)F(x, y) + (1 alpha(x,y))B(x, y) where F is the foreground, B is the new background and alpha is the matte calculated

In natural image matting: α lpha, F and B need to be estimated.

GLOBAL MATTING

STEPS INVOLVED

Global matting involves the following steps:

- Find approximate foreground and background using an alpha.
- 2. Find the Poisson Equation for this image.

$$\Delta \alpha = div(\frac{\nabla I}{F - B})$$

where, $\Delta=(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2},\frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2})$ is Laplacian Operator and div is divergence opertor

STEPS INVOLVED

3. Apply the following Gauss Siedel Iteration to find a good approximate for alpha.

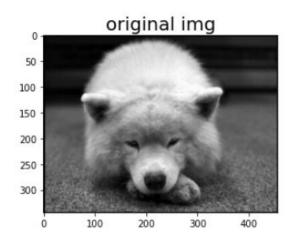
Given,

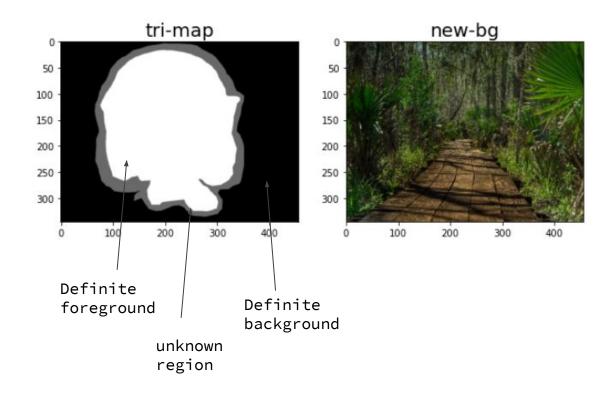
$$\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2} = S$$

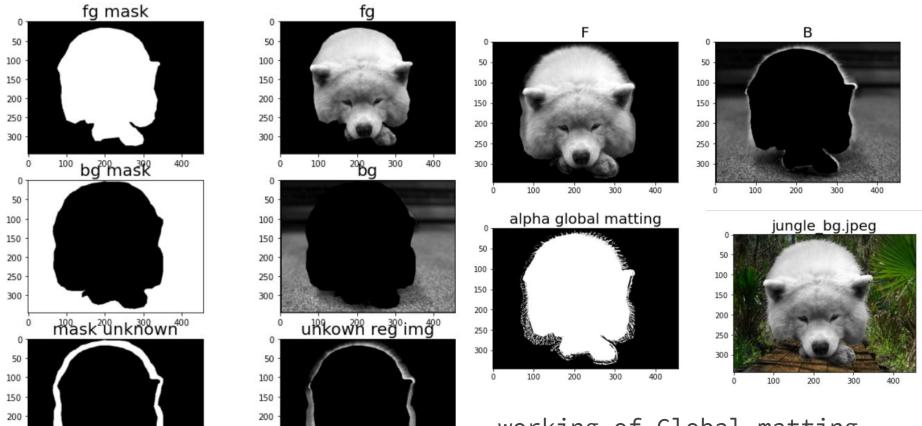
$$f_{i,j}{}^{(n+1)} = \frac{\beta}{4} (f_{i+1,j}{}^{(n)} + f_{i-1,j}{}^{(n+1)}) + f_{i,j+1}{}^{(n)} + f_{i,j-1}{}^{(n+1)} - S_{i,j}) + (1-\beta)f_{i,j}{}^{(n)}$$
 where, β lies in the range (1.2)

4. Use this alpha to get the final new image.

Working of global matting (inputs)





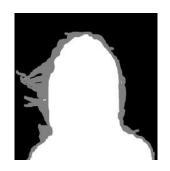


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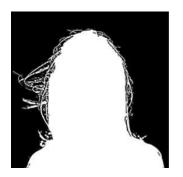
working of Global matting
(Outputs)



Image



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Estimate Matte



New Background



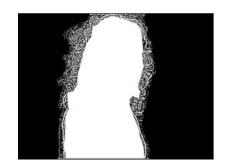
Image with new bg



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Estimate Matte



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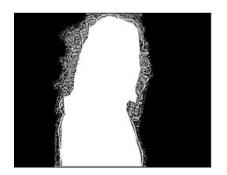
Image with new bg



Image



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Estimate Matte



New Background



Image with new bg



Image



Estimate Matte



New Background



Image with new bg

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LOCAL MATTING

Poisson Matting in Local Region

- To refine the result of poisson matting, the user can select regions to improve the matte.
- This is needed when the background/foreground is complex and the assumption $\alpha \nabla F + (1 \alpha) \nabla B \approx 0$ fails.
- Hence now we have to solve this new poisson equation

$$\nabla \alpha = \frac{1}{F - B} (\nabla I - \alpha \nabla F - (1 - \alpha) \nabla B)$$

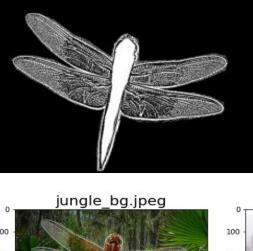
Where F and B are initial foreground and background image and a is alpha estimated from global matting.

Local Matting by solving Poisson equation

- Above equation can be written as $\nabla \alpha = A(\nabla I D)$
- This solves to the following.

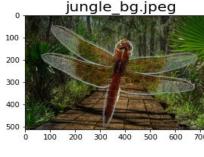
$$\Delta \alpha \approx div(A(\nabla I - D)) \quad \text{s.t. } \alpha \mid_{\partial \Omega} = \begin{cases} 1 & \mathbf{x} \in \Omega_F \\ 0 & \mathbf{x} \in \Omega_B \\ \alpha_g & \mathbf{x} \in \Omega \cap \Omega_L \end{cases}$$

 This can be solved using similar to that of global matting.





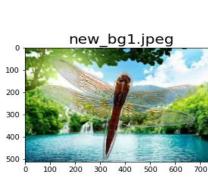


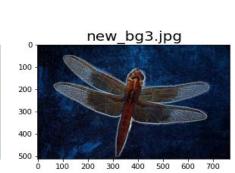


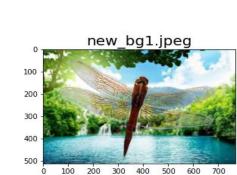


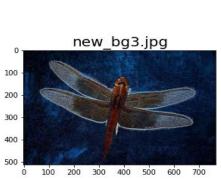








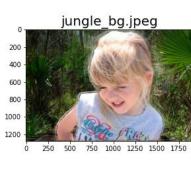


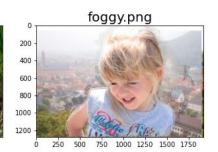


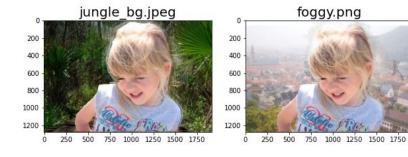


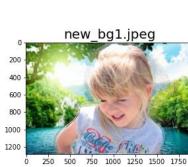


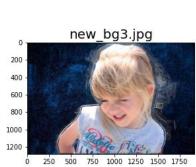


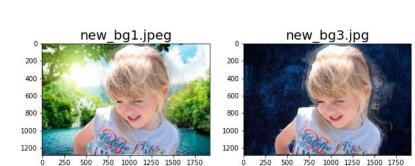










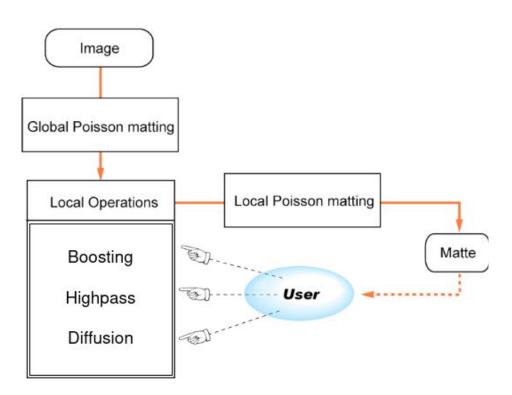




Local Operations: Refinement

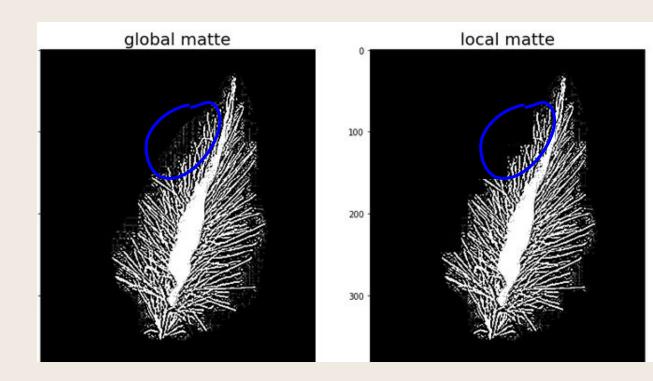
We have implemented the Local Filtering Operations to improve the matte:

- Diffusion (remove noise)
- Highpass (get ~D)
- Boosting (manipulate A)



Diffusion filtering

Since the image gradient is sensitive to noise, hence anisotropic diffusion is applied on images whenever required[Perona and Malik. 1990] to diffuse image. Then this diffuse image is used for any further local matting.



High-pass filtering

The channel selection operation generates a smooth background or foreground, leading to low frequency gradients. Therefore, D is be estimated using the low-frequency parts of the image gradient:

$$\mathbf{D} = K * \nabla I$$

where K = N(p; $p_{_\theta}$, σ^2) is a Gaussian filter centered at pixel $p_{_\theta}$ and * is the convolution operator.

The matte is estimates as: $\nabla \alpha = A(\nabla I - K * \nabla I)$,

where $(\nabla I - K * \nabla I)$ corresponds to a high-pass filter.

Boosting brush

It smoothes or sharpens the matte by increasing/decreasing A.

It is modifies the Area A_{p} to $A_{p}^{'}$ as:

$$A'_{p} = [1 + \lambda \exp(-\frac{||p - p_{0}||^{2}}{2\sigma^{2}})] \cdot A_{p}$$

where p0 is the coordinate of the brush center,

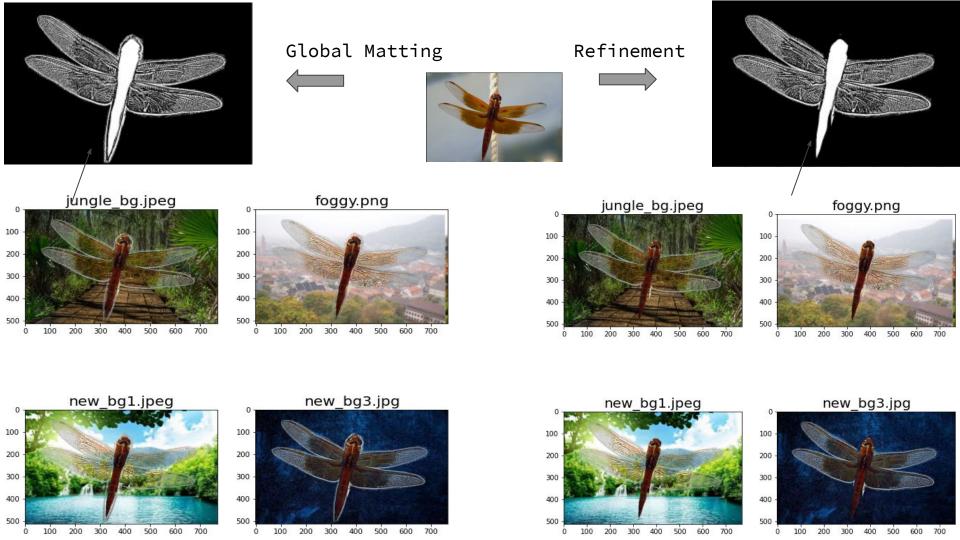
 σ and λ are user defined parameters which control the size and strength of the boosting.



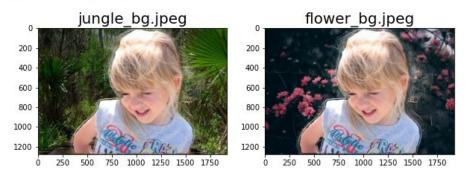


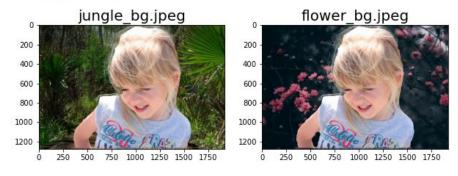


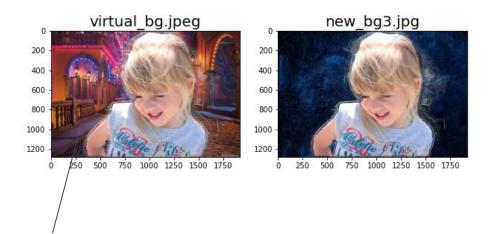
Global matting vs Refinement

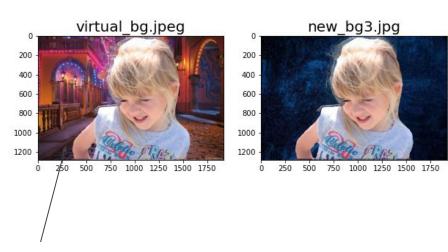












APPLICATIONS

Multi-Background

When a user has multiple images with **same foreground** but **different background** multi-background method can be used to obtain matte.

- Involves finding mean image
- Matte of mean image

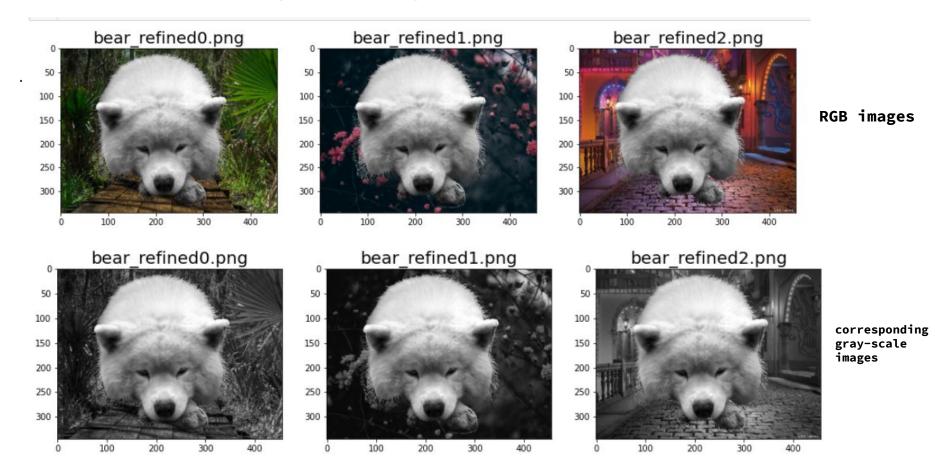
Core idea: foreground is same in all images, mean of extracted backgrounds is calculated, Foreground and background are merged to produce **mean-image** which is used to calculate matte.

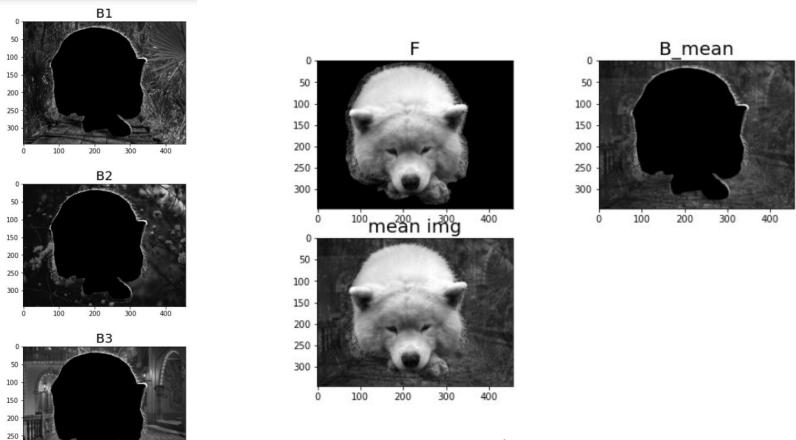
Multi-Background

Poisson matting when multiple images with same foreground but different background gives better result on mean image which is given $\bar{I} = \frac{1}{T}\sum_{i}^{T}(\alpha F + (1-\alpha)B_t) = \alpha F + (1-\alpha)\bar{B}$

where, T is number of images, alpha is estimated matte of one image, F is estimated foreground, B_t : estimated background, \overline{B} is mean bg.

Mean-bg (input images)

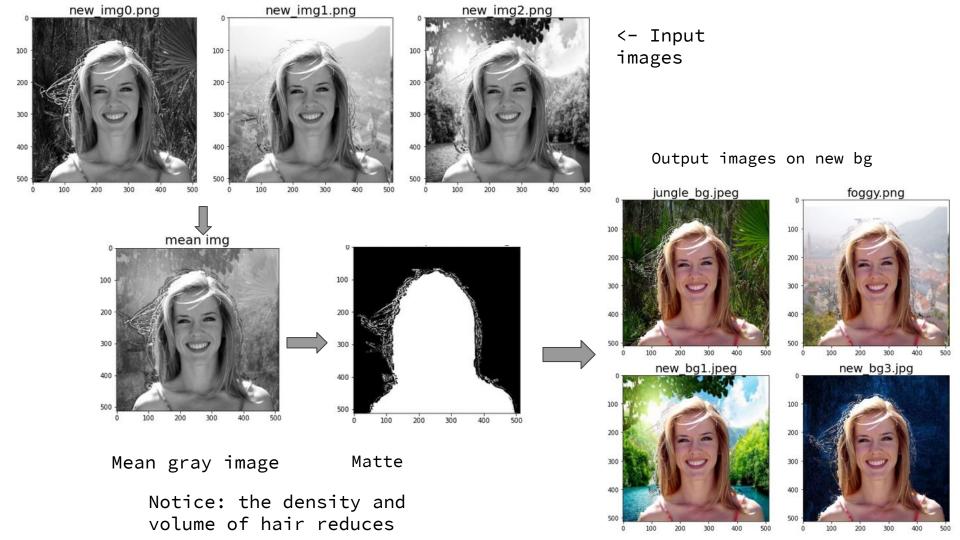




Notice: the **mean image**, is combination of gray-scale input images

Extracted backgrounds

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