



Images Processing Resizing

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Resizing Definition

- Scaling up and down while preserving aspect ratio



- Changing aspect ratio = retargeting





Resizing Using Scaling

- How can scaling be done gracefully?
 - Scaling up
 - Scaling down
 - Scaling non-uniformly
- All share the same problems: **aliasing**
(since they are similar to sampling)

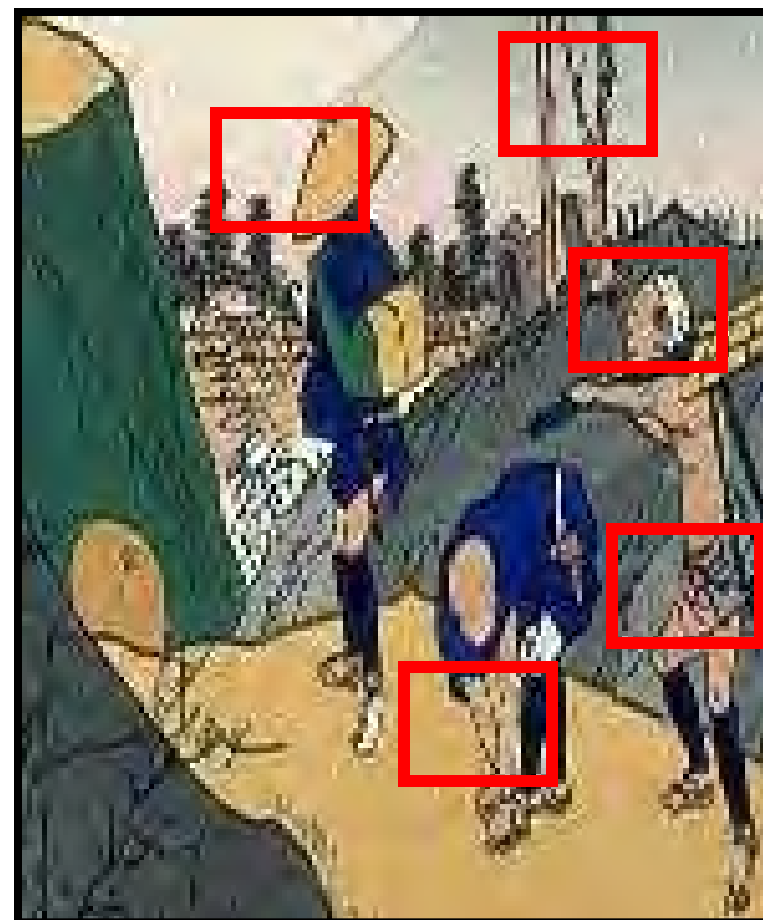
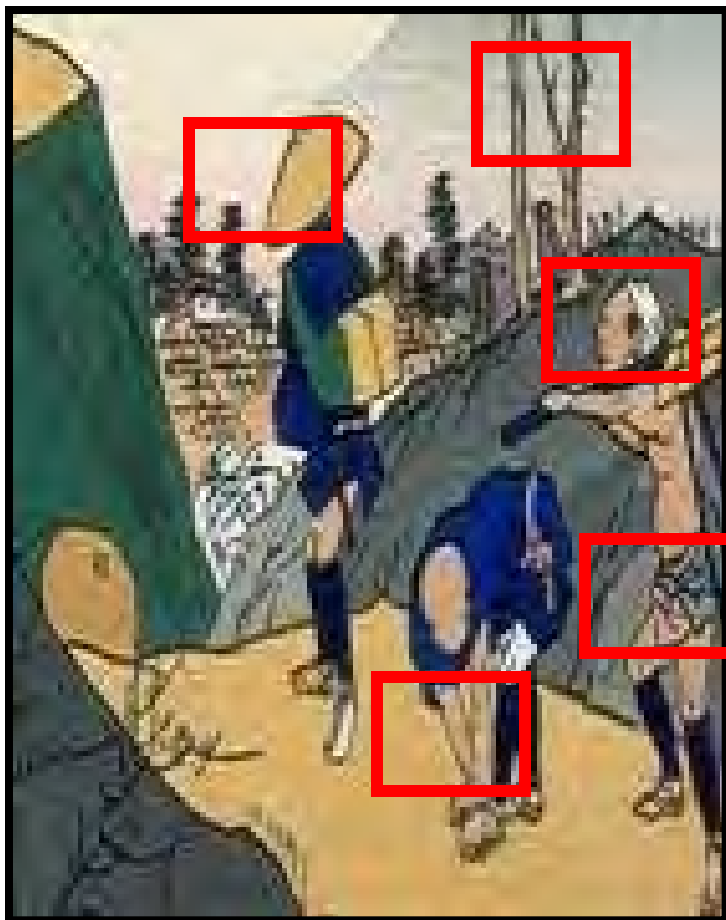
Non Uniform Resizing



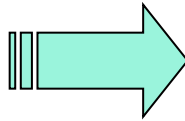
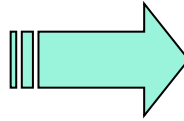
Sampling Vs. Reconstruction



Comparison

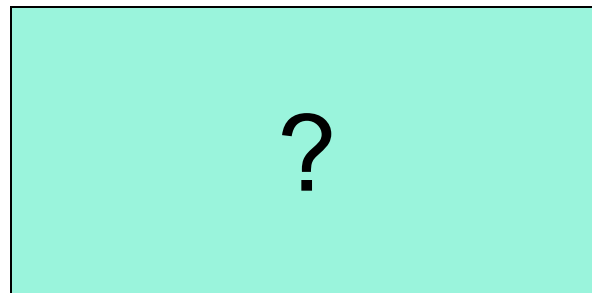
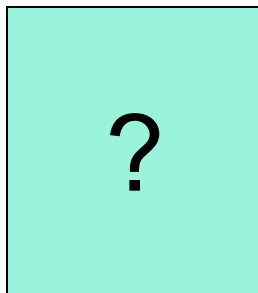


Still, non-uniform artifacts!



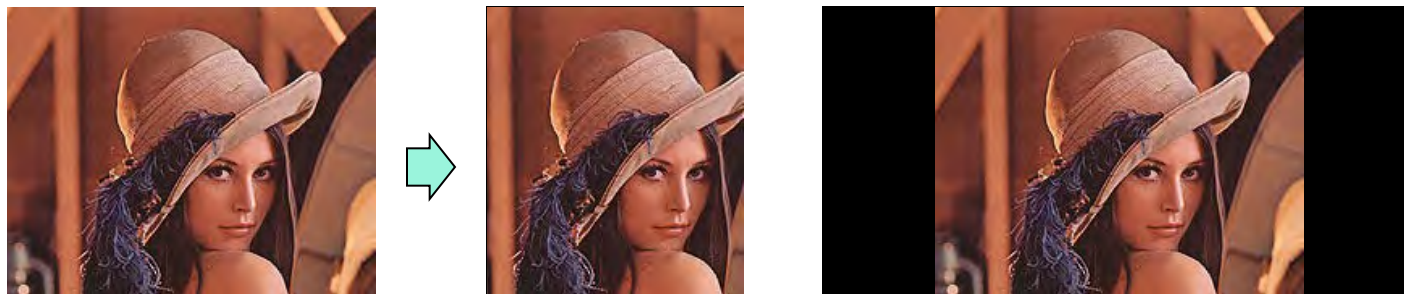
Retargeting

- Changing the aspect ratio!
- Given the original media in size $m \times n$ resize it to size $m' \times n'$ where $m' \neq m$ or $n' \neq n$ or both.



Retargeting

- Simple scaling creates artifacts
- Simple cropping loses information at the edges, and cannot support enlarging an image:





Cropping?





Enlarging?





Seam Carving





Key Idea: Content Aware

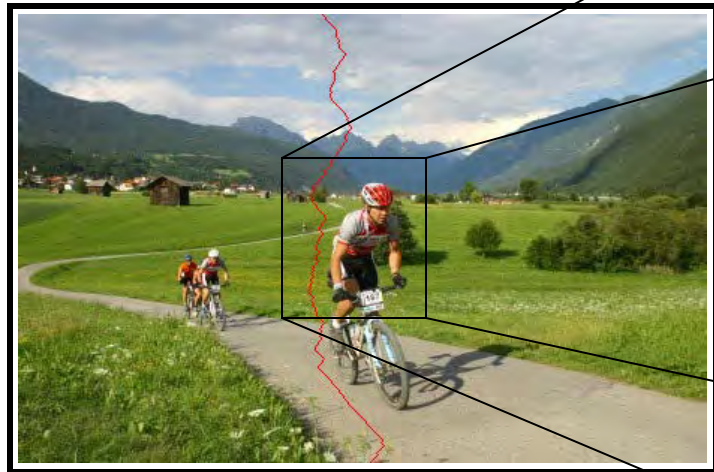
- Remove (or Insert) “less important” parts and preserve more important ones
- In effect this means we are creating ...
content aware resizing
- **Key questions: what is important?**
 - **Edges are important**

What Is Important?

- Edges Carry most information in the scene:



A Seam





Seam Carving



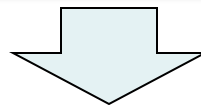
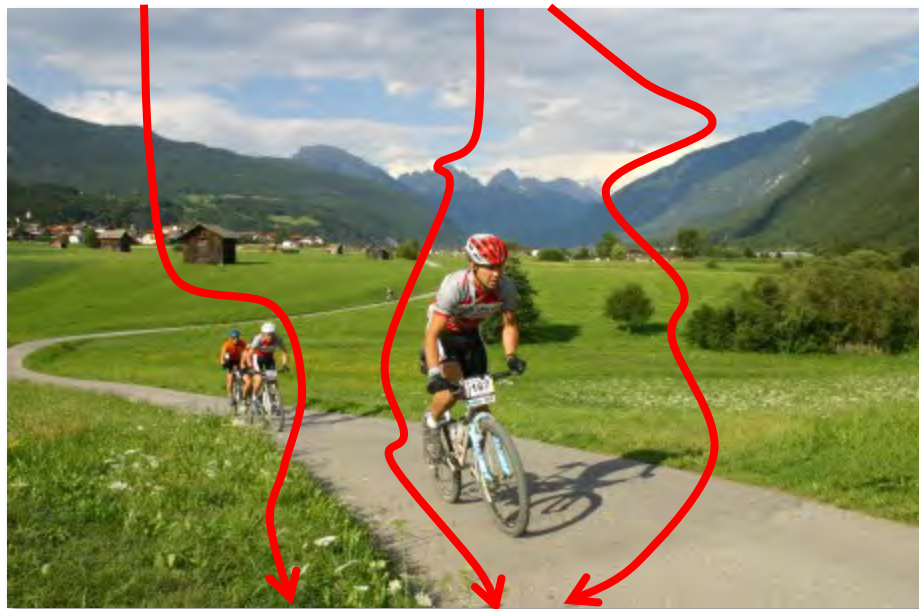
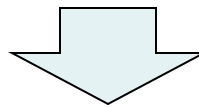


A Local Operator!



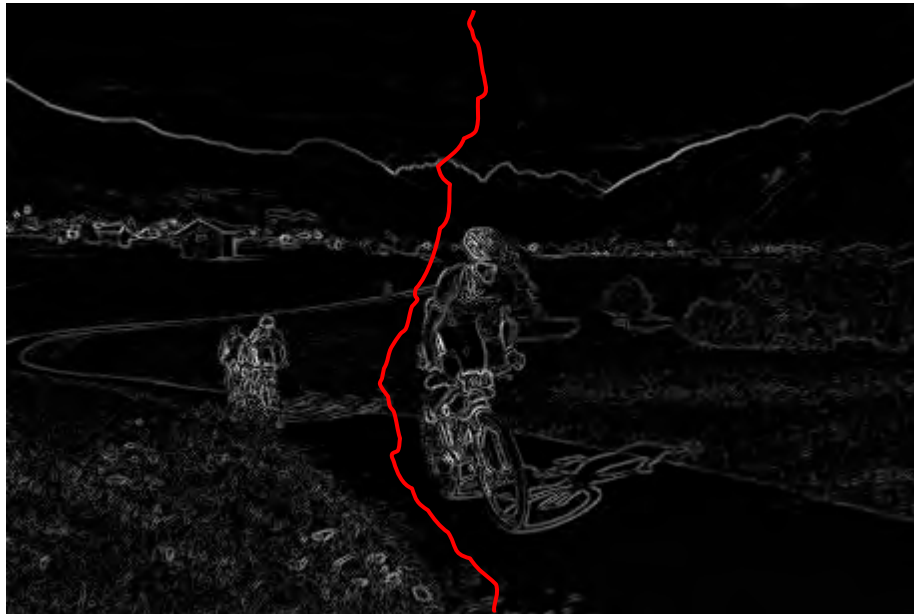


Finding the Seam?





The Optimal Seam



$$E(\mathbf{I}) = \left| \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \mathbf{I} \right| + \left| \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \mathbf{I} \right| \quad \Rightarrow \quad s^* = \arg \min_s E(s)$$



How Many Seams?

- An image has n columns and m rows
- Start from any pixel at top row (n)
- For each one choose between 3 possible pixels in the next row
- For each one of those, choose between 3 in the next row...
- $n \cdot 3^{m-1} = \text{exponential!}$ ☹️



Pixel Attribute → Dynamic Programming

$$M(i, j) = e(i, j) + \min(M(i-1, j-1), M(i-1, j), M(i-1, j+1))$$

5	8	12	3
9	2	3	9
7	3	4	2
5	4	7	8



Dynamic Programming

$$M(i, j) = e(i, j) + \min(M(i-1, j-1), M(i-1, j), M(i-1, j+1))$$

5	8	12	3
9	2+5	3	9
7	3	4	2
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5	8	12	3
9	7	6	12
14	9	10	8
14	13	15	8+8



Searching for Minimum

$$M(i, j) = e(i, j) + \min(M(i-1, j-1), M(i-1, j), M(i-1, j+1))$$

5	8	12	3
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Backtracking the Seam

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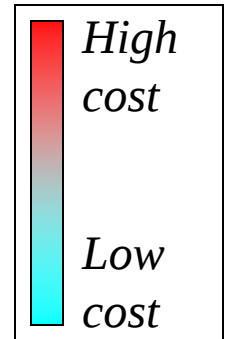
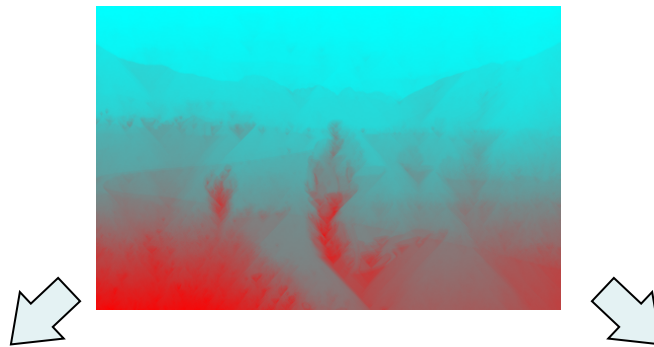
Backtracking the Seam

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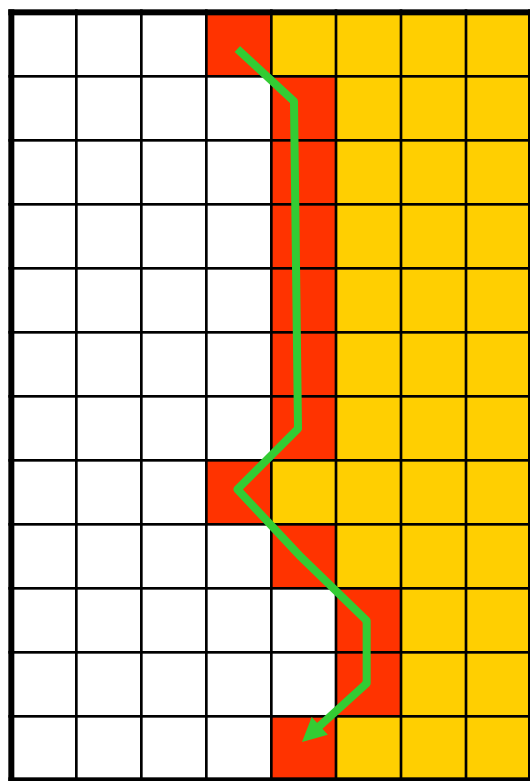
H & V Cost Maps



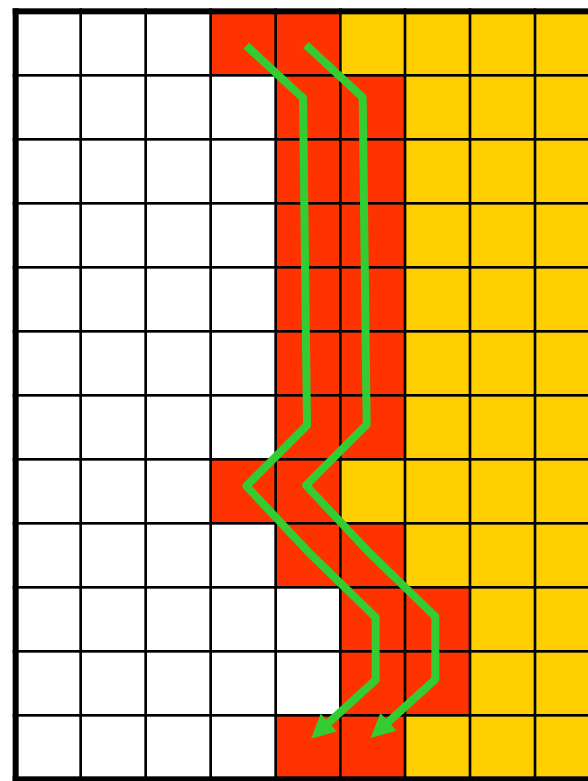
Horizontal Cost

Vertical Cost

Inserting a Seam



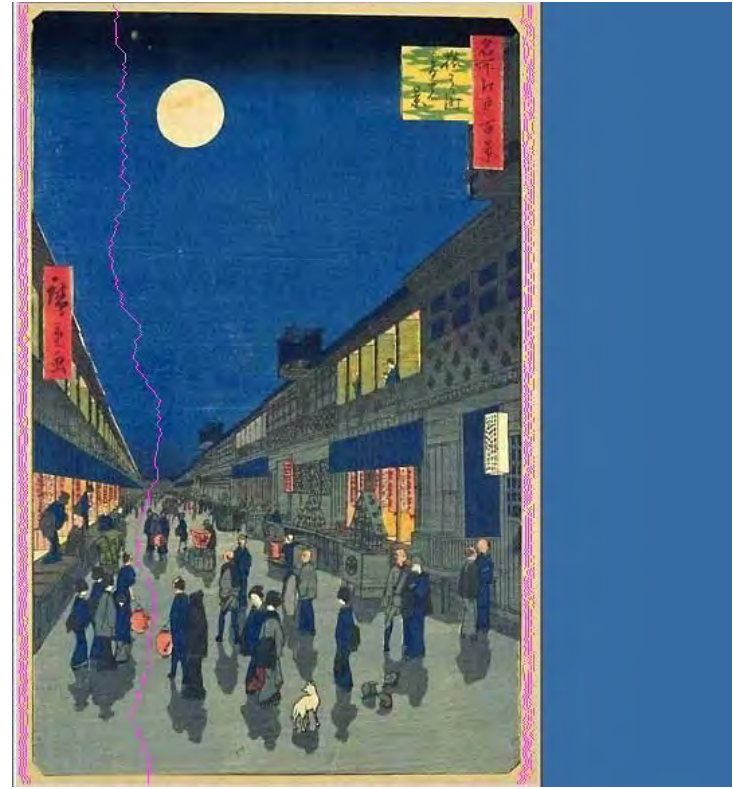
Duplicate



Enlarging by Seam Insertion?



Duplicate Seams in Order



Duplicate Seams in Order



Enlarged or Reduced?



Not Always a Success



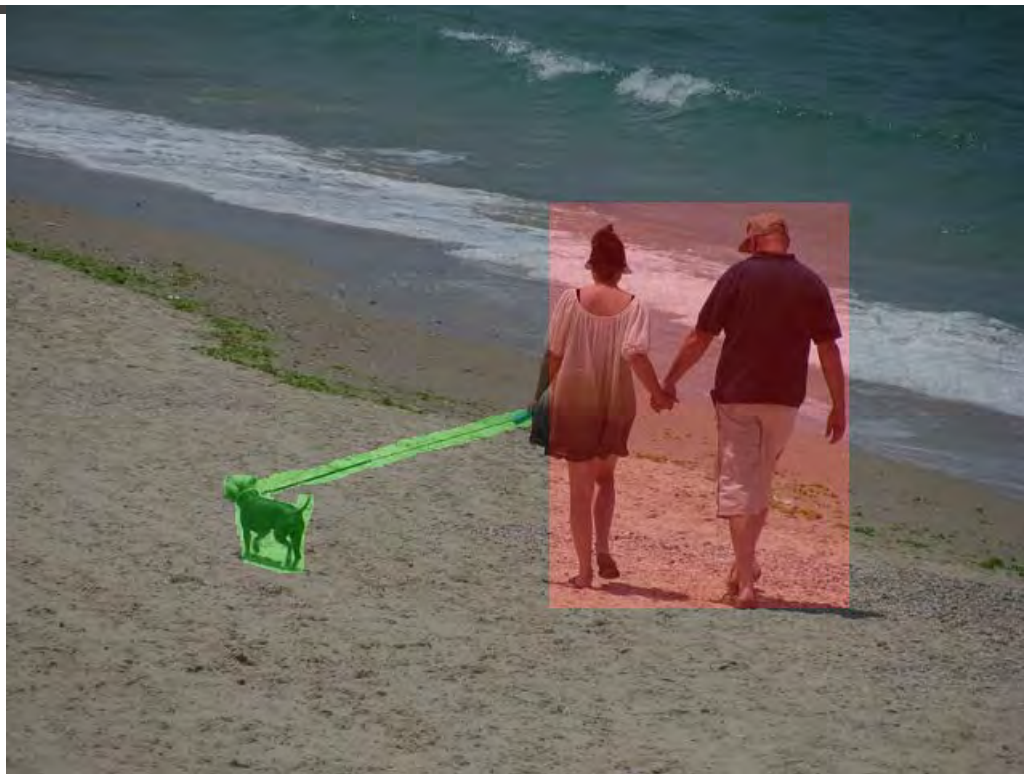


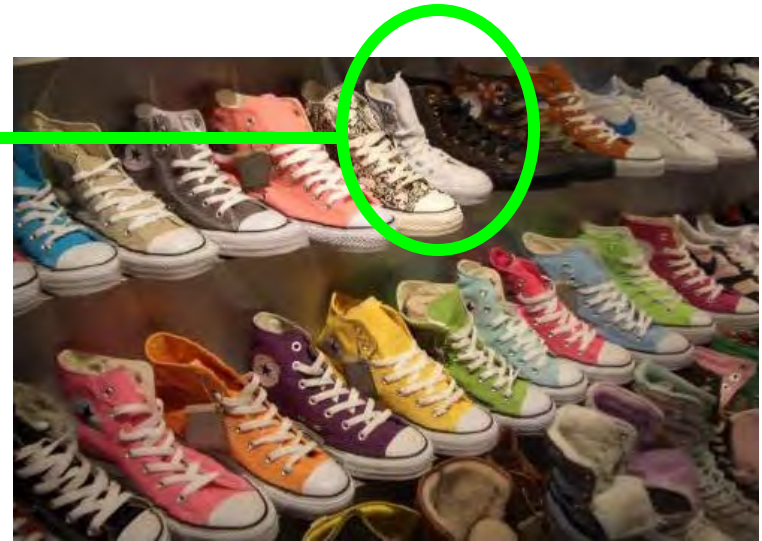
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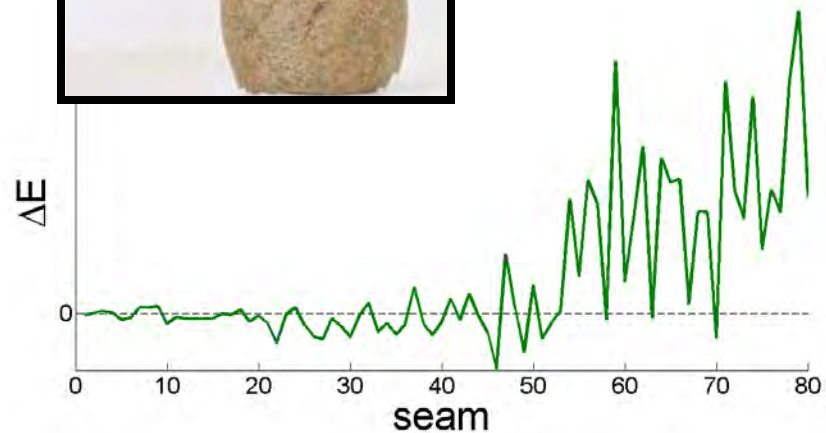
Find the Missing Shoe!



Solution

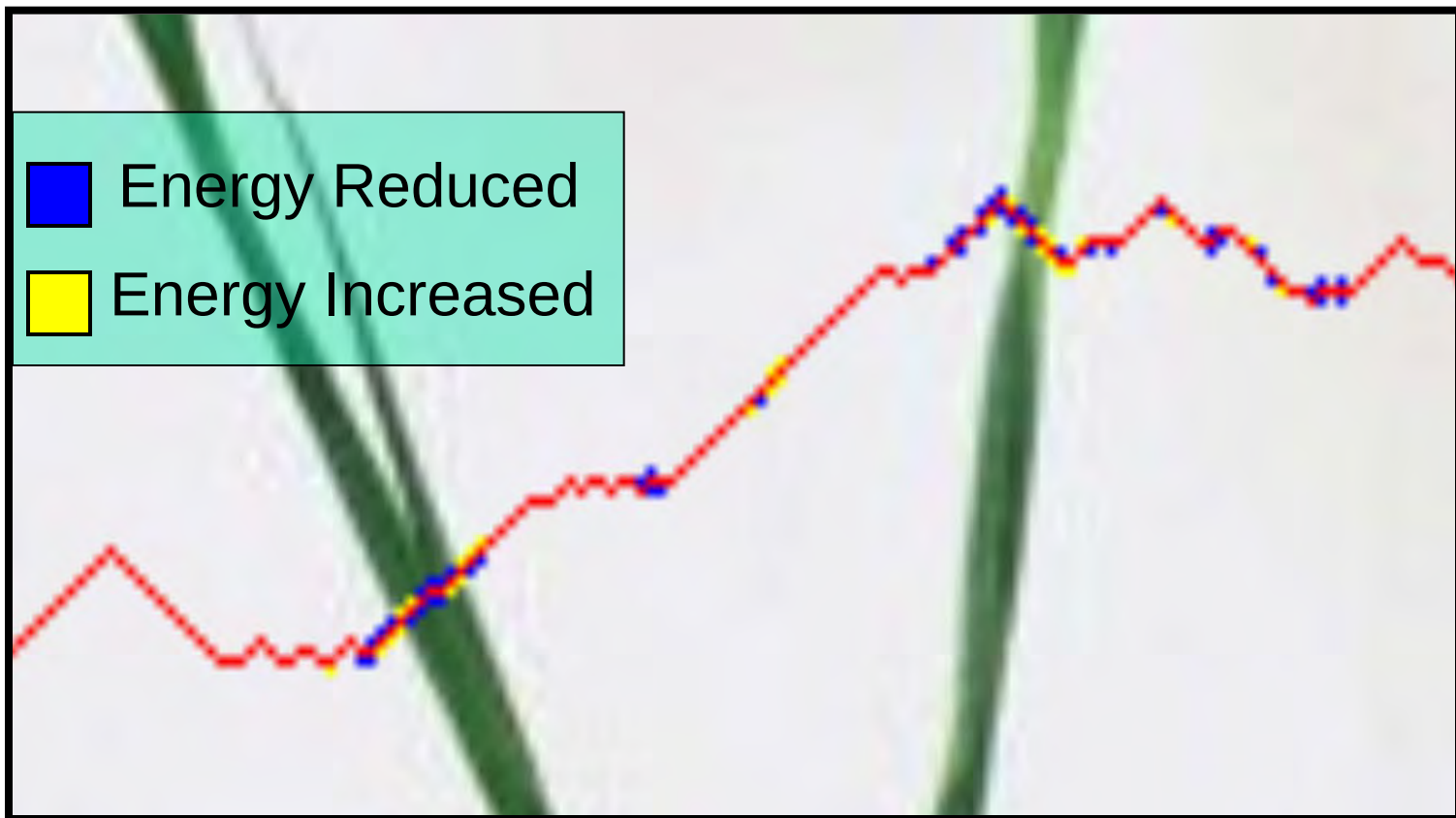


Changes in Energy





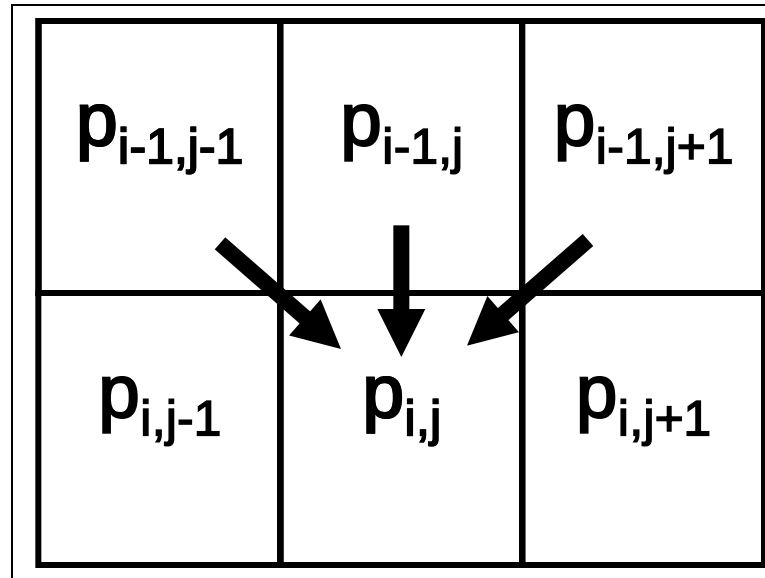
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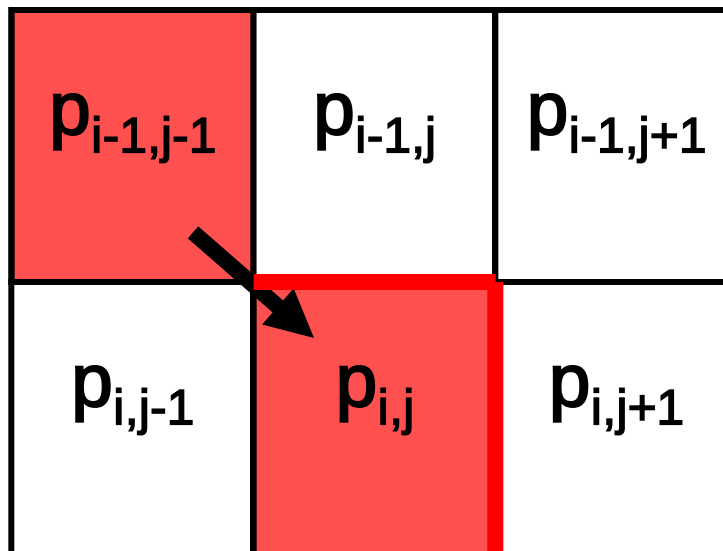


Tracking Inserted Energy

- Three possibilities When Removing Pixel $P_{i,j}$:

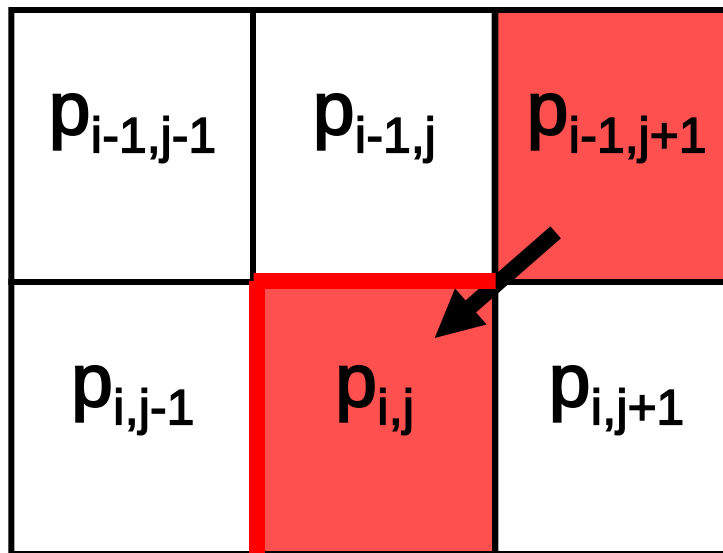


Pixel $P_{i,j}$: Left Seam



$$C_L(i, j) = |I(i, j + 1) - I(i, j - 1)| + |I(i - 1, j) - I(i, j - 1)|$$

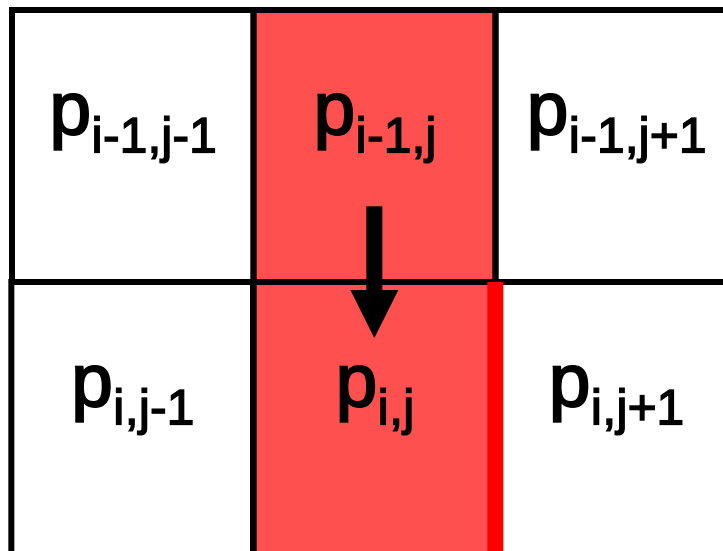
Pixel $P_{i,j}$: Right Seam



$$C_R(i, j) = |I(i, j + 1) - I(i, j - 1)| + |I(i - 1, j) - I(i, j + 1)|$$



Pixel $P_{i,j}$: Vertical Seam

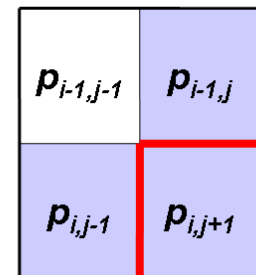
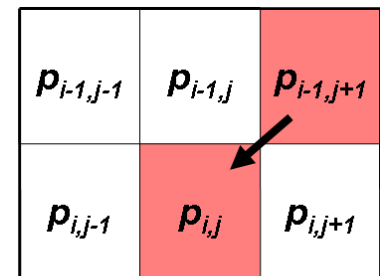
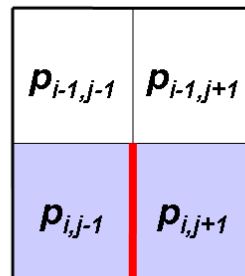
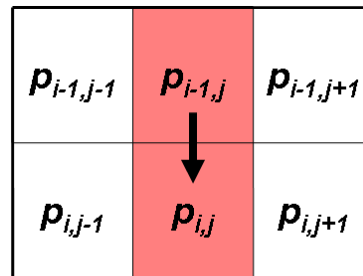
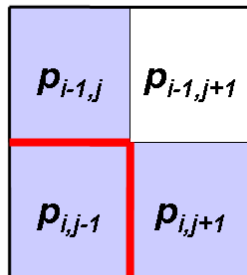
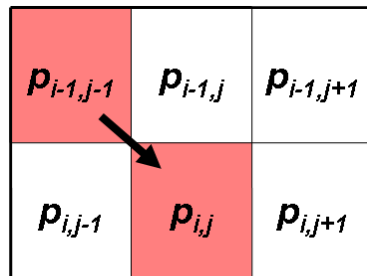


$$C_V(i, j) = |I(i, j + 1) - I(i, j - 1)|$$

New Forward Looking Energy Function



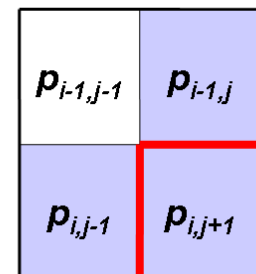
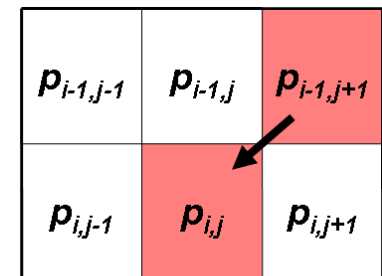
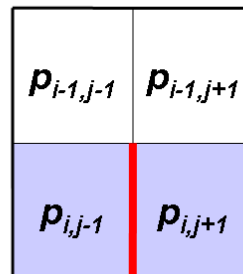
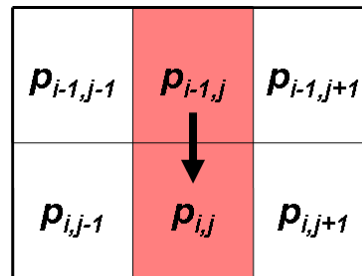
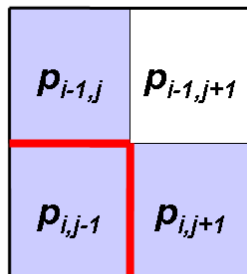
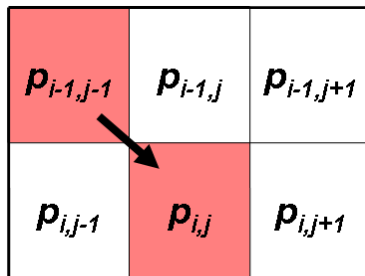
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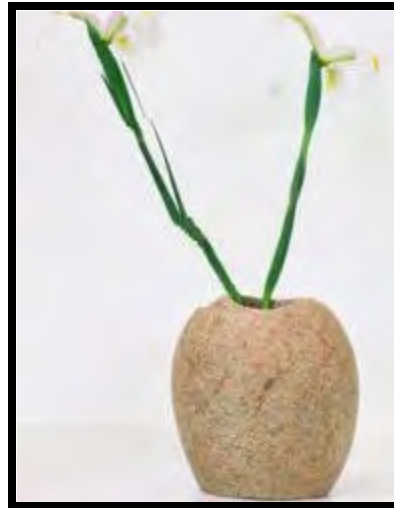


Backward (SIG 07)





Forward (SIG 08)



Backward



Forward





Backward





Forward





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