

A Brief Review of the Detection of Diabetic Retinopathy in Human Eyes Using Pre-Processing & Segmentation Techniques

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Abstract: In this research article, a brief insight into the detection of DR in human eyes using different types of preprocessing & segmentation techniques is being presented. There are a number of methods of segmenting the blood vessels that are present in the retina & once the retinal nerve fibres are segmented, one can detect whether the eyes are affected with diabetic retinopathy or not. In fact, this detection depends on the area of the RNFL network. If the total area of the nerve fibre is less, then it is affected with diabetic retinopathy (DR) & if the area of the nerve network is more, then the eyes are not affected with the diabetic retinopathy and hence it is normal. It is a well-known fact that diabetics assumes a vital job in the health of the human beings & affects each and every organ. One such organ in the human eye. This DR will give rise to vision loss in the human eye as the optic nerve is connected to the brain. The retinal fundus images are commonly used for detecting & analyzing of disease in disease affected images. Raw retinal fundus images are difficult to process by machine learning algos. Hence, a survey is being given here in this very context. This is a review paper / survey paper in which any researcher who reads this paper, he / she can get some idea about the disease in the human eye, how it gets affected, symptoms, etc... In fact to say, the paper can be thought of as an introductory paper about the diabetic retinopathy & its background. Various research analysts have chipped away at this theme of the topic till now. To start with, 100's of research papers were collected from various sources, studied @ length & breadth and a brief review of the eye disease issues was being made & presented here in a nutshell. In the sense, the recent works done by various authors across the globe is being presented here in this context so that this review article serves as the base for any researcher who is working in the field of ophthalmology could define their own research problem. One of the important organ of the human being is the eye. It has to be noted that if the eyes are not there, then the whole world would be dark & the human life even though it is existing will be a waste. Different types of the diseases occurs in the eyes. One of the deadliest disease which occurs in the eyes is the DR. This disease is the second largest disease which is occurring amongst the human beings as per the WHO – United Nations survey. Hence, utmost importance has to be given to the eye care. This disease occurs due the reduction of the nerve area in the retina. If the area of the RNFL decreases, then the optic nerve which is connecting to the brain gets damage, leading to the loss of vision. In this paper, a mere introduction is given to the diabetic retinopathy disease. Hence,

anexhaustive review is given w.r.t. the said disease, which is the topic of research taken by us as a part of the Ph.D. programme.

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I. INTRODUCTION

Diseases in the eyes are subjected to a set of conditions in the human eyes, the various parameters which affect are the diabetes, blood glucose, etc.. These consists of retino-pathology, edemas, cataracts, etc... The first one is related to the change in the blood veins in the retina which will cause the veins & capillaries to burst, thus developing bleeding, which further will lead to loosing of the human vision. The most important part of human being is the eyes, without which there would be no vision and the whole world of the human beings will be dark. Diabetic retinopathy is derived from the Greek word (*die – uh – BET – ikret – ih – NOP – uh – thee*), i.e., it's a concern in the which directly has a major influence in the human eyes, which may be caused due to the damaging of the blood veins, capillaries as they are very much sensitive to the light since retina is at the back of the eyes 1 - 10.

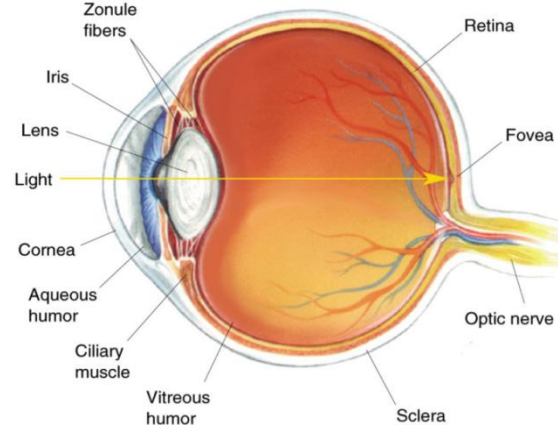


Fig. 1: Structure of a human eye

The disease DR to start with has no symptoms, but only results in low vision problem, i.e., vision will be less to start with, if the disease is attacked. The veins or the capillaries when affected with the disease starts leaking the blood because of bursting of the veins. This occurrence is due to the presence of diabetes in the blood stream which are very near to the retina. These damaged blood vessels can cause vision loss: ...

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The fluid causes the macula to swell, resulting in blurred vision. Diabetic retinopathy happens when high blood sugar levels damage blood vessels in the retina. People with diabetes can thus get attacked with the eye disease called as diabetic retinopathy. Major parts of the eye are the iris, cornea, retina, sclera, nerve fibres, optic nerve, etc.... as shown in the Fig. 1.

In any human eye, the various parts such the macula, OD, OC, fovea have an effect on the blood vessels which are in less comparison to the retinal walls 7. The first thing in detecting is the segmenting of the blood vessels which will help in detection. The walls of the blood veins in the retina has got many parameters such as dia, colour, width, length, branches, tortuosity, etc.... 12.

Diverse eye sicknesses have distinctive side effects that guides in their recognition of diseases. The D R further can be identified by the segmenting of the OC OD w.r.t. blood vessels and by the division of veins/capillaries in the fundus pictures. Retinal vein impediment demonstrates the indication of widened convoluted veins, Retinal Artery occlusion have changed shades of conduits that is copper or silver shading. Diabetes is the illness which influences the body parts like kidneys, eyes, sensory system, heart and so forth. The human eye which is the noteworthy part of the human body needs unique consideration as it has an effect on the vision. Patients who are having diabetes can experience the ill effects of Glaucoma, DR, Cataracts, Occlusions in the retinal arteries and Occlusions in the veins of the retina. If there is a high BP, this will have an effect on the eyes, leading to loss of vision³⁴

Larger part of the eye illnesses causes blindness in the human eyes and if not restored legitimately and taken care at prior advances. D R is an eye ailment/infection that is an outcome as a result of the delayed and un-treated diabetes. The diabetic-retinopathy have the side effects which begins from miniaturized scale micro-maneurysms which exists because of debilitated blood vessels/veins/capillaries which are seen as red shading little specks (circular in nature). When these walls of the retinal blood veins are cracked, hemorrhages shows up which are reddish in color platellets. At the point when the seriousness of the DR increments, hard exudates shows up in the retina which exists because of spillage of proteins and lipids from the blood, which are yellowish in colour shading. After greater headway in seriousness of the disease 'DR', there is a lot of obstruction in the veins that prompts arrangement of delicate exudates as cotton fleece spots of white shadings in nature (whitish in color exudates). A healthy retina is shown in the Fig. 2, whereas a retina affected with diabetics (damaged retina) is shown in the Figs. 3-5 respectively¹¹⁻²⁰.



Fig. 2: A healthy retina

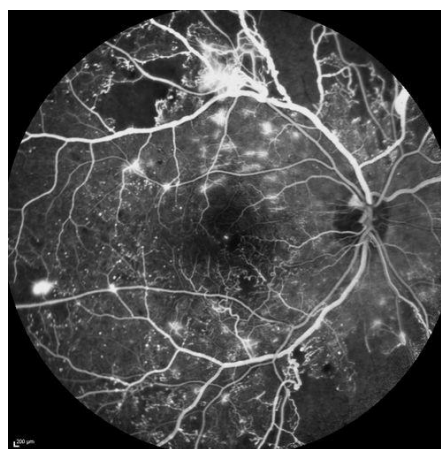


Fig. 3: A human retina which is affected with diabetes-1

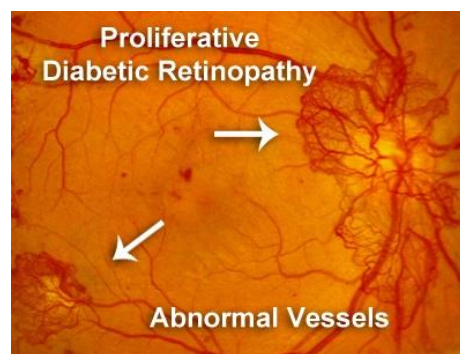


Fig. 4: A human retina which is affected with diabetes-2

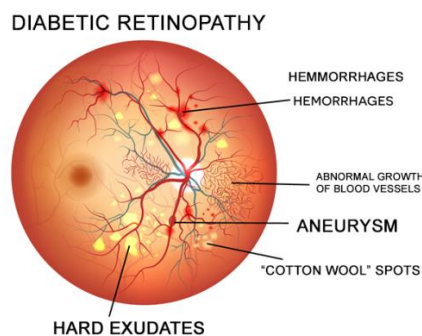


Fig. 5: A human retina which is affected with diabetes-3

In short, DB is caused by a change in the structure of the blood-vessels of the human eye's retina. The retina structure will be a thin, inward coating at rear end of human eyes that is very much dependent on the light. The harm is caused by an expansion in blood's sugar level of the glucose contents which can hurt veins/capillaries. At the point/juncture when these veins-capillaries thicken-become big, they can create spills, which then gives rise to the human eye's vision loss. The 4 phases of DR & is pictorially showed in the form of a slide in the Fig. 6, apart from which it is also explained one after the other as follows. The 4 categories of DR could be summarized as 21-30

- Mild-Initial stage,
- Moderate-Mid way stage,
- Severe/nonproliferative-pre final stage &
- Proliferative-final stage.

To consider the 1st one, the mild or the non – proliferate case of DR, there will a swelling in the shape of a small balloon w.r.t. some of the parts of the veins or the blood capillaries which are located near to the retina 31-35.

Then the 2nd phase, called as moderate/medium non-proliferative retino-pathology, few retinal veins will get damaged due to the increase in sugar level thus giving rise to the blockage 36-40.

In the 3rd phase, serious or non proliferative DR carries with it more blocked veins/capillaries, which prompts many of the zones of the retina never again getting sufficient blood flow, thus giving rise to more blocks in retina. Thus, w/o appropriate blood stream flow, the human eye's retina cannot develop more or new blood veins/capillaries which can be used to replace the damaged blood vessels 41-45.

In the 4th & the final stage which is known as proliferative retinopathy, this will be the advanced stage of DR disease. This is the propelled phase of the illness, where extra fresh blood vessels will start to develop in the retina, i.e., starts growing, yet they will be very delicate and unusual (small in structure). Along these lines, they can spill blood (ooze out the blood) which will prompt diluting the vision loss & possibly result in the blindness 46-50.

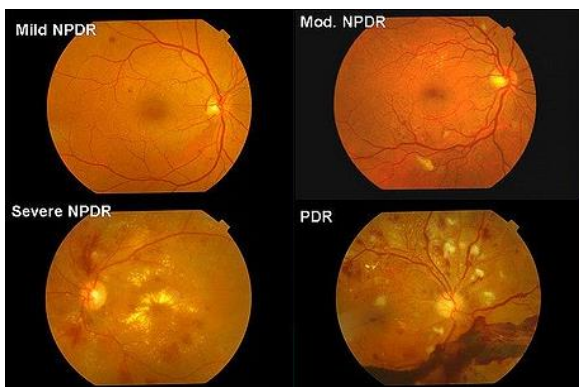


Fig. 6: The four chronic stages of diabetic retinopathy

Care has to be taken to see that if the disease occurs, it has to be treated at an earlier stage, else there would be loss of vision. The 1st rule is acquiring the image of the retina of the diseased from a high resolution camera. Next is to process the image using various types of pre-processing & segmentation techniques, finally to extract the region of interest, i.e., the ROI, once the nerve network is obtained,

then it can be decided whether the patient is affected with DB or not. In our work, we are going to concentrate on the *pre-processing & segmentation* issues that extract the ROI correctly without any ambiguity and yield 100 % results.

II. ORGANIZATION OF THE SURVEY PAPER

The organization of the paper is given next. Related works w.r.t. the issues considered in this research article is given in the introduction in sec. 1. An exhaustive summary literature survey is given in sec. This follows the drawbacks of the work done by various authors till date in section IV. The general procedure for diabetic retinopathy detection in human eyes is explained in section V. A review of the ANNs that we are planning to use for the research w.r.t. the feature extraction of the ROI is presented in section VI. Conclusions are given in sec. VII. Next, a large number of references in the chosen research topic is given in references.

III. LITERATURE SURVEY

Various analysts across the world have taken a shot at the point of diabetic retinopathy & its detection from the retinal nerve fibres. Their brief insight into the works done till date is presented in the following paragraphs 1-52.

Kulwinder Mann and Sukhpreet Kaur worked a lot on segmenting of the blood veins in the retina using the concepts of ANN to detect the disease at an early stage in their research paper in 28. This paper was considered as the base paper from which the motivation was obtained to do research in this exciting field of biomedical engineering. The authors used the supervisory methods for detection purposes and finally they arrived at a conclusion that using ANN they could get very good results & the training of the NN along with the algorithm was used to detect the DR at an early stage in the human beings, but they worked on only for a limited amount of images taken from the standard database. The authors Geetha Ramani *et al.* 1 devised some novel methods for the analysis of retina images. This used both the IP & DM concepts. The team lead by Tang *et al.* 2 developed a novel method of supervisory classification that was dependent on the filtering of the blood vessels using the Gabor Wavelet Transforms. Next, the team of Abdallah *et al.* 3 proposed novel methods of segmenting of the blood vessels which were of the same size, i.e., similar dimension. The research team led by Gang *et al.* 141523 enunciated the Gaussian Curve was similar to the overview of the retinal blood capillaries and they used it for detection of the retina blood vessels. The authors proposed Gaussian Filtering scheme which was based on modified 2nd order Filter 1213.

An hybrid methodology which was depended on the extraction of the features for blood vessel detection was developed by the team of Aslani *et al.* in their research paper in 5. Preparation of text in the pattern of dictionary for classifying the blood veins/capillaries was given by Zhang *et al.* in their research paper presented in 6.

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Mathematical models along with clustering using k -means for segmenting of the blood capillaries was proposed by Hassana *et.al.* in 7. An identification scheme which was based on the characterization of the blood veins (including the shapes, areas, unwanted regional volumes near the retina) was put forward in their research paper by Sinthanayothin *et.al.* in 8. In fact, ant bee-colony optimisation & FC-means cluster method was used by Vermeer *et.al.* in 9 for detecting the fine & coarse blood capillaries, from which they could detect the disease.

A fast technique for detecting the blood vessels in the retina for DR was developed by Chaudhuri *et.al.* in 10 using the decomposition of the trees method. A GL Spatial Correlation concept for how to build the histograms depending on the property of the image locals was put forward by the team of Chanwimaluang *et.al.* in 11.

A new algo method which is useful in detecting the ageing of the blood capillaries with time & further segmenting them for the disease detection was found out by Hoover 1232 *et.al.* A DSP filter depending on the key point detection & recognition of patterns (PR), termed as the mixture of various shifted filter outputs was given in 2101223 by Hughes *et.al.*

Larsen *et.al.* worked on the detecting of the red colours (lessions) in the diabetic fundus image for detecting the DR disease in his research paper in 31, which was an automated method. Mendonca *et.al.* did extensive research on segmenting of blood capillaries in the image which used the combination of the centre line detection & reconstruction based on morphological features in 30. Garcia *et.al.* proposed a neural network based detection of hard exudates in retinal images in their research paper in 29. An automated lung module detection which used the matching of the profiles & the BP algo in ANN was devised by Lo & Freedman in 27.

Toulson *et.al.* worked on the segmenting of the medical images using ANNs in 26. Lee *et.al.* gave in brief a full background info about the diagnosis of diabetic retinopathy in his survey paper in 24 and showed how to do the diagnosis of a person who is affected with this disease. An excellent work on how to detect the walls of the blood veins / capillaries in the retina image and how to track it using the concepts of the combination of Gaussian & Kalman filters was touched upon by Chutapa *et.al.* in their paper in 23. Extensive work on the tracing of the blood capillaries using extraction of the features of the blood vessels using rapid automating mechanisms of tracing the veins and how an direct algo can be developed for detection purposes was developed by the team of researches & further, it was continued by the team of researchers led by Can *et.al.* in 22.

A fuzzy vessel track algo for retina pictures which used the concept of fuzzy clusters was developed by Toliase *et.al.* in 21. The group of Zhou *et.al.* in 20 presented the detecting & quantifying of the DR disease using digital angiogram, which produced excellent results. The authors calculation depended on a coordinated filter method combined with from the earlier information about the retinal blood vessel properties to consequently distinguish the vessel boundary limits, track the midline of the vessel & concentrate valuable parameters of clinical importance. By

demonstrating the vessel profile utilizing Gaussian capacities, they enhanced evaluations of vessel widths are gotten over past calculations by developing novel algos, but not that much variation could be found.

Staa *et.al.* in 19 worked on the ridge-based vessel segmentation w.r.t. the coloured retinal image & the work was dependent on how the image ridge was extracted, & coincided with the centre lines of the blood vessels. They used k -NN classifiers to differentiate diseased & non-diseased pictures. But, the accuracy of their method was not discussed for higher order observers (more than second). Niemeijer *et.al.* completed a relative investigation of segmenting of the retina blood veins by using some novel techniques on another openly accessible data-base in 18, but their method even though it gave satisfactory results for the chosen database, it did not give any information about the success of their methods w.r.t. other available databases.

Mathematical modelling & evaluation of the curvatures methods was used for segmenting of the blood-vessels & was worked upon by the team of Zana & others in 17 & they performed cross curvature evaluations. One major drawback was they had not considered the noise factor into their work. 2nd differentiation method of segmenting of the retina blood veins & growing of the regions along with how to develop a new analysis for characterizing of the retina blood capillaries - this method was dealt with by Martinez-Perez & his team in 1314. One lacuna in their work was it worked only for the 2nd order derivative functions, but failed to satisfy the higher order derivatives.

A concise audit of the imaging techniques for recognizing of the DR disease & its severity effects along with its classification techniques was presented by Madhura & Kakatkar in 33. This paper gave a review of the various strategies for DR identification and grouping into various stages dependent on the extremity levels & furthermore, different image DB's utilized for conducting the research were also presented. Adarsh and Jeyakumari worked on the classification issues, i.e., on the multi-class support vector machine's automatic detection & analysis of the DR disease in 34. Their classification even though it gave very good results, but couldn't satisfy if other types of classifiers were used for the same set of images that were taken from the standard databases. Javeria Amin *et.al.* carried out a extensive examination of the developments in the recent years w.r.t. the detection of DR disease in their survey paper in 40, which provided as a ready reckoner for the DB researchers.

Acharya *et.al.* worked on the DR phases using the retinal fundus image using different computer algos 3536 & used it for detection, but the drawback was the severity of the cases could not be detected. A similar group dealt with the use of higher request spectral issues for identifying different phases of DR 36. Sinthanayothin & his team worked on the sudden examination of the DR detection using the fundus images captured from camera in 37. Their point was to build up a computerized screening concept to examine the computerized retinal pictures for vital highlights/features of non-proliferative DR (NPDR). The calculation for exudate acknowledgment was done on 30 retinal pictures out.

Their also gave rise to 77.5% accuracy & a specificity of 88.7% for discovery of the HMA. But, when noise factors in the fundus retinal image was considered, sensitivity & specificity was reduced, which was a major drawback in their research work.

The subsequent paragraphs concentrate on the segmentation methods that were used by various authors for segmenting the retinal nerve fibres before the DR detection starts. In 41, the authors worked on the retinal vessel's segmentation techniques & proposed new schemes for the same. By and large, w.r.t. the segmental problems, there is the same number of techniques and algos as there are particular cases and circumstances in the eye's disease stages. Among them, segmental concepts utilized for medicinal purposes when all is said is done and for retinal anatomical structures segmental issue that too specific in nature.

All retinal vessel segmental strategies has normal stages, for ex., the preprocessing stage, processing-stage & the post processing stage. In this survey article, one of the IP technique, viz., the segmentation can be categorized depending on the algo or the concept used in the mid-stage (processing). giving rise to 6 major categories, viz.,

- Kernel techniques,
- Tracking of the vessels,
- Morphology concepts,
- Multi scale,
- Based on models,
- Thresholding based on adaptive holdings,
- The m/c learning concepts.

These classes are likewise gathered into 2 sub-headings, i.e., based on rules or on m/c learning concepts. In this para, m/c learning ones uses a pre-fragmented retinal picture (high resolution ones) to shape a marked dataset that can be utilized in the process of training issues. In any case, any non-picture handling human expert, when looked into the issues of analysis of the diseased images, promptly captures that a one picture change or a solitary picture conceptual method generally get washed/fails predominantly.

Short report on the investigations of the segmenting of the blood veins/capillaries using the concept of LBPs was carried out by by Seyed Mohsen Zabihi *et al.* in 52. The multi scaling morphology algo is utilized for enhancing the local resolution/contrasts of the eye's retinal picture. This technique upgrades vessels in the refined retinal eye picture, as well as in its 3-coloured components (R G B). The execution of the proposed algo is tried on the pictures available from the DRIVE database. Computerized segmenting of the vascular exudates in the retinal-pictures is critical in the early discovery of numerous sicknesses, for example, DR, hyper-tension, arteriosclerosis, so on & so forth 4243.

In the works 44 and 45 contourlet mathematical transform and in 46 DSP filters were utilized to improve the retinal blood-vessel's contrast. W.r.t. the work done by those authors, the creators utilized a multi-scale morphological algo 47 for nearby complexity upgrade of coloured retinal pictures.

The extent picture developed from the 3 coloured parts of the R-G-B combination is improved utilizing multi-scale morphology channeling scheme, thus protecting the colour

vector's directional features. Their strategy enhanced the differentiation of vessels in the coloured retinal pictures & furthermore the R-G-B channel pictures of the colouring images of the retinas. Another new algo had been introduced in their study to give the correct identification of the structure of the eye's vascular network.

As per the article presented in the paper [48], the blood-vessel identification systems could be categorized into 3 fundamental classifications, viz., depending on the kernel, depending on the tracking concept & and based on the classifier concepts. The kernel dependent techniques convolve the kernels with various size & directions with the primary picture dependent on a particular image model.

Methods presented in the research article [49] utilized the matching of the gaussian filtering scheme for the identification of veins in human retinal coloured pictures. But, it is generally tedious, time-consuming process, especially when the kernel-bit turns out to be very huge & should be applied again & again in different possible directional orientation.

Strategies depending on the tracking usesspecific mathematical for tracking of the blood veins & capillaries. These track techniques run by 1st finding some seed focusses & afterwards follow the structure of the vascular network recursively as indicated by their developed model 50.

The main points that focus might be set physically by basic thresholding or consequently by using the eye's morphology rules. In the classifier based techniques, initial, a feature vector can be removed w.r.t. every pelof the retinal picture & afterwards classifier utilizes the vectors and groups to segment the pixels to the retinal blood vessels & non blood vessel 5145.

Various specialists have taken a shot at the point of DR detection till date, which was surveyed upon in the previous section. Similar to the works presented by a large no. of researchers in the preceding paragraphs, there were still quite a number of works done by many researchers across the world till date in the field of glaucoma eye detection in humans.

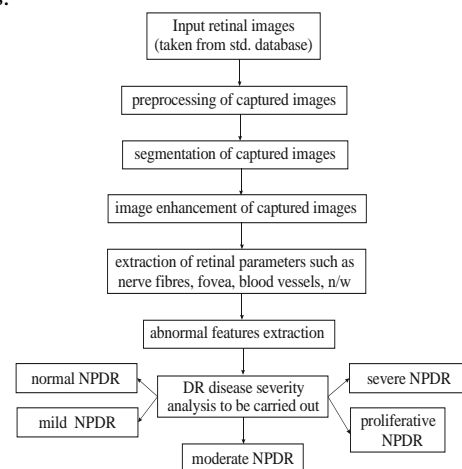


Fig. 7: A typical flow-chart for detecting DR with severity measures.



But, here, we have considered only the important ones 1–52 which were used in the research work.

IV. DRAWBACKS / LIMITATIONS OF THE EXISTING WORKS

In lion's share of the work executed by the different writers displayed in the past passages, there were sure downsides/impediments/lacunae. Many of them have not considered unhealthy images, high computation time, consideration of small databases, noise effects were not considered, usage of normal segmentation procedures followed, SNR was not considered, etc. A no. of these disadvantages were taken into custody in our exploration work with various parameteric infos & new algos will be created which will be checked through successful Matlab/LabVIEW simulating results done using computer algo or may be thought of doing a hardware implementation of the same.

V. PROCEDURE FOR DIABETIC RETINOPATHY DETECTION IN HUMAN EYES

The Fig. 7 reveals a diagrammatic representation for detecting the DR disease in humans with a no. of features. The first & foremost step is to acquire the image from the database or from the hospital zones. Then, the preprocessing of the acquired image has to be carried out. This is the 1st rule w.r.t. analyzing of the retina coloured images & following concepts are being used for performing the same.

- Cropping of the image,
- Extracting the green channel,
- Enhancing the contrast of the image,
- Filtering to remove noise,
- Gabor Filtering,
- Vesselness Measure,
- Intensity Measure,
- Feature based GL extraction,
- Invariancy concepts in the moments.

The future problem in analysing the retinal based DR disease is to extract its features & the following concepts are being used for performing the same. Once after preprocessing is done, features can be extracted using various methods. This is the process of obtaining the unique blood vessels from the image using image processing techniques. The post processing procedure carried out on the image are 27 - 30

- Segmentation
- Thresholding
- Smoothing
- Morphological operations

The final step is the feature extraction. In short, this FE can be explained as follows.

In m/c learning, IP and in DIP, separating the highlights starts from a basic course of action of assessed data/info from retina pictures & developed decided parameters (features) intended to be informational and which is not repetitive, empowering the resulting learning process & theory steps at now and again provoking better human interpretations. The dimensions of the feature parameters of the retinal pictures could be identified with a reduction in the dimensions of the same.

In this context, when the data/info to the algo is very vast & cannot be taken into a/c by the algo & is assumed to be excess/more (e.g., similar to the parameters of the f , m , cm , in or the excess of images/pictures showed as pixel/pel), by then it might be changed into a decreased course of action of image features (additionally identified as a feature-vector).

Taking into a/c a part of the features of the image at an initial stage is called FS (selecting of the features) 1.

The features which are selected are used to obtain the imp. info from the i/p info, ending with the goal that this research work could be carried out by using the diminished image representations instead of the total initial info of the image.

There are different methods of extracting the features of the captured fundus retinal images after it is pre-processed & segmented. To name a few of them being,

- Independent component analysis
- Analysis of semantics based on latency
- Least squares method based on partial values
- P C A
- Template matching
- Pattern recognition
- Reducing the dimension of the image
- Multi-linear P C A
- Sub-space learning w.r.t. multi-linearity
- Embedding concepts w.r.t. semi-definitism
- Scale-invariant feature transform
- Different types of transform techniques
- Statistical feature & global features method
- Neural & fuzzy techniques
- Moments-Shape analysis

In the research work that is being considered by us to work upon with, the ANNs are going to be used for extraction of the features of the ROI (retinal nerve fibres).

Some of the vital rules in the location and classification of the severity in the diseased image could be abridged mentioned in the next paragraphs.

- Noise removal
- Enhancement of the contrast
- Detecting process
- Nerve fibre localisation.
- Segmenting of the nerve fibre
- Segmenting of the vascular trees
- Fovea area localizing
- Extracting the features of abnormal areas
- DR categorization into different types
- Performance evaluation of the different types of classifiers.

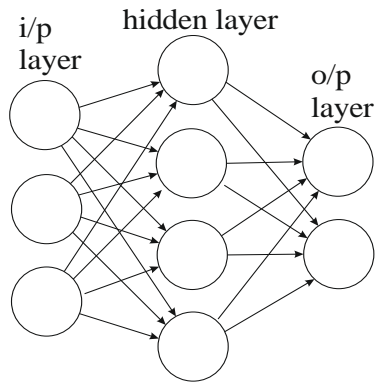


Fig. 8: A typical ANN Model

VI. ARTIFICIAL NEURAL NETWORKS

An ANN is an inter-connected gathering of nodes, much the same as the immense system of neurons in a human brain network. Now, every round neuron (round in structure) refers to artificially created neuron & arrow represents the signals move from one neuron to another neuron in the neural networks. The regular ANN n/w structure comprising of i/p layer, concealed/hidden layer & o/p layer, which is diagrammatically shown in the Fig. 8.

In m/c learning the ANNs are a group of factual learning algos motivated by biological neural nets (humans) or biological neurons (the central focal frameworks of the human beings,

particularly the cerebrum of the human beings) & are used to assess or the evaluated limits that can depend upon a substantial no. of data i/p's & are for the most part obscure (hidden).ANN's are by and large introduced as a system of inter-connected 'neurons' which can find the values from the i/p's and are fit for m/c learning and also in DIP because of their versatile nature of the features.

For instance, a neural system for biometric acknowledgment/authentication is characterized by an arrangement of i/p neurons which might be enacted by the pixels of i/p fundus retinal image. Subsequent to being weighted and changed by a suitable transform (controlled by the system developer), the initiations of these artificial neurons are given as i/p to different neighbouring neurons.The procedure is rotated until at long last, an o/p neuron gets actuated. This figures out which biometric design was perused in the analysis & in detection. Unlike other m/c learning strategies/frameworks that gain from the i/p's, neural systems have been utilized to get a wide assortment of assignments done that are difficult to analyse utilizing common principle – based programming algos & features, PC vision and recognition using speech.

The neural nets are very simple math models thus defined as an f/n given by $f: P \rightarrow Q$ or as distributing the variable P over QY , but on the contrary on some occasions, the developed model based systems are linked with a pre-defined m/c learning algo. The commonly used word "the ANN" relates to the definition of group of such f/n's where the group members are derived from different parametric values, connecting the different weights or specifically using the neural net architecture, for ex., the no. of connected neurons in the selected ANN.

In the word, 'Network' refers to the connection of the all the artificial neurons b/w the different neurons in the

distinctive layers of every ANN structure. A model ANN system has 3 layers as appeared in the Fig. 8.The principal layer has i/p neuron that sends info using the neurotransmitters to the 2nd neuron layer & after that using a large no. of neural connections to 3rd layer of the o/p neurons. More complicated system will have neuron layers (3,4,5,6...) that has an a huge layer of input and output neuron layers such as the input layer, hidden layer & the output layers (large number). The NN stores the features of the neurons such as the weight and which controls the info for different calculations used for the training purposes. The Artificial Neural Network is generally divided into three types of functional parameters such as

- i. The system of inter-connects b/w different neural layers.
- ii. Involvement of the process of learning in order to update the different weights in the neural net inter-connection.
- iii. Converting a particular neuron's i/p weight into a weighted i/p neuron.

When mathematics of the ANN is concerned, a neuron's n/w $f(y)$ is coined as a mixture of other mathematical functions $g_i(y)$, which can be coined further as a mixture of other f/n's. This mathematical model can be devised as a networked vascular structure, with the arrows indicating the dependencies of different variable's interconnection b/w each other. A commonly used type of the neural net composition is the *non-linear weighted* sum ones, where

$$f(y) = K \{ \sum W_i x_i(y) \},$$

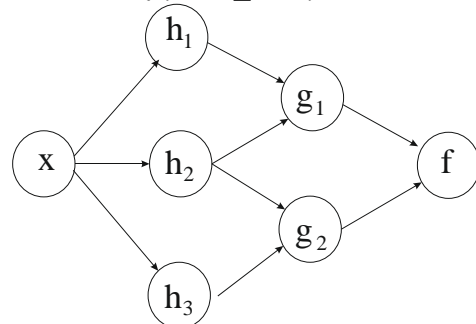


Fig. 9: A typical dependent graph using the ANN concepts

Here, the variable P (called as the activation f/n) will be a pre-defined f/n, for ex., it can be a *tanh* (hyperbolic in nature). Generally, a collection of various functions g_i could be grouped as a vector defined as $x = (x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_n)$. In the diagram shown in the figure no. 9, it shows how a vector x could be decomposed b/w the different neuron variables b/w different variables which are shown by the arrows, which represents the signals. The above mentioned concept could be put in two different methods as mentioned below.

Primary view is the function view, the i/p p is transformed into a 3-D vector denoted by the symbol ' h ' and is then converted into a 2-D vector denoted by the symbol ' g ' & finally converted into the parameter ' f '. This view is most regularly experienced with regards to the optimization process in the neural nets.



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2nd view is probabilistic view, the rand var $F = f(G)$ depends on a particular parametric variable denoted as $G = g(H)$ and depends on the function $H = h(X)$, again which depends on arbitrary parameter X . The 2nd view is regularly dealt with cautiously since it is a parametric variable.

The 1st & 2nd view perspectives are to a great extent identical (same). In either of the cases, for this particular framework designing, the items of the individual neural net layers are self-sufficient of each other (e.g., the segments of g are free of one another given their i/p info as h). This normally empowers a level of parallelism in the execution of the program & detection of the disease. ANN n/w systems, for ex., the past one are ordinarily called feed-forward, on the grounds that their chart is like a coordinated non-cyclic diagram starting from source & ending at destination. ANN n/w systems with cycles are usually called intermittent or recursive in nature. Such systems are ordinarily portrayed in the way appeared as appeared in Fig. 9, where f is appeared as being needy upon itself. Be that as it may, a suggested transient reliance isn't appeared.

In the new scenario, what has pulled in the most enthusiasm for neural net systems is the likelihood of *learning* with them, the ability to learn by themselves once a problem is given. Given a particular undertaking to explain & a class of f/n's F , the word, 'learning' implies utilizing an arrangement of perceptions to discover $f^* \in F$ in turn solving the given complex problem, i.e., the assignment in some ideal/optimal sense.

In turn, this concept above mentioned involves characterizing a cost working parameter $C: F \rightarrow R$ with the end goal that, for finding the feasible soln., f^* , $C(f) \leq C(f) \forall f \in F$: that is no arrangement will have cost f/n not exactly at the expense of the ideal/optimal arrangement. Next, cost work "C" will be a imperative idea w.r.t. the process of learning, as it is a proportion of how much distant the specific arrangement is from an ideal answer for issue to get settled, i.e., the way the problem gets solved. M/c learning algos look through the arrangement space to discover a capacity that has the littlest conceivable expense or the optimal cost f/n.

The applications where the arrangement is relying on a few i/p infos, the cost should essentially be an element of the notable observation, other-wise, we shall not be demonstrating anything identified with the info by any stretch of the imagination. It is as often as possible characterized as a measurement to which no one but approximation/assumptions that can be made. For ex., while developing a solution for the neural net model f , which is going to minimize the cost function $C = E [(f(x) - y)^2]$ which consists of the pair of datas given by (x, y) taken from a distributed function D . Actually there will be only N samples from the distributed f/n D . Therefore, for the above concept considered, it could be minimized by using the equation as $\hat{C} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N (f(x_i) - f(y_i))^2$. Then, the

minimization of the cost can be done over a particular group of sample datas instead of taking the whole set of datas.

It should be noted that when the parameter $N \rightarrow \infty$, some type of online machine learning can be utilized, where the cost f/n is incompletely limited (minimize) as each new

problem can be seen. While online m/ne learning is frequently utilized, however with D settled, it will be most valuable for the situation where the cost-distribution changes gradually after some time factors. W.r.t. the neural net system strategies, some type of online m/c learning is every now and then utilized for limited datasets for the preparation and approval purposes, i.e. when they have to trained & validated.

Developing a neural net system display basically implies choosing one NN model from the arrangement of group of NN systems (Bayesian structure, deciding a dispersion against the arrangement of permitted ANN systems), where cost function is to be minimized, which is the main criteria taken into consideration. There are various algos accessible for preparing the neural net system models; the vast majority of them can be seen as a good utilization application of the advancements in the theory of optimization along with the hypothesis and factual estimations (statistical in nature).

A large portion of the calculations utilized in preparing ANN system models utilize some type of concepts of gradient-descents, utilizing the famous BP algo to register the actual real grad-descents. This is finished by basically taking the slope of the cost f/n as for the system parameters and after that changing those parameters in an angle related view. The developmental techniques (evolved NN models), the quality programming strategy, the reproduced tempering techniques, the desire amplification technique, the non parametric technique and the swarm optimization streamlining strategies could be utilized for preparing the neural net system models. The ideal position of the artificial neural nets will be their full capacity to get utilized their self assertive strength and to develop an estimation or a transient system that will learn from the observed infos. Notwithstanding, utilizing them isn't so straight forward & a short explanation of the hidden layers in the NN, which is basic & relying upon the accompanying ideas as mentioned below.

- i. Selecting the NN structure: Depends on the info portrayal & its application, these are un-realistic NN models which tend to give rise to various issues w.r.t. the learning process.
- ii. How to learn an algo in a NN model : Different exchange parameters exists b/w the calculations which are used for the learning process. There are various exchange offs between learning calculations. Any calculation will function admirably with the right hyper-features for preparing w.r.t. a specific settled informational collection. In any case, choosing & tuning for a calculation for preparing on inconspicuous information requires quite a large no. of experimental procedures.
- iii. Robust algo development : If the model, cost limit and learning computation are considered to be fitted/assumed values, by then the resulting A N N can be considered to be more effective model & give good result.

Considering the correct execution, the A N N's could be

used typically in web learning & in broad instructive recorded medical scenarios& can be implemented in h/w also. Their fundamental execution & the nearness of the neurons by and large neighborhood conditions taken into a/c showed in the structure considers fast, parallel utilization in the neural net models. In the proposed research work that we will take up, we will utilize the Neural Network Toolbox accessible in the Matlab condition, & the limits with the applications to show complex non-linear structures which are not adequately shown with a closed shape conditions. NN Toolbox in Matlab supports regulated learning with feed-forward, extended neural-nets & dynamic frameworks.

It in like manner that supports the unsupervised learning with self-orchestrating maps and very much forceful layers. With the device stash one can setup, plan, imagine, and the actual neural net frameworks. Any client can use NN tool kit for different applications (information fitting, design acknowledgment, bunching, time-arrangement expectation, dynamic framework displaying and control,...). To accelerate preparing and handle vast informational indexes, one can circulate the calculations and information crosswise over multi center processor, GPU's & PC groups using the \parallel computational tool-boxes. Notable key highlights of the ANN could be recorded as pursues in the following paragraphs. Supervisory n/w's, which includes the multi-layers, radial-basisf/n's, (LVQ) learning vector quantization, delay in the time, (NARX) non-linear autoregressive & the layer-recurrent.

- i. Un-supervised systems, which contains self-sorting outward maps & a aggressive layer.
- ii. Applications which could be used for info fittings, acknowledgment of the designs & its groupings.
- iii. Increasing the efficiency of the system which is used for preparing & surveying the NN system's model's execution process which could be used in the pre processing as well as in the post processing effects.
- iv. Systems for portraying & overseeing the hidden layers which is of different discretional size.
- v. Models that could be developed in the Matlab's Simulink environment which could be used for model building & to assess the NN for its best performance.

The neural system highlight tool stash settles the element acknowledgment with a 2 layer feed forward system. In example acknowledgment issues, in the event that one needs a neural system to arrange contributions to an arrangement of target classifications, at that point the accompanying square set appeared in the Fig. 10 must be utilized. The Neural Pattern Recognition application will choose information, make and prepare a system and assess its execution utilizing cross-entropy and disarray lattices [1]-[10].

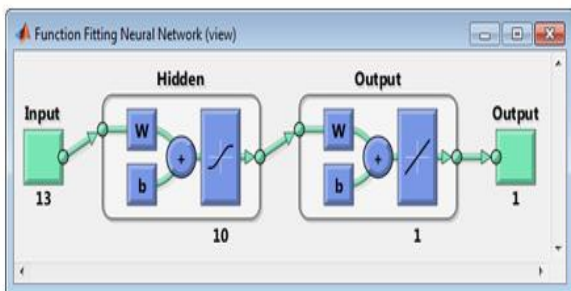


Fig. 10: NN tool-box structure in Matlab

A two-layer feed-forward system as appeared in Fig. 10, with sigmoid covered up and softmax yield neurons (patternet), can order vectors self-assertively well, given enough neurons in its concealed layer. The contribution to NN models' system is an n-dimension component vector. Noticeable highlights can just be separated that could design elemental vector & will take part in the arrangement of the pels in the retinal blood-vessel or it may be in the non-vessels also. If one considers any ANN calculation, a multi-layer perceptron NN model system can be utilized for preparing the diverse classifier, which comprises of 1 information & 1 o/p layer & 2 concealed layer (in b/w i/p & o/p layer). The sort of NN system mentioned previously could work considering different sources of info and various yields with vast number of parallel associated basic math units in concealed layers [11]-[20].

It has to be noted that the artificial neurons are given as input the input layer and they pass through the hidden layer till it reaches the output layer. BPP algo can be utilized to prepare and for additional learning reasons. At first, the system is prepared utilizing the basic fundamental i/p pictures that are physically divided pictures in small zones. The weight of the NN model is considered as per ability, however they are changed by computing the no. of calculations that is the distinction of ground scenarios & genuine outcomes. NN model is prepared till the point when the mistake is lessened to the negligible level [21]-[30]. When the neural system configuration is being detailed, at that point the preparation of the neural net must be done, i.e., these NN models are dependent on the no. of epochs that could be used in the training purposes amidst training preparations so that the system could learn by themselves in the midst of making mistakes also. Next, it must be approved, i.e., these could be used to gauge & arrange the infos in proper order & to prepare the o/p in a systematic manner after the training process is over such that there is no impact on the variations in the i/p section to the NN model & the execution process will be very smooth transitional ones [31]-[40]. Considering off chance that neural systems are utilized for highlight extraction, grouping, and so forth., at that point the assessment of the execution of classifiers should be possible utilizing distinctive sorts of parameters which are specified as underneath. A few parameters, for example, the following parameters could be considered as follows mentioned below as

- True-Negative (T N)
- True-Positive (T P)
- False-Negative (F N)
- False-Positive (F P)

are also figured. The previously mentioned features of the NN are figured by considering the results of the feature classifiers and the quantity of typical and strange pictures from DB. Considering an unusual picture, outcome will be genuine +ve when result of characterization is strange & the outcome will be False Negative (FN) when classifier o/p's are considered as ordinary in nature [41]-[50].

Considering ordinary picture, outcome will be True-Negative (TN), when the classifier o/p will be typical & False-Positive (FP) when characterization result will be anomalous / there is an ambiguity. When a given picture database is considered, the parameter such as , TP,TN, FP, F N can be utilized for getting the estimation of the exact values, Sensitivity (SN) & specificity (SP). The classifier executions could be found out or estimated as far as affectability, specificity and exactness by utilizing the recipes [51][52].

- Affectability = $\left(\frac{TP}{TP + FP} \right)$ & the sensitivity will

be \propto to the level of anomalous pictures which could be delegated as unusual in nature.

- Specificity = $\left(\frac{TN}{TN + FP} \right)$ & this parameter could

be give the proportion of ordinary pictures that could be grouped up which are typically the same in nature.

- Exactness = $\left(\frac{TP + TN}{TP + FN + TN + FP} \right)$ & which

could be the proportion of aggregate no. of very much ordered ordinary and anomalous pictures.

VII. CONCLUSIONS & FUTURE WORK

In this paper, a brief review of the different concepts relating to how the DR disease could be detected at an early stage was presented in a nutshell in the survey / review paper which made use of the preprocessing, segmentation & the feature extraction schemes. Large number of researchers who had worked in this field and who had contributed a lot w.r.t. the diabetic retinopathy was presented in the form of an exhaustive literature survey along with their advantages, dis-advantages or the drawbacks / lacunas in this review / survey paper. The information presented in this paper is just the work done by various authors till date in a nutshell so that the researchers can know about the recent advances in the work done on glaucoma & its related items and can further refine their work with some additional informations, define their own research problem looking into the drawbacks of the works of the existing works. The main contribution of this review / survey paper was to encourage more researchers to develop and improve potential proposals for different types of glaucoma disease detection using different methodologies. This survey paper has discussed the basic requirements of different schemes for the disease eradication, investigated proposed schemes for these problems and also highlighted the various detection & performance strengths along with drawbacks, weaknesses of the work done by various researchers. Finally, in this paper, a small review about the diabetic retinopathy disease and the research work that is going to be taken by us was presented in a nut shell. This paper thus gave a brief insight into the research work on the detection of the second largest disease in the world, i.e., the diabetic retinopathy disease in the human eyes which could be detected using novel pre-processing & segmentation techniques. The paper could act

as a ready reckoner for those who want to pursue their research in the field of DR.

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