

Entropy-based metrics for joint image alignment

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1 Project description

The Project builds upon the Congealing code developed by Erik Learned-Miller from the University of Massachusetts [2]. In the paper Learned-Miller utilises the Congealing algorithm to align both MNIST handwriting data and MRI Scans by reducing the variability between each pixel within a stack of images. For example, the algorithm will analyse the properties of the upper-leftmost pixel in image 1, then in image 2 and through each image in the set. This variation between pixels is known as Entropy, and thus the objective of Congealing is to minimise the Entropy across a set of images.

The aim of this project will be to implement the Congealing algorithm using not only Entropy, as in Learned-Miller's application, but using other metrics such as Fuzzy Entropy, and Least Squares as implemented in [1]. As for the data to feed into the application, my image set of choice will be Mammography scans, however due to their large file size initial experimentation will be run using the MNIST handwriting data set.

Aligning mammography scans would help build an average of the image set. With this in mind it is possible to build an average for the 4 breast tissue composition categories outlined by BI-RADS (Breast Imaging-Reporting and Data System) - with 1 being fatty tissue (lowest risk) and 4 being dense tissue (highest risk). Approaching this alignment of images using different metrics would output different a range of output results, and further investigation could be undertaken to ascertain the best alignment metric.

Finally, the resulting software tool could be used by Radiologists in assessing the tissue variation between the 4 categories and could also be used to build a classifier model.

2 Proposed tasks

2.1 Research into previous work

Work has been done using the Congealing method on 3D MRI scans on brightness alignment.

2.2 Integrating existing Congealing algorithm

The Congealing algorithm has been implemented in both C++ and Objective-C. As my programming language of choice is Java, I will need to take one of the implementations and wrap it to be able to integrate it with the rest of my code.

I had an early decision to make as to whether I would program the entire project in C++ to accommodate the Congealing code, whether I would write my own implementation of Congealing in Java (this would ultimately be a great extra project, but I worry it would take away from my final goal) or finally whether I would wrap the existing open-source code by MIT and integrate it.

2.3 Graphical User Interface

3 Project deliverables

Annotated Bibliography

- [1] M. Cox, S. Sridharan, S. Lucey, and J. Cohn, "Least squares congealing for unsupervised alignment of images," in *Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition, 2008. CVPR 2008. IEEE Conference on*. IEEE, June 2008, pp. 1–8. [Online]. Available: <http://dx.doi.org/10.1109/cvpr.2008.4587573>

Further builds upon Learned-Miller's Congealing approach with faster convergence and no pre-defined step size. Results are presented on both the MNIST handwriting data set (as in the original Learned-Miller paper) and the MultiPIE face database. This approach is extremely computationally costly, and this would have to be assessed in terms of computing mammography scans.

- [2] E. G. Learned-Miller, "Data driven image models through continuous joint alignment," *Pattern Analysis and Machine Intelligence, IEEE Transactions on*, vol. 28, no. 2, pp. 236–250, Feb. 2006. [Online]. Available: <http://dx.doi.org/10.1109/tpami.2006.34>

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