

# Laplacian Blending: Combine pyramids

The next operation you will implement is **combine**, which will create a combined pyramid  $LS$  from the two pyramids  $LA$  and  $LB$  using the nodes of  $GR$  as weights. Effectively, for every level  $d$  of the pyramid, and every pixel  $(i, j)$ , the combined pyramid will be given by the equation:

$$LS(d, i, j) = GR(d, i, j) * LA(d, i, j) + (1 - GR(d, i, j)) * LB(d, i, j)$$

Follow the instructions of the script below to complete the **combine** function. Again, the functions you implemented in the previous steps will be useful here.

## Your Script

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1 % we load the two images we will blend
2 A = im2double(imread('orange.png'));
3 B = im2double(imread('apple.png'));
4
5 % mask that defines the blending region
6 R = zeros(512,512); R(:,257:512)=1;
7
8 % depth of the pyramids
9 depth = 5;
10
11 % 1) we build the Laplacian pyramids of the two images
12 LA = laplacianpyr(A,depth);
13 LB = laplacianpyr(B,depth);
14
15 % 2) we build the Gaussian pyramid of the selected region
16 GR = gausspyr(R,depth);
17
18 % 3) we combine the two pyramids using the nodes of GR as weights
19 [LS] = combine(LA, LB, GR);
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21
22 function [LS] = combine(LA, LB, GR)
23
24     % Input:
25     % LA: the Laplacian pyramid of the first image
26     % LB: the Laplacian pyramid of the second image
27     % GR: Gaussian pyramid of the selected region
28     % Output:
29     % LS: Combined Laplacian pyramid
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31     % Please follow the instructions to fill in the missing commands.
32
33     depth = numel(LA);
34     LS = cell(1,depth);
35
36     % 1) Combine the Laplacian pyramids of the two images.
37     % For every level d, and every pixel (i,j) the output for the
38     % combined Laplacian pyramid is of the form:
39     % LS(d,i,j) = GR(d,i,j)*LA(d,i,j) + (1-GR(d,i,j))*LB(d,i,j)
40     for i = 1:depth
41         % Put your code here
42         [m,n,clr] = size(LB{i});
43         one_matrix = ones(m,n,clr);
44
45         LS{i} = GR{i} .* LA{i} + (one_matrix - GR{i}) .* LB{i};
46     end
47 end
48
49 function L = laplacianpyr(I,depth)
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50
51 % Add your code from the previous step
52 L = cell(1,depth);
53
54 % 1) Create a Gaussian pyramid
55 % Use the function you already created.
56 G = gausspyr(I,depth);
57
58 % 2) Create a pyramid, where each level is the corresponding level of
59 % the Gaussian pyramid minus the expanded version of the next level of
60 % the Gaussian pyramid.
61 % Remember that the last level of the Laplacian pyramid is the same as
62 % the last level of the Gaussian pyramid.
63 for i = 1:depth
64     if i < depth
65         % same level of Gaussian pyramid minus the expanded version of next level
66         L{i} = G{i} - expand(G{i+1});
67     else
68         % same level of Gaussian pyramid
69         L{i} = G{i};
70     end
71 end
72
73 end
74
75 function G = gausspyr(I,depth)
76
77 % Add your code from the previous step
78 G = cell(1,depth);
79
80 % 1) Create a pyramid, where the first level is the original image
81 % and every subsequent level is the reduced version of the previous level
82 for i = 1:depth
83     if i == 1
84         G{i} = I; % original image
85     else
86         G{i} = reduce(G{i-1}); % reduced version of the previous level
87     end
88 end
89
90 end
91
92 function g = reduce(I)
93
94 % Add your code from the previous step
95 Gauss = fspecial('gaussian',5,1);
96
97 % 2) Convolve the input image with the filter kernel (MATLAB command imfilter)
98 % Tip: Use the default settings of imfilter
99 I = im2double(I);
100 im_filtered = imfilter(I,Gauss);
101
102 % 3) Subsample the image by a factor of 2
103 % i.e., keep only 1st, 3rd, 5th, .. rows and columns
104 g = im_filtered(1:2:end, 1:2:end,:);
105
106 end
107
108 function g = expand(I)
109
110 % Add your code from the previous step
111 I = im2double(I);
112 [m,n,clr] = size(I);
113 I_exp = zeros(2*m, 2*n, clr);
114 % note: 1:2 gives odd indices
115 I_exp(1:2:2*m, 1:2:2*n,:) = I(1:m, 1:n,:);
116
117 % 2) Create a Gaussian kernel of size 5x5 and
118 % standard deviation equal to 1 (MATLAB command fspecial)

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118 % Convolve the input image with the filter kernel (MATLAB command imfilter),
119 Gauss = fspecial('gaussian',5,1);
120
121 % 3) Convolve the input image with the filter kernel (MATLAB command imfilter)
122 % Tip: Use the default settings of imfilter
123 % Remember to multiply the output of the filtering with a factor of 4
124 g = 4*imfilter(I_exp,Gauss);
125
126 end
```

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## Output

Code ran without output.