SIFT descriptor to set landmark on biological images

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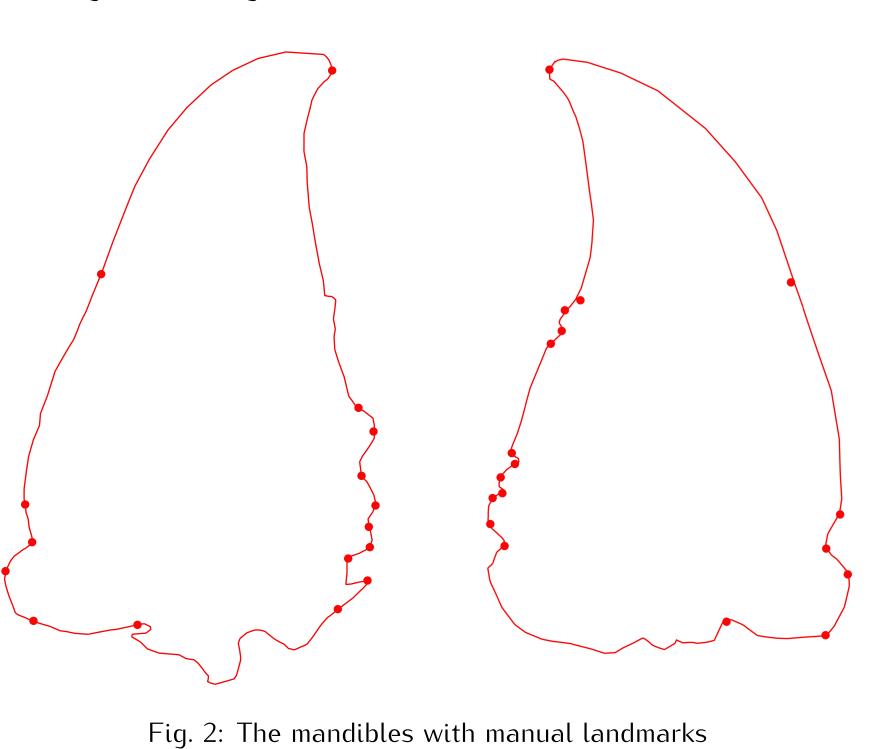
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Context

- Morphometry analysis is a way to characterize the shape variations of the organisms,
- Morphometric characteristics have been used to evaluate the evolution of an organism or classification.

- Morphometric landmarks are points that are a kind of points of interest,
- Landmarks are along an image outline and contain a lot of important information,
- They are defined by the biologists.

Manual landmarks



SIFT and landmarks

How to locate the landmarks automatically?

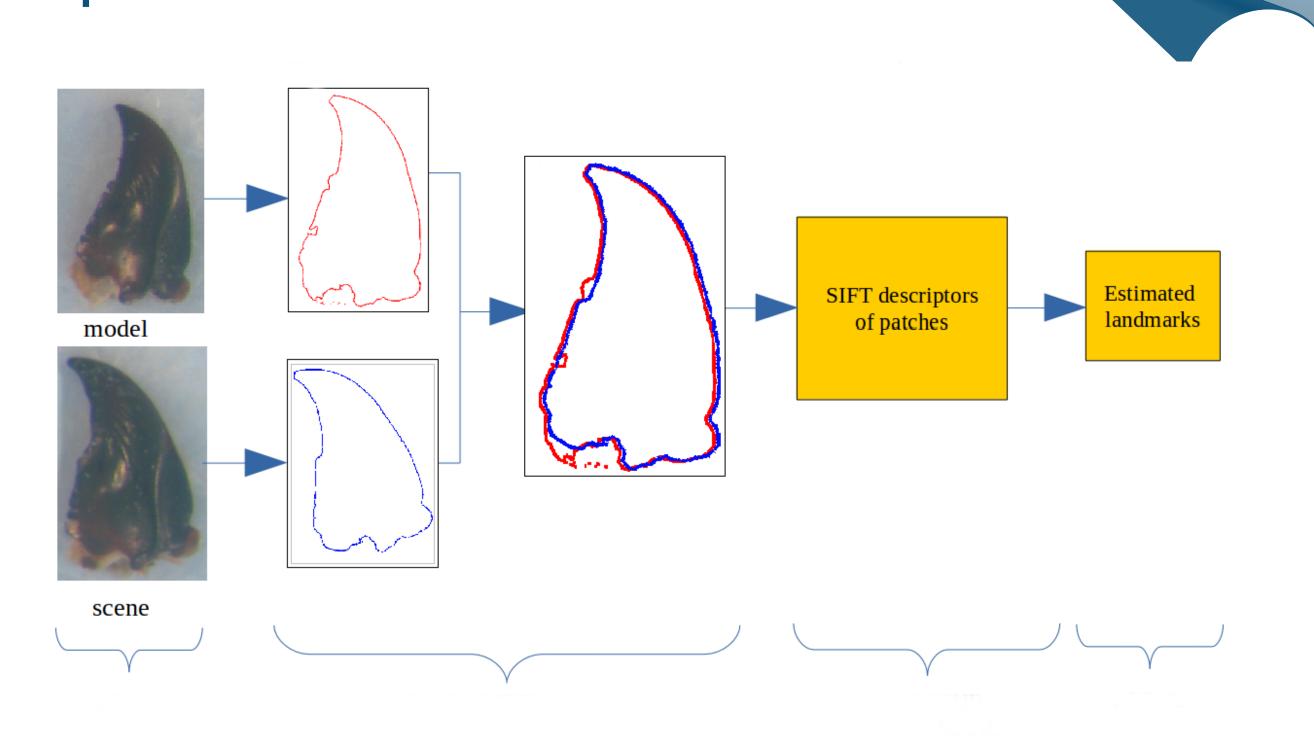
SIFT[?] is used to extract distinctive features from the images. It includes four steps:

- Scale-space extrema detection
- Keypoints localization
- Orientation assigment
- Keypoint descriptor

The original SIFT outputs many candidates for landmarks.

Solution: Limiting the searching space before computing the SIFT descriptors.

Proposed method

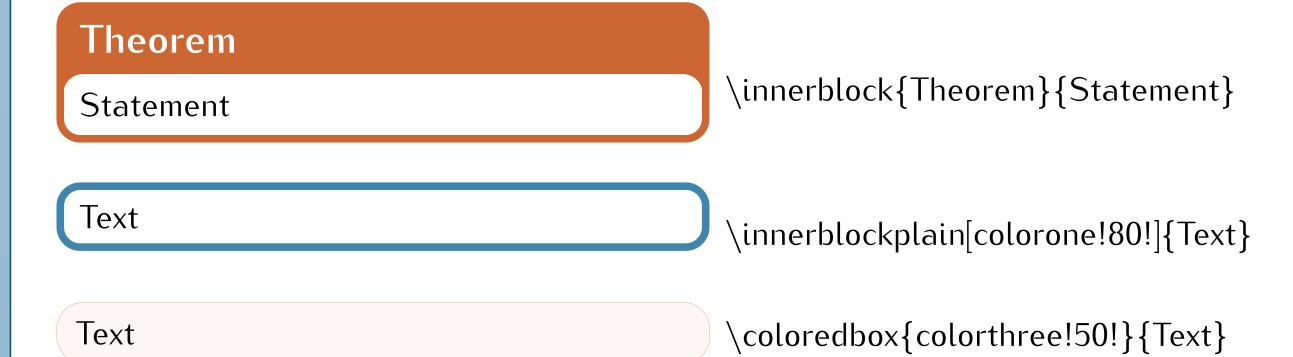


Segmentation

- Converting the image to binary by applying binary threshold. The threshold value is determined by analysing histogram[?].
- Contours points are extracted by Canny algorithm[?].
- The threshold ratio in Canny: $T_{lower} = (1/3) \times T_{upper}$

Registration

There are three types of colored boxes/blocks that you can use inside block nodes to highlight information.



The default figure environment does not work within a tikzpicture. I created a new figure environment that can be used instead, based on the code sent by Stephan Thober.

\begin{tikzfigure}[Caption]

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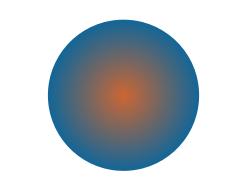


Fig. 6: A shaded circle

Result

It is possible to adjust the layout of the poster. To impose your own setting, you can use these macros:

- Macros for changing sizes
 - \setmargin{4}, \setheaddrawingheight{14}, \setinstituteshift{10}, \setblockspacing{2}, \setblocktitleheight{3}
- Other structural macros
 - $\strut \strut \strut$
 - \usecolortemplate{4}, \usebackgroundtemplate{5}, \usetitletemplate{2},
- Macro for adding logos to the title block
- $\addlogo[south west]{(0,0)}{6cm}{filename}$
- Macros for the basic colors
- Macros for specific colors:
 - \setbackgrounddarkcolor{colorone!70!black}, \setbackgroundlightcolor{colorone!70!}, \settitletextcolor{textcolor}, \settitlefillcolor{white}, \settitledrawcolor{colortwo}, \setblocktextcolor{textcolor}, \setblockfillcolor{white},
 - \setblocktitletextcolor{colorone}, \setblocktitlefillcolor{colortwo},
 - \setplainblocktextcolor{textcolor}, \setplainblockfillcolor{colorthree!40}, \setplainblocktitletextcolor{textcolor}, \setplainblocktitlefillcolor{colorthree!60},
 - \setinnerblocktextcolor{textcolor}, \setinnerblockfillcolor{white}, \setinnerblocktitlefillcolor{colorthree},

Bibliography

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\startsecondcolumn, and \startthirdcolumn.

If the number of columns is 2, then the last command will not have effect.

You can also start a new column with an arbitrary x-coordinate by specifying explicitly the coordinate of the new block node as follows:

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