

اصول پردازش تصویر

*Principles of Image Processing*

مصطفی کمالی تبریزی

۲۶ آبان ۱۳۹۹

جلسه هفدهم

# *Turbo Pixels*

Alex Levinshtein, Adrian Stere, Kiriakos N. Kutulakos, David J. Fleet, and Sven J. Dickinson

***TurboPixels: Fast Superpixels Using Geometric Flows***

Pattern Analysis and Machine Intelligence (PAMI), 2009

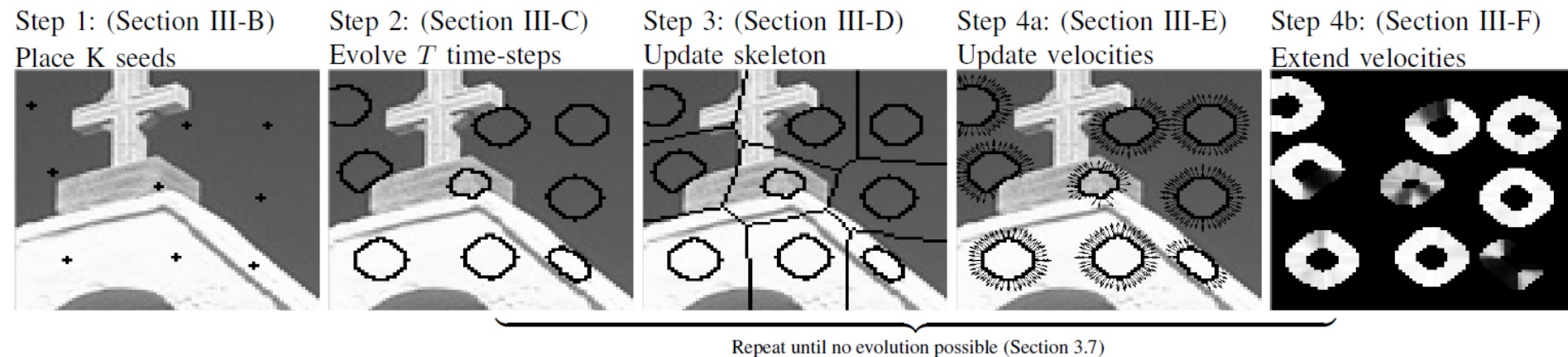


Fig. 2. Steps of the TurboPixel algorithm. In Step 4a the vectors depict the current velocities at seed boundaries. Where edges have been reached the velocities are small. In Step 4b the magnitude of velocities within the narrow band is proportional to brightness.

## SUPERPIXELS FROM GEOMETRIC FLOWS

- Uniform size and coverage
- Connectivity
- Compactness
- Smooth, edge-preserving flow
- No superpixel overlap

---

**Algorithm 1:** TurboPixel Algorithm

---

**Input:** Image  $I$ , number of seeds  $K$

**Output:** Superpixel boundaries  $B$

- 1 Place  $K$  seeds on a rectangular grid in image  $I$ ;
  - 2 Perturb the seed positions away from high gradient regions;
  - 3 Set all seed pixels to “assigned”;
  - 4 Set  $\Psi^0$  to be the signed Euclidean distance from the “assigned” regions;
  - 5 assigned\_pixels  $\leftarrow \sum_{x,y} [\Psi^0(x,y) \geq 0]$ ;
  - 6 Compute the pixel affinity  $\phi(x,y)$ ;
  - 7  $n \leftarrow 0$ ;
  - 8 **while** *Change in assigned\_pixels is large* **do**
    - 9     Compute the image velocity  $S_I$ ;
    - 10    Compute the boundary velocity  $S_B$ ;
    - 11     $S \leftarrow S_I S_B$ ;
    - 12    Extend the speed  $S$  in a narrow band near the zero level-set of  $\Psi^n$ ;
    - 13    Compute  $\Psi^{n+1}$  by evolving  $\Psi^n$  within the narrow band;
    - 14     $n \leftarrow n + 1$ ;
    - 15    assigned\_pixels  $\leftarrow \sum_{x,y} [\Psi^n(x,y) \geq 0]$ ;
  - 16  $B \leftarrow$  homotopic skeleton of  $\Psi^n$ ;
  - 17 **return**  $B$
-

# Turbo Pixels: Levinstein et al. 2009

<http://www.cs.toronto.edu/~kyros/pubs/09.pami.turbopixels.pdf>

Tries to preserve boundaries like watershed but to produce more regular regions



# *SLIC*

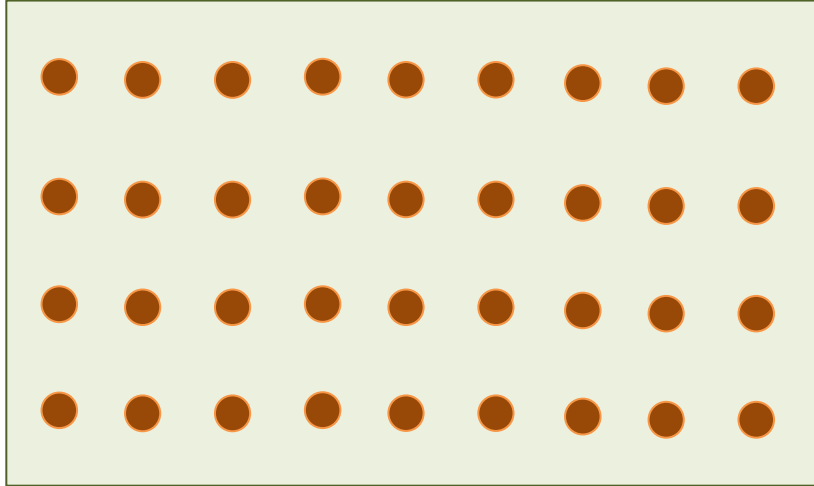
## *(Simple Linear Iterative Clustering)*

Radhakrishna Achanta, Appu Shaji, Kevin Smith, Aurelien Lucchi, Pascal Fua, and Sabine Susstrunk

***SLIC Superpixels***

EPFL Technical Report 149300, June 2010

Clusters distributed uniformly:



$$[l, a, b, x, y]$$

$$d_{lab} = \sqrt{(l_k - l_i)^2 + (a_k - a_i)^2 + (b_k - b_i)^2}$$

$$d_{xy} = \sqrt{(x_k - x_i)^2 + (y_k - y_i)^2}$$

$$D = d_{lab} + \alpha d_{xy} \quad Eq. 1$$

In CIELAB color space

Perceptually uniform for small changes

# Simple Linear Iterative Clustering (SLIC)

---

## Algorithm 1 Efficient superpixel segmentation

---

- 1: Initialize cluster centers  $C_k = [l_k, a_k, b_k, x_k, y_k]^T$  by sampling pixels at regular grid steps  $S$ .
  - 2: Perturb cluster centers in an  $n \times n$  neighborhood, to the lowest gradient position.
  - 3: **repeat**
  - 4:   **for** each cluster center  $C_k$  **do**
  - 5:     Assign the best matching pixels from a  $2S \times 2S$  square neighborhood around the cluster center according to the distance measure (Eq. 1).
  - 6:   **end for**
  - 7:   Compute new cluster centers and residual error  $E$  { $L1$  distance between previous centers and recomputed centers}
  - 8: **until**  $E \leq \text{threshold}$
  - 9: Enforce connectivity.
-





























# SLIC (Achanta et al. PAMI 2012)

[http://infoscience.epfl.ch/record/177415/files/Superpixel\\_PAMI2011-2.pdf](http://infoscience.epfl.ch/record/177415/files/Superpixel_PAMI2011-2.pdf)

1. Initialize cluster centers on pixel grid in steps  $S$ 
  - Features: Lab color, x-y position
2. Move centers to position in  $3 \times 3$  window with smallest gradient
3. Compare each pixel to cluster center within  $2S$  pixel distance and assign to nearest
4. Recompute cluster centers as mean color/position of pixels belonging to each cluster
5. Stop when residual error is small



- + Fast 0.36s for 320x240
- + Regular superpixels
- + Superpixels fit boundaries
  - May miss thin objects
  - Large number of superpixels



# Watershed Algorithm

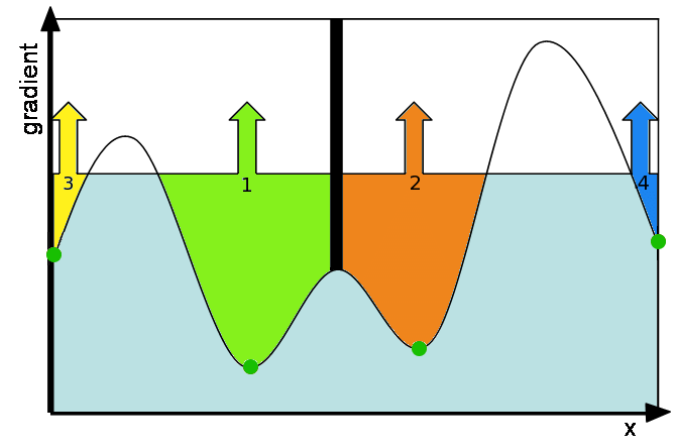
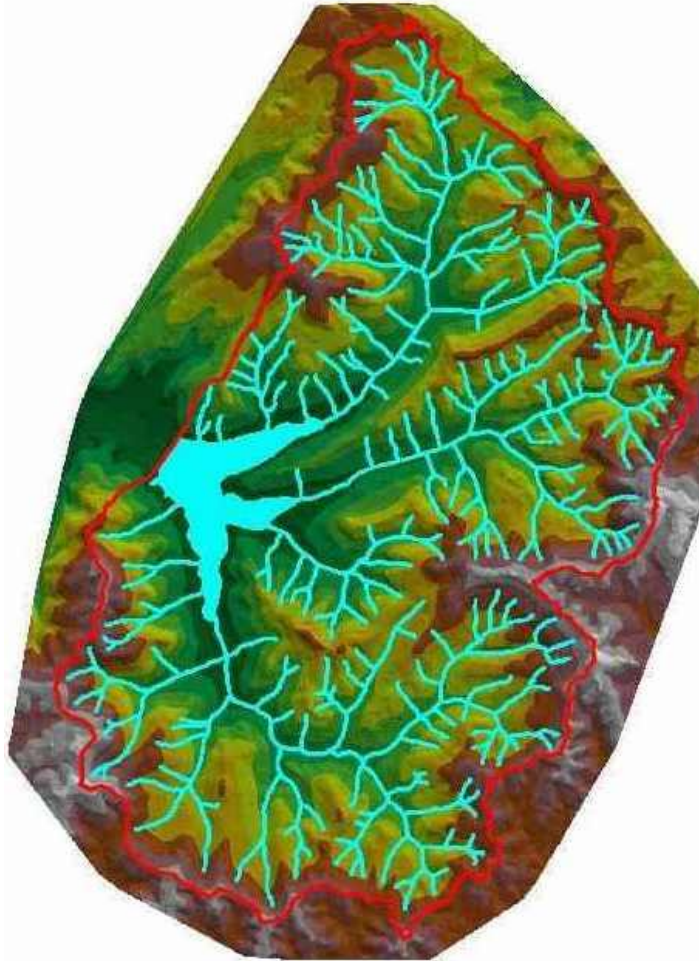


Image from: [researchgate](https://researchgate.net/publication/312511111)

# Meyer's watershed segmentation

1. Choose local minima as region seeds
2. Add neighbors to priority queue, sorted by value
3. Take top priority pixel from queue
  1. If all labeled neighbors have same label, assign that label to pixel
  2. Add all non-marked neighbors to queue
4. Repeat step 3 until finished (all remaining pixels in queue are on the boundary)

Meyer 1991

Matlab: `seg = watershed(bnd_im)`

# Watershed usage

- Use as a starting point for hierarchical segmentation
  - Ultrametric contour map (Arbelaez 2006)
- Works with any soft boundaries
  - Pb (w/o non-max suppression)
  - Canny (w/o non-max suppression)
  - Etc.

# Watershed pros and cons

- Pros
  - Fast (< 1 sec for 512x512 image)
  - Preserves boundaries
- Cons
  - Only as good as the soft boundaries (which may be slow to compute)
  - Not easy to get variety of regions for multiple segmentations
- Usage
  - Good algorithm for superpixels, hierarchical segmentation

# Gestalt Psychology

# Gestalt psychology or gestaltism

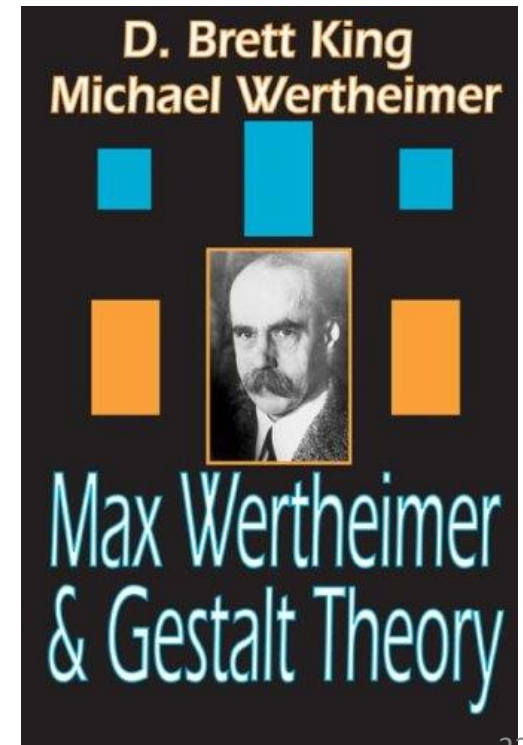
German: *Gestalt* - "form" or "whole"

Berlin School, early 20th century

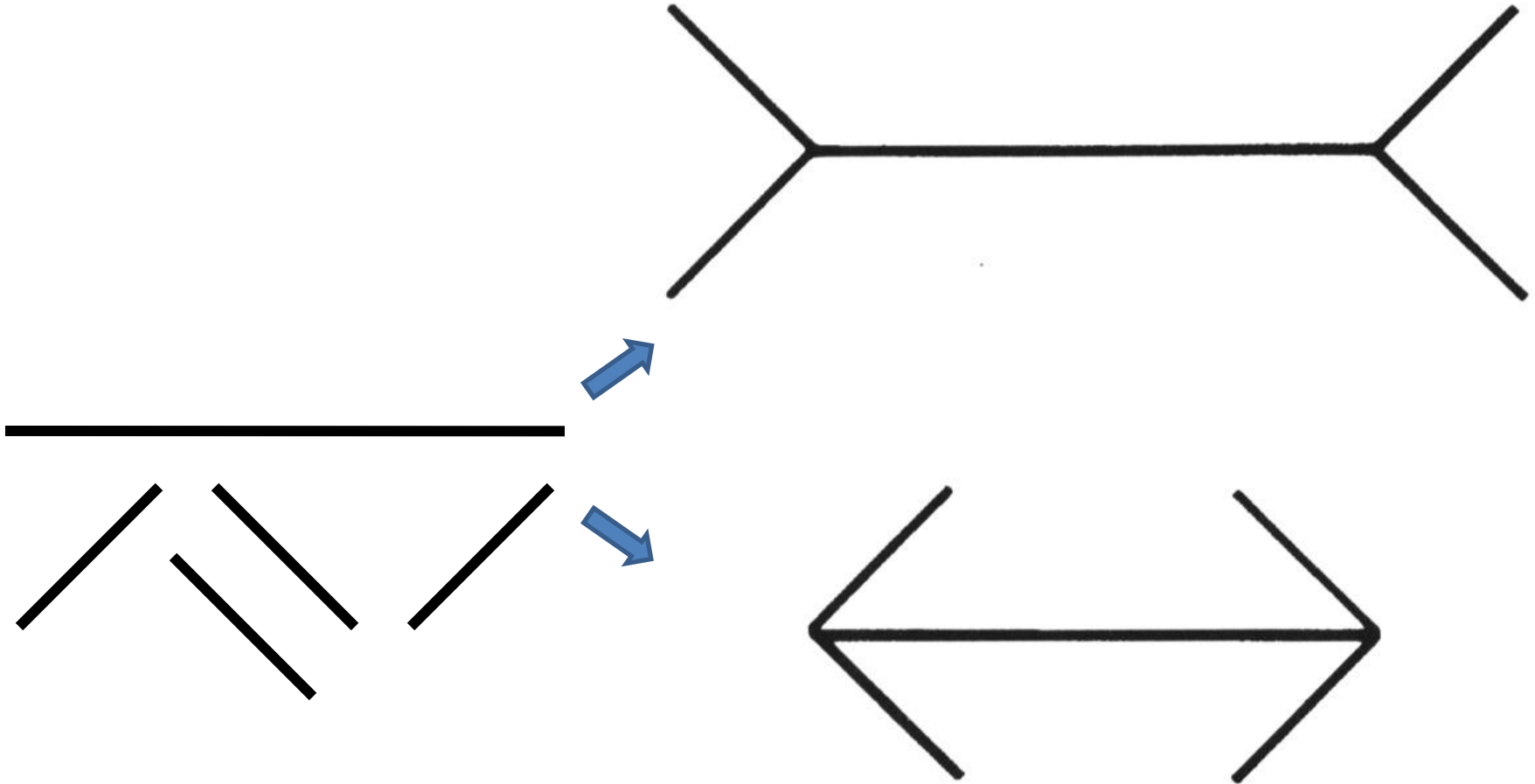
Kurt Koffka, Max Wertheimer, and Wolfgang Köhler

## View of brain:

- whole is more than the sum of its parts
- holistic
- parallel
- analog
- self-organizing tendencies

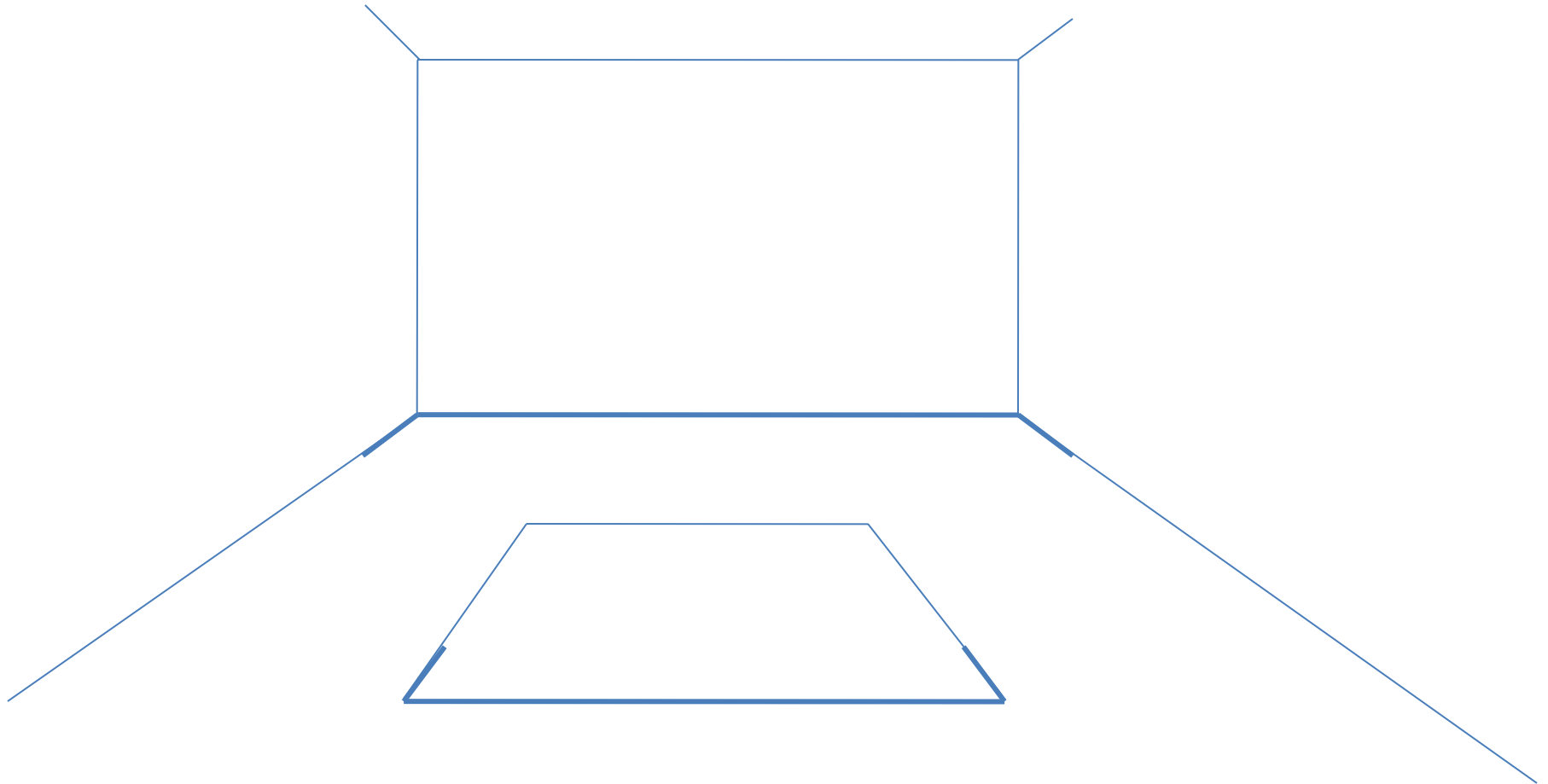


# Gestaltism



The Muller-Lyer illusion

# We perceive the interpretation, not the senses





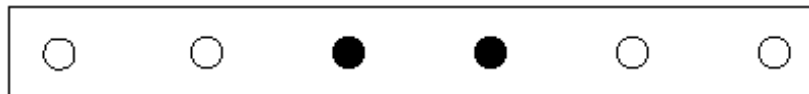
# Principles of perceptual organization



Not grouped



Proximity



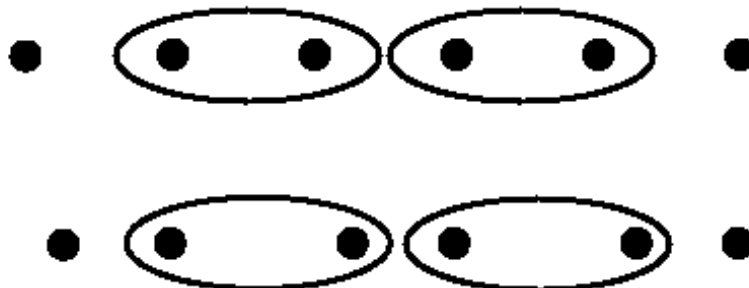
Similarity



Similarity

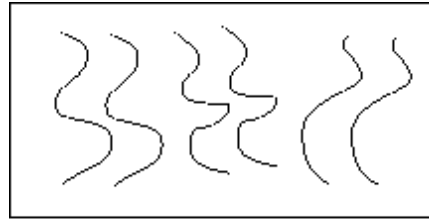


Common Fate

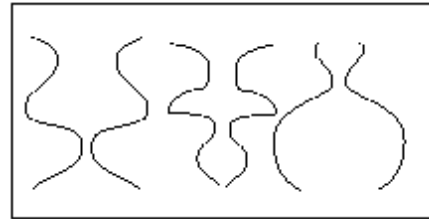


Common Region

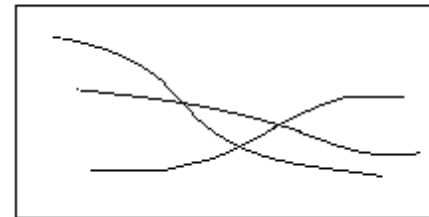
# Principles of perceptual organization



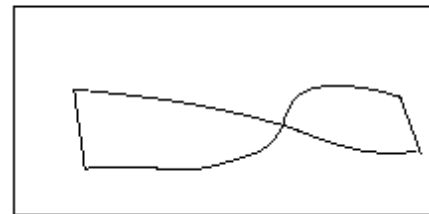
Parallelism



Symmetry



Continuity



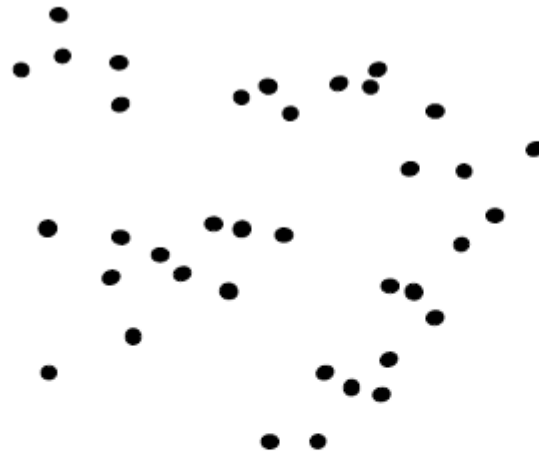
Closure

# Gestalt cues

- Good intuition and basic principles for grouping
- Basis for many ideas in segmentation and occlusion reasoning
- Some (e.g., symmetry) are difficult to implement in practice

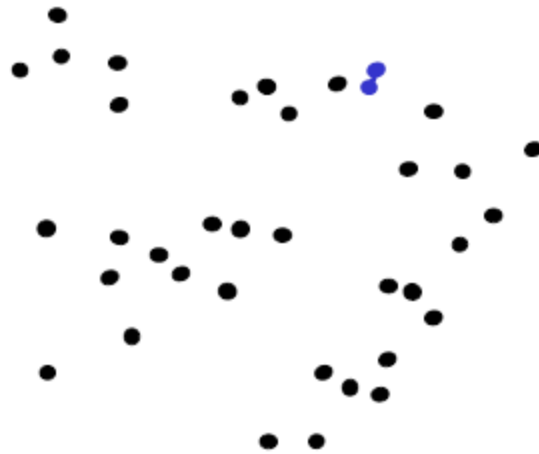
# Agglomerative Clustering

# Agglomerative clustering



1. Say "Every point is its own cluster"

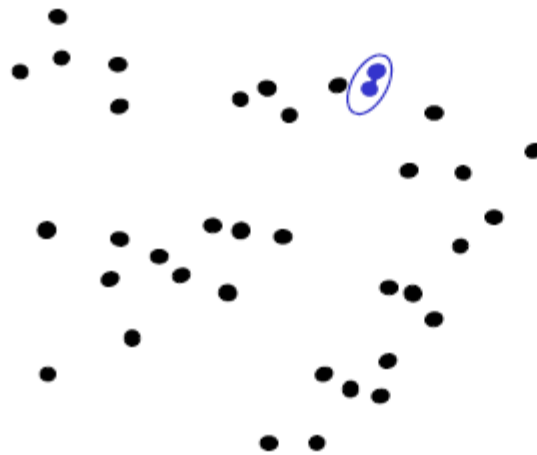
# Agglomerative clustering



1. Say "Every point is its own cluster"
2. Find "most similar" pair of clusters



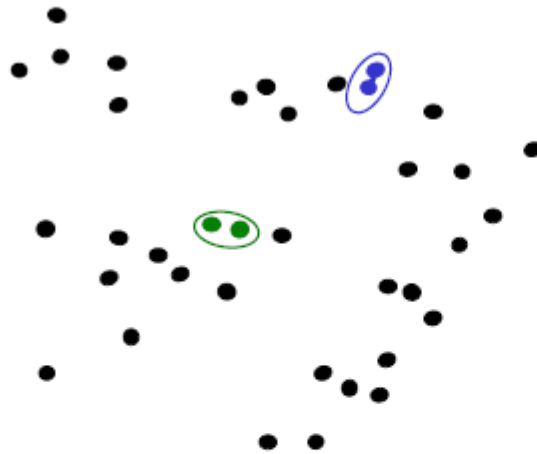
# Agglomerative clustering



1. Say "Every point is its own cluster"
2. Find "most similar" pair of clusters
3. Merge it into a parent cluster



# Agglomerative clustering

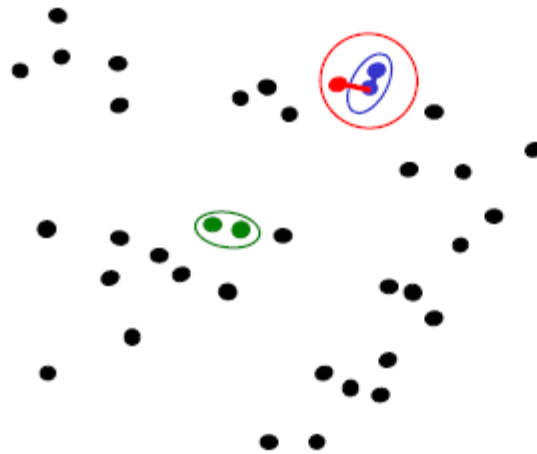


1. Say "Every point is its own cluster"
2. Find "most similar" pair of clusters
3. Merge it into a parent cluster
4. Repeat





# Agglomerative clustering



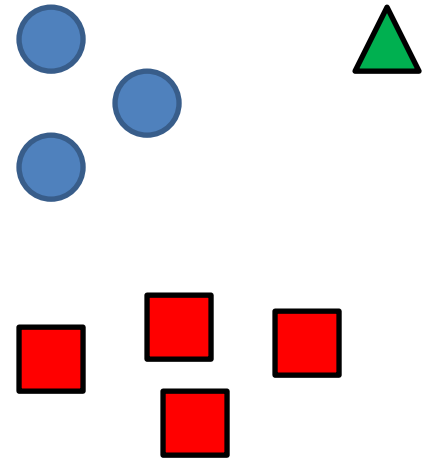
1. Say "Every point is its own cluster"
2. Find "most similar" pair of clusters
3. Merge it into a parent cluster
4. Repeat



# Agglomerative clustering

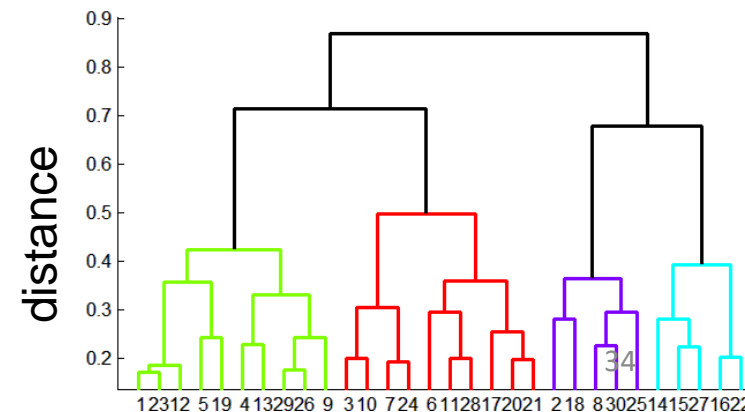
## How to define cluster similarity?

- Average distance between points, maximum distance, minimum distance
- Distance between means or medoids



## How many clusters?

- Clustering creates a dendrogram (a tree)
- Threshold based on max number of clusters or based on distance between merges



# Conclusions: Agglomerative Clustering

## Good

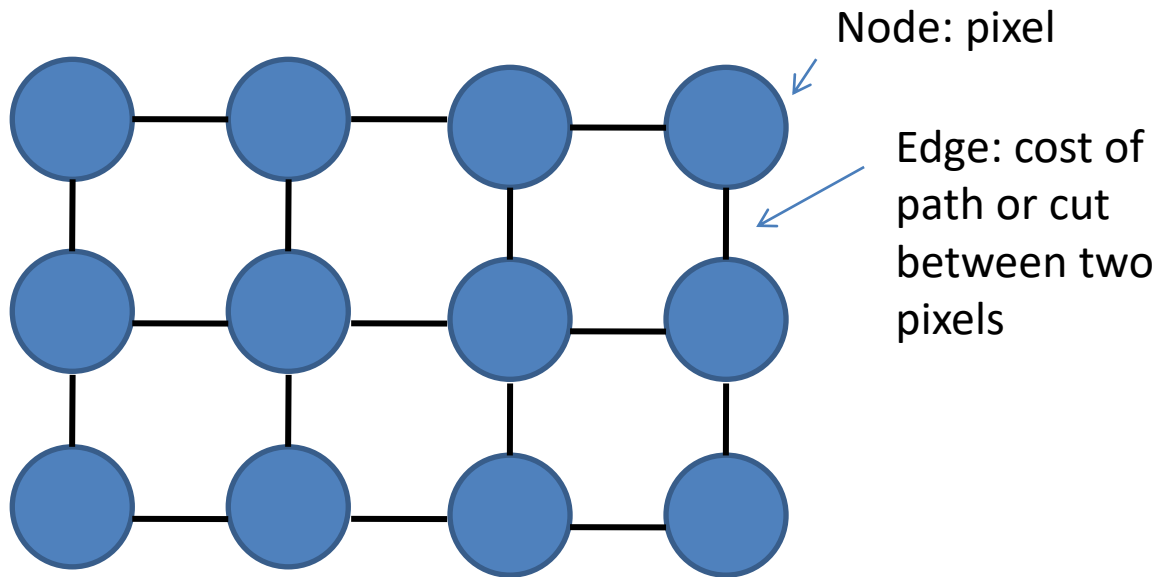
- Simple to implement, widespread application
- Clusters have adaptive shapes
- Provides a hierarchy of clusters

## Bad

- May have imbalanced clusters
- Still have to choose number of clusters or threshold
- Need to use an “ultrametric” to get a meaningful hierarchy

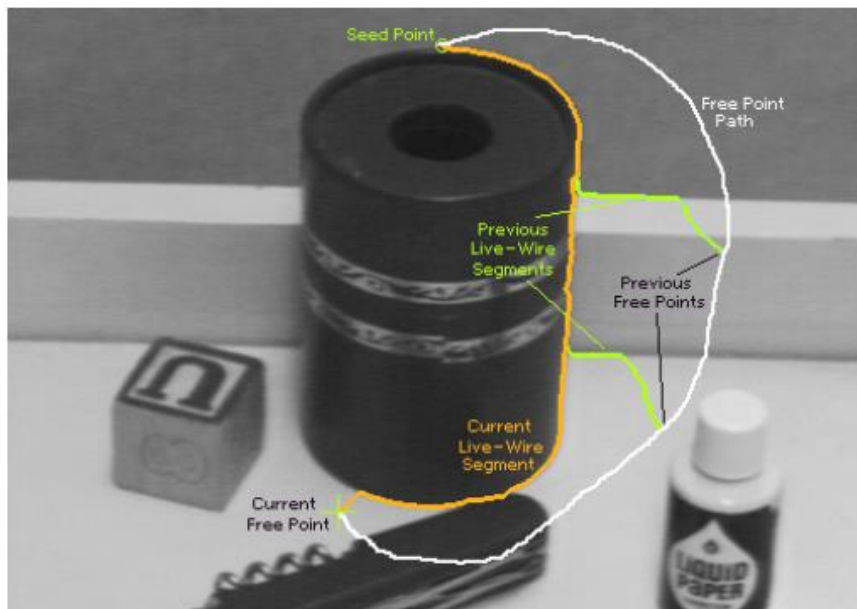
# Intelligent Scissors

# The Image as a Graph



# Intelligent Scissors

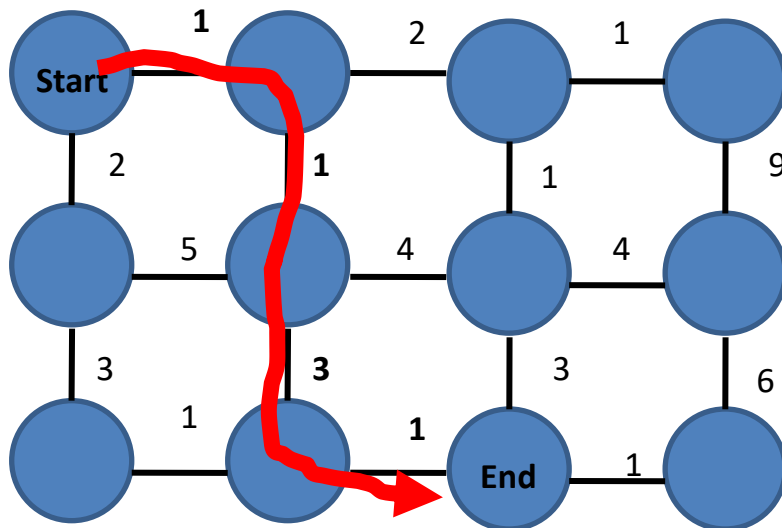
Mortenson and Barrett (SIGGRAPH 1995)



# Intelligent Scissors

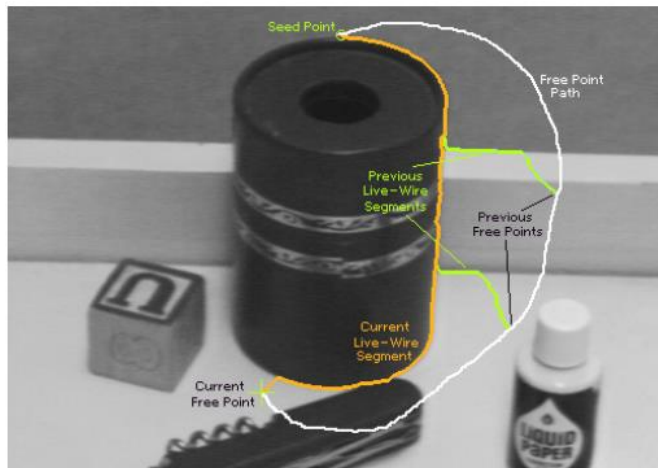
Mortenson and Barrett (SIGGRAPH 1995)

A good image boundary has a short path through the graph.



# Intelligent Scissors

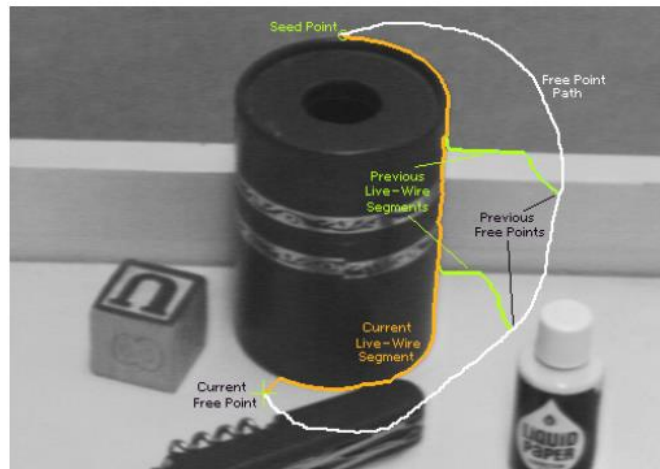
- Formulation: find good boundary between seed points
- Challenges
  - Minimize interaction time
  - Define what makes a good boundary
  - Efficiently find it





# Intelligent Scissors: method

1. Define boundary cost between neighboring pixels
2. User specifies a starting point (seed)
3. Compute lowest cost from seed to each other pixel
4. Get path from seed to cursor, choose new seed, repeat



# Intelligent Scissors: method

1. Define boundary cost between neighboring pixels
  - a) Lower if edge is present (e.g., with  $\text{edge}(im, 'canny')$ )
  - b) Lower if gradient is strong
  - c) Lower if gradient is in direction of boundary



# Gradients, Edges, and Path Cost



Gradient Magnitude



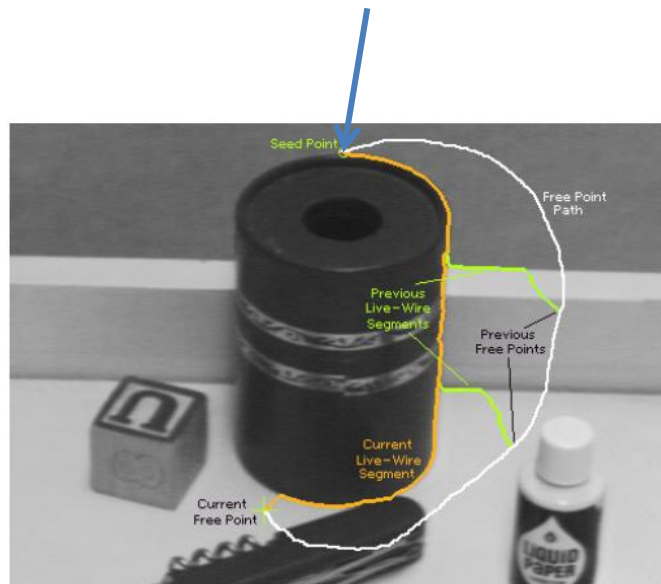
Path Cost



Edge Image

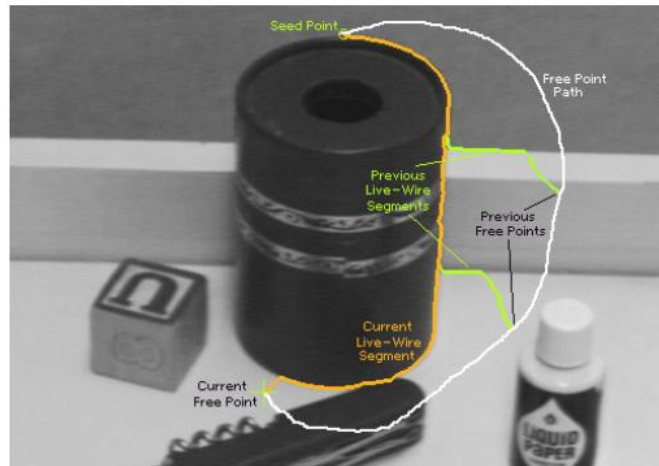
# Intelligent Scissors: method

1. Define boundary cost between neighboring pixels
2. User specifies a starting point (seed)
  - Snapping



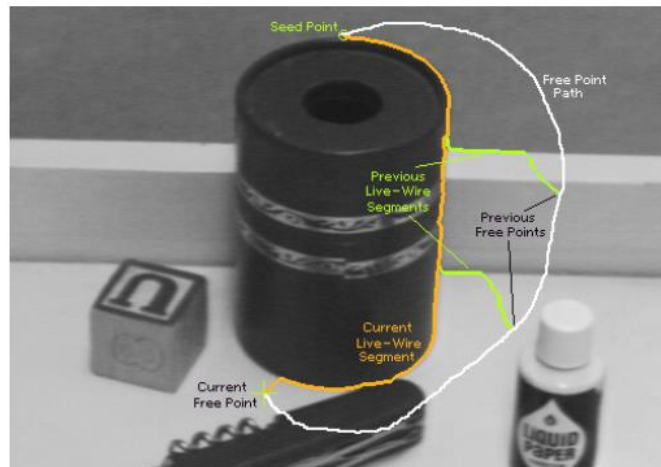
# Intelligent Scissors: method

1. Define boundary cost between neighboring pixels
2. User specifies a starting point (seed)
3. Compute lowest cost from seed to each other pixel
  - Dijkstra's shortest path algorithm



# Intelligent Scissors: method

1. Define boundary cost between neighboring pixels
2. User specifies a starting point (seed)
3. Compute lowest cost from seed to each other pixel
4. Get new seed, get path between seeds, repeat



# Intelligent Scissors: improving interaction

1. Snap when placing first seed
2. Automatically adjust to boundary as user drags
3. Freeze stable boundary points to make new seeds

