BIL 717 Image Processing

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Image Segmentation Boundary Detection

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The goals of segmentation

• Separate image into coherent "objects"



Image segmentation

· Goal: identify groups of pixels that go together



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The goals of segmentation

- Separate image into coherent "objects"
- Group together similar-looking pixels for efficiency of further processing





X. Ren and J. Malik. Learning a classification model for segmentation. ICCV 2003.

Segmentation

- Compact representation for image data in terms of a set of <u>components</u>
- Components share "common" visual properties
- Properties can be defined at different level of abstractions

Segmentation methods

- K-means clustering
- Graph-theoretic segmentation
- Boundary Detection

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Image segmentation: toy example



- We could label every pixel in the image according to which of these primary intensities it is.
 - i.e., segment the image based on the intensity feature.
- What if the image isn't quite so simple?









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K-means: pros and cons

Pros

- Simple, fast to compute
- Converges to local minimum of • within-cluster squared error

Cons/issues

- Setting k?
- Sensitive to initial centers •
- Sensitive to outliers
- Detects spherical clusters ٠
- Assuming means can be computed



(A): Two natural cluster (B): k-means cluste



An aside: Smoothing out cluster assignments

- labeled by cluster original center's intensity • How to ensure they are 3 spatially smooth? Slide credit: K Grauman
- Assigning a cluster label per pixel may yield outliers:

Segmentation as clustering

Depending on what we choose as the *feature space*, we can group pixels in different ways.



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Feature space: intensity value (1-d)

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Segmentation as clustering

Depending on what we choose as the *feature space*, we can group pixels in different ways.

Grouping pixels based on color similarity









quantization of the feature space; segmentation label map



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Grouping pixels based on **intensity** similarity





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Both regions are black, but if we also include <u>position (x,y)</u>, then we could group the two into distinct segments; way to encode both similarity & proximity.

Segmentation as clustering

• Color, brightness, position alone are not enough to distinguish all regions...



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Segmentation as clustering

Depending on what we choose as the *feature space*, we can group pixels in different ways.

Grouping pixels based on <u>texture</u> similarity





Feature space: filter bank responses (e.g., 24-d)

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Texture representation example



Segmentation with texture features

- Find "textons" by **clustering** vectors of filter bank outputs
- Describe texture in a window based on texton histogram





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Malik, Belongie, Leung and Shi. IJCV 2001

Slide credit: K Grauman, L. Lazebnik

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Image segmentation example



Graph-Theoretic Image Segmentation

Build a weighted graph G=(V,E) from image



Segmentation = graph partition

V: image pixels

- E: connections between pairs of nearby pixels
- W_{ij}: probability that i & j belong to the same region







Minimum cut

- We can do segmentation by finding the *minimum cut* in a graph
 - Efficient algorithms exist for doing this



Drawbacks of Minimum cut

• Weight of cut is directly proportional to the number of edges in the cut.



Normalized cut

- Let *W* be the adjacency matrix of the graph
- Let *D* be the diagonal matrix with diagonal entries $D(i, i) = \sum_{j} W(i, j)$
- Then the normalized cut cost can be written as

$$\frac{v^T (D - W)y}{v^T D y}$$

where y is an indicator vector whose value should be 1 in the *i*th position if the *i*th feature point belongs to A and a negative constant otherwise

Normalized cut

- Finding the exact minimum of the normalized cut cost is NPcomplete, but if we *relax y* to take on arbitrary values, then we can minimize the relaxed cost by solving the *generalized eigenvalue* problem $(D - W)y = \lambda Dy$
- The solution *y* is given by the generalized eigenvector corresponding to the second smallest eigenvalue
- Intitutively, the *i*th entry of *y* can be viewed as a "soft" indication of the component membership of the *i*th feature
 - Can use 0 or median value of the entries as the splitting point (threshold), or find threshold that minimizes the Ncut cost

J. Shi and J. Malik. Normalized cuts and image segmentation. PAMI 2000

Global optimization

- In this formulation, the segmentation becomes a global process.
- Decisions about what is a boundary are not local (as in Canny edge detector)

Normalized cut algorithm

- 1. Given an image or image sequence, set up a weighted graph $\mathbf{G} = (\mathbf{V}, \mathbf{E})$, and set the weight on the edge connecting two nodes being a measure of the similarity between the two nodes.
- 2. Solve $(\mathbf{D} \mathbf{W})\mathbf{x} = \lambda \mathbf{D}\mathbf{x}$ for eigenvectors with the smallest eigenvalues.
- 3. Use the eigenvector with second smallest eigenvalue to bipartition the graph.
- 4. Decide if the current partition should be sub-divided, and recursively repartition the segmented parts if necessary.

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Boundaries of image regions defined by a number of attributes

- Brightness/color
- Texture
- Motion
- Stereoscopic depth
- Familiar configuration



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http://www.cs.berkeley.edu/~malik/papers/SM-ncut.pdf

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Results: Berkeley Segmentation Engine



http://www.cs.berkeley.edu/~fowlkes/BSE/

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Example results



Normalized cuts: Pro and con

- Pros
 - Generic framework, can be used with many different features and affinity formulations
- Cons
 - High storage requirement and time complexity
 - Bias towards partitioning into equal segments

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Protocol

You will be presented a photographic image. Divide the image into some number of segments, where the segments represent "things" or "parts of things" in the scene. The number of segments is up to you, as it depends on the image. Something between 2 and 30 is likely to be appropriate. It is important that all of the segments have approximately equal importance.

- Custom segmentation tool
- Subjects obtained from work-study program (UC Berkeley undergraduates)

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Segmentations are Consistent



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Pb Detector Image P_b Boundary Cues P_b $P_$

<u>Challenges</u>: texture cue, cue combination <u>Goal</u>: learn the posterior probability of a boundary P_b from <u>local</u> information only

Dataset Summary

- 30 subjects, age 19-23
 - 17 men, 13 women
 - 9 with artistic training
- 8 months
- 1,458 person hours
- 1,020 Corel images
- 11,595 Segmentations
 - 5,555 color, 5,554 gray, 486 inverted/negated

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Brightness and Color Features

- 1976 CIE L*a*b* colorspace
- Brightness Gradient (B)
 Chi² difference in L* diatrik
 - Chi² difference in L* distribution
- Color Gradient (C)
 Chi² difference in a* and b*
 - distributions

 $\chi^{2}(g,h) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i} \frac{(g_{i} - h_{i})^{2}}{g_{i} + h_{i}}$





- Texture Gradient (T)
- Chi² difference of texton histograms
 - Textons are vector-quantized filter outputs

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Cue Combination Models

- Classification Trees
 - Top-down splits to maximize entropy, error bounded
- Density Estimation
 - Adaptive bins using k-means
- Logistic Regression, 3 variants
 - Linear and quadratic terms
 - Confidence-rated generalization of AdaBoost (Schapire&Singer)
- Hierarchical Mixtures of Experts (Jordan&Jacobs)
 - Up to 8 experts, initialized top-down, fit with EM
- Support Vector Machines (libsvm, Chang&Lin)
- Range over bias, complexity, parametric/non-parametric

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Computing Precision/Recall

Recall = Pr(signal|truth) = fraction of ground truth found by the signal Precision = Pr(truth|signal) = fraction of signal that is correct

- Always a trade-off between the two
- Standard measures in information retrieval (van Rijsbergen XX)
- ROC from standard signal detection the wrong approach

Strategy

- Detector output (Pb) is a soft boundary map
- Compute precision/recall curve:
 - Threshold Pb at many points t in [0,1]
 - Recall = Pr(Pb>t|seg=1)
 - Precision = Pr(seg=1 | Pb>t)

Cue Calibration

- All free parameters optimized on training data
- All algorithmic alternatives evaluated by experiment
- Brightness Gradient
 - Scale, bin/kernel sizes for KDE
- Color Gradient
 - Scale, bin/kernel sizes for KDE, joint vs. marginals
- Texture Gradient
 - Filter bank: scale, multiscale?
 - Histogram comparison
 - Number of textons, Image-specific vs. universal textons
- · Localization parameters for each cue

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P_b Images



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P_b Images II



P_b Images III



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Sketch Tokens (J. Lim et al., CVPR 2013)



Findings

- 1. A simple linear model is sufficient for cue combination
 - All cues weighted approximately equally in logistic
- 2. Proper texture edge model is not optional for complex natural images
 - Texture suppression is not sufficient!
- 3. Significant improvement over state-of-the-art in boundary detection
- 4. Empirical approach critical for both cue calibration and cue combination

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Sketch Tokens (J. Lim et al., CVPR 2013)



Image Features – 21350 dimensions!

- 35x35 patches centered at every pixel
- 35x35 "channels" of many types:
 - Color (3 channels)
 - Gradients (3 unoriented + 8 oriented channels)
 - Sigma = 0, T heta = 0, pi/2, pi, 3pi/2
 - Sigma = 1.5, Theta = 0, pi/2, pi, 3pi/2
 - Sigma = 5
 - Self Similarity
 - 5x5 maps of self similarity within the above channels for a particular anchor point.

Self-similarity features



Self-similarity features: The L1 distance from the anchor cell (yellow box) to the other 5 x 5 cells are shown for color and gradient magnitude channels. The original patch is shown to the left.

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Learning

- Random Forest Classifiers, one for each sketch token + background, trained 1-vs-all
- Advantages:
 - Fast at test time, especially for a non-linear classifier.
 - Don't have to explicitly compute independent descriptors for every patch. Just look up what the decision tree wants to know at each branch.

Learning



Frequency of example features being selected by the random forest: (first row) color channels, (second row) gradient magnitude channels, (third row) selected orientation channels.

Detections of individual sketch tokens



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Combining sketch token detections

- Simply add the probability of all non-background sketch tokens
- Free parameter: number of sketch tokens
 - k = 1 works poorly, k = 16 and above work OK.

Detections of individual sketch tokens





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Evaluation on BSDS

Method	ODS	OIS	AP	Speed
Human	.80	.80	-	-
Canny	.60	.64	.58	1/15 s
Felz-Hutt [12]	.61	.64	.56	1/10 s
gPb (local) [1]	.71	.74	.65	60 s
SCG (local) [24]	.72	.74	.75	100 s
Sketch tokens	.73	.75	.78	1 s
gPb (global) [1]	.73	.76	.73	240 s
SCG (global) [24]	.74	.76	.77	280 s

Evaluation on BSDS



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Summary

- Distinct from previous work, cluster the *human annotations* to discover the mid-level structures that you want to detect.
- Train a classifier for every sketch token.
- Is as accurate as any other method while being 200 times faster and using no global information.