Lecture 21: Grouping

Announcements

Writeup (70%)

- Due 4/26 midnight
- Grading rubric provided

Presentation (20%)

- Sign-up sheet for 4/27 4/28.
- If no times work, send private Piazza post ASAP.
- 5 mins + 2 mins of questions.
- Recommend splitting time between teammates

Final project guidelines and sign-up sheet out on Piazza

Announcements

• Final project guidelines and sign-up sheet out

Writeup (70%)

- Should have intro, related work, method, experiments, conclusion.
- At most 6 pages in CVPR format
- Evaluated on:
 - Background: how well do you explain the related work?
 - Completeness: results quality, what worked or didn't work, thoroughness of evaluation
 - Format and clarity

Image segmentation Edge-aware image processing

Today



Recall: semantic segmentation problem





(Colors represent categories)

Source: Torralba, Freeman, Isola

- Group together similar-looking pixels
 - "Bottom-up" process
 - Unsupervised

Bottom-up segmentation





A "simple" segmentation problem



7 Source: Torralba and Freeman



Segmentation is a global process



What are the occluded numbers?



Segmentation is a global process



Occlusion is an important cue in grouping.

What are the occluded numbers?



Groupings by Invisible Completions









* Images from Steve Lehar's Gestalt papers



... but not too global









12 Photo credit: R. C. James



Perceptual organization

"...the processes by which the bits and pieces of visual information that are available in the retinal image are structured into the larger units of perceived objects and their interrelations"

Stephen E. Palmer, Vision Science, 1999





Gestalt principles

There are hundreds of different grouping laws

















Parallelism

Symmetry

Continuity

Closure

Familiar configuration

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Clustering



Cluster similar pixels (features) together

17 Source: K. Grauman

A simple segmentation algorithm Each pixel is described by a vector z = [r, q, b] or [Y u v], ...

using some distance between pixels: $D(pixel_{i}, pixel_{i}) = || z_{i} - z_{i} ||^{2}$

- Run a clustering algorithm (e.g. k-means)





Idea: find K centroids that cover the points

Example from: <u>https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/K-means_clustering</u>

Method 1: K-Means

K-Means



Minimize:

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Example from: <u>https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/K-means_clustering</u>

Points are assigned to nearest centroid

• Find centroids μ_i that minimize distance to points assigned to it

$$\min \sum_{i=1}^{k} \sum_{\mathbf{x} \in S_i} \|\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_i\|^2$$





Example from: <u>https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/K-means_clustering</u>

K-Means

1. Initialize centroids randomly



2. Assign points to nearest cluster centroid

Example adapted from: <u>https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/K-means_clustering</u>

K-Means



3. Update centroids

Example adapted from: <u>https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/K-means_clustering</u>

K-Means





Repeat until change is very small

Example adapted from: <u>https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/K-means_clustering</u>

K-Means

K-Means Clustering

- Given k, the k-means algorithm consists of four steps:
- Select initial centroids at random. ____
- Assign each point to the cluster ____ with the nearest centroid.
- Compute each centroid as the _____ mean of the points assigned to it.
- Repeat previous 2 steps until no ____ change.





• K-means (k=5) clustering based on intensity quantization of the image attributes - Clusters don't have to be spatially coherent

Image



each pixel is replaced with the mean value of its cluster

- (middle) or color (right) is essentially vector
 - Intensity-based clusters

Color-based clusters





K-means using color alone (k=11 clusters) Showing 4 of the segments, (not necessarily connected) Some are good, some meaningless









Including spatial relationships

Augment data to be clustered with spatial coordinates.

u v v x x Z =

Cluster similar pixels (features) together



...



Clustering based on (r,g,b,x,y) values enforces more spatial coherence





K-means using color and position, 20 segments

Still misses goal of perceptually pleasing or useful segmentation No measure of texture

Hard to pick K...









K-Means for segmentation

- Pros
 - Very simple method
 - Converges to a local minimum of the error function
- Cons
 - Memory-intensive
 - Need to pick K
 - Sensitive to initialization
 - Sensitive to outliers
 - Parametric



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Method 2: Mean shift clustering A versatile technique for clustering-based segmentation



D. Comaniciu and P. Meer, Mean Shift: A Robust Approach toward Feature Space Analysis, PAMI 2002.

<u>http://www.caip.rutgers.edu/~comanici/MSPAMI/msPamiResults.html</u> 31



Mean shift mode-finding algorithm

image



The mean shift algorithm seeks modes or local maxima of density in the feature space

Feature space (L*u*v* color values)
















Mean shift clustering

• Cluster: all data points in the attraction basin of a mode



Mean Shift Segmentation

- 2. Choose initial search window locations uniformly in the data.
- 3. Compute the mean shift window location for each initial position.
- 4. Merge windows that end up on the same "peak" or mode.



Corresponding trajectories with peaks marked as red dots

1. Convert the image into tokens (via color, gradients, texture measures etc).

5. The data these merged windows traversed are clustered together.





Mean Shift Segmentation Results









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- Pros

 - Clusters are places where data points tend to be close together
 - Just a single parameter (window size)
 - Finds variable number of modes
 - Robust to outliers
- Cons
 - Output depends on window size
 - Computationally expensive
 - Does not scale well with dimension of feature space

Mean shift pros and cons

– Nonparametric (e.g. K-means has a parametric model for cluster shape)

Slide credit: S. Lazebnik

Method 3: Graph-based Image Segmentation

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



A different way of thinking about segmentation...

V: image pixels

E: connections between pairs of nearby pixels

 W_{ii} : probability that i &j

belong to the same region

Segmentation = graph partition 44



Graph formulation



- Fully connected graph (node for every pixel i,j)
- Edge/link between every pair of pixels: p,q
- Each edge is weighted by the affinity or similarity of the two nodes: \bullet
 - cost c_{pq} for each link: c_{pq} measures similarity (or affinity)
 - similarity is inversely proportional to difference in color and position 45





Segmentation by graph cut



Break Graph into Segments

- Delete links that cross between segments
- Easiest to break links that have low cost (similarity or affinity)
 - similar pixels should be in the same segments
 - dissimilar pixels should be in different segments





Graph-based Image Segmentation

Goal: Given data points X1, ..., Xn and similarities w(Xi,Xj), partition the data into groups so that points in a group are similar and points in different groups are dissimilar.

1- Get vectors of data



2b-Build a similarity/affinity matrix

3- Calculate eigenvectors

4- Cut the graph: apply threshold to eigenvectors







Similarities



1- Vectors of data

We represent each pixel by a feature vector **x**, and define a distance function appropriate for this feature representation (e.g. euclidean distance). Features can be brightness value, color- RGB, L*u*v; texton histogram, etc- and calculate distances between vectors (e.g. Euclidean distance)



191	187	179	176	176
186	180	169	165	165
181	177	171	172	172
178	178	178	184	188
194	193	191	195	200
201	201	199	201	205
188	186	183	185	191
172	171	172	174	175
157	158	163	164	162
163	163	165	165	163



Textons (texture features)



From distance to affinity

- We represent each pixel by a feature vector x, and define a distance function appropriate for this feature representation
- Then we can convert the distance between two feature vectors into an affinity/similarity measure with the help of a generalized Gaussian kernel:



$$\frac{1}{2}$$
 dist $(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_j)^2$

49 Source: S. Lazebnik



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Adjacency Matrix

* From Khurram Hassan-Shafique CAP5415 Computer Vision 2003





Adjacency Matrix





Adjacency Matrix





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Adjacency Matrix

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2a-What is a weighted graph?

Affinity Matrix represents the weighted links



Diagonal: each point with itself is 1 Strong links/edges Weak links/edges No links/edges connected

See Forsyth-Ponce chapter



 W_{ij} : probability that i & j belong to the same region

i,j are the pixels in the image

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• Similarity matrix:



2b-Building Affinity Matrix

Weight matrix associated with the graph (larger values are lighter)



Affinity matrix of a natural image

N pixels



N*M pixels

Similarity of image pixels to selected pixel



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2a- Build a similarity graph









Partition a graph with minimum cut



- Natural idea: **minimum cut**



• Cut: sum of the weight of the cut edges:

60 Source: Jianbo Shi

Drawbacks of Minimum Cut

the number of edges in the cut.

Weight of cut is directly proportional to

Cuts with lesser weight than the ideal cut

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Normalized Cut is often better

 $Ncut(A, B) = \frac{cut(A, B)}{assoc(A, V)} + \frac{cut(A, B)}{assoc(B, V)}$

$assoc(A, V) = \sum_{u \in A, t \in V} w(u, t)$ where of all weights "associated" with A

Normalize by the total volume of connections [Shi and Malik 2000]

is the sum

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Normalized Cut As Generalized Eigenvalue problem

$$Ncut(A, B) = \frac{cut(A, B)}{assoc(A, V)} + \frac{cut(A, B)}{assoc(B, V)}$$

After lots of simplification, can show that this is:

 $Ncut(A,B) = \frac{y^T (D-W)}{v^T D v}$

where W is the affinity matrix and D is a diagonal degree matrix.

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

$$\frac{y}{-}$$
, with $y_i \in \{1, -b\}, y^T D1 = 0$.

Normalized cuts $\frac{y}{-}$, with $y_i \in \{1, -b\}, y^T D1 = 0$.

Want to solve integer program:

$$Ncut(A,B) = \frac{y^T (D - W)}{y^T D y}$$

- Use a continuous relaxation!
- below go to -b

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

• They show that the 2nd smallest eigenvector solution y is an approximate solution to the original normalized cuts problem.

 Choose a quantization threshold that maximizes the criterion - i.e all components of y above that threshold go to one, all

What are the eigenvectors of this matrix?

An ideal case

- Affinity Matrix

An ideal case

66 On Spectral Clustering: Analysis and an algorithm. Andrew Y. Ng, Michael I. Jordan, Yair Weiss, NIPS 2001

An ideal case

But we do not know the ordering, so W with have some random permutation:

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Eigenvectors and blocks

Near-block matrices have near-block eigenvectors:

eigensolver

* Slides from Dan Klein, Sep Kamvar, Chris Manning, Natural Language Group Stanford University

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Spectral Space

1	1	.2	0
1	1	0	2
.2	0	1	1
0	2	1	1

Clusters clear regardless of row ordering:

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(1)

(4)

The eigenvectors correspond the 2nd smallest to the 9th smallest eigenvalues 70

(2)

(3)

(6)

(8)

Many different spectral clustering methods...

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- 4- Apply threshold to largest eigenvectors

The Eigenvectors Eigenvector #7









Eigenvector #1



Eigenvector #4



Eigenvector #5



Normalized cut

Eigenvector #2



Eigenvector #3



Eigenvector #6



Eigenvector #7





Normalized cut





Normalized cut







Application: selective search

Ground truth



Object hypotheses



Positive examples

Training Examples



Difficult negatives

if overlap with positive 20-50%

77 [Uijlings et al., "Selective Search for Object Recognition", 2013]

















Min-cut for user-in-the-loop segmentation



User input

Min-cut segmentation

 Formulation makes it easy to add local evidence - How much does this pixel look like the foreground?

• Formulate as probabilistic graphical model.





Solution after iteration

79 [Rother et al., "GrabCut", 2004]



Min-cut for user-in-the-loop segmentation









80 [Rother et al., "GrabCut", 2004]



What about edges?

Image filters not "edge-aware"

Gaussian filter



$$\sigma = 4$$

 $\sigma = 8$

GB[I \mathbf{q}

[Paris et al. "A Gentle Introduction to Bilateral Filtering and its Applications", 2008]

$$\sigma = 16$$
 $\sigma = 32$

$$\sum_{\boldsymbol{\in}\mathcal{S}} G_{\sigma}(\|\mathbf{p}-\mathbf{q}\|) I_{\mathbf{q}}$$



Bilateral filter



[Paris et al. "A Gentle Introduction to Bilateral Filtering and its Applications", 2008]

Gaussian filter

$$GB[I]_{\mathbf{p}} = \sum_{\mathbf{q} \in S} G_{\sigma}(\|\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{q}\|) I_{\mathbf{q}}$$

Bilateral filter

$BF[I]_{\mathbf{p}} = \frac{1}{W_{\mathbf{p}}} \sum_{\mathbf{q} \in \mathcal{S}} G_{\sigma_s}(\|\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{q}\|) G_{\sigma_r}(I_{\mathbf{p}} - I_{\mathbf{q}}) I_{\mathbf{q}}$



Bilateral filter



[Paris et al. "A Gentle Introduction to Bilateral Filtering and its Applications", 2008]

result

Bilateral filter



[Paris et al. "A Gentle Introduction to Bilateral Filtering and its Applications", 2008]





[Paris et al. "A Gentle Introduction to Bilateral Filtering and its Applications", 2008]

Bilateral filter + edge detection

Without bilateral



With bilateral

Neural nets that operate in "bilateral space"



12 megapixel 16-bit linear input (tone-mapped for visualization)

tone-mapped with HDR+ 400 - 600 ms

[Gharbi et al. Deep Bilateral Learning for Real-Time Image Enhancement", 2017]

processed with our algorithm 61 ms, PSNR = 28.4 dB

Next lecture: recent advances