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ABSTRACT

Liver segmentation is detrimental. The toughest segment is the liver. Segment CAD abdominal CT scans in order to look for liver cancers. The tumor's size, shape, location, and other objects with comparable intensities in the CT scans make automatic tumor segmentation difficult. Therefore, precise tumor segmentation was originally made possible by liver segmentation. Since MRI is essential in medicine, we are concentrating on domain management from MRI to CT volumes, utilizing 3D and 2D liver segmentation. As a result, we must provide automated liver segmentation in CT pictures. Utilizing cuckoo optimization, fuzzy c-means, and the random walker's method, clinical data from patients was segmented. The suggested method was validated using a clinical liver dataset with one of the highest numbers of tumors for liver tumor segmentation. Zones impacted by liver illness are separated using fuzzy clustering. Liver boundary data is segmented using fuzzy C means, fuzzy clustering, and SVM classification. The user may choose a location of interest and do the contour operations again to increase accuracy with spatial liver boundary limitations.

Keywords: Liver border, MRI, SVM, Cuckoo optimization, Random walk, Fuzzy C mean.

1 Introduction

The liver is a special organ found only in vertebrates. It is in charge of metabolite detoxification, protein synthesis, and the creation of biochemicals needed for digestion. In humans, it is located directly behind the diaphragm in the upper right quadrant of the abdominal cavity. Additionally, it has a role in the regulation of glycogen storage, the destruction of red blood cells, cell formation, and the production of hormones. All of them relate to the metabolic process. The liver is an organ that resembles a wedge-shaped, brownish-red structure and is separated into four lobes of varying sizes and shapes. A typical human liver weighs around 1.5 kilos and is about 15 cm, or six inches, in width. The three main blood vessels that are connected to the liver are the hepatic artery, portal vein, and common hepatic duct. The hepatic artery is in charge of delivering oxygen-rich blood that originates from the aorta via the celiac plexus, while the portal vein carries blood that is rich in digested nutrients from the whole gastrointestinal tract as well as from the spleen and pancreas.

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Since the liver's intensity value is the same as that of the spleen, stomach, and kidneys, as well as other nearby organs in the abdomen, the liver poses a particular problem when it comes to the image segmentation process. While CT images, or computed tomography, have been widely used for liver disorders in diagnosis and measurement of liver volume in surgery or transplantation, MRI is a well-known technique of liver imaging. Another popular technique for visualizing the spleen is magnetic resonance imaging (MRI). The liver presents a problem for image segmentation because of the similarity in intensity values between it and the other abdominal organs, such as the spleen, kidney, and stomach. Both computed tomography (CT) and magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) pictures have found considerable use in the diagnosis of liver disease as well as in the measurement of liver volume prior to liver surgery or transplantation. One popular technique for examining the liver is magnetic resonance imaging (MRI). To account for the distinctive properties generated by medical images of various modalities, specific algorithms for the semantic segmentation of natural pictures have been adapted. Therefore, as a crucial step in comparison to previous image processing techniques, we need to focus on enhancing segmentation.

2 Connected Work

Utilizing 3D geodesic active contour segmentation and computerized liver volumetry on MRI, Ibrahim Karademir, Hieu Trung Huynh, and others with rising post-transplant survival rates over the last several decades, medical and surgical advancements have made liver transplantation an international success.

A completely automated technique based on stochastic partitions for liver segmentation in MRI by F. López-Mira and others the challenge of fully automated liver segmentation in medical imaging is still open. Planning, monitoring, and treatment of various pathologies, such as cirrhosis or hepatocellular carcinoma disorders, all directly benefit from proper liver segmentation. Although quantitative measurements are not often used, in these situations, hepatic tissue abnormalities are addressed using qualitative comparison, which is connected to medical expertise.

Using texture-based region growth, automatically segment the volume of the liver. "O.Gambino et al. The segmentation of the liver using an automated texture-based volumetric region growth approach is suggested in this work. With the automated selection of the seed voxel within the liver organ and the automatic calculation of the threshold value for the region growth stop condition, 3D seeded region growth is based on texture properties.

A 3-D Liver Segmentation Method for Selective Internal Radiation Therapy Using Parallel Computing, Mohammed Goryawala, among others. This paper supports the use of targeted internal radiation therapy as a treatment for liver cancer by describing a novel 3-D liver segmentation technique. This 3-D segmentation is based on the combination of a unique localized contouring technique and a modified K-means segmentation approach. On the computed tomography picture frames, five distinct zones are found during the segmentation procedure. The advantage of the suggested technique is that it can quickly and accurately segment the liver, display it in three dimensions, and identify the tumor area or regions with the least amount of user input.

Fully Autonomous Liver and Hepatic Tumor Segmentations from 3-D CT Abdominal Images: To create completely autonomous processing frameworks based on graph-cut and gradient flow active contour algorithms, an adaptive initialization technique was created. This technique was used to segment liver tissue and hepatic tumors from abdominal computed tomography (CT) images. 25 anonymized datasets were chosen at random from a variety of radiology centers without any requests for the inclusion of either the clinical state of the patient or the acquisition parameter settings.

In comparison to manual delineations made by a professional using their reference standards, the computerized segmentations of liver tissue and malignancies were the results. The following evaluation approaches have been used to evaluate segmentation accuracy: processing time, false negative ratio (FNR), false positive ratio (FPR), and dissimilarity coefficient (DSC). Regarding liver surfaces, active contours attained a DSC of 96.17%, whereas graph-cuts attained a DSC of 95.49%. The 52 cancers contained in the investigated datasets were found by the graph-cut algorithm to have a DSC of 88.65%, whereas the active contour algorithm found only 44 tumors with a DSC of 87.10%. Additionally, the graph-cut method required less time than the active contour one approach in terms of time performance.

CT Liver Image-Based 3D Liver Segmentation Using a Shape and Intensity Distribution to Determine a Level Set Nuseiba M. Altarawneh, Prior, et al. Computer-aided surgical planning systems (CAD) continue to be crucial in the diagnosis and management of the aforementioned liver illnesses due to the very fast improvement in computer science and its related technologies. These potential methods may give precise 3D representations, surgical simulations including cutting, and mapping of the different hepatic artery systems. Automating and accurately segmenting a liver from its surrounding organs in computer tomography (CT) pictures is one of the most difficult operations to do.

Mubashir Ahmad et al. addressed the issue that automated techniques are often started with a certain threshold and morphological operations to cope with various concerns in [3] Deep Belief Network Modeling for Automatic Liver Segmentation. Better results may be obtained using semi-automatic techniques that need less setup and human input. In this study, they suggested a deep belief network (DBN)-based automated feature learning technique for segmenting the liver. This algorithm outperformed the state-of-the-art technique, achieving a 94.80% dice similarity coefficient on pictures and 91.83% on diseased liver images.

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Abdalla Mostafa et al. evaluated their suggested method for liver segmentation in MRI images using a collection of 70 MRI pictures that had been annotated and validated by radiology experts [6]. The structural similarity index measure (SSIM), the similarity index (SI), and the other five measures may be used to validate the final picture. The Whale Optimizer Algorithm (WOA) is a bio-inspired method for finding the best solution, where the best solutions are referred to as picture clusters. When an image is clustered, the statistical image is multiplied by the clustered image. It removes a portion of the abdomen that contains other organs. To generate an initial segmented liver, it was necessary to use clusters to represent the liver. The overall accuracy of the experiment's findings was 96.5 using SI% and 94.75% using SSIM.
In [10], a comparison of the methods of liver segmentation using K-means and Graph Cut 3 In order to extract the liver organ, Shraddha Sangewar and Premadaigavane compared the effectiveness of the K-means and the graph cut segmentation techniques. Based on the results, many liver-related metrics were calculated. It is based on a comparison of two different segmentation methods. Region expanding and clever edge detection are employed to get a better image of the liver.

3 Cuckoo Optimization Methods

Each bird chooses a nest at random and deposits one egg there, which stands for a set of options for the best problem. There is always a potential that the host may come upon the egg and subsequently get rid of it because there are only so many nests. The nests (eggs) that have generated the best results will be passed on to the next generation (iteration).

3.1 Flippy C Mean

This approach assigns each data point's membership to each cluster center based on the distance between the data point and the cluster center. The stronger the data's membership relationships are to that particular cluster center, the closer they are to it geographically. It is obvious that the membership of each data point should always equal one. Following each cycle, the cluster centers and membership are adjusted in line with the following formula:

$$\mu_{ij} = 1 / \sum_{k=1}^{c} (d_{ij} / d_{ik})^{(2/m-1)}$$

$$v_j = (\sum_{i=1}^{n} (\mu_{ij})^m x_i) / (\sum_{i=1}^{n} (\mu_{ij})^m), \forall j = 1, 2, \ldots..c$$

where,
'n' is the number of data points.
'v_j' represents the j^{th} cluster center.

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'm' is the fuzziness index m € [1, ∞].
'c' represents the number of cluster center.
'µij' represents the membership of i^{th}data to j^{th}cluster center.
'dij' represents the Euclidean distance between i^{th} data and j^{th}cluster center.

3.1.1 Random Walker Algorithm

An alternative to boundary-based segmentation techniques is graph-cut (GC)-based segmentation. It is merely a semi-automatic segmentation approach; therefore, the user must provide the seeds that represent the background and the segmented item. The picture pixels are represented by GC as nodes in a graph, with the adjacency between the pixels being represented by weighted edges. By identifying the function that exists between each possible cut in the graph, the GC divides the image into the foreground and the object.

3.2 Median Filter, Fuzzy Clustering, Fuzzy C-Means

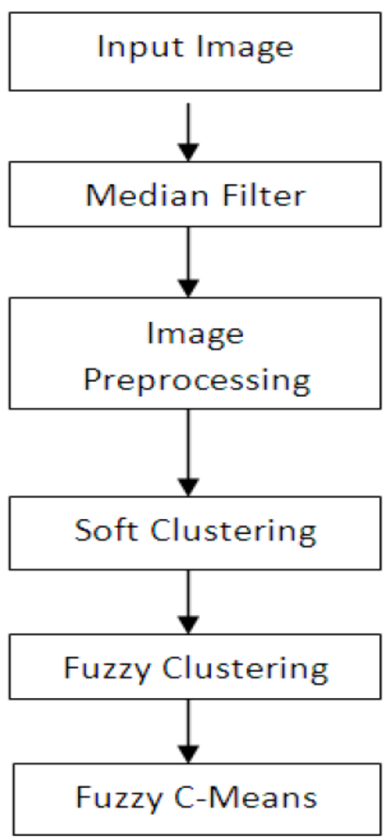

Figure 1: *Median Filter, Fuzzy clustering, Fuzzy C-means*

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3.2.1 CT/MRI

A narrow beam of x-rays is directed at a patient and quickly rotated around the body during a CT scan. This produces signals that are sent and processed by the machine's computer to produce cross-sectional pictures, or "slices," of the body. This process is referred to as "computed tomography" or "CT scans". Another name for CT scans is computed tomography.

During a magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) scan, radio waves and a strong magnet are used to create an image of the human body. An MRI may provide a detailed view of the liver's muscles, ligaments and tendons, nerve roots, and cartilage. In contrast to a CT scan, an MRI scan uses a powerful magnetic field, radio waves, and a computer to provide a detailed image of inside organs and structures.

A median filter is used over a window during filtering operations to choose the intensity that is in the center of everything in the window. The median filter is a filtering technique that is often used to remove noise from an image or signal. It is a non-linear digital approach. Noise reduction is often done as a preprocessing step to improve the results of later processing (like edge detection on an image).

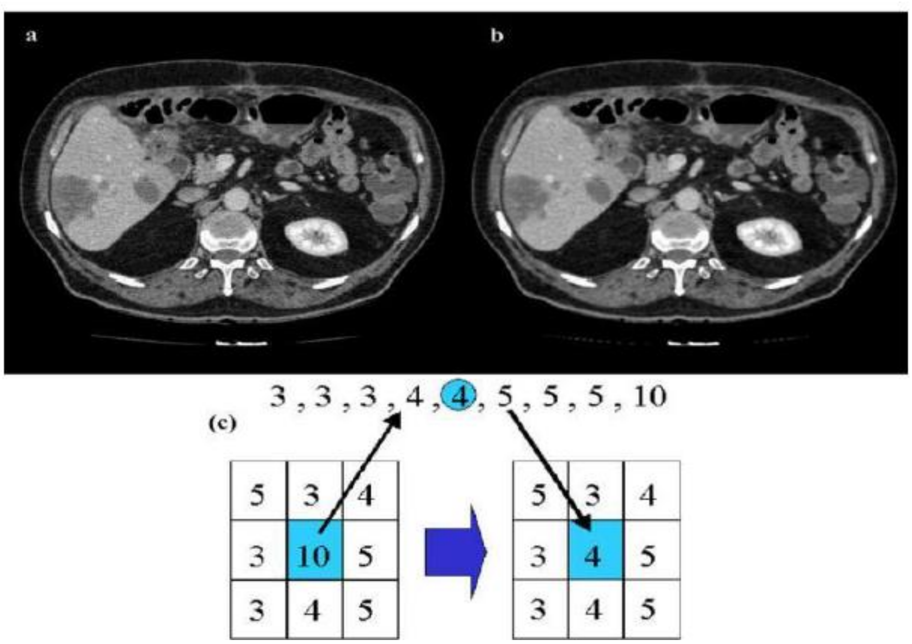

Figure 2: *Results of median filtering, original image (a) applied to a CT image (b) median filter.*

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3.2.2 Image Pre Processing

Preprocessing is used to enhance the image data's quality by removing unwanted distortions and improving certain visual components that are crucial for further processing. There are four different types of image preprocessing methods that allocate space according to the size of the pixel neighborhood that is used to calculate the brightness of a new pixel. (i) Changing the pixel brightness; (ii) Transforming an image using a geometric technique; (iii) Preprocessing approaches that use a local neighborhood pixel of the treated image; (iv) Image restoration methods that need knowledge of the whole image. Techniques for picture preparation benefit from the substantial amount of redundancy that images possess.

3.2.3 Smooth Counseling

The data items are categorized in soft clustering such that each one has the ability to belong to more than one cluster. One popular method of soft clustering is the fuzzy C-means approach. This algorithm, which is also often referred to as the FCM algorithm, is built on the fuzzy logic methodology.

3.3 Chaos C-Means

The fuzzy C-means (FCM) approach divides a data set into a number of distinct groups in order to cluster the data. The function starts off by guessing roughly where the cluster centers will be. On average, each cluster may be located in that broad region. We choose a dataset and then assign a membership grade to each data point in the dataset at random in one of the clusters.

Fuzzy C-means algorithm

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x= [2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11];
c1=3; c2=11;
for j=1:1
k=1;
for i=1: length(x)
u1(k)=1/(((x(i)-c1)/(x(i)-c1)) ^2+((x(i)-c1)/(x(i)-c2)) ^2);
if(isnan(u1(k))) u1(k)=1; end
u2(k)=1/(((x(i)-c2)/(x(i)-c1)) ^2+((x(i)-c2)/(x(i)-c2)) ^2);
if(isnan(u2(k))) u2(k)=1;
end
k=k+1; end
u= [u1; u2; u1+u2]'
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c11=sum ((u1. ^2). *x)/sum (u1. ^2)
c22=sum((u2.^2).*x)/sum(u2.^2)
c1=c11;c2=c22;

4 Conclusion and Future Work

As a result of the use of the three methods—fuzzy C mean, cuckoo optimization, and random walker algorithm—it is feasible to reach the conclusion that the inspection of the liver for tumors was carried out with a high degree of accuracy. The application of the fuzzy C mean, cuckoo optimization, and random walker method allowed for the development of this conclusion. These algorithms not only provide precise border identification for the segmented image, but they also determine whether the input image is a tumor-free image or an image with a tumor present. We must devise a method to divide the liver tumor's region in order to speed up the process of identifying errors in the work we undertake in the future.

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