

Image Resizing Using Seam Carving

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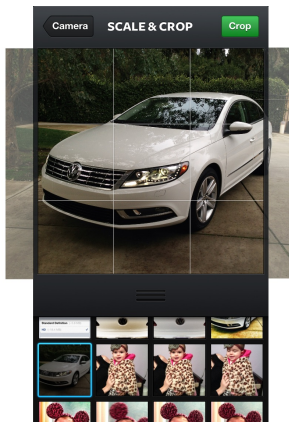
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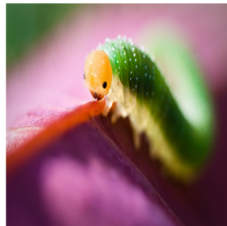
The Problem Space



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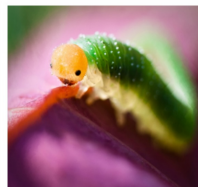
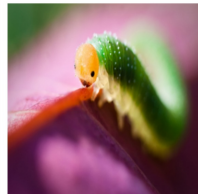
<http://thenextweb.com/apps/2012/12/18/instagrams-latest-app-update-fixed-my-biggest-pet-peeve-and-people-hate-it/>

Traditional Resizing



<http://jeremykun.com/2013/03/04/seam-carving-for-content-aware-image-scaling/>

Seam Carving



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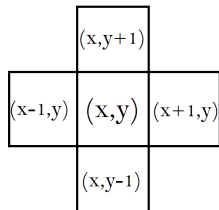
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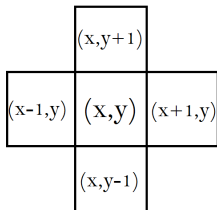
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Energy Values: Each pixel gets a value

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Trace seam back up the image.

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Remove seam and shift everything else to the left.

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Results



<http://www.cs.cmu.edu/afs/andrew/scs/cs/15-463/f07/proj2/www/wwedler/>

Image Enlarging



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Limitations



(a) Original



(b) Cropping



(c) SC



(d) Multi-Op

Reference [4]

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Object Carving



(a) Original



(b) Multi-Op



(c) Object Carving

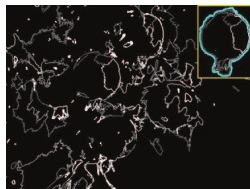
Reference [2]

Object Carving: Removing repeated objects in an image to help avoid distortion while shrinking.

Object Carving



(a) Paint Selection



(b) Shape Information



(c) Detection Result

Reference [2]

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Visual Importance



(a) Original Image



(b) Visual Importance



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Reference [2]

Visual Importance: The algorithm measures the layering relation between the different objects and assigns higher importance to images in the foreground.

How to Remove Objects



<http://deliveryimages.acm.org/10.1145/1440000/1435437/figs/f13.jpg>

Object Removal



(a) Current Resizing



(b) Object Carving 1



(c) Object Carving 2

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This displays the importance of evaluating the energy that the seam will carve out as well as the object's energy.

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The Need to Resize Videos

Video Resizing



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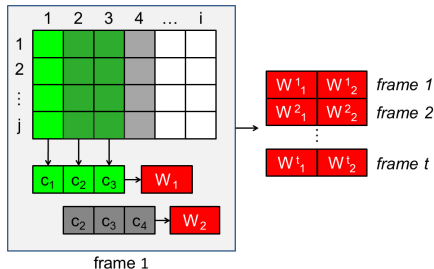
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Finding Cropping Window

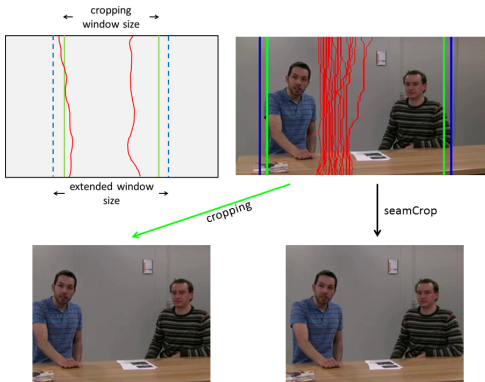
Each column's energy is summed in a value C_i . Then each of these values are summed into a value W_j for each cropped window. Finally the values for the positions of all frames are combined to a 2D array.



Reference [3]

Algorithm

Seam Carving in Frame



Reference [3]

In Summary

- Image/Video resizing is becoming more necessary as the number of different screen sizes.
- Seam carving works well on landscapes
- Object carving works well on images with repeated objects or patterns
- Videos can also effectively be resized using seam carving

Questions?

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