QUALITY OF EXPERIENCE PREDICTION FOR STREAMING VIDEO

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Factors of Picking Streaming Service

- Quality of Experience;
- Content;
- Price;
- Advertisement.

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Quality of Experience

Definition

The degree of delight or annoyance of the user of an application or service. [Callet, 2013]

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Quality of Experience

Influencing Factors

• Playback smoothness



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Influencing Factors

• Duration of initial buffering



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Influencing Factors

• Video presentation quality



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Interaction between Presentation Quality and Stalling Experience



Figure: SRCC = 0.79

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Subjective QoE Prediction

Subjective QoE Assessment



Existing QoE models: Quality of Service-based

Philosophy

• There exists a causal relationship between generic QoS problems and generic QoE problems.

Factors

- Throughput -> Delivered video quality
- Stalling duration -> Waiting experience

Existing Models

- Linear mapping [Mok, 2011];
- Exponential mapping [Hoßfeld, 2012];
- Logrithmic mapping [Rodriguez, 2012];

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Existing QoE models: Signal Fidelity-based

Philosophy

• QoE can be measured by the distance from test video to the prestine video in the video space.

Existing Models

- PSNR;
- SSIM [Wang, 2004];
- MS-SSIM [Wang, 2003];
- VQM [Pinson, 2004];
- SSIMplus [Rehman, 2015];

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Our method: Hybrid

Motivation

- QoS-based: not directly related to human perception;
- Signal fidelity-based: only work for static videos;
- No modeling on the interaction between video presentation quality and stalling.

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Stalling Experience Quantification

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$$S^{k}(t) = \begin{cases} P_{i_{k}-1}\left(-1 + \exp\left\{-\left(\frac{tf-i_{k}}{T_{0}}\right)\right\}\right) & \frac{i_{k}}{f} \leq t \leq \frac{i_{k}+l_{k}}{f} \\ P_{i_{k}-1}\left(-1 + \exp\left\{-\left(\frac{l_{k}}{T_{0}}\right)\right\}\right) & \\ \cdot \left(\exp\left\{-\left(\frac{tf-i_{k}-l_{k}}{T_{1}}\right)\right\}\right) & t > \frac{i_{k}}{f} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$
(1)

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Stalling Experience Quantification

Parameters

Parameter	Description			
T_0	rate of dissatisfaction in stalling event			
T_1	strength of memory in stalling event			
T_0^{init}	rate of dissatisfaction in initial buffering event			
T_1^{init}	strength of memory in initial buffering event			
\dot{P}_0	expectation on initial quality of the video			

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Experimental Results

Performance comparison of QoE models on streaming video QoE database.

	PLCC	MAE	SRCC	KRCC
FTW [Hoßfeld, 2012]	0.3313	14.9455	0.3154	0.2583
PSNR	0.6663	10.7254	0.6715	0.4697
SSIM [Wang, 2004]	0.8432	7.6039	0.8177	0.6070
SSIMplus [Rehman, 2015]	0.8350	7.6934	0.8024	0.5924
SQI-PSNR	0.7391	9.8445	0.7492	0.5434
SQI-SSIM	0.9015	5.8941	0.9009	0.7238
SQI-SSIMplus	0.9026	5.8330	0.9007	0.7213

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Contribution

- Proposed an objective QoE model for video streaming that considers presentation quality and its interaction with stalling;
- Achieved the best performance in predicting subject opinions.

Future Work

- Construct comprehensive database;
- Investigate other QoE-related factors;
- Improve the QoE model.

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