

REGION BASED IMAGE RETRIEVAL BASED ON TEXTURE FEATURES

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ABSTRACT

Most of Content Based Image Retrieval (CBIR) system use global texture features for representing and retrieving images. If local texture features are ignored during the initial stage of image processing, the performance will be affected. Meanwhile the features extraction, if it is based on Color co-occurrence Matrix (CCM) will provide the opportunities effective CBIR. Therefore, the main objective of this paper avoids the performance ineffectiveness and the same time opting for much effective CBIR. The problems that were highlighted will be tackled by considering the approach that is based on the local Haralick's texture features, specifically using Average Analysis (AA) and Principal Component Analysis (PCA) methods. The extraction by Haralick's texture feature was based on the predetermined CCM. The experimentation was done on the suggested ten categories of 1000 selected images from the Coral image database. The results portray, it is interesting to note that for certain image categories, only six features of the eleven Haralick's texture features namely homogeneity, sum of squares and sum average, sum variance, difference entropy and information measure correlation I and known as 'significant' features provided the best image retrieval. The performance has increased in the range of 8.5% to 26.0%, compared with the previous researches. It is also indicated that the Average Analysis (AA)'s combined 'significant' features have achieved better performance than the Principal Component Analysis (PCA) in most categories. This finding has important implication on the use of correct 'significant' features from Haralick texture features for certain image properties as well as leading to less computational processing time due to less.

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1. INTRODUCTION

In recent years, the need for efficient content-based image retrieval (CBIR) has increased significantly. This is in line with the rapid development in the field of internet, computers and communications. This increase can be observed in lots of applications such as biomedical [1-2], military [3], trade, education, and web image classification and retrieval [4-7].

A typical CBIR, image retrieval is based on visual content such as color, shape, texture, etc. [8-10] and these content may be extracted from either global or local regions from the images [8-10]. Texture has been regarded one of the most popular features in image retrieval [11]. Although the grey scale texture has managed to provide enough information for the completion of lots of tasks, but for the texture color information has still

not being fully utilized and a comprehensive study of the role of the texture is regarded as necessary. Thus in recent years, many researchers have begun to consider color information [12-17] for the study of texture.

In this paper, the proposed method will be discussed in two parts. The first part will discuss on the issue based on grey level techniques with the objective of producing a Color Co-occurrence Matrix (CCM). Meanwhile, the second part will be focusing on the texture feature selection on CCM. The outline of the paper is as follows. In the section 2, the paper will highlight the discussion related to CBIR using CCM. The proposed methodologies dealing with the texture feature in CBIR will be examined in following section 3. Section 4 discusses and analyses the output from the experimentation and finally, conclusions and future works are discussed in Section 5.

2. RELATED WORK

An established method known as gray level Co Occurrence Matrix (GLCM), based on local variation of pixel intensity was commonly used to capture texture information [18]. Initially, GLCM method used grey image, but later was extended for color images [19]. Arvis et al. [20], has proposed a method based on the existing grey level that is adapted to consider the color information from color images. Palm et. al [21] introduced Color Co Occurrence Matrix (CCM) as statistical features to measure the color distribution in an image and the spatial interactions between the color pixel for color space. Haralicks features were used as the texture features and extracted from CCM. In research, the comparisons of the performances for texture classification from different color space. Meanwhile, in [22] developed a new retrieval system called Content based image Retrieval System on Dominant Color and Texture Features (CTDCIRS). The system were using the dynamic dominant color (DDC), Motif co-occurrence Matrix (MCM- similar to Color co-occurrence matrix) and the difference between pixels of scan pattern (DBPSP) as a features. Meanwhile, in [23] used GLCM and Gabor filters of the grey level texture feature extraction and followed by separate rgb and hsv color space channel to produce Color Level Co-occurrence Matrix (CLCM) on Vistex and Outex database. In the classification, the technique Radial Basis Function (RBF) based support vector machine (SVM) classification was implemented.

The second part of this study is the selection or reduces of the texture features from a group of texture features. Bhattarcharjee et. al [24] used Principal Component Analysis (PCA) to reduce dimension of the feature vector and the feature vector that remains are used for further process. Color bin histogram of the image was used as the feature vector and the results show more robust and computationally efficient. Meanwhile, according to Shahbani et. al [25], PCA is used to extract the principal components of the feature values and these features are Radiance Histogram (RH) and Multispectral Co-occurrence Matrix (MCM). This method was performed and tested on a set of LANDSAT multispectral images from various sceneries and the results showed superior performance.

Lots of researches that studied on the texture

features using color images in lieu of the grey scale image and found the results to be discouraging. Nevertheless, there were some positive results, and this has created the opportunity for researchers to further study on how to achieve effective CBIR, which will be the impetus of this study.

The aims of this study are split into 3 parts. The first part was to analyze the characteristics Haralick texture features in the various texture color images (Experiment no.1). Selection the suitable or significant feature or features of the Haralick for effective performance is conducted in second part (Experiment no. 2). The method is used for the stated purposes, the Principal Component Analysis (PCA) and Average Analysis (AA) (Experiment no.3). Finally, the result in the third part is used to obtain the performance and this result compared with other researcher (Experiment no.4).

3. METHODS AND MATERIALS

Figure 1 shows the part of block diagram for the proposed method.

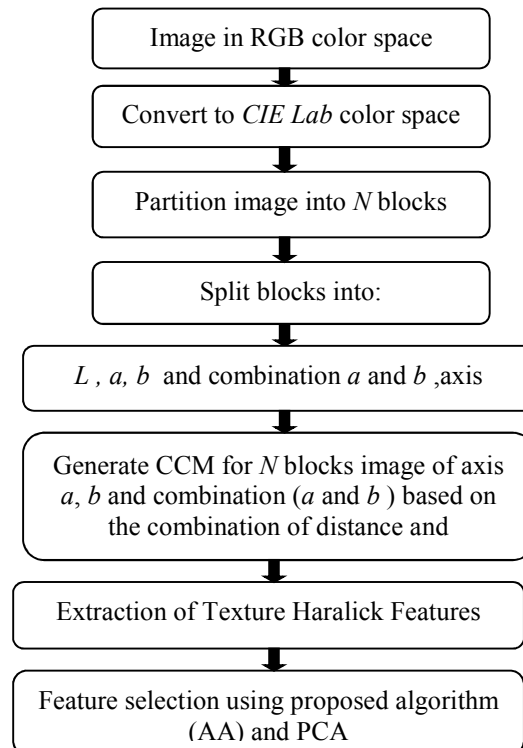


Fig 1: A part of methodology for the proposed method

3.1 Grey Level Co Occurrence Matrix (GLCM)

The GLCM is a powerful method in statistical image analysis [26-29] and also simplest approach for describing texture is to use statistical method of the intensity histogram of an image or region [43]. This method is used to estimate image properties related to second-order statistics by considering the relation between two neighbouring pixels in one offset as the second order texture, where the first pixel is called the reference and the second, the neighbor pixel [26-29]. GLCM is defined as a two-dimensional matrix of joint probabilities between pairs of pixels, separated by a distance d in a given direction θ [26-29].

For example, if the image to be analysed is rectangular and there are N_x has resolution cells in the horizontal direction and N_y resolution cells in the vertical direction. Suppose that, grey tone appearing in each resolution cell is quantized to N_g levels. Let $L_x = \{1,2,3,\dots,N_x\}$ be the horizontal spatial domain, $L_y = \{1,2,3,\dots,N_y\}$ be the vertical spatial domain and $G = \{1,2,3,\dots,N_g\}$ be the set of N_g quantized grey tones. The set $L_x \times L_y$ is the set of resolution cells of the image ordered by their row-column designations. Finally, the image I can be represent as a function which assigns some grey level in G to each resolution cell or pair of coordinates in $L_x \times L_y$; $I: L_x \times L_y \rightarrow G$.

In detail, it is assumed that this texture –context information is adequately specified by the matrix of relative frequencies $P_{i,j}$ with two neighbouring cells separated by distance d occur on the image, one with grey level i and the other grey level j . Figure 2 is an example 3 x 3 windows to represents the direction of 0° , 45° , 90° and 135° with $d=1$ form reference cell (pixel), A .

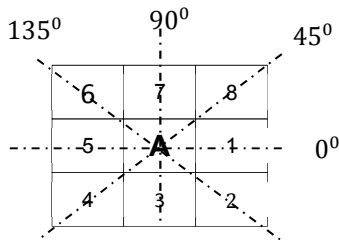


Fig. 2: An example 3 x 3 window has a reference cell (pixel) with its neighbours and direction.

In figure 2, pixel 1 and pixel 5 is a horizontal (0°) nearest neighbours to pixel A , pixel 8 and 4 is a 45° nearest neighbours to pixel A , pixel 7 and 3 is a 90° nearest neighbours to pixel A and finally pixel 6 and 2 is a 135° nearest neighbours to pixel A . In terms of cell resolution, figure 2 can be represented as in figure 3. Accordingly figure 3, shows the position of resolution cell as (k,l) and (m,n) . Suppose that, if the reference cell is (k,l) and its neighbour is (m,n) . For example, pixel 6 the resolution is $(1,1)$ and referred to as (k,l) . Thus the resolution $(1,2)$ is one of its neighbours and referred to as (m,n) .

(1,1)	(1,2)	(1,3)
(2,1)	(2,2)	(2,3)
(3,1)	(3,2)	(3,3)

$L_y = \{1,2,3\}$

Fig.3: An example of 3 x 3 window position of resolution cell and neighbouring

Based on figure 3, resolution cell (R_C) with a distance(d) = 1 in the first row can be expressed as:

$$R_{C1} = \{(k,l),(m,n)\} \in (L_y \times L_x) \times (L_y \times L_x) | k - m = 0, |l - n| = d, [1]$$

$$= \{(1,1),(1,2)\}, \{(1,2),(1,1)\}, \{(1,2),(1,3)\}, \{(1,3),(1,2)\}$$

Finally, the example of matrix $P_{i,j}$ with d and direction = 0° computed as equation (2):

$$P(i,j,d,0^\circ) = \#\{(k,l),(m,n)\} \in (L_y \times L_x) \times (L_y \times L_x) | k - m = 0, |l - n| = d, I(k,l) = i, I(m,n) = j\} [2]$$

Where # denotes the number of elements in the set and (k,l) , (m,n) is a resolution cells.

3.2 Color Co Occurrence Matrix (Ccm) Algorithm Based On Grey Level Co-Occurrence Matrix (GLCM)

The grey-level method provides the texture feature's vector from grey-level images. This method can be also used for color images [30-34]. The easiest way is to analyze color images by applying method to each 2D matrix of three-dimensional color image representation [35] and subsequently, the color feature's extraction can be defined as follows:

$$FV = [FV(C1), FV(C2), FV(C3)] \quad [3]$$

where FV is the feature's vector and C1, C2 and C3 are two dimensional GLCM matrices of particular colour channels [37]. In this method, the GLCM has been applied into the well-known CIE Lab Colour Space [5]. In CIE Lab space, the chromatic channel, *a* channel and *b* channel were used [36]. Furthermore, assigns CCM for *a* channel as a CCM_a , *b* channel is CCM_b and spatial relationship between *a* and *b* channel is CCM_{ab} .

Figure 4 (a) illustrates a colour channel $I(:, :, a)$ of the 9 x 9 window and the direction is (45°) with the difference of *d*. Pixel *z* is a reference and pixels *r, s, t* and *u* its neighbours on direction 45° . Meanwhile figure 4 (b) represent a spatial relationship of colour channel *a* and *b*, the direction are $(0^\circ, 45^\circ$ and $90^\circ)$ and $d=1$.

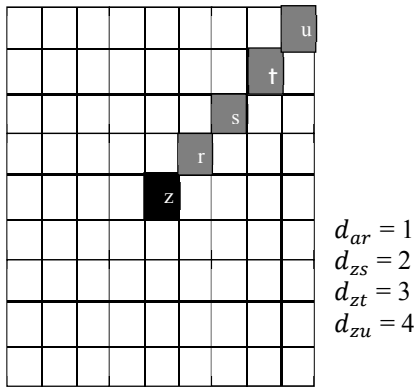


Fig. 4 (a): Illustration of the colour channel $I(:, :, a)$ of the 9 x 9 window and the direction is 45° .

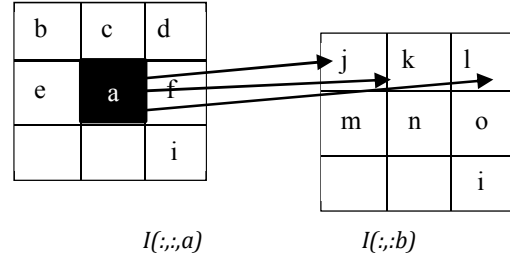


Fig. 4(b): Represent of the spatial relationship Color channel *a* and *b*, the direction are $(0^\circ, 45^\circ$ and $90^\circ)$ and $d=1$ to obtain CCM.

Next, the distance and direction of the CCM_a and CCM_b are 1,2,3,4,5 and $0^\circ, 45^\circ, 90^\circ, 135^\circ$ meanwhile for CCM_{ab} is 1 and $0^\circ, 45^\circ, 90^\circ$ will be studied. This method is differs from the previous method such as in [28] and [37] in terms of distance used and combination of the CCM_a , CCM_b and CCM_{ab} of the image. Thus the CCM probability matrices are computed as follows:

a) For CCM_a

$$P(i, j, d, Orientation^0) = \#\{(k, l), (m, n) \in (L_y \times L_x) \times L_y \times L_x \mid k - m = 0, |l - n| = d, I(k, l) = i, I(m, n) = j\}. \quad d=1,2,3 \text{ and } 4 \text{ and } , Orientation^0 = 0^\circ, 45^\circ, 90^\circ, 135^\circ \quad [4]$$

b) For CCM_b

$$P(i, j, d, Orientation0^0) = \#\{(k, l), (m, n) \in (L_y \times L_x) \times L_y \times L_x \mid k - m = 0, |l - n| = d, I(k, l) = i, I(m, n) = j\}. \quad d=1,2,3 \text{ and } 4. , Orientation^0 = 0^\circ, 45^\circ, 90^\circ, 135^\circ \quad [5]$$

c) For CCM_{ab}

$$P(i, j, d, Orientation^0) = \#\{(k, l, a), (m, n, b) \in (L_y \times L_x) \times L_y \times L_x \mid k - m = 0, |l - n| = d, I(k, l, a) = i, I(m, n, b) = j\}. \quad d=1 , Orientation^0 = 0^\circ, 45^\circ, 90^\circ, \quad [6]$$

Thus, image *I* have 52 CCM that consists of 24 CCM_a (6 x 4), 24 CCM_b (6 x 4) and 6 CCM_{ab} .

3.3 Extraction Texture Features

In this study, the extraction Haralick texture features based on CCM. The features are as follows:

Table 1: Haralick Texture Features

Number of features	Features	Formula
1	Contrast (f1).	$(f1) = \sum_i \sum_j (i - j)^2 p(i, j)$
2	Energy (f2).	$(f2) = \sum_i \sum_j p(i, j)^2$
3	Entropy (f3).	$(f3) = -\sum_i \sum_j p(i, j) \log p(i, j)$
4	Homogeneity (f4).	$(f4) = \sum_i \sum_j \frac{p_d(i, j)}{1 + i - j }$
5	Sum of squares: variance(f5).	$(f5) = \sum_i \sum_j (i - \mu)^2 p(i, j)$
6	Sum of average (f6).	$(f6) = \sum_{i=2}^{2Ng} i p_{x+y}(i)$
7	Sum variance (f7).	$(f7) = \sum_{i=2}^{2Ng} (i - f)^2 p_{x+y}(i)$ where $f = \sum_{i=2}^{2Ng} i p_{x+y}(i)$
8	Sum entropy (f8).	$(f8) = -\sum_{i=2}^{2Ng} P_{x+y}(i) \log\{P_{x+y}(i)\}$
9	Difference entropy (f9).	$(f9) = -\sum_{i=0}^{Ng-1} P_{x-y}(i) \log\{P_{x-y}(i)\}$
10	Information measure correlation 1 (f10).	$(f10) = \frac{HXY - HXY1}{\max\{HX, HY\}}$
11	Information measure correlation 2 (f11).	$(f11) = (1 - \exp[-2.0 (HXY2 - HXY)]^{1/2}$ where $HXY = -\sum_i \sum_j p(i, j) \log(p(i, j))$, HX and HY are entropies of p_x and p_y , and $HXY1 = -\sum_i \sum_j p(i, j) \log\{p_x(i)p_y(j)\}$ $HXY2 = -\sum_i \sum_j p_x(i) p_y(j) \log\{p_x(i)p_y(j)\}$

3.4 Principal Component Analysis (PCA)

PCA is an established method and widely used for dimensional reduction [38]. The steps to compute PCA are as follows [39]:

Table 2: The Step to compute PCA

- Subtract the mean from each of the data dimensions. Eq. (7) is used to calculate mean:

$$\text{Mean } X, (\bar{X}) = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n X_i}{n} \quad [7] \text{ where } n \text{ is number of element of } X.$$

- Calculate the Covariance Matrix. Covariance matrix is always measured between two dimensions of the data and to calculate the covariance is very similar with calculated variance. Eq. (8) is used to calculate the covariance.

$$\text{Cov}(X, Y) = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})(Y_i - \bar{Y})}{n-1} \quad [8]$$

where n is number of data, \bar{X} is the mean of dimension one and \bar{Y} is the mean of dimension two. To compute \bar{X} and \bar{Y} used eq. (9) and (10).

$$\bar{X} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n X_i}{n} \quad [9]$$

where n is number of element of X and

$$\bar{Y} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n Y_i}{n} \quad [10]$$

where n is number of element of Y .

- Calculate the eigenvectors and eigenvalues of the covariance matrix. Since the covariance matrix is square, the value of eigenvector and eigenvalues will be calculated and the result is sorted in the descending order. This value gives the components in order significance.

In conclusion, the highest eigenvalue is represented by component one and followed by component two until the lowest value is represented by the last component. According to O'Rourke et. al [44] there are three criteria, namely Eigenvalue, Scree Test and Proportion of variance accounted that will be used in making the decision to determine the meaningful component.

3.5 Average Analysis (AA)

This method is based on analysis on the value

PR for every feature of each category. The steps are as follows:

Table 3: The Step to compute Average Analysis

- (1) Compute and plot Precision and Recall (PR) graph for each feature of the query image using (14) and (15).
- (2) Compute and plot the Average of PR (APR) graph. Equation (11) is used to calculate of the APR.

$$APR = \frac{\sum_{n=1}^{10} PR_i}{n} \quad [11]$$

where $n = 10$ and i is number of features, $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, 11$.

- (3) Analysis of APR and compute the new APR (newAPR). Apply equation (12) to calculate the value of the newAPR.

$$newAPR = \frac{\sum_u^{11} APR_u}{u} \quad [12]$$

where u , is number of APR features.

- (4) Compare the APR and newAPR.

Compare the value of APR and newAPR graph. Label newAPR graph as w , and APR for each feature is t . If w is greater than t , it shows that this feature is 'better' or more 'significant' from other features and vice versa. This statement can be summarized as equation (13).

$$\text{Significant' APR of features:} = \begin{cases} \text{'Significant' (features)APR} & \text{if } t \geq w \\ \text{others} & \text{if } t < w \end{cases} \quad [13]$$

3.6 Similarity Measure

As for the evaluation of the experiments, the evaluation criteria of precision, recall and FI were used. These three parameters will determine the algorithm's efficiency based on comparison of the segment boundaries. The definition of precision (P) and recall (R) are given by [30-31]:

$$P = \frac{C}{C+F} \cdot 100 \quad [14]$$

$$R = \frac{C}{C+M} \cdot 100 \quad [15]$$

where C is the number of correctly detected textures, F is the number of falsely detected textures and M is the number of textures not detected.

4. EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS

An experiment is conducted to explore the performance of the proposed system on image download from <http://wang.ist.psu.edu/>. A database was created by group researcher's professor Wang from, Pennsylvania State University. This database is a subset of the Corel database and contains 1000 color images. All the images are categorized into 10 groups. Each group or category consists 100 images and size of image either 384 x 256 or 256 x 384 pixels. There groups are African people and village, Beach, Building, Buses, Dinosaur, Elephants, Flowers, Horses, Mountains and glaciers and Foods. Figure 7 show an example of the images that use in the research. Ten images were randomly selected as the example images in each category. It constitutes of 100 queries. The average of 10 times retrieval precision and recall ratio is calculated as the average precision and recall for each category, and it is used to evaluate average retrieval performance.

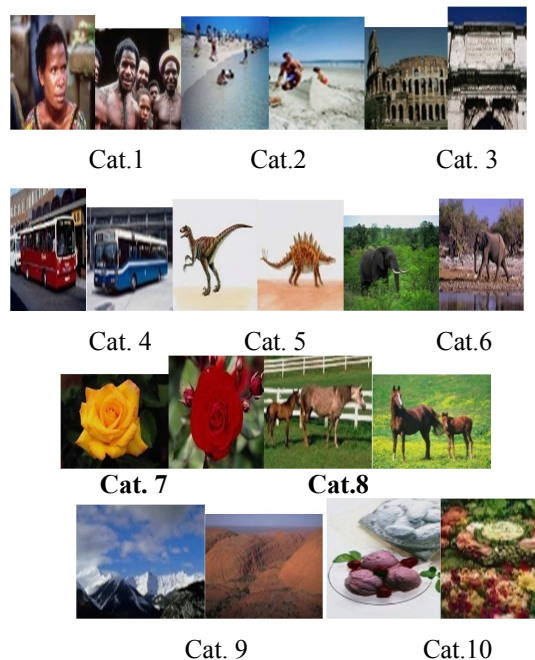


Fig. 7: Some examples of image data set

4.1 Experiment No. 1

In this experiment, a comparison of the APR performance on the every feature of all categories will be obtained and as shown in figure 8. The results show the performance of each category is different and in each category itself, the performance of each features also different. Generally, the lowest performance is a category 6 and the better performance is a category 5, 7 and 8 (six features exceeds the value of 0.30). It is because the texture of the image of those categories is more uniform than other categories. This result was also influenced by the types of objects contained in the images whether it is simple (one or two object and do not have much color) or complex (multi-object or color).

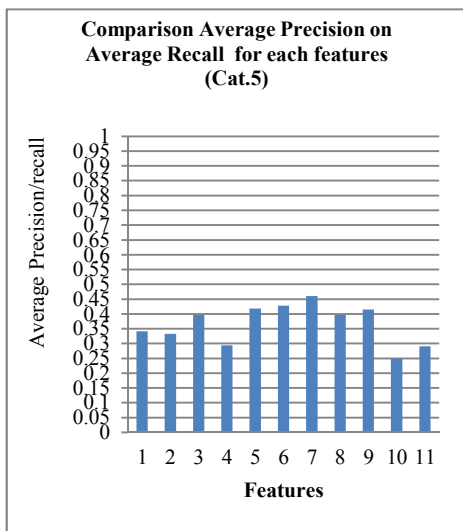
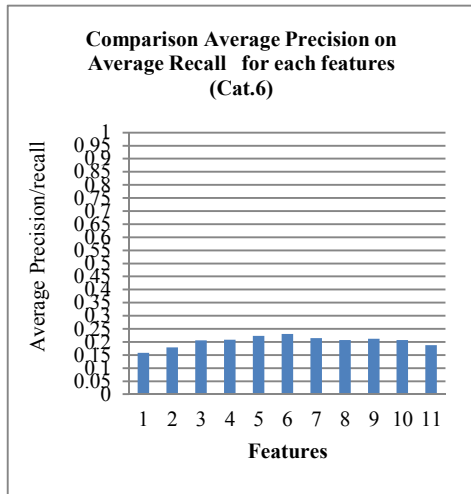


Fig. 8: Graph Average Precision And Recall Of Each Feature For Each Category

4.2 Experiment No. 2

This experiment is an extension of the experiment no.1 and the purpose of it is to determine the significant features of each category. It can be obtained by computing the average of APR for each category and then mark as T_p . The result is shown as an figure 9. Algorithm in section 3.5 was implemented to obtain the significant features. By running the experiment on these combinations of the significant features and the result of average of APR is mark as G_p . The finding shown the performance of proposed algorithm is able to determine the significant features from eleven Haralick texture features for color images.

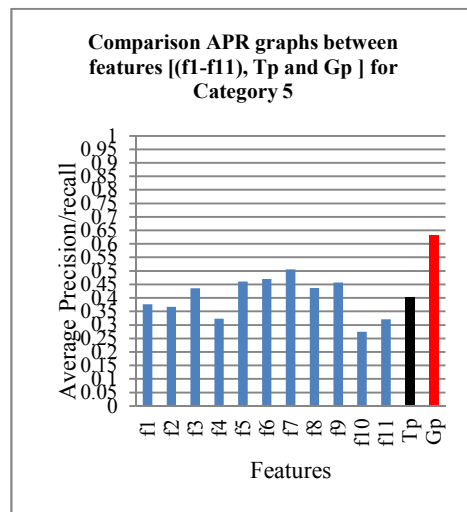
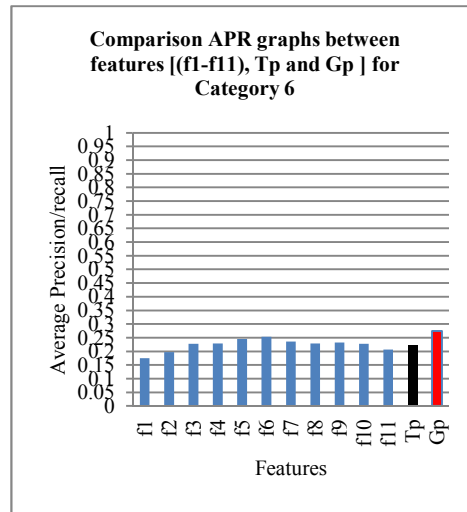


Fig.9: Comparison Average Precision On Recall (APR) Of Each Feature, T_p And G_p For Each Category



4.3 Experiment No. 3

The aim of this experiment is to obtain significant features using algorithm in section 3.4 (PCA). Further experiments performed again by using the combinations of the significant and average APR were computed. Finally, the performance of the resulting from the Average Analysis (AA) and PCA were been compared and shown as Table 4 From these results it was found, that the performance of the proposed method (AA) is better than existing methods (PCA) in the selection of significant features. 8 out of 10 categories (categories 1,2,4,5,7,8,9 and 10) that are using the AA method showed better performance.

Comparison of the performance is shown as Table 4. Based on this results, high percentage differences using the proposed method with the PCA (example, category 9), and shows a combination of features that is determined by the AA method matches the image category. This means that the selected feature is largely owned by its image in these categories and vice versa.

4.4 Experiment No.4

This aims of the experiment to compare the performance using significant features were obtained by AA with Mangijoa et. al [42]. In [42], the authors also use the same image but using different of the methodologies The methodology is applied based on Gabor texture features (GTF), colour moment based on the whole image (CMW), colour moment from dividing the image into three (3) equal non overlapping horizontal regions (CMR), CMW + GTF and finally CMR + GTF. The Performance evaluation is based on the results of the top 10 images retrieval for each query and shown in Table 5. Table 5 show that the proposed method improved in all categories except categories 5, 7 and 9 Category 5, the performance of the proposed method is higher than CMW, equivalent to CMR but lower than GTF, CMW + GTF and CMR+ GTF. Category 7 shows, the proposed method is better than CMW, CMR but lower than GTF, CMW+GTF and CMR+ GTF. Finally, for category 9, the performance of the proposed method is better than only GTF.

5. CONCLUSION AND FUTURE WORKS.

In this paper, research on extraction texture features based on CCM for texture based image retrieval. The proposed methodology is an

extension from GLCM is to obtain the CCM using difference distance (d) and direction. An experiment was conduct and the results were analysed. Initially in general, that conclude the category 8,7 and 5 showed better performance. Next to obtain the significant features of the Haralick's textute features, the proposed algorithm namely AA and establish algorithm, PCA were implemented and the performance are compared. The results portray that AA method is better in all categories accept in category 3 and 6. Lastly, the result from AA result is compared to the results from other researcher and it is found that the performance is better. In conclusion,' significant' features that obtains from the proposed method is an appropriate as a set of input to produce a good performance for image retrieval and determined a 'significant' features as well as leading to reduce computational processing time due to less processing involved. In future, the standard deviation and variance can be used to determine significant features and combine using colour features.

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Table 4: Performance Comparison Between AA And PCA

Category	AA	PCA	Accuracy(%) of retrieval
1	5.0055	4.0830	(+) 18.4297
2	2.5010	1.8713	(+) 25.1779
3	3.0413	3.0847	(-) 1.4069
4	4.4102	4.0539	(+) 8.0789
5	6.3154	5.0040	(+) 20.7651
6	2.7640	2.7964	(-) 1.1798
7	5.4040	5.0860	(+) 5.8845
8	7.0166	6.1215	(+) 12.7569
9	3.9519	2.6753	(+) 32.3034
10	3.9420	3.8020	(+) 3.5515

Table 5: Performance Comparison Between AA And Mangijoa.Et.Al [42]

Category	Average Precision using :					Proposed Method
	Proposed by Mangijao et. al [42]					
	GTF	CMW	CMR	GTF + CMW	GTF + CMR	
1	0.37	0.75	0.75	0.74	0.74	0.81
2	0.27	0.46	0.38	0.38	0.38	0.51
3	0.33	0.25	0.35	0.30	0.36	0.55
4	0.35	0.67	0.78	0.60	0.77	0.81
5	0.99	0.74	0.83	0.96	0.95	0.83
6	0.39	0.60	0.45	0.58	0.44	0.64
7	0.75	0.42	0.61	0.71	0.69	0.66
8	0.27	0.55	0.70	0.47	0.67	0.96
9	0.24	0.67	0.62	0.72	0.69	0.56
10	0.20	0.43	0.43	0.36	0.41	0.63
Average Precision (%)	43.5	55.4	59.0	58.2	61.0	69.5