

Recombinant Skeleton Using Junction Points in Skeleton Based Images

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Abstract— We perform the task of combining two skeleton images and to produce the recombinant skeleton. We propose the recombinant skeleton algorithm to produce the recombinant skeletons. The existing skeleton representation has been taken and the merge vertex detection algorithm was used before applying the recombinant skeleton algorithm. We can design and apply this recombinant skeleton in motion detection, image matching, tracking, panorama stitching, 3D modeling and object recognition. We can generate or manufacture the true real time object from the recombinant skeleton produced. The proposed method utilize local search algorithm for junction validation. Our frame work suggests the range of possibility in getting the recombinant skeleton. The boundary is essential for any transformation hence the bamboo skeleton algorithm is deployed for computing the boundary and for storing the skeleton together with the boundary. Thus our representation is skeleton with border or outline. From this new skeleton representation the proposed recombinant is achieved.

Keywords- *Recombinant skeleton; bamboo skeleton; valance skeleton point (VSP); core skeleton point(CSP); junction skeleton points (JSP).*

I. INTRODUCTION

In the field of computer vision, recognition of objects in the images is a main and important task which should be performed for understanding the scene. This task may be done using different features of the objects with respect to related application. Some of these features are shapes of objects, color, brightness, motion vector, etc [1]. Based on the application, a feature or a combination of them may be useful and may be applied. Shape of object is a rich and effective feature of the object which has a key role for recognition of objects. In this paper, we aim to reconstruct the objects using their skeleton shape representation [2]. Interest point detection is a recent terminology in computer vision that refers to the detection of interest points for subsequent processing. An interest point is a point in the image which in general can be characterized as follows: it has a clear, preferably mathematically well-founded, definition, it has a well-defined position in image space, the local image structure around the interest point is rich in terms of local information contents, such that the use of interest points simplify further processing in the vision system, it is stable under local and global perturbations in the image domain, including deformations as those arising from perspective transformations (sometimes reduced to affine

transformations, scale changes, rotations and/or translations) as well as illumination/brightness variations, such that the interest points can be reliably computed with high degree of reproducibility. Optionally, the notion of interest point should include an attribute of scale, to make it possible to compute interest points from real-life images as well as under scale changes. By applying the selected interest point as junction point [3]. we can produce the recombinant skeleton that is a unique stable that satisfies the skeleton topology.

II. BACKGROUND STUDY

The skeleton [4] is important for object representation and recognition in different areas, such as image retrieval and computer graphics, character recognition, image processing, and the analysis of biomedical images. Skeleton-based representations are the abstraction of objects, which contain both shape features and topological structures of original objects. Many researchers have made great efforts to recognize the generic shape by matching skeleton structures represented by graphs or trees. Because of the skeleton's importance, many skeletonization algorithms[5] have been developed to represent and measure different shapes. We can distinguish skeleton points into various types as follows.

A. Simple Points.

A simple point [6][7][8] is an object point which can be removed without changing the topology of the object.

B. Regular points.

Regular points on a 1D that have exactly two neighbors.

C. End-points.

End-points of a curve that have exactly one neighbor

D. Joints.

The thinness property can be easily checked if the junction points are known in advance. Some skeletonization methods directly identify junction points [9]. If junction points are not known in advance, they have to be identified with another method.

E. Generating Points

Every Skelton Point is linked to the boundary points that are tangential to its maximal circle. These are called generating points.

F. Junction points.

Junction points (where curves meet) which can have three or more neighbors. A junction point [10] should satisfy the following skeleton properties.

- 1) it should preserve the topological information of the original object
- 2) the position of the skeleton should be accurate
- 3) it should be stable under small deformations
- 4) it should contain the centers of maximal disks, which can be used for reconstruction of original object
- 5) it should be invariant under Euclidean transformations, such as rotations and translations, and
- 6) it should represent significant visual parts of objects.

Also if we remove that junction point, then the resulting skeleton will not be a best skeletal extraction of the original image. [11]

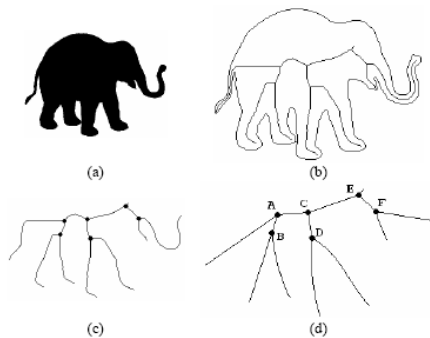


Fig2.1

(a): shape of an elephant, (b): boundary and skeleton, (c): skeleton with junction points, (d): connectivity graph of the skeleton

III. SIGNIFICANCE OF JUNCTION POINTS

Great progress has been made that define a significance measure for skeleton points and remove points whose significance is low. In [12] give a complete analysis and compare such pruning methods. Propagation velocity, maximal thickness, radius function, axis arc length, and the length of the boundary unfolded belong to the common significance measures of skeleton points. In [13] present a few significance measures for pruning complex Voronoi skeletons without disconnecting the skeletons. In [14] they combine a flux measurement with the thinning process to extract a robust and accurate connected skeleton.

IV. USAGE OF JUNCTION POINTS

One of the biggest uses of skeletons is in analysis of scientific data where complex topologies can be easily explained using line-like drawings. Furthermore, skeletons can be used for reduced modeling and to explain simple physical phenomena. Examples include plume visualization [15], vortex core extraction [16], feature tracking [17] and many others. In all the above usage junction points play a vital role. Using these junction points it is possible to segment a digital image

topologically into meaningful parts. This junction points play the vital role in the applications of skeletons namely computer vision, image analysis, and digital image processing, including optical character recognition, fingerprint recognition, visual inspection, pattern recognition, binary image compression, and protein folding [18].

V. METHODOLOGY

A. Step1.

Using bamboo skeleton algorithm to identify the boundary points. [19].

B. Step 2.

Using merge vertex detection algorithm to extract the merging point. [20].

C. Step3.

Deploying recombinant skeleton algorithm for merging the selected interest point (merge vertex derived from step 2) to obtain the junction point for the recombinant skeleton.

D. Step4.

Deploy the validation check for the skeleton properties and the junction point to confirm the recombinant skeleton produced

VI. RECOMBINANT SKELETON ALGORITHM

1. For the first input image, compute the boundary points using bamboo skeleton algorithm

a) $B_i \in IP1$ for all $i=1$ to n , n is the set of all Pixels on the boundary.

b) $B_j \in IP2$ for all $j=1$ to m , m is the set of all pixels on the boundary.

2. For each $B_i \in IP1$ using merge vertex detection algorithm compute,

a) VSP_i for all $i= 1- n$

b) For each $B_j \in IP2$ using merge vertex detection algorithm compute,

c) VSP_j for all $j= 1- m$

3. Using visual Data exploration

Let rs be the number of boundary points in the recombinant skeleton.

$$rs=m+n$$

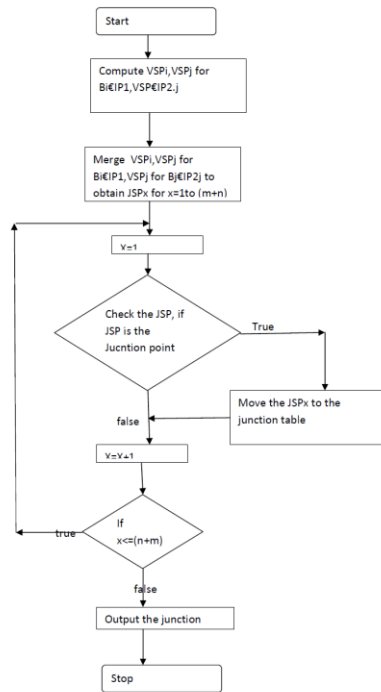
Compute the VSP_i and VSP_j combination to merge together so as to produce the junction points JSP_x for $x=1 -rs$.

Check for the validity of JSP using local search algorithm [21].

4. Confirm the JSP and connect the two images $IP1$ and $IP2$ to produce recombinant skeleton. The output recombinant skeleton produced is unique and stable and preserves the skeleton topology.

VII. FLOW DIAGRAM

Recombinant skeleton Algorithm flowchart



VIII. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

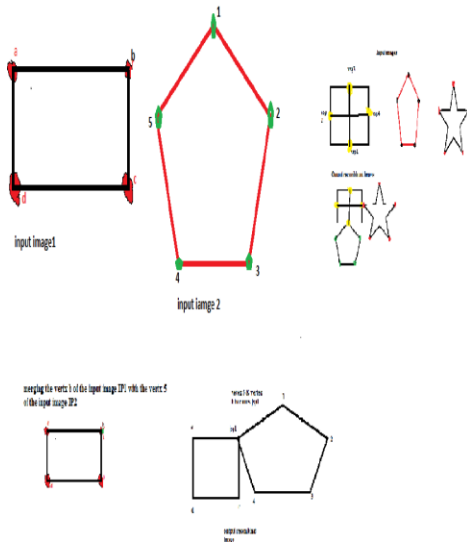


Fig 8.1

The main idea is to extract the boundary points [22] of the input image using bamboo skeleton algorithm. Say $vsp_1, vsp_2, vsp_3, vsp_4$ as in the fig 8.1. then compute the merging point [23] by testing the validity of the junction point and the stability of the skeleton and topological preservation.

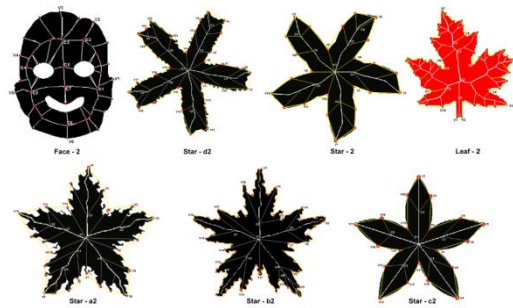


Fig 8.2

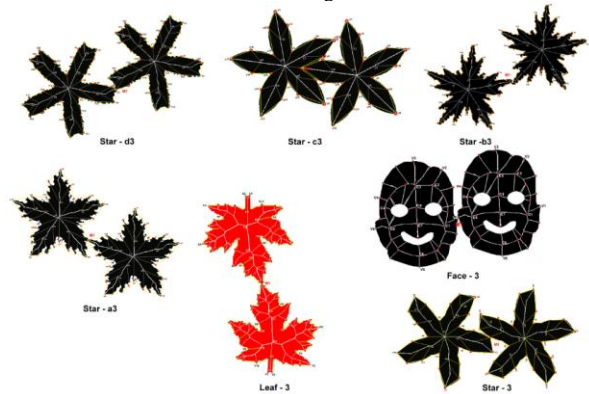


Fig 8.3

Combining the vertex points after the validity check and performance evaluation to obtain the recombinant skeleton structure. The results of the proposed method is depicted in fig 8.2, fig 8.3.

A. Contribution and Discussion

We have presented an unconventional approach to shape representation and recognition by using skeletons.

1. The boundary point selected from the contour is independent of the threshold value. Whatever be the threshold value, the boundary points should not be removed and it is much more mandatory to remove the boundary deformation. In the existing discrete skeleton evolution method, the author utilizes the threshold value using global measure and hence there are Variety of different skeleton representation based on the threshold value[22], Where as in the proposed method, we do not remove the interested boundary point.
2. The boundary point selected, is checked for its positive maximum curvature. The boundary is formed with the pixels having positive maximum curvature value.[25]
3. Protrusion strength is used to check the interested skeleton point as the junction point.[26], to decompose the skeleton representation into meaningful parts. In this

Proposed method, when merging the two images, the protrusion strength of the merging point becomes the junction point of the recombinant shape representation.

This point is having negative minima of curvature and the end point of that recombinant skeletal arc becomes the boundary point of the newly formed recombinant skeletal representation and the end point on that boundary should have the positive minima of curvature.

That is the two end points of the segment is of opposite extremum[27].

IX. PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

As the bamboo skeleton algorithm is free from boundary deformation [24] and the mergevertx detection algorithm is unique and stable, the proposed recombinant skeleton algorithm [29] is also stable and preserves skeleton topology [28]. As the boundary is preserved, any shape matching algorithm can be used to retrieve the shape and recognize the objects.

X. CONCLUSION AND FUTURE SCOPE

The obtained skeleton is stable and unique and from that skeleton, we can produce or reconstruct object from skeleton that will definitely provides a platform for the research professionals to manufacture machinery parts from the skeletons of the various images in the databases. Soon we can produce galaxy man may be aliens to some other planets.

As the skeleton representation is derived from the input image by using digital image processing techniques, instead of moving to the recognition process, we are directed to reconstruct the given input image or new 2D objects from the recombinant skeleton representation.

Any modifications developed in the generated real time objects can also be studied and accordingly the work can be extended from objects point of view and its representation. The proposed tracking algorithms can be used for transforming the input image into the modified output image that could be used for further image processing. Also, it is possible to reconstruct the real time objects from the digital representation of the proposed method. The experimental results prove that it could be possible and achievable.

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