Technical Report on Salient Object Detection and Segmentation

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# Introduction

## Salient Object Detection

Salient object detection is a technique to detect and highlight salient objects, as well as to suppress the background of an image by computing the saliency map. Much progress has been made in this topic recently due to its practical application in computer vision and image processing.

With the rapid development of neural networks and deep learning, the supervised learning-based methods have gained great popularity and performance. While the unsupervised methods still provide much value and advantage in terms of computational efficiency.

A prevailing algorithm in unsupervised salient object detection is based on the assumption that the background regions are typically connected to the borders of an image, so the salient objects could be determined by constructing a distance map indicating the distance between a pixel and a set of background seed pixels, which are typically set as some pixels along the image boundaries. The *Minimum Barrier Distance*(MBD) method is one of the robust methods for measuring a pixel’s distance to image boundaries, which constructs a distance map by computing the path cost function defined as

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where is a path on image in which consecutive pixels are adjacent, and is the pixel value of path . The induced distance map has been quite robust to pixel value fluctuations and noises, while it could be computationally costly in practice.

A fast MBD method using raster scan was further put forward to accelerate the iteration process, which works by a raster scan pass and an inverse raster scan pass that compute the cost function defined as

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where denotes the path to pixel x passing through y, are the highest pixel values on and are the lowest pixels values. FastMBD continuously updates the highest and lowest pixel values on all possible paths to a pixel through its 4-adjacent neighbors.

## Image Segmentation and Thresholding Techniques

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