

Fingerprint Minutiae Extraction and Orientation Detection using ROI (Region of interest) for fingerprint matching

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ABSTRACT: - Motivated by the term minutiae extraction for fingerprint matching. Fingerprint Recognition refers to the automated method of verifying a match between two human fingerprints. Fingerprints are one of many forms of biometrics used to identify individuals and verify their identity. Everyone is known to have unique, immutable fingerprints. Fingerprint recognition algorithm extract's primarily uniqueness of the images obtained from the fingerprint. Fingerprint Recognition is a widely popular but a complex pattern recognition problem. Among all the biometric techniques, fingerprint-based identification is the oldest method which has been successfully used in numerous applications. A fingerprint is made of a series of ridges and furrows on the surface of the finger. The uniqueness of a fingerprint can be determined by the pattern of ridges and furrows as well as the minutiae points. Minutiae points are local ridge characteristics that occur at either a ridge bifurcation or a ridge ending. Here a new approach of identification of minutia term's with bifurcation, termination, orientation detection and region of interest (ROI) has been proposed. Extraction of minutiae from the image is developed using termination and bifurcation process and elimination of false minutia from the image is carried out using distance formulae's. All those minutiae points are thus undergone with orientation characteristics' which gives the determination more powerful in case of image sizing and plasticity. All these terms are stored in a user profile for matching .Results and testing is performed by taking different user profiles. This may provide a useful clue to the field of image – processing and fingerprint matching as well.

Key words: - Minutiae points, Ridges, Furrows, Bifurcation, Termination, Orientation detection, Region of interest (ROI).

1. INTRODUCTION: - Biometric based recognition is the science of identifying or verifying the identity of a person based on physiological and or behavioral characteristics. Physiological traits are related to the physiology of the body and mainly include Fingerprint, face, DNA, ear, iris, retina, hand and palm geometry. Behavioral traits are related to behavior of a person and examples include signature,

typing rhythm, gait, voice etc. Biometric recognition offers many advantages over traditional PIN number or password and token-based (e.g., ID cards) approaches. A biometric trait cannot be easily transferred, forgotten or lost, the rightful owner of the biometric template can be easily identified, and it is difficult to duplicate a biometric trait.

There are a number of desirable properties for any chosen biometric characteristic.

These include:

1. *Universality*: Every person should have the characteristic.
2. *Uniqueness*: No two persons should be the same in terms of the biometric characteristic.
3. *Permanence*: The biometric characteristics should not change, or change minimally, over time.
4. *Collectability*: The biometric characteristic should be measurable with some (practical) sensing device.
5. *Acceptability*: The user population and the public in general should have no (Strong) objection to the measuring/collection of the biometric trait.

A *biometric system* is essentially a pattern recognition system that operates by Acquiring biometric data from an individual, extracting a feature set from the acquired Data and comparing this feature set against the template set in the database. Depending on the application context, a biometric system may operate either in Verification mode or identification mode.

The effectiveness of a biometric system can be judged by following characteristics:

Performance, Scalability.

2. Materials and Methods:-

2.1 Fingerprints as a Biometric:-

A fingerprint is an impression of the friction ridges, from the surface of anger-tip. Fingerprints have been used for personal identification for many decades, more recently becoming automated due to advancements in computing capabilities. Fingerprint recognition is nowadays one of the most important and popular biometric technologies mainly because of the inherent ease in acquisition, the numerous sources (ten fingers) available for collection, and the established use and collections by law enforcement agencies. Automatic fingerprint identification is one of the most reliable biometric technologies. This is

because of the well known fingerprint distinctiveness, persistence, ease of acquisition and high matching accuracy rates. Fingerprints are unique to each individual and they do not change over time. Even identical twins (who share their DNA) do not carry identical fingerprints. The uniqueness can be attributed to the fact that the ridge patterns and the details in small areas of friction ridges are never repeated.

2.1.1 Fingerprint Representation:-

The types of information that can be collected from a fingerprint's friction ridge impression can be categorized as Level 1, Level 2, or Level 3 features.

Level 1 feature comprises these global patterns and morphological information. They alone do not contain sufficient information to uniquely identify fingerprints but are used for broad classification.

Level 2 features or minutiae refer to the various ways that the ridges can be discontinuous. These are essentially Galton characteristics, namely ridge endings and ridge bifurcations. A ridge ending is defined as the ridge point where a ridge ends abruptly. A bifurcation is defined as the ridge point where a ridge bifurcates into two ridges.

Level 3 features are the extremely fine intra ridge details present in fingerprints. These are essentially the sweat pores and ridge contours.

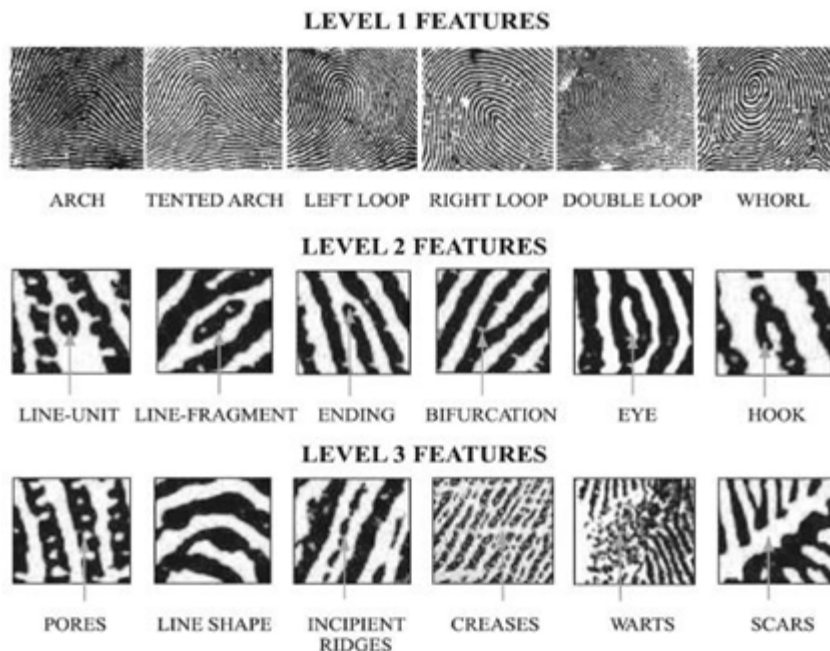


Figure1: Fingerprint features at Level 1, Level 2 and Level 3

2.2 Minutiae Extraction

A fingerprint consists of two basic types of minutiae, ridge endings and bifurcations. The minutiae and their relative positions to each other are then used for comparisons. It is therefore evident that the more accurate the process of extraction of minutiae, the more accurate and reliable the entire automated fingerprint recognition system becomes.

2.3 Feature Extractions

Here we introduce various fingerprint representations and provide a general review of image enhancement, feature extraction, and matching techniques that are used in Minutiae-based fingerprint recognition systems.

A. Global Ridge Pattern

This representation relies on the ridge structure, global landmarks and ridge pattern characteristics, Such as the singular points, ridge orientation map, and the ridge frequency map.

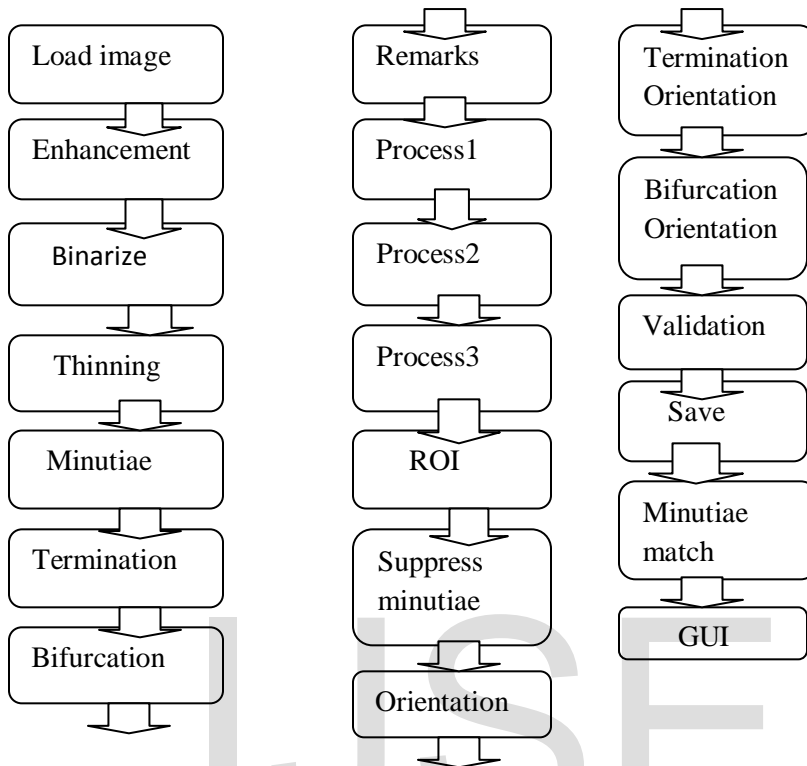
B. Local Ridge Detail

This is the most widely used and studied fingerprint representation. Local ridge details are the discontinuities of local ridge structure referred to as *minutiae*. Among minutiae types, “ridge ending” and “ridge bifurcation” are the most used, since all other types of minutiae can be seen as the combinations of “ridge endings” And “ridge bifurcations”.

C. Intra-ridge Detail

On every ridge of the finger epidermis, there are many tiny sweat pores. Pores are considered to be highly distinctive in terms of their number, positions, and shapes. However, extracting pores is feasible only in high-resolution fingerprint images (for example 1000 DPI) and with good image quality. Therefore, this kind of representation is not practical for most applications.

3. Data Flow Diagram:-



4. Experimental results & Discussion :-

We have proposed some algorithms to find out the minutiae points. With the help of the algorithms, we have found the ROI (Region of interest).in the above DFD we have discussed all the stages of load image, enhancement, binarize, thinning, minutiae points etc. here we have proposed the algo. to find out termination and bifurcation points.

Algorithm for termination

1: Break the image pixel in 3X3 window. matlab code fun=@minutiae;

L = nlfiter(K, [3 3], fun);

2: while all 3X3 windows are not computed repeat steps 3 and 4

3: check if central pixel has only one neighbor

4: Mark it as red circle in image and store its location attributes.

5: end

Algorithm for Bifurcation

- 1: Break the image pixel in 3X3 window. matlab code fun=@minutiae;
- L = nlfiter (K, [3 3], fun);
- 2: while all 3X3 windows are not computed repeat steps 3 and 4
- 3: check if central pixel has three neighbor pixels
- 4: Mark it as green circle in image and store its location attributes.
- 5: end.

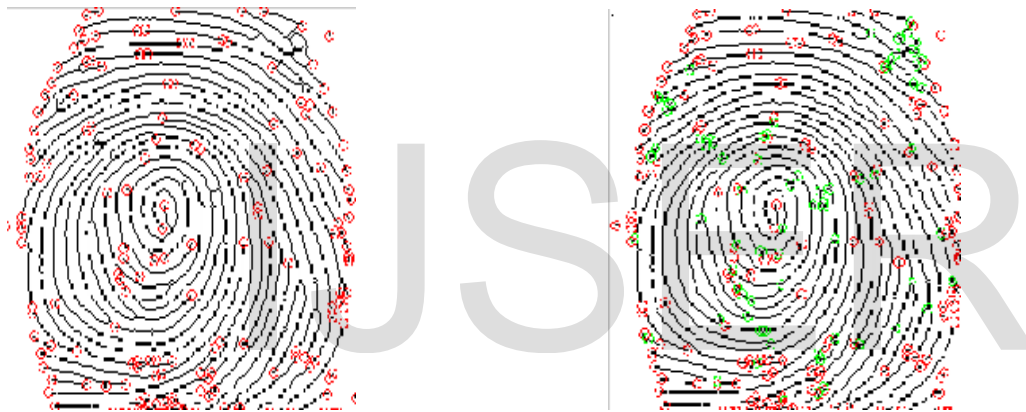


Figure 2(a) & 3(b) Here with the help of bifurcation and termination algorithm the termination and bifurcation points are found (Red circles are the termination points and green circle are the bifurcation points).

Remarks

We have a lot of spurious minutiae. We are going to process them. Process 1: if the distance between a termination and a bifurcation is smaller than D , we remove this minutiae process 2: if the distance between two bifurcations is smaller than D , we remove this minutia process 3: if the distance between two terminations is smaller than D , we remove this minutiae.

Process 1

If the distance between a termination and a bifurcation is smaller than D find minutiae and remove them for Bifurcation and termination.

Process 2

If the distance between two bifurcations is smaller than D find minutiae and remove them from Bifurcation and termination.

Process 3

If the distance between two terminations is smaller than D find minutiae and remove them from Bifurcation and termination.



Figure 3 Remark for Process 1,2 & 3.

ROI (Region of Interest)

We have to determine a ROI. For that, we consider the binary image, and we apply a closing on this image and erosion. With the GUI, we allow the use of ROI tools of MATLAB, to define manually the ROI.

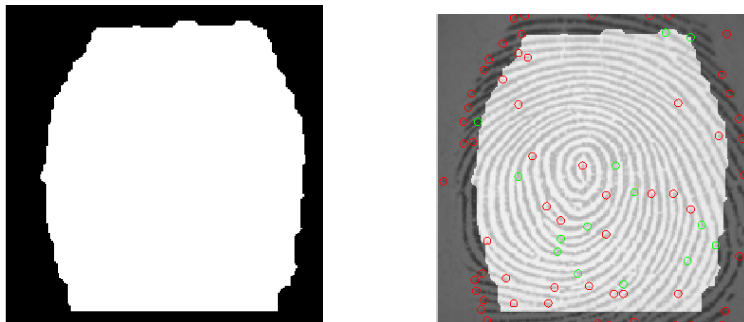


Figure 4 :ROI(Region of interest)

Suppress extreme minutiae

Once we defined the ROI, we can suppress minutiae external to this ROI.

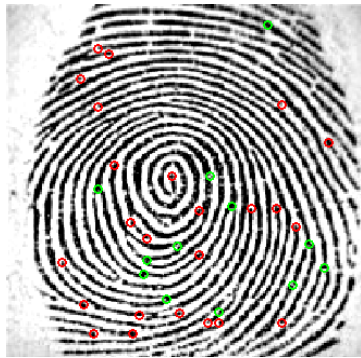


Figure 5: Special minutiae points in ROI

Orientation

Once we determined the different minutiae, we have to find the orientation of each one.

Termination Orientation

We have to find the orientation of the termination. For finding that, we analyze the position of the pixel on the boundary of a 5 x 5 bounding box of the termination. We compare this position to the Table variable. The Table variable gives the angle in radian. & the table will be maintained in MATLAB.

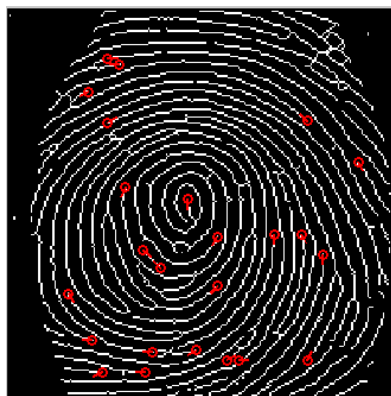


Figure 6: Termination orientation

Bifurcation Orientation

For each bifurcation, we have three lines. So we operate the same process than in termination case three times.

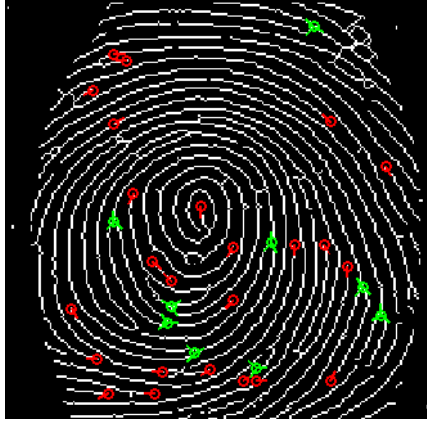


Figure 7: Bifurcation orientation

Validation

In this step, we validate the minutiae (GUI)

Save in a text file

In this step, we are going to save the minutiae in a file

Minutiae Match

Given two set of minutiae of two fingerprint images, the minutiae match algorithm determines whether the two minutiae sets are from the same finger or not.

Two steps: 1. Alignment stage 2. Match stage

5. Conclusion and Future scope: - The proposed work is centered upon collection of minutiae terms on the basis of

1. Ridge bifurcation and endings
2. False minutiae rejection based on distance from ridges.
3. Orientation field of minutiae terms based on
 - a) Termination
 - b) Bifurcation

4. ROI(Region of interest)
5. Suppress minutiae points

Among all these things, Region of Interest of the image is carried out in an autonomous way, which makes the work fitted to reconstruction and recognition phases.

Here we have proposed the fingerprint minutiae extraction idea with ROI concept which is based on Minutiae extraction and orientation detection .Actual phases in the proposed work consist of binarization and thinning to extract the image constituents from the image details. After those minutiae terms are determined on the basis of bifurcation and termination which occurs at the ridges in the fingerprint. False minutia terms are rejected by again comparing that with ROI and user selectivity has been introduced in case user wants to select its own ROI. The experimental results show that the fingerprint is very consistent with the original fingerprint and that there is a high chance of deceiving a state of the art commercial fingerprint recognition system. The fingerprints still contain a few spurious Minutiae, especially in the high-curvature regions. To overcome this problem, a better model for the continuous phase of fingerprints of any pattern type should be developed. To obtain reconstructed fingerprint that are even more consistent with the original fingerprints, ridge frequency and minutiae type should be utilized. To make the reconstructed fingerprints appear visually more realistic, brightness, ridge thickness, pores, and noise should be modeled. The accept rate of the reconstructed fingerprints can be further improved by reducing the image quality around the spurious minutiae .In this paper the image extraction and enhancement is further more adopted to make the competitive edge on the fingerprint market. Experiments demonstrate the details of orientation and minutiae terms of a particular fingerprint image in a detailed text file which furthermore can be used for database of the persons and recognition. Results are matched with consistency and lacks in image enhancement images used are of good resolution and hence must be revised on this case for future. All these have become motivation for the development of further improved forensic techniques.

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