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An analysis of content-based image retrieval

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Nowadays, working on digital images is gaining much popularity in multimedia systems, due to the rapid increase in the utilization of large image databases. Thus, the Content-Based Image Retrieval (CBIR) method has become the most valuable method for these databases. This study mainly focuses on content-based image retrieval; which uses image features like color, shape, texture, etc. by searching the user query image from a large image database based on user request. CBIR is the most widely used technique as its searching capability is faster than the other traditional methods, and it works well in retrieving images automatically. It is also a big alternative approach to traditional methods. The CBIR techniques are used in many applications like surveillance detection, crime avoidance, fingerprint identification, E-library, medical, historical monument and biodiversity information systems, and many more. A total of 38 CBIR articles were comparatively analyzed.

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1. Introduction

Content-based image retrieval (CBIR) also known as Content-Based Visual Information Retrieval (CBVIR) or Query by Image Content (QBIC), is a method for solving image retrieval problems that employs computer vision methods. Content-based image retrieval is conflicting with conventional knowledge of conceptual approaches.

Content-based is searching and analysis of different image features. It is a kind of metadata that takes the information of the image with the help of different tags, keywords, or descriptions of the image. The word content of CBIR refers to color, shape, texture, or some other information that is useful for the image description. Searching on metadata depends on consequent choice and completeness. In other words, users manually search a query image by entering keywords in a very large database which takes a long time. The users are also not able to analyze the right query information about an image. This assessment for retrieving the effective information from an image is not well defined. So the CBIR method is used effectively and efficiently which faces similar challenges.

The content-based image retrieval system has two basic challenges: first is the intention gap and the second is the semantic gap. In the intention gap, related difficulties of users are the suffering to precisely express the image content by a query, like an image or a sketch map. The semantic gap is related to the origin of the problem which is used to describe the tall height image features with the semantic concept of short height image features $[1 - 3]$.

Content-based image retrieval, introduced in 1992 by T. Kato, explains the experimental method to retrieve image features like color or shape features from the huge image database automatically. The content-based term used here describes the method of obtaining images from a image features database, with various methods, tools, and algorithms that are designed to develop the areas like statistical methods, object detection, pattern recognition, and computer vision, etc.

In the early 1920s, some new research methods in CBIR are introduced. Especially, two types of research are in progress to the present-day for retrieving the

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images from the large multimedia databases. In the primary research, the local image feature of Scale Invariant Feature Transform (SIFT) is contented [4]. SIFT is an image feature detection algorithm that detects and describes local features. The "Bag of Visual Words" (BOW) model [5] is used in secondary studies. The BOW model makes a powerful summary of demonstration or illustration of images based on the quantization of the restricted local features and promptly modifies the characteristic of file indexing of an organization for image retrieval. A recent Literature survey on multimedia content-based image retrieval is presented as a reference in this study [6 - 29].The general contribution of this study was to explain and analyze the collection of CBIR works with their details for the readers.

The manuscript is organized as follows;section 2 is a literature review, sections 3and 4 explain Image Retrieval Techniques and Content-Based Image Retrieval Techniques, section 5 presents Content-Based Image Retrieval Methods. Section 6 and 7 explain Distance Measurements and Performance Evaluation. Finally, sections 8 and 9 present "Results and Discussions" and Conclusions.

2. Literature Review

The research by Yue et al. [30] focuses on color and texture low-level characteristics extracted from CBIR. These two types of features are based on a co-occurrence matrix to extract image features to form the feature vectors after being used in a global color histogram, local color histogram, and texture features which are examined by CBIR. After feature extraction, it calculates the Euclidean distance measurements to find the images. CBIR methods are designed by applying color and texture fused features with the help of weight constructions of feature vectors. The process of retrieving the experiments by showing the combination of features is retrieved by bringing an enhanced illustration of the single feature. This proceeds to a superior retrieve outcome. The whole work is done on Java Eclipse enlargement atmosphere and SQL server 2005 is used as the database system.

Singh et al. [31] in their study, solve the content-based image retrieval in energetic surroundings with address problems. It focuses on implementing a new structure that is capable of search and correct features to examine the new query images that improve retrieval accuracy and to make it more effective. It works on the Fuzzy C-Means (FCM) algorithm that generalizes the hard C algorithm. It is produced as a soft panel in a set database. The invariant array vector of images is extracted using a feature extraction tool such as Fast Fourier Transform in this research. Aside from the HSI component of the color

image, the resulting array vector is used as a first feature vector after image segmentation, and then a second feature vector is used. The study proposed an algorithm on 100 tested different images and produce a better performance as compared to the traditional method of CBIR.

Alsmadi[32] developed in his study, a novel relationship between the evaluation of a heuristic algorithm known as a memetic algorithm (Genetic algorithm with a great deluge) to achieve features of the target image and the train image. It comprises of Gradient Descent (GD) algorithm with a Genetic algorithm (GA). It also increases the quality of weights (solution) by increasing the fitness function (number), which helps in the process of searching. Hence, it tests comparable images that are retrieved from a large image database and the calculated results work as a measure of average precision and recall rate performance. Filtering processes can be used in the CBIR in the future to provide more precise results.

Ahamed et al. [33] focus on accessible CBIR system limitations like bandwidth requirement, data security, and storage space, to defeat these limitations. A new technique, CBIS prediction Errors, (CBIR-PE), is presented that uses to rectify errors instead of actual images for storage, transmission, and retrieval. It proposes new techniques that are based on groupings like the clustering technique called WBCT-FCM, WBCT, and FCM. The performance of the proposed WBCT-FCM and CBIR-PE are evaluated using the COREL-1k database. After testing, results are much better as compare to the traditional clustering technique. It retrieves better accuracy as compared to the existing methods.

Saeed et al. [34] proposed a new technique of edifice feature vector to represent images for clustering. It consists of 140 elements which take different features such as color histogram, color moments, Gabor filters, GLCM matrix, etc. It works implicitly on the core database which contains 1000 colored images.

In the study of Joshia et al. [35], the results are deployed from binary and grayscale image retrieval. It is detected by descriptors for color IRS, while it does not detect perfect query. It uses the KCOLavg descriptor, which eliminates the combination given by three colors and considers the average color contribution in the background. Therefore, it does not give a better efficient descriptor in color images. Hence, the study of the intuitive descriptor gives a better output.

Sharma et al. [36] focus on feature extraction and homogeneous attribute measures, utilizing a pyramid that is prepared on wavelet decay and energy level calculations. These energy levels are equivalent to the manipulative distance between the target image and the training images. A substantially huge image database

from the Brodatz album is applied for retrieval claims. The investigational report shows that the prep underrating of Canberra, Bray-Curtis, Square chord, and Square Chisquared distances are more than the conservative Euclidean and Manhattan distance.

Mistry et al. [37] proposed a hybrid feature system for competent CBIR. It is based on spatial, frequency, Color, and Edge directivity Descriptor (CEDD), and BSIF feature descriptors. The proposed method uses the WANG database; it contains 1000 Corel images of 10 various types of .jpg images, of size 384×256 or $256 \times$ 384. It combines 100 images in 10 various groups like animals, vehicles, objects, places, etc.

Khodaskaret al. [38] presented a study on CBIR use in the color feature. The likelihood of histograms for each color component is increased with this feature. These histograms are separated into different numbers of major coordinates and for each coordinate, different statistical features like standard deviation, skewness, mean, variance, kurtosis, etc are calculated. The processing rate is slow, and the proposed technique is deployed on average image databases achieving better results.

Pradeep et al. [39] demonstrated the CBIR approach by combining artificial neural networks, fuzzy logic, support vector machines, and other soft computing methods. The traditional CBIR system retrieves images by using lowlevel image features, and it gets the semantic gap. It suggests an advanced structure for CBIR that increases the accuracy of image retrieval by combining fundamental soft computing methods. The proposed system works with relevant feedback based on a Support vector machine (SVM). It gives an intelligent classification of images based on a relevant or irreverent query image, and later, it calculates the performance measures like precision, recall, and accuracy.

Katira et al. [40] presented the technique of CBIR, which is used with the ordered-dither block truncation coding, (ODBTC), for the image content descriptors. The encoding is done by using ODBTC that combines the image blocks into quantized and bitmap images, such as color co-occurrence features, (CCF) and bit pattern features, (BPF). This is converted into ODBTC encoded data streams without any decoding. The experimental result shows that the planned scheme is greater than the block processing coded image retrieving systems.

Gupta et al. [41] proposed some primitive features of an image that were utilized in the current scenario system. Some features are selected based on similarity identification between the images. The proposed algorithms are used for calculating the similarity between image features and then describe them. MATLAB tool is used for image verification in a database.

Wavelet-Based Color Histogram Image Retrieval was proposed by Bagri et al. [42] for feature selection such as color and texture (WBCHIR). In the path of wavelet transformation and color histogram, shape and shade features are often used for feature selection, making these features energetic and adaptable. In this study, the segmentation and grid information is used for the first time for feature extraction.

Giveki et al. [43] used the texture Gray Level Cooccurrence Matrix, Hue moments, and the grouping of Tamura texture features and shape invariant Hue moments to compare the combination of texture and shape features. The system's efficiency is measured using the accuracy and recall methods.

Selviet al. [44] presented experimentation on the effectiveness of choosing color space performance using CBIR for Wavelet decomposition. Hence, the efficiency increased in the results of CBIR representation using wavelet transform in color space and color moments.

Sasikala et al. [45] proposed three algorithms to increase the performance. In this study, the Heterogeneous Minimum Order k-SimRank (HMok-SimRank) algorithm is used which derives the corresponding algorithm using Integrated Weighted Similarity Learning (IWSL) to integrate the data for query images in an image database. A ranking algorithm is used for finding the rank of the images which increases both relevance and speed.

Singh et al. [46] introduce CBIR problems and challenges, by using an accurate image searching system. It is based on CBIR using Mpeg-7 descriptors, which works on low-level features and is extracted from the large database. it transforms between color spaces and quantization and uses color information for feature extraction. This proposed method achieves robustness and 92.4% accuracy.

Dharani et al. [47] proposed a survey study on the CBIR technique. The study searches the gigantic image database for the target image based on the user query using visual characteristics of an image such as color, shape, texture, and so on. It is based on labeled and unlabelled images to analyze the efficiency of an image using the method like D-EM, SVM, RF, etc.

Smeulders et al. [48] discuss the current state of content-based retrieval from various image formats, as well as the role of semantics, pattern, and the sensory gap. A special retrieval strategy, such as global features, object and shape, salient points, structural combinations, and signs, is used for image and object similarity searches.This is accomplished through the use of system engineering databases, system design, and evaluations.

Li et al. [49] focus on the number of digital images increasing from time to time and taking out from huge databases which is very complex. Indexing image data is based on the text. The indexing uses low-level features of the image that may diminish the workload and make

mining to become more rapid. The indexing technique index the digital images in the database by the peak color proportion. The images will be routinely confidential by their low-level feature like color. Execution of this technique will benefit image mining.

Tarulatha et al. [50] work on advanced technologies to increase accuracy using CBIR systems. The study centers on the shifted design which is complicated for the lowlevel feature extract algorithms that reduce the semantic gaps among image features and databases. The authors carried out a literature survey on recent technologies to achieve an elevated level of semantic-based image retrieval.

 Liu et al. [51] focused on Gabor wavelet proof texture analysis for image retrieval method based on the Gabor filter. The texture feature works on the mean and variance of statistical features for Gabor filtered image. normalization, it is used by a spherical shift of the feature elements which override on points. The image indexing and retrieval are conducted on the image texture and standard images.

Siradjuddin et al. [52], in Content-based Image Retrieval, provided an autoencoder using a Convolutional Neural Network for feature extraction. In the convolutional autoencoder architecture, the encoder and decoder layers are used. The encoder layer reduces the image's dimension by applying the convolutional neural network's feature learning capability to it. The decoding layer rebuilds the autoencoder's output as closely as possible to the data input. The results found that the extracted features can be used to represent images and recover relevant images in content-based image retrieval.

Fadaei et al. [53] suggested a technique that extracts the Zernike moments from the query image and calculates an interval for that query. The retrieval process ignores images in the database that are beyond the interval. As a result, a database reduction happens before retrieval, resulting in increased speed. Relevant images for query images are stored in the reduced database, while irrelevant images are discarded.

Naoufal et al. [54] used a procedure based on color features coded as strings and genetic algorithms to create a content-based image retrieval system. The goal is to find the fittest people in a huge group of people. After that, they compare the results achieved by varying the size of the images at different intervals to see how the size affects their technique to reduce the computation time. This method claims to lower the cost of retrieving other features while also improving retrieval accuracy.

Rudrappa et al. [55] showed a system that uses groundbased imagery of clouds in the sky to determine if they are low, middle, or high-level clouds. For cloud classification, they use K-means clustering and Content-Based Image Retrieval (CBIR) approaches. The evolved system divides clouds into three categories: low, middle, and high-level clouds. The outcome of this cloud identification can then be used as an input to a system that determines rainfall dynamically.

Finally, in the commercial field, The CBIR method was implemented by IBM, known as QBIC (Query-based Image Content). QBIC works on networking and graphics-based approaches. It is a simple, wellunderstood, and attractive substitute to traditional methods. A CBIR system architecture is presented in Figure 1.

The offline stage and the online stage are the two steps of a common content-based image retrieval framework. In the offline stage, the image is captured and placed in the image database. Later on, images are represented, and data indexed. In the online stage, other query methods, image features, image feature advantages, and disadvantages of features are considered for image retrieval. CBIR Framework module is given in Figure 2.

3. Image Retrieval Techniques

The image retrieval system is a structure that allows you to search, discover, and retrieve images from a large image database. Figure 3 shows a block diagram of the image recovery system. Traditionally, image retrieval uses some common methods for adding metadata like capturing, keyword, or some other type of information that describes an image. Early research works on image retrieval techniques are summarized here for the reader's attention.

3.1 Text-Based Image Retrieval

The text-based image retrieval method also known as the descriptive image-based system is used for retrieving XML documents that contain images.

Figure 1. CBIR system architecture

Offline Stage

Online Stage

Figure 2. CBIR framework module (online/offline stages)

Figure 3. Block diagram of Image retrieval technique

It is based on textual information for an exact multimedia query in the database. Therefore, it overcomes the limitation of the CBIR system. It allows the users to present information according to the needs of textual query and finding the significant images which match with the textual query and the database [56-60].

3.2 Multimodal Fusion Image Retrieval

Multimodal fusion image retrieval is required for data synthesis and a machine learning algorithm, called, combination of evidence is deployed. This algorithm is used for merging multiple sources of evidence, which is based on multiple modalities, like the skimming effect, chorus effect, and dark horse effect [61].

3.3 Semantic-Based Image Retrieval

A semantic-based image retrieval system is used for current images. It is the method, that works to solve the semantic gap problem, which leads to two main approaches. The first is Annotating images and the second is image segmentation that uses automatic image explanation and adopting the semantic web initiatives [62, 63].

3.4 Relevance Feedback Image Retrieval

It is used to determine the distinction between user information and image representation, which determines the limit of nuclear retrieval systems' image retrieval accuracy. It's used to fill in important semantic gaps. The underlying concept behind relevance feedback is to incorporate the user's perception of the query and have them compute the retrieval results. For better results, user interaction is required [64 - 67].

4. Content-Based Image Retrieval Techniques

CBIR systems are projected on many techniques. But there are some problems withthe image retrieving system based on pixel contents [68-72]. Early research works on content-based image retrieval techniques are summarized here for the reader's attention.

4.1 Query-Based Technique

Query by example is based on a query technique,

which works based on a searching algorithm. The searching algorithm is based on the functionality of the resulting image and shares common image information which is known as Reverse searching image. Some common examples of an image searching system are as follows:

- An existing image can supply by the users selected from a random set.
- The user draws a rough calculation of an image.

4.2 Semantic Retrieval

Semantic retrieval is used to start a user quest, for example, "find pictures of Abraham Lincoln". It is a sort of open-ended task, which is extremely complicated for computer operations. Lincoln cannot face the cameras and can't use the same poses. CBIR systems use lowlevel features such as texture, color, and shape features. These features are used in grouping and interfacing so that it is easy to input the databases which are qualified to match the features such as the face, fingerprint, or shape. Generally, image retrieval requires a human identification of the higher-level concept.

4.3 Relevance Feedback (Human Interaction)

The Combine CBIR system is a searching technique for the identification of the large variety of probable user images and the target can be a strong task. A CBIR system relies totally on the understanding ability of user queries.

4.4 Iterative Or Machine Learning

Machine learning and application is an iterative technique for the fitting of extra culpability in CBIR.

4.5 Other Query Methods

These methods are based on searching and browsing, for example, navigation of modified and hierarchical categories such as query by image type, query by a various instance of images, query by visual outline, query by the straight requirement of image features, and multimodal queries (e.g. combining touch, voice, etc.)

5. Content-Based Image Retrieval Methods

Content-based image retrieval (CBIR), which is used as a distance measure, is the most common technique for comparing two images. The distance is computed by comparing the two images' color, texture, and shape similarity.

5.1 Color

One of the most important features of a content-based image retrieval system is the color feature, which aids image recognition. Color features are a pixel property and these properties work on the reflection of light. Color tells about the variation between object, position, and time of day. There are many types of color model that describes the color information of an image, and it reduces image information about potential inequity to the single gray level values.

Color space is a method that represents pixel coordinates in 3D color space, in which the popular Red-Green-Blue (RGB) method is used for image retrieval. RGB method consists of three colors which are red, green, and blue, together with additive primaries, which are developed by combining all three colors. In contrast, the cyan-magenta-yellow (CMY) method is a subtractive color model and is used mostly for printing. It is developed for brightness inclusion.

Both the color models RGB and CMY are mechanismbased or perceptually non-uniform. The CIE (International Color Commission) measured the colors and perceptually standardized them. CIE is made for subtractive color mixtures and designed the color management [47].

The Hue, Saturation, and Value (HSV) space model is widely used in computer graphics. The invariant moment is used to change the light and camera direction, and it is an appropriate method for image retrieval. The invariant moment is represented by calculating the wavelength of light, and it expresses the pure spectrum color model which ranges from 0[°] to 360[°]. RGB coordinates are easily translated into HSV coordinates and are represented by using equations (1) , (2) and (3) . The conversion of the RGB space color model to the HSV space image model is shown in Figure 4. Example color conversions to a different color model are presented in Figure 5a and Figure 5b.

$$
H = \cos^{-1}\frac{1}{2} \frac{\left[(R - G) + (R - B) \right]}{\sqrt{\left[(R - G)^2 + (R - B)(G - B) \right]}} \tag{1}
$$

$$
S = 1 - \frac{3[\min(R, G, B)]}{R + G + B}
$$
\n⁽²⁾

$$
V = \frac{R + G + B}{3} \tag{3}
$$

Figure 4. Block diagram of image retrieval technique

Figure 5. Color conversion to a different color model

Some common techniques used in the color feature are as follows:

5.1.1 Color moment

The most popular color feature used for CBIR is the color moment. The color moment is a statistical measure that differentiates images using the feature extraction method and that image is recognized by the distribution of color moment (statistical measure) or features. There are some common statistical measures namely mean, variance, and skewness shown by equations (4), (5), and (6).

The color moment proves the efficiency and effectiveness of color statistical distribution of images. A sample of the image database used in calculations is presented in Figure 6.

$$
\mu_{i=\frac{1}{N}\sum_{j=1}^{N}f_{ij}}\tag{4}
$$

$$
\sigma_i = \left(\frac{1}{N} \sum_{j=1}^{N} (f_{ij} - \mu_i)^2\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}
$$
\n(5)

$$
s_i = \left(\frac{1}{N} \sum_{j=1}^{N} (f_{ij} - \mu_i)^3\right)^{\frac{1}{3}}
$$
 (6)

No.	ColorMo1	ColorMo2	ColorMo3	ColorMo4	ColorMo5	ColorMo6
Image1	98.5513	150.7495	101.2073	85.5941	101.1767	77.3031
Image2	95.9414	64.8982	58.3551	83.2036	57.7118	87.1210
Image3	69.7427	111.2991	73.9050	84.5222	73.8894	48.2561
Image4	77.0045	33.9630	50.8406	67.5750	50.2813	53.6986
Image ₅	82.2800	125.5592	67.4838	67.3654	67.6743	60.8554
Image ₆	84.2418	50.5414	43.1666	61.5602	42.4683	70.5261

Table 1. The results of color moment calculations for the database in Figure 6

Figure 6. Sample of image database

Figure 7. HSV histogram for color model

where f_{ij} is the image value, i^{th} is the color element of an image pixel, j and *N* are the numbers of the pixel images.

Color moment calculations are carried out for the 6 original images in Figure 6 and the results are presented for the color moments in Table 1. The images were obtained from an online database atozflowers.com/. A custom software was written in Matlab to calculate the color moment presented in Table1.

5.1.2 Color Histogram

A color histogram is an interpretation and identification of RGB image intensity. Color histogram defines a color vector, which is a set of pixels of all the images, coordinates which are denoted by the pixels, and the images considered individually as an RGB image. It is a way of viewing translation and rotation, by changing an image slowly with the help of scalar transformations and viewing angles. H is a color histogram vector for an image defined in equation (7) as:

$$
H = \{H[1], H[2], H[3], \dots, H[i], \dots, H[N]\}
$$
 (7)

where i is a color histogram, H[i] is the number of pixelscolor, i is an image, and N is the number of the coordinate for a color histogram. An example HSV histogram for the color model is presented in Figure 7.

5.1.3 Color Correlogram

The color correlogram is a color-based table indexing feature, with the kth entry for (i, j) indicating the possibility of indexing color j coordinates at a distance of k from a pixel of color I in the image.

The mathematical representation of color correlogram is shown in equation (8).

$$
\gamma_{(i,j)^{(k)}=Pr_{p1\epsilon c(I), p2\epsilon I}[P2\epsilon I_{c(j)}|P1-P2|=K]}\tag{8}
$$

where i, $j \in \{1, 2, ..., N\}$, $k \in \{1, 2, ..., d\}$, and $|p1 - p2|$ is the distance between pixels p1 and p2.

5.1.4 Color Coherence Vectors

The color coherence vector is divided into two categories namely coherent histogram and non-coherent pixel. Pixels are measured to be coherent if they are part of a continuous equally colored area and the size of this area exceeds some threshold. This area is usually defined as 1% of the image area. Finally, the general advantages and disadvantages of color models are summarized as shown in Table 2.

5.2 Texture

The texture of an image is its most important feature. It is a set of the matrix which calculates the spatial collection of color intensities of an image and selects the region of an image. It can be synthetically created, and it identifies natural scenes that are captured in an image. Segmentation, classification, pattern recognition, and machine vision all use the texture feature. Some of the most prevalent approaches are directionality, contrast, coarseness, roughness, regularity, and line-likeness. These are divided into three approaches: structural, statistical, and spectral.

Structural approach: It is an image texture, a set of primitive texture elements (pixel or texels), in morphological operators and adjacency graph. It is based on a regular subpattern.

Statistical approach: It is a quantitative measure, like cooccurrence matrices, Tamura feature, Fourier power spectra, and shift-invariant principal component analysis

(SPCA), etc.

Spectral approach: It is a property used for the Fourier spectrum, which explains the global periodicity of a gray level image by the identification of high energy coordinates in the Fourier spectrum.

The commonly used techniques in the statistical approach are:

5.2.1 Gray Level Co-Occurrence Matrix

It is developed by R.M. Haralick, and it is the most important and popular method for representing image textures. It is the second-order statistical method in which 14 statistical measures are used for feature extraction. See Table 3. GLCM Texture Analysis examples with different pixel distances are given in Figures 8,9 and 10.

GLCM Texture feature analysis is carried out with the images in the image database in Figure 6. The results are presented in Table 4.

Table 3. Advantages and disadvantage of color models

No.	Feature	Formula	Remark
1	Contrast	Ng Ng $Nn-1$ $\sum_{i} n^{2} \{ \sum_{i} p(i,j) \}, i-j = n$	Have a discriminating ability. Rotationally variant
\overline{c}	Entropy	$-\sum i \sum j P(i, j) \log(P(i, j))$	Have a strong discriminating ability. Almost rotational invariant.
3	Correlation	$\frac{\sum i\sum jP(i,j) - \mu_x \mu_y}{\sigma_x \sigma_y}$	Have a strong discriminating ability. Rotational dependent feature.
$\overline{4}$	Sum average	$\sum_{i=2}^{2N} i p_{z+y}(i)$	Characteristics are similar to variance. Rotation is invariant.
5	Sum of squares: Variance	$\sum_{i}^{i} j(i - \mu)^2 P(i, j)$	Computationally expensive Rotation variant.
6	Info. The measure of Correlation 1	$HXY - HXY$ max $\{HX, HY\}$	Similar to the Correlation
τ	Info. The measure of Correlation 2	$(1 - \exp[-2(HXYZ - HXY)])^{\frac{1}{2}}$	Similar to the Correlation
8	Inverse Different Moment	$\sum_{i} \sum_{j} \frac{1}{1 + (i - i)^2} P(i, j)$	Similar to the angular second moment.
9	Sum Variance	$\sum_{i=2}^{2N} (i - f_s)^2 P_{(x+Y)}(i)$	Similar to variance
10	Sum Entropy	$-\sum_{i=2}^{2N} P_{(x+y)}(i) \log(P_{(x+y)}(i)) = f_s$	Similar to entropy
11	Angular second moment / Energy	$\sum_{i} \sum_{j} p(i,j)^2$	No distinguishing ability
12	Difference variance	$\sum_{i=0}^{N-1} i^2 P_{(x-y)}(i)$	Similar to Variance
13	Difference Entropy	$-\sum_{i=0}^{N-1} P_{(x-y)} \log\{P_{(x-y)}(\mathrm{i})\}$	Similar to Entropy
14	Max. Correlation coeff./ Mean	$Q(i,j) = \sum k \frac{P(i,j)P(j,k)}{p_x(i)p_v(k)}$	The square root of the second- largest Eigenvalue

Grayscale Image	Texture Analysis						
	Browser Image		GLCM 	Reset		Distance	$\mathbf{1}$
	Contrast	\bullet 0.14136	45 0.23297	90 0.17719	130 0.25152	Average 0.20076	۰
	Correlation	0.98913	0.98211	0.98637	0.98068	0.98457	
	Energy	0.27181	0.26319	0.26906	0.26185	0.26648	
	Homogeneity	0.94777	0.93257	0.94328	0.92963	0.93831	$\overline{}$
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Figure 8. Texture Analysis for 1-pixel distance

Grayscale Image	Texture Analysis						
	Browser Image		 GLCM	Reset		Pixel Distance	$\overline{2}$
		\bullet	45	90	130	Average	
	Contrast	0.3052	0.49516	0.40227	0.54	0.43566	$\overline{}$
	Correlation	0.97656	0.96209	0.96911	0.95866	0.96661	
	Energy	0.25785	0.2466	0.25338	0.2439	0.25043	
	Homogeneity	0.91995	0.90229	0.91362	0.89769	0.90839	÷
				m.			

Figure 9. Texture Analysis for 2-pixel distance

Figure 10. Texture Analysis for 3-pixel distance

5.2.2 Tamura texture

Tamura feature is designed by studying the human perceptual experience of texture features. There are some perceived texture feature types which are as follows:

- a) Coarseness
- b) Contrast
- c) Directionality
- d) Linelikeness
- e) Regularity

Coarseness:

It is a distance measure related to the spatial variation of a gray-level image. Hence it is easy to find the size of the primitive element (pixels) from the texture feature. Coarseness is the quantitative measure of a scalar image with a fixed window size. The smaller value of the texture element is known as coarser.

Contrast:

It is a measure to check the image whether is black or white based on distribution.

Directionality:

It is the information of edge strength and directional angle. It uses the pixel-wise differential for computing an image.

Linelikeness:

It describes the average conjunction of edge directions, so it defines the isolated pixels by using distance and with the direction α.

Regularity:

It defines coarseness, contrast, and direction. It is denoted by users as a normalization factor and σ defines the standard deviation of the texture features of each subimage.

5.2.3 Wavelet transform

Wavelet transforms offers the multiresolution method that describes texture analysis and classification. It explains the basic function of a superposition in the family called wavelets. It uses a multi-resolution approach to calculate the 2D image. It employs recursive filtering and sub-sampling, which divides the image into sub-levels. Every level is decomposed into sub-bands of four frequencies which are, LH, LL, HH, and HL. L represents low frequency and H denotes the high frequency. Haar, Coiflet, Mexican Hat, Morlet, and Daubechies are some examples of wavelets. The most common and basic wavelets is Haar wavelet, and Daubechies is a fractal structure application.

Table 4. Texture features of GLCM

5.3 Shape

The shape, which is used to extract information from images, is the most important feature. Because of noise, occlusion, and arbitrary distortion, the object recognition problem becomes more complicated. Shape representation is focused on the shape features and it is a boundary-based or region-based shape. To be more effective, a shape feature must have the following properties: identifiability, translation, occultation invariance, noise resistance, affine invariance, reliability, and statistical independence.

5.3.1 Boundary-based shape

This feature mainly focuses on the outer boundaries of an image that defines the important region by using the external characteristic of an image, in each pixel (or coordinate) along the image boundary. See Figure 11. Some representations of Boundary-based shapes are as follows:

- 1. Polygonal Models, or Boundary partitioning
- 2. Fourier Descriptors
- 3. Spines, higher-order constructions
- 4. Curvature Models

5.3.2 Region-based shape

This feature focuses on the shape region of the whole

image by using a complete image internal description. some representations of Region-based shapes are as follows:

- 1. Super quadrics
- 2. Fourier Descriptors
- 3. Implicit Polynomials
- 4. Blum's skeletons

5.3.3 Fourier descriptor

Fourier descriptor describes the shape feature of an object in an image, in which it uses Fourier transform for boundaries and considers the shape (contour) of a twodimensional image. Contour representations are divided into three types:

Curvature: Curvature K(s) is a method that changes the rate of the tangent direction of the curve, it is represented as s, s is the point of the curve. It can be represented as:

$$
K(s) = \frac{d}{ds}\theta(s) \tag{9}
$$

where $\theta(s)$ represent the turning function of the curve.

Centroid distance: Centroid distance is a method that calculates the distance function between the boundary pixel and the centroid (x_c, y_c) of an image object, It's defined as:

$$
R(s) = \sqrt{(x_s - x_c)^2 + (y_s - y_c)^2}
$$
 (10)

Figure 11. Edge detection

Complex Coordinate: Complex coordinates describe the coordinates of boundary pixels and the complex number is defined as:

$$
Z(s) = (x_s - x_c) + j(y_s - y_c)
$$
 (11)

5.3.4 Fourier transforms

Contour representation is used to generate the complex coefficient representation of the object shape in the frequency domain. It can be divided into three groups. The first one is the low frequency coefficients that express the shape property.The second one is the higher frequency coefficients that reproduce the shape information. The third one is the complex frequency coefficients which achieve the rotation invariant, scalar invariance, amplitude coefficients separated by the amplitude of the DC component, and non-zero coefficients. The transformation invariance is based on the contour illustration.

5.3.5 Moment invariant

It is based on conventional shape representation. It is a set of moment invariants. The main reason to propose the moment invariant is to calculate the region-based moment. if the object R is represented as the binary image, then the center moment order of $p+q$ for the shape of object R is defined as:

$$
\mu_{p,q} = \sum_{(x,y)\in R} (x - x_c)^p (y - y_c)^q
$$
\n(12)

where (x_c, y_c) represents the center of the image.

Table 5. Hue moments for 6 test images in Figure 6

Invariants are independent of position, size, and orientation. Moment invariant is the basis of these moments. These are translation; rotation and scale and can be derived as:

$$
\phi_1 = \mu_{2,0} + \mu_{0,2} \tag{13}
$$

$$
\emptyset_2 = (\mu_{2,0} - \mu_{0,2})^2 + 4(\mu^2)_{1,1} \tag{14}
$$

$$
\phi_3 = (\mu_{3,0} - \mu_{1,2})^2 + (3(\mu_{2,1}) - \mu_{0,3})^2 \tag{15}
$$

$$
\emptyset_4 = (\mu_{3,0} + \mu_{1,2})^2 + (\mu_{2,1} + \mu_{0,3})^2 \tag{16}
$$

$$
\varphi_{5} = (\mu_{3,0} - 3\mu_{1,2})(\mu_{3,0+\mu_{1,2}})[(\mu_{3,0} + \mu_{1,2})^{2} \n- 3(\mu_{2,1} + \mu_{0,3})^{2}] + (3\mu_{2,1} \n- \mu_{0,3})(\mu_{2,1} \n+ \mu_{0,3})[3(\mu_{3,0} + \mu_{1,2})^{2} \n- (\mu_{2,1+\mu_{0,3}})^{2}]
$$
\n(17)

$$
\varphi_6 = (\mu_{2,0} - \mu_{1,2}) [(\mu_{3,0} + \mu_{1,2})^2 - (\mu_{2,1} + \mu_{0,3})^2 \n+ 4\mu_{1,1} (\mu_{3,0} + \mu_{1,2}) (\mu_{2,1} \n+ \mu_{0,3})]
$$
\n(18)

Hue moments for the 6 test images in Figure 6 are tabulated in Table 5.

5.3.6 Turing angles

In contour representations of 2D images, the close sequence representation leads to successive boundaries of the pixel (x_s, y_s), where $0 \le s \le N-1$ and N define the total number of the element on the boundaries. The turning function is represented as $\theta(s)$, which finds the angle of the counter. It uses a clockwise tangent for the functions of the curve length *s* according to the situation point on the image (curve). It is defined as

$$
\theta(s) = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{y'_s}{x'_s}\right) \tag{19}
$$

$$
y'_{s} = \frac{dy_{s}}{ds}
$$
 (20)

$$
x'_{s} = \frac{dx_{s}}{ds}
$$
 (21)

A summary of various Feature techniques is presented in Table 6.

Types of feature	Methods	Characteristics
Color Features	Conventional color Histogram (CCH), Fuzzy Color histogram (FCH), $[20,21]$ Color Correlogram	Simple to calculate. It cannot instruct the spatial info. It cannot instruct by color coordinates seminaries. It considers the degree of color relationship between the coordinates. It is strong to quantize fault. Here, the robustness changes the brightness intensity.
Texture Features	Steerable pyramid, Contourlet transform, Complex directional filter bank (CDFB)	In this, we use basic filters for translation and rotation. These filters are the linear combination of basic functions. Only the rotation invariants are the use of texture retrieval. Combining the Laplacian pyramid function with a directional filter requires less computation and difficulty. Optimally, it achieves the joint resolution of space and spatial frequency which is computationally intensive. So, it gives the highest result of texture retrieval. It compares the retrieval outcome with the Gabor wavelet output and it is Shift Invariant.
Shape Features	Fourier Descriptor, Moment Invariants, Directional Histograms	The shape feature is a phase of understanding and implementing the shapes.

Table 6. A summary of various feature techniques

6. Distance Measurements

CBIR searches for similarities between the target image and the training images. As a result, the image retrieval method displays the results based on the image list. Many distance measurements are developed for the CBIR feature in recent years. Distance measurements are carried out to locate the connections of feature vectors. In the CBIR system, it is used to compare the relationship between the images. They are briefly summarized as follows:

6.1 Euclidean Distance

It's the measurement of the distance between the image's two coordinates. Euclidean distance is identified as the line segment between 2D Euclidean coordinates X (x_1, x_2) and Y (y_1, y_2) . The distance between two coordinates X and Y is defined as shown in equation (22);

$$
D(p,q) = \sqrt{(x_1 - x_2)^2 + (y_1 - y_2)^2}
$$
 (22)

where, $X = (x_1, x_2, x_3, \ldots, x_n)$ and $Y = (y_1, y_2, y_3, \dots, y_n)$, n is the number of points.

6.2 Standard Euclidean Distance

Standardized data is used to determine standard Euclidean distance. This data can be defined as Standardized Data= (original mean value)/Standard deviation shown in equation (23);

$$
d = \sqrt{\sum_{i} \left(\frac{1}{s_i^2}\right) (x_i - y_i)^2}
$$
 (23)

6.3 Manhattan Distance

It uses a lattice that is purely based on a diagonally opposite horizontal or vertical path to determine the distance between two points. The Manhattan distance is

computed using Pythagoras Theorem, while the diagonal distance is calculated using the sum of the horizontal and vertical components. Mathematically, it is defined as

$$
Mh(p,q) = (x_1 - x_2) + (y_1 - y_2)
$$
\n(24)

6.4 Minkowski Distance

It's a popular image retrieval metric in which each image element's feature vector is independent of the others and all features are valued equally. Minkowski distances are used to calculate the distance between two images. Mathematically, it can be defined as

$$
D(p,q) = (\sum_{i} (f_i(x) - f_i(y))^p)
$$
\n(25)

6.5 Mahalanobis Distance

The distance metric is applied to each dimension of the image feature, which is a vector that is unrelated to the others and is applicable in this distance measurement.It can be defined as

$$
D(p,q) = \sqrt{(F_p - F_q)^T C^{-1} (F_p - F_q)}
$$
\n(26)

where C is representing the covariance matrix of the image feature vector.

6.6 Chebyshev Distance

It calculates the distance between the two points p and q. Chebyshev distance represents the standard coordinates pi and qi and it is a metric of the uniform norm. It can be represented as

$$
D_{chess}(p,q) = \max(p_i - q_i)
$$
\n(27)

where p and q are two points, Cartesian coordinates are (x_1, y_1) and (x_2, y_2) .

$$
D(i, j) = \sqrt{(F_i - F_j)^T A (F_i - F_j)}
$$
\n(28)

where A(Fi-Fj) defines a similar matrix where Fi and Fj are vector lists.

7. Performance Evaluation

Performance measures are used to calculate the results and use image retrieval measures such as precision and recall, which work on feature extraction and give positive stability outcomes. These features extract information without any interpretation problems. It can be categorized as Precision, Recall, and F score.

7.1 Precision

Precision is the performance measure that retrieves the related images to the query image from the total retrieved database images.

$$
Precision = \frac{No. of the relevant retrieved image}{Total No. of retrieved image}
$$
 (29)

7.2 Recall

The retrieval of related images to the image database is measured by the recall performance measure.

$$
Recall = \frac{No. of relevant retrievedTotal No. relevant in the database}
$$
 (30)

7.3 F-Score

The accuracy of an image retrieval of the corresponding query image is computed from the database image with precision and recall measurements, and the calculated values indicate the success of image retrieval. These two measurements aren't always enough to maximize the capable image retrieval's correct accuracy.As a result, they were combined into a single value that represents image retrieval accuracy. The F-Score of F-measure is the name for this arrangement. The score is computed using a combination of precision and recall measurements. The weighted average, or harmonic, is what it's called.

Table 7. Comparison of feature extraction methods

$$
F = 2 * \frac{(Precision * Recall)}{(Precision + Recall)}
$$
(31)

Finally, comparisons of Feature extraction methods are summarized in Table 7 for the reader's attention.

8. Results and Discussions

Various systematic approaches and general structure of the CBIR scheme are discussed in this review. Techniques for image retrieval are extensively explored and contrasted with the retrieval of content-based images. Content-based methods of retrieval including color structure and form are provided. The important points obtained from the detailed survey carried out in this study are summarized, in Appendix (Table A.1). The survey shows that CBIR is still a very interesting area for research. Different work is undergoing in this field to develop or modernize the CBIR system. It lessens the gaps between the high and low level features. Most of the studies are deployed to optimize retrieval performance. Some recent work on the CBIR system is done by combining two or more areas simultaneously to achieve better results in terms of performance.

9. Conclusions

In this study, various comprehensive approaches are investigated. The discussion of the general framework of the CBIR system is carried out. The important points of extraction from the encompassing survey are summarized. The survey shows that CBIR is still a very interesting area for research. Different work is undergoing in this field to develop or modernize the CBIR system. It lessens the gaps between the low-level and high-level features. Most of the studies are deployed to optimize retrieval performance. Some recent work on the CBIR system is done by combining two or more areas simultaneously to achieve better results in terms of performance.

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- *CBIR* : Content-Based Image Retrieval
- *SIFT* : Scale Invariant Feature Transform
- BOW : Power Bag of Visual Words
- QBIC : Query by Image Content
- CBVIR : Content-Based Visual Information Retrieval
- *FCM* : Power Fuzzy C-Means

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Appendix

14	Seetharaman et al. [28]	Multi-resolution-based features extraction Vistex texture DB and Brodatz texture image dataset are used. The average precision and recall rate is calculated.	The system is theoretically easy and memory- efficient.It lowers the computing difficulty. It's ideal for image databases with a lot of data.
15	Xiao et al. [81]	Relevance feedback Combines are high-level semantic and low-level visual features. Datasets used are: COREL images, Flickr Images, NUS-WIDE images	Features Datasets used are: COREL images, Flickr Images, NUS-WIDE images
16	Alzu'bi et al. $\lceil 1 \rceil$	Semantic image retrieval to reduce the semantic gap is discussed. Various relevant feedback schemes are explained.	It is explained how the system's performance in terms of accuracy and speed is affected.
17	Bai et al. [18]	Color and texture features are used to construct a Multiresolution feature vector. For the classification of the number of histograms, K-means histograms are used. Widely used texture databases are selected: VisTex, A LOT and Stex	Easy implementation Improves retrieval performance compare state-of-art to techniques.
18	Lakshmi et al. $[82]$	Relevance feedback by axis re-weighting scheme is proposed Caltech and Corel dataset is used for testing	An approach that leads to better convergence reduces the digit of iterations to reach superior retrieval accuracy.
19	Papushoy et al. [15]	Defining salient regions at local and global level Earthmovers distance is used for similarity comparison Benchmark. Dataset used are Simplicity and Corel 1K	It can produce a similar outcome to relevance feedback-based retrieval, and the system provides a stable outcome for a large variety of image categories
20	Hamouchenel et al. [8]	Texture segmentation using neighbors-based binary pattern method Brodatz dataset is used.	Research textures have been well recognized, produces better segmentation results compare to the classical decomposition method Improve accuracy of segmentation.
21	Barrena et al. [73]	Color, texture, and shapes feature extraction Classification using automated learning is used, Indexing and relevance feedback is used to increase the retrieval performance	Three spaces in combination improve results for recall and precision Relevance feedback enhances the quality of the retrieval process. Query finding are listed and sorted
22	Sun et al. [9]	Region identification with generic object detection Fusion of CNN and VLAD features Benchmark dataset: Holidays and UK Bench dataset	Promising accuracy is achieved. The system developed is scalable. Image demonstration of competent to the memory visual projection of the retrieval process gives the time efficiency.
23	Balaet al. [19]	Local text on the XOR patterns features descriptor Corel dataset is used in experimentation.	The feature vector is built using LTxXORPs, and the HSV histogram shows a major increase in recall and precision.
24	Matsui et al. $[23]$	Fine multi-scale edge orientation histogram-based feature extraction is proposed. Magna dataset is used for comparison	A proposed good solution to sketch-based image retrieval Could retrieves images from the MANGA database (not for other sketches)
25	Khodaskaret al. $[26]$	CBIR system using Ontology, Tries to reduce Semantic Gap using shared vocabulary (semantic features)	Bridges the semantic gap between the low and high-level features Improves semantic image retrieval with high accuracy, precision, and recall
26	Rahimi et al. $[29]$	Color ton distribution descriptors based on color co- occurrence matrices Classification using self- organizing map Corel and VisTex dataset	It chooses and extracts appropriate visual features with rich content. The low convolution of the feature extraction method is used in the SOM classifier. It can be used as a structural and signal processing feature description system which fails to supply satisfactory result in an image with the strong color distribution.
27	Kundu et al. [83]	Feature extraction using Multi-scale geometric analysis (MGA) of non-sub sampled contourlet transform (NSTC) Graph-based relevance feedback for ranking simplicity dataset, OLIVA dataset, and Caltech dataset is used for testing purposes.	User representation would process retrieval loop to eliminate the semantic gap by reducing the dimensionality of features. The ranking mechanism successfully uses user input to enhance the retrieval process' quality.
28	Irtaza et al. [84]	CBIR using Genetic Algorithm and SVM. Assures effective retrieval by taking user considerations into an account (i.e. Relevance feedback) Corel set A, Corel set B dataset are used.	Genetically optimized SVM overcomes the limitations of regular SVM like classifier instability, hyperplane bias. Image retrieval results show superiority in terms of recall and precision
29	Xuet al. [76]	Gabor wavelets, Grid color time, local binary pattern, edge histogram, and GIST features were used to extract features. The graph-based ranking is used as experimentation on Corel and MNIST dataset	Supports scalable reconstruction grap Significantly reduces the computational time

Table A.1. Comparative analysis of CBIR techniques (continue)

