

Combining bottom-up + top-down image segmentation

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Outline

Introduction

Bottom-Up Segmentation

Top-Down Segmentation

Combining BU and TD

Introduction

Recap: Image Classification, Object Detection, Image Segmentation

- ▶ classification:

$$f(I) : \mathbb{R}^N \rightarrow \{0, 1\}^C$$

- ▶ detection:

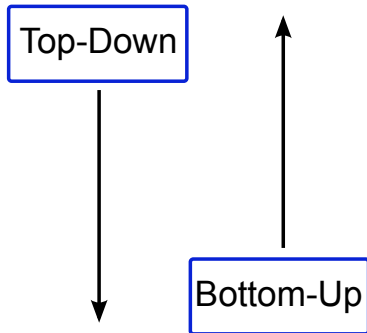
$$f(I) : \mathbb{R}^N \rightarrow \mathbb{N}^n \times \mathbb{R}^{n \times 4}$$

- ▶ segmentation:

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Bottom-Up approach

Rely on continuity or region-based principles, e.g.:

- ▶ homogeneity of color
- ▶ intensity
- ▶ texture
- ▶ smoothness
- ▶ continuity of bounding contours
- ▶ ...
- ▶ combinations of the above



(a) original



(b) super-pixels

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Top-down approach

Exploit class-specific information such as deformable templates, e.g. part-based models:

- ▶ variability of shapes
- ▶ appearance
- ▶ optimally fit contents of image
- ▶ delineate figure boundaries



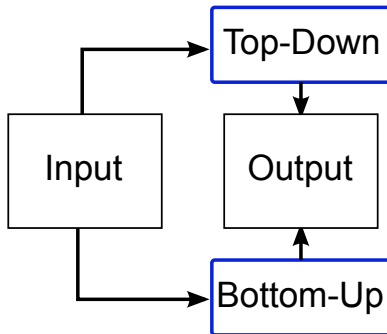
(c) parts



(d) applied to image

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Idea: Can you blend it?



Bottom-Up Segmentation^{1 2}

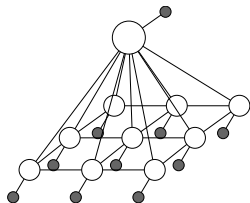
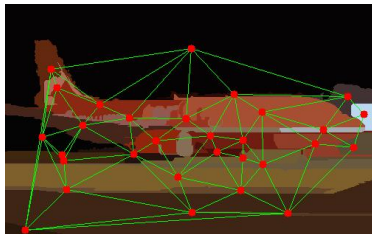


image graph

$$\mathcal{G} = (\mathcal{V}, \mathcal{E})$$

$$\mathcal{V}_L = \{1, 2, \dots, N\}$$

$$\mathcal{V}_G = \{g\}$$

$$\mathcal{V} = \mathcal{V}_L \cup \mathcal{V}_G$$

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random variables (RV)

$$\mathcal{X} = \{X_i\}, i \in \mathcal{V}$$

discrete labels of RV

$$\mathcal{L} = \{l_1, l_2, \dots, l_M\}$$

¹Plath et al. '09, Multi-class image segmentation ...

²Gonfous '10, Harmony Potentials for Joint Classification and Segmentation

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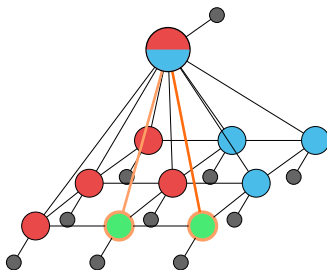
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- ▶ SVM for
 - ▶ $\phi_L(x_i)$
 - ▶ $\phi_G(x_g)$
- ▶ inference:
 - ▶ message passing
 - ▶ graph cut



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- ▶ **CANNOT** detect instances
⇒ top-down segmentation



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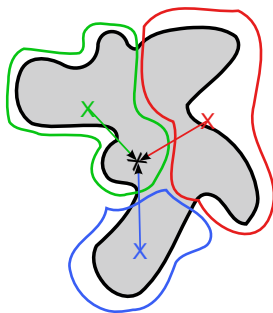
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- ▶ adaptation of sparse TD algorithm to deal with patches⁴
- ▶ construct TD from BU
- ▶ for each patch:
 1. feature vector (color, shape, etc.)
 2. occupied part of groundtruth
 3. offset to center of gravity of groundtruth

⁴Leibe '08, Robust Object Detection with Interleaved Categorization and Segmentation

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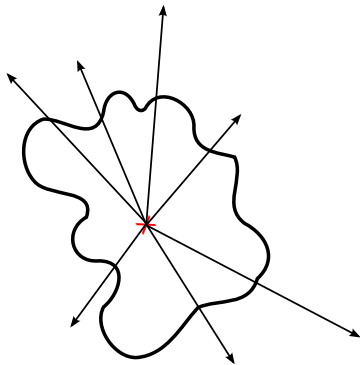
Training



- for each positive training patch, save offset to groundtruth center

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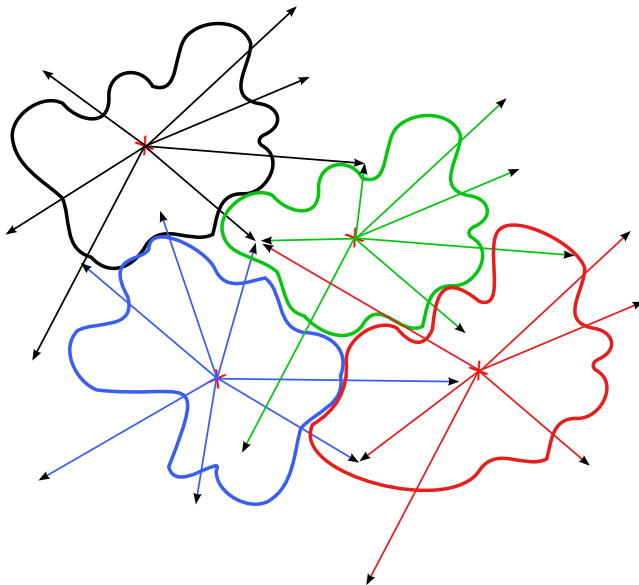
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- ▶ cluster training patch based on their feature vectors (visual codebook)
- ▶ repeat for every object class

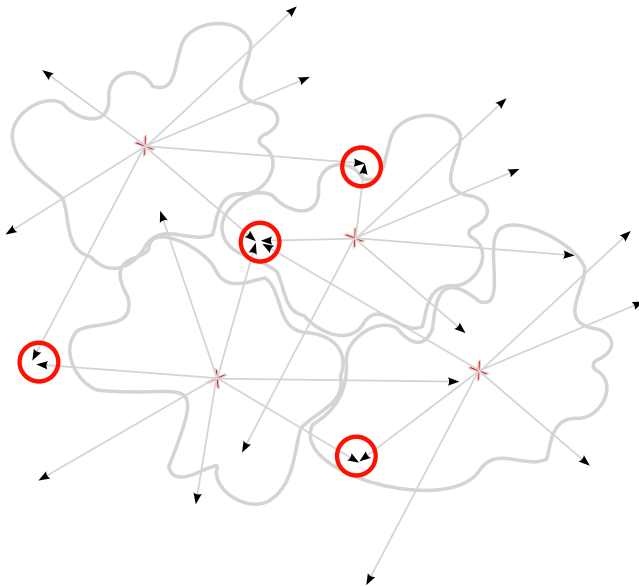
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Object hypotheses – quantization step



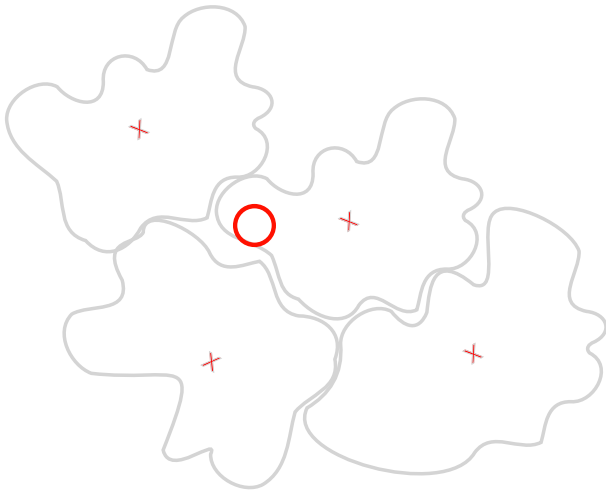
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Object hypotheses – spatial voting



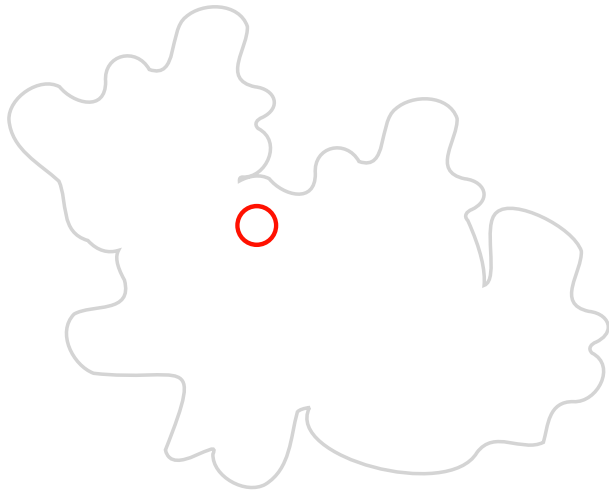
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Object hypotheses – find maximum



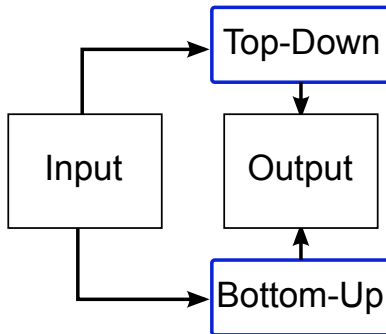
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Object hypotheses – done



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5. *determine agreement of TD and BU (TBD)*

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Questions and/or comments?