

For each edge pt (x_i, y_i) in the edge map, increment the bins at $(x_i + R_{x_j}, y_i + R_{y_j})$ in the Hough array, for each (R_{x_j}, R_{y_j}) in the R-table.

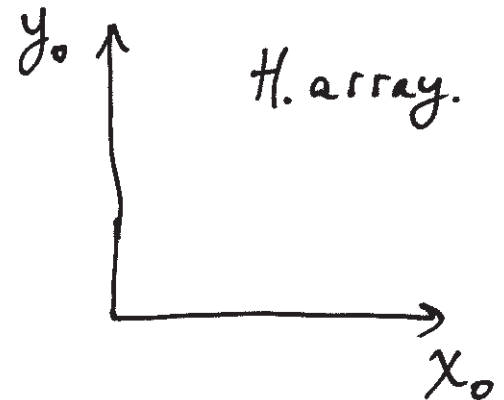
I.e.,

For each (x_i, y_i) :

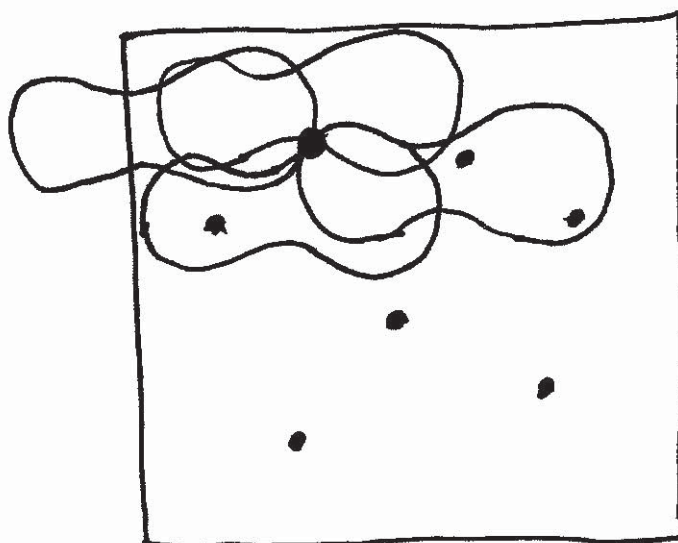
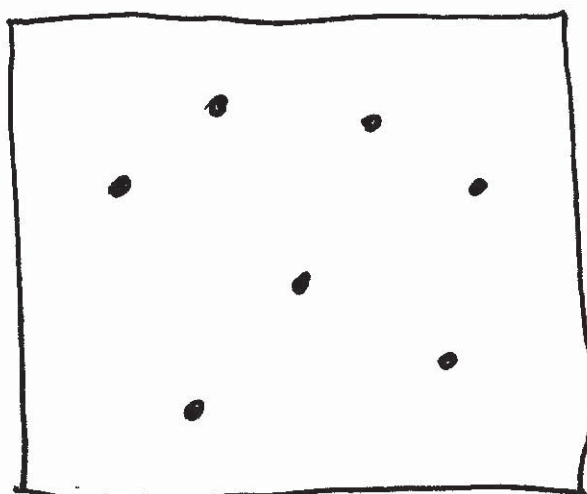
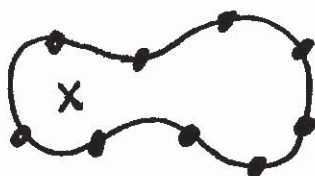
$$x_o = x_i + R_{x_j}$$

$$y_o = y_i + R_{y_j}$$

$$H(x_o, y_o)++$$



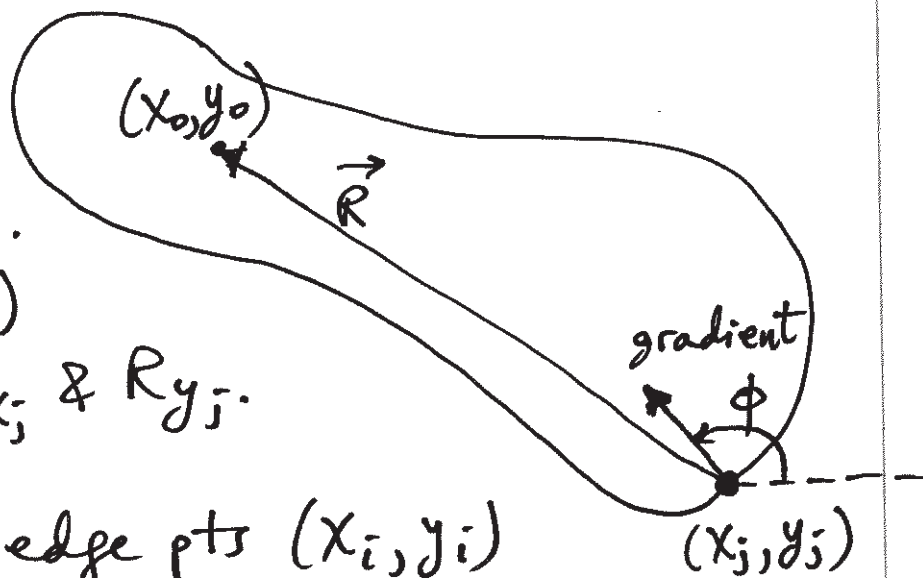
Afterward, we threshold the H. array and do NMS to find the ref. pts. for the strongest detected shapes.



Ballard's Alg (1981):

Assume we know edge orient. or grad. dir. from the edge detector.

When we build the R-table, list the grad. dir. $\phi(x_j, y_j)$ along with R_{x_j} & R_{y_j} .



Then scan all edge pts (x_i, y_i) as before, calculating the corresponding (x_0, y_0) each time.

But we will only incr. those entries in the R-table that correspond to cases where $\phi(x_j, y_j)$ matches the estimated grad. dir θ_i at edge pt (x_i, y_i) .

Note: Can extend to arbitrary scale & orient.
See Sonka.

Image Segmentation Example 1

(from <https://www.mathworks.com/help/images/ref/graythresh.html>)



Image Segmentation Example 2

(from <https://arxiv.org/pdf/1704.08331.pdf>;

https://www.researchgate.net/publication/316538613_Joint_Semantic_and_Motion_Segmentation_for_dynamic_scenes_using_Deep_Convolutional_Networks/figures?lo=1)



Image Segmentation

Img. segm. is the dual of edge det.

Goal: To partition the (grayscale) image into homogeneous regions.

Def: $\{A_k; k=1, \dots, N\}$ is a partition of A if

$$A_i \cap A_j = \emptyset \text{ for } i \neq j$$

and

$$\bigcup_{k=1}^N A_k = A$$

all pixels in img

all pixels in region k

Segmentation into Homog. Regions:

Let H be some homogeneity measure (e.g., intensity similarity, color similarity, texture similarity).

Then a segm. of img A is a partition $\{A_k\}$ satisfying:

$$(1) \mathcal{H}[A_k] = \text{True} \quad \forall k$$

$$(2) A_i \text{ adj. } A_j \Rightarrow \mathcal{H}[A_i \cup A_j] = \text{False} \\ \text{for } i \neq j$$

(3) A_k is connected (optional)

Also, it would be nice if

(1) regions don't have too many small holes

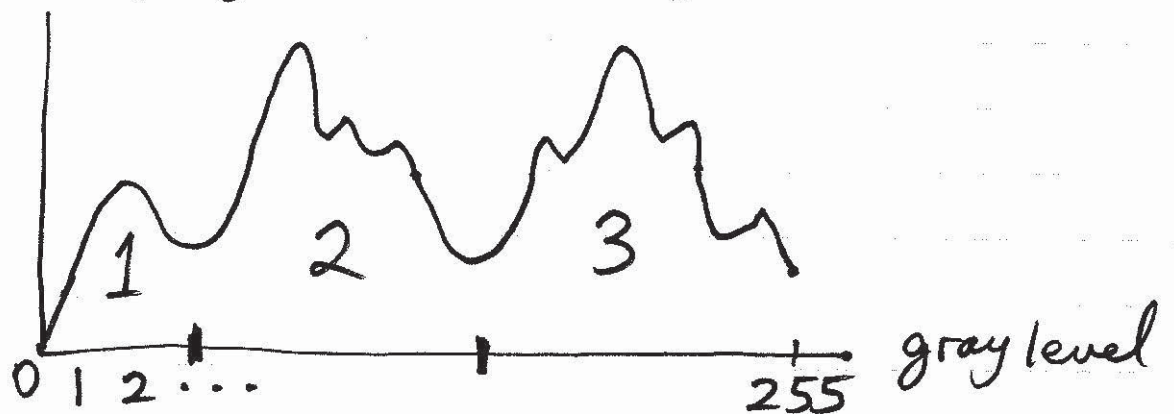
(2) region boundaries are not too ragged

(3) the region boundaries are consistent with actual (physical) boundaries between material surfaces.

Thresholding (See Sonka 6.1)

Assume a grayscale img.

Assume gray level similarity is the \mathcal{H} . test.



Problems:

(1) Number of clusters in histogram is not clear (2 or 3 or 8?).

(2) Optimal thresh locations not clear.

(3) Pixels with similar gray level may not be connected in spatial domain.

(disconnected regions)

Sonka's Alg. 6.2

"Iterative threshold selection"

Assume 2 regions: f_g & b_g .

Assume f_g is near the center of the img & is surrounded by b_g .

Step 1: Initialize the b_g region to be the 4 corners of the img (or something similar). Let the f_g region be the remainder.

Step 2: Compute

μ_{bg}^k = mean bg gray level

μ_{fg}^k = mean fg gray level

k = iteration number

$$\mu_{bg}^k = \frac{\sum_{(m,n) \in Bg} f(m,n)}{\# \text{ bg pixels}}$$

$$\mu_{fg}^k = \frac{\sum_{(m,n) \in Fg} f(m,n)}{\# \text{ fg pixels}}$$

Step 3: Compute the next threshold.

$$T^{k+1} = \frac{\mu_{bg}^k + \mu_{fg}^k}{2}$$

Step 4: If $T^{k+1} = T^k$ then stop,
else return to Step 2 with the
newly thresholded bg & fg regions.

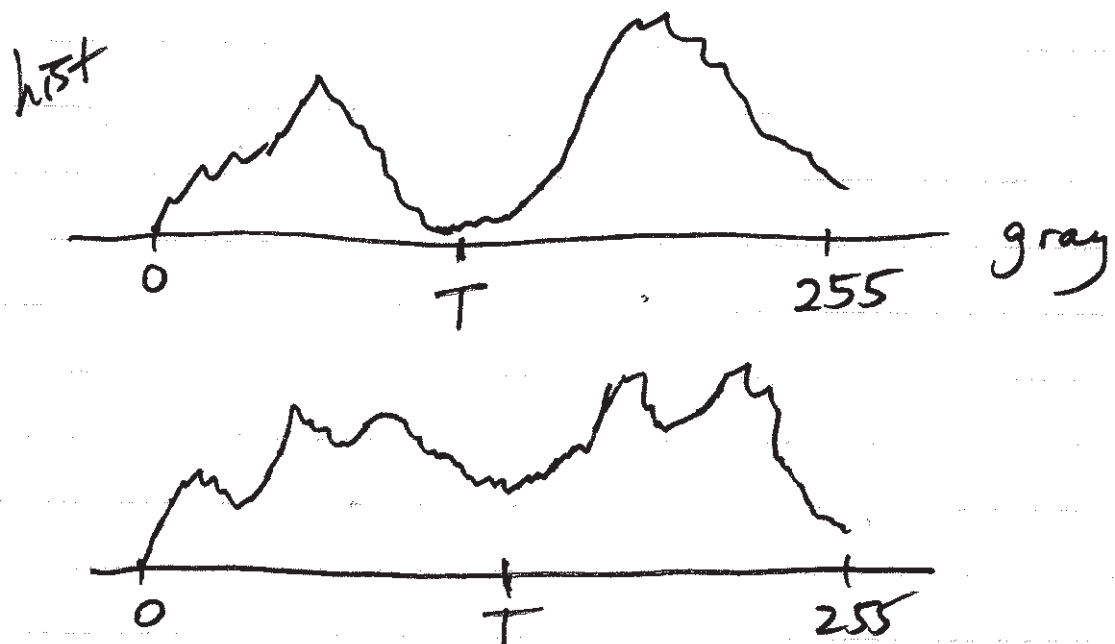
Kittler & Illingworth's Optimal Thresholding Alg.

J. Kittler & J. Illingworth, "Minimum Error Thresholding," Pattern Recognition, v. 19, no. 1, 1986, pp. 41-47.

C.A. Glasbey, "An Analysis of Histogram-Based Thresholding Algs,"
CVGIP: Graphical Models & Img. Proc.,
v. 55, no. 6, Nov 93, pp 532-37.
[compared 11 algs & found Kittler
was best.]

Assume a bimodal histogram.

Find optimal threshold to partition the
hist. into 2 clusters.



Model the hist. as the sum of 2 Gaussians:

$$f(i) = \frac{g_1}{\sigma_1 \sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{(i-\mu_1)^2}{2\sigma_1^2}} + \frac{g_2}{\sigma_2 \sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{(i-\mu_2)^2}{2\sigma_2^2}}$$

Here, g_1 & g_2 give us the relative mixture of f_g & g_g .

Let the observed "probability distr." be

$$P(i) = \frac{h(i)}{\text{total \# pixels}} \Rightarrow \sum P(i) = 1$$

where $h(i) = \text{histogram}$.

Let t = candidate threshold.

This defines a left side & right side of the observed hist. Do curve fitting.

$$g_1(t) = \sum_{i=0}^t P(i)$$

$$g_2(t) = \sum_{i=t+1}^{255} P(i) = 1 - g_1(t)$$

$$\mu_1(t) = \sum_{i=0}^t i P(i) / g_1(t)$$

$$\mu_2(t) = \sum_{i=t+1}^{255} i P(i) / g_2(t)$$

$$\sigma_1^2(t) = \sum_{i=0}^t [i - \mu_1(t)]^2 P(i) / g_1(t)$$

$$\sigma_2^2(t) = \sum_{i=t+1}^{255} [i - \mu_2(t)]^2 P(i) / g_2(t)$$

Minimize the Kullback information distance (min. Bayesian classif. error):

$$J = \sum_{i=0}^{255} P(i) \log \frac{P(i) \leftarrow \text{actual}}{f(i) \leftarrow \text{model}}$$

Note: $J \geq 0$ for all prob. distr. fcts.
and $J = 0$ iff $P = f$.

Find t such that J is min.

$$J = \sum_{i=0}^{255} P(i) \log P(i) \quad \leftarrow \text{does not vary with } t$$
$$- \sum_{i=0}^{255} P(i) \log f(i) \quad \leftarrow \text{varies as } t \text{ varies}$$

So, find t that minimizes

$$H(t) = - \sum_{i=0}^{255} P(i) \log f(i)$$