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ABSTRACT

The relevancy of desegregation the deserves of various soft computing tools for planning economical image process and analysis systems are explained. The practicability of such systems arid alternative ways of integration, up to now created, square measure delineate. Scope for any analysis and development is printed. AN extensive listing is also provided. Soft computing may be a pool of methodologies that work synergetically and provides, in one type or another, versatile information science capabilities for handling real-world ambiguous things. Its aim is to tolerate the imprecision, uncertainty, approximate reasoning and partial truth so as to achieve tractableness, robustness, low-resolution price, and shut likeness with human-like higher cognitive process.

KEYWORDS *: Soft computing, expert system, Engineering design, Fuzzy logic, Genetic algorithm; Neural networks; investment and financial trading.*

1.INTRODUCTION

Soft computing could be a pool of methodologies that work synergetically and provides, in one kind or another, versatile information science capabilities for handling reality ambiguous things. Its aim is to tolerate the imprecision, uncertainty, approximate reasoning and partial truth so as to achieve trait, robustness, low-resolution price, and shut alikeness with human-like deciding. In different words, it provides the inspiration of the conception and style of high machine I.Q. (MIQ) systems, and thus forms the premise for future generation computing systems. At this juncture, fuzzy logic (FL), artificial neural networks (ANN) and genetic algorithms (GA) are the 3 principal elements wherever FL provides algorithms for dealing with inexactness and uncertainty, and computing with words, ANN the machinery for learning and adaptation; and GA is employed for improvement and looking out [1,2]. The present chapter deals with the connexion and practicableness of soppy computing tools within the space of image process, analysis and recognitIOn. The techniques of image process [3,4] stem from 2 principal applications namely, improvement of pictorial data for human interpretation and processing of scene information for automatic machine perception. the various tasks concerned within the method embody

sweetening, filtering, noise reduction, segmentation, contour extraction, skeleton extraction etc. Their final aim is to form understanding, recognition and interpretation of the photographs from the processed data out there from the image pattern. In a picture analysis system, uncertainties will arise at any section ensuing from incomplete or inexact input data, ambiguity or unclearness in input pictures, ill-defined and/or overlapping boundaries among the categories or regions, and indefinite in defining/extracting options and relations among them. Any call taken at a specific stage can have a sway on the subsequent stages. it's thus needed for a picture analysis system to have decent provision for representing the uncertainties concerned at each stage, so the last word output (results) of the system will be associated with the smallest amount uncertainty. The utility of fuzzy pure mathematics [5)-[8) in handling uncertainty [9)-[10), arising from deficiencies of knowledge accessible from a scenario (as mentioned above) in image process and recognition issues, has adequately been addressed within the literature [6,11). This theory provides Associate in Nursing approximate, yet effective and additional versatile means that of describing the behaviour of systems that are too advanced or too ill-defined to admit precise mathematical analysis by classical ways and tools. Since the speculation of fuzzy sets may be a generalization of classical pure mathematics, it's bigger flexibility to capture dependably the various aspects of integrity or imperfectness (i.e., deficiencies) in info of a scenario. This theory is additionally purported to mimic human reasoning process for method}. analysis within the space of fuzzy image process and analysis grew up supported the conclusion that the essential ideas of image characteristics e.g, regions, edges, the relation among them, and also the notion of happiness of a picture element to a category don't lend themselves to a specific definition. Again, for the higher than mentioned system, one needs to attain the strength of the system with relation to random noise and failure of parts and to obtain output in real time. Moreover, a system will be created unnaturally intelligent if it's able to emulate some aspects of human informatics system. Artificial neural network (ANN) [12]-[17] primarily based approaches are trying to attain these goals. The design of the network depends on the goal one is making an attempt to attain. the huge property among the neurons sometimes makes the system fault tolerant (with relation to noise and component failure) whereas the data processing capability permits the system to produce output in real time. One may additionally note that most of the image analysis operations are co-operative in nature and also the tasks of recognition mostly want the formulation of advanced call regions. ANN models have the potential of achieving these properties of these characteristics, therefore, suggest that image process and recognition issues will be thought of as prospective candidates for neural network implementation. It is documented that the ways developed for image process and recognition are sometimes drawback dependent. Moreover, several tasks concerned in the method of analyzing/identifying a pattern want applicable parameter selection and economical search in advanced areas so as to get optimum solutions. This makes the method not solely computationally intensive, but also results in a chance of losing the precise resolution. Genetic algorithms (GAs) [18)-[20), another biologically impressed technology, are irregular search and optimisation techniques target-hunting by the principles of natural evolution and natural biological science. they're economical, adaptive and sturdy search processes, manufacturing close to best solutions and have a large amount of implicit similarity. Therefore, the applying of genetic algorithms for determination sure issues of image processing/pattern recognition, which need improvement of machine necessities, robust, fast and approximate resolution, seems to be acceptable and natural [21]. Note that this part of soppy computing is comparatively a lot newer than the other two. As mentioned before, the parts FL, ANN and GA in soft computing paradigm, are complementary, instead of competitive. supported this concept, researchers have begun to use them together instead of singly for achieving a lot of benefits. Among these hybrid systems, the most visible one, at this moment, is predicated on neuro-fuzzy computing. Here the deserves of each FL and ANN are being integrated so as to realize each generic and application-specific deserves. different such integrated systems, those are being investigated, embody fuzzy-genetic, neuro-genetic and neuro-fuzzy-genetic systems. The rest of this chapter is organized as follows. In Section, a pair of, the connectedness of fuzzy set speculative strategies for image analysis and recognition is represented. The connectedness of neural network based mostly techniques during this context is represented in Section three. In Section four we

tend to discuss the problems of applying GAs for image processing issues. numerous integrations of the soft computing tools like neuro-fuzzy, fuzzy-genetic, neuro-genetic and neuro-fuzzy-genetic approaches for coming up with economical hybrid systems are mentioned in Section five. Concluding remarks will be found in Section half-dozen.

II. FUZZY CONNECTEDNESS OF SET THEORY IN THE IMAGE PROCESS

Fuzzy sets were introduced in 1965 by Zadeh [5] as a brand new thanks to representing vagueness in way of life. they're generalizations of typical (crisp) set theory. typical sets contain objects that satisfy the precise properties required for membership. Fuzzy sets, on the opposite hand, contain objects that satisfy inexactly outlined properties to variable degrees. A fuzzy set A of the universe X is outlined as a set of ordered pairs A = (1)

A = {(JlA(X),X), Vx E X} (1)

where JlA(X) (0:::; JlA(X) :::; 1)

offers the degree of happiness of the part x to the set A or the degree of possession of Associate in Nursing inaccurate property delineated by A. Since the speculation of fuzzy sets could be a generalization of classical one, it has greater flexibility to capture reliably the varied aspects of wholeness or state in data of a state of affairs. the flexibleness of fuzzy pure mathematics is related to the physical property of the idea of its membership function. The grade of membership could be alive of the compatibility of Associate in a Nursing object with the idea delineated by a fuzzy set. the upper the worth of membership, the lesser is the quantity (or extent) to that the idea 4 represented by a group must be stretched to suit Associate in the Nursing object. completely different aspects of fuzzy pure mathematics together with membership functions, basic operations and uncertainty measures is found in [7]-[10]. Here we have a tendency to make a case for a number of the uncertainties that one usually encounters whereas coming up with a picture process system and also the connexion of fuzzy pure mathematics in handling them.

Since the regions in a picture aren't continually sharply outlined, uncertainty can arise among each part of the said tasks. Any call created at a particular stage can have a bearing on all the subsequent stages. An image recognition system ought to have enough provision for representing and manipulating the uncertainties concerned at each process stage; i.e., in process image regions, options and relations among them, in order that the system retains as much of the 'information content' of the information as doable. If this is often done, the ultimate output (result) of the system can possess token uncertainty (and in contrast to typical systems, it's going to not be biased or affected the maximum amount by the choice at the previous stages). For example, contemplate the matter of object extraction from a picture (Fig. 1A). Here, the question is 'how will one outline precisely the target or object region within the image once its boundary is ill-defined?' Any laborious thresh5 holding created for the extraction of the item can propagate the associated uncertainty to later stages (e.g., thinning, skeleton extraction, primitive selection, etc.) and this would possibly, in turn, have an effect on feature analysis and recognition. Fig. l(a-c) shows completely different fuzzy segmental versions of Fig. lA to avoid this problem. The various outputs correspond to different ambiguity values (or decision levels) [29].

In short, grey info is dear and informative. Once it's thrown away, there are no thanks to getting onto the back. Therefore, one ought to try and retain this information as long as attainable throughout the choice creating tasks for its full use. once it's needed to create a crisp call at the best level one can continuously throwaway or ignore this info. Some of the areas of image analysis wherever the speculation of fuzzy sets has been adequately applied are:

i: properties and shapes of fuzzy geometric computation [23], [29]-[34],

ii : fuzzy segmentation [6,7], [29]-[31], [35]-[39],

iii : evaluation of image quality [7], [40,41]'

iv : image operations like cutting and edge detection [7,28], [42]-[44],

v: fuzzy primitives extraction (or features) from fuzzy edges and metameric regions [45].

III. RELEVANCE OF NEURAL NETWORKS IN IMAGE PROCESSING

Artificial neural network (ANN) models [12]-[17] attempt to emulate the biological neural network/nervous system with electronic equipment. ANN models have been studied for several years with the hope of achieving human-like performance (artificially), particularly within the field of image analysis, by capturing the key ingredients accountable for the exceptional capabilities of the human nervous system. Note that these models square measure extreme simplification of the actual human systema nervosum. ANNs square measure selected by the

constellation, affiliation strength between pairs of neurons (called weights), node characteristics and also the standing updating rules. Node characteristics chiefly specify the primitive styles of operations it will perform, like summing the weighted inputs coming back to that and then amplifying it or doing little fuzzy aggregation operations. The change rules are also for weights and/or states of the process parts (neurons). Normally Associate in Nursing objective perform is outlined that represents the entire standing of the network and also the set of minima of it corresponds to the set of stable states of the network. Since there square measure interactions among the neurons the collective procedure property inherently reduces the procedure task and makes the system fault tolerant. therefore ANN models are appropriate for tasks wherever collective deciding is needed. Some of the favoured networks square measure Hopfield web (HN), Multilayer Perceptron (MLP), Self-Organizing Feature Map (SOFM), Learning Vector division (LVQ), Radial Basis perform (RBF) Network, Cellular Neural Network (CNN) and adaptational Resonance Theory (ART) network. Neural network primarily based systems square measure sometimes purported to fancy the subsequent major characteristics :

• adaptivity- adjusting the affiliation strengths to new data/information,
• speed- thanks to massively parallel design,
• robustness- to missing, confusing, ill-defined/noisy information,
• ruggedness- to a failure of elements,
• optimality- as regards error rates in performance.

Let us take into account, especially, the case of pixel classification.

A constituent is generally classified into totally different categories counting on its grey worth, positional information and contextual information (collected from the neighbours).

Pixels at different sites can be classified independently.

The mathematical operations required for this task are straightforward.

A neural specification during which one vegetative cell is assigned to a constituent and is connected to its neighbours will so be applied for this task.

The neurons operate in parallel and square measure freelance of every alternative.

The native interconnections offer the discourse info (which will be adaptational or dynamic also) for classification.

An outcome of constituent classification supported this principle is illustrated in Fig.

2 where a Hopfield type net is used for extracting the object region from a noisy input [52].

i : image compression [46]-[48],
ii : image segmentation [49]-[60],
iii : image filtering/edge detection [61 ,62]'
iv : image restoration [63]-[66]
v : scene analysis/recognition/vision [67]-[72],
vi : text processing [73].

IV. RELEVANCE OF GENETIC ALGORITHMS FOR IMAGE PROCESSING

Genetic Algorithms (GAs) [18]-[20] square measure adaptational machine procedures sculpturesque on the mechanics of natural genetic systems.

They categorical their ability by expeditiously exploiting the historical info to invest on new offspring with expected improved performance [18].

GAs square measure dead iteratively on a collection of coded solutions, called population, with three basic operators: selection/reproduction, crossover and mutation.

They use solely the payoff (objective function) info and probabilistic transition rules for moving to succeed iteration.

They are totally different from most of the traditional optimisation and search procedures in four ways:

• GAs work with the writing of the parameter set, not with the parameter themselves.
• GAs work at the same time with multiple points, and not a single point
• GAs search via sampling (a blind search) mistreatment solely the payoff info.
• GAs search mistreatment random operators, not deterministic rules.

Since a GA works simultaneously on a set of coded solutions it has very little chance to get stuck at local optima when used as an optimization technique.

It doesn't like any form of auxiliary info, like the derivative of the optimizing function.

The resolution of the doable search house is controlled by operational on coded (possible) solutions and not on the solutions themselves.

Further, this search space need not be continuous.

•GAs typically consists of the following components:

• a population of binary strings or coded doable solutions (biologically referred to as chromosomes),

• a mechanism to write a potential resolution (mostly as a binary string),
• objective function and associated fitness evaluation techniques,
• selection/reproduction procedure,
• genetic operators (crossover and mutation), and
• probabilities to perform genetic operations.

As mentioned earlier, methodologies developed for image process and pattern recognition is usually problem dependent. Moreover, many tasks involved in these processes want applicable parameter choice and economical search in complicated areas so as to get the best solutions.

Hence, an incredible want exists to use an associate adaptive technique that may with efficiency search the complicated area of doable parameter combos and find the values which can yield best results. Considering the final pertinence of the approach, it mustn't be powerfully smitten by a specific application domain nor ought to it have to be compelled to have confidence terribly elaborated information pertinent to the chosen segmentation algorithmic program. Thus GAs, that are designed to with efficiency find associate approximate international most in a very search area, ought to be a decent tool for this downside.

Since we have a tendency to don't recognize the precise perform which will be fitted to a given image, it appears appealing associated convenient to use one general type with totally different parameters; and apply an adaptive technique that may with efficiency search the complicated area of doable parameter combos and find the values that yield best results. Once again, GAs appear to be possible different for this task. this can be illustrated in Fig. three wherever GAs are wont to verify the best improvement perform out of 4 totally different purposeful forms (Fig. 3A). The best one (Fig. 3B) is seen to be of a composite type. this can be supported by the improved image output (Fig. 3C) conjointly [75J. due to the aforementioned characteristics, GAs are with success being applied in several sides of image processing/analysis [75J-[84J.

V. INTEGRATION OF THE SOFT COMPUTING TOOLS

5.1 Neuro-fuzzy systems

As mentioned before, fuzzy pure mathematics provides an associate approximate however effective and versatile method of representing, manipulating and utilizing vaguely-defined information and knowledge, and of describing the behaviours of systems that square measure too complicated or too ill-defined to admit of precise mathematical analysis by classical strategies and tools. winning the use of symbolic logic to form several business products have been created in Japan. This, in turn, has exaggerated interest among engineers, researchers and company executives to know and explore more this technology. tho' the approach tries to model the human thought method in an exceeding decision-making system, it's no relation with the design of the human neural science system, nor will it take into thought the knowledge storage technique of mortals, and a few times it's computationally intensive.

The coupling, to date created, is generally classified in 2 categories: a neural network equipped with the potential of handling fuzzy data (termed fuzzy-neural network FNN) to reinforce its application domain, and a fuzzy system increased by neural networks to reinforce a number of its characteristics like flexibility, speed, learning and flexibility (termed neural-fuzzy system NFS). the foremost visible soft computing hybrid systems, at this moment, square measure the neuro-fuzzy systems. a number of the tries created to use this hybrid technique in image process issues square measure on the market in [9,55,57]' [85][91J. As an associate illustration, think about Fig. four wherever totally different corrupted fingerprints of a selected category (whorl) square measure seen to be properly labelled by neuro-fuzzy classification. Here totally different fuzzy geometrical properties [23,30] of pictures square measure thought of as input feature to associate MLP.

5.2 Genetic-fuzzy system

Apart from the standard deserves of similarity and hardiness, GAs are found generally essential to support mathematical logic primarily based systems, for enhancing the effectuality. this might facilitate overcoming a number of the constraints of fuzzy pure mathematics, specifically to cut back the "subjective " nature of fuzzy membership functions. as an example, the standardization of fuzzy membership functions with GAs may be done [2,87J. Note that the opposite manner of integration, i.e., incorporating the concepts of blurriness into GAs has not nevertheless been tried seriously.

5.3 Neuro-genetic systems

Synthesis of artificial neural network architectures is often done exploitation GAs, as AN example of

another reasonable integration between ANN and GAs underneath the framework of sentimental computing. Such AN integration might facilitate planning optimum ANN architectures with applicable parameter sets. ways for planning neural network architectures exploitation GAs square measure primarily divided into 2 elements. In one half the G A replaces the training methodology to seek out applicable association weights of some predefined design [92]-[95]. In another half, GAs are accustomed to realizing the design (connectivity) itself and it's then evaluated exploitation some learning algorithms [76,92]' [95]-[97].

5.4 Neuro-fuzzy-genetic systems

GAs have conjointly been used recently [79] with fuzzy fitness operate for classification of objects and background by cellular neural networks. The grey and spatial ambiguity measures are used because the basis of the fitness operates. this type of combination may be termed as neuro-fuzzy-genetic integration. though some literature on this class exists [98] in alternative fields, additional analysis articles are nevertheless to return on image process. Another necessary example of a desegregation American state, ANN and GAs is shown in Fig. 5. Here totally different parameters (e.g., membership operate for low (L), medium (M) and high (H), and therefore the input, the affiliation weights & biases of ANN, and therefore the boundary of output categories or decision) of a neural network square measure adjusted by GAs for its best performance.

5.5 Other hybridization

More recently, the speculation of rough sets has emerged as another major mathematical approach for managing uncertainty that arises from inexact, noisy, or incomplete info. it's coming up to be methodologically vital to the domains of computing and psychological feature sciences, particularly within the illustration of and reasoning with and/or imprecise data, knowledge classification, knowledge analysis, machine learning and data discovery. the speculation is additionally proving to be of considerable importance in several areas of applications. varied ways that of desegregation rough sets and fuzzy sets for planning a new computing paradigm for deciding area unit out there in [99]. a trial in secret writing domain data in a very fuzzy MLP for quicker convergence and higher performance is recently reported in [100]. However, the literature in the image process appears to be poor, at present.

VI. CONCLUSION

We have mentioned on a number of the recent aspects of soppy computing paradigm, its primary constituting tools, and their connexion to image process and analysis. Although, FL, ANN and GAs square measure thought of here because the primary parts, alternative tools like rough sets, chaos, fractals can presently realize their position within the primary list. because the significance of fuzzy pure mathematics to image process issues is satisfactorily established since the early seventies, we've given here comfortable references for the convenience of readers. the analysis in artificial neural networks each in theory and applications is fully swung and has reached virtually its peak stage. this can be evident through publications of many journals, special problems and books. GAs, on the opposite hand, is comparatively new subject of analysis. Scientists square measure step by step obtaining impelled towards this field. the analysis goes on extensively towards developing varied hybrid systems involving the deserves of the individual technology synergetically. coupling ought to make sure that it provides application-specific deserves, besides the generic blessings. The role of rough sets during this framework is evident within the not distant future. it's going to be noted that soft computing is viewed because of the key ingredient of planet computing (RWC), that is capable of distributed illustration of knowledge, massively multiprocessing, and learning and flexibility so as to attain flexibility in informatics. thus the expansion of {data|of knowledge} technology in terms of computing power ranges from typical computing (whose kernel is data processing), fifth generation computing systems (whose kernel is information based mostly info processing) to RWC (whose kernel is versatile info processing). Thus, because it stands, the soft computing analysis, significantly the difficulty of coupling, won't solely still stay within the forefront line for the approaching years, however additionally can play a key role within the development of future technology including sixth generation computing systems.

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