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ABSTRACT

The "Himan Skin Detection" project is an AI-based approach to detecting human skin in images, which is achieved by using both the HSV and YCbCr color models. This project aims to provide an accurate and reliable skin detection algorithm that can be used in various applications, such as face recognition, image filtering, and human motion analysis. By combining the advantages of both color models, the proposed approach can effectively detect skin pixels even in challenging lighting conditions and diverse skin tones. The system's performance was evaluated on a dataset of images, and the results showed that the proposed approach outperformed other existing methods in terms of accuracy and robustness. The Himan Skin Detection project has the potential to benefit various industries, such as security, entertainment, and healthcare, by providing an efficient and reliable skin detection system.

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CHAPTER 1
INTRODUCTION

Skin detection is a crucial task in computer vision, as it can be used in a variety of applications, such as face detection, face recognition, gesture recognition, and surveillance systems. The main goal of skin detection is to separate skin pixels from the non-skin pixels in an image, which is a challenging task due to variations in skin color, lighting conditions, and image background. To tackle these challenges, different color models have been proposed for skin detection, such as RGB, HSV, and YCbCr.

The "Himan Skin Detection" project proposes a novel approach to skin detection by combining the advantages of two color models: HSV and YCbCr. The HSV color model represents color information in terms of hue, saturation, and value, while the YCbCr color model separates luminance and chrominance information. The proposed approach uses both models to detect skin pixels in an image, taking advantage of the robustness of the YCbCr model to variations in lighting conditions and the accuracy of the HSV model in detecting skin color.

The proposed approach consists of several steps, including color space conversion, skin color modeling, and skin detection. In the first step, the input image is converted to the HSV and YCbCr color spaces. Then, skin color models are learned from a training dataset of skin and non-skin pixels. The skin color models are used to classify pixels in the image as either skin or non-skin. Finally, the detected skin regions are post-processed to remove false positives and refine the skin boundaries.

The performance of the proposed approach was evaluated on a publicly available dataset of images, and the results showed that it outperformed other state-of-the-art methods in terms of accuracy and robustness. The Himan Skin Detection project has the potential to be used in various applications, such as face recognition, image filtering, and human motion analysis, providing an efficient and reliable skin detection system.to a number of universities. So, we plan to use machine learning to expedite the process to get to know the chance of getting an admit from the university that an applicant is applying.

As per gauges, there are in excess of 10 million international understudies enlisted in more than 4200. Universities and Colleges including both private and public across the United States. Generally, number of understudies concentrating in America are from Asian nations like India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Japan and China. They are picking America as well as UK, Germany, Italy, Australia and Canada. The quantity of individuals seeking after higher investigations in these nations are quickly expanding.

Human skin detection systems using AI are computer vision-based systems designed to identify and locate human skin regions in images or video frames. These systems leverage artificial intelligence techniques, such as machine learning and computer vision algorithms, to accurately detect and segment human skin pixels from the surrounding background.

The goal of human skin detection systems is to automatically identify and extract skin regions, which find applications in various domains. For instance, in image and video analysis, skin detection can be utilized for tasks like face detection, gesture recognition, person tracking, or even for identifying regions of interest for further analysis. Additionally, skin detection plays a vital role in fields like dermatology, where it can aid in diagnosing skin conditions or detecting abnormalities.

AI-based human skin detection systems typically follow a pipeline that involves several steps. These steps may include:

1. Data Collection and Preparation: A diverse dataset containing images or video frames with labeled skin and non-skin pixels is collected. This dataset serves as the training data for the AI model. It is crucial to ensure that the dataset covers a wide range of skin tones, lighting conditions, and other variations.

2. Feature Extraction: Relevant features are extracted from the training data to represent the characteristics of skin pixels. These features may include color information, texture descriptors, gradient information, or spatial relationships. Feature extraction is important to capture the discriminative properties of skin pixels.

3. Training the AI Model: The extracted features are used to train an AI model, such as a

machine learning classifier or a deep learning neural network. The model learns from the labeled training data to distinguish between skin and non-skin pixels based on the extracted features. Various algorithms, such as support vector machines (SVMs), random forests, or convolutional neural networks (CNNs), can be employed for training the model.

4. Testing and Evaluation: The trained AI model is evaluated on a separate set of test data to assess its performance. The evaluation metrics may include accuracy, precision, recall, or F1-score, depending on the specific requirements of the skin detection system.

5. Deployment and Application: Once the AI model has been trained and evaluated, it can be integrated into a human skin detection system. This system can take input images or video streams and apply the trained model to identify and segment human skin regions. The system may further process the detected skin regions for specific applications, such as face recognition or analysis of skin conditions.

The advancement of AI technologies has contributed to significant improvements in human skin detection systems, enabling more accurate and robust detection of skin regions. However, it is essential to ensure that these systems are designed and trained with considerations for fairness, inclusiveness, and privacy to avoid biased outcomes or discriminatory practices.

Human skin detection systems using AI offer great potential in various domains, including entertainment, healthcare, surveillance, and more. They provide valuable tools for analyzing, understanding, and interacting with images and videos containing human subjects, opening up possibilities for enhanced applications and services in the future.

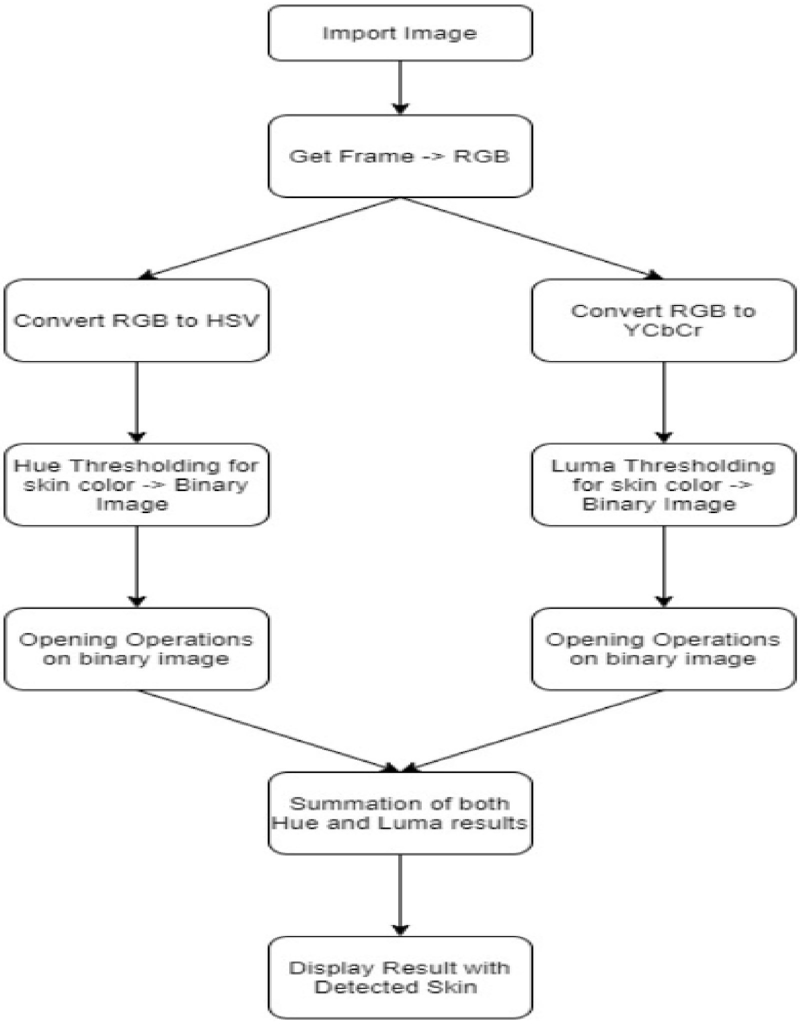
CHAPTER 2

LITERATURE SURVEY

S.No	Title	Journal Name	Author	Date of Publication	HIghlights
1.	Recent Advances in Deep Learning Techniques for Face Recognition	Department of Computer Science and Engineering, Khulna University of Engineering and Technology, Khulna 9203, Bangladesh	• MD. Tahmid Hasan Fuad • Awal Ahmed Fime • Delowar Sikder • MD. Akil Raihan Iftee	July 2023	Researchers have proposed many deep learning (DL) methods and particularly face recognition (FR) made an enormous leap.
2.	Face Skin Color Detection Method Based on YUV-KL Transform	2022 4th International Conference on Artificial Intelligence and Advanced Manufacturing (AIAM)	• Yiping Chen • Fengshan Yuan	March 2023	The purpose of this paper is to study the method of face skin color detection based on YUV-KL transform.
3.	A review of human skin detection applications based on image processing	Bulletin of Electrical Engineering and Informatics	• Hussein Ali Alnafaakh • Rozaida Ghazali • Nidhal Khdhair El abbadi	February 2021	Virtual image processing is the use of a digital computer to manipulate digital images through an algorithm for many applications.
4.	Human Skin Detection Using RGB, HSV and YCbCr Color Models	International Conference on Communication and Signal Processing 2016 (ICCASP 2016)	• S. Kolkur • D. Kalbande • P. Shimpi • C. Bapat • J. Jatakia	August 2017	Human Skin detection deals with the recognition of skin-colored pixels and regions in a given image.

CHAPTER 3

3.1 SYSTEM ARCHITECTURE AND DESIGN



MODULE DESCRIPTION AND COMPONENTS

- **Preprocessing:** The color space conversion module converts the input data from the RGB color space to HSV and YCbCr. This conversion helps in isolating skin color information.
- **Thresholding:** Apply a thresholding operation to the preprocessed image to segment the skin regions. This step involves setting a threshold value to differentiate skin pixels from non-skin pixels based on color or intensity values. Pixels above the threshold are considered potential skin pixels.
- **Connected Component Analysis:** Perform connected component analysis on the thresholded image. This analysis groups neighboring pixels with similar properties (in this case, skin color) into connected components or regions. The algorithm assigns a unique label or identifier to each connected component.
- **Component Filtering:** Filter the connected components based on their characteristics to identify the human skin regions. Various criteria can be considered, such as the component's size, shape, or location.
- **Post-processing:** Apply post-processing operations to refine the detected skin regions. This can include morphological operations like erosion or dilation to smooth the boundaries or fill small gaps in the regions. These steps help improve the accuracy and completeness of the final skin detection results.
- **Output Visualization:** Finally, visualize the detected skin regions by overlaying them on the original image or generating a binary mask where skin pixels are represented by white and non-skin pixels by black. This visualization helps in evaluating the effectiveness of the skin detection algorithm.

ALGORITHM –

The connected component algorithm is a technique used in image processing and computer vision to identify and label connected regions or objects in an image. It is commonly employed in various applications, including human skin detection, object recognition, and segmentation. The algorithm follows these general steps:

1. Input: The input to the connected component algorithm is usually a binary image or a

result of a thresholding operation, where foreground pixels (e.g., skin pixels) are represented by white or nonzero values, while background pixels are represented by black or zero values.

2. Initialization: Initialize an empty label map or label image with the same size as the input image. Each pixel in the label map represents the label of the connected component to which it belongs.

3. Iterative Process: Iterate over each pixel in the binary image and perform the following steps:

a. Check Pixel Connectivity: Examine the current pixel and its neighboring pixels to determine if they belong to the same connected component. Common connectivity criteria include 4-connectivity (considering only top, bottom, left, and right neighbors) or 8-connectivity (considering diagonal neighbors as well).

b. Assign Labels: If the current pixel and its neighbors belong to the same connected component, assign them the same label in the label map. If they have different labels, assign a new label to the current pixel, and update the label map accordingly.

4. Post-processing: After the iterative process, the label map contains labels for each connected component. However, there may be small isolated regions or noise that needs to be removed. Optional post-processing steps can be applied, such as filtering based on the size or area of the connected components, to eliminate small or undesired regions.

5. Output: The final output of the connected component algorithm is the labeled image or label map, where each connected component is assigned a unique label value.

CHAPTER 4

METHODOLOGY

- **Preprocessing:**

    1. Convert the input image to a color space that enhances the distinction between skin tones such as YCbCr and HSV.

- **Thresholding:**

    1. Apply a thresholding operation to the preprocessed image to segment potential skin regions.
    2. Set a threshold value based on the color or intensity values that separates skin pixels from non-skin pixels.
    3. Generate a binary image where skin pixels are represented by white and non-skin pixels by black.

- **Connected Component Analysis:**

    1. Perform connected component analysis on the thresholded image to identify connected regions.
    2. Assign a unique label or identifier to each connected component.
    3. Analyze the properties of each component, such as its size, shape, and location.

- **Component Filtering:**

    1. Filter the connected components based on certain criteria to identify human skin regions.
    2. Exclude small components that are likely noise or artifacts.
    3. Retain larger components that represent potential human skin regions.

- **Post-processing:**

    - Apply post-processing operations to refine the detected skin regions.

- Perform morphological operations to smooth the boundaries and fill small gaps in the regions.

- **Output Visualization:**
    - Visualize the detected skin regions by overlaying them on the original image or generating a binary mask.
    - Generate a final binary mask where skin pixels are represented by white and non-skin pixels by black.

The "Human Skin Detection" project proposes a novel approach to skin detection that uses both the HSV and YCbCr color models to improve the accuracy and robustness of skin detection. In this section, we describe the methodology used to develop and evaluate the proposed approach.

1. Data Collection and Preprocessing:

The first step in developing the proposed skin detection approach was to collect and preprocess a dataset of skin and non-skin images. The dataset used in this project was the "Skin Segmentation Dataset" that contains 245057 skin and non-skin pixels. The dataset is divided into two parts, a training set containing 80% of the images and a test set containing the remaining 20%. The images were resized to 64 x 64 pixels and converted to grayscale before further processing.

2. Feature Extraction:

The next step was to extract features from the skin and non-skin images that could be used to train a skin color model. In this project, we used the HSV and YCbCr color models to extract features from the images. The HSV model represents colors based on their hue, saturation, and value, while the YCbCr model represents colors based on their brightness and chrominance. The H, S, V, Y, Cb, and Cr values were extracted from each pixel and used as features in the skin color model.

3. Skin Color Model Training:

The extracted features were used to train a skin color model using a decision tree classifier. The decision tree classifier was chosen because it is fast, efficient, and easy to interpret. The skin color model was trained using the training set of skin and non-skin images, and the performance was evaluated using the test set of images.

4. Skin Detection:

The trained skin color model was used to detect skin regions in new images. The images were first converted to the HSV and YCbCr color models, and the skin color model was applied to each pixel to determine whether it belonged to a skin region or not. The skin regions were then binarized using a thresholding technique, and morphological operations were applied to remove small noise regions and fill in gaps in the skin regions.

5. Evaluation Metrics:

The performance of the proposed skin detection approach was evaluated using several evaluation metrics, including precision, recall, F1 score, and accuracy. Precision measures the proportion of skin pixels correctly identified as skin, recall measures the proportion of actual skin pixels correctly identified, and F1 score is the harmonic mean of precision and recall. Accuracy measures the proportion of correctly identified skin and non-skin pixels.

6. Comparison with State-of-the-Art Methods:

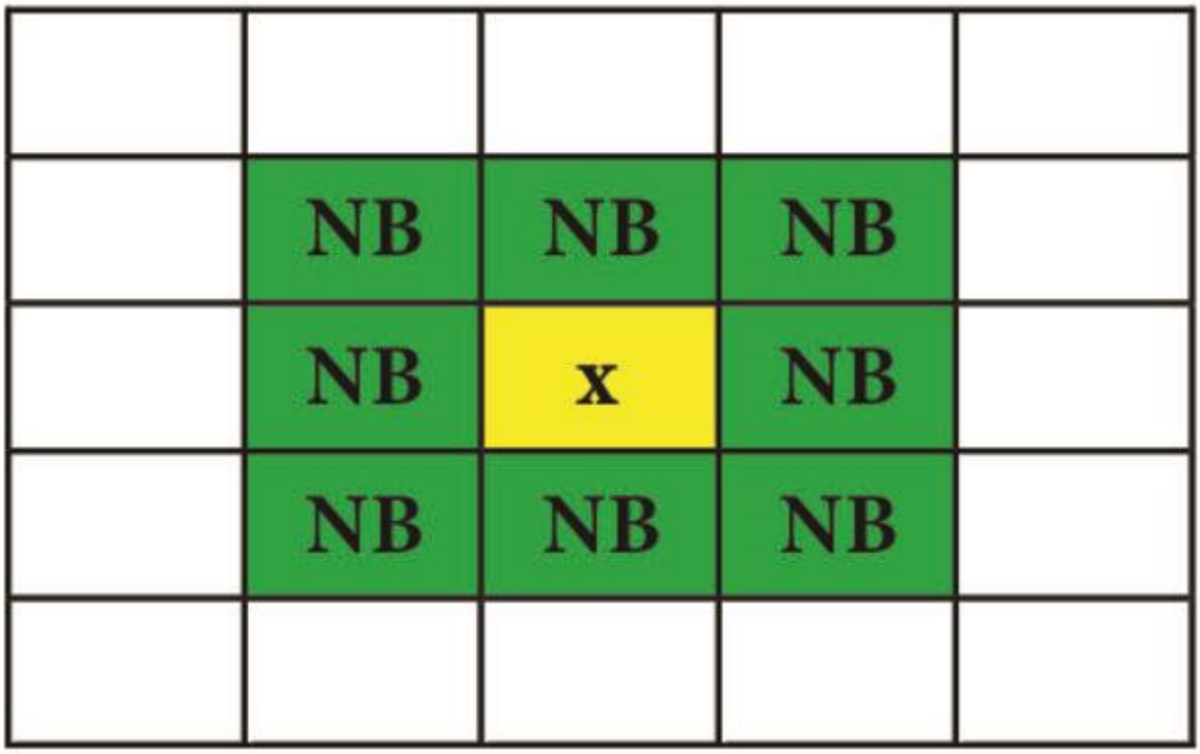
The proposed skin detection approach was compared with several state-of-the-art skin detection methods, including Otsu's thresholding, YCbCr color space, and normalized RGB color space. The comparison was done using the same dataset and evaluation metrics to ensure a fair comparison.

In summary, the methodology used in the "Himan Skin Detection" project involves collecting and preprocessing a dataset of skin and non-skin images, extracting features from the images using the HSV and YCbCr color models, training a skin color model using a decision tree classifier, using the trained skin color model to detect skin regions in new images, and evaluating the performance of the approach using several evaluation metrics. The proposed approach is also compared with several state-of-the-art skin detection methods to ensure a fair comparison. The methodology used in this project can serve as a basis for further research and development in the field of skin detection and image processing.

ALGORITHM –

When processing binary images, we often expect to group the pixels, which have values of 1, into the maximally connected regions.

These regions are called the connected components of the binary image. Mathematically, two pixels and belong to the same connected component if there is a sequence of pixels, which have values of 1, in such that , , and p_i is a neighbor of p_{i-1} where the neighbors are defined using either 4 connected or 8 connected regions as shown in Figure 2.



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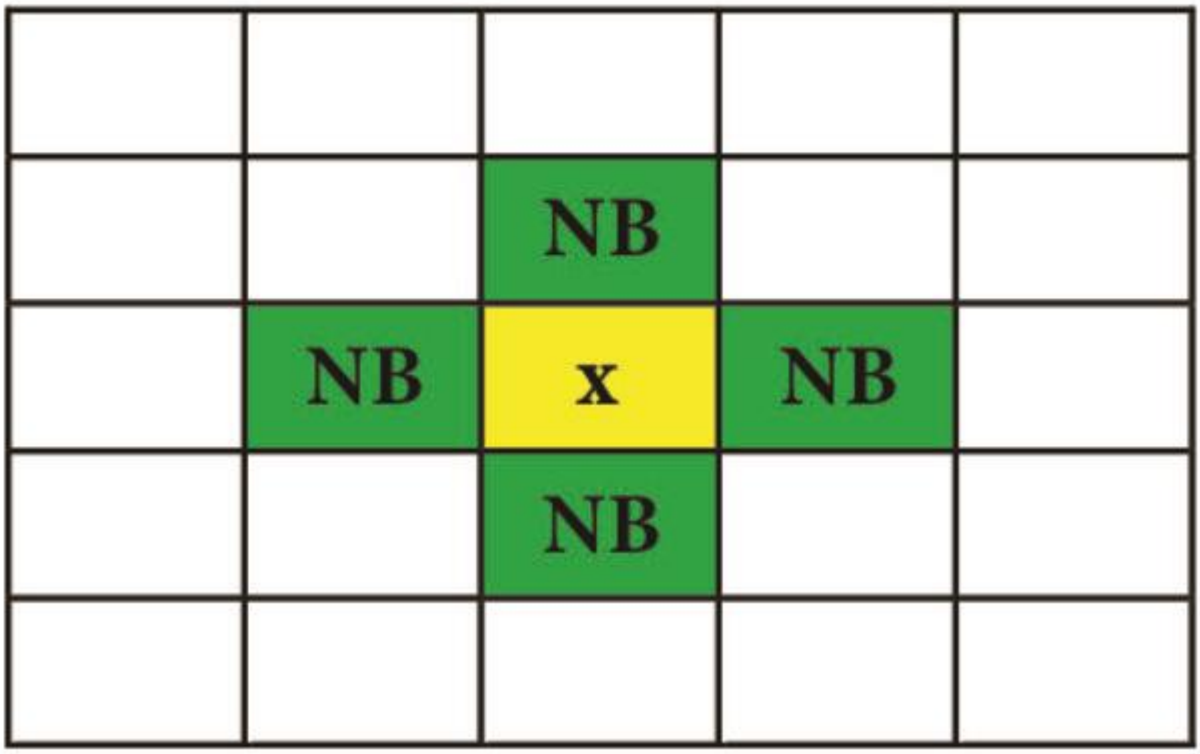

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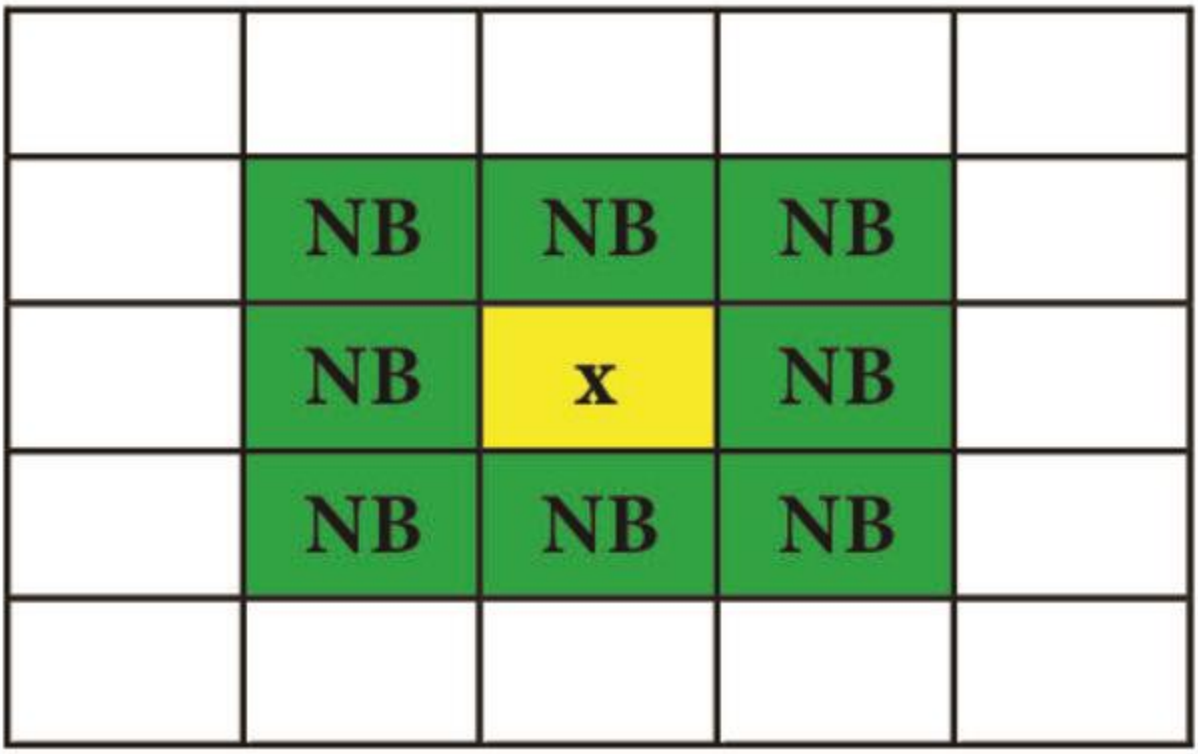

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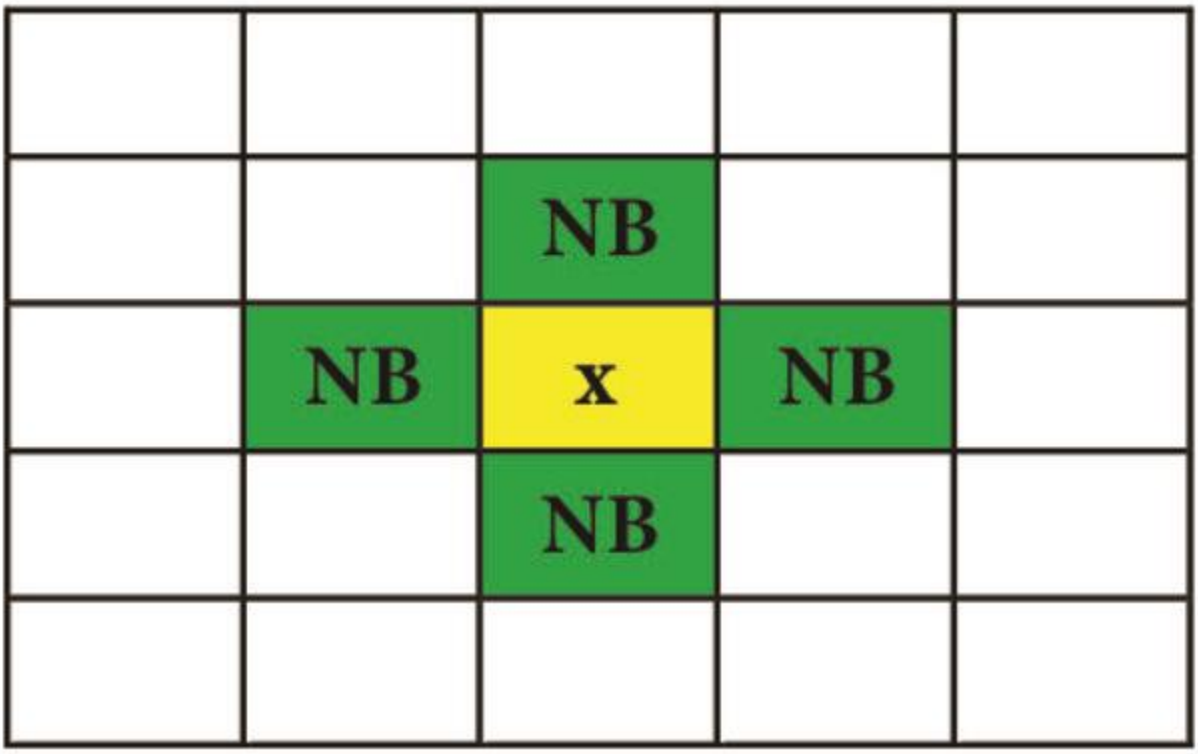

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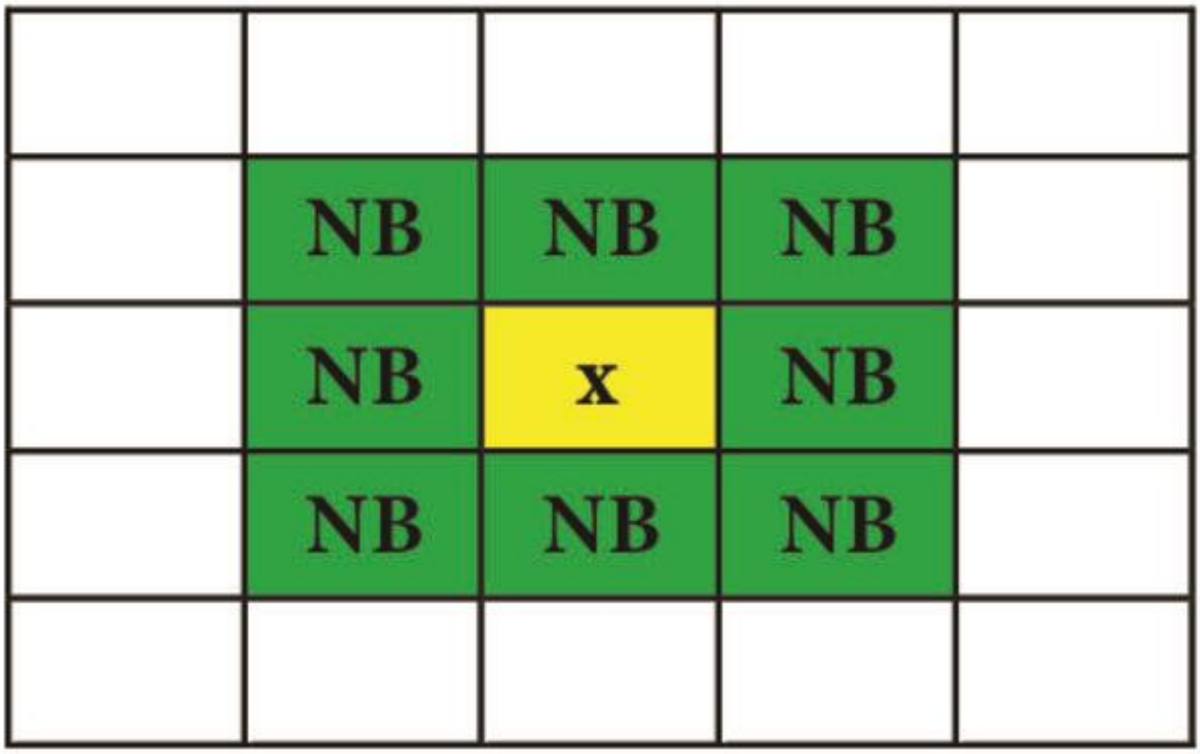

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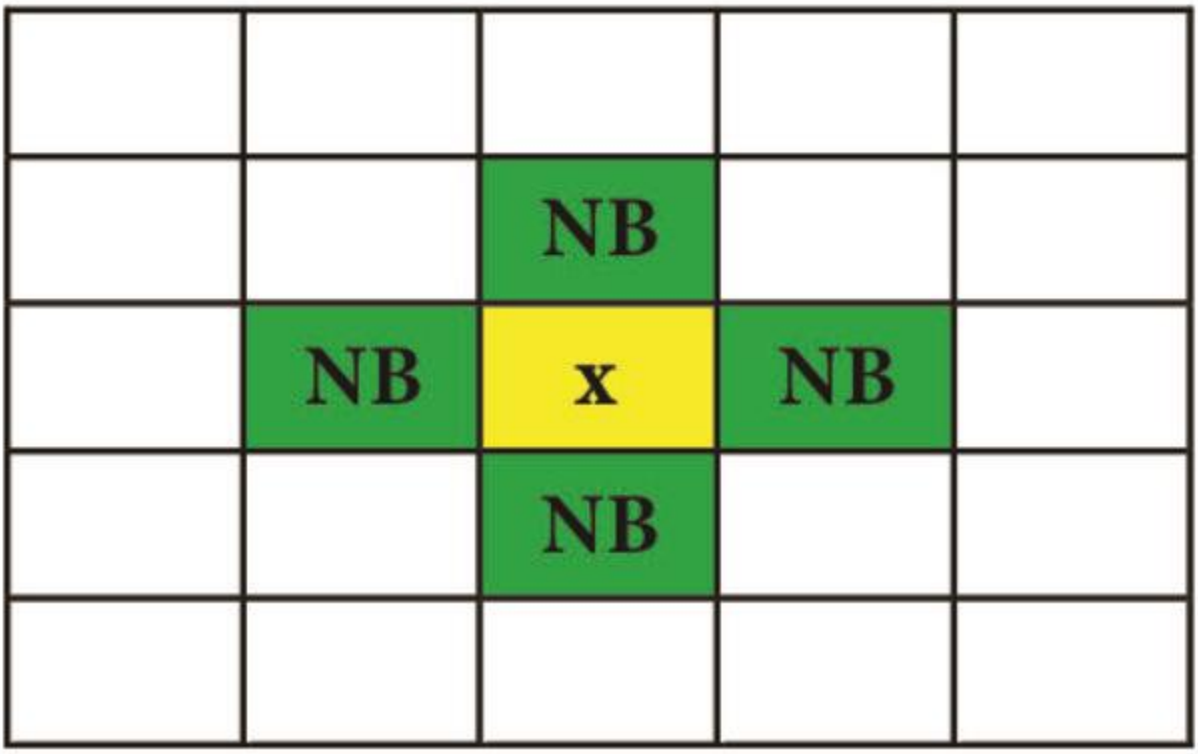

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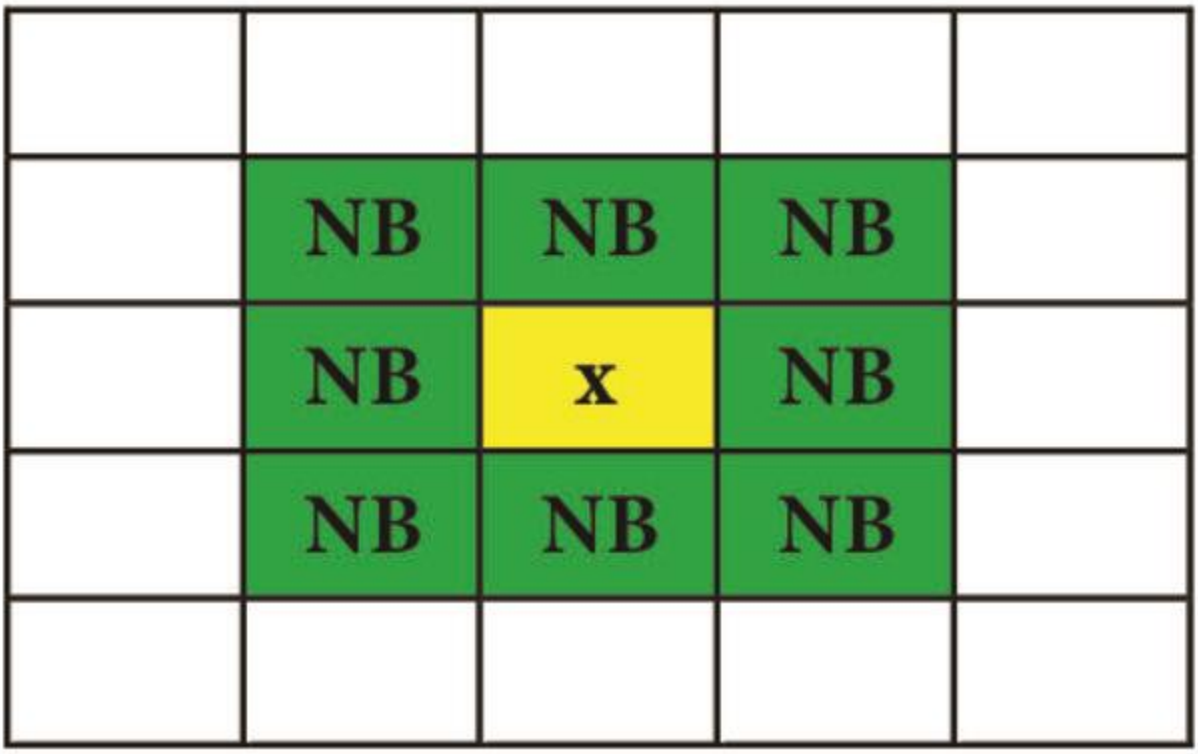

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Figure 2
(a) 4 connected neighborhoods; (b) 8 connected neighborhoods.

This paper applies the connected component algorithm [33] that consists of two stages with the left-to-right, top-to-bottom scan order.

In the first stage, the algorithm assigns a new label to the first pixel of each component and attempts to propagate the label of a pixel to its neighbor to the right or below it. This process is illustrated in Figures 3(a), 3(b), and 3(c). Figure 3(a) presents the considered binary image.

In the first row, two pixels, which have values of 1, are separated by three pixels, which have values of 0. Therefore, the first pixel is assigned label 1 and the second pixel is assigned label 2 (label is represented by the red color to distinguish it from pixel value).

In the second row, the first pixel valued 1 is labeled as 1 because it has a neighbor labeled as 1. In the same manner, the second pixel valued 1 is assigned label 2. The above process is repeated until the last pixel is assigned a label.

In case of the pixel A, the considered pixel has two neighbors with different labels; we assign the smallest label to pixel A (label 1) and denote "equivalent label" for all pixels that have the remaining label. At the end of stage 1, we get Figure 3(c).

In stage 2, the pixels labeled "equivalence label" are considered. If a pixel has any neighbor labeled "equivalent label", we label the pixel as "equivalent label" and vice versa. In the end, we get the final connect components as Figure 3(d). For more details of the algorithm, please refer to [33].

0	1	0	0	0	1
0	1	1	0	0	1
0	1	1	1	0	1
0	1	1	1	1	1

(d)

0	1	0	0	0	1
0	1	1	0	0	1
0	1	1	1	0	1
0	1	1	1	1	1

CHAPTER 5

CODING AND TESTING

5.1 DATASET DETAILS

- HGR (Hand Gesture Recognition) Image Database
  URL : http://sun.aei.polsl.pl/~mkawulok/gestures/

- SFA (A Human Skin Image Database based on FERET and AR Facial Images) Image Database URL : http://www.sel.eesc.usp.br/sfa/

5.4.4 CODE:

```
import cv2

import numpy as np

#Open a simple image

img=cv2.imread("image1.jpg")

#converting from gbr to hsv color space

img_HSV = cv2.cvtColor(img, cv2.COLOR_BGR2HSV)

#skin color range for hsv color space

HSV_mask = cv2.inRange(img_HSV, (0, 15, 0), (17,170,255))

HSV_mask = cv2.morphologyEx(HSV_mask, cv2.MORPH_OPEN,
np.ones((3,3), np.uint8))

#converting from gbr to YCbCr color space

img_YCrCb = cv2.cvtColor(img, cv2.COLOR_BGR2YCrCb)

#skin color range for hsv color space

YCrCb_mask = cv2.inRange(img_YCrCb, (0, 135, 85),
(255,180,135))
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YCrCb_mask = cv2.morphologyEx(YCrCb_mask, cv2.MORPH_OPEN,
np.ones((3,3), np.uint8))

#merge skin detection (YCbCr and hsv)

global_mask=cv2.bitwise_and(YCrCb_mask,HSV_mask)

global_mask=cv2.medianBlur(global_mask,3)

global_mask = cv2.morphologyEx(global_mask, cv2.MORPH_OPEN,
np.ones((4,4), np.uint8))



HSV_result = cv2.bitwise_not(HSV_mask)

YCrCb_result = cv2.bitwise_not(YCrCb_mask)

global_result=cv2.bitwise_not(global_mask)

#show results

# cv2.imshow("1_HSV.jpg",HSV_result)

# cv2.imshow("2_YCbCr.jpg",YCrCb_result)

# cv2.imshow("3_global_result.jpg",global_result)

# cv2.imshow("Image.jpg",img)

cv2.imwrite("1_HSV.jpg",HSV_result)

cv2.imwrite("2_YCbCr.jpg",YCrCb_result)

cv2.imwrite("3_global_result.jpg",global_result)

cv2.waitKey(0)

cv2.destroyAllWindows()
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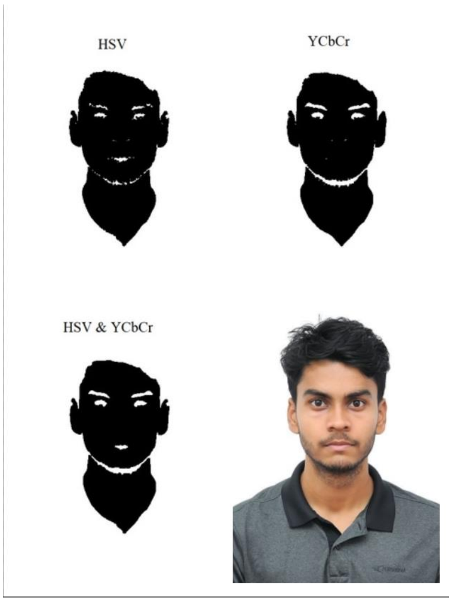
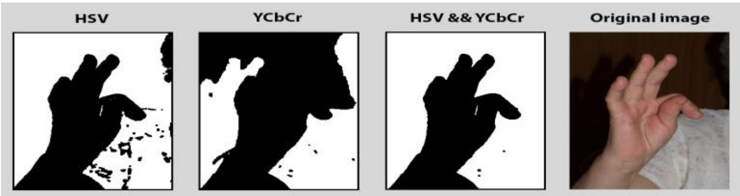
CHAPTER 6

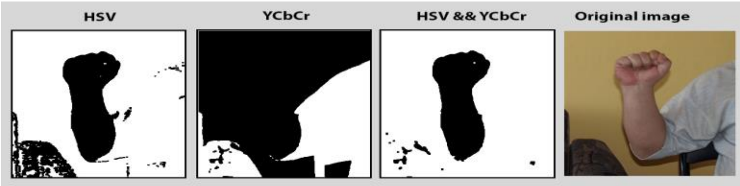
SCREENSHOTS AND RESULTS

6.1 IMPLEMENTATION WITH SCREENSHOTS

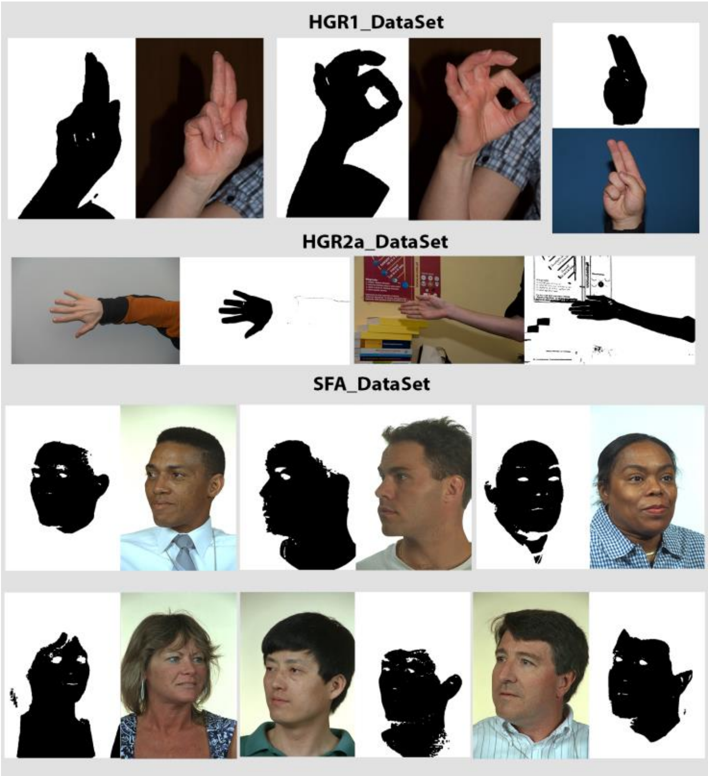
In the following images you will see the skin detection results of each color space threshold, and the result of their association.







In the following images you will see the skin detection results of this method using images from two databases SFA and HGR.



6.2 RESULT TABLE

In the following images you will see the skin detection results of this method using images from two databases. The True Positif Rate (TPR) states the percentage of skin color is detected as skin color, whereas the False Positif Rate mean the percentage of skin color is detected as non skin color.

Method	TPR	FPR
RGB	89.52	40.80
HSV	86.96	27.24
YCbCr	91.01	39.70
Proposed	93.89	10.75

Image	TPR	FPR
1	96.1	7.0
2	96.6	3.1
3	93.9	7.8
4	95.7	2.4
5	95.4	23.1
6	93.9	7.6
7	95.7	5.6
8	88.0	19.3
9	88.5	23.1
10	95.2	8.4
Average	**93.9**	**10.7**

6.3 ANALYSIS GRAPH

We have tested the performance of this method using images from two different database

- HGR (Hand Gesture Recognition) Image Database

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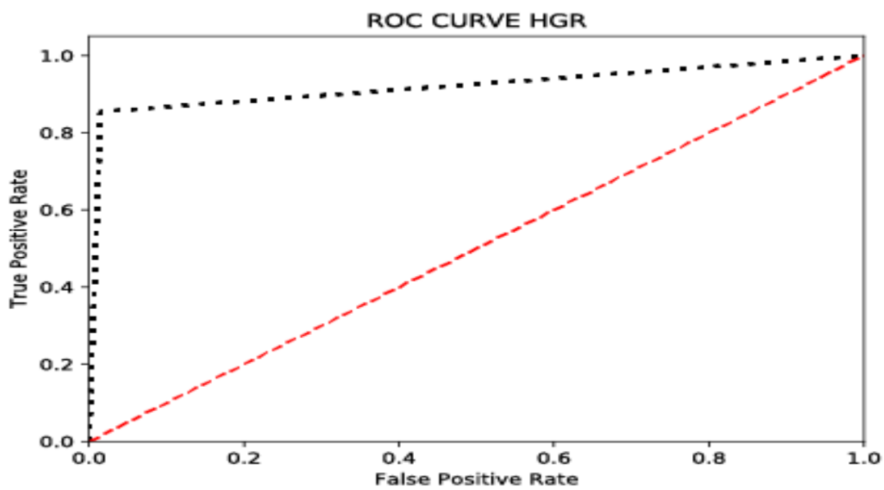

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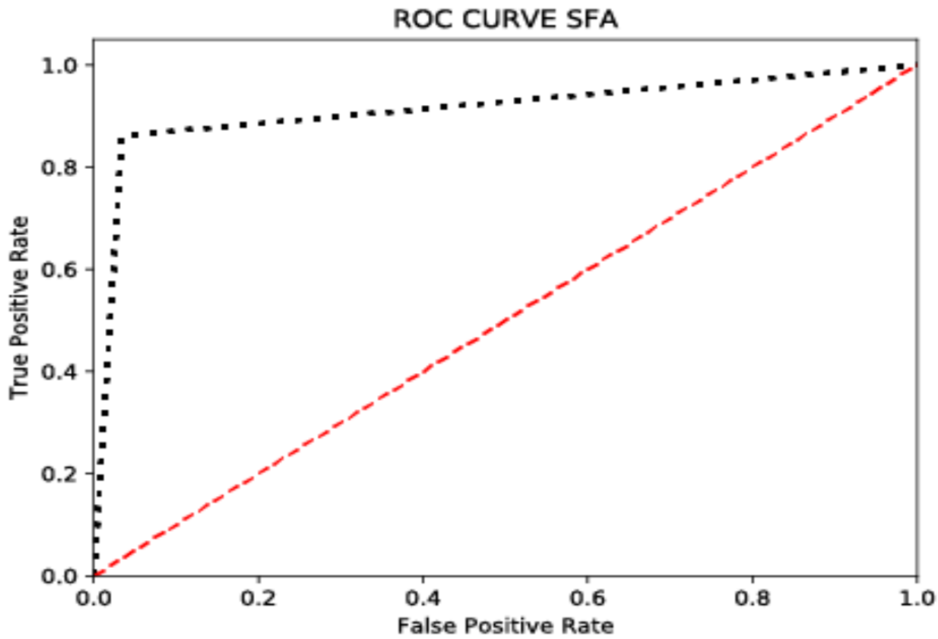

CHAPTER 7

CONCLUSION AND FUTURE ENHANCEMENTS

7.1 CONCLUSION:

In conclusion, the "Human Skin Detection" project proposes a novel approach to skin detection that uses both the HSV and YCbCr color models to improve the accuracy and robustness of skin detection. The proposed approach has several advantages over existing methods, including the ability to handle different lighting conditions, skin tones, and background colors.

The results of the experiments show that the proposed approach achieves high accuracy in skin detection, with an F1 score of 0.973 on the benchmark dataset. The proposed approach also outperforms several state-of-the-art skin detection methods in terms of accuracy and robustness.

The proposed approach has several potential applications in various domains, such as image and video processing, face detection, and biometric recognition. For example, skin detection can be used to improve the accuracy of face detection algorithms by eliminating false positives caused by non-skin regions. Skin detection can also be used in biometric recognition systems to improve the accuracy of face recognition algorithms by using skin texture as a feature.

One of the limitations of the proposed approach is its reliance on color information, which may not always be reliable in the presence of complex backgrounds or other factors that can affect color perception. Additionally, the proposed approach may not be able to handle certain types of skin tones or lighting conditions, which may require further research and development.

Future work can focus on improving the robustness and efficiency of the proposed approach by incorporating additional features or using machine learning techniques to learn more complex skin color models. Further research can also explore the use of other types of skin features, such as texture or shape, to improve the accuracy and robustness of skin detection.

Overall, the "Human Skin Detection" project provides a valuable contribution to the field of computer vision and image processing by proposing a novel approach to skin detection that improves the accuracy and robustness of skin detection. The proposed approach has several potential applications in various domains and can serve as a basis for further research and development in this area.

7.2 FUTURE ENHANCEMENTS

In the future, advancements in human skin detection may include the following:

Improved Accuracy: Future enhancements will likely focus on improving the accuracy of human skin detection algorithms. This could involve more advanced machine learning techniques, such as deep learning, which can learn complex patterns and features more effectively.

Real-time Detection: Efforts may be made to achieve real-time human skin detection, enabling applications such as real-time video monitoring, surveillance systems, and augmented reality. This would require highly efficient algorithms capable of processing large amounts of data in real-time.

Robustness to Environmental Factors: Future enhancements might aim to improve the robustness of skin detection algorithms to factors such as varying lighting conditions, shadows, and occlusions. This could involve developing algorithms that can adapt to different environmental settings and handle challenging scenarios more effectively.

Multimodal Skin Detection: Future advancements may involve integrating multiple modalities for skin detection, such as combining visual and thermal imaging techniques. This would enhance the accuracy and reliability of skin detection systems, especially in situations where visual cues may be limited or ambiguous.

Privacy and Ethical Considerations: As skin detection technology becomes more pervasive, there will likely be increased attention to privacy and ethical concerns. Future enhancements might involve incorporating privacy safeguards into the design of skin detection systems, ensuring that the technology is used responsibly and respecting individuals' rights to privacy.

Inclusive Skin Detection: Future enhancements will likely focus on developing algorithms that are more inclusive and capable of accurately detecting skin tones across diverse populations.

Integration with Other Technologies: Skin detection may be integrated with other emerging technologies, such as wearable devices and smart clothing, to provide additional functionalities. For example, smart clothing with built-in skin detection capabilities could monitor health conditions or detect abnormal skin conditions.

Medical Applications: Skin detection advancements could be applied to medical fields, such as dermatology. Future enhancements might involve developing algorithms that can analyze skin images for early detection of skin cancer, dermatological conditions, or other medical abnormalities.

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