AUTOMATED REGION BASED SEGMENTATION OF OPTIC DISC AND VESSEL ORIGIN IN RETINAL IMAGES

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Abstract: This paper describes an innovative classification-based optic disc (OD) segmentation algorithm for detecting the location of vessel-origin(VO)pixel and the OD boundary. First, the color retinal image is performed which determines the green plane of each retinal image is resized and morphologically transformed using a circular structuring element. As the Optic Disc is made up of 1.2 million ganglion cell axons which passes through the retina. Determination of OD becomes strenuous. Using the Gaussian mixture model and six features the bright regions of OD and non-bright regions of OD are extracted. The best candidate region of OD is determined by calculating its solidity, Vessel-sum and classified bright probable region which acquired. Another candidate region is for OD is considered by estimating the bright probable region of diameter 1-disc from centroid. A convex hull of all the candidate OD regions is later determined and best-fit ellipse beyond convex hull emerge as segmented OD boundary. Lastly, VO pixel location is calculated by detecting the centroid of major blood vessels in reach of segmented OD boundary. The proposed algorithm has low lying imaging angles, vigorous to slight variations in image illumination and computational time complexity.

Index Terms—*Solidity, vessel origin(VO), Centroid, Overlap score, vessel-sum.*

1.INTRODUCTION

optic disc plays a crucial role for glaucoma detection in early detection in early stages OD and the position of vessel origin (VO) are the main anatomical features in retinal fundus images. Diabetic retinopathy that which is affected by blood vessels changes in the retina. And exudates are the early signs of DR which needs to be detected. [1]

Accurate optic disc and cup segmentation in color fundus images screening and diagnosis of glaucoma is important. It explicitly models the depth by estimating itself using a sparse dictionary from fundus images. [2] whereas, [3] Macula is also vital structure in diagnosis of retinal diseases where in the color fundus images are identified to enumerate maps for highlighting the anomatical structures unlike OD, macula and the vessels. Extraction of the optic disc boundary helps for improvement of computer-assisted diagnosis and treatment of ophthalmic disease. First, to modify the gradient magnitude image external and internal markers used on which watershed transformation is applied [4]. The Diagnosis expert system has been constituted which is considered as the most technical system have received a lot of practical attention over the years. Expert system simulates about problem domain performs reasoning of a disease and solves the problem features on strictly identifying the hard exudates of image. The ganglion cell axons of the Optic Disc(OD) passage out the eye where the photoreceptors are transmitted through brain. In fundus images, the OD usually appears as a bright region, white or yellow wherein color shape, color, size, and convergence contribute to the identification of the OD [5]. Fundus imaging is the most clinical procedure to record the viewing of the retina. The appropriateness of the images may help the patient for diagnosis, treatment assessment, and keeping track of patient's history. Several fundus images are estimated for computer-aided diagnosis for several of several retinopathologies. Diabetes is a disease that affects about 5.5% of the population worldwide, a number that can be expected to increase significantly in the coming years. Glaucoma and diabetic retinopathy (DR) are among the major retinal diseases which are the leading cause of vision loss and blindness in the working population.

Retinal pathologies such as exudates are often considered as clusters of region with size and pixel intensities which compares to Optic Disc [6]. The ultimate aim of fundus image analyzing is to simplify clinical diagnosis. Optic disk is the brightest part in the normal fundus images, which can be seen as a pale, round or vertically slightly oval disk. Blood vessel extraction from retinal pictures gives critical data about eye diseases. Therefore numerous methodologies have been proposed computerized strategies to separate retinal blood vessels.

2.OBJECTIVE:

The OD is one of the real historic points that champion from the perception of human retina. Information about the OD position is likewise required for computerizing the assurance for symptomatic lists for hypertension retinopathy. Advanced retinal pictures are utilized for early identification of retinal, ophthalmic diseases. Glaucoma and diabetic

retinopathy (DR) are among the significant retinal ailments which are the main source of vision misfortune and visual impairment in the working population. Early recognition of these illness by screening programs and ensuing treatment can avoid visual deficiency. System supported symptomatic retinal picture examination is the initial phase in mechanized screening of these infections in expansive population. Automated identification of the entire OD district is a testing issue because of the variety in estimate, shape, shade of the OD crosswise over images alongside the variety presented by the field of view (FOV), inhomogeneous illumination, and pathological abnormalities

3. RESEARCH METHODOLOGY:

Optic Disc (OD) identification is a critical advance in creating systems for computerized determination of different genuine ophthalmic pathologies. The OD assumes a vital part in creating computerized analysis master systems for DR as its division is a key preprocessing segment in numerous calculations intended to recognize different fundus pictures.

Table 1 : Related Work

Title	Methodology
"Automatic detection of diabetic retinopathy exudates from non-dilated retinal images using mathematical morphology methods," 2008.	exudate detection on diabetic retinopathy patients' non-dilated pupil and low-contrast images.
""Detecting the optic disc boundary in digital fundus images using morphological, edge detection, and feature extraction techniques,", Nov. 2010.	Circular Hough Transform: segments the OD by approximating its shape by a circumference, for a better evaluation of its behavior .
"Automatic optic disc detection from retinal images by a line operator," 2011.	This approach makes use of the unique circular brightness structure associated with the OD.
Obtaining optic disc center and pixel region by automatic thresholding methods on morphologically processed fundus images,2015	thresholding procedure is applied on bright region-enhanced images, which are obtained after processing the retinopathy intensity channel by a set of morphological opening and closing operations

4.DATA ANALYSIS:

This paper makes three key commitments. Initial, a circular structuring component with a large portion of the distance across of the assessed OD is observed to be more compelling for brilliant OD region extraction when contrasted with horizontal linear structuring components of length equivalent to the evaluated OD measurement. Second, six characteristics of the brilliant OD regions are identified that different the bright plausible OD regions from the bright non-OD areas by classification utilizing the Gaussian blend show (GMM). Additionally, the best two chose highlights are the characteristic of thick real veins in the brilliant locale neighborhood (Vessel-Sum), and the conservative structure of a splendid district (Solidity). Boost of these two characteristics among classified bright plausible OD areas finds the best hopeful regions for the OD in each fundus images paying little respect to the images FOV or the degree of image abnormality. we propose a novel supervised OD boundary segmentation and a VO detection algorithm that is robust to variations in image illumination and retinal abnormalities.

To encourage this, we propose a three-advance approach, where in the first step, bright areas in close region of significant blood vessels are distinguished by thresholding a morphologically recreated green plane picture. In the second step, area based classification is performed to hold only the bright probable OD regions among all the bright regions already distinguished. Next, the best applicant district for the OD is identified among the splendid likely OD locales. In the third step, the splendid likely OD areas in the area of the best hopeful OD district are identified as the rest of the candidate regions for the OD. Next, a convex hull is created around all OD applicant locales and a best-fit circle around this curved body is the sectioned OD limit. At long last, the situation of VO is resolved at the centroid of the significant blood vessels that lie within the segmented OD boundary.

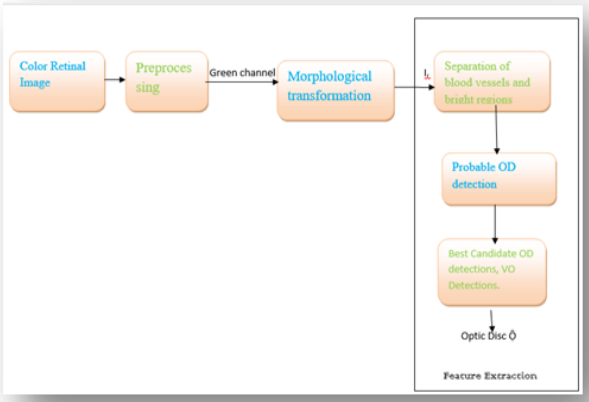

Fig1: General Process of the segmentation

To facilitate the feature-based classification of bright OD regions, 50 images are selected, with ten images from five public datasets of DRIVE, DIARETDB0, DIARETDB1, CHASE_DB1, and MESSIDOR, to create a training dataset(namedTRAIN50).

5.EXPERIMENTAL ANALYSIS

The three stages of distinguishing bright regions in neighborhood regions of significant blood vessels took after by the classification of bright probable OD regions and determination of the OD boundary and VO location.

In the initial step, to distinguish thick blood vessels in the region of the OD region from image I, the significant blood vessels and bright regions are identified independently. To extricate the real blood vessel regions from I a smoothened low-pass filtered image LPF(I) ,[7] utilizing median filter with window measure [20×20] [5], is subtracted from I to acquire a high-pass filtered image. The image relating to the greater pixel value in this high-pass filtered image is then difference balanced and thresholded at pixel range 0.2 to separate the significant blood vessels in binary image I as appeared in (1) [7]. A binary image containing bright regions (I_b) is separated by thresholding the morphologically remade image I_r at the Otsu's edge pixel value [8]. Next, an Overlap work is defined with an area parameter ν, to such an extent that if bright regions in I_b are found not as much as "ν" pixels from the vessel regions in I_v, bright regions (Re) with territory > 50 squared pixels are recognized from the paired image I_b utilizing (3).

$$I_v = \text{abs}\ \{[I - \text{LPF}(I)] < 0\} > 0.2 \quad (1)$$

$$I_b = \{[I_r > \text{Otsu's threshold}(I_r)\} \quad (2)$$

$$\text{Re} = \text{Overlap}(I_v, I_b, \nu), e \in \{1,2,...n\} \text{such that } \forall e,$$

$$A(\text{Re}) > 50. \quad (3)$$

In the second step, basic and pixel intensity based features are separated relating to each bright area. For processing the Vessel-sum at each bright region (Re), first a circular mask is produced whose middle is at the centroid of Re with ρ pixels radius. Next, the circular mask is forced on the blood vessel image Iv and Iv and the sum of all vessel pixel intensities lying within the masked circle is computed as the vessel-sum function (Vessel Sum(Re)) (Vessel-Sum(Re)). Utilizing the most significant locale based highlights, the bright regions in "Re" are classified as bright OD regions (R_p) and non-OD regions utilizing GMM classifiers. Encourage examination of the locale based features exhibits that Vessel-Sum and region solidity(Solidity(Re)= A(Re) A(H(Re))) are most significant in distinguishing the OD regions among the classified bright likely OD regions.

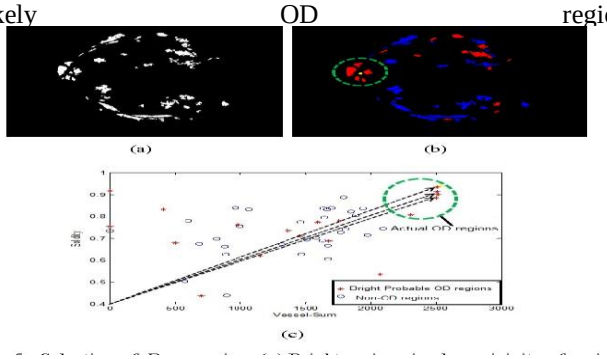

Fig2: Solidity and vessel-sum Analysis

In the third step, the classified bright probable OD regions whose centroids are closer to the best candidate OD region than ρ pixels, or 1-disc diameter (DD), are detected as the remaining candidate regions for the OD in image P.A convex hull(H) is then constructed around all the regions in P (6). Next, the centroid (Θ(H)), the major axis length (Φ(H)), and the minor axis length (Ψ(H)) of the convex hull H are computed, and an ellipse is estimated in the parametric way [31] with center, major, and minor axis lengths of [Θ(H), Φ(H), and Ψ(H)], respectively. This best fit ellipse is resized to the original image dimensions and it is the segmented OD boundary (ˆ D) in (7). The performance of the proposed OD segmentation algorithm is tried on fundus images from the six public datasets. These are the few metrics on which the datasets are used to get the output.

Metrics:

1.SEN(Sensitivity): It is the fraction of original OD identified by original algorithm. It determines better segmentation.

2. *FPR* (False Positive Rate): It is the fraction of falsely detected OD area.

3. *Acc* (Accuracy): It denotes the fraction of correctly identified pixels to the total number of pixels in the retinal region, i.e., $Acc = \frac{TP + TN}{TP + TN + FP + FN}$

4. Δ(VO error): It determines the Euclidean distance in pixels between the manually marked VO (*O*) and the detected VO (ˆ*O*)

5.Time: It determines the average OD boundary segmentation and VO detection time per image for the particular dataset which is measured in seconds.

6. Success (%): It speaks to the percentage of images in a specific dataset where the OD is effectively distinguished.

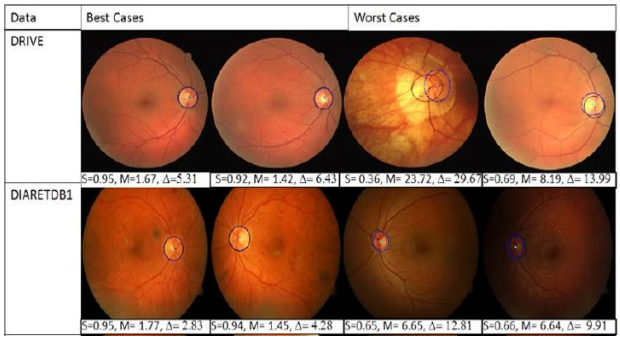

Fig3: Metrics analysis

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7.CONCLUSION:

In this paper, we propose a novel three-advance classification based OD segmentation calculation that is vigorous to fundus pictures with changing FOV, enlightenments, and pathologies. For the initial step, circular structuring components are observed to be ideal over the linear structuring components for extricating bright regions after morphological reconstruction. In the second step, twofold cross validation with feature ranking prompts highlight decrease for classification of bright regions OD areas from the non-OD areas. The GMM classifier is successful in reducing the number of false positive bright regions, but it is not sufficient for detecting only the bright OD regions.

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