



## Advances in Image Feature Extraction and Selection

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### Message from the Guest Editor

A universal problem of intelligent (learning) approaches is where to focus their attention. It is very crucial to understand “What are the aspects of the problem at hand are important/necessary to solve it?”, i.e., discriminate between the relevant and irrelevant parts of imaging data. Feature selection becomes necessary, especially when dealing with a large number of data (dimensionality reduction), improving, significantly, a learning algorithm’s performance.

In real-world applications, this is usually not possible: For most problems, it is computationally intractable to search the whole space of possible feature subsets; one usually has to settle for approximations of the optimal subset; most of the research in this area is devoted to finding efficient search-heuristics.

The aim of this Special Issue is to present and highlight novel algorithms, architectures, techniques, and applications for image feature extraction and selection.

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