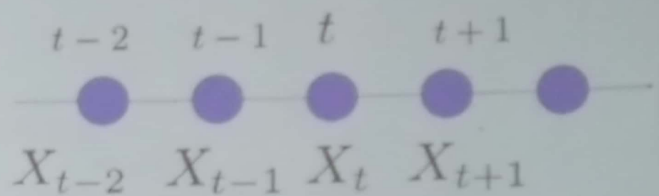


Markov Chain



$$\Pr(X_{t+1} = y | X_t = x, X_{t-1}, X_{t-2}, \dots) = \Pr(X_{t+1} = y | X_t = x) = K(x, y)$$

$$P(x_0, x_1, \dots, x_t) = P(x_0)P(x_1|x_0) \dots P(x_t|x_{t-1})$$

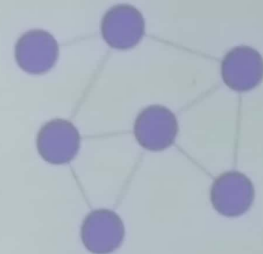
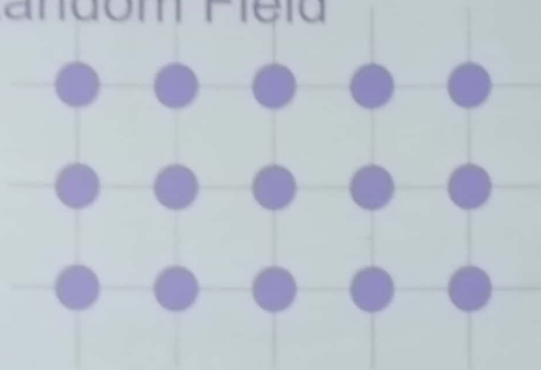
$$\Pr(\text{future} | \text{present, past}) = \Pr(\text{future} | \text{present})$$

$$\text{future} \perp \text{past} \mid \text{present}$$

Markov property: conditional independence (limited dependence)

Makes modeling and learning possible

Markov Random Field



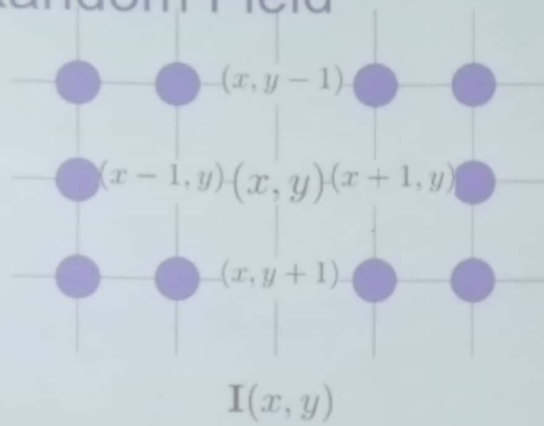
Can be generalized to any **undirected** graphs (nodes, edges)

Neighborhood system: each node is connected to its neighbors
neighbors are reciprocal

Markov property: each node only depends on its neighbors



Markov Random Field



$$P(\mathbf{I}_{x,y} | \mathbf{I}_{-(x,y)}) = P(\mathbf{I}_{x,y} | \mathbf{I}_{\mathcal{N}(x,y)})$$

What is $P(\mathbf{I})$?

$$\mathbf{I} = (\mathbf{I}_{x,y}, \forall (x, y))$$

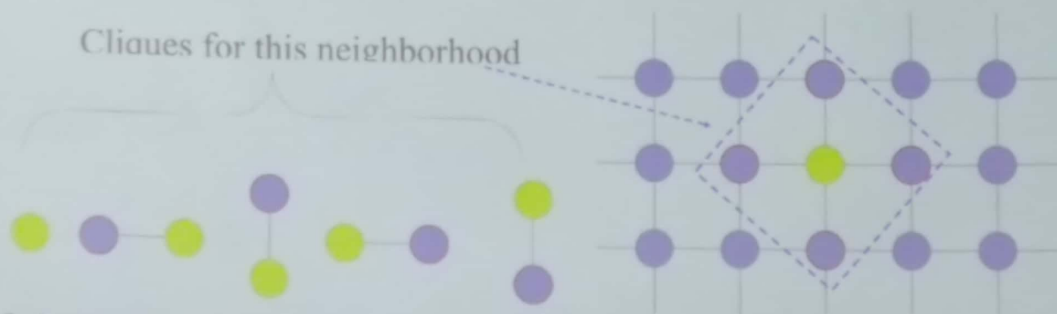
Markov Random Field

Hammersley-Clifford Theorem

$$P(\mathbf{I}) = \frac{1}{Z} \exp \left\{ \sum_{x,y} [a(\mathbf{I}_{x,y}) + b(\mathbf{I}_{x,y}, \mathbf{I}_{x+1,y}) + c(\mathbf{I}_{x,y}, \mathbf{I}_{x,y+1})] \right\}$$

$Z = \sum_{\mathbf{I}} \exp \{ \dots \}$ normalizing constant, partition function

$a(), b(), c()$ potential functions of cliques



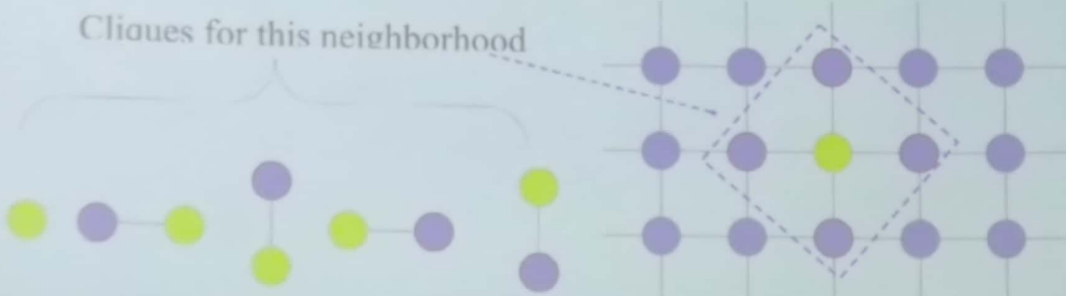
a clique is a set of pixels, each member is the neighbor of any other member

Markov Random Field

Hammersley-Clifford Theorem

$$P(\mathbf{I}) = \frac{1}{Z} \exp\left\{ \sum_{x,y} [a(\mathbf{I}_{x,y}) + b(\mathbf{I}_{x,y}, \mathbf{I}_{x+1,y}) + c(\mathbf{I}_{x,y}, \mathbf{I}_{x,y+1})] \right\}$$

$$P(\mathbf{I}) = \frac{1}{Z} \exp\left\{ \sum_{\text{cliques}} V(\mathbf{I}_{\text{clique}}) \right\} \quad \text{Gibbs distribution}$$



set of pixels, each member is the neighbor of any other member

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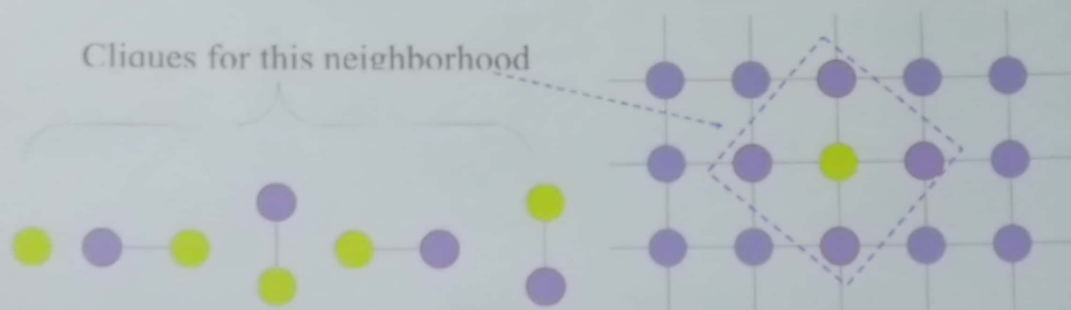
Markov Random Field

Ising Model

$$P(\mathbf{I}) = \frac{1}{Z} \exp\left\{\sum [\alpha \mathbf{I}_{x,y} + \beta \mathbf{I}_{x,y} \mathbf{I}_{x+1,y} + \beta \mathbf{I}_{x,y} \mathbf{I}_{x,y+1}]\right\}$$

$$P(\mathbf{I}) = \frac{1}{Z} \exp\left\{\sum_s \alpha \mathbf{I}_s + \sum_{s \sim t} \beta \mathbf{I}_s \mathbf{I}_t\right\}$$

$$\mathbf{I}_{x,y} \in \{-1, +1\} \quad s = (x, y)$$



a clique is a set of pixels, each member is the neighbor of any other member

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Markov Random Field

Modeling image pixel labels as MRF (Ising)

$$p(x, y) = p(x)p(y|x)$$

$$p(x|y) = p(x, y)/p(y)$$

Bayesian posterior



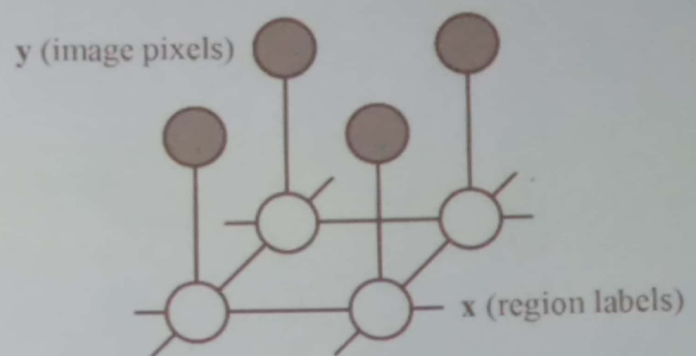
Markov Random Field

$$(\mathbf{x}^*, \theta^*) = \arg \max_{(\mathbf{x}, \theta)} P(\mathbf{x}, \theta | \mathbf{y})$$

region
labels

model
param.

image
pixels



$$P(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = \frac{1}{Z} \prod_{(i,j)} \psi(x_i, x_j) \prod_i \phi(x_i, y_i)$$

label

image

label-label
compatibility
function
enforcing
*smoothness
constraint*

neighboring
label nodes

image-label
compatibility
Function
enforcing
data constraint

local
Observations

Markov Random Field

$$\mathbf{x}^* = \arg \max_{\mathbf{x}} P(\mathbf{x} | \mathbf{y})$$

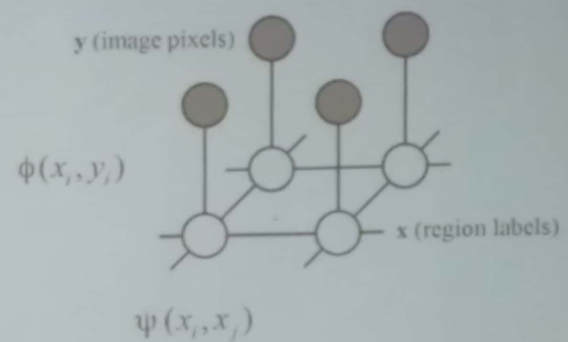
$$= \arg \max_{\mathbf{x}} P(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \quad P(\mathbf{x} | \mathbf{y}) = P(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) / P(\mathbf{y}) = \frac{1}{Z_1} P(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})$$

$$= \arg \max_{\mathbf{x}} \prod_i \phi(x_i, y_i) \prod_{(i,j)} \psi(x_i, x_j) \quad P(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = \frac{1}{Z_2} \prod_i \phi(x_i, y_i) \prod_{(i,j)} \psi(x_i, x_j)$$

$$\phi(x_i, y_i) = G(y_i; \mu_{x_i}, \sigma_{x_i}^2)$$

$$\psi(x_i, x_j) = \exp(\delta(x_i - x_j) / \sigma^2)$$

$$\theta = [\mu_{x_i}, \sigma_{x_i}^2, \sigma^2]$$



MAP Estimation of MRF Configuration

$$\hat{f} = \arg \max_f \Pr(f | \hat{O})$$

Observed data

Bayes rule

$$\hat{f} = \arg \max_f \Pr(O | f) \cdot \Pr(f)$$

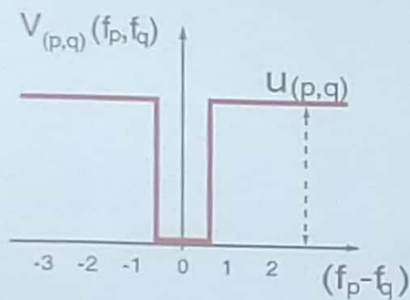
Likelihood
function
(sensor noise)

Prior
(MRF model)

$$\hat{f} = \arg \max_f \exp \left\{ \sum_p \ln g_p(O | f_p) - \sum_{(p,q)} V_{(p,q)}(f_p, f_q) \right\}$$

$$\prod_i \phi(x_i, y_i) \quad \prod_{(i,j)} \psi(x_i, x_j)$$

Generalized Potts Model



Clique potential

$$V_{(p,q)}(f_p, f_q) = u_{\{p,q\}} \cdot \delta(f_p \neq f_q)$$

Penalty for discontinuity at (p,q)

Energy function

$$E(f) = - \sum_p \ln g_p(O | f_p) + 2 \sum_{\{p,q\}} u_{\{p,q\}} \cdot \delta(f_p \neq f_q)$$

Generalized Potts Model

The main idea of graph-cut based MRF optimization is to construct a graph such that

- there is a one-to-one correspondence between cuts of graph and configurations of the MRF
- the total cost of the cut is exactly the same as the total energy of the configuration.



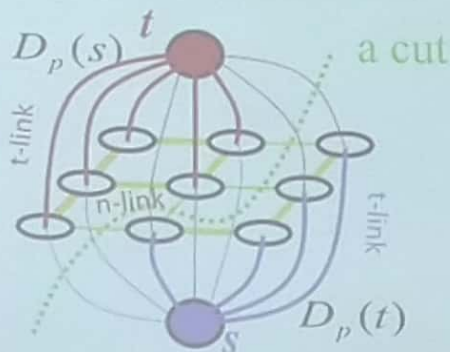
Generalized Potts Model

$$E(f) = \sum_p D_p(f_p) + \sum_{\{p,q\}} u_{\{p,q\}} \cdot \delta(f_p \neq f_q)$$

t-links

n-links

$f_p \in \{s, t\}$



A s-t cut corresponds to one configuration of binary labeling

$$C(S, T) = E(f)$$

What about other energy functions

Let E be a function of n binary variables with the following form:

$$E(L) = \sum_p D_p(f_p) + \sum_{p,q \in N} V(f_p, f_q)$$

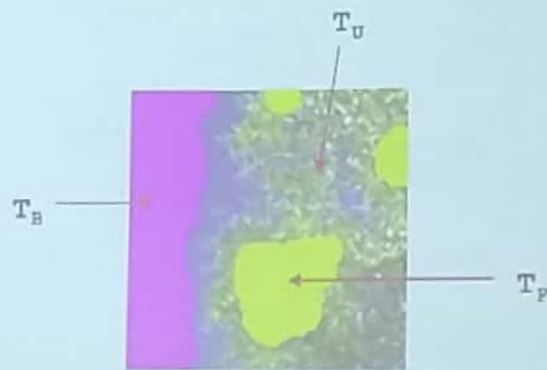
Then, E is graph-representable if and only if [3]:

$$V(0,0) + V(1,1) \leq V(0,1) + V(1,0)$$

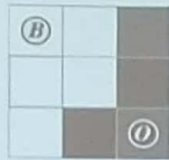
Functions satisfying above condition are called regular

Graph Cut for Image Segmentation - ICCV 2001

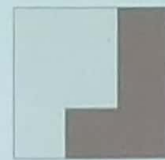
User provides a trimap $T = \{T_F, T_B, T_U\}$ which partitions the image into 3 regions: foreground, background, unknown.



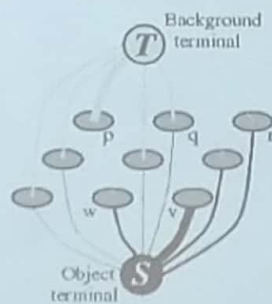
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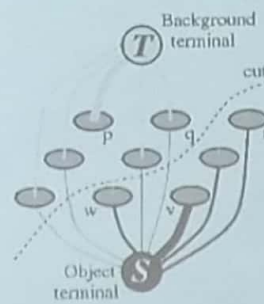
(a) Image with seeds.



(d) Segmentation results.

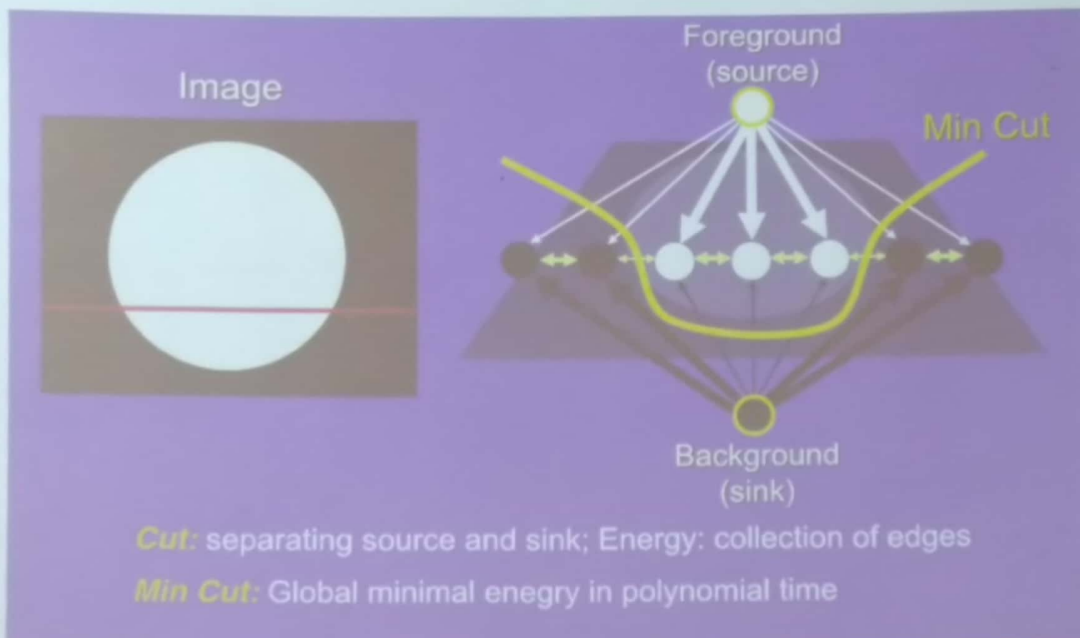


(b) Graph.



(c) Cut.

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$$E(A) = \lambda \cdot R(A) + B(A)$$

where

$$R(A) = \sum_{p \in P} R_p(A_p)$$

$$B(A) = \sum_{\{p,q\} \in N} B_{\{p,q\}} \cdot \delta(A_p, A_q)$$

and

$$\delta(A_p, A_q) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } A_p \neq A_q \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Goal: Find Segmentation,
A, which minimizes E(A)

- ▣ A – Proposed Segmentation
- ▣ E(A) – Overall Energy
- ▣ R(A) – Degree to which pixels fits model
- ▣ B(A) – Degree to which the cuts breaks up similar pixels

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edge	weight (cost)	for
$\{p, q\}$	$B_{\{p,q\}}$	$\{p, q\} \in \mathcal{N}$
$\{p, S\}$	$\lambda \cdot R_p(\text{"bkg"})$	$p \in \mathcal{P}, p \notin \mathcal{O} \cup \mathcal{B}$
	K	$p \in \mathcal{O}$
	0	$p \in \mathcal{B}$
$\{p, T\}$	$\lambda \cdot R_p(\text{"obj"})$	$p \in \mathcal{P}, p \notin \mathcal{O} \cup \mathcal{B}$
	0	$p \in \mathcal{O}$
	K	$p \in \mathcal{B}$

- Pixel links based on color/intensity similarities
- Source/Target links based on histogram models of fore/background

$$K = 1 + \max_{p \in \mathcal{P}} \sum_{q: \{p,q\} \in \mathcal{N}} B_{\{p,q\}}$$

Graph Cut for Image Segmentation - ICCV 2001

$$R_p(\text{"obj"}) = -\ln \Pr(I_p | \mathcal{O})$$

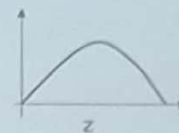
$$R_p(\text{"bkg"}) = -\ln \Pr(I_p | \mathcal{B}).$$

$$B_{\{p,q\}} \propto \exp\left(-\frac{(I_p - I_q)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right) \cdot \frac{1}{\text{dist}(p,q)}.$$

Graph Cut for Image Segmentation - ICCV 2001

- The image is an array $\mathbf{z} = (z_1, \dots, z_N)$ of grey values indexed by the single index n .
- The segmentation of the image is an alpha-channel, or, a series of opacity values $\alpha = (\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_N)$ at each pixel with $0 \leq \alpha_n \leq 1$.
- The parameter θ describes the foreground/background grey-level distributions. i.e. a pair of histogram of gray values:

$$\theta = \{h(z; \alpha), \alpha = 0, 1\}$$





Graph Cut for Image Segmentation - ICCV 2001

$$E(\alpha, \theta, z) = U(\alpha, \theta, z) + V(\alpha, z)$$

- U evaluates the fit of the opacity α to the data z
 - i.e. it gives a good score (low score) if α looks like it's consistent with the histogram.

$$U(\alpha, \theta, z) = \sum_n -\log h(z_n; \alpha_n)$$

- V is a smoothness term which penalizes if there is too much disparity between neighboring pixel values.

$$V(\underline{\alpha}, z) = \gamma \sum_{(m,n) \in \mathcal{C}} \text{dis}(m,n)^{-1} [\alpha_n \neq \alpha_m] \exp -\beta (z_m - z_n)^2.$$

$$\beta = \left(2 \left\langle (z_m - z_n)^2 \right\rangle \right)^{-1}$$

Graph Cut for Image Segmentation - ICCV 2001

$$E(\alpha, \theta, z) = U(\alpha, \theta, z) + V(\alpha, z)$$

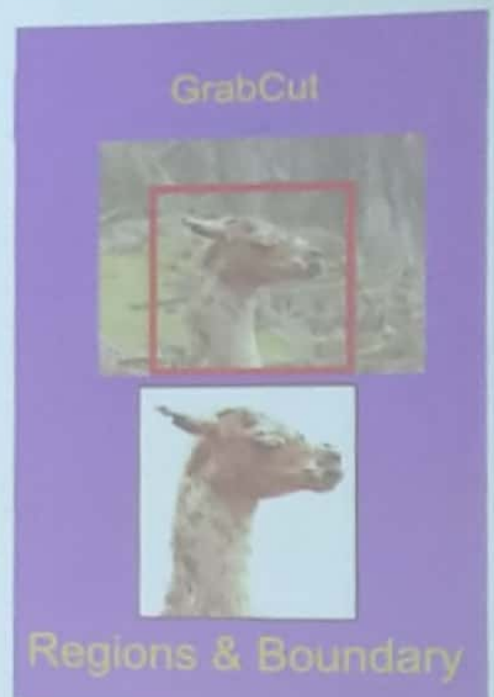
- Given the energy model we can obtain a segmentation by finding

$$\alpha = \arg \min_{\alpha} E(\alpha, \theta)$$

- Which can be solved using a minimum cut algorithm which gives you a hard segmentation, $\alpha \in \{0, 1\}$, of the object.

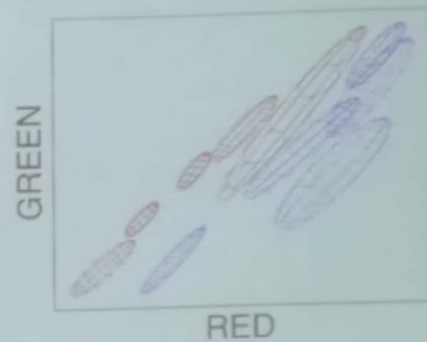
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- The monochrome image model is replaced for color by a Gaussian Mixture Model (GMM) in place of histograms.
- One shot min-cut solution is replaced by an iterative procedure that alternates between estimation and parameter learning
- Allow for incomplete labeling, i.e. the user need only specify the background trimap T_B (and implicitly the unknown map T_U)

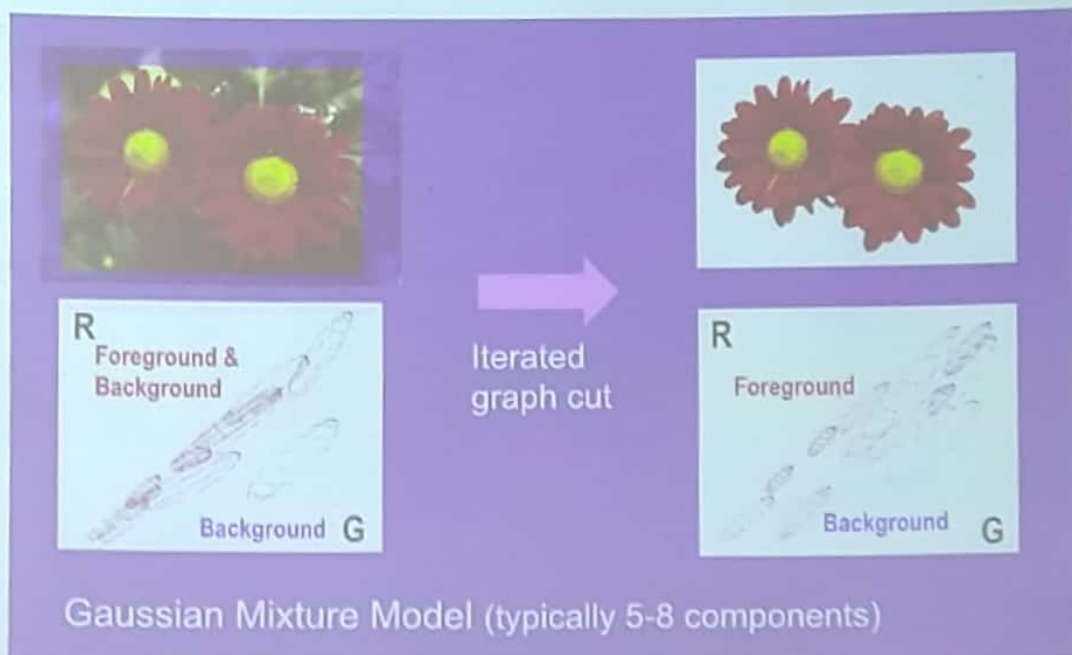


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- Each pixel z_n is now in RGB color space
- Color space histograms are impractical so we use a Gaussian Mixture Model (GMM)
 - 2 Full-covariance Gaussian mixtures with K components ($K \sim 5$).
 - One for foreground, one for background.
- Add to our model a vector $\mathbf{k} = \{k_1 \dots k_N\}$, with k_i in $\{1 \dots K\}$
- k_i assigns the pixel z_i to a unique GMM component (Either from F.G. or B.G. as α dictates)



GrabCut - CVPR 2004



GrabCut - CVPR 2004

- Must incorporate k into our model:

$$E(a, k, \theta, z) = U(a, k, \theta, z) + V(a, z)$$

where

$$U(a, k, \theta, z) = \sum_n D(a_n, k_n, \theta, z_n)$$

- $D(a_n, k_n, \theta, z_n) = -\log p(z_n | a_n, k_n, \theta) - \log \pi(a_n, k_n)$
- Where $\pi(\cdot)$ is a set of mixture weights which satisfy the constraint:

$$D(a_n, k_n, \theta, z_n) = -\log \pi(a_n, k_n) + \frac{1}{2} \log \det \Sigma(a_n, k_n) + \frac{1}{2} [z_n - \mu(a_n, k_n)]^\top \Sigma(a_n, k_n)^{-1} [z_n - \mu(a_n, k_n)]$$

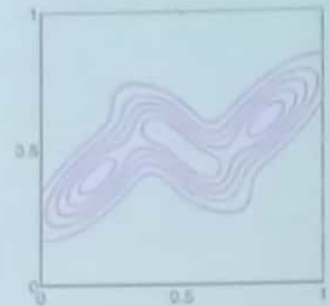
GMM

$$\mathcal{N}(x | \mu, \Sigma) = \frac{1}{(2\pi|\Sigma|)^{D/2}} \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2}(x-\mu)^\top \Sigma^{-1}(x-\mu)\right\}$$

\nwarrow mean \searrow covariance

$$\ln p(x | \mu, \Sigma) = -\frac{1}{2} \ln(2\pi) - \frac{1}{2} \ln|\Sigma| - \frac{1}{2} (x-\mu)^\top \Sigma^{-1} (x-\mu)$$

$$\ln p(X | \mu, \Sigma, \pi) = \sum_{n=1}^N \ln \left\{ \sum_{k=1}^K \pi_k \mathcal{N}(x_n | \mu_k, \Sigma_k) \right\}$$



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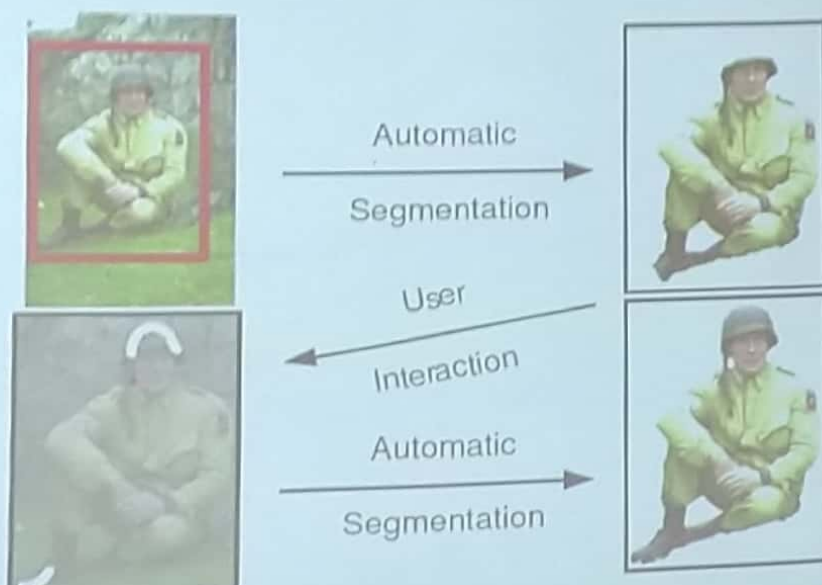
- Our θ becomes

$$\theta = \{\pi(\alpha, k), \mu(\alpha, k), \Sigma(\alpha, k), \alpha = 0, 1, k = 1 \dots K\}$$

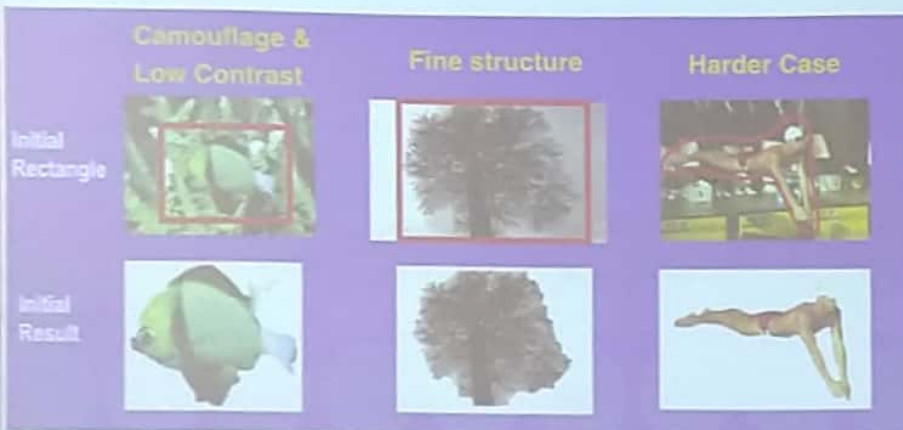


- Total of $2K$ Gaussian components

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Initialisation

- User initialises trimap T by supplying only T_B . The foreground is set to $T_F = \emptyset$; $T_U = T_B$, complement of the background.
- Initialise $\alpha_n = 0$ for $n \in T_B$ and $\alpha_n = 1$ for $n \in T_U$.
- Background and foreground GMMs initialised from sets $\alpha_n = 0$ and $\alpha_n = 1$ respectively.

Iterative minimisation

1. Assign GMM components to pixels: for each n in T_U ,

$$k_n := \arg \min_{k_n} D_n(\alpha_n, k_n, \theta, z_n).$$
2. Learn GMM parameters from data z :

$$\underline{\theta} := \arg \min_{\underline{\theta}} U(\underline{\alpha}, \mathbf{k}, \underline{\theta}, \mathbf{z})$$
3. Estimate segmentation: use min cut to solve:

$$\min_{\{\alpha_n: n \in T_U\}} \min_{\mathbf{k}} E(\underline{\alpha}, \mathbf{k}, \underline{\theta}, \mathbf{z}).$$
4. Repeat from step 1, until convergence.
5. Apply border matting (section 4).

User editing

- *Edit*: fix some pixels either to $\alpha_n = 0$ (background brush) or $\alpha_n = 1$ (foreground brush); update trimap T accordingly. Perform step 3 above, just once.
- *Refine operation*: [optional] perform entire iterative minimisation algorithm.

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