Image Processing System for Ultrasound Images of the Eye

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Introduction

- Closed Angle Glaucoma causes an increase in fluid pressure in the eye due to a decrease in fluid flow between the iris and the cornea
- To diagnose, ultrasound images of the eye are taken
- Technicians study the images and measures parameters

Objective

- The project extends the work accomplished in Youmaran *et al*, 2005
- Adds to the existing algorithm the capability to identify and measure the parameters important to a dose-response study of a drug to treat patients with Glaucoma.

Ultrasound biomicroscopy



Ultrasound biomicroscopy tools @ Freq 50MH





Results of Youmaran, 2005

- The algorithm computes:
 - AOD 500
 - the open-angle parameters
 - Scleral spur
- Approximately 97% success rate



Clinical Parameters



ALGORITHM



Isolating the iris





Isolating the iris (cont.)



Segmentation of Iris

Measuring ID1

Uses the AOD 500 as a reference



Selects the shortest as ID1





Measuring ID2

Subtracts the lens



Overlays and measures a line perpendicular to the iris 2mm from the Scleral spur





Measuring ID3

5.5 Measure distance

5.6 Locate shortest line, ID3

 D_2

Loop

f_{iris}





Iris

Measured ID3

- Measures ID3 as the longest line closest to the end of the iris
- Selects multiple points and selects the shortest as ID3, ensuring that it is perpendicular to the iris

Results

- This system isolates the iris successfully and showed a percent difference from manually measured images:
 - ID1: 6.9%,
 - ID2: 8.7%,
 - ID3: 9.2%,
- Results are easily superimposed on the images
- Can be verified, and failures are visible.

Conclusion

- This image processing system implements an algorithm to isolate and measure the thickness of the iris.
- It would be of interest in a dose-response study to assist patients at risk of Glaucoma.

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