Computational Vision

Primary visual cortex

- Orientation selectivity
- Spatial frequency
- Normalization
- Color opponency



Color selective cells

Single-opponency (SO) Double-opponency (DO)



redrawn from Conway et al. 2010





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Parameters can be fitted to psychophysics data on color perception







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Color descriptors in computer vision



source: David Lowe

Color descriptors in computer vision

ColorDescriptor software

for object and scene categorization



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Available from http://www.colordescriptors.com

Contours detection with DO



A. Original images

B. Double-Opponent gradient C. Specular invariant gradient

D. Specular and shadow-shading invariant gradient

E. Shadow-shading invariant gradient

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 SO/DO approach improves on all recognition and segmentation datasets tested as compared to existing color representations





A. Gradient used in SIFT



B. Gabor filters used in HMAX

C. Gaussian derivatives used in segmentation

Color datasets

	Soccer team			Flower		
Method	Color	Shape	Both	Color	Shape	Both
Hue/SIFT	69(67)	43(43)	73(73)	58(40)	65~(65)	77 (79)
Opp/SIFT	69~(65)	43(43)	74(72)	57(39)	65~(65)	74(79)
SOSIFT/DOSIFT	82	66	83	68	69	79
SOHMAX/DOHMAX	87	76	89	77	73	83

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17-category flowers

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PASCAL VOC 2007



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Pascal challenge

Method	SIFT	Huesift	OpponentSIFT	Csift	SODOSIFT	SODOHMAX
AP	40 (38.4)	41	43 (42.5)	43 (44.0)	46.5 (33.3/39.8)	46.8 (30.1/36.4)

Contours detection

Berkeley segmentation dataset



Contours detection



Lower Half–Disc Histogram

Contours detection

A. Color-texton map vs. grayscale texton map

B. Precision-recall curves

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compound

Figure 3. An example of a V1 single-opponent neuron from layer 6. *A*, *B*, Two-dimensional maps (from subspace reverse correlation) of the sensitivity of this cell for L- (*A*) and M- (*B*) cone-isolating patterns. Plotting conventions are as in Figure 1. *C*, Spatial-frequency (freq) responses for luminance (lum) and equiluminant (equilum) red– green gratings. This cell responded very weakly to luminance patterns of 0.2 contrast and was spatially low-pass for red– green equiluminant patterns (rms cone contrast = 0.14). *D*, Spatial-frequency responses for L-, M-, and S-cone-isolating patterns. The low-pass tuning curve data to L- and M-cone-isolating gratings are consistent with the absence of spatial opponency of the spatial maps of cone inputs to this neuron shown in *A* and *B*. This L+M- single-opponent cell had very weak responses to S-cone-isolating stimuli. L-, M-, and S-cone contrasts were 0.13, 0.15, and 0.24, respectively. *E*, *F*, Temporal phase of L- and M-cone inputs. PSTHs of the responses to L- (*E*) and M- (*F*) cone-isolating, drifting grating patterns of optimal spatial frequency and orientation. The PSTHs to M-cones and L-cones are precisely out of phase, meaning the cone inputs are of opposite sign. *G*, Orientation tuning for equiluminant and luminance patterns. Responses to equiluminant red– green drifting grating so optimal spatial frequency are plotted in red (rms cone contrast = 0.14; 0/P ratio = 0.56; CV = 0.87). The responses to luminance patterns (0.15 contrast stimuli; points plotted in black) were negligible.

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Model SO

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esuodsay 0.03

0.02

0.01

0.15

0.1

0.05

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Response

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Figure 1. Double-opponent simple cell from layer 2/3. *A*, *B*, Two-dimensional maps (from subspace reverse correlation) of the sensitivity of this cell for L- (*A*) and M- (*B*) cone-isolating patterns. The pseudocolor maps depict excitation to increments in red and excitation to decrements in blue. Fixed points in the visual field are designated with a star and with an open circle to facilitate comparison between the L- and M-cone maps. At the star location, the L-cone map is decrement excitatory, whereas the M-cone map is increment excitatory, and vice versa for the location marked by the open circle. *C*, Spatial-frequency (freq) responses for luminance (lum) and equiluminant (equilum) red– green gratings. This cell responded very weakly to luminance patterns of 0.2 contrast, and was spatial-frequency tuned for red– green equiluminant patterns (rms cone contrast = 0.14). *D*, Spatial-frequency responses for L-, M-, and S-cone-isolating patterns. The bandpass tuning curve data to L- and M-cone-isolating gratings are consistent with the spatial opponency of the cone inputs to this neuron shown in *A* and *B*. L-, M-, and S-cone contrasts were set at 0.13, 0.15, and 0.24, respectively. *E*, *F*, Temporal phase of L- and M-cone inputs. PSTHs of the responses to L- (*E*) and M- (*F*) cone-isolating, drifting grating patterns with a temporal frequency of 2 Hz and optimal spatial frequency and orientation are shown. The PSTHs to M-cones and L-cones are precisely out of phase, meaning the cone inputs are of opposite sign. *G*, Orientation tuning in response to equiluminant red– green drifting gratings of optimal spatial frequency (rms cone contrast = 0.14; 0/P ratio < 0.01; CV = 0.32).

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Model DO

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Beyond V1: Comparison with glob cells in V4/PIT

Model training data

Soccer team database

Munsell space

source: wikipedia

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Color constancy

Color

 constancy:
 Perceived
 colors highly
 tolerant to light
 source (eg
 green or red)

Wavelength (nm)

source: Frisby & Stone

The Land-Mondrian experiments (1964)

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- Subjects view a multicolored display (Color Mondrian)
- Display with patches of different size, shape and color
 - No patch surrounded by another of a single color
 - Patches surrounding another patch differed in color
 - Patches were matte
- Lighting
 - Illuminated by 3 projectors with filters for Red, Green and Blue
 - Intensity was measured using a photometer

The Land-Mondrian experiments (1964)

- Experiment 1: Light reflectance from a "green" patch (60 units red | 30 units green | 10 units blue) when other patches are visible
 - Subjects observation \Rightarrow GREEN
- Experiment 2: Light reflectance from a "green" patch (60 units red | 30 units green | 10 units blue) when viewed in isolation
 - Subjects observation \Rightarrow RED
- Conclusion: Perceived color is not determined by dominant reflected wavelength
 - Perceived color depends upon the colors of other nearby objects

Color correction as an anchoring problem

Land Retinex Model (normalizes cone responses)

unknown source

Gray-world assumption

- Given image with sufficient color variations, average of RGB components should average out to common gray value
- True for variations in color that are random and independent
- Given a large enough amount of samples, the average should tend to converge to the mean value (which is gray)

Long wavelengths ("red")

Medium wavelengths ("green")

White-world assumption

Brightest patch is white

Long wavelengths ("red")

Medium wavelengths ("green")

B Normalization model

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Color contrast and divisive normalization

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