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 - Stereo Super Resolution
 - PAM (Pallax-attention Module) and epipolar line
- Method
 - PAM

- Symmetric Parallax Attention for Stereo Image Super-Resolution (CVPRW 2021)

Cross-Attention module

- NAFSSR: Stereo Image Super-Resolution Using NAFNet (CVPR 2022 Oral)

- Results
- Conclusion





Introduction

- Super Resolution
 - Restore High-Resolution (HR) image from Low-Resolution (LR) image
 - Ill-posed problem
 - Multiple solution could be obtained from a pixel of low-resolution image
 - According to the number of LR image
 - SISR (Single Image Super Resolution) / MISR (Multi Image Super Resolution)



Super Resolution



Figure 1: Example of Single Image Super Resolution





Introduction

- Stereo Super Resolution
 - Commonly used
 - Mobile phones and autonomous vehicles
 - Image SR and HR depth estimation
 - Jointly estimate the SR image and HR disparity
 - StereoSR limited with the large disparity variations



Figure 2: Example of dual camers





• Parallax-attention Module (PAM)



Figure 3: Overview of PASSRnet network





- Parallax-attention Module (PAM)
 - Inspired by self-attention mechanism
 - Capture global correspondence
- Parallax-attention Mechanism
 - Attention map
 - Query feature map, Q and S generated
 - produce parallax attention map $M_{B \rightarrow A}$
 - Valid mask
 - $M_{A \to B}$ able to generated when $M_{B \to A}$



Figure 4: Parallax-attention module





- Parallax-attention Module (PAM)
 - Focus on the most similar feature along the epipolar line
 - Rather than collecting all similar features
 - Parallax-attention map
 - Reflect the correspondence between stereo pairs
 - Encode disparity information



Figure 5: Parallax-attention and self-attention



Figure 6: Parallax-attention maps $M_{right \rightarrow left}$



- Epipolar geometry
 - The geometrical relationship between correspondences of image A and B
 - Images of same object or scene acquired from two different points
 - Epipolar line
 - The straight line of intersection of the epipolar plane with the image plane
 - Efficient for 1 D matching



Figure 7: Epipolar Geometry





- Left-right Consistency
 - Obtained if PAM captures accurate correspondence

$$\begin{cases} I_{left}^{L} = M_{right \to left} \otimes I_{right}^{L} \\ I_{right}^{L} = M_{left \to right} \otimes I_{left}^{L} \end{cases}$$

• Cycle consistency

$$\begin{bmatrix} I_{left}^{L} = M_{left \rightarrow right \rightarrow left} \otimes I_{right}^{L} \\ I_{right}^{L} = M_{right \rightarrow left \rightarrow right} \otimes I_{left}^{L} \end{bmatrix}$$

Cycle-attention map

$$\begin{cases} M_{left \rightarrow right \rightarrow left} = M_{right \rightarrow left} \otimes M_{left \rightarrow right} \\ M_{right \rightarrow left \rightarrow right} = M_{left \rightarrow right} \otimes M_{right \rightarrow left} \end{cases}$$





- Valid masks
 - Occlusion detection method
 - Occluded regions represented with small weights

sis since occluded pixels in the left image not found their correspondence in the right image

- Guide feature fusion
 - Occluded regions in the left image not able to obtain additional information from the right image

$$V_{left \rightarrow righ}(i,j) = \begin{cases} 1, & if \sum_{k \in [1,W]} M_{left \rightarrow right}(i,k,k) > \tau \\ 0, & otherwise \end{cases}$$





iPASSR[3]

- Contributions
 - 1. Exploit symmetric cues for stereo image SR
 - 2. A symmetric and bi-directional parallax attention module



Figure 8: An overview of iPASSR network





- Methods
 - Feature Extraction
 - Features from all the layers concatenated and fed to a 1x1 convolution
 - Sig Generate fused features for local residual connection



Figure 9: Feature extraction



Figure 10: Residual Dense Block





- Cross-view interaction
 - Generated F_U , F_V with the input stereo features



Figure 11: Whitening procedure

- Batch-normalization (BN) layer, transition residual block, and separately fed to a 1x1 convolution
- Whiten layer
 - Obtain normalized features F'_U , F'_V

$$\mathbf{F}_{\mathrm{U}}'(h, w, c) = \mathbf{F}_{\mathrm{U}}(h, w, c) - \frac{1}{W} \sum_{i=1}^{W} \mathbf{F}_{\mathrm{U}}(h, i, c),$$
$$\mathbf{F}_{\mathrm{V}}'(h, w, c) = \mathbf{F}_{\mathrm{V}}(h, w, c) - \frac{1}{W} \sum_{i=1}^{W} \mathbf{F}_{\mathrm{V}}(h, i, c).$$

- Attention map
 - Initial score map S produced
 - $\lesssim F'_V$ transposed then batch-wise multiplied with F'_U
 - Attention maps $M_{R \to L}, M_{L \to R}$
 - \lesssim Softmax normalization applied to S and S^T





- Cross-view interaction
 - Achieved cross-view interaction
 - Batch-wise multiplication with the corresponding attention maps

$$\begin{split} \mathbf{F'}_{R \to L} &= \mathbf{M}_{R \to L} \otimes \mathbf{F}_{R}, \\ \mathbf{F'}_{L \to R} &= \mathbf{M}_{L \to R} \otimes \mathbf{F}_{L}, \end{split}$$

- Inline occlusion handling scheme
 - Avoid unreliable correspondence in occlusion and boundary regions
 - Calculate valid masks V_L and V_R
 - Final converted features $F_{L \to R}$, $F_{R \to L}$

$$\mathbf{F}_{R \rightarrow L} = \mathbf{V}_L \odot \mathbf{F'}_{R \rightarrow L} + (\mathbf{1} - \mathbf{V}_L) \odot \mathbf{F}_L,$$

$$\mathbf{F}_{L \rightarrow R} = \mathbf{V}_R \odot \mathbf{F'}_{L \rightarrow R} + (\mathbf{1} - \mathbf{V}_R) \odot \mathbf{F}_R,$$





- Reconstruction
 - Similar to the feature extraction
 - Residual dense block (RDB) as the basic block
 - Combination of RDBs , Channel Attention (CA), and sup-pixel layer to generate super-resolved image



Figure 12: Reconstruction





- Inline Occlusion Handling Scheme
 - Occlusion derived
 - By checking the stereo consistency using the attention maps
 - Toy example
 - How occlusion implicitly encoded in the parallax attention maps



Figure 12: Reconstruction





- Inline Occlusion Handling Scheme
 - $P_L(h, w_1)$ represent the possibility

- $I_L(h, w_1)$ converted to I_R and re-converted to $I_L(h, w_1)$

$$\mathbf{P}_{\mathsf{L}}(h, w_1) = \sum_{w_2=1}^{W} \mathbf{M}_{\mathsf{R} \to \mathsf{L}}(h, w_1, w_2) \cdot \mathbf{M}_{\mathsf{L} \to \mathsf{R}}(h, w_2, w_1).$$

Valid masks

$$V_L = \tanh(\tau P'_L), \quad for \ left \ valid \ mask$$



Figure 13: An illustration of valid masks





- Total Losses
 - SR, residual photometric, residual cycle, smoothness, and residual stereo consistency losses

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{SR} + \lambda (\mathcal{L}_{photo}^{res} + \mathcal{L}_{cycle}^{res} + \mathcal{L}_{smooth} + \mathcal{L}_{cons}^{res})$$

SR losses

- L1 distance between the SR and GT stereo images

$$\mathcal{L}_{SR} = \parallel \mathbf{I}_{L}^{SR} - \mathbf{I}_{L}^{HR} \parallel_{1} + \parallel \mathbf{I}_{R}^{SR} - \mathbf{I}_{R}^{HR} \parallel_{1}$$

- Residual photometric & cycle losses
 - Illuminance intensity vary significantly
 - Exposure difference and non-Lambertain surfaces
 - Used residual images to improve the robustness

$$X_{L} = \left| I_{L}^{HR} - I_{L}^{IR} \uparrow \right|_{\downarrow}, \qquad X_{R} = \left| I_{R}^{HR} - I_{R}^{IR} \uparrow \right|_{\downarrow}$$

– X_L and X_R represent the absolute values of the left and right residual images





- Residual photometric and cycle losses
 - Benefits
 - More consistent and illuminance-robust stereo correspondence
 - Pay more attention to texture-rich regions

$$\begin{split} \mathcal{L}_{\text{photo}}^{\text{res}} = & \| V_{\text{L}} \odot \left(\mathbf{X}_{\text{L}} - \mathbf{M}_{\text{R} \rightarrow \text{L}} \otimes \mathbf{X}_{\text{R}} \right) \|_{1} \\ & + \| V_{\text{R}} \odot \left(\mathbf{X}_{\text{R}} - \mathbf{M}_{\text{L} \rightarrow \text{R}} \otimes \mathbf{X}_{\text{L}} \right) \|_{1}, \\ \mathcal{L}_{\text{cycle}}^{\text{res}} = & \| V_{\text{L}} \odot \left(\mathbf{X}_{\text{L}} - \mathbf{M}_{\text{R} \rightarrow \text{L}} \otimes \mathbf{M}_{\text{L} \rightarrow \text{R}} \otimes \mathbf{X}_{\text{L}} \right) \|_{1} \\ & + \| V_{\text{R}} \odot \left(\mathbf{X}_{\text{R}} - \mathbf{M}_{\text{L} \rightarrow \text{R}} \otimes \mathbf{M}_{\text{R} \rightarrow \text{L}} \otimes \mathbf{X}_{\text{R}} \right) \|_{1} \end{split}$$





- Smoothness loss
 - Encourage smoothness in correspondence space

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{smooth}} = \sum_{\mathbf{M}} \sum_{i,j,k} (\| \mathbf{M}(i,j,k) - \mathbf{M}(i+1,j,k) \|_1 + \| \mathbf{M}(i,j,k) - \mathbf{M}(i,j+1,k+1) \|_1),$$

- Residual stereo consistency loss
 - LR residuals between super-resolved images and ground truth images

$$Y_{L} = \left| I_{L}^{HR} - I_{L}^{SR} \right|_{\downarrow'} \qquad X_{R} = \left| I_{R}^{HR} - I_{R}^{SR} \right|_{\downarrow}$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{cons}}^{\text{res}} = \parallel V_{\text{L}} \odot (\mathbf{Y}_{\text{L}} - \mathbf{M}_{\text{R} \to \text{L}} \otimes \mathbf{Y}_{\text{R}}) \parallel_{1} \\ + \parallel V_{\text{R}} \odot (\mathbf{Y}_{\text{R}} - \mathbf{M}_{\text{L} \to \text{R}} \otimes \mathbf{Y}_{\text{L}}) \parallel_{1} .$$





• Qualitative results

Method	Scale	#Params.	Left			(Left + Right)/2			
			KITTI 2012	KITTI 2015	Middlebury	KITTI 2012	KITTI 2015	Middlebury	Flickr1024
Bicubic	2×		28.44/0.8808	27.81/0.8814	30.46/0.8979	28.51/0.8842	28.61/0.8973	30.60/0.8990	24.94/0.8186
VDSR [8]	2×	0.66M	30.17/0.9062	28.99/0.9038	32.66/0.9101	30.30/0.9089	29.78/0.9150	32.77/0.9102	25.60/0.8534
EDSR [12]	2×	38.6M	30.83/0.9199	29.94/0.9231	34.84/0.9489	30.96/0.9228	30.73/0.9335	34.95/0.9492	28.66/0.9087
RDN [38]	2×	22.0M	30.81/0.9197	29.91/0.9224	34.85/0.9488	30.94/0.9227	30.70/0.9330	34.94/0.9491	28.64/0.9084
RCAN [36]	2×	15.3M	30.88/0.9202	29.97/0.9231	34.80/0.9482	31.02/0.9232	30.77/0.9336	34.90/0.9486	28.63/0.9082
StereoSR [6]	2×	1.08M	29.42/0.9040	28.53/0.9038	33.15/0.9343	29.51/0.9073	29.33/0.9168	33.23/0.9348	25.96/0.8599
PASSRnet [25]	2×	1.37M	30.68/0.9159	29.81/0.9191	34.13/0.9421	30.81/0.9190	30.60/0.9300	34.23/0.9422	28.38/0.9038
iPASSR (ours)	2×	1.37M	30.97/0.9210	30.01/0.9234	34.41/0.9454	31.11/0.9240	30.81/0.9340	34.51/0.9454	28.60/0.9097
Bicubic	4×	—	24.52/0.7310	23.79/0.7072	26.27/0.7553	24.58/0.7372	24.38/0.7340	26.40/0.7572	21.82/0.6293
VDSR [8]	4×	0.66M	25.54/0.7662	24.68/0.7456	27.60/0.7933	25.60/0.7722	25.32/0.7703	27.69/0.7941	22.46/0.6718
EDSR [12]	4×	38.9M	26.26/0.7954	25.38/0.7811	29.15/0.8383	26.35/0.8015	26.04/0.8039	29.23/0.8397	23.46/0.7285
RDN [38]	4×	22.0M	26.23/0.7952	25.37/0.7813	29.15/0.8387	26.32/0.8014	26.04/0.8043	29.27/0.8404	23.47/0.7295
RCAN [36]	4×	15.4M	26.36/0.7968	25.53/0.7836	29.20/0.8381	26.44/0.8029	26.22/0.8068	29.30/0.8397	23.48/0.7286
PASSRnet	4×	1.42M	26.26/0.7919	25.41/0.7772	28.61/0.8232	26.34/0.7981	26.08/0.8002	28.72/0.8236	23.31/0.7195
SRRes+SAM [32]	4×	1.73M	26.35/0.7957	25.55/0.7825	28.76/0.8287	26.44/0.8018	26.22/0.8054	28.83/0.8290	23.27/0.7233
iPASSR (ours)	4×	1.42M	26.47/0.7993	25.61/0.7850	29.07/0.8363	26.56/0.8053	26.32/0.8084	29.16/0.8367	23.44/0.7287

Figure 14: Quantitative results achieved by different methods





• Visual results



Figure 15: Visual results (4 X) achieved by different methods





• Visual results



Figure 16: Qualitative results achieved by GwcNet using 4xSR stereo images generated by different SR methods





NAFSSR[4]

- Contributions
 - 1st Place in NTIRE 2022 Stereo Image Super-resolution Challenge
 - NAFSSR
 - SOTA performance with fewer parameter
 - Faster inference
 - Representation through a simple stereo crosse attention module
- Overview



Figure 17: Overall architecture of NAFSSR





• NAFBlock



Figure 18: Architecture of NAFBlock

- 1. Mobile convolution module (MBConv)
 - Based on point-wise and depth-wise convolution with channel attention
- 2. Feed-forward network (FFN)
 - Implemented by point-wise convolution
- Simple gate mechanism
 - Makes block nonlinear activation free
 - Replaced nonlinear activation (ReLU, GELU)

SimpleGate(X) = $X_1 \odot X_2$





- Stereo Cross Attention Module (SCAM)
 - Scaled dot-Product Attention

Attention $(\mathbf{Q}, \mathbf{K}, \mathbf{V}) = \operatorname{softmax} \left(\mathbf{Q} \mathbf{K}^T / \sqrt{C} \right) \mathbf{V}$

- Query matrix projected by source intra-view feature
- Key, Value matrices projected by target intra-view feature
- Highly symmetric under epipolar constraint
 - Same Q and K to represent each intra-view features
 - Calculate correlation of cross-view features on horizontal line

$$\begin{split} \mathbf{F}_{\mathbf{R} \to \mathbf{L}} &= \operatorname{Attention}(\mathbf{W}_{1}^{\mathbf{L}} \bar{\mathbf{X}}_{\mathbf{L}}, \mathbf{W}_{1}^{\mathbf{R}} \bar{\mathbf{X}}_{\mathbf{R}}, \mathbf{W}_{2}^{\mathbf{R}} \mathbf{X}_{\mathbf{R}}), \\ \mathbf{F}_{\mathbf{L} \to \mathbf{R}} &= \operatorname{Attention}(\mathbf{W}_{1}^{\mathbf{R}} \bar{\mathbf{X}}_{\mathbf{R}}, \mathbf{W}_{1}^{\mathbf{L}} \bar{\mathbf{X}}_{\mathbf{L}}, \mathbf{W}_{2}^{\mathbf{L}} \mathbf{X}_{\mathbf{L}}), \end{split}$$

Fusion

$$\mathbf{F}_{\mathbf{L}} = \gamma_L \mathbf{F}_{\mathbf{R} \to \mathbf{L}} + \mathbf{X}_{\mathbf{L}},$$
$$\mathbf{F}_{\mathbf{R}} = \gamma_R \mathbf{F}_{\mathbf{L} \to \mathbf{R}} + \mathbf{X}_{\mathbf{R}},$$





Figure 19: Stereo Cross Attention Module



- Training Strategies
 - Super-Resolution
 - Train models with small patches cropped from full-resolution images
 - Data augmentation
 - Horizontally and vertically flipped
 - Channel shuffle
- Loss
 - Pixel-wise L1 distance

$$\mathcal{L} = \left\| \mathbf{I}_{\text{L}}^{\text{SR}} - \mathbf{I}_{\text{L}}^{\text{HR}} \right\|_{1} + \left\| \mathbf{I}_{\text{R}}^{\text{SR}} - \mathbf{I}_{\text{R}}^{\text{HR}} \right\|_{1}$$





- Train-test Inconsistency
 - Train: patch-based features
 - Inference: image-based features
 - For stereo super-resolution task
 - Regional range of inputs for training and inference varies greatly (patch only 4.5% of LR images)
 - Channel attention
 - Aggregate global spatial information
 - Redistributes the pooled information to input features

$$CA(\mathbf{X}) = \mathbf{X} * \mathbf{W} pool(\mathbf{X}),$$

- Apply TLSC[5]
 - Converts global average pooling to local average pooling during inference
 - Extract representations based on local spatial region of features as in training phase







(b) Test-time Local Converter (Ours)





• Quantitative results

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IMSSRnet [17]	$\times 2$	6.84M	30.90/-	29.97/-	34.66/-	30.92/-	30.66/-	34.67/-	-/-
iPASSR [34]	$\times 2$	1.37M	30.97/0.9210	30.01/0.9234	34.41/0.9454	31.11/0.9240	30.81/0.9340	34.51/0.9454	28.60/0.9097
SSRDE-FNet [4]	$\times 2$	2.10M	31.08/0.9224	30.10/0.9245	35.02/0.9508	31.23/0.9254	30.90/0.9352	35.09/0.9511	28.85/0.9132
NAFSSR-T (Ours)	$\times 2$	0.45M	31.12/0.9224	30.19/0.9253	34.93/0.9495	31.26/0.9254	30.99/0.9355	35.01/0.9495	28.94/0.9128
NAFSSR-S (Ours)	$\times 2$	1.54M	31.23/0.9236	30.28/0.9266	35.23/0.9515	31.38/0.9266	31.08/0.9367	35.30/0.9514	29.19/0.9160
NAFSSR-B (Ours)	$\times 2$	6.77M	31.40/0.9254	30.42/0.9282	35.62/0.9545	31.55/0.9283	31.22/0.9380	35.68/0.9544	29.54/0.9204
NAFSSR-L (Ours)	$\times 2$	23.79M	31.45/0.9261	30.46/0.9289	35.83/0.9559	31.60/0.9291	31.25/0.9386	35.88/0.9557	29.68/0.9221
VDSR [15]	×4	0.66M	25.54/0.7662	24.68/0.7456	27.60/0.7933	25.60/0.7722	25.32/0.7703	27.69/0.7941	22.46/0.6718
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NAFSSR-T (Ours)	×4	0.46M	26.69/0.8045	25.90/0.7930	29.22/0.8403	26.79/0.8105	26.62/0.8159	29.32/0.8409	23.69/0.7384
NAFSSR-S (Ours)	$\times 4$	1.56M	26.84/0.8086	26.03/0.7978	29.62/0.8482	26.93/0.8145	26.76/0.8203	29.72/0.8490	23.88/0.7468
NAFSSR-B (Ours)	$\times 4$	6.80M	26.99/0.8121	26.17/0.8020	29.94/0.8561	27.08/0.8181	26.91/0.8245	30.04/0.8568	24.07/0.7551
NAFSSR-L (Ours)	$\times 4$	23.83M	27.04/0.8135	26.22/0.8034	30.11/0.8601	27.12/0.8194	26.96/0.8257	30.20/0.8605	24.17/0.7589

Figure 21: Quantitative results achieved by different methods





• Visual results



Figure 23: Visual results achieved by different methods





• Visual results



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Conclusion

- Stereo Super Resolution task
 - Super resolution task + stereo matching task
 - The cross-view information important for performance
- iPASSR
 - A bi-directional parallax attention module (biPAM)
 - An inline occlusion handling scheme
 - Residual losses to achieve robustness to illuminance changes
- NAFSSR
 - NAFBlcok for intra-view feature extraction
 - Stereo cross attention (SCAM) for cross-view feature
 - Solve the train-test inconsistency





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