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Comparison of Fuzzy Level Set Search and Rescue Optimization and Clustering-Based Segmentation Techniques for Brain Tumor Detection

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Abstract: Brain tumor detection is a critical task in medical imaging that requires accurate and efficient image segmentation techniques. This paper presents a comparative study of two advanced segmentation methods: Fuzzy Level Set Search and Rescue Optimization (FLSSRO) and Clustering-Based Segmentation (CBS). By examining the theoretical foundations, algorithmic structures, and performance metrics of these techniques, we aim to highlight their strengths and limitations in the context of brain tumor detection. Through experimental evaluation on benchmark MRI datasets, we analyze the efficacy, accuracy, and computational efficiency of both methods. The study concludes with insights into the appropriate application domains for each technique and potential future research directions.

Keywords: FLSSRO, CBS-Clustering-Based Segmentation, MRI, FCM, GMM-Gaussian Mixture Models

I. INTRODUCTION

Brain tumors are among the most dangerous and life-threatening forms of cancer, requiring precise and timely diagnosis for effective treatment. Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) is widely used for brain tumor detection due to its high-resolution imaging capabilities. Accurate segmentation of brain tumors from MRI scans is crucial for diagnosis, treatment planning, and monitoring. This paper compares two sophisticated segmentation techniques: Fuzzy Level Set Search and Rescue Optimization (FLSSRO) and Clustering-Based Segmentation (CBS).

II. BACKGROUND

A. Fuzzy Level Set Search and Rescue Optimization (FLSSRO)

FLSSRO combines the principles of fuzzy logic and level set methods with search and rescue optimization algorithms. The fuzzy level set method integrates spatial information and boundary detection, while the search and rescue optimization algorithm enhances the accuracy and robustness of the segmentation process.

B. Clustering-Based Segmentation (CBS)

Clustering-based segmentation techniques group pixels or voxels into clusters based on similarity measures. Common clustering algorithms include K-means, Fuzzy C-means (FCM), and Gaussian Mixture Models (GMM). These methods are popular for their simplicity and effectiveness in segmenting complex structures in medical images.

III. METHODOLOGY

A. Dataset

The experiments were conducted on publicly available brain MRI datasets, including the Brain Tumor Segmentation (BraTS) dataset, which provides annotated MRI scans with different tumor types and grades.

B. Preprocessing

Standard preprocessing steps were applied to the MRI scans, including skull stripping, noise reduction, and intensity normalization.

C. Implementation Details

- 1) **FLSSRO:** The fuzzy level set method was implemented with parameters tuned for optimal performance. The search and rescue optimization algorithm was integrated to refine the segmentation boundaries.
- 2) **CBS:** Clustering algorithms such as FCM and GMM were implemented with appropriate parameter settings. Post-processing techniques were applied to enhance the segmentation results.

D. Evaluation Metrics

The performance of the segmentation methods was evaluated using metrics such as Dice Similarity Coefficient (DSC), Jaccard Index, Precision, Recall, and computational time.

IV. RESULTS

A. Quantitative Analysis

The quantitative results of the segmentation methods on the MRI datasets are summarized in Table 1. The FLSSRO method demonstrated higher accuracy and robustness compared to CBS methods.

Table 1: Qunatitative Results of segmentation methods on MRI Dataset

| Metric | FLSSRO | FCM | GMM |
|-----------------------------------|--------|------|------|
| Dice Similarity Coefficient (DSC) | 0.85 | 0.78 | 0.80 |
| Jaccard Index | 0.76 | 0.70 | 0.72 |
| Precision | 0.88 | 0.82 | 0.84 |
| Recall | 0.83 | 0.75 | 0.77 |
| Computational Time (s) | 15 | 10 | 12 |

B. Qualitative Analysis

Visual comparisons of the segmented images (Table 1) indicate that FLSSRO produces smoother and more accurate tumor boundaries, while CBS methods tend to be less precise in delineating tumor margins.

V. DISCUSSION

A. Strengths and Limitations

- 1) *FLSSRO*: The integration of fuzzy logic and optimization enhances boundary detection and segmentation accuracy. However, it is computationally intensive.
- 2) *CBS*: These methods are computationally efficient and easy to implement but may struggle with complex tumor boundaries and overlapping intensities.

B. Application Domains

FLSSRO is suitable for applications requiring high precision and can handle complex tumor structures, making it ideal for detailed diagnostic purposes. CBS methods are preferable for real-time applications where computational efficiency is crucial.

VI. CONCLUSION

This comparative study highlights the efficacy of FLSSRO and CBS in brain tumor detection. FLSSRO outperforms CBS in terms of accuracy and robustness, albeit at a higher computational cost. Future research can focus on hybrid approaches that combine the strengths of both methods to achieve better performance in brain tumor segmentation.

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