

Medical Dynamic Image Compression with Hybrid Coders

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ABSTRACT

Many researchers have focused on the application and development of digital medical images during this decade. Because of the deployment of data quantification, lossless image compression, digital data retrieval, and the computer-aided diagnosis system, Doctors can diagnose the patient fast, easily, and correctly, even from the long distance clinic. Therefore, image compression technique becomes more and more important in digital image processing. In this paper, a novel hybrid coders is developed for dynamic medical image compression. The key techniques include discrete wavelet transformation (DWT), triangle-block matching algorithm, and arithmetical coding to reduce the temporal redundancy and to achieve a nice rate of lossless compression effect. There are two datum in the experimental design, one is conducted by compressing the dynamic magnetic resonance images (MRI) for human left ventricle. The other is conducted by compressing the functional magnetic resonance images (fMRI) for human brain. The peak signal-to-noise ratio (PNSR) and compression ratio (CR) are used to evaluated the performance of this approach. Experimental results show that the PNSRs and CR for both cases are acceptable by applying the proposed method.

Keywords : lossless dynamic medical image compression, magnetic resonance image, peak signal-to-noise ratio, compression ratio

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