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function [total_diff avg_matrix final_indexes] = test_image_consistency(img_matrix,N)

im_rows = size(img_matrix,1);
im_cols = size(img_matrix,2);

num_rows = floor(im_rows / N);
num_cols = floor(im_cols / N);

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%generates the indexes for a single cell partition

x = [ ];

for i = 1 : num_cols

    temp = (1 : num_rows) + (i-1)*im_rows;
    x = [x temp];

endfor

pixels_per_cell = num_rows*num_cols; %number of pixels per partition cell
num_partition_rows = N; %the number of resultant partition rows
num_partition_cols = N; %the number of resultant partition cols

base_indexes = ones(num_partition_rows, pixels_per_cell).*x;

final_indexes = [ ];

for i = 1 : num_partition_cols

    offset_vector = 0 : num_partition_rows - 1;
    offset_vector = offset_vector * num_rows;

    temp = base_indexes + offset_vector'; %calculates the indexes for the given partition column
    temp = temp';

    final_indexes = [final_indexes; temp(:)]; %stores those indexes

    base_indexes = base_indexes + im_rows*num_cols; %adjusts the base indexes

endfor

num_pixels = size(final_indexes,1); %total number of pixels in the partitioned image
num_partition_cells = num_pixels / pixels_per_cell;

pixel_entries = img_matrix(final_indexes);
avg_matrix = reshape(pixel_entries, [1 pixels_per_cell num_partition_cells]);

avg_matrix = mean(avg_matrix);
avg_matrix = reshape(avg_matrix,[num_partition_rows num_partition_cols]);

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%compares the matrixes
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%up / down
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temp_matrix = zeros(num_partition_rows,num_partition_cols);  
temp_matrix(1 : num_partition_rows - 1, :) = avg_matrix(2 : num_partition_rows, :);
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UD_diff = abs(avg_matrix .- temp_matrix);  
UD_diff(num_partition_rows,:) = 0; %this ignores the bottom of the image;
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UD_diff = sum(UD_diff(:));
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%left / right
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temp_matrix = zeros(num_partition_rows,num_partition_cols);  
temp_matrix(:, 1 : num_partition_cols - 1) = avg_matrix(:, 2 : num_partition_cols);
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LR_diff = abs(avg_matrix .- temp_matrix);  
LR_diff(:,num_partition_cols) = 0; %this ignores the bottom of the image;
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LR_diff = sum(LR_diff(:));
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total_diff = UD_diff + LR_diff;
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endfunction
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