

Depth Estimation and Blur Removal from a Single Out-of-focus Image

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1 Detailed experimental analysis and discussion

Here, We present more results and explanations. We begin by showing the detailed configuration of the proposed network and its superior performance on the depth estimation task both on synthetic and real image, which is followed by non-uniform deblurring.

Network Architecture

The proposed network configuration for depth estimation, using dense patch pooling, is based on VGG16 [9]. We densely sampled 15k patches for each image over a regular grid. The configuration of our network is shown in the Table 1.

| Layer | 1-2 | 3-4 | 5-7 | 8-10 | 11-13 | 14-15 | 16 |
|---------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|--------------|---------|-----------|
| Type | conv+relu | conv+relu | conv+relu | conv+relu | conv+relu | ip+relu | ip+interp |
| Filter Size | 3×3 | 3×3 | 3×3 | 3×3 | 3×3 | - | - |
| No. of Filter | 64 | 128 | 256 | 512 | 512 | 4k | 20 |
| Pooling | max | max | max | max | patch | - | - |

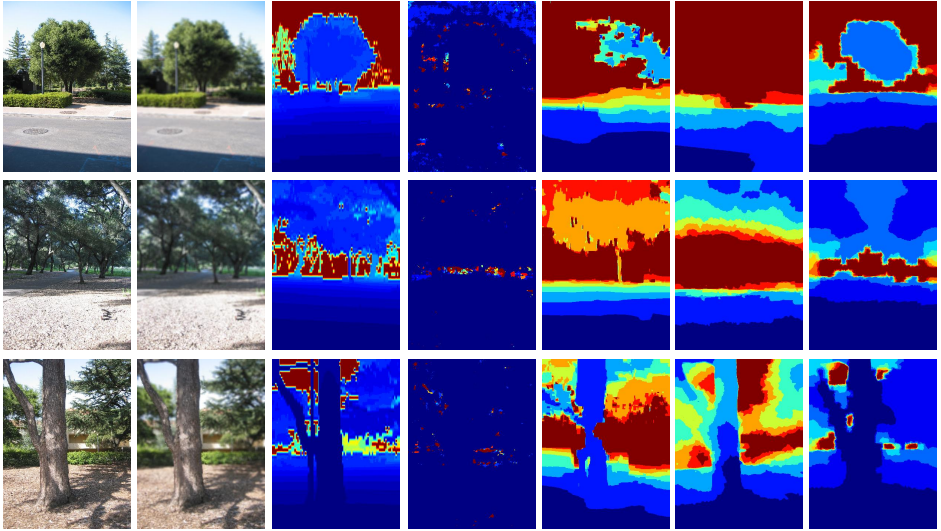
Table 1: Network configuration for our depth estimation, using dense patch pooling, is based on VGG16 [9]. For brevity, we use *conv* for convolutional layer, *relu* for activation function, *ip* for inner product and *interp* for bilinear upsampling.

Depth Estimation

We compared proposed method results with state-of-the-art depth prediction methods on standard benchmark datasets. The qualitative results are shown in Fig. 1. It is important to note that our method not only captured the depth accurately for the near objects in the scene but for far objects as well.

Removing Non-uniform Blur

We evaluate our blur removal method on test images from NYU-v2. Figure 2 shows the results generated by our and competing methods for different images. Our algorithm attains higher visual quality than its counterparts. It is observed that our algorithm is able to restore high-frequency texture details with a closer resemblance to the ground-truth than existing methods due to estimating blur kernels from depth layers.



Original Defocused Groundtruth DFD [10] DT [11] DCNF [12] Ours

Figure 1: Qualitative comparison of our depth estimation method on Make3D [8] dataset with state-of-the-art depth prediction methods. Our method correctly predicted the depth levels. Depths are shown in color where red is far and blue is near.

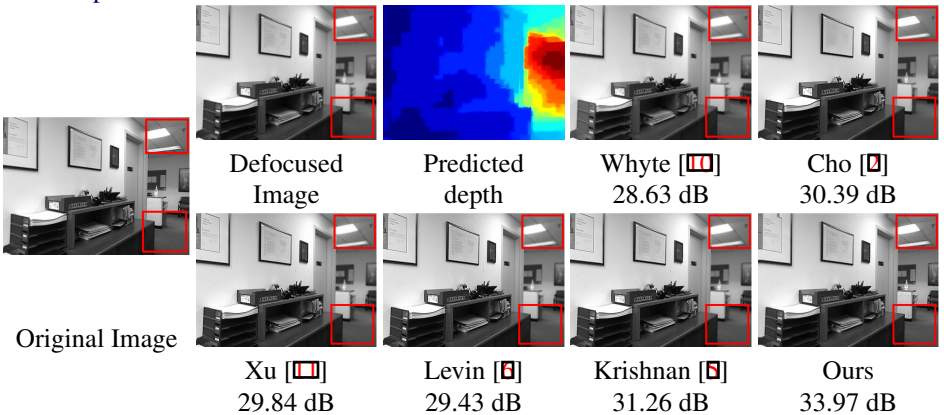


Figure 2: Qualitative comparison of our deblurring results on NYU-v2 [8] dataset with state-of-the-art deblurring methods. The difference can be seen in the red box and best viewed at higher magnification.

In Fig. 2, the highly-textured patterns on walls are adeptly reproduced by our algorithm, while these details are not clearly visible in the results of the other methods. In this example, most of the other methods tend to smoothen out the variation of the background texture along one of its principal directions. Furthermore, some methods introduce additional artifacts and

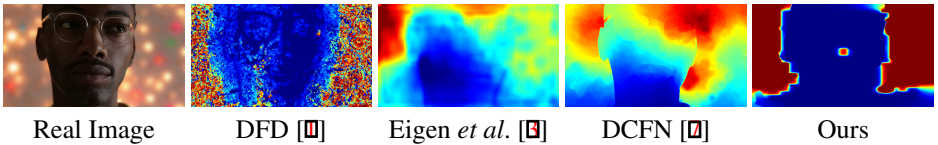


Figure 3: Images are real defocused photos with unknown blur and qualitative comparison shows significant improvement over state-of-the-art depth prediction methods. Our method benefits from the amount of blur in the real images whereas other methods rely on the color and shape of the object which fails to recover the depth.

artificial textures.

2 Real Out-of-focus Images

In our last experiment, we evaluate the proposed method on the real-world out of focus face image. Comparison with state-of-the-art methods [3, 8, 10] are shown in figure 3.

In this example, there are approximately two layers of blur corresponding to different levels. Our method put the face and background in different depth levels by exploiting the blur while [3] generates sharp boundaries for face but puts different level of depth for the same face layer. Thus, making our method more useful in practical situation in the presence of non-uniform blur. As compared to others, our method outperformed.

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