Expanding Synthetic Real-World Degradations for Blind Video Super Resolution
–Supplementary Material–

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1. Blur Kernel Pool ($B_{real}$):

Recall that the proposed algorithm creates a blur kernel pool from real-world images. We propose to use KernelGAN [2] for this purpose and create a kernel pool of approximately 5000 kernels from a dataset of 5000 images. These 5000 images are collected from DF2K [8], K|Lens datasets [1, 4]. DF2K is an image dataset, whereas K|Lens datasets consist of videos.

Please note that in the training of our algorithm, for creating an LR-HR pair, we randomly selected one blur kernel out of these 5000 blur kernels, in addition to isotropic and anisotropic blur kernels for simulation.

2. Proposed K|Lens Dataset:

The unique optical lens developed by K|Lens [1, 4] enables any camera with exchangeable lenses to capture multiple perspectives of a scene with a single exposure as regular color images on the camera sensor. More specifically, it captures nine different perspectives of the same scene and also it can record videos. Please refer to [1, 4] for more details.

3. Quality Assessment Metrics:

We have used two no-reference quality assessment metrics for quantitative comparison in the paper, i.e., NRQM [5], and BRISQUE [6]. BRISQUE is a widely used metrics originally proposed for the quality evaluation of natural images. These methods rely upon natural scene statistical (NSS) features extracted from local image patches to calculate the quality of the distorted image. The BRISQUE is trained on features obtained from natural and distorted images and human judgments.

NRQM [5] is specifically designed to predict the quality scores of super-resolved images. They proposed to use three types of low-level statistical features in both spatial and frequency domains. These features are learned using a two-stage regression model to predict the quality scores of the super-resolved image without referring to ground-truth images. Extensive experimental analysis has been done in the [5] to compare NRQM with the existing no-reference IQA metrics, including BRISQUE metric. In terms of Spearman Rank Correlation Coefficient (SRCC), [7], the NRQM metric is better than all the compared metrics, as suggested in the [5]. Recall that we extensively compared different VSR algorithms in Tables 1, 2 and 3 of the manuscript, and we can observe that the proposed SRWD-VSR outperforms all the compared models in terms of NRQM.

4. Pre-trained weights of RealBasicVSR [3]

Recall that in the simulation results and experiments (Table 3 of the main paper), we have not shown the results [3] for 2 × scaling as we do not have the pre-trained weights. This is why visual results in Figure 8 of the main paper are only based on 4 × scaling.

References


