

Computational Understanding of Image Memorability





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What is memorability?

- objective and quantifiable measure of images
- consistent across observers
- filter for visual data

 $\mathrm{HR}(\mathrm{I}) = \frac{\mathrm{hits}(\mathrm{I})}{\mathrm{hits}(\mathrm{I}) + \mathrm{misses}(\mathrm{I})} \times 100\%$



Crowd-sourced (AMT) memory (image recognition) games





Is memorability predictable?

FIGRIM Dataset





Memorability rank is consistent across participants

Can we model image context?

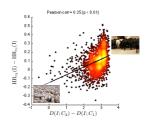


 $P_c(f_i) = \frac{1}{\|C\|} \sum_{i \in C} K(f_i - f_j)$

ran 21 separate experiments: one per scene category

images from all categories

Contextually distinct images are more memorable

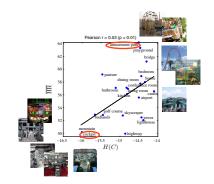


Memorable within categories

Memorable across categories



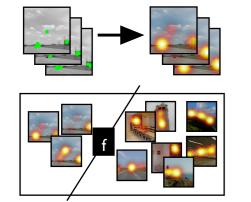
More varied image contexts are more memorable overall

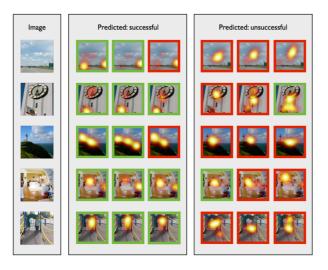


 $H(C) = \mathbb{E}_c[-\log P_c(f_i)]$

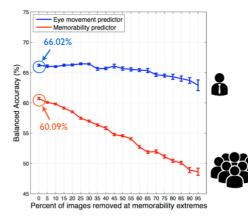
Can we use eye behavior to make predictions for individuals?

We train a classifier to predict whether a set of eye movements will lead to a successful encoding

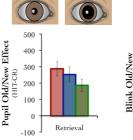




Where you look in an image is predictive of whether you'll remember it later



Your pupil dilations and blink rates are indicative of how difficult it is to retrieve an image from memory





show up early!

Memorability differences