GrabCut

Interactive Foreground Extraction using Iterated Graph Cuts

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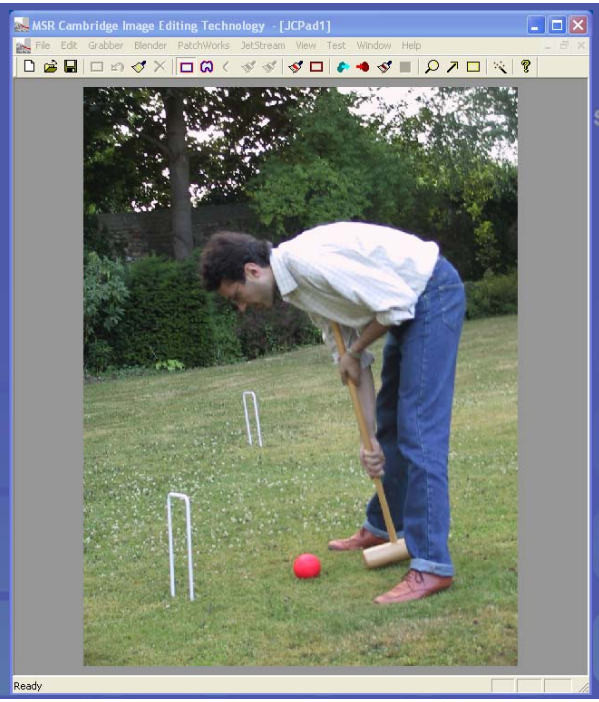
Photomontage

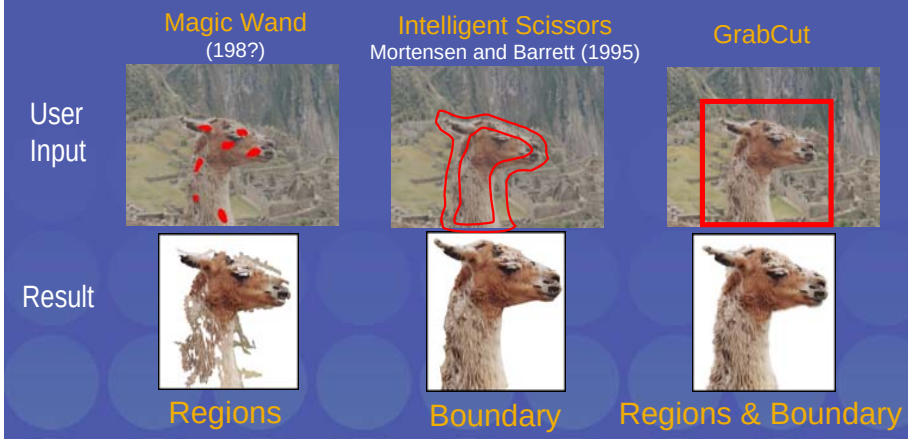


video

Problem

Fast &
Accurate ?

What GrabCut does

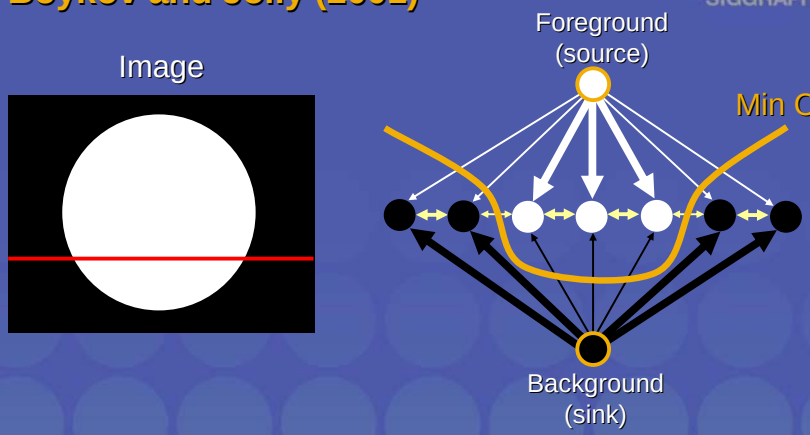


Framework

- **Input:** Image $\mathbf{x} \in \{\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{G}, \mathbf{B}\}^{\mathbf{n}}$
- **Output:** Segmentation $\mathbf{S} \in \{\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{1}\}^{\mathbf{n}}$
- **Parameters:** Colour $\boldsymbol{\Theta}$, Coherence λ
- **Energy:** $E(\boldsymbol{\Theta}, \mathbf{S}, \mathbf{x}, \lambda) = E_{Col} + E_{Coh}$
- **Optimization:** $\arg\min_{\mathbf{S},\boldsymbol{\Theta}} E(\mathbf{S}, \boldsymbol{\Theta}, \mathbf{x}, \lambda)$

Graph Cuts

Boykov and Jolly (2001)



Cut: separating source and sink; Energy: collection of edges

Min Cut: Global minimal enegry in polynomial time

Iterated Graph Cut

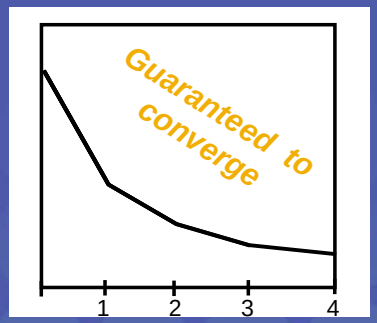
User Initialisation

$\arg\min_{\boldsymbol{\Theta}} E(\mathbf{S}, \boldsymbol{\Theta}, \mathbf{x}, \lambda)$ $\qquad$ $\arg\min_{\mathbf{S}} E(\mathbf{S}, \boldsymbol{\Theta}, \mathbf{x}, \lambda)$

K-means for learning colour distributions

Graph cuts to infer the segmentation

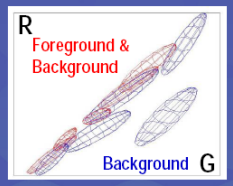
Iterated Graph Cuts



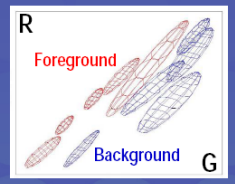
Result

Energy after each Iteration

Colour Model



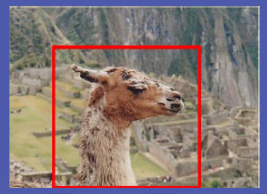
Iterated graph cut



Gaussian Mixture Model (typically 5-8 components)

$$E_{Col}(\Theta, \mathbf{S}, \mathbf{x}) = \sum_{\mathbf{n}} \mathbf{D}(\mathbf{S_n}, \Theta, \mathbf{x_n})$$

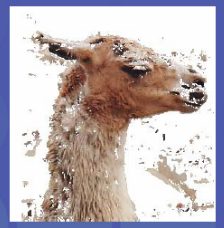
Coherence Model



An object is a coherent set of pixels:

$$E_{coh}(\mathbf{S}, \mathbf{x}, \lambda) =$$

$$\lambda \sum_{i,j \text{ adj.}} (S_i \neq S_j)\ exp\{-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2}||x_i - x_j||^2\}$$



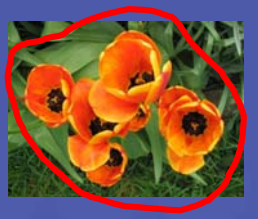
$\lambda = 0$

$\lambda = 50$

$\lambda = 1000$

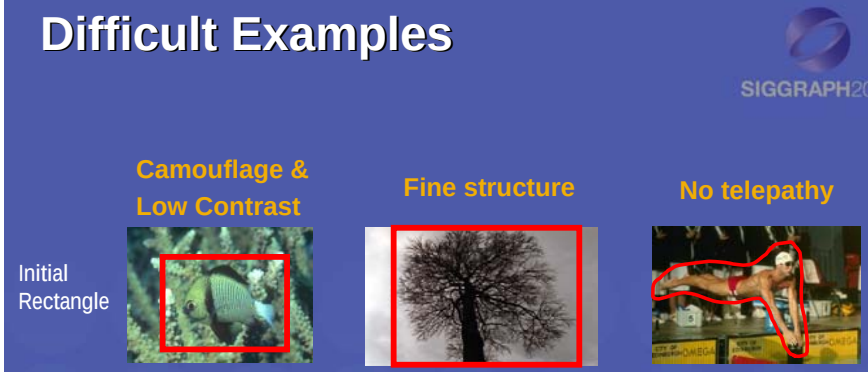
Blake et al. (2004): Learn Θ, λ jointly

Moderately straightforward examples

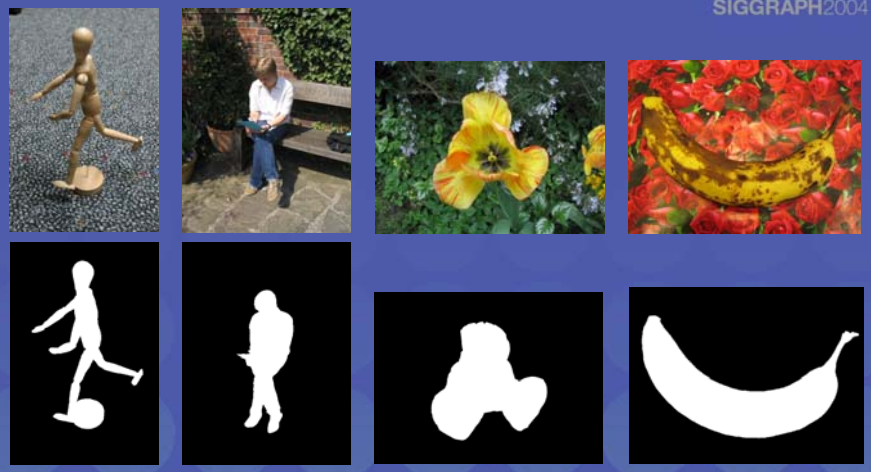


… GrabCut completes automatically

Difficult Examples

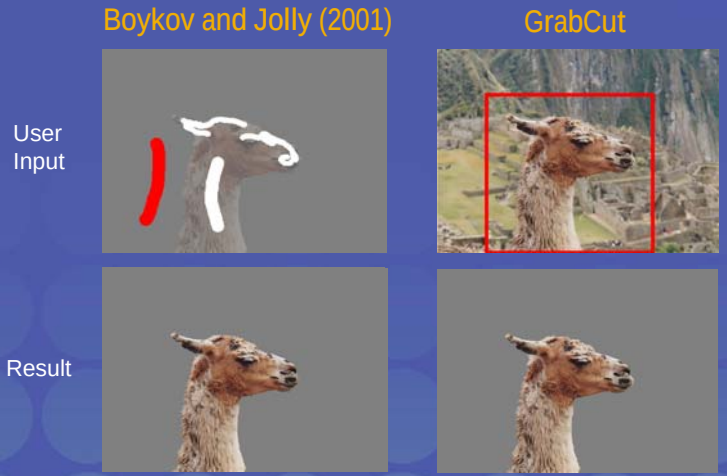


Evaluation – Labelled Database



Available online: http://research.microsoft.com/vision/cambridge/segmentation/

Comparison



Summary