

Toward Cross-Language and Cross-Media Image Retrieval

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1. Introduction

1.1. Main approach

French to English translation

- translation model trained on parallel web pages

Translation from other languages

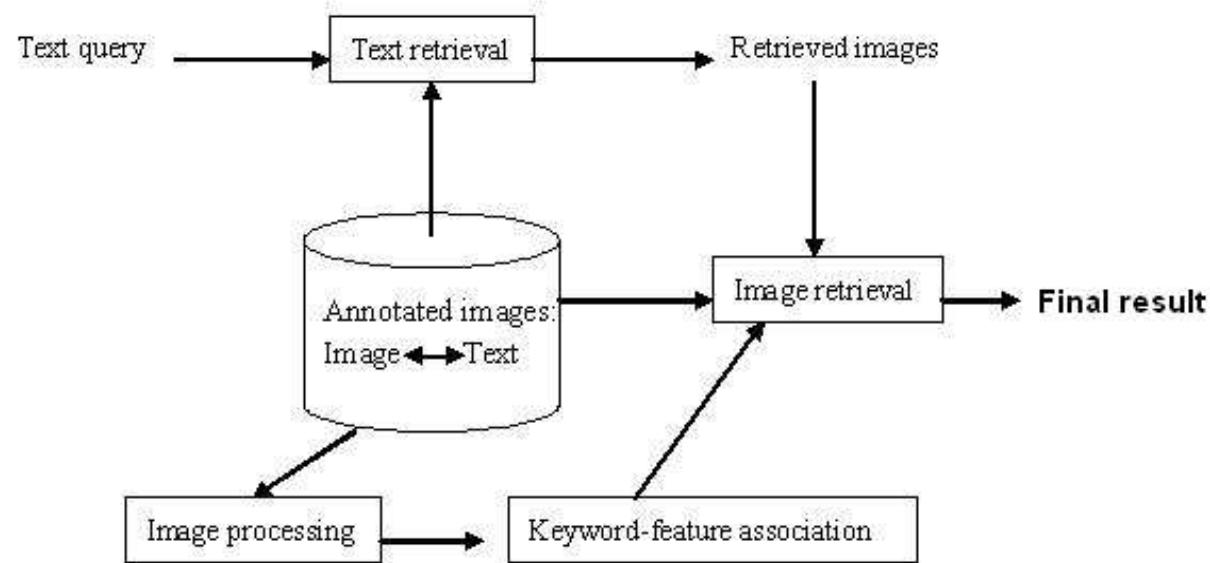
- bilingual dictionaries

Image retrieval from text queries

- text query using image captions
- image query using different features
- semantic query (image or keyword)

1. Introduction

1.2. Work flow of image retrieval



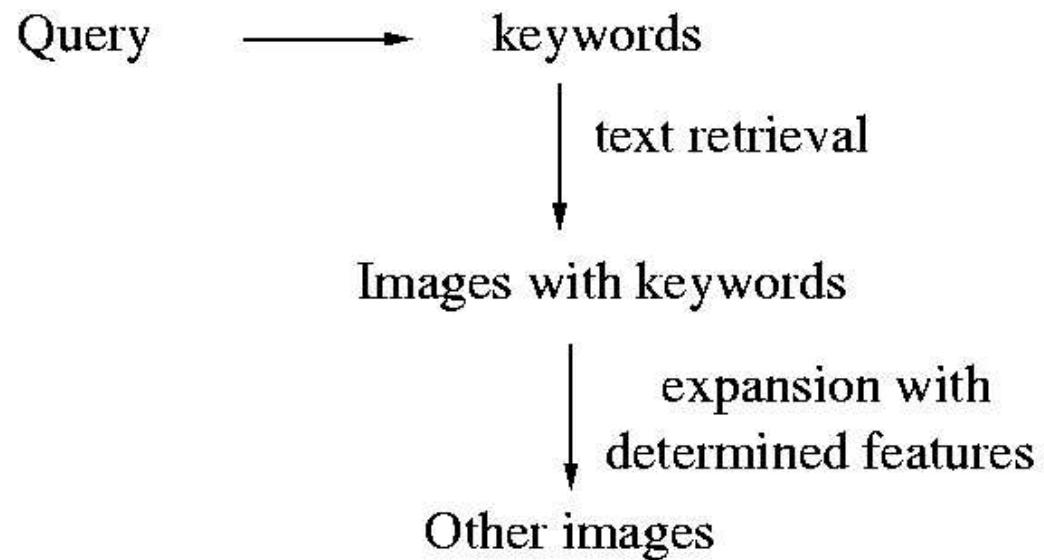
1. Introduction

1.2. Learning principle

- keyword $w \rightarrow$ images with in annotation
- create centroid(s) according to some features
- retrieve similar images to each centroid in the database
- how many images retrieved are with w in annotation
- retain relevant features and associated centroids

1. Introduction

1.3. expansion notion



2. Image processing-based learning procedure

2.1. Overview

2.2. Edge class

2.3. Texture class

2.4. Shape class

2.5. Learning procedure

2.6. Results

2. Image processing-based learning procedure

2.1. Overview

for each keyword w

1. high level visual feature estimation

- consider the 3 high level visual features :
 - ▶ texture
 - ▶ edge
 - ▶ shape
- discriminant measure
- challenge

2. representative images and combination

- choose 1, 2 or 3 high level visual features
- normalize the similarity measures
- → set of representative images
- finally : cross-language Information → refine the retrieval process

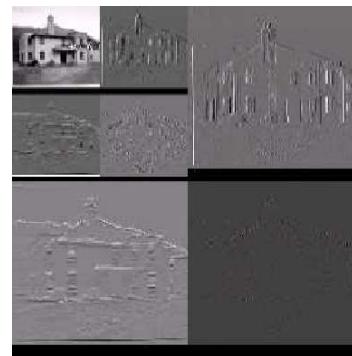
2. Image processing-based learning procedure

2.2. Edge class - Haar wavelet transform

- multi resolution analysis image
- local texture and distribution of edges at multiple scale
- recursive numeric filtering and sub sampling
- mean and standard deviation of the energy distribution
- 3 level decomposition —> 20 wavelet coefficients



(a)



(b)

- a) The original image STAND03_1028/STAND03_26737_BIG.PS of size 238×308 .
- b) The Haar wavelets coefficients after the image a) is adjusted to size 256×256 .

2. Image processing-based learning procedure

2.3. Texture class - algorithm 1 / 2

- \forall pixel (x, y) in the image
- for $k = 1, 2, \dots, 6$
- $A_k(x, y)$ is the moving average over $2^k \times 2^k$ window

$$A_k(x, y) = \sum_{i=(x-2^{k-1})}^{i=(x+2^{k-1}-1)} \sum_{j=(y-2^{k-1})}^{j=(y+2^{k-1}-1)} \frac{I(i, j)}{2^{2k}}$$

- $I(i, j)$ is the intensity pixel of the image at pixel (i, j)
- \forall pixel (x, y) in the image
- for horizontal and vertical directions
- for non-overlapping windows just on opposite sides
- compute the differences $E_{k, \text{horizontal}}$ and $E_{k, \text{vertical}}$

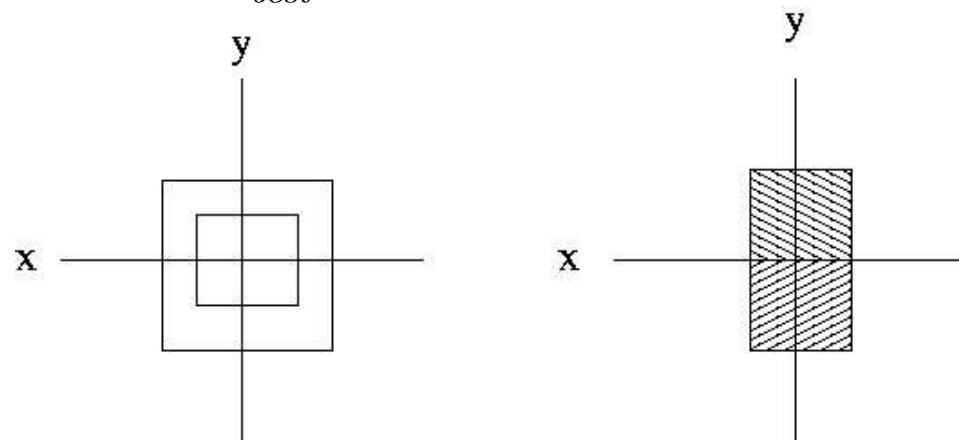
$$E_{k, \text{horizontal}} = |A_k(x + 2^{k-1}, y) - A_k(x - 2^{k-1}, y)|$$

$$E_{k, \text{vertical}} = |A_k(y + 2^{k-1}, y) - A_k(y - 2^{k-1}, y)|$$

2. Image processing-based learning procedure

2.3. Texture class - algorithm 2 / 2

- \forall pixel (x, y) in the image
- without considering direction
- for k which maximize $E_k(i, j)$
- best size of texture resolution is $S_{best} = 2^k$



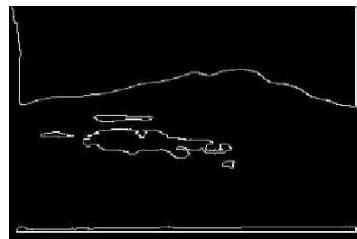
2. Image processing-based learning procedure

2.4. Shape class - Method

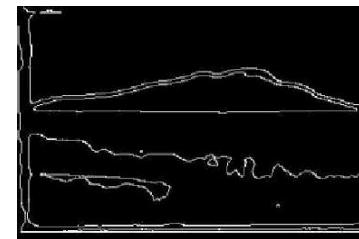
- several possible approaches
- $K \times K$ image blocks \longrightarrow set of vectors of dimension K^2
- cluster into R classes $\longrightarrow R$ regions \longrightarrow contours
- horizontal, vertical, first and second diagonal
- 4 bins histogram



(a)



(b)

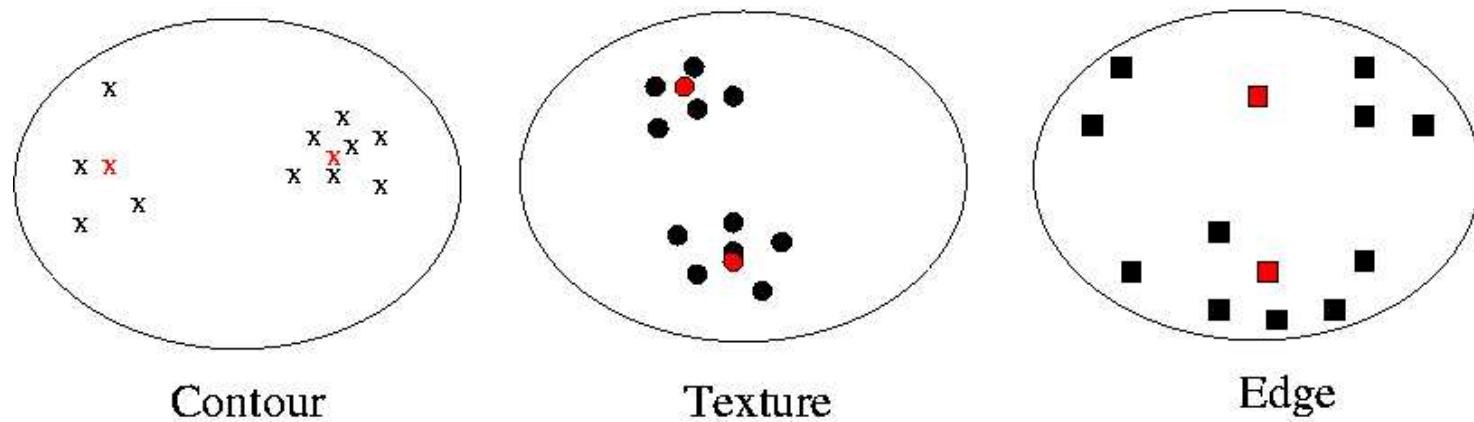


(c)

- The original image STAND03_2093/STAND03_7363_BIG.JPG
- 4 \times 4 pixel blocks and clustering result into 2 regions
- 4 \times 4 pixel blocks and clustering result into 3 regions

2. Image processing-based learning procedure

2.5. Learning procedure - Overview of procedure



Clustering for the three vector spaces (clusters = 2) and the centroid vectors

2. Image processing-based learning procedure

2.5. Learning procedure - Notations

- \mathbf{I}_w : images annotated by keyword w
- 3 high level estimation (texture, edge and shape)
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3 vector spaces $[D_{I_w}^{\text{texture}}, D_{I_w}^{\text{edge}}, D_{I_w}^{\text{shape}}]$
- $D_{I_w}^{\text{class}}$ either $D_{I_w}^{\text{texture}}$ or $D_{I_w}^{\text{edge}}$ or $D_{I_w}^{\text{shape}}$
- k : cluster id ($k = 1, \dots, K$)
- $\mathbf{I}_{k,w}^{\text{class}}$: representative images for w according to class class and to centroid of cluster k

2. Image processing-based learning procedure

2.5. Learning procedure - Choosing representative images

- $\forall k \in \{1, \dots, K\}$, $\forall \text{class} \in \{\text{texture}, \text{edge}, \text{shape}\}$
 $\Rightarrow \overrightarrow{\{D_{1,w}^{\text{class}}, \dots, D_{K,w}^{\text{class}}\}}$: prototype vectors
- $\mathbf{I}_{k,w}^{\text{class}}$: closest images to $\overrightarrow{D_{k,w}^{\text{class}}}$
- $N_{k,w}^{\text{class}}$: first top level T after retrieval over the entire database
- if $N_{k,w}^{\text{class}} > \xi$, retain class and $\overrightarrow{D_{1,w}^{\text{class}}} \Rightarrow \mathbf{I}_{k,w}^{\text{class}}$

2. Image processing-based learning procedure

2.6. Results - keywords → important visual features 1/2

mountain	→	shape
tree	→	wavelets
street	→	wavelets
interior	→	shape
plant	→	shape
hous	→	wavelets
wood	→	wavelets
portrait	→	shape
stone	→	shape wavelets

2. Image processing-based learning procedure

2.6. Results - keywords → important visual features 2/2

cathedr	→	shape
tower	→	wavelets
garden	→	shape
boat	→	wavelets
lake	→	texture
land	→	wavelets
rive	→	wavelets

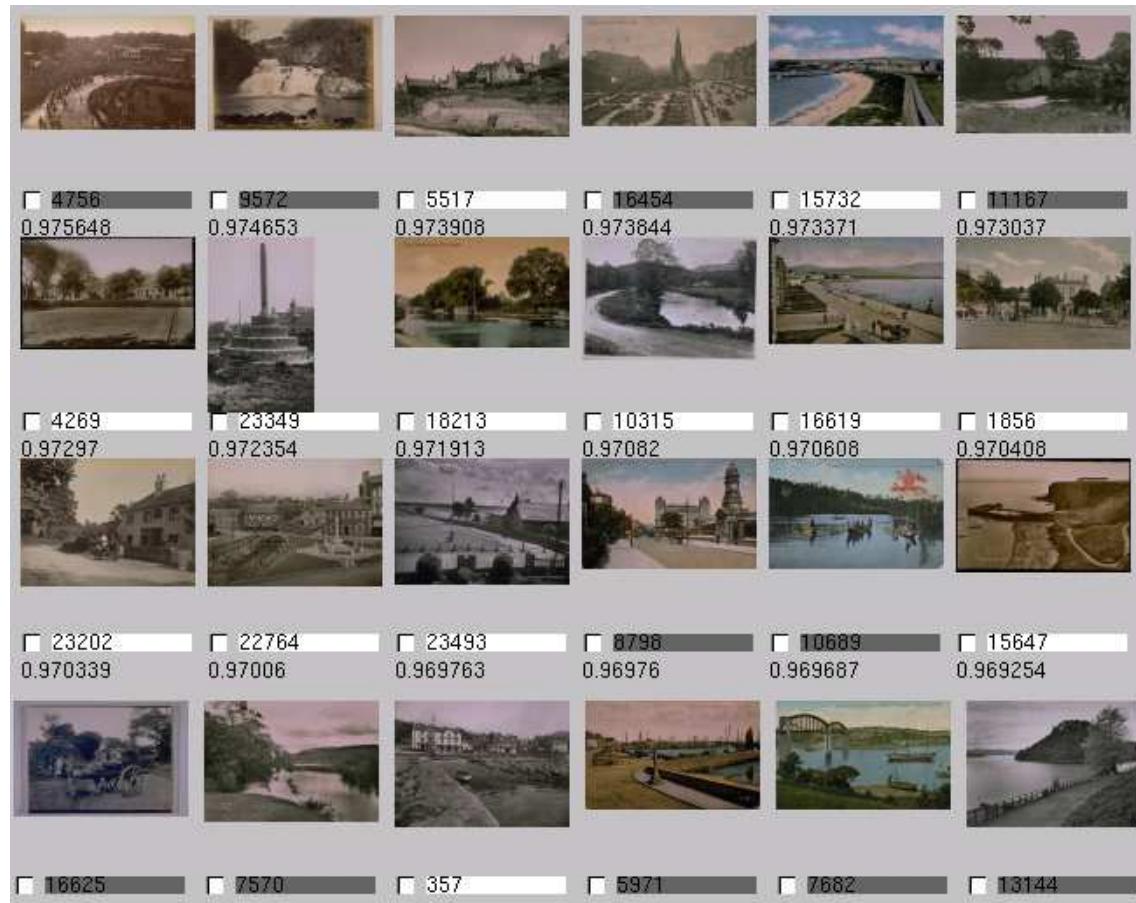
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2.6. Results - keyword garden



2. Image processing-based learning procedure

2.6. Results - keyword hous



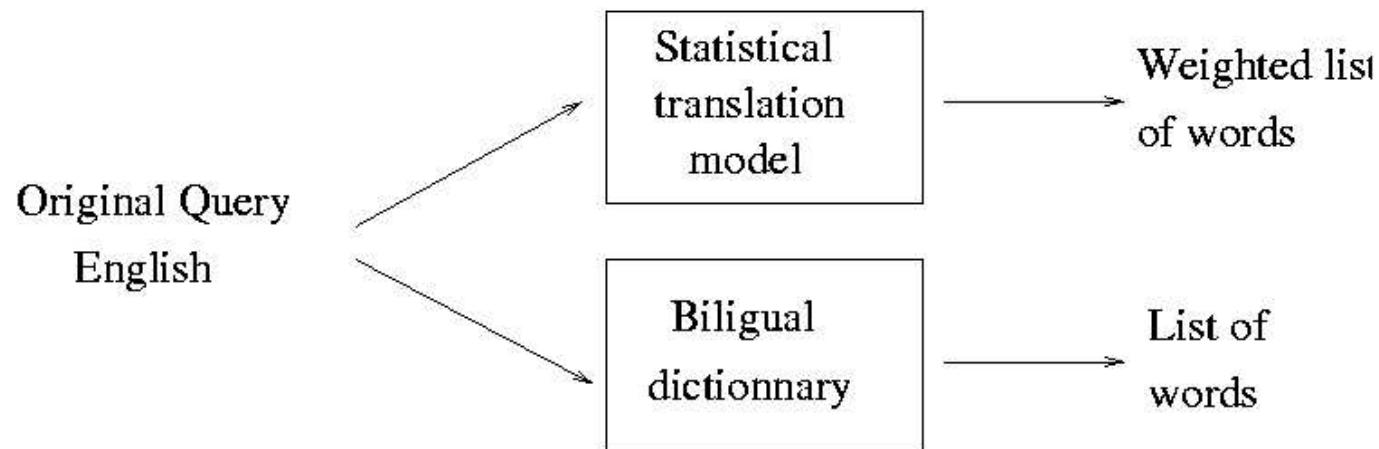
2. Image processing-based learning procedure

2.6. Results - keyword plant



3. Cross-language text retrieval

3.1. Query translation



- English → French : Statistical translation model
(web corpus)
- English → Other languages : bilingual dictionary only

3. Cross-language text retrieval

3.2. Text and image retrieval combination

1. text retrieval

- $\longrightarrow R_{text}(q)$
- $\lambda_{text} = 0.8$

2. learning procedure list

- $\forall \mathbf{I}_{k,w}^{class}$, normalize scores between 0 and 1
- same weight for selected classes
- $\longrightarrow R_{cluster}(q)$
- $\lambda_{cluster} = 0.1$

3. query image lists (texture, edge and shape)

- $\lambda_{class} = 0.033$

4. final combination

$$R(i, q) = \lambda_{text} R_{text}(q) + \lambda_{cluster} R_{cluster}(q) \\ + \lambda_{edge} R_{edge}(i) + \lambda_{texture} R_{texture}(i) + \lambda_{shape} R_{shape}(i)$$

4. Results and discussion

ImageCLEF 2004 adhoc retrieval task

	Group	Submission ID	MAP	%monolingual	Rank
Monolingual					
Dutch	Montreal	UmenTNFBTI	0.56	Na	5
Finnish	Montreal	UmnITFBTI	0.4	68.27	7
French	Montreal	UmfiTFBTI	0.23	40.02	1
Italian	Montreal	UmfrTFBTI	0.51	87.4	1
Spanish	Montreal	UmitTFBTI	0.36	61.34	8
Swedish	Montreal	UmesRevTFBTI	0.45	76.82	7
	Montreal	UmsvTFBTI	0.34	57.98	1

4. Results and discussion

Example

```
mysql> select word, attribut,nClusters,idClass,top10
from word_attribut where word like "stone%";
+-----+-----+-----+-----+
| word | attribut | nClusters | idClass | top10 |
+-----+-----+-----+-----+
| stone | texture | 2 | 1 | 4 |
| stone | texture | 3 | 1 | 4 |
| stone | texture | 6 | 1 | 4 |
| stone | wavelets | 3 | 1 | 4 |
| stone | wavelets | 4 | 0 | 6 |
| stone | wavelets | 5 | 0 | 6 |
| stone | wavelets | 6 | 0 | 4 |
| stone | wavelets | 6 | 1 | 6 |
| stone | wavelets | 6 | 3 | 4 |
| stone | shape | 2 | 1 | 4 |
| stone | shape | 3 | 2 | 5 |
| stone | shape | 4 | 0 | 5 |
| stone | shape | 4 | 1 | 5 |
| stone | shape | 4 | 2 | 5 |
| stone | shape | 5 | 0 | 7 |
| stone | shape | 5 | 1 | 5 |
| stone | shape | 5 | 2 | 8 |
| stone | shape | 6 | 2 | 9 |
| stone | shape | 6 | 3 | 5 |
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