

7 Identify the Blue Colored Object in Cluttered Image

Read the image

```
image = imread('peacock.jpg');
```

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Convert the image from RGB to HSV color space

```
hsvImage = rgb2hsv(image);
```

Define thresholds for 'Hue', 'Saturation' and 'Value' to isolate blue color

```
hueThresholdLow = 0.55; % Adjust these values based on your image  
hueThresholdHigh = 0.75;  
saturationThresholdLow = 0.4;  
saturationThresholdHigh = 1.0;  
valueThresholdLow = 0.2;  
valueThresholdHigh = 1.0;
```

Create a binary mask based on the thresholds

```
blueMask = (hsvImage(:,:,1) >= hueThresholdLow) & (hsvImage(:,:,1) <=  
hueThresholdHigh) & ...  
            (hsvImage(:,:,2) >= saturationThresholdLow) & (hsvImage(:,:,2) <=  
saturationThresholdHigh) & ...  
            (hsvImage(:,:,3) >= valueThresholdLow) & (hsvImage(:,:,3) <=  
valueThresholdHigh);
```

Apply the mask to the original image

```
blueObjects = bsxfun(@times, image, cast(blueMask, 'like', image));
```

Display the original image and the blue objects

```
figure;  
subplot(1, 2, 1);  
imshow(image);  
title('Original Image');  
subplot(1, 2, 2);  
imshow(blueObjects);  
title('Blue Objects');
```

Original Image



Blue Objects



Optionally, you can use morphological operations to clean up the mask

```
blueMask = imopen(blueMask, strel('disk', 5)); % Remove small objects  
blueMask = imclose(blueMask, strel('disk', 5)); % Fill small holes
```

Display the cleaned mask

```
figure;  
imshow(blueMask);  
title('Cleaned Blue Mask');
```

Cleaned Blue Mask

