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### Abstract

Non-local means filter is a special case of non-linear filter. It performs well for filtering Gaussian noise while preserving edges and details of the original images. In this paper, we propose an improved filter for color image denoising based on combining the advantages of non-local means filter and bilateral filter. To compare the similarity of patches, a new weight value is computed by adding texture information into weights. The experimental results of color image filtering show that the proposed method has a better performance for reducing Gaussian noise and mixture noise.

**Key words:** non-local means; bilateral filter; Gaussian noise; color image denoising

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