

CAP-VSTNet: Content Affinity Preserved Versatile Style Transfer

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The task of style transfer



Popular approach



Problem: content affinity loss



Inconsistent stylization



Unclear details



Noticeable seams



Ours

CAP-VSTNet

Reversible residual network based on channel refinement module

 avoid content affinity loss

② Unbiased linear transform based on Cholesky decomposition

- preserve feature affinity

③ Training loss based on Matting Laplacian

- preserve pixel affinity

CAP-VSTNet

- State-of-the-art performance
- Real-time image/video style transfer
- Style interpolation
- Ultra-resolution (4K)

Illustration of CAP-VSTNet



Three steps

- Forward inference (➡)
- Transfer (cWCT)
- Backward inference (+)

- Reversible residual network

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- Channel Refinement (CR): remove redundant information in reversible network



Alternative design choices of CR module

- cWCT

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Me	thod	AdaIN	WCT	LinearWCT	cWCT
Reversible		\checkmark	\checkmark		\checkmark
Sta	Stability			\checkmark	\checkmark
Learning-free			\checkmark		\checkmark
Time	C=32	0.066	1.186	0.288	0.097
Time	C=256	0.424	3.205	2.419	0.808

- Training loss

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- Cycle reconstruction loss L_{cyc} : alleviate numerical error problem of reversible network

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(2) add regularization in L_{total}

- Photorealistic image style transfer

Method	PhotoWCT [25]	WCT ² [40]	PhotoNet [2]	DSTN [14]	PCA-KD [8]	Ours
SSIM ↑	0.582	0.644	0.608	0.566	0.634	0.650
Gram loss↓	1.539	0.796	1.970	0.996	1.162	0.750
Time↓	16.88	0.32	0.19	0.92	0.05	0.12
Parameters	8.35M	10.12M	40.24M	103.45M	334K	4.09M

• The execution time is evaluated on 1024×512 resolution.

- Photorealistic image style transfer



- Photorealistic/Artistic video style transfer

• Photorealistic video

Mathad	Crom local	Temporal loss↓		
Method	Grain ioss↓	i=1	i=10	
WCT ² [40]	0.665	0.040	0.108	
CCPL [39]	0.527	0.069	0.132	
Ours	0.435	0.039	0.107	

Artistic video

Mathad	Cram local	Temporal loss↓		
Method	Grain ioss↓	Tempo i=1 0.117 <u>0.108</u> 0.141 0.128	i=10	
LinearWCT [23]	0.473	0.117	0.237	
ReReVST [37]	0.815	<u>0.108</u>	0.235	
IEContraAST [6]	1.062	0.141	0.262	
CCPL [39]	0.371	0.128	0.251	
Ours	0.436	0.104	0.228	

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[Video]



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For more information: https://github.com/linfengWen98/CAP-VSTNet

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