Algorithms for Patch Extraction

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This serves as a follow up to the report from O2_patch_extraction.ipynb. Here I took a deeper dive into what algorithm works best (if the performance differs at all...) for reducing the size of the label tuple down to just 1.

```
[]: import cv2
     import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
     import matplotlib.patches as mtpltlib_patches
     import numpy as np
     import pandas as pd
     from pathlib import Path
     import math
     import json
     import sys
     from typing import Tuple
     from shapely.geometry import Point, Polygon, box
     from shapely.affinity import scale, rotate
     from functools import partial
     from sklearn.cluster import DBSCAN
     # this is to filter "shapely's" warning abt some intersection stuff...
       I tried debugging it but gave up...if this casues more issues down the road,
        I'll put more effort into fixing it
     import warnings
     warnings.filterwarnings("ignore", message=".*invalid value encountered in ⊔
      ⇔intersection.*")
     # =====
     sys.path.append(str(Path("../XMLparser").resolve()))
```

```
from lesion_parser import LesionXMLParser
from utils import parse_txt_file
# ======
```

0.1 Configuration

```
[ ] : | COLOR_MAP = \{
         'haemorrhages': ('blue', 0.3),
         'red_small_dots': ('red', 0.3),
         'hard_exudates': ('green', 0.3),
         'soft_exudates': ('orange', 0.3),
         'disc': ('purple', 0.3),
         'irma': ('cyan', 0.3),
         'neovascularisation': ('magenta', 0.3),
         'fundus_area': ('yellow', 0.3)
     }
     TICK_COLOR_MAP = {
         'haemorrhages': 'white',
         'red_small_dots': 'yellow',
         'hard_exudates': 'black',
         'soft_exudates': 'blue',
         'disc': 'white',
         'irma': 'black',
         'neovascularisation': 'yellow',
         'fundus area': 'black'
     }
     PATCH_HALF = 12 # since patches are 25x25
     PATCH_SIZE = 25
     IMAGE\_SIZE = r"1152 \times 1500"
     PATCH_ROOT = Path("../data/patches")
     DATA_ROOT = Path("../data/raw")
     # known from earlier
     TARGET_PATCHES = [745, 1417, 1647, 1723, 1772, 1773, 1774, 1840]
```

0.2 Weigths

```
'hard_exudates':
                            0.30,
    'haemorrhages':
                            0.50,
    'soft_exudates':
                            0.65,
    'irma':
                            0.80,
    'neovascularisation':
                           1.00.
}
# risk adjusted weighting
# paper: https://www.mdpi.com/2227-9059/13/6/1446
WEIGHTS MAP 2 = {
    'fundus area':
                            -1.00,
    'disc':
                            -1.00,
    'red_small_dots':
                            0.05,
    'hard_exudates':
                            0.20,
    'haemorrhages':
                            0.40.
    'soft_exudates':
                            0.70,
    'irma':
                            0.85,
    'neovascularisation':
                           1.00.
}
# visual salience + clinical tradeoff -> how obvious something looks
WEIGHTS_MAP_3 = {
    'fundus_area':
                            -1.00,
    'disc':
                            -1.00,
    'red_small_dots':
                            0.50,
    'hard exudates':
                            0.60,
    'haemorrhages':
                            0.70,
    'soft_exudates':
                            0.65,
    'irma':
                            0.80,
    'neovascularisation': 0.95
}
```

The **Paper** can be found by clicking on [Paper].

The -1.00 values for fundus_area and disc are intentional...these aren't actual lesions, so giving them zero would risk a tie-break scenario (where a real lesion with zero area could be overridden, or comparing two areas that = 0). By setting them to -1.00, we guarantee they never get selected when resolving duplicate labels (filter out negatives).

As for the maps: - WEIGHTS_MAP_1 is a straightforward linear scale from early to late-stage DR features. It's a good default...simple, logical, and mirrors the general clinical progression...

- WEIGHTS_MAP_2 is based on published clinical severity data, assigning lower scores to early signs like red dots and higher ones to lesions tied to proliferative DR, like IRMA and neovascularisation. This one adds more medical weight to the resolution logic.
- WEIGHTS_MAP_3 blends clinical significance with how visually dominant a lesion tends to be. For example, red small dots get a moderate weight because they're early indicators but also tend to be very visible, while neovascularisation ranks high because it's both serious and visually clear...This makes it a good "middle-ground" when area alone isn't enough.

0.3 Functions

0.3.1 Plotting Functions

```
[]: def plot_patch_with_lesions(patch_row, lesions_df, color='red'):
         # pre: patch_row is a row from the patch DataFrame; lesions_df is the full_
      →XML DataFrame
         # post: plots the patch with a rectangle and any included lesion markers
         # desc: overlays the patch region and marks lesions within it
         coords = patch row['coordinates']
         patch_img = patch_row['patch']
         patch_center = patch_row['center']
         patch_label = patch_row['label']
         patch_no = patch_row['patch_no']
         x1, y1 = coords['top_left']
         x2, y2 = coords['bottom_right']
         fig, ax = plt.subplots(figsize=(3, 3), dpi=150)
         ax.imshow(patch_img if len(patch_img.shape) == 3 else patch_img,__

¬cmap='gray' if len(patch_img.shape) == 2 else None)
         ax.set_title(f"Patch #{patch_no} | Label: {patch_label}", fontsize=8)
         text str = (
             f"Coords: TL=(\{x1\},\{y1\}) BR=(\{x2\},\{y2\})\n"
             f"Center: {patch_center}"
         )
         fig.text(0.5, -0.05, text_str, ha='center', va='top', fontsize=7)
         ax.axis('off')
         cx = patch_center[0] - x1
         cy = patch_center[1] - y1
         matching_lesions = lesions_df[
             lesions_df.apply(lambda row: x1 <= row['x'] <= x2 and y1 <= row['y'] <=__
      \rightarrowy2, axis=1)
         1
         for _, lesion in matching_lesions.iterrows():
             lx = int(lesion['x'] - x1)
             ly = int(lesion['y'] - y1)
             ax.plot(lx, ly, marker='x', color='yellow', markersize=2)
             ax.text(lx + 1, ly + 1, lesion['type'], fontsize=5, color='yellow')
```

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plt.tight_layout()
    plt.show()
def visualize_lesion_regions(df, lesions_df=None, n_cols=4, from_relabel=False):
    # pre: df is the patch DataFrame; if from_relabel is True, lesions_df is
 \hookrightarrow ignored
    # post: displays a grid of patches with overlaid lesion shapes
    # desc: unified visualizer that works on original or relabeled patches.
 ⇒using a flag
    # note: [RELABELED] visualize lesion regions(relabeled df,___
 ⇔from_relabel=True)
    # note: [ORIGINAL] visualize_lesion_regions(original_patches_df,__
 ⇔lesions_df=lesions_pd_frame, from_relabel=False)
    if from_relabel:
        all lesions = []
        for _, row in df.iterrows():
            if isinstance(row.get("relabel"), list):
                for lesion in row["relabel"]:
                    lesion['patch no'] = row['patch no']
                    all_lesions.append(lesion)
        lesions_df = pd.DataFrame(all_lesions)
    n = len(df)
    n_rows = (n + n_cols - 1) // n_cols
    fig, axs = plt.subplots(n_rows, n_cols, figsize=(n_cols * 3.5, n_rows * 3.
 45), dpi=150)
    axs = axs.flatten()
    for i, (_, patch) in enumerate(df.iterrows()):
        coords = patch['coordinates']
        patch_img = patch['patch']
        x1, y1 = coords['top_left']
        x2, y2 = coords['bottom_right']
        ax = axs[i]
        ax.imshow(patch_img if len(patch_img.shape) == 3 else patch_img,__
 →cmap='gray' if len(patch_img.shape) == 2 else None)
        label_text = patch.get('relabel_label', patch.get('label', ''))
        if isinstance(label_text, (list, tuple)):
            label_text = ", ".join(map(str, label_text))
        if pd.isna(label_text):
            label_text = ""
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ax.set_title(f"#{patch['patch_no']} | {label_text}", fontsize=8)
       local_lesions = lesions_df[
           lesions_df.apply(lambda row: x1 <= row['x'] <= x2 and y1 <=__
→row['y'] <= y2, axis=1)</pre>
       for _, lesion in local_lesions.iterrows():
           lx, ly = lesion['x'] - x1, lesion['y'] - y1
           radius = lesion.get('radius', 5)
           ltype = str(lesion.get('type', '')).strip().lower()
           rtype = lesion.get("region_type", "")
           polygon_points = lesion.get("polygon_points", [])
           tick_color = TICK_COLOR_MAP.get(ltype, 'white')
           circle_color = COLOR_MAP.get(ltype, ('gray', 0.3))[0]
           ax.plot(lx, ly, marker='x', color=tick_color, markersize=3.5,_
⇒linewidth=0.6)
           if rtype == "circleregion":
               circ = mtpltlib_patches.Circle((lx, ly), radius=radius,__
\hookrightarrowlinewidth=0.5,
                                               edgecolor=circle_color,_
→facecolor=circle_color, alpha=0.3)
               ax.add_patch(circ)
           elif rtype == "polygonregion":
               local_poly_points = [(px - x1, py - y1) for (px, py) in_
→polygon_points]
               poly = mtpltlib_patches.Polygon(local_poly_points, closed=True,_
\hookrightarrowlinewidth=0.5,
                                                edgecolor=circle_color,_
→facecolor=circle_color, alpha=0.3)
               ax.add patch(poly)
           elif rtype == "ellipseregion":
               ellipse = mtpltlib_patches.Ellipse((lx, ly), width=2*lesion.

get("radius_x", 5),
                                                   height=2*lesion.
angle=lesion.get("angle", __
\hookrightarrow0), linewidth=0.5,
                                                   edgecolor=circle_color,_
→facecolor=circle_color, alpha=0.3)
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ax.add_patch(ellipse)

ax.axis('off')

for j in range(i + 1, len(axs)):
    axs[j].axis('off')

plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()
```

0.3.2 Utility Functions

```
[]: def generate_clahe_image_green_channel(grayscale_img, clip_limit=2.0,_u

stile_grid_size=(8, 8)):

         # pre: grayscale img is a NumPy array in grayscale format
         # post: green chanel of the image is enhanced using CLAHE
         # desc: applies CLAHE to the grayscale image with specified clip limit and
      ⇔tile grid size
         # note: works the same as the one on top of this one. The top one expects 3_{\sqcup}
      \hookrightarrow channels (RGB),
                 thus when passing in the green channel image, it throws an error.
                  this one expects a single channel grayscale image.
         clahe = cv2.createCLAHE(clipLimit=clip_limit, tileGridSize=tile_grid_size)
         return clahe.apply(grayscale_img)
     def is_lesion_in_patch(patch_coords, lesion_x, lesion_y):
         # pre: patch_coords is a dictionary with 'top_left' and 'bottom_right'
      \Rightarrowkeys, lesion x and lesion y are coordinates
         # post: returns True if lesion is within the patch coordinates, False
      ⇔otherwise
         # desc: checks if lesion coordinates are within the specified patch\sqcup
      \hookrightarrow coordinates
         x1, y1 = patch_coords['top_left']
         x2, y2 = patch_coords['bottom_right']
         return x1 <= lesion_x <= x2 and y1 <= lesion_y <= y2
     def compute_polygon_area(points):
         # pre: points is a list of tuples (x, y) representing polygon vertices
         # post: returns the area of the polygon defined by the points
         # desc: calculates the area of a polygon using the shoelace formula
         if not points or len(points) < 3:</pre>
             return 0
         x_coords, y_coords = zip(*points)
         return 0.5 * abs(
```

```
sum(x * y_next for x, y_next in zip(x_coords, y_coords[1:] + y_coords[:
 →1])) -
       sum(y * x_next for y, x_next in zip(y_coords, x_coords[1:] + x_coords[:
 →1]))
   )
def get_lesion_geometry(lesion):
   # pre: lesion has to be a valid entry in the dataframe
    # post: a "shapely" shape wrt to "region_type" in the df
    # desc: converts it to a "shapely" shape
   x, y = lesion['x'], lesion['y']
   rtype = lesion['region_type']
   if rtype == 'circleregion':
        return Point(x, y).buffer(lesion['radius'])
   elif rtype == 'ellipseregion':
        base = Point(x, y).buffer(1)
        scaled = scale(base, lesion['radius_x'], lesion['radius_y'])
        return rotate(scaled, lesion['angle'], origin=(x, y), use_radians=False)
   elif rtype == 'polygonregion':
        return Polygon(lesion['polygon_points'])
   return None
```

0.3.3 Data Processing Functions (Base)

This is the part that does the lazy deduplication of the labels and pre-processes the data for further processing.

```
[]: def deduplicate_labels(label):
    # pre: label can be a single label or a list/tuple of labels
    # post: returns a single label or a tuple of unique labels
    # desc: ensures that labels are unique and sorted, especially for multiple_u
    elesion types

# note: this is lazy and only here to decrease the workload later on.

def clean(x):
    return str(x).strip().capitalize()

if isinstance(label, (list, tuple)):
    cleaned = [clean(l) for l in label]
    return tuple(sorted(set(cleaned))) if len(set(cleaned)) > 1 else_u
eclean(cleaned[0])
```

```
elif isinstance(label, str):
        return clean(label)
    return None
def extract_largest_lesions_from_relabel(df, by_shape=False):
    # pre: df is a DataFrame with a 'relabel' column containing list-of-dictu
 ⇔lesion annotations
    # post: returns a flat DataFrame with deduplicated lesion entries (largest,
 →per type/region), preserving full fields
    # desc: Keeps only the largest lesion for each (type, region_type) per patch
    # note:
    # We retain only the largest lesion *per type* in each patch, ignoring \Box
 ⇔shape differences.
    # This is valid for patch-based labeling because lesion boundaries may be L
 \hookrightarrow clipped,
    # and the goal is to assign one dominant label per patch.
    # note:
    # added a new flag "by shape" which is only meant to be used when using the
 ⇔area based approach.
    # if used during other approaches, it may cause inconsistencies, and
 →undefined behavior...
    # by_shape = extract the shape with the largest area from the list of at_{\sqcup}
 ⇔least 2
    def largest_lesions(relabel_list):
        if not isinstance(relabel_list, list):
            return []
        lesion_map = {}
        for lesion in relabel_list:
            ltype = str(lesion.get("type", "")).strip().lower()
            rtype = lesion.get("region_type", "").strip().lower()
            key = (ltype, rtype) if by_shape else (ltype, )
            if rtype == "circleregion":
                area = lesion.get("radius", 0) ** 2 * math.pi
            elif rtype == "ellipseregion":
                area = lesion.get("radius_x", 0) * lesion.get("radius_y", 0) *__
 ⊶math.pi
            elif rtype == "polygonregion":
                area = compute_polygon_area(lesion.get("polygon_points", []))
            else:
                area = 0
```

0.3.4 Patch Extraction Function

```
[]: def extract_patches_with_metadata(image, patch_size, source_img_name,_
      ⇔skip non full patches=False):
         # pre: image is a NumPy array; patch_size is int > 0; source_img_name is str
         # post: returns a list of dicts, each describing a patch and its metadata
         # desc: slices image into non-overlapping patches and attaches spatial/
      ⇔traceability info
         # note: if skip_non_full_patches is True, it skips patches that do not fitu
      ⇔the full patch size
        # -> mostly patches along the edges that are something like 25 x 20
                 -> I say mostly because I haven't tested this thoroughly
                    with all possible patch sizes, just noticed 4 cases
        height, width = image.shape[:2]
        patches = []
        for y in range(0, height, patch_size):
             for x in range(0, width, patch_size):
                x1, y1 = x, y
                 x2, y2 = x + patch_size, y + patch_size
                 if skip_non_full_patches and (x2 > width or y2 > height):
                     continue # skip incomplete patch
                 x2 = min(x2, width)
                y2 = min(y2, height)
                 patch = image[y1:y2, x1:x2]
                 center = ((x1 + x2) // 2, (y1 + y2) // 2)
                 patch_info = {
                     "source_img": source_img_name,
                     "patch no": len(patches) + 1,
                     "patch": patch,
                     "center": center,
```

```
"coordinates": {
        "top_left": (x1, y1),
        "top_right": (x2 - 1, y1),
        "bottom_left": (x1, y2 - 1),
        "bottom_right": (x2 - 1, y2 - 1)
},
        "label": None,
        "overlap_flag": False
}

patches.append(patch_info)

return patches
```

0.3.5 Labeling Functions

```
[]: # does the original labeling...
     def label_patches_from_lesions(patches_df, lesions_df):
         # pre: patches_df is a DataFrame with 'coordinates' column containing patch
      ⇔coordinates,
                lesions_df is a DataFrame with 'x', 'y', and 'type' columns for
      ⇔lesion coordinates and types
         # post: returns a DataFrame with updated labels for each patch based on \Box
      ⇔lesion overlaps
         # desc: labels each patch based on whether it contains lesions, and flags \Box
      \hookrightarrow overlaps
         updated_patches = []
         for idx, patch in patches_df.iterrows():
             matches = lesions_df[
                 lesions_df.apply(
                     lambda row: is_lesion_in_patch(patch['coordinates'], row['x'],__
      →row['y']),
                     axis=1
                 )
             ]
             if matches.empty:
                 label = "healthy"
                 overlap = False
             else:
                 raw_labels = matches['type'].tolist()
                 label = deduplicate_labels(raw_labels)
                 overlap = len(set(raw_labels)) > 1
             patch['lesion_id'] = idx
```

```
patch['label'] = label
        patch['overlap_flag'] = overlap
        updated_patches.append(patch)
    return pd.DataFrame(updated_patches)
# PUBLIC API
def relabel_patches_with(patches_df, lesions_df, strategy_fn):
    # pre: 'patches_df' contains patch metadata; 'lesions_df' has lesion_
 \rightarrow annotations
           strategy fn is a function that takes (patch_coords, local_lesions)
 →and returns (label, metadata, lesion_subset)
    # post: adds relabel info to patch_df using results of strategy_fn
    # desc: delegates patch relabeling to a user-defined function per patch
    output_df = patches_df.copy()
    relabel_labels, metadata_list, lesion_groups = [], [], []
    for _, patch in output_df.iterrows():
        coords = patch['coordinates']
        x1, y1 = coords['top_left']
        x2, y2 = coords['bottom_right']
        local_lesions = lesions_df[
            lesions_df.apply(lambda row: x1 <= row['x'] <= x2 and y1 <=_
 \rightarrowrow['y'] <= y2, axis=1)
        label, metadata, group = strategy_fn(coords, local_lesions)
        relabel_labels.append(label)
        metadata_list.append(metadata)
        lesion_groups.append(group)
    output_df['relabel_label'] = relabel_labels
    output_df['relabel_meta'] = metadata_list
    output_df['relabel'] = lesion_groups
    return output df
```

0.4 Parsing the Data

```
[]: parsed_text_input = parse_txt_file("../data/raw/ddb1_v02_01_test_plain.txt")
    single_entry = parsed_text_input[0]

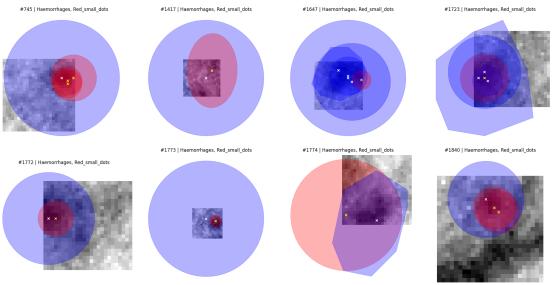
parser = LesionXMLParser(xml_input=[single_entry], root_dir=DATA_ROOT)
```

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lesions = parser.parse()
    lesions_pd_frame = parser.to_format("pandas")
    lesions_pd_frame.head(n=2)
[]:
                          image path
                                                image id \
    0 images/diaretdb1_image002.png diaretdb1_image002
    1 images/diaretdb1_image002.png diaretdb1_image002
                              xml_file
                                                type lesion_id
    0 diaretdb1_image002_01_plain.xml Haemorrhages
                                                              0 570.0 805.0
    1 diaretdb1_image002_01_plain.xml Haemorrhages
                                                              1 669.0 685.0
       radius radius_x radius_y angle polygon_points
                                                          region_type
    0
         16.0
                              NaN
                                                        circleregion
                    NaN
                                     NaN
                                                     []
    1
         20.0
                    NaN
                              NaN
                                     NaN
                                                      Г٦
                                                         circleregion
    0.5 Load the Image
[]: image_path = DATA_ROOT / single_entry["image"]
     image = cv2.imread(str(image_path))
    image_green_channel = image[:, :, 1]
    image_green_channel_clahe = __
      →generate_clahe_image_green_channel(image_green_channel)
    height, width = image_green_channel.shape[:2]
    dimensions = (height, width)
     # sanity checks
    print("height:", height, "width:", width, "dimensions:", dimensions)
    height: 1152 width: 1500 dimensions: (1152, 1500)
    0.6 Patch Extraction
[]: full_patches_green_channel_clahe =
      →extract patches with metadata(image green_channel_clahe, patch size=25, ____
      source_img_name="diaretdb1_image002.png", skip_non_full_patches=True)
    green channel clahe patches = pd.DataFrame(full patches green channel clahe)
    green_channel_clahe_patches.head(n=3)
[]:
                   source_img patch_no \
    0 diaretdb1_image002.png
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1 diaretdb1_image002.png

```
2 diaretdb1_image002.png
                                                     patch
                                                               center \
     1 [[3, 3, 3, 3, 3, 3, 3, 3, 3, 3, 3, 3, 6, 3,... (37, 12)
     2 [[3, 3, 3, 3, 3, 3, 3, 3, 3, 3, 3, 3, 3, 6,... (62, 12)
                                               coordinates label overlap_flag
     0 {'top_left': (0, 0), 'top_right': (24, 0), 'bo... None
                                                                        False
     1 {'top_left': (25, 0), 'top_right': (49, 0), 'b... None
                                                                        False
     2 {'top_left': (50, 0), 'top_right': (74, 0), 'b... None
                                                                        False
[]: labeled_df_green_clahe =_
      alabel_patches_from_lesions(green_channel_clahe_patches, lesions_pd_frame)
     labeled df green clahe["label"].value counts()
[]: label
                                        2725
    healthy
    Hard_exudates
                                          12
     (Haemorrhages, Red small dots)
                                           8
                                           7
     Red small dots
    Haemorrhages
                                           6
     Disc
                                           2
    Name: count, dtype: int64
[]: overlapping_patches = labeled_df_green_clahe[
         labeled_df_green_clahe['overlap_flag'] & labeled_df_green_clahe['label'].
      →apply(lambda x: isinstance(x, tuple))
     visualize_lesion_regions(overlapping_patches, lesions_pd_frame)
            #745 | Haemorrhages, Red_small_dots
                               #1417 | Haemorrhages, Red_small_dots
                                                   #1647 | Haemorrhages, Red_small_dots
                                                                      #1723 | Haemorrhages, Red_small_dots
```



0.7 Algorithms

0.7.1 Area Based

```
[]: def get_dominant_lesion_by_area(patch_coords, local_lesions,_
      →in_debug_mode=False):
         # pre: 'patch_coords' contains 'top_left' and 'bottom_right' tuples.u
      →'local_lesions' is a Pandas DataFrame with 'type' and geometric data.
         # post: returns a tuple (dominant_lesion_type, area_map).__
      →'dominant_lesion_type' is 'healthy', a string, or a tuple of strings.
                 'area_map' maps lesion types to their intersected areas.
         # desc: calculates the dominant lesion type within a specified patch based_
      →on the largest intersected area.
         x1, y1 = patch_coords['top_left']
         x2, y2 = patch_coords['bottom_right']
         patch_box = box(x1, y1, x2, y2)
         area_map = {}
         lesion_by_type = {}
         for _, lesion in local_lesions.iterrows():
             shape = get_lesion_geometry(lesion)
             if shape is None or not (patch_box.is_valid and shape.is_valid):
                 continue
             intersection = patch_box.intersection(shape)
             if not intersection.is_empty:
                 ltype = str(lesion['type']).strip().lower()
                 area_map[ltype] = area_map.get(ltype, 0) + intersection.area
                 lesion_by_type.setdefault(ltype, []).append(lesion.to_dict())
         if not area_map:
             return "healthy", {}, []
         max_area = max(area_map.values())
         dominant_lesions = [lt for lt, area in area_map.items() if area == max_area]
         final_label = dominant_lesions[0] if len(dominant_lesions) == 1 else_u
      →tuple(dominant_lesions)
         if isinstance(final_label, str):
             filtered_lesions = [lesion for lesion in lesion_by_type.

¬get(final_label, [])
```

```
if str(lesion['type']).strip().lower() ==__

¬final_label]
      filtered_area_map = {final_label: area_map[final_label]}
       # no point in printing maps with just one candidate, hence the
\rightarrow len(area map) > 1
      if in_debug_mode and len(area_map) > 1:
          debug_info = {
               "candidates": {k: round(v, 2) for k, v in area_map.items()},
               "picked": {final_label: round(area_map[final_label], 2)}
          print(json.dumps(debug info, indent=2))
  else:
      filtered_lesions = []
      filtered_area_map = {}
       # same thing... @see comment above
      if in_debug_mode and len(area_map) > 1:
          debug_info = {
               "candidates": {k: round(v, 2) for k, v in area_map.items()},
               "picked": {label: round(area_map[label], 2) for label in_

¬final_label}
          print(json.dumps(debug_info, indent=2))
      for label in final_label:
          filtered lesions.extend([
               lesion for lesion in lesion_by_type.get(label, [])
               if str(lesion['type']).strip().lower() == label
          ])
          filtered_area_map[label] = area_map[label]
  return final_label, filtered_area_map, filtered_lesions
```

As mentioned in my earlier report, this function works by figuring out which lesion type takes up the most space inside a given image patch. It loops through each lesion in the patch, checks how much of it actually falls inside the patch boundaries, and adds up the area of those overlaps per lesion type. Once it has a total intersected area for each type, it picks the one with the largest value. If there's a tie, it returns all of them. This is a pretty intuitive way to determine the dominant lesion, especially when patches might contain multiple overlapping or partially visible lesions.

- [+] **Pros:** Simple and intuitive, no training, thresholds, or tuning needed Geometry-based, uses actual lesion overlap within the patch Handles partial overlaps correctly, clipped lesions still contribute Deterministic, always returns the same result for the same input Simple. Easy to debug and explain
- [-] Cons: Treats all lesion types equally, no awareness of clinical severity A large but mild lesion (e.g. red dot) can outweigh a smaller severe one (e.g. IRMA) Can return ties when area is equal

0.7.2 Area Based with Weights

```
[]: def get_dominant_lesion_by_area_with_weights(patch_coords, local_lesions,_u
      ⇔weights_map, in_debug_mode=False):
         # pre: 'patch_coords' contains 'top_left' and 'bottom_right' tuples.u
      →'local lesions' is a Pandas DataFrame with 'type' and geometric data.
         # post: returns a tuple (dominant_lesion_type, area_map).__
      →'dominant_lesion_type' is 'healthy', a string, or a tuple of strings.
                 'area_map' maps lesion types to their intersected areas.
         # desc: calculates the dominant lesion type within a specified patch using
      →weighted area (area × weight).
         x1, y1 = patch_coords['top_left']
         x2, y2 = patch_coords['bottom_right']
         patch_box = box(x1, y1, x2, y2)
         area_map = {}
         lesion_by_type = {}
         for _, lesion in local_lesions.iterrows():
             shape = get_lesion_geometry(lesion)
             if shape is None or not (patch_box.is_valid and shape.is_valid):
                 continue
             intersection = patch_box.intersection(shape)
             if not intersection.is_empty:
                 ltype = str(lesion['type']).strip().lower()
                 area_map[ltype] = area_map.get(ltype, 0) + intersection.area
                 lesion_by_type.setdefault(ltype, []).append(lesion.to_dict())
         if not area_map:
             return "healthy", {}, []
         # apply weights
         weighted_scores = {}
         for ltype, area in area_map.items():
             weight = weights_map.get(ltype, 0)
             if weight < 0: # filter -> disc, fundus_area
                 continue
             weighted_scores[ltype] = area * weight
         if not weighted_scores:
             return "healthy", {}, []
         max_score = max(weighted_scores.values())
```

```
dominant_lesions = [lt for lt, score in weighted_scores.items() if score ==__
→max score]
  final_label = dominant_lesions[0] if len(dominant_lesions) == 1 else_
⇔tuple(dominant lesions)
  if isinstance(final_label, str):
      filtered_lesions = [lesion for lesion in lesion_by_type.

get(final_label, [])
                           if str(lesion['type']).strip().lower() ==__
→final label]
      filtered_area_map = {final_label: area_map[final_label]}
      if in_debug_mode and len(weighted_scores) > 1:
          debug_info = {
               "candidates": {k: round(v, 2) for k, v in weighted_scores.
→items()},
               "picked": {final_label: round(weighted_scores[final_label], 2)}
          print(json.dumps(debug_info, indent=2))
  else:
      filtered_lesions = []
      filtered_area_map = {}
      if in_debug_mode and len(weighted_scores) > 1:
          debug_info = {
               "candidates": {k: round(v, 2) for k, v in weighted_scores.
→items()},
               "picked": {label: round(weighted_scores[label], 2) for label in_

¬final_label}
          print(json.dumps(debug_info, indent=2))
      for label in final_label:
          filtered lesions.extend([
               lesion for lesion in lesion_by_type.get(label, [])
               if str(lesion['type']).strip().lower() == label
          ])
          filtered_area_map[label] = area_map[label]
  return final_label, filtered_area_map, filtered_lesions
```

This version builds on the plain area-based approach by introducing lesion-specific weights. Each lesion type is given an importance score (weight), and its area within the patch is multiplied by that weight to get a final score. The lesion type with the highest weighted score is picked as the dominant one. This helps avoid situations where a large but mild lesion overshadows a smaller but more serious one. It's still fast and easy to understand, but now a bit more aligned with clinical priorities.

[+] **Pros:** - Uses both area and clinical weight, so more meaningful lesions carry more influence - Can downrank large but unimportant structures like the optic disc or fundus area - Helps avoid false dominance by low-risk but high-area lesions - Still keeps the simplicity and explainability of the area-based approach - Easy to experiment with different weighting strategies

This is mostly about subjectiveness. We can discuss this on Monday...

[-] Cons: - Weights have to be hand-tuned or justified...which adds some subjectivity - Sensitive to badly chosen weights...especially when lesion areas are small - Doesn't consider spatial distribution or clustering of lesions - Ties are still possible if weighted scores match...unlikely tho - No dynamic context awareness, just multiplies two numbers and picks the biggest

0.7.3 Area Based with Weights and DBSCAN

```
[]: def get_dominant_lesion_by_dbscan_weighted_area(patch_coords, local_lesions,_u
      ⇒weights map, in debug mode=False, eps=5, min samples=1):
         # pre: 'patch_coords' defines the patch bounding box; 'local_lesions' is au
      →DataFrame with lesion info and geometry.
         # post: returns (dominant_lesion_type, area_map, filtered_lesions), where_
      →type is 'healthy', str, or tuple.
         # desc: identifies the dominant lesion type in a patch using DBSCAN,
      ⇔clustering and weighted area (area × clinical weight).
         x1, y1 = patch_coords['top_left']
         x2, y2 = patch_coords['bottom_right']
         patch_box = box(x1, y1, x2, y2)
         lesion records = []
         for _, lesion in local_lesions.iterrows():
             shape = get_lesion_geometry(lesion)
             if shape is None or not (patch_box.is_valid and shape.is_valid):
                 continue
             intersection = patch_box.intersection(shape)
             if intersection.is_empty:
                 continue
             ltype = str(lesion['type']).strip().lower()
             weight = weights_map.get(ltype, 0)
             if weight < 0:</pre>
                 continue # skip disc/fundus_area
             score = intersection.area * weight
             if score == 0:
                 continue
             centroid = shape.centroid
```

```
lesion_records.append({
           'type': ltype,
           'score': score,
           'area': intersection.area,
           'x': centroid.x,
           'y': centroid.y,
           'lesion': lesion.to_dict()
      })
  if not lesion_records:
      return "healthy", {}, []
  coords = np.array([[r['x'], r['y']] for r in lesion_records])
  db = DBSCAN(eps=eps, min_samples=min_samples).fit(coords)
  labels = db.labels_
  cluster_scores = {}
  cluster_lesions = {}
  for i, cluster_id in enumerate(labels):
      ltype = lesion_records[i]['type']
      score = lesion records[i]['score']
      cluster_scores.setdefault(ltype, 0)
      cluster scores[ltype] += score
      cluster_lesions.setdefault(ltype, []).
→append(lesion_records[i]['lesion'])
  if not cluster_scores:
      return "healthy", {}, []
  max_score = max(cluster_scores.values())
  dominant lesions = [lt for lt, score in cluster scores.items() if score == |

∽max_score]
  final label = dominant lesions[0] if len(dominant lesions) == 1 else
→tuple(dominant_lesions)
  filtered_area_map = {lt: sum(r['area'] for i, r in_
⇔enumerate(lesion_records) if r['type'] == lt)
                        for lt in dominant_lesions}
  filtered_lesions = []
  for lt in dominant_lesions:
      filtered_lesions.extend(cluster_lesions[lt])
  if in_debug_mode and len(cluster_scores) > 1:
      debug_info = {
           "candidates": {k: round(v, 2) for k, v in cluster_scores.items()},
           "picked": final_label if isinstance(final_label, str)
```

```
else {k: round(cluster_scores[k], 2) for k in final_label}
}
print(json.dumps(debug_info, indent=2))
return final_label, filtered_area_map, filtered_lesions
```

This version adds clustering into the mix. Instead of looking at lesion area and weight in isolation, it runs DBSCAN (clustering algorithm) to group lesions that are spatially close together. Then it scores each lesion by multiplying its patch-overlap area by a clinical weight, and sums those scores by type within the clusters.

The dominant lesion type is the one with the highest total score across all clusters. This helps in noisy patches where several small lesions might not individually dominate but clearly form a meaningful group. It's a more context-aware strategy, especially useful when lesion density matters.

[+] **Pros:** - Takes spatial grouping into account, not just raw overlap - More robust to scattered or overlapping small lesions - Works well when multiple small lesions form meaningful clusters - Still honors area and clinical weight, just in a more structured way - Can reduce noise from isolated artifacts

[+] Cons: - Adds complexity and a few tunable parameters like eps and min_samples - Slightly slower due to clustering step - Choice of clustering scale can affect results significantly - Still relies on hand-defined weights - Not guaranteed to improve results in patches with very few lesions

0.8 Results

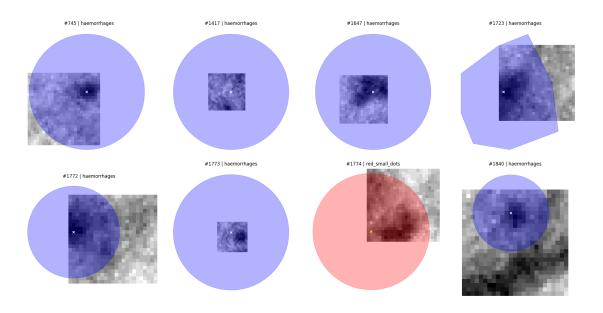
0.8.1 Area Based

```
[]: strategy_with_debug = partial(
         get_dominant_lesion_by_area,
         in_debug_mode=True
     )
     relabeled_area_df = relabel_patches_with(
         labeled_df_green_clahe,
         lesions_pd_frame,
         strategy_fn=strategy_with_debug
     )
     filtered area df = extract largest lesions from relabel(relabeled area df)
    {
      "candidates": {
        "red_small_dots": 210.44,
        "haemorrhages": 516.13
      },
      "picked": {
        "haemorrhages": 516.13
      }
```

```
}
{
  "candidates": {
    "haemorrhages": 576.0,
    "red_small_dots": 504.28
  },
  "picked": {
    "haemorrhages": 576.0
  }
}
{
  "candidates": {
    "haemorrhages": 1800.21,
    "red_small_dots": 39.21
  },
  "picked": {
    "haemorrhages": 1800.21
  }
}
{
  "candidates": {
    "haemorrhages": 746.6,
    "red_small_dots": 147.18
  "picked": {
    "haemorrhages": 746.6
  }
}
{
  "candidates": {
    "haemorrhages": 271.07,
    "red_small_dots": 67.27
  },
  "picked": {
    "haemorrhages": 271.07
  }
}
  "candidates": {
    "haemorrhages": 576.0,
    "red_small_dots": 78.41
  },
  "picked": {
    "haemorrhages": 576.0
  }
}
{
  "candidates": {
```

```
"red_small_dots": 396.36,
        "haemorrhages": 352.0
      },
      "picked": {
         "red_small_dots": 396.36
    }
      "candidates": {
        "red_small_dots": 156.83,
        "haemorrhages": 212.08
      },
      "picked": {
         "haemorrhages": 212.08
    }
    This is here just to give you some insights on how the process works. It picks the candidate with
    the largest area, no matter the shape.
[]: filtered_area_df.head(n=2)
[]:
                     source_img patch_no \
     0 diaretdb1_image002.png
     1 diaretdb1_image002.png
                                         2
```

```
center \
     1 [[3, 3, 3, 3, 3, 3, 3, 3, 3, 3, 3, 3, 6, 3,... (37, 12)
                                        coordinates
                                                           overlap_flag \
                                                      label
    0 {'top_left': (0, 0), 'top_right': (24, 0), 'bo... healthy
                                                                 False
    1 {'top_left': (25, 0), 'top_right': (49, 0), 'b... healthy
                                                                 False
       lesion_id relabel_label relabel_meta relabel
    0
              0
                     healthy
                                     {}
                                            1
              1
                     healthy
                                     {}
                                            []: selected_patches = filtered_area_df[filtered_area_df['patch_no'].
     →isin(TARGET_PATCHES)].copy()
    visualize_lesion_regions(selected_patches, from_relabel=True)
```

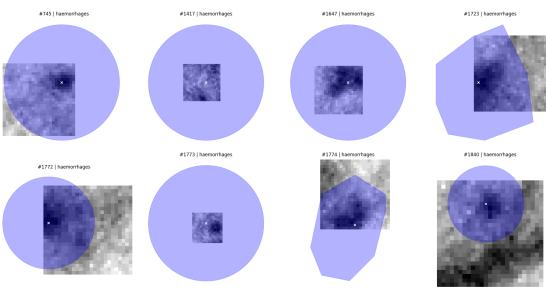


0.8.2 Area Based with Weights

MAP #1 | Linear Severity Scaling

```
[]: relabeled_area_weights_df = relabel_patches_with(
         labeled_df_green_clahe,
         lesions_pd_frame,
         strategy_fn=lambda coords, lesions:
      →get_dominant_lesion_by_area_with_weights(
             coords, lesions, weights_map=WEIGHTS_MAP_1, in_debug_mode=True
         )
     )
     filtered_area_weights_df_1 = 
      Gextract_largest_lesions_from_relabel(relabeled_area_weights_df)
      "candidates": {
        "red_small_dots": 21.04,
        "haemorrhages": 258.07
      },
      "picked": {
        "haemorrhages": 258.07
      }
    }
      "candidates": {
        "haemorrhages": 288.0,
        "red_small_dots": 50.43
      },
```

```
"picked": {
    "haemorrhages": 288.0
}
{
  "candidates": {
    "haemorrhages": 900.11,
    "red_small_dots": 3.92
  },
  "picked": {
    "haemorrhages": 900.11
  }
}
{
  "candidates": {
    "haemorrhages": 373.3,
    "red_small_dots": 14.72
  "picked": {
    "haemorrhages": 373.3
  }
}
{
  "candidates": {
    "haemorrhages": 135.53,
    "red_small_dots": 6.73
  },
  "picked": {
    "haemorrhages": 135.53
  }
}
{
  "candidates": {
    "haemorrhages": 288.0,
    "red_small_dots": 7.84
  },
  "picked": {
    "haemorrhages": 288.0
  }
}
{
  "candidates": {
    "red_small_dots": 39.64,
    "haemorrhages": 176.0
  },
  "picked": {
    "haemorrhages": 176.0
  }
```

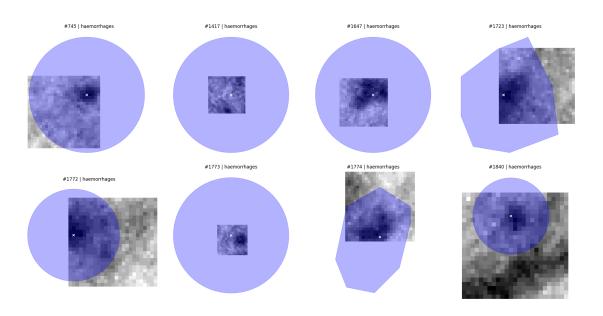


MAP #2 | Risk Adjusted Weighting

```
relabeled_area_weights_df = relabel_patches_with(
    labeled_df_green_clahe,
    lesions_pd_frame,
    strategy_fn=lambda coords, lesions:
    get_dominant_lesion_by_area_with_weights(
        coords, lesions, weights_map=WEIGHTS_MAP_2, in_debug_mode=True
    )
)
```

```
filtered_area_weights_df_2 = __
  Gextract_largest_lesions_from_relabel(relabeled_area_weights_df)
{
  "candidates": {
    "red_small_dots": 10.52,
    "haemorrhages": 206.45
  },
  "picked": {
    "haemorrhages": 206.45
  }
}
{
  "candidates": {
    "haemorrhages": 230.4,
    "red_small_dots": 25.21
  },
  "picked": {
    "haemorrhages": 230.4
  }
}
{
  "candidates": {
    "haemorrhages": 720.08,
    "red_small_dots": 1.96
  },
  "picked": {
    "haemorrhages": 720.08
  }
}
  "candidates": {
    "haemorrhages": 298.64,
    "red_small_dots": 7.36
  "picked": {
    "haemorrhages": 298.64
  }
}
  "candidates": {
    "haemorrhages": 108.43,
    "red_small_dots": 3.36
  },
  "picked": {
    "haemorrhages": 108.43
  }
}
```

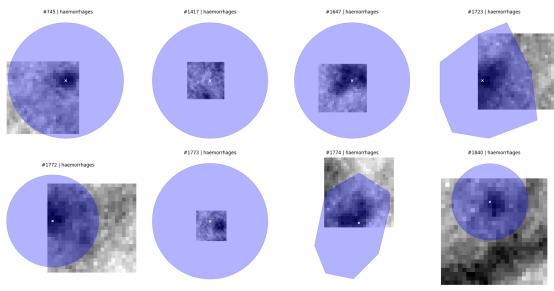
```
{
      "candidates": {
        "haemorrhages": 230.4,
        "red_small_dots": 3.92
      },
      "picked": {
        "haemorrhages": 230.4
      }
    }
    {
      "candidates": {
        "red_small_dots": 19.82,
        "haemorrhages": 140.8
      },
      "picked": {
        "haemorrhages": 140.8
      }
    }
    {
      "candidates": {
        "red_small_dots": 7.84,
        "haemorrhages": 84.83
      },
      "picked": {
        "haemorrhages": 84.83
      }
    }
[]: selected_patches =__
      ofiltered_area_weights_df_2[filtered_area_weights_df_2['patch_no'].
      →isin(TARGET_PATCHES)].copy()
     visualize_lesion_regions(selected_patches, from_relabel=True)
```



MAP #3 | Clinical Tradeoff

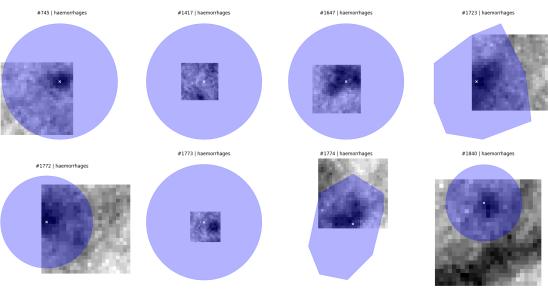
```
[]: relabeled_area_weights_df = relabel_patches_with(
         labeled_df_green_clahe,
         lesions_pd_frame,
         strategy_fn=lambda coords, lesions:
      →get_dominant_lesion_by_area_with_weights(
             coords, lesions, weights_map=WEIGHTS_MAP_3, in_debug_mode=True
         )
     )
     filtered_area_weights_df_3 = __
      Gextract_largest_lesions_from_relabel(relabeled_area_weights_df)
    {
      "candidates": {
        "red_small_dots": 105.22,
        "haemorrhages": 361.29
      },
      "picked": {
        "haemorrhages": 361.29
      }
    }
      "candidates": {
        "haemorrhages": 403.2,
        "red_small_dots": 252.14
      },
      "picked": {
```

```
"haemorrhages": 403.2
  }
}
{
  "candidates": {
    "haemorrhages": 1260.15,
    "red_small_dots": 19.6
  },
  "picked": {
    "haemorrhages": 1260.15
  }
}
{
  "candidates": {
    "haemorrhages": 522.62,
    "red_small_dots": 73.59
  },
  "picked": {
    "haemorrhages": 522.62
  }
}
{
  "candidates": {
    "haemorrhages": 189.75,
    "red_small_dots": 33.63
  },
  "picked": {
    "haemorrhages": 189.75
  }
}
  "candidates": {
    "haemorrhages": 403.2,
    "red_small_dots": 39.21
  "picked": {
    "haemorrhages": 403.2
  }
}
{
  "candidates": {
    "red_small_dots": 198.18,
    "haemorrhages": 246.4
  },
  "picked": {
    "haemorrhages": 246.4
  }
}
```



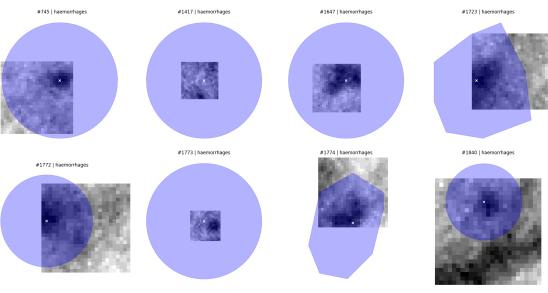
0.8.3 Area Based with Weights and DBSCAN

```
filtered_weights_area_dbscan_df_1 = __
  Gextract_largest_lesions_from_relabel(relabeled_area_weights_dbscan_df)
{
  "candidates": {
    "red_small_dots": 21.04,
    "haemorrhages": 258.07
  },
  "picked": "haemorrhages"
}
{
  "candidates": {
    "haemorrhages": 288.0,
    "red_small_dots": 50.43
  "picked": "haemorrhages"
}
{
  "candidates": {
    "haemorrhages": 900.11,
    "red_small_dots": 3.92
  },
  "picked": "haemorrhages"
}
{
  "candidates": {
    "haemorrhages": 373.3,
    "red_small_dots": 14.72
  },
  "picked": "haemorrhages"
}
{
  "candidates": {
    "haemorrhages": 135.53,
    "red_small_dots": 6.73
  },
  "picked": "haemorrhages"
}
{
  "candidates": {
    "haemorrhages": 288.0,
    "red_small_dots": 7.84
  },
  "picked": "haemorrhages"
}
{
  "candidates": {
    "red_small_dots": 39.64,
```



```
[]: relabeled_area_weights_dbscan_df = relabel_patches_with(
    labeled_df_green_clahe,
    lesions_pd_frame,
    strategy_fn=lambda coords, lesions:
    get_dominant_lesion_by_dbscan_weighted_area(
        coords, lesions, weights_map=WEIGHTS_MAP_2, in_debug_mode=True, eps=20,
    min_samples=1
    )
)
```

```
filtered_weights_area_dbscan_df_2 = __
  -extract_largest_lesions from relabel(relabeled_area_weights_dbscan_df)
{
  "candidates": {
    "red_small_dots": 10.52,
    "haemorrhages": 206.45
  },
  "picked": "haemorrhages"
}
{
  "candidates": {
    "haemorrhages": 230.4,
    "red_small_dots": 25.21
  "picked": "haemorrhages"
}
{
  "candidates": {
    "haemorrhages": 720.08,
    "red_small_dots": 1.96
  },
  "picked": "haemorrhages"
}
{
  "candidates": {
    "haemorrhages": 298.64,
    "red_small_dots": 7.36
  },
  "picked": "haemorrhages"
}
{
  "candidates": {
    "haemorrhages": 108.43,
    "red_small_dots": 3.36
  },
  "picked": "haemorrhages"
}
{
  "candidates": {
    "haemorrhages": 230.4,
    "red_small_dots": 3.92
  },
  "picked": "haemorrhages"
}
{
  "candidates": {
    "red_small_dots": 19.82,
```



```
[]: relabeled_area_weights_dbscan_df = relabel_patches_with(
    labeled_df_green_clahe,
    lesions_pd_frame,
    strategy_fn=lambda coords, lesions:
    set_dominant_lesion_by_dbscan_weighted_area(
        coords, lesions, weights_map=WEIGHTS_MAP_3, in_debug_mode=True, eps=20,
    smin_samples=1
    )
)
```

```
filtered_weights_area_dbscan_df_3 = __
  Gextract_largest_lesions_from_relabel(relabeled_area_weights_dbscan_df)
{
  "candidates": {
    "red_small_dots": 105.22,
    "haemorrhages": 361.29
  },
  "picked": "haemorrhages"
}
{
  "candidates": {
    "haemorrhages": 403.2,
    "red_small_dots": 252.14
  "picked": "haemorrhages"
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