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- Proposes a method for learning the appearance and spatial structure of a visual object category in order to recognize novel objects of that category, localize them in cluttered real-world scenes, and automatically segment them from the background
- Addresses object detection and segmentation not as separate entities, but as two closely collaborating processes
- Presents a local-feature based approach that combines both capabilities into a common probabilistic framework
- Initial recognition phase initializes the top-down segmentation process with a possible object location
- segmentation permits the recognition stage to focus its effort on object pixels and discard misleading influences from the background
- Uses segmentation in turn to improve recognition
- Evaluates on UIUC Cars, CalTech Cars, TUD Motorbikes, VOC05 Motorbikes, Leeds Cows, TUD Pedestrians datasets