Image Processing
Lecture 2.3 – Laplace blending

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Pyramids

- Downsampling (decimation)
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  - Detecting stable points of interest
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Edge detection filters

Gaussian (low-pass)

\[ h_\sigma(u, v) = \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma^2} e^{-\left(\frac{u^2+v^2}{2\sigma^2}\right)} \]

Derivative of Gaussian

\[ \frac{\partial}{\partial v} h_\sigma(u, v) \]

Laplacian of Gaussian (band-pass)

\[ \nabla^2 h_\sigma(u, v) \]

Laplacian operator:

\[ \nabla^2 f = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial^2 x} + \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial^2 y} \quad \text{(high-pass)} \]
Laplacian filter

Unit impulse

Gaussian

Laplacian of Gaussian

(Source: Lazebnik)
Laplacian of Gaussian
Gaussian Pyramid

$G_0$  $G_1$  $G_2$  $G_3$

Blur  Blur  Blur  Blur

Downsample  Downsample  Downsample
Laplacian pyramid

\[
L_3 = G_3
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L_2 = G_2 - \text{rescale}(G_3)
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\[
L_1 = G_1 - \text{rescale}(G_2)
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L_0 = G_0 - \text{rescale}(G_1)
\]
Collapsing the Laplacian pyramid:

\[
\text{rescale}\left(\text{rescale}\left(\text{rescale}(L_3) + L_2\right) + L_1\right) + L_0 =
\]

Laplacian pyramid

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\begin{align*}
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L_2 &= G_2 - \text{rescale}(G_3) \\
L_1 &= G_1 - \text{rescale}(G_2) \\
L_0 &= G_0 - \text{rescale}(G_1)
\end{align*}
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Image blending
Blending based on Laplacian pyramids

Steps:

1. Choose img1 and img2 and crop/resize to the same size
2. Chose a region mask of the same size
3. Create Laplacian pyramid for img1 and img2
   1. Create Gaussian pyramid for img1 and img2
   2. Create Laplacian pyramids from Gaussian pyramids
4. Create Gaussian pyramid for the region mask
5. Blend the two Laplacian pyramids using the mask’s Gaussian pyramid to weight the two images at each level of the pyramid
6. Collapse the resulting Laplacian pyramid to reveal the blended image.
Image blending with Laplacian pyramids

Weighted sum for each level of the pyramid

$L_1$ Laplacian of img 1

$G$ Gaussian of mask

$L_2$ Laplacian of img 2

1-$G$ Flipped mask

$L$ Laplacian blend
Image blending - example
Image blending - example

Mask

Result
Summary

Laplacian Pyramids:
• Laplacian filter
• Laplacian pyramid
• Image blending

More information: Szeliski 3.5