

Graph Theory Innovative Work Proposal - Image Segmentation Using MaxFlow Augmenting Paths Algorithm

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Image Segmentation

In digital image processing and computer vision, image segmentation is the process of partitioning a digital image into multiple segments (sets of pixels, also known as image objects). The goal of segmentation is to simplify and/or change the representation of an image into something that is more meaningful and easier to analyze. Image segmentation is typically used to locate objects and boundaries (lines, curves, etc.) in images. More precisely, image segmentation is the process of assigning a label to every pixel in an image such that pixels with the same label share certain characteristics.

Applications

Some of the practical applications of image segmentation are:

- Content-based image retrieval
- Machine vision
- Medical imaging, including volume rendered images from computed tomography and magnetic resonance imaging.
 - Locate tumors and other pathologies
 - Measure tissue volumes
 - o Diagnosis, study of anatomical structure
 - Surgery planning
 - Virtual surgery simulation
 - Intra-surgery navigation
- Object detection
 - Pedestrian detection
 - Face detection
 - Brake light detection
 - Locate objects in satellite images (roads, forests, crops, etc.)
- Recognition Tasks
 - Face recognition
 - Fingerprint recognition
 - Iris recognition
- Traffic control systems
- Video surveillance
- Video object co-segmentation and action localization

Implementation

The problem of Image segmentation can be divided mainly into 3 sub-problems of unsupervised, semi-supervised and supervised image segmentation and there are several

algorithms for all of these sub problems and also many algorithms which are highly domain specific.

For the innovative work I want to implement the Max Flow Augmenting paths graph based segmentation algorithm for semi-supervised models.

In this model the user will provide an image and will mark foreground and background seeds in the provided image, Using the MaxFlow Augmenting paths algorithm I will detect the foreground and background in the image.