

以框架為基礎之虛擬大腸鏡系統

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摘要

虛擬大腸鏡 (virtual colonoscopy) 提供非侵入性 (noninvasive) 的方式來檢視大腸的內部構造, 自從1994年首度問世以來, 便一直受到廣泛的重視與研究。在臨床的應用上, 醫師雖然可以看見腸壁外觀的立體化呈現, 但是單純由三維影像來判斷病灶是不夠的, 仍然必須在二維與三維影像中來回反覆操作與觀察。整個過程不但耗時, 也無法與外科病理之特徵相互結合, 達到協助判讀之最終目的。由於虛擬大腸鏡系統結合了電腦圖學與醫療影像等兩個不同領域之技術, 所需之開發門檻甚高, 因此, 如何快速、有效地建立虛擬大腸鏡系統, 作為進一步研究的平台, 便是十分重要的課題。有鑑於此, 本論文提出虛擬大腸鏡系統之開發步驟, 並利用框架 (framework) 整合之技術來實作, 包括透過MFC (Microsoft Foundation Class) 來產生視窗應用程式並提供圖形化使用者介面, 由ITK (Insight Toolkit) 提供醫療影像檔案讀取與處理之功能, 並透過VTK (Visualization Toolkit) 實作各種資料視覺化功能。利用框架來開發應用程式, 可以減少常用功能之重複開發, 讓系統開發者可以專注在解決特定領域 (domainspecific) 的問題上。

關鍵詞: 影像分割, 虛擬大腸鏡, 應用程式框架, 表面呈像

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