

RETINAL ABNORMALITY DETECTION BY CONTRAST ENHANCEMENT USING CURVELET TRANSFORM

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Abstract— This paper proposed about the recognition of blood veins in the retina, thereby diagnosing any abnormality in the retina. Optic blood vessels calculation is mostly owned in therapeutic analysis in many causes like arteriosclerosis, diabetes mellitus, hypertension, stroke and heart problems. Due to the very great capability of the curvelet transform in place of ridges, reform of curve let transform factors will increase the optic fundus image ridges improved makes the picture for dissection part. Fast discrete curvelet transform via wrapping technique is used. The direction of a multistrucre features technique makes is used for edge detection. Therefore, morphology operatives using multistrucre features are useful locally for improved picture to do invention in the optic fundus image edges. Therefore, operatives by restoration will remove the edges which is not belonging of vein though making to reserve the tinny vein unaltered. Instruction for improve effectiveness of operatives through re-establishment, these are useful by multistrucre features to use CCA more powerful, it is useful and length filtering as an alternative of considering the full image. The algorithm is applied to the retinal images got from a publicly accessible data base called drive database. Comparing to the previous techniques, the proposed technique achieves greater accuracy and so the blood veins will be more efficiently detected.

Index terms: Retina, Curvelet transform, Morphological operators.

I. INTRODUCTION

The optic fundus images will be used for several applications, for example optic fundus processes in addition to human recognition. Also, it will show significant part in identification of infections in initial phases, for example diabetes mellitus, it will done using comparison with the positions of retinal plasma veins. Inherent features of optic fundus images will make the plasma veins identification procedure hard.

A novel procedure to sense the retinal plasma veins efficiently is proposed. The directional multistrucre features method creates a useful device in ridges recognition. Therefore, operatives using multistrucre features is used for enhance the picture in demand to know the optic fundus image edges.

Morphological operatives by restoration remove edges which is not belonging of the vein when it reserve the very tinny veins unaffected. To improve the effectiveness of morphological operatives by restoration, are applied using multistrucre features. An easy thresholding technique together with associated blocks.

Examination (CCA) shows the persisted edges be appropriate to veins. So as to use CCA well, the length filtering are applied locally in its place of considering its full image. The algorithm is applied to the retinal images found from a publicly existing data base called drive database. Comparing to previous techniques, the proposed technique achieves greater accuracy and so the blood vessels can be more effectively detected.

II. PREPROCESSING

The retina tissue lining is light sensitive the internal surface of the eye. The optics of sight make an image of the optical sphere on a retina. Photocell striking the retina originates a serious of chemical and electrical actions that ultimately activate nerve impulses. These will be directed to numerous visual centers of brain

passes across the fibres of optic nerve. The retina is bounded arrangement with many layers of neurons interlocked by synapses. The neuron is directly delicate to photons is the photoreceptor compartments. These are classified mainly in to two types: the cones and rods. Rods purpose in dim light and produce black-and-white image, but cones will help morning vision and the observation of colour. A third, most occasional type of photoreceptor, the photosensitive ganglion cell, is significant for reflective reactions of intense daylight.

Neural signals from the cones and rods undertake go into by some other neuron of a retina. The result will take the form of action potential in the retinal ganglion cells in which the axons form optic veins. Many significant features of visual observation will be viewed to retinal encoding and treating of photo cell.

The unique arrangement of the blood veins in retina will be utilized for biometric reconization. The examination of the geometrical arrangement is important as abnormalities from the best principles may specify some cardiovascular diseases, such as hypertension and atherosclerosis.

Retinal image (Fig 1) is attained by retinal fundus camera which have a back-fixed digital camera. It operates in same fashion as a

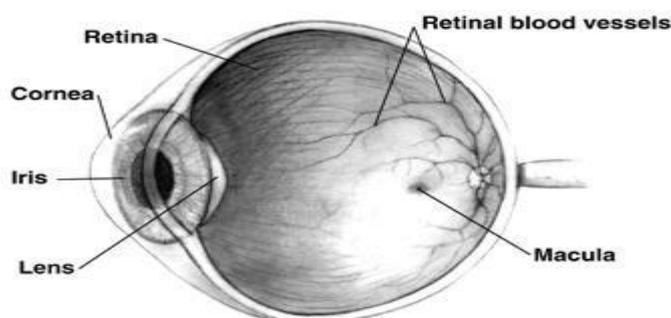


Fig 1 Human eye cross section in Gray scale

Instead of conventional camera which has film in digital camera image sensor is used. Collection of CCD with little photon-delicate diodes in which can be lit energy is converted into electrical energy. This will alters the equivalent light picture into a pixels (pixel $\frac{1}{4}$ picture part) . At every pixel in the group, the electron flow will be directly proportional to the correspondent photocell will be transformed into a digital image. The perseverance of a picture be determined by the amount of pixels it will be formed by the equivalent picture by CCD array. The APS techniques diminishes through a feature of hundred structure control needed for practice a picture related through CCD. APS device will removes necessity of charge transmission then it will increase the consistency and lifetime of device.

Here the proposed technique is suitable to, the retinal picture of the DRIVE record. DRIVE database is being publicly made available in the internet. In each color channel 8 bits and 565*584 pixel record has 40 color picture in the drive.

Compacted TIFF setup of which is presented in Fig 2.

Techniques creates a active device in boundaries detection. So, in the next point, scientific morphology by multistructure features are useful to get the image edges. Then, morphological breach by restoration facilitates to eliminate the spotted edges not fit to the vein , whereas maintaining the slim vein sides. The morphological breach by restoration profits from using several structure information, which facilitates to develop the functioning of this step. There is a limit on size of structure elements (SEs) affecting the blood vessels diameter. Hence the residual deceptive boundaries will be detached by means of linked components analysis (CCA) sideways with length filtering. Image is decayed to many tiles and CCA, and length filtering is separately applied to every tile. Outputs exhibited a favorable recital in breakdown of the plasma veins.

Algorithm for blood vessel detection is as



Fig 2 Retinal image from the DRIVE database

III PROPOSED METHODOLOGY

A technique built on utilizing curvelet transform is followed for improve and make the optic fundus image for enhanced veins recognition. Curvelet is a geometric transform which has main structures: anisotropy scaling law and direction. There are two structures ended up of curvelet skilled of sparse demonstration and management of image individualities enhanced than other multistage transforms. Comparing with first version second generation of curvelet transform is simpler and faster. Therefore the change of DCT coefficients by using discrete curvelet transform and generation of curvelet transform. One way for improving the image contrast is to improve the picture ridges, which show a significant part in increasing picture contrast. It may instantaneously improve the feeble boundaries and remove the sound, the altering function strictures are well-defined created on statistic structures of (FDCT)DCT constants. The directional features of multistructure datas.

follows

1. Choose the green network picture of unique colored image of storage record.
2. Acquire the retina fundus area cover by Otsu algorithm monitored using morphological finishing, and multiply the output picture of point 3 by retina fundus area cover.
3. To modify the curvelet coefficients and get the improved image FDCT should applied. It will deduct the assessed contextual from the improved image.
4. To obtain edge detectrd image top hat transform is used.
5. To remove the false boundaries we can apply restoration procedure.
6. To remove the persisted false boundaries, apply length filtering with CCA locally.

A. Image Representation Selection

Subsequently the plasma veins of green network picture of the unique dyed optic fundus picture which has maximum contrast compared with contextual, this station is selected to apply the proposed system. The blue channel inclines will be unfilled and the red network be likely to be constant. Green network pictures are appropriate for the pictures of storage record. To find the fundus area, the universal algorithm is proposed by japaenese researcher where the retinal region has contrast background image. The artifacts caused by FDCT in the outside fundus region gives output in the false ridges. Since, being there of such cover, which denotes the retina fundus area, used to abolish the objects earlier happening with the algorithm. Furthermore, this cover can reduce the calculation period of the procedure, since it will be consider the inside of retina fundus region in its place the full image for using consequent procedure.

B. Contrast Enhancement

The curvelet transform will adjusted for characterize pictures comprising ends, which is a worthy applicant

of the end enhancement. Curvelet coefficients will reformed as improved the ends of a picture, it increases the distinction of image. The edge, it proposed a non-linear equation to change representation factors in that particulars of the maximum gain are increased cost of a huge ones and perform consistently all standards. Explanation of the parameters depends on recorded characteristics of curvelet coefficients of source picture is advantageous to vary the function well with all source picture. Hence, there was a requirement for a non-linear system, as y, to reproduce in contradiction of the transform coefficients.

The steps involved in FDCT via wrapping method is shown in Fig 3

The function is well-defined as follows:

$$y(x) = \begin{cases} k_1 \left(\frac{m}{c}\right)^p, & \text{if } |x| < ac \\ k_2 \left(\frac{m}{|x|}\right)^p, & \text{if } ac \leq |x| < m \\ k_3, & \text{if } |x| \geq m \end{cases}$$

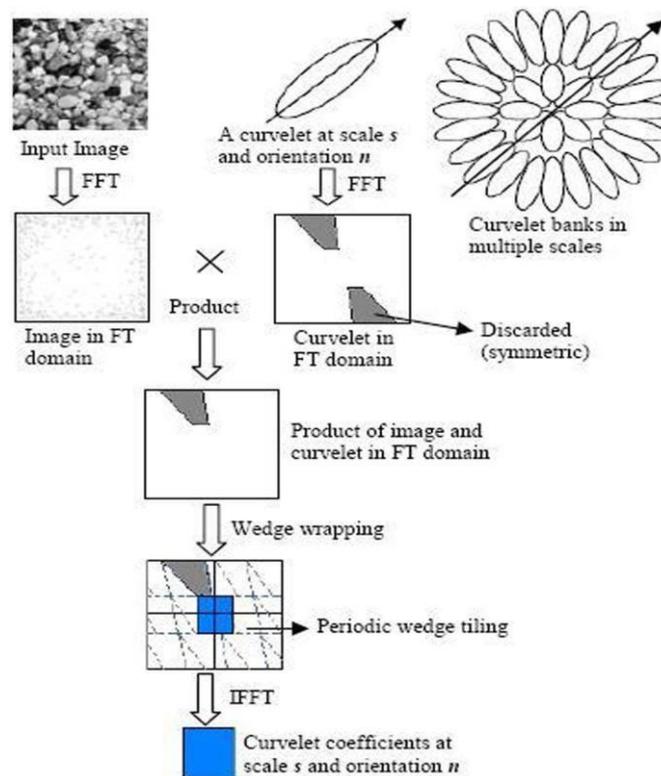


Fig 3 FDCT via wrapping

Wherever x was the curvelet constant, $1 > p > 0$ defines the grade of nonlinearity. $K_3, K_2,$ and K_1 are allocated masses for every task portion to regulate and do alteration of higher strictness coefficients and creates appropriate modification. The modification parameter a sorts it likely to decide and normalize the parameters variation interlude. Factors m and c are elaborate which is responsible for the numbers alteration interval the magnitude of multiplying y. The bounds is explained allowing to statistical structures of constants. The starting are disturbance standard deviation, with intention of avoiding noise intensification, second was the extreme charge of constants in every group. Since select $c = \sigma_{ji}$, here σ_{ji} - noise SD of constants is may in similar scale and direction. σ_{ji} is considered. M will be resulting after extreme curvelet constants of absolute band ($m = kMC$)MC, or can be obtain with regard to σ_{ji} ($m = k\sigma_{ji}$). k is an extra and free factor from a curvelet coefficient numbers, so that, it will be easier for consumer to fixed. The allocated weights and modification experimentally the parameters are adjusted established on intrinsic individualities of source picture and the aim of work. For sample, in most of the contrast application improvement, is needed to be highlighted most exact portion of the image.

Parameters constant	Value of Permissive Range	value
K_1	If K_1 greater than 1	1
K_2	K_2 greater than 1	2.5
K_3	K_3 greater than 0	1
A	A value is in between 0 and m/c	1.25
K	k greater than 0	0.5
p	P value is in between 0 and 1	0.5

Table 3.1 Modifying Function Parameter Value Tuning Table 3.1 displays the tolerant series of numerals and

The numerals help in study. Accordingly, the introduced technique to improve the optic fundus picture contains of subsequent procedure.

The algorithm for contrast enhancement is as

Follows

- 1) Using FDCT through covering method, we change to a ranges of scales S_j , it contains of a range of indicator bands D_i consisting constants.
- 2) On behalf of every indicator band in every scale D_{ji} , perform the subsequent steps:
 - a) Determine distortion SD σ_{ij} ;
 - b) Calculate m .
 - 3) Multiply every factor separately by respective y.
 - 4) Rebuild improved picture using changed curvelet factors.

The improved picture, certain unidentified tinny veins converted simply identifiable and as given earlier, use of recorded structures of the factors of improvement.

The function permits to customize the input picture and help to treat with noise as it avoid sound increase again. As shown, the choice of performance parameter disturbs the effect of the improvement. The purpose is to improve step in to enlarge smaller vessels with lower comparisons to get better at the edge-finding step; however, the development of improper comparisons can exacerbate the imbalance of the back illumination, creating false edges in the step to get the edge. To remove this problem, the scaled background image will be removed from the improved image to reduce the complexity and feeble layers from the picture. The layer will be measured used an open morphology operative with a SE big enough to be a with radius of SE disk of more than 15 units.

C. Edge Detection

In demand to achieve edge recognition by multistructure features, the previous SE of boundaries detector would be exchanged by introduced SE and monitor respective algorithm.

Create the planned SEs S_i with respect to the required directional resolution.

Apply the selected edge detector function F on the unique image using the attained SEs in 1 and become the subedge picture $F(I)_i$.

Place the $F(I)_i$ got in 2) in the subsequent equation to attain the full of noticed edges:

$M-1$

$$F(I) = \omega_i F(I)_i$$

$k=0$

here $F(I)$ entire boundaries image, $M = 180/\alpha$ is amount of S_i and ω_i is allocated amount to every of sub

ridges image. In demand to take the similar result of each $F(I)_i$, the allocated masses can be well-defined as $\omega_i = 1/M$, or it be formulated by additional approaches as well. Too, if some info about the processed picture exists, the weights will be allocated According to the degree of importance of knowledge that will exist in every of $F(I)_i$. In different words, the greatness of every $F(I)_i$ indicates the prevailing quantity of information edges; thus, it's affordable, if the $F(I)_i$ with bigger magnitude contributes in making $F(I)$ with a bigger a bigger this manner, the bigger $F(I)_i$ has the bigger result. It has a tendency to apply this technique to get blood veins edges, however police investigation certain false edges ensuing from rough background is inevitable. In future section false distinguished edges to be removed.

D.False Edges Removal

The output picture of edge recognition step, it has edges not belonged to plasma veins however that rise from irregular background illumination. An easy technique to eliminate the unsought object is victimization morphological gap. Though, as mentioned previously, victimization standard morphological gap, besides eliminating the unsought objects, cause to get rid of some elements of the veins edges, exactly the very thin vein edges. Therefore, we tend to use the morphological gap by reconstruction to beat this disadvantage. As stated previous, gap by reconstruction includes 2 steps: standard morphological gap and reconstruction by dilation. so it has to enhance the performance of the morphological gap by reconstruction, we tend to perform the gap victimization multistructure parts. Since the multistructure parts area unit sensitive to edges all told directions, it helps to accurately eliminate the false edges. The SE utilized in this step is that the same as within the edge detection step. the sole distinction is in allotted weight. Here, rather than distribution weights to every $F(I)_i$, the most $F(I)_i$ is chosen to construct the $F(I)$. This technique permits USA to eliminate the weak false edges and stop them from collaborating in construction of $F(I)$. accomplishing dilation by reconstruction is employing a flat constituting component like a 3×3 sq.. However, all unsought objects can't be eliminated at this point. Since the breadth of blood veins is standardly five pixels, since a much lager SE for gap ends up in take away a lot of substances, though fully removed little veins, as they can't be re-formed victimization restoration by dilation. So, a number of unsought substances stay unavoidable, which can be detached long purifying points.

E.Length Filtering

To get a transparent outcome while not occurrence of pixels that don't go to vein tree, we have a tendency to usage of length filtering through the aim of eliminating the little element, during this case, the thought of CCA is employed wherever associated elements pixels that square measure known higher than a particular limit and tagged exploitation linked area and square measure thought-about as one thing. The particular limit is found employing a straightforward threshold methodology given by

$$T = \mu - \alpha \sigma$$

wherever σ is that the average and variance, correspondingly. α ought to be sufficiently little distinction pictures. CCA entire image and length filtering to substandard output can be as a result of the input grey-scale picture of this step have thick veins has high gray levels in conflicting to skinny veins, that have minimum grey levels that square measure on the brink of grey stages of false boundaries. so as to manage the drawback, we are going to execute a form of adjustive CCA, outline that we have a tendency to study the photographs in distinct tiles and relate length and CCA filtering to every tile, one by one. By the means that, there'll be no massive vary of grey points in every mass, and a correct threshold are often selected that splits the false boundaries from vessel edges with efficiency. When smearing CCA, the elements having length but a particular onset are removed. Finally, all the output square measure integrated with single image for the ending vessel detection result.

The Procedure For Length Filtering is as monitors

- 1) Divider of picture in the tiles of $N \times N$ pixels by 50% interpolation toward escape from windowing result.
- 2) Relate defined threshold procedure to every portion separately and get preferred limit of every piece.
- 3) Relate CCA with every tile through allowing only the pixels corresponding threshold has extra gray levels..
- 4) The components are maintained by apply length filtering to every tile will consuming length bigger than the corresponding threshold
- 5) In single image collect all the outputs.

IV CONTRAST ENHANCEMENT ASSESSMENT

To estimate the picture contrast improvement, many approaches are recommended, it is divided as two groups: subjective and objective. A processes the expected is highest SNR (PSNR), will assesses the strength alterations of an pictures among the unique and improved picture. PSNR can be calculated as

$$PSNR = 10\log_{10}(255^2/MSE)$$

where MSE is the average-squared error calculated through

$$MSE = \frac{1}{mn} \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^n ||I_o(i, j) - I_e(i, j)||^2$$

where I_o and I_e are unique and improved picture, correspondingly.

The output will be enhanced retinal images gained by applying the proposed algorithm shown in fig 4

Alternative measurement is distinct development index (CII), it can be well-defined as :

$$CII = C_{enhanced}/C_{original}$$

here $C_{enhanced}$ and $C_{original}$ is distinct of the planned and original pictures, correspondingly. The distinct C of an picture can be defined as

$$C = (r-b)/(r+b)$$

Measured	Average value	SD output
PSNR	28.53	1.23
CII	1.023	0.21 4

Table 7.1 Contrast enhancement quantitative assessment

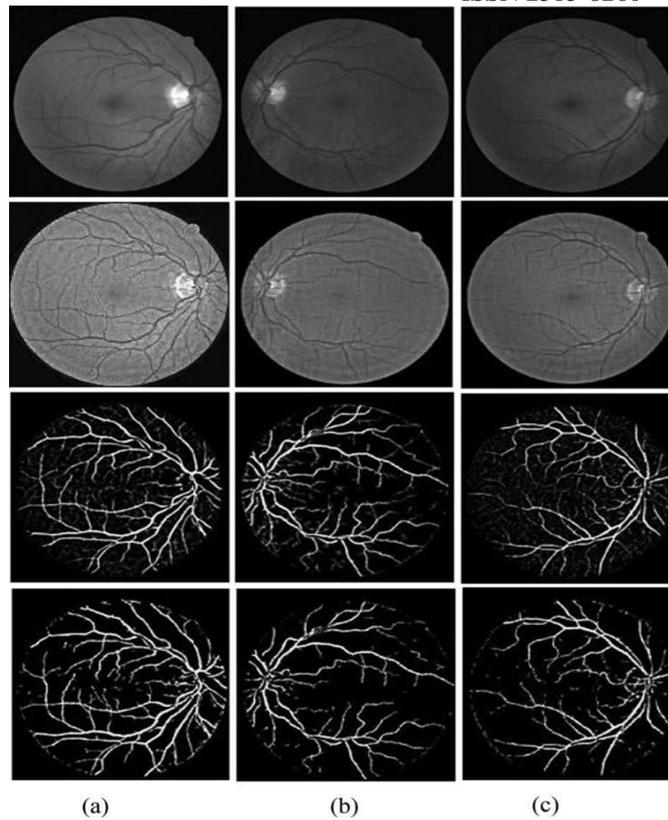


Fig:4 Results of the proposed methods

V. CONCLUSION

Here the technique for the fundus veins segmentation has given. Definite features of retina pictures build the veins finding tougher. Concerning the great skill in FDCT for demonstrating pictures containing ridges, alteration of curvelet transform constants, optic fundus picture distinction is better it is ready for subdivision point. Since great understanding of multistructure parts of ridges all told orders, multistructure parts morphology was skilled of finding plasma veins boundaries with effectively. Morphological gap by restoration multistructure parts eliminated the false boundaries, whereas conserved the tinny veins edges absolutely. By using the length filtering and CCA regionally, it tend to benefited from adjustive process and it aided to get rid of the remaining false edges additional precisely. It's believed that the several structure parts morphology results square measure appropriate enough to seek out thin and small vessels which will be lost within the final results. The lack of missing some thin veins is attributable to our employing a thresholding technique. There's a trade-off between removing additional false edges and protective additional pixels of thin vessels. The quantitative performance results of each segmentation and improvement steps show that our technique effectively detects the blood vessels with accuracy of on top of ninety four in but less than one min. However, there's a requirement for a correct thresholding algorithmic program to seek out the thin vessels, whereas avoiding false-edge pixels detection. Also, in retinal pictures containing severe lesions, the algorithmic program has to like the next level thresholding technique or a additional correct theme. Hence, the long run work is replacement the easy threshold technique with a additional correct approach to extend the accuracy of the process and deals with problem of presence of severe lesions in retinal pictures.

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