**Report on Image Quality Assessment Metrics**

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**1. Introduction**

* Brief overview of image quality assessment.
* Importance of comparative functions in evaluating image quality.

**2. Mathematical Definitions of Comparative Functions**

* **Mean Squared Error (MSE)**
  + Definition.
  + Comparison method: pixel by pixel.
  + Sensitivity: pixel intensity differences, noise, artifacts.
* **Structural Similarity Index (SSIM)**
  + Definition.
  + Comparison method: local patterns.
  + Sensitivity: brightness, contrast, structural distortions.
* **Peak Signal-to-Noise Ratio (PSNR)**
  + Definition.
  + Comparison method: overall pixel values.
  + Sensitivity: pixel value differences, lossy compression.
* **Histogram Intersection**
  + Definition.
  + Comparison method: pixel intensity distribution.
  + Sensitivity: contrast, pixel value distribution.
* **Intersection over Union (IoU)**
  + Definition.
  + Comparison method: binary image area.
  + Sensitivity: object boundaries, overlapping regions.
* **Dice Coefficient**
  + Definition.
  + Comparison method: binary image area.
  + Sensitivity: object shapes, sizes.
* **Hausdorff Distance**
  + Definition.
  + Comparison method: set of points or objects.
  + Sensitivity: object positions, shapes.
* **Pearson Correlation**
  + Definition.
  + Comparison method: linear correlation.
  + Sensitivity: brightness, contrast, intensity variations.
* **Root Mean Squared Difference (RMSD)**
  + Definition.
  + Comparison method: overall pixel values.
  + Sensitivity: pixel value differences, image content.
* **Quality Index (QI)**
  + Definition.
  + Comparison method: mean, variance, covariance.
  + Sensitivity: image content, brightness, contrast.
* **Cross Correlation**
  + Definition.
  + Comparison method: linear correlation.
  + Sensitivity: brightness, contrast, spatial alignment.

**3. Suitable Image Test Scenarios**

* Brightness adjustment.
* Contrast enhancement.
* Image fusion.
* Image segmentation.
* Image restoration.

**4. Recent References**

* References for each comparative function from conferences or journal papers published from 2020 onwards.

**5. Conclusion**

* Summary of each function's utilization.
* Recommendations for selecting the most suitable metric based on application requirements and image characteristics.

**1. Introduction**

Image quality assessment is crucial in various fields like image processing and computer vision. Comparative functions provide quantitative measures for comparing image similarity or dissimilarity.

**2. Mathematical Definitions of Comparative Functions**

a. Mean Squared Error (MSE):

- Definition: Calculates average squared difference between corresponding pixels.

- Comparison: Pixel by pixel.

- Sensitivity: Pixel intensity differences, noise, artifacts.

b. Structural Similarity Index (SSIM):

- Definition: Measures similarity based on local patterns of luminance, contrast, and structure.

- Comparison: Local patterns.

- Sensitivity: Brightness, contrast, structural distortions.

c. Peak Signal-to-Noise Ratio (PSNR):

- Definition: Compares peak signal power to corrupting noise power.

- Comparison: Overall pixel values.

- Sensitivity: Pixel value differences, lossy compression.

d. Histogram Intersection:

- Definition: Measures intersection between histograms.

- Comparison: Pixel intensity distribution.

- Sensitivity: Contrast, pixel value distribution.

e. Intersection over Union (IoU):

- Definition: Computes ratio of intersection area to union area of binary images.

- Comparison: Binary image area.

- Sensitivity: Object boundaries, overlapping regions.

f. Dice Coefficient:

- Definition: Measures similarity between sets by calculating ratio of twice intersection area to sum of areas.

- Comparison: Binary image area.

- Sensitivity: Object shapes, sizes.

g. Hausdorff Distance:

- Definition: Calculates maximum distance between points in sets.

- Comparison: Set of points or objects.

- Sensitivity: Object positions, shapes.

h. Pearson Correlation:

- Definition: Measures linear correlation between images.

- Comparison: Linear correlation.

- Sensitivity: Brightness, contrast, intensity variations.

i. Root Mean Squared Difference (RMSD):

- Definition: Calculates average difference between pixel values.

- Comparison: Overall pixel values.

- Sensitivity: Pixel value differences, image content.

j. Quality Index (QI):

- Definition: Quantifies similarity based on mean, variance, and covariance.

- Comparison: Mean, variance, covariance.

- Sensitivity: Image content, brightness, contrast.

k. Cross Correlation:

- Definition: Computes correlation coefficient between images.

- Comparison: Linear correlation

- Sensitivity: Brightness, contrast, spatial alignment.

**3. Suitable Image Test Scenarios**

For testing these comparative functions, various scenarios can be considered:

1. **Brightness Adjustment:** Comparing images before and after brightness adjustment to evaluate the effectiveness of the adjustment technique.
2. **Contrast Enhancement:** Comparing images before and after contrast enhancement to assess the impact on image quality.
3. **Image Fusion:** Comparing fused images with reference images to evaluate the quality of fusion algorithms in terms of preserving image details and minimizing artifacts.
4. **Image Segmentation:** Comparing segmented regions with ground truth masks to evaluate the accuracy of segmentation algorithms.
5. **Image Restoration:** Comparing restored images with original images to assess the effectiveness of image restoration techniques in recovering lost details and reducing noise.

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**5. Conclusion**

Image quality assessment is a crucial aspect of various applications in image processing and computer vision. The comparative functions discussed in this report offer quantitative measures to evaluate the similarity or dissimilarity between images. Each function has its own mathematical definition, comparison methodology, and sensitivity to different aspects of image quality. In conclusion, selecting the appropriate comparative function depends on the specific requirements of the application and the characteristics of the images being analyzed. For overall image quality assessment, metrics like Mean Squared Error (MSE), Structural Similarity Index (SSIM), and Peak Signal-to-Noise Ratio (PSNR) are widely used. In specific tasks such as object localization and segmentation, metrics like Intersection over Union (IoU), Dice Coefficient, and Hausdorff Distance offer more specialized evaluation. Furthermore, recent research has contributed to the advancement of image quality assessment metrics, providing insights into their strengths and limitations. By considering recent references and understanding the principles behind each metric, researchers and practitioners can make informed decisions about which comparative function to use for their specific applications. Therefore, a comprehensive understanding of comparative functions and their applications is essential for achieving accurate and reliable image quality assessment in various fields. Further research and development in this area will continue to enhance the effectiveness and applicability of these metrics in real-world scenarios.