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Subject: Re: KMean Clustering of RGB Images  
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> Not sure what you mean by "order of the data points". But any clustering  
> algorithm that minimizes a cost function (like k-means) can get trapped  
> in a local minimum.

Thank you Mort,  
concerning the "order of data points" it is necessary to think about  
the construction of the RGB Data space. The original RGB image is a 3  
dim. array e.g. [3, ImageSizeX, ImageSizeY]. The RGB Data space, which  
should be clustered concerning only the grey values and without  
consideration of the pixel locations, has two dimensions e.g. [3,  
NumberOfPixels ]. Therefore the individual image pixels are  
transformed in a sequence of RGB triple values ("data points"). The  
first triple values correspond to the pixel located at [3, 0, 0] e.g.  
the left bottom corner of the image. If the image is mirrored, rotated  
ore transposed before RGB space construction, then the first RGB  
triple value will be altered. Nevertheless all the individual image  
pixels were transformed into the RGB space, only the sequence is  
changed.

Thanks,  
Helmut

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