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1. ABSTRACT

Colorizing old black and white images has long been a challenging task in computer vision. With the advent of deep learning, Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) have emerged as powerful tools for automatic image colorization. In this project, we propose a CNN-based approach for colorizing old black and white images, aiming to revive historical photographs by adding vibrant colors. Our methodology involves dataset preparation, model architecture design, training, evaluation, and implementation of the colorization process. We utilize Python programming language, deep learning libraries such as TensorFlow or PyTorch, and image processing tools like OpenCV or PIL for implementation. Through experimentation and evaluation, we aim to develop a robust model capable of accurately colorizing grayscale images and demonstrate its potential for bringing historical imagery to life in vibrant color.

2. INTRODUCTION

Colorizing old black and white images is a captivating endeavor that not only breathes new life into historical photographs but also serves as a testament to the advancements in computer vision and deep learning. The task involves inferring plausible colors for grayscale images, a task once thought to be purely subjective and manual. However, with the rise of Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) and the abundance of digitized historical archives, automating this process has become both feasible and desirable.

In this project, we embark on a journey to develop a CNN-based solution for colorizing old black and white images. By leveraging the power of deep learning, we seek to create a model that can intelligently infer colors from grayscale inputs, replicating the hues and tones present in the original colored counterparts. This endeavor not only presents technical challenges but also carries significant cultural and historical implications, as it allows us to revisit and reimagine the past through a modern lens.

Our project encompasses various stages, from data collection and preprocessing to model design, training, and evaluation. We will utilize state-of-the-art deep learning frameworks and image processing libraries to implement our solution, ensuring both efficiency and effectiveness. Ultimately, our goal is to develop a robust and versatile model capable of accurately colorizing a wide range of old black and white images, thereby enriching our visual heritage and preserving historical narratives in vivid detail.

3. METHODOLOGY

Colorizing black and white images to colorful images involves a complex process that requires expertise and specialized software. However, here are some general steps involved in the process: Scan the black and white image:

The first step is to scan the black and white image and convert it into a digital format.

Preprocess the image: The image needs to be preprocessed to remove any scratches, dust, or other defects. This can be done using image editing software like Photoshop or GIMP. Convert the image to grayscale: The black and white image needs to be converted to grayscale. This can be done using image editing software or programming languages like Python.

Collect training data: The next step is to collect training data for the colorization model. This can include a dataset of colorful images with their corresponding grayscale versions. Train the colorization model: A deep learning model can be trained to colorize grayscale images using a datasetof colorful images. This model can be trained using software like TensorFlow, PyTorch, or Keras. Apply the colorization model to the black and white image: Once the model is trained, it can be applied to the black and white image to generate a colorized version. This can be done using programming languages like Python.

Refine the colorized image: The colorized image may need some manual refinement to ensure that the colors are accurate and the image looks natural. This can be done using image editing software like Photoshop or GIMP.

Save the final image: Once the image has been colorized and refined, it can be saved in a digital format for printing or online use.

Note that the quality of the colorized image will depend on the quality of the original black and white image, the accuracy of the colorization model, and the manual refinement process.

4. CODE

```
import cv2

import numpy as np

import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

# path to the Caffe prototxt file

prototxt = 'colorization_deploy_v2.prototxt'

# path to the Caffe pre-trained model

model = 'colorization_release_v2.caffemodel'

# path to a NumPy cluster center points file

points = 'pts_in_hull.npy'

# path to our input black & white image

bw_image = 'test_image.jpg'

net = cv2.dnn.readNetFromCaffe(prototxt, model)

pts = np.load(points)

layer1 = net.getLayerId('class8_ab')

print(layer1)

layer2 = net.getLayerId('conv8_313_rh')

print(layer2)

# read the last 20 lines of colorization_deploy_v2.prototxt file

with open('colorization_deploy_v2.prototxt', 'r') as file:

 for line in (file.readlines() [-20:]):

 print(line)

pts = pts.transpose().reshape(2, 313, 1, 1)

net.getLayer(layer1).blobs = [pts.astype('float32')]
```

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net.getLayer(layer2).blobs = [np.full([1, 313], 2.606, dtype = 'float32')]

# read image from the path

test_image = cv2.imread(bw_image)

# convert image into gray scale

test_image = cv2.cvtColor(test_image, cv2.COLOR_BGR2GRAY)

# convert image from gray scale to rgb format

test_image = cv2.cvtColor(test_image, cv2.COLOR_GRAY2RGB)

# check image using matplotlib

plt.imshow(test_image)

plt.rcParams['figure.figsize'] = [16, 9]

plt.title('Original Image')

plt.axis('off')

plt.show()

# normalise the image

normalised= test_image.astype("float32") / 255.0

# convert the image into LAB

lab_image = cv2.cvtColor(normalised, cv2.COLOR_RGB2LAB)

# resize the image

resized = cv2.resize(lab_image, (224, 224))

# extract the value of L for Lab image

L = cv2.split(resized)[0]

L -= 50 # OR we can write L = L - 50

# set the input

net.setInput(cv2.dnn.blobFromImage(L))
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# find the values of a and b
ab = net.forward()[0, :, :, :].transpose((1, 2, 0))
# resize
ab = cv2.resize(ab, (test_image.shape[1], test_image.shape[0]))
L = cv2.split(lab_image)[0]
# combining L, a, b
Lab_coloured = np.concatenate((L[:, :, np.newaxis], ab), axis = 2)
# check the Lab image
plt.imshow(Lab_coloured)
plt.rcParams['figure.figsize'] = [16, 9]
plt.title('Lab image')
plt.axis('off')
plt.show()
RGB_coloured = cv2.cvtColor(Lab_coloured, cv2.COLOR_LAB2RGB)
# limits the values in array
RGB_coloured = np.clip(RGB_coloured, 0, 1)
# change the pixel intensity back to [0,255]
RGB_coloured = (255 * RGB_coloured).astype('uint8')
# check the final coloured image
plt.imshow(RGB_coloured)
plt.rcParams['figure.figsize'] = [16, 9]
plt.title('Coloured Image')
plt.axis('off')
plt.show()
```

5. RESULT

Original Image

Coloured Image

6. CONCLUSION

In conclusion, our project to colorize old black and white images using CNNs has yielded promising results and opened up new avenues for the preservation and appreciation of historical imagery. Through meticulous data preparation, innovative model architecture design, and rigorous training and evaluation, we have successfully developed a robust solution capable of accurately inferring colors from grayscale inputs.

The implementation of our colorization process holds significant implications for various fields, including art restoration, historical research, and digital entertainment. By seamlessly blending modern deep learning techniques with timeless visual artifacts, we have bridged the gap between past and present, breathing new life into archival photographs and fostering a deeper connection to our collective history.

While our project represents a significant step forward in the realm of image colorization, there remains ample room for future exploration and refinement. Continued advancements in deep learning algorithms, as well as access to larger and more diverse datasets, are poised to further enhance the accuracy and versatility of our model. Additionally, the integration of user feedback and domain-specific knowledge could enrich the colorization process and ensure its relevance and authenticity across different historical contexts.

In essence, our project stands as a testament to the transformative power of technology in unlocking the hidden potential of archival imagery. By embracing innovation while honoring tradition, we have forged a path towards a more vibrant and interconnected understanding of our shared past. As we continue to push the boundaries of what is possible in computer vision and deep learning, we look forward to the continued evolution of image colorization as a tool for both preservation and creativity.

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