

10-challenges

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1 Challenges

In this episode, we will provide two different challenges for you to attempt, based on the skills you have acquired so far. One of the challenges will be related to the shape of objects in images (morphometrics), while the other will be related to colors of objects in images (colorimetrics). We will not provide solution code for either of the challenges, but your instructors should be able to give you some gentle hints if you need them.

1.0.1 Bacteria Colony Counting

As mentioned in the workshop *introduction*, your first final challenge is to determine how many bacteria colonies are in each of these images. As you already know, these images can be found in the `/data/` directory of the repository.

Write a Python program that uses `skimage` to count the number of bacteria colonies in each image, and for each, produce a new image that labels the colonies. Your output should be similar to this image:

This time you won't get detailed instructions for every step. Instead, try to come up with a solution strategy yourself.

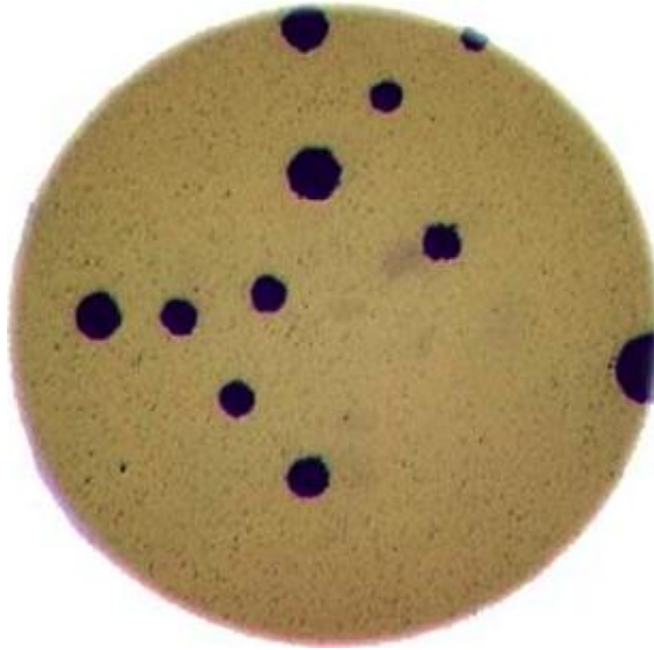
Hint: You might want to use most of the analysis operations you already learned during the workshop, it's OK to copy code from preceding episodes!

Bonus Task: Generate a histogram plot, which shows the colony size distributions.

Hint: This is a good opportunity to use the convenience Matplotlib `plt.hist()` function, [read the docs here](#).

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In [ ]: import skimage
import skimage.io
import skimage.filters
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
# 'magic' to display plots in the jupyter notebook
%matplotlib inline

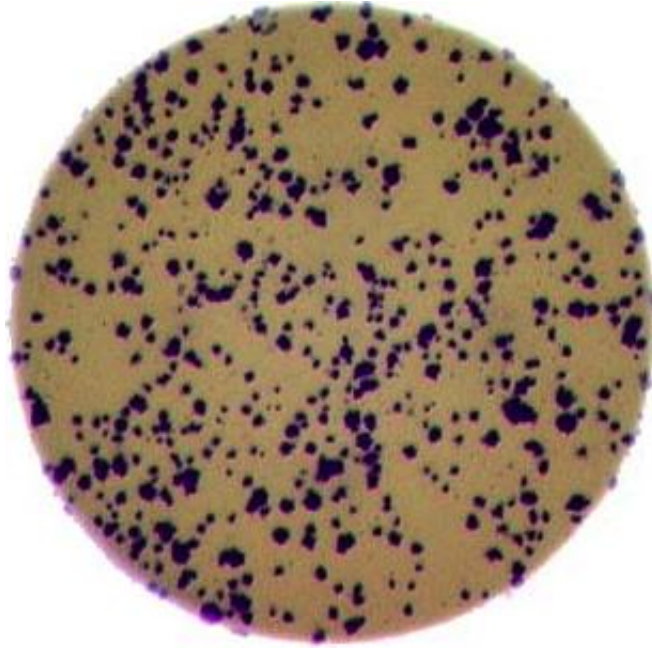
# read the image data
col1 = skimage.io.imread('../data/colonies01.tif', as_gray = True)
col2 = skimage.io.imread('../data/colonies02.tif', as_gray = True)
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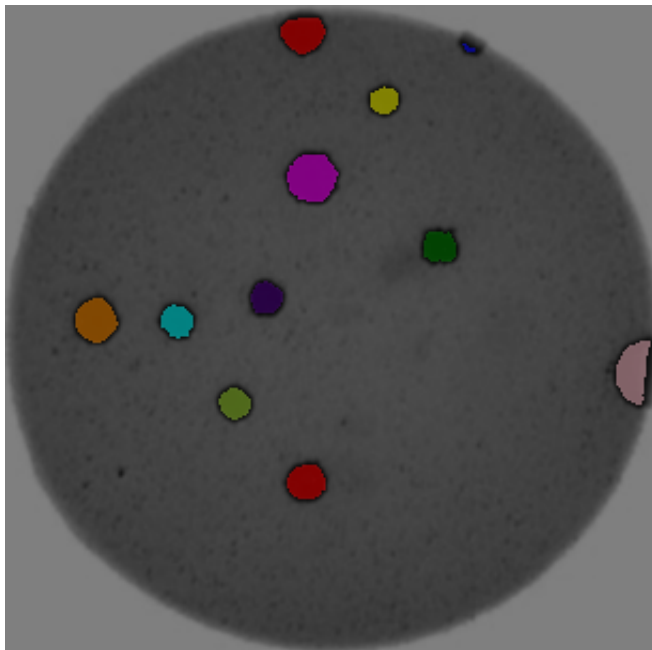
Colony image 1



Colony image 2



Colony image 3



colonies01 result

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col3 = skimage.io.imread('../data/colonies03.tif', as_gray = True)

# organize the data in a dictionary
dishes = {'Dish 1' : col1, 'Dish 2' : col2, 'Dish 3' : col3}

In [ ]: # blurr the images
sigma = .7
blurred_dishes = {}
for name, image in dishes.items():
    blurred = skimage.filters.gaussian(image, sigma)
    blurred_dishes[name] = blurred

In [ ]: # we need histograms again
def plot_histogram(image):

    histogram, bin_edges = np.histogram(image, bins = 256, range = (0,1))

    plt.figure()
    plt.plot(bin_edges[:-1], histogram, color = 'k')

    plt.xlabel('Pixel value')
    plt.ylabel('Counts')
    plt.title('Grayscale Histogram')

In [ ]: for name, image in blurred_dishes.items():
    plot_histogram(image)
    plt.title(name)

In [ ]: # create the masks
# as in episode 07, the colonies are
# at the far left end of the histogram

dish_masks = {}
thresh = 0.1
for name, image in blurred_dishes.items():
    mask = image < thresh
    dish_masks[name] = mask

    # generate plots for visual inspection
    plt.figure(figsize = (10,10))
    plt.imshow(mask, cmap = 'gray')
    plt.title(name)

In [ ]: # run a CCA on the mask
from skimage.morphology import label
label_arrays = {}
for name, mask in dish_masks.items():

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label_arr = label(mask)
label_arrays[name] = label_arr

# generate plots for visual inspection
plt.figure(figsize = (10,10))
plt.imshow(label_arr, cmap = 'cividis')
plt.title(name)

In [ ]: # count the number of unique labels
# -> get the number of colonies
for name, label_arr in label_arrays.items():

    Ncolonies = len(np.unique(label_arr)) - 1
    print(f'{name} has {Ncolonies} colonies')

In [ ]: # create the overlays
from skimage.color import label2rgb

for name in label_arrays.keys():
    image = blurred_dishes[name]
    label = label_arrays[name]

    # skimage.color.label2rgb takes bg_label = -1 as default, however
    # skimage.morphology.label (CCA) returns bg_label = 0!
    overlay = label2rgb(label, image, alpha = 0.5, bg_label = 0)

    plt.figure(figsize = (10,10))
    plt.imshow(overlay)
    plt.title(name)

In [ ]: # BONUS task solution
# Dish 1 yields no meaningful statistics..

# collection of sizes per dish
col_sizes = {}

for name, label_arr in label_arrays.items():

    # the sizes per colony
    sizes = []
    labels = np.unique(label_arr)

    # exclude first value -> background label
    for label in labels[1:]:
        size = np.sum(label_arr == label)
        sizes.append(size)

    col_sizes[name] = sizes

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plt.figure(figsize = (8,4))
h = plt.hist(col_sizes.values(), density=True,
             label=col_sizes.keys(),
             range = (0,80), bins = 12,
             color = ['orchid', 'olive', 'orange'])
plt.legend()
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