Automatic Morphological Classification of Galaxies - Vera C. Rubin data

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Outline:

- Eötvös U. vs Eötvös LKH
- Traditional morphological classification
- Quantitative classifiers, workflow
- A sample galaxy processed
- Applications
- Future tasks

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Details of the sequence:

Hubble's 'tuning fork"

A. Ellipticals: E0-E7

- B. Spirals: Sa-Sc:
 - Disk/bulge ratio changes
 - Opening angle changes
 - Prominence of arms change



Classifiers:

First step: find a position angle



Even better: use the autocorrelation image

$$AC_{k,l} = \frac{\sum_{i,j} (I_{i,j} - \bar{I}) (I_{i+k,j+l} - \bar{I})}{N_{k,l}}$$
(2)

Second step: find the inclination angle

(a) from image moments:

$$I = \frac{\cos(2\phi)(m_{x^2} + m_{y^2}) + (m_{x^2} - m_{y^2})}{\cos(2\phi)(m_{x^2} + m_{y^2}) - (m_{x^2} - m_{y^2})}$$
(3)

(b) from silhouettes:



Third step: disk-bulge decomposition

$$B_b(r) = B_e \exp(-7.67[(\frac{r}{r_e})^{1/4} - 1]) \quad , \qquad (4)$$

$$B_d(r) = B_0 \exp(-\frac{r}{r_0})$$
 (5)

calculate the disk/bulge ratio:

$$DB \equiv 0.277 \frac{B_0 r_0^2}{B_e r_e^2}$$

and the concentration index:

$$c \equiv 5 \log(\frac{r_{80}}{r_{20}}) \tag{7}$$

(6)

Fourth step: Theta – log(r) pictures





Use A.C. to get opening angles, and skew the Theta – log(r) image:

Collapse the image vertically and compute FFT to "count" arms:







Fifth step: fine scale structure of the disk

- Calculate the "interquartile range"

 (third quartile first quartile divided by the median)
- Calculate the relative power of mode 0

compared to the total power in FFT

Python framework

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The output

NGC3184



slice box = (slice(0, 12, None), slice(0, 12, None))

Tested on our existing catalog:

- 113 galaxies, CCD images taken at the Lowell Obs. and at Palomar
- Foreground-star removal:
 - Fit an empirical 2D PSF
 - Fit and remove stars
 - Patch residuals



Future tasks

Science:

- Optimization for large datasets and specific observations, Vera C. Rubin
- Developing new (better, parametric) statistical measures
- De-Mosaicking
- Galaxy dynamics and evolution constraints

Software:

- Automated pipeline Rubin Contribution
- parallelization OpenMP, GPU, ML
- GitHub, Extensive set of example problems