Cell Sorting with Generic DCNNs

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Figure 1: t-SNE graph of two populations of cells clustered together based on features output from Inception V3 DCNN. Background circles represent assigned clusters (orange & pink), top left circles represent actual population class, top right represent if cluster assignment was correct. Finally x, y position is based off of t-SNE

Traditionally cell sorting involves hand picking several hundred measures by an expert to accurately describe the morphological profile of a cell [1] [2]. This thesis explores the use of generic deep convolutional neural network (DCNN) to automatically extract high level features that could be used to cluster cells based on their characteristics without the need for an expert.

This technique can further avoid excessive training times and a need for a large data-set through "transfer learning"; a technique where knowledge is "transferred" from a previously learned task to the task at hand. In this thesis the open-source Inception V3 DCNN with pre-trained weights from the ImageNet data-set is used as a starting point [3] [4].

Notes:

- 1. Cell Sorting = grouping cells together based on characteristics
- 2. Morphological Profile = High level features that describe the cell based on its shape, structure, texture and neighboring context
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