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# **Multi-Modal Fractal Analysis of Lesion Cells**

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**ABSTRACT:** Fractal dimension is an important tool for the analysis of medical images. MR images and the mammographic images give a detailed view of both benign and malignant lesions. This work focuses on the extraction of boundary and analysis of its fractal dimensions to classify the benign and malignant lesions. The boundary of the lesion is extracted using fuzzy c-means clustering. The lesion contour is then converted into time series using "freeman's chain code". The resultant time series is used for fractal analysis using non-linear technique called Higuchi algorithm. This algorithm generates a single value which discriminates between benign and malignant structures. This classification of lesions is made using k-nearest neighbor pattern classifier. As a means of confirming the result the histopathological images and analysis of its fractal dimensions to classify the benign and malignant lesion cells. Box-Counting algorithm is applied on the selected region to obtain various fractal features such as coarseness, lacunarity and complexity of the cells. Based on the obtained values classification of lesions is made using k-nearest neighbor pattern classification of lesions is made using k-nearest neighbor pattern classification of lesions is made using k-nearest neighbor pattern classification of lesions are coarseness. Incunarity and complexity of the cells. Based on the obtained values classification of lesions is made using k-nearest neighbor pattern classifier. The results proved that these methods serve as an effective tool for diagnosis

**KEYWORDS**: Fractal dimension, MATLAB, c-means clustering, freeman's chain code, Higuchi algorithm, Box-Counting, lacunarity, coarseness and complexity, K-NN classifier.

# I. INTRODUCTION

**GLIOMA:** The most common type of primary brain tumors are the gliomas. Gliomas arise from glial cells which are supportive cells that surround, nourish and protect neurons. Gliomas are named according to the specific type of cell they most closely resemble. The four main types of glioma:

- i. Ependymomas (ependymal cells).
- ii. Astrocytomas (astrocytes), of which glioblastoma multiforme is the most common.
- iii. Oligodendrogliomas (oligodendrocytes).

**BREAST CANCER:** Breast cancer is a disease in which malignant (cancer) cells form in the tissues of the breast. There are many types of breast cancer that differ in their capability of spreading (metastasizing) to other body tissues. Mostly they are classified either as *Benign or Malignant tumors* 

**DIAGNOSIS:** The main way of identifying a tumor is by the use of an MRI (magnetic resonance imaging) or a CT scan (computerized tomography) combined with an analysis of the tissue. Because of the distinct appearance, the doctor is able to have a fairly good idea of the tumor type by examining the MRI scan. But for a definitive diagnosis, a sample of the tumor must be analyzed by a pathologist.

**CT Scan:** It provides successive X-ray views of thin sections of the tumor area. Contrast agents are given by injection before CT scanning to improve the read-ability of the scan.

**MRI:** This is a very precise and sensitive tool for evaluating the tumors. Unlike CT scanning, an MRI does not rely on radiation, but makes use of magnetic field patterns with a contrast agent. For evaluating a tumor and follow-up, an MRI



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is generally the preferred method. Generally for breast cancers, Mammograms are best imaging test to study about the lumps.

**BIOPSIES:** They are used to obtain a sample of tissue from the tumor site. Safety and the location of the tumor determine the most appropriate biopsy procedure. If a tumor is deemed to be operable, the sample is obtained at the same time as the surgery. If a tumor is difficult to access, a stereotactic (or needle) biopsy may be used.

A pathologist examines the tissue under a microscope to classify the tumor type and its grade, which can range from benign to malignant [1-2].

# **II. NEED FOR THE PROJECT**

To propose an effective method for characterization and classification of various tumors using Fractal Analysis technique in GUI and to classify the types of tumors based on its malignancy. This work mainly focuses on Glioma (a type of brain tumor) and Breast Cancer [10-12].

# **III.METHODOLOGY**

# PROCESSING OF MRI AND MAMMOGRAM IMAGES

The preprocessing steps include importing the MRI and mammogram images to Matlab, resizing it, applying median filter on it and enhancing it. Following these procedures the boundaries of the tumor sites are extracted. The extracted boundary is then converted into Time series plot using Free-man chain code and fractal analysis is performed using Higuchi's Algorithm. Further classification is done using K-Nearest Neighbor classifier [13-14].

# **OVERVIEW**:

- 1. Import MRI image
- 2. Enhancement & Thresholding
- 3. Boundary Tracing
- 4. Segmentation
- 5. Freeman's Chain Code
- 6. Fractal Analysis & classification
- 7.

# PROCESSING OF HISTOPATHOLOGICAL IMAGES

Histopathological tissue analysis by a pathologist represents the definitive method (a) for confirmation of presence or absence of disease, and (b) disease grading, or the measurement of disease progression.

BOX COUNTING ALGORITHM: Inorder to determine the lacunarity and fractal dimension average values, Coarseness and complexity from the histopathological image, Box counting algorithm is implemented [15], [5]. The steps and the functions used are described below:

- a) Getting the image
- b) Performing non-linear filtering on a varying size pixel block [3].
- c) Computing the slope using linear regression
- d) Selecting a Region of Interest & finding corresponding average FD and Lacunarity
- e) Executing on button press [4].

# **OVERVIEW:**

#### Parameters estimated forGrade classification

- 1. Coarseness
- 2. Complexity

# Algorithms used for Type Determination

- 1. Box Counting Algorithm
- 2. Power spectrum



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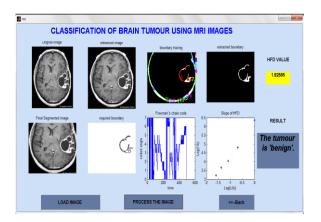
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### **III. CLASSIFIER**

The *k*-NN classifier is an instance-based classifier that works for classification of unknown instance by comparing it with the known according to some distance/similarity function [16]. The intuition is that two instances far apart in the instance space defined by the appropriate distance function are less likely than two closely situated instances to belong to the same class [7-9].

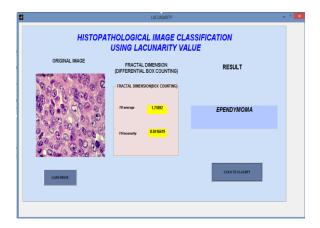
MRI & MAMMOGRAM: The values obtained from fractal characterization are analyzed. The HFD values are considered for the classification of tumoral lesions using the K-nearest neighbour pattern classification [17-18].

HISTOPATHOLOGY: The values obtained from fractal characterization are analyzed. The Coarseness and Complexity values are considered for the classification of the grades of tumor using the K-nearest neighbor pattern classification [19], [6].



# IV. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

GUI based classification of Brain Tumor using MRI images



GUI based classification of Brain Tumor using HISTO images



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### **V. CONCLUSION**

The differentiation between malignant and benign structures appears immediately from visual inspection of the contour maps obtained in both cases. The Higuchi fractal dimension for the contour associated time series discriminates between benign and malignant lesions.Box counting Algorithm computes the fractal values Lacunarity, coarseness and complexity of the tumor cells thereby helps in confirmation of the result obtained using MRI and mammogram images.

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