

Content-Based Image Retrieval at the End of the Early Years



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Introduction



- The paper presents a broad review about content-based image retrieval steps
 - Image processing, user interaction, system architecture...
- A need for visual information management systems for scientific , industrial etc applications.
 - Google Image, IBM's QBIC ...

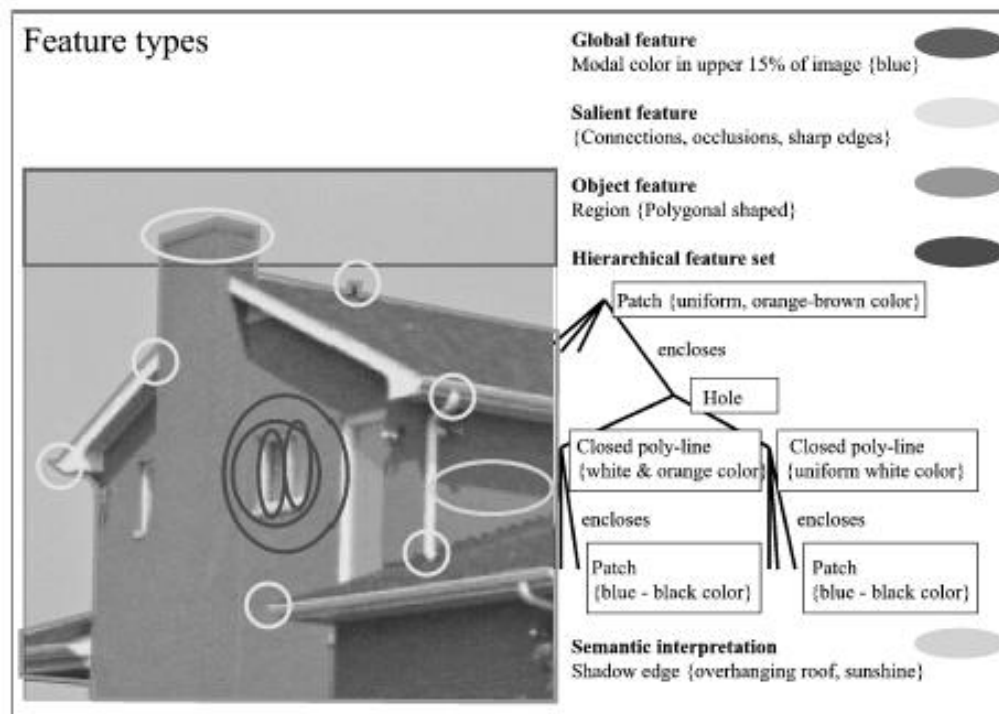
Scope



- The user aims in content-based image retrieval systems
 - Search by association
 - ✦ Users have no specific aim other than finding interesting things
 - ✦ There is broad class of methods and systems aimed at browsing through a large set of images from unspecified sources
 - Searching at a specific image
 - ✦ Searching for a precise copy of query image (e.g. art catalogues)
 - Category search
 - ✦ Retrieving an arbitrary image representative of a specific class.

Description of Content

- Analyzing the content of images
- Low-level image processing techniques such as color, local shape and texture processing.
- For extracting representative feature vectors of images



Similarity measures






























- Retrieving is based on similarity between feature vectors (query and image collection)
- Several similarity measures exist
 - Euclidean distance
 - Jaccard coefficient
 - Dice coefficient
 - Cosine similarity
- Each similarity measure is effective on different data domains

Interaction



- User interface of content-based image retrieval systems

	Example query	Example query result
exact	Spatial predicate 	  
	Image predicate <i>Amount of "sky" > 20% and amount of "sand" > 30%</i>	  
	Group predicate <i>Location = "Africa"</i>	  
approximate	Spatial example 	   
	Image example 	   
	Group example <i>pos</i>  <i>neg</i>  	   

System



- Must utilize advance storage and indexing methods for efficient and effective retrieval performance
- Evaluation methods
- Precision

$$p = \frac{|A(q) \cap R(q)|}{|A(q)|},$$

- Recall

$$r = \frac{|A(q) \cap R(q)|}{|R(q)|}$$

Conclusion



- Content-Based Image Retrieval systems has gained severe interest among research scientists since multimedia files such as images and videos has dramatically entered our lives throughout the last decade
- Textual analysis is not sufficient for effective retrieval systems
- Comprehensive analysis (image processing etc) is needed for higher precision