SIFT texture description for understanding breast

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Abstract

Texture is a powerful cue for describing structures that show a high degree of similarity in their image intensity patterns. This paper describes the use of Self-Invariant Feature Transform (SIFT), both as low-level and high-level descriptors, applied to differentiate the tissues present in breast US images. For the low-level texture descriptors case, SIFT descriptors are extracted from a regular grid. The high-level texture descriptor is build as a Bag-of-Features (BoF) of SIFT descriptors. Experimental results are provided showing the validity of the proposed approach for describing the tissues in breast US images.

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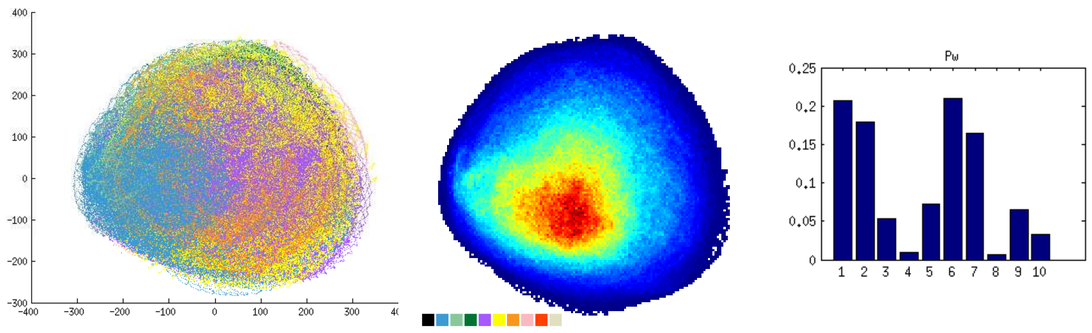

Fig. 1: SIFT space. (a) Projected space colored according to GT tissue labeling. (b) $P(\bar{x}_a)$. (c) $P(\omega)$.

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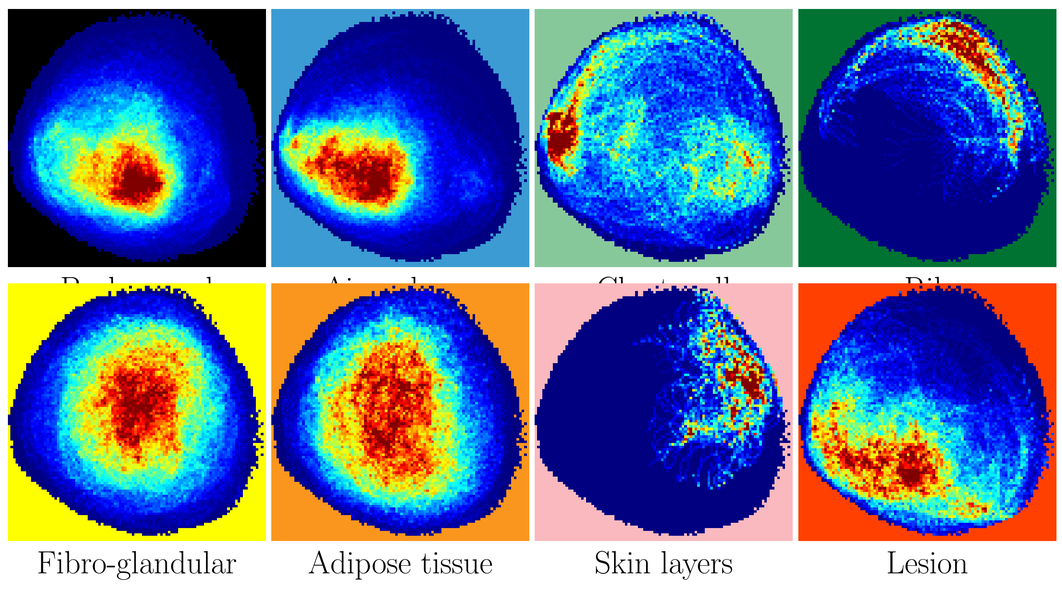

Fig. 2: Distribution of the SIFT descriptors for some classes in the Ground Truth (GT).

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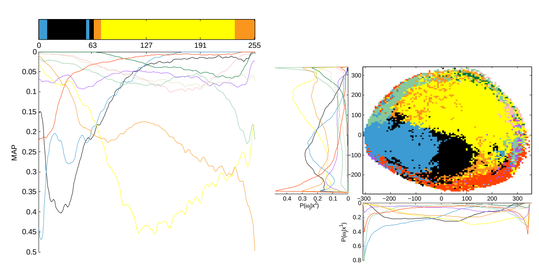

Fig. 3: Qualitative evaluation of the Maximum A Posteriori (MAP) labeling of the feature space.

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Fig. 4: SIFT-BoF descriptors qualitative analysis. (Left) image example. (Right) Dictionary representation colored using the location of the keypoint location in fig. **??**a space. (1-8) Occurrence of the dictionary's key-points associated to each region highlighted in the original image.

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