

Active Contour

Summary

In this project active contour algorithm is implemented. The program must load a grayscale PPM image and a list of contour points. The contour points must be processed through the active contour algorithm. The program must output a copy of the image with the initial contour drawn on top of it, and a second image with the final contour drawn on top of it. The program must also output a list of the final contour pixel coordinates.

Implementation and Results

The program executes these major steps:

0. Reading the input files from the argument line
1. Drawing the contour points
2. Execute Sobel Filter
3. Executing the active contour operations
 - [3.0] average distance between all contour points
 - [3.1] calculating the energies pixel by pixel in the window surrounding the contour point
 - [3.2] Normalizing the energies values
 - [3.3] adding the normalized energies
 - [3.4] capturing the minimum energy coordinates in the window, and updating the contour coordinates
4. Exporting the output image and contour txt

The tuning parameters used are:

- Window = 7
- internal energy 1 weight = 1
- internal energy 2 weight = 1
- external energy weight = 0.7

The results are as follows:





Sobel filter



Final contour output image

And the final contours are as follows:

266 107
 273 116
 276 126
 278 136
 278 147
 278 157
 274 169
 271 177
 267 188
 263 198
 258 209
 250 220
 236 225
 239 236
 227 233
 226 245
 222 257
 215 265
 205 266
 195 258
 195 246
 186 242
 178 238
 182 226
 180 212
 181 201
 183 188
 184 175
 185 165

187 155
189 145
192 137
195 127
198 119
204 111
213 105
222 100
230 94
237 87
247 84
256 86
264 96

Instructions

To run the program `executable [input_image.ppm] [points.txt]`