

# Appendix A: Definition of textural features

## First-order gray-level statistics

First order gray-level statistics describe the distribution of gray-values within the volume. Let  $X$  denote the 3-D image matrix with  $N$  voxels,  $P$  the first order histogram,  $P(i)$  the fraction of voxels with intensity level  $i$  and  $Nl$  the number of discrete intensity levels.

- **Mean**, the mean gray-level of  $X$ .

$$mean = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N X(i)$$

- **Mode**, the most frequent element(s) of array  $X$ .
- **Median**, the sample median of  $X$ , or the 50<sup>th</sup> percentile of  $X$ .
- **Standard deviation (STD)**

$$STD = \left( \frac{1}{N-1} \sum_{i=1}^N (X(i) - \bar{X})^2 \right)^{1/2}$$

- **Mean Absolute Deviation (MAD)**, the mean of the absolute deviation of all voxel intensities around the mean intensity value.

$$MAD = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N |X(i) - \bar{X}|$$

- **Range**, the range of intensity values of  $X$ .

$$range = \max(X) - \min(X)$$

where  $\max(X)$  is the maximum intensity value of  $X$  and  $\min(X)$  is the minimum intensity value of  $X$ .

- **Interquartile range (IQR)**, the interquartile range is defined as the 75<sup>th</sup> minus the 25<sup>th</sup> percentile of  $X$ .
- **Kurtosis**

$$kurtosis = \frac{\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N (X(i) - \bar{X})^4}{\left( \sqrt{\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N (X(i) - \bar{X})^2} \right)^2}$$

where  $\bar{X}$  is the mean of  $X$ .

- **Variance**, Variance is the square of the standard deviation.

$$variance = \frac{1}{N-1} \sum_{i=1}^N (X(i) - \bar{X})^2$$

where  $\bar{X}$  is the mean of  $X$ .

- **Skewness**

$$skewness = \frac{\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N (X(i) - \bar{X})^3}{\left( \sqrt{\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N (X(i) - \bar{X})^2} \right)^3}$$

where  $\bar{X}$  is the mean of  $X$ .

## Gray-Level Co-Occurrence Matrix (GLCM) [1-3]

A normalized GLCM is defined as  $P(i, j; \delta, \alpha)$ , a metric with size  $N_g \times N_g$  describing the second-order joint probability function of an image, where the  $(i, j)$ th element represents the number of times the combination of intensity levels  $i$  and  $j$  occur in two pixels in the image, that are separated by a distance of  $\delta$  pixels in direction  $\alpha$ , and  $N_g$  is the maximum discrete intensity level in the image. Let:

- $P(i, j)$  be the normalized (i.e.  $\sum P(i, j) = 1$ ) co-occurrence matrix, generalized for any  $\delta$  and  $\alpha$ ,
- $p_x(i) = \sum_{j=1}^{N_g} P(i, j)$ ,
- $p_y(j) = \sum_{i=1}^{N_g} P(i, j)$ ,
- $\mu_x$  be the mean of  $p_x$ , where  $\mu_x = \sum_{i=1}^{N_g} \sum_{j=1}^{N_g} iP(i, j)$ ,
- $\mu_y$  be the mean of  $p_y$ , where  $\mu_y = \sum_{i=1}^{N_g} \sum_{j=1}^{N_g} jP(i, j)$ ,
- $\sigma_x$  be the standard deviation of  $p_x$ , where  $\sigma_x = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^{N_g} \sum_{j=1}^{N_g} P(i, j)(i - \mu_x)^2}$ ,
- $\sigma_y$  be the standard deviation of  $p_y$ , where  $\sigma_y = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^{N_g} \sum_{j=1}^{N_g} P(i, j)(j - \mu_y)^2}$ .

- **Energy**

$$energy = \sum_{i=1}^{N_g} \sum_{j=1}^{N_g} [P(i,j)]^2$$

- **Contrast**

$$contrast = \sum_{i=1}^{N_g} \sum_{j=1}^{N_g} |i-j|^2 P(i,j)$$

- **Entropy**

$$entropy = - \sum_{i=1}^{N_g} \sum_{j=1}^{N_g} P(i,j) \log_2 [P(i,j)]$$

- **Homogeneity**

$$homogeneity = \sum_{i=1}^{N_g} \sum_{j=1}^{N_g} \frac{P(i,j)}{1 + |i-j|}$$

- **Correlation**

$$correlation = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{N_g} \sum_{j=1}^{N_g} ijP(i,j) - \mu_x \mu_y}{\sigma_x \sigma_y}$$

- **Sum Average**

$$sum\ average = \frac{1}{N_g \times N_g} \sum_{i=1}^{N_g} \sum_{j=1}^{N_g} [iP(i,j) + jP(i,j)]$$

- **Dissimilarity**

$$dissimilarity = \sum_{i=1}^{N_g} \sum_{j=1}^{N_g} |i-j| P(i,j)$$

- **Autocorrelation**

$$autocorrelation = \sum_{i=1}^{N_g} \sum_{j=1}^{N_g} ijP(i,j)$$

## Gray-Level Run-Length Matrix (GLRLM) [4-7]

Run length metrics quantify gray level runs in an image. A gray level run is defined as the length in number of pixels, of consecutive pixels that have the same gray level value. In a gray level run length matrix  $p(i, j|\theta)$ , the  $(i, j)$ th element describes the number of times  $j$  a gray level  $i$  appears consecutively in the direction specified by  $\theta$ . Let:

- $p(i, j)$  be the  $(i, j)$ th entry in the given run-length matrix  $p$ , generalized for any direction  $\theta$ ,
- $N_g$  the number of discrete intensity values in the image,
- $N_r$  the maximum run length,
- $N_s$  the total numbers of runs, where  $N_s = \sum_{i=1}^{N_g} \sum_{j=1}^{N_r} p(i, j)$
- $p_r$  the sum distribution of the number of runs with run length  $j$ , where  $p_r(j) = \sum_{i=1}^{N_g} p(i, j)$ ,
- $p_g$  the sum distribution of the number of runs with run length  $i$ , where  $p_g(i) = \sum_{j=1}^{N_r} p(i, j)$ ,
- $N_p$  the number of voxels in the image, where  $N_p = \sum_{j=1}^{N_r} j p_r$ ,
- $\mu_r$  the mean run length, where  $\mu_r = \sum_{i=1}^{N_g} \sum_{j=1}^{N_r} j p_n(i, j)$ ,
- $\mu_g$  the mean gray level, where  $\mu_g = \sum_{i=1}^{N_g} \sum_{j=1}^{N_r} i p_n(i, j)$ .

- **Short Run Emphasis (SRE)**

$$SRE = \sum_{j=1}^{N_r} \frac{p_r}{j^2}$$

- **Long Run Emphasis (LRE)**

$$LRE = \sum_{j=1}^{N_r} j^2 p_r$$

- **Gray-Level Nonuniformity (GLN)**

$$GLN = \sum_{i=1}^{N_g} p_g^2$$

- **Run-Length Nonuniformity (RLN)**

$$RLN = \sum_{j=1}^{N_r} p_r^2$$

- **Run Percentage (RP)**

$$RP = \frac{N_s}{N_p}$$

- **Low Gray-Level Run Emphasis (LGRE)**

$$LGRE = \sum_{i=1}^{N_g} \frac{p_g}{i^2}$$

- **High Gray-Level Run Emphasis (HGRE)**

$$HGRE = \sum_{i=1}^{N_g} i^2 p_g$$

- **Short Run Low Gray-Level Emphasis (SRLGE)**

$$SRLGE = \sum_{i=1}^{N_g} \sum_{j=1}^{N_r} \frac{p(i,j)}{i^2 j^2}$$

- **Short Run High Gray-Level Emphasis (SRHGE)**

$$SRHGE = \sum_{i=1}^{N_g} \sum_{j=1}^{N_r} \frac{p(i,j) i^2}{j^2}$$

- **Long Run Low Gray-Level Emphasis (LRLGE)**

$$LRLGE = \sum_{i=1}^{N_g} \sum_{j=1}^{N_r} \frac{p(i,j) j^2}{i^2}$$

- **Long Run High Gray-Level Emphasis (LRHGE)**

$$LRHGE = \sum_{i=1}^{N_g} \sum_{j=1}^{N_r} p(i,j) i^2 j^2$$

- **Gray-Level Variance (GLV)**

$$GLV = \frac{1}{N_g \times N_r} \sum_{i=1}^{N_g} \sum_{j=1}^{N_r} (ip(i,j) - \mu_g)^2$$

- **Run-Length Variance (RLV)**

$$RLV = \frac{1}{N_g \times N_r} \sum_{i=1}^{N_g} \sum_{j=1}^{N_r} (jp(i, j) - \mu_r)^2$$

## Gray-Level Size Zone Matrix (GLSZM) [4-7]

A gray level size-zone matrix describes the amount of homogeneous connected areas within the volume, of a certain size and intensity. The  $(i, j)$ th entry of the GLSZM  $p(i, j)$  is the number of connected areas of gray-level (i.e. intensity value)  $i$  and size  $j$ . GLSZM features therefore describe homogeneous areas within the tumor volume, describing tumor heterogeneity at a regional scale [5]. Let:

- $p(i, j)$  be the  $(i, j)$ th entry in the given GLSZM  $p$ ,
- $N_g$  the number of discrete intensity values in the image,
- $N_z$  the size of the largest, homogeneous region in the volume of interest,
- $N_s$  the total number of homogeneous regions (zones), where  $N_s = \sum_{i=1}^{N_g} \sum_{j=1}^{N_z} p(i, j)$
- $p_z$  the sum distribution of the number of zones with size  $j$ , where  $p_z(j) = \sum_{i=1}^{N_g} p(i, j)$ ,
- $p_g$  the sum distribution of the number of zones with gray level  $i$ , where  $p_g(i) = \sum_{j=1}^{N_z} p(i, j)$ ,
- $N_p$  the number of voxels in the image, where  $N_p = \sum_{j=1}^{N_z} jp_r$ ,
- $\mu_r$  the mean zone size, where  $\mu_r = \sum_{i=1}^{N_g} \sum_{j=1}^{N_z} jp(i, j|\theta)$ ,
- $\mu_g$  the mean gray level, where  $\mu_g = \sum_{i=1}^{N_g} \sum_{j=1}^{N_z} ip(i, j|\theta)$ .

- **Small Zone Emphasis (SZE)**

$$SZE = \sum_{j=1}^{N_z} \frac{p_z}{j^2}$$

- **Large Zone Emphasis (LZE)**

$$LZE = \sum_{j=1}^{N_z} j^2 p_z$$

- **Gray-Level Non-uniformity (GLN)**

$$GLN = \sum_{i=1}^{N_g} p_g^2$$

- **Zone-Size Non-uniformity (ZSN)**

$$ZSN = \sum_{i=1}^{N_g} p_z^2$$

- **Zone Percentage (ZP)**

$$ZP = \frac{N_s}{N_p}$$

- **Low Gray-Level Zone Emphasis (LGZE)**

$$LGZE = \sum_{i=1}^{N_g} \frac{p_g}{i^2}$$

- **High Gray-Level Zone Emphasis (HGZE)**

$$HGZE = \sum_{i=1}^{N_g} i^2 p_g$$

- **Small Zone Low Gray-Level Emphasis (SZLGE)**

$$SZLGE = \sum_{i=1}^{N_g} \sum_{j=1}^{N_z} \frac{p(i,j)}{i^2 j^2}$$

- **Small Zone High Gray-Level Emphasis (SZHGE)**

$$SZHGE = \sum_{i=1}^{N_g} \sum_{j=1}^{N_z} \frac{p(i,j) i^2}{j^2}$$

- **Large Zone Low Gray-Level Emphasis (LZLGE)**

$$LZLGE = \sum_{i=1}^{N_g} \sum_{j=1}^{N_z} \frac{p(i,j) j^2}{i^2}$$

- **Large Zone High Gray-Level Emphasis (LZHGE)**

$$LZHGE = \sum_{i=1}^{N_g} \sum_{j=1}^{N_z} p(i,j) j^2 i^2$$

- **Gray-Level Variance (GLV)**

$$GLV = \frac{1}{N_g \times N_z} \sum_{i=1}^{N_g} \sum_{j=1}^{N_z} (ip(i,j) - \mu_g)^2$$

- **Zone-Size Variance (ZSV)**

$$ZSV = \frac{1}{N_g \times N_z} \sum_{i=1}^{N_g} \sum_{j=1}^{N_z} (jp(i,j) - \mu_z)^2$$

## Neighborhood gray tone difference matrix (NGTDM) [8]

The  $i$ th entry of the NGTDM  $s(i|d)$  is the sum of gray level differences of voxels with intensity  $i$  and the average intensity  $A_i$  of their neighboring voxels within a distance  $d$ . Let:

- $n_i$  be the number of voxels with gray level  $i$ ,
- $N = \sum n_i$ , the total number of voxels,
- $s(i) = \begin{cases} \sum n_i |i - A_i| & \text{for } n_i > 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$ , generalized for any distance  $d$ ,
- $N_g$  be the maximum discrete intensity level in the image,
- $p(i) = \frac{n_i}{N}$ , the probability of gray level  $i$ ,
- $N_p$ , the total number of gray levels present in the image.

- **Coarseness**

$$coarseness = \left[ \varepsilon + \sum_{n=1}^{N_g} p(i)s(i) \right]^{-1}$$

where  $\varepsilon$  is a small number to prevent coarseness becoming infinite.

- **Contrast**



$$contrast = \left( \frac{1}{N_p(1 - N_p)} \sum_{i=1}^{N_g} \sum_{j=1}^{N_g} p(i)p(j)(i - j)^2 \right) \left( \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N_g} s(i) \right)$$

- **Busyness**

$$busyness = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{N_g} p(i)s(i)}{\sum_{i=1}^{N_g} \sum_{j=1}^{N_g} |ip(i) - jp(j)|}, \quad p(i) \neq 0, p(j) \neq 0$$

- **Complexity**

$$complexity = \sum_{i=1}^{N_g} \sum_{j=1}^{N_g} |i - j| \frac{p(i)s(i) + p(j)s(j)}{N(p(i) + p(j))}, \quad p(i) \neq 0, p(j) \neq 0$$

- **Strength**

$$strength = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{N_g} \sum_{j=1}^{N_g} [p(i) + p(j)](i - j)^2}{\varepsilon + \sum_{n=1}^{N_g} s(i)}, \quad p(i) \neq 0, p(j) \neq 0$$

where  $\varepsilon$  is a small number to prevent strength becoming infinite.

**Table 2.3** Texture features list.

Feature Name	Symbol	Reference
<b>1<sup>st</sup> order gray-level statistics</b>		-
- Mean	-	
- Mode	-	
- Median	-	
- Standard Deviation	STD	
- Median Absolute Deviation	MAD	
- Range	-	
- Kurtosis	-	
- Interquartile Range	IQR	
- Variance	-	
- Skewness	-	
<b>Gray-Level Co-occurrence Matrix (GLCM)</b>		Haralick et al. [3]
- Energy	-	
- Contrast	-	
- Entropy	-	
- Homogeneity	-	
- Correlation	-	
- Sum Average	-	
- Dissimilarity	-	
- Autocorrelation	-	
<b>Gray-Level Run-Length Matrix (GLRLM)</b>		Galloway [4] Chu et al. [5] Dasarathy and Holder [6] Thibault et al. [7]
- Short Run Emphasis	SRE	
- Long Run Emphasis	LRE	
- Gray-Level Nonuniformity	GLN_GLRLM	
- Run-Length Nonuniformity	RLN	
- Run Percentage	RP	
- Low Gray-Level Run Emphasis	LGRE	
- High Gray-Level Emphasis	HGRE	
- Short Run Low Gray-Level Emphasis	SRLGE	
- Short Run High Gray-Level Emphasis	SRHGE	
- Long Run Low Gray-Level Emphasis	LRLGE	
- Long Run High Gray-Level Emphasis	LRHGE	
- Gray-Level Variance	GLV_GLRLM	
- Run-Length Variance	RLV	
<b>Gray-Level Size Zone Matrix (GLSZM)</b>		Galloway [4] Chu et al. [5] Dasarathy and Holder [6] Thibault et al. [7]
- Small Zone Emphasis	SZE	
- Large Zone Emphasis	LZE	
- Gray-Level Non-uniformity	GLSZM_GLN	
- Zone-Size Non-uniformity	ZSN	
- Zone Percentage (ZP)	ZP	
- Low Gray-Level Zone Emphasis	LGZE	
- High Gray-Level Zone Emphasis	HGZE	
- Small Zone Low Gray-Level Emphasis	SZLGE	
- Small Zone High Gray-Level Emphasis	SZHGE	
- Large Zone Low Gray-Level Emphasis	LZLGE	
- Large Zone High Gray-Level Emphasis	LZHGE	
- Gray-Level Variance	GLV_GLSZM	
- Zone-Size Variance	ZSV	
<b>Neighbourhood gray-tone difference matrix (NGTDM)</b>		Amadasun and King [8]
- Coarseness	-	
- Busyness	-	
- Complexity	-	
- Strength	-	

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