

Edge Detection Using Distinct Particle Swarm Optimization

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Abstract— Edge detection is long-established in computer perception approach such as object detection, shape matching, medical image classification etc. For this reason many edge detectors like, Sobel, Robert, Prewitt, Canny etc. has been progressed to increase the effectiveness of the edge pixels. All these approaches work fine on images having minimum variation in intensity. Therefore, a new objective function based distinct particle swarm optimization (DPSO) is proposed in this paper to identify unbroken edges in an image. The conventional edge detectors such as “Canny” & computational intelligent techniques like ACO, GA and PSO are compared with proposed algorithm. Precision, Recall & F-Score is used as performance parameters for these edge detection techniques. The ground truth images are taken as reference edge images and all the edge images acquired by different edge detection systems are contrasted with reference edge image with ascertain the Precision, Recall and F-Score. The techniques are tested on 500 test images from the BSD500 datasets. The empirical results presented by the proposed algorithm performance better than other edge detection techniques in the images. The proposed method observes edges more accurately and smoothly than other edge detection techniques such as “Canny, ACO, GA and PSO” in different images.

Keyword: Image Processing, Edge Detection, Distinct Particle Swarm Optimization, BSD500, ACO, GA, PSO, F-Score.

I. INTRODUCTION

The role of edge detection technique is important in computer eyesight. The partitions between different areas in an image are explained by an edge, which help in segmentation and recognition of objects in an image. Edge detection used to show where the boundary of the object in an image or definite change related to intensity of an image. For low level of image processing edge detection is the basic step [1]. Edge detectors don't function up to the mark while their conduct may fall inside resilience's in particular circumstances, when all is said in done edge detectors experience issues adjusting to various circumstances. The nature of edge recognition is very subject to blistering conditions, the nearness of objects of comparative powers, thickness of edges in the site, and commotion. These concerns can be dealt with by modifying certain qualities in the edge detector and changing the edge an incentive for what is viewed as an edge, no great technique has been resolved for naturally setting these qualities, so they should be physically changed by an administrator each time the identifier is kept running with an alternate arrangement of information. Dissimilar sorts of administrators are accessible for edge location. In any case, these administrators are grouped into two classes.

In First request subordinate [2] the information picture is convolved by an adjusted cover to produce an inclination picture in that edges are distinguished by thresholding. Most established detectors like Sobel, Prewitt and Robert [5] are the primary request subsidiary administrators. These administrators are additionally said as slope administrators. These inclination administrators distinguish edges by searching for most extreme and least force esteems. These administrators inspect the conveyance of force esteems in the area of a given pixel and decide whether the pixel is to be named an edge. These administrators have more computational time and can't be utilized continuously application.

In second order derivatives [4], these depend on the extraction of zero crossing focuses that shows the nearness of maxima in picture. In this, picture is first smoothed by a versatile channel [5]. Since the second order derivatives is extremely sensible to noise, and the sifting capacity is vital. These administrators are gotten from the “Laplacian of a Gaussian (LOG)”, and proposed by Marr and Hildreth [6], in this, the picture is smoothed by a Gaussian channel. For this administrator we need to settle a few parameters, for example, the fluctuation of the Gaussian channel and limits. A few strategies are accessible for their programmed calculation [7], however as a rule their qualities must be settled by the client.

A noteworthy issue of LOG is that the limitation of edges with a hilter kilter profile by zero-intersection focuses presents an inclination which increments with the smoothing impact of sifting [8]. An intriguing answer for this issue was proposed by Canny [3], which says in an ideal administrator for step edge detection incorporates three criteria: great detection, great restriction, and just a single reaction to a solitary edge. After that different administrators have been proposed [10, 11]. These administrators gives great productivity against uproarious pictures, however they offers some cut off about limitation when detecting edge composes other than those for which they are ideal [14]. In last we reason that none of the real edge detectors dependent on the first or the second subordinate of a picture meets our criteria in light of the fact that the obscuring impact of pre-preparing, and the administrator linearity makes a confinement accurately detect any edge shape. The vast majority of the edge detection calculations portrayed above utilize a convolution of n by n lattices, where normally $n \leq 5$, to decrease the calculation time. This implies the data from a restricted zone is considered in these calculations to stamp a pixel as an edge. The region measure strongly affects precision; the bigger the zone, the less the affectability to noise, and yet, the localisation exactness is lower. On the off chance that we need to build the localisation precision of the calculation, we have to consider all edge designs.

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In any case, this will generously build the calculation time. In this way an interested computation is needed to study the significant area to beat the noise\commotion and think about the universal edge structure to reduce the broken edges in a realistic time period. "Particle Swarm Optimization (PSO)" as a heuristic computation has significant prospective for edge detection. "PSO" based on meta-heuristic technique for taking care of optimization issues dependent on social-mental standards, presented by Kennedy and Eberhart in 1995 [13]. There are a few points of interest of utilizing PSO for edge detection in examination with other heuristic calculations, for example "genetic algorithm (GA)". The most critical points of interest of PSO are simplicity of its usage, less administrators, a constrained memory for every molecule to spare its past state, and fast of combination [9]. It has been effectively connected to numerous issues in various conditions, for example, shrewd transportation framework and vision following and so on [11]. The arrangement of this paper is as per the following. Part II gives framework data on PSO and in addition an outline of edge detection algorithms. Part III represents the new edge detection algorithm i.e. DPSO. The results are shown and explore in Part IV and conclusion/future scope comments are introduced in Part V.

II. FRAMEWORK

This section gives the basic idea about edge detection algorithm and brief introduction on PSO.

A. Techniques for Edge Detection

These techniques are used to find out the boundaries of an object in an image depending upon certain criteria such as intensity, texture etc. [6]. It is a basic low-level procedure of image preparing on the grounds that edges convey a great deal of data. There are numerous edge detection calculations that endeavor to manage noise\commotion, yet here we just layout the "Canny edge detector", it used for examination with the new calculation. The "Canny" edge detector, as a "Gaussian" channel based calculation, decides the edges of an image dependent on an optimization procedure to locate a maximal of the slope size of an image which is flatten by the Gaussian channel [12]. This calculation is exceptionally well known in light of the fact that it is a total procedure of edge detection and has great localization. Ordinary strides of the "Canny" edge detector are as per the following: the noise from the image are removed by means of filtering; figuring the inclination greatness and heading for every pixel in the image; utilizing "non-maxima suppression (NMS)" calculation to smother non-maxima edges through which there is no pixel among its neighbors in the slope course with bigger angle extent; and distinguishing the edges and connecting the broken edges (using a procedure, for example, a hysteresis thresholding method [11])

B. "Particle Swarm Optimization (PSO)"

"PSO" is used as a universal optimization technique encouraged by the animal social behavior model [13]. PSO was first evolved to improve the constant irregular functions; nonetheless, some improved types of PSO have also been given [10]. In PSO technique, there is a population of particles or individuals and every particle has a finite memory space to keep the records of past states. There are number of applications where PSO has been used

such as training neural networks [11], optimizing power systems [14], fuzzy control systems [14], robotics [12] etc.

In "PSO" technique there is numbers of n particles having the population which progress along an m -dimensional search space. The $\vec{Y}_j(t)$ vector gives the location of the j^{th} particle at time t .

$$\vec{Y}_j(t) = (y_{j1}(t), y_{j2}(t), \dots, y_{jn}(t)) \quad (1)$$

and is upgraded in agreement with its own particle guidance and that of its swarm guidance. \vec{Y}_j is upgraded at each repetition of PSO by joining a velocity $\vec{V}_j(t)$, i.e.,

$$\vec{Y}_j(t+1) = \vec{Y}_j(t) + \vec{V}_j(t+1) \quad (2)$$

The velocity is altered with the help of three influences such as particle memory influence, current motion influence and swarm influence [15],

$$\vec{V}_{j,i}(t+1) = m\vec{V}_{j,i}(t) + C_1 \text{Rand}_1(\vec{Y}_{pbest_{j,i}} - \vec{Y}_{j,i}(t)) + C_2 \text{Rand}_2(\vec{Y}_{leader_{j,i}} - \vec{Y}_{j,i}(t)) \quad (3)$$

Where,

Rand_1 , and Rand_2 are the constant arbitrary variables whose value lie between 0 and 1. Here, m (idleness weight) controls the effect of the past speed; C_1 (self dependence) and C_2 (swarm dependence) are learning factors that speak to the fascination of a molecule toward its own particular achievement; $\vec{Y}_{pbest_{j,i}}$ means the best position of j^{th} molecule up until this point; and \vec{Y}_{leader} is the situation of a molecule (the pioneer) used to direct different particles toward better areas of the pursuit space. The pioneer of every molecule is indicated by an associated neighbourhood topology [15].

The unconstrained optimization problems are solved generally with the help of PSO technique. To supervise constrain number of methods are given which are classified into four main categories given by: preservation, penalization, partitioning and preprocessing methods. In the first category, the particles represented all the possible results, are initialized such that they comes inside the workable search space, to avoid new results from breaching the current constraints appropriate operators are enforced [13]. In the second categories of methods the fitness particles which are not come inside the workable area are punished [15]. All the particles are dividing into two sets in Partitioning methods which are given by: workable set and non workable set. These methods restore non workable results based on their usefulness [14]. The optimization problems are changed into another form so that the constraints can easily be managed or they can be removed with the help of preprocessing methods. [15].

III. DPSO FOR EDGE DETECTION

Anew objective function based distinct particle swarm optimization algorithm with two limitations to identify edges more precisely and evenly in different images is discussed below:

A. Particle Cipher



In noisy images to identify the continuous edge we require to examine a huge region to deal with commotion and withdraw universal structure of the edges to decrease the damaged edges in the image. As a result, we have evolved a cipher strategy so that in the population each particle can produce the universal formation of unbroken edge. An area divided by an edge into two domains like blue and white domains given in the Figure 1(ii) such that it maximizes interest gaps of pixel intensities between the regions and minimizes the intraset gaps within the regions [15].

In PSO algorithm, a particle is shown as $((a_1, a_2), (b_1, b_2, \dots, b_{max/2}), (b_{max/2+1}, b_{max/2+2}, \dots, b_{max}))$ where max is the number of pixels which are present on a curve and the value of max depends on the scale of the image [15]. The cipher strategy is composed by three parts: the balance vector of the adjacent edge to each pixel of the image, (a_1, a_2) , and two sets of edge pixels in different directions, $(b_1, b_2, \dots, b_{max/2})$ and $(b_{max/2+1}, b_{max/2+2}, \dots, b_{max})$. In each particle, the first two characteristic $(a_1 \text{ and } a_2)$ values are integers in $[0, MidMax-1]$ and d_i in the span of 0 to 7. d_i gives the direction of the motion from a pixel to one of the eight possible adjoining pixels in its neighborhood along a connected curve given in Figure 1(i) [15].

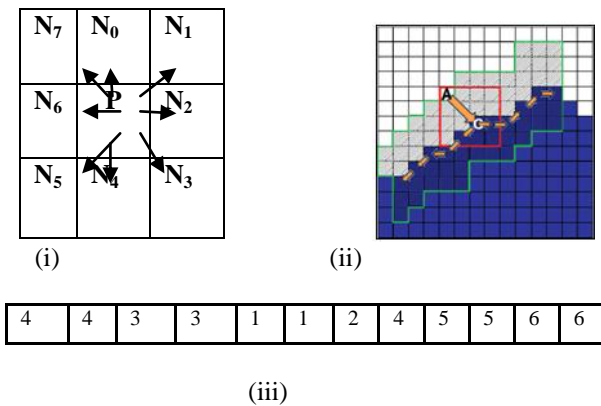


Fig. 1 Cipher strategy in the PSO (i) The directions of movement from a pixel P to one of the eight neighbors (ii) A specimen of a curve going through pixel C in the neighborhood of pixel A (iii) Particle cipher for the curve with $max=11$.

The image resolution is factor on which the value of the parameter ($MidMax$) depends. The value of parameter ($MidMax$) gives the high value in case of images having high resolution and low in case of images having low resolution. b_1, b_2, \dots, b_5 show the directions of motion from the point C to the right side and b_6, b_7, \dots, b_{10} , to the left side [15].

In each run of PSO, all possible curves, whose centers (the pixel C) are located inside of the $MidMax \times MidMax$ red rectangle (as shown in Figure 1(b)), are processed. When the foremost curve is detected by the PSO algorithm, the pixels comes under the curve are treated as edges and the pixels inside the figure with red line are not treated as processed pixels; if not all pixels inside the figure with red line are treated as processed pixels. The processed pixels are taken into consideration in the next runs because another curve may be found in this area [11, 12].

B. Distinct Particle Swarm Optimization

The new cipher strategy proves that the explore area is distinct\individual. Thus, when positions of the particle are

upgrading, they require to be cut short to the integers. The proposed cut short method is given by:

$$b_j = \begin{cases} (b_j + 1) \bmod 8 & b_j - \lfloor b_j \rfloor > N \\ b_j \bmod 8 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$a_j = \begin{cases} (\lfloor a_j \rfloor + 1)a_j - \lfloor a_j \rfloor > N \\ \lfloor a_j \rfloor & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (4)$$

where the value of N is a uniform arbitrary number chosen in between 0 to 1. Keeping in mind this rule does not utilize to upgrade the velocities of the particle as we want them to be accurately upgraded [14].

C. Objective Function

The goal of this method is to improve the interset space between the areas which are divided by unbroken edge, and the intraset spaces within the areas. As a result, eight different methods of partitioning the neighborhood of every pixel of an image into two areas are explained in figure 2[15].

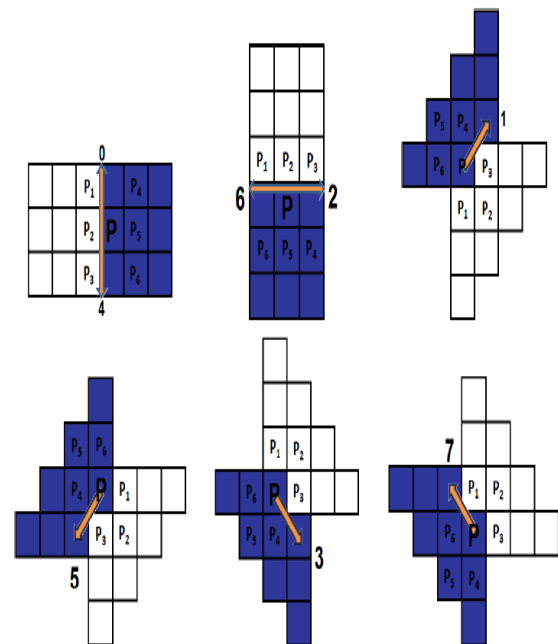


Fig. 2 Eight different directions of motion from pixel P to its neighbor

1) **Edge Intensity Measure** : In order to calculate the numbers of individuals in the PSO population, the subsequent edge intensity (P) are explained, let us take a pixel P in the direction of b :

$$MI_b(P) = \frac{Inter_b(P)}{1 + Intra_b(P)} \quad (5)$$

Where each particle on the curve is represented by the pixel P , direction of the motion from the pixel P to the next neighbor is b [15], whose value changing from 0 to 7, as given Figure 2.

The inter space between two sets of the pixels P , is explained by the subtraction of the averages of the intensity of each of the blue and white areas as given the Equation (5):

$$Inter_b(P) = \min \left(1, \frac{|avgd_b(P) - avgd_w(P)|}{w_1} \right) \quad (6)$$

where $avgd_w(P)$ and $avgd_b(P)$ are the white and blue areas mean intensities, in the direction b for the pixel P , as evaluated in $avgd_b(P) = \frac{1}{9} \sum \forall P_j \in BP_j$ and $avgd_w(P) = \frac{1}{9} \sum \forall P_j \in WP_j$, where W and B are the pixels sets in the white and blue areas respectively, and $w_1 = 90$, which is selected by observational search.

The intra space inside the two areas (P), is the summation of the pair wise subtractions of pixel intensities of each area as computed in the Equation (6).

$$Intra_b(P) = \frac{1}{\binom{9}{2}} \sum_{\substack{\forall P_j, P_i \in B \\ j > i}} \min(1, |IP_j - IP_i|/w_2) \\ + \frac{1}{\binom{9}{2}} \sum_{\substack{\forall P_j, P_i \in W \\ j > i}} \min(1, |IP_j - IP_i|/w_2) \quad (7)$$

where IP is the intensity of the pixel P , and $w_2 = 20$, which is selected by initial search.

2) NMS and Likelihood Score of Pixel on an Edge

To detect an edge in an image a most significant method is used which is known as non-maximum suppression (NMS). To detect the maximum magnitude of the gradient in the direction of gradient vector is the basic idea behind this method. For each direction d , $Elid$ of each pixel on an edge is contrasted to the $Elid$ of pixels sideways to the edge [15]. We take the adjoining pixels on both sides of the edge and the value of $Elid$ is lower for these pixels. From the figure 2, six is the maximum number of such pixels. As a result we obtained

$$SMN_b(P) = \|\{P_j | j \in [1,6], MI_b(P_j) < MI_b(P)\}\| \quad (8)$$

where $\|\cdot\|$ is the number of elements in a set and P_j is a neighbor of the pixel P as shown in the Figure 2. The SNM changing the value from 0 to 6. The value of SNM, in association with $MI_b(P)$, is used to explain the likelihood result of a pixel ($Result_b()$) present on an edge in the direction b :

$$Result_b(P) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-10(MI_b(P) - TH)}} + \frac{1}{1 + e^{-2(SMN_b(P) - 4)}} \quad (9)$$

which lies in between 0 to 1. The value of TH (Threshold) is explained by the user and its value taken as real number ranging from 0 to 1. In edge detection techniques, e.g. "Robert, Sobel, Canny, thresholding" etc. the weak edges such as broken edges are removed. The above equations solve this problem and increase the weak edges detection in the images. The curve uniformity factor which is given in [15], calculates the similarity of intensities of the pixel along the curve:

$$V_c = \frac{1}{255 * (\max)} \sum_{j=1}^{\max} |I_{P_{j+1}} - I_{P_j}| \quad (10)$$

where the intensity of the j^{th} pixel on the curve is represented by IP_j . The value of IP_j lies between 0 and 1, with zero is the perfect curve for the edge. This explains that the reduced value of curve uniformity factor gives a good fit on the true edge, as intensities of pixel are alike along it.

The likelihood result of the curve C being an unbroken edge in the image is computed as

$$Result(C) = \frac{\sum_{\forall P_i \in C} Result_{b_j}(P_j) / (\max + 1)}{1 + V_c} \quad (11)$$

The objective function to maximize the likelihood of the pixels on the curve is calculated with the help of above likelihood result measure to be put on an edge and minimizes the uniformity factor of the curve [15].

3) Inflection Cost of an Unbroken Edge:

Therefore, we proposed a new objective function which is based on the cost of the curvature of a continuous edge. The edges identified by this new objective function are more smooth and accurate.

The cost of deflection (IC) of a pixel of an edge which gives local calculation of deflection is based on the motion of direction from pixel to its next neighboring pixel on the unbroken edge [14, 15].

$$IC(b_j, b_{j+1}) = \begin{cases} \frac{|b_j - b_{j+1}|}{w_3}, & |b_j - d_{j+1}| \leq 4 \\ (8 - \frac{|b_j - b_{j+1}|}{w_3}), & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (12)$$

where b_j is the j^{th} direction of movement encoded by a particle and $w_3 = 40$, which is selected by experiments.

The cost of inflection of the curve C given by each individual can be calculated with the help of Equation (12).

$$Curvature(C) = \frac{1}{\max - 2} \left(\sum_{j=1}^{\frac{\max}{2}-1} IC(b_j, b_{j+1}) + \sum_{j=\frac{\max}{2}+1}^{\max-1} IC(b_j, b_{j+1}) \right) \quad (13)$$

4) New Objective Function:

The proposed objective function can be improved with the help of PSO technique to detect the edges in an image more smoothly and accurately.

$$Objective(C) = Result(C) - Curvat(C) \quad (14)$$

Based on two limitations:

$$G(C) = 0 \text{ and } Result(C) > PH \quad (15)$$

where $G(C)$ explains the number of times the curve C crosses itself and the value of PH (threshold) is selected on the bases of experiments [15].

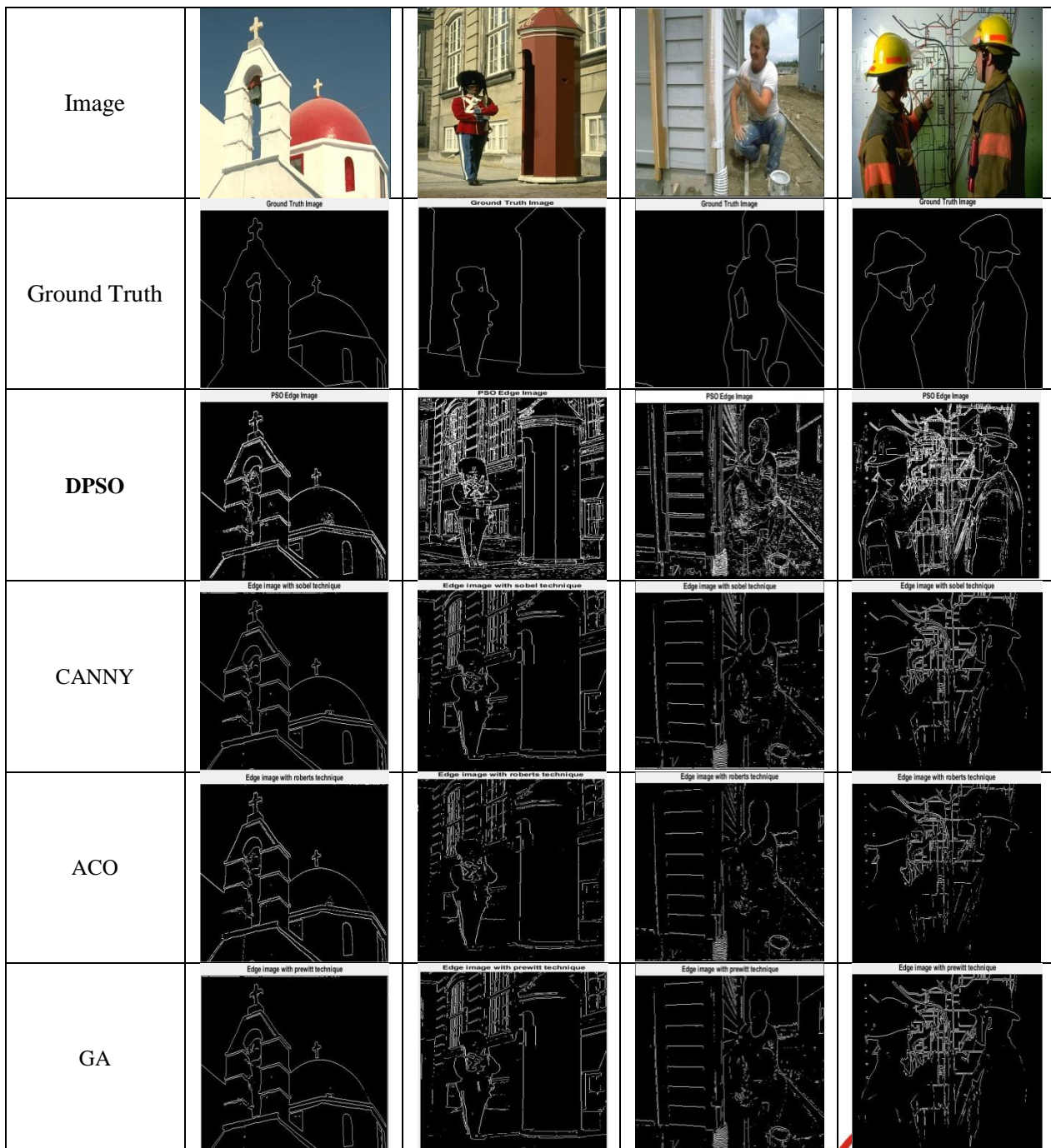
IV. RESULT AND DISCUSSION

To identify the benefits, uses and to explain the effectiveness of the latest DPSO algorithm, we implement the algorithm on some BSD500 dataset of images as part of experimentation. We subject these dataset of different images apply to the algorithm. Precision, Recall & F-Score is used to calculate the performance/efficiency for these edge detection algorithms. The ground truth images are taken as reference edge images and all the edge images acquired by different edge detection systems are contrasted with reference edge image with ascertain the Precision, Recall and F-Score. Four different edge detectors in the context of

the above mentioned classification, which are more frequently in use, are selected and then tested on the same image dataset. We perform some experiment for making comparison between different edge detectors on the test images taken from the BSDS500 datasets [5].

We have taken eight images from the BSDS500 datasets. Images are numbered as 118035, 372047, 23080, 23084, 288024, 56028, 12003 and 35010 respectively and the images are segmented to obtain the ground truth images for reference edge images. Numbers of edge detection techniques are applied to 500 test images which are taken from the BSD500dataset to obtain the edge of the image [5].

The Ground truth images are taken from the BSD500 dataset. To get the idea how the ground truth images are computed we may refer the paper [5] in the references



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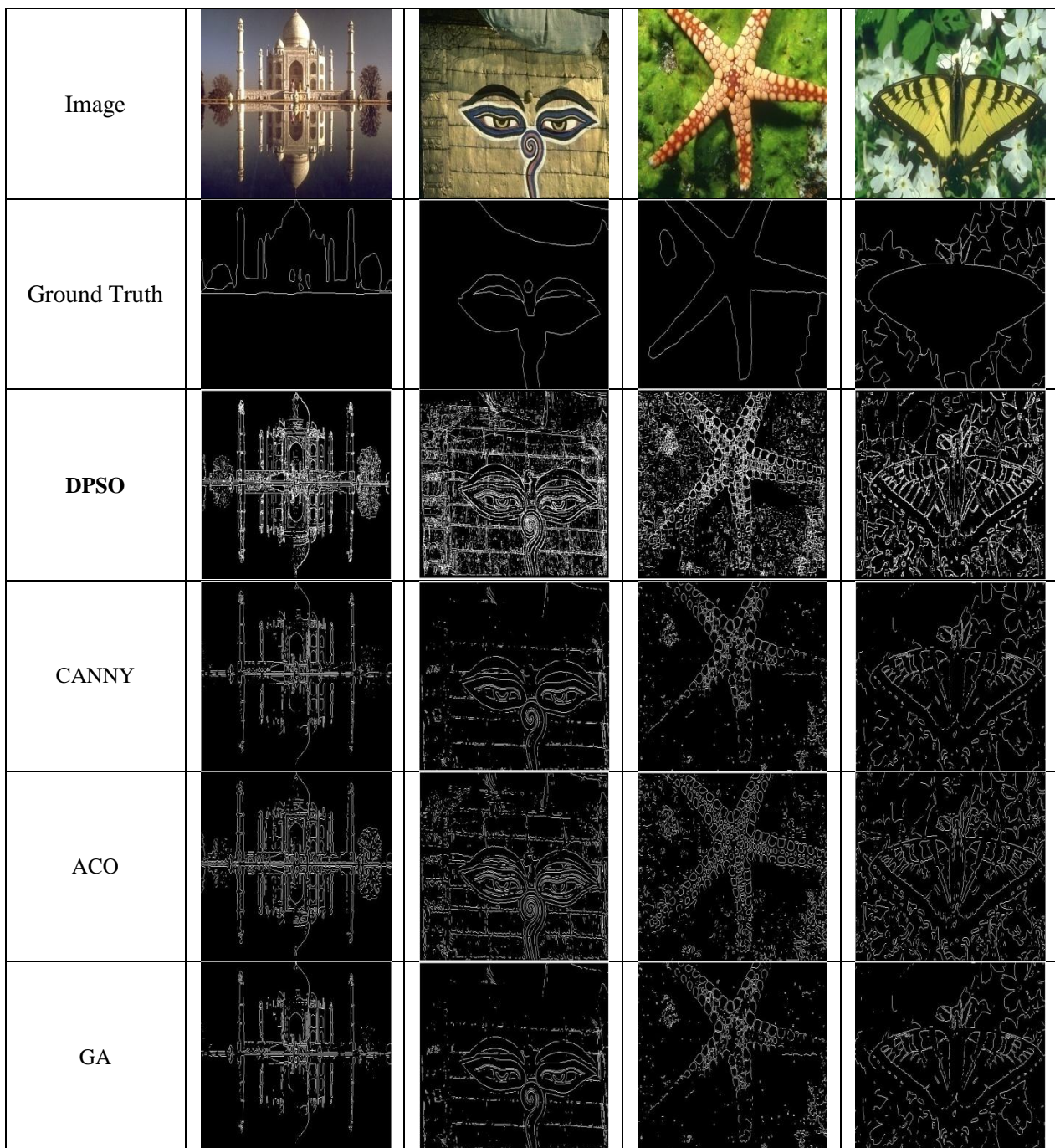
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Fig. 3 Four example test images from the BSD500 dataset detected by DPSO (Distinct Particle Swarm Optimisation), Canny, ACO, GA and PSO edge detectors



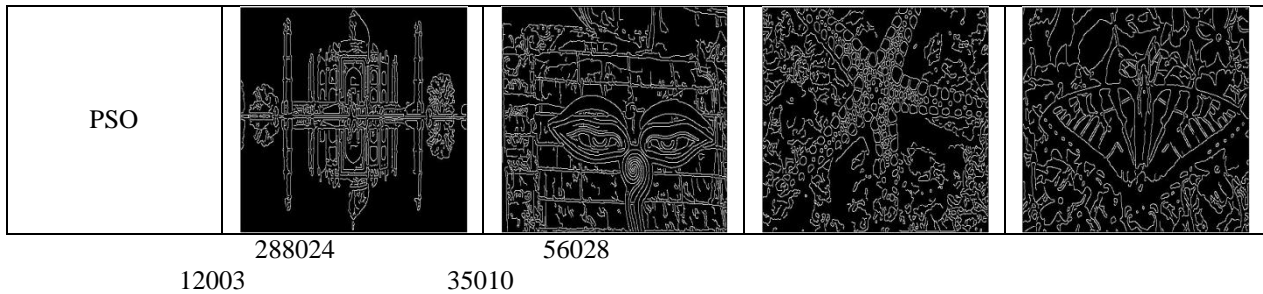


Fig. 4 Four example test images from the BSD500 dataset detected by DPSO (Distinct Particle Swarm Optimisation), Canny, ACO, GA and PSO edge detectors

TABLE I

Test Performance (F Score, Recall and Precision) for DPSO, Canny, ACO, GA and PSO Edge Techniques on First Four Images

Image	Techniques	Precision	Recall	F Score
118035	DPSO	0.4289	0.4053	0.4168
	PSO	0.3101	0.3140	0.3120
	ACO	0.1892	0.1815	0.1853
	GA	0.1452	0.1534	0.1482
	Canny	0.1387	0.1254	0.1317
372047	DPSO	0.3914	0.3874	0.3983
	PSO	0.2187	0.2215	0.2201
	ACO	0.2110	0.2147	0.2129
	GA	0.1874	0.1965	0.1918
	Canny	0.1967	0.2018	0.1993
23080	DPSO	0.2542	0.2431	0.2486
	PSO	0.1794	0.1685	0.1737
	ACO	0.1301	0.1398	0.1347
	GA	0.1123	0.1223	0.1171
	Canny	0.1367	0.1272	0.1317
23084	DPSO	0.2916	0.2998	0.2957
	PSO	0.2512	0.2547	0.2528
	ACO	0.1587	0.1604	0.1596
	GA	0.1498	0.1487	0.1492
	Canny	0.1912	0.1877	0.1884

TABLE II

Test Performance (F Score, Recall and Precision) for DPSO, Canny, ACO, GA and PSO Edge Techniques on Last Four Images

Image	Techniques	Precision	Recall	F Score
288024	DPSO	0.3553	0.3413	0.3482
	PSO	0.2865	0.2932	0.2898
	ACO	0.2216	0.2361	0.2286
	GA	0.2038	0.1932	0.1984
	Canny	0.1587	0.1491	0.1538
56028	DPSO	0.3781	0.3863	0.3822
	PSO	0.3067	0.2987	0.3026
	ACO	0.2786	0.2697	0.2741
	GA	0.2436	0.2503	0.2470
	Canny	0.1865	0.1978	0.1919
	DPSO	0.5324	0.5268	0.5296
	PSO	0.3836	0.3798	0.3816

12003	ACO	0.3201	0.3147	0.3173
	GA	0.2765	0.2675	0.2719
	Canny	0.2065	0.1987	0.2025
35010	DPSO	0.4267	0.4186	0.4226
	PSO	0.3742	0.3821	0.3781
	ACO	0.2975	0.3012	0.2993
	GA	0.2134	0.2236	0.2098
	Canny	0.1567	0.1634	0.1599

The test performance chart for table I shows in fig.5. From the graph we conclude that the Distinct particle Swarm Optimization (DPSO) techniques gives the best value of performance parameters as compared to the other techniques.

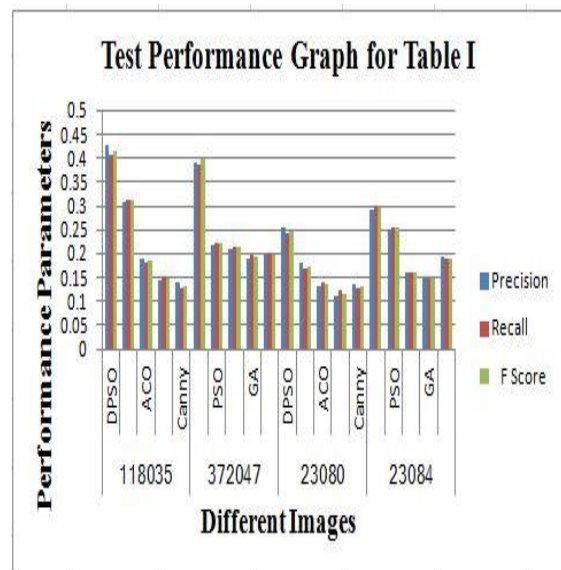


Fig. 5 Test Performance Chart for Table I

The test performance of next four images are shown in the table II. In which the value of performance parameters such as precision, recall and F score is calculated. The test performance chart for table 2 shows in fig.6. From the chart we conclude that the Distinct particle Swarm Optimization (DPSO) techniques gives the best value of performance parameters as compared to the other techniques.

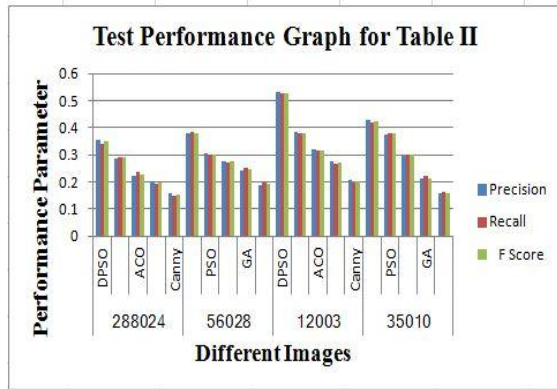


Fig. 6 Test Performance Chart for Table II

TABLE III

Mean and standard deviation test result of all edge detectors on 100 test images from BSD500 dataset.

Techniques	Precision (Mean ± Std)	Recall (Mean ± Std)	F-Score (Mean ± Std)
DPSO	0.3674±0.0365	0.3854±0.0365	0.3587±0.0741
PSO	0.2854±0.0214	0.3214±0.0674	0.3154±0.0267
ACO	0.1768±0.0324	0.2187±0.0475	0.1876±0.0687
GA	0.1432±0.0321	0.1748±0.0657	0.1527±0.0365
Canny	0.1365±0.0874	0.1657±0.0687	0.1478±0.0475

Mean and standard deviation of all approaches when tested on 100 BSD test images are shown in Table III. It is also clearly visible from Table III that DPSO also outperforms all other edge detection techniques when tested on 500 test images

V. CONCLUSION/FUTURE SCOPE

In this paper new objective function based distinct particle swarm optimization (DPSO) is proposed to identify unbroken edges in an image. The new objective function achieves the goal by establishing the probability measure of the curve to be an edge. The proposed algorithm was tested and the results are compared with the different edge detection techniques such as Canny, ACO, GA and PSO on eight images which are taken from BSD500 dataset. The new algorithm gives better result as compared to the other techniques. The processing time of Distinct Particle Swarm Optimization (DPSO) algorithm is more as compared to canny operator. Thus reducing the processing time of the technique is future study to the researchers. Be that as it may, the new edge detection algorithm gives the most astounding Precision, Recall and F-Score value as compared to the other edge detectors under all conditions. Experiment results of the images demonstrated that under all conditions, DPSO display better performance.

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