SPATIAL DOMAIN USING RECURSIVE IMAGE FUSION TECHNIQUES

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Abstract

Image fusion is comprehensively seen as a noteworthy strategy in example the pattern recognition and computer vision. The object of image fusion is fuse at least one source images with different focus shows in to one image, so after effect of image fusion is the image which is dynamically illuminating and of better quality. In this paper an unequivocal review of primitive and principal component investigation for spatial domain image fusion techniques is finished. This paper exhibits a novel and improved pixel-level multifocal image fusion technique has been actualized. The exploratory outcomes show that the proposed methodology performs better in both visual and quantitative scales.

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1. INTRODUCTION

Image fusion has turned into a significant sub-territory of computerized image preparing. The image combination is the way toward joining information from at least two images of a similar scene with the goal that the resultant image will be increasingly reasonable for human and machine discernment or further image preparing tasks such as segmentation, feature extraction, and target recognition [1] [2] [3] [4]. Any snippet of information bodes well just when it can pass on the exact content. The clearness of information is significant. Image fusion is an instrument to improve the nature of information from a lot of images. By the procedure of image fusion, the great information from every one of the given images is fused to frame a resultant image whose quality is better than any of the information images. This is accomplished by applying a succession of operators on the images that would make the great information in each of the image unmistakable. The resultant image is framed by consolidating such amplified information from the information images into a single image.

The image fusion technique can be comprehensively ordered into two strategies. They are spatial domain fusion method and transform domain fusion method. The spatial domain method, directly deals with the pixels of the input image. Pixel values are controlled to accomplish the desired outcome. In the transform domain methods the image is first transferred in to the frequency domain, for example, the Fourier transform of the image is proposed first. All the fusion activities are performed on the fourier transform of the image and then the inverse fourier transform is performed to get the resultant image. Image Fusion applied in each field for medical image investigation, microscopic imaging, analysis of images from satellite, remote detecting application, computer vision, robotics technology , and so on [5], [6]. This section shows the most broadly utilized spatial domain image fusion strategies, for example, simple image fusion consists of Select Max/Min [5], and Principal Component Analysis (PCA) [6], [7].

This paper is sorted out as pursues: section 2 presents a brief description of spatial domain image fusion methods, section 3 Performance estimates parameter of fusion methods, section 4 proposed approaches of fusion strategies, section 5 resultants are discussion and section 6 conclusions this paper.

2. SPATIAL DOMAIN IMAGE FUSION TECHNIQUES

The image fusion technique performs an exceptionally essential activity, for example, pixel, determination, addition, subtraction and averaging. These techniques are not continually convincing yet are now and again basic dependent on the sort image under thought. A selection procedure is performed here wherein, for each relating pixel in the information image, the pixel with most max/min intensity is selected, separately, and is placed in as the resultant pixel of the fused image [8].

2.1 Simple Maximum Method: The selection strategy is likewise one of the insignificant techniques for image fusion. But unlike max techniques, instead of max every corresponding pixel; a determination procedure is performed here. The criterion of selection is self-explained by the name of techniques. Of each comparing pixel of information images, the pixel with max intensity is chosen and is placed in as the resultant pixel of the fused image. In this way, adequately, every pixel of the fused image will be the pixel with the max intensity of the comparing position pixels in the information image [9]. One preferred position of this strategy over averaging technique is that there is no trade off made over the great information accessible in the information images [10]. A determination of the better pixel intensity is made here. Obviously, it is joined with the weakness that higher pixel intensity does not always mean better information. It relies upon the kind of the image under thought. In this manner, either entire of the information is considered. In this procedure the resultant fused image is gotten by choosing the max intensity of corresponding pixels from both the information images [11].

$$F_M(i,j) = \sum_{i=1}^{M}\sum_{j=1}^{N} \max\{I_a(i,j), I_b(i,j)\} \tag{1}$$

Where $I_a(i,j)$ and $I_b(i,j)$ are information images and $F_M(i,j)$ is fused image

2.2 Simple Minimum Method: The min selecting strategy, one more insignificant image fusion technique is fundamentally the same as to the max selection strategy; aside from here, the determination basis varies as the pixel with minimum intensity is gotten. Therefore, each pixel position, the pixel of the fused image will be the pixel of the relating position from the information set of images having the least pixel intensity value [9]. Like the Max Selection strategy, this technique either totally considers the information from an information image of it fully. No averaging or any activity of the like is performed here. The nature of the fusion is explicit to the sort of image we are managing. In specific cases, images with dark shades would create a good fusion image with this strategy. In this method, the resultant fused image is acquired by selecting the min intensity of comparing pixels from both the information images [11].

$$F_m(i,j) = \sum_{i=1}^{M}\sum_{j=1}^{N} \min\{I_a(i,j), I_b(i,j)\} \tag{2}$$

Where $I_a(i,j)$ and $I_b(i,j)$ are information images and $F_m(i,j)$ is fused image.

2.3 Principal Component Analysis (PCA)

PCA was developed in 1901 by Karl Pearson as an analogue of the principal axes theorem in mechanics; it was later autonomously created by Harold Hotelling during the 1930s. The technique is generally utilized as a device in a exploratory information investigation and for making predictive models. PCA should be possible by eigen value decay of an information covariance matrix or the particular worth disintegration of an information matrix, more after than that not after mean focusing the information grid for each trait [12]. The after-effect of a PCA is normally discussed in terms of component scores, sometimes called factor scores and loadings [13]. PCA produces the coefficients of ideal weighting as for the information content, and furthermore the evacuation of repetition without loss of information. At that point the performing of a PCA to the covariance matrix, the weightings for each information image are gotten from the eigenvector to the comparing of the largest eigen value. PCA produces the coefficients of ideal weighting concerning the information content, and furthermore the expulsion of redundancy without loss of information.

In this paper performed on exciting spatial domain fusion techniques, and they are modified to obtain possible improvements only grayscale images are considered, as many basis approaches are applied to the spatial domain fusion techniques are experimented on grayscale images. In this paper improvement of two fundamental spatial domain techniques these techniques are namely simple maximum, minimum and Principal Component Analysis (PCA). The reason for the choice of Primitive (simple maximum, minimum) and PCA schemes for image fusion is that primitive techniques produces results in highly focused image output obtained from the input image [14] [15]. The reason for the choice of PCA is a tool which transforms the number of correlated variables into a number of uncorrelated variables and this property can be used in image fusion. PCA strategy is very simple to use and the images fused by this technique have high spatial quality [16]. The exploratory outcomes show that the proposed methodology performs better in both visual and quantitative scales.

3. PERFORMANCE MEASURES

The general prerequisites of a fusing process are that it should safeguard all valid and useful pattern information of the source images, at the same time it should not introduce artifacts that could interfere with subsequent analyses. The performance estimates utilized in this paper give some quantitative comparison among various fusion schemes, mainly aiming at measuring the definition of an image.

3.1 Peak Signal to Noise Ratio (PSNR): The PSNR block computes the peak signal-to-noise ratio, in decibels, between two images. This ratio is often used as a quality measurement between the original and a fused image. The higher value of peak signal-to-noise Ratio, the better is the fused result. The PSNR is characterized as:

$$\text{SNR} = 10 \log_{10}\left[\frac{MAX^2{}_I}{MSE}\right] \quad (3)$$

Where MAXI is the maximum possible pixel value of the image and MSE is Mean Square Error values. When the pixels are represented using 8 bits per sample, this is 255.

3.2 Signal-to-Noise Ratio (SNR): The fused image is basically the ideal image (signal) along with the noise image (the difference between the ideal image and the fused image). The large signal-to-noise ratio better fused result. The SNR is characterized as

$$\text{SNR} = \left[\frac{I_n}{I_s}\right] \quad (4)$$

Where I_n is the noise image and I_s the ideal image.

3.3 Root Mean Square Error (RMSE): It represents the amount of deviation present in the fused image compared to reference the image. The RMSE is determined between the fused image and the standard reference image. RMSE is characterized as:

$$\text{RMSE}=\sqrt{\frac{1}{mn}\sum_{i=1}^{m}\sum_{j=1}^{n}[A(i,j)-B(i,j)]^2} \quad (5)$$

Where A (i, j) and B (i, j) are the reference and fused images, respectively, *i* and *j* are image dimensions, and m* n is the size of the image. RMSE measures the difference between values that are fused and the actual value. It is an objective evaluation measure requiring a reference image. For specific applications, it is possible to generate an ideal fused image. The ideal fused image is then used as a reference for comparison with the experimental fused results. Still, there are various applications where a reference image is hard, or even impossible, to obtain. Hence, let us consider another evaluation method without using a reference image.

3.4 Mean Square Error (MSE): Mean Square Error (MSE) is determined between fused image *B* and standard reference image *A*. MSE characterized as:

$$MSE = \frac{1}{mn}\sum_{i=1}^{m}\sum_{j=1}^{n}(A_{ij} - B_{ij})^2 \quad (6)$$

Where *m* is the height of the image suggesting the number or pixel rows, *n* is the width of the image implying the number of pixel columns, A_{ij} is the pixel density values of the perfect image and B_{ij} is the pixel density values of the fused image.

3.5 Entropy (EN) Entropy is a measure of information quantity contained in an image. It reflects the amount of information in the fused image. The larger the EN is, the more information the image conveys. If the value of entropy becomes higher after fusing, it indicates that the information increases and fusion performances are improved. Entropy is characterized as,

$$E = -\sum_{i=0}^{L-1} p_i \log_2 p_i \tag{7}$$

Where L is the total of grey levels, $p = \{p_0, p_1, p_2 \ldots \ldots p_{l-1}\}$ is the probability distribution of each level.

4. PROPOSED METHOD

The primitive image fusion technique performs an exceptionally fundamental function, for example, pixel selection, addition, subtraction and averaging of the pixel intensities of the information images to be fused. These spatial domain techniques are not constantly effective, yet are now and again basic dependent on the spot of the image under thought. A determination procedure is performed here where in, for each comparing pixel in the source images, the pixel with max and min intensity is chosen, separately, and is placed in as the resultant pixel of the fused image.

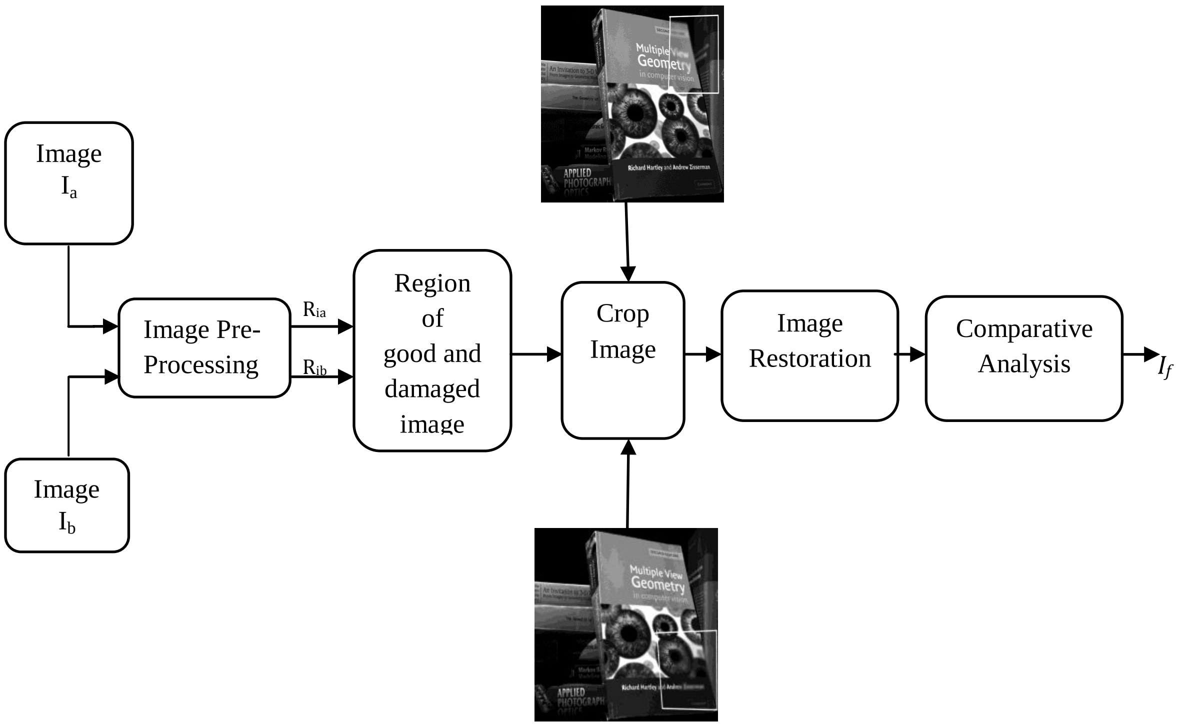


Fig.1. Proposed Recursive Fusion

This proposed strategy considers only two input images $I_a(i,j)$ and $I_b(i,j)$. Hybrid spatial approach consists of two stages of fusions. The first stage generates intermediate fused images from a pair of poor quality images. The second stage further fuses then to obtain a better quality image. Recursive fusion performs a two level fusion approach based on the above scheme. The process of Recursive Fusion (RF) approach is shown in fig 2. Initially, the information images I_a and I_b are applied to stage 1 fusion of image pre-processing. When fused two images, in this image pre-processing stage get separating this good quality image and poor quality images. Then take out the crop image from them. Then crop image is given as an input in the second stage and further fuse them to obtain as better quality images.

In primitive method all non-focused objects are gotten to be focused the single output image. This technique tries to put the processed value for pixels to create the fused image. Subsequent to getting their entirety we take its F_M, F_m *and* F_P. The final output image of the comparing pixel F_M, F_m *and* F_P value are assigned. This procedure is proceeding for all the pixel values. The damaged region is fused by utilizing the resultant fused image gotten by choosing the F_M, F_m and the F_P intensity of comparing pixels from both the source images (Image I_a and Image I_b). At last we get the fused image that performs better both outwardly and quantitatively.

5. EXPERIENTIAL RESULT AND ANALYSIS

Table-1 Comparison of Proposed Scheme

Method	EN	RMSE	SNR	PSNR	MSE
F_M	6.87	7.23	6.16	33.12	117.34
F_m	5.34	8.45	5.93	29.29	110.21
F_P	6.97	7.13	7.59	33.01	111.12

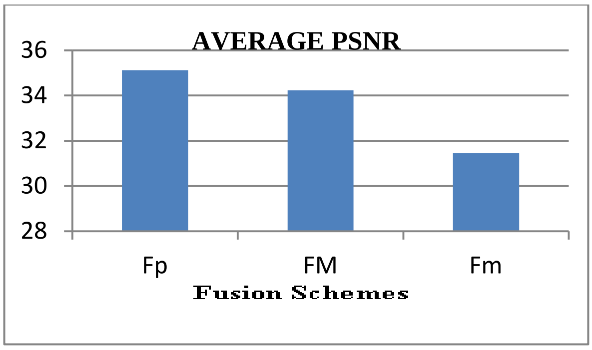
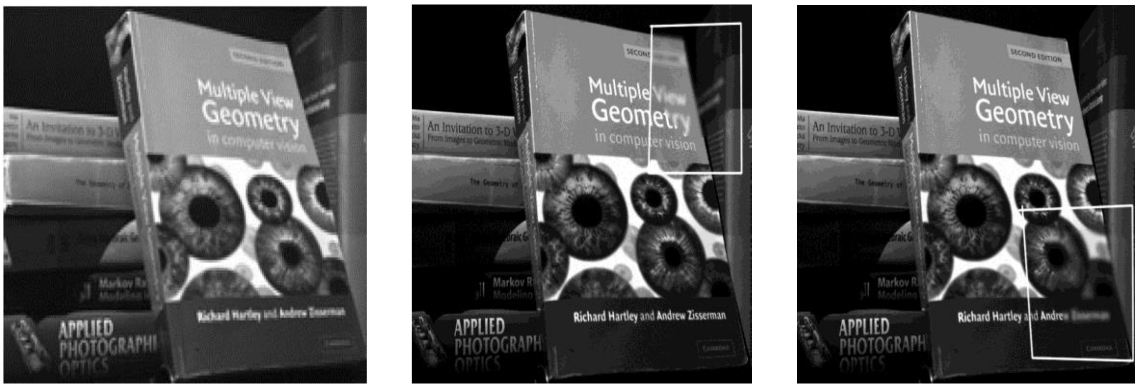
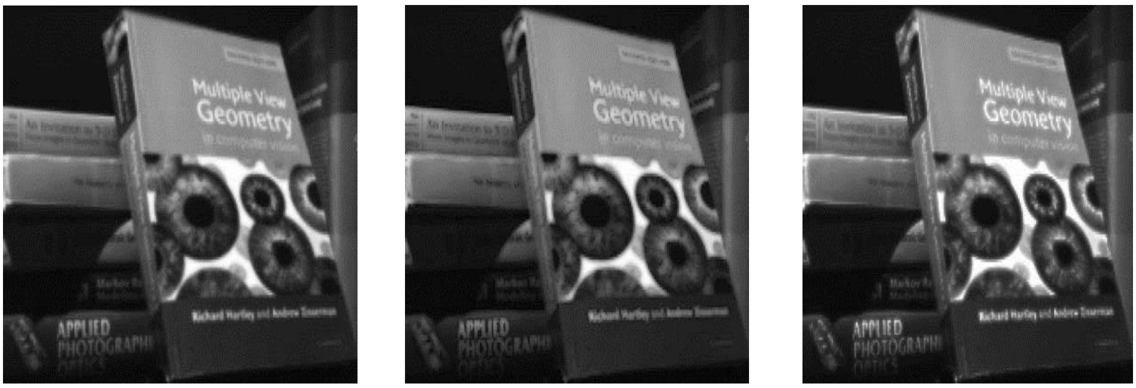


Fig. 2 PSNR obtained for various Proposed Fusion Schemes



(a) (b) (c)

Fig.3. Test image Book- (a) Original images (b) and (c) Blur image



(a) (b) (c)

Fig.4. Proposed RF Scheme- (a) F_M (b) F_m (c) F_P

In this area, the exhibition of the proposed Recursive Fusion (RF) is assessed in term of Image Quality Metrics (IQM) presented in section 3. 50 examples source images are taken from the ORL database for the investigation, each source image and various characteristics. A sample Book image is illustrated in fig 3. For the experiment, the grayscale image with standard dimension 256*256 pixels is used. In the experimental study, the first image shown in fig. 4 (b) is manipulated with 30% blur on the foreground image (I_{fb}) and clear focus on the back-ground image. The second image shown in fig. 4 (c) is manipulated with 30% blur on the back-ground image (I_{bb}) and the clear focus on the foreground image. Absolutely 100 arrangements of poor quality images are made. For each pair of source images, the algorithm proposed in section 4 are run using MATLAB10 and 100 fused images are created from the proposed Recursive Fusion (RF) technique (F_M, F_m and F_P). Performance metrics are measured and the average performance metric values for 100 images are computed and are compared with the existing spatial domain primitive and PCA based schemes.

6. CONCLUSION

This paper plays out the overview image fusion utilizing spatial domain techniques and image fusion utilizing pixel level based recursive spatial domain fusion strategies. Existing fusion techniques simple max/ min and principle component analysis are comparing with the recursive image fusion on simple max/min and principle component investigation to get improved outcomes. These fusion strategies are simple max/min and PCA. Trial results demonstrate that spatial domain techniques provide high spatial resolution. The proposed methodology is compared with max, min and principal (PCA) in terms of various performance measures on a set of multi focus images. The trial results exhibit that the proposed approach performs better in both visually and quantitatively.

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