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ImaGenius, An Image Processing App using MATLAB GUI

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Abstract - *The essential & eminent fields of medical science, space exploration, security, and surveillance field infinitely rely on crucial implication of Image processing. This scenario evolved an important requirement of learning & understanding image processing techniques with user friendly trends of Graphical User Interface (GUI). The proposed work in this publication is aimed to provide an interactive as well as engaging platform for image processing fundamentals. The proposed application deliberately enhances the professional skill of all level users. The proposed application bridges the gap from theoretical aspects to practical applications and enhances the effectiveness of image processing in respective domains.*

***Key Words*: MATLAB GUI, Image Processing, Edge Detection, Image Filtering, Brain Tumor Detection**

1. INTRODUCTION

Graphical User Interface (GUI) in MATLAB refers to the creation of interactive interfaces for your MATLAB programs [1][4]. These interfaces allow users to interact with your MATLAB code through graphical elements such as buttons, sliders, text boxes, plots, and more, rather than solely through the command line interface.

MATLAB provides tools and functions to design and implement GUIs efficiently, making it easier for users to visualize data, adjust parameters, and control the execution of algorithms. GUIs can range from simple interfaces for data visualization to complex applications for image processing, signal analysis, simulation, and more.

In this paper, a brief visualization of image filtering techniques are provided in a representative manner and one application that is Brain Tumor Detection has been included for understanding of the techniques used using image processing using

MATLAB GUI for understanding Image Processing in Medical Field.

2. DIFFERENT FILTERING TECHNIQUES IN IMAGE PROCESSING

2.1 Laplacian Filter

The Laplacian filter, also known as the Laplacian of Gaussian (LoG) filter, is a commonly used filter in image processing for edge detection and image sharpening.

It detects the correct places of edges, tests wider area around picture elements [9]. Work flow of Laplacian Filter is shown in Figure 1.

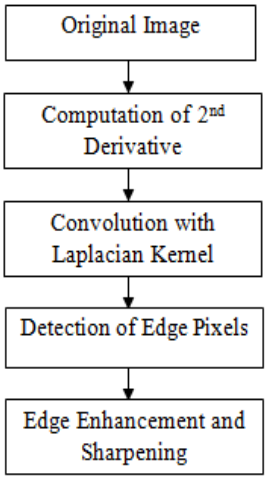

Figure 1 Work Flow of Laplacian Filter

The Laplacian filter is particularly useful for detecting edges regardless of their orientation. However, it is sensitive to noise, which can lead to false edge detections. To mitigate this issue, the Laplacian filter is often applied after smoothing the image with a Gaussian filter (hence the term Laplacian of Gaussian), which helps suppress noise while preserving edges.

2.2. Sobel Filter

The Sobel filter is a popular edge detection filter used in image processing. It calculates an approximation of the

gradient of the image intensity function, which highlights regions of rapid intensity change, typically corresponding to edges [8]. The filter works by convolving the image with a pair of 3x3 kernels to calculate the gradient approximation of the image intensity function, highlighting regions of rapid intensity change, which typically correspond to edges [6]. The Sobel filter is commonly used for edge detection in image processing, highlighting areas of rapid intensity change to identify edges and features within images, crucial for tasks like object detection and boundary delineation. Work flow of Sobel Filter is shown in Figure 2.

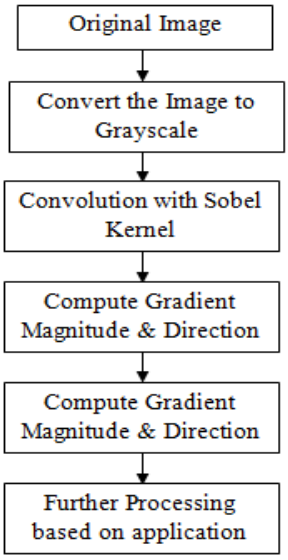

Figure 2 Work Flow of Sobel Filter

2.3 Median Filter

The median filter is a non-direct digitalized procedure, regularly used to eliminate noise [10] from a picture/image or signal. Such noise decrease is the typical pre-processed step to improve the consequences of later processing [2]. It works by replacing each pixel's value with the median value of the intensity levels in its neighborhood. The median filter is particularly effective at preserving edges and fine details in images while effectively reducing noise.

The key advantage of the median filter is its ability to effectively suppress various types of noise, including salt-and-pepper noise [7], Gaussian noise, and impulse noise, without blurring or distorting edges and fine details. This makes it particularly useful in applications where noise reduction is crucial while preserving image quality, such as medical imaging, satellite imaging, and digital photography.

Work flow of Median Filter is shown in Figure 3.

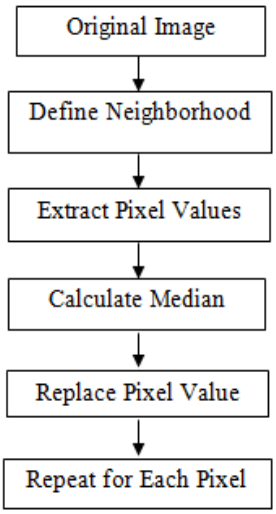

Figure 3 Work Flow of Median Filter

2.4 Maximum Filter

The Maximum Filter is a digital image processing technique used primarily for enhancing or modifying images by adjusting the intensity values of pixels based on their neighboring pixels. It works by replacing each pixel's value with the maximum pixel value within a defined neighborhood. The maximum filter is particularly useful for tasks such as noise reduction, edge detection, and feature extraction. It achieves this by emphasizing regions of high intensity within each neighborhood, effectively smoothing out noise and enhancing edges and other features. Work flow of Maximum Filter is shown in Figure 4.

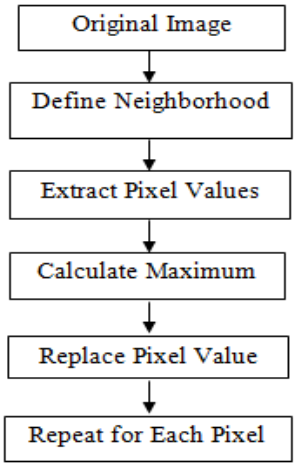

Figure 4 Work Flow of Maximum Filter

It's frequently used for noise reduction, edge enhancement, and feature extraction in various image processing applications.

2.5 Minimum Filter

The Minimum Filter, also known as the minimum filter or erosion filter, is a digital image processing technique used primarily for noise reduction and feature extraction. It works by replacing each pixel's value with the minimum pixel value within a defined neighborhood. The key function of the minimum filter is to suppress noise and minimize small-scale variations in intensity while preserving larger-scale features in the image. It achieves this by emphasizing regions of lower intensity within each neighborhood.

The minimum filter is particularly useful in scenarios where noise reduction and feature preservation are critical, such as in medical imaging, satellite imaging, and texture analysis. The key function of the minimum filter is to suppress noise and minimize small-scale variations in intensity while preserving larger-scale features in the image. It achieves this by emphasizing regions of lower intensity within each neighborhood.

Work flow of Minimum Filter is shown in Figure 5.

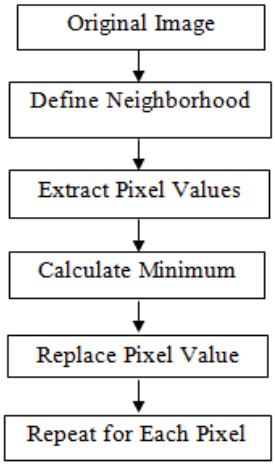

Figure 5 Work Flow of Minimum Filter

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2.6 Midpoint Filter

The Midpoint Filter, also known as the Midpoint Median Filter, is a digital image processing technique used primarily for noise reduction while preserving image details. It works by replacing each pixel's value with the midpoint between the minimum and maximum pixel values within a defined neighborhood.

The key function of the Midpoint Filter is to reduce noise while preserving edges and fine details in the image. By replacing each pixel with the midpoint value of its neighborhood, it effectively smoothens out variations in intensity caused by noise while maintaining the overall structure of the image Work flow of Midpoint Filter is shown in Figure 6.

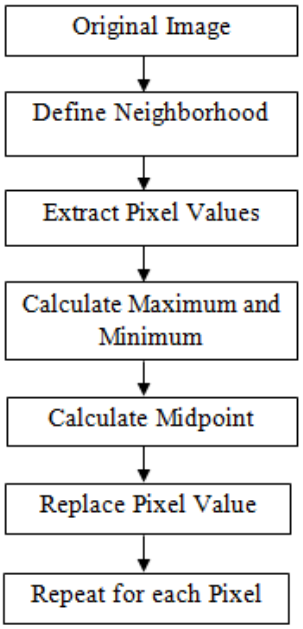

Figure 6 Midpoint Filter Work Flow

3. BRAIN TUMOR DETECTION SYSTEM USING MATLAB GUI

Detecting Brain tumors using MATLAB GUI involves building an interactive graphical user interface (GUI) that facilitates the processing of brain images and the detection of tumors [13]. Steps for Brain Tumor detection is shown in figure 7

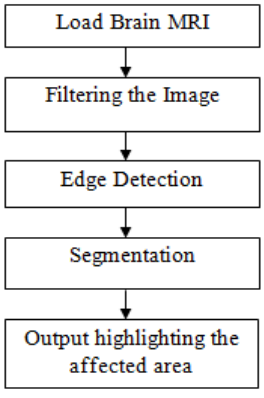

Figure 7 Steps for Brain Tumor Detection

3.1 GUI Design

Using MATLAB's App Designer or GUIDE (Graphical User Interface Development Environment), design a GUI with elements such as buttons, text boxes, axes, and menus [5].

Design the GUI layout to include functionalities like image loading, preprocessing, tumor detection, and result visualization.

3.2 Image Loading

Users can select the image file that is MRI of Brain from their local directory.

3.3 Preprocessing

Preprocess the loaded brain image to enhance the quality and facilitate tumor detection. Common preprocessing steps include noise reduction and filtering techniques

3.4 Tumor Detection Algorithm

Implementation of tumor detection algorithm that analyzes the preprocessed brain MRI to identify the regions suspected of containing tumor. Common approaches for tumor detection include Edge Detection and Segmentation

3.5 Result Visualization

The highlighted portion indicates the tumor so that user can identify the affected portion

4. RESULT & DISCUSSION

4.1 Building Filter Selection Using MATLAB GUI

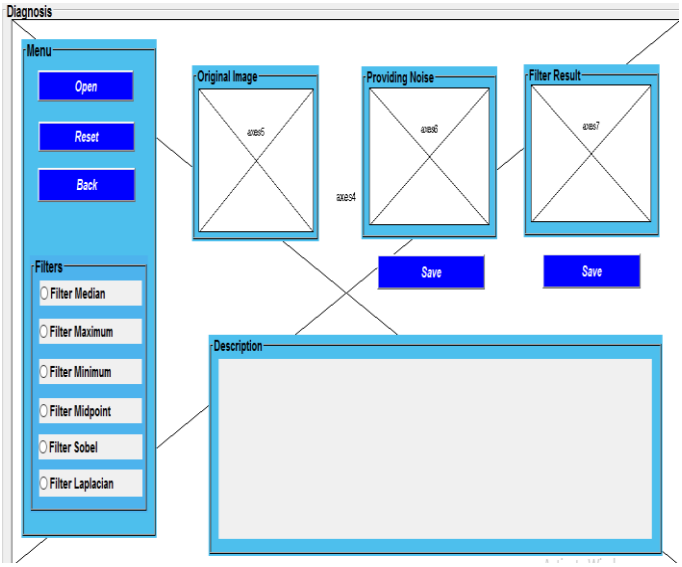

Figure 8 Editor View of Filter Design for Image Processing

The Figure 8 includes:

1. Menu Bar

a) Open Button: To Upload any Image from PC
b) Reset Button: To Reset the Image.
c) Back Button: To Go to Home Page.

2. Filter Panel

There are six different types of Filters available to check the result.

3. Axes

There are 3 Axes in which, first one show "Original Image", Second axes provides Noise in original Image and Third axes shows Filter Result.

4. Description

Text will be displayed in the Description Box as per filter selected.

4.2 User will interact with following window

As Shown in figure 9,

1. User can upload any Image from directory in Computer by clicking "Open" Button.

2. Now, just select the desired filter you want to see the result and processed image will be seen on the axes along with explanation in the description of the filter used.

3. Image of the result obtained can also be saved by clicking "Save" Button.

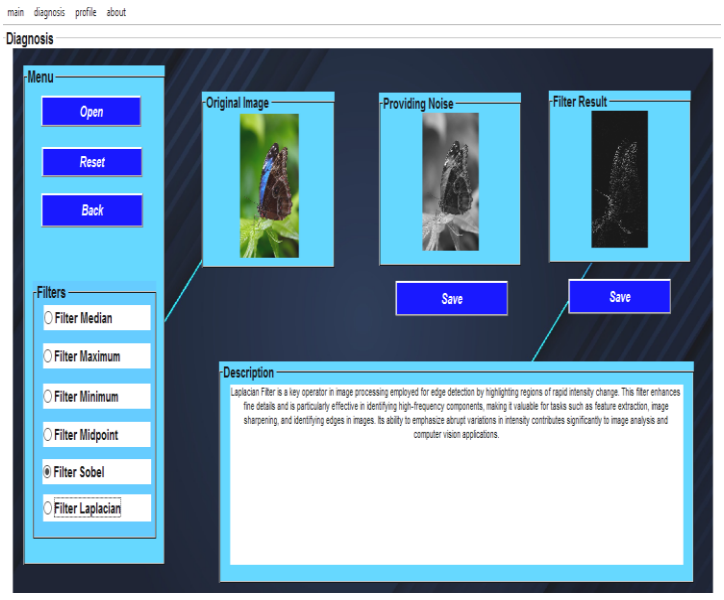

Figure 9 UI of Filter Design for Image Processing

4.3 Building Brain Tumor Detection Using MATLAB GUI

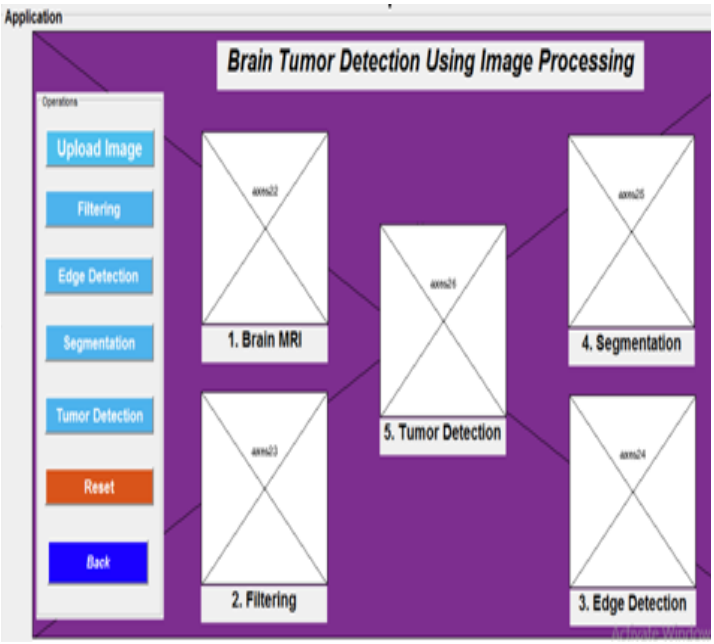

Figure 10 Editor View of Brain Tumor Detection System

The editor view of Brain Tumor Detection System is shown in figure 10.

4.3 Output Window for Brain Tumor Detection

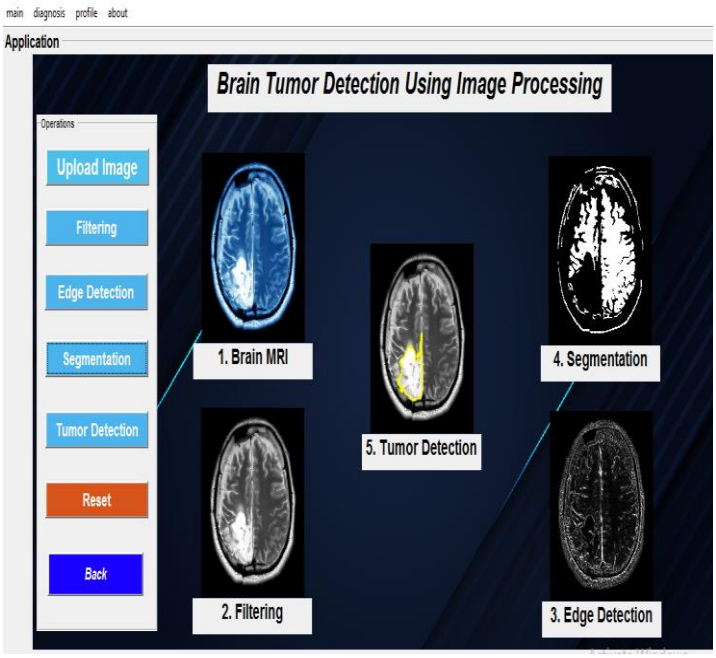

Figure 11 UI of Brain Tumor Detection System

The output window for user of Brain Tumor Detection System is shown in figure 11.

5. CONCLUSION

MATLAB GUI for Image processing bridges the gap between Algorithm complexity and User accessibility.

This tool serves as a valuable resource for educational purposes, research endeavors, and practical applications in fields requiring image analysis and enhancement.

As technology continues to evolve, GUI-based approaches are expected to further democratize image processing and foster innovation in various domains.

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