

The International Symposium on Biomedical Imaging (ISBI) is a premier peer-reviewed scientific conference dedicated to mathematical, algorithmic, and computational aspects of biomedical imaging using innovative imaging modalities on humans and small animals.

During the conference, I attended several relevant preconference tutorials on cutting edge technologies for medical imaging offered by renowned professors from the medical imaging domain. The purpose of the tutorials is to provide knowledge of the latest results, trends, activities and applications in the domain of medical image analysis, image registration, machine learning, and deep learning such as SimpleITK via Insight Segmentation and Registration Toolkit (ITK), Deep belief networks (DBN), Deep neural network (DNN), Restricted Boltzmann machine (RBM), and Convolutional neural network (CNN). Such topics are very much in line with my current needs to advance my PhD research.

The ultimate objective of my doctoral study is to build an Unsupervised Computer-Aided Diagnosis (UCAD) system for early diagnosis of lung cancer in the computer tomography (CT) imaging. So far, I have proposed various novel methods for the early detection of lung cancer, which has been positively accepted and published in two recent peer-reviewed IEEE conferences. The recognition of my research papers gives me the clarity to further continue exploring new challenges in my research. Consequently, I have developed a method for Computer-Aided Detection (CAD) system, which incorporates the proposed methods and machine learning based technique (i.e. artificial neural network (ANN)) for the detection of cancerous nodules from the initially segmented nodule candidates.

However, to achieve the ultimate objective of my research, I need to obtain advanced knowledge, skills and experience to develop some further novel image registration and deep learning approaches.

Conclusively, the five days conference provided me the rare combination of accelerated knowledge growth and the experience to get on the challenging path of developing image processing based applications. Especially there, various machine learning techniques and medical image analysis techniques taught by the pioneering tutors in an outstanding environment will definitely help me to move on with my current work.

Some pictures from the lectures of summer school





ISIC Skin Lesion Image Archive

- Public, open-access software and images
- Goal: Repository of tens of thousands of skin lesion images
- Web-Based Annotation/Mark-up
 - Provide large data sets annotated by domain experts
 - Allow reference data for image analysis benchmark
 - Clinical decision support & educational resource
- Archive is currently focused on melanoma- a lethal form of skin cancer and its benign mimickers

<http://isic-archive.com>

Background

- Lung cancer is a major killer
- NIST trial: screening with the use of low-dose CT reduces mortality from lung cancer with 20%¹
- Lung cancer screening using low-dose CT is being implemented in the U.S. and possibly other countries will soon follow
- CAD could play an important role to make screening efficient

1. Henschler et al., NEJM, 2011

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Motion Estimation by Non-linear Registration

- Classical approach for registration of 4D image data:
- Minimization of energy functional:

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PFN classification

Results:

Method	AUC
OBS1	0.806
OBS2	0.835
OBS3	0.906
RF ensemble	0.813
SVM ensemble	0.847
Ref	0.865

Clompi et al., MedIA, 2015

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Feature maps from a convolutional network for CT slices

- Learned features from a pre-trained convolutional network designed by the visual geometry group (VGG) of the University of Oxford (Simonyan et al., 2014).
- 5 convolutional layers, two fully connected layers and a Softmax layer with 1000 output nodes for the categories of the ImageNet challenge.
- VGG ignores the softmax layer. Images are preprocessed to the input and features are harvested at different layers.

Layer	Dimensions	Stride	Padding	Kernel Size	Output Channels
conv1	112x112	4	1	3x3	48
conv2	56x56	2	1	3x3	96
conv3	28x28	2	1	3x3	128
conv4	14x14	2	1	3x3	128
conv5	7x7	2	1	3x3	128
fc6	4096	-	-	-	4096
fc7	4096	-	-	-	4096
softmax	1000	-	-	-	1000

A modular framework

We use both the handcrafted and CNN features in a modular pipeline with multiple classifiers. Each group of features is used to train an independent one-vs-all support vector machine (SVM) classifier.

Modular architecture:

- Gives an understanding of performance of individual groups.
- Groups of features can be added or removed.

Combining classifiers into a continuous label regressor

- Combine the labels from the six classifiers using linear regression.
- Why linear? Why not fit to choose a simple model to avoid over-fitting.
- The regression model optimized on training data to minimize classification error in training data.

$$f_{reg} = (a_1 \times f_{hand}^{edge} + a_2 \times f_{hand}^{corn} + a_3 \times f_{hand}^{text}) + a_4 \times f_{cnn}^{conv} + a_5 \times f_{cnn}^{pool} + a_6 \times f_{cnn}^{fc}$$

Note: the labels from individual classifiers are discrete (y an integer $\in \{1, 2, \dots, 9\}$), whereas the regressor label can be non-integer.

Deep Learning, origin and growth

- Around 1950 – NN age
 - Neural Nets (McCulloch and Pitts, 1943)
 - Unsupervised Learn. (Hebb, 1949)
 - Supervised Learn. (Rosenblatt, 1958)
 - Associative Memory (Palm, 1980; Hopfield, 1982)
- 1960
 - Discovery of visual sensory cells that respond to Edges (Hubel and Wiesel, 1962)
 - Feed Forward Multi Layer Perceptron (FF-MLP) (Bukhramenko, 1968)

Deep Learning, origin and growth

- 2000 – Era of Deep Learning
 - NIPS 2003 Feature Selection Challenge (Neal and Zhang, 2006)
 - MNIST digit recognition (LeCun et al., 1989)
 - Deep Belief Network (DBN) / Restricted Boltzmann Machines (Hinton et al., 2006)
 - Auto Encoders (Bengio, 2009)
- 2006
 - GPU based CNN (Chellapilla et al., 2006)
- 2009
 - GPU DBN (Rama et al., 2009)
- 2011
 - Max-Pooling CNN on the GPU (Ciresan et al., 2011)
- 2012
 - ImageNet (Krizhevsky et al., 2012)

Families of Deep Learning

- Fully connected networks
 - Autoencoders
 - Sparse Autoencoder
 - Denoising Autoencoder
 - Convolutional Autoencoder
 - Belief Networks
 - Restricted Boltzmann Machines
 - Deep Belief Networks
- Convolutional Networks
 - Conv-Nets
 - U-Net
 - Res-Net
- Recurrent Neural Networks
 - Long Short term memory (LSTM)

Transfer vs. Full Deep Architecture

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