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Social Media

- Definition from Wikepedia:
 - Social media is online content created by people using highly accessible and scalable publishing technologies.
 - Social media is a shift in how people discover, read and share news, information, content and media etc.
 - It's a fusion of sociology and technology, transforming monologues (one to many) into dialogues (many to many).
- Social media can take many different forms (e.g. Internet forums, weblogs, social blogs, wikis, podcasts, pictures and video). There are different types of social media applications,
 - e.g. communication (e.g. blogs, social networking), multimedia, entertainment, collaboration (e.g. Wikis), news/opinion etc.



Social Media (cont'd)

- Examples of multimedia social media applications
 - Photo sharing: Flickr, Zooomr, Photobucket, SmugMug
 - Video sharing: YouTube, Vimeo,
 - Livecasting: Ustream.tv, Justin.tv, Stickam, bizbuzztour.com
 - Audio/Music Sharing: imeem, The Hype Machine, Last.fm, ccMixter
- Examples of social networking app. Bebo, Facebook, YouTube, LinkedIn, MySpace, Orkut, Skyrock, Hi5, Ning, Elgg, Google Groups, Twitter, etc.

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Social Networks

• A social network is an on-line social structure made of nodes tied by some types of interdependency (relations, e.g. values, friendships, kinship, trade etc)







Source: eMarketer

Social media, social networking, social whatever



YouTube

- YouTube (social networking and video sharing): a video sharing website on which users can upload and share videos.
- Social impact: YouTube (launched in 2005) made it possible, simple for ordinary computer users to post on-line videos that millions of people could watch, and turned video sharing into one important Internet culture.
- However there are major criticism of YouTube:





Technical Challenges

• Security issues: content protection and DRM

TABLE 1 USTR "Special 301" Piracy Loss Estimates for Copyright Industries - 2005 a

Loss Estimates for Selected Countries Only ^b

U.S. Industry	Pitacy Loss Asia/Pacific (\$ Millions)	Piracy Loss Europe/The CIS (\$ Millions)	Pitacy Loss The Americas (\$ Millions)	Piracy Loss Middle East/Africa (\$ Millions)
2				
Motion Pictures	\$593.0	\$1,014.0	\$1,120.0	\$186.0
Recorded Music	\$710.8	\$773.9	\$1,133.3	\$86.7
Business Software	\$3,476.0	\$3,086.4	\$1,493.0	\$583.0
Entertainment Software	\$1,357.6	\$1,021.1	\$258.5	\$15.6
Sub-Total	\$6,137.4	\$5,895.4	\$4,004.8	\$871.3
	Tota	l Losses All Regions	\$16,908.9	
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^a Source: International Intellectual Property Alliance, USTR 2007 "Special 310" Decisions, May 1, 2007.

^b These estimates do not include losses incurred in the United States, United Kingdom, France, Germany, Australia and a number of other countries.

Source: S. Siwek, "The True Cost of Copyright Industry Piracy to the U.S. Economy", IPI Policy Report, Oct. 2007



Technical Challenges(cont'd)

- Reliability and scalability:
 - January 28, 2006, pplive broadcasted the annual Chinese Spring Festival Gala to over 200K users at bit rate 400-800 kbps (100 gigabits per second)
- Media management: e.g. multimedia indexing and content recognition

SONG TITLE	NUMBER OF VERSIONS	NUMBER OF COPIES	α
Naughty Girl	26,715	631,387	0.80672
Ocean Avenue	8,000	17/4,106	0.80339
Where is the Love ?	48,613	448,987	1.0215
Hey Ya	46,926	734,108	0.86035
Toxic	38,992	650,529	0.86135
Tipsy	32,893	32,893 853,688	
My Band	49,447	1,816,663	0.82019

Data collected:

May 1, 2004

Source: J. Liang, etc., "Pollution in P2P File Sharing Systems", IEEE InfoCom, 2005



Outline

To address these challenges, we investigate fundamental technologies including

- Extrinsic forensic watermarking
- Intrinsic multimedia forensics
- Content-based fingerprinting for media content recognition
 - FJLT image hashing algorithms
 - Automation of image hashing algorithms
 - Video hashing

and at the system-design level,

- Behavior modeling and analysis
- Automated network-service (quality) monitoring
 - Watermarking-based quality monitoring
 - Hash-based quality monitoring



Automated quality monitoring methods

- Watermarking-based quality monitoring
- Hash-based quality monitoring





Image Quality Assessment Approaches:

> Full-reference quality assessment: Compare original image and distorted copies

Pros: easy to assess; *Cons*: not accurate.

Reduced-reference quality assessment: A trade-off between FR and NR scheme. Require a *partial information* of original image

Pros: applicable in practice; *Cons*: accuracy depends on the information



- Original image S
- Additive spread spectrum embedding: $X = S + JND \cdot W$
 - The noise-like watermark is spread all over the entire host signal
 - JND: just-noticeable-difference from human visual models



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Image Quality Assessment Example



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Reduced-Reference Image Quality Assessment using Image Hashing



Monotone sensitivity means the hash distance between original image and its distorted copy is getting further and further when the quality of distorted image becomes worse (e.g. *PSNR is smaller*).



Ideally: Need an one-to-one mapping relation between hash distances and PSNR **Solution:** Instead of examining the overall distance between two hashes, we investigate individual components' distances and choose the ones whose distances are monotonically sensitive to the quality degradation (PSNR)





Correlation under JPEG Correlation under JPEG2000 Correlation between estimated PSNR and true PSNR under compression

Conclusion: The FJLT hashing-based RR quality assessment, though require only a low data rate, have good perceptual relevance and thus can provide an accurate image quality estimate.



Summary

- Watermark and image hash are shown to be promising partial information for image quality assessment
- Upgrade the method to video quality assessment
- Investigate other more robust WM/hashing/etc methods
- Investigate faster and automated design methods



Content-Based Image Fingerprinting (Hashing)

- FJLT-based image hashing algorithms
- Automation of image hashing algorithms
- Video hashing





Problem: Easy-to-copy nature of digital multimedia

Q1: How to identify efficiently from such abundant data?

A1: Manually annotate each multimedia file with a unique descriptor in text, which could be used to index, search and identify, e.g. YouTube, Google Image.

Cons: Time Consuming, inaccurate





Problem: Easy-to-copy nature of digital multimedia

Q2: How to prevent unauthorized access to multimedia in terms of copyrights and protect the benefits of owners?

A2: Watermarking (embedding identifiers into images as a proof of copyright)

Cons: Affects image quality





Problem: Easy-to-copy nature of digital multimedia **Solution**: Implement multimedia hashing algorithms that

- 1. Realize fast multimedia indexing, searching, and identification (automated description)
- 2. Realize effective copyright detection and protection (robustness and security)



• Image hashing is the process of generating a short content-based digital signature (image hash) for a specific image.

• Advantage: convenient storing, fast searching, and easy matching





Critical Properties:

Perceptual Robustness : content-identical images have similar hashes

Ideally, no matter what manipulations are performed on the same image, the distorted versions have *identical* hashes



Hash Vector

(100, 20, 5)(100.5, 21, 5.3)

(101, 19.1, 4.9)

(99.2, 19.7, 5.01)

(99, 20.1, 5.5)

- Security : prevent unauthorized access
- Image hash generation is a pseudorandom process depending on a secret key



How Image Hashing Works?





- Image Statistics
- e.g.: Image Histogram, DCT & Wavelet Coefficients
- Perceptually Salient Points
- e.g.: Scale Invariant Feature Transform (SIFT)
- Rotation Invariant Transform
- e.g.: Radon Transform, Fourier-Mellin Transform
- Dimension Reduction
- e.g.: Singular Value Decomposition (SVD), Non-negative Matrix Factorization (NMF)

Fast Johnson-Lindenstrauss Transform

• JL lemma: *P*roject from the original *d* dimensions down to a lower *k* dimensions while incurring a distortion of at most \pm in their pairwise distance



• Fast Johnson-Lindenstrauss Transform:





FJLT-based Image Hashing

- Random sampling (secret key)
- *Sub*(*i*) is a vector with length $d = m^2$

• Original Feature Matrix = {Sub(1), Sub(2), ..., Sub(N)}, with d-by-N



- Dimension Reduction using FJLT: (a) Intermediate Hash = FJLT (Original Feature Matrix), with k-by-N
- Random Weight Incorporation: Generate Random Weight Matrix $W = \{w_1, w_2, \dots, w_N\}$ $Hash = \{\langle IH_1, w_1 \rangle, \langle IH_2, w_2 \rangle, \dots, \langle IH_N, w_N \rangle\}, with 1 \times N$ N $X = \begin{bmatrix} S_{1,1} & \cdots & S_{1,N} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ S_{d,1} & \cdots & S_{d,N} \end{bmatrix}$ d $X' = \begin{bmatrix} IH_{1,1} & \cdots & IH_{1,N} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ IH_{k,1} & \cdots & IH_{k,N} \end{bmatrix}$ k $X'' = [FH_1, FH_2 \dots, FH_N]$



Database: 100 original images, each of them has 99 distorted copies=10000 images

Manipulations	Parameters setting	No.	NMF	FJLT
Additive Noise				
Gaussian Noise	Sigma: 0~0.2	10	49.7%	76.5%
Salt&Pepper Noise	Sigma: 0~0.2	10	75.9%	96.1%
Speckle Noise	Sigma: 0- 0.2	10	50.2%	98.1
Blurring				
Gaussian Blurring	Filter size: 3~21, sigma=5	10	99.3%	100%
Circular Blurring	Radius: 1~10	10	99.4%	100%
Motion Blurring	Len: 5~15, theta: 0~90	9	99.7%	100%
Geometric Attacks				
Rotation	Degree= 5~45	9	19%	36.67%
Cropping	5%, 10%, 20%, 25%, 30%, 35%	6	15.83%	92.5%
Scaling	25%, 50%, 75%, 150%, 200%	5	99.8%	100%
JPEG Compression	Quality Factor=5~50	10	99.9%	100%
Gamma Correction	Gamma= (0.75~1.25)	10	5.4%	87.1%



- *Motivation*: *Combining* more than one image hashing algorithm to overcome their individual deficiencies
- **Pros**: High identification accuracy under diverse distortions and manipulation; Multilayer security arising from the different hash generation processes
- *Cons*: Increasing computational complexity



- Robust feature extraction methods for each image hashing algorithm, which are robust to specific types of attacks
- Advanced joint decision making



Fourier-Mellin Transform (FMT)

Fourier-Mellin transform makes input image pattern invariant to geometric attacks including translation, rotation and scaling

Motivation of RI-FJLT Image Hashing: The input feature is rotation-invariant before FJLT hashing











Content-based Fingerprinting using FJLT and RI-FJLT Image Hashing

Image Database: 100 original images, each of them has 99 distorted copies=10000 images

Manipulations	Parameters setting	Parameters setting No.		FJLT	FJLT+ RI_FJLT
Additive Noise					
Gaussian Noise	Sigma: 0~0.2	10	49.7%	76.5%	72.4%
Salt&Pepper Noise	Sigma: 0~0.2	10	75.9%	96.1%	95.9%
Speckle Noise	Sigma: 0~0.2	10	50.2%	98.1	98.2%
Blurring					
Gaussian Blurring	Filter size: 3~21, sigma=5	10	99.3%	100%	100%
Circular Blurring	Radius: 1~10	10	99.4%	100%	100%
Motion Blurring	Len: 5~15, theta: 0~90	9	99.7%	100%	100%
Geometric Attacks					
Rotation	Degree= 5~45	9	19%	36.67%	90.67%
Cropping	5%, 10%, 20%, 25%, 30%, 35%	6	15.83%	92.5%	90%
Scaling	25%, 50%, 75%, 150%, 200%	5	99.8%	100%	100%
JPEG Compression	Quality Factor=5~50	10	99.9%	100%	100%
Gamma Correction	Gamma= (0.75~1.25)	10	5.4%	87.1%	83.5%



Content-based Fingerprinting using FJLT and RI-FJLT Image Hashing

Receiver Operating Characteristics (ROC) Analysis



Conclusion: Content-based fingerprinting achieves higher probability of true identification under the same false alarm rate.

Automation of Image Hashing Algorithms



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Results of Automating FJLT using GA

- Used a database of 50 standard images.
- Generated 20 attacked version of each image (composite attacks).
- Used half of the dataset for training the automatic parameter selection algorithm and the other half for testing the performance.





Table 1. Comparison of optimal and manual results

Method	Parameter values	TPR (%)	FPR (%)	Kappa	Time (sec.)
Manual	[64 20 2.0 0.1 250 0.29]	89.6	4.3	0 <mark>.8</mark> 3	2118.2
Optimal	[16 128 1.1 0.21 200 0.37]	95.6	6.3	0.89	42.0

* Results showed performance g improvement (measured by Kappa) as well as speed improvement compared to the original parameter setting (manual).

* Future work involves implementing the same procedure for other state-of-the-art image hashing algorithms and comparing the results.



Video Copy Detection

- Detect transformed copies of a video
- Represent the video with a fingerprint that is based on the content of the video
- Video content: Visual and Auditory
- Current approaches:
 - Image-based
 - *I.* uses every frame
 - п. uses only key frames
 - The whole video
- Problems
 - Using every frame: computationally not efficient
 - Using key frames: sensitive to noise



using

Our approach: Make temporally informative representative images (TIRI) using weighted averaging of subsequent frames

$$o_{m,n} = \sum_{k=1}^{L} w_k \, l_{m,n,k}$$

- $I_{m,n,k}$ is the luminance value of the
- $(m, n)^{th}$ pixel of the k^{th} frame in a set of L frames.
 - $w_k = 1$ (simple averaging)
 - $w_k = k$ (linearly changing weights)
 - $w_k = 1 e^{(k-\mu)^2/\sigma}$ (Gaussian weighting)

•
$$w_k = \gamma^k$$
 (exponential weighting)



Averaged using Exponential weighting





How our video hashing algorithm works:

- Create the TIRI images for the video sequence
- Input the resulting TIRI images into the hashing algorithm
- We used a simple yet efficient hashing algorithm

Low freq. DCT coefficients of the TIRI



Performance Evaluation

• Created 10 attacked versions of 14 videos (140 videos in total)

Attack	Effect	Min	Max
Noise (σ)	$l'_{m,n,k} = l_{m,n,k} + G(0,\sigma)$	0	100
Brightness (b)	$l'_{m,n,k} = l_{m,n,k} + b\mu_k$	-0.7	0.7
Contrast (c)	$l'_{m,n,k} = c \left(l_{m,n,k} - 127.5 \right)$	0.5	2
Rotate (r)	Rotate the whole frame r°	-5	5
Time shift (δ)	Video is shifted for δ		
	seconds in time	-0.5	0.5
Spatial shift	Shift the frame $sr\%$ to the		
(sr, sd)	right and $sd\%$ down	-4	4
Frame drop	fd% of the frames are		
(fd)	randomly dropped	0	65



Performance Evaluation(sample attacks)





Performance Comparison

- Probability distribution of hash differences
 - TIR1-based hash
 - Low freq. DCT coefficients of the whole video (Spatiotemporal-based hash)





Performance Comparison





Performance Comparison

Attack	Spatio-		TIRI (%)	
	temporal [2]			
	TPR(%)	FPR(%)	TPR(%)	FPR(%)
Noise	99.9	0.14	100	0
Brightness	99.8	0.2	100	0
Contrast	100	0	100	0
Rotation	100	0	98.2	0.4
Time shift	84.3	15.7	98.8	0.5
Spatial shift	100	0	96.8	1.8
Frame drop	97.1	2.9	99.2	0
Average	97.3	2.9	99.2	0.4



	No. of Frames in the Segment				
Method	4	8	16	32	
DCT	30mSec	45mSec	80mSec	160mSec	
TIRI	5mSec	7mSec	11mSec	18mSec	
Speed ratio	6	6.4	7.3	8.9	



Summary

- Dimension reductions techniques (e.g. FJLT) are promising for image hashing.
- Automating as well as combining image hashing algorithms can yield better identification performance.
- Creating a representative image from a video chunk can lead to a superior performance for video detection.



Behavior Dynamics in Multimedia Social Networks

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• Multimedia social networks: user interaction



cheating



Mesh-Pull P2P Live Streaming



- Original server divides video into media chunks of *M* bits
- Every peer requests one chunk at the beginning of every round
- Each peer decides to answer or reject the chunk request



User Dynamics in P2P Live Streaming

- Selfish (rational) users:
 - Goal: receive a high-quality video and upload fewer chunks
 - Free riding
 - Might cheat if cheating can help increase their payoffs
- Malicious users (attackers)
 - Goal: maximize the damage to the system
 - Pollution attack: send unusable chunks
 - Hand wash (whitewashing)
- Our goal:
 - Stimulate cooperation and prevent cheating behavior
 - Minimize the damages caused by attackers



Cooperation Stimulation

- Two-player game model: request/upload at most 1chunk/round
- Utility definition: for each round,
 - User 1's utility:





- Infinite-time model : game termination time unknown
 - Strategy profile: $s=(s1=[a_1^1, a_1^2, a_1^3, \ldots], s2=[a_2^1, a_2^2, a_2^3, \ldots])$
 - Average utility: $U_i(s_1, s_2) = \lim_{T \to \infty} \sum_{t=1}^T \pi_i(s) / T$
 - ≥ 1 NE for every feasible and enforceable payoff profile
- Pareto-optimal set:
 - Each player cannot increase his/her utility without degrading others'
 - Rational users will always go
- Refinement by fairness criteria:
 - Absolute fairness
 - Proportional fairness





User i's

buffer

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Cheat-Proof Strategies

- Cheat on private information (g_i, W_i, P_{ji}): $\pi_1(a_1, a_2) = (a_2 P_{21})g_1 a_1 \frac{M}{W_1 \tau}$
 - Both players will report **false** private information to max. their own utilities under the constraint $P_{ii}g_i \ge M/(W_i\tau), W_i \ge W_{\min}$
 - Absolute and proportional fairness solutions become:
 - $x^* = (1,1) \rightarrow always cooperate$



- Users send equal number of chunks to each other

This solution is cheat-proof, Pareto-optimal Nash equilibrium

[1] W.S. Lin, H.V. Zhao, and K. J. R. Liu, "Incentive Cooperation Strategies for Peer-to-Peer Live Streaming Social Networks", , IEEE Tran. on Multimedia, vol. 11, no. 3, pp 396-412, April 2009



- Pollution attack: upload useless chunks
 - Challenges: "intentional" vs "innocent" misbehavior
 - Attackers' hand wash makes it much more challenging
- Trust: the confidence that user i has on j to upload a clean chunk
 - User i identifies user j as malicious if $T_{i(j)}(t) < TH$
 - Collect the network opinion and identify attackers early

$$T_{i(j)}(t) = \beta \cdot DV_{i(j)}(t) + (1 - \beta) \cdot IDV_{i(j)}$$

Speed up the detection process

user i's own experience

other users' opinion about j



- In current P2P live streaming systems, a data chunk is not processed (decoded) until its playback time
 - a polluted data chunk **cannot** be detected until it is processed



Early Detection of Polluted Chunks

- **Early** detection of polluted chunks: reduce the delay [2][3]
 - Extra overhead and increased complexity



[2] P. Dhungel, X. Hei, K. W. Ross, and N.Saxena, "The pollution attack in P2P live video streaming: measurement results and defenses," *ACM SigComm Workshop on P2P Streaming and IP-TV*, pp. 323–328, Aug. 2007.
[3] Bo Hu, H. Vicky Zhao, "Pollution-resistant peer to peer live streaming using trust management", *to appear*, *ICIP 2009*.



Simulation Setup

- # of users: 144, # of malicious attackers:10
- Buffer length: 30 seconds' video
- Round duration: 1/9 second
- Video bit rate: 64Kbps
- Attackers:
 - Send polluted chunks whenever possible
 - Hand wash every 150 rounds
- Selfish users:
 - For data chunks in the first 20% of the buffer, a user can verify their authenticity immediately after their arrival



Simulation Results





Summary

- Behavior dynamics is an important issue in MM social networks
- User dynamics in P2P live streaming
 - A game-theoretic model for user behavior modeling
 - Cheat-proof cooperation stimulation strategies
 - Attack-resistant P2P system



Discussion

- Quality monitoring:
 - What partial information (e.g., hash, watermark) to use?
 - How to achieve adaptive and automated design?
- Content identification:
 - What feature descriptors to combine? And how to do the fusion?
 - How to combine both visual and audio features for video identification?
- Behavior dynamics:
 - Tradeoff between the robustness and the complexity
 - The impact of the social networks' structures on user interaction and behavior dynamics

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