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Abstract

CODA (part 4): register the deep learning labelled images and Construct 3D tissue matrix

Register the deep learning labelled images

- 1 Using the registration transformations calculated in low-resolution (as described in [CODA-part2](#)), register the segmentation masks of the high-resolution tif images generated in [CODA-part3](#).

Function requirements

- 2 High-resolution images from [CODA-part3](#) (**pthclassified**)
- 3 The path containing the image registration information from [CODA-part2](#) (**pthdata**),
- 4 The scale between the high-resolution classified images and the low-resolution registration images (here for registration of 1x images and classification of 10x images, scale=10)
- 5 The pixel number of the background class in the segmentation model built in [CODA-part3](#) (here, nwhite=3)

Execution

- 6

```
pthim=pthclassified;  
pthdata=[pth,'1x\registered\elastic  
registration\save_warps'];  
scale=10;  
padnum=3;  
apply_image_registration(pthim,pthdata,scale,padnum);
```
- 7 This function will create an subfolder named 'registeredE' inside the **pthclassified** folder that contains the registered, classified images. **pthclassifiedE=[pthclassified,'registeredE'];**

Construct 3D tissue matrix

- 8 Next, we will create a 3D quantifiable matrix from the tissue labels using the registered, segmented images we just created above. **vol** will be a 3D matrix containing the registered, labelled data.
- 9 To call this function, you need to locate the subfolder containing the registered classified images, define a location to save the output matrix, define the desired resolution of the

volume matrix (relative to the current resolution of the images, and identify the RGB color map used in the deep learning model in [CODA-part3](#)

- 10 **pthclassifiedE** is the subfolder with the registered, classified images created in earlier steps in this protocol:

```
pthclassifiedE=[pthclassified,'registeredE'];
```

- 11 Define a subfolder where you would like to save the volumetric data:

```
pthvolume=[pth,'lung_data'];
```

- 12 Set **sk** to 4 so that 10x image (1 um / pixel resolution) are downsampled to 4 micron / pixel:

```
sk=4;
```

- 13 **nwhite** is the background class from the deep learning model. Here, let's use 6:

```
nwhite=6;
```

- 14 **cmap** is the matrix containing RGB triplets for each class in the deep learning model

```
cmap=[];
```

```
build_tissue_volume(pthclassifiedE,pthvolume,sk,nwhite,cmap);
```

- 15 First, the function will display to you a concatenated image containing the first, center, and last classified image in your image stack. Here, you will manually drag a rectangle to surround the tissue in the image, then double-click. This allows you to crop out excess whitespace from your 3D matrix to save RAM.

- 16 Next, the function will load all serial images, crop them, downsample them using the variable **sk**, and build them into the matrix **vol**. A z-projection will be created and displayed showing a combination of all non-background classes. This z-projection will be saved inside the folder **pthvolume**.

- 17 Additionally, this function will create a .mat file named **volume.mat** saved inside the subfolder **pthvolume**. Inside this file will be a variable named **vol** containing the volumetric tissue labels, **rr** containing the cropping information defined inside the function, **pthclassifiedE** the folder containing the registered classified images used to create the volume, **imlist** containing the filenames of the images comprising the 3D matrix, and **sk** the downsample factor between the images in **imlist** and the data in **vol**.

Note: When determining what resolution to make your volumetric matrix, there are a few considerations:



- 18 You may want to make your 3D matrix isometric (same resolution in x, y, and z) to simplify 3D quantifications. In this case, define **sk** such that your classified images will be downsampled to the spacing between adjacent histological images
- 19 You may want to consider the size of structures you are trying to quantify. If you need to maintain classification of very fine structures (such as thin blood vessels), down sampling too much may eliminate the connectivity between these thin objects.