

6.815 Digital and Computational Photography 6.865 Advanced Computational Photography

HDR imaging and the Bilateral Filter

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Picture dynamic range



• Max 1:500



Problem 1: record the information

- The range of illumination levels that we encounter is 10 to 12 orders of magnitudes
- Negatives/sensors can record 2 to 3 orders of magnitude



Problem 2: Display the infromation

- Match limited contrast of the medium
- Preserve details















How do we vary exposure?



- **Options:** •
 - Shutter speed





– Aperture





Stopped down

- ISO

– Neutral density filter



Slide inspired by Siggraph 2005 course on HDR

Tradeoffs

- Shutter speed
 - Range: ~30 sec to 1/4000sec (6 orders of magnitude)
 - Pros: reliable, linear
 - Cons: sometimes noise for long exposure
- Aperture
 - Range: $\sim f/1.4$ to f/22 (2.5 orders of magnitude)
 - Cons: changes depth of field
 - Useful when desperate
- ISO
 - Range: ~100 to 1600 (1.5 orders of magnitude)
 - Cons: noise
 - Useful when desperate
- Neutral density filter
 - Range: up to 4 densities (4 orders of magnitude) & can be stacked
 - Cons: not perfectly neutral (color shift), not very precise, need to touch camera (shake)
- Pros: works with strobe/flash, Slide after signal complement when desperate



Nikon D2X ISO 3200





Questions?



HDR image using multiple exposure

- Given N photos at different exposure
- Recover a HDR color for each pixel
- We'll study Debevec and Malik's 97 algorithm
 - <u>http://www.debevec.org/Research/HDR/</u>



If we know the response curve

- CSALL
- Just look up the inverse of the response curve
- But how do we get the curve?



Calibrating the response curve



• Two basic solutions

- Vary scene luminance and see pixel values
 - Assumes we control and know scene luminance
- Vary exposure and see pixel value for one scene luminance
 - But note that we can usually not vary exposure more finely than by 1/3 stop
- Best of both:
 - Vary exposure
 - Exploit the large number of pixels

The Algorithm



Image series



Pixel Value Z = f(Exposure) exposure: essentially # photons

Exposure = Radiance × Δt log Exposure = log Radiance + log Δt

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Response curve

- CSAIL
- Exposure is unknown, fit to find a smooth curve



The math



- unknowns: response curve f and radiance of pixels
- for each pixel i and image j
 - Pixel Value $Z_{ij}=f(Exposure_{i,j})$
 - $-\log Exposure = \log Radiance_i + \log \Delta t_j$
- Easier to deal with inverse function (in log) g=log (f⁻¹)

$\log \text{Radiance}_i + \log \Delta t_j = g(Z_{ij})$

• We have #pixels * #images equations

Inverse response curve g

• Discretize pixel values

- but ignore saturated black and white pixels
- Enforce smoothness (improves results)



The Math



- For each pixel site *i* in each image *j*, want: $\log Radiance_i + \log \Delta t_j = g(Z_{ij})$
- Solve the overdetermined linear system:

$$\sum_{i=1}^{N} \sum_{j=1}^{P} \left[\log Radiance_{i} + \log \Delta t_{j} - g(Z_{ij}) \right] + \lambda \sum_{z=Z_{min}}^{Z_{max}} g''(z)^{2}$$

fitting term

Matlab code



```
function [g,lE]=gsolve(Z,B,l,w)
n = 256;
A = zeros(size(Z,1) * size(Z,2) + n+1, n+size(Z,1));
b = zeros(size(A,1),1);
k = 1;
                    %% Include the data-fitting equations
for i=1:size(Z,1)
  for j=1:size(Z,2)
   wij = w(Z(i,j)+1);
   A(k,Z(i,j)+1) = wij; A(k,n+i) = -wij; b(k,1) = wij * B(i,j);
   k=k+1;
  end
end
k=k+1;
for i=1:n-2 %% Include the smoothness equations
 A(k,i) = 1 * w(i+1); A(k,i+1) = -2 * 1 * w(i+1); A(k,i+2) = 1 * w(i+1);
 k=k+1;
end
x = A b;
                    %% Solve the system using SVD
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Kodak DCS460 1/30 to 30 sec



Recovered response curve



log Exposure

Reconstructed radiance map





Result: color film



Kodak Gold ASA 100, PhotoCD



Recovered response curves





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Recap



- Curve calibration
 - Take many images of static scene (1/3 stop)
 - Solve optimization problem
- HDR multiple-exposure merging
 - Take multiple exposures (e.g. every 2 stops)
 - (optional) align images



- for each pixel, use picture(s) where properly exposed
 - use inverse response curve and exposure time
- Output: one image where each pixel has full dynamic range, stored e.g. in float aka radiance map

The Radiance map







The Radiance map





Questions?



Problem 2: Display the infromation

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The second half: contrast reduction

• Input: high-dynamic-range image

(floating point per pixel)



Naïve technique



- Scene has 1:10,000 contrast, display has 1:100
- Simplest contrast reduction?



Naïve: Gamma compression



applied

independently

on R, G & B

- X \rightarrow X^{γ} (where γ =0.5 in our case)
- But... colors are washed-out. Why?




Gamma compression on intensity

• Colors are OK, but details (intensity high-frequency) are muddy



Oppenheim 1968, Chiu et al. 1993

- Reduce contrast of low-frequencies
- Keep high frequencies



Homomorphic filtering



- Oppenhein, in the sixties
- Images are the *product* of illumination and albedo
 - Similarly, many sounds are the *product* of an envelope and a modulation
- Illumination is usually slow-varying
- Perform albedo-illumination using low-pass filtering of the log image
- <u>http://www.cs.sfu.ca/~stella/papers/blairthesis/main/node33.html</u>
- See also Koenderink "Image processing done right" <u>http://www.springerlink.com/(l1bpumaapconcbjngteojwqv)/app/home/</u> <u>contribution.asp?referrer=parent&backto=issue,11,53;journal,</u> <u>1538,3333;linkingpublicationresults,1:105633,1</u>

The halo nightmare

- For strong edges
- Because they contain high frequency





Our approach

- Do not blur across edges
- Non-linear filtering



Bilateral filter



- Tomasi and Manduci 1998
 <u>http://www.cse.ucsc.edu/~manduchi/Papers/</u>

 <u>ICCV98.pdf</u>
- Related to
 - SUSAN filter
 [Smith and Brady 95] <u>http://citeseer.ist.psu.edu/</u> <u>smith95susan.html</u>
 - Digital-TV [Chan, Osher and Chen 2001]
 <u>http://citeseer.ist.psu.edu/chan01digital.html</u>
 - sigma filter <u>http://www.geogr.ku.dk/CHIPS/Manual/</u> <u>f187.htm</u>

Start with Gaussian filtering

• Here, input is a step function + noise







output

The problem of edges

- Here, $I(\xi)$ "pollutes" our estimate J(x)
- It is too different

$$J(x) = \sum_{\xi} f(x,\xi) \qquad I(\xi)$$

$$input$$

Principle of Bilateral filtering



[Tomasi and Manduchi 1998]

• Penalty g on the intensity difference

$$J(x) = \frac{1}{k(x)} \sum_{\xi} f(x,\xi) \quad g(I(\xi) - I(x)) \quad I(\xi)$$



Bilateral filtering

[Tomasi and Manduchi 1998]

• Spatial Gaussian f



Bilateral filtering

[Tomasi and Manduchi 1998]

- Spatial Gaussian f
- Gaussian g on the intensity difference



Normalization factor



[Tomasi and Manduchi 1998]

•
$$\mathbf{k}(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{\xi} f(x,\xi) \quad g(I(\xi) - I(x))$$

$$J(x) = \frac{1}{k(x)} \sum_{\xi} f(x,\xi) \quad g(I(\xi) - I(x)) \quad I(\xi)$$



Bilateral filtering is non-linear

[Tomasi and Manduchi 1998]

• The weights are different for each output pixel





- NEEDS WORK TO MAKE GAUSSIAN DETAILS CLEARER
- SHOW EFFECT OF SIGMAS



Noisy input





Bilateral filter





Bilateral filter





Bilateral filter





Bilateral filter



Questions?



Other view



• The bilateral filter uses the 3D distance



Questions?



Handling uncertainty



- Sometimes, not enough "similar" pixels
- Happens for specular highlights
- Can be detected using normalization k(x)
- Simple fix (average with output of neighbors)





Weights with high uncertainty

Uncertainty

Questions?







Contrast too high!















Bilateral Filter

in log



Spatial sigma: 2 to 5% image size Range sigma: 0.4 (in log 10)









Detail = log intensity - large scale (residual)





in log



Reduce

contrast











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Reduction

- To reduce contrast of base layer
 - scale in the log domain
 - \rightarrow γ exponent in linear space
- Set a target range: \log_{10} (5)
- Compute range in the base (log) layer: (max-min)
- Deduce γ using an elaborate operation known as division
- You finally need to normalize so that the biggest value in the (linear) base is 1 (0 in log):

– Offset the compressed based by its max



Contrast reduction in log domain

- Set target large-scale contrast (e.g. log₁₀ 10)
 - In **linear** output, we want 1:10 contrast for large scale
- Compute range of input large scale layer:
 largeRange = max(inLogLarge) min (inLogLarge)
- Scale factor $k = \log_{10} (10) / \text{largeRange}$
- Normalize so that the biggest value is 0 in log

outLog= inLogDetail + inLogLarge * k – max(inLogLarge)

Alternative explanation

- Explanation 1 (previous slides):
- Explanation 2
 - outLog = k inLogIntensity + (1-k) detail
 - Reduce contrast of full intensity layer
 - Add back some detail
- Same final effect since
 - inLogDetail+inLogLarge scale = inLogIntensity
 - But different philosophy: decomposition vs. add back detail










What matters



- Spatial sigma: not very important
- Range sigma: quite important
- Use of the log domain for range: critical
 - Because HDR and because perception sensitive to multiplicative contrast
 - CIELab might be better for other applications
- Luminance computation
 - Not critical, but has influence
 - see our Flash/no-flash paper [Eisemann 2004] for smarter function





- Direct bilateral filtering is slow (minutes)
- Next time: acceleration

Tone mapping evaluation

- Recent user experiments to evaluate competing tone mapping
 - $\ Ledda \ et \ al. \ 2005 \ http://www.cs.bris.ac.uk/Publications/ Papers/2000255.pdf$
 - Kuang et al. 2004 http://www.cis.rit.edu/fairchild/PDFs/ PRO22.pdf
- Interestingly, the former concludes bilateral is the worst, the latter that it is the best!
 - They choose to test a different criterion: fidelity vs. preference
- More importantly, they focus on algorithm and ignore parameters



	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th
Scene 1	-P	B	A	Н	Ι	L
Scene 2	$-I_{-}$	P	Н	A	B	L
Scene 3	P	-I	A	Н	L	B
Scene 4	P		-I	A	Н	B
Scene 5	-I	H	A	P	-L	B
Scene 6	-I	Н	A	P	L	B
Scene 7	-I	A	P	H	B	$-L_{-}$
Scene 8	$-I_{-}$	P	A	Н	-L	B
Scene 9	- P	A	$-L_{-}$	Н	B	1

Adapted from Ledda et



Alternative explanation

- Contrast reduction w/ intrinsic layers [Tumblin et al. 1999]
- For 3D scenes: Reduce only illumination layer



Output

Illumination layer Compressed

Reflectance layer

Dirty vision for cool graphics

Three wrongs make one right

- Analyze image
 - Intrinsic image: albedo & illumination
 - Simple bilateral filter
- Modify
 - In our case, reduce contrast of large-scale (illumination)
- Recombine
 - Get final image









Related tools

Photoshop "Local adaptation"

Lightroom Fill Light

• Lightzone Relight



Questions?



What have we learnt?

- Log is good
- Luminance is different from chrominance
- Separate components:
 - Low and high frequencies
- Strong edges are important



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Tone mapping code



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Available in HDRShop





Slide from Siggraph 2005 course on HDR

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Questions?



Smarter HDR capture



Ward, Journal of Graphics Tools, 2003

http://www.anyhere.com/gward/papers/jgtpap2.pdf

Implemented in Photosphere http://www.anyhere.com/

- Image registration (no need for tripod)
- Lens flare removal
- Ghost removal



Images Greg Ward

Image registration

- How to robustly compare images of different exposure?
- Use a black and white version of the image thresholded at the median
 - Median-Threshold Bitmap (MTB)
- Find the translation that minimizes difference
- Accelerate using pyramid









Alignment Results



5 unaligned exposures

Close-up detail

MTB alignment

Time: About .2 second/exposure for 3 MPixel image

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Automatic "Ghost" Removal



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Variance-based Detection



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Region Masking



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Best Exposure in Each Region





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Lens Flare Removal



Extension: HDR video

 Kang et al. Siggraph 2003 http://portal.acm.org/citation.cfm?id=882262.882270



Figure 1: High dynamic range video of a driving scene. Top row: Input video with alternating short and long exposures. Bottom row: High dynamic range video (tonemapped).

Extension: HDR video





Figure 3: Two input exposures from the driving video. *The radiance histogram is shown on top. The red graph goes with the long exposure frame (bottom left), while the green graph goes with the short exposure frame (bottom right). Notice that the combination of these graphs spans a radiance range greater than a single exposure can capture.*

Questions?



HDR encoding

- Most formats are lossless
- Adobe DNG (digital negative)
 - Specific for RAW files, avoid proprietary formats
- RGBE
 - 24 bits/pixels as usual, plus 8 bit of common exponent
 - Introduced by Greg Ward for Radiance (light simulation)
 - Enormous dynamic range
- OpenEXR
 - By Industrial Light + Magic, also standard in graphics hardware
 - 16bit per channel (48 bits per pixel) 10 mantissa, sign, 5 exponent
 - Fine quantization (because 10 bit mantissa), only 9.6 orders of magnitude
- JPEG 2000
 - Has a 16 bit mode, lossy

HDR formats



- Summary of all HDR encoding formats (Greg Ward): <u>http://www.anyhere.com/gward/hdrenc/</u> <u>hdr_encodings.html</u>
- Greg's notes: <u>http://www.anyhere.com/gward/pickup/</u> <u>CIC13course.pdf</u>
- http://www.openexr.com/
- High Dynamic Range Video Encoding

(MPI) <u>http://www.mpi-sb.mpg.de/resources/hdrvideo/</u>

HDR code



- HDRShop <u>http://gl.ict.usc.edu/HDRShop/</u> (v1 is free)
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HDR images



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