

CAP 4453

Robot Vision

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Short Review from last class

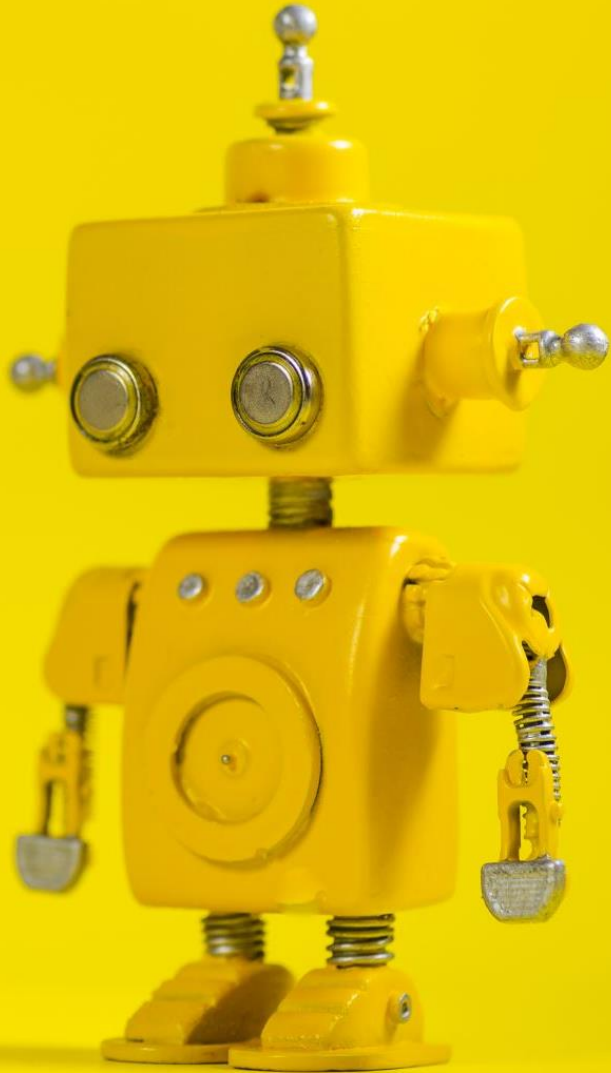
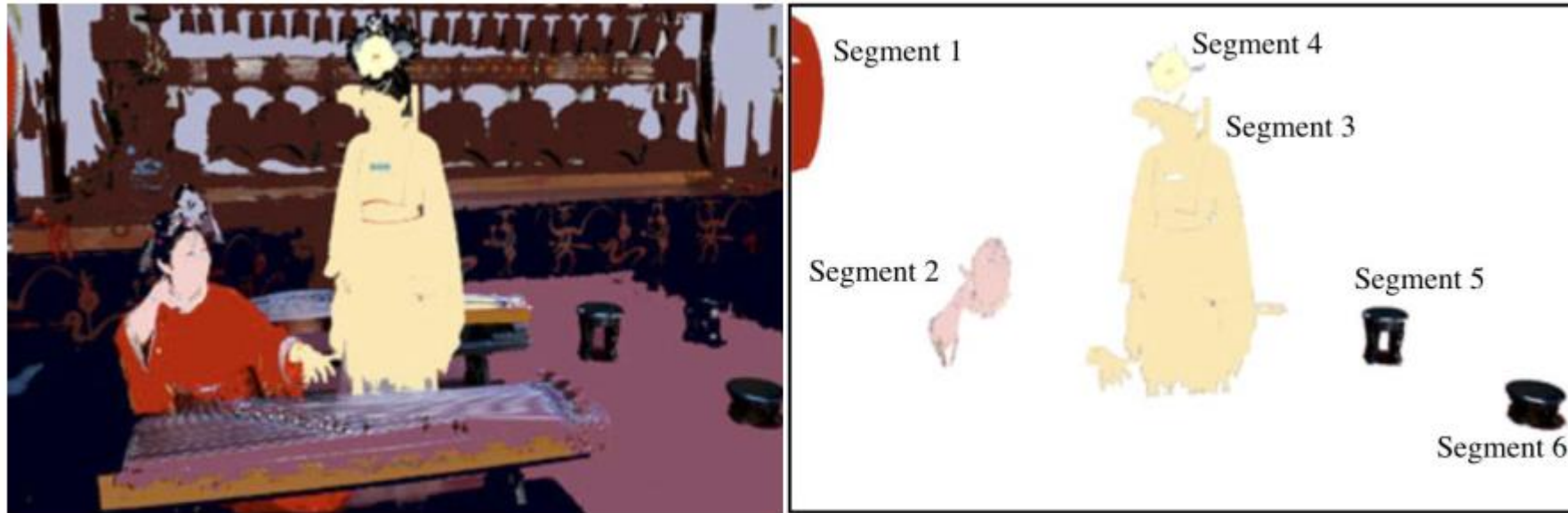


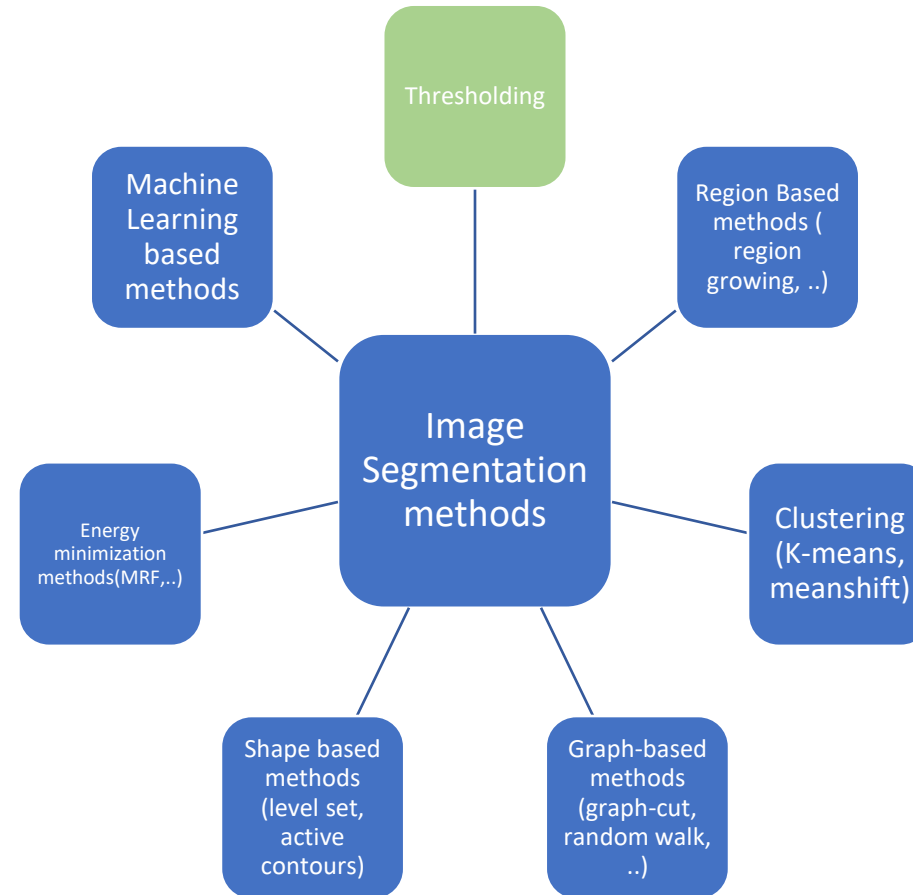
Image segmentation

- Image segmentation partitions an image into regions called segments.



- Image segmentation creates segments of connected pixels by analyzing some similarity criteria:
 - intensity, color, texture, histogram, features

Image segmentation methods



Otsu thresholding

- Definition: The method uses grey-value histogram of the given image I as input and aims at providing the best threshold (foreground/background)
- Otsu's algorithm selects a threshold that maximizes the between-class variance σ_b^2 or minimize within-class variance σ_w^2

Option 1: maximum of:

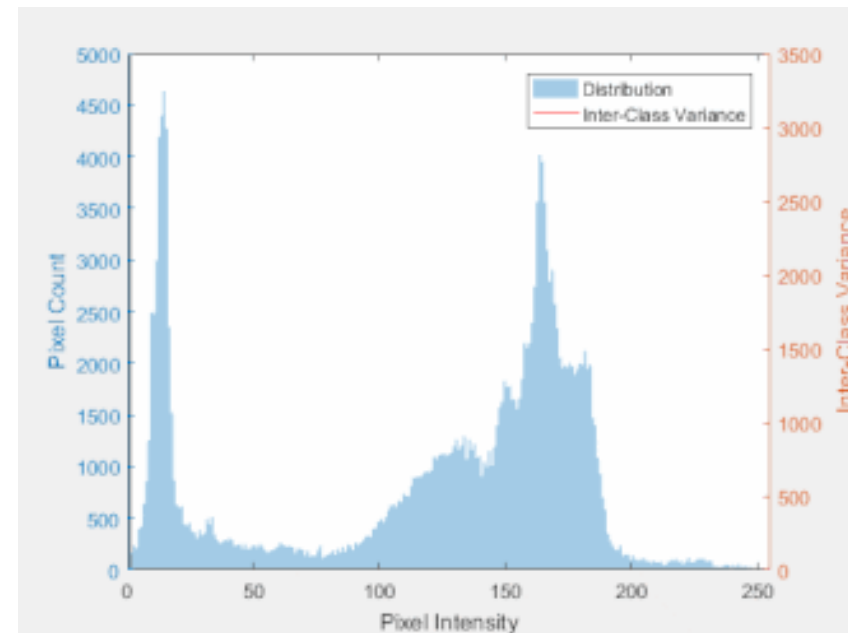
$$\sigma_b^2(t) = w_1(t)w_2(t)[\mu_1(t) - \mu_2(t)]^2$$

$$\mu_1(t) = \sum_{i=1}^t \frac{iP(i)}{w_1(t)}$$

$$w_1(t) = \sum_{i=1}^t P(i)$$

$$\mu_2(t) = \sum_{i=t+1}^I \frac{iP(i)}{w_2(t)}$$

$$w_2(t) = \sum_{i=t+1}^I P(i)$$



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Option 2: minimum of:

$$\sigma_w^2(t) = w_1(t)\sigma_1^2(t) + w_2(t)\sigma_2^2(t)$$

$$w_1(t) = \sum_{i=1}^t P(i) \quad P(i) = \frac{n_i}{n}$$

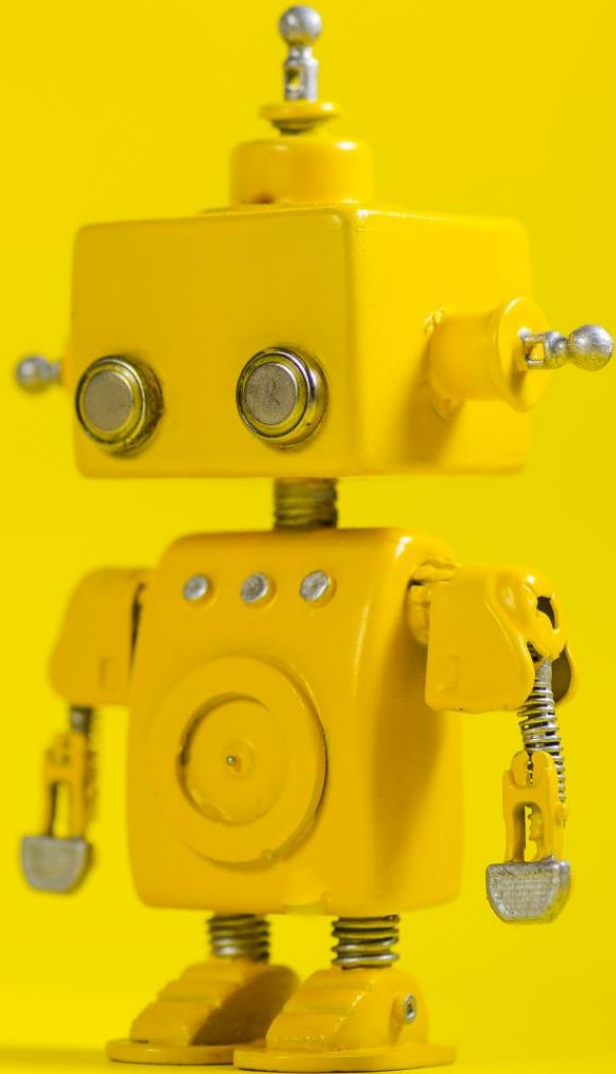
$$w_2(t) = \sum_{i=t+1}^I P(i)$$

$$\sigma_1^2(t) = \sum_{i=1}^t [i - \mu_1(t)]^2 \frac{P(i)}{w_1(t)}$$

$$\sigma_2^2(t) = \sum_{i=t+1}^I [i - \mu_2(t)]^2 \frac{P(i)}{w_2(t)}$$

$$\sigma_{total}^2 = \underbrace{w_1(t)\sigma_1^2(t) + w_2(t)\sigma_2^2(t)}_{\text{within-class variance}} + \underbrace{w_1(t)w_2(t)(\mu_2^2(t) - \mu_1^2(t))}_{\text{between-class variance}}$$

↓
Minimize
↓
Maximize



Robot Vision

8. Segmentation II

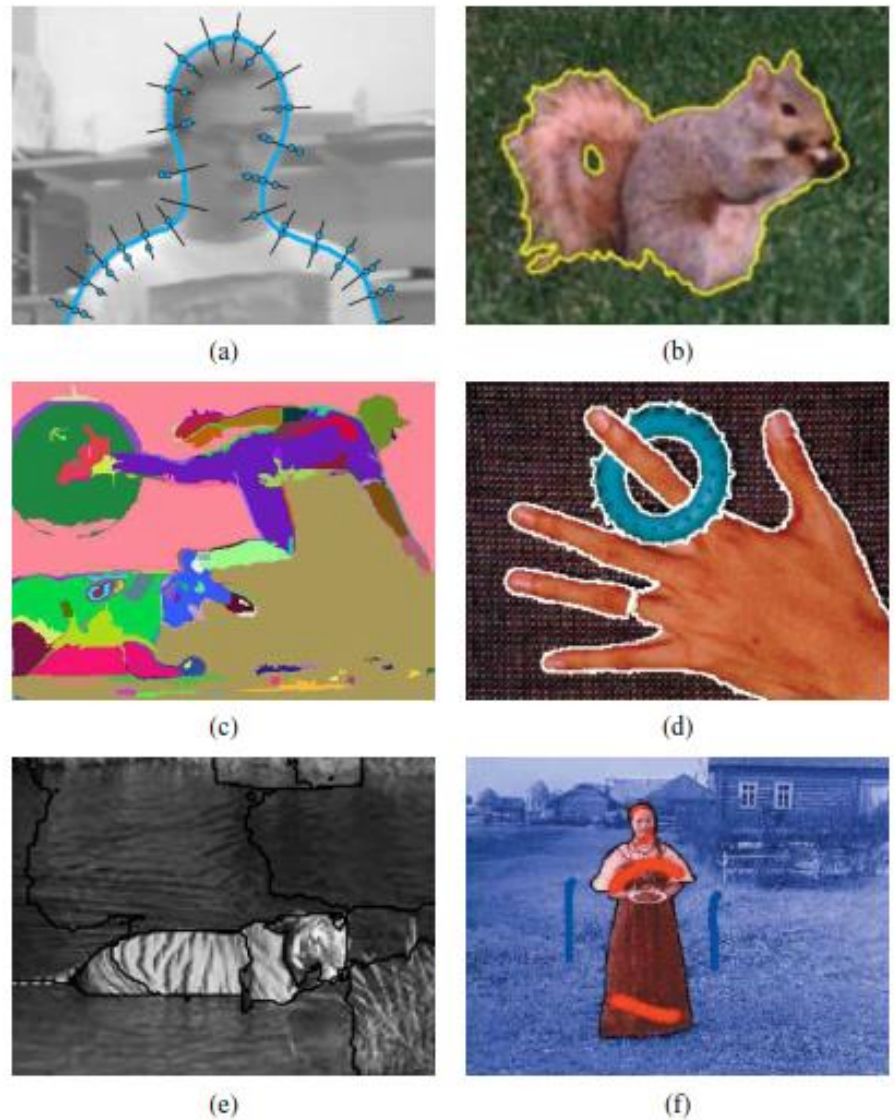
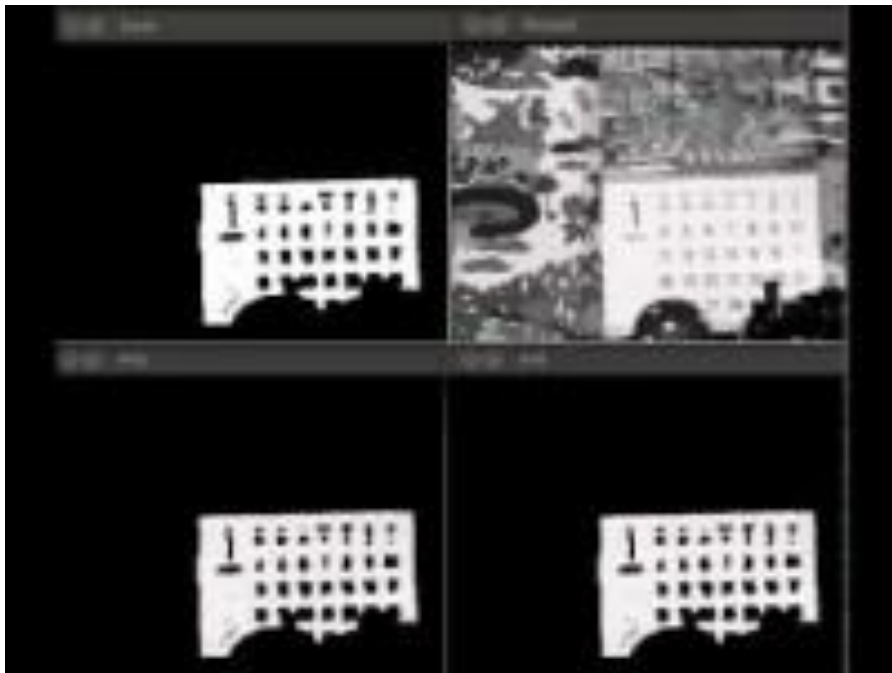
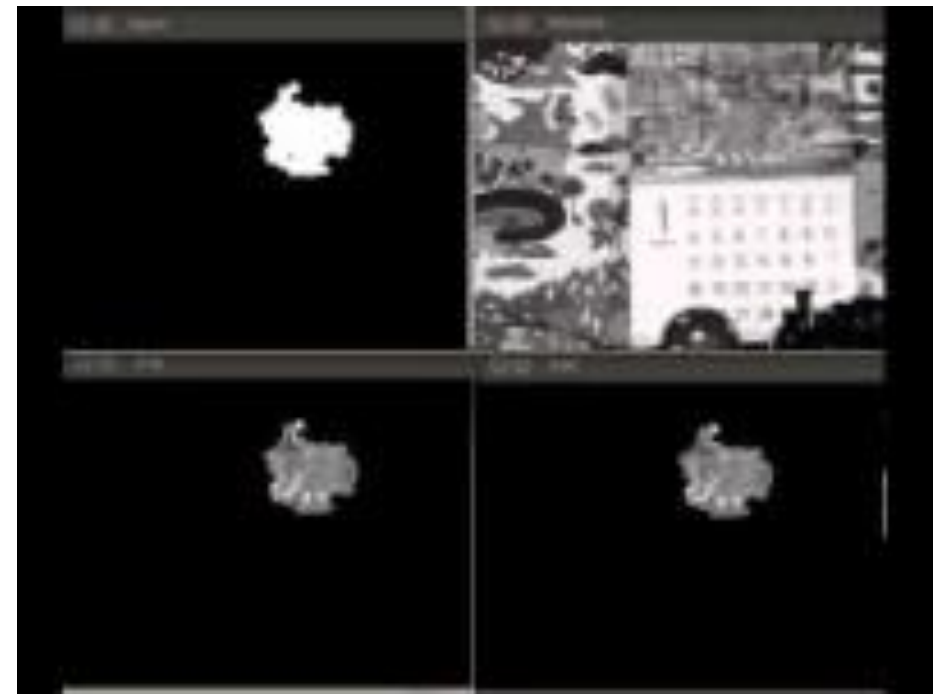
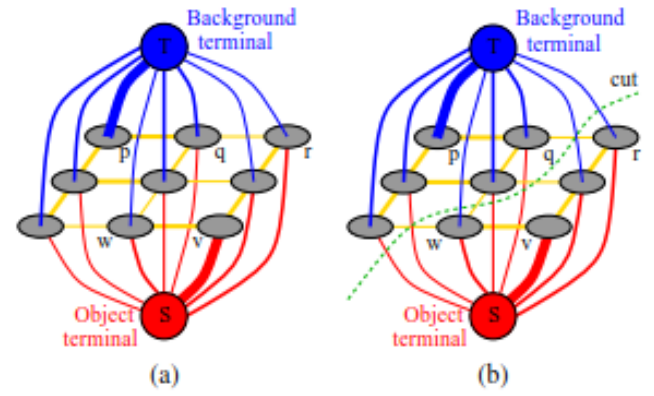


Figure 5.1 Some popular image segmentation techniques: (a) active contours (Isard and Blake 1998) © 1998 Springer; (b) level sets (Cremers, Rousson, and Deriche 2007) © 2007 Springer; (c) graph-based merging (Felzenszwalb and Huttenlocher 2004b) © 2004 Springer; (d) mean shift (Comaniciu and Meer 2002) © 2002 IEEE; (e) texture and intervening contour-based normalized cuts (Malik, Belongie, Leung *et al.* 2001) © 2001 Springer; (f) binary MRF solved using graph cuts (Boykov and Funka-Lea 2006) © 2006 Springer.



Energy-Based methods

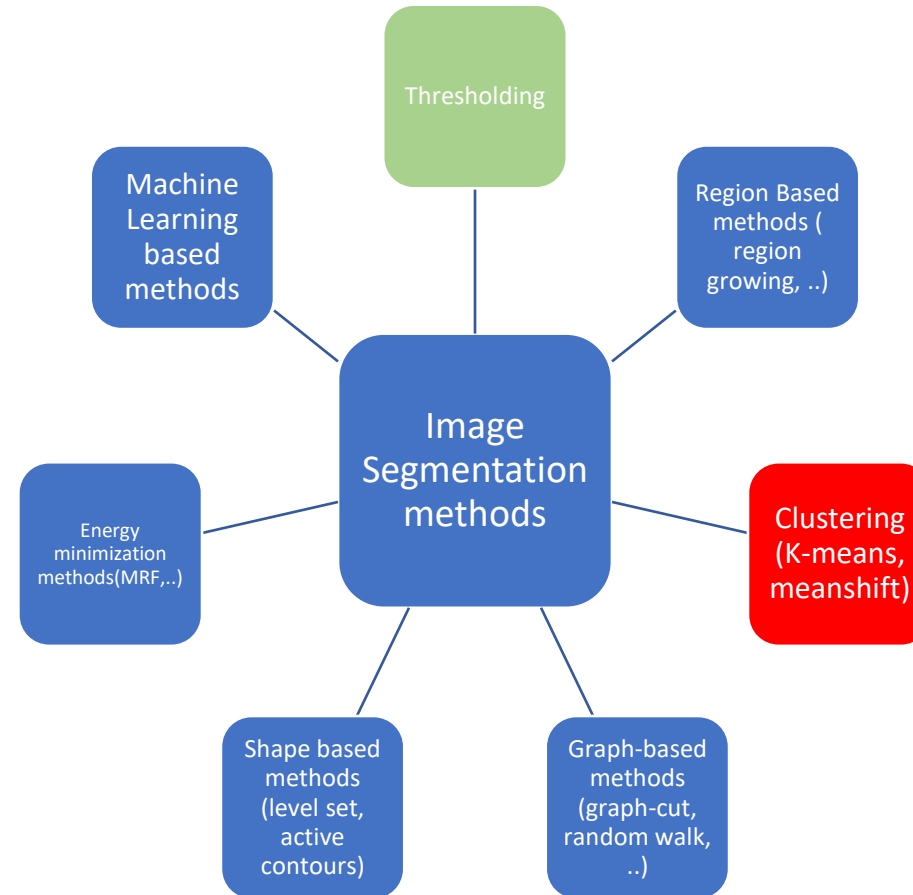




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- Image segmentation basics
- Thresholding based
 - Binarization
 - Otsu
- **Clustering based**
 - **K-means (SLIC)**
- Region based
 - Merging
 - Splitting

Image segmentation methods





What is Clustering?

- Organizing data into classes such that:
 - High intra-class similarity
 - Low inter-class similarity
- Finding the class labels and the number of classes directly from the data (as opposed to classification tasks)

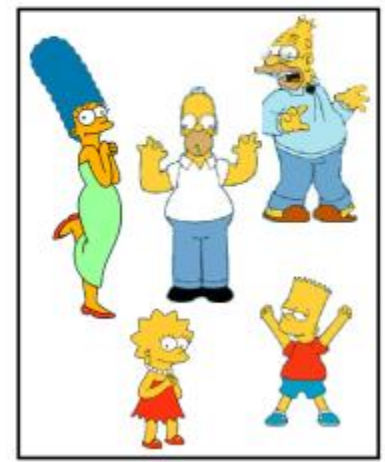
What is a natural grouping ?



What is a natural grouping ?



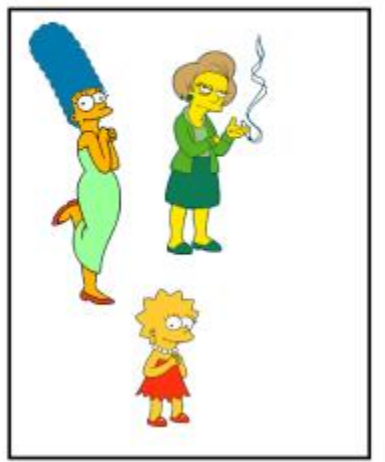
Clustering is subjective



Simpson's family



School employees



Females



Males

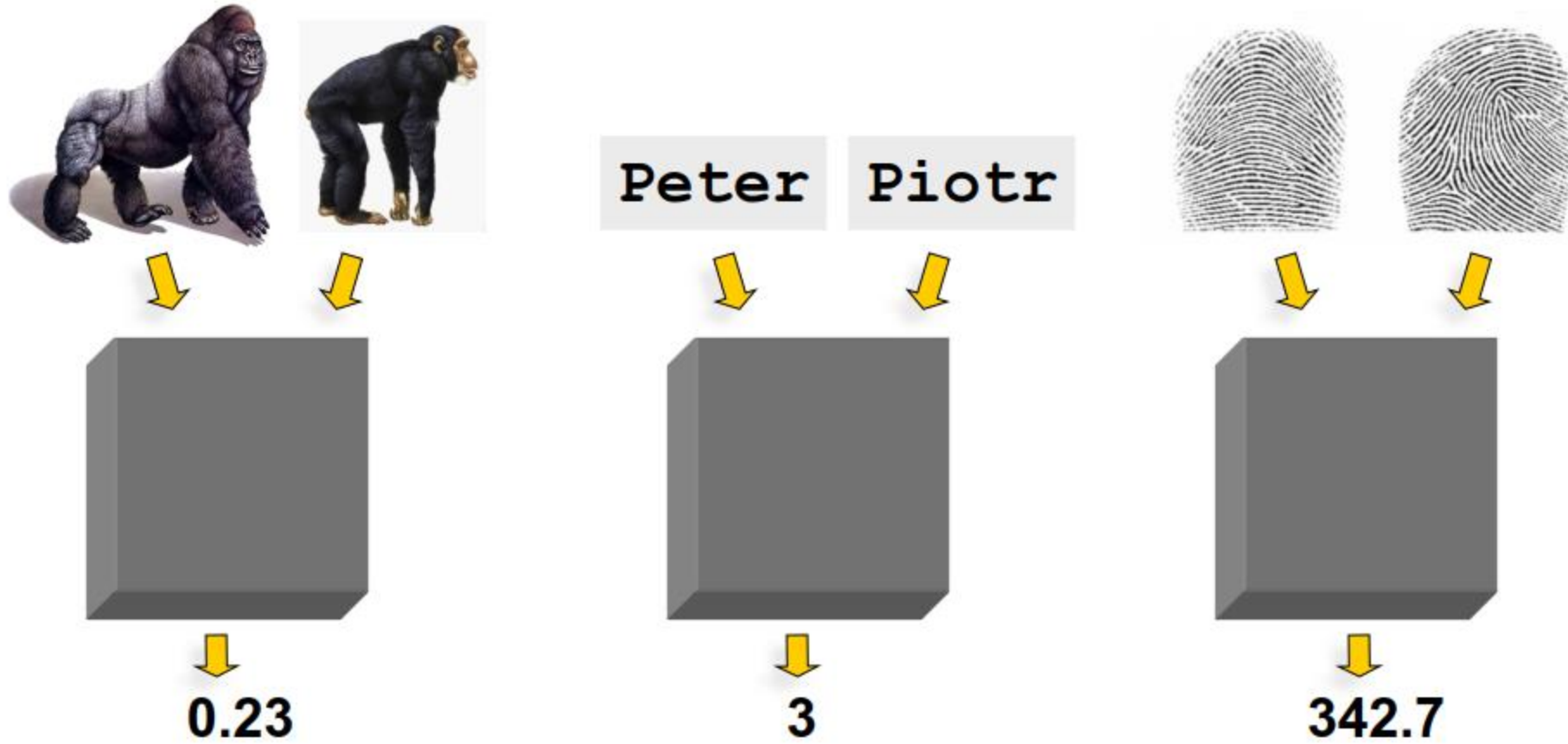
What is similarity ?



What is similarity ?



Distance metrics





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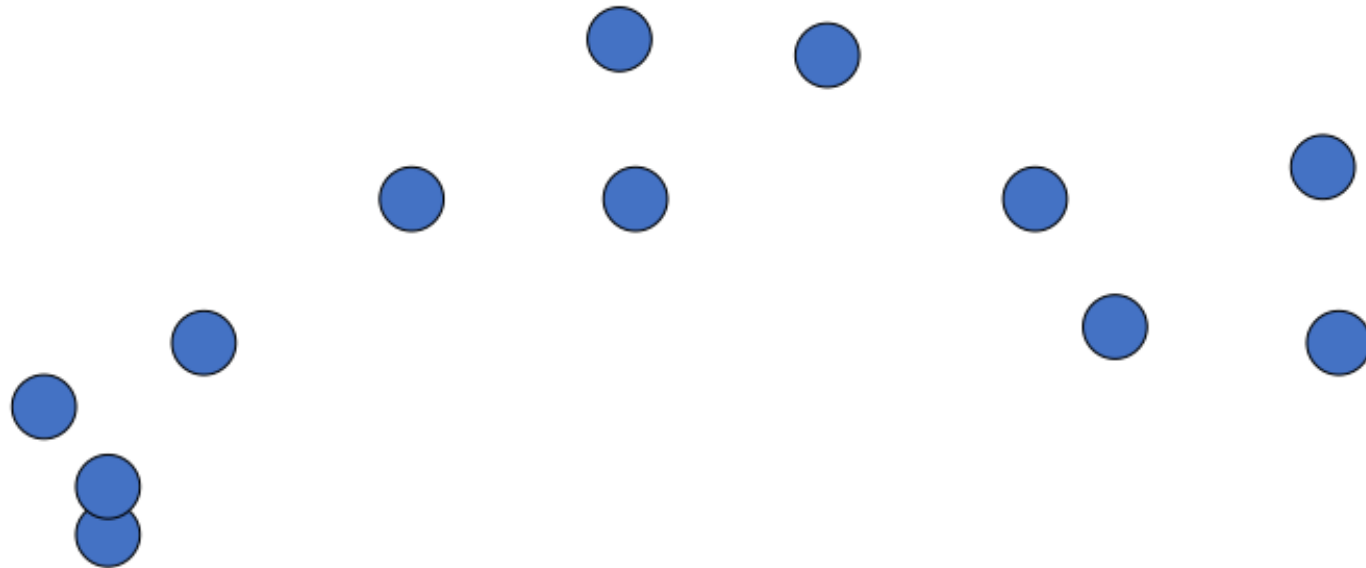
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 - **Superpixels (SLIC)**



K-means

- Most well-known and popular clustering algorithm:
 - Start with some initial cluster centers
- Iterate:
 - Assign/cluster each example to closest center
 - Recalculate centers as the mean of the points in a cluster

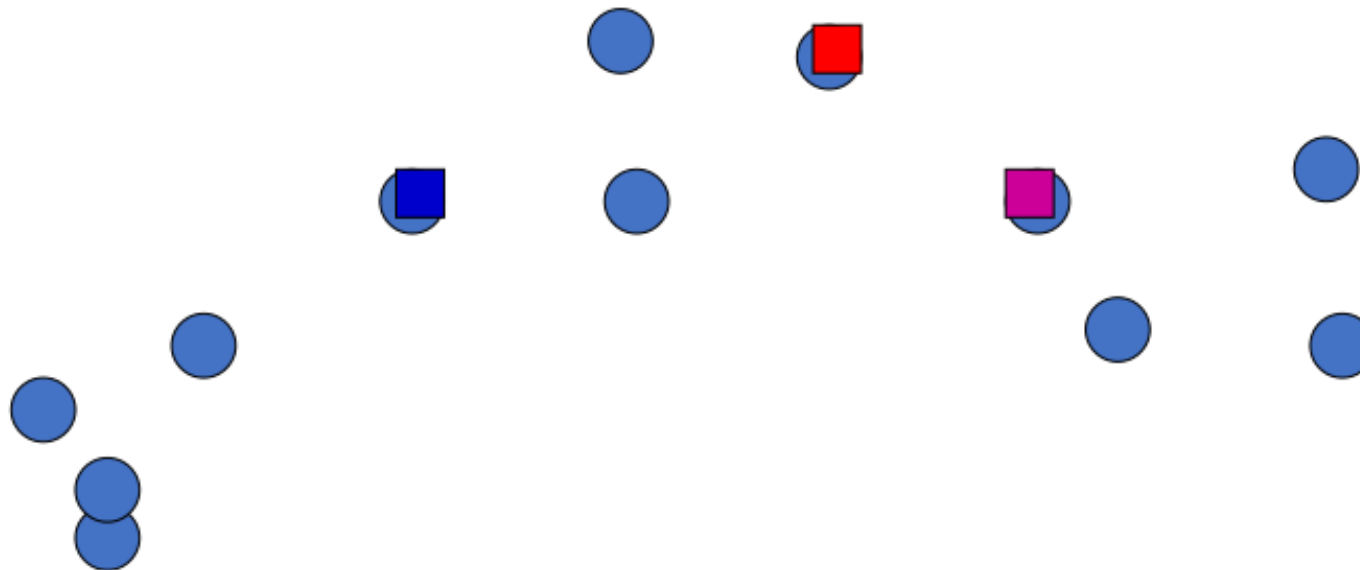
K-means



K-means

Step 0:

- Pick number of classes
- Pick seeds for those classes

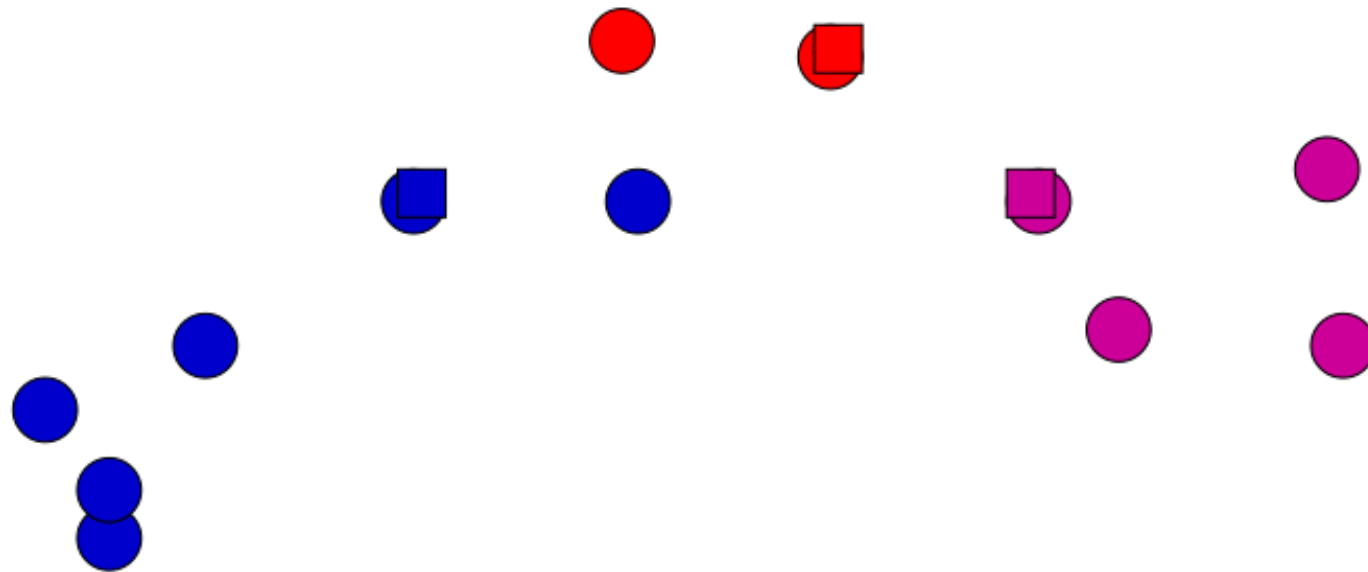


K-means

Iterate:

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Recalculate centers as the mean of the points in a cluster

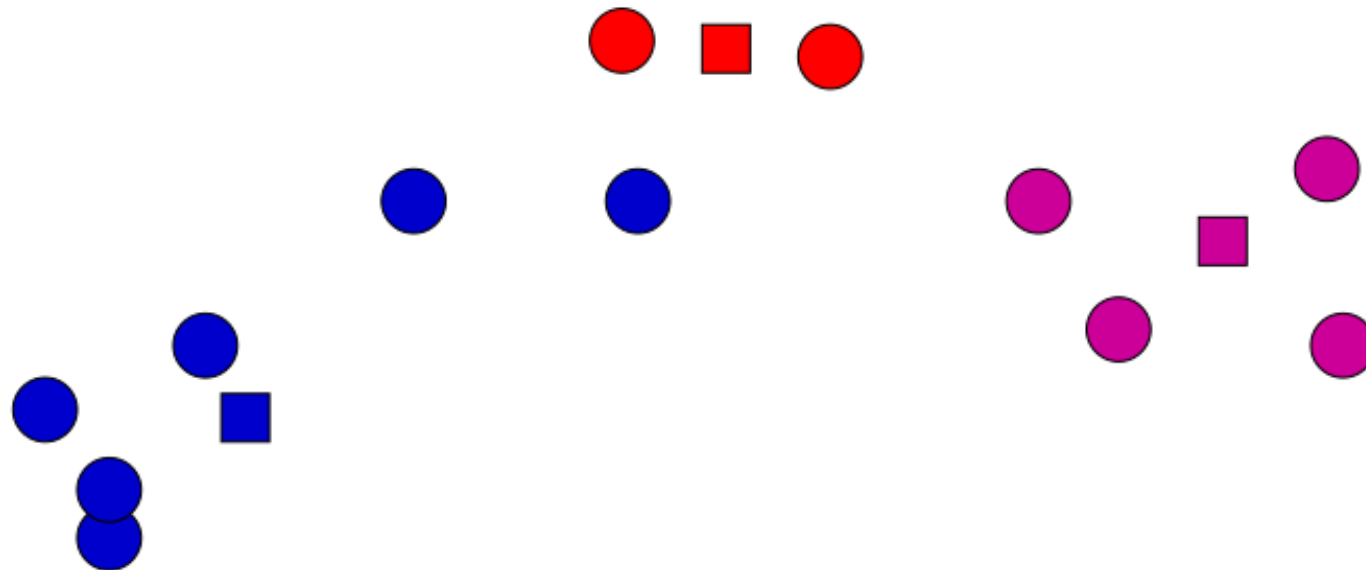


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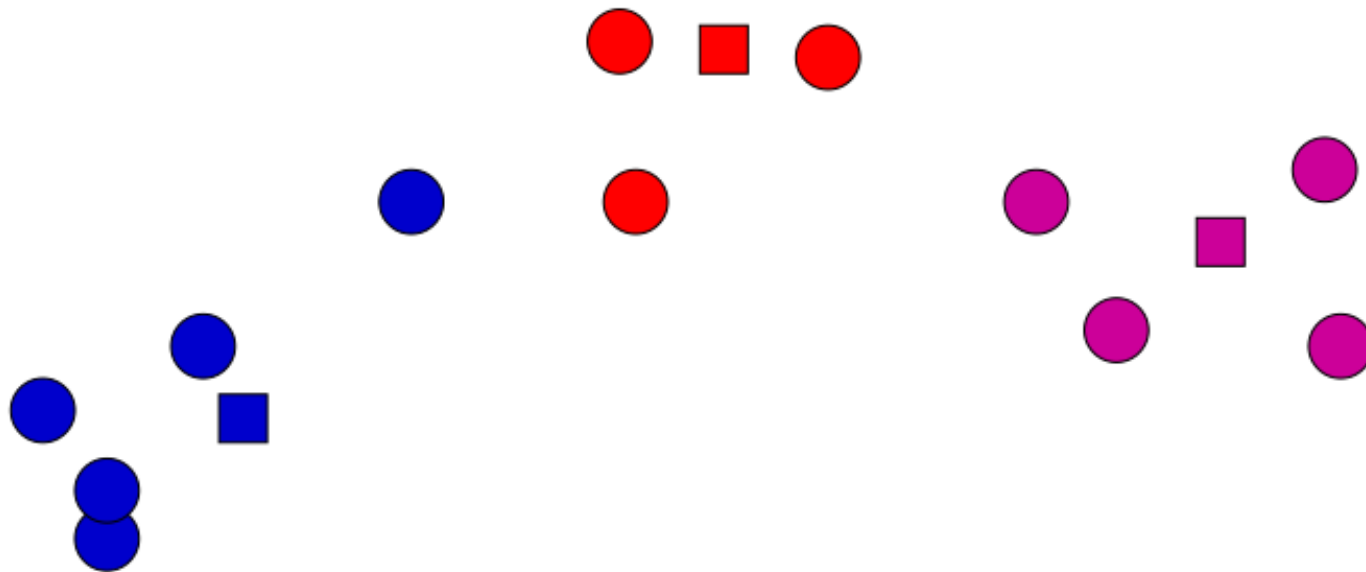


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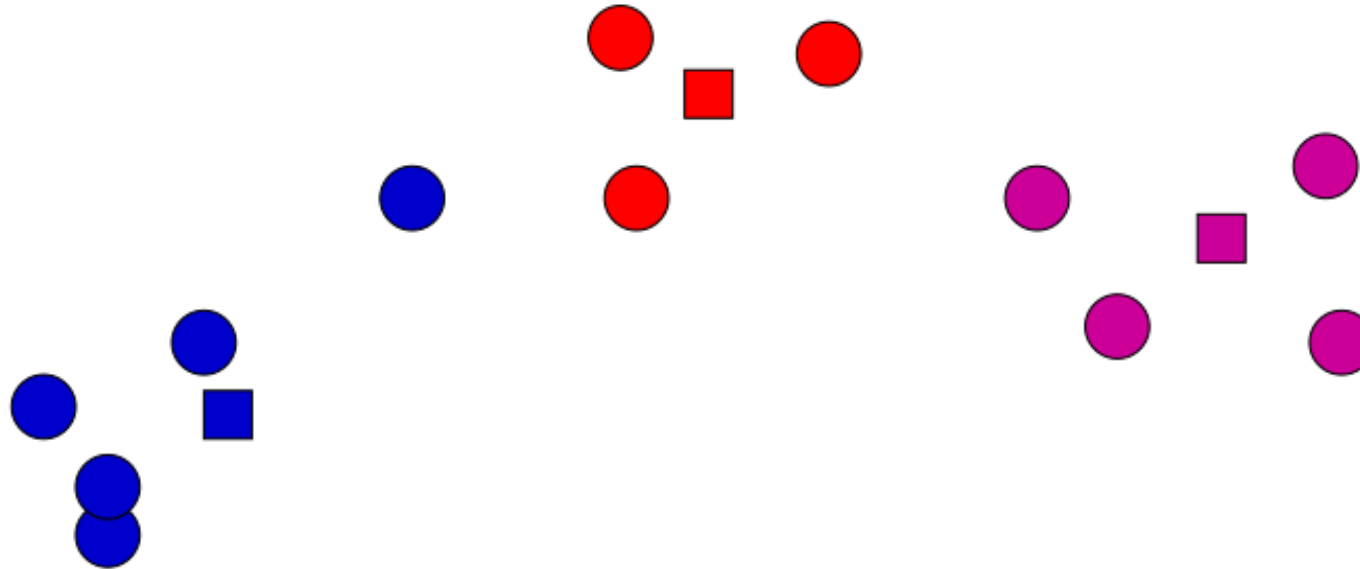


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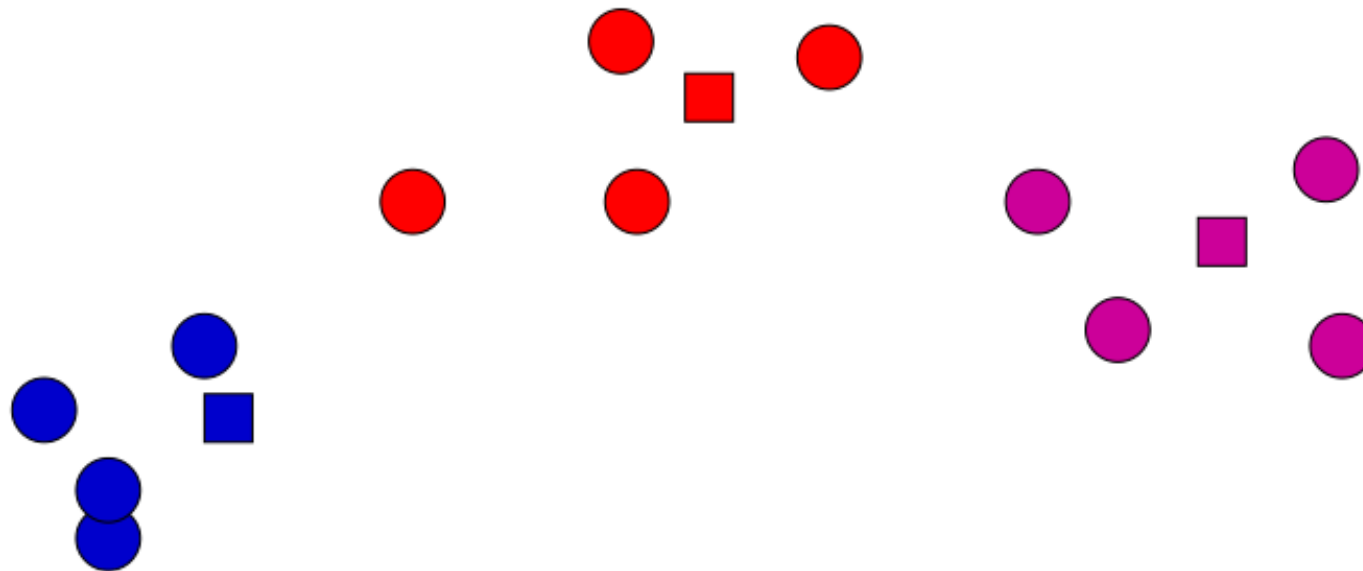


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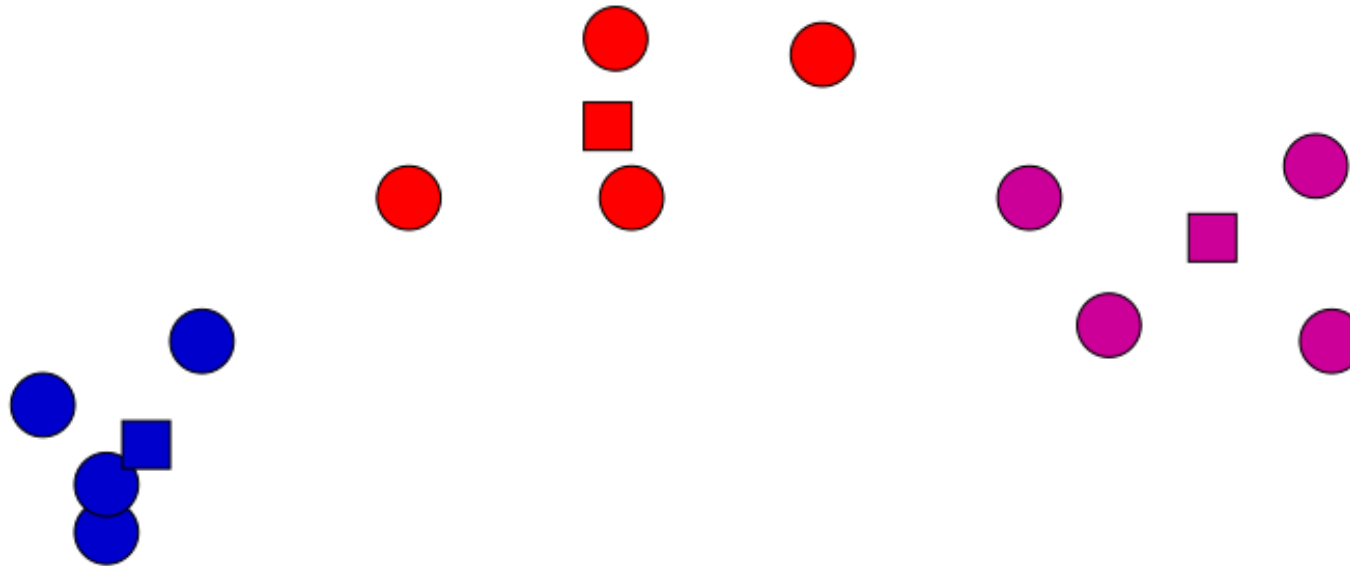


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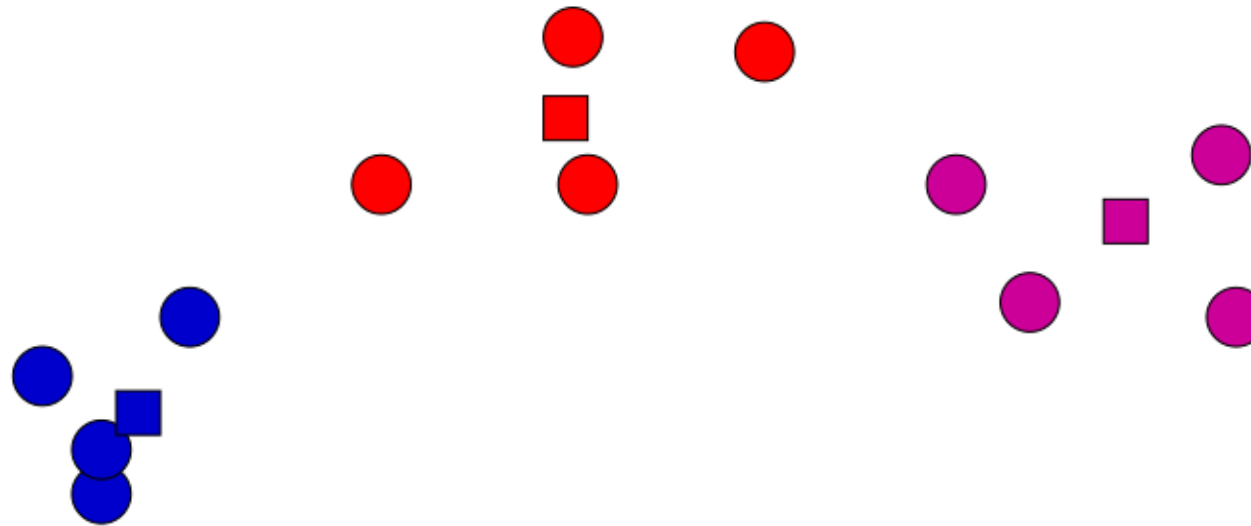


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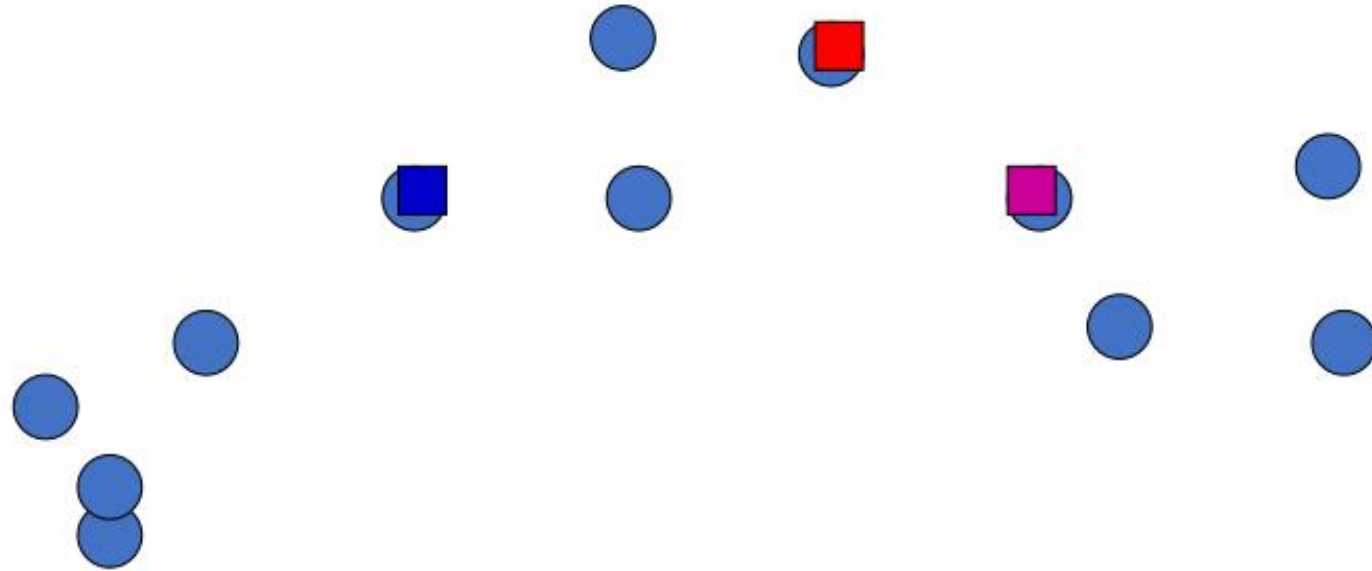


No changes: Done

K-means

Iterate:

- **Assign/cluster each example to closest center**
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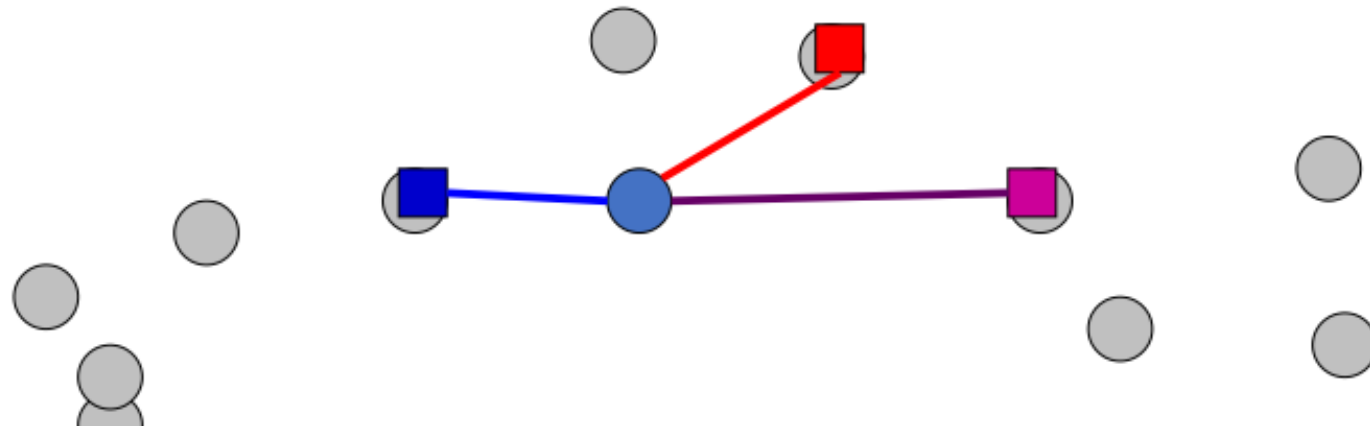


How do we do this?

K-means

Iterate:

- **Assign/cluster each example to closest center**
iterate over each point:
 - get distance to each cluster center
 - assign to closest center (hard cluster)
- Recalculate centers as the mean of the points in a cluster



K-means

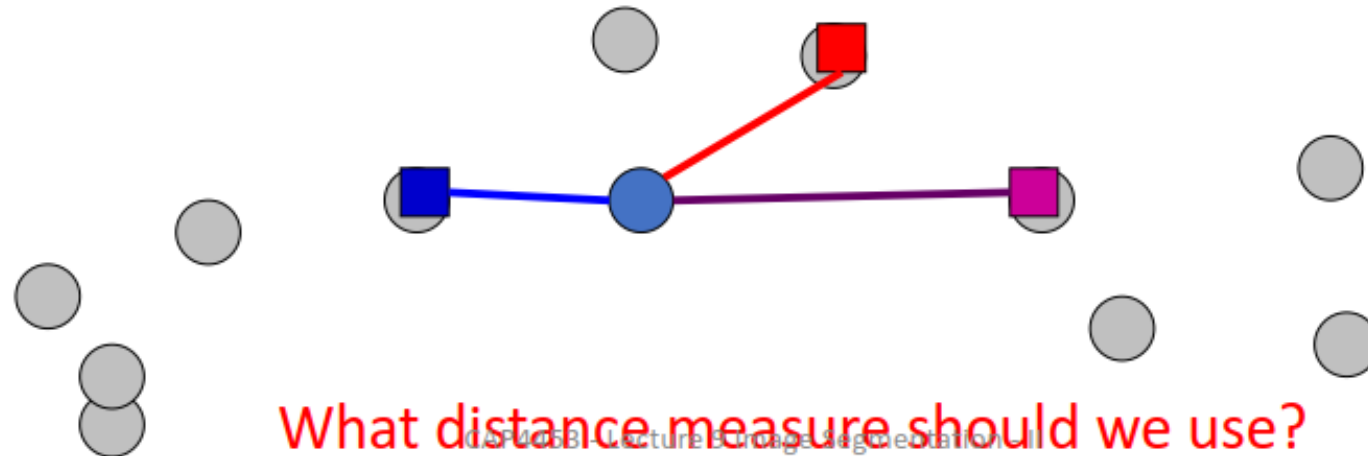
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Distance measures

$$d = \sqrt{\sum_i (x_i^2 - y_i^2)}$$

- p-norm
- Euclidean norm
- L1-norm

$$\|x\|_p = \left(\sum_i |a_i|^p \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \quad p \geq 1$$

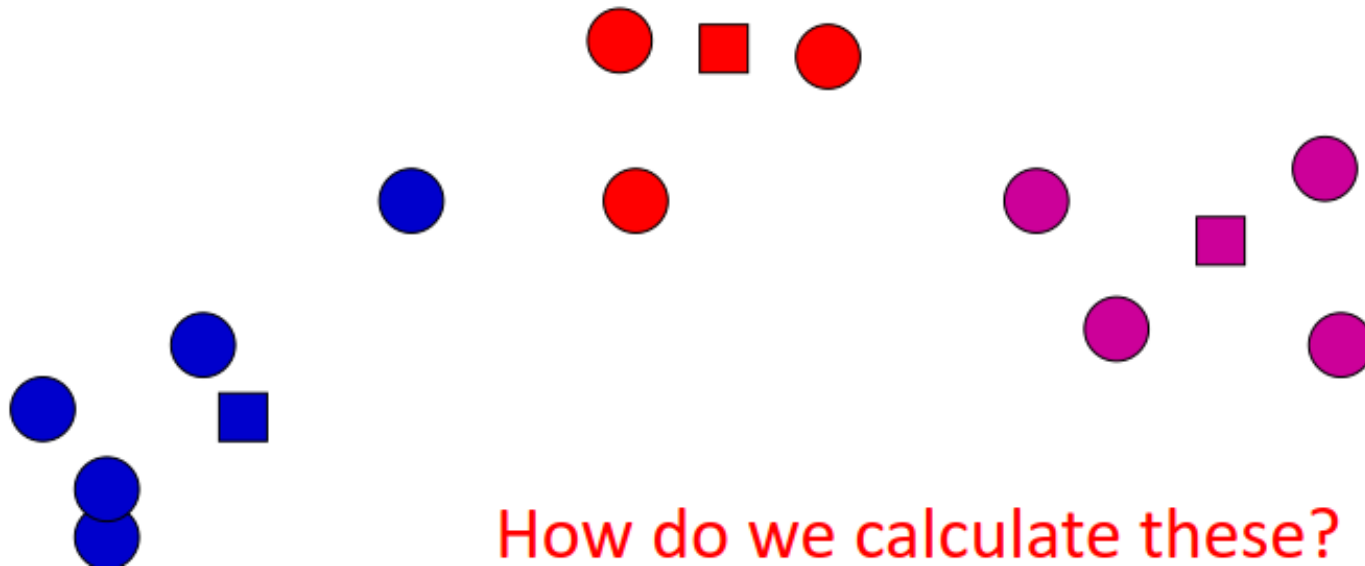
$$\|x\|_2 = \left(\sum_i |a_i|^2 \right)^{1/2}$$

$$\|x\|_1 = \left(\sum_i |a_i| \right)$$

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$$\mu_j = \frac{\sum_{i:y_i=j} x_i}{\sum_{i:y_i=j} 1}$$



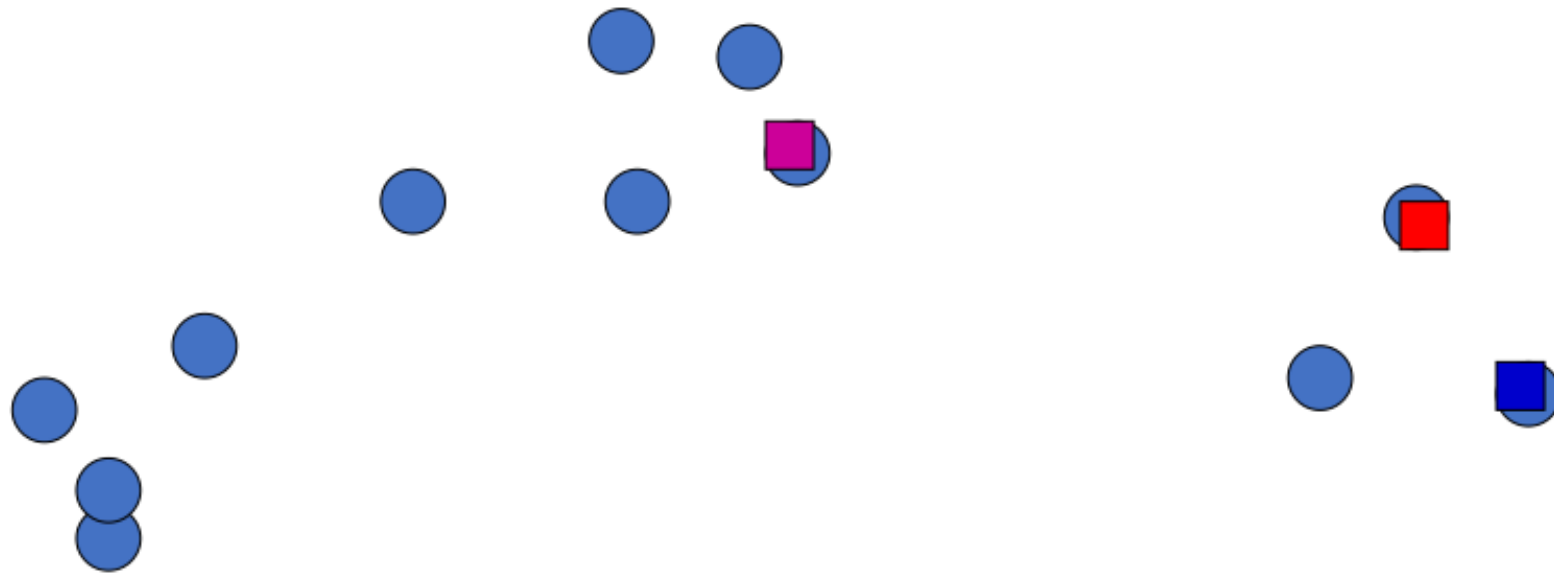
K-means loss function

K-means tries to minimize what is called the “k-means” loss function:

$$loss = \sum_{i=1}^n d^2(x_i, \mu_k), \quad \text{where } \mu_k \text{ is the cluster center for } x_i$$

that is, the sum of the squared distances from each point to the associated cluster center

K-means: initialization



What would happen here?

Seed selection ideas?

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Seed choice

Results can vary drastically based on random seed selection

Some seeds can result in poor convergence rate, or convergence to sub-optimal clusterings

Common heuristics

- Random centers in the space
- Randomly pick examples
- Points least similar to any existing center (furthest centers heuristic)
- **Try out multiple starting points**
- Initialize with the results of another clustering method

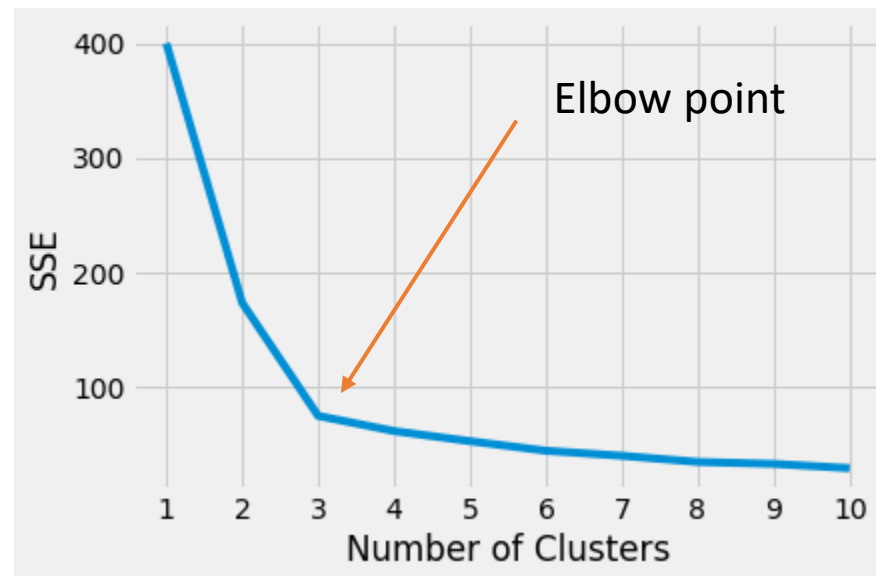


Choosing the Appropriate Number of Clusters

1. The **elbow method**
2. The **silhouette coefficient**

Choosing the Appropriate Number of Clusters

- run several k-means,
- increment k with each iteration
- record the **sum of the squared error (SSE)**
 - The SSE is defined as the sum of the squared Euclidean distances of each point to its closest centroid

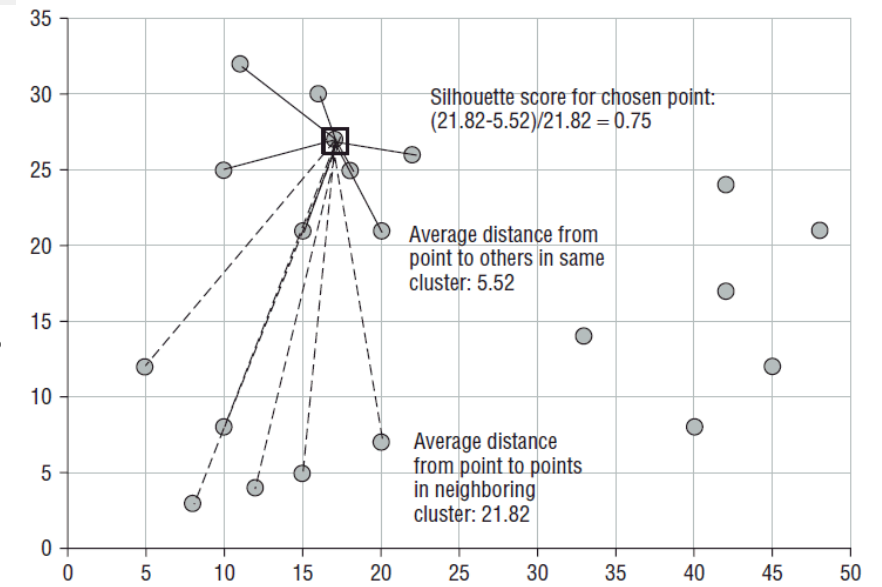


1. The **elbow method**

Choosing the Appropriate Number of Clusters

- run several k-means,
- increment k with each iteration
- Pick max [silhouette coefficient](#)
 1. How close the data point is to other points in the cluster
 2. How far away the data point is from points in other clusters

- $(b - a) / \max(a, b)$. Where,
 - a: intra-cluster distance
 - b: distance between a sample and the nearest cluster that the sample is not a part of.



2. The silhouette coefficient



Segmenting an image with K-means

- Example:
 - Vector: (coordinates i , coordinate j , Color L , Color a , Color b) : 5 dims
 - Distance: Euclidean distance
 - Number of clusters: 10
 - Seeds selected randomly



Kmeans function from scratch

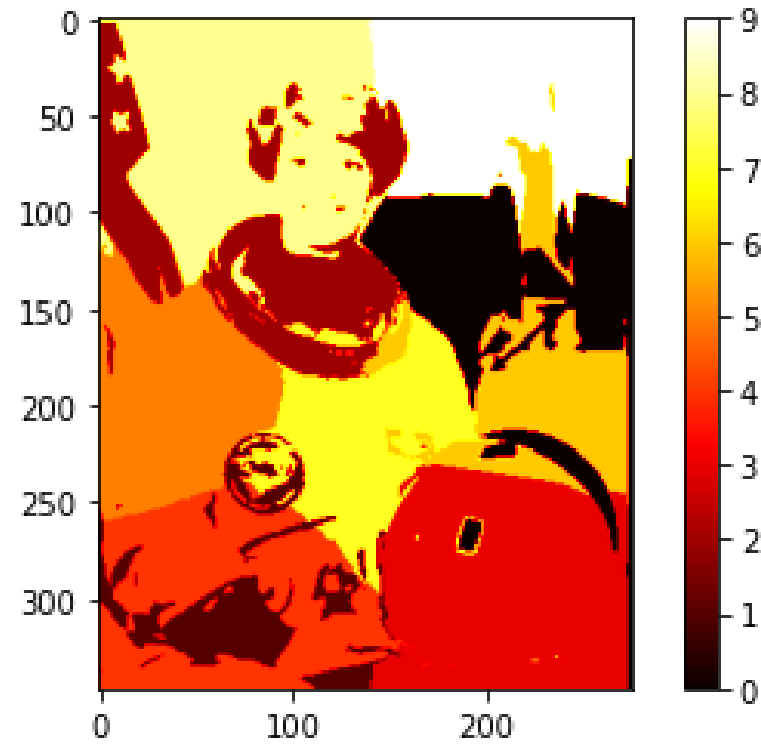
```
11 import numpy as np
12 from scipy.spatial.distance import cdist
13 import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
14 import cv2
15
16 #Defining our function
17 def kmeans(x,k, no_of_iterations):
18     idx = np.random.choice(len(x), k, replace=False)
19     #Randomly choosing Centroids
20     centroids = x[idx, :] #Step 1
21
22     #finding the distance between centroids and all the data points
23     distances = cdist(x, centroids , 'euclidean') #Step 2
24
25     #Centroid with the minimum Distance
26     points = np.array([np.argmin(i) for i in distances]) #Step 3
27
28     #Repeating the above steps for a defined number of iterations
29     #Step 4
30     for _ in range(no_of_iterations):
31         centroids = []
32         for idx in range(k):
33             #Updating Centroids by taking mean of Cluster it belongs to
34             temp_cent = x[points==idx].mean(axis=0)
35             centroids.append(temp_cent)
36
37         centroids = np.vstack(centroids) #Updated Centroids
38
39         distances = cdist(x, centroids , 'euclidean')
40         points = np.array([np.argmin(i) for i in distances])
41
42     return points
43
```



Calling Kmeans

```
45 ●  imFile = 'C:\\Users\\gonza\\OneDrive\\Teaching\\CAP4453\\class12\\img.png'
46
47  im = cv2.imread(imFile)
48  LabImg = cv2.cvtColor(im,cv2.COLOR_BGR2LAB)
49
50
51  i = np.linspace(0, LabImg.shape[0]-1, LabImg.shape[0]).astype(int)
52  j = np.linspace(0, LabImg.shape[1]-1, LabImg.shape[1]).astype(int)
53  xv, yv = np.meshgrid(i, j)
54
55  numpoints = xv.ravel().shape[0]
56
57  L = LabImg[xv.ravel(),yv.ravel(),0].reshape((numpoints,1))
58  a = LabImg[xv.ravel(),yv.ravel(),1].reshape((numpoints,1))
59  b = LabImg[xv.ravel(),yv.ravel(),2].reshape((numpoints,1))
60
61
62  #X=np.concatenate((xv.ravel().reshape((numpoints,1)), yv.ravel().reshape((numpoints,1)),L,a,b))
63  X=np.concatenate((xv.ravel().reshape((numpoints,1)), yv.ravel().reshape((numpoints,1)),L,a,b), axis=1)
64
65
66  points = kmeans(X,10,50)
67
68  newImg = np.zeros((im.shape[0],im.shape[1]))
69  newImg[xv.ravel(),yv.ravel()]=points
70  im1=plt.imshow(newImg, cmap='jet'); plt.colorbar(im1, cmap='jet'); plt.show()
71
```

Results



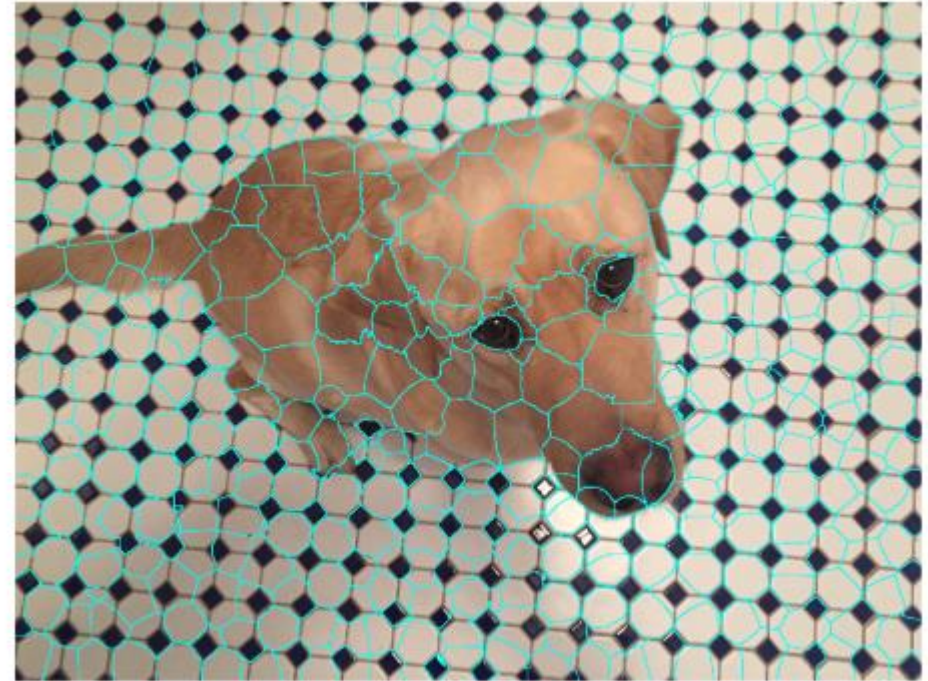


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Superpixels

- They carry more information than pixels.
- Superpixels have a perceptual meaning since pixels belonging to a given superpixel share similar visual properties.
- They provide a convenient and compact representation of images that can be very useful for computationally demanding problems.



[Superpixels and SLIC. What is a Superpixel? | by Darshita Jain | Medium](#)



SLIC (Anchanta et. al. TPAMI 2012)

Input:

- a desired number of approximately equally-sized superpixels K

| | |
|------------------|---|
| N | Number of pixels in the input image |
| K | Number of Superpixels used to segment the input image |
| N/K | Approximate size of each superpixel |
| $S = \sqrt{N/K}$ | For roughly equally sized superpixels there would be a superpixel centre at every grid interval S |

Features:

- five-dimensional [labxy] space,
- [lab] is the pixel color vector in [CIELAB](#) color space
 - xy is the pixel position.

Distances:

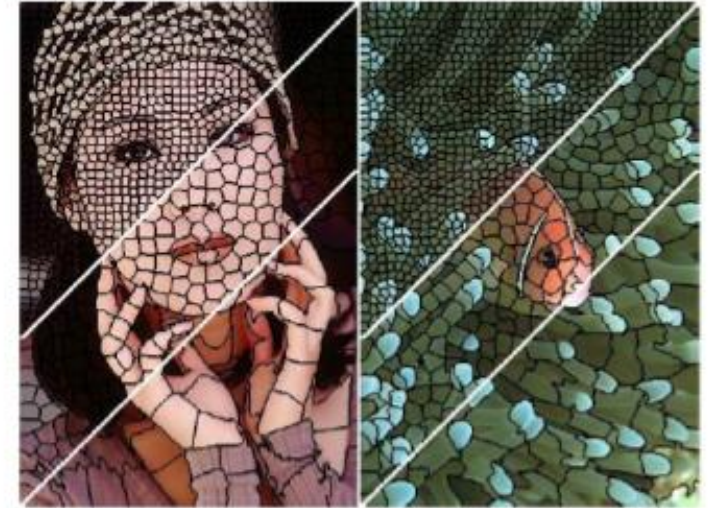
$$d_{lab} = \sqrt{(l_k - l_i)^2 + (a_k - a_i)^2 + (b_k - b_i)^2}$$

$$d_{xy} = \sqrt{(x_k - x_i)^2 + (y_k - y_i)^2}$$

$$D_s = d_{lab} + \frac{m}{S} d_{xy} ,$$

SLIC (Anchanta et. al. TPAMI 2012)

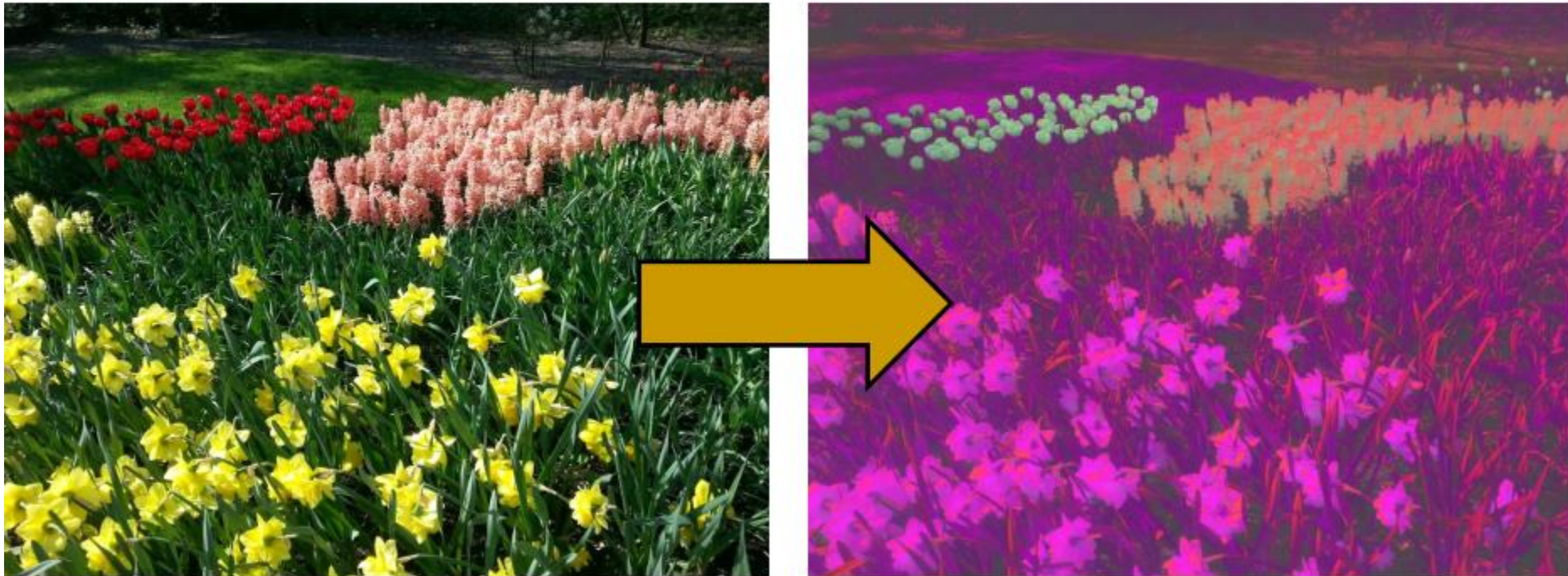
1. Get Features: Lab color, x-y position
2. Initialize cluster centers on pixel grid in steps S
3. Move centers to position in 3×3 window with smallest gradient
4. Compare each pixel to cluster center within $2S$ pixel distance and assign to nearest
5. Recompute cluster centers as mean color/position of pixels belonging to each cluster
6. Stop when residual error is small



- + Fast 0.36s for 320x240
- + Regular superpixels
- + Superpixels fit boundaries
- May miss thin objects
- Large number of superpixels

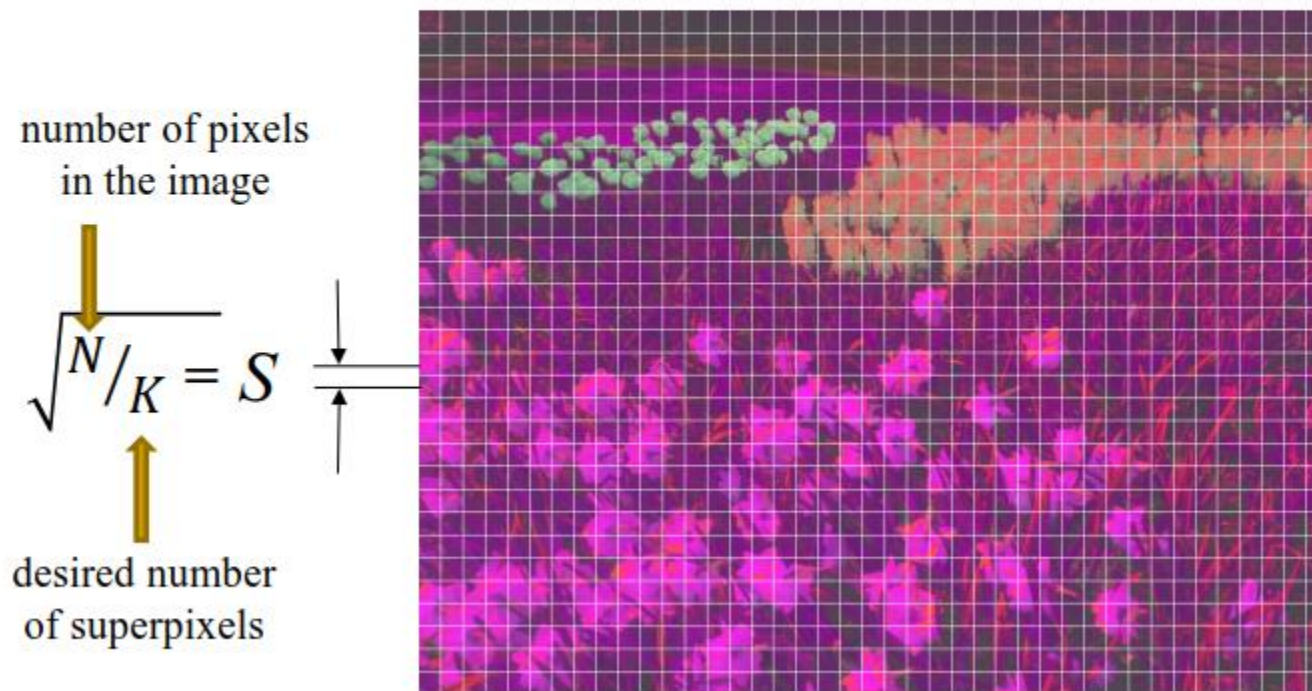
SLIC Example

1. Convert the RGB image to CIELAB color space.



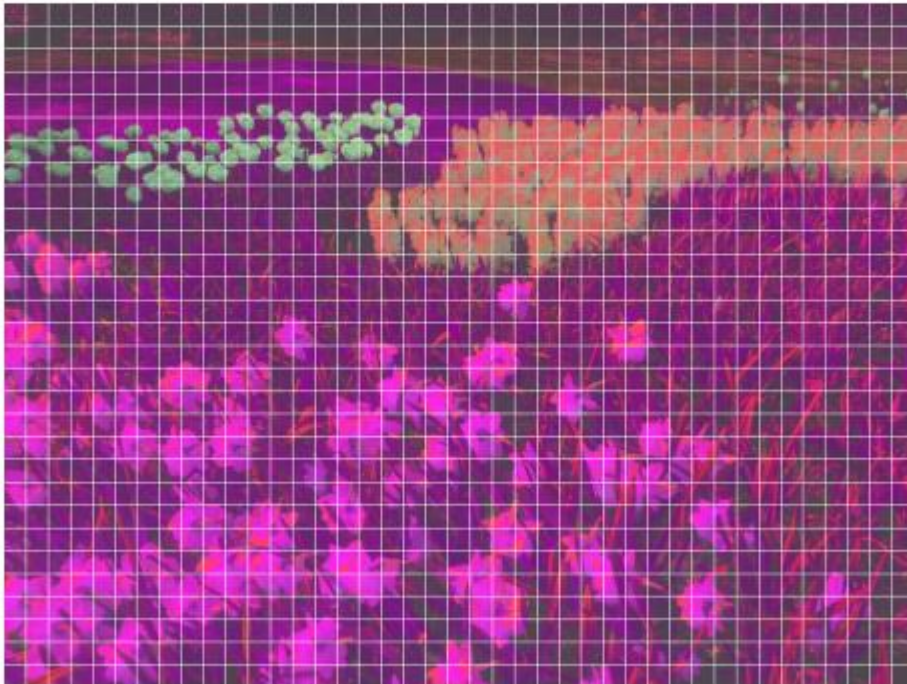
SLIC Example

2. Initialize cluster centers $C_k = [l_k; a_k; b_k; x_k; y_k]^T$ by sampling pixels at regular grid steps S .



SLIC Example

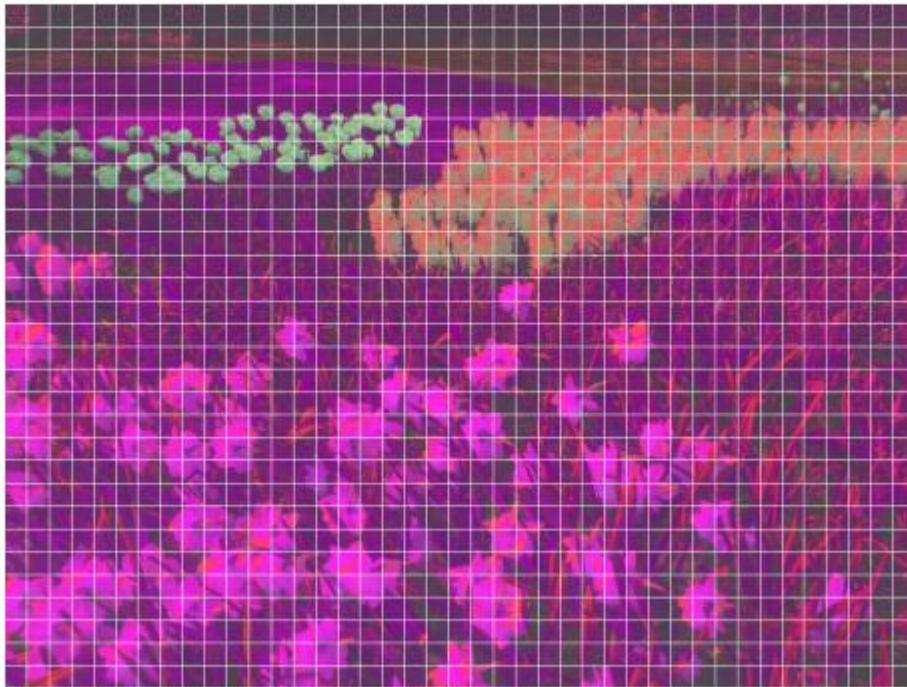
3. Move cluster centers to the lowest gradient position in a 3×3 neighborhood.



This is done to avoid placing them at an edge and to reduce the chances of choosing a noisy pixel

SLIC Example

3. Move cluster centers to the lowest gradient position in a 3×3 neighborhood.



$$G(x,y) = \|\mathbf{l}(x+1,y) - \mathbf{l}(x-1,y)\|^2 + \|\mathbf{l}(x,y+1) - \mathbf{l}(x,y-1)\|^2$$

- $\mathbf{l}(x,y)$ is the lab vector corresponding to the pixel at position (x,y) ,
- $\|\cdot\|$ is the L2 norm.

SLIC Example

4. A 2D label matrix L as large as the input image will contain the superpixel each pixel belongs to. L is initialized with -1 for all pixels.
(meaning that each pixel belongs to no superpixel in the beginning)

$L =$

| | | | | | |
|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| -1 | -1 | -1 | -1 | -1 | -1 |
| -1 | -1 | -1 | -1 | -1 | |
| -1 | -1 | -1 | | | |
| -1 | -1 | | | | |
| | | | | | |

SLIC Example

- A 2D distance matrix d as large as the input image will contain the distance of each pixel to the centroid of its superpixel. d is initialized with ∞ for all pixels.

(distance to superpixel centroid in the beginning)

| | | | | | | |
|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|--|-----|
| ∞ | ∞ | ∞ | ∞ | ∞ | | r |
| ∞ | ∞ | ∞ | ∞ | ∞ | | r |
| ∞ | ∞ | ∞ | | r | | |
| ∞ | ∞ | | | | | |
| | | | | | | |

$$d_s = \sqrt{(x_j - x_i)^2 + (y_j - y_i)^2}$$

$$d_c = \sqrt{(l_j - l_i)^2 + (a_j - a_i)^2 + (b_j - b_i)^2}$$

$$D' = \sqrt{\left(\frac{d_c}{m}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{d_s}{S}\right)^2}$$

SLIC Example

5. A 2D distance matrix d as large as the input image will contain the distance of each pixel to the centroid of its superpixel. d is initialized with ∞ for all pixels.

(distance to superpixel centroid in the beginning)

$d =$

| | | | | | |
|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| ∞ | ∞ | ∞ | ∞ | ∞ | ∞ |
| ∞ | ∞ | ∞ | ∞ | ∞ | |
| ∞ | ∞ | ∞ | | | |
| ∞ | | | | | |

$$D = \sqrt{(d_c)^2 + \left(\frac{d_s}{S}\right)^2 m^2}$$

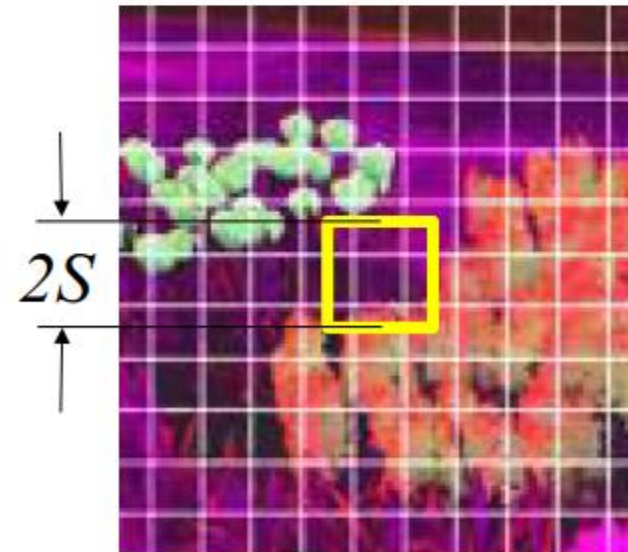
controls the relative importance of shape and color

m large \rightarrow favors more compact (lower area to perimeter ratio) superpixels.

m small \rightarrow favors more adherence to edges.

SLIC Example

```
6. repeat
    for each cluster center  $C_k$  do
        for each pixel  $i$  in a  $2S \times 2S$  region around  $C_k$  do
            Compute the distance  $D$  between  $C_k$  and  $i$ .
            if  $D < d(i)$  then
                set  $d(i) = D$ 
                set  $L(i) = k$ 
            end if
        end for
    end for
    compute new cluster centers.
    compute residual error  $E$ .
until  $E < \text{threshold}$ .
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Example 1: image size = 735×980 pixels

$K = 1333$ superpixels; $m = 40$



More examples

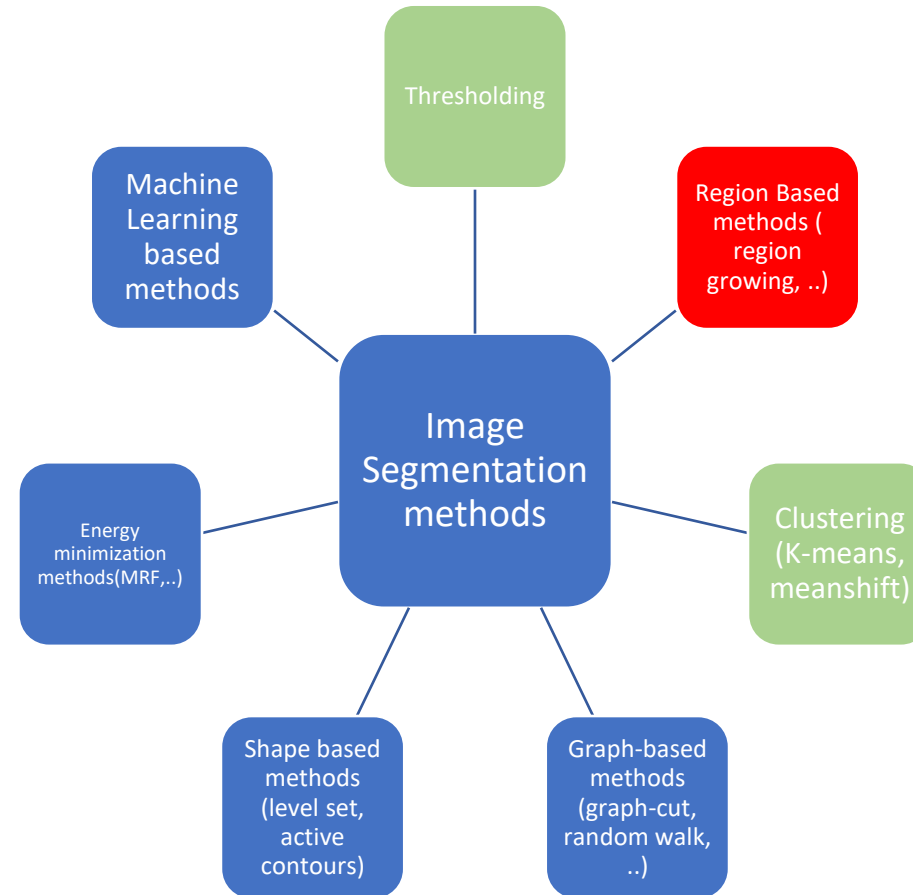




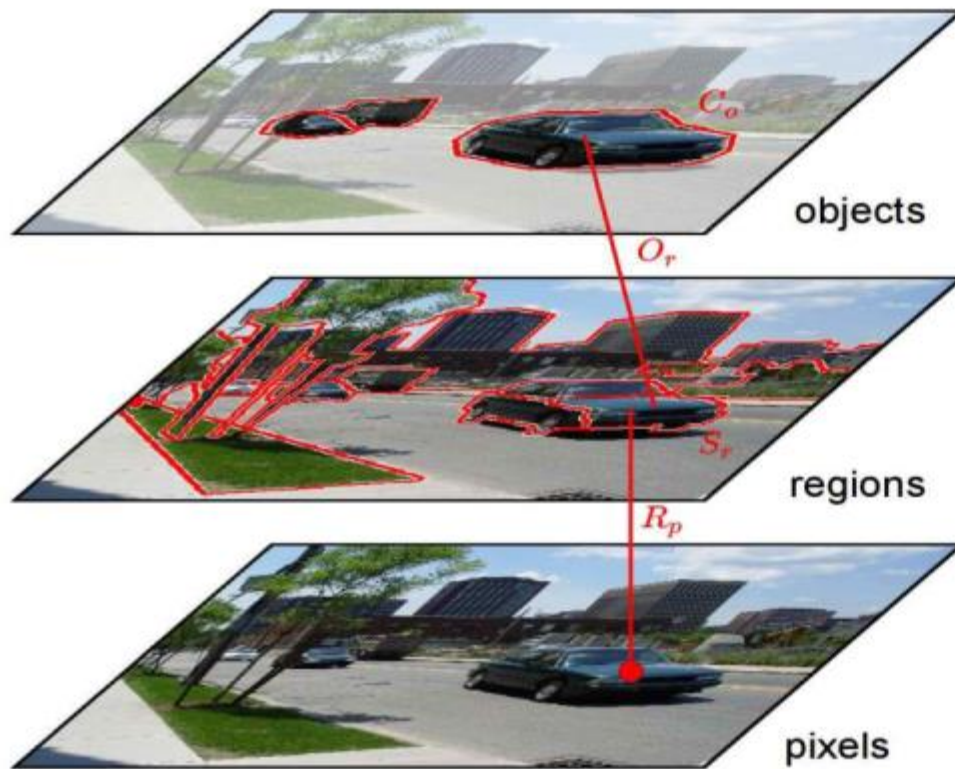
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 - Otsu
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 - Splitting

Image segmentation methods



Region based segmentation



Region:

A group of connected pixels with similar properties

Closed boundaries

Computation of regions is based on similarity

Regions may correspond to Objects in a scene or parts of objects

Spatial proximity + similarity



Region growing

- For segment generation in grey-level or color images, we may start at one seed pixel $(x,y,I(x,y))$ and add recursively adjacent pixels that satisfy a “similarity criterion” with pixels contained in the so-far grown region around the seed pixel.
- Defining similarity criteria alone is not an effective basis for segmentation
- It is necessary to consider the adjacency spatial relationship between pixels



Region growing

- Algorithm

1. The absolute intensity difference between candidate pixel and the seed pixel must lie within a specified range
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Keywords: image segmentation, clustering, perceptual organization, graph algorithm



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Original Image



Incorrect Segmentation



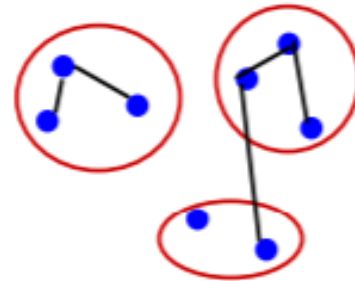
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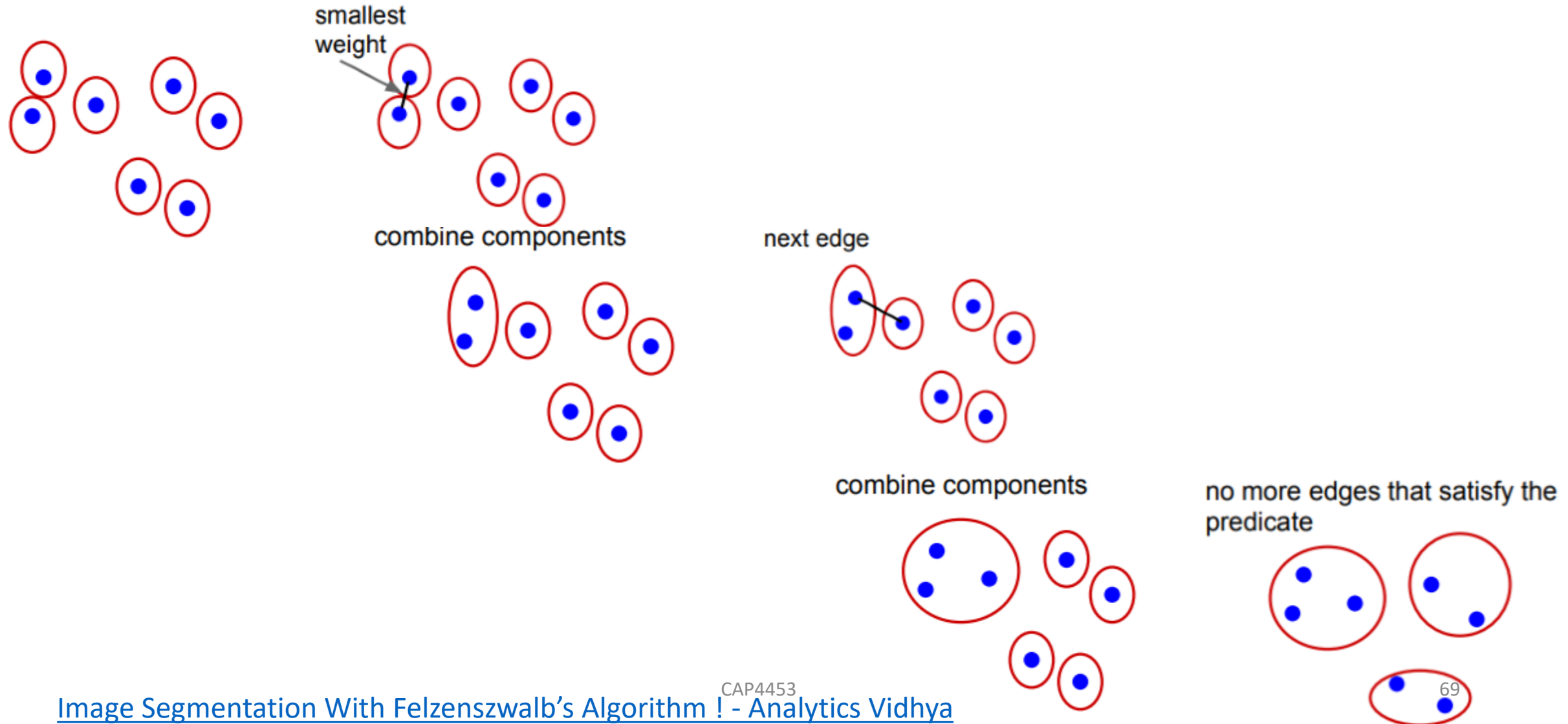
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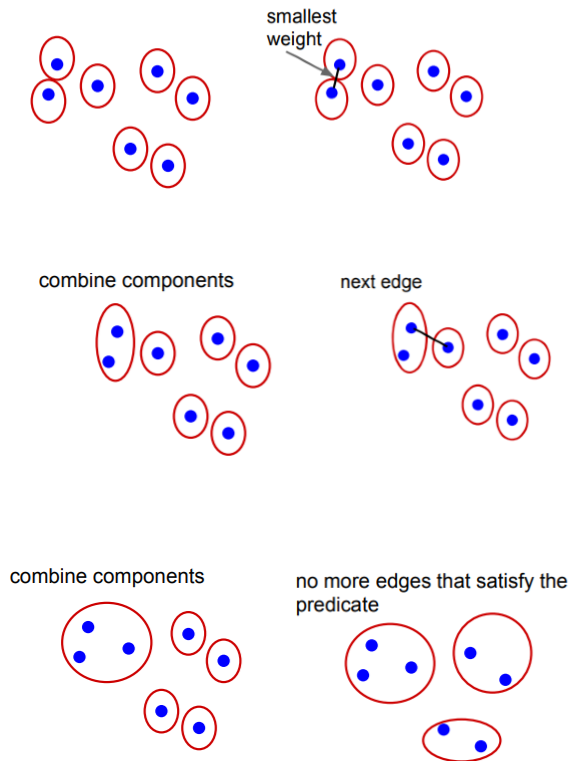
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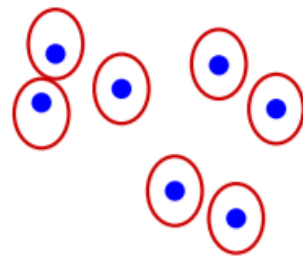
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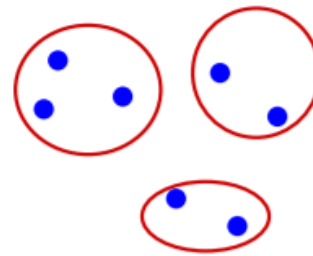
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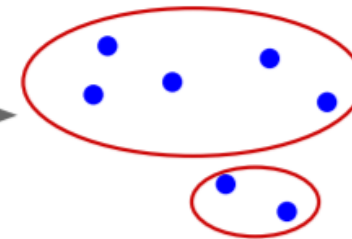
Correct Segmentation



Too Fine



Neither Too Coarse nor Too Fine



Too Coarse



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Internal difference: $\text{Int}(C) = \max_{e \in \text{MST}(C,E)} w(e)$, where MST is the minimum spanning tree of the components. A component 'C' can still remain connected even when we have removed all the edges with weights $< \text{Int}(C)$. In other words, **Internal Difference is the maximum edge weight that connects two nodes of the same component.**

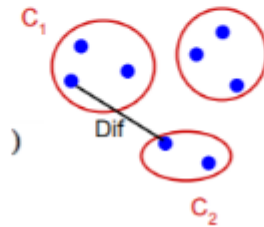


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Difference between two components

The difference between the two components is the minimum weight edge that connects a node v_i in component C_1 to node v_j in C_2 .



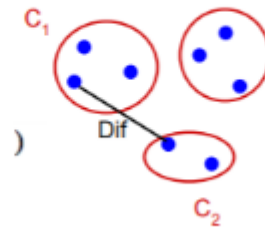
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Stop merging criteria



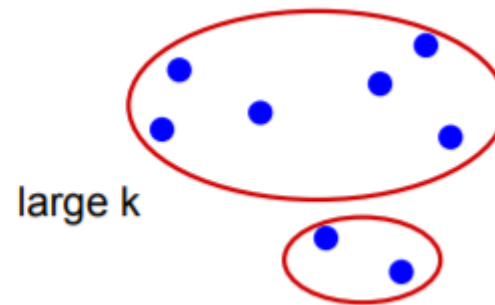
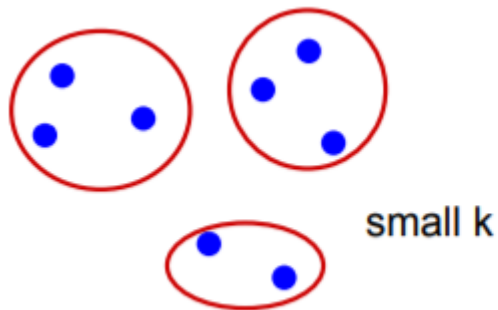
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- If k is large, it causes a preference for larger objects.
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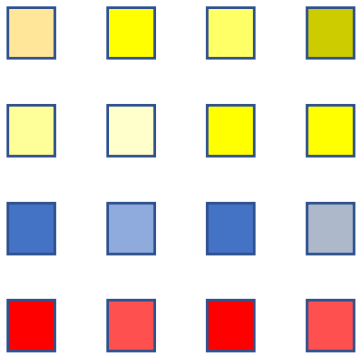
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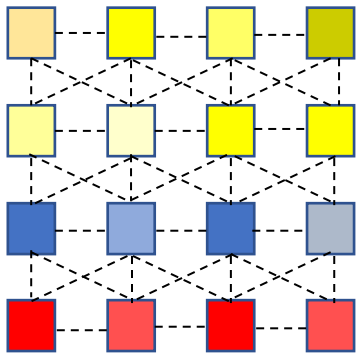
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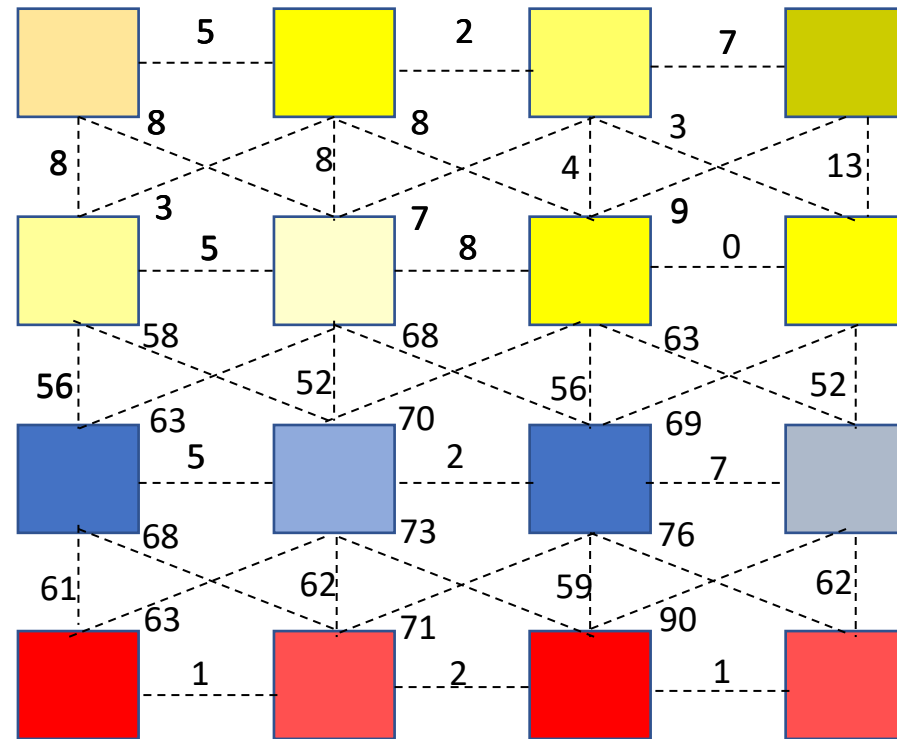
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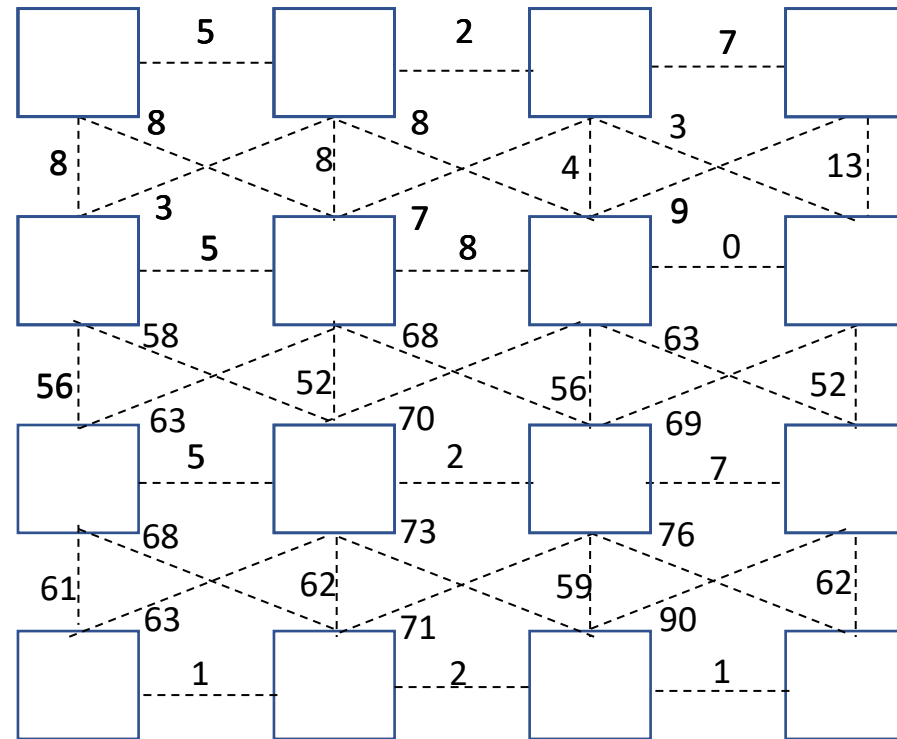
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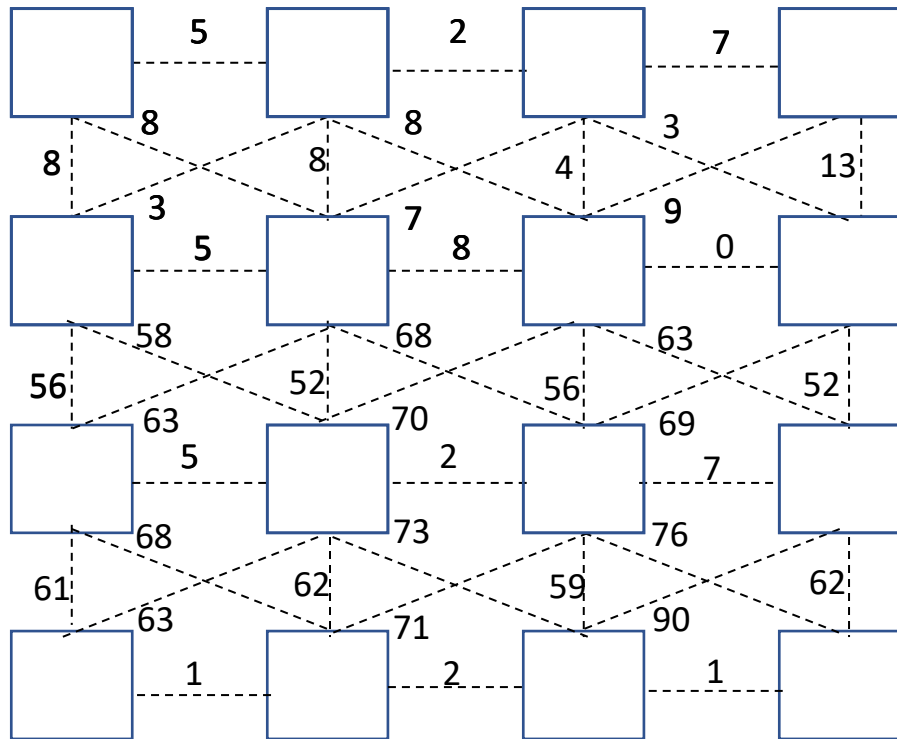


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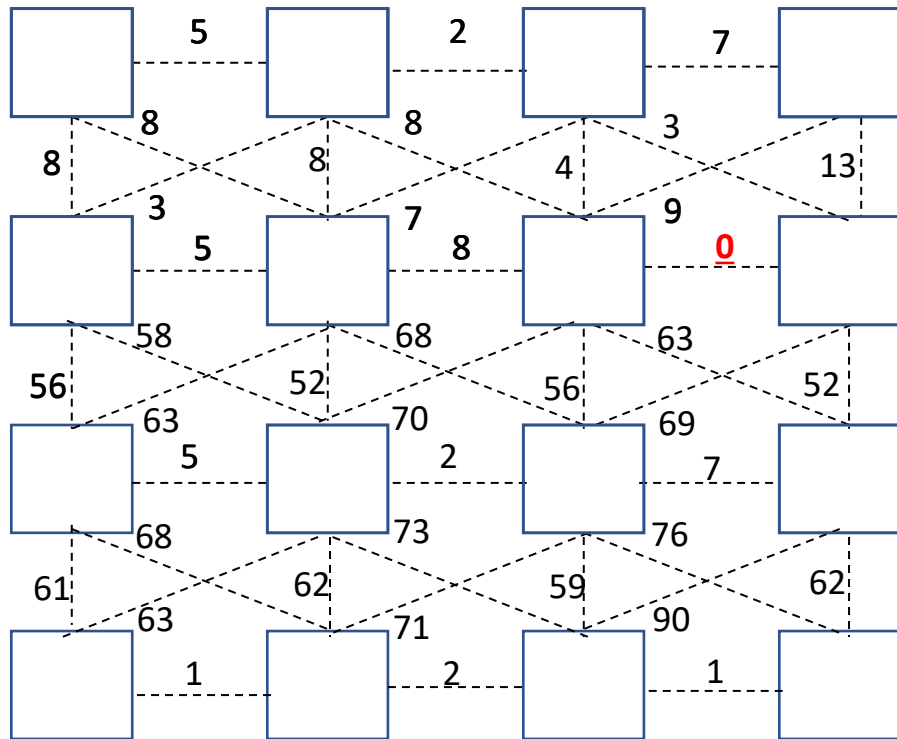
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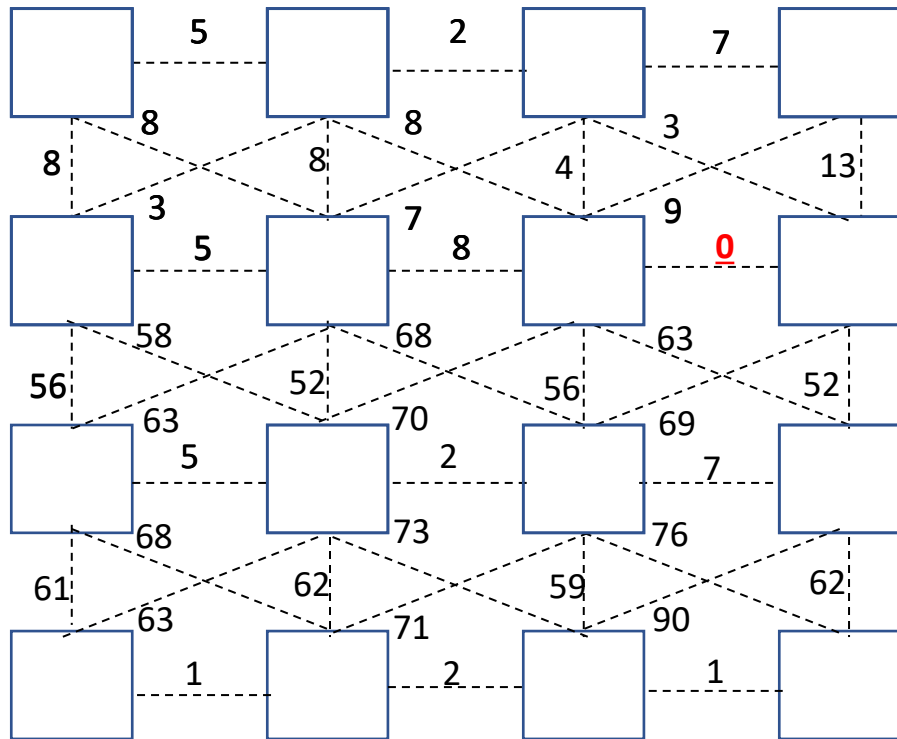
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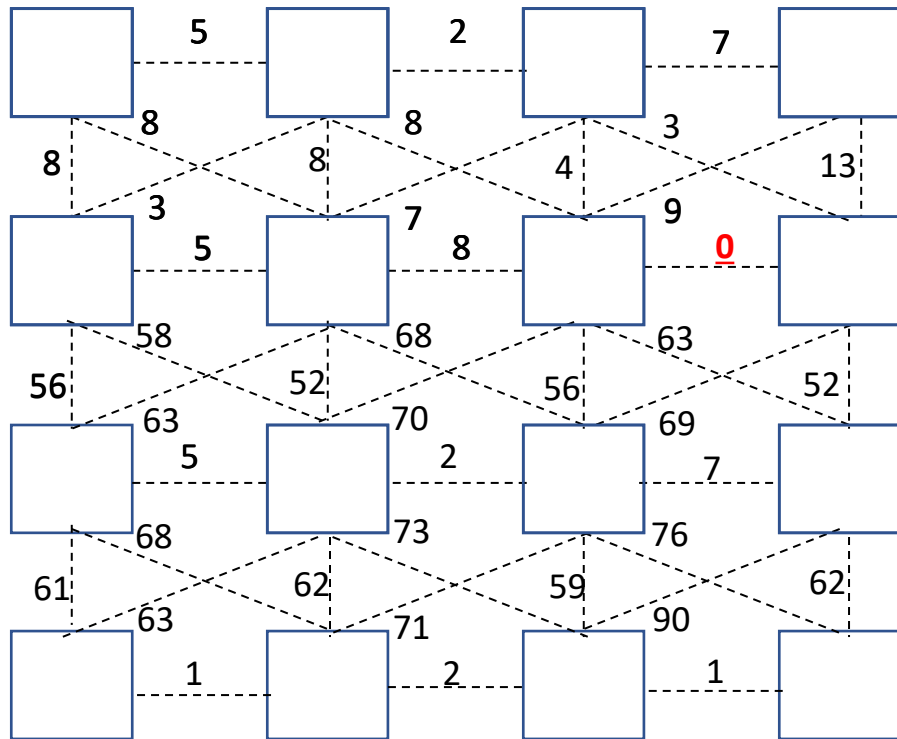
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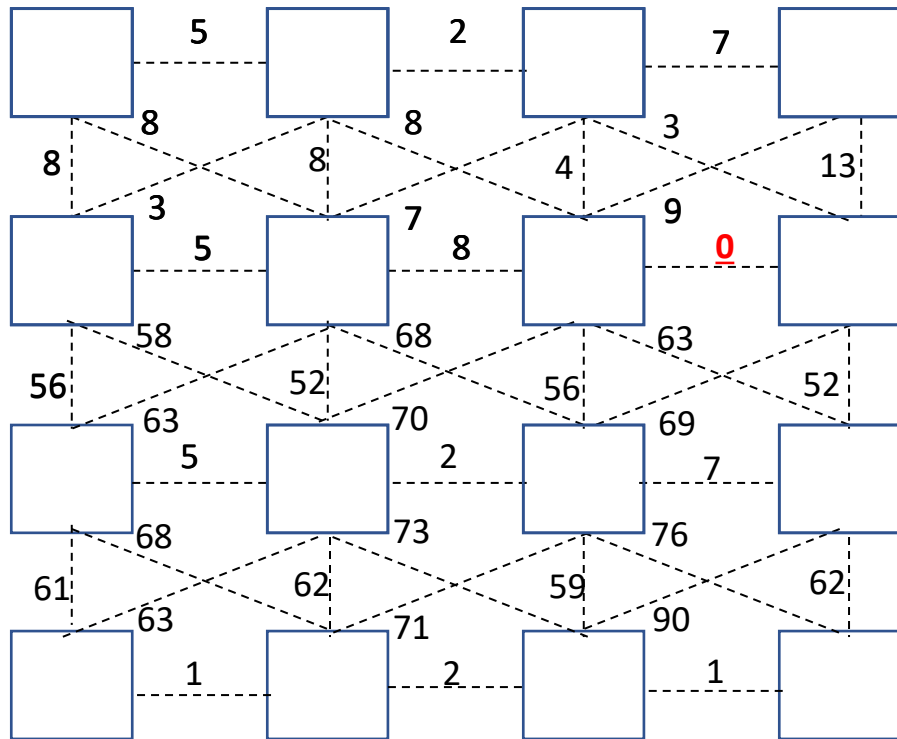
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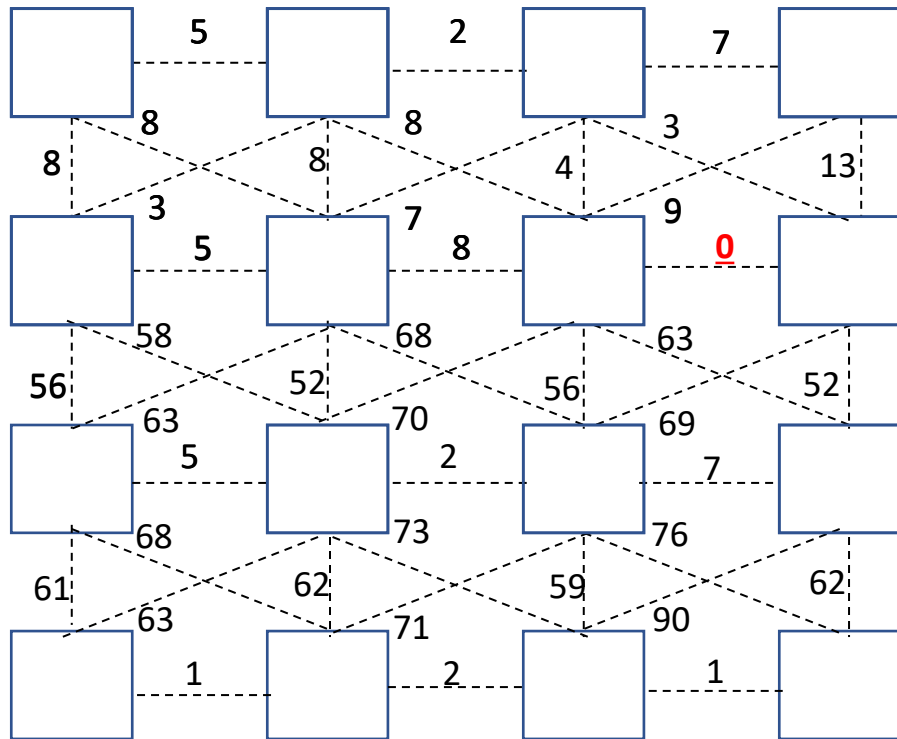
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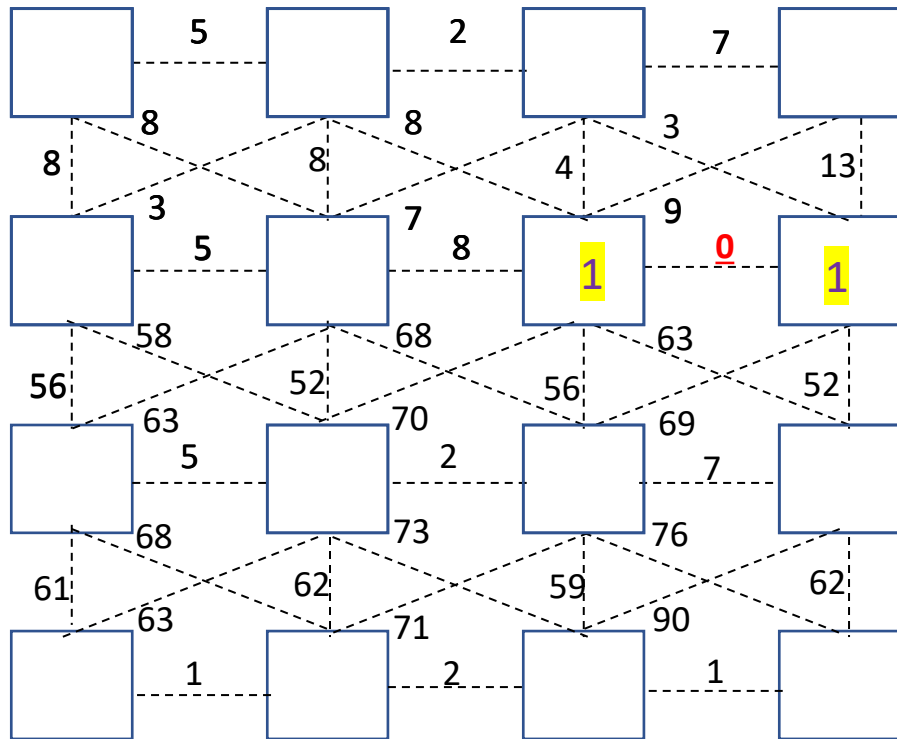
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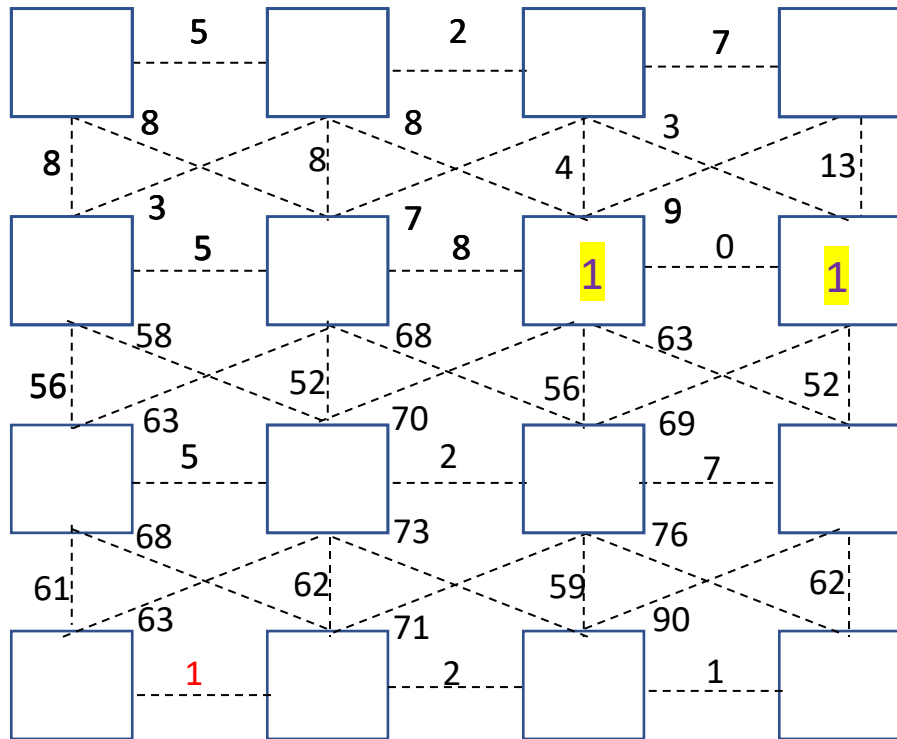
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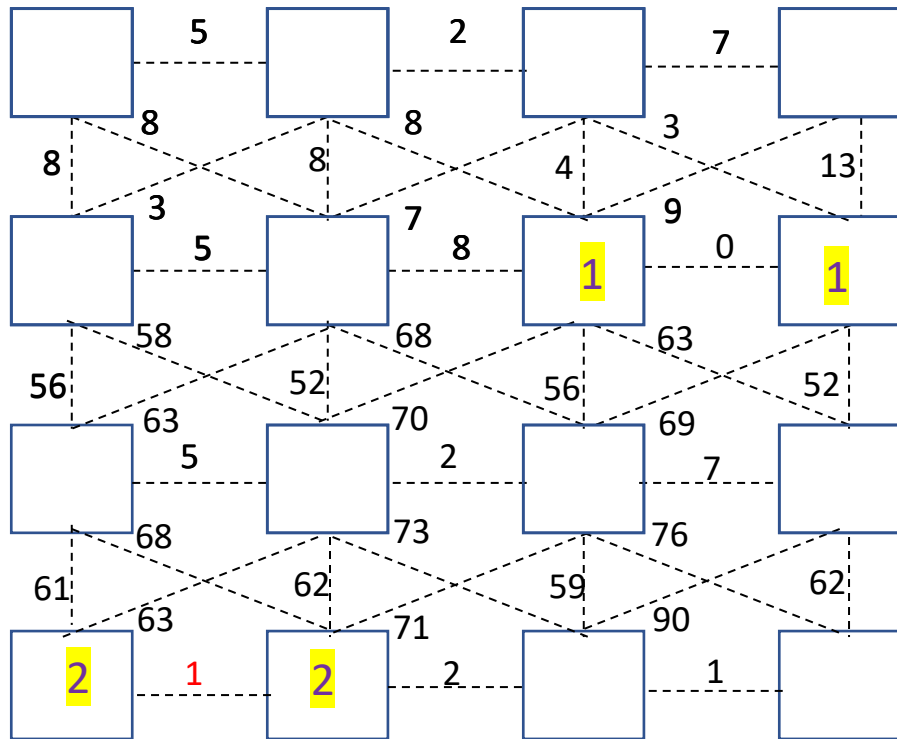
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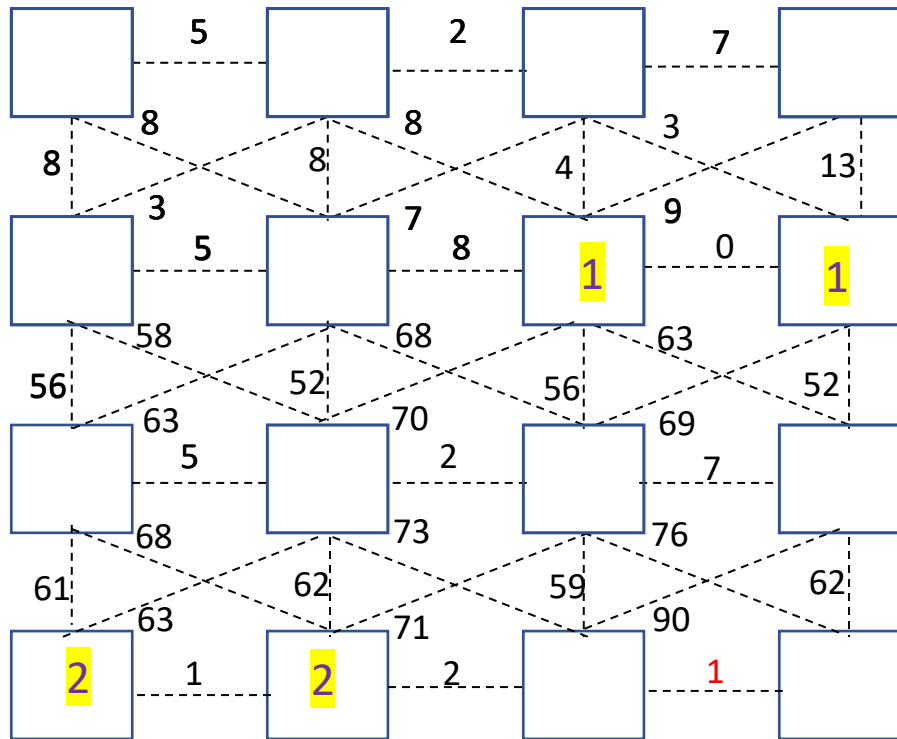
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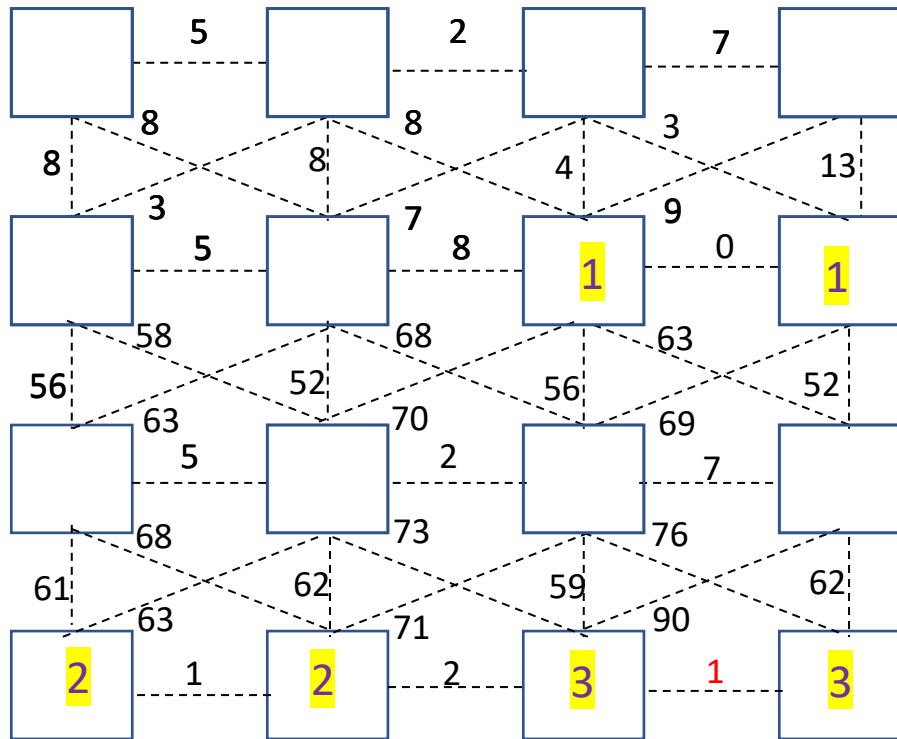
with $k=100$

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MERGE THEM !

Efficient Graph-Based Image Segmentation. Example (4x4 image)



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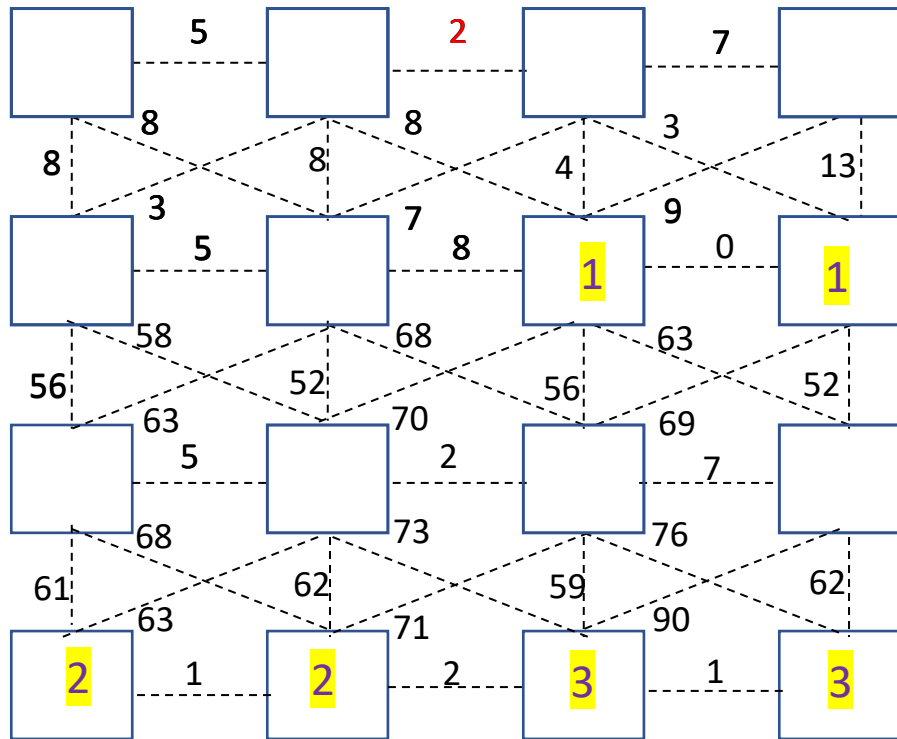
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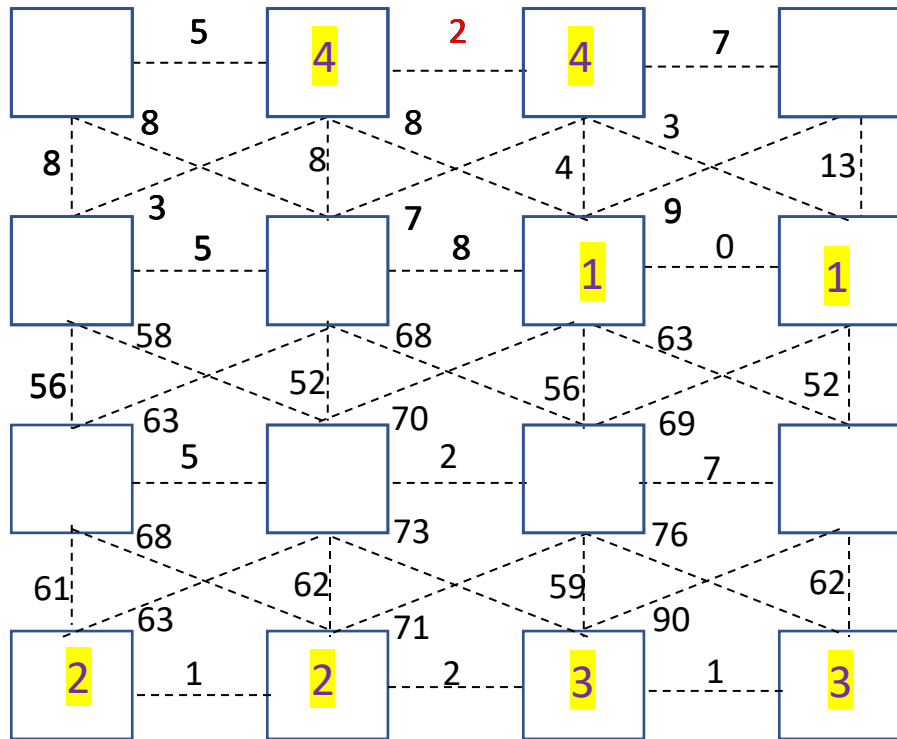
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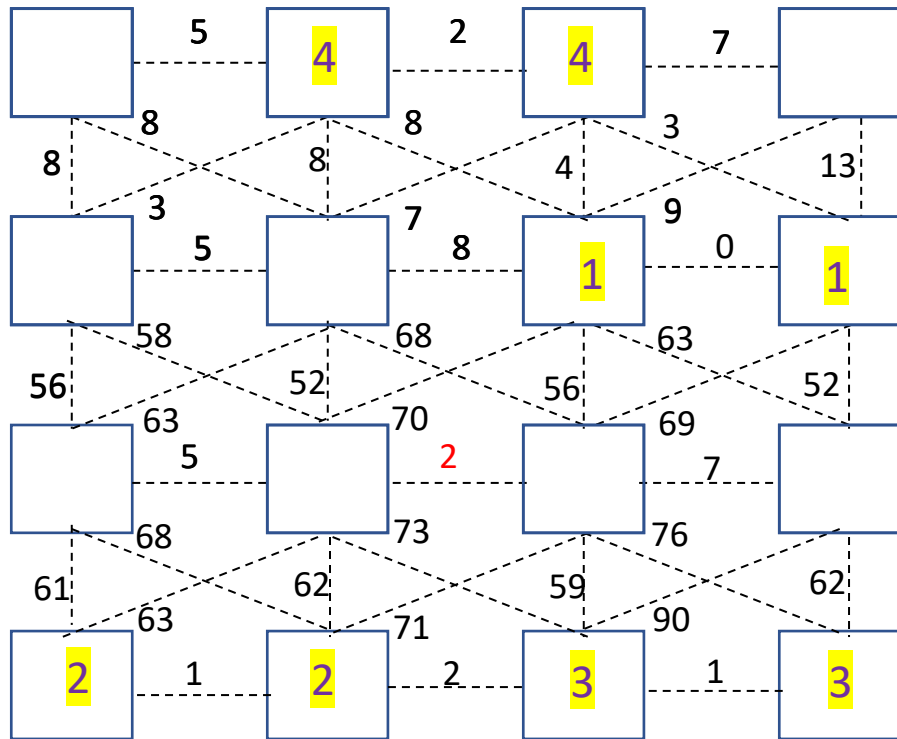
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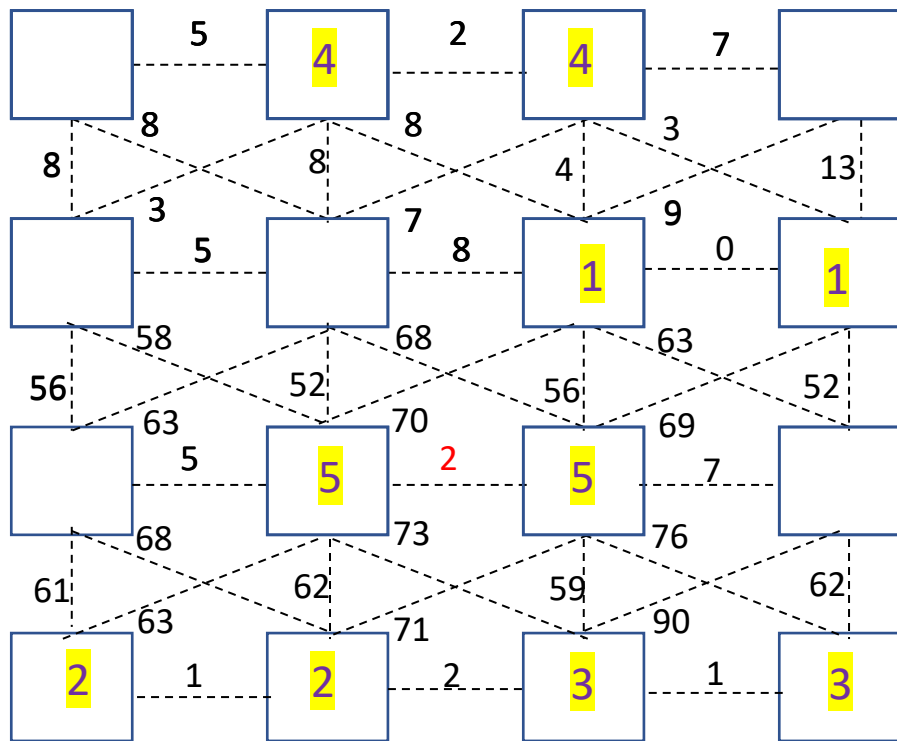
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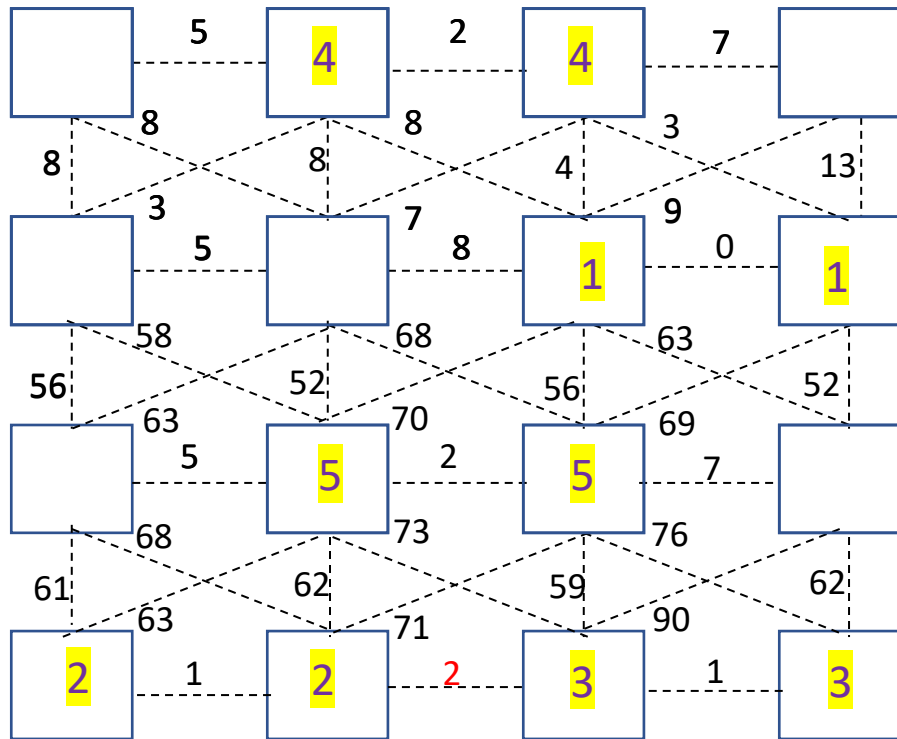
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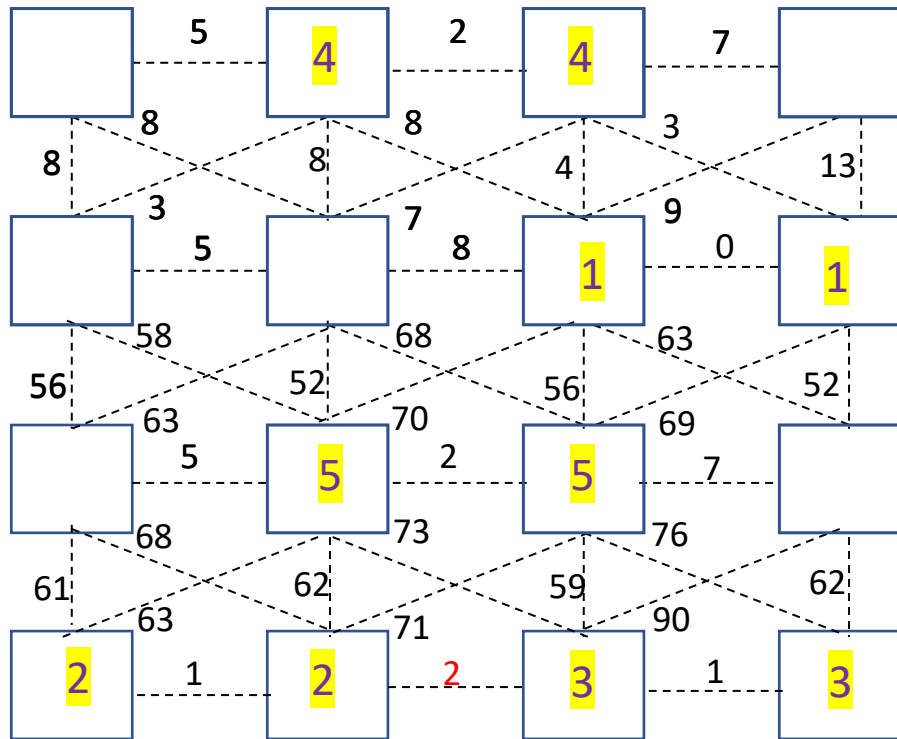
$$w(v_i, v_j) = 2 < MInt(C_2, C_3) = \min(Int(C_2) + \tau(C_2), Int(C_3) + \tau(C_3)) = 51$$

with $k=100$

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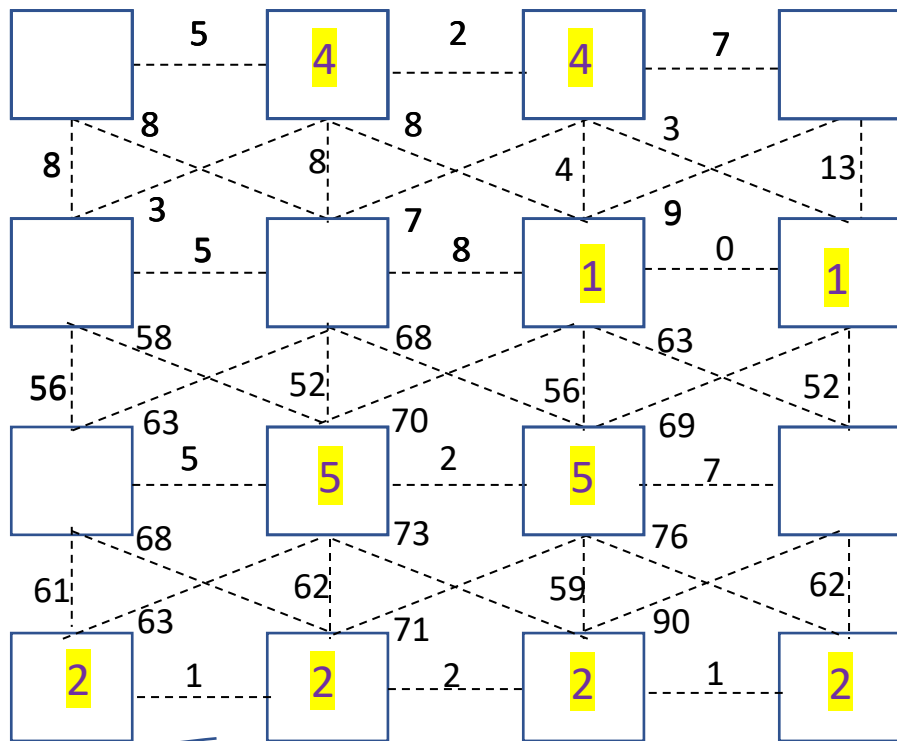
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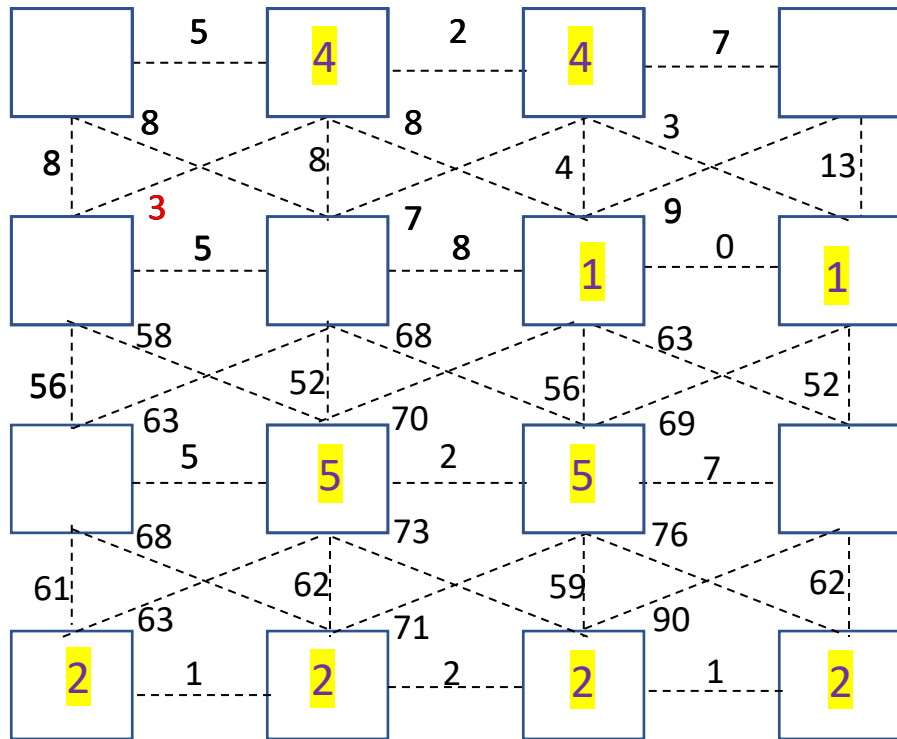
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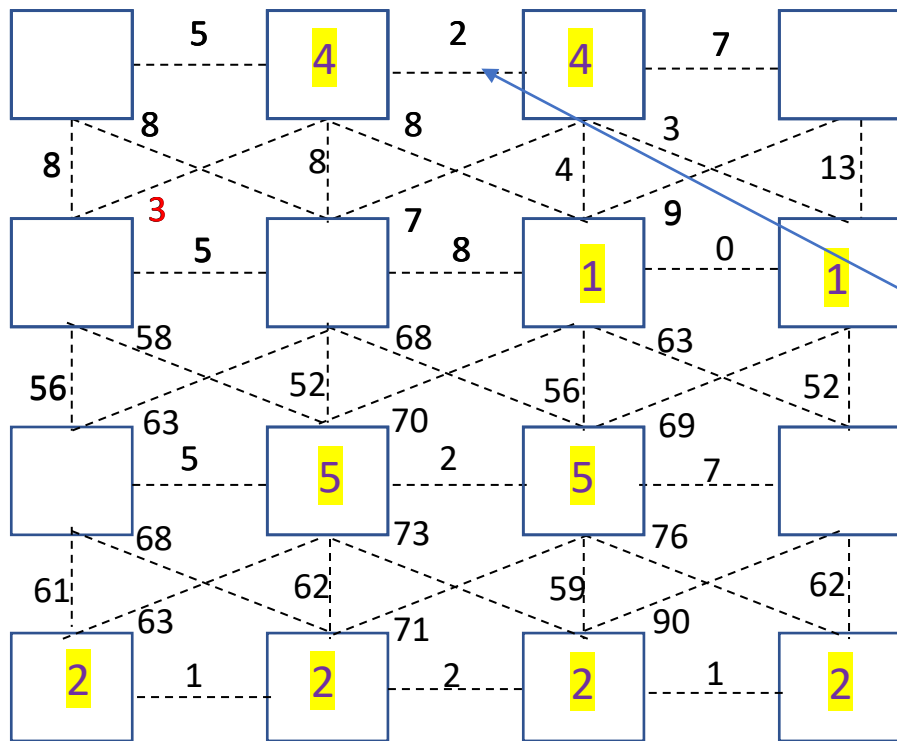
$$w(v_i, v_j) = 3 < MInt(C_i, C_4) = \min(Int(C_i) + \tau(C_i), Int(C_4) + \tau(C_4)) = 52$$

with $k=100$

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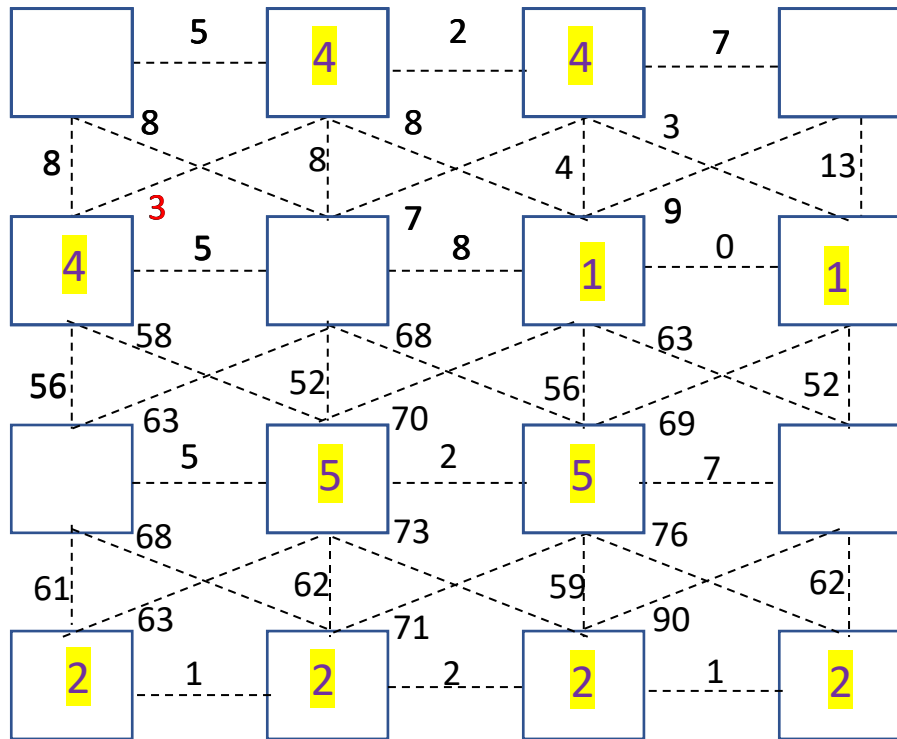
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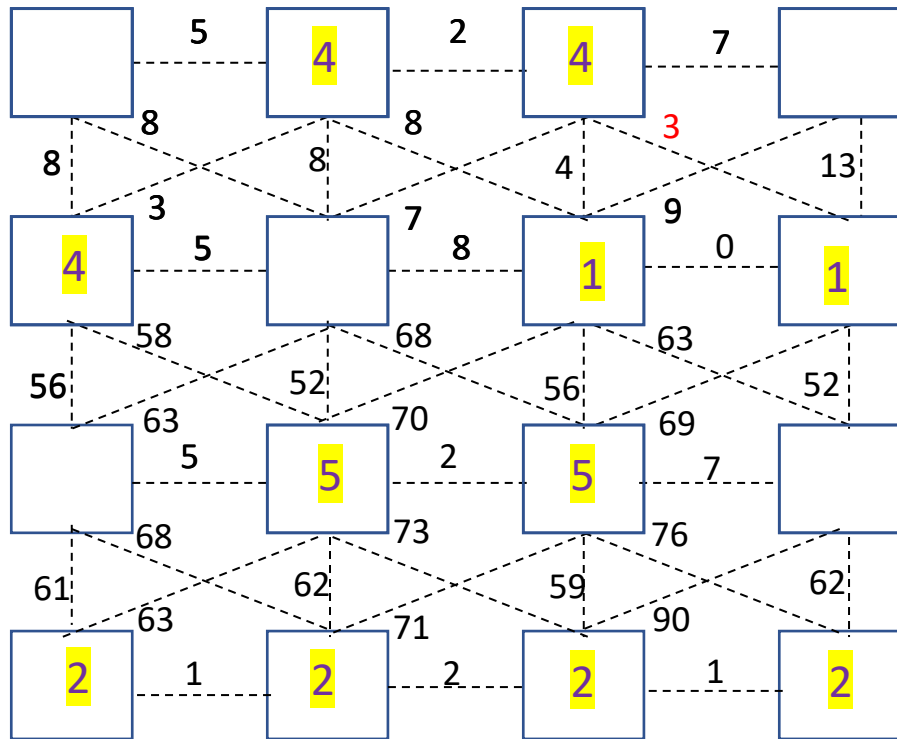
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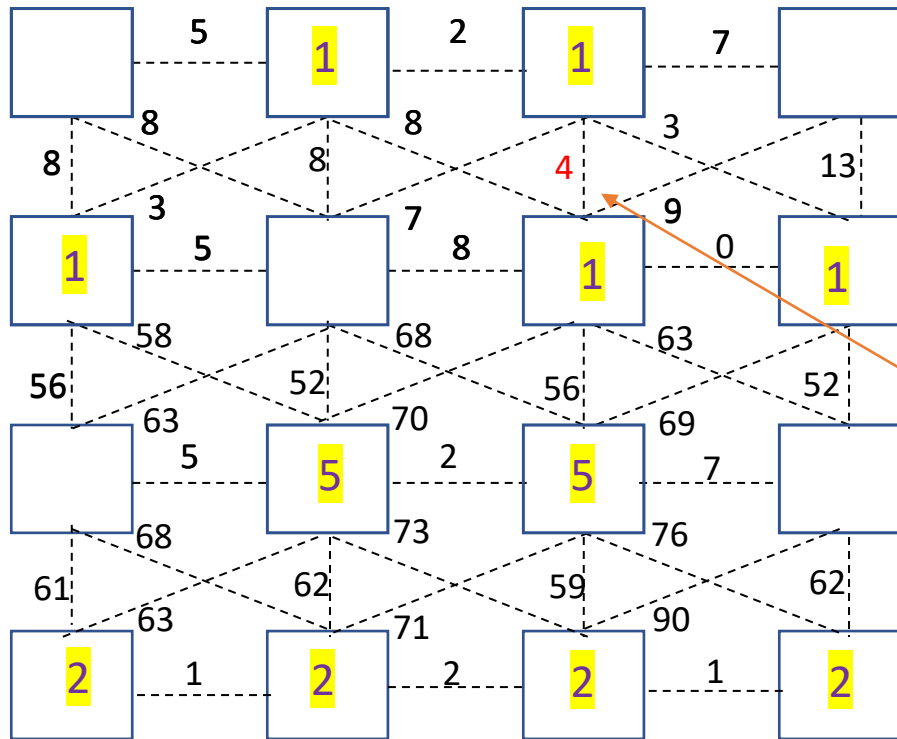
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with $k=100$

$$\tau(C_1) = \frac{100}{2} = 50 \quad Int(C_i) = 0$$

$$\tau(C_4) = \frac{100}{3} = 33.3 \quad Int(C_4) = 3^{101}$$

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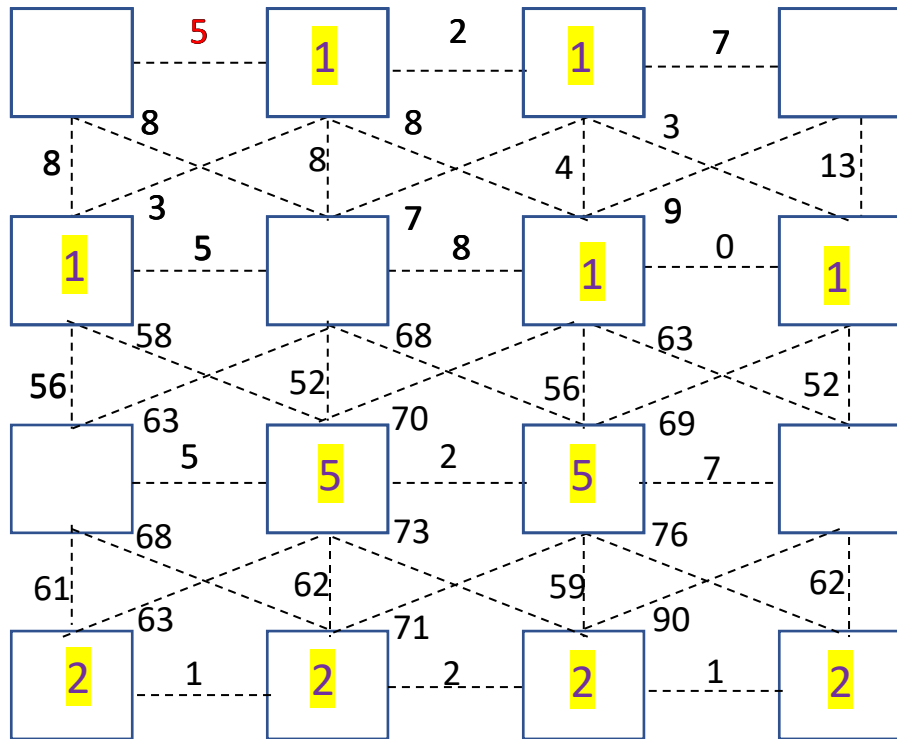


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DO NOTHING !!

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$$w(v_i, v_j) = 5 < MInt(C_i, C_1) = \min(Int(C_i) + \tau(C_i), Int(C_1) + \tau(C_1)) = 24$$

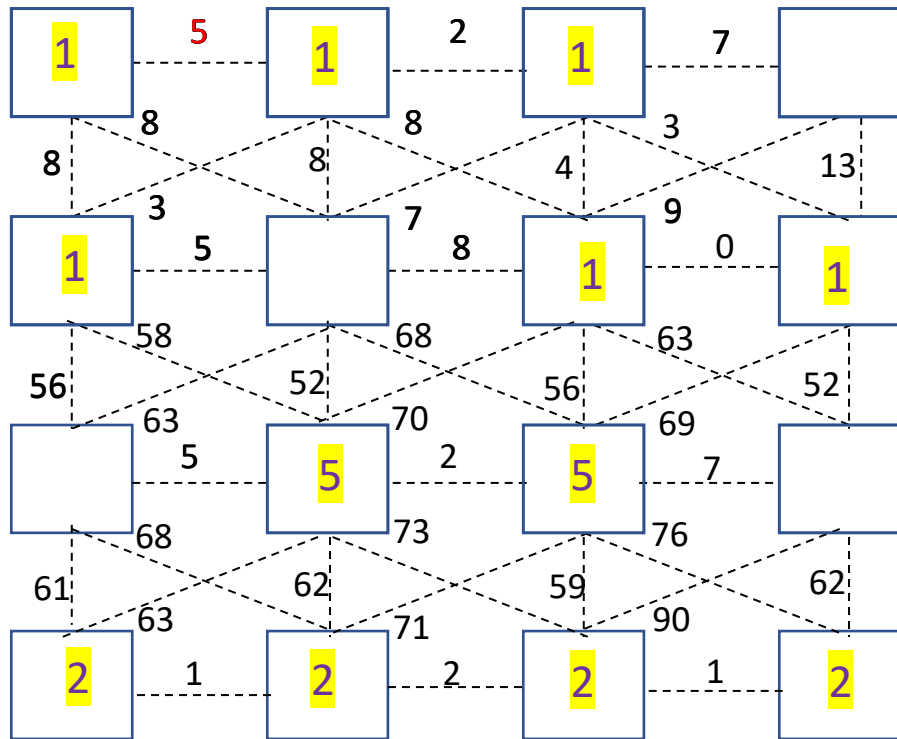
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with $k=100$

$$\tau(C_i) = \frac{100}{1} = 100 \quad Int(C_i) = 0$$

$$\tau(C_1) = \frac{100}{5} = 20 \quad Int(C_1) = 4 \quad 103$$

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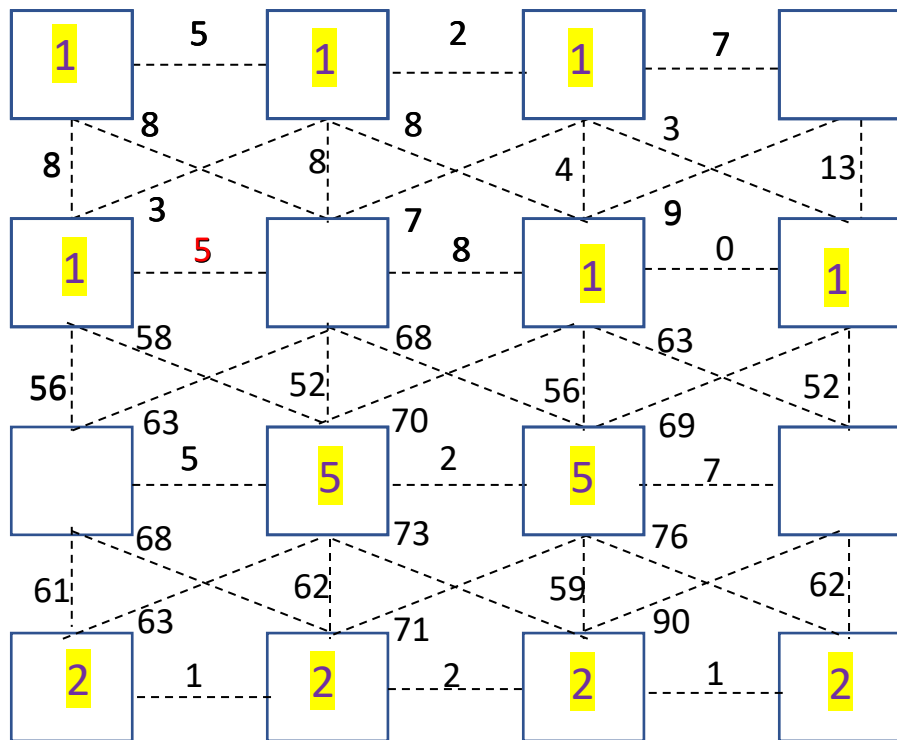
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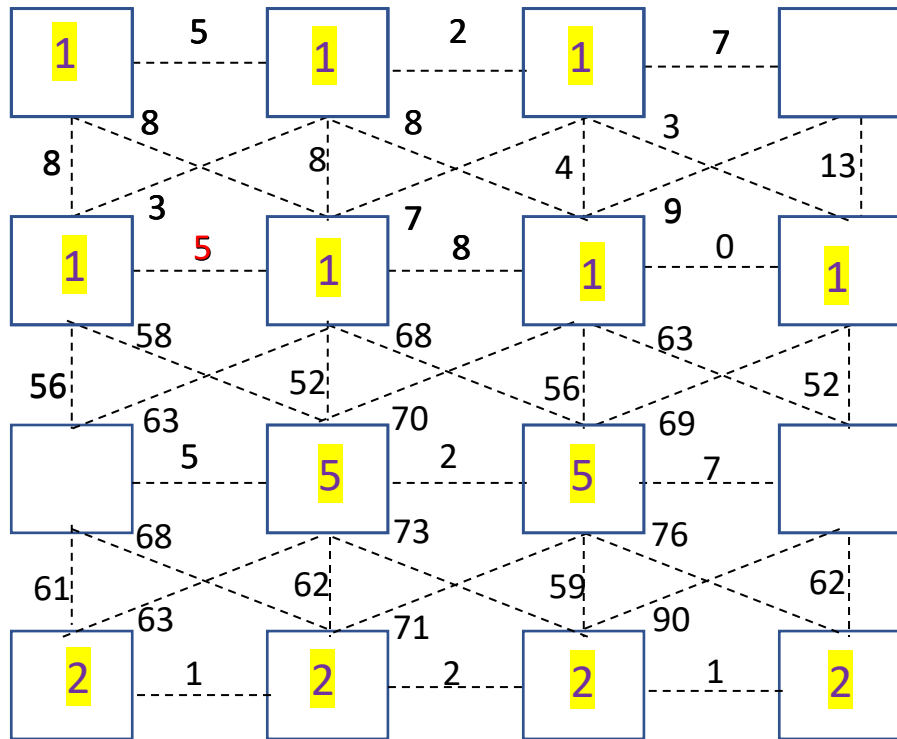
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with $k=100$

$$\tau(C_i) = \frac{100}{1} = 100 \quad Int(C_i) = 0$$

$$\tau(C_1) = \frac{100}{6} = 16.6 \quad Int(C_1) = 8^{105}$$

Efficient Graph-Based Image Segmentation. Example (4x4 image)



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$$w(v_i, v_j) = 5 < MInt(C_i, C_1) = \min(Int(C_i) + \tau(C_i), Int(C_1) + \tau(C_1)) = 24.6$$

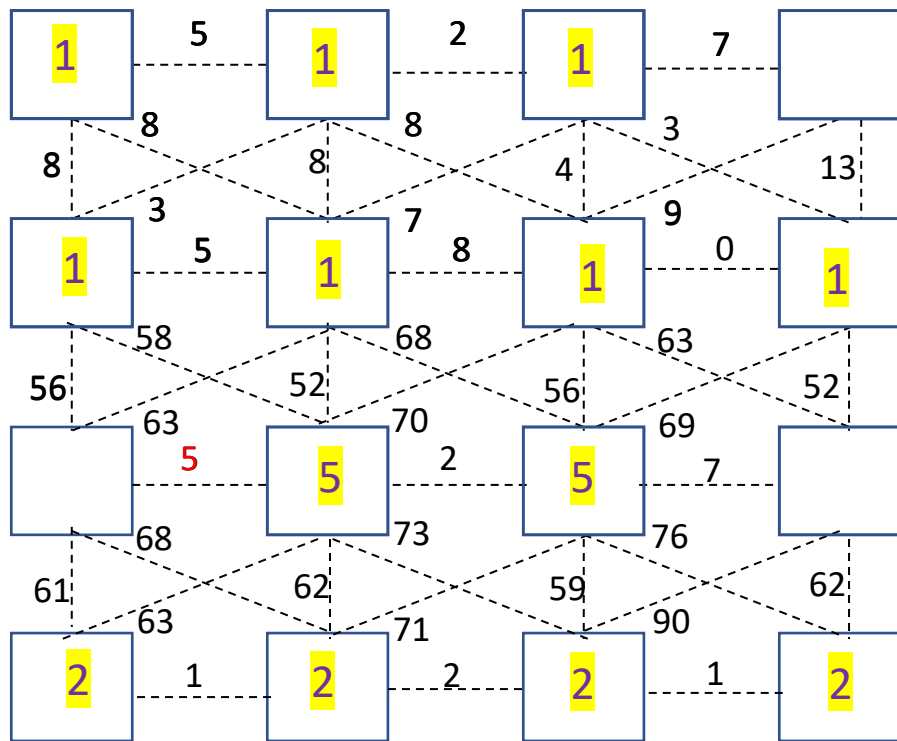
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$$w(v_i, v_j) = 5 < MInt(C_i, C_5) = \min(Int(C_i) + \tau(C_i), Int(C_5) + \tau(C_5)) = 52$$

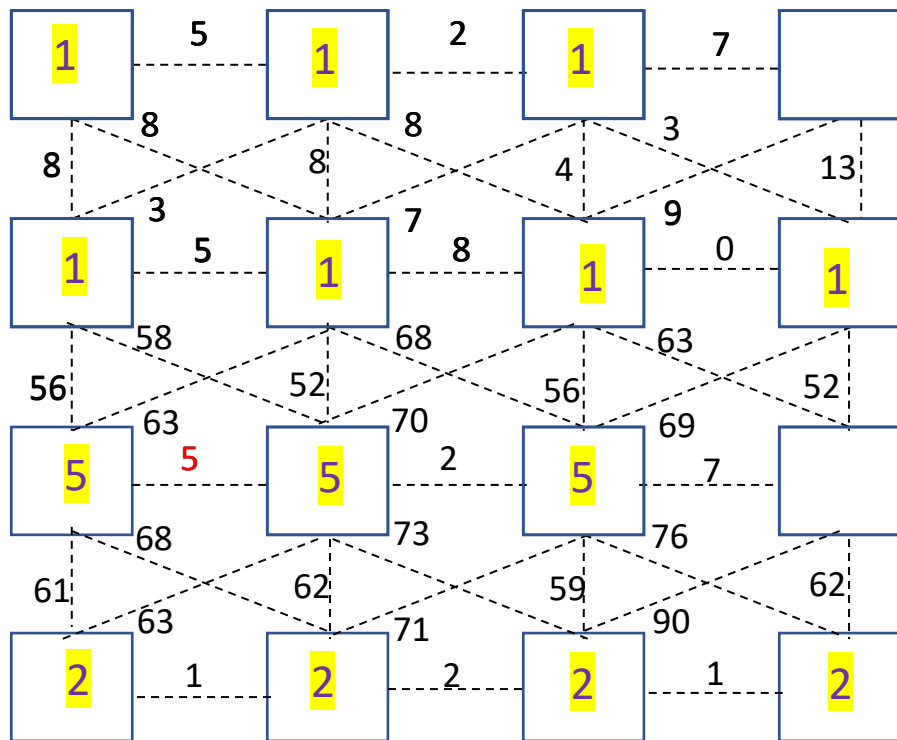
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with $k=100$

$$\tau(C_i) = \frac{100}{1} = 100 \quad Int(C_i) = 0$$

$$\tau(C_5) = \frac{100}{2} = 50 \quad Int(C_5) = 2$$

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$$w(v_i, v_j) = 5 < MInt(C_i, C_5) = \min(Int(C_i) + \tau(C_i), Int(C_5) + \tau(C_5)) = 52$$

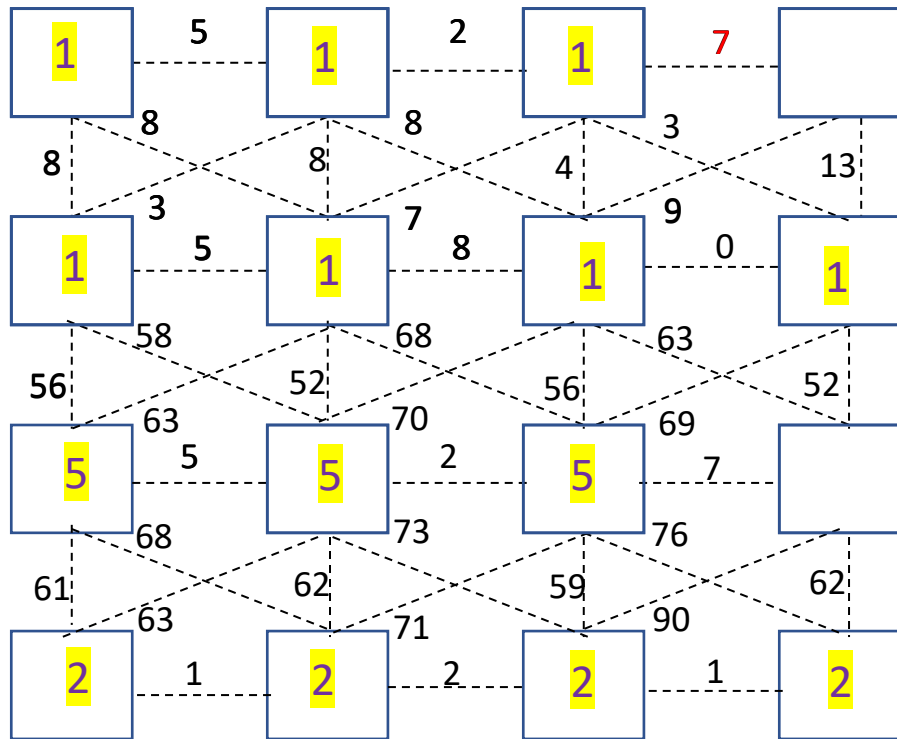
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$$w(v_i, v_j) = 7 < MInt(C_i, C_1) = \min(Int(C_i) + \tau(C_i), Int(C_1) + \tau(C_1)) = 22.3$$

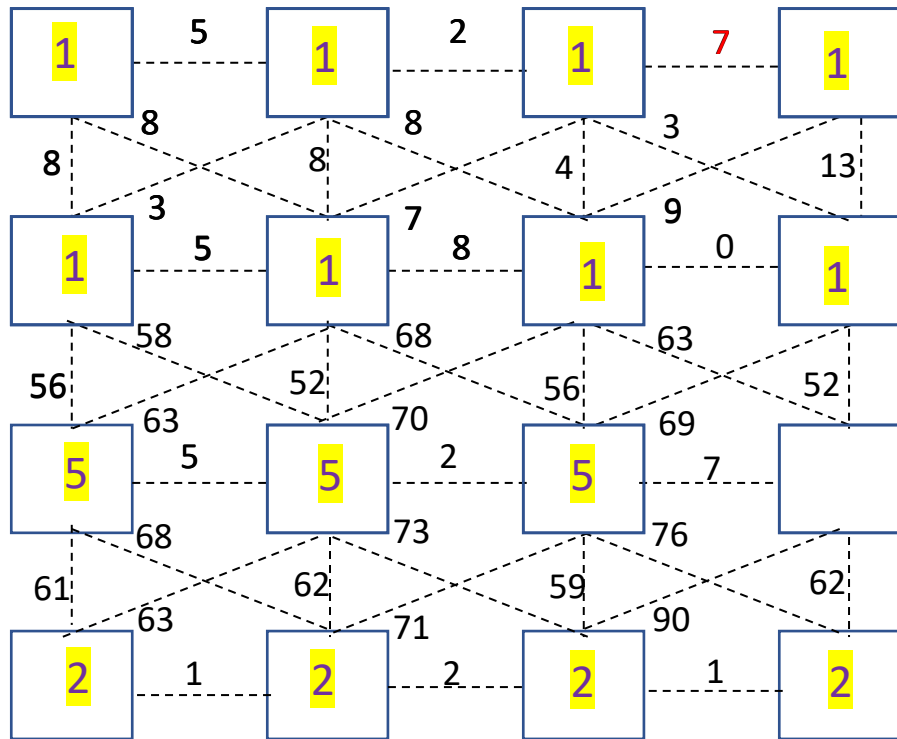
MERGE THEM !!

with $k=100$

$$\tau(C_i) = \frac{100}{1} = 100 \quad Int(C_i) = 0$$

$$\tau(C_1) = \frac{100}{7} = 14.3 \quad Int(C_1) = 8^{109}$$

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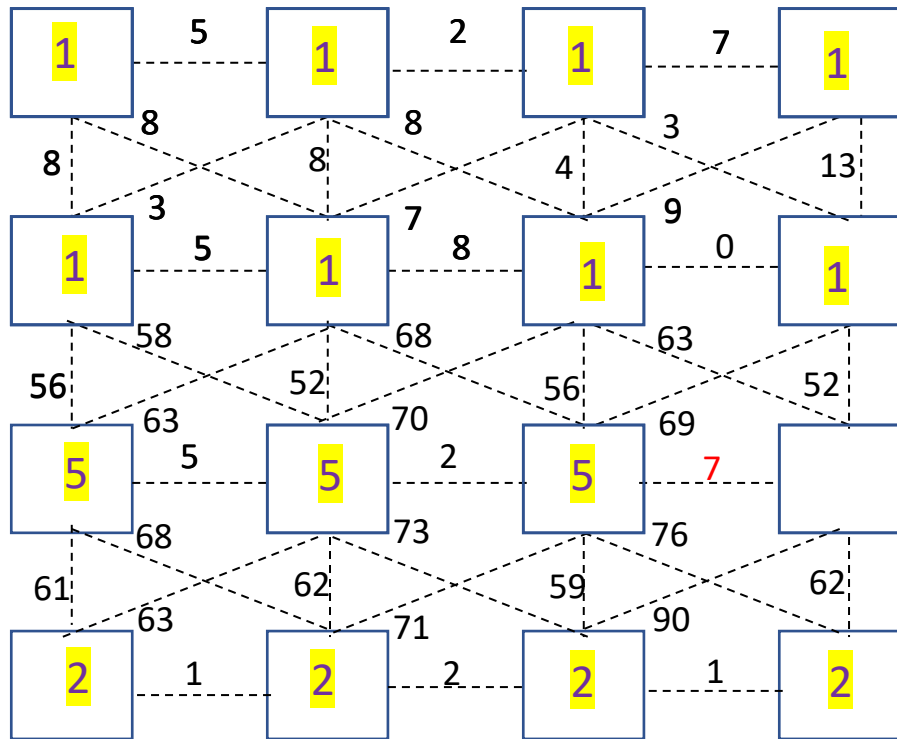
MERGE THEM !!

with $k=100$

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$$w(v_i, v_j) = 7 < MInt(C_i, C_5) = \min(Int(C_i) + \tau(C_i), Int(C_5) + \tau(C_5)) = 38.3$$

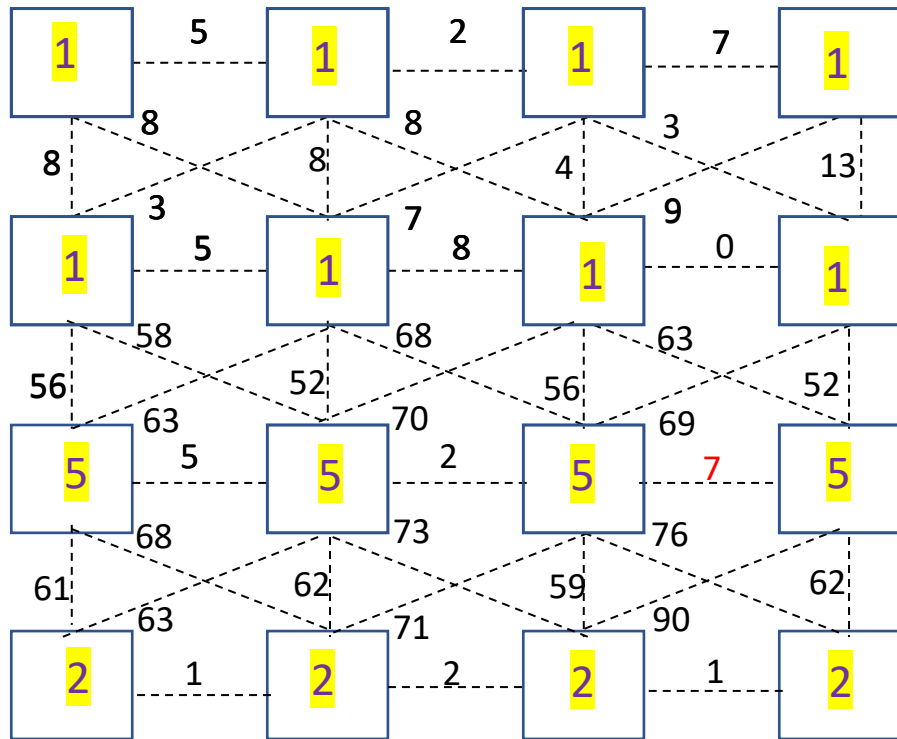
MERGE THEM !!

with $k=100$

$$\tau(C_i) = \frac{100}{1} = 100 \quad Int(C_i) = 0$$

$$\tau(C_5) = \frac{100}{3} = 33.3 \quad Int(C_5) = 5$$

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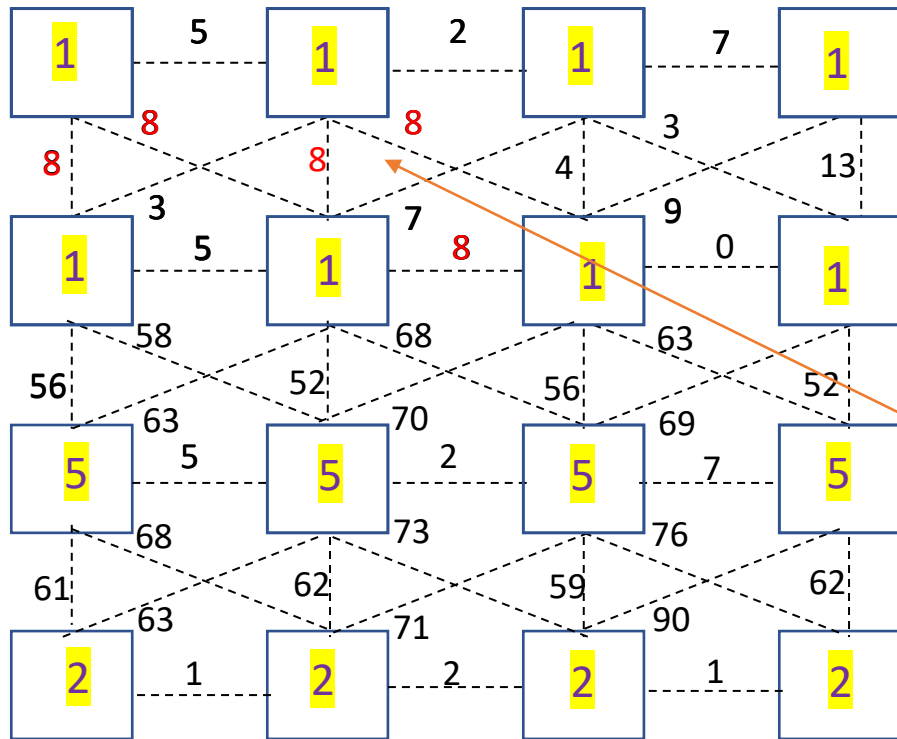
MERGE THEM !!

with $k=100$

$$\tau(C_i) = \frac{100}{1} = 100 \quad Int(C_i) = 0$$

$$\tau(C_5) = \frac{100}{3} = 33.3 \quad Int(C_5) = 5 \quad 112$$

Efficient Graph-Based Image Segmentation. Example (4x4 image)

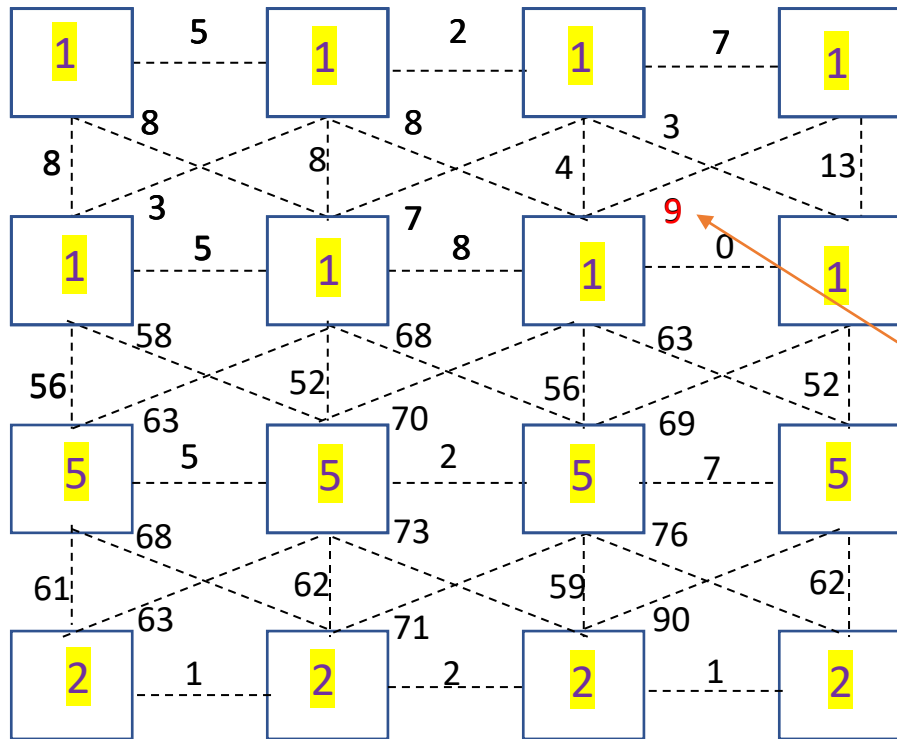


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DO NOTHING !!

Efficient Graph-Based Image Segmentation. Example (4x4 image)

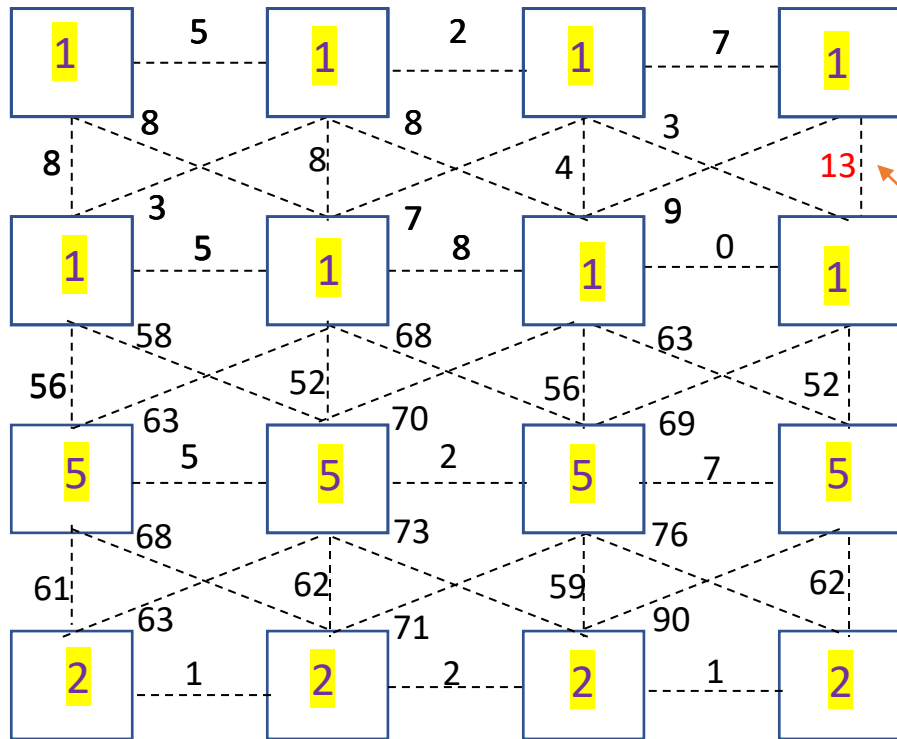


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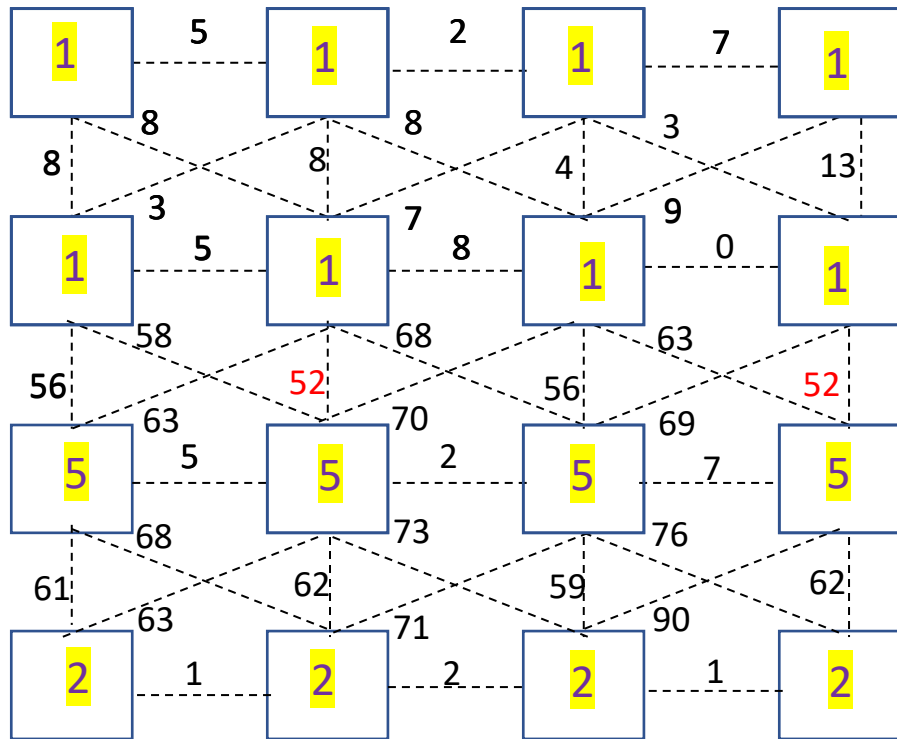
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$$w(v_i, v_j) = 52 > MInt(C_5, C_1) = \min(Int(C_5) + \tau(C_5), Int(C_1) + \tau(C_1)) = 25.5$$

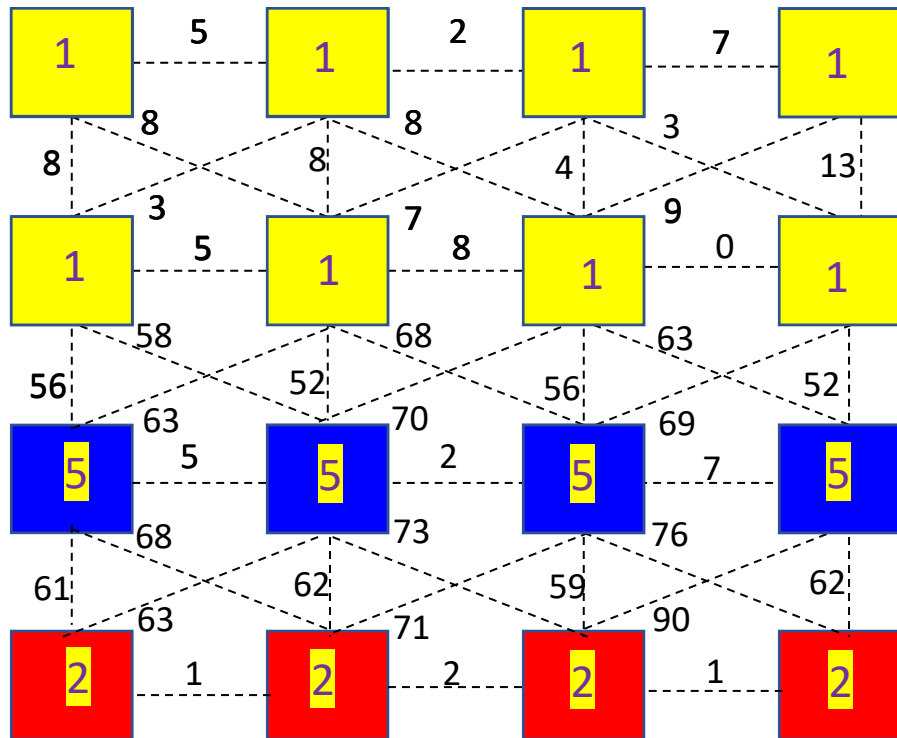
STOP MERGING!!

with $k=100$

$$\tau(C_5) = \frac{100}{4} = 25 \quad Int(C_5) = 7$$

$$\tau(C_1) = \frac{100}{8} = 12.5 \quad Int(C_1) = 13^{16}$$

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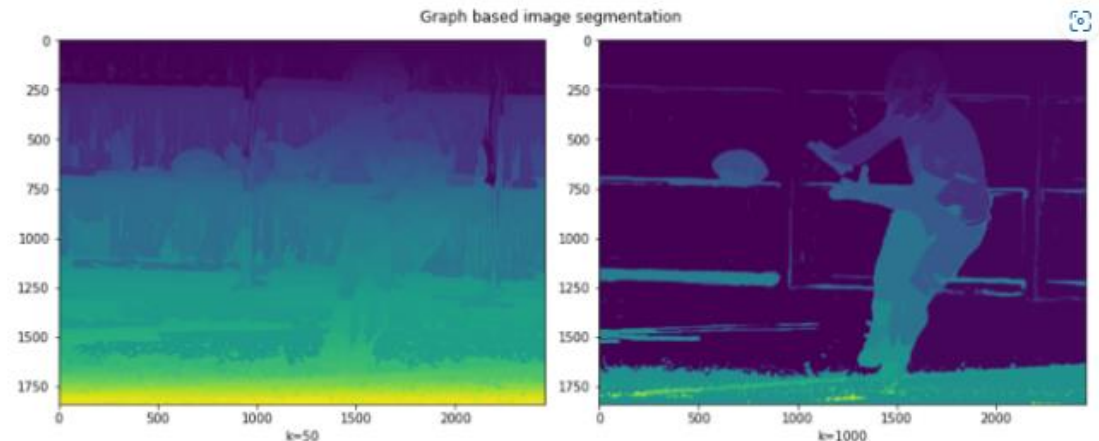
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Result

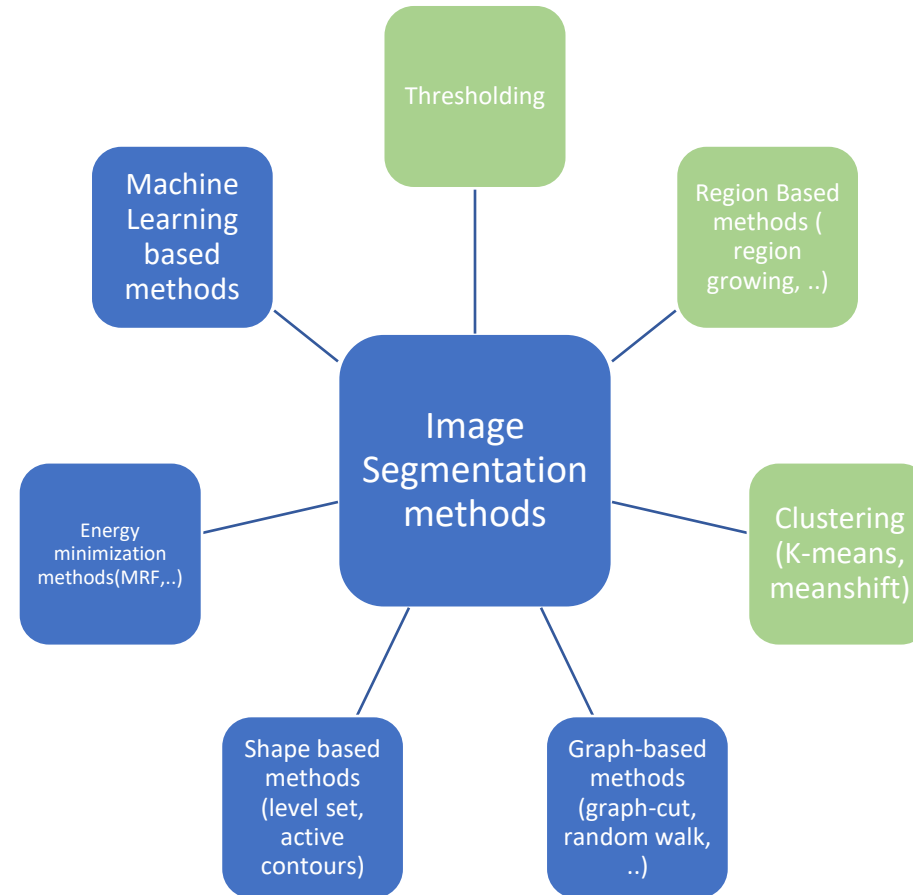




Region splitting and Merging Segmentation

- **Region merging:**
 - Region merging is the opposite of splitting, and works as a way of avoiding over-segmentation
 - Start with small regions (2x2 or 4x4 regions) and merge the regions that have similar characteristics (such as gray level, variance).
- **Region splitting:**
 - **Unlike region growing, which starts from a set of seed points, region splitting starts with the whole image as a single region and subdivides it into subsidiary regions recursively while a condition of homogeneity is not satisfied.**

Image segmentation methods





Questions?