Texture-based classification of MR images : differentiation of 5 grades of liver fibrosis

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Database



- 21 patients
- for each patient, maximally 30 images were chosen
- for each image, one circular ROI was manually traced
- the smallest ROI area: 214 pixels, the largest ROI area: 1598 pixels

5 classes		3 classes	
Class	Number of ROIs	Class	Number of ROIs
F0	195	F0	195
F1	89	F1+F2	114
F2	25		
F3	60	F3+F4	295
F4	235		
Total	604	Total	604

Texture Analysis



- **Texture Analyser** (software developped by M Kretowski and D Duda)
- Image preprocessing
 - Dicom images converted to BMP format with 256 gray levels
- 24 textural parameters utilized for tissue characterization:
 - 4 first order parameters (calculated from the gray level histogram)
 - 8 Run-Length Matrix features
 - 11 Co-occurrence parameters
 - fractal dimension estimator based on the concept of Brownian Motion Model

Methods

• Classifier : Decision induction trees by using dipolar criteria



• Feature selection :

Sequential Forward Selection method applied separately for each non-terminal tree node



Results

• Experiments

- Each experiment was repeated 20 times
- 10-fold cross-validation was used to estimate the classification accuracy

• Results

- Classification of 5 classes of liver tissue: F0, F1, F2, F3, F4
 Classification accuracy (with standard deviation) was 95.89 ± 0.59 %
- Classification of 3 classes of liver tissue: F0 vs (F1 and F2) vs (F3 and F4)
 - F1 and F2 was put in the same class
 - F3 and F4 was put in the same class

Classification accuracy (with standard deviation) was 97.32 \pm 0.61 %

