

Content Based Image Retrieval by using Multi Layer Centroid Contour Distance

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Abstract—In this paper we present a new approach to measuring similarity between two shape of object. In conventional method, centroid contour distance (CCD) is formed by measuring distance between centroid (center) and boundary of object, but this method cannot capture if an object have multiple boundary in the same angle. We develop a novel approach feature shape by measuring distance between centroid (center) and boundary of object that can capture multiple boundaries in the same angle or multi-layer centroid contour distance (MLCCD). The experiment result on simulation dataset and plankton dataset show that the proposed method (MLCCD) better than the conventional method (CCD).

Keywords— Content based Image Retrieval; CCD; MLCCD

I. INTRODUCTION

Recently every time amount of image in the world is increasing very fast and there is a big concern to recognize an object in large collections of image databases. Image database every time become bigger and it make a problem dealing with database organization so the necessity of efficient algorithm is obvious needed [1].

Content based image retrieval(CBIR) also known as query by image content is technique which uses visual content that well known as features for extracting similar images from an image in database [2][3][4]. On The Content based Image Retrieval (CBIR) local feature of an image is computed at some point of interest location in order to recognizing an object. In order to recognize the object firstly the image has to be represented by a feature vector. This feature vector be converted to different domain to make simple and efficient image characteristic, classification and indexing [5].

Many techniques to extract the image feature is proposed [6][7][8] [9]. Shape is one of important visual feature of an image and used to describe image content [8]. The Centroid contour distance (CCD) is formed by measuring distance between centroid (center) and boundary of object [10].

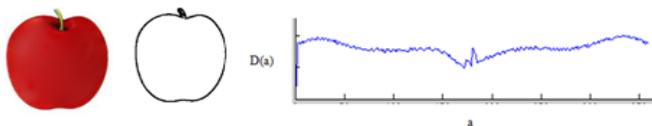


Fig. 1. An object and its centroid distance signature

Figure1 is image apple, boundary of object apple and its centroid distance signature. $D(a)$ is distance between center of object and the boundary of object with angle a (from 0 to 360). Suppose center object is (X_c, Y_c) and b is point in the boundary of object with coordinate (X_b, Y_b) . The distance (D_n) between center and the point in the boundary:

$$D_n = \sqrt{(X_b - X_c)^2 + (Y_b - Y_c)^2} \quad (1)$$

And the CCD feature is :

$$CCD = [D_1, D_2, D_3, \dots, D_n]$$

Where:

D_n = Distance between center and point number n in the Boundary of object.

n = Total point in the boundary of object.

The remainder of this paper will be organized into the following sections: in the section Two, Proposed method, The third section will describe Similarity and performance, The experiment results will be discussed in the fourth section and finally, the fifth section will provide conclusions.

II. PROPOSED METHOD

Figure 2 is Diagram block of the proposed CBIR.

Firstly images in the database image one by one are extracted. The local feature of an image at some point at interest location is computed. Interest location of the local feature can be obtained by converting RGB image to gray image and implement the canny filter to detect edge position then use morphology filter to ensure the shape of object clear. Feature vector is computed by measuring distance between center of object and point in the boundary object then the result is placed to the feature vector layer 1 if the object has multiple points in the same angle (see fig.3) the result is placed into next layer. All images in the database image is processed by using same method and the output is placed into database of feature vector retrieval.

Secondly, when a query image is provided then applied same method to obtain feature vector. These feature vector is compared with other feature vector that exist in the database of feature vector retrieval by using the Euclidean distance.

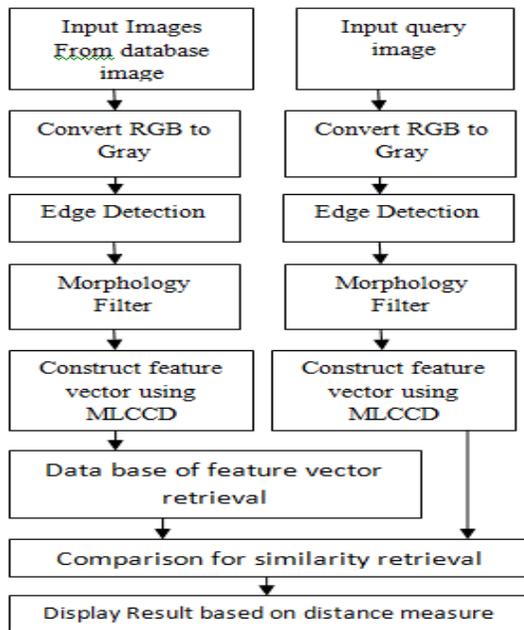


Fig. 2. Diagram block of Proposed Cbir

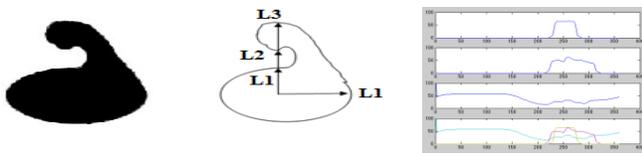


Fig. 3. An object and its multi layer centroid contour distance (MLCCD) signature

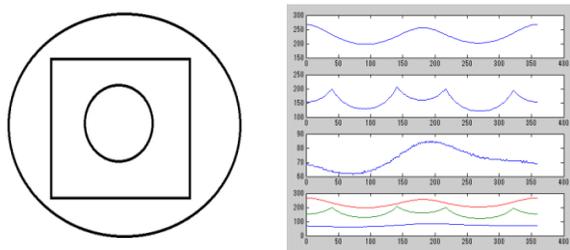


Fig. 4. An object and its multi layer centroid contour distance (MLCCD) signature

In figure 3 when the angle 0 there is one point have to be captured. However, when the angle is 270 degree there are three point have to be captured by using MLCCD in these case other method just capture one point. In figure 4, the object has three point that have to be captured for all different angle and the result is placed into three layer.

In order to obtain the MLCCD firstly position of the centroid have to be computed(see equation 2) then calculate the distance between centroid and the boundary of object repeat this method for other boundary in same angle and different angle.

Position of the centroid is:

$$X_c = \frac{X_1+X_2+X_3+\dots+X_n}{n} , \quad Y_c = \frac{Y_1+Y_2+Y_3+\dots+Y_n}{n} \quad (2)$$

The computed distances are saved in a vector. In order to achieve rotation invariance, scale invariance and translation invariance implementation shifting and normalization to these vector is needed.

III. SIMILARITY AND PERFORMANCE

A. Similarity Measurements

Similarity metric is very important on the retrieval result. The similarity measure is computed by using Euclidean distance (See Eq.0) between feature representation of image in database image and feature representation of image query. These feature representation is image feature that refer to the characteristics which describe the contents of an image. The retrieval result is a list of image ranked by their similarity.

Suppose S_1 and S_2 are shape of object represented multi layer of feature vectors each $(db_1, db_2, \dots, db_k)$ and qr_1, qr_2, \dots, qr_k then the Distance between S_1 and S_2 is:

$$dis(F_{db}, F_{qr}) = \sqrt{\sum_{j=1}^k (db_j - qr_j)^2} \quad (3)$$

Where:

Fdb = Feature vector of image in database image

Fqr = Feature vector of query image.

k = Number element of feature vector

in these case if the distance between feature representation of image in database image and feature representation of image query small enough then it to be considered as similar.

B. Performance Measurements

In order to measure the performance of the CBIR system we used precision and recall. Precision measures the retrieval accuracy; it is ratio between the number of relevant images retrieved and the total number of images retrieved (see equation 4). Recall measures the ability of retrieving all relevant images in collection. It is ratio between the number of relevant images retrieved and the total number of relevant images in the collection(see equation 5).

$$\text{Precision} = \frac{\text{Number of relevant images retrieved}}{\text{Total number of images retrieved}} \quad (4)$$

$$\text{Recall} = \frac{\text{Number of relevant images retrieved}}{\text{Total number of relevant images in the collection}} \quad (5)$$

IV. EXPERIMENT V

A. Experiment by using Simulation data

A. Simulation

We use simulation dataset and real dataset for comparison the new approach and the conventional approach.

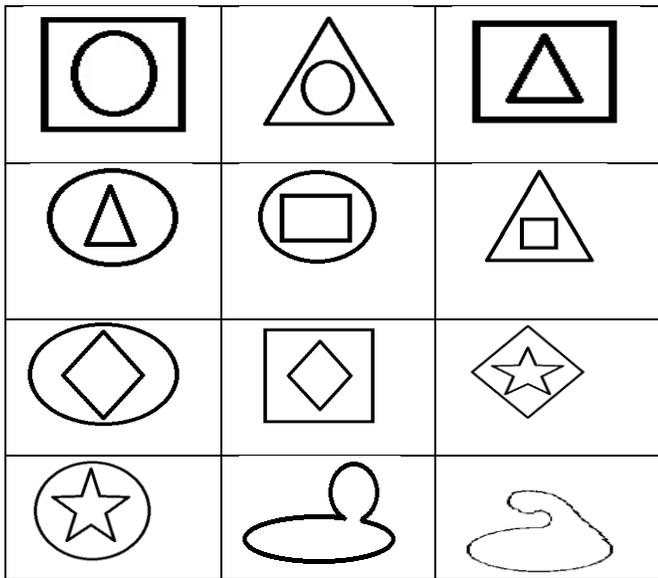


Fig. 5. Example of simulation dataset

The simulation dataset consist combination of curve shape, oval shape, rectangle shape, Triangle shape, Diamond shape, star shape as shown in Figure 5. Also we make these shapes with different scaling, translation and rotation as shown in Table 1. Graphic average precision results on simulation dataset are then shown in Figure 6.

TABLE I. AVERAGE PRECISION ON SIMULATION DATASET

Number Group	Shape	CCD	MLCCD
1	oval rectangle	86	93
2	oval triangle	80	85
3	Triangle rectangle	81	86
4	Rectangle oval	80	85
5	Triangle oval	70	75
6	rectangle triangle	88	96
7	Diamond oval	85	89
8	Diamond rectangle	68	92
9	Star diamond	74	85
10	Star oval	67	81
11	shape with concave 1	85	91
12	shape with concave 2	83	93
Average		78.91	87.58

The experiment on the simulation dataset in the table 1 and graphic in figure 6 are obtained base on equation 4 shows average precision result is superior to the conventional method for all cases by approximately 8.67 %.

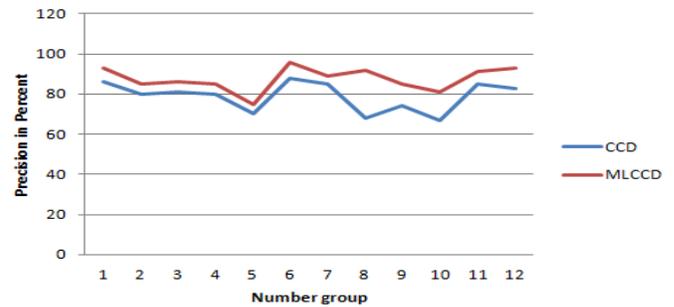


Fig. 6. Graphic Average precision on simulation dataset

B. Experiment with real image

In order to show the feasibility of the shape recognition scheme, we used Image database of phytoplankton [11] for experiment to real data. On the phytoplankton, Algal blooms (red tides) are a phenomenon of clear ecological importance in many regions of the world. Caused by a nutrient influx (e.g. agricultural pollution) into the ocean, by either natural or anthropogenic causes, they can be toxic to marine life [12] and humans under certain conditions.

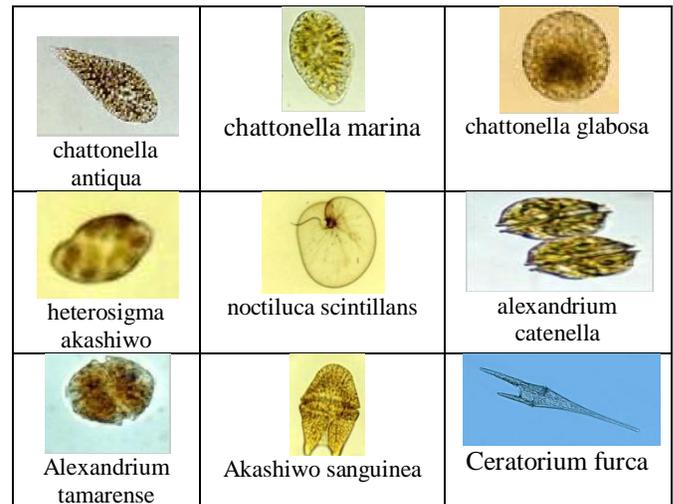


Fig. 7. A small portion of phytoplankton image database

Red tide is a significant problem not only for fisherman but also ocean biologist. Red tide is one of measure for representation of ocean healthy [13]. Red tide occur in a nutrition rich ocean. Nutrition rich water makes chlorophyll-a then phytoplankton is increase thus red tide occurs. Figure 7 shows a portion of phytoplankton image database.

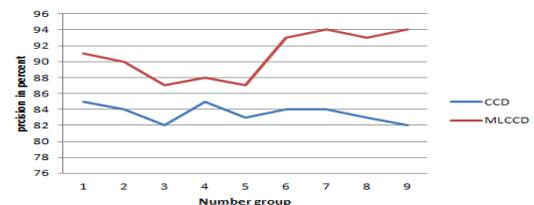


Fig. 8. Graphic Average precision and recall on real dataset

TABLE II. AVERAGE PRECISION ON REAL DATASET

Number Group	Total Image	Phytoplankton name	precision		Recall	
			CCD	ML CCD	CCD	ML CCD
1	18	chattonella antiqua	85	91	47	50
2	17	chattonella marina	84	90	49	52
3	17	chattonella glabosa	82	87	48	51
4	17	heterosigma akashiwo	85	88	50	51
5	17	noctiluca scintillans	83	87	48	51
6	20	alexandrium catenella	84	93	42	46
7	22	Alexandrium tamarense	84	94	38	42
8	23	Akashiwo sanguinea	83	93	36	40
9	24	Ceratorium furca	82	94	34	39
Average			83.5	90.7	43.5	46.8

In order to detect red tide, many researcher check phytoplankton in water sampled from the ocean with microscope. Immediately after they check phytoplankton, they have to identify the species of phytoplankton. Image retrieval is needed for identification. The proposed method is to be used for image retrieval and identification.

The experiment on the real dataset in the table 2 is precision measure base on equation 4 and recall measure base on equation 5. Average precision result by using new approach is higher 3 percent (see in group 4 heterosigma akashiwo) up to 12 percent (see in group 9 Ceratorium furca) rather than the conventional method also for average recall result by using new approach is higher 1 percent up to 5 percent rather than conventional method. From the experiment show if the image have more concave then differences of result between new approach and the conventional method will increase see graphic in figure 8 and figure 9. From these table and figure, it may said that the proposed method is superior to the conventional method for all cases by approximately 7.22 %.

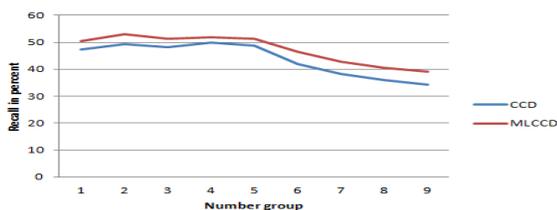


Fig. 9. Graphic Average recall on real dataset

V. CONCLUSION

In this research, we propose a new approach to extract features of an object shape that has some points with the same angle. In the conventional method if there is multiple points in

same angle just capture one point that nearest to the centroid and placed to one layer. While using the proposed method if there is multiple points in the same angle all point will be captured and the result be placed into multiple vector layers.

The experiment results on simulated data demonstrate a new approach has the advantage of 8.67 percent higher than using conventional method. Precision results on real data (real data on phytoplankton dataset) with a new approach has also the advantage of 7.22 percent higher than using conventional method.

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