Combining local and global Bag-of-Words representations for semantic segmentation.



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# ...and with context? [FulkersonICCV09]

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## Contributions

- Novel segmentation method that jointly uses global and local information.
- Concatenating the description of a superpixel and its context.
- Learn a per class normalization of the classification scores.



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Detector:

- Dense Grid with 50% of overlapping between patches.
- 4 different scales.

Description:

- Shape feature: SIFT. (28.34%)
- Color feature: RGB Histogram. (22.5%)
- Concatenate SIFT + Color histogram. (29.53%)



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One class against its background. Similar to [CsurkaBMCV08].

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- *g<sub>i</sub>* ∈ {0, 1}
- All global nodes are connected to each superpixel node.

$$\mathsf{consistency}(s_i,\mathcal{G}) = eta M_i \prod_{g_j=1\in\mathcal{G}} (1-\delta(s_i,j))$$



Equivalent problem:

- Substitute  $g_i$  with ONE node  $g \in \{\mathcal{L}_{comb}\}$ .
- Each label in {L<sub>comb</sub>} represents a combination of classes in the image.
- Thus, g has a total amount of  $2^N$  possible labels.

Too many labels to be solvable in reasonable time.



Approximate problem:

- Use only the most likely  $\mathcal{L}_{comb}$ :
  - Discard objects with very low global classification rate (≤ 0.05).
  - Possible combinations of objects in the same image.
- Solvable with standard graph-cuts (less than 2 seconds).



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[KahnICCV09]





















## Learning the parameters

- The best configuration maximizes the geometric mean of the performance of all classes.
- We obtain new configurations in a **Gibbs sampler** manner:

$$x_i^{t+1} \sim \mathcal{N}(x_i^t, f(t))$$

- 2-fold cross validation.
- Learning stages:
  - 1
    2
    2
  - 1 Weights of the graphical model. (29.53%)
  - 2 Per class normalization of the local term. (31.25%)
  - 3 Per class normalization of the global term. (35.1%)

## Conclusions

- We propose a novel segmentation method that jointly uses global and local information.
- Using as negative examples only the segments that appear in the same image of positive samples decreases the variability of the data.
- Concatenating both the description of a superpixel and its context is helpful for classification. (+2.5%)
- We empirically prove that a per class normalization of the observed terms is able to efficiently equalize classification scores. (+5.6%)







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