

Machine Learning Approaches to Biological Research: Bioimage Informatics and Beyond

Lecture 3: Models from images

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Pattern unmixing

- Some proteins may be found in more than one organelle
- Clustering sees each combination of organelles as a new pattern
- Can we “unmix” such mixed patterns?

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Unmixing approach

- Assume that each fundamental subcellular pattern can be represented by some combination of distinct object types (10% small round objects and 90% long skinny objects)
- Assume that a mixed pattern is formed by adding together the objects from two or more fundamental patterns *and that no new object types are created*

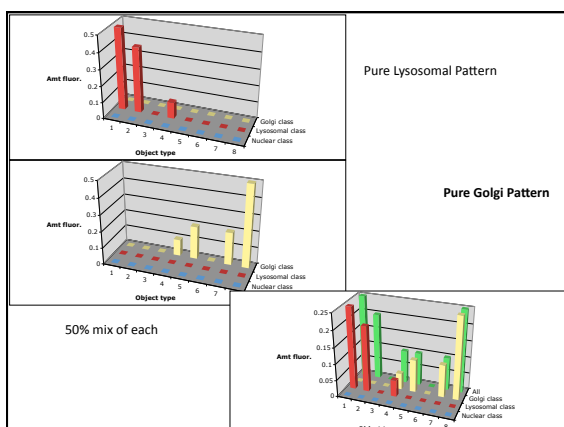
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Zhao et al 2005

Learning object types

- Find all objects in all images of fundamental types
- Describe each object by features such as size, ellipticity, distance from nucleus
- Cluster objects to find types
- Represent each fundamental pattern as probabilities of observing each object type

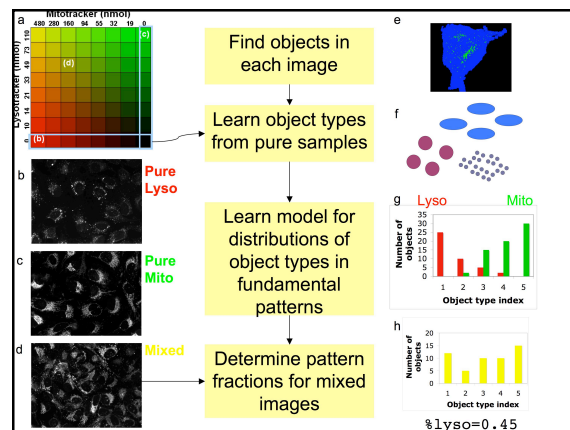
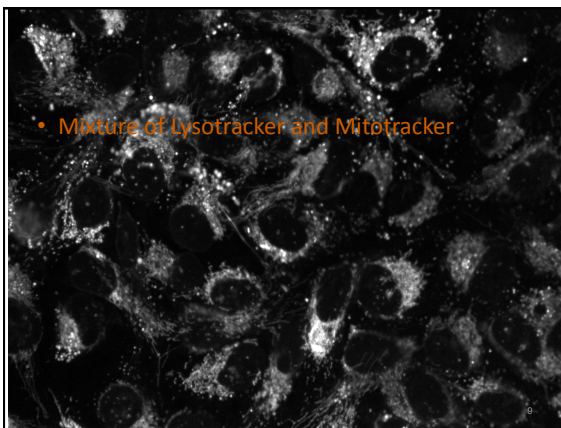
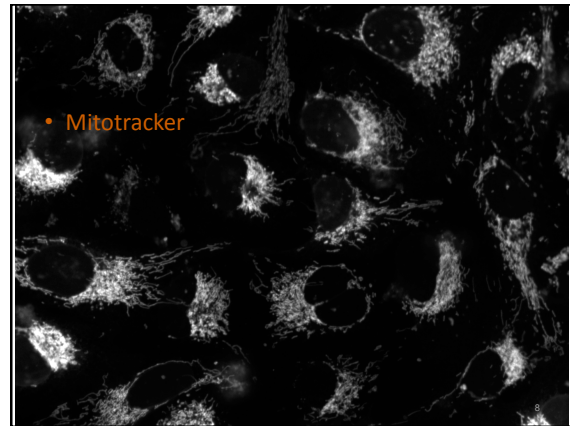
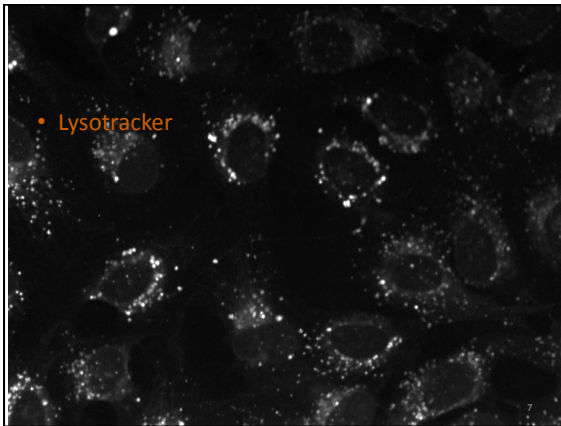
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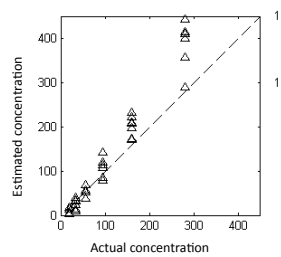
Test samples

- How do we test a subcellular pattern unmixing algorithm?
- Need images of known mixtures of pure patterns – difficult to obtain “naturally”
- Created test set by mixing different proportions of two probes that localize to different cell parts (lysosomes and mitochondria)

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Pattern unmixing results

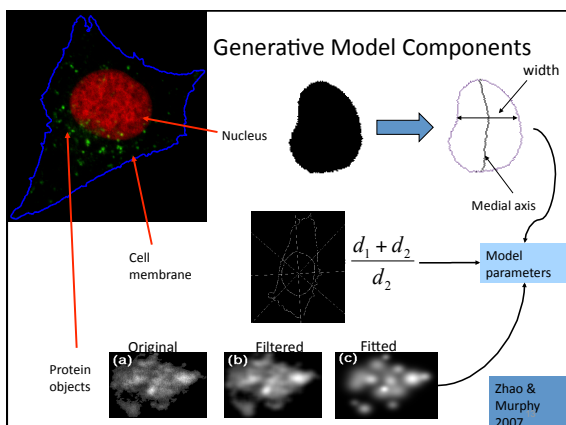


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Communicating patterns

- How do we communicate results learned about subcellular patterns?
- Proposal: Use generative models learned from images to capture **pattern** and **variation** in pattern

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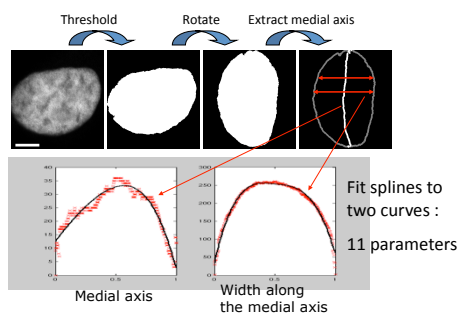


Nuclear shape models

- Modified medial axis model
- Diffeomorphic model
 - S. Yang, D. Köhler, K. Teller, T. Cremer, P. Le Baccon, E. Heard, R. Eils, and K. Rohr, MICCAI 2006, LNCS 4190, pp. 907–914, 2006

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Nuclear Shape - Medial Axis Model



Shape generation

- 11 parameters for each object
 - 5 parameters for each curve
 - the length of the medial axis
- Learn the distribution of parameters over many nuclei
 - Assume multivariate normal
- Randomly sample parameters from distribution
- Construct nuclear shape using the sampled parameters

Synthesized nuclear shapes

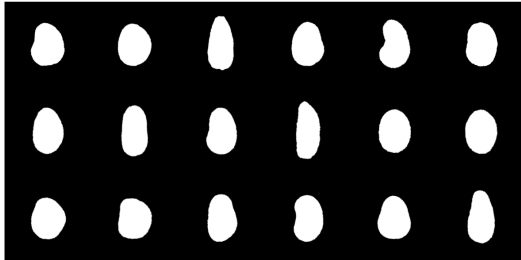


Diffeomorphic analysis of nuclear shape

- Can use distance between shapes to characterize shape space instead of parameters of model – Gustavo Rohde

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Concept: measure distances between all examples as means of characterizing shape space



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Finding deformation field

- Goal: Find a function $g(x,t)$ which smoothly transforms an image I_n into an image I_m as t goes from 0 to T
- Choose $g(x,t)$ to minimize sum of
 - Total deformation in g from 0 to T
 - Distance between I_m and $I_n(g(x,T))$

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Finding deformation field

Solve differential describing evolution from x to $g(x)$

$$\begin{cases} \frac{dg(x,t)}{dt} = v(g(x,t),t) \\ g(x,0) = x \end{cases}$$

$$v = \arg \min_{v(x,t)} \left(\int_0^T \|v(x,t)\|_V^2 dt + \|I_n(x) - I_m(g(x,T))\|_{L^2}^2 \right)$$

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Finding deformation field

Geodesic distance between two images

$$d(I_m, I_n) = \int_0^T \|v(x,t)\|_V dt$$

Where

$$\|v(x,t)\|_V = \|Lv(x,t)\|_{L^2}$$

for some operator L

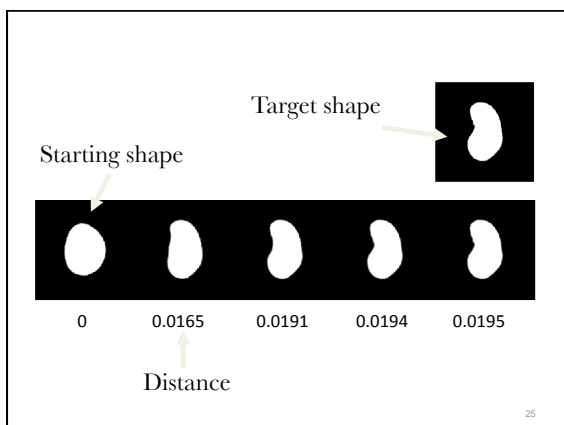
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Mapping two shapes to each other



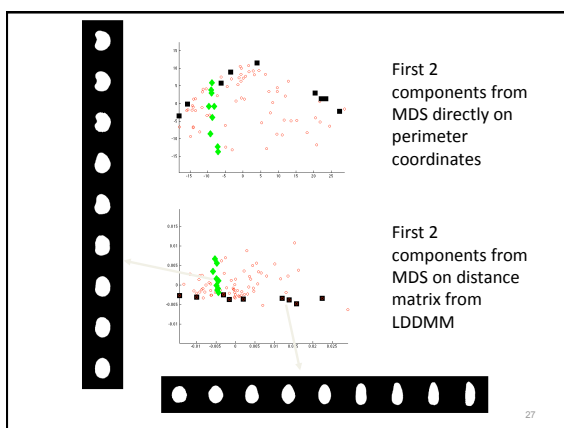
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Characterizing shape space

- Find deformation fields from each image to every other image
- Calculate distance between each pair of images as total deformation required between them
- Use multidimensional scaling (MDS) to find variables (principal components) that compactly represent variation

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Finding mean shape

- For a population of images/shapes, find mean shape as that from which all shapes can be generated with minimum total deformation

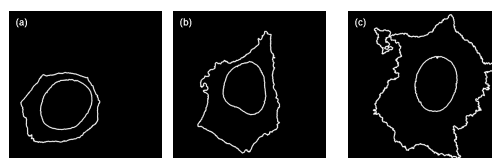
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Cell shape models

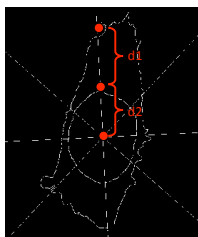
- Conditional radial distance ratio model
- Diffeomorphic model (in progress)

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Examples of natural variation in cell shape



Cell Shape Description: Distance Ratio



$$r = \frac{d_1 + d_2}{d_2}$$

Represent single shape as vector of ratios for n angles and represent variation using PCA

Diffeomorphic analysis of cell shape

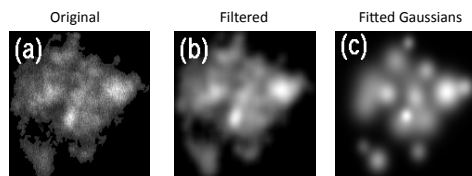


Models for protein-containing objects

- Object library
- Gaussian objects
 - Mixture of Gaussians with number of objects determined from number of local minima
 - Learn distributions for number of objects and object size
 - Learn probability density function for object position relative to nucleus and cell shape

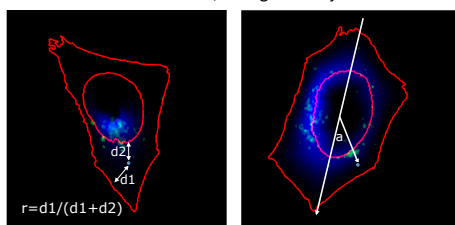
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Modeling Vesicular Organelles

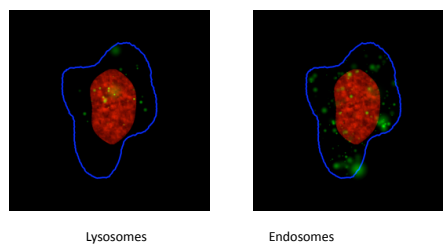


Position Model

r : normalized distance, a : angle to major axis



Synthesized Images



- SLML toolbox - Ivan Cao-Berg, Tao Peng, Ting Zhao
- Have portable tool for generating images from model

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Framework for conditional subcellular location models

- SLML: slots for different parts of cell model
 - Nucleus
 - Plasma membrane
 - Specific protein
- Each slot can hold one of multiple types of models, each of which is probabilistic
- Each slot's model can be conditional (dependent) on another

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Combining Models for Cell Simulations

