

Literature on real-time AI-empowered echocardiography

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1 Introduction

In the last decades the use of echocardiography is a crucial clinical approach in Intensive Care Units (ICU) because of the advances of smaller US clinical devices, US image quality and its real-time capabilities to access cardiac anatomy [3, 10, 9, 1]. However, despite the previous advances there is still challenges on finding standard views from experienced sonographers that sometimes such quantifications are qualitative and subjective [3]. Similarly, automatic quantification of left ventricular ejection fraction (LVEF) is still challenging at the point of care due to variation of protocols, skills levels [4] and the nature of providing feedback on real-time [8].

1.1 Image Quality Assessment

[6] considers chamber clarity, depth gain, on-axis attributes, apical foreshortenedness.

1.2 Clustering techniques

Zhang et al. mentioned that 23 view classes from 7168 individually labeled videos that were classified with a 13-layer CNN to then viewed with the use of t-Distributed Stochastic Neighbor Embedding [12]. Kusunose et al. mentioned that other authors have reached an accuracy of 91-94 for 15-view classification while their work mentioned a 98.1 accuracy for five-predefined views [5].

1.3 Auto-encoders

Laumer et al. proposed a novel autoencoder-based framework to learn human interpretable representation of cardiac cycles from cardiac ultrasound data [7],

1.4 Others

Rank-2 non-negative matrix factorization [11] to generate End-Systole and End-Diastole for apical 4 view. Recently Robust Non-negative Matrix Factorization seems to be implement low-computation cost algorithms to automatic segment mitral valve [2].

2 Methods and materials

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