Benchmark for Breast Ultrasound Image Segmentation (BUSIS): Release Agreement

Introduction:

Many breast ultrasound (BUS) image segmentation approaches have been proposed in the last two decades, but the performances of most approaches have been assessed using relatively small private datasets with different quantitative metrics, which result in the discrepancy in performance comparison. Therefore, the goal of the Benchmark for Breast Ultrasound Image Segmentation (BUSIS) is to provide a benchmark to compare existing methods using a public dataset objectively, and to determine the performance of the best breast tumor segmentation algorithm. BUSIS provides 562 B-mode BUS images and pixel-wise ground truths. Dr. Yingtao Zhang from Harbin Institute of Technology has the copyright on the database. We will provide the link of the database after signing this release agreement.

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    - H. D. Cheng, J. Shan, W. Ju, Y. Guo, and L. Zhang, “Automated breast cancer detection and classification using ultrasound images: A survey,” Pattern Recognt., vol. 43, no. 1, pp. 299-317, Jan, 2010.
    - Y. Zhang, M. Xian, H. D. Cheng, B. Shareef, J. Ding, F. Xu, K. Huang, B. Zhang, C. Ning, Y. Wang, "BUSIS: A Benchmark for Breast Ultrasound Image Segmentation," Healthcare., vol. 10, no. 4, pp. 729, Apr, 2022.
    - M. Xian, Y. Zhang, H. D. Cheng, F. Xu, B. Zhang, and J. Ding, "Automatic Breast Ultrasound Image Segmentation: A Survey," Pattern Recognit., vol. 79, pp. 340-355, 2018.
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