

Lab Instructions - session 3

Working with videos, histograms

Part 1: Reading and displaying videos

You can see a short video clip called 'kntu-computer.avi'. The following code opens this file and displays it. You can also find the source file in your instructions folder, named 'read_video.py'.

```
import numpy as np
import cv2

# create a VideoCapture object
cap = cv2.VideoCapture('kntu-computer.avi')

# sometimes this is needed:
# if not cap.isOpened():
#     cap.open();

while True:
    # Capture frame-by-frame
    ret, I = cap.read()

    if ret == False: # end of video (perhaps)
        break

    cv2.imshow('win1',I) # Display I

    key = cv2.waitKey(33) # ~ 30 frames per second

    if key == ord('q'): # exit when "q" is pressed
        break

    # replace the above with "if key 0xFF == ord('q')"
    # if it fails

cap.release()
cv2.destroyAllWindows()
```

- What happens by pressing "q" before the video finishes? (replace "**key == ord('q')**" by "**key && 0xFF == ord('q')**" if the above fails.
- **key = cv2.waitKey(33)** creates a delay of 33 milliseconds. What happens if you increase or decrease this value? Change it to 3 or 300 and see what happens.
- replace **cv2.waitKey(33)** by **cv2.waitKey(0)** or **cv2.waitKey()** and see what happens.

Writing a video on the disk

Open the file “lab3_task1.py”. It reads a video file named ‘eggs.avi’ and saves the frames into another video file named ‘eggs-reverse.avi’. Run the file.

```
import numpy as np
import cv2

# create a VideoCapture object
cap = cv2.VideoCapture('eggs.avi')

# get the dimensions of the frame
# you can also read the first frame to get these
w = int(cap.get(cv2.CAP_PROP_FRAME_WIDTH)) # width of the frame
h = int(cap.get(cv2.CAP_PROP_FRAME_HEIGHT)) # height of the frame

fourcc = cv2.VideoWriter_fourcc(*'XVID') # choose codec

# opencv 2.x:
#w = int(cap.get(cv2.cv.CV_CAP_PROP_FRAME_WIDTH))
#h = int(cap.get(cv2.cv.CV_CAP_PROP_FRAME_HEIGHT))
#fourcc = cv2.cv.CV_FOURCC(*'XVID')

# create VideoWriter object w by h, 30 frames per second
out = cv2.VideoWriter('eggs-reverse.avi',fourcc, 30.0, (w,h))

while True:
    ret, I = cap.read()

    if ret == False: # end of video (or error)
        break
    # write the current frame I
    out.write(I)

cap.release()
out.release()
```

Task 1:

Change the above file so that the video frames are saved in reverse order. Therefore, in the end, the file ‘eggs-reverse.avi’ should be a backward playback of ‘eggs.avi’. You can use python lists for buffering the frames if you need to:

```
buffer = []
```

```
while True:  
    ...  
    buffer.append(I) # add frame I at the end of the buffer
```

Part 2: Histograms

Here, we use matplotlib (not OpenCV) to plot histograms. Open the file 'lab3_task2.py'.

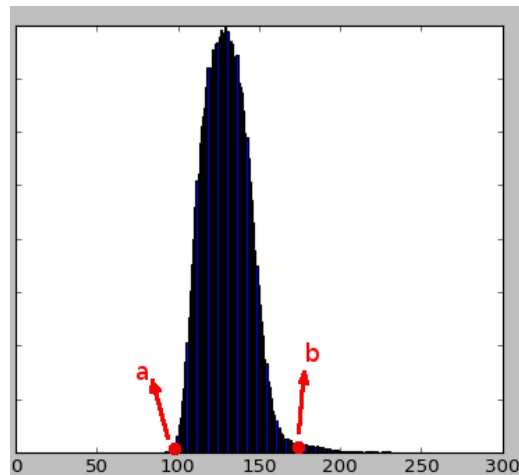
```
import cv2  
import numpy as np  
from matplotlib import pyplot as plt  
  
fname = 'crayfish.jpg'  
#fname = 'office.jpg'  
  
I = cv2.imread(fname, cv2.IMREAD_GRAYSCALE)  
  
f, axes = plt.subplots(2, 3)  
  
axes[0,0].imshow(I, 'gray', vmin=0, vmax=255)  
axes[0,0].axis('off')  
  
axes[1,0].hist(I.ravel(), 256, [0, 256]) ;  
  
plt.show()
```

“`plt.subplots(2,3)`” creates a 2 by 3 array of subplots (2 rows, 3 columns). By running the above code, you can see that only the first column of the subplots are used (`axes[0,0]` and `axes[1,0]`). The image is plotted in `axes[0,0]` and its histogram in `axes[1,0]`.

- What does “`I.ravel()`” do in the above? Why has it been used?

Task 2:

(a) We want to linearly expand the histogram to get a better contrast. Determine points **a** and **b** for linear histogram expansion according to the image below:



Now, create an image **J** in which the histogram has been expanded. You may use the following piece of code.

```
J = (I-a) * 255.0 / (b-a)
J[J < 0] = 0
J[J > 255] = 255
J = J.astype(np.uint8)
```

plot the image **J** and its histogram in the second column of the subplots (axes[0,1] and axes[1,1]).

- What does the above piece of code do?

(b) You can perform histogram equalization in OpenCV using the following function.

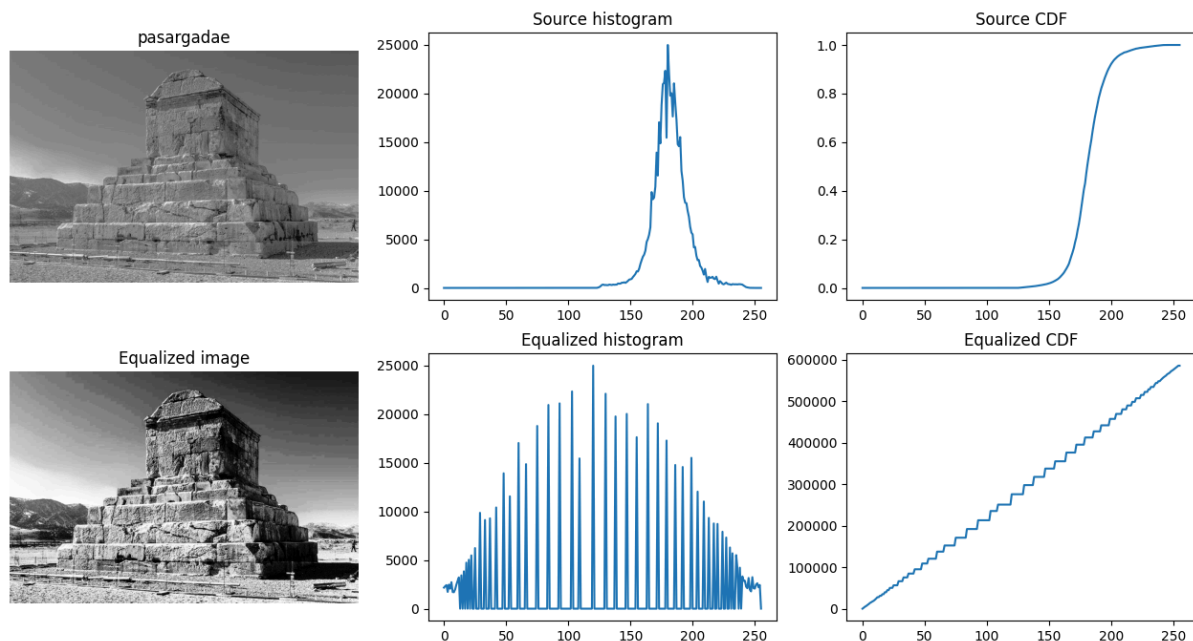
```
K = cv2.equalizeHist(I)
```

plot the image **K** and its histogram in the third column of the subplots (axes[0,2] and axes[1,2]).

- Compare the linearly histogram-expanded image with the histogram equalization.
- Do this for a bunch of other images in your folder (crayfish.jpg, map.jpg, train.jpg, branches.jpg, terrain.jpg). Note that you need to change **a** and **b** for each image.

Task 3:

In this task, you should implement the **equalizeHist** function and then use it to enhance the contrast of **Pasargadae**. Open the file '**lab3_task3.py**' and complete the required functions. For this task, you are **not allowed** to use functions for calculating the histogram and cumulative distribution function (CDF). You should implement them **from scratch**. The final result should look like the example below:



Extra Score

- Can you think of a way of automatically obtaining **a** and **b** in Task2 (a) for arbitrary images? Write a Python code to implement it.

References

- https://docs.opencv.org/3.0-beta/doc/py_tutorials/py_imgproc/py_histograms/py_histogram_begins/py_histogram_begins.html#histograms-getting-started
- https://docs.opencv.org/3.0-beta/doc/py_tutorials/py_imgproc/py_histograms/py_histogram_equalization/py_histogram_equalization.html#py-histogram-equalization