

VK Multimedia Information Systems

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Results



- A1:
 - 0,455 Precision
 0,455 Recall

• A2:

- 0,500 Precision

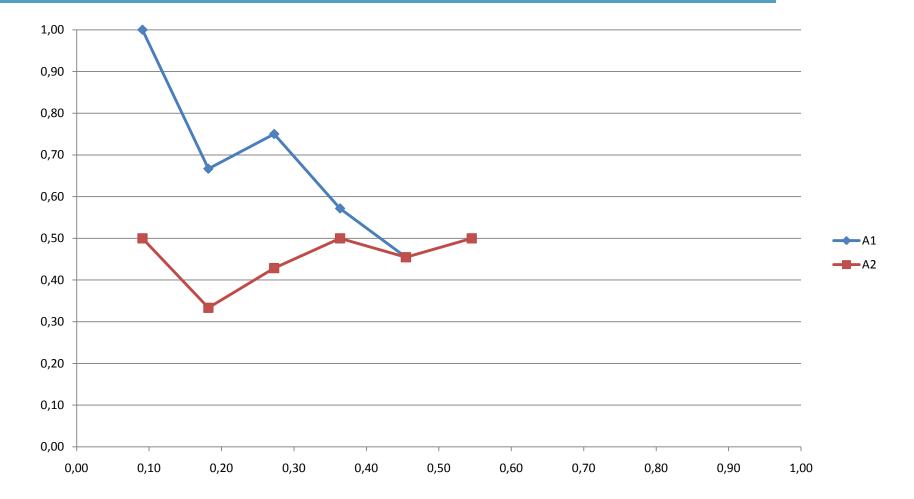
- 0,545 Recall

RC-Lev	PR-A1	PR-A2
0,09	1,00	0,50
0,18	0,67	0,33
0,27	0,75	0,43
0,36	0,57	0,50
0,45	0,45	0,45
0,55		0,50
0,64		
0,73		
0,82		
0,91		
1,00		



Results Ex-04







Content Based Image Retrieval

- Motivation & Semantic Gap
- Perception
- Color Based Features
- Texture Based Features
- Exercise 5





Motivation



Lots of good reasons ...

- Visual information overload
 - Devices (cameras, mobile phones, etc.)
 - Communication (email, mo-blogs, etc.)
- Metadata not available
 - Time consuming
 - No automation



Question: What is so special 'bout Mona Lisa's smile?

Semantic Gap



- Defined as
 - Inability of automatic understanding
 - Gap between high- and low-level features / metadata
- Actually hard task for humans also

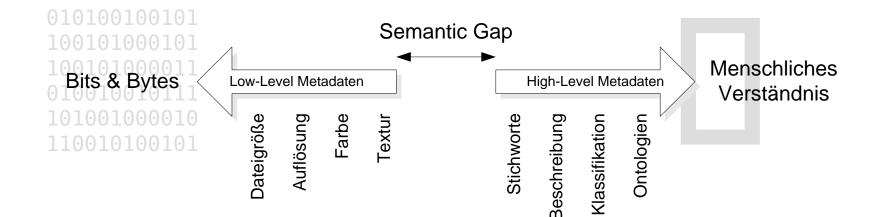




Semantic Gap (1)

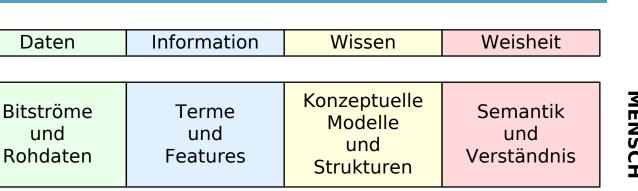


• General Definition: Santini & Jain (1998)





Semantic Gap (2)



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Semantic Gap

Where actually is the Semantic Gap?

- Classification based on Conceps
- Segmentation & Object Recognition

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COMPUTER



Applications

- Home User & Entertainment
 - Find picture of / from / at ….
 - Search & browse personal digital library
- Graphics & Desgin
 - Find picture representing something (Color in CD/CI, feeling, etc.)
- Medical Applications
 - Diagnosis, segmentation & classification
 - X-Ray images, patient monitoring



Applications



Accessibility

- 'Explain' image to visually disabled people
- Industrial application
 - Select / Sort out products (chips, buns)
 - Monitor processes (e.g. sensors unavailable)

Security

- Match fingerprints
- Search face database



Applications

Biology

- Analysing cell samples
- Recognizing animals, insects & plants

Astronomy

- Classifying stars & events
- Weather forecasting
 - Satellite images, clouds
- Cartography
 - Mapping (e.g. aerial photo earth model)



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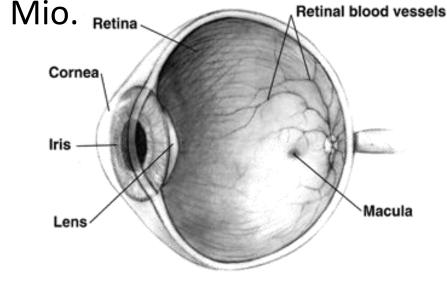




Perception



- The eye as instrument of perception
- Sensory capabilities
 - Cones (bright light): 6-7 Mio.
 - Rods (dim-light): 75-150 Mio. Retina
 - Brain 'corrects' vision
 - e.g. blind spot

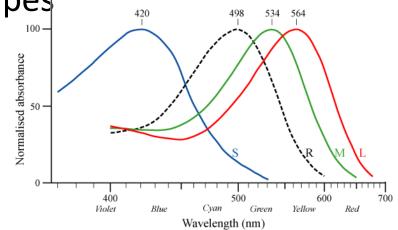




Color & Color Spaces

S-, M- and L-cones: Blue, green and red

- RGB based on these three colors
- CIE models perception better
 - Responsiveness of cone types
 - Number of cones / types
 - etc.

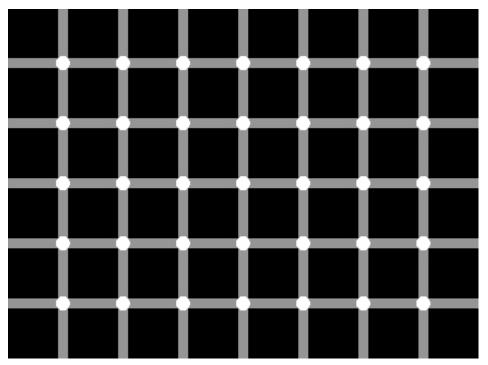








Count the black dots on the image:

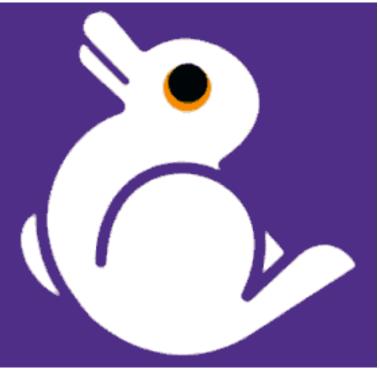




The human eye ...



• Rabbit or duck?





The human eye ...



Anamorphic illusions



See e.g. http://users.skynet.be/J.Beever/pave.htm



Anamorphic Illusions (Julian Beever)





What are (digital) images?

An Image is

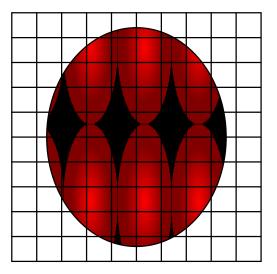
- Created by a set of photons
 - With different frequency
 - Moving from different sources
 - Along different vectors
- A representation of sensor unit activation
 - Activated by the set of photons
- Storing an image
 - Based on the set of photons ???

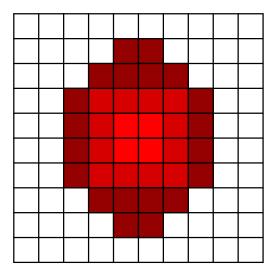




Sampling & Quantization

- Capturing continuous images on sensors
 - Sampling: Continuous to matrix
 - Quantization: Continuous color to value



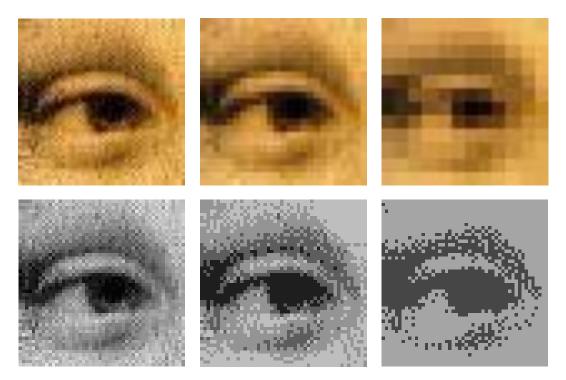




Sampling & Quantization

• Size of a captured image:

– # of samples (width*heigth) * # of colors





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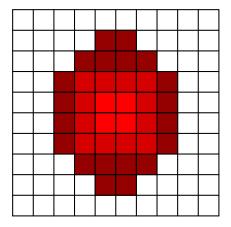
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- Count how often which color is used
- Algorithm:
 - Allocate int array h with dim = # of colors
 - Visit next pixel -> it has color with index i
 - Increment h[i]
 - IF pixels left THEN goto line 2
- Example: 4 colors, 10*10 pixels

- histogram: [4, 12, 20, 64]





Strategies:

- Quantize if too many colors
- Normalize histogram (different image sizes)
- Weight colors according to use case
- Use (part of) color space according to domain
- Distance / Similarity
 - Assumption: All images have the same colors
 - $-L_1$ or L_2 is quite common



Benefits

- Easy to compute, not depending on pixel order
- Matches human perception quite good
- Quantization allows to scale size of histogram
- Invariant rotation & reflection

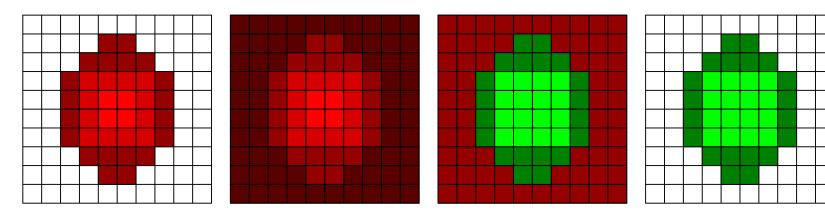
Disadvantages

- Distribution of colors not taken into account
- Colors might not represent semantics
- Find quantization fitting to domain / perception
- Image scaling might be a problem



• Example: 4 images, 7 colors

- 1: [0, 4, 12, 20, 64, 0, 0]
- 2: [66, 4, 12, 20, 0, 0, 0]
- 3: [0, 0, 0, 64, 0, 20, 16]
- 4: [0, 0, 0, 0, 64, 20, 16]



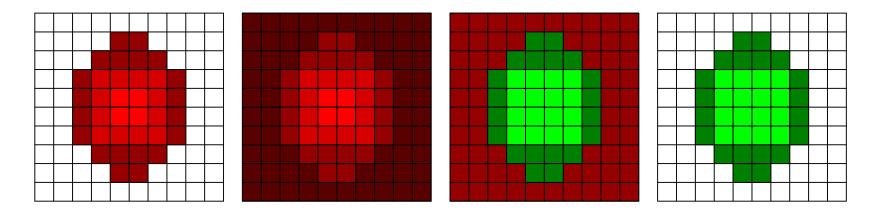


Bilder:

- 1: [0, 4, 12, 20, 64, 0, 0]
- 2: [66, 4, 12, 20, 0, 0, 0]
- 3: [0, 0, 0, 64, 0, 20, 16]
- 4: [0, 0, 0, 0, 64, 20, 16]

Distanzfunktion d: L1

- d(1,2) = 130
- d(1,3) = 160
- d(1,4) = 52





Dominant Color

- Reduce histogram to dominant colors
 - e.g. for 64 colors c0-c63:
 - image 1: c12 -> 23%, c33 -> 6%, c2 -> 2%
 - image 2: c11 -> 43%, c2 -> 12%, c54 -> 10%
- Distance function in 2 aspects:
 - Difference in amount (percentage)
 - Difference between colors (c11 vs. c12)
- Further aspects:
 - Diversity and distribution



Dominant Color

Benefits:

- Small feature vectors
- Easily understandable & intuitive
- Similarity of color pairs (light vs. dark red, etc.)
- Invariant to rotation & reflection

Disadvantages

- Similarity of color pairs no trivial problem
- Dominant colors might not represent semantics



Color Distribution

- Index dominant color in image segment
 - e.g. 8*8 = 64 image segments
 - feature vector has 64 dimensions
 - One for each segment
 - color index is the entry on segment dimension
 - e.g. 16 colors [2, 0, 3, 3, 8, 4, ...]







Color Distribution

- Similarity
 - $-L_1$ or L_2 are commonly used
- Benefits
 - Works fine for many scenarios
 - clouds in the sky, portrait photos, etc.
 - Mostly invariant to scaling
- Disadvantages
 - Colors might not represent semantics
 - Find quantization fitting to domain / perception
 - Rotation & reflection are a problem



- Histogram on
 - how often **specific colors** occur
 - in the **neighbourhood** of each other
- Histogram size is (# of colors)^2
 - For each color an array of neighboring colors



• Extraction algorithm

- Allocate array h[#colors][#colors] all zero
- Visit next pixel p
- For each pixel q in neighborhood of p:
 - increment h[color(p)][color(q)]
- IF pixels left THEN goto line 2
- Algorithm is rather slow
 - Depends on size of neighborhood
 - Typically determined by city block (L1) distance



- Similarity
 - $-L_1$ or L_2 are commonly used
- Benefits
 - Integrates color as well as distribution
 - Works fine for many scenarios
 - Mostly invariant to rotation & reflection
- Disadvantages
 - Find appropriate neighborhood size
 - Find quantization fitting to domain / perception
 - Rather slow indexing / extraction



- Auto Color Correlogram
 - Just indexing how often *color(p)* occurs in neighborhood of pixel *p*
 - Simplifies the histogram to size # of colors



Color Correlogram



- Integrating different pixel features to correlate
 - Gradient Magnitude (intensity of change in the direction of maximum change)
 - **Rank** (intensity variation within a neighborhood of a pixel)
 - Texturedness (number of pixels exceeding a certain level in a neighborhood)



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Texture & Shape Features

- Indexing non color features in image
 - Outlines, edges of regions
 - Overall characteristics like coarseness and regularity









Spatial Filtering

- Methods for *enhancing* the image
- Normally a kernel or filter is used:
 - A matrix which is applied to the image
 - In a linear transformation



Spatial Filtering

128	102	197	69
68	103	144	115
85	57	27	14
183	192	239	150
93	154	138	170
128	102	197	69
68	103	144	115
85	122	27	14
183	192	239	150
93	154	138	170
	68 85 183 93 128 68 85 183	681038557183192931541281026810385122183192	68 103 144 85 57 27 183 192 239 93 154 138 128 102 197 68 103 144 85 122 27 183 122 27 183 192 239

1/9	1/9	1/9
1/9	1/9	1/9
1/9	1/9	1/9



Spatial Filtering

- This is a simple smoothing kernel
- Other operations
 - Sharpen
 - Unsharp Mask
 - Gradient







Edge Detection

- Based on the gradient
 - Denotes the amount of change at specific point
 - Can be estimated with Gradient $\sqrt{f} \approx |G_x| + |G_y|$
- Different kernels based on estimation
 - Test e.g. with Gimp







Edge & Texture Features

- Edge based on gradient map
 - Aims to represent edges in number vector
 - e.g. Edge Histogram (MPEG-7)
 - Problems with rotation & reflection
- Texture features
 - Statistics on the image representing
 - Heavily depends on domain
 - Mostly invariant to rotation & reflection
 - Problems with scaling



Tamura Features

Tamura & Mori (1978)

- Widely used in CBIR
 - E.g. IBM QBIC
- 6 texture features
 - Coarseness, contrast, directionality
 - Line-likeness, regularity, and roughness
- Good overview is provided in:
 - Thomas Deselaers, "Features for Image Retrieval", Thesis, RWTH Aachen, Dec. 2003





Tamura Features

Tamura & Mori (1978)

Coarseness

Pixel diversity in neighborhoods

Contrast

– Using mean and variance of an image

Directionality

- Horizontal and vertical derivatives (like Sobel)



Shapes



Indexing of

- Boundaries and Regions
- Invariant to scaling, rotation and translation
- Features depend on domain, e.g.
 - Length of outline w.r.t. the image
 - Convexity & Concavity
 - Holes & Connectivity



Joint Histograms



- Determine color & texture properties per pixel
 - E.g. color (64 bins) + gradient (4 bins)
- Use a color histogram per texture bin
 E.g. 4 times a color histogram
- Classify pixel based on texture
- Add value to the corresponding color histogram.



Joint Histograms

Strategies

- Find good texture properties
- Minimize overall number of bins

Benefits

- Works better than pure color histograms

Disadvantages

- Typically slower extraction
- Higher number of bins



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- Rank all 7 images according to your subjective quality rating.
- Assume image 1 is the query and all other images are results
 - Rank the 6 result images according to their similarity to the query image
 - Use your own subjective similarity rating.









- You will also find the images on the course homepage
- Send me an Excel / Calc / PDF until next lesson.



Thank you ...



... for your attention

