Adaptive Image Compression Method Using GAN based Semantic-Perceptual Residual Compensation

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Motivation

Situation in Image compression: Although existing methods based on a fully convolutional network have greatly improved the performance, the reconstructed results still do not show satisfactory on the structural similarity and statistical distribution similarity of the whole image.

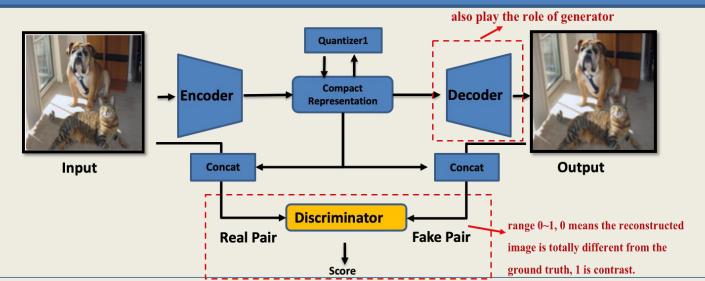
CNN's Shortcoming: Overdownsampling thus losing details

Proposal: In this work, we propose an GAN based dense Auto-encoder (GDAE) and Semantic-perceptual residual compensation method (SPRC) to improve the coarse results generated by front CNN and compensate the details of reconstructed image.





Overview

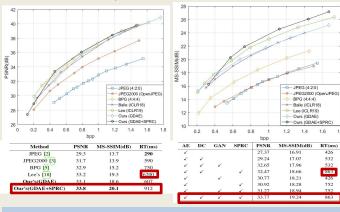


GDAE & SPRC

Heat map Input Image BPG Level Residual image (a) SPRC Block (b) BPG Details Visual Results

Competition result

- Dataset: ImageNet and Kodak PhotoCD
- Evaluate metric: PSNR and MS-SSIM
- Result comparison



The two graphs are the Rate-distortion results. The rest two table are the Ablation analysis.

Conclusion

- Firstly develop a GAN based dense autoencoder to make full use of the feature information extracted from the input image(GDAE).
- Next, add a semantic-perceptual residual compensation block to GDAE architecture, lead to an improving compression performance(SPRC).
- Finally, optimize the quantization process to further reduce the distortion.