Patch Extraction 3.2

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1 Patch Extraction (FGADR Seg-set)

These are just short notes about the dataset that I gathered from my 20 minutes of playing around with it.

```
{
  "Total_Images": 1,842,
  "Lesion_Masks_Pixel_Level_Annotations": [
    "Microaneurysms_Masks",
    "Hemorrhages_Masks",
    "HardExudate_Masks",
    "SoftExudate_Masks",
    "IRMA_Masks",
    "Neovascularization_Masks"
],
  "Original_Images_Directory": "Original_Images"
}
```

Mask format is direct .png binary masks.

```
[]: from pathlib import Path
  import cv2
  import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
  import numpy as np
  import pandas as pd

import json
  from shapely.geometry import Polygon, box
  from shapely.affinity import translate

# 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
```

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warnings.filterwarnings("ignore", message=".*invalid value encountered in

intersects.*")

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intersection.*")
```

1.1 Configuration

```
[ ]: COLOR MAP = {
         'hemorrhages': ('blue', 0.3),
         'microaneurysms': ('red', 0.3),
         'hard_exudates': ('green', 0.3),
         'soft_exudates': ('orange', 0.3),
         'irma': ('purple', 0.3),
         'neovascularization': ('cyan', 0.3),
     }
     TICK_COLOR_MAP = {
         'hemorrhages': 'white',
         'microaneurysms': 'yellow',
         'hard_exudates': 'black',
         'soft_exudates': 'blue',
         'irma': 'white',
         'neovascularization': 'black',
     }
     MASKS DIRS = {
         'microaneurysms': 'Microaneurysms_Masks',
         'hemorrhages': 'Hemorrhage_Masks',
         'hard_exudates': 'HardExudate_Masks',
         'soft_exudates': 'SoftExudate_Masks',
         'irma': 'IRMA_Masks',
         'neovascularization': 'Neovascularization_Masks'
     }
     PATCH_HALF = 12 # since patches are 25x25
     PATCH_SIZE = 25
     IMAGE_SIZE = r"1280 \times 1280"
```

1.2 Utility Functions

```
[]: def load_green_clahe_image(image_path, clip_limit=2.0, tile_grid_size=(8, 8))

→-> np.ndarray:

# pre: image_path is a valid path to an image file

# post: CLAHE enhanced green channel image

# desc: loads an image and applies CLAHE to the green channel.
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image = cv2.imread(str(image_path))
    image = cv2.cvtColor(image, cv2.COLOR_BGR2RGB)
    green = image[:, :, 1]
    clahe = cv2.createCLAHE(clipLimit=clip_limit, tileGridSize=tile_grid_size)
    enhanced_green = clahe.apply(green)
    return enhanced_green
def load_original_image(image_path) -> np.ndarray:
    # pre: image path is a valid path to an image file
    # post: returns the loaded image as a numpy array
    # desc: loads an image from the specified path
    return cv2.imread(str(image_path))
def plot(img: np.ndarray, type, title = "Not Specified"):
    # pre: img is a 2D numpy array representing a grayscale image
    # post: displays the image in a matplotlib window.
    # desc: plots a 2D grayscale image using matplotlib.
    if type.lower() == "patch":
        figsize = (3, 3)
    elif type.lower() == "image":
        figsize = (6, 6)
    else:
        raise ValueError("type must be either 'patch' or 'image'.")
    if img.ndim != 2:
        raise ValueError("only 2D images are supported.")
    plt.figure(figsize=figsize)
    plt.imshow(img, cmap='gray')
    plt.title(title)
    plt.axis('off')
    plt.tight_layout()
    plt.show()
def load_masks(image_name, mask_root, lesion_types: list) -> dict:
    # pre: image name is a string representing the image file name,
         mask_root is a Path object pointing to the directory containing masks
          and lesion_types is a list of strings representing lesion types.
    # post: returns a dictionary of masks for each lesion type
    # desc: loads masks for the specified image from the given mask root !!
 \hookrightarrow directory
```

```
# todo: check is the extracted mask is all black if it is, yeet that bih...
    masks = \{\}
    for lesion in lesion_types:
        folder = MASKS_DIRS[lesion]
        mask_path = mask_root / folder / image_name
        if mask_path.exists():
            mask = cv2.imread(str(mask_path), 0)
            if mask is not None and np.count_nonzero(mask) != 0:
                masks[lesion] = (mask, False) # not black
            else:
                masks[lesion] = (None, True) # exists but all black
        else:
            masks[lesion] = (None, "unknown") # doesn't exist
    return masks
def mask_check(masks):
    # pre: masks have been extracted
    # post: status check
    # desc: prints a status check ([has | no] mask)
    # note: one of my many sanity checks
    status_dict = {}
    for lesion, (mask, is_black) in masks.items():
        if mask is not None:
            if is_black is True:
                status = "** has mask **"
            else:
                status = "has mask"
        else:
            if is_black is True:
                status = "** no mask **"
            elif is_black == "unknown":
                status = "no mask"
            else:
                status = "no mask"
        status_dict[lesion] = {
            "status": status,
            "mask_is_black": is_black
        }
```

```
print(json.dumps(status_dict, indent=4))
def overlay_mask_over_retina(image: np.ndarray, masks_df, line_thickness=1):
    # pre: image is a 2D or 3D numpy array representing the retina image, masks_{\sqcup}
 ⇔have been extracted
    # post: overlays the masks over the image
    # desc: overlays the masks on the retina image with specified colors and \Box
 ⇔alpha blending
    if image.ndim == 2:
        image = cv2.cvtColor(image, cv2.COLOR_GRAY2BGR)
    overlay = image.copy()
    for _, row in masks_df.iterrows():
        lesion = row['lesion_type']
        shapes = row.get('shapes', [])
        if lesion not in COLOR_MAP:
            raise ValueError(f"Lesion type '{lesion}' not found in COLOR_MAP.")
        color_name, _ = COLOR_MAP[lesion] # discarding alpha here bc i'm_
 ⇔handling it globally (func level)
        tick_color = TICK_COLOR_MAP.get(lesion, 'white')
        color_bgr = tuple(int(255 * c) for c in mcolors.to_rgba(color_name)[:
 ⇒3][::-1])
        tick_rgb = tuple(int(255 * c) for c in mcolors.to_rgb(tick_color))
        for shape in shapes:
            poly: Polygon = shape['geometry']
            if not isinstance(poly, Polygon):
                continue
            coords = np.array(poly.exterior.coords, dtype=np.int32).
 \rightarrowreshape((-1, 1, 2))
            cv2.fillPoly(overlay, [coords], color=color_bgr)
            cv2.polylines(overlay, [coords], isClosed=True, color=color_bgr,_
 →thickness=line_thickness)
            cx, cy = poly.centroid.coords[0]
            cv2.drawMarker(overlay, (int(cx), int(cy)), color=tick_rgb,__
 →markerType=cv2.MARKER_CROSS, markerSize=10, thickness=1)
    alpha = 0.5 # blending factor
    blended = cv2.addWeighted(overlay, alpha, image, 1 - alpha, 0)
```

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plt.figure(figsize=(10, 10))
    plt.imshow(cv2.cvtColor(blended, cv2.COLOR_BGR2RGB))
    plt.title("Lesion Overlays")
    plt.axis("off")
    plt.show()
def plot_quadrant_with_lesions(image: np.ndarray, masks_df: pd.DataFrame,_

¬quadrant='top_right', alpha=0.4, line_thickness=1):
    # pre: image is a 2D or 3D numpy array representing the retina image,
          masks_df is a pandas DataFrame containing lesion data with
 → 'lesion_type' and 'shapes' columns,
           quadrant is a string specifying which quadrant to plot ('top_left', __
 → 'top_right', 'bottom_left', 'bottom_right')
    # post: displays the specified quadrant of the image with lesions overlaid
    # desc: crops the specified quadrant from the image, filters and shifts the
 →masks, and overlays them on the cropped image
    # note: does the same thing as the function above, except it crops the
 →image to a specific quadrant and shifts the masks accordingly.
            it's defined as a separate function due to some extra operations
 → that need to take place like filtering, etc.
   h, w = image.shape[:2]
    x_{mid}, y_{mid} = w // 2, h // 2
    quadrant bounds = {
        'top_left': (0, 0, x_mid, y_mid),
        'top_right': (x_mid, 0, w, y_mid),
        'bottom_left': (0, y_mid, x_mid, h),
        'bottom_right': (x_mid, y_mid, w, h)
    }
    if quadrant not in quadrant_bounds:
        raise ValueError("invalid quadrant -> options ['top_left', 'top_right', "top_right', "top_right', "top_right', "top_right")
 x1, y1, x2, y2 = quadrant_bounds[quadrant]
    region_box = box(x1, y1, x2, y2)
    cropped_image = image[y1:y2, x1:x2]
    def filter_and_shift(masks_df, region_poly, shift_x, shift_y):
        filtered_rows = []
        for _, row in masks_df.iterrows():
            lesion = row['lesion_type']
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filtered_shapes = []
           for shape in row.get('shapes', []):
               poly = shape['geometry']
               if poly.intersects(region_poly):
                   new_poly = translate(poly.intersection(region_poly),__
→xoff=-shift_x, yoff=-shift_y)
                   filtered_shapes.append({'geometry': new_poly})
           if filtered_shapes:
               filtered_rows.append({'lesion_type': lesion, 'shapes':__
→filtered_shapes})
      return pd.DataFrame(filtered_rows)
  quadrant_masks_df = filter_and_shift(masks_df, region_box, x1, y1)
  overlay = cropped_image.copy()
  if overlay.ndim == 2:
      overlay = cv2.cvtColor(overlay, cv2.COLOR_GRAY2BGR)
  for _, row in quadrant_masks_df.iterrows():
      lesion = row['lesion_type']
      shapes = row.get('shapes', [])
      if lesion not in COLOR_MAP:
           continue
      color_name, _ = COLOR_MAP[lesion]
      tick color = TICK COLOR MAP.get(lesion, 'white')
      color_bgr = tuple(int(255 * c) for c in mcolors.to_rgba(color_name)[:
→3][::-1])
      tick_rgb = tuple(int(255 * c) for c in mcolors.to_rgb(tick_color))
      for shape in shapes:
           poly = shape['geometry']
           coords = np.array(poly.exterior.coords, dtype=np.int32).
\rightarrowreshape((-1, 1, 2))
           cv2.fillPoly(overlay, [coords], color=color_bgr)
           cv2.polylines(overlay, [coords], isClosed=True, color=color_bgr,__
→thickness=line_thickness)
           cx, cy = poly.centroid.coords[0]
           cv2.drawMarker(overlay, (int(cx), int(cy)), color=tick_rgb,__
markerType=cv2.MARKER_CROSS, markerSize=10, thickness=1)
  blended = cv2.addWeighted(overlay, alpha, cropped_image, 1 - alpha, 0)
  plt.figure(figsize=(8, 8))
  plt.imshow(cv2.cvtColor(blended, cv2.COLOR_BGR2RGB))
```

```
plt.title(f"[{quadrant}] Quadrant with Lesions")
plt.axis("off")
plt.show()
```

1.3 Loading the Data

```
base_path = Path.cwd()
image_sample = '0001_2.png'
image_path = base_path.parent / 'data' / 'Seg-set' / 'Original_Images' /
image_sample

rgb_image = load_original_image(image_path)
image = load_green_clahe_image(image_path)
height, width = image.shape[:2]
dimensions = (height, width)
```

The image in the dataset is in raw RGB form. Since we agreed on green channel + CLAHE, I'm transforming the images to that format.

On the other hand it's just one function call that can easily be changed/ommitted if needed.

1.4 Image Size

```
1280 x 1280 = 1638400 pixels  
[25 x 25] If we use 25x25 patches, we get 51 x 51 = 2601 patches per image  
[25 x 25] Total number of patches we would get from the dataset = 4791042 patches
```

1.5 Patch Extraction

I yoinked this function from previous notebook @see O2_patch_extraction

```
[]: 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
```

[]:[

[patches]: Extracted 2704 patches from the image.

Again, the number differs from the one computed above:

```
""" \{
1280 \ x \ 1280 = 1638400 \ pixels
[25 \ x \ 25] \ If \ we \ use \ 25x25 \ patches, \ we \ get \ 51 \ x \ 51 = 2601 \ patches \ per \ image
[25 \ x \ 25] \ Total \ number \ of \ patches \ we \ would \ get \ from \ the \ dataset = 4791042 \ patches
\}
"""
```

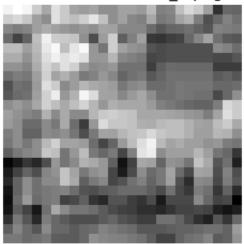
This is because some of the patches aren't perfect. Some of them are smaller than 25x25 (e.g. 20 x 25 or 25 x 20), so the number is a bit higher.

2 Dataframe

```
[ ]: patches_df = pd.DataFrame(patches)
   patches_df.head()
[]:
     source_img
             patch_no
                                                   patch \
   0 0000_1.png
                    1 0000_1.png
                  2 0000_1.png
                  3 0000_1.png
                  4 0000_1.png
                  coordinates label \
       center
             {'top_left': (0, 0), 'top_right': (24, 0), 'bo...
   0
      (12, 12)
      (37, 12)
   1
             {'top_left': (25, 0), 'top_right': (49, 0), 'b...
            {'top_left': (50, 0), 'top_right': (74, 0), 'b...
   2
      (62, 12)
                                               None
      (87, 12)
   3
             {'top_left': (75, 0), 'top_right': (99, 0), 'b...
     (112, 12) {'top_left': (100, 0), 'top_right': (124, 0), ...
     overlap_flag
          False
   0
   1
          False
   2
          False
   3
          False
   4
          False
```

2.1 Sanity Checks

Patch 1 from 0000_1.png



I picked a random index (one that wasn't giving me a black image), to double check that the patch extraction is working correctly.

2.2 Labeling the Patch

2.2.1 Masks

Since my older approach won't work here (XML vs. Binary Masks), I need to find a workaround. An adapter is not an option. My approach is to rely heavy on the cv2 library. I'm going to load all the masks into a dictionary, separate them by symptoms/lesion types. Some of them are going to be null or None, but that's fine. I can just skip them.

I'm then going to use findContours() to, well, find the contours of the lesions in the masks. This will give me the bounds of the lesions, to measure size, and have the ability to resolve labeling issues using my area based approach. I also plan on turning every patch into a polygon, so I can use the cv2 library to check if the patch is inside the lesion mask or not.

I plan on storing the dictionary with the masks in the dataframe, so I can access them later on.

Everything else (regarding labeling, etc.) remains the same. @see 02_patch_extraction

MODIFICATION: The labels are now stored as a list due to the fact they have more built in functions and operators supported

```
[]: mask_root = base_path.parent / 'data' / 'Seg-set'
masks = load_masks(image_sample, mask_root, list(MASKS_DIRS.keys()))
```

```
mask_check(masks)
{
    "microaneurysms": {
        "status": "has mask",
        "mask is black": false
    },
    "hemorrhages": {
        "status": "has mask",
        "mask is black": false
    },
    "hard_exudates": {
        "status": "** no mask **",
        "mask_is_black": true
    },
    "soft_exudates": {
        "status": "** no mask **",
        "mask is black": true
    },
    "irma": {
        "status": "no mask",
        "mask_is_black": "unknown"
    },
    "neovascularization": {
        "status": "no mask",
        "mask_is_black": "unknown"
    }
```

Again, this is one of my many sanity checks, just to make sure everything is working as expected. I labeled each lesion type with either has mask | no mask since some of the lesions provide/do not provide mask information. I also excluded the ones that are completely black (i.e. no lesion present). I think this is safe to do because I am using the np function count_nonzero() to check if the patch is black or not. count_nonzero() counts the number of non-zero pixel values, allowing you to determine if all pixels are indeed black (i.e., zero). You can always check for yourself (use the json dict above and manually search for the mask)

2.3 Shapes

}

For the sake of making my life easier, I'm turning this into a pandas DataFrame. I think this is the best way to go about it, so when designing the pipeline, this will be done under the hood.

```
masks_df.head()
```

```
[]:
      lesion_type
                                           mask \
    microaneurysms
              1
      hemorrhages
    hard exudates
     soft_exudates
   3
                                           None
                                           None
           irma
    mask_is_black
         False
   0
         False
   1
   2
         True
         True
       unknown
```

2.3.1 Extracting the Shape

```
[]: def process mask shapes(df):
         # pre: df is a DataFrame with 'lesion_type' and 'mask' columns
         # post: returns a DataFrame with shape features extracted from masks
         # desc: processes each mask to extract contours and shape features
         def get_contours(mask: np.ndarray):
             # pre: mask is a binary image (numpy array)
             # post: returns contours found in the mask
             # desc: finds contours in the binary mask using OpenCV
             contours, _ = cv2.findContours(mask, cv2.RETR_EXTERNAL, cv2.
      →CHAIN_APPROX_SIMPLE)
             return contours
         def contour_to_polygon(contour):
             # pre: contour is a numpy array of shape (n, 1, 2) representing a_{\sqcup}
      \hookrightarrow contour
             # post: returns a Polygon object if valid, otherwise None
             # desc: converts a contour to a Polygon object if it has enough points
             if contour.shape[0] < 3:</pre>
                 return None
             contour = contour.squeeze()
             return Polygon(contour) if Polygon(contour).is_valid else None
         def extract shape features(polygon: Polygon):
             # pre: polygon is a valid shapely Polygon object
             # post: returns a dictionary with shape features
```

```
# desc: extracts area, perimeter, centroid, bounding box, and geometry
⇔from the polygon
      return {
           'area': polygon.area,
           'perimeter': polygon.length,
           'centroid': (polygon.centroid.x, polygon.centroid.y),
           'bbox': polygon.bounds,
           'geometry': polygon
      }
  n_polygons_list = []
  shapes_list = []
  for _, row in df.iterrows():
      mask = row['mask']
      if mask is None:
          n_polygons_list.append(0)
          shapes_list.append([])
          continue
      contours = get_contours(mask)
      polygons = [contour_to_polygon(c) for c in contours if_
→contour_to_polygon(c) is not None]
      shape_features = [extract_shape_features(p) for p in polygons]
      n_polygons_list.append(len(shape_features))
      shapes_list.append(shape_features)
  df = df.copy()
  df['n_polygons'] = n_polygons_list
  df['shapes'] = shapes_list
  return df
```

```
[ ]: masks_df = process_mask_shapes(masks_df)
```

2.3.2 Turning Patches into shapely Polygons

```
coord_dict['bottom_left']
            ])
        def label_patch(patch_poly, masks_df):
            labels = []
            for _, row in masks_df.iterrows():
                lesion_type = row['lesion_type']
                shapes = row.get('shapes', [])
                for shape in shapes:
                    lesion_poly = shape['geometry']
                    if patch poly.intersects(lesion poly):
                        labels.append(lesion_type)
                        break # one match per lesion_type is enough
            return labels if labels else None
        df = patches_df.copy()
        df['patch_polygon'] = df['coordinates'].apply(patch_to_polygon)
        df['label'] = df['patch_polygon'].apply(lambda poly: label_patch(poly,__

masks_df))
        df['overlap flag'] = df['label'].apply(lambda x: x is not None)
        # add one hot now cuz why not...
        lesion_types = masks_df['lesion_type'].unique().tolist()
        for lesion in lesion_types:
            df[lesion] = df['label'].apply(lambda x: lesion in x if x else False)
        return df
[]: labeled_df = label_patches_using_polygons(masks_df, patches_df)
    labeled df[labeled df['label'].apply(lambda x: x == ['microaneurysms'])].
      \rightarrowhead(n=2)
[]:
         source_img patch_no
                                                                           patch \
                              185 0000 1.png
                          186
    385 0000_1.png
                          386 [[50, 57, 80, 102, 77, 80, 82, 87, 87, 84, 77,...
                                                           coordinates \
             center
           (737, 87) {'top_left': (725, 75), 'top_right': (749, 75)...
    185
    385
         (537, 187) {'top_left': (525, 175), 'top_right': (549, 17...
                    label overlap flag \
    185
         [microaneurysms]
                                   True
    385
         [microaneurysms]
                                   True
                                             patch_polygon microaneurysms \
    185 POLYGON ((725 75, 749 75, 749 99, 725 99, 725 ...
                                                                    True
```

385 POLYGON ((525 175, 549 175, 549 199, 525 199, ... True

hemorrhages hard_exudates soft_exudates irma neovascularization
185 False False False False False
385 False False False False False

[]: labeled_df[labeled_df['label'].apply(lambda x: isinstance(x, list) and len(x) $>_{\sqcup}$ \hookrightarrow 1)]

[]: Empty DataFrame

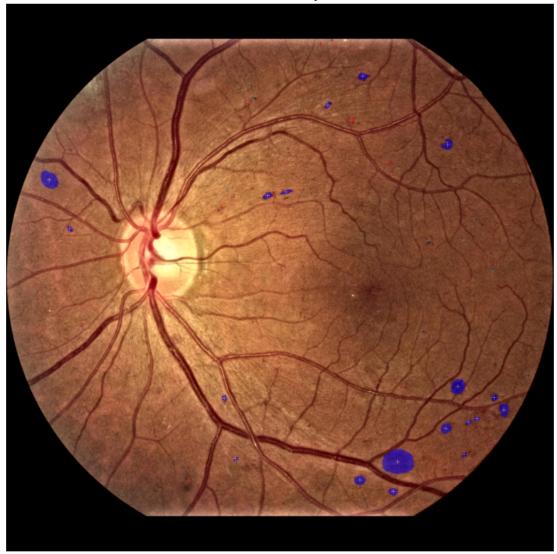
Columns: [source_img, patch_no, patch, center, coordinates, label, overlap_flag, patch_polygon, microaneurysms, hemorrhages, hard_exudates, soft_exudates, irma, neovascularization]

Index: []

Since this returns an empty frame, it means there is no overlap.

[]: overlay_mask_over_retina(rgb_image, masks_df)

Lesion Overlays



This confirms the remark above this. I don't see any overlays nor does the algorithm detect any. This is a good sign, since it means the patches are not overlapping and the labeling is correct.

Note: Using RGB here just for visualization purposes. The patches are actually in green channel + CLAHE format.

```
[]: plot_quadrant_with_lesions(rgb_image, masks_df, quadrant='top_right', alpha=0.

45, line_thickness=1)
```

[top_right] Quadrant with Lesions

Top right quadrant zoomed in (No overlap).

Note: Using RGB here just for visualization purposes. The patches are actually in green channel + CLAHE format.

2.4 New Set of Images and Masks

Since the example above returned an empty frame, I can assume that the patches are not overlapping and the labeling is correct for that image, but I can't generalize it. I plan of testing this with a few more images, just to be sure.