

Image Segmentation Techniques

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Abstract :

Because of the development of Computer Technology Image Processing Technologies have become similarly significant nowadays for a wide variety of utilizations. Image Segmentation is a Great field of Image Processing or we can say Hotspot of Image Processing Techniques.

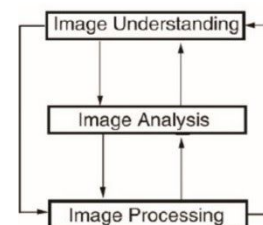
Image Segmentation is an important component in many image analysis and computer vision tasks. It includes recognizing and processing the forefront of an image which can be valuable in image altering just as indifferent research-oriented fields. Basically Image Segmentation includes investigating the image and separating the information from it.

Several algorithms and techniques are proposed for Image Segmentation, Classical Image Segmentation tools use either color, texture or edge information for carrying out the Segmentation process. **Similarity and Discontinuity** are the two mainstays of the Segmentation procedure. Image Segmentation is for all intents and purposes utilized in content-based image retrieval, object tracking in video recordings, clinical applications, and so on. This paper underscores on different methods accessible for Image Segmentation.

Introduction :

Basically Image Segmentation comes under "Computer Vision". The vision process deals with the identification of discrete objects within an image and transforms the single-pixel representation. Image segmentation is often defined as a partition of pixels or image blocks into homogeneous groups. The digital image process has several recent applications in the fields of remote sensing, medicine, photography, film and video production, security observance. New innovative technologies area unit rising in the fields of image process, particularly in image segmentation domain. The result of image segmentation is a set of segments that

collectively cover the entire image or a set of contours extracted from the image. Every one of the pixels in an area is comparative as for some trademark or processed property, for example, shading, force, or surface. Neighboring locales are essentially unique concerning the equivalent characteristic(s).



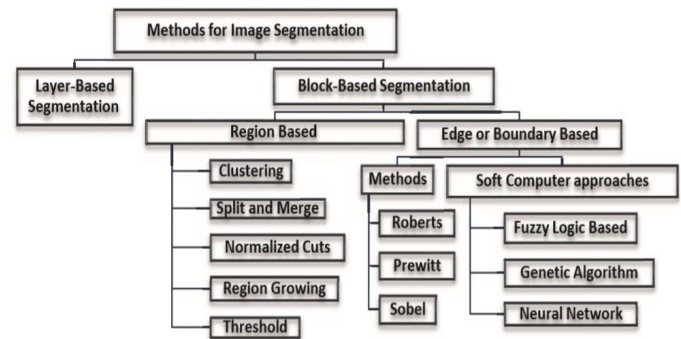
Related work:-

K. Bhargavi and S. Jyothi Et.Al. [2] This paper describes the study of the edge techniques in image segmentation. Image segmentation is one of the vital approaches to the digital image process. Image segmentation is employed wide in several applications. Many general-purpose algorithms and techniques are developed for image segmentation. Segmentation applications are involving detection, recognition, and measure of options. the aim of image segmentation is to partition AN image into meaning regions with regard to a specific application.

Jay Patel and Kaushal Doshi Et.Al. [3] During this paper represented the Segmentation may be an important role in the medical image process, where clustering technique wide utilized in medical applications notably for brain tumor detection in resonance imaging (MRI). They use MRI attributable to its offer correct visualize of the body structure of tissues. during this paper, varied clump methods that are used for segmentation in MRI square measure reviewed. The image process plays an important role in today's world. Now a day the applications of the image process are found in areas like natural philosophy, remote sensing, bio-medical then on.

Ashish Issac, M. Parthasarathi, Malay Kishore Dutta Et. Al. [2], this paper presents a picture process technique for segmentation of blind spot and cup supported accommodative thresholding victimization options from the image. The planned algorithmic program uses the features obtained from the image, like mean and variance, to get rid of data from the red and inexperienced channel of a fundus image and acquire a picture that contains solely the second cranial nerve head region in each the channels. The blind spot is divided from the red channel and caliculus from the inexperienced channel several. the brink is decided from the ironed bar chart of the preprocessed image.

Various Methods of Image Segmentation :



1.Layer-Based Image Segmentation:

In this segmentation, the image is segmented into text, mask and graphics layer. Each layer is compressed using different compressors. The mask layer contains the contours of text and other fine image structures. The Text layer is compressed using a token-based coder, the mask layer is compressed using JBIG coder and the graphics layer is compressed using the JPEG coder.

2.Block-Based Segmentation:

Block-Based Segmentation methods are additionally are categorized into two properties: discontinuity and similarity into two groups:

- i)Region-Based Segmentation and
- ii)Edge-Based Segmentation

2.A.Region-Based Segmentation:

The primary objective of segmentation is to partition an image into regions. Some segmentation techniques, for example, thresholding accomplish this objective by searching for the boundaries between regions based on discontinuities in grayscale or color properties. Region-based segmentation is a procedure for deciding the region directly(A group of connected pixels with similar properties is a region).

Region-based technique segment a picture into regions that are comparative as per a lot of

predefined criteria. It incorporates the accompanying methods:

2.A.1.Region Splitting and Merging: This split the picture into arbitrary separate regions and afterward consolidates the regions to fulfill the states of the picture segmentation.

2.A.2.Region Growing: This technique bunches pixels of the picture into the bigger regions based on the condition.

The initial phase in the region growing is to choose a lot of grid points. The regions are then developed from these grids to adjacent points depending on a region membership criterion. The criterion could be(pixel intensity, grayscale texture, or color). Since the regions are grown on the basis of the criterion, the information of the image becomes important.

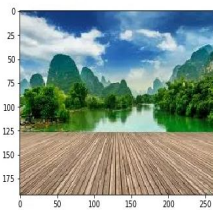


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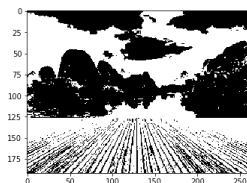


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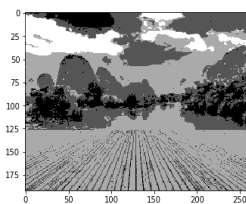


fig1.c

Here fig1.a is the original image while fig1.b is the grayscaled image and fig1.c is the Segmented image.

One of the greatest advantages of Region Growing is this method performs well when there is high contrast between background and foreground. Its calculation is clear as well as simple.

But the main disadvantage is sometimes due to the overlapping of grayscale pixel values, it becomes difficult to separate the segments

accurately, also the selection of threshold value is very important.

2.A.3 Clustering: Clustering is a method to divide the entire data into several numbers of group, these groups are called "Clusters".It's one of the most popular types is K-Means Clustering.

K-Means algorithm is an unsupervised clustering algorithm that classifies the input data points into multiple classes based on their inherent distance from each other.

It classifies a given set of information into k number of disjoint groups. K-means algorithm comprises of two separate stages. In the first stage, it computes the k centroid and in the subsequent stage, it takes each point to the group which has the closest centroid from the particular information point. There are various techniques to define the separation of the closest centroid and one of the most utilized strategies Euclidean separation. When the gathering is done it recalculates the new centroid of each group and based on that centroid, another Euclidean separation is determined between each center and every data point and allocates the cluster in the bunch which has least Euclidean separation.

Euclidean Distance : $d = p(x, y) - c * k$ (where k is number of Clusters)

The new position of Center: $1/k((\sum(\sum)p(x,y))$
 $y \in ck \quad x \in ck$

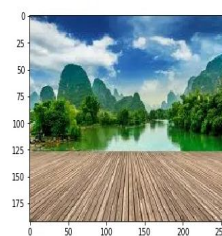


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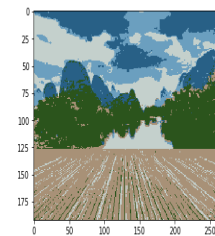


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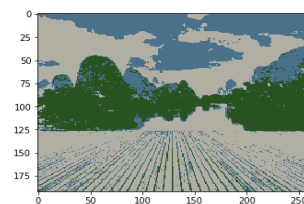


fig.2.c

Here fig2.a is the Original Image, fig2.b is the Segmented image with k as 5 and fig2.c is the Segmented image with $k=3$

But it has some disadvantages too, one among them is, it is very much difficult to predict the value of k accurately as well as it is not suitable for larger datasets.

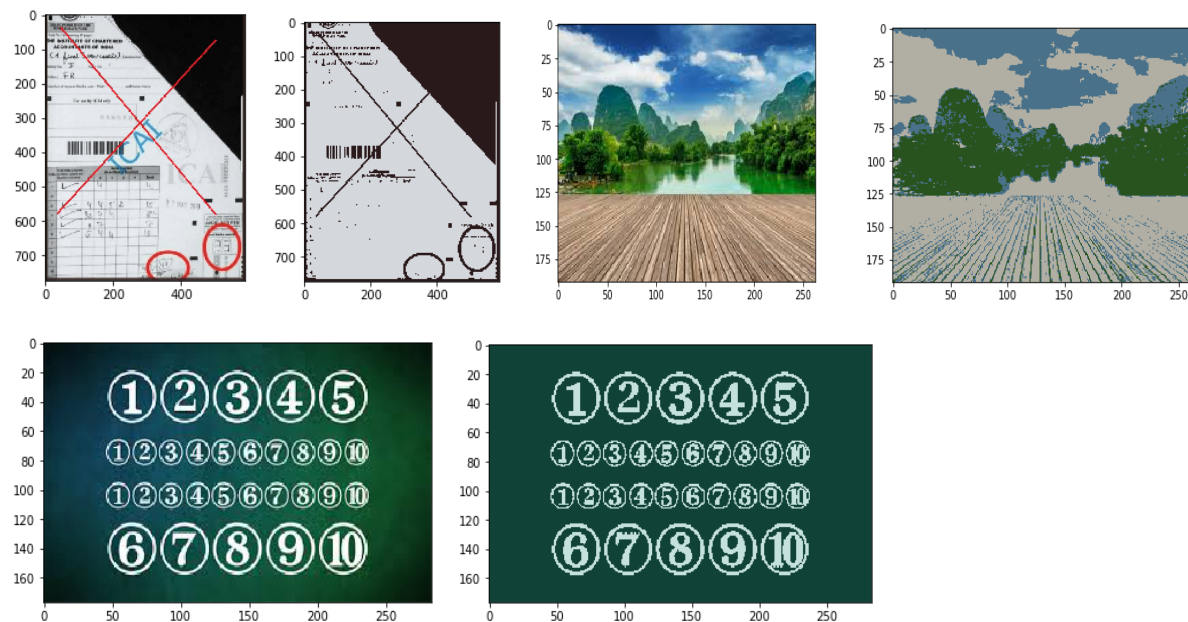
Several advantages of Clustering are for a small value of k , k -means computation is faster. It produces more accurate results as well as reduces noise in the data.

Conclusion:-

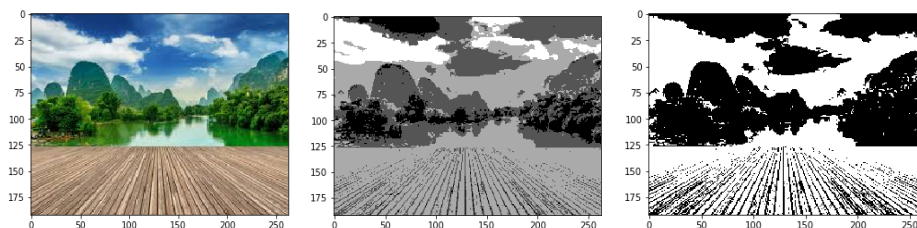
In this paper, I even have mentioned concerning the image segmentation, the assorted techniques of it and image engineering. These techniques area unit applicable in numerous fields like medical imaging, beholding, pattern recognition, etc. by learning this subject comprehensively, I got to know that, image segmentation has very important use and challenging future in the image process. The main aim of segmenting a picture is to reinforce the standard and suitability for presenting the image. the method of image phase action provides the partition of the image into a totally different segment according to their feature attribute.

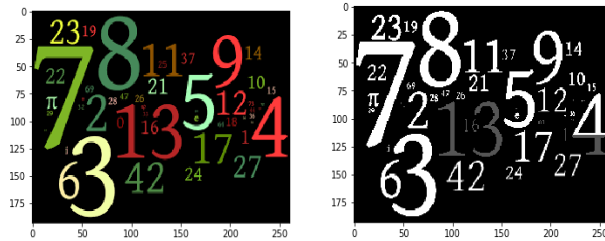
Result :

Various segmented images are:
Clustering Method:



Region-Based Segmentation:





Sometimes Region-Based Segmentation gives a good result, while in some cases Clustering Algorithm produces better results. But in most cases Clustering is preferred since it produces an accurate result as well as produces less noisy data.

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