

MRI BRAIN IMAGE SEGMENTATION AND CLASSIFICATION BY MODIFIED FCM & SVM ALGORITHM

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Abstract

Brain Tumor detection is a challenging task in the biomedical field. Image segmentation is a key step from the image processing to image analysis, it occupies an important place. The manual segmentation of brain image is a challenging and time-consuming task. An automated system overcomes the drawbacks as well as it segments the white matter, grey matter, cerebrospinal fluid and edema. This clustering approach is particularly used for brain tumor detection in abnormal MR images. In this paper, the application of the Modified FCM algorithm for brain tumor detection and its classification by the SVM algorithm is focused. The Magnetic Resonance image is converted into vector format and that is given as input to the modified fuzzy c-means algorithm. In the modified fuzzy c-means, the steps are: initial fuzzy partitioning and fuzzy membership generation, cluster updation based on objective function, assigning labels to pixels of each category and displaying the segmented image that will give more meaningful regions to analyze. These clustered images serve as inputs to SVM. The basic SVM takes a set of input data and predicts, for each given input, which of two possible classes.

Keywords: Clustering, Classification, Fuzzy C-Means, Support Vector Machine, MRI, Brain Tumor.

1. INTRODUCTION

The medical field is very vast and challenging. Medical image analysis has great importance especially in non-invasive treatment and study of diseases. Analysis tools help both doctor and radiologist to arrive at a specific diagnosis of a disorder. Medical image data is obtained from magnetic resonance imaging (MRI), Computed Tomography (CT) etc which indicates the presence or absence of a lesion along with patient history. The segmentation technique mostly preferred by radiologists to segment input medical images intends that the size of the tumor can be tracked using this technique which helps for treatment planning. Previously, manual segmentations were used which are time-consuming and prone to human errors. Challenges in Automatic Brain MR Image .

1.1 Tumor Segmentation

One of the most prominent issues in brain tumor segmentation is that tumor pixels could have similar or identical signal intensity in comparison to normal pixels even within the same image. An additional challenge is that tumor areas often have heterogeneous intensities. Furthermore, the large variation of properties amongst different tumor types makes the task of distinguishing tumor from normal brain tissues more complex. Meaningful regions. The abnormal MR image is segmented so as to detect a tumor. The specific area detection of brain tumor can be done with the help of segmentation but to classify its type is a challenging process. This need motivates to combine

both clustering and classification together. Image segmentation can be performed effectively by clustering image pixels. Modified Fuzzy C-Means is used for clustering and Support Vector machine algorithm is used for classification.

2. RELATED WORK

A researcher in the field of biomedical engineering not only needs to be familiar with the relevant applications of engineering in medicine but also with the basic life sciences [1]. This interaction between the traditional engineering field and modern medicine is for us the motivation to tackle this paper. It is interesting to see how new techniques in the field of engineering can improve medical diagnosis and health care. Many techniques have been reported for clustering and classification of brain tumor in MR images. Clustering is one of the widely used segmentation techniques. Fuzzy C-Means algorithm is mostly preferred due to its flexibility. But a major operational drawback is that it is time-consuming [2]. A hierarchical FCM algorithm uses the concept of template matching proposed by Kwon and Han [4]. But has a drawback of requirement of accurate template. FCM is also implemented by parallel processing [3] but hardware implementation is not effective it will not achieve desired efficiency. Cheng and Goldgof [4] proposed the fast clustering algorithm based on random sampling. Fast fuzzy clustering for web documentation which is highly robust is proposed in [5]. Modified Fuzzy C-Means algorithm uses the technique of data compression for clustering [6]. But has the drawback it is not able to specify the class of tumor. Many techniques have been reported for classification of

brain tumors in MR images, most notably, support vector machine (SVM) [7] neural network [8], knowledge based techniques [9]. Classification rate of Neural Network is lower than SVM Chaplot etal [10]. SVM it is an very powerful method of obtaining model for classification [11]. SVM provides a mechanism for choosing model structure in which it gives low generalization risk. SVM produces output which is combination of the training example projected on high dimensional feature space through the use of kernel space. been reported for clustering and classification of brain tumor in MR images. Clustering is one of the widely used segmentation technique. Fuzzy C-Means algorithm is mostly preferred due to its flexibility .But major operational drawback is that it is time consuming [2]. A hierarchical FCM algorithm uses the concept of template matching proposed by Kwon and Han[4]. But has drawback of requirement of accurate template. FCM is also implemented by parallel processing [3] but hardware implementation is not effective it will not achieve desired efficiency. Cheng and Goldgof [4] proposed the fast clustering algorithm based on random sampling. Fast Fuzzy clustering for web documentation which is highly robust is proposed in [5] .Modified Fuzzy C-Means algorithm uses the technique of data compression for clustering [6]. But has the drawback it is not able to specify the class of tumor. Many techniques have been reported for classification of brain tumors in MR images, most notably, support vector machine (SVM) [7] neural network [8], knowledge based techniques [9]. Classification rate of Neural Network is lower than SVM Chaplot etal [10]. SVM it is an very powerful method of obtaining model for classification [11]. SVM provides a mechanism for choosing model structure in which it gives low generalization risk. SVM produces output which is combination of the training example projected on high dimensional feature space through the use of kernel space.



Fig -1: MRI Image1

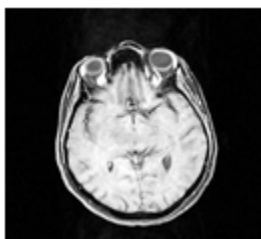


Fig-2: MRI Image2

3. PROPOSED WORK

In our proposed method, we have to pre-process the given test image for reducing noise and to enhance the contrast. Then, we have to segment the brain image using modified fuzzy c-means algorithm to visually show the normality's such as tumor. Afterwards, texture features (GLCM) will be extracted from it. In feature extraction stage, statistical measurements are calculated from the gray level co-occurrence matrix for different directions and distances. Among the various features extracted. We have to select the distinct features that will be utilized for classification purpose. For the selection of features SFS(Sequential Forward Selection) is used. Support vector machine (SVM) is used to classify whether the test image comes under normal, benign and malignant.

3.1 Steps For Tumor Classification

1. Preprocessing (Median filter)
2. Segmentation (Modified FCM)
3. Feature extraction (GLCM technique)
4. Feature selection (Sequential forward selection)
5. Classification by SVM

1. Median Filtering:

Median filtering operation, the pixel values in the neighborhood window are ranked according to intensity, and the middle value (the median) becomes the output value for the pixel under evaluation. Median filtering does not shift boundaries, as can happen with conventional smoothing filters. Since the median is less sensitive than the mean to extreme values (outliers), those extreme values are more effectively removed. Median filtering preserves the edges.

2. Segmentation (Modified FCM)

First the conventional FCM was analyzed. The results show that it does not produce a standard segmentation result always due to the random nature of initial membership values. This is the main drawback in conventional FCM. In this phase modified fuzzy c-means segmentation is implemented to overcome this problem by initializing standard membership values (computed by template averaging) so that standard segmentation result for each and every image was obtained. The number of clusters, initial standard fuzzy membership values and the feature vector were given as the input. After the completion of initial clustering process, the clusters were updated in turn updates the cluster weights and membership degree. An objective function will determine that up to which the clusters should be updated. Vector membership values are distributed identically to all members in that cluster. The convergence rate is highly improved when compared with the conventional FCM. Finally the intra cluster similarity was computed to determine which cluster is having high similarity among its members. In addition to that the algorithm was executed for various numbers of clusters for the computation of Davies Bouldin index. This index was useful in the prediction of correct number of clusters to be given in advance. Fuzzy partitioning is carried out through

an iterative procedure that updates membership u_{ij} and the cluster centroids c_j by

$$u_{ij} = \frac{1}{\sum_{k=1}^C \left(\frac{\|x_i - c_j\|}{\|x_i - c_k\|} \right)^{\frac{2}{m-1}}}$$

$$c_j = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N u_{ij}^m x_i}{\sum_{i=1}^N u_{ij}^m}$$

where $m > 1$, and represents the degree of fuzziness (typically=2)

3. Feature extraction (GLCM technique)

Extraction of Text Feature:-

Text features are extracted by using Gray Level Co-occurrence Metrics Technique. A GLCM $P_d[i,j]$ is defined by first specifying a displacement vector $d=(dx,dy)$ and counting all pairs of pixels separated by d having gray levels i and j .

The **GLCM** is defined by:- where n_{ij} is the number of occurrences of the pixel values (i,j) lying at distance d in the image.

The co-occurrence matrix P_d has dimension $n \times n$, where n is the number of gray levels in the image.

4. Feature selection (Sequential forward selection)

Automatic feature selection is an optimization technique that, given a set of m features, attempts to select a subset of size n that leads to the maximization of some criterion function. Feature selection algorithms are important to recognition and classification systems because, if a feature space with a large dimension is used, the performance of the classifier will decrease with respect to execution time and to recognition rate. The execution time increases with the number of features because of the measurement cost. The recognition rate can decrease because of redundant features and of the fact that small number of features can alleviate the course of dimensionality when the training samples set is limited, leading to overtraining. On the other hand, a reduction in the number of features may lead to a loss in the discrimination power and thereby lower the accuracy of the recognition system. In order to determine the best feature subset for some criterion, some automatic feature selection algorithm can be applied to the complete feature space, varying the number of selected features from 1 to m .

5. Classification by SVM

- 1) Training/Clustering Stage: the process of defining criteria by which patterns are recognized, developing a numerical description for each class.
- 2) Classification Stage: each pixel in the image data set is categorized into the class it most closely resembles based on a mathematical decision rule
- 3) Output Stage: results are presented in a variety of forms (tables, graphics, etc.)

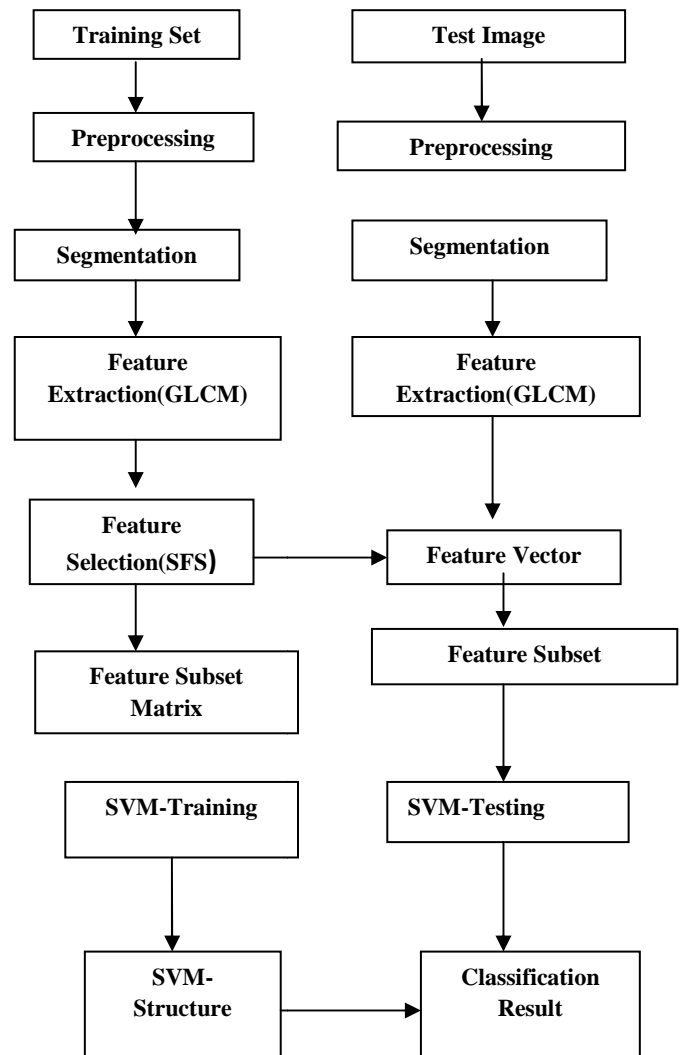


Fig 3: Proposed Design

CONCLUSION

The work in this paper involves Modified Fuzzy C-Means for segmentation the input which is MR Image to detection of abnormality from brain and SVM to classify the input from modified FCM to detect the type of tumor. The intention of the paper is to get More accurate classification of tumor into four types.

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