

Breast lesion Segmentation in Ultra-Sound images based on super-pixels and high-level descriptors

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ABSTRACT

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1. INTRODUCTION

Breast cancer is the second most common cancer (1.4 million cases per year, 10.9% of diagnosed cancers) after lung cancer, followed by colorectal, stomach, prostate and liver cancers.¹ In terms of mortality, breast cancer is the fifth most common cause of cancer death. However, it place as the leading cause of cancer death among females both in western countries and in economically developing countries.²

Medical imaging plays an important role in breast cancer mortality reduction, contributing to its early detection through screening, diagnosis, image-guided biopsy, treatment follow-up and suchlike procedures.³ Although Digital Mammography (DM) remains the reference imaging modality, US imaging has proven to be a successful adjunct image modality for breast cancer screening,^{3,4} specially as a consequence of the discriminative capabilities that US offers for differentiating between solid lesions that are benign or malignant⁵ so that the amount of unnecessary biopsies, which is estimated to be between 65 ~ 85% of the prescribed biopsies,⁶ can be reduced⁷ in replacing them by short-term US screening follow-up.⁸

Figure ... shows ... what doctors look for.

Analysing figure ... it can be observed that most of the markers depend on the lesion delineation. Therefore in order to develop releable Computer Aided Diagnose (CAD) systems accurate segmentations to properly delineate the lesions are needed. This article presents a segmentation technique based on classifying superpixels based on their appearance.

2. SEGMENTATION METHODOLOGY DESCRIPTION

Description of the methodology

3. FEATURE DESCRIPTION

Features description

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