

Grey Level Co-occurrence Matrix for Texture Description

For building the grey level co-occurrence matrix (GLCM) associated to an image we must first specify a displacement vector $\mathbf{d}=(dx,dy)$. An element $P(i,j)$ of the GLCM is the number of all pairs of pixels (p_1, p_2) separated by \mathbf{d} having grey levels (i,j) .

$$p_1 = (x, y, i) \quad , \quad p_2 = (x + dx, y + dy, j)$$

$$P(i, j) = |\{(p_1, p_2); \quad p_1 = (x, y, i) \quad , \quad p_2 = (x + dx, y + dy, j) \}|.$$

Assume we have an **5x5** image with only 4 grey levels **{0,1,2,3}**:

$$I = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \quad , \quad d = (1,1) \quad , \quad P = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 3 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (\text{or } P = \frac{1}{16}P).$$

For an image with 256 grey levels of intensity the GLCM is of size **256x256**. Usually the elements of the GLCM are normalized by dividing it to the total number of pixel pairs.

The following descriptors are used for GLCM characterization:

1. Maximum probability

$$\max \{P(i, j); \quad i, j = 1, \dots, L\} \quad ;$$

2. Correlation

$$\sum_{i=1}^L \sum_{j=1}^L \frac{(i - m_r)(j - m_c)P(i, j)}{\sigma_r \sigma_c} \quad (\text{if } \sigma_r \sigma_c \neq 0)$$

$$m_r = \sum_{i=1}^L i \sum_{j=1}^L P(i, j)$$

$$m_c = \sum_{j=1}^L j \sum_{i=1}^L P(i, j)$$

$$\sigma_r^2 = \sum_{i=1}^L (i - m_r)^2 \sum_{j=1}^L P(i, j)$$

$$\sigma_c^2 = \sum_{j=1}^L (j - m_c)^2 \sum_{i=1}^L P(i, j);$$

3. Contrast

$$\sum_{i=1}^L \sum_{j=1}^L (i-j)^2 P(i, j);$$

4. Uniformity (energy)

$$\sum_{i=1}^L \sum_{j=1}^L P(i, j)^2;$$

5. Homogeneity

$$\sum_{i=1}^L \sum_{j=1}^L \frac{P(i, j)}{1+|i-j|};$$

6. Entropy

$$-\sum_{i=1}^L \sum_{j=1}^L P(i, j) \log_2 P(i, j);$$

7. Dissimilarity

$$\sum_{i=1}^L \sum_{j=1}^L |i-j| P(i, j).$$

Use GLCM and their descriptors in order to build feature vectors for face recognition. Test these features using 1-NN.