

《Viewport-Aware Deep Reinforcement Learning Approach for 360° Video Caching》

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Part One : 背景

问题:

- existing solutions assume known popularity, which may not always be the case (但是popularity是一直变化的)
- existing solutions do not scale well with big content because of the cache optimization complexity

目的

The aim is to find the optimal set of 360° videos and virtual viewports **that should be cached** at the SBS, so that the **overall quality** delivered to the users is **maximized**.

Aims at maximizing the overall video quality delivered to the users by taking into account both the 360° videos and tiles' popularity

提出概念

virtual viewport : A virtual viewport has the same number of tiles with regular viewports, but it consists of the most k th popular ones.

如果请求的tile在virtual viewport中，就会被缓存进入cache里。

Part Two : 结构

整体结构：

- 预测viewport: LSR
- Which tiles to cache: MDP
- tiles' popularity: DNN , greedy

Request Model

T 长度的GOPs用户会看G个，有 $1+G$ 个请求。

第0个请求表示：G个GOP都以base quality请求，是否cache根据此video的popularity判断。

第i个请求：第i个GOP的vp中的tile以高质量请求。是否缓存由w0是否缓存判断。

Which to cache -- MPD

Features:

1. 两个向量，分别表示长短请求下第i个位置的缓存的视频被请求的总次数。

$$\mathbf{x}^n = [\mathbf{x}_s^n \mathbf{x}_l^n]$$

2. 对应于缓存的360度视频的高质量tiles的请求总数，表示在第n个SBS上请求第i个缓存的360度视频的第j个（高质量）贴图的次数。
3. 当examined item是base quality：表示第n个SBS这个视频被请求的总次数。 high quality：表示这个examined item被请求的总次数

Action Spaces

1. 请求的video不在缓存中: $C + 1$ 个actions
2. 请求的video以base quality被缓存, vp中的部分以high quality被缓存: no action
3. 请求的video以base quality被缓存, 不是预测的vp中的部分以high quality被缓存: $K + 1$ 个action

Reward

$$r(s, a) = \frac{1}{H} \sum_{h \in \mathcal{H}} \sum_{v \in \mathcal{V}} \sum_{g \in \mathcal{G}} \sum_{l \in \mathcal{L}} \sum_{m \in \mathcal{M}} 1(\phi_{h,v,g,l,m}) \cdot \delta_{v,g,l,m}$$

DNN -- cache optimization

offline: 历史数据

online: 决策

DQN

Part Three : 实验

对比算法: LRU, LFU, FIFO。

$V = 500$, 30GOPs / video, 12 tiles, $L = 2$ (2Mbps / 12Mbps) , vp中 4 tiles

total users' requests:10000

$H_s = 300, H_l = 1000$

DNN结构, 参数

Part Four : 评估

指标: Cache Hit Ratio & Y-PSNR & Backhaul Usage

更改: Cache size, video popularity distribution, viewports' popularity distribution