

# Homework 1: Connected Component Analysis & Color Correction

## Part I. Implementation (5%):

### Task 1: Connected Component Analysis

**To\_binary:** First transfer the RGB image to Grayscale image, and then transfer the Grayscale image to Binary image. If the pixel value is larger than 127, set it to 0. Otherwise, set the value to 255.

```
5  """
6  TODO Binary transfer
7  """
8  def to_binary(img):
9      if img is None:
10         print('Can not load the image.')
11     else:
12         grayscale_image = cv2.cvtColor(img, cv2.COLOR_BGR2GRAY)
13         threshold_value = 127
14         _, binary_image = cv2.threshold(grayscale_image, threshold_value, 255, cv2.THRESH_BINARY_INV)
15
16     return binary_image
```

**Union & Find:** Use to implement Two-pass algorithm and Other algorithm

```
18 def find(parent, i):
19     if parent[i] == i:
20         return i
21     parent[i] = find(parent, parent[i]) # path compression
22     return parent[i]
23
24 def union(parent, i, j):
25     root_i = find(parent, i)
26     root_j = find(parent, j)
27     if root_i != root_j:
28         parent[root_j] = root_i
```

**Color Mapping:** Create rainbow color to color-map the image. Each segment will be set a color.

```
222  """
223  TODO Color mapping
224  """
225  def color_mapping(labeled_image):
226      """
227      color mapping
228
229      input:
230      |   labeled_image (np.array): the image which is labeled
231
232      output:
233      |   np.array: a 3d NumPy array representing the color-mapped image
234      """
235      unique_labels = np.unique(labeled_image)
236      unique_labels = unique_labels[unique_labels != 0]
237
238      if len(unique_labels) == 0:
239          return np.zeros((*labeled_image.shape, 3), dtype=np.uint8)
240
241      color_image = np.zeros((*labeled_image.shape, 3), dtype=np.uint8)
242      num_labels = len(unique_labels)
243
244      hue_values = np.linspace(0, 179, num_labels)
245
246      hsv_palette = np.zeros((num_labels, 1, 3), dtype=np.uint8)
247      hsv_palette[:, 0, 0] = hue_values
248      hsv_palette[:, 0, 1] = 255
249      hsv_palette[:, 0, 2] = 255
250
251      bgr_palette = cv2.cvtColor(hsv_palette, cv2.COLOR_HSV2BGR)
252
253      label_to_color = {label: bgr_palette[i][0].tolist()
254      |   |   |   |   |   for i, label in enumerate(unique_labels)}
255
256      for label, color in label_to_color.items():
257          color_image[labeled_image == label] = color
258
259      return color_image
```

**Main:** Add another makedirs and imwrite for bonus algorithm

```
262  """
263  Main function
264  """
265  def main():
266
267      os.makedirs("result/connected_component/two_pass", exist_ok=True)
268      os.makedirs("result/connected_component/seed_filling", exist_ok=True)
269      os.makedirs("result/connected_component/block_based", exist_ok=True)
270      connectivity_type = [4, 8]
271
272      for i in range(2):
273          img = cv2.imread("data/connected_component/input{}.png".format(i + 1))
274
275          for connectivity in connectivity_type:
276
277              # TODO Part1: Transfer to binary image
278              binary_img = to_binary(img)
279
280              # TODO Part2: CCA algorithm
281              two_pass_label = two_pass(binary_img, connectivity)
282              seed_filling_label = seed_filling(binary_img, connectivity)
283              block_based_label = other_cca_algorithm(binary_img, connectivity, (64, 64))
284
285              # TODO Part3: Color mapping
286              two_pass_color = color_mapping(two_pass_label)
287              seed_filling_color = color_mapping(seed_filling_label)
288              block_based_color = color_mapping(block_based_label)
289
290              cv2.imwrite("result/connected_component/two_pass/input{}_c{}.png".format(i + 1, connectivity), two_pass_color)
291              cv2.imwrite("result/connected_component/seed_filling/input{}_c{}.png".format(i + 1, connectivity), seed_filling_color)
292              cv2.imwrite("result/connected_component/block_based/input{}_c{}.png".format(i + 1, connectivity), block_based_color)
293
294  if __name__ == "__main__":
295      main()
```

- Two-pass Algorithm

```

33 def two_pass(binary_image, connectivity):
34     """
35     2-pass CCA for 4 and 8 connectivity
36
37     input:
38         binary_image (np.array): A 2D NumPy array
39         connectivity (int): 4 or 8
40
41     output:
42         np.array: The labeled image
43     """
44     rows, cols = binary_image.shape
45     labeled_image = np.zeros((rows, cols), dtype=np.int32)
46     next_label = 1
47     parent = [0]

```

**First Pass:** From top-left of the image, give all the pixels the same label if they are neighbors.

After go through the entire images, you can find all the labeled segments.

The program test the top-left, top-right, top and left pixel to see if it is neighbor of the target pixel if the connectivity is 8. If the connectivity is 4, we just check top and left pixel.

```

49 # First Pass
50 for y in range(rows):
51     for x in range(cols):
52         if binary_image[y, x] == 255:
53             neighbors = []
54
55             if connectivity == 8:
56                 # top-left
57                 if y > 0 and x > 0 and labeled_image[y-1, x-1] > 0:
58                     neighbors.append(labeled_image[y-1, x-1])
59                 # top-right
60                 if y > 0 and x < cols - 1 and labeled_image[y-1, x+1] > 0:
61                     neighbors.append(labeled_image[y-1, x+1])
62
63                 # top
64                 if y > 0 and labeled_image[y-1, x] > 0:
65                     neighbors.append(labeled_image[y-1, x])
66                 # left
67                 if x > 0 and labeled_image[y, x-1] > 0:
68                     neighbors.append(labeled_image[y, x-1])
69
70             if not neighbors:
71                 labeled_image[y, x] = next_label
72                 parent.append(next_label)
73                 next_label += 1
74             else:
75                 neighbor_roots = [find(parent, label) for label in neighbors]
76
77                 min_label = min(neighbor_roots)
78                 labeled_image[y, x] = min_label
79
80                 for label in neighbors:
81                     union(parent, min_label, label)

```



**Second Part:** Find the first pixel value which is 255. Add in it the queue, and then use BFS to find the neighbors.

```
118     for y in range(rows):
119         for x in range(cols):
120             if binary_image[y, x] == 255 and labeled_image[y, x] == 0:
121                 queue = [(y, x)]
122                 labeled_image[y, x] = next_label
123
124                 while queue:
125                     py, px = queue.pop(0)
126
127                     for dy, dx in neighbors:
128                         ny, nx = py + dy, px + dx
129
130                         if 0 <= ny < rows and 0 <= nx < cols and binary_image[ny, nx] == 255 and labeled_image[ny, nx] == 0:
131                             labeled_image[ny, nx] = next_label
132                             queue.append((ny, nx))
133
134                 next_label += 1
135
136     return labeled_image
```

- (Bonus) Other Algorithms: Block-Based Algorithm. Use Divide & Conquer to make it fast

**Divide:** Divide the image to blocks with the tile\_size

```
140     """
141     Bonus
142     """
143     def other_cca_algorithm(binary_image, connectivity, tile_size=(64, 64)):
144         """
145         Block-based CCA. Use Divide & Conquer and 2-pass to solve the CCA problem
146
147         Input:
148         |   binary_image (np.array): A 2D NumPy array
149         |   connectivity (int): 4 or 8
150         |   tile_size (int, int): The block size
151
152         Output:
153         |   np.array: A labeled image
154         """
155         rows, cols = binary_image.shape
156         t_rows, t_cols = tile_size
157
158         # 1. Divide
159         num_tiles_y = (rows + t_rows - 1) // t_rows
160         num_tiles_x = (cols + t_cols - 1) // t_cols
161
162         labeled_tiles = {}
163         label_offset = 0
```

**Conquer:** Label each pixels from each blocks

```
165 # 2. Conquer
166 for i in range(num_tiles_y):
167     for j in range(num_tiles_x):
168         y_start, x_start = i * t_rows, j * t_cols
169         tile = binary_image[y_start : y_start + t_rows, x_start : x_start + t_cols]
170
171         labeled_tile = two_pass(tile, connectivity)
172
173         non_zero_mask = labeled_tile > 0
174         if np.any(non_zero_mask):
175             labeled_tile[non_zero_mask] += label_offset
176             label_offset = np.max(labeled_tile)
177
178         labeled_tiles[(i, j)] = labeled_tile
```

**Merge:** Go through the vertical of the edge of the block and see if the label are the same as the left edge of the other block. If yes, merge them. Do the same thing with the horizon.

```
180 # 3. Merge
181 parent = list(range(label_offset + 1)) # Initialize parent array for Union-Find
182
183 for i in range(num_tiles_y):
184     for j in range(num_tiles_x):
185         tile = labeled_tiles[(i, j)]
186
187         # Merge with the tile to the right
188         if j < num_tiles_x - 1:
189             right_tile = labeled_tiles[(i, j + 1)]
190             for y_idx in range(min(tile.shape[0], right_tile.shape[0])):
191                 if tile[y_idx, -1] > 0 and right_tile[y_idx, 0] > 0:
192                     union(parent, tile[y_idx, -1], right_tile[y_idx, 0])
193
194         # Merge with the tile below
195         if i < num_tiles_y - 1:
196             bottom_tile = labeled_tiles[(i + 1, j)]
197             for x_idx in range(min(tile.shape[1], bottom_tile.shape[1])):
198                 if tile[-1, x_idx] > 0 and bottom_tile[0, x_idx] > 0:
199                     union(parent, tile[-1, x_idx], bottom_tile[0, x_idx])
```

**Final Relabeling:** Use Union & Find to union the part which should be the same label.

```
201     # 4. Final Relabeling
202     final_labeled_image = np.zeros((rows, cols), dtype=np.int32)
203     for i in range(num_tiles_y):
204         for j in range(num_tiles_x):
205             y_start, x_start = i * t_rows, j * t_cols
206             tile = labeled_tiles[(i, j)]
207
208             h, w = tile.shape
209
210             # Find the root for each label in the tile
211             unique_labels = np.unique(tile[tile > 0])
212             for label in unique_labels:
213                 root = find(parent, label)
214                 tile[tile == label] = root
215
216             final_labeled_image[y_start : y_start + h, x_start : x_start + w] = tile
217
218     return final_labeled_image
```



## Task 2: Color Correction

- White Patch Algorithm: Find the 99% r, g, b pixel to correct the color. Noted: I used to use the maximum value, but the result of 99% is better.

```
6  """
7  TODO White patch algorithm
8  """
9  def white_patch_algorithm(img):
10     """
11     white_patch_algorithm for color correction
12
13     Input:
14     |   img (np.array): A 2D NumPy array
15
16     output:
17     |   np.array: a color corrected image
18     """
19     b, g, r = cv2.split(img)
20
21     percentile = 99
22     b_max = np.percentile(b, percentile)
23     g_max = np.percentile(g, percentile)
24     r_max = np.percentile(r, percentile)
25     # g_max = g.max()
26     # r_max = r.max()
27     # b_max = b.max()
28
29     b_gain = 255.0 / b_max if b_max > 0 else 1 # avoid to divide 0
30     g_gain = 255.0 / g_max if g_max > 0 else 1
31     r_gain = 255.0 / r_max if r_max > 0 else 1
32
33     b_corrected = np.clip(b.astype(np.float64) * b_gain, 0, 255)
34     g_corrected = np.clip(g.astype(np.float64) * g_gain, 0, 255)
35     r_corrected = np.clip(r.astype(np.float64) * r_gain, 0, 255)
36
37     corrected_img = cv2.merge((b_corrected, g_corrected, r_corrected)).astype(np.uint8)
38
39     return corrected_img
```

- Gray-world Algorithm: First get the average value of r, g, b, and use then to calculate the corrected color

```
41  TODO Gray-world algorithm
42  """
43  def gray_world_algorithm(img):
44      """
45      gray_world_algorithm for color correction
46
47      Input:
48      |   img (np.array): A 2D NumPy array
49
50      output:
51      |   np.array: a color corrected image
52      """
53      b, g, r = cv2.split(img)
54
55      b_avg = np.mean(b)
56      g_avg = np.mean(g)
57      r_avg = np.mean(r)
58
59      gray_avg = (b_avg + g_avg + r_avg) / 3.0
60
61      b_gain = gray_avg / b_avg if b_avg > 0 else 1 # avoid to divide 0
62      g_gain = gray_avg / g_avg if g_avg > 0 else 1
63      r_gain = gray_avg / r_avg if r_avg > 0 else 1
64
65      b_corrected = np.clip(b.astype(np.float64) * b_gain, 0, 255)
66      g_corrected = np.clip(g.astype(np.float64) * g_gain, 0, 255)
67      r_corrected = np.clip(r.astype(np.float64) * r_gain, 0, 255)
68
69      corrected_img = cv2.merge((b_corrected, g_corrected, r_corrected)).astype(np.uint8)
70
71      return corrected_img
```

- (Bonus) Other Algorithms

**Tool (find\_white\_patch.py):** Use this program to find the area in the image that is used as the white color reference.

```

1  import cv2
2
3  def find_coordinates(event, x, y, flags, param):
4      if event == cv2.EVENT_LBUTTONDOWN:
5          print(f"Clicked at (x, y): ({x}, {y})")
6
7  # --- Main Part ---
8  image_path = 'data/color_correction/input2.bmp'
9  img = cv2.imread(image_path)
10
11 if img is None:
12     print(f"Error: Could not load image at {image_path}")
13 else:
14     cv2.imshow('Image - Click to find coordinates', img)
15     cv2.setMouseCallback('Image - Click to find coordinates', find_coordinates)
16
17     print("Click on the corners of the white patch. Press any key to exit.")
18     cv2.waitKey(0)
19     cv2.destroyAllWindows()

```

**Main Part:** Use the found white patch as a reference to correct the color

```

73  """
74  Bonus
75  """
76  def other_white_balance_algorithm(img, white_patch_roi):
77      """
78      White Point Correction
79      Corrects the color cast of an image using a reference white patch.
80
81      Input:
82      |   img (np.array): A 2D NumPy array image need to be corrected.
83      |   white_patch_roi (tuple): A tuple of slices defining the white patch
84      |   |   |   |   |   |   |   (y_start:y_end, x_start:x_end).
85
86      Output:
87      |   np.array: The color-corrected BGR image.
88      """
89      y_start, y_end = white_patch_roi[0].start, white_patch_roi[0].stop
90      x_start, x_end = white_patch_roi[1].start, white_patch_roi[1].stop
91      patch = img[y_start:y_end, x_start:x_end]
92
93      b_avg, g_avg, r_avg = patch.mean(axis=(0,1))
94
95      gray_avg = (b_avg + g_avg + r_avg) / 3
96
97      b_gain = gray_avg / b_avg if b_avg > 0 else 1 # avoid to divide 0
98      g_gain = gray_avg / g_avg if g_avg > 0 else 1
99      r_gain = gray_avg / r_avg if r_avg > 0 else 1
100
101      b, g, r = cv2.split(img)
102      b_corrected = np.clip(b.astype(np.float64) * b_gain, 0, 255)
103      g_corrected = np.clip(g.astype(np.float64) * g_gain, 0, 255)
104      r_corrected = np.clip(r.astype(np.float64) * r_gain, 0, 255)
105
106      corrected_img = cv2.merge((b_corrected, g_corrected, r_corrected)).astype(np.uint8)
107
108      return corrected_img

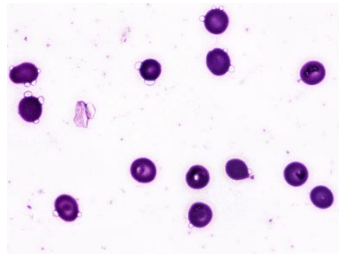
```

## Part II. Results & Analysis (20%):

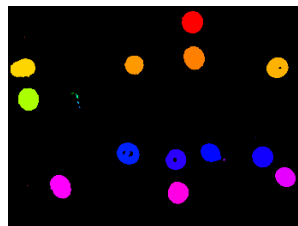
Please provide your **observations** and **analysis** for each of the following bullets.

### Task 1: Connected Component Analysis

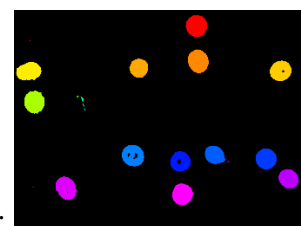
- Two-pass Algorithm



○ original image:



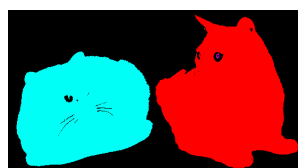
○ 4-connectivity:



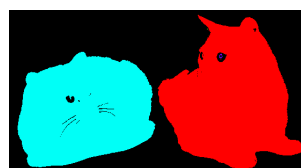
8-connectivity:



○ original image:

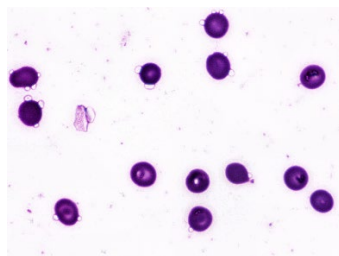


○ 4-connectivity:

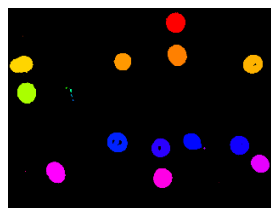


8-connectivity:

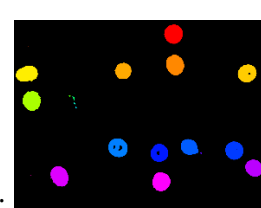
- Seed-filling Algorithm



○ original image:



○ 4-connectivity:

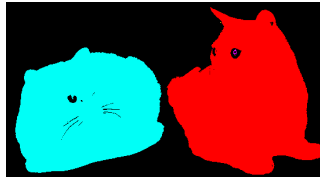


8-connectivity:

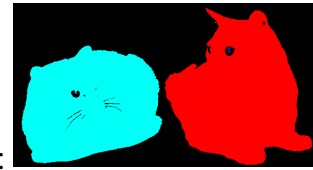
- original image:



- 4-connectivity:

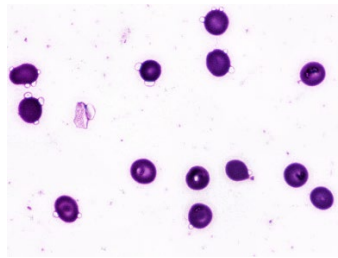


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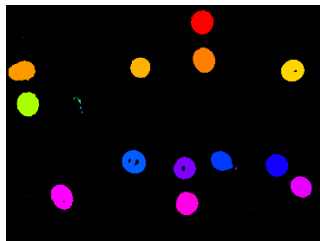


- (Bonus) Other Algorithms

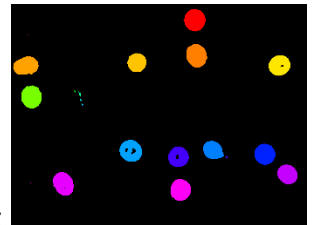
- original image:



- 4-connectivity:



- 8-connectivity:



- original image:



- 4-connectivity:



- 8-connectivity:



- Compare and discuss the above result.

- The results does not have major difference of the three algorithm, but the bonus algorithm which use divide & conquer should be the fastest. It is because with divide & conquer, we can parrallel the program with multiple CPUs.

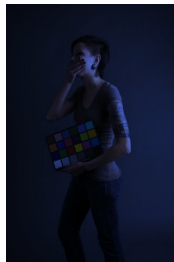
○

## Task 2: Color Correction

- White Patch Algorithm

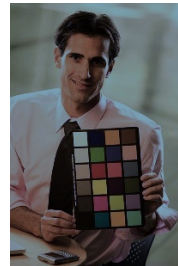


○ original image:      corrected image:

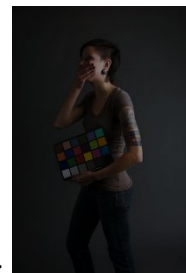
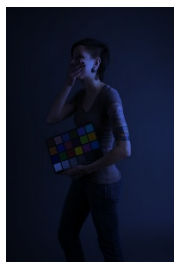


○ original image:      corrected image:

- Gray-world Algorithm

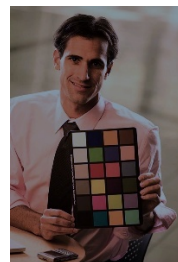


○ original image:      corrected image:

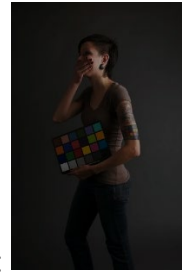
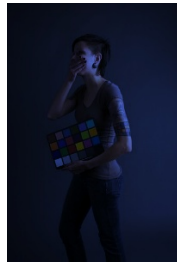


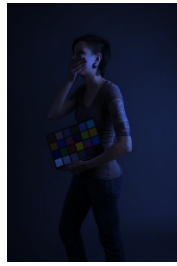
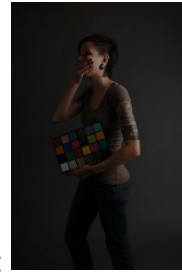
○ original image:      corrected image:

- (Bonus) Other Algorithms



○ original image:      corrected image:



- original image:  corrected image: 
- Compare and discuss the above result.
  - The result of white patch is the best. I used to get the maximum rgb value in the white\_patch\_algorithm, but I got better result with 99% value.
  - The bonus algorithm pick the area of white color reference, so the result of it should be the best. I think the reason why it is not the best is I do not pick the area accurately.

### Part III. Answer the questions (5%):

1. Please describe a problem you encountered and how you solved it.  
 Ans: In the bonus algo of CCA, at first each component is colored by many colors. It is because I put the for-loop in the wrong position. It took much time to find it.
2. What are the advantages and limitations of **two-pass** and **seed-filling algorithms** for object segmentation in images, and in which scenarios are they most appropriate?  
 Ans:  
 The two-pass algo scans an image twice. It is comprehensive and reliable but can be slower and use more memory.  
 The seed-filling algo is conceptually simple but can be inefficient for images with many small objects. It is best for interactive tasks or when only a few specific components need to be labeled.
3. What are the advantages and limitations of the **white patch** and **gray-world algorithms** for image white balance, and in which scenarios are they most appropriate?  
 Ans:  
 The white patch algo assumes the brightest pixel in the image is white. It is effective for scenes which the brightest pixel is actually white but fails for the brightest object is actually colored, making it best for studio shots.  
 The gray-world algo assumes the average of the entire scene is gray. It works well for images with a wide variety of colors, like landscape, but fails on images dominated by a single color. It is appropriate for scenes with a balanced color distribution.