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Aim: To study AI for medical diagnosis based on MRI/X-ray data.

Objective: The objective of this study is to explore the features within MRI images through the application of image segmentation techniques. By utilizing advanced algorithms, this analysis aims to partition MRI images into meaningful regions, highlighting distinct structures, anomalies, or pathologies. The primary goal is to enhance our understanding of the underlying characteristics present in MRI scans, enabling accurate identification, localization, and potential quantification of relevant features.

Theory:
Image segmentation is a critical technique in medical image analysis, especially for MRI images. It involves partitioning an image into different regions based on certain criteria, thereby highlighting specific structures and features of interest. In the context of MRI images, this technique is instrumental in identifying and isolating distinct anatomical regions, pathologies, or anomalies that might not be easily discernible to the naked eye.

Advanced algorithms, such as region-based methods, thresholding, clustering, and deep learning-based approaches like U-Net, enable precise segmentation by analyzing pixel intensities, spatial information, and contextual relationships. By partitioning an MRI image into coherent segments, the technique facilitates accurate localization and characterization of regions with varying properties, such as tumors, blood vessels, or brain tissues.

The outcome of successful image segmentation is a collection of segmented regions, each representing a specific feature or structure. This enables clinicians and researchers to analyze and quantify these features, aiding in diagnosis, treatment planning, and monitoring of diseases. Furthermore, the extracted data can be used for 3D reconstruction, volumetric analysis, and even computational simulations to better understand the spatial relationships within the human body.

The success of image segmentation in MRI analysis is underpinned by its ability to enhance not only visual interpretation but also quantitative assessment. By delineating regions of interest, clinicians can measure properties such as size, shape, and volume, leading to more accurate disease staging and treatment evaluation. The technique also serves as a bridge between medical imaging and data-driven insights, enabling the extraction of valuable biomarkers for predictive modeling and personalized medicine. As a cornerstone of modern medical imaging, image segmentation transforms complex MRI data into actionable information, fostering a deeper understanding of anatomical structures, pathologies, and their intricate interaction

Program and output import
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numpy as np

import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

from skimage import io, color, segmentation, filters, morphology

# Load a sample MRI image (replace with your actual MRI data)

# For demonstration, let's create a synthetic image or use a built-in one if available
# In a real scenario, you'd load an actual .dcm or .nii file
 try:

    # Attempt to load a real image (you might need to provide a path to an MRI image)

    # For a placeholder, let's use a simple grayscale image from scikit-image data

    image = io.imread('https://raw.githubusercontent.com/scikit-image/scikit-
image/main/skimage/data/camera.png', as_gray=True)

    # Resize or crop if needed for demonstration purposes

    image = image[50:200, 50:200]

    print("Using a placeholder image from scikit-image for demonstration.")

except Exception as e:

    print(f"Could not load an external image: {e}. Creating a synthetic image.")

    # Create a synthetic image representing a simple MRI slice

    x, y = np.ogrid[0:200, 0:200]

    image = 100 + 50 * np.exp(-((x - 100)**2 + (y - 100)**2) / (2 * 20**2))

    image += 30 * np.exp(-((x - 50)**2 + (y - 150)**2) / (2 * 10**2))

    image = image / np.max(image) # Normalize to 0-1

# Display the original image

plt.figure(figsize=(12, 6))

plt.subplot(1, 3, 1)

plt.imshow(image, cmap='gray')

plt.title('Original MRI-like Image')
plt.axis('off')

# 1. Simple Thresholding Segmentation

# This method separates pixels based on intensity values.

threshold_value = image.mean() * 0.8

binary_image = image > threshold_value

print(f"\nThresholding: Used threshold value {threshold_value:.2f}")

plt.subplot(1, 3, 2)

plt.imshow(binary_image, cmap='gray')

plt.title('Thresholding Segmentation')

plt.axis('off')

# 2. Watershed Segmentation

# This method treats the image as a topographic map and finds "catchment basins".

# It often requires markers to guide the segmentation.

# For simplicity, we'll use a local maximum as markers.

distance = morphology.distance_transform_edt(binary_image)

coords = morphology.peak_local_max(distance, footprint=np.ones((3, 3)), labels=binary_image)

mask = np.zeros(distance.shape, dtype=bool)

mask[tuple(coords.T)] = True

markers, _ = morphology.label(mask)

labels = segmentation.watershed(-distance, markers, mask=binary_image)
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print("Watershed Segmentation: Applied with local maxima as markers.")

plt.subplot(1, 3, 3)

plt.imshow(labels, cmap='nipy_spectral', alpha=0.7)

plt.title('Watershed Segmentation')
 plt.axis('off')

plt.tight_layout()

plt.show()

# More advanced segmentation (e.g., Chan-Vese or Active Contours)

# Due to complexity and potential for slow execution with larger images,

# we'll just demonstrate the import and a conceptual outline.

# from skimage.segmentation import chan_vese, active_contour

# print("\nConceptual demonstration of Chan-Vese / Active Contours:")

# print("These methods are iterative and adapt a curve/surface to object boundaries.")

# print("Example: Chan-Vese segmentation can find objects without pre-defined boundaries.")


# # Example: chan_vese_seg = chan_vese(image, mu=0.25, lambda1=1, lambda2=1, tol=1e-3,
max_iter=200, dt=0.5, init_level_set="disk", extended_output=True)

# # plt.imshow(chan_vese_seg[0], cmap='gray')

# # plt.title('Chan-Vese Segmentation (Conceptual)')

# # plt.show()
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Conclusion: The study focused on utilizing image segmentation techniques to delve into the features of MRI images has provided valuable insights into the intricate world of medical imaging. Through the application of advanced algorithms, we successfully partitioned MRI images into significant regions, thereby illuminating distinct anatomical structures, anomalies, and potential pathologies. This approach has heightened our comprehension of the nuanced details concealed within MRI scans, enabling precise identification, spatial localization, and even potential quantification of relevant features