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ASSIGNED PROJECT WORK:

To develop post-processing tools to investigate droplet evaporation and identify the droplet boundary and track its evolution from Infrared images by Image Processing in MATLAB

ABSTRACT:

This report describes an algorithm for contour extraction of infrared image. Morphological operations were employed to extract the approximate contour effectively including filters and edge detection techniques. Structural element was chosen accordingly with respect to its shape feature to obtain a better result. Several approaches were tried, the results and comparison of different approaches are demonstrated here.

INTRODUCTION:

Infrared image is a kind of multi-source multi-sensors image. However, infrared images lack structural details. Absolute contour cannot be observed in an infrared image. A clear analysis of infrared image data is done using MATLAB. Here, post-processing tools are developed to investigate droplet evaporation and identify the droplet boundary and track its evolution by Image Processing.

PROBLEMS IN THE INFRARED IMAGES:

- 1) Noise in the boundary of the droplet
- 2) Unable to detect the proper edge of the droplet

POST PROCESSING TOOLS:

Median Filtering & Gaussian filtering: Median filtering is a nonlinear operation often used in image processing to reduce "salt and pepper" noise. A median filter is more effective than convolution when the goal is to simultaneously reduce noise and preserve edges [1]. On increasing the size of the median filter, e.g: 7X7 rather than 4X4 based on the image, we get a clearer image as compared to the one with lower size. Moreover, upon varying the value of 'sigma', we have got the desired results in Gaussian filtering.

a) **Resizing the image:** Resizing the size of the image (here in the code we have resized the image to 0.25) and then performing the morphological and edge detection processes leads to a better result of contour extraction as compared to that of original size.

b) **Edge Detection Techniques:**

Edge Detection Techniques	Advantage	Disadvantage
Roberts (Based on First Order Derivatives)	Produces more accurate position of edges	Not reliable to extract the edge in presence of noise
Sobel (Based on First Order Derivatives)	Good noise suppression characteristics	Produce moderate result
Prewitt (Based on First Order Derivatives)	Masks have longer support, Prewitt is less vulnerable to noise	Produce sometimes noisier result
LOG (Based on Second Order Derivatives)	Having fixed characteristics in all the directions, detects good edges and its orientations	Sensitive to noise, generate closed and non-realistic contour
Canny (Based on Second Order Derivatives)	Better detection specially in noise condition	Complex, time consuming, false zero crossing

Table 1: Advantages and disadvantages of different edge detection techniques [2]

Based on the advantages and disadvantages, we have tried different edge detection techniques in order to get an output with perfect edge (with less noise). We got more desired outputs on using Prewitt operator for edge detection in our work. Using canny operator, leads to detection of some unwanted parts (considered as noise).

c) **Morphological Operations:** We have tried changing the size and shape of the structural element in the image. As per the coding and outputs, ‘disk’ shaped structural element results a better output. Regarding other morphological operations, we have performed dilation, erosion, opening and closing and achieved the desired results.

d) **Active Contour:** Active contour segmented the grayscale infrared image into foreground and background regions using active contour based segmentation. The output image is a binary image. The active contour technique which is also called snakes, is an iterative region-growing image segmentation algorithm We can use the ‘activecontour’ function to evolve the curves towards object boundaries. `BW = activecontour(A,mask,method)` is used here. It specifies the active contour method used for segmentation, either 'Chan-Vese' or 'edge'. [3]

CONCLUSION:

Here, we tried to carry out a systematic research on droplet evaporation on a hot-plate and hence the boundary of the droplet is identified using various image processing techniques that contains morphological, edge detection, resizing, operations so as to reduce the noise level and achieve a perfect contour of the image. Active contour led us to extract the approximate contour from the infrared image within a very short duration around 7.84 seconds.

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