

USING WAVELETS ON DENOISING INFRARED MEDICAL IMAGES DATA BASE

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Introduction

- Computed aided diagnostic CADx system makes substantial use of image processing and a great amount of data => efficient **contend based retrieval from image database**
- Image **restoration** after storage and transition is fundamental for the quality of the other stages in the image processing.
- Studies showed that infrared (IR) based image analysis could **identify breast modifications earlier** than others exams.
- To be efficiently implemented, CADx must first consider a great number of patients followed by years; maintain record and comparison with others types of diagnoses, combine and integrate data to allow **mining** possible conclusions system.



Thermograms are acquired by a thermographic camera that is sensitive to infrared IR.

It is a physiological examination and is 50x cheaper than the mammogram.

IR has potential to detect breast cancer 10 years earlier than the nowadays traditionally golden method.

> It can also be used for diagnosis of young women's tumours (young breasts present dense tissues that makes difficult early detection of pathologies by the Xray).



IR do not use ionizing radiation, venous access (or others invasive procedures), is painless and do not touch the patient.

The problem is the absence of CAD systems to aid the such diagnosis.

Retroareolar Carcinoma





You can see that this is a normal breast (very symmetrical !) but how to make the computer "see" the same?



The project on development:



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Features Extraction –> Classification



48 features





AI and techniques of machine machine learning as used for classification



Breast reconstruction by IR images



Finite Volume Method for 3D modeling



Experimental x Numerical

• The depth and the radius of a hypothetical tumor are considered to calculate breast temperatures through parametric analysis





Comparison between the temperature profiles of the thermogram and the surrogate breast meshed with 13748 nodes



Main objective:

- Best discrete wavelet (DW) scheme for
 - denoise,
 - storage and
 - retrieval
 - for the project of an infrared image database to aid breast disease diagnostic in a tropical climate country

ProEng project:

http://tvbrasil.ebc.com.br/reporterbrasil/video/31312/

First part

• Results and conclusions of an experimental study that intent to find the best family of wavelets to reduce noise of medium resolution infrared images.



8 different real images + noise



Original











resolution: 640x 480

3 degradation levels Additive White Gaussian Noise (AWGN): $\sigma = 5$, $\sigma = 25$, and $\sigma = 50$

Total: 32 images of same type separated on 4 groups concerning the level of noise (0, 5, 25 and 50).

High





Discrete wavelet transforms (DWT) is very effective in analyzing images because it at same time

reduce the storage, improve the image quality and promote content based retrieval of the

data.

What is the best wavelet approach to be used in a project of an **image database for medium resolution infrared images** in screening of breast diseases





Types experimented (with various vanishing moments)

- Biorthogonal: 1.1 to 6.8
- Coiflets, 1 to 5
- Daubechies, 2 to 45
- Haar,
- Meyer,
- Reverse Biorthogonal: 1.1 to 6.8
- Symmlets 2 to 28

composing a total of 108 different variations!

Generic denoising procedures by DWT involve three steps:

- wavelet decomposition,
- threshold of coefficients related to noise in the wavelet domain , and
- reconstruction by inverse wavelet transform into the spatial domain



Denoising



Decomposition & & Denoising





LL	HL	н
LH	HH	THE
L	H	НН

wavelet decomposition step

- an image is decomposed into a sequence of spatial resolution images using DWT.
- In these, a given **j** level of decomposition can be performed resulting in **3j+1** different frequency bands of low (L) and high (H) components of the original image, namely, LLj, LHj, HLj and HHj



Wavelet denoising

- Identify low and high energy coefficients
- Modify noisy coefficients by adaptive thresholding
- We use the **optimal reconstruction threshold:**

$$T = \sigma_n^2 / \sigma$$

 σ_n^2 = Noise variance

 σ = Original Signal variance

(and Hard & soft Thresholding approach)

Setting to zero value of coefficients which are considered negligible.



where $\boldsymbol{\delta}$ is the threshold value, and

sgn() is the *signal function* (it results +1 when the argument is up to zero and -1 otherwise).

The thresholding method proposed is not based on a unique value δ for threshold but testing all possibilities for achieving better quality of the denoised image.

Values of threshold in a series of possibilities $\delta(\mathbf{n})$ are defined and related to each element \mathbf{n} of this series.

To consider the reconstructed image quality the normalized cross correlation (NCC) between the original and the denoised images is estimated.

In this case when more correlated are the images better is the δ .

Then the best threshold value for a given image is found automatically

- by the system considering best quality possible for the restored image when all others parameters are defined.
- Such search is put in an admissible computational time by using discrete possibilities previous delimited the best δ is found by a function of complexity O (log(n).

Optimal reconstruction threshold



Low and High pass filters



Decomposition on levels 3

• (j=3) levels of high (H) and low (L) sub bands.





Steps used on experiments with synthetic added noise images

Step 1: Image acquisition and storage as a raw data.

Step 2: Gaussian noise addition. Three levels of a standard deviation value ($\sigma_{noise} = 5, 25$ and 50) are added.

Step 3: Define the type of wavelet, level of adaptive decomposition and the threshold process. Then the system select the coefficient for threshold based on the normalized cross correlation (NCC) that produces greater correlation

Step 4: Image restoration

Step 5: Verification





• For the 8 images, each of the 108 bases are tested for levels 3 and 4 of the decomposition (L3 and L4), and the 2 possible way of coefficient thresholding (soft and hard).

Results

• Each configuration has been considered for the images with added Gaussian noise at three different levels, with the best thresholding value automatically computed, resulting in a total of **10368 experiments**

MATLAB 7.12.0 (R2011a)

For each configuration the evaluators are:

$$RMSE = \sqrt{\left[\frac{1}{MN}\sum_{x=0}^{M-1}\sum_{y=0}^{N-1} \left[G(x, y) - F(x, y)\right]^2\right]}$$
(1)

$$SNR_{ms} = \frac{\sum_{x=0}^{M-1} \sum_{y=0}^{N-1} G(x, y)^2}{\sum_{x=0}^{M-1} \sum_{y=0}^{N-1} [G(x, y) - F(x, y)]^2}$$
(2)

$$SNR_{rms} = \sqrt{SNR_{ms}}$$
 (3)

$$PSNR = 20 \log_{10} \left(\frac{2^n - 1}{RMSE} \right)$$
(4)

Used WT types

	Α	В	С	D	E	F	G	Н	Ι	J	K
1	Bior 1.1	Bior 3.7	db 1	db 11	db 21	db 31	db 41	rbio 2.2	rbio 5.5	sym 10	sym 20
2	Bior 1.3	Bior 3.9	db 2	db 12	db 22	db 32	db 42	rbio 2.4	rbio 6.8	sym 11	sym 21
3	Bior 1.5	Bior 4.4	db 3	db 13	db 23	db 33	db 43	rbio 2.6	sym 2	sym 12	sym 22
4	Bior 2.2	Bior 5.5	db 4	db 14	db 24	db 34	db 44	rbio 2.8	sym 3	sym 13	sym 23
5	Bior 2.4	Bior 6.8	db 5	db 15	db 25	db 35	db 45	rbio 3.1	sym 4	sym 14	sym 24
6	Bior 2.6	coif 1	db 6	db 16	db 26	db 36	Dmey	rbio 3.3	sym 5	sym 15	sym 25
7	Bior 2.8	coif 2	db 7	db 17	db 27	db 37	Haar	rbio 3.5	sym 6	sym 16	sym 26
8	Bior 3.1	coif 3	db 8	db 18	db 28	db 38	rbio 1.1	rbio 3.7	sym 7	sym 17	sym 27
9	Bior 3.3	coif 4	db 9	db 19	db 29	db 39	rbio 1.3	rbio 3.9	sym 8	sym 18	sym 28
10	Bior 3.5	coif 5	db 10	db 20	db 30	db 40	rbio 1.5	rbio 4.4	sym 9	sym 19	-

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All image used are acquired by a Flir S45 camera (with sensibility of 0.08°C) in 640x480 resolution and encoded using 8 bit per pixels.



Restoration by best and worst results













RMSE - Low noise



RMSE
NCC low noise



NCC NCC

SNR – low noise



SNR 🖬

RMSE - medium noise



RMSE

NCC medium noise



PSNR - medium noise level



RMSE - high noise level



RMSE

NCC - high noise level



NCC

PSN - high noise level



SNR SNR

Comparison of the average NCC values for all images on all noise level for the used denoising methods.

	Α	В	С	D	Е	F	G	Н	I	J	K
1	0.9933	0.9896	0.9933	0.9906	0.9897	0.9891	0.9887	0.9908	0.9927	0.9915	0.9911
2	0.9938	0.9897	0.9925	0.9905	0.9896	0.9891	0.9886	0.9905	0.9917	0.9914	0.9911
3	0.9937	0.9917	0.9922	0.9903	0.9895	0.9890	0.9886	0.9901	0.9925	0.9914	0.9910
4	0.9921	0.9894	0.9919	0.9902	0.9895	0.9890	0.9886	0.9898	0.9922	0.9913	0.9909
5	0.9924	0.9918	0.9916	0.9901	0.9894	0.9889	0.9885	0.9308	0.9922	0.9913	0.9910
6	0.9924	0.9925	0.9913	0.9901	0.9894	0.9889	0.9909	0.9863	0.9920	0.9912	0.9911
7	0.9923	0.9921	0.9912	0.9900	0.9893	0.9888	0.9933	0.9877	0.9919	0.9912	0.9910
8	0.9705	0.9919	0.9910	0.9899	0.9893	0.9888	0.9933	0.9874	0.9917	0.9912	0.9908
9	0.9868	0.9917	0.9908	0.9898	0.9892	0.9888	0.9920	0.9871	0.9917	0.9912	0.9935
10	0.9890	0.9915	0.9907	0.9897	0.9892	0.9887	0.9916	0.9925	0.9916	0.9910	-

Comparing the measures SNR, NCC and RMSE for each type of wavelet used.



top 50 results



top 50 results



NCC vs Hard/Soft

Basis

Base	Level	H/S	NCC	SNR	RMSE
Coif 1	L3	Н	0.999557	117.865253	1.133402
Coif 1	L4	Н	0.999552	117.273865	1.146983
Sym 2	L3	Н	0.999551	117.129401	1.135497
Db 2	L3	Н	0.999551	117.129401	1.135497
Sym 3	L3	Н	0.999548	116.427425	1.14867
Db 3	L3	Н	0.999548	116.427425	1.14867
Sym 2	L4	Н	0.999547	116.664894	1.148594
Db 2	L4	Н	0.999547	116.664894	1.148594
Bior 2.6	L4	Н	0.999547	116.628034	1.142708
Rbio 5.5	L4	Н	0.999547	116.483195	1.143878

The 10 best combinations of characteristics for low noise level

Results for the best case of each noise level.

Noise l.	Base	Dec.l.	H\S	Thr. index	SNR	RMSE	NCC
5	coif 1	3	h	18	117.865	1.098	0.999
25	bior 1.3	4	h	98	33.615	3.857	0.996
50	bior 1.3	4	h	183	16.850	7.611	0.989

Conclusion :

Averaging all noise level:

The most relevant are: Coiflet 1, Symmlet 2, Daubechie 2, Symmlet 3, Daubechie 3, Biortogonal 2.6 and Reverse biortogonal 5.5.

The hard threshold is always better.

For low level of noise only the three levels of decomposition can be used.



Famous example of Daubechies (1993) denoise

Donoho denoise:

- Coiflets-3
- threshold
- inverse



Second part

• Use these conclusions for the database project.



Steps to perform an efficient restoration scheme for infrared images considering the noise level.

- 1: Image acquisition and storage as a raw data
- 2: Evaluation of noise level and decision about decomposition in level 3 or 4.
- 3: Coiflet wavelet and hard threshold are used.
- 4: Coefficients for thresholding is select automatically based on the NCC.
- 5: The image is reconstructed using the modified coefficients.

Restoration of real infrared of whatever noise levels



Comparing achieved characteristics for typical breast image.

Results

Original : 49.519 bytes (1),

image after storage and transmission: 50.846 byte (2) and

denoised image by the proposed scheme: 15.869 bytes (3).

images	SNR	RMSE	NCC	Size (bytes)
1 - 2	5.9197	2.2273	0.8202	50.846
1 - 3	16.0751	0.8202	0.9997	15.869



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Processamento e Análise de Imagens Aplicadas à Mastologia

Projeto Resumo Objetivo Justificativa Apoio

Os novos equipamentos digitais para aquisição de imagens médicas (câmeras termográficas, ultrasom, mamogramas digitais, etc) permitem que se pense em combinar as informações anatômicas das diversas fontes para as específicidades dos pacientes. Estes dados (imagens) devem ser processados para realçar e extrair características. Nesta área, técnicas de processamento de imagens e reconhecimento de padrões são muito importantes, tanto para automatizar certos

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características e conhecimento, visando: a interpretação das imagens; a identificação de tecidos, estruturas anatômicas e funcionais, no sentido de conduzir pesquisas direcionadas ao problema de auxiliar nos diagnósticos precoces e na classificação de patologias (benignas/malignas) da mama. O projeto vai desde a aquisição das imagens e sua organização em bancos de dados, passando pela suas análises através de métodos numéricos, até um último estágio, onde técnicas de aprendizado de máquina devem ser utilizadas de forma a ser feita uma extração de conhecimento das Imagens de Mamas.

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Transformada de Wavelet Contínua

Transformada de *Wavelet* Contínua é a integral ao longo do tempo de um sinal multiplicado por uma escala, e deslocado por uma função *wavelet* (*Psi*), também chamada *wavelet* mãe:

$$C(escala , posição) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t) \Psi(escala , posição , t) dt$$

O número ao lado do nome da wavelet representa o número de momentos nulos ! *a* define a escala e *b* a translação

$$\Psi_{a,b}(t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{a}} \Psi\left(\frac{t-b}{a}\right), \quad a \neq 0, \quad b \in \Re$$

Repare que mais de uma forma (função base ou mãe) pode ser usada para **gerar uma familia**

Para ser considerada uma wavelet, uma função inversivel tem que:

Ter uma área total NULA sob a curva da função (ou integral nula) ; e

$$\int \Psi(t) dt = 0$$

Ter energia (ou integral do quadrado da função) finita,

$$C_{\Psi} = 2 \pi \int \left| u \right|^{-1} \left| \hat{\Psi}(u) \right|^2 du < \infty$$

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Para que um f seja uma Psi Ψ

• Área zero

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \psi(t) dt = 0$$



energia finita: $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |\psi(t)|^2 dt$



A Transformada de *Wavelets* contínua em F(a,b) é: (repare que é uma função de dois parâmetros reais, *a* e *b*)

$$F(a,b) = \int f(t) \Psi_{a,b} (t) dt$$

A função $\Psi_{a,b}(t)$ é denominada função *wavelet e definida como*:



A transformada de wavelet decompõe uma função definida no domínio do tempo em outra função, definida no domínio do tempo e no domínio da frequência.

Wavelet Transform

a - > scala



Wavelet Transform

b - > Position



Wavelet Transform

scale, position & time:











Wavelets

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$$\hat{\Psi}(0) = 0$$

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condição de admissibilidade

Discrete WT

$$\Psi_{a,b}(t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{a}} \Psi\left(\frac{t-b}{a}\right), \quad a = 2^j, b = k \ 2^j, \quad (j,k) \in \mathbb{Z}^2$$

mother wavelet **a=1,b=0 => j=0** *e* **k=0**

Haar

• base Haar

$$\psi(x) \equiv \begin{cases} 1 & 0 \le x < \frac{1}{2} \\ -1 & \frac{1}{2} < x \le 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

 $0 \le k \le 2^j - 1$ $\psi_{jk}(x) \equiv \psi\left(2^j x - k\right)$

mother wavelet j=k=0

discrete Haar:

Alfred Haar – 1909 Particular case of Daubechies:





base for Haar -> square waves.





DC component - average

For 1 wave.

For 2 wavelets

	méo	dias	R e	Deta- lhes		
9	1	2	0	s.		
-				4		
	5	1		2	4	1
		3	1		2	

Exemplo: **9735**


Using average and details:



(this is multi resolution)

 $I(x) = c_0^0 \phi_0^0(x) + d_0^0 \psi_0^0(x) + d_0^1 \psi_0^1(x) + d_1^1 \psi_1^1(x)$



Resolution 4	Averages				Detail Coefficients
	9	7	3	5	
2		8	4		1 -1
100	6				2

Lossless compression

(11 bits x 7 bits)



Codification & recontruction





Normalized filters

$$\phi_i^j(x) \coloneqq 2^{j/2} \phi(2^j x - i)$$

$$\psi_i^j(x) \coloneqq 2^{j/2} \psi(2^j x - i)$$

• Normalized coefficients

6 2 1 -1 6 2
$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$
 $\frac{-1}{\sqrt{2}}$

• New filters $l = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{bmatrix} \qquad h = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{bmatrix}$ $l = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1+\sqrt{3}}{4\sqrt{2}} & \frac{3+\sqrt{3}}{4\sqrt{2}} & \frac{3-\sqrt{3}}{4\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1-\sqrt{3}}{4\sqrt{2}} \end{bmatrix} \qquad h = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1-\sqrt{3}}{4\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{3-\sqrt{3}}{4\sqrt{2}} & \frac{3+\sqrt{3}}{4\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1+\sqrt{3}}{4\sqrt{2}} \end{bmatrix}$

Haar 2D stantard decomposition

• using + = +1, - = -1, ■ =0



Haar 2D piramidal decomposition





Thresholding

- Percentages of coefficients .
- with only 5% > almost perfect reconstruction



usingDaub4

Wavelets and noise

• wavelet shrinkage ou thresholding

performance

•Compression ratio

Quality:
Root Mean Square Error (RMSE),
Sign Noise Ratio (SNR) and
Peak Sign Noise Ratio (PSNR)

coeficientes de detalhes

Detalhes Horizontal H1





Onde está o ruido, na região suave ou nos detalhes?

