

Validation of Performance Homogeneity of Chan-Vese Model on Selected Tumour Cells

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ABSTRACT

This study aims to analyze the Chan-Vese model's performance using a variety of tumor images. The processes involve the tumors' segmentation, detecting the tumors, identifying the segmented tumor region, and extracting the features before classification occurs. In the findings, the Chan-Vese model performed well with brain and breast tumor segmentation. The model on the skin performed poorly. The brain recorded DSC 0.6949903, Jaccard 0.532558; the time elapsed 7.389940 with an iteration of 100. The breast recorded a DSC of 0.554107, Jaccard 0.383228; the time elapsed 9.577161 with an iteration of 100. According to this study, a higher DSC does not signify a well-segmented image, as the breast had a lower DSC than the skin. The skin recorded a DSC of 0.620420, Jaccard 0.449717; the time elapsed 17.566681 with an iteration of 200.

KEYWORDS

Chan-Vese, Deformable Models, Dice Similarity Coefficient, Level Set, Tumor

INTRODUCTION

According to Rajendran & Dhanasekaran (2012), deformable models are among the most widely employed techniques for segmentation especially in the field of medical image analysis. This technique is mainly used to identify tumor boundaries in Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) images. Though various medical image modalities currently exist with great improvement in the analysis and diagnosis of patient's condition, MRI techniques are usually preferred as they are sufficient enough in capturing a number of soft tissues in the human body (Kumar & Mankame, 2020). In instances where these images contain tumor, it volume becomes a good indicator to track and prepare suitable treatments for recovery. The quantification of this volume require segmentation which in practice is done manually

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by field experts. Although the manual segmentation can be accurate, it is time consuming and also require qualified professionals which in effect significantly limit the number of segmentation that can be accomplished in practice (Vorontsov, Tang, Roy, Pal, & Kadoury, 2017). In the segmentation of the tumor, it can be classified as malignant or benign. The benign tumors are homogeneous in structure with the absence of cancerous cells, whereas the malignant tumors are cancerous cells (Sharif et al., 2020). These cancerous cells can rapture and rapidly spread to other parts of the human body making them life-threatening and the need to remove them as soon as detected (Sehgal, Goel, Mangipudi, Mehra, & Tyagi, 2016). To detect these cells, methods like active contours become useful. Active contour models are subsets of deformable models which have been experimented broadly in image processing and are recognized as one of the most widely used and successful approaches for image segmentation. The class of region-based active contour models works primarily by incorporating special functions called the level set. These functions are deformed under well defined energy functions which traces the evolving curve towards a targeted boundary. Although these integrated functions are incredibly robust for sophisticated medical images, they suffer in accuracy against the contour curve's initialization.. The Chan-Vese model as a variant of the region-based active contour models has gained considerable interest in various image segmentation techniques (Zawish, Siyal, Ahmed, Khalil, & Memon, 2019) despite the generally known problem. Extensive investigations has been made in recent years with their integration to Computer-Aided Detection (CAD) systems for tumor segmentation making it an interesting tool to further investigate their performance across selected tumour cells in this study. Since the manual delineation of tumors is an arduous process with variations in results; it is therefore critical to develop an automated model for segmentation (Kharote, Sankhe, & Patkar, 2019; Chahal, Pandey, & Goel, 2020)).

In this study we seek to analyze the performance of the famous Chan-Vese model in an attempt to answer the question “Is Chan-Vese Model generally scalable across different tumor types?” To address this question, appropriate research data is required and study has shown that the predominate datasets sufficient for the current study are MIAS, Navoneel, Diaretdb0, and ISIC. In evaluating the performance of the model, the following metrics are used: Dice Similarity Coefficient (DSC) and Jaccard Index (JI).

RELATED WORKS

This section gives in chronological form activities in this field of study for the past few years to establish gaps and possibly improve term. In the study of Gosse, Jehan-Besson, Lecellier, & Ruan (2017), authors quest to appraise the effectiveness of 2D and 3D region-based models. The dataset used is positron emission tomography (PET) images by the MICCAI PETSEG Challenge and the methods employed are region-based deformable models such as: Chan-Vese, Locally Adaptive Random Walk (LARW), Poisson 3D, and Random Walker. The metric for the evaluation of these models was the Dice Coefficients. In their findings, the Chan-Vese 3D model recorded a Dice Coefficients of 0.8158, Poisson 3D recorded 0.7251, Random Walker (RW) recoded 0.7766, and finally, LARW recorded 0.8014. This illustrate a significant improvement of the segmentation from 2D to 3D and a validate Poisson law's implication in PET images. Nevertheless, the Chan-Vese model is the highest performing technique and delivers comparable outputs to the LARW technique. In the same year, Sultana, Blatt, Gilles, Rashid, & Audette (2017) attempts to recognize the boundary of cranial nerves and the medial axis by segmenting the ten pairs of brainstem cranial nerves from CNIII (the oculomotor nerve) to CNXII (the Hypoglossal nerve). The dataset for training the model was MRI data but the methods employed were a medial axis identification algorithm and a 3D deformable 1-simplex discrete contour model. The metrics for evaluating the models were the Dice's coefficient, average distance, Hausdorff Distance, and the Mean Square Distance (MSD). The surface segmentation technique indicated a positive outcome of 82% Dice Coefficient between semi-automatic and manual outputs in their findings. Shil et al. (2017) also designed an automated scheme to address the intricacies of

detecting brain tumors. The dataset used was MRI images of Brats13. The methods used were Otsu binarization, and K means clustering for segmentation. For feature extraction, the Discrete Wavelet Transform (DWT) coupled with Principle Component Analysis (PCA) was used while Support Vector Machine (SVM) was used for classification. The metrics for evaluation were sensitivity, specificity, and accuracy. Their findings demonstrated that the proposed scheme achieved a classification accuracy of 99.33%, sensitivity 99.17%, and specificity 100%. The study of Abbasi & Tajeripour (2017) also seek to detect brain tumors accurately to aid patient's recovery. In the study, BRATS 2013 (glioma images) was used. The histogram orientation gradient and the local binary patterns were the methods employed. The metrics for evaluation were the Dice and Jaccard. In their findings, the proposed framework is more effective in detecting brain tumors than other methods. Finally, with the study of Fiçici, Eroğul, & Telatar (2017) brain tumor segmentation were perform automatically, as the manual approach is time-wasting and less accurate. The dataset employed were FLAIR, T1 Post Gadolinium (T1C), and T1 Pre Gadolinium, and MRI. The thresholding, skull stripping, and fuzzy C mean clustering techniques were used and evaluated using sensitivity, specificity, precision, accuracy, overlap (Jaccard Coefficient), and dice similarity. In their findings, the proposed algorithm, together with symmetry analysis, performed well experimentally.

In the year 2018, Bal, Banerjee, Sharma, & Maitra (2018) seeks to detect brain tumors as high varieties of tumor tissues impede a precise diagnosis. The dataset was MR images of the BRATS: Multimodal Brain Tumor Segmentation Challenge, Whole Brain Atlas (WBA), and eHealth laboratory. The method employed was fuzzy-possibilistic C-means (FPCM), and K-means. The metrics for evaluation were the Similarity index, Jaccard index, False-negative volume function (FNVF), False positive volume function (FPVF), Solidity, and Roundness. In their findings, the proposed model Patched based K-means and fuzzy possibilistic C-means recoded a high similarity index of 0.91. The Cellular automata on the other hand recorded 0.72 while the SVM recorded 0.86. The Concatenated RFs, which was trained using asymmetry and first-order statistical features recorded 0.87, and the Generative model that performs joint segmentation registration recorded 0.88. Shivhare, Sharma & Singh (2018) built an automated model for the diagnosis of brain tumors to resolve challenges associated with manual diagnosis. The dataset employed was the BRATS 2015. The methods employed were hole-filling operations and parameter-free clustering algorithm and morphological dilation. The metric for the evaluation was the Dice Similarity Coefficient (DSC). In their findings, the outcome of the segmentation yielded 75% of the DSC for a tumor region after comparing it with the ground truth. Finally, the study of Kozegar, Soryani, Behnam, Salamati, & Tan (2018) seeks to solve issues of automatically segmenting the breast's masses due to the large variety in shape, size, and texture of 3-D objects. They aim to automate 3-D breast ultrasound—the dataset of 50 masses, consisting of 12 benign and 38 malignant lesions. Two kinds of ABUS systems datasets were used: the ACUSON S2000 automated breast volume system scan and the SomoVu automated 3-D breast ultrasound system. The method employed is a Gaussian mixture model which resulted in a mean Dice of 0.74 ± 0.19 , which outmatched the adaptive region growing with a mean Dice of 0.65 ± 0.2 (p -value <0.02). Furthermore, the resulting mean Dice significantly (p -value <0.001) outperformed the distance regularized level set evolution method (0.52 ± 0.27).

Subsequent to 2018, Shivhare, Kumar, & Singh (2019) attempts to automate brain tumors' detection with a hybrid approach as the prediction is challenging manually with the shape of the tumor being unstructured. The dataset used is BRATS2015 MRI images. The methods used were active contour model and convex hull. In their findings, the proposed method is validated in terms of the Sensitivity, Positive Predictive Value (PPV), and Dice Similarity Coefficient. An average DSC score of 92% for a complete brain tumor, 81% for brain tumor core, and 83% for an enhanced brain tumor was recorded which yielded more than the conventional approach adopted. The study of Kharote, Sankhe, & Patkar (2019) also segmented the prostate from Multiparametric Magnetic Resonance Imaging as segmentation of the prostate is a complicated process due to the extensive variations of unclear prostate boundaries in prostate shape. The database used T2-weighted prostate

MR images of 184 subjects. The methods employed were Hidden Features and Deformable Model, which involves stacked sparse AE. The metrics used were mean absolute surface distance (MASD) and the dice similarity coefficient. In their findings, the model's DSC is $87.4\% \pm 4.6\%$, and MASD of 1.80 mm. The outcome indicates that the features learned are more capable of MR prostate segmentation. The study of Zawish, Siyal, Ahmed, Khalil, & Memon (2019) also seek to detect brain tumors by segmentation which is considered a challenging task due to the overlapping of tissues. The dataset used was MRI images from Brain Atlas research. The method employed was the Chan-Vese active contour and evaluated using the computational time. In their findings, the proposed model indicated promising segmentation results. The proposed model (Chan-Vese without contours) recorded the lowest time with 3.7s for segmentation with respect to existing models like FCM, Region growing, K-mean, and Hist-Thr with running time 7.2s, 5.5s, 4.8s, 3.4s, and 3.7s respectively. Furthermore, the study of Mohamed Sathik & Synthiya Judith Gnanaselvi (2019) attempts to automate the detection of brain tumors as the diagnosis can be complicated. The dataset employed were MRI scans while employing the Radial Basis Function and Random Forest as the computational methods. The evaluation metrics were accuracy, MSE (Mean Square Error), and PSNR (Peak Signal-to-Noise-Ratio). In their findings, the Radial Basis Function and Random Forest recorded an accuracy of 68.61 and 77.58 respectively for Glioma. The Radial Basis Function and Random Forest also recorded an accuracy of 67.08 and 81.41 respectively for Meningioma a 67.5 and 86.38 respectively for Normal. Finally, Agarwal & Bhardwaj (2019) focused on detecting brain tumors, specifically Gliomas, as considerable structural and spatial variation between tumors poses an automation challenge. The dataset used was BRATS challenge datasets with extreme learning machine (ELM) as the method. The metrics used for the evaluation were DSC, PPV and sensitivity. In their findings, the ELM recorded a Dice of 0.98, and the Regression Extreme Learning Machine (RELM-L00) recorded 0.96 on a BRATS 2012 and 0.99 for both methods when evaluated on the BRATS 2013 dataset.

Finally in 2020, the study of Badshah, Rabbani, & Atta (2020) worked to reduce brain and breast tumors' manual workload by quantifying the deformed tissues. The database used was the MRI/mammogram images (T1-w, T2-w, and FLAIR sequences) and the method employed was the Laplacian of Gaussian. The metrics for the evaluation were specificity, dice coefficient, Jaccard similarity, Accuracy, and sensitivity. In their findings, the proposed model obtains average values of 99.96% for Jaccard similarity, 99.88% for dice coefficient, 99.91% for Accuracy, 99.91% for sensitivity, and 99.95% for specificity, which outperformed the existing techniques. Again, the study of Shrivastava & Bharti (2020) attempted to detect breast cancer early, as tumor segmentation and classification accuracy can make diagnosis efficient. The dataset used were; RIDER breast MR Images and Digital Database for Screening Mammography (DDSM), and Mammographic Image Analysis Society (MIAS). The method used was Seeded Region Growing (SRG) and the metric used for evaluation was sensitivity known as the True Positive Fraction (TPF), specificity known as the False Negative Fraction (FNF), Dice Similarity Coefficient (DSC), Relative Overlap (RO), Sum of True Volume Fraction (SVTF), Misclassification Rate (MCR), Accuracy, False Positive Fraction (FPF), True Negative Fraction (TNF), Precision (P), and F-measure. In their findings, classification accuracy is better than previous techniques, which is 91.4%. The hybrid technique detects the tumor's size and shape from both mammograms and MR Images and efficiently distinguishes the tumor as malignant or benign. Finally, the study of Khalil, Darwish, Ibrahim, & Hassan (2020) detects brain tumors from 3D Magnetic Resonance Imaging (3D-MRI) as the brain tumor's size, structure, and form can be challenging. The dataset employed were the (BRATS) 2017 dataset and the method employed was the two-step dragonfly algorithm (DA) clustering technique. The metrics employed were Accuracy, Recall, and Precision. In their findings, the hybrid approach on 3D-MRI images from the multimodal brain tumor segmentation challenge BRATS2017 dataset indicates that the proposed technique for brain tumor segmentation shows potential just like the existing methods.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

This section investigates the current approach employed in deformable models for tumor detection and discusses the various techniques used in detail. It also explains the data used for the study as well.

Datasets

In this study, the MIAS, Navoneel, and ISIC datasets were used to validate the Chan-Vese model. These datasets were specifically chosen as they were publicly available and widely used in this study area noted from the review done. Broadly, tumors cells can be associated with the brain, eye, skin, liver, and breast making it quite versatile to study. However, as a proof of concept of the scalability of the famous Chan-Vese model the breast from MIAS, brain from Navoneel and skin from ISIC was considered.

Image Preprocessing

To carry out with the segmentation process, data preprocessing is required. At that level, the images are converted to grayscale while the identified noise is filtered out with the anisotropic filters using Eqn. 1.

$$\frac{\partial x}{\partial t} = \text{div}\left(c(m, n, t) \nabla I\right) = \nabla c \cdot \nabla x + c(m, n, t) \nabla x \quad (1)$$

where ∇c denotes the image gradient and $c(m, n, t)$ denotes the coefficient.

Deformable Models

Chan-Vese Technique

According to Lakshmi Priya, Saraswathi, & Punitha Lakshmi (2019), Chan-Vese (CV) model as a segmentation tool is one of the state-of-the-art segmentation approach derived from gradient-based and thresholding segmenting technique. The approach employs an energy reduction function that can be formulated using a level set. As part of its formulation, it makes use of the Shah algorithm which is derived from edges and colors for the segmentation phase. The algorithm holistically, consists of some stages such as: feature extraction at different parameters and the optimization of its values. In optimizing the values, the position of the features are detected more accurately. These properties make them more advantageous over gradient-based approach as they resolve their inherent challenges. Figure 1 gives a detailed workflow of the current Chan-Vese segmentation algorithm. At the heart of Chan-Vese algorithm is the “fitting energy” function with an associated attribute derived from features such the image length and the color intensity. In the study of Z. Wang, Wang, Yang, Pan, & Han (2018), the CV approach is generally implemented to images that require the segmentation of its regions into two: background and target. For a given image $I(x, y)$ on the domain Ω the CV algorithm seeks to decrease the energy function as mathematically expressed in Eqn. 2.

$$E(c_1, c_2, C) = v \cdot \text{Length}(C) + \lambda_1 \int_{\Omega_1} |I(x, y) - c_1|^2 dx dy + \lambda_2 \int_{\Omega_2} |I(x, y) - c_2|^2 dx dy + v \text{Area}(\text{inside}(c)) \quad (2)$$

where C denotes the curve, coefficients v , λ_1 , and λ_2 are fixed parameters, and constants c_1 and c_2 represents the average intensities in and out of the curve respectively. The length of C and

the area in C are employed to check the boundary smoothness. Using the level set to denote C as the Lipschitz function's $\phi(x,y)$ zero-level set, Eqn. 2 can be rewritten as Eqn. 3.

$$E(c_1, c_2, \phi) = \lambda_1 \int_{\Omega} |I(x, y) - C_1|^2 H(\phi(x, y)) dx dy + \lambda_2 \int_{\Omega} |I(x, y) - c_2|^2 (1 - H(\phi(x, y))) dx dy + \mu \int_{\Omega} \delta(\phi(x, y)) |\nabla \phi(x, y)| dx dy + v \int_{\Omega} H(\phi(x, y)) dx dy \quad (3)$$

where $\delta(\phi)$ and $H(\phi)$ are the Dirac and Heaviside functions, respectively. Mainly, the regularized variant is expressed as shown in Eqn 4

$$H(\phi) = \frac{1}{2} \left[1 + \frac{2}{\pi} \arctan \left(\frac{\phi}{\varepsilon} \right) \right], \quad \delta(\phi) = \frac{1}{\pi} \cdot \frac{\varepsilon}{\varepsilon^2 + \phi^2} \quad (4)$$

Maintaining c_1 and c_2 fixed, $E(c_1, c_2, C)$ is minimized with regards to $\phi(x, y)$, as we derive the Euler-Lagrange equation for $\phi(x,y)$. Parameterizing the descent position arbitrarily by time t , the formulation of the corresponding variation level set can be obtained as Eqn 5.

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t} &= \delta(\phi) \left\{ \mu \cdot \text{div} \left(\frac{\nabla \phi}{|\nabla \phi|} \right) - v - \lambda_1 [I(x, y) - c_1]^2 + \lambda_2 [I(x, y) - c_2]^2 \right\} \\ c_1 &= \frac{\int_{\Omega} I(x, y) H(\phi) dx dy}{\int_{\Omega} H(\phi) dx dy} \\ c_2 &= \frac{\int_{\Omega} I(x, y) [1 - H(\phi)] dx dy}{\int_{\Omega} [1 - H(\phi)] dx dy} \\ \phi(x, y, 0) &= \phi_0(x, y) \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

In Eqn. 4, the CV uses the local gradient details to check the curve's deformation movement and the contour curve evolution. Two issues arise with this approach which require attention when extracting the target leaf from a given MR/CT image. The first is the initialization, and the second is the failure for the curve to evolve. Resolution of this problem requires the initialization to be done at the center of the image for the evolving curve to halt when its curvature is stable for a particular period.

Level Sets

Level-Set methods have been widely employed to capture interface development, especially when the interface experiences extreme topological changes. It adopts Hamilton Jacob and Partial Differential Equations method to fix the segmentation issue. In the formulation of the level set, a closed contour $C \subset \Omega$ is usually denoted by zero level set implicitly as a Lipschitz function $\phi: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$. The signed distance function (SDF, $\nabla \cdot \phi = 1$) denoting the surface is usually the appropriate choice of the active contour models and is expressed as Eqn. 6.

$$\phi(x, t) = \begin{cases} \text{dist}(x, C_s) & \text{if } \phi(x) > 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } \phi(x) = 0 \\ -\text{dist}(x, C_r) & \text{if } \phi(x) < 0 \end{cases} \quad (6)$$

where the evolving curve C_t at time t is the shortest; $\text{dist}(x, C_t)$ is Euclidean distance from the pixel position x . Generally, it enables the curve to go through topological changes by resolving the

energy functional solution spontaneously. The level set function ϕ take negative and positive values inside and outside the contour C , and further deduce the model's energy function as shown in Eqn. 7.

$$F(\phi, c_p, c_2) = \sum_{i=1}^2 (\lambda_j \int_{\Omega_2} (\int K_\sigma(x-y)(f(y)-c_i)^2 dy) M_i^c(\phi(x)) dx) + \mu \int_{\Omega} |\nabla H_\epsilon(\phi(x))| dx \quad (7)$$

where $M_i^c(\bullet)$ is defined in Eqn. 8

$$M_1^c(\phi(x)) = H_c(\phi) = 1/2 \times (1 + 2/\pi \times \arctan(\phi(x)/\epsilon)) \text{ and } M_2^c(\phi) = 1 - H_c(\phi) \quad (8)$$

The level set function's regularity $\phi(x)$ is critical for stable evolution, and precise computation particularly close to the zero levels set position is expected. The effective fix is to apply re-initialization that is evolving to a steady-state defined by the partial differential equation in Eqn. 9

$$\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t} + \text{sgn}(\phi_0) (|\nabla \phi| - 1) = 0, \phi(x, \tau = 0) = \phi_0(x) \quad (9)$$

where ϕ_0 represents the level set function to be re-initialized. Nevertheless, ϕ_0 does not remain steeper or smoother after multiple iterations. To skip high time-consumption during the re-initialization process, a level set regularization is formulated as in Eqn. 10.

$$P(\phi) = \int_{\Omega} 1/2 \cdot (|\nabla \phi(x)| - 1)^2 dx \quad (10)$$

Typically, during curve evolution, the penalty term induces the level set function ϕ near a signed distance function. Hence, the complete energy function is expressed as in Eqn. 11.

$$F(\phi, c_1, c_2) = \lambda_1 \int_{\Omega} (\int K(x-y)(f(y)-c_1)^2 dy) H_s(\phi(x)) dx + \lambda_2 \int_{\Omega} (\int K(x-y)(f(y)-c_2)^2 dy) (1 - H_s(\phi(x))) dx + \mu \cdot \int_{\Omega} \delta_\epsilon(\phi(x)) |\nabla \phi(x)| dx + v \int_{\Omega} 1/2 \cdot (|\nabla \phi(x)| - 1)^2 dx \quad (11)$$

where v is Lagrange multiplier coefficient and the positive constants are as shown in Eqn 12

$$c_1(\phi) = \frac{\int_{\Omega} f(x) H_c(\phi(x)) dx}{\int_{\Omega} H_s(\phi(x)) dx}, c_2(\phi) = \frac{\int_{\Omega} f(x) (1 - H_c(\phi(x))) dx}{\int_{\Omega} (1 - H_s(\phi(x))) dx} \quad (12)$$

$\delta\epsilon$ is the derivative of $H\epsilon$ and is written as Eqn 13

$$H_\epsilon(z) = \frac{1}{2} \times \left(1 + \frac{2}{\pi} \times \arctan\left(\frac{z}{\epsilon}\right) \right), \delta_s = \frac{1}{\pi} \frac{\epsilon}{x^2 + \epsilon^2}, \epsilon > 0 \quad (13)$$

On the Heaviside function's profile's smoothness, the parameter ε generates an effect. Using a considerable value ε allows the Heaviside function (regularized) to less steep close to the zero position, while expanding the range of capture and triggering less sensitive to blur boundary.

Active Contours

Given U as a class of domains (regular bounded sets, open, C_2) of R_n ($n = 2$ or 3), and Ω_i an element of U with boundary $\partial\Omega_i$, a segmentation problem (region-based) seeks at identifying a partition of ΩI in two regions $\{\Omega_{in}, \Omega_{out}\}$ that minimizes the criterion in Eqn 14.

$$E(\Omega_{in}, \Omega_{out}, \alpha) = J_r(\Omega_{in}) + J_r(\Omega_{out}) + \alpha J_{reg}(\alpha) \quad (14)$$

where $J_r(\Omega_i)$ illustrates the similarity of the region Ω_i which can be categorized into sections A and B depending on the distribution, the expression Γ between the two regions represents the common interface. The energy term J_{reg} is a regularization expression which is a balanced positive real parameter α selected as $J_{reg} = R \int \Gamma da$, where da denotes an area element. In 2D, the term relates to minimizing the curve length while in 3D it minimizes the surface area. This term ensures a smooth curve or surface delineating the tumor. The shape gradient descent is performed by computing the evolution equation of an active contour by employing shape derivation tools. Computationally, the shape derivative deduced from the evolution equation to move the active contour is expressed in Eqn. 15.

$$\frac{\partial \alpha}{\partial \tau} (p, \tau) = v(x, \Omega) N(x) \quad (15)$$

where $v(x, \Omega)$ is the active contour's velocity (using 2D or 3D) obtained from the shape derivatives with the velocity positioned along the unit inward normal N of $\partial\Omega$. From an initial curve $\Gamma(\tau = 0) = \Gamma_0$, the active contour can evolve.

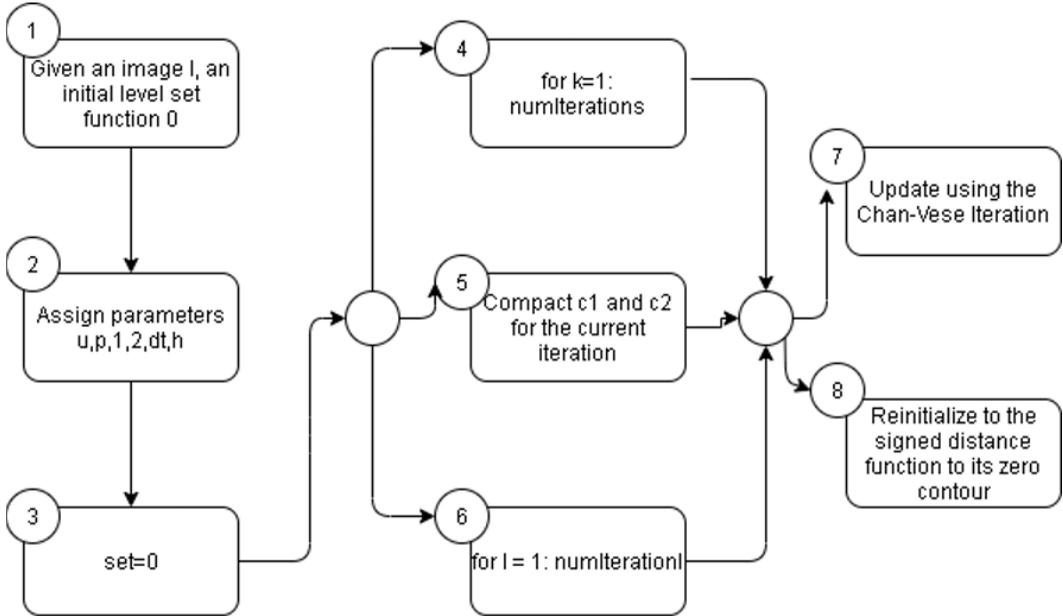
Metrics

As noted from the the review in Section 2, the most widely used metrics for performance evaluation are Dice Similarity Coefficient and the Jaccard Coefficient. In this study the performance of the standard Chan-Vese models is re-evaluated to assess is scalability on selected dataset of various forms of tumors. The dice similarity coefficient is primarily used as a quantitative measure of an algorithm's ability to automatically determine the segmentation accuracy. The Jaccard Coefficient on the other hand is used to measure the similarity of two sets. Their value ranges from 0 to 1, where a value closer to one indicates acceptability. Mathematically, we have Eqn. 16 and Eqn. 17 to represent DSC and JC respectively.

$$\text{Dice Similarity Coefficient} = \frac{2 * TP}{(TP + FP) + (TP + FN)} \quad (16)$$

where FP, TP, TN, and FN represent false positive, true positive, true negative, and false negative, respectively.

Figure 1. The Chan-Vese Model (Lakshmi Priya et al., 2019)



$$Jaccard(A, B) = \frac{|A \cap B|}{|A \cup B|} \quad (17)$$

where A and B indicate the ground truth and segment result, respectively.

The Chan-Vese Architecture

The process flow diagram of the Chan-Vese architecture is shown in Figure 1. The first stage takes an initial image and establishes the contour. In the second stage, some variables are declared; the number of iterations of the model is set for the model to perform segmentation; the variables are initially declared with zero value. In the fifth stage, the current iterations are displayed as segmentation occurs. In stage six, the iterations run according to the number set starting for one. In stage seven, the model records the current segmented results and in the last stage, after training, the model is ready to accept the next iteration value.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

This section discusses the performance of the Chan-Vese model in the detection of tumor from the brain, breast, and skin. The segmentation algorithm is trained and tested on an Intel® Core (TM) i3-3220 CPU @ 3.30 GHz processor of three GigaHertz speed and eight GigaByte RAM (Random Access Memory) Dell Machine. Each analysis was performed at iteration 100, 150, 200, 250 and 300. Images with label “Y” are images with tumor present while “N” indicate images without tumor.

Observations with Brain Tumor Analysis

Figure 2 illustrates the preprocessing phase. After performing segmentation on an image with a tumor, a Dice Similarity of 0.694993, and Jaccard of 0.532558 was recorded. The elapsed time was

Table 1. Performance Value on Brain Tumor Image

Iteration	Dice Similarity	Jaccard	Elapsed Time	Image Name
100	0.694993	0.532558	7.389940	Tumor Image 1
150	0.694980	0.532543	11.043630	Tumor Image 1
200	0.694993	0.532558	12.817540	Tumor Image 1
100	0.598459	0.427001	9.831900	Tumor Image 2
150	0.598485	0.427027	13.925961	Tumor Image 2
200	0.598531	0.427074	16.637554	Tumor Image 2

7.389940 seconds at iteration 100, as shown in Figure 3. Figure 4 shows that of iteration 150 with Dice Similarity of 0.694980, and Jaccard of 0.532543 at an elapsed time 11.043630. The iteration was stopped at 200 since there is no significant change as shown in Table 1.

After performing segmentation on an image without a tumor a Dice Similarity of 0.616987, and a Jaccard of 0.446118 was recorded. The elapsed time was 16.556324 seconds at an iteration of 200, as shown in Figure 5.

Breast Tumor Analysis

With the breast tumor of the first image, after performing the segmentation, a Dice Similarity of 0.554107, and Jaccard of 0.383228 was observed at an elapsed time of 9.577161 seconds with an iteration of 100, as shown in Figure 6. Repeating the process for iteration 150 and 200 with two test images we have Dice Similarity and Jaccard values recorded in Table 2.

After repeating the process again on a breast image without a tumor, a Dice Similarity of 0.518233, and Jaccard of 0.349740 was recorded with an elapsed time of 11.232338 seconds at iteration 200 as shown in Figure 7.

Figure 2. Preprocessed Brain Tumor Image with Anisotropic Filter

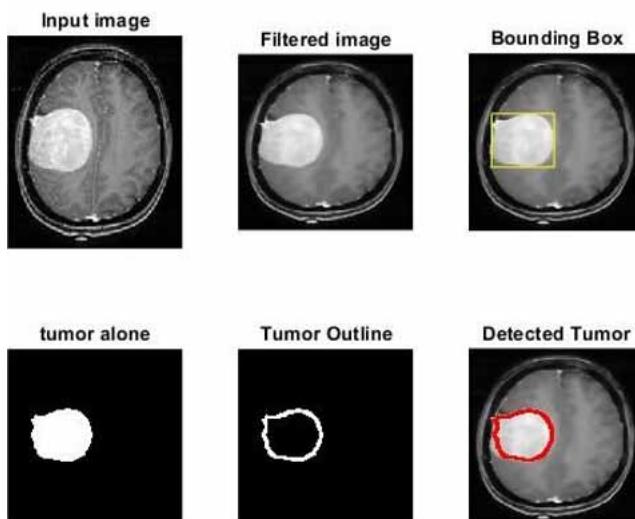
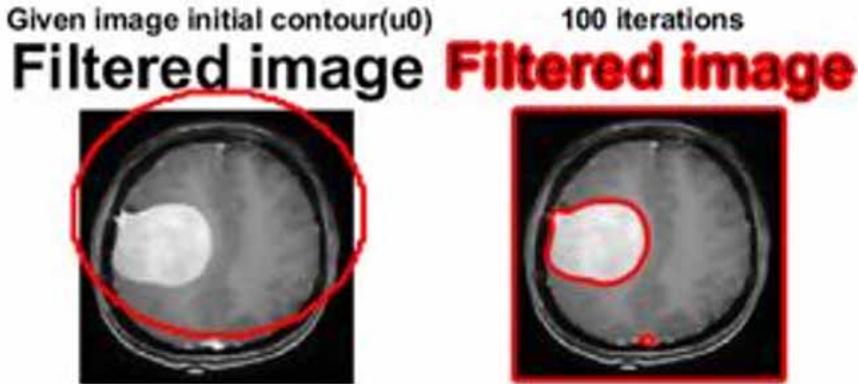


Figure 3. Chan-Vese Segmentation at Iteration 100 on Brain Tumor Image



Skin Tumor Analysis

After performing segmentation on an image with a tumor, the model recorded a Dice Similarity of 0.618725, and Jaccard of 0.447938. The elapsed was 10.403951 seconds with an iteration of 100, as shown in Figure 8. Repeating this process again at iteration 150 and 200, a Dice Similarity of 0.618719 and 0.618725 and a Jaccard of 0.447931 and 0.447938 were respectively obtained. Their computational time were noted to be 14.111079 and 16.480397 respectively at iteration 150 and 200. Figure 9 and Figure 10 represent the visual performance of the model as applied to a skinned image containing tumor. Applying the model on the second image with skin tumor, a Dice Similarity of 0.620293, and Jaccard of 0.449584 was recorded with an elapsed time of 9.597521 seconds at iteration 100 as shown

Figure 4. Chan-Vese Segmentation at Iteration 150 on Brain Tumor Image

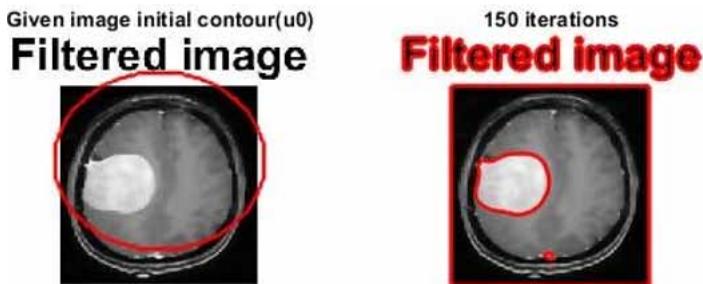


Figure 5. Chan-Vese Segmentation at Iteration 200 on Brain Tumor Image

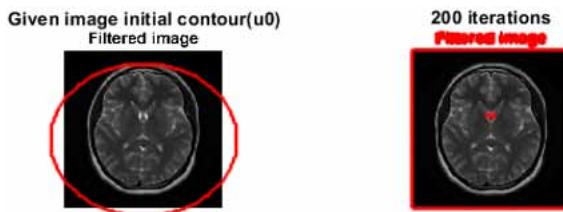


Table 2. Performance Value on Breast Tumor Image

Iteration	Dice Similarity	Jaccard	Elapsed Time	Image Name
100	0.554107	0.383228	9.577161	Tumor Image 1
150	0.553814	0.382948	13.222634	Tumor Image 1
200	0.553696	0.382835	16.973739	Tumor Image 1
100	0.367115	0.537066	11.327466	Tumor Image 2
150	0.536902	0.366962	13.400257	Tumor Image 2
200	0.536852	0.366915	16.543606	Tumor Image 2

Figure 6. Chan-Vese Segmentation at Iteration 100 on Breast Tumor Image

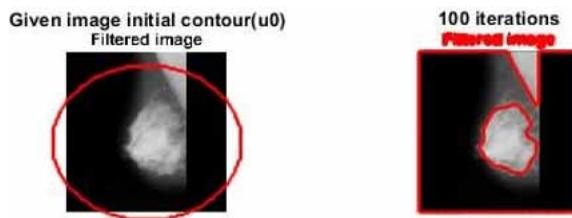
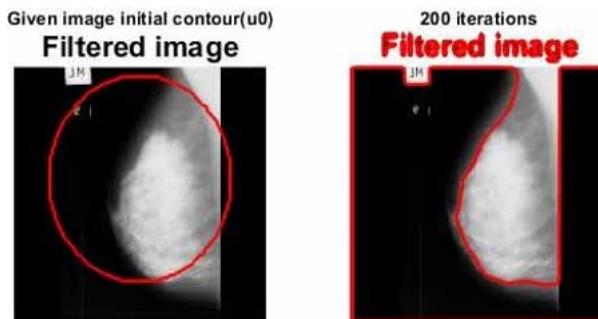


Figure 7. Chan-Vese Segmentation at Iteration 200 on Breast non-Tumor Image



in Figure 11. At iteration 150 and 200, a Dice Similarity of (0.620350, 0.620420), and Jaccard of (0.449643, 0.449717) was recorded respectively at an elapsed time of (13.496094, 17.566681). The visual performance of the model at iteration 150 and 200 on the second image of the skin tumor is as shown in Figure 12 and Figure 13. Finally, this model recorded a Dice Similarity of 0.620680, and Jaccard of 0.449990 when applied on the skin image without a tumor cell. Computationally, it took 17.921264 seconds at iteration of 200 the generated the needed result.

Discussion

From the results reported for the brain, breast, and skin tumor, there is an indication that an increase in iterations do not necessarily affect performance, instead it only introduces time complexity at higher iterations. Using time as a performance indicator, it is observed that of all the tumors employed for this study, the Chan-Vese model performed relatively well on brain tumor segmentation, followed by breast

Figure 8. Chan-Vese Segmentation at Iteration 100 on Skin Tumor Image

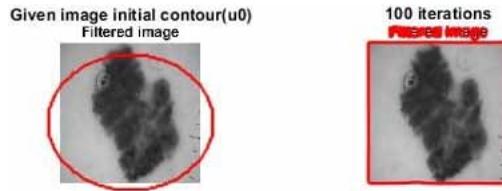


Figure 9. Chan-Vese Segmentation at Iteration 150 on Skin Tumor Image

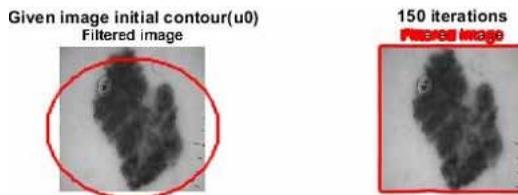


Figure 10. Chan-Vese Segmentation at Iteration 200 on Skin Tumor Image

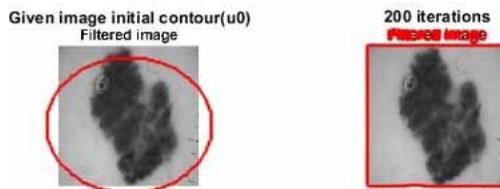


Figure 11. Chan-Vese Segmentation at Iteration 100 on Second Skin Tumor Image



Figure 12. Chan-Vese Segmentation at Iteration 150 on Second Skin Tumor Image

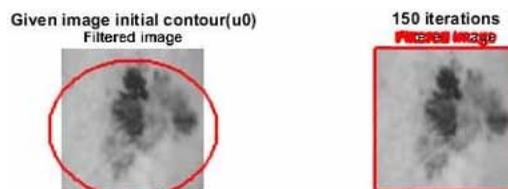


Figure 13. Chan-Vese Segmentation at Iteration 200 on Second Skin Tumor Image

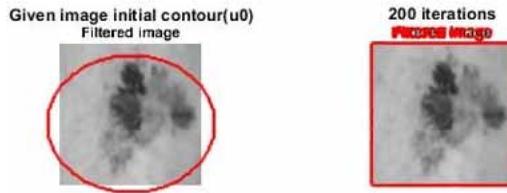


Table 3. Evaluation of the CV Technique

Dataset	Tumor	Iteration	Time Elapsed	Dice Similarity Coefficient	Jaccard
BRAIN	WITH	100	7.389940	0.6949903	0.532558
BREAST	WITH	100	9.577161	0.554107	0.383228
SKIN	WITH	200	17.566681	0.620420	0.449717

tumor segmentation and finally with skin tumor segmentation. Table 3 gives a summary evaluation of the Chan-Vese model indicating best performance on brain tumor in the light of disc similarity coefficient. The brain recorded an of disc similarity coefficient 0.6949903, Jaccard 0.532558, the time elapsed 7.389940 with an iteration of 100,. The breast also recorded a DSC of 0.554107, Jaccard 0.383228, the time elapsed 9.577161 with an iteration of 100. According to this study, a higher disc similarity coefficient does not signify a well-segmented image as the breast had a lower score than the skin yet performed better by visual inspection. The skin recorded a disc similarity coefficient of 0.620420, Jaccard 0.449717, the time elapsed 17.566681 at an iteration of 200.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, the study was able to segment tumor cells from MR/CT images using the MIAS, Navoneel, and ISIC dataset to investigate the performance scalability of the well known Chan-Vese model. The datasets involved images consisting of tumors of the brain, breast, and skin. From the analysis of the various datasets, the Chan-Vese could be rated high only when applied to the segmentation of brain tumors other than the other forms of tumors like the breast and skin. This conclude that though the Chan-Vese model is known to be very good for tumor detection it does not scale across all tumor type. Moving forward other models known to work well should be further investigated on their scalability. Furthermore, hybrid models can also be considered for investigation

an assess their scalability. It is important to obtain models that scales well with some predefined parameter to better build a unified diagnostic system.

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