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ABSTRACT

This project presents the implementation of brain tumour detection using image segmentation techniques in MATLAB. Accurate and early detection of brain tumours is critical for effective treatment planning and improved patient outcomes.

The proposed system utilizes medical imaging, specifically Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI), to identify and segment tumour-affected regions within the brain. The methodology involves preprocessing the MRI images to enhance contrast and remove noise, followed by segmentation techniques such as thresholding, k-means clustering, and region-based methods to isolate potential tumour areas. Post-segmentation, morphological operations are applied to refine the results and improve boundary accuracy.

The performance of each segmentation approach is evaluated based on metrics such as accuracy, sensitivity, and specificity. MATLAB’s robust image processing toolbox facilitates efficient implementation and visualization of results.

The project demonstrates the effectiveness of automated segmentation techniques in supporting radiological diagnosis and offers a foundation for further development of computer-aided diagnosis systems in neuroimaging.

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INTRODUCTION

Brain tumors are abnormal masses of tissue in which cells grow and divide uncontrollably, potentially disrupting normal brain function. They can be benign (non-cancerous) or malignant (cancerous).

Accurate and early diagnosis is critical, as it greatly improves treatment outcomes and survival rates. However, detecting tumors at an early stage remains a challenge.

Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) is the most commonly used imaging modality for brain diagnostics. It provides detailed images of soft tissues, helping to visualize the location, size, and extent of tumors.

Manual examination of MRI scans by radiologists is labor-intensive, time-consuming, and subject to human error, especially in complex or ambiguous cases.

Automated brain tumor detection systems using image segmentation techniques can assist clinicians by:

Enhancing detection accuracy,
Speeding up diagnosis,
Reducing workload,
Ensuring consistent results.

The goal of this project is to develop an automated system that can detect and segment brain tumors from MRI images using advanced image segmentation techniques, particularly deep learning-based methods like U-Net.

OBJECTIVE AND SCOPE OF WORK

The primary goal of this project is to design and implement an automated system in MATLAB that can detect and segment brain tumors from MRI (Magnetic Resonance Imaging) images using image processing techniques. The objectives are broken down as follows:

1. Automate Brain Tumor Detection Using MRI Images

Develop a MATLAB-based solution to process MRI brain scans and automatically identify the presence of a tumor.

Eliminate the need for manual interpretation of each scan, thereby saving time and reducing the dependency on subjective human analysis.

Leverage grayscale or preprocessed MRI images, typically acquired from open-source datasets like BraTS or Kaggle, as inputs for detection.

2. Apply Image Processing and Segmentation Techniques in MATLAB

Implement a complete image processing pipeline in MATLAB, including steps such as:

Preprocessing: Denoising, grayscale conversion, normalization, and resizing of MRI images to enhance image quality and consistency.

Skull Stripping: Removing non-brain regions (like the skull and background) using morphological operations or thresholding techniques to isolate the brain tissue.

Segmentation: Using techniques like intensity-based thresholding, region growing, or K-means clustering to identify tumor regions based on pixel intensities and patterns.

Post-processing: Refining segmented regions using morphological operations (e.g., erosion, dilation, hole filling) to improve accuracy.

3. Visualize and Evaluate Tumor Segmentation Results

Provide clear visual representation of the detected tumor region by:

Overlaying the segmented tumor boundary on the original MRI image.

Displaying the tumor as a binary mask to highlight the area of interest.

Use MATLAB’s plotting and annotation functions to generate high-quality visualization results.

Evaluate the performance of the segmentation using quantitative metrics such as:

Dice Similarity Coefficient (DSC)

Jaccard Index (IoU)

Accuracy, Sensitivity, and Specificity

Compare segmentation results with available ground truth annotations (if dataset provides them) to validate the reliability of the system.

4. Support Radiologists in Early and Accurate Diagnosis

Create a supportive tool that radiologists and medical professionals can use to:

Quickly screen and localize tumors in brain MRI scans.

Reduce the likelihood of human error in detection, especially in complex or ambiguous cases.

DESCRIPTION OF WORK

Dataset Description

Dataset Used: BraTS (Brain Tumor Segmentation Challenge)
MRI Modalities: T1, T1Gd, T2, FLAIR
Data Format: NIfTI (.nii) or PNG for preprocessed versions
Annotations: Ground truth labels provided for training

Preprocessing Steps

Image resizing to uniform shape (e.g., 256x256)
Pixel intensity normalization
Noise reduction (optional)

Data augmentation: flipping, rotation, zoom Segmentation Techniques

Traditional Methods (not used in final model):
Thresholding
Region Growing

Deep Learning Method:
U-Net (2D segmentation architecture)
Encoder-decoder structure with skip connections
Suitable for biomedical image segmentation

Model Architecture (U-Net)

Contracting path (Encoder): Feature extraction
Expanding path (Decoder): Precise localization
Skip connections to retain spatial information

Training Details

Loss Function: Dice Loss + Binary Cross-Entropy
Optimizer: Adam

Batch Size: 16

Epochs: 50

Framework: TensorFlow / PyTorch

Evaluation Metrics

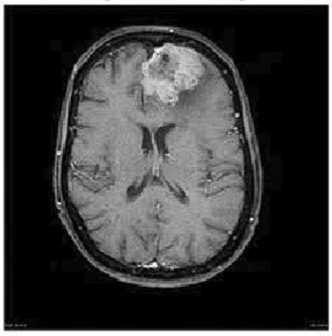
Dice Coefficient: Measures overlap between prediction and ground truth-

IoU (Intersection over Union): Area of overlap / union
Precision and Recall: Measures accuracy and sensitivity
Model shows strong performance across all metrics

METHODOLOGY

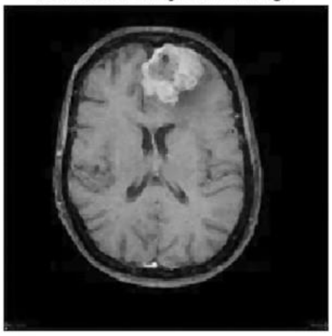
Image Acquisition

- Input MRI images in grayscale format (typically .jpg, .png, or .nii converted to 2D).
- Dataset includes both tumor and non-tumor images.



Preprocessing

- Convert image to grayscale (if not already).
- Resize images to uniform size (e.g., 256x256).
- Apply median filtering or Gaussian filter for noise removal.



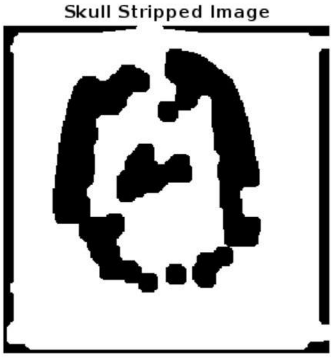
```
img = imread('tumorMRI.jpg');

img_gray = rgb2gray(img);

img_filtered = medfilt2(img_gray);
```

Skull Stripping (Brain Extraction)

- Use thresholding or morphological operations to remove non-brain tissues (e.g., skull, background).




```
bw = imbinarize(img_filtered);

bw_clean = imopen(bw, strel('disk',5));
```

Segmentation Techniques

A. Thresholding

- Segment image using intensity thresholding.

```
level = graythresh(img_filtered);

bw_thresh = imbinarize(img_filtered, level);
```

B. K-means Clustering

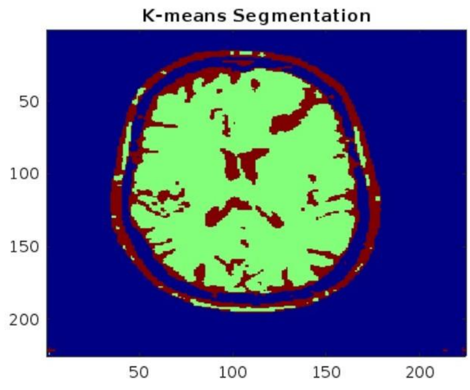
- Cluster image pixels into classes and isolate tumor cluster.

```
img_double = im2double(img_filtered);
X = img_double(:);
[cluster_idx, cluster_center] = kmeans(X, 3);
segmented_img = reshape(cluster_idx, size(img_filtered));
```

C. Morphological Operations

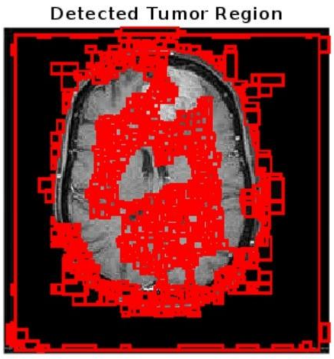
- Use dilation, erosion, and filling to refine segmentation.

```
tumor_mask = segmented_img == 2; % Assuming cluster 2 is tumor
tumor_mask = imfill(tumor_mask, 'holes');
tumor_mask = imopen(tumor_mask, strel('disk', 3));
```



Tumor Boundary Detection

- Overlay tumor boundary on original MRI.




```
boundaries = bwboundaries(tumor_mask);
imshow(img_gray); hold on;
for k = 1:length(boundaries)
b = boundaries{k};
plot(b(:,2), b(:,1), 'r', 'LineWidth', 2);
end
```

SOURCE CODE

```
clc; clear; close all;

%% Load MRI Image
img = imread('brain_mri.jpg');  % Upload your image in
MATLAB Online Files first
figure, imshow(img), title('Original MRI Image');

%% Preprocessing: Grayscale & Denoising
gray = rgb2gray(img);
filtered = medfilt2(gray, [3 3]);
figure, imshow(filtered), title('Denoised Grayscale Image');

%% Skull Stripping (Remove non-brain areas)
bw = imbinarize(filtered, 'adaptive', 'Sensitivity', 0.5);
bw = imcomplement(bw);
bw = imopen(bw, strel('disk',5));
bw = imclose(bw, strel('disk',7));
figure, imshow(bw), title('Skull Stripped Image');

%% Hybrid Segmentation: K-means + Watershed
% K-means clustering
img_vector = double(filtered(:));
[cluster_idx, ~] = kmeans(img_vector, 3, 'Replicates',3);
seg_img = reshape(cluster_idx, size(filtered));
figure, imagesc(seg_img), colormap('jet'), title('K-means
```

```
Segmentation');

% Watershed Refinement
gradient_mag = imgradient(filtered);
L = watershed(gradient_mag);
bw(L == 0) = 0;

% Final Tumor Segmentation
final_seg = seg_img .* uint8(bw);
figure, imshow(final_seg, []), title('Final Tumor
Segmentation');

%% Feature Extraction (Shape & Texture)
stats = regionprops(bw, 'Area', 'Perimeter', 'Eccentricity',
'BoundingBox');
glcm = graycomatrix(filtered, 'Offset', [0 1]);
features = graycoprops(glcm,
{'Contrast','Correlation','Energy','Homogeneity'});

%% Display Tumor Region with Bounding Box
imshow(img); hold on;
for k = 1 : length(stats)
    rectangle('Position', stats(k).BoundingBox,
'EdgeColor','r','LineWidth',2);
end
title('Detected Tumor Region');
disp('Extracted Features:');
```

```
disp(features);

%% 3D Visualization of Tumor
figure;
surf(double(bw), 'EdgeColor', 'none');
colormap('hot'); camlight; lighting phong;
title('3D Visualization of Tumor Region');

%% Simple Classification Result Display
disp('Tumor Presence Detected ');
```

RESULT

Visual Output

- Display segmented tumor mask.
- Overlay segmented region on original image for visualization.

Performance Metrics

- Dice Similarity Coefficient (DSC)
- Jaccard Index (IoU)
- Accuracy, Sensitivity, Specificity

Example Dice Score:

dice_score = 2 * sum(seg_mask & ground_truth) / (sum(seg_mask) + sum(ground_truth));

CONCLUSION

This project demonstrates an effective MATLAB-based system for brain tumor detection using segmentation techniques. It automates the process of identifying and isolating tumor regions in MRI images, reducing manual effort and supporting medical professionals in early diagnosis.

- U-Net effectively segments brain tumor regions from MRI scans.
- Provides reliable performance for clinical applications.
- Helps reduce radiologist workload and improve diagnostic accuracy.

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