

# Labsheet 3

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## Otsu Thresholding

TODO:

- store sigma vals
- compute pixel frequencies for background and foreground
- compute mean pixel intensity for background and foreground
- compute between class variance
- find threshold value that maximizes between class variance

```
import numpy as np
import PIL
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

def otsu_thresholding(image_path):
    thresh_vals = dict()
    sigma = []

    # Load image in grayscale
    image = np.array(PIL.Image.open(image_path).convert('L'))

    intensities = np.unique(image)
    vals = np.random.randint(min(intensities), max(intensities),
size=(10,))

    total_pixels = image.size

    for val in vals:
        num_b = np.sum(image <= val)
        num_f = np.sum(image > val)

        if num_b == 0 or num_f == 0:
            sigma.append(0)
            thresh_vals[val] = 0
            continue

        # Compute sum of intensities in background & foreground
        nub = np.sum(image[image <= val])
        nuf = np.sum(image[image > val])
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# Compute means
mean_b = nub / num_b if num_b > 0 else 0
mean_f = nuf / num_f if num_f > 0 else 0

wb = num_b / total_pixels
wf = num_f / total_pixels

# Compute Otsu's variance
variance = wb * wf * (mean_b - mean_f) ** 2
sigma.append(variance)
thresh_vals[val] = variance

# Find the threshold with the highest variance
best_threshold = max(thresh_vals, key=thresh_vals.get)

print("Threshold values:", vals)
print("Between class variance ( $\sigma^2$ ):", sigma)
print("Best threshold value:", best_threshold, "with  $\sigma^2$ :",
thresh_vals[best_threshold])

# Apply threshold using NumPy indexing
thresholded_image = np.where(image > best_threshold, 255,
0).astype(np.uint8)

# Display thresholded image
plt.imshow(thresholded_image, cmap='gray')
plt.title(f"Otsu Thresholding (Threshold={best_threshold})")
plt.axis("off")
plt.show()

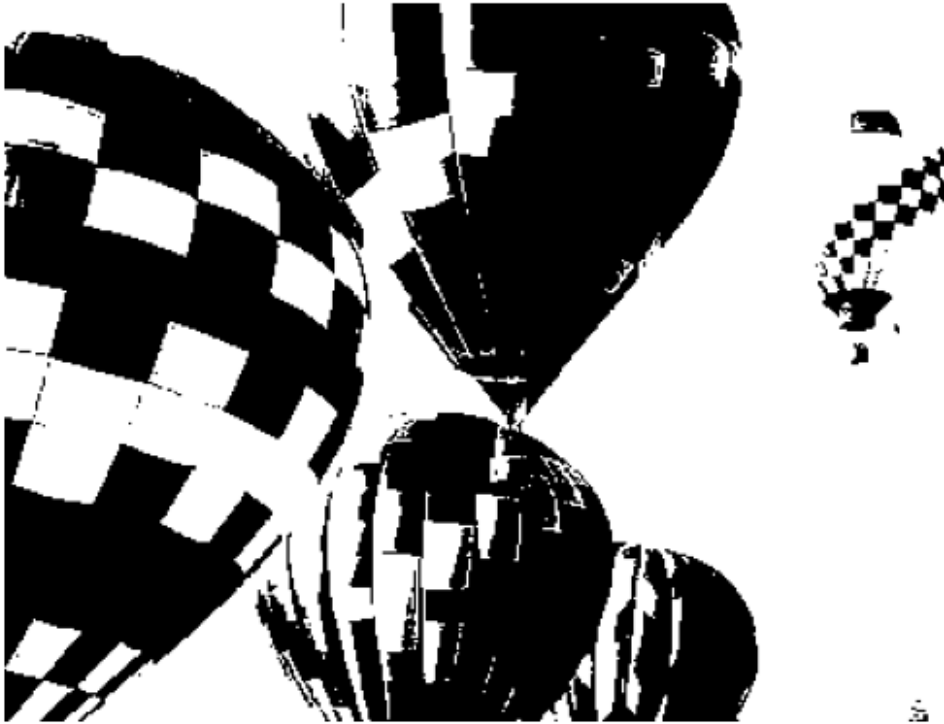
return best_threshold

otsu_thresholding('./Lab 1.jpg')

Threshold values: [ 29 113  40  53 186 115 180  15 220  99]
Between class variance ( $\sigma^2$ ): [85.5482296570391, 2430.2071108238024,
359.81107304524767, 704.423260237824, 1732.426216192609,
2439.665687393461, 1941.2814084321606, 11.824287176763875,
537.8288314082396, 2291.6519150854733]
Best threshold value: 115 with  $\sigma^2$ : 2439.665687393461

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Otsu Thresholding (Threshold=115)



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## Watershed Segmentation

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import cv2
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

def watershed_segmentation(image_path):
    img = cv2.imread(image_path)
    img_rgb = cv2.cvtColor(img, cv2.COLOR_RGB2BGR)

    gray = cv2.cvtColor(img, cv2.COLOR_BGR2GRAY)

    _, binary = cv2.threshold(gray, 0, 255, cv2.THRESH_BINARY_INV +
cv2.THRESH_OTSU)

    kernel = np.ones((3,3), np.uint8)
    opening = cv2.morphologyEx(binary, cv2.MORPH_OPEN, kernel,
iterations=2)

    sure_bg = cv2.dilate(opening, kernel, iterations=3)

    dist_transform = cv2.distanceTransform(opening, cv2.DIST_L2, 5)
    _, sure_fg = cv2.threshold(dist_transform, 0.7 *
dist_transform.max(), 255, 0)
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sure_fg = np.uint8(sure_fg)
unknown = cv2.subtract(sure_bg, sure_fg)

_, markers = cv2.connectedComponents(sure_fg)
markers = markers + 1
markers[unknown == 255] = 0

img_copy = img.copy()
cv2.watershed(img_copy, markers)
img_copy[markers == -1] = [255, 0, 0]

titles = ['Original Image', 'Gray Image', 'Binary Image',
          'Opening (Noise Removal)', 'Sure Background',
          'Distance Transform', 'Sure Foreground',
          'Unknown Region', 'Segmented Output']

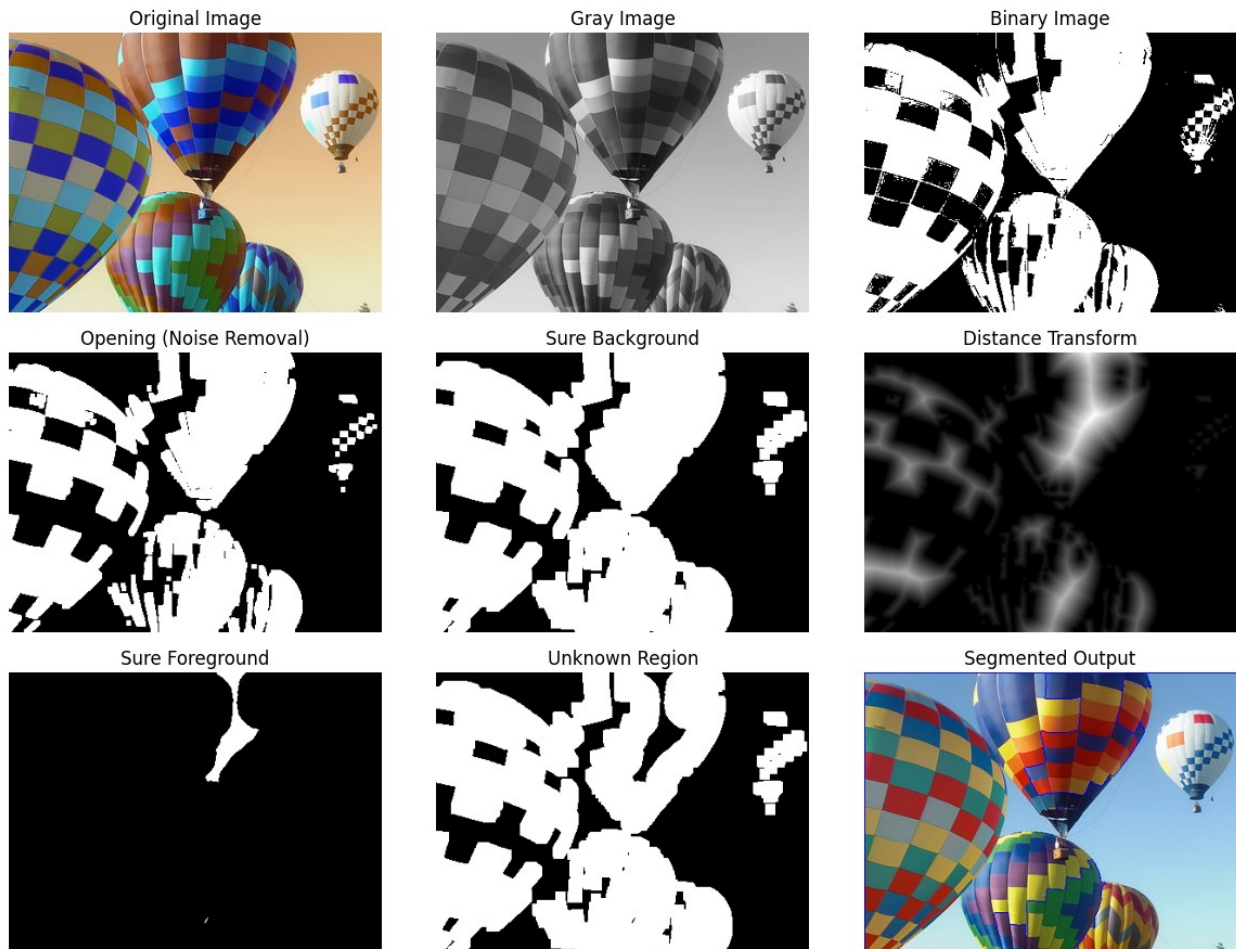
images = [img_rgb, gray, binary, opening, sure_bg,
          dist_transform, sure_fg, unknown, img_copy]

plt.figure(figsize=(12, 9))
for i in range(9):
    plt.subplot(3, 3, i+1)
    if len(images[i].shape) == 2: # Grayscale images
        plt.imshow(images[i], cmap='gray')
    else: # RGB images
        plt.imshow(cv2.cvtColor(images[i], cv2.COLOR_BGR2RGB))
    plt.title(titles[i])
    plt.axis('off')

plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()

# Run the function
image_path = "./Lab 1.jpg"
watershed_segmentation(image_path)

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## K-Means Segmentation

```
# USING BUILT-IN K MEANS FUNCTION
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import cv2

%matplotlib inline

# Read in the image
image = cv2.imread('./Lab 1.jpg')

image = cv2.cvtColor(image, cv2.COLOR_BGR2RGB)

plt.imshow(image)
pixel_vals = image.reshape((-1,3))

# Convert to float type
pixel_vals = np.float32(pixel_vals)
criteria = (cv2.TERM_CRITERIA_EPS + cv2.TERM_CRITERIA_MAX_ITER, 100,
0.85)
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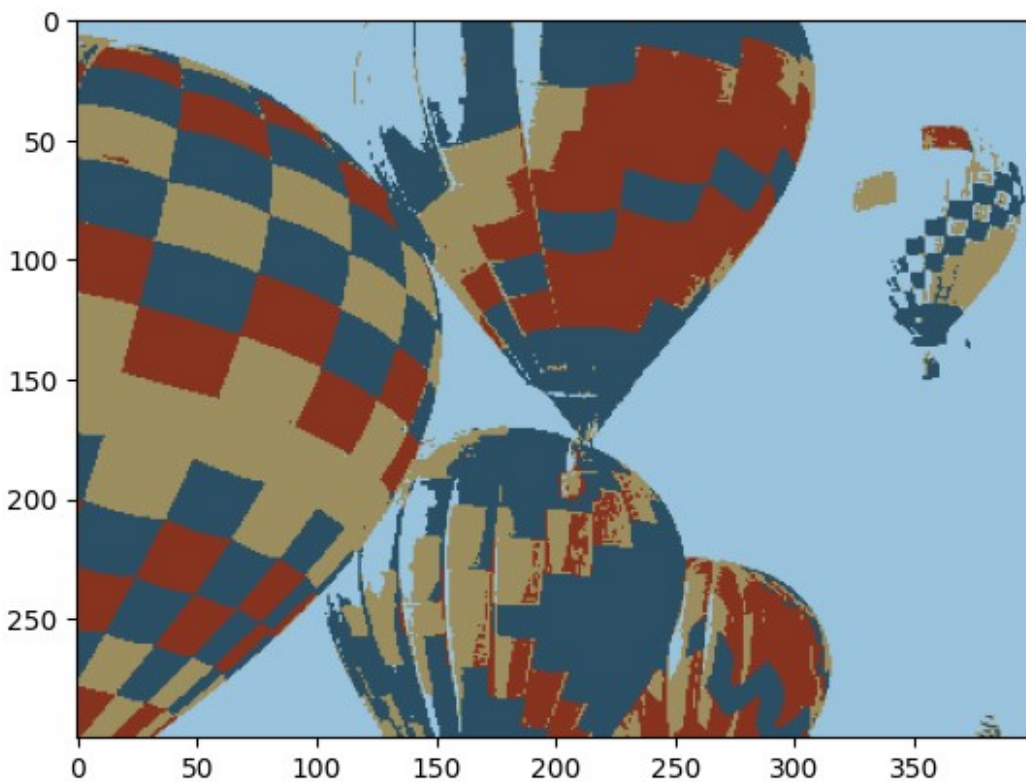
k = 4
retval, labels, centers = cv2.kmeans(pixel_vals, k, None, criteria,
10, cv2.KMEANS_RANDOM_CENTERS)

# convert data into 8-bit values
centers = np.uint8(centers)
segmented_data = centers[labels.flatten()]

# reshape data into the original image dimensions
segmented_image = segmented_data.reshape((image.shape))

plt.imshow(segmented_image)
<matplotlib.image.AxesImage at 0x7f7ae01f08b0>

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## Observations

- Choose Otsu's for simple, fast binary segmentation when you have good contrast and expect a global threshold to work. (Ensure you use a correct implementation that checks all thresholds).
- Choose Watershed when the main challenge is separating objects that touch or overlap, and you can define good markers (often requiring careful pre-processing and parameter tuning).

- Choose K-Means when you want to segment based primarily on color or intensity similarity, need multiple segments, and know roughly how many segments ( $k$ ) to expect. It's often used for color reduction or identifying dominant color regions.