

Detection and Three Dimensional Visualization of Gliosis in Magnetic Resonance Brain Images

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ABSTRACT

Gliosis is a fibre pathological change of brain glia cell. State of gliosis is related to many diseases, such as diabetes and multiple sclerosis. Since Magnetic Resonance Images are clear and contain rich physical parametric information, it is a main tool to acquire gliosis image. An effective computer aided diagnostic tool is highly desired for clinical applications and medical research. In this thesis, the Active Contours Without Edges (i.e. Active Contours using Level Sets, ACLS) algorithm and Genetic Algorithm are applied to search near optimal parameters for detecting the borders of parenchyma and gliosis. The performance of ACLS and Expectation Maximum (EM) is compared in the simulated images. The results showed that ACLS is superior to EM both in segmentation quality and computational time. The ACLS is applied to a real case of parenchyma and the gliosis segmentation. The segmentation output is post-processed by 3D surface rendering reconstruction for visualization of the location of brain gliosis.

Keywords : Gliosis ; Magnetic Resonance Image ; Image Segmentation ; Genetic Algorithms ; Level Sets ; Three Dimensional Visualization

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