

An Efficient Implementation of Hybrid Segmentation Based On Otsu's And Particle Swarm Optimization Technique

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ABSTRACT: Digital Image segmentation is one of the unique tasks in the field of digital image processing. It is the practice of splitting a digital image into its constituent objects. Otsu computes a global threshold by uncomplaining the actuality of two classes, foreground and background pixels, and selects the threshold that diminishes the interclass variance of the threshold black and white pixels. Translating a gray scale image to binarize is a common image processing task. This paper gives an outline of image segmentation techniques based on Particle Swarm Optimization (PSO) based clustering techniques. PSO is one of the modern and emerging digital image segmentation techniques inspired from the nature.

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I. INTRODUCTION

Image segmentation is a completely significant concern among digital image processing [1][2][3]. The reason we segment an image is regularly for further image compression or definitely for image popularity. In some situations, image segmentation is apprehensive for a designated variety of an image but not the entire image. When we are interesting in recognizing a few parts of the image, we use image segmentation that's like this. Different from the outline above, in this paper we develop a simple set of rules of image segmentation for the whole image. The reason we would really like to develop a new segmentation algorithm is that we need to make a higher and extra handy surroundings for us to compress the unique image after we phase it. For this reason, the target of the new algorithm must suit a few qualities. There are benefits and drawbacks for all of the algorithms currently themselves. In this paper we suggest a new hybrid method. We conglomerate the characteristics of them and develop a novel algorithm with a simple concept. And we will demonstrate that the new algorithm can achieve the

three goals listed above which is fast with good shape matching and virtuous connectivity of its segmenting results.

Region growing segmentation is a method to scrutinize the neighboring pixels of the initial "seed points" and govern if the pixels are added to the seed point or not. The procedure is iterated as same as data clustering. In the meantime the regions are grown on the basis of the threshold, the image data is vital for us. For instance, getting to identify the histogram of the image would support us a lot subsequently we can proceed it as a reference to pick the threshold.

The K-mean algorithm technique is the furthest prominent partitioning clustering algorithms [5]. When using the method, we have to decide the numbers of clusters before performing the segmentation. According to the number of classes, we have to minimize some criteria of each cluster. K-means is a very fast algorithm which can classify the main database by parallel dealing the process with different initial points though it causes the initial problem. However, there is one critical disadvantage in K-means which is the main reason we would not like to choose it for our "compression-oriented" segmentation.

Liu et. al. [6] presented a PSO based fuzzy cluster for sonar image segmentation. This amalgamation tends to harvest robust searching and high speed convergence ability. In addition, the fuzzy measure and fuzzy integral are also premeditated to compute the fitness. In the meantime the possibilistic c-means (PCM) algorithm is very sensitive to initialization and parameters.

Jing et. al. [7] offered a methodology to fit clusters which are adjacent to one another. The t-Particle Swarm Optimization (tPSO) is used to solve the complex computation as well as initial parameter sensitivity problem in order to get accurate segmentation. It is shown that the proposed

algorithm is less prejudiced by the noise points and produce better segmentation results.

Zhang et. al. [8] exemplified how PCM can be integrated with PSO and provides a noteworthy enhancement on the efficiency of the segmentation. The PCM is more accurate as related to FCM, as it incapacitates the relative membership problem of FCM in image segmentation. The mahalonolis distance is used with PCM algorithm, since it enhances the performance of the clustering algorithm. The PSO is used to optimize the initial clustering centers.

Hilbert Transform for Edge Detection

There is another method for edge detection that uses the Hilbert transform (HLT). The HLT is

$$g_H(\tau) = h(x) * g(x), \quad \text{where } h(x) = \frac{1}{\pi x}$$

..... (1)

and * means convolution. Alternatively,

$$G_H(f) = H(f)G(f)$$

..... (2)

where $G(f) = FT [g(x)]$ (FT means the Fourier transform), $G_H(f) = FT [g_H(x)]$, and

$$H(f) = -j \operatorname{sgn}(f)$$

..... (3)

where the sign function is defined as

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{sgn}(f) &= 1 \text{ when } f > 0, \\ \operatorname{sgn}(f) &= -1 \text{ when } f < 0, \\ \operatorname{sgn}(0) &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

..... (4)

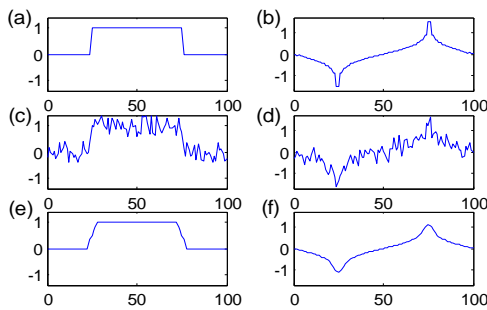


Fig.1 Using HLTs to detect (a) the sharp edges, (c) the step edges with noise, and (e) the ramp edges. (b)(d)(f) are the results of the HLTs of (a)(c)(e)

II. SHORT RESPONSE HILBERT TRANSFORM (SRHLT)

Author discussed in [5] on Canny’s criterion, we improve the short response Hilbert transform

(SRHLT), which is the intermediate of the original HLT and the differentiation operation. For edge detection, the SRHLT can compromise the recompenses of the HLT and differentiation. It can well distinguish the edges from the non-edge regions and simultaneously are robust to noise. We also find that there are numerous ways to describe the SRHLT. Thus it need to be combine the HLT and differentiation to define the SRHLT. From the theorem of the Fourier Transform,

$$\operatorname{csch}(\pi x) \xrightarrow{FT} -j \tanh(\pi f)$$

..... (5)

where

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{csch}(x) &= 2 / (e^x - e^{-x}) \\ \tanh(x) &= (e^x - e^{-x}) / (e^x + e^{-x}), \end{aligned}$$

..... (6)

Therefore, from the scaling property of the FT:

$$g(bx) \xrightarrow{FT} |b|^{-1} G(f/b)$$

..... (7)

we obtain

$$|b| \operatorname{csch}(\pi bx) \xrightarrow{FT} -j \tanh(\pi f/b)$$

..... (8)

From 8, we can define the **short response Hilbert transform (SRHLT)** as:

$$\begin{aligned} g_H(\tau) &= h_b(x) * g(x), \quad \text{where } h_b(x) = |b| \operatorname{csch}(\pi bx) \\ G_H(f) &= H_b(f)G(f) \quad \text{where } G_H(f) = FT[g_H(\tau)], \\ G(f) &= FT[g(\tau)], \quad H_b(f) = -j \tanh(\pi f/b). \end{aligned}$$

..... (9)

In fact, to negotiate the goals of “higher distinction” and “noise immunity” and accomplish the prerequisite of “good detection” suggested by Canny, the impulse response of the edge detection filter should satisfy:

(Constraint 1) The impulse response $h(x)$ is neither too short nor too long. If we describe

$$T = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |x| |h(x)|^2 dx$$

..... (10)

then T should satisfy

$$A_1 < T < A_2,$$

..... (11)

where A_1 and A_2 are some thresholds. To achieve higher immunity to noise, T should be larger than a certain threshold A_1 . To make the filter have higher ability for distinguishing the edge from the non-edge

region, T should be smaller than a certain threshold A_2 .

(Constraint 2) $Max\{|h(x)|\} = h(x_0)$
 (12)

where $x_0 = 0$ or x_0 is very close to 0.

(Constraint 3) $|h(x_1)| > |h(x_2)|$ if $|x_2| > |x_1| \geq |x_0|$,(13)

or although in some conditions the impulse response is not strictly descending but the local peak is much smaller than the global peak $|h(x_0)|$.

$|h(x_1)| < |h(x_2)|$, $|x_2| > |x_1|$
 but $|h(x_2)| \square |h(x_0)|$(14)

(Constraint 4) $h(x) = -h(-x)$ (15)

In detail, there are many alternative ways to outline the SRHLT. There are also other functions that satisfy Canny's criterions and can be treated as the impulse responses of SRHLTs. For instance,

$\frac{4\pi b^{-2}x}{1 + (2\pi b^{-1}x)^2} \xrightarrow{FT} -je^{-|b.f|} \text{sgn}(f)$
 when $b=1$ (2.1)

$\frac{4\pi b^{-2}x}{1 + (2\pi b^{-1}x)^2} \approx \frac{1}{\pi x}$ when $b=0...$ (16)

$\frac{1}{\pi x} \Pi(bx/2) \xrightarrow{FT} -i \frac{2}{\pi} Si(2\pi b^{-1}f)$ where

$Si(x) = \int_0^x \frac{\sin t}{t} dt$
 $\frac{\sin c(bx)}{b\pi x} \xrightarrow{FT} H_5(f)$ where $b \text{ sinc}(x)$
 $= \sin(\pi x)/(\pi x), \dots$ (17)

$\frac{\sin c^2(bx)}{b\pi x} \xrightarrow{FT} H_6(f)$ 18)

Particle Swarm optimization

PSO is a population-based randomly searching process. Here we supposed that there are N "particles" randomly seem in a "solution space".

Indication that we are solving the optimization problem and for data clustering, there is always a criteria (for instance, the squared error function) for every single particle at their position in the solution space. The N particles will keep moving and calculating the criteria in every position they stay (we call "fitness" in PSO) until the criteria reaches some threshold we require. Each particle keeps track of its coordinates in the solution space which are related with the best solution (fitness) that has attained so far by that particle where its value is named personal best, p_{best} . An additional best value that is tracked by the PSO is the best value attained so far by any particle in the neighborhood of that particle. This value is called global best, g_{best} . We introduce the exact statement in mathematics below :

$v_{i,j}(t) = w \cdot v_{i,j}(t-1) + c_1 \cdot r_1(p_{i,j}(t-1) - x_{i,j}(t-1)) + c_2 \cdot r_2(p_{g,j}(t-1) - x_{i,j}(t-1))$
(19)

$x_{i,j}(t) = x_{i,j}(t-1) + v_{i,j}(t)$
(20)

where x_i is the current position of the particle, v_i is the current velocity of the particle, p_i is the personal best position of the particle, w, c , are all constant factors, and r are the random numbers uniform distributed within the interval [0,1]. We custom last velocity and last position of personal and global best to predicate the velocity now. The position we stay is predicated by last position plus velocity now. By using PSO, we can solve the initial problem of "K-means" and still maintain the whole partitionial clustering scheme. The utmost imperative thing is to ponder about it as an optimization problem.

III. PROPOSED CONTROL STRATEGY

The main goal for us to segment an image is that we focus on Thresholding may be viewed as a statistical-decision theory problem whose unbiased is to diminish the average error incurred in assigning pixels to two or more groups.

Let $\{0,1,2,\dots,L-1\}$ denote the L distinct intensity levels in a digital image of size $M \times N$ pixels, and let n_i denote the number of pixels with intensity i . The

total number, MN, of pixels in the image is $MN = n_0 + n_1 + n_2 + \dots + n_{L-1}$. The normalized histogram has components $p_i = n_i / MN$, from which it follows that

$$\sum_{i=0}^{L-1} p_i = 1, p_i \geq 0 \quad (21)$$

Now, we select a threshold $T(k) = k, 0 < k < L-1$, and use it to threshold the input image into two classes, C_1 and C_2 , where C_1 consist with intensity in the range $[0, k]$ and C_2 consist with $[k+1, L-1]$.

Using this threshold, $P_1(k)$, that is assigned to C_1 and given by the cumulative sum.

$$P_1(k) = \sum_{i=0}^k p_i \quad \dots\dots(22)$$

$$P_2(k) = \sum_{i=k+1}^{L-1} p_i = 1 - P_1(k) \quad \dots\dots(23)$$

The validity of the following two equations can be verified by direct substitution of the preceding result:

$$P_1 m_1 + P_2 m_2 = m_G \quad \dots\dots (24)$$

$$P_1 + P_2 = 1 \quad \dots\dots(25)$$

In order to evaluate the “goodness” of the threshold at level k we use the normalized, dimensionless metric

$$\eta = \frac{\sigma_B^2(k)}{\sigma_G^2} \quad \dots\dots(26)$$

Where σ_G^2 is the global variance

$$\sigma_G^2 = \sum_{i=0}^{L-1} (i - m_G)^2 p_i \quad (27)$$

And σ_B^2 is the between-class variance, define as :

$$\sigma_B^2 = P_1(m_1 - m_G)^2 + P_2(m_2 - m_G)^2 \quad \dots\dots(28)$$

$$\sigma_B^2(k) = P_1 P_2 (m_1 - m_2)^2 = \frac{(m_G P_1(k) - m(k))^2}{P_1(k)(1 - P_1(k))} \quad \dots\dots(29)$$

Indicating that the between-class variance and η is a measure of separability between class.

Then, the optimum threshold is the value, k^* , that maximizes $\sigma_B^2(k)$

$$\sigma_B^2(k^*) = \max_{0 \leq k \leq L-1} \sigma_B^2(k) \quad \dots\dots 30$$

In other word, to find k^* we simply evaluate (2.7-11) for all integer values of k

Once k^* has been obtain, the input image $f(x, y)$ is segmented as before:

$$g(x, y) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } f(x,y) \geq k^* \\ 0 & \text{if } f(x,y) < k^* \end{cases}$$

For $x = 0, 1, 2, \dots, M-1$ and $y = 0, 1, 2, \dots, N-1$. This measure has values in the range

$$0 \leq \eta(k^*) \leq 1$$

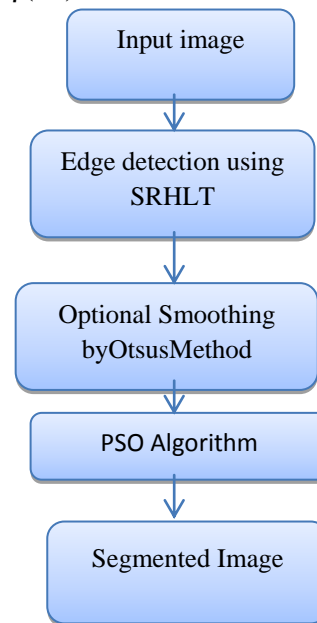


Fig.2 PSO Based Image Segmentation of a image.

The solicitation of this algorithm to the imagesegmentation problem can be kept in the subsequentway:

Step 1: Read the input image to be segmented.

Step 2: Select PSO method to be applied on that image with a particular threshold level

Step 3: for each particle in the population do update particle's fitness in the search space and update particle's best in the search space move particle in the population

Step 4: for each particle do if swarm gets better then reward the swarm spawn the particle: extend the swarm/particle life

Step 5: for each particle do if swarm is not improving its performance then punish swarm: remove the swarm/particle: or diminish the swarm life.

Step 6: Spread out the swarm to spawn (the swarm is deliberated for succeeding iteration)

Step 7: Delete the "failed" swarms. (the swarm will never come into search space) and Reset threshold counter load.

IV. CONCLUSION

In the study, we have numerous approaches to make edge detections, such as first-order derivative edge detection, second-order derivative edge detection, HLT and SRHLT. SRHLT has advanced robustness for noise than HLT and can efficaciously detect ramp edges that could elude the pixels that near to an edge be predictable as an edge pixel. The PSO based segmented images are usually well segmented into regions of homogeneous colour and are perceptually expressive to human's vision and can identify, automatically, very well the number of regions.

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