

# 计算机视觉与模式识别

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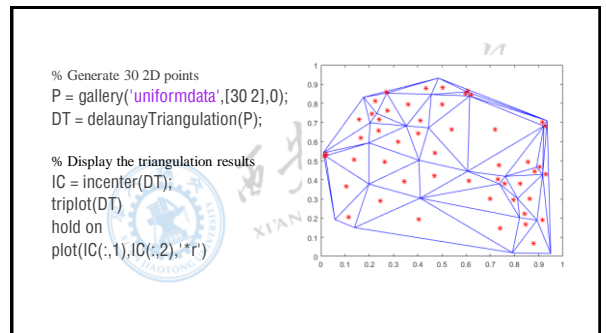
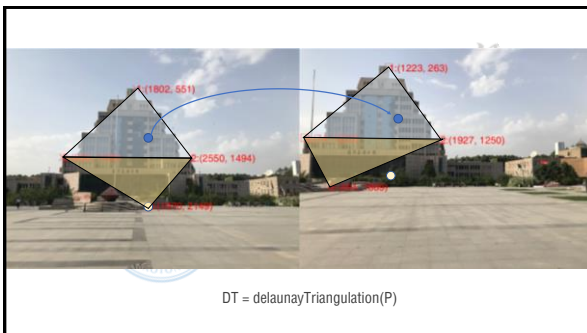
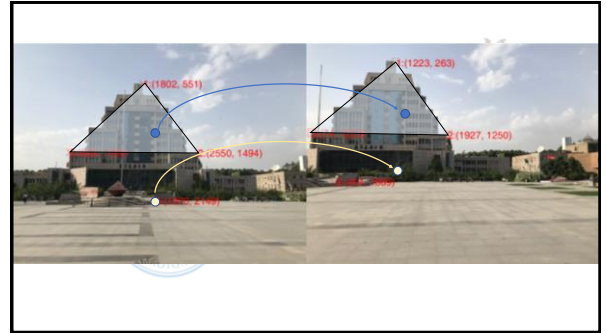
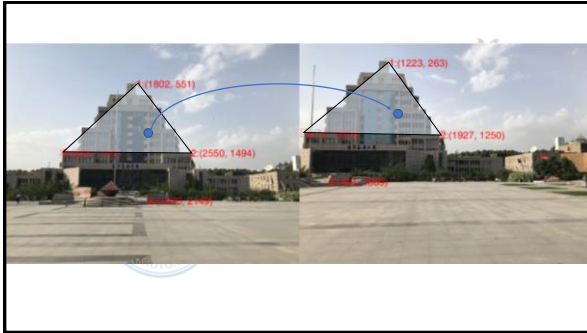
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Morphing = 物体的平均



两个物体之间的平均

不是两个物体图像的直接平均...  
...而是物体均值的图像!

Morphing = 物体的平均



对于我们而言，我们如何得知两个物体的平均是什么？

- 从物理世界的角度我们不知道！
- 但是我们可以通过一定的方式让人感觉两个物体之间的平均。

Morphing = Warping + Cross Dissolving



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线性插值 (仿射组合):

新的点坐标:  $aP + bQ$

需要满足:  $a + b = 1$

因此:  $aP + bQ = aP + (1-a)Q$

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## 点的平均

• P和Q可以是任何东西:

- 二维 (2D) 或者三维 (3D) 空间的点
- RGB或者HSV (3D) 空间的点
- 整幅图像 (m-by-n D) ... etc.

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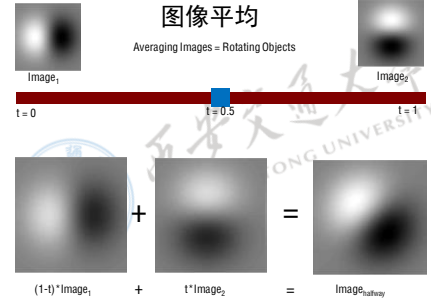
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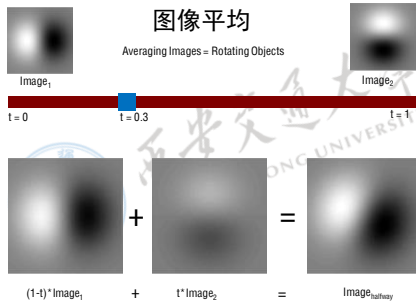
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Averaging Images = Rotating Objects



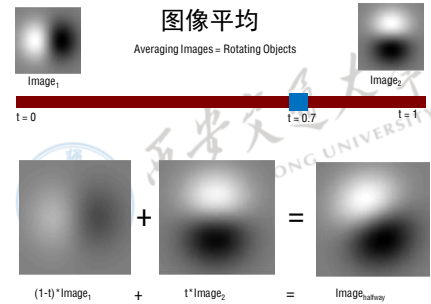
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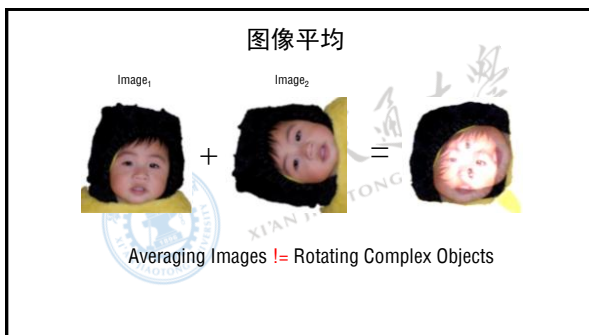
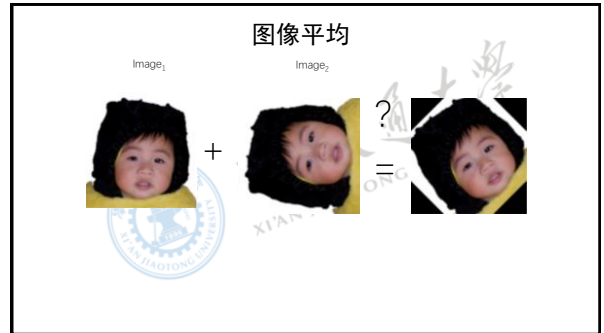
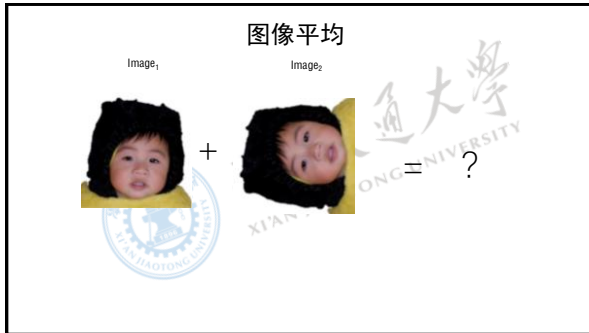
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### 猫-孩子的平均



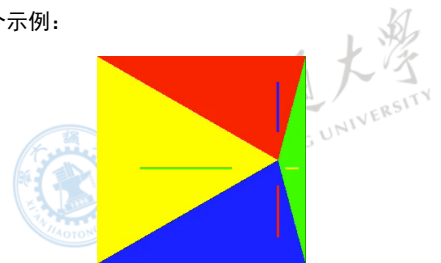
### Warping, then cross-dissolve



### 7.1.2、一个示例

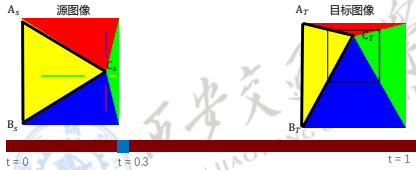


一个示例:

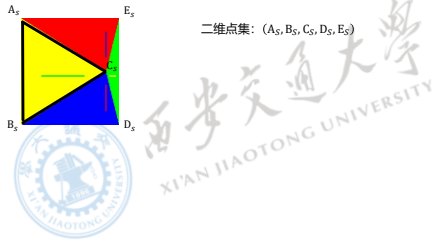




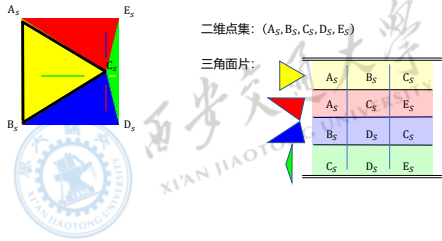
Step1. 计算平均形状



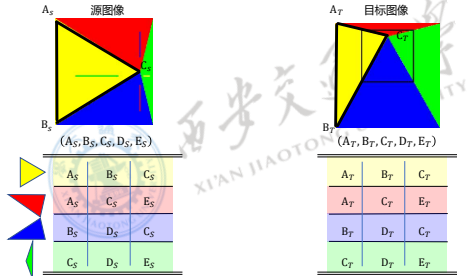
形状如何表示呢？

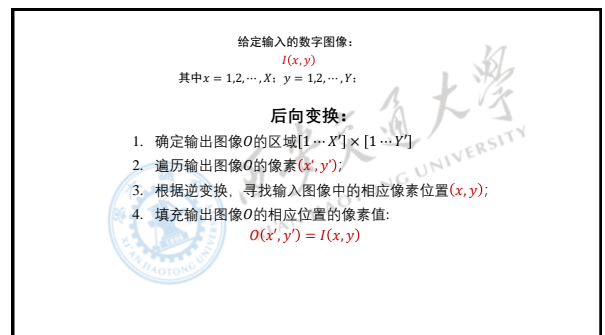
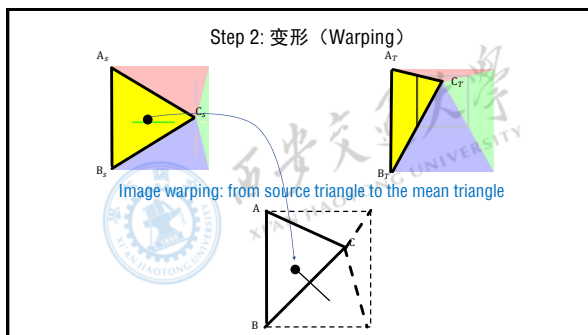
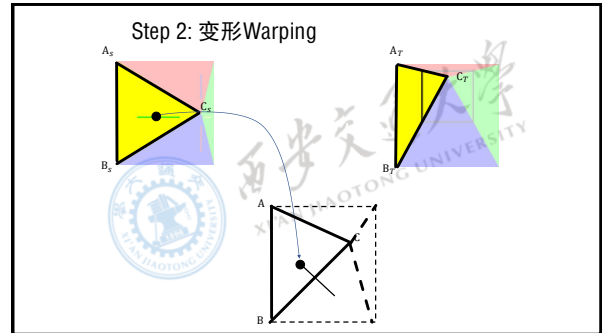
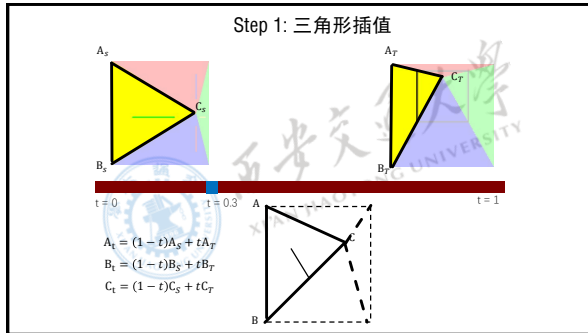


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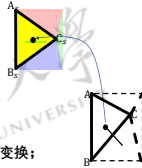


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给定输入的数字图像:  
 $I(x, y)$   
 其中  $x = 1, 2, \dots, X$ ;  $y = 1, 2, \dots, Y$ ;

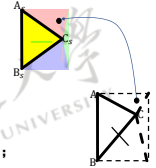


后向变换:

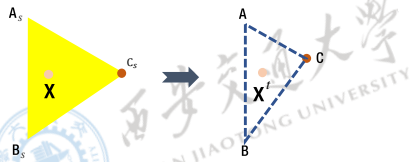
1. 确定输出图像  $O$  的区域  $[1 \dots X'] \times [1 \dots Y']$ ;
2. 遍历输出图像  $O$  的像素  $(x', y')$ ;
3. 确定像素所属的三角形, 获得相应的仿射变换;
4. 根据逆变换, 寻找输入图像中的相应像素位置  $(x, y)$ ;
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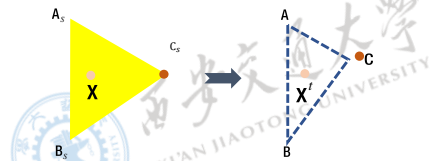
三角形的变形 = 仿射变换



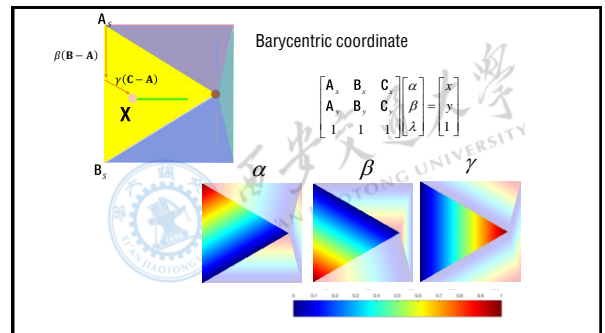
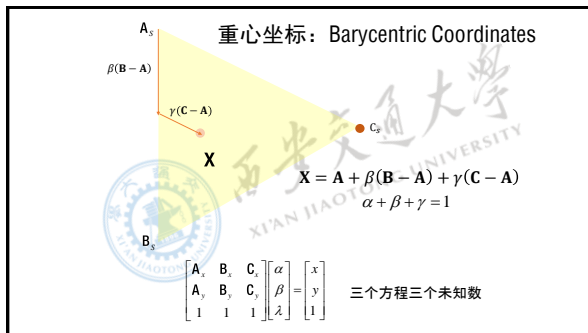
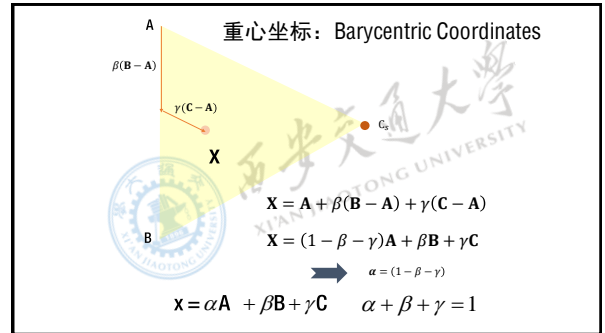
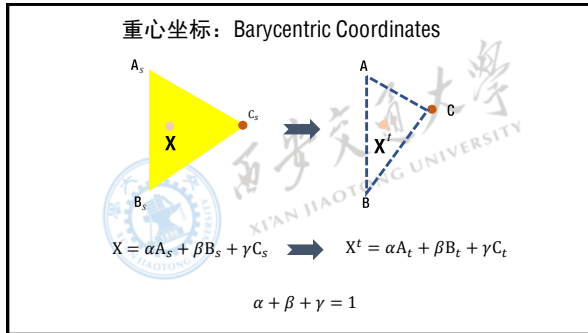
仿射变换是点到点的变换  $X \rightarrow X'$

It is controlled by the movement of the three vertices of the triangle

重心坐标: Barycentric Coordinates



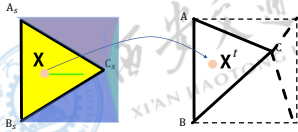
三角形中的每个点  $X$  相对于三个顶点有一个仿射不变的表示



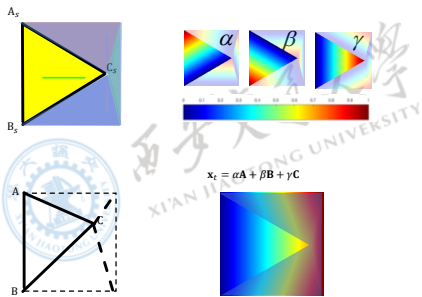
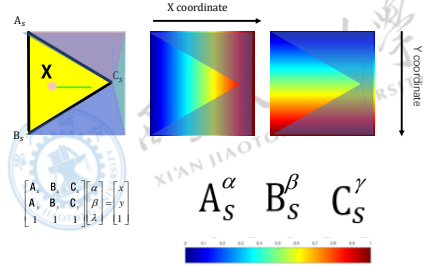
### Warping with Barycentric Coordinate

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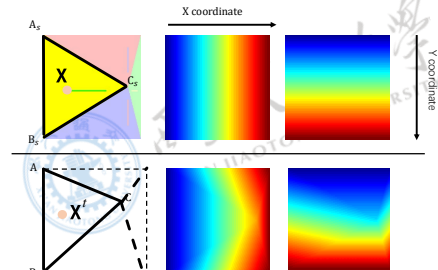
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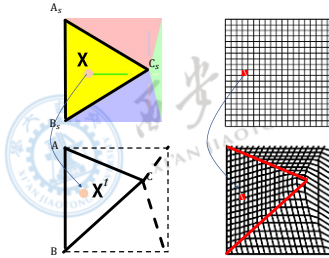
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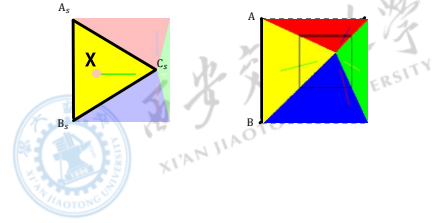
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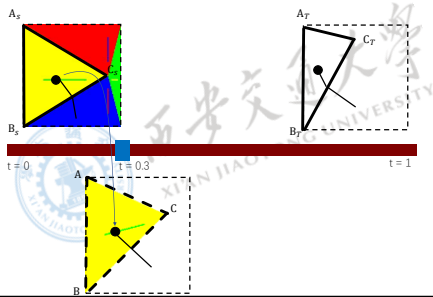
Grids before and after warping



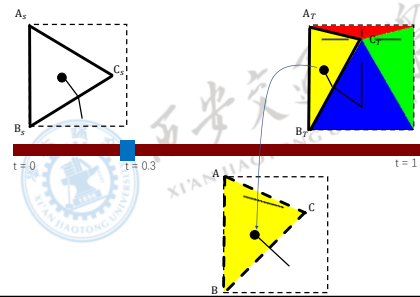
Step 3: Average warped image

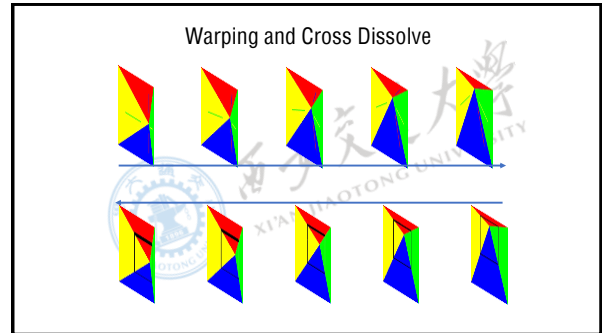
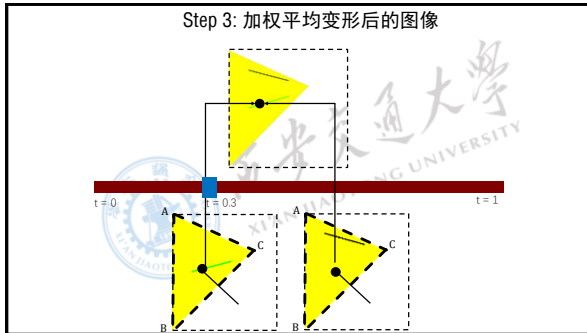


逆向几何变换：源图像



逆向几何变换：目标图像



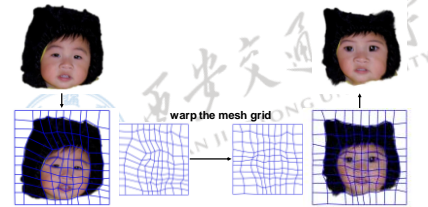


## Image warping idea 1: dense flow



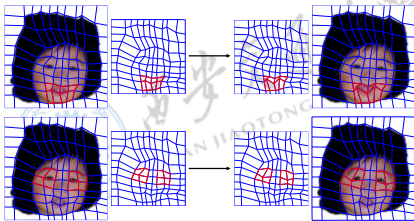
Displacement vector (u,v) for each pixel.  
Great details... but too much work, let's simply it to mesh grid

## Image warping idea 2 : dense grid



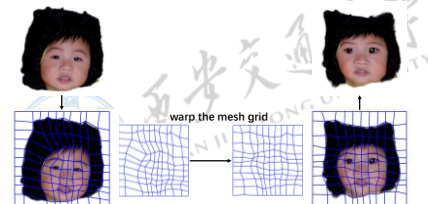
Define and manipulate the mesh grid

## Image warping idea 2 : dense grid



Grid deformation generates expression change

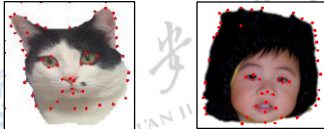
## Image warping idea 2 : dense grid



Still too much work...  
simplify it to sparse control points and triangles



Step0: 准备点对与三角剖分



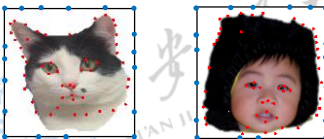
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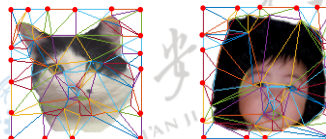
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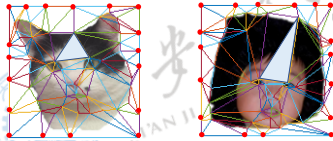
在边框上加上适量的点，覆盖背景区域

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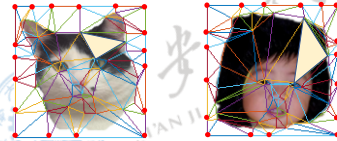
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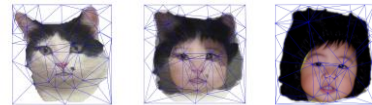


1. 给定两幅图像之间的一一对应的特征点
2. 同时我们在特征点上定义了三角剖分
  - 三角剖分和三角剖分之间一一对应

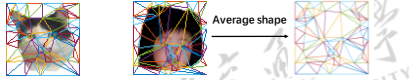
## Step1.获取平均形状

- 给定 $t$ , 我们如何获得平均形状呢?
  - 假设  $t \in [0,1]$ , 我们在每一个特征点对之间插值
  - 给定源图像和目标图像的点对  $(p_1, p_2)$ 

$$p_t = (1-t) \times p_1 + t \times p_2$$
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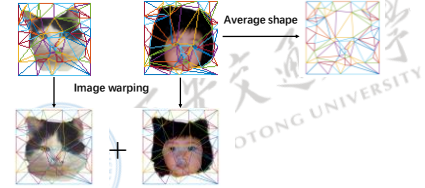


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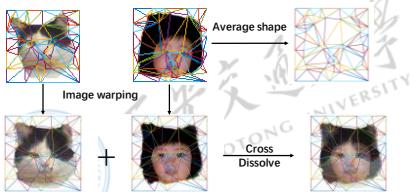
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## Step2: 变形 Warping



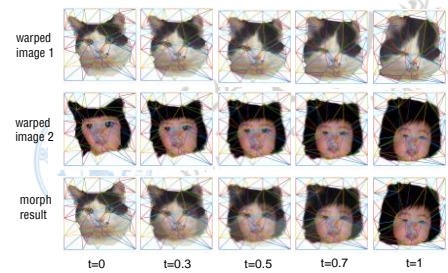
- 将源图像和目标图像都变形到平均形状

## Step3: Cross-Dissolve



- 将变形后的图像进行平均 (Cross Dissolve)

## Morphing产生的序列



### Delaunay三角剖分

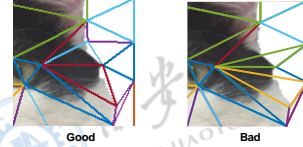
- Delaunay三角剖分的时间复杂度可以为:  
 $O(n \log n)$ .

- 可以利用Matlab的函数来完成

DT = delaunayTriangulation(P);

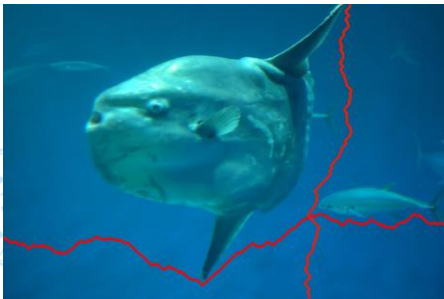


### 什么特征点是好的特征点呢?

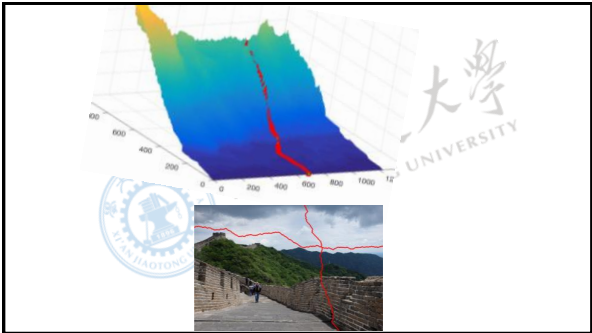
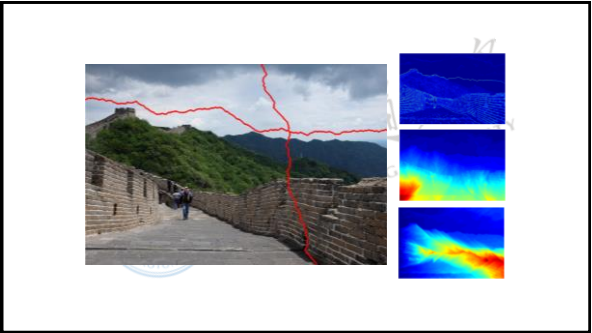


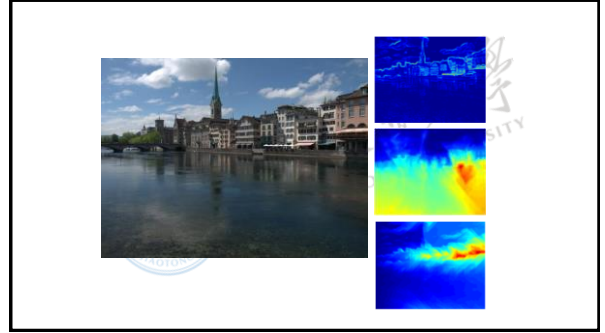
- 三角剖分应该与物体的边界保持一致
  - 物体的纹理不会和背景的颜色产生混淆
- 同时需要保持物体各个部件之间的相对关系不变

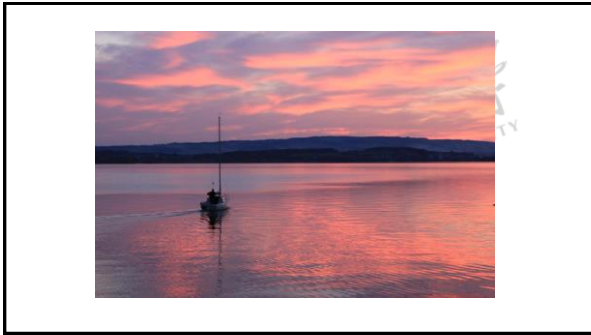
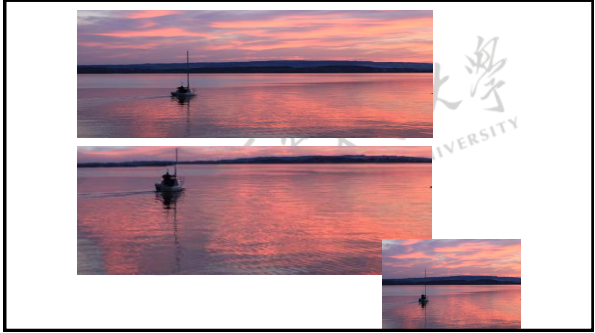
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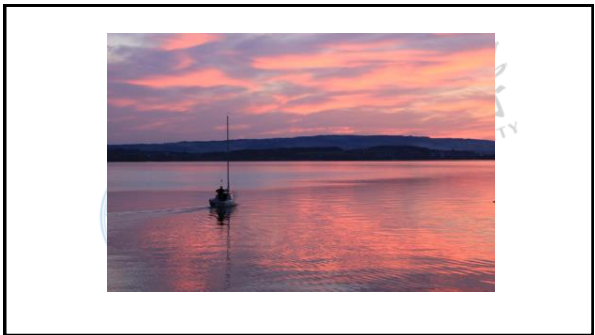
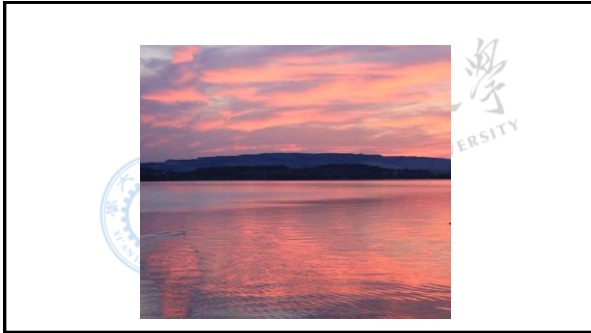


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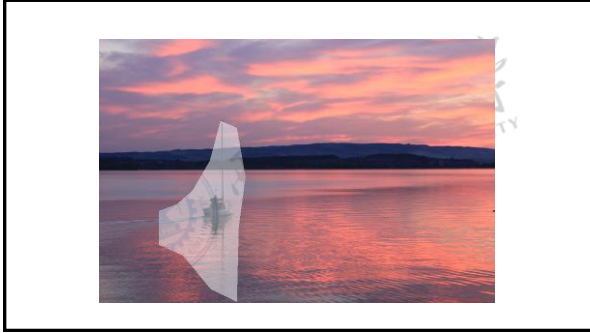


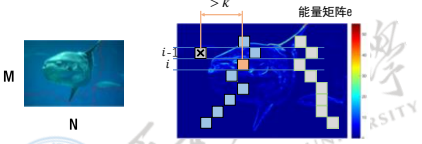




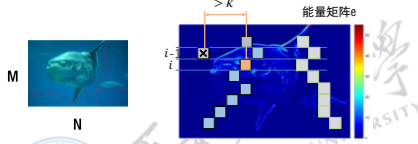






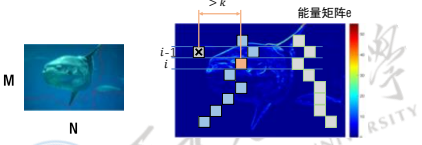


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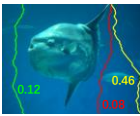
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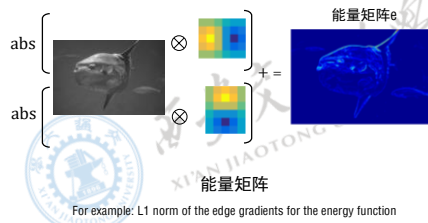
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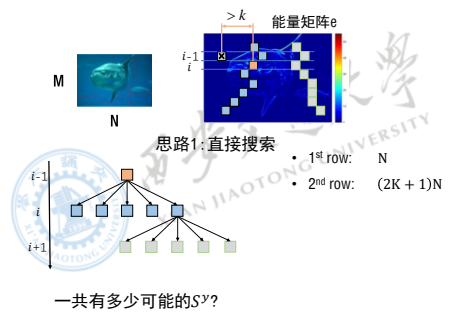
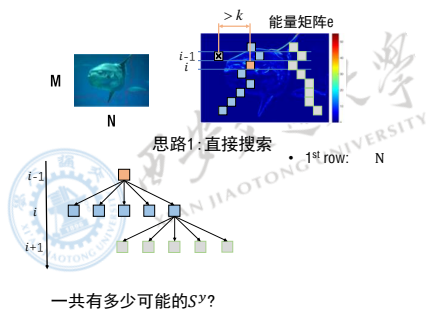
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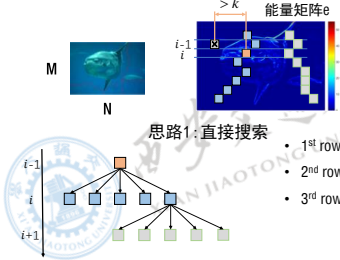


能量矩阵e从哪儿来呢?



有了能量矩阵之后，如何求取最佳的Seam呢？

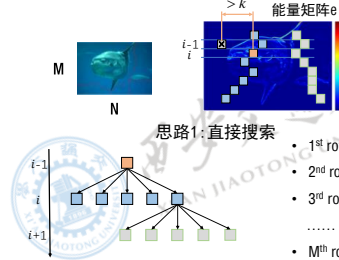




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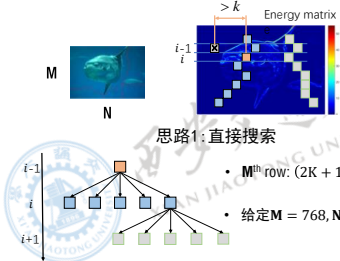
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- M<sup>th</sup> row:  $(2K + 1)^{M-1} N$
- 给定  $M = 768, N = 1024, k = 1$

一共有多少可能的  $S^y$ ?  $1024 \times 3^{767}$

太多的可能性了!

$1024 \times 3^{767}$

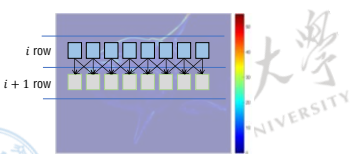


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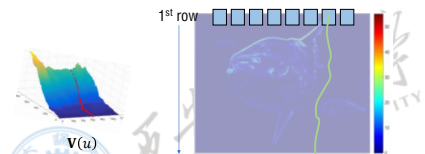
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Dijkstra算法




构建一个有向图

有向图的边由每一个像素（节点）和它在下一行的  $(2k + 1)$  近邻构成




- 构建一个内部集合S，将这个内部集合初始化为第一行
- 构建一个值函数矩阵  $V(u)$ ，记录有向图中任意一个节点到内部集合S的最短距离
- 逐步增长内部矩阵集合S，直至这个集合包含有最后一行的像素（节点）



- 将内部集合S初始化为为第一行，并令值函数 $V(u)$

$$V(u) = e(u), u \in S$$

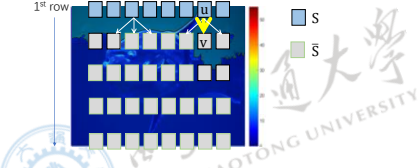
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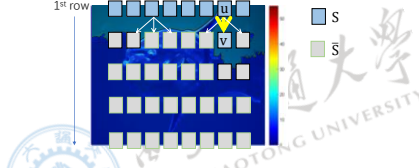
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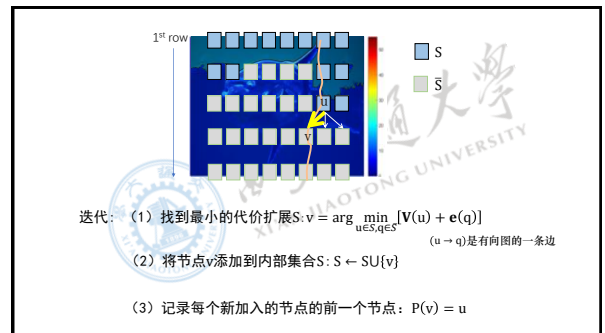
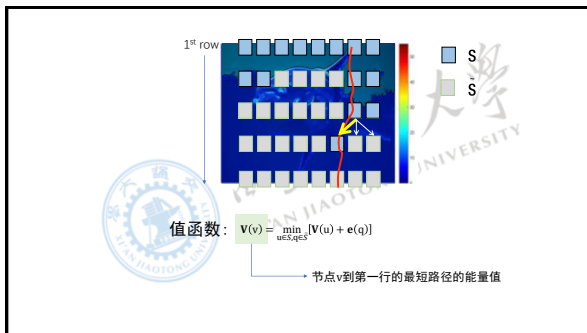
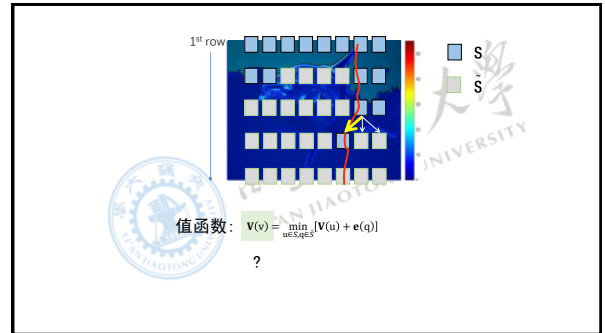
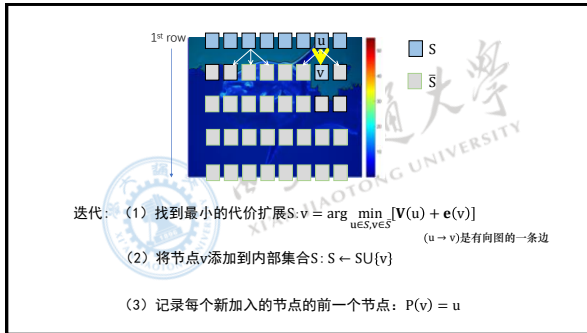


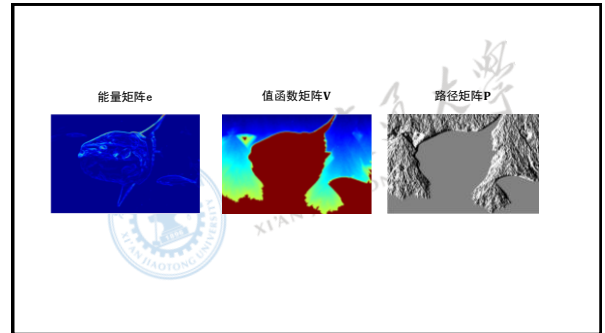
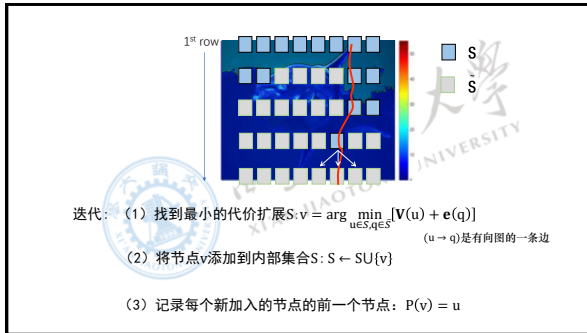
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(2) 将节点v添加到内部集合S:  $S \leftarrow S \cup \{v\}$







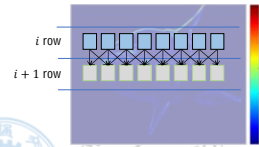
这种方式有什么缺点呢？

- 每次只能增加一个节点
- 每次只能找到一个最佳路径

以行的方式进行扩张

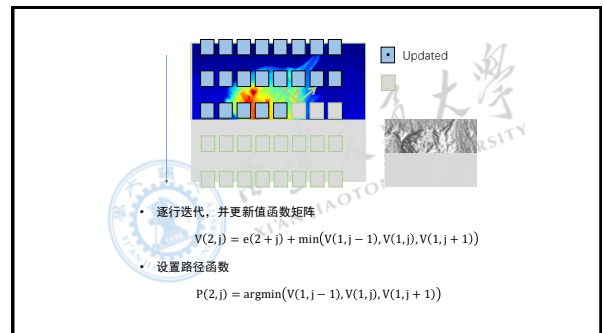
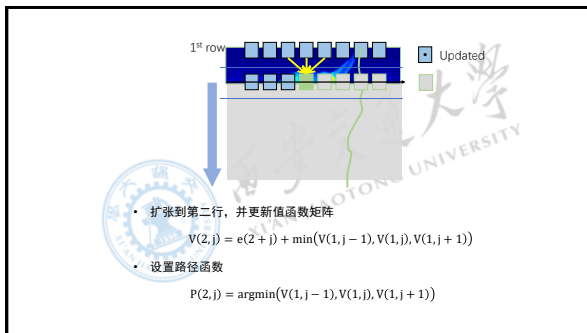
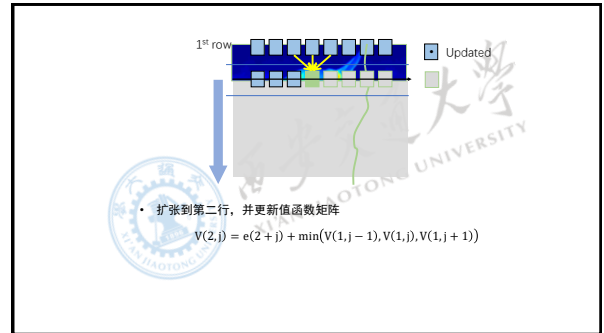
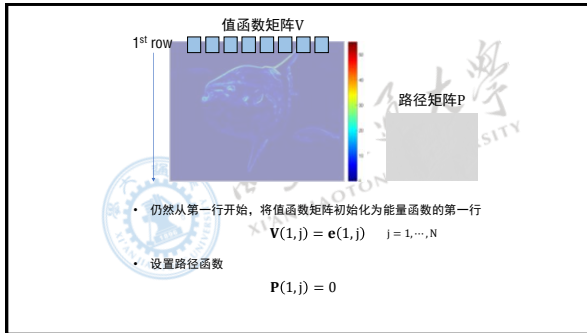


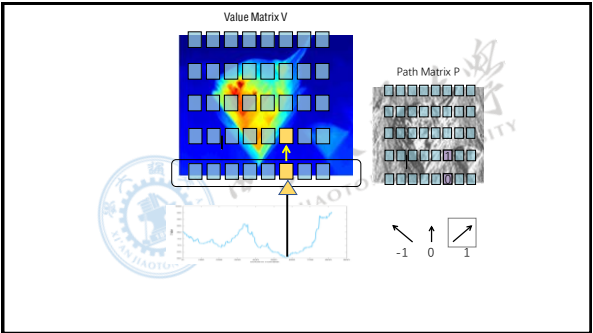
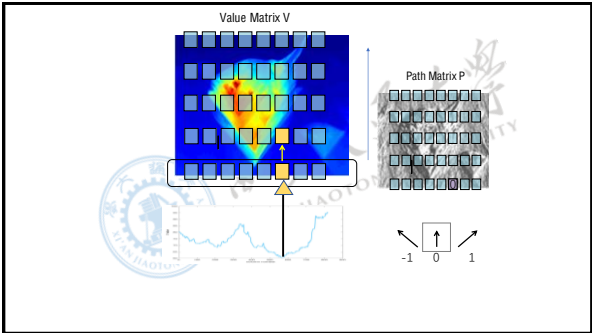
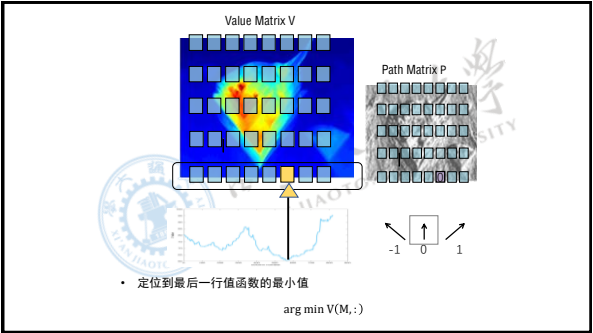
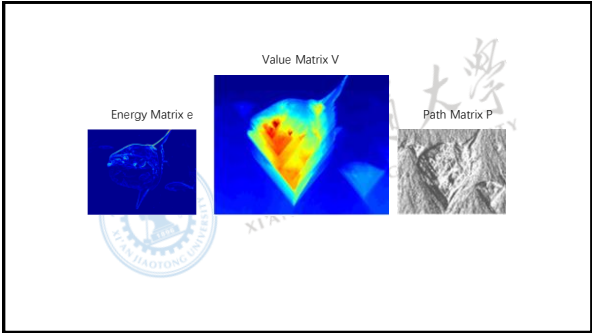
思路3：动态规划

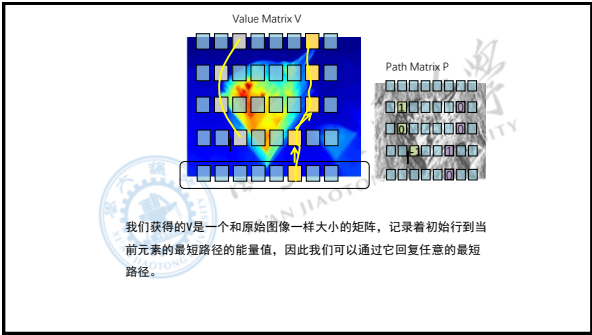
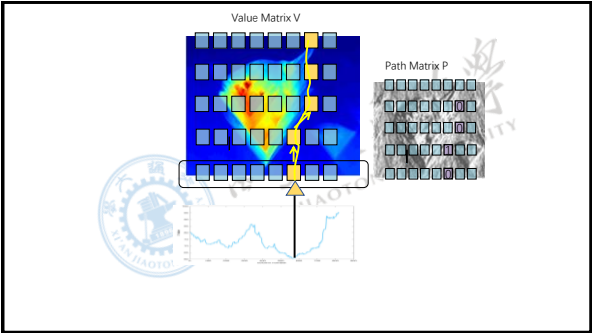
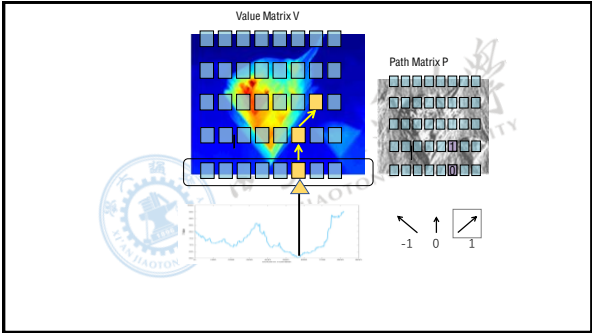


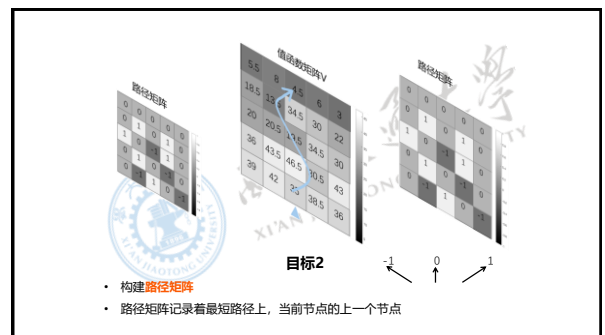
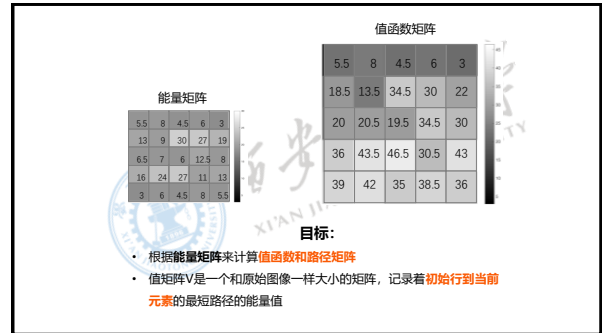
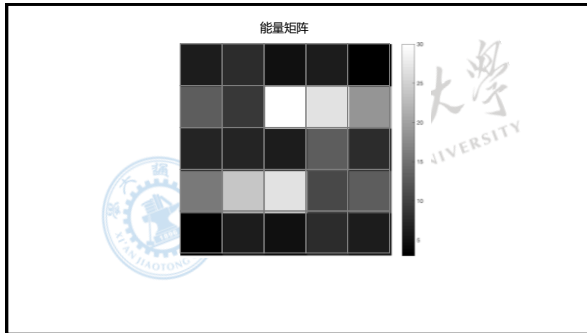
仍然采用相同的有向图结构  
但是采用行的方式来扩张内部集合S，并且更新值函数矩阵V











e: 能量矩阵

5.5	8	4.5	6	3
13	9	30	27	19
6.5	7	6	12.5	8
16	24	27	11	13
3	6	4.5	8	5.5

能量矩阵

- 记录每一个像素点的能量值
- 通常使用图像梯度的幅值

有了能量矩阵之后，如何生成我们的两个矩阵呢？

能量矩阵

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值函数矩阵V

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路径矩阵


#### Step1: 初始化两个矩阵

- 将值函数和路径矩阵设置成和能量矩阵的**同样大小**
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- 将路径矩阵的第一行均**初始化为0**

值函数矩阵V

5.5	8	4.5	6	3
20	20.5	19.5	34.5	30
36	43.5	46.5	30.5	43
49	42	56	36.5	36

#### Step2: 向下传播

- 从**第二行开始**，一行一行的向下传播

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路径矩阵P

1	0	1		

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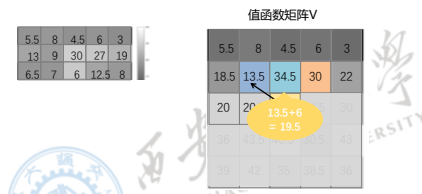




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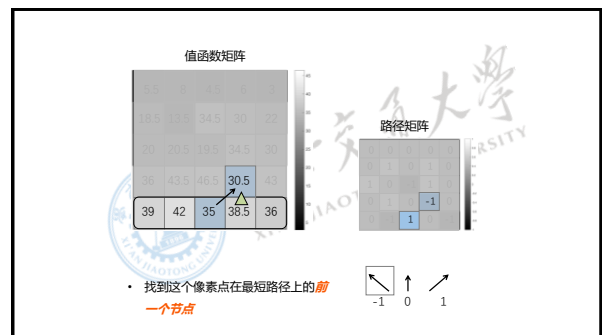
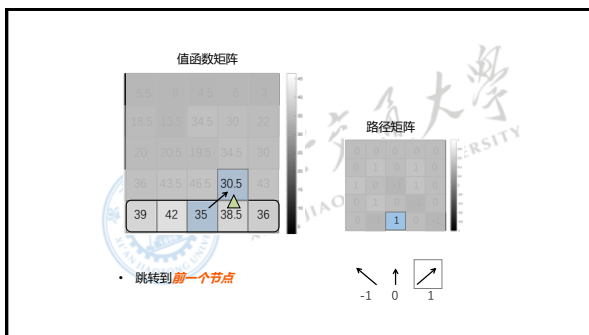
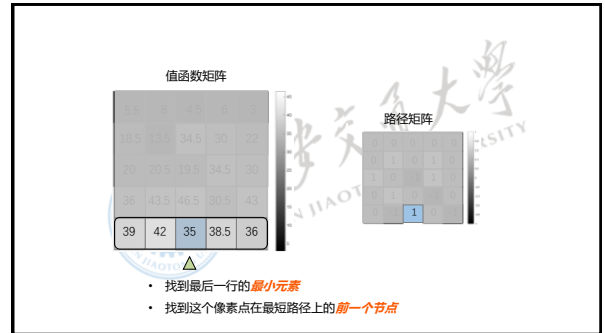
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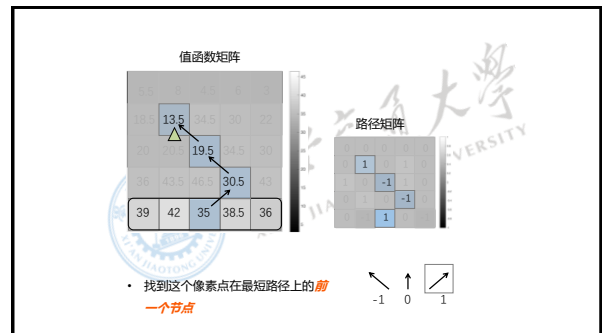
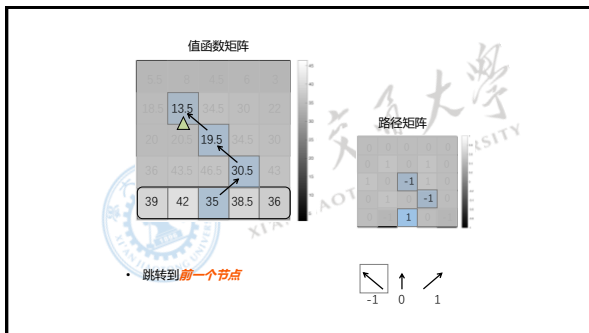
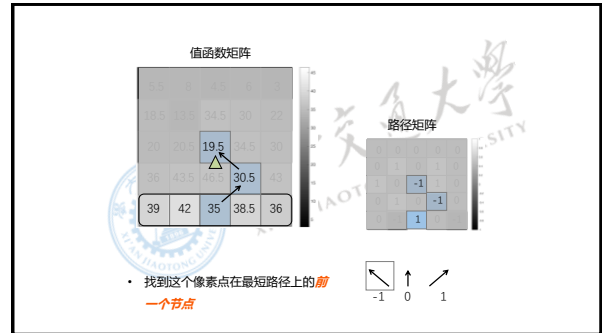
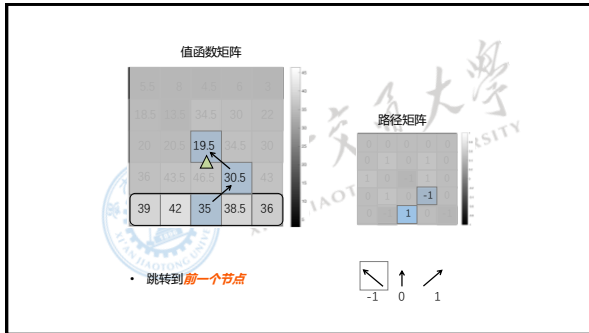


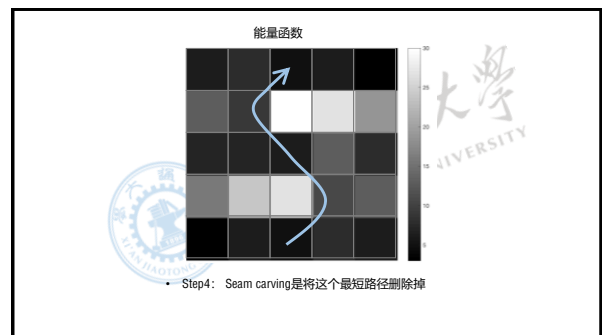
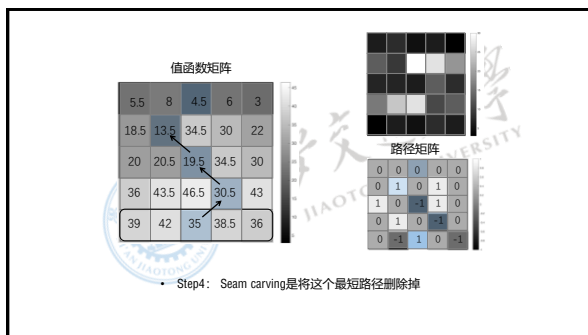
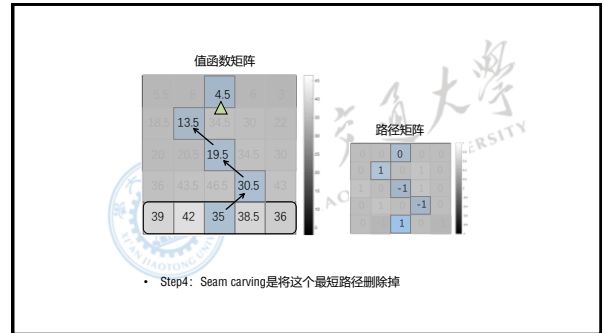
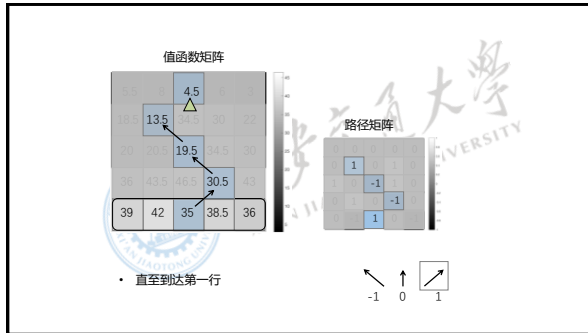
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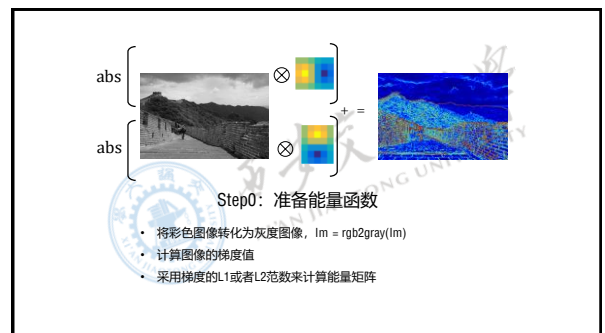
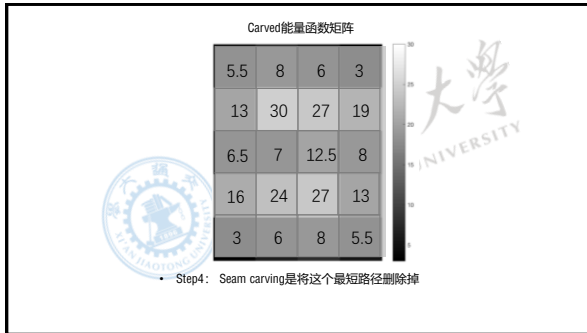


Step3: 路径解析









值函数矩阵V      能量矩阵e      路径矩阵P

$V(:,1) = e(:,1)$

$P(:,1) = 0$

Step1: 初始化两个矩阵

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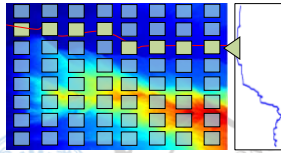
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- 找到邻接节点中的最小值, 并对应像素记录在路径矩阵中
- 将最小值和这个像素点的能量值相加



Step3: 路径解析

- 找到最后一列的**最小元素**
- 找到这个像素点在最短路径上的**前一个节点**



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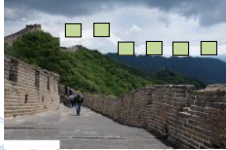
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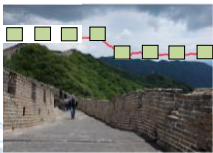




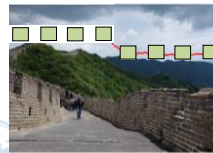
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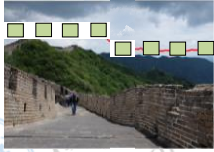
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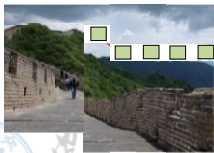
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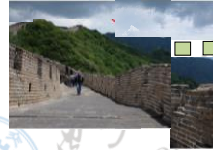
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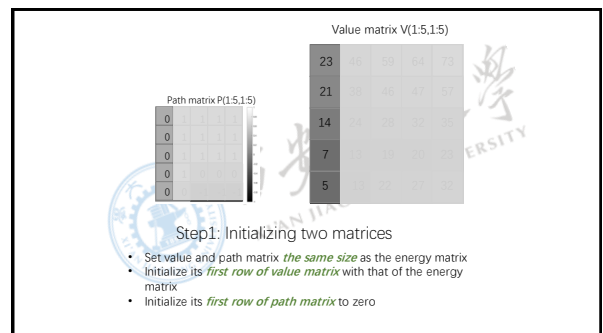
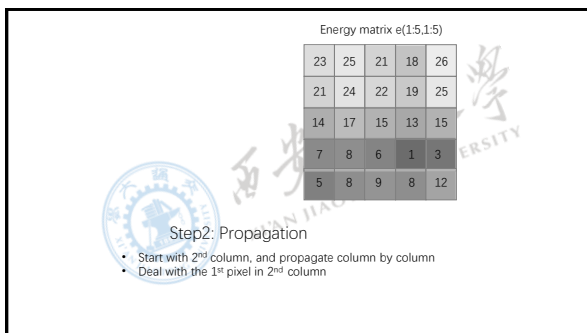
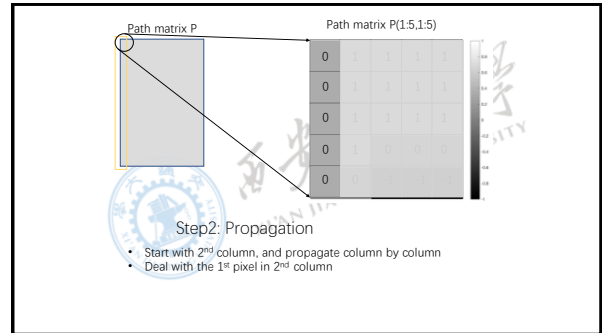
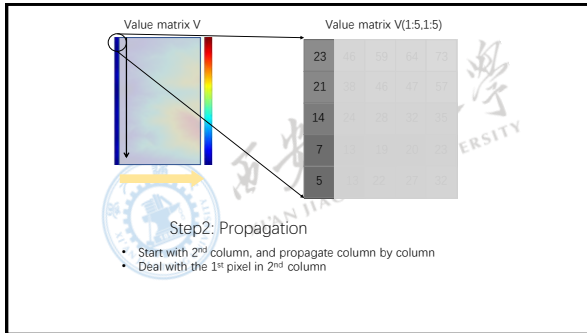
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- Start with 2<sup>nd</sup> column, deal with the 1<sup>st</sup> pixel in the column

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Neighborhoods of the pixel in previous row

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- Find the *neighbors* of the pixel in the previous row

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- Get the *minimum* among neighbors

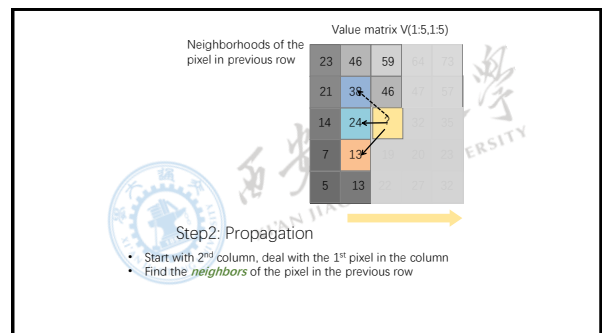
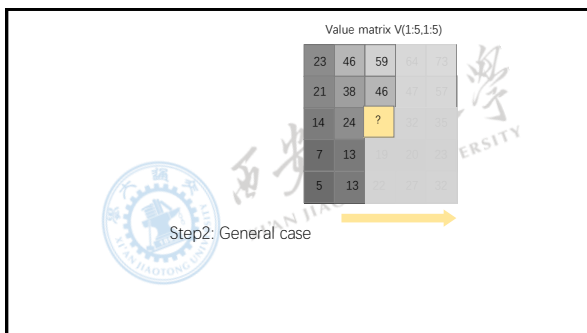
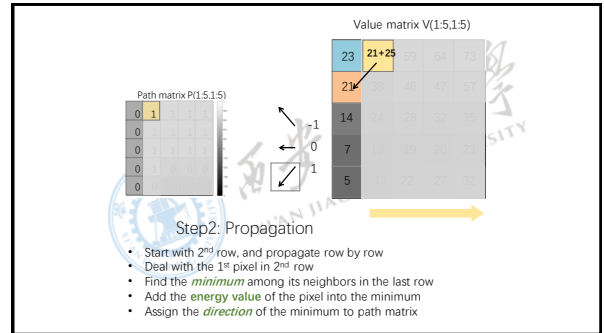
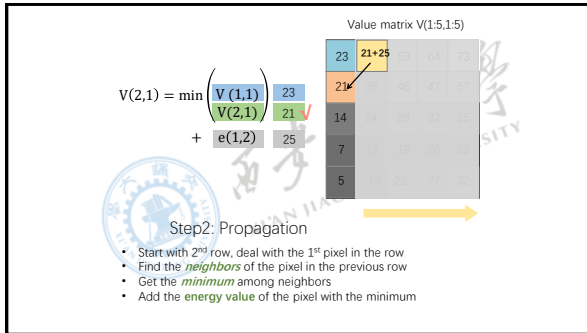
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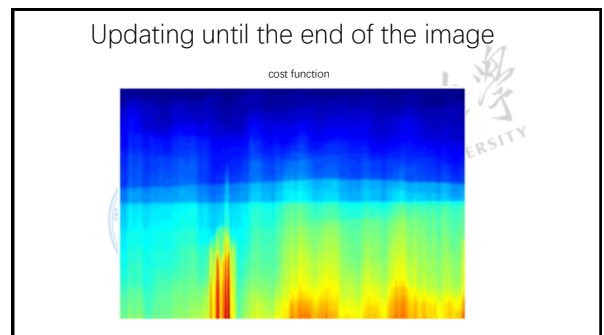
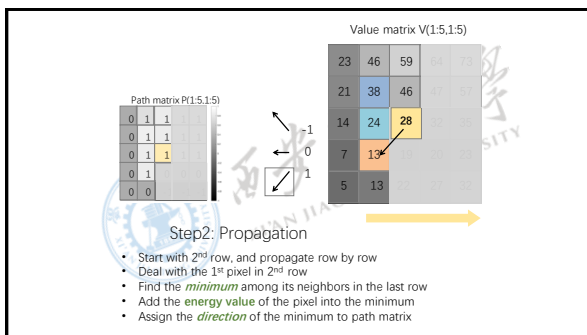
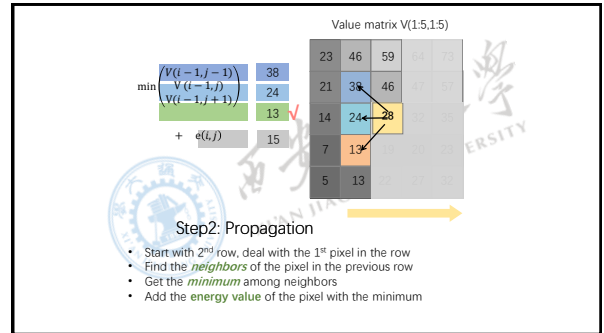
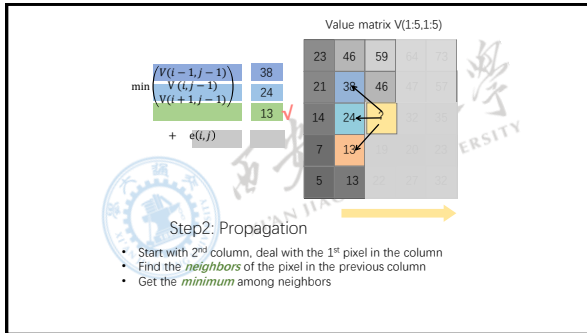
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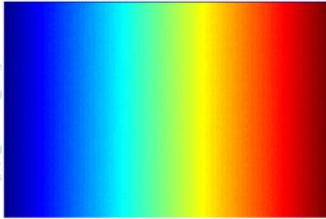
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- Find the *neighbors* of the pixel in the previous row
- Get the *minimum* among neighbors
- Add the *energy* value of the pixel with the minimum





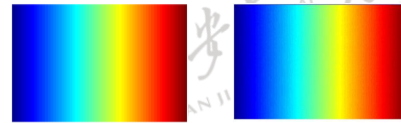
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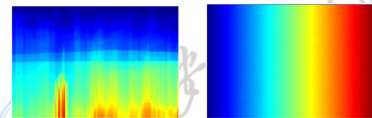
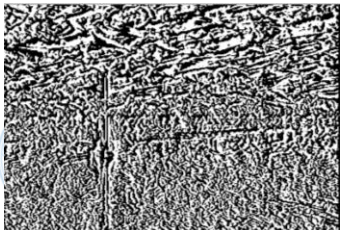


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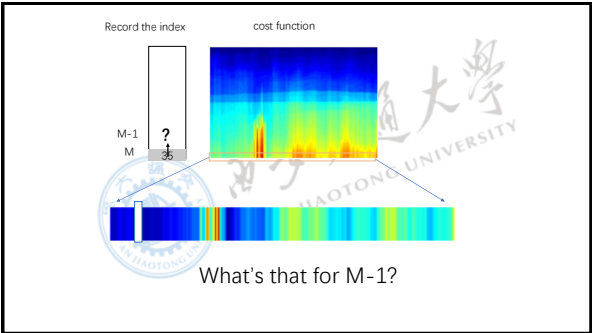
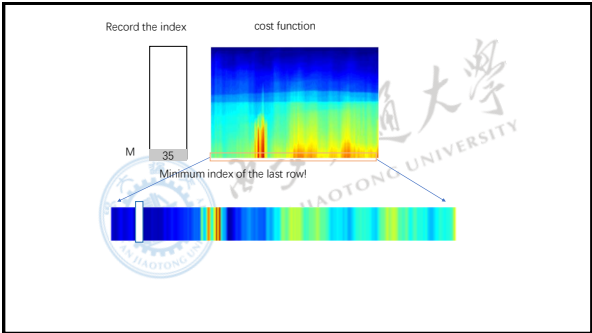
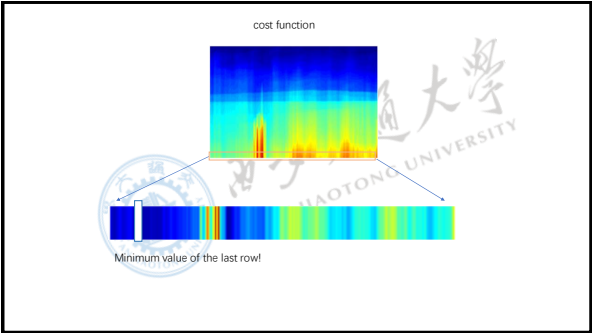
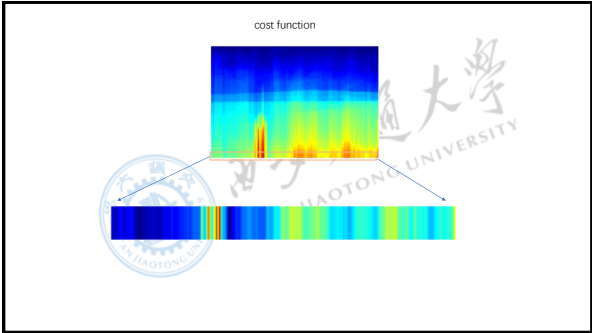
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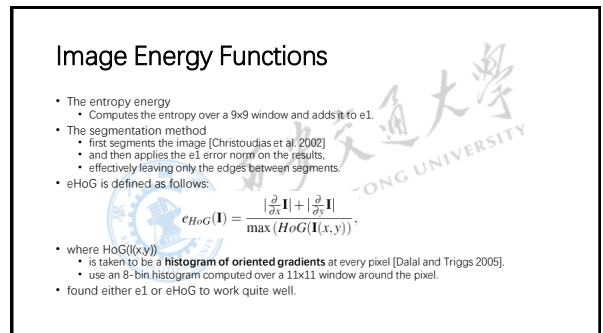
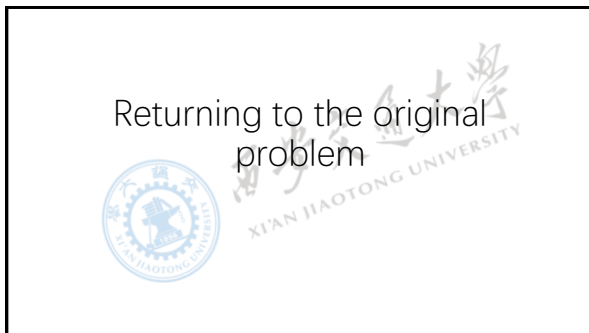
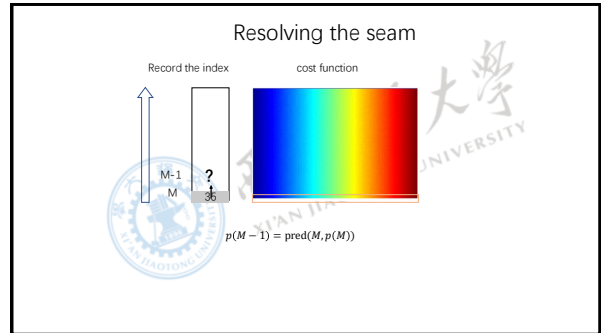
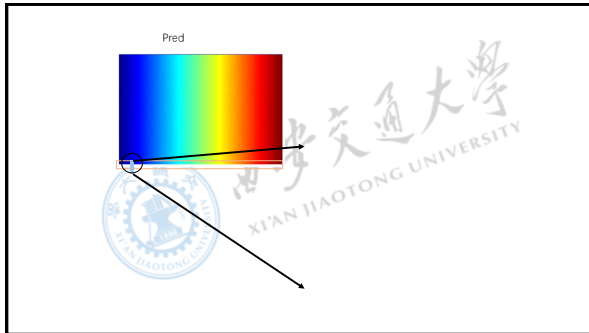


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How to find the seam?





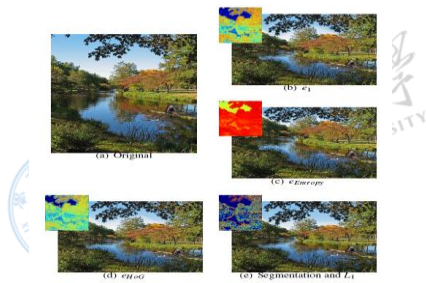


Figure 4: Comparing different energy functions for content aware resizing.

## Discrete Image Resizing

- Aspect Ratio Change
  - given image  $I$  from  $n \times m$  to  $n' \times m'$
  - where  $m - m' = c$
  - be achieved simply by
    - successively removing  $c$  vertical seams from  $I$ . (Figure 5)
  - can also be achieved by
    - increasing the number of columns (Figure 6).
    - The added value of such an approach is that
      - it does not remove any information from the image.



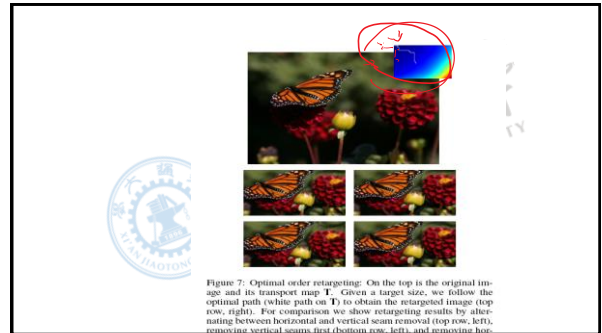
Figure 5: Comparing aspect ratio change. From left to right in the bottom: the image resized using seam removals, scaling and cropping.



Figure 6: Aspect ratio change of pictures of the Japanese master Utagawa Hiroshige, by seam insertion.

## Retargeting with Optimal Seams-Order

- Image retargeting
  - generalizes aspect ratio
    - change from one dimension to two dimensions
  - such that an image  $I$  of size  $n \times m$ 
    - will be retargeted to size  $n' \times m'$  and,
    - assume that  $m' < m$  and  $n' < n$
- what is the correct order of seam carving?
  - remove vertical seams first?
  - horizontal seams first?
  - or alternate between the two?



## Image Enlarging

- denote  $I^{(0)}$  as
  - the smaller image created after  $t$  seams have been removed from  $I$ .
- denote  $I^{(-1)}$  as
  - the larger image created after 1 seam have been enlarged from  $I$
  - compute the optimal vertical (horizontal) seam  $s$  on  $I$
  - and duplicate the pixels of  $s$  by averaging them with their left and right neighbors (top and bottom in the horizontal case).
- denote  $I^{(-k)}$  as
  - enlarge an image by  $k$ .
  - find the first  $k$  seams for removal.
  - and duplicate them in order to arrive at  $I^{(-k)}$

## Image Enlarging

- To continue in content-aware fashion for excessive image enlarging (for instance, greater than 50%),
  - break the process into several steps.
  - Each step does not enlarge the size of the image in more than a fraction of its size from the previous step.
  - essentially guarding the important content from being stretched.
  - Nevertheless, extreme enlarging of an image would most probably produce noticeable artifacts (Figure 8 (f)).



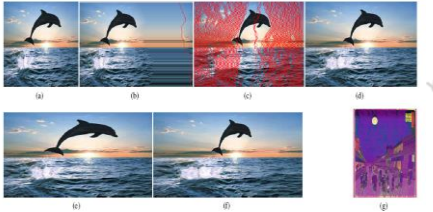


Figure 8: Seam insertion: finding and inserting the optimum seam on an enlarged image will most likely insert the same seam again and again as in (b). Inserting the seams in order of removal (c) achieves the desired 50% enlargement (d). Using two steps of seam insertions of 50% in (f) achieves better results than scaling (e). In (g), the seams inserted to expand figure 8 are shown.

## Content Amplification

### • Content Amplification

- amplify the content of the image while preserving its size
  - be achieved by combining seam carving and scaling.
- first
  - use standard scaling to enlarge the image and
  - only then apply seam carving on the larger image to carve the image back to its original size (see Figure 9).
- Note that the pixels removed are in effect sub-pixels of the original image.

## Content Amplification



Figure 9: Content amplification. On the right: a combination of seam carving and scaling amplifies the content of the original image (left).

## Object Removal

- use a simple user interface for object removal.
  - The user marks the target object to be removed.
  - and then seams are removed from the image
  - until all marked pixels are gone.
- The system can automatically
  - calculate the smaller of the vertical or horizontal diameters (in pixels) of the target removal region
  - and perform vertical or horizontal removals accordingly (Figure 11).
- to regain the original size of the image,
  - seam insertion could be employed on the resulting (smaller) image (see Figure 12).



Figure 11: Simple object removal: the user marks a region for removal (green), and possibly a region to protect (red), on the original image (see inset in left image). On the right image, consecutive vertical seam were removed until no 'green' pixels were left.

## Limitations

- this method
  - does not work automatically on all images.
  - can be corrected by adding higher level cues, either manual or automatic. Figure 14, Figure 15
- Other times,
  - not even high level information can solve the problem.
- two major factors that limit this seam carving approach.
  - The first
    - is the amount of content in an image.
    - If the image is too condensed,
    - it does not contain "less important" areas,
    - then any type of content-aware resizing strategy will not succeed.
  - The second type of limitation
    - is the layout of the image content.
    - In certain types of images, albeit not being condensed, the content is laid out in a manner that prevents the seams to bypass important parts (Figure 16).