M2 - Optimization and Inference Techniques for CV

1. Inpainting

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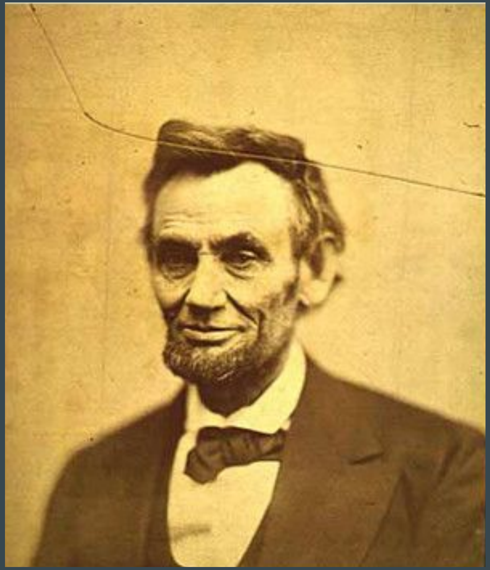
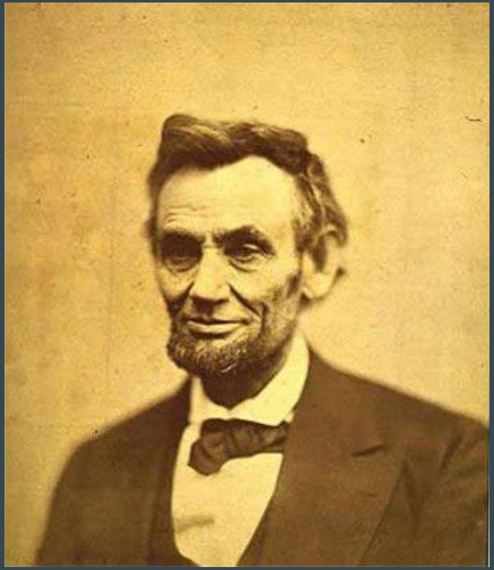
Technique in which damaged, deteriorated or missing regions of images are reconstructed by interpolation of surrounding areas.

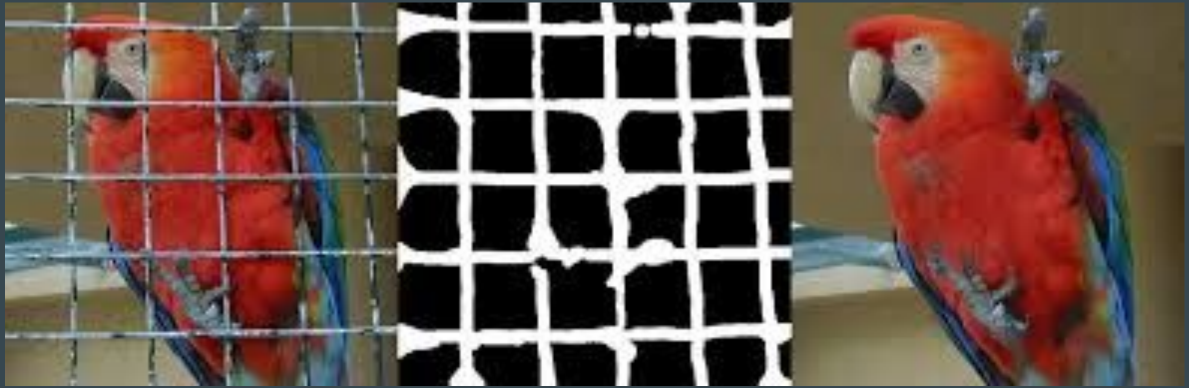




1. Inpainting

Other applications

- Object Removal
- Image compression



CNN Inpainting

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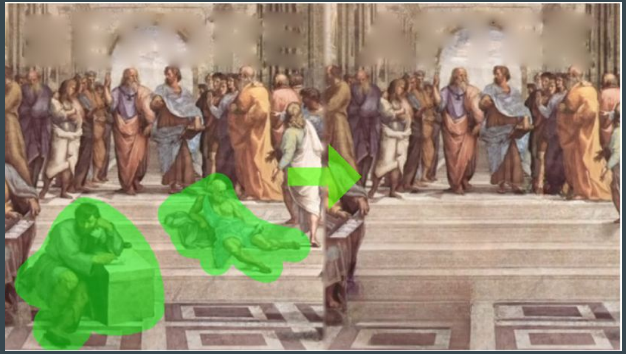
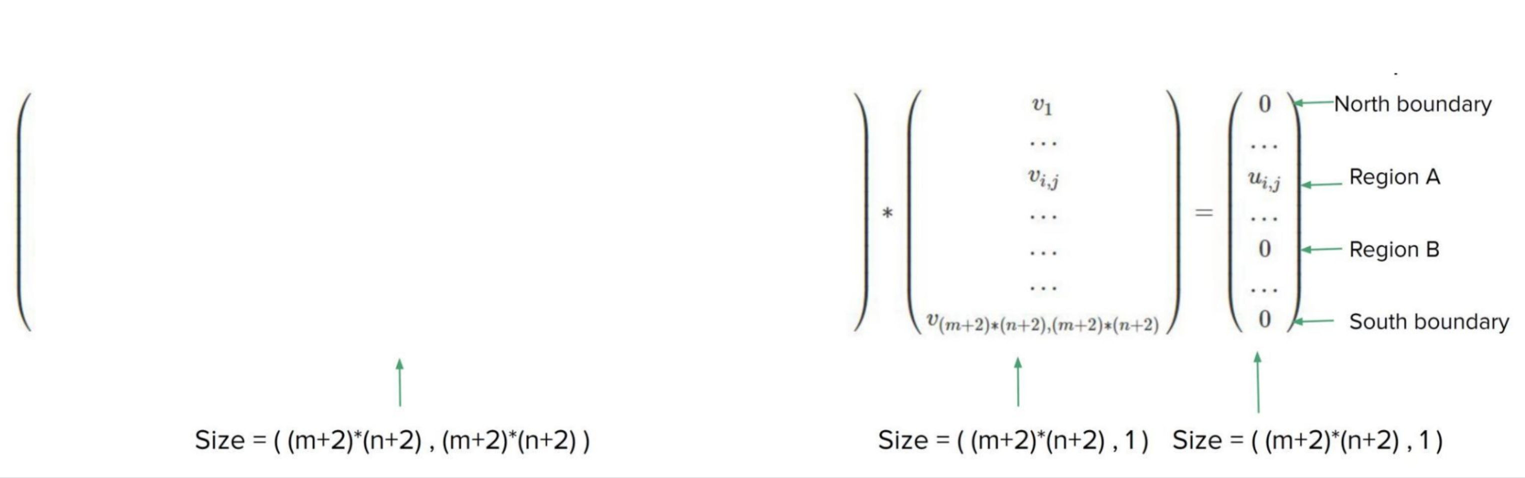
Classic CV Inpainting



Method

The system consist in a matrix equation to resolve Av=u, which we have the v as original image and u the output image. The dimension we deal with is (m+2) * (n+2) since we employ ghost borders (padding). Image V will have same dimension than U. The matrices of both pictures are flattened into the corresponding vectors b and v.



2. Optimization Criteria

Define the original images as **V** and the desired inpainted image as **U**.

Define the desired inpaining areas as **B**, and the areas that shouldn't change as **A**.

Criteria:

(1) In A, the inpainted image should be the same in V as in U
(2) In B, the inpainted image should be smooth

Mathematically:

(1) $V(x, y) = U(x, y)$ at each (x, y) in A
(2) $4V(x, y) - (V(x+1, y) + V(x-1, y) + V(x, y-1) + V(x, y+1) = 0$ at each (x, y) in B

3. Matematically

Based on two criterias, the output image:

- Should look smoothness (natural).
- Should be similar to the original (difference).

So, we have Energy Functional to optimize:

$$J(u) = \int_{\Omega} \frac{1}{2}\underline{|\nabla u|^2} + \frac{1}{2\lambda}\underline{|u - f|}^2 dx$$

Find the necessary condition for the extremum

$$\longrightarrow \quad \nabla F(\mathbf{u}) = 0$$

3. Mathematically

We can see that the implementation of this algorithm is a laplacian operator that is used for smoothing operations in images. The Laplacian of a two-dimensional function f is an isotropic derivative operator (independent of the direction of the discontinuity in the image) defined by:

$$\nabla^2 f = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2} \Rightarrow \nabla^2 f(x,y) = [f(x+1,y) + f(x-1,y) + f(x,y+1) + f(x,y-1)] - 4f(x,y)$$

So, finally with this laplacian operator we obtain this filter:

0	1	0
1	−4	1
0	1	0

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Alternatively, we could use a similar approach using 8-connectivity, namely Mean filtering, Median filtering or additionally Gaussian filters to tackle different inpainting problems.

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

3x3 Average filter

$\frac{1}{9}$	$\frac{1}{9}$	$\frac{1}{9}$
$\frac{1}{9}$	$\frac{1}{9}$	$\frac{1}{9}$
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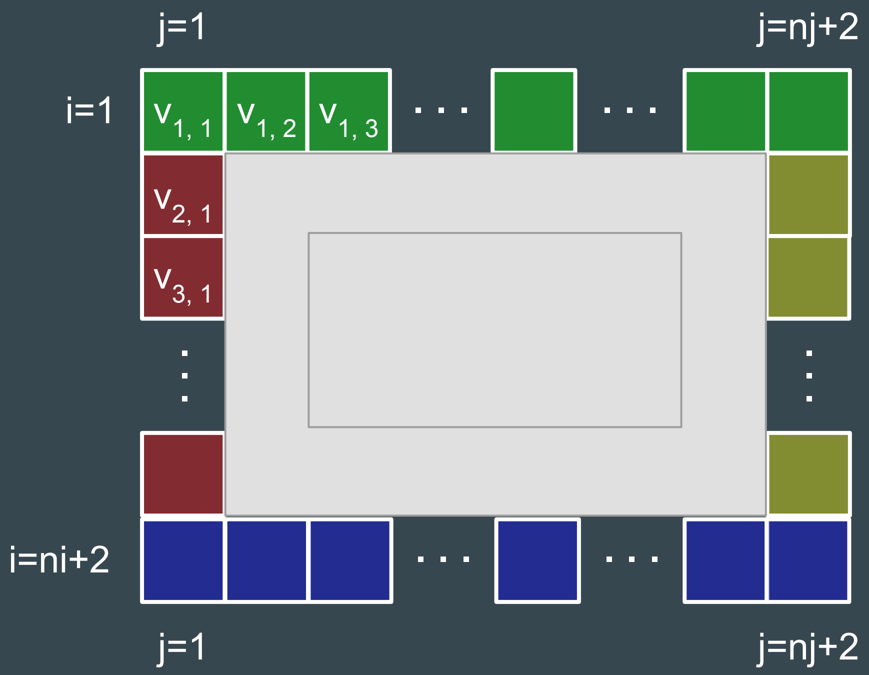
3x3 Mean filter

Intuition of method implementation (Ghost boundaries)



This set of equations must be added to the system to be solved.

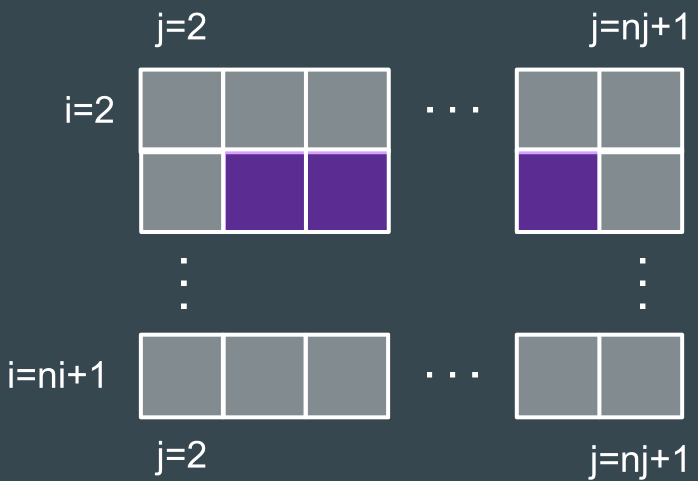
Copy original boundaries of image:

North side $\rightarrow$ $v_{1,j} - v_{2,j} = 0$	p $p + 1$
South side $\rightarrow$ $v_{ni+2,j} - v_{ni+1,j} = 0$	p $p - 1$
West side $\rightarrow$ $v_{i,1} - v_{i,2} = 0$	p $p + (ni+2)$
East side $\rightarrow$ $v_{i,nj+2} - v_{i,nj+1} = 0$	p $p - (ni+2)$

$A_{i,j}$ = a_ij(idx) = $\boxed{1}$ $\boxed{-1}$

Vectorial coordinate

Intuition of method implementation (Inner points)



Laplacian operator converted to a set of equations and solved as a matrix equation.

Pixels we do not have to inpaint:

Region "A" $\rightarrow$ $v_{i,j} = u_{i,j}$

Vectorial coordinate $\longrightarrow$

p p	1

If we have to inpaint these pixels:

Region "B" $\rightarrow$ $4v_{i,j} - v_{i-1,j} - v_{i+1,j} - v_{i,j-1} - v_{i,j+1} = 0$

4	-1	-1	-1	-1

Vectorial coordinate $\longrightarrow$

p	p	p	p	p
p	p - 1	p + 1	p + (ni+2)	p - (ni+2)

Code: Boundaries Case

So following the code, for sparse function, we have the coefficients defined with their positions. We implement to North, South, West and East boundaries code. To do this we need loops to form coefficient matrix.

North

```
idx_Ai(idx) = p;
idx_Aj(idx) = p;
a_ij(idx) = 1;
idx=idx+1;

idx_Ai(idx) = p;
idx_Aj(idx) = p + 1;
a_ij(idx) = -1;
idx=idx+1;

b(p) = 0;
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South

```
idx_Ai(idx) = p;
idx_Aj(idx) = p;
a_ij(idx) = 1;
idx=idx+1;

idx_Ai(idx) = p;
idx_Aj(idx) = p - 1;
a_ij(idx) = -1;
idx=idx+1;

b(p) = 0;
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West

```
idx_Ai(idx) = p;
idx_Aj(idx) = p;
a_ij(idx) = 1;
idx=idx+1;

idx_Ai(idx) = p;
idx_Aj(idx) = p + (ni+2);
a_ij(idx) = -1;
idx=idx+1;

b(p) = 0;
```

East

```
idx_Ai(idx) = p;
idx_Aj(idx) = p;
a_ij(idx) = 1;
idx=idx+1;

idx_Ai(idx) = p;
idx_Aj(idx) = p - (ni+2);
a_ij(idx) = -1;
idx=idx+1;

b(p) = 0;
```

Code: InnerPoints

Case Inpainting:

```
idx_Ai(idx) = p;
idx_Aj(idx) = p;
a_ij(idx) = 4;
idx=idx+1;

idx_Ai(idx) = p;
idx_Aj(idx) = p - (ni+2);
a_ij(idx) = -1;
idx=idx+1;

idx_Ai(idx) = p;
idx_Aj(idx) = p + (ni+2);
a_ij(idx) = -1;
idx=idx+1;

idx_Ai(idx) = p;
idx_Aj(idx) = p - 1;
a_ij(idx) = -1;
idx=idx+1;

idx_Ai(idx) = p;
idx_Aj(idx) = p + 1;
a_ij(idx) = -1;
idx=idx+1;
```

Laplacian to approximate J(u) with 5 values (4-connectivity)

Same Value:

```
idx_Ai(idx) = p;
idx_Aj(idx) = p;
a_ij(idx) = 1;
idx=idx+1;

b(p) = f_ext(i, j);
```

A is a sparse matrix, so for memory requirements we create a sparse matrix

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A = sparse(idx_Ai, idx_Aj, a_ij, nPixels, nPixels);
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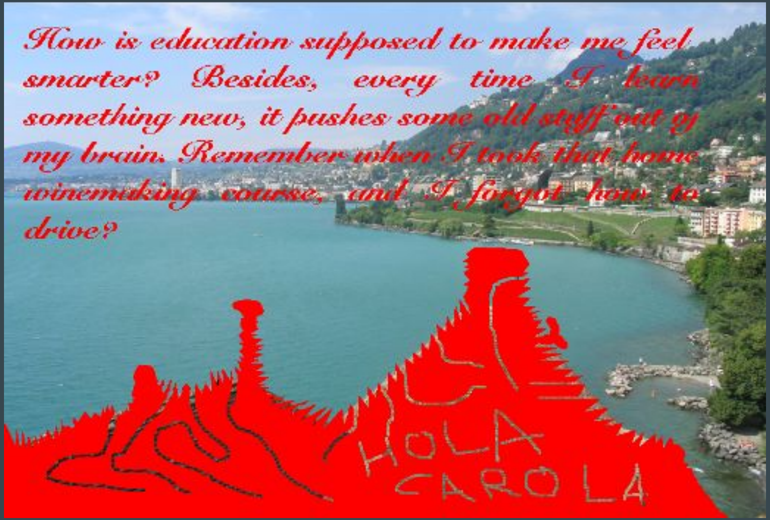
Challenge Code

A mask is extracted by examining the intensities at the image's red area, and it is discovered that these intensities are just red (255, 0, 0).

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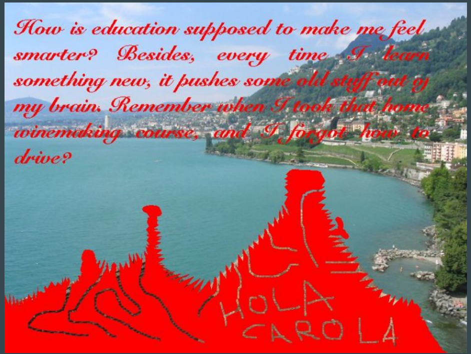
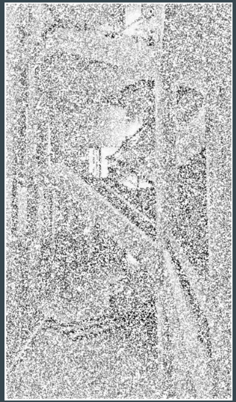
mask =  (I_ch1 == 1) & (I_ch2 == 0) & (I_ch3 == 0);
```

5. Results


How is education supposed to make me feel
smarter? Besides, every time I learn
something new, it pushes some old stuff out of
my brain. Remember when I took that home
winemaking course, and I forgot how to
drive?
HOLA
CAROLA



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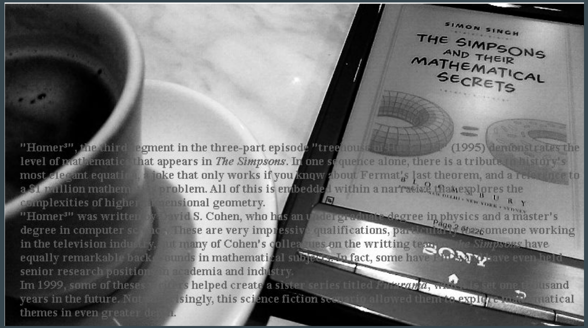
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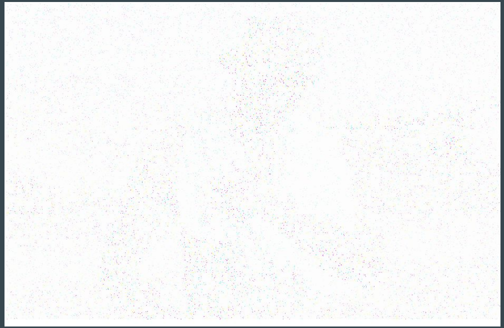

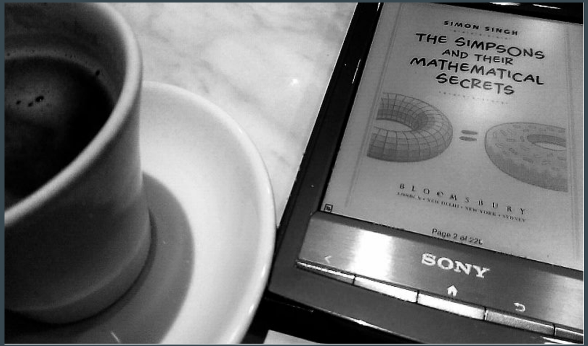
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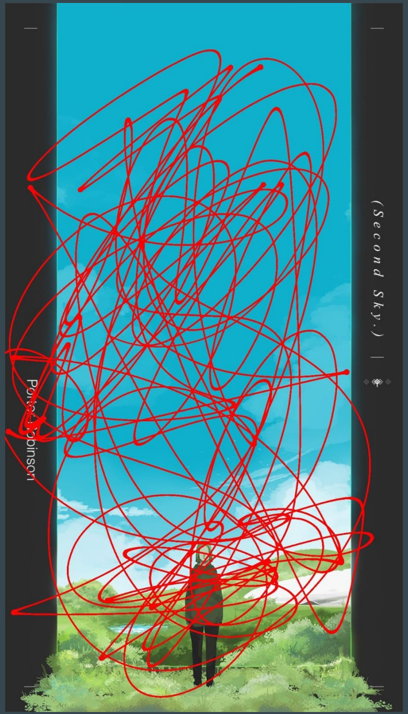
6. Custom Results

Original Image



Red Threshold Mask

Inpainted Image

6. Custom Results

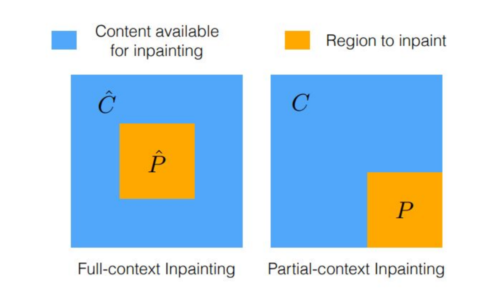
Original Image

Manual Segmentation Mask

Inpainted Image

7. Discussion

- This method has notable results for inpainting small regions
- Not necessary training and Ground Truth data.
- The bigger the region, the bigger the blur in the inpainting region of result. This may occur because:
  - The content available of inpainting is partial, as in C (rather than full-context as in Ĉ)
  - The number of pixels used in the method (4-connect.) is relatively small compared with the area to inpaint
- In some cases, the smooth transition of the laplacian operator is not enough to "hide" a visible region of the image in a optimal way



Thanks

That's it for today :)