

THE BREAST TISSUE DENSITY CLASSIFICATION BASED ON HARALICK AND SFTA FEATURES EXTRACTION METHODS

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ABSTRACT

It has been shown that the sensitivity of any computer-aided diagnostic (CAD) system in the detection of breast cancer is impacted by breast density, thus characterizing the breast tissue type in mammograms can act as a primary step to detect cancer and reduce false positive. In this paper we introduce an approach to the classification of mammogram images according to breast tissue type based on Haralick, segmented-based fractal texture analysis SFTA, and combining Haralick and SFTA feature extraction methods. This study examines two classification tasks using support vector machines (SVM) classifiers. The first classification problem differentiate between fatty and non-fatty tissue, the second one is differentiate between glandular and dense tissue. Experiments were applied to the whole set of 322 mammogram images from the MIAS database. The experiments deal with two sides of woman breast as one case study rather than individual images. The best classification accuracies rate are 88% achieved infatty and non-fatty classification taskby using SFTA features, and 78% for glandular and dense classification using a combination of Haralick and SFTA feature extraction methods.

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