

Appendix I. Attributes calculated for segmented cells and sub-cellular structures

- This prefix marks geometrical attributes calculated in pixel units, with DelPix[3] is initially set to 1.

Upon conversion to physical units (microns for Perimeters, square microns for areas, etc) DelPix[3] is set to image pixel X,Y,Z dimensions (microns).

% - This prefix mark Fluorescence intensity-derived attributes, calculated in digital camera image counts as read from the detector, with Inorm[w] set to 1.

Upon normalization of intensities Inorm[w] is reset to the normalization factor for each color component w.

Normalization is typically derived from controls, calibration of light source intensity in fluorophore molecule number etc.

Run-Length encoding[†] : Typical loop to scan all pixels of the segmented mask for object number n (n=1,N) in image IMG:

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RLSum[IMG]=for (k=0; k<Ns[n];k++){ y=yy[n,k]; y0=y*nx; for (x=x0[n,k]; x<=x1[n,k], x++){ ... IMG[y0+x] ... } }
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Ns[n] are the number of y-lines, where for each line y=yy[n,k] the line segment starts at x=x0[n,k] and ends at x=x1[n,k].

e.g.: RLSum[IMG]=total object intensity, RLSum[1]=object area, etc.

Angles^{††} are with +x axis positive: anti clock-wise

Global attributes for an image or set of images (e.g. montage of images covering an area in sample larger than a single imaged field)

Attribute Name	Description
nx,ny,nz,nc	Image dimensions in X,Y,Z and number of colors. (x-coordinates run fastest, y-next, z-next and color last)
x00, y00,z00	Absolute coordinates of image center, (typically stage XY and focus positions in microns).
N	Number of primary objects (e.g. cells) within an image [or within a montage of contiguous images] Objects may also be cell islands, spheroids, etc.
FracArea	Fraction of objects mask area (or volume) within the image Important for quality control.
% In[w],Im[w],Imn[w]	Minimum, Maximum and Mean intensity for each image color component, w=1,nc Important for quality control.
DelPix[3]	Physical Pixel scaling (initially=1, after conversion to physical units = pixel X,Y,Z sizes in microns) All geometrical attributes must be either in pixels or microns
Inorm[w]	Intensity normalization factor for each color (initially=1, after conversion from image counts to normalized intensity: Inorm[w]= normalization factor)
% Bkgnd[w]	Image-averaged background intensity (out of objects mask pixels) Important for quality control.

Morphological attributes for each of the primary objects [for (n=0; n<N; n++)]

Attribute Name	Description
Flag[n]	Initially=1; excluded object (e.g. outliers) have negative Flag (-1, -2 etc. indicating exclusion criterion). Image border objects may take fractional flag values. Objects statistics use the flags.
SN[n]	Serial object number (typically sorted e.g. by area, largest first)
ID[n]	Object identification number (e.g. time-tracked identification number) In "NEXT" tracking mode ID[n]=SN in previous time. In "CONT" mode same ID for all times.
# Cx[n],Cy[n],Cz[n]	Object geometric "center of mass" XYZ in image pixels
xs[n], xe[n]	Object rectangular x-extent (s-start and e-end extreme x coordinates in pixels)
ys[n], ye[n]	Object rectangular y-extent (s-start and e-end extreme y coordinates in pixels)
zs[n], ze[n]	Object rectangular z-extent (s-start and e-end extreme y coordinates in pixels)
Ns[n]	Number of Run-Length [†] y-line segments [for (k=0; k<Ns[n]; k++)] See remarks.
yy[n,k], x0[n,k], x1[n,k]	Object mask Run-Length encoding [†] yy[n,k]: y-line and x0[n,k],x1[n,k]: x-start,stop See remarks.
# Area[n] or Volume[n]	Object area (volume for 3D) in pixels if DelPix = 1, or in microns ² after geometrical scaling
# Perim[n]	Perimeter = length of boundary in 8-neighbors connectivity (incrementing 1 along ±XY, √2 along diagonals) or number of boundary pixels in 8-neighbors connectivity
# RadGyr[n]	Geometrical Radius of Gyration == $RLSum[(x - Cx[n])^2 + (y - Cy[n])^2 + (z - Cz[n])^2] / RLSum[1]$
# Lax[n], Sax[n]	Ellipsoid Long and Short axes (half diameters) of from Eigenvalues of geometrical second moments: $Mx^2 == RLSum[(x - Cx[n])^2] / RLSum[1]$; $Mxy == RLSum[(x - Cx[n])(y - Cy[n])] / RLSum[1]$ etc
Orient [n]	Orientation= Angle ^{††} of long axis with respect to image coordinate system. From Eigenvector for the largest Eigenvalue of second moment matrix
AxRatio[n]	Axial ratio= Lax[n]/Sax[n]==1/R $EPerim[n] == Ellipsoid Perim \sim \pi Lax[n] \{3(1+R) - \sqrt{(1+3R)(3+R)}\}$
ShapFact[n]	Shape factor = $Perim / \sqrt{\pi Lax[n]}$ >1 if boundary is dispersed from best fitted Ellipse, $EArea[n] == Ellipsoid Area = 4\pi Lax[n] * Sax[n]$
Solid[n]	Solidity = $\sqrt{(CellArea/\pi)/(CellPerim/\pi)}$ Evaluates closeness to a circle
Round[n]	Roundness = $Area[n]/EArea[n]$
SmFact [n]	Smooth factor = $Perim[n]/EPerim[n]$ >1 if divert from ellipsoid
Dispers[n]	Disperssion[after Graham Dunn] = $\log(4\pi^2 \frac{EArea[n]^2}{Perim[n]^2} - \sqrt{[(Mxx-Myy)^2 + 4Mxy^2]}) / \{2\log(2)\}$
Eccent[n]	Eccentricity= $\sqrt{(1-R^2)}$ =0 for a sphere, >1 for elongated ellipse
Compact[n]	Compactness= $\sqrt{(Area/4\pi)/Lax[n]}$
FormFac[n]	Form Factor= $\pi Area/Perim^2$
EulerNo[n], HArea[n]	Euler number (number of holes) and total holes area
# AreaCH[n]	Convex Hull area (pixels)

# PerimCH[n]	Convex Hull Perimeter (pixels)
RoughCH[n]	Roughness = $\text{Perim}[n]/\text{PerimCH}[n]$
SolidCH[n]	Solidity from Convex Hull= $\text{Area}[n]/\text{AreaCH}[n]$
ConvxCH[n]	Convexity= $\text{PerimCH}[n]/\text{Perim}[n]$
CellZernk[n,i]	Zernike moment (for mask)

Multi-color Fluorescent intensity-derived attributes for primary objects and each color component, w

#Cx1, Cy1[n,w]	Color w intensity weighted center of mass in image x&y pixels
# Dx1, Dy1[n,w]	Distance between geometrical and intensity weighted centers
# RadGyr1[n]	Intensity-weighted Radius of Gyration
# Lax1, Sax1[n,w]	Long and short axes from intensity-weighted second moments
Orient1[n,w]	Angle of long axis with +x coordinate
AxRatio1[n,w]	Axial ratio = Lax1/Sax1
%MinInt1,MaxInt1[n,w]	Minimum and Maximum intensities in the mask area
% TotInt1[n,w]	Total (integrated) intensity for each labeled color
% AvgInt1[n,w]	Average intensity for each labeled color
% Bcgnd1[n,w]	Local background intensity (e.g. calculated in dilated mask, or in extent out of object masks)
% Tot_b1[n,w]	Background-subtracted total intensity
% Avg_b1[n,w]	Background-subtracted average intensity
% Txr1[n,w,l]	Total Textural energies within the object (e.g. Variances) [l=0 ... Lt-1 for Lt texture kernels]
% TxrOArea1[n,w,l]	Textural energy per unit area
TxrOint1[n,w,l]	Textural energy per unit intensity
Zernk1[n,w,l]	Intensity-weighted Zernike moments [l=0 ... Lz-1 for Lz moments]
Haralick1[n,w,l]	Intensity-weighted Haralisk textural coefficients, [l=0 ... Lh*Lr-1 , Lh=14 coeff. for each resolution Lr resolutions]

Fluorescent intensity-derived primary (e.g. 1-cytoplasm) to secondary (e.g. 2-nucleus) objects intensity ratios

TotNucOCyt[n,w]	Total fluorescence intensity Nucleus over Cytoplasm ratio = $\frac{\text{TotInt2}[n,w,0]}{\text{TotInt1}[n,w]-\text{TotInt2}[n,w,0]}$
TotNucOCyt_b[n,w]	Background-subtracted Total fluorescence intensity Nucleus over Cytoplasm ratio
AvgNucOCyt[n,w]	Average fluorescence intensity Nucleus over Cytoplasm ratio
AvgNucOCyt_b[n,w]	Background-subtracted Average fluorescence intensity Nucleus over Cytoplasm ratio
Colocal[n,w1,w2]	Colocalization factors between two colors (depends on method)

Attributes for cytoskeleton fibers morphology and associated fluorescence intensity

# AreaFib[n]	Fibers area (defined by fiber mask)
# LenFib[w]	Total fibers length
% TotFib[w]	Fiber-associated total intensity
% TotFib_b[w]	Background-subtracted Fiber-associated total intensity
% AvgFib_b[w]	Background-subtracted Fiber-associated average intensity
## FibOLen[w]	Background-subtracted Fiber-associated Intensity per unit length
PolFib[w]	Fiber Polarization Factor = $\langle \cos^2(2\alpha) + \sin^2(2\alpha) \rangle$ [averaged over fiber pixels] α = fiber angle at pixel [i,j]

Attributes for secondary objects (organelles , $m=0$; $m<M$) within primary object (cell number n) color w (e.g. Nucleus, Focal Adhesions, Golgi, Mitochondria, Endoplasmic Reticulum, Lysozomes and other organelles)
Some attributes are calculated for each secondary object relative to the primary object (e.g. $Dx21, Dy21, rAng2, pAng2, Dp2, Dc2, NDE2$)
Others are independent on primary objects, (e.g. $Cx2, Cy2, xs2, xe2, ys2, ye2, Area2, Perim2, Lax2, Sax2, Orient2, AxRatio2$)
And others are sums on all secondary objects within each primary object, [marked as *21]

M[n]	Number of secondary objects per primary object#n
# Cx2,Cy2[n,w,m]	Geometric "centers of mass" x&y coordinates for a secondary object
# Dx21,Dy21[n,w,m]	Distance between intensity weighted centers of secondary and primary objects
xs2,xe2,ys2,ye2[n,w,m]	Rectangular extent (start and end extreme x&y coordinates in pixels)
# Area2[n,w,m]	Secondary Objects area
# Perim2[n,w,m]	Secondary Objects Perimeter
# Lax2, Sax2[n,w,m]	Long (A2) and short (B2) axes (half diameters) of best fitted ellipsoid from geometrical second moments
Orient2[n,w,m]	Angle of long axis with respect to +x coordinate
AxRatio2[n,w,m]	Axial ratio = $Lax2/Sax2$
rAng2[n,w,m]	Angle between long axis and line connecting secondary object center to primary center
pAng2 [n,w,m]	Angle with respect to cell polarity axis
# Dp2[n,w,m]	Shortest distance to primary object boundary
# Dc2[n,w,m]	Distance to primary object center
NDE2[n,w,m]	Normalized distance between cell edge and cell center = $Dp2/(Dp2+Dc2)$
# Area21[n]	Total area of secondary objects within each primary objects
# Perim21[n]	Total perimeter for secondary objects within each primary objects
# RadGyr21[n]	Intensity-weighted Radius of Gyration for all secondary object in a primary object [indicating if secondary objects are spread or concentrated]
% MinInt21, MaxInt21[n,w]	Minimum and Maximum intensities of all secondary objects within primary object
% TotInt21[n,w]	Total (integrated) fluorescent intensity for each labeled color for all secondary objects within primary object
% AvgInt21[n,w]	Average fluorescent intensity for each labeled color for all secondary objects within primary object
% Bcgnd21[n,w]	Local background intensity [from dilated masks, extent out of segment etc] for all secondary objects within primary object
% Tot_b21[n,w]	Background-subtracted total intensity for all secondary objects within primary object
% Avg_b21[n,w]	Background-subtracted average intensity for all secondary objects within primary object
% Txr21[n,w,l]	Total Textural energies for all secondary objects [$l=0 \dots Lt-1$ for Lt texture kernels] within the primary object
##% TxrOArea21[n,w,l]	Textural energy per unit area for all secondary objects within primary object

Txr0Int21[n,w,l]	Textural energy per unit intensity for all secondary objects within primary object
Zernk21[n,w,l]	Zernike moments [l=0 ... Lz-1 for Lz moments] for all secondary objects within primary object
Haralick21[n,w,l]	Haralisk textural coefficients, [l=0 ... Lh*Lr-1 , Lh=14 coeff. for each resolution Lr resolutions] for all secondary objects within primary object