

Prior-Based Hierarchical Segmentation Highlighting Structures of Interest

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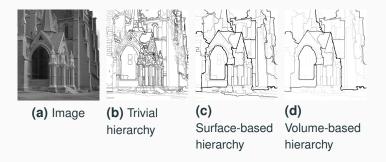
Introduction

Segmentation : process of partitioning an image into a set of meaningful regions according to some criteria.

- Segmentation = model
- Simple partition inadequate : number of regions ? Criteria for regions choice ?
- A lot of problems are inherently **multi-scale** : different scales bring different information



We can introduce criteria to prioritize the information in the image in order to characterize the image.



A growing number of spatial exogenous information sources





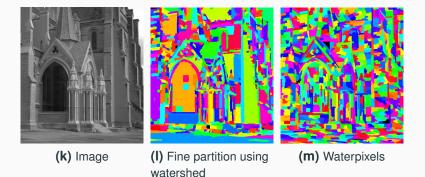


- localization methods adapted to each problem
- different channels

 \rightarrow How can we use exogenous information to pilot the hierarchical segmentation process ?

Fine partition

The initial oversegmentation contains all potentially interesting information blocks. Example : superpixels segmentation or watershed segmentation.



Hierarchical segmentation



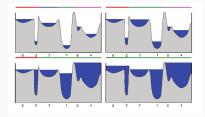
Image 3 levels of the hierarchy

(n) Example of hierarchical segmentation

Hierarchy : nested partitions structured by an order relation (predecessor relation).

Watershed hierarchies

To each type of flooding corresponds a hierarchy.



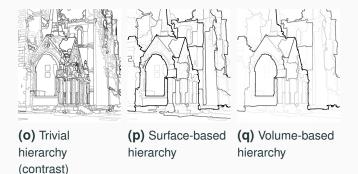
The flooding can be tailored by introducing external criteria :

- markers = flooding sources
- geometric criteria

Ultrametric Contours Maps

Each contour is valued according to its persistence in the hierarchy constructed following a given modality (for example depending on the surfaces of regions it separates)

 \rightarrow as many ways of questioning this image



Stochastic Watershed Hierarchies

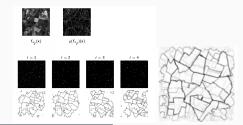
Stochastic Watershed¹

N iterations of the following simulation process :

- draw random markers
- compute the corresponding watershed segmentation

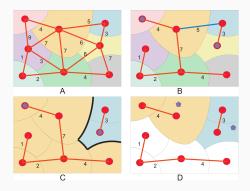
Then : mean of the results.

- \rightarrow non-local estimation of contours strength
- \rightarrow computationally heavy



1.Angulo, J., & Jeulin, D. (2007, October). Stochastic watershed segmentation. In PROC. of the 8th ISMM (pp. 265-276).

Stochastic Watershed on Graphs²



A : a partition represented by an edge-weighed graph; B : a minimum spanning tree of the graph, with 2 markers in blue : the highlighted edge in blue is the highest edge on the path linking the two markers; C : the segmentation obtained when cutting this edge; D blue and orange domain are the domains of variation of the two markers generating the same segmentation.

2.Meyer, F., & Stawiaski, J. (2010). A stochastic evaluation of the contour strength. In Joint Pattern Recognition Symposium (pp. 513-522).

Let denote $\mu(R)$ the number of random markers falling in a region R. We want to attribute to an edge e_{st} the following probability value :

$$\begin{split} \tilde{\omega}_{st} &= \mathbb{P}[(\mu(\mathsf{R}_s) \ge 1) \land (\mu(\mathsf{R}_t) \ge 1)] \\ &= 1 - \mathbb{P}[(\mu(\mathsf{R}_s) = 0) \lor (\mu(\mathsf{R}_t) = 0)] \\ &= 1 - \mathbb{P}(\mu(\mathsf{R}_s) = 0) - \mathbb{P}(\mu(\mathsf{R}_t) = 0) \\ &+ \mathbb{P}(\mu(\mathsf{R}_s \cup \mathsf{R}_t) = 0) \end{split}$$
(1)

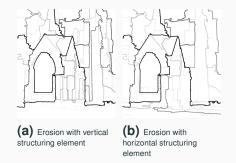
Choices :

- form of markers
- law governing markers distribution



A great versatility

- Choice of the laws governing markers distribution (potentially learned)
- Punctual or non-punctual markers



 \rightarrow How to use prior information to obtain a hierarchy suited to a particular problem ?

Hierarchies highlighting structures of interest using prior information For a region R:

$$\mathbb{P}(\mu(R) = 0) = \exp^{-\Lambda(R)}, \tag{2}$$

 $\Lambda(R)$ = mean value of the number of markers falling in R.

$$\begin{split} \tilde{\omega}_{st} &= \mathbb{P}(\mu(\mathsf{R}_s) \ge 1 \land \mu(\mathsf{R}_t) \ge 1) \\ &= 1 - \exp^{-\Lambda(\mathsf{R}_s)} - \exp^{-\Lambda(\mathsf{R}_t)} + \exp^{-\Lambda(\mathsf{R}_s \cup \mathsf{R}_t)} \end{split}$$
(3)

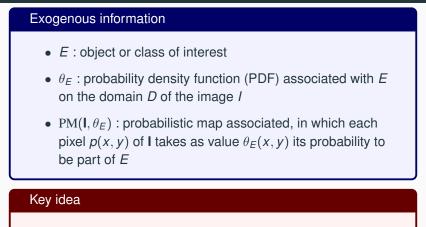
When the Poisson distribution has an homogeneous density λ :

$$\Lambda(R) = \operatorname{area}(R)\lambda, \tag{4}$$

When the Poisson distribution has a non-uniform density λ :

$$\Lambda(R) = \int_{(x,y)\in R} \lambda(x,y) \,\mathrm{d}x \,\mathrm{d}y \tag{5}$$

Hierarchy with Regionalized Fineness (HRF)



$$\tilde{\omega}_{st} = 1 - \exp^{-\Lambda_{\mathcal{E}}(\mathsf{R}_{s})} - \exp^{-\Lambda_{\mathcal{E}}(\mathsf{R}_{t})} + \exp^{-\Lambda_{\mathcal{E}}(\mathsf{R}_{s} \cup \mathsf{R}_{t})}$$
(6)

$$\Lambda_E(\mathsf{R}) = \int_{(x,y)\in\mathsf{R}} \theta_E(x,y) \lambda(x,y) \,\mathrm{d}x \,\mathrm{d}y \tag{7}$$

Methodology

• Compute the fine partition π_0 , RAG \mathcal{G} , $\mathcal{MST}(\mathcal{G})$



(c) Image



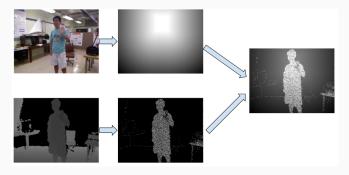
(e) RAG



• Compute a probabilistic map $\pi_{\mu} = \pi_{\mu}(\pi_0, \text{PM}(\mathbf{I}, \theta_E))$



• compute new values of edges using previous formulas



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Applications

Application 1 : hierarchical segmentation (prior : face detection)



(j) Image

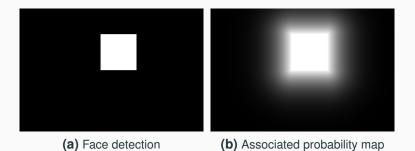
(k) Face detection

Face detection using Haar wavelets

Source:https://gist.github.com/dannguyen/cfa2fb49b28c82a1068f

Application 1 : hierarchical segmentation (prior : face detection)

Obtention of a probability map using a morphological distance function





(c) Non homogeneous law

(d) Homogeneous law

Comparison between HRF and hierarchy with homogeneous law - 200 regions



(a) Non homogeneous law

(b) Homogeneous law

Comparison between HRF and hierarchy with homogeneous law - 175 regions



(a) Non homogeneous law

(b) Homogeneous law

Comparison between HRF and hierarchy with homogeneous law - 150 regions



(a) Non homogeneous law

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Comparison between HRF and hierarchy with homogeneous law - 125 regions



(a) Non homogeneous law

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Comparison between HRF and hierarchy with homogeneous law - 100 regions



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Comparison between HRF and hierarchy with homogeneous law - 75 regions



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Comparison between HRF and hierarchy with homogeneous law - 50 regions



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Comparison between HRF and hierarchy with homogeneous law - 25 regions



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Comparison between HRF and hierarchy with homogeneous law - 15 regions



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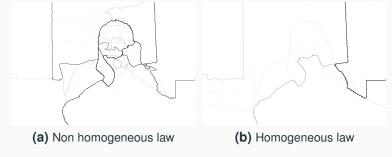
Comparison between HRF and hierarchy with homogeneous law - 10 regions



(a) Non homogeneous law

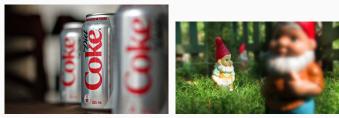
(b) Homogeneous law

Comparison between HRF and hierarchy with homogeneous law - 5 regions



Saliency images

Application 2 : hierarchical segmentation (prior : blur detection)

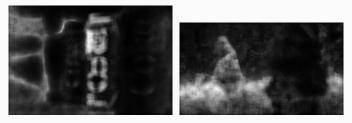


(a) Image

(b) Image

Images

Application 2 : hierarchical segmentation (prior : blur detection)



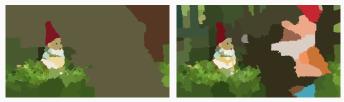
Probability maps of non-blur zones

Su, B., Lu, S., & Tan, C. L. (2011, November). Blurred image region detection and classification. In Proceedings of the 19th ACM international conference on Multimedia (pp. 1397-1400). ACM.

Application 2 : hierarchical segmentation (prior : blur detection)



Image and associated probability map



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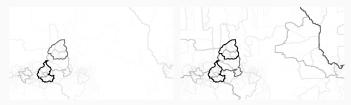
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Comparison between HRF and hierarchy with homogeneous law - 5 regions



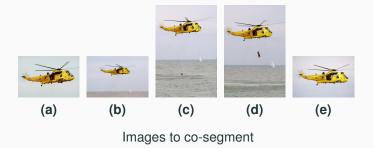
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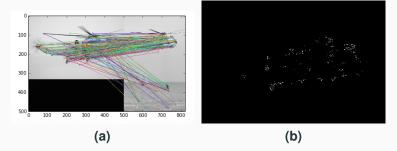
Saliency images

Images from iCoSeg database (http:

//chenlab.ece.cornell.edu/projects/touch-coseg/).



Matching of interest points SIFT/SURF/ORB between the image to segment and all other images of the class. We keep on an image all matched points.

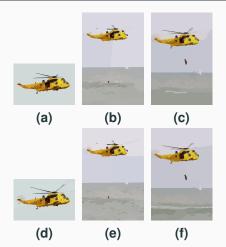


Example of matching; *prior* result of the matching with all other images of the class

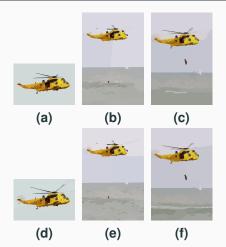
 \rightarrow We use a morphological distance function to attribute to each point a probability of being part of the object depending on its distance to the interest points.



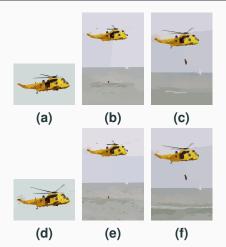
prior and associated probability map



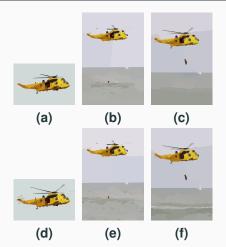
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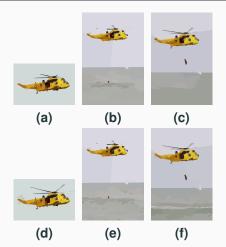
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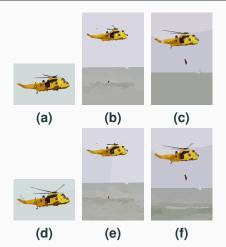
Comparison between HRF and hierarchy with homogeneous law - 175 regions



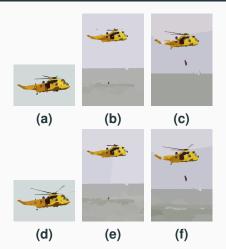
Comparison between HRF and hierarchy with homogeneous law - 150 regions



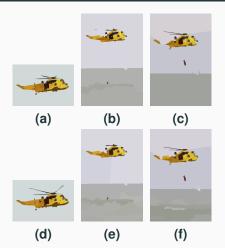
Comparison between HRF and hierarchy with homogeneous law - 125 regions



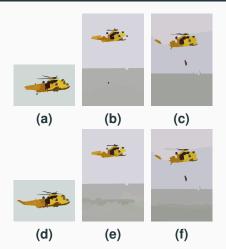
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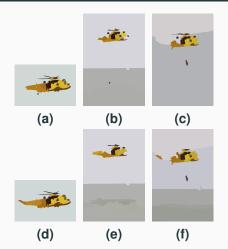
Comparison between HRF and hierarchy with homogeneous law - 75 regions



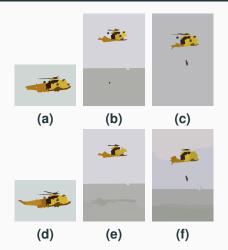
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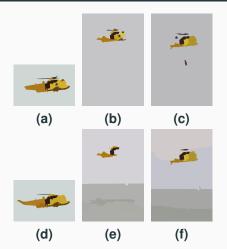
Comparison between HRF and hierarchy with homogeneous law - 25 regions



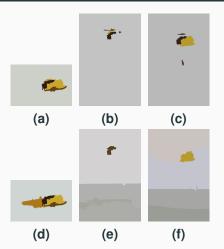
Comparison between HRF and hierarchy with homogeneous law - 20 regions



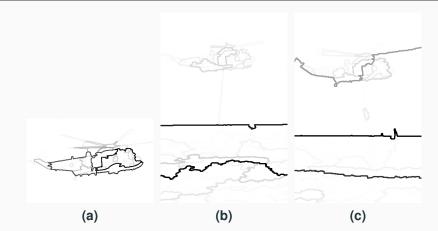
Comparison between HRF and hierarchy with homogeneous law - 15 regions



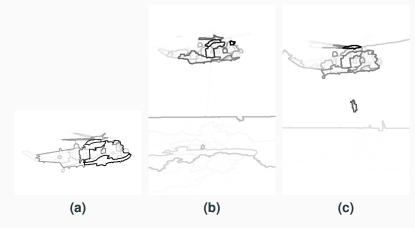
Comparison between HRF and hierarchy with homogeneous law - 10 regions



Comparison between HRF and hierarchy with homogeneous law - 5 regions



Saliency images for homogeneous process



Saliency images for non-homogeneous process

 \rightarrow We use the Depth information to segment the RGB image. So that we can privilege objects at a given distance and draw markers accordingly.



RGB+D images and markers associated with a given depth

Note : images are not realigned, holes in depth image

Application 4 : Hierarchical co-segmentation of RGB+D images



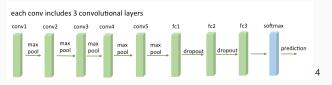
(b) Non homogeneous law

Saliency images

We make use of a reference CNN classifier, trained on ImageNet³ called VGG16.

Input : image in 224 \times 224 pixels

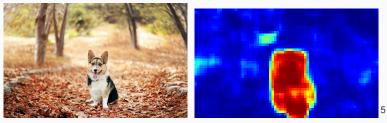
Output = 1000 long vector with a probability of apparition of each class in this image.



VGG16 Network Architecture (by Zhicheng Yan et al.)

3.http://image-net.org/

4.http://www.robots.ox.ac.uk/~vgg/research/very_deep/



(a) Image

(b) Heatmap output by CNN-based method

Generation of probability maps using CNN-based method

M. Oquab, L. Bottou, I. Laptev, J. Sivic; "Is Object Localization for Free? - Weakly-Supervised Learning With

Convolutional Neural Networks", in CVPR, 2015, pp. 685-694

5.https://github.com/heuritech/convnets-keras



(a) Image (b) Waterpixels (c) Prior : main class localization

Image, fine partition and localization image



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(b) Homogeneous law

Comparison between HRF and hierarchy with homogeneous law - 95 regions



(a) Non homogeneous law

(b) Homogeneous law

Comparison between HRF and hierarchy with homogeneous law - 90 regions



(a) Non homogeneous law

(b) Homogeneous law

Comparison between HRF and hierarchy with homogeneous law - 85 regions



(a) Non homogeneous law

(b) Homogeneous law

Comparison between HRF and hierarchy with homogeneous law - 80 regions



(a) Non homogeneous law

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Comparison between HRF and hierarchy with homogeneous law - 75 regions



(a) Non homogeneous law

(b) Homogeneous law

Comparison between HRF and hierarchy with homogeneous law - 70 regions



(a) Non homogeneous law

(b) Homogeneous law

Comparison between HRF and hierarchy with homogeneous law - 65 regions



(a) Non homogeneous law

(b) Homogeneous law

Comparison between HRF and hierarchy with homogeneous law - 60 regions



(a) Non homogeneous law

(b) Homogeneous law

Comparison between HRF and hierarchy with homogeneous law - 55 regions



(a) Non homogeneous law

(b) Homogeneous law

Comparison between HRF and hierarchy with homogeneous law - 50 regions



(a) Non homogeneous law

(b) Homogeneous law

Comparison between HRF and hierarchy with homogeneous law - 45 regions



(a) Non homogeneous law

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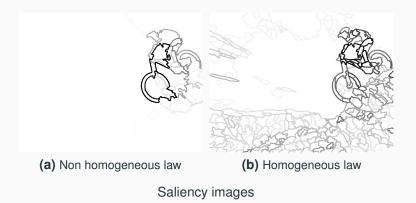
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Key idea

Take into account features extracted from **pairs** of regions.

Example : volume-based SWS

 $\chi(\mathsf{R}_s,\mathsf{R}_t)\lambda$, with $\chi(\mathsf{R}_s,\mathsf{R}_t) = \omega_{st}$

 \rightarrow Can we use any prior information in a similar way ?

Idea : have more precision where the limit between foreground and background is actually unclear.



$$\begin{cases} \tilde{\lambda} = \chi \lambda \\ \chi(\mathsf{R}_{s}, \mathsf{R}_{t}) = \frac{\max(m(\mathsf{R}_{s}), m(\mathsf{R}_{t}))(1 - \min(m(\mathsf{R}_{s}), m(\mathsf{R}_{t})))}{0.01 + \sigma(\mathsf{R}_{s})\sigma(\mathsf{R}_{t})}, \end{cases}$$
(8)

With $m(R_s)$ and $\sigma(R)$ the normalized mean and normalized variance 42 of region R.



(c) Image

(d) Face detection



(e) Homogeneous

(f) HFR

(g) Pairs-dependent HFR

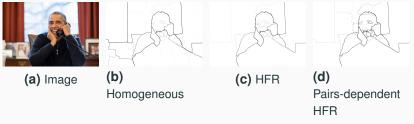
Comparison - 25 regions



Comparison - 10 regions



Comparison - 4 regions



Saliency images.

Conclusion

- Fast process for obtaining hierarchies
- Possibility to incorporate exogenous information while preserving the important structures in the image
- Very versatile : takes a probability map as input, returns a hierarchy (multi-scale information) as output

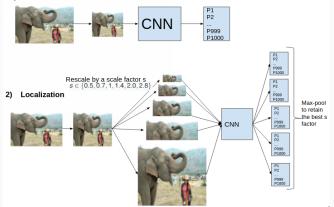
Perspectives :

- Extend this work to videos
- Semantic segmentation : use HRF to refine contours of the main objects in image and enhance semantic segmentation algorithms output

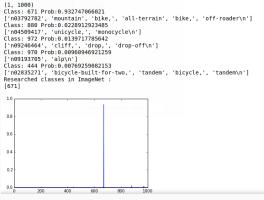
Thank you for your attention.

Supplementary Material

1) Classification



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(a) Classification results

More important classes in the image \rightarrow we look for classes with a probability superior to *thresh* = 0.1



Comparison between priors for different scale parameters

 \rightarrow Here we select s=2.0 by max-pooling