

Robust video denoising  
using low rank matrix  
completion

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- for each image consider one image patch  $P_{j,k}$  size  $n \times n$   
 $\downarrow$   
 $P_k$   $\downarrow$   $\downarrow$   
 patch number  $j$   $k$ th image  
 ex:  $n=5$

- we search for patches that are similar to  $P_{j,k}$  both in the same image and other existing frames. (small  $P$ )

- let's assume  $m$  patches found similar to  $P_{j,k}$ : (small  $P$ )

$$\{P_{i,j,k}\}_{i=1}^m$$

Column

we present each  $P_{i,j,k}$  as a vector with  $n^2$  elements,

$$\Rightarrow \overset{\text{big } P}{P}_{j,k} = (P_{1,j,k}, P_{2,j,k}, \dots, P_{m,j,k}) \Rightarrow P_{j,k} = \begin{bmatrix} \underbrace{1}_{\text{Size } n^2 \text{ vector}} & \underbrace{2}_{\text{Size } n^2 \text{ vector}} & \dots & \underbrace{m}_{\text{Size } n^2 \text{ vector}} \end{bmatrix}_{n^2 m}$$

$\Rightarrow$  we can write:

$$P_{j,k} = Q_{j,k} + N_{j,k}$$

- if the data is free of noise and patch matching is also perfect, all columns of  $Q_{j,k}$  have similar underlying image structure, the rank  $Q_{j,k}$  should be low, and the variance of each row vector in  $Q_{j,k}$  should be very small.

- Most video denoising algorithms assume a single statistical model of image noise which ~~does not~~ does not work well in practice.
- This paper, presents a new patch-based video denoising algorithm capable of removing serious mixed noise from video data.

### Problem Formulation

- Let  $F = \{f_k\}_{k=1}^K$  be the image sequence with  $K$  frames. (video)
- $F = \{f_1, f_2, \dots, f_K\}$
- each image  $f_k$  is a sum of its underlying clean image  $g_k$  and the noise  $n_k$ :  

$$f_k = g_k + n_k$$
- goal is to recover  $\{g_1, g_2, \dots, g_M\}$  by removing  $n_k$  from  $f_k$ .

Some mathematics review:

$$\|X\|_F = \left( \sum_{i,j} |x_{i,j}|^2 \right)^{1/2}$$

↪ Frobenius norm

$$\|X\|_* = \sum_i (\sigma_i(X))$$

↪ nuclear norm

$\sigma_i(X)$  =  $i^{\text{th}}$  largest singular value of  $X$ .

-  $X = U \Sigma V^T$  be SVD of  $X$

-  $D_\tau(X) = U \Sigma_\tau V^T$  where  $\Sigma_\tau = \text{diag}(\max(\sigma_i - \tau, 0))$

↪ soft shrinkage

-  $\Omega$  be ~~row~~ index set

-  $X|_\Omega$  denotes the vector including elements in  $\Omega$  only.

① reliable elements in  $P_{j,k}$  should not have large deviation from the mean of all elements in the same row.

② assume the reliable element indexes of  $P_{j,k}$  is  $\Omega$ .

③ as we said,  $Q_{j,k}$  (clean patches) should have low rank structure.

Therefore the mathematical formulation of the problem is as follows:

$$(*) \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \min_Q \|Q\|_* \end{array} \right.$$

$$\text{s.t. } \|Q|_{\Omega} - P|_{\Omega}\|_F^2 \leq$$

size of set  $\Omega$

$$\#(\Omega) \hat{\sigma}^2$$

estimate of standard deviation of noise from the noisy obs. in  $\Omega$

Solve Lagrangian Version:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \min_Q \frac{1}{2} \|Q|_{\Omega} - P|_{\Omega}\|_F^2 + \mu \|Q\|_* \end{array} \right.$$

(\*\*\*)  
↓  
equivalent to (\*)

Parameter  $\mu$  should be chosen in such a way

$$\text{that: } \|Q|_{\Omega} - P|_{\Omega}\|_F^2 \approx \#(\Omega) \hat{\sigma}^2$$

$$\rightarrow \text{good heuristic for } \mu = (\sqrt{n_1} + \sqrt{n_2}) \sqrt{P} \hat{\sigma} \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} n_1 = n \times n \\ n_2 = m \end{array} \right.$$

Also the paper provides an algorithm to solve minimization problem (\*\*\*) → Algorithm I



## From denoising patches to denoising images



So far, we can effectively remove noises from all patches. Now we should synthesize the denoised image from these denoised patches.

denoised patches overlap in some pixels.

Therefore for those overlapping pixels, we simply take average.

## Experiment

•  $K = 50$  image Frames      patch size =  $8 \times 8$  pixels

range of image intensity =  $[0, 255]$

For each reference patch, 5 most similar patches are used.

↳ ~~used~~ based on  $L_1$  norm distance.

⇒ totally 250 patches are stacked.

# Input image with mixed noise

$$n_k = n_k^g + n_k^p + n_k^i$$

↓ gaussian noise
 ↓ poisson noise
 ↓ impulsive noise

Fixed gaussian noise  $\sigma = 10$

varied poisson noise level  $(k)$  in range  $[5, 30]$

impulsive noise level  $(s)$   $[10\% - 40\%]$

our measure of success  
in denoising is measured  
by PSNR standard:

$$\text{PSNR}(f^r) = 10 \log_{10} \frac{255^2}{\|f - f^r\|_2^2}$$

original image
denoised image

original  
image 1

original  
image 2

noisy  
image 1

noisy  
image 2

denoised  
image  
1

denoised  
image 2

$s \backslash k$	5	10	20	30
10%	Corresponding PSNR values ( $\sigma = 10$ )			
20%				
30%				
40%				

PSNR ↓ if  $k$  ↑ with fixed  $s$

# Comparison to other denoising approaches:

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Compare our denoising with existing video denoising methods  
Such as: VBM3D method and PCA based method.

