Photo-Realistic Single Image Super-Resolution Using a Generative Adversarial Network

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Abstract

Despite the breakthroughs in accuracy and speed of single image super-resolution using faster and deeper convolutional neural networks, one central problem remains largely unsolved: how do we recover the finer texture details when we super-resolve at large upscaling factors?

The behavior of optimization-based super-resolution methods is principally driven by the choice of the objective function. Recent work has largely focused on minimizing the mean squared reconstruction error. The resulting estimates have high peak signal-to-noise ratios, but they are often lacking high-frequency details and are perceptually unsatisfying in the sense that they fail to match the fidelity expected at the higher resolution.

Contribution

- We set a new state of the art for image SR with high upscaling factors ($4\times$) as measured by PSNR and structural similarity (SSIM) with our 16 blocks deep ResNet (SRResNet) optimized for MSE.

- We propose SRGAN which is a GAN-based network optimized for a new perceptual loss. Here we replace the MSE-based content loss with a loss calculated on feature maps of the VGG network , which are more invariant to changes in pixel space.

- We confirm with an extensive mean opinion score (MOS) test on images from three public benchmark datasets that SRGAN is the new state of the art, by a large margin, for the estimation of photo-realistic SR images with high upscaling factors ($4\times$).

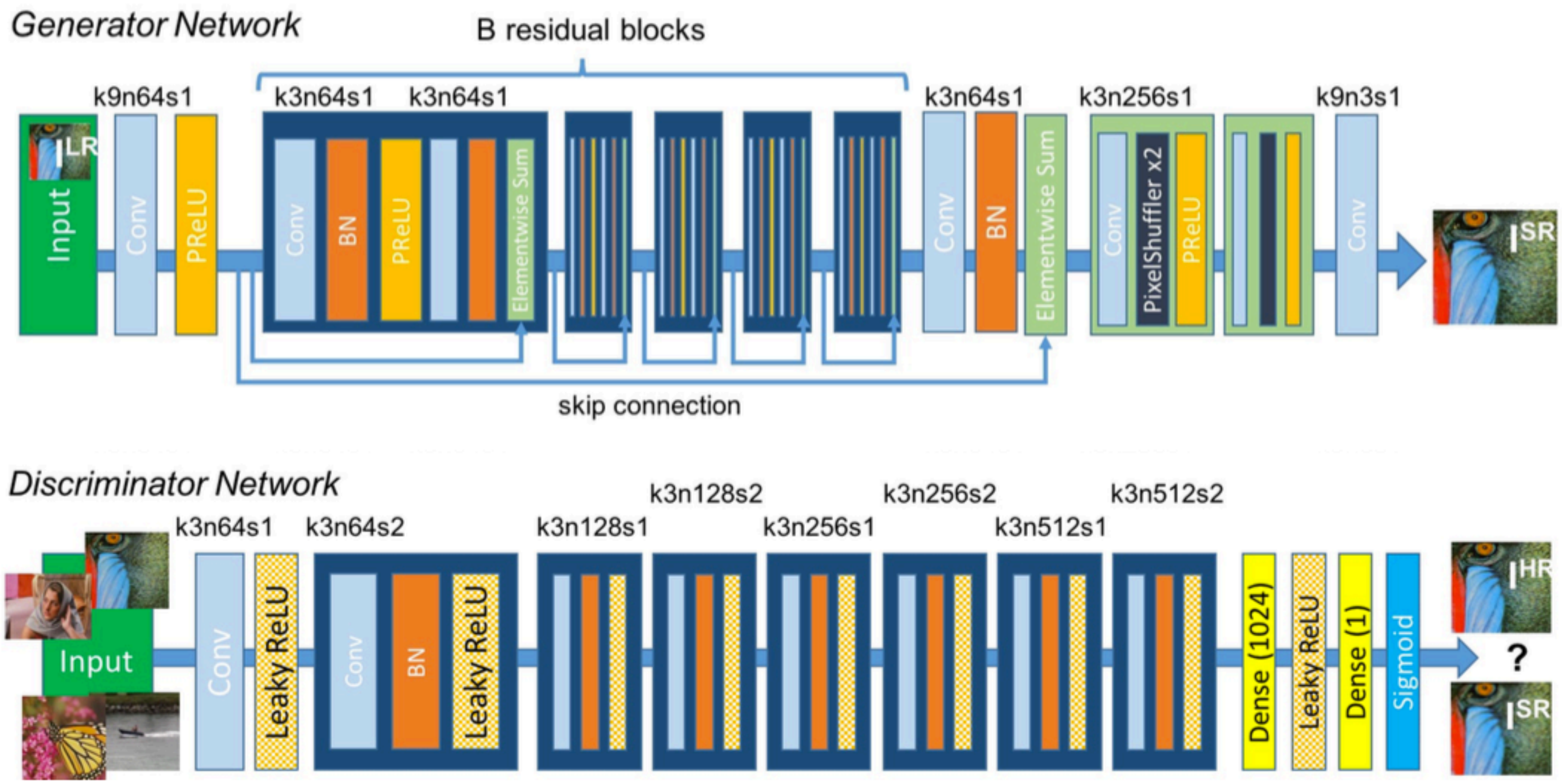
Dataset

训练集：

Image Net随机选取35万张图片，采用下采样系数r=4的下采样生成LR

测试集：

Set5， Set 14，BSD 100



Generator Network
B residual blocks
k9n64s1
k3n64s1
k3n64s1
k3n64s1
k3n256s1
k9n3s1
Input
I LR
Conv
PReLU
Conv
BN
PReLU
Elementwise Sum
Conv
BN
Elementwise Sum
Conv
PixelShuffler x2
PReLU
Conv
I SR
skip connection
Discriminator Network
k3n64s1
k3n64s2
k3n128s1
k3n128s2
k3n256s1
k3n256s2
k3n512s1
k3n512s2
Input
Conv
Leaky ReLU
Conv
BN
Leaky ReLU
Dense (1024)
Leaky ReLU
Dense (1)
Sigmoid
I HR
?
I SR

Perceptual loss function

$$l^{SR} = \underbrace{\underbrace{l^{SR}_{X}}_{\text{content loss}} + \underbrace{10^{-3} l^{SR}_{Gen}}_{\text{adversarial loss}}}_{\text{perceptual loss (for VGG based content losses)}}$$

Adversarial loss

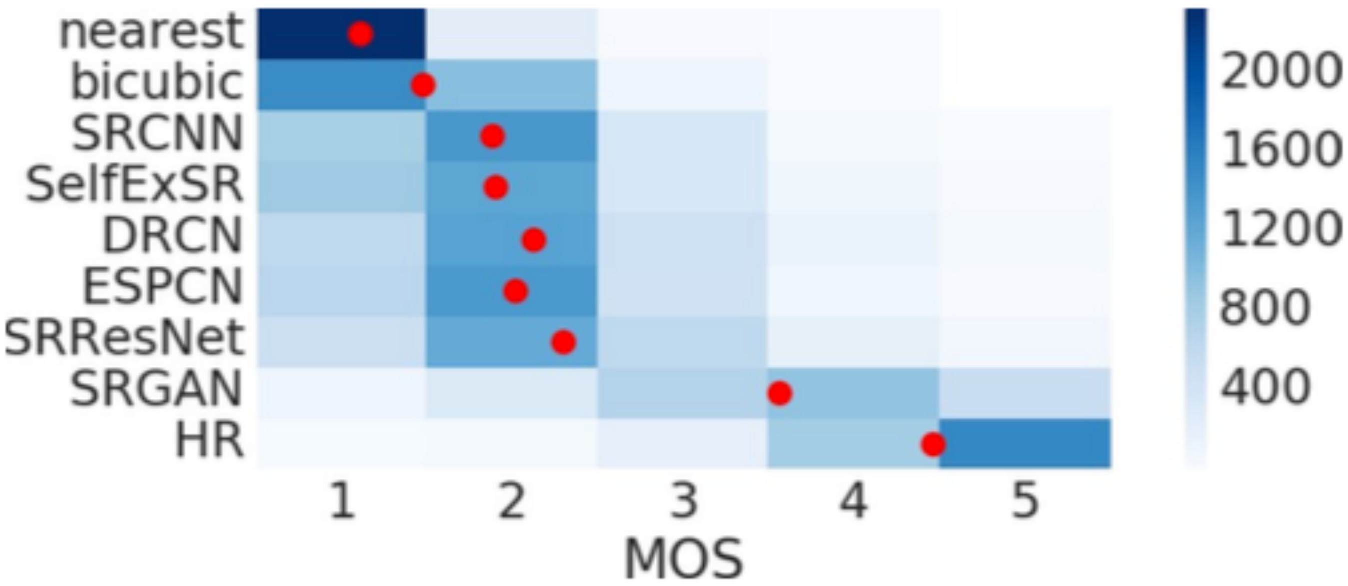
$$l^{SR}_{Gen} = \sum_{n=1}^{N} -\log D_{\theta_D}(G_{\theta_G}(I^{LR}))$$

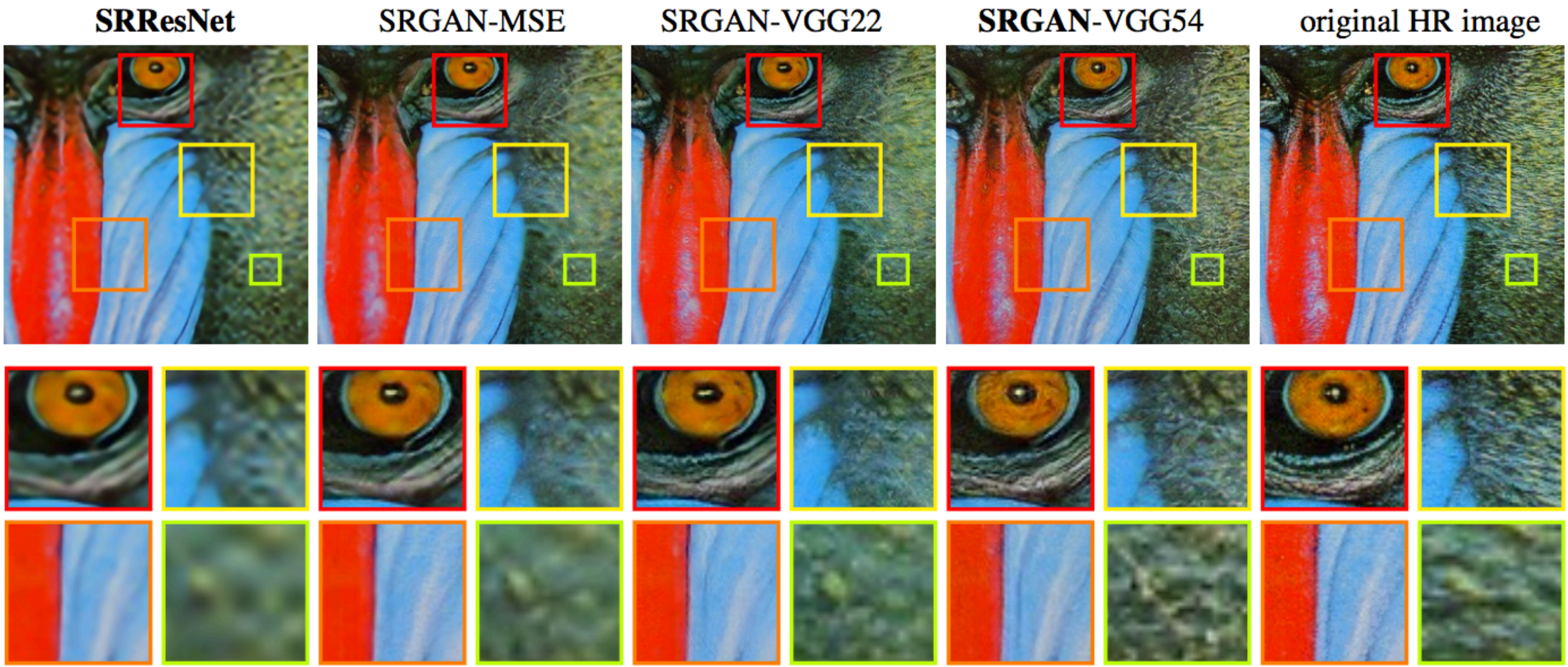
Content loss

$$l^{SR}_{MSE} = \frac{1}{r^2 WH} \sum_{x=1}^{rW} \sum_{y=1}^{rH} (I^{HR}_{x,y} - G_{\theta_G}(I^{LR})_{x,y})^2$$

$$l^{SR}_{VGG/i.j} = \frac{1}{W_{i,j} H_{i,j}} \sum_{x=1}^{W_{i,j}} \sum_{y=1}^{H_{i,j}} (\phi_{i,j}(I^{HR})_{x,y} - \phi_{i,j}(G_{\theta_G}(I^{LR}))_{x,y})^2$$

	SRResNet-		SRGAN-		
Set5	MSE	VGG22	MSE	VGG22	VGG54
PSNR	32.05	30.51	30.64	29.84	29.40
SSIM	0.9019	0.8803	0.8701	0.8468	0.8472
MOS	3.37	3.46	3.77	3.78	3.58
Set14					
PSNR	28.49	27.19	26.92	26.44	26.02
SSIM	0.8184	0.7807	0.7611	0.7518	0.7397
MOS	2.98	3.15*	3.43	3.57	3.72*


nearest
bicubic
SRCNN
SelfExSR
DRCN
ESPCN
SRResNet
SRGAN
HR
1
2
3
4
5
MOS
2000
1600
1200
800
400


SRResNet
SRGAN-MSE
SRGAN-VGG22
SRGAN-VGG54
original HR image

Set5	nearest	bicubic	SRCNN	SelfExSR	DRCN	ESPCN	**SRResNet**	**SRGAN**	HR
PSNR	26.26	28.43	30.07	30.33	31.52	30.76	**32.05**	29.40	∞
SSIM	0.7552	0.8211	0.8627	0.872	0.8938	0.8784	**0.9019**	0.8472	1
MOS	1.28	1.97	2.57	2.65	3.26	2.89	3.37	**3.58**	4.32
Set14									
PSNR	24.64	25.99	27.18	27.45	28.02	27.66	**28.49**	26.02	∞
SSIM	0.7100	0.7486	0.7861	0.7972	0.8074	0.8004	**0.8184**	0.7397	1
MOS	1.20	1.80	2.26	2.34	2.84	2.52	2.98	**3.72**	4.32
BSD100									
PSNR	25.02	25.94	26.68	26.83	27.21	27.02	**27.58**	25.16	∞
SSIM	0.6606	0.6935	0.7291	0.7387	0.7493	0.7442	**0.7620**	0.6688	1
MOS	1.11	1.47	1.87	1.89	2.12	2.01	2.29	**3.56**	4.46