

Haemorrhage Detection and Classification: A Review

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ABSTRACT

In Indian population, the count of diabetic peoples gets increasing day by day. Due to improper balance of insulin in the human body causes Diabetic. The most common symptom of the person with diabetes is diabetic retinopathy, which leads to blindness. The effect due to DR can reduce by early detection of Haemorrhages and treated at an early stage. In recent year, there is an increased interest in the field of medical image processing. Many researchers have developed advanced algorithms for Haemorrhage detection using fundus images. In proposed paper, we discuss various methods for Haemorrhage detection and classification.

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I. INTRODUCTION

Diabetic retinopathy is the leading cause of the blindness. The population of the diabetic patient in the world is increasing day by day. The diabetic causes are not seen until the disease proceeds to severe effects on some of the vital parts of the body including eye and liver. It damages the vascular system in the eye due to excess amount of glucose circulating through the small blood vessels. There are several types of injuries such as Haemorrhages, Microaneurysms, exudates, cotton wools, etc. the effect of diabetic retinopathy. To circumvent the DR, early detection is necessary. Usually, Doctors recognize DR based on the externally visible feature like the swollen blood vessel, small Haemorrhages, exudates, Microaneurysms and texture of the eye. The first detectable step of the DR is microaneurysms and Haemorrhages. Therefore, Haemorrhage detection is important for early detection of DR.

The diabetic retinopathy is divided into two stages Non-Proliferative Diabetic Retinopathy (NPDR) and Proliferative Diabetic Retinopathy (PDR) [1]. The diabetic retinopathy starts with NPDR, firstly Haemorrhage was found. The effect of diseases increases with the blockage of retinal vessels.

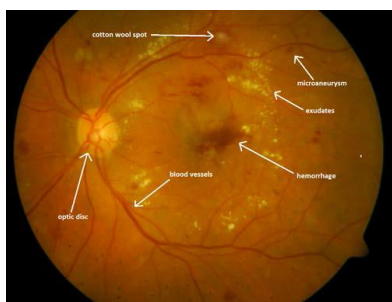


Fig. 1 Retinal image containing different types of lesion

The generalized block diagram for automatic Haemorrhage detection is shown in fig. 2.

a. Database

The first step of the system is the collection of the database. There are various online databases for fundus image are available such as DIARETDB1, DRIVE, HRF, etc.

b. Preprocessing

The image is taken as input from the database. The color is in RGB format. The red channel is relatively bright and vascular structure can become easily visible but have little contrast than green channel while the blue channel is too noisy. So by eliminating blue channel and taking advantage of the red and green channel, the image is reconstructed and enhance [2] [3].

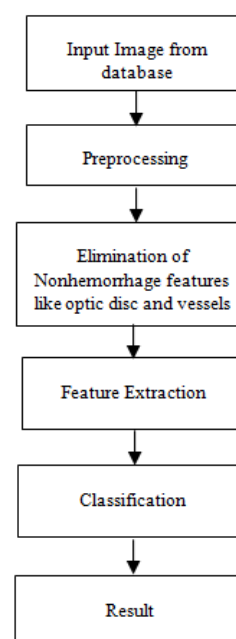


Fig. 2. Flow chart of Haemorrhage detection

c. Elimination of Non-Haemorrhage Features

The fundus camera usually captures a noisy and nonuniform illuminated images. Fundus images have a bright spot at optic disc. This may make a difficult to find out the Haemorrhages. Likely blood vessels have a similar colored as Haemorrhage, so it has also made difficult to find Haemorrhages. So vessels and optic disc removal are an important step. The traditional method is to adjust the brightness and intensify the contrast between a region of interest and background [4] [5]. Most of the non-Haemorrhage features elimination techniques based on the morphological processing Bae et al. [4] Propose two methods to process a fundus image. Firstly, the green channel is processed using HSV brightness correction to make uniform intensity over the fundus image. Secondly, CLAHE technique is used to enhance the contrast of an image. Zhang and Fan [6] presented an algorithm to detect spot lesion using multiscale morphological processing. Scale-based lesion validation removed vessels and over-detection. Matei et al. [7] and Langroudi et al. [8] Present thresholding and morphological operation to detect blood vessels in fundus image. Another approach proposed by Acharya et al. [9] based on the morphological operation and 'Ball' shaped structuring element. The Haemorrhages were detected by subtracting blood vessels from Haemorrhage candidates.

Another approach is to the removal of the optic disc from fundus image. Marwan and Eswaran [10] proposed the method to remove the optic disc from fundus image using the median filter. Center of the image is key to detect an optic disc. After detecting optic disc, the median filter is applied to it. Median filter, fill up the blood vessels inside the optic disc which made easy to remove the optic disc by using thresholding. H. A. Hassan et al. [11] proposed automatic optic disc removal in fundus image using iterative morphological operations. The morphological operation such as erosion and dilation enhance the image. A Genetic algorithm was used for optic disc removal. This algorithm is proposed by G. Ferdic Mashak Ponnaiah et al.[12]. In this work, they introduced the method to remove false hard exudates and improve DR accuracy. Using a genetic algorithm, the Optic disc is detected and removed.

d. Feature Extraction

Feature selection is a significant step for image classification. Without proper selection of the feature, classifier accuracy can't be improved. Mostly, researcher extracted feature using GLCM and Splat feature. The detailed method is explained below.

• Splat Features:

Splat features are extracted by distribution and aggregation of splat-based on pixel collection. The each extracted splat indicates the relation between its and neighbor splat. Some of the splat features are color, Gaussian filter bank, dog filter bank, splat area, texture, contrast, splat orientation, local texture filter, correlation, splat extent, energy, homogeneity.

• Gray Level Co-Occurrence Matrix (GLCM):

GLCM mostly extract feature based on the texture information. The number of gray levels is equal to the number of row and columns. The matrix elements is a relative frequency in which two pixels are separated by pixel distance and particular angle.

The different papers are reviewed in Table 1

e. Classification

There are different techniques to classify the Haemorrhages. In [2], the Haemorrhages were classified by area, aspect ratio, compactness, etc. In most of the research paper, Haemorrhage was classified using SVM, KNN, etc.

• SVM

Support vector machine classifier is a supervised linear binary classifier. It analyzes the input feature data and possible outputs. So, it predicted the given input testing data and classified into two groups.

Assuming given some training data D , a set of n points in the form

$$D = \{(X_i, y_i) \mid X_i \in \mathbb{R}^p, y_i \in \{0,1\}\}_{i=1}^n \dots (3.1)$$

Where, y_i is either 1 or 0, indicating the class to which the point x_i belong each X_i is p -dimensional real vector.

$$W \cdot X - b = 0 \quad (3.2)$$

Maximum - margin - hyperplane (3.2) that divides the point $y_i = 1$ from $y_i = -1$ in the set of points X

$$W \cdot X_i - b \geq 1 \quad (3.3)$$

If the training data are linearly separable, hyperplanes are selected by separating the data using different classes that are represented by both (3.3) & (3.4)

$$W \cdot X_i - b \leq -1 \quad (3.4)$$

The above classifier classifies the Haemorrhages into normal and Haemorrhage affected the retina.

• **KNN**

KNN classifier is widely used for classification of the different image. It is also used in the field of image processing and pattern recognition. It is mostly used because of its simplicity. In this algorithm distance between training and testing instances were measured. The Minkowski and Euclidean distance are usually used. K represents the nearest neighbor. In [13] the value of k is selected as 101 for better accuracy. In [14] author chooses a set of 20 images are taken from a DRIVE database for training and 1200 images from MESSIDOR database [15]

• **Neural Network**

The neural network is another approach to classifying the Haemorrhages. The popular method is the backpropagation. It is supervised ANN. The architecture of the classifier plays an important role in determining the accuracy of classification.

The general Artificial neural network consists of three layers, i.e. Input layer, Hidden layer and the output layer. The weight is the other factor responsible for deciding the probability to detect output correctly. The error between the desired output and the target is calculated and use as a feedback to correct it. This process is continuing process until getting the expected output.

D. Usher et al. [16] used the neural network for classification of microaneurysm. It uses 500 images for training purpose, while 773 images were tested using ANN.

Learning vector quantization approach for Haemorrhage classification is proposed by M. Garcia [17]. A small 32×32 window is used for feature extraction. 29 features were extracted and were trained and testing using MLP. 50 images were used for testing.

The Comparative analysis of different methods is tabulated below in Table I

II. CONCLUSION

The Haemorrhage detection is a challenging task because of variation in the background. Similarly, Haemorrhage detection may difficult due to the confusion of different component present in the fundus image like blood vessels, microaneurysms, fovea. In this paper, we reviewed existing Haemorrhage detection methods so that based on this method researcher can implement a better Haemorrhage detection system.

Table 1. Comparative Analysis of different methods

| Author | Technique | Database Used | Features | Classifier | Results | Advantage |
|---------------------------------|--|---|------------------------------|------------|--|--|
| Malay Kishore Dutta et al. [18] | Region Based Detection | - | Area | - | It gives good result for classifying Non-Proliferative Diabetic Retinopathy | It has good accuracy, avoids redundancy in computation. |
| Saumitra Kumar Kuri et al. [19] | Gabor Filter with Local Entropy Thresholding | DRIVE | Local entropy using GLCM | - | It gives 97.72% accuracy and 98.15% sensitivity respectively | It have maximum true positive rate and reduce false vessels detection in fundus |
| Syna Song et al. [20] | Vessels Elimination and Noise Elimination | fundus images fromBhumibol Adulyadej Hospital | Color | - | It gives good accuracy and preciseness. | Technique used to eliminate MA (microaneurysms) and certain small noise. |
| Asra Ashraf et al. [21] | Retinal Whitening | Own database from AFIO Hospital Rawalpindi | discriminating features | SVM | It is a novel method for automated diagnosis of malarial retinopathy by detecting retinal whitening, cotton wool spots and Haemorrhages cases. | It gives good accuracy, sensitivity, and specificity. |
| Jaykurnar Lachure et al. [22] | Morphological Operations and Machine Learning (SVM and KNN classifier) | Messidor, DB-dataset | GLCM and Structural features | | The method detects both exudates and microaneurysms. The SVM gives better performance over KNN classifier. | As combined dataset, our specificity is 100%, and sensitivity is more than 90% for SVM |
| Malay Kishore | Edge-Based Method & | | | | The combination of these approaches | This method has better accuracy |

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| Dutta et. Al. [18] | Strategic Thresholding | | | | based on the threshold and edge detection helps in eliminating all possible types of noises leading to false exudates that may have crept in. | without compromising the computational time. |
| T. Ruba et al. [23] | classifier | MESSIDOR | | SVM | It gives good Correctness, Sensitivity, and Specificity. | This method is automated and simple; it detects symptoms faster. It works effectively even on a poor computing system |
| Amol Bhatkar[24] | Discrete Cosine Transform (DCT) | DIARETDB0 | Entropy, mean, standard deviation, average, Euler number, contrast, correlation, energy and homogeneity | MLPNN | Detecting accuracy is 100% | Classification accuracy of multi-layer perceptron is Good. |
| Vijay Mane, Ramish B Kawadiwale, D. V. Jadhav[25] | Local entropy thresholding, Length filtering | DIARETDB1 | Area, aspect ratio, eccentricity, mean intensity, standard deviation, major axis, minor axis, compactness, equivalent diameter, roundness | SVM | Sensitivity is 96.42%, specificity is 100%, Accuracy is 96.62% | The proposed method performs very well in detecting red lesions as compared to existing methods |
| Syna Sreng, Noppadol Maneerat, Don Isarakorn [26] | Maximum entropy thresholding method, median filtering, contrast limited adaptive histogram equalization, Otsu thresholding, | - | Area, radius, | | The result from the ophthalmologist shows that 90 % of HEs detections were successful with the average of processing time is 6.23 seconds per image. | Given a success rate of 90 % with the average of processing time is 6.23 seconds per image on HEs detection, the proposed method is about to reach the requirement for the real practical software in the hospital |
| Priyakshi Bharali, Jyoti Prakash Medhi and Dr. S.R. Nirmala [27] | CLAHE, median and average filtering, Region growing, Niblack's thresholding, | HRF, DIARETDB, DIARETDB, MESSIDOR | | | The algorithm detected Haemorrhages in 551 images out of 561 images giving an accuracy of 98.22% | The experimental results show that the detection of Haemorrhages is sufficiently accurate and useful. Hence this method may be used for automatic analysis of retinal diseases. |
| K. Udaya Bhaskar [28] | Luminosity Contrast normalization pre-processing, | DIARET DB1 & DB0 database | Mean of blue channel, mean of green channel, standard deviation of red channel, Standard deviation of blue channel, Mean of green channel intensity, Mean of blue channel, Region centroid in blue channel, Region | Multi-Layered Perceptron (MLP), Radial Basis Function (RBF) and FLANN classifier | Propose method having sensitivity of 99%, specificity of 89%, accuracy of 94.7%, | FLANN classifier has an advantage over MLP and RBF because FLANN does not have any hidden layer |

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| | | | centroid in blue channel, Color difference of the Red channel, Color difference of the green channel, Color difference of the blue channel, Region compactness, Homogeneity | | | |
| Ishita De, Suchismita Das, Debalina Ghosh [29] | CLAHE | | | | Proposed method gives Specificity 97.68 %, Sensitivity 70%, Accuracy 95.42 % | The method is quite good in terms of time requirement. The time taken for an image in the Drive database is less than a minute. The time required is less because we use less number of steps. Another advantage of the method is that it does not require the border masks provided in the database. So it can be used for other retinal image databases for which the border masks are not provided. |
| Liu Hongying, Fang Juan, Li Qingli [30] | AAV2-EPO, MHIS (hyperspectral imaging system), AOTF(Acoustic-optic Tunable Filters), | | Hyperspectral image | | The experimental data indicates that the performance of retinal ONL cells of DR rats can return to normal levels after AAV2-EPO middle dose and high dose treatment, while AAV2-EPO low dose treatment can't effectively restore the performance of retinal ONL cells Of DR rats. | the thickness of the outer nuclear layer, comparing the relative error of the spectrum and spectral Similarity comparison. Which helps us to confirm which group of E1E2E3 have the optimal therapeutic effect. |
| Jaykumar Lachure, A.V. Deorankar, Sagar Lachure, Miss. Swati Gupta, Romit Jadhav [31] | Canny edge detector, GLCM, multiclass formulation | Messidor, DB-rect dataset, | Structural features, area, local maxima, red spot, energy, contrast, entropy, homogeneity, Euclidian distance | SVM, KNN | specificity is 100% and sensitivity is more than 90% for SVM. | Proposed method shows SVM classifier is better classifier than KNN. So from the extracted feature it directly concludes the disease grad as normal, moderate and severe. |
| Surbhi Sangwan, Vishal Sharma, Misha Kakkar [32] | Gradient magnitude segmentation, fuzzy c clustering, | | Mean, sum of ON pixels, area of exudates, edge, | SVM | This paper provides a basis of classification of Normal, NPDR or PDR affected eye with high accuracy percentage of 92.6%. | These results strengthen the idea that SVM can be used efficiently and effectively as a classifier for detecting eye related diseases causes by diabetic |

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