

Graph-based Segmentation

基于图论的图像分割

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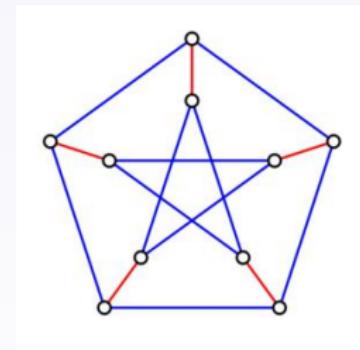
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Graph

Graph:

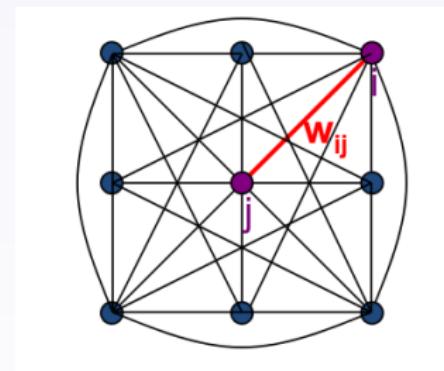
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- link
- weight
- direction



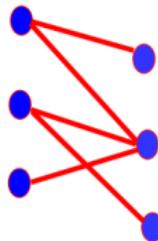
Graph

Image as graph:

- node for every pixel
- link between every pair of pixels
- weight of link for similarity



Graph



$$G = (V, E)$$

V (*Vertex*): Nodes

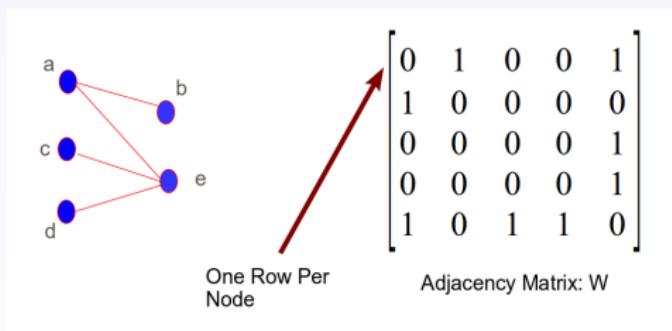
E (*Edge*): Links



$\text{Image} = \{ \text{pixels} \}$

Pixel similarity

Graph

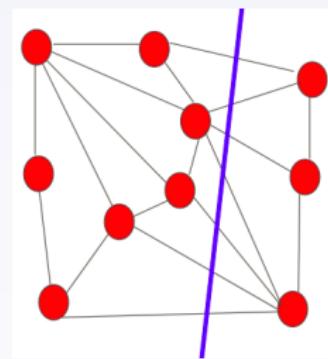


A graph can be represented with a matrix.

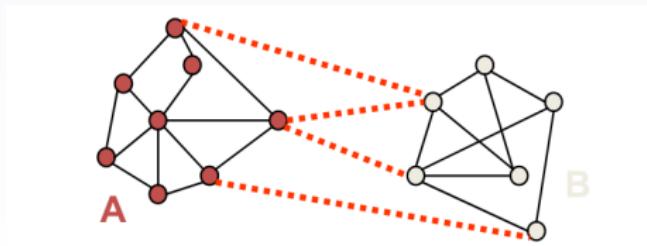
Graph

Cut:

- sub-set of edges E
- set of links whose removal makes a graph disconnected
- cost of partition



$$Cut(A, B) = \sum_{i \in A, j \in B} w(i, j)$$



Graph

Weight:

- relation of pixels, $w(i, j)$
 - similarity
 - closeness

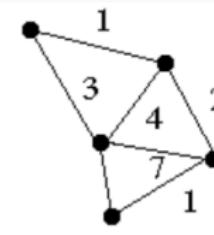
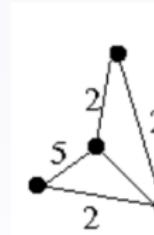
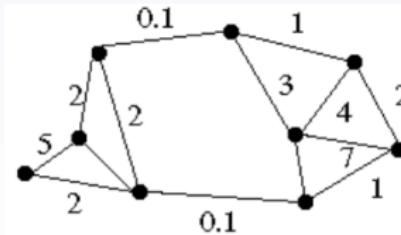
$$w_{ij} = \exp\left(\frac{\|F_i - F_j\|_2^2}{\sigma^2}\right) \times \begin{cases} \exp\left(\frac{\|X_i - X_j\|_2^2}{\sigma^2}\right) & \frac{\|X_i - X_j\|_2^2}{\sigma^2} < R \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- - value of gray scale F_i
 - position X_i
 - distance R

Graph

Min Cut:

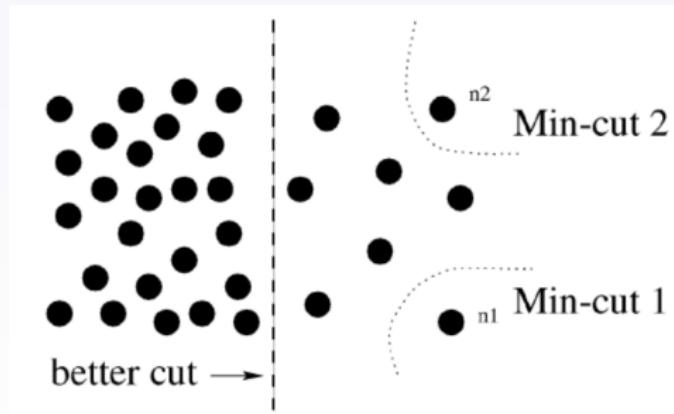
- Minimum cut is the cut of minimum weight, where the value of $Cut(A, B)$ is minimum.



Graph

Min Cut Problem:

- Min Cut will choose a cut with one small cluster.



Normalized Cuts

Normalized Cuts¹:

- cut is minimum
- cluster size is similar

¹“Normalized Cuts and Image Segmentation”, JianBo Shi and Jitendra Malik. PAMI, 2000

Normalized Cuts

NCut:

$$NCut(A, B) = \frac{Cut(A, B)}{assoc(A, V)} + \frac{Cut(A, B)}{assoc(B, V)}$$

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- $Cut(A, B)$: the **cost** of partition as A and B

$$Cut(A, B) = \sum_{i \in A, j \in B} w(i, j)$$

- $assoc(A, V)$: **volume** of set A .

$$assoc(A, V) = \sum_{i \in A} d_i$$

$$d_i = \sum_{j \in V} w(i, j)$$

Normalized Cuts

$$\begin{aligned} NCut(A, B) &= \frac{Cut(A, B)}{assoc(A, V)} + \frac{Cut(A, B)}{assoc(B, V)} \\ &= \frac{\sum_{(x_i>0, x_j<0)} -w_{ij} \cdot x_i \cdot x_j}{\sum_{x_i>0} d_i} + \frac{\sum_{(x_i>0, x_j<0)} -w_{ij} \cdot x_i \cdot x_j}{\sum_{x_j<0} d_i} \end{aligned}$$

$$y = (1 + x) - b(1 - x)$$

$$\min_x NCut(x) = \min_y \frac{y^T(D - W)y}{y^T D y}$$

$$\implies (D - W)y = \lambda D y$$

Normalized Cuts

Recursive normalized cuts:

- Given an image or image sequence, set up a **weighted graph**:
 $G = (V, E)$
 - Vertex for each pixel
 - Edge weight for nearby pairs of pixels
- Solve for **eigenvecotrs** with the smallest eigenvalues: $(D - W)y = \lambda Dy$
 - Use the eigenvector with the second smallest eigenvalue to bipartition the graph
 - The result is an approximation
- Recursively repartition the segmented parts if necessary

Normalized Cuts

Adavantage:

- Generic framework that can be used with different features and affinity formulations
- Provides regular segments

Disadavantage:

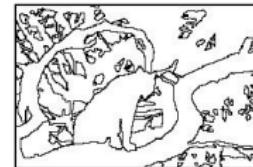
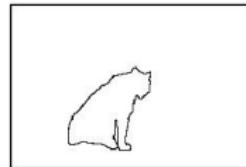
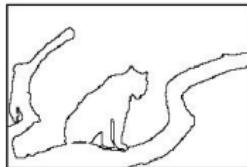
- Need to chose number of segments
- High storage requirement and time complexity
- Bias towards partitioning into equal segments

Normalized Cuts

[Demo]

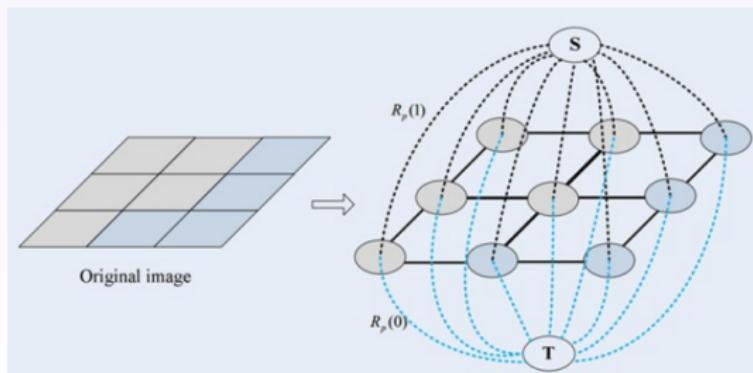


Graph Cut



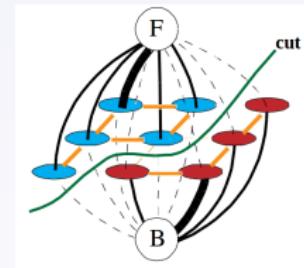
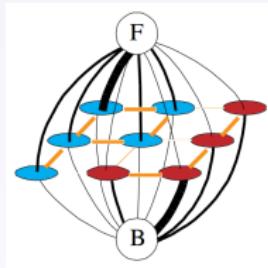
Graph Cuts²

- Two kinds of **vertices**
 - **normal** vertices : nodes
 - **terminal** vertices: S (source point), T (sink point)
- Two kinds of **edges**
 - **n-link**: node to node
 - **t-link**: s-node or t-node to node

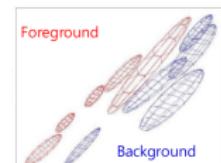
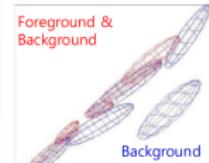


²"Interactive Graph Cuts for Optimal Boundary & Region Segmentation of Objects in N-D Images", Boykov. ICCV, 2001

Graph Cuts



- $S \Rightarrow$ foreground
- $T \Rightarrow$ background
- $S \cup T = V$



Graph Cuts

Label image with 0, 1

- “object” pixel is 1
- “background” pixel is 0

Data element set P representing the image pixels

- $A = (A_1, A_2, \dots, A_p, \dots, A_P), \quad A_p = \{0, 1\}$
 - P the number of pixels
 - A_p the label of pixel p

Graph Cuts

Energy Function:

$$\begin{aligned} E(A) &= \lambda \cdot R(A) + B(A) \\ &= \lambda \cdot \sum_{p \in P} R_p(A_p) + \sum_{p \in P} \sum_{\{p,q\} \in N} B_{\{p,q\}} \cdot \delta(A_p, A_q) \end{aligned}$$

- $R(A)$ defines **penalties** for assigning each pixel to object or background
 - **t-link**
 - $R_p(\text{"obj"})$ is lower, p belongs to object
 - $R_p(\text{"bkg"})$ is lower, p belongs to background
- $B(A)$ sets **penalties** of discontinuities between pixels
 - **n-link**
 - $B(A)$ describes the boundary properties of the segmentation
 - $B_{\{p,q\}}$ is large, p and q are similar
 - $B_{\{p,q\}} \rightarrow 0$, p and q are different

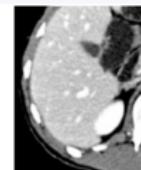
Graph Cuts



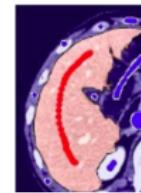
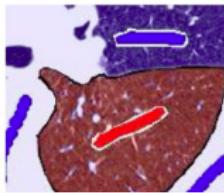
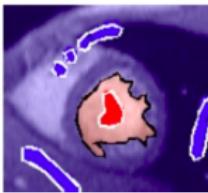
(c) Cardiac MR



(e) Lung CT

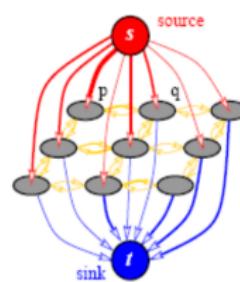


(g) Liver MR



Graph Cuts

Edge	Weight	Condition
n-link $\{p, q\}$	$B_{\{p, q\}}$	$\{p, q\} \in N$
t-link $\{p, s\}$	$\lambda \cdot R_p(\text{"bkg"})$	$p \in P, p \in O \cup B$
	K	$p \in O$
	0	$p \in B$
t-link $\{p, t\}$	$\lambda \cdot R_p(\text{"obj"})$	$p \in P, p \in O \cup B$
	0	$p \in O$
	K	$p \in B$



Graph Cuts

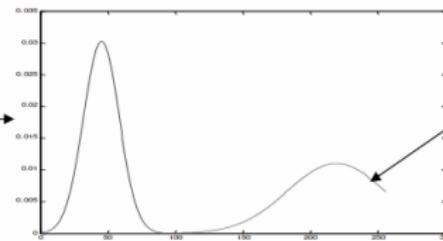
t-links:

$$R(A) = \sum_{p \in P} R_p(A_p)$$

- Estimate **object and background** intensity distribution based on object or background seeds
- $R_p(obj) = -\ln P_r(A_p | obj)$
- $R_p(bkg) = -\ln P_r(A_p | bkg)$
- - if $P_r(A_p | obj) > P_r(A_p | bkg)$
 - $R_p(obj) < R_p(bkg)$
 - the pixel belongs to object
 - else
 - $R_p(obj) > R_p(bkg)$
 - the pixel belongs to background

Graph Cuts

Estimated
Background
Intensity
Distribution
Based on
Background
Seeds



Estimated
Object Intensity
Distribution
Based on
Background
Seeds

Graph Cuts

n-links:

$$B(A) = \sum_{p \in P} \sum_{\{p,q\} \in N} B_{\{p,q\}} \cdot \delta(A_p, A_q)$$

$$B_{p,q} \propto \exp\left(-\frac{(A_p - A_q)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right)$$

$$\delta(A_p, A_q) = \begin{cases} 1 & A_p \neq A_q \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- $B(A)$ sets penalty of **discontinuities** between pixels of similar intensities
- A_p and A_q are the intensities of pixel p and q
 - $|A_p - A_q| < r$, the penalty is large
 - $|A_p - A_q| > r$, the penalty is small

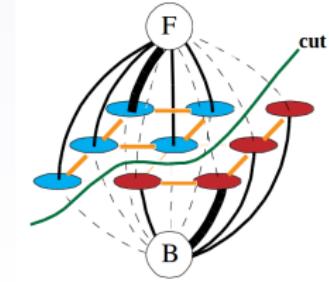
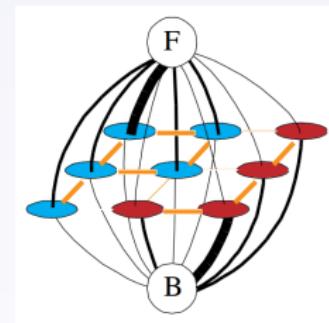
Graph Cuts

Conclusion:

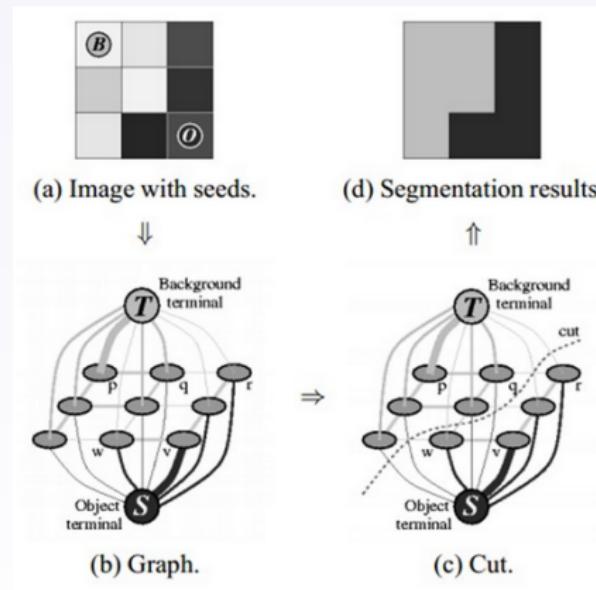
Partition into object and background

- image \rightarrow graph
 - two kinds of nodes
 - two kinds of edges
- n-links : nodes $\rightarrow B(A)$
- t-links : s-node and t-node to nodes $\rightarrow R(A)$
- minimum energy:

$$E(A) = \lambda \cdot R(A) + R(B)$$

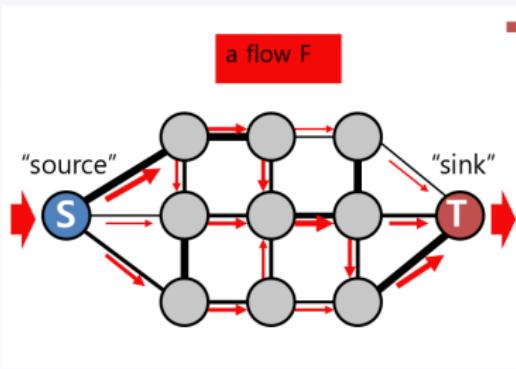


Graph Cuts



Graph Cuts

Max Flow:



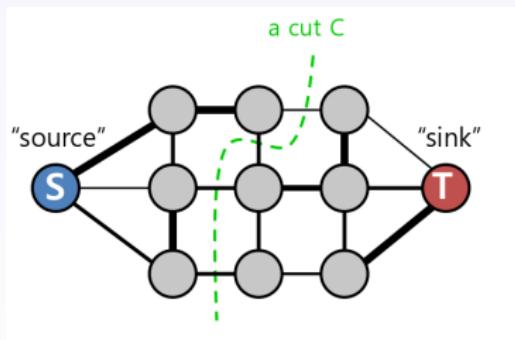
- Each edge is a “pipe”
- Edge **weights** give the pipe’s capacity
- $S=\text{start}$ $T=\text{end}$
- Find the **largest flow** F of “water” that can be sent from “source” to “sink” along the pipes

Graph Cuts

A flow in G satisfies the following three properties: $u, v \in V$

- Capacity Constraint: $f(u, v) \leq c(u, v)$
- Skew Symmetry: $f(u, v) = -f(v, u)$
- Flow Conservation: $\sum f(u, v) = 0$

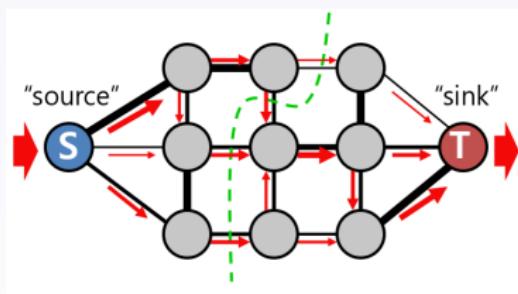
Graph Cuts



Min Cut:

- Find the way to cut the edges so that “source” is separated from “sink”
- Cut edges going from source side to sink side

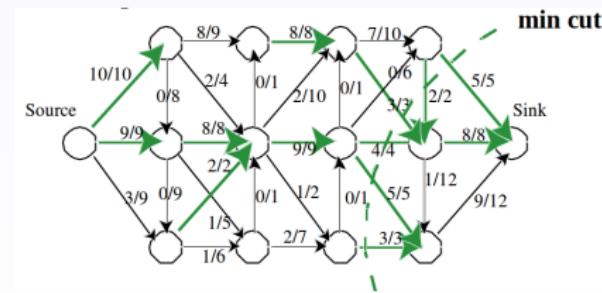
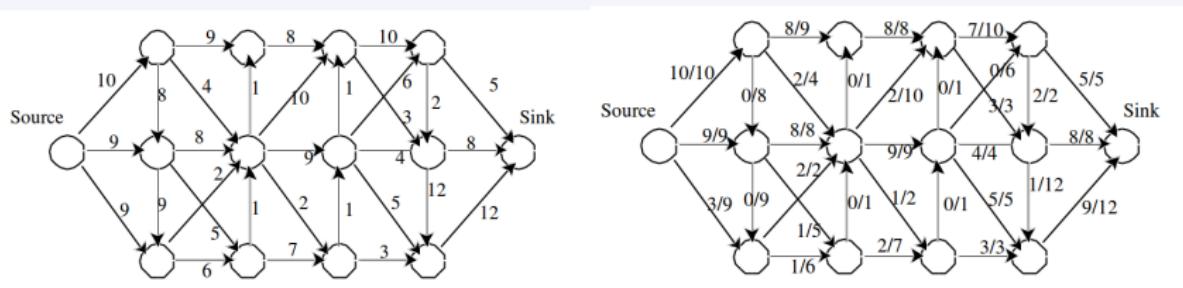
Graph Cuts



Max Flow = Min Cut:

In graph G, the **maximum source-to-sink flow** possible is equal to the capacity of the **minimum cut** in G.

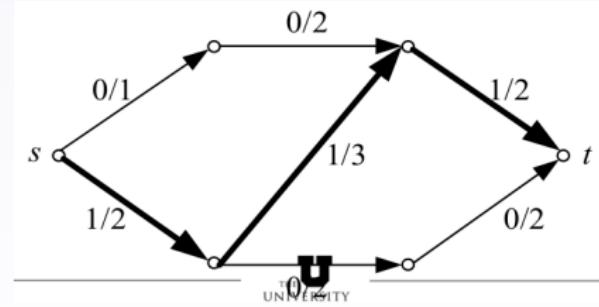
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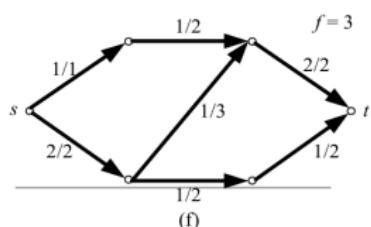
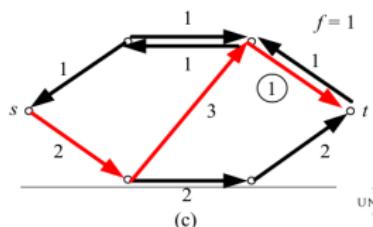
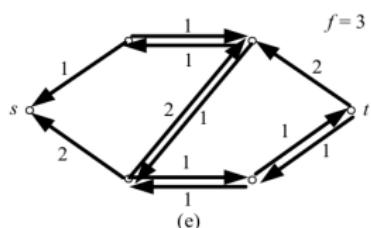
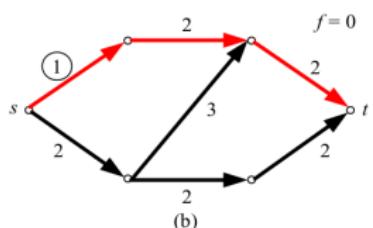
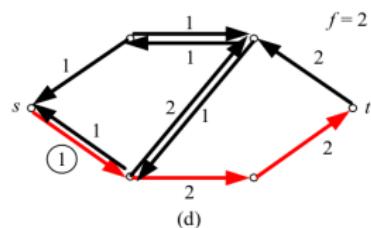
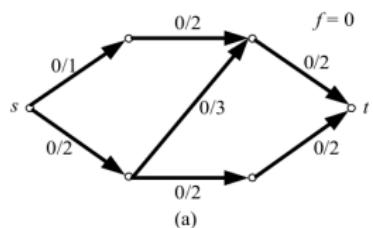
Graph Cuts

Augmenting Path:

- Start from zero flow
- Increase the flow gradually by finding a path from S to T , along which more flow can be sent, until a max-flow is achieved



Graph Cuts



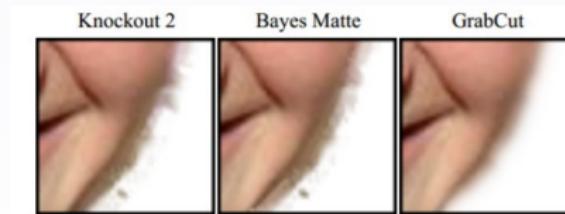
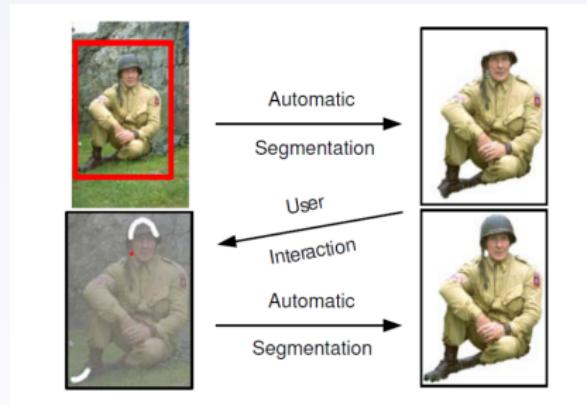
Grab Cut

Grab Cut³:

- Uses GMM to work with color images
- Allows an iterative approach to segmentation
- Draws frame to label possible object
- Adds Border Matting

³"GrabCut Interactive Foreground Extraction using Iterated Graph Cuts", Carsten Rother. Microsoft Research Cambridge, UK, 2004

Grab Cut



Grab Cut



Graph Cut



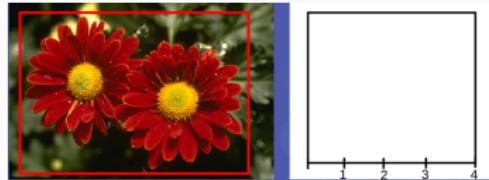
User Initialisation

Learn foreground col
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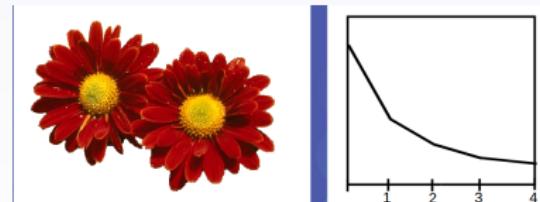
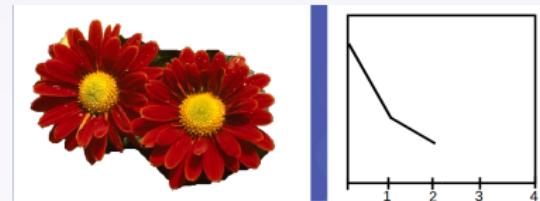
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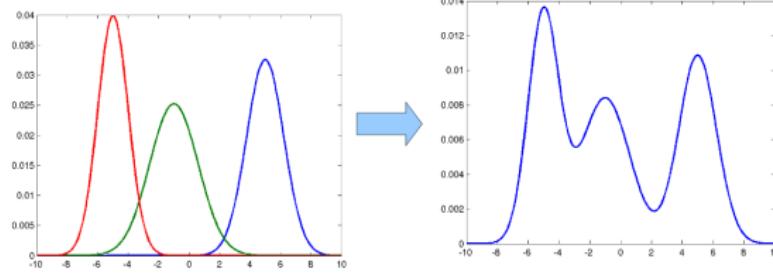
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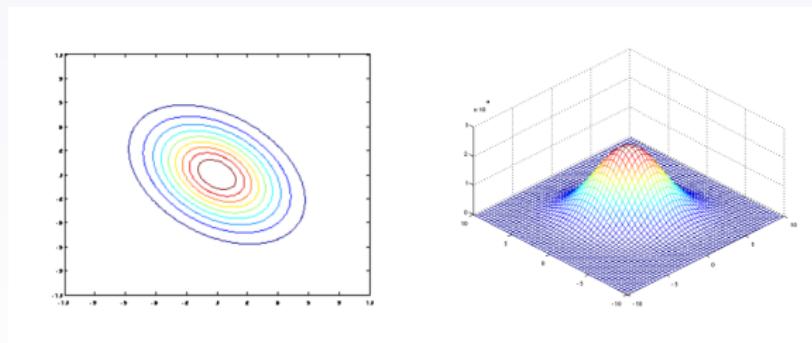
GMM: Gaussian Mixture Model

$$\begin{aligned} p(x) &= \sum_{k=1}^K p(k)p(x|k) \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^K \pi_k N(x | \mu_k, \sigma_k) \end{aligned}$$

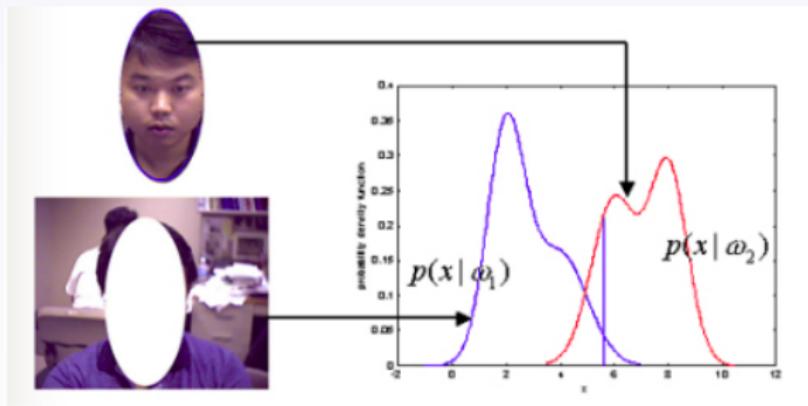


Grab Cut

$$N(x \mid \mu, \Sigma) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{D/2}} \frac{1}{|\Sigma|^{\frac{1}{2}}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}(x - \mu)^T \Sigma^{-1} (x - \mu)\right)$$



Grab Cut



Grab Cut

Gibbs Energy:

$$E(\underline{\alpha}, k, \underline{\theta}, z) = U(\underline{\alpha}, k, \underline{\theta}, z) + V(\underline{\alpha}, z)$$

$$U(\underline{\alpha}, k, \underline{\theta}, z) = \sum_n D(\alpha_n, k_n, \underline{\theta}, z_n)$$

$$\begin{aligned} D(\alpha_n, k_n, \underline{\theta}, z_n) &= -\log \pi(\alpha_n, k_n) + \frac{1}{2} \log \det \Sigma(\alpha_n, k_n) \\ &+ \frac{1}{2} [z_n - \mu(\alpha_n, k_n)]^T \Sigma(\alpha_n, k_n)^{-1} [z_n - \mu(\alpha_n, k_n)] \end{aligned}$$

$$\underline{\theta} = \{\pi(\alpha, k), \mu(\alpha, k), \Sigma(\alpha, k), \quad \alpha = 0, 1 \quad k = 1 \dots K\}$$

$$V(\underline{\alpha}, z) = \gamma \sum_{(n,n) \in C} [\alpha_n \neq \alpha_m] \exp -\beta \| z_m - z_n \|^2$$

Grab Cut

$$U(\underline{\alpha}, k, \underline{\theta}, z) = \sum_n D(\alpha_n, k_n, \underline{\theta}, z_n)$$

- $U(\underline{\alpha}, k, \underline{\theta}, z)$ defines **penalty** for **assigning** pixel to object or background

$$D(x) = \sum_{i=1}^K \pi_i g_i(x | \mu_i, \Sigma_i), \quad \sum_{i=1}^K \pi_i = 1$$

$$g(x | \mu, \Sigma) = \frac{1}{[(2\pi)^d | \Sigma |]^{\frac{1}{2}}} \exp[-\frac{1}{2}(x - \mu)^T \Sigma^{-1} (x - \mu)]$$

- μ, Σ, π_i parameters need to learn to define.

Grab Cut

$$V(\underline{\alpha}, z) = \gamma \sum_{(n,n) \in C} [\alpha_n \neq \alpha_m] \exp -\beta \| z_m - z_n \|^2$$

- $V(\underline{\alpha}, z)$ sets **penalty** of **discontinuities** between pixels of similar intensities
- β is determined by the contrast to modify the value of $\| z_m - z_n \|$

Grab Cut

Initialisation:

- step1 User initialises trimap T . The foreground is set to $T_F=1$, the background is set to $T_B=0$.
- step2 Initialise $\alpha_n = 0$ for $n \in T_B$ and $\alpha_n = 1$ for $n \in T_F$.
- step3 Background and foreground GMMs are initialised from sets $\alpha_n = 0$ and $\alpha_n = 1$ respectively.

Grab Cut

Iterative minimisation:

step1 Assign GMM components to pixels: for each n in T_F :

$$k_n = \arg \min_{k_n} D_n(\alpha_n, k_n, \theta, z_n)$$

step2 Learn GMM parameters from data z :

$$\underline{\theta} = \arg \min_{\underline{\theta}} U(\underline{\alpha}, k, \underline{\theta}, z)$$

step3 Estimate segmentation: use min cut to solve:

$$\min_{\{\alpha_n: n \in T_U\}} = \min_k E(\underline{\alpha}, k, \underline{\theta}, z)$$

step4 Repeat from Step1, until convergence.

step5 Apply border matting.

Grab Cut

[Demo]

User editing:

- *Edit*: fix some pixels either to $\alpha_n = 0$ (background brush) or $\alpha_n = 1$ (foreground brush); update trimap T accordingly. Perform *Step3* above, just once.
- *Refine operation*: [optional] perform entire iterative minimisation algorithm .