Heart Disease Detection using Iridology with Principal Component Analysis (PCA) and Backpropagation Neural Network

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Abstract: Heart is one of many vital organs on the human body which function is to pump blood throughout the body. Based on the data from World Health Organization (WHO), impaired heart function is the number one cause of death in the world. Early symptoms of heart disease commonly go unnoticed by the patients themselves and are often neglected. According to some circles in society, heart condition checking is assumed expensive, inconvenient, and takes a long time to do. A simpler and cheaper way to detect early heart complication symptom is needed. The iridology method can be used as a solution to resolve the problem above. Iridology is a method to determine abnormalities or complications that are happening on an organ’s function by taking an image on iris as the main object of diagnosis. This research is done to make a system using image processing, feature extraction using Principal Component Analysis (PCA) and classification using Backpropagation Neural Network to recognize the condition of the heart’s function. The researcher used 90 patient data with normal and abnormal heart condition. These data will be divided into 50 training data and 40 test data. Based on the test that has been done by using PCA score result variations as many as 600, 500, 400, 300 and 200, percentages of recognition rate have been obtained. The percentages in order are 92.5%, 90%, 85%, 75%, and 67.5%. The designed system can be used to detect early symptoms of heart function problem by using the Iridology method with the highest recognition rate of 92.5% using the PCA score of 600.

1 INTRODUCTION

Heart is an internal organ which function is really important for the human’s body. The heart is very vulnerable to have a failure on their function on distributing blood to the whole body. According to World Health Organization (WHO), heart complication or Cardiovascular disease (CVD) is the number one cause of death in the world. CVD takes 17.7 million lives each year, 31% of all global deaths (World Health Organization, 2017). From the 10 deadliest diseases in Indonesia, the CVD disease stands on the first rank for the cause of death (Tv, 2015). Coronary heart sufferers in Indonesia reaches 7.6 million people per year (Kematian, Jantung, & Tinggi, 2018). The main factors that trigger heart disease are tobacco usage, unhealthy diet program, lack of exercise, and alcohol consumption. To some people, heart condition checking is assumed as something expensive, complicated, and needs a lot of time. Therefore, a more convenient and cheaper way to detect early symptoms of heart complication is needed.

Iridology is a method to identify abnormalities or disturbances which are happening on the organs of the body by making use of colours, structures, patterns, and fibers which can be seen on the iris (Samant & Agarwal, 2017). Iridology has shown a good result regarding the potential of Iridology method on analyzing human organs (Ernst, 1999; Samant & Agarwal, 2017; Sitorus, Purnomo, & Wibawa, 2016; Wibawa & Purnomo, 2006). There were some studies that made use of the iridology method as a way to detect abnormalities on human organs. The observation was done by Ignaz Von Peczely on the iris of an owl. In the iris of the owl, there are dark spots which previously did not exist. After the owl was cured, the dark spots are gone.
A study by Nils Lilijequist was done on a patient with lymph disorder. After the patient did some treatment, the patient was observed once more and many changes were found on the iris of the patient (Frank et al., 2013). Research was also done to diabetic retinopathy patients which used GLCM feature extraction and Support Vector Machine (SVM) classification method, producing the highest success rate of 88% (Ladhade, Jyoti Dnyaneshwar, L. K. Chouthmol, 2016). Research on diabetic patients using statistic method and 2D-DWT feature as feature extraction and Random Forest (RF) as classification produced a success rate of 89.66% (Samant & Agarwal, 2017). Research on heart disease patients using PCA and SVM produced a success rate of 80%. (Permatasari, Novianty, & Purboyo, 2017). Detection of diabetes on pancreas using GLCM and Back propagation Neural Network produced a success rate of 81.35% (Adelina, Sigit, Harsono, & Rochmad, 2017). Research was also done to detect stomach disorder using PCA and Back propagation Neural Network, resulting to a success rate of 87.5% from 40 iris images. (Dewi, Novianty, & Purboyo, 2017).

This research is done to make a system which can identify any heart function problems based on the structure of the picture by utilizing image processing, feature extraction using Principal Component Analysis (PCA), and Classification using the Backpropagation Neural Network.

2 RESEARCH METHOD

2.1 Iridology

Iridology is a method to recognize an organ’s condition and the body’s system through characteristics or signs that appear on the iris (Aisyah & Dewi, 2016) and as an alternative medical check up to detect disease or problem on a specific organ through colour observation (Permatasari et al., 2017). Usually, Iridology is also known as iris diagnosis which on the medical world states that each part of the body can be represented by an area contained in the iris (Adelina et al., 2017).

Iridology diagram documents the left and right eye which reflects the systems and organs’ condition based on the iris zone which was developed by Dr. Bernard Jensen. Based on Dr. Bernard Jensen’s chart, the heart is only on the left iris. The heart’s position on the left iris is shown on zone 02.10 – 03.10 and can be seen on Figure 1 (“Left Eye Iris Iridology Chart _ Iridology Chart,” n.d.).

![Figure 1: Left iris iridology chart.](image_url)

2.2 Image Processing

Image processing is done to separate the iris from the pupil and sclera and then normalize the iris to the standard dimension which can be adjusted with the iris chart. This process needs extraction feature and classification mechanism to conclude the correct diagnosis. To create a process for detecting the center of the iris and the center of the pupil, colour images will be changed into grey images which are segmented and transformed to the polar coordinates (Nusantara, Herlambang, Isnanto, & Z, 2015).

2.3 Principal Component Analysis

Principal Component Analysis (PCA) (Nasseri, Shirazi, & Sadeghigol, 2011) states mathematically as an orthogonal linear transformation that changes data to new coordinates system, which means that PCA exchanges theoretically as an optimal linear scheme. An image which is shown in a form of linier projection in line with the eigen vector which corresponds to the order of the eigen images from the biggest to the smallest on covarian matrix. Each eigen vector has one eigen point. Reduction decides whether the eigen vector will be seen by choosing from the biggest to the smallest. The characteristic of data which is reduced has a small Eigen (Bishop, 2013; Duda, Hart, & Stork, 2012; Iridology, 2016; Smith, 2002).
2.4 Backpropagation Neural Network

Backpropagation Neural Network is one of the many artificial representations of the human’s brain that always tries to simulate the learning process of the human brain (Rochmad, 2006). This algorithm does two steps of calculation, the sophisticated calculation can calculate the mistakes between the actual output to target and back propagation to spread the mistakes in order to fix the synaptic weight on every neuron, this consists of many layers (multiplayer network) (Aisyah & Dewi, 2016), (Saputra, Tulus, Zarlis, Sembiring, & Hartama, 2017) can be seen on Figure 2:

1. Input layer (1 piece), consists of 1 X input unit.
2. Hidden layer (at least 1 piece), consists of 1 hidden Y unit.
3. Output layer (1 piece), consists of 1 to M output unit.

![Figure 2: Backpropagation neural network architecture.](image)

3 RESULT AND DISCUSSION

This research used various PCA scores to identify the effects on the heart problem recognition stage by using iris image. The stages of this research can be seen on Figure 3. The first step is to take a picture of the left iris, this 1280 x 800 pixel sized picture will go into the preprocessing process. The preprocessing process is done to fix the quality of the image and to separate the part of the image which is necessary from the part that is not. After the preprocessing process, feature extraction will be done to the image by using PCA. Feature extraction is needed to simplify a data by maintaining important data values. Feature extraction with PCA is done with PCA score variations as many as 600, 500, 400, 300, and 200.

The result of PCA feature extraction will be classified using Backpropagation Neural Network in accordance with the PCA score variation on each images. This classification is done to group every pixel on an image so that it can be interpreted as a specific property. The classification of the result is in a form of information regarding the condition of normal and abnormal heart condition.

![Figure 3: Diagram of flow detection of heart problems.](image)

3.1 Data Collection

This research used 90 datas of the left iris. The datas are divided into two parts, 50 data as training data and 40 data as test data.

3.2 Preprocessing

Preprocessing is needed to fix the quality of the image and to separate the part of the image which is necessary from the part that is not. In preprocessing, the image will go through a few stages before going through the feature extraction process. The first process on preprocessing is converting RGB type image to grayscale type image. Afterwards, the localization process, a process to determine the needed location or part of the image, will be done.

The next process is the normalization process. This process is done to change the shape of the image from polar shape to square shape with the size of 81 x 31 pixels. The quality of the image will be fixed on the contrast enhancement process by using...
CLAHE. After the images went through every preprocessing stages, the images are ready for feature extraction. Figure 4 shows the flowchart of each preprocessing stages.

3.2.1 Region of Interest (ROI)

In recognizing iris, ROI is known as a region filled with complete information of an iris (Li, Li, & Ma, 2012). This process is done to find a part that can be examined by separating the part (Adelina et al., 2017). ROI is used as the iridology map (Prayitno, Wibawa, & Purnomo, 2017), where the heart’s location is on the left iris with the direction at 02.10 – 03.10 and can be seen on Figure 5. The lines show ROI in the heart.

Figure 5: ROI from heart organs.

3.2.2 Image Conversion RGB to Grayscale

The first image is a RGB image, which is why a conversion from the RGB image to grayscale image is needed to be able to get processed on the next step. The yellow line indicates the heart’s part on the iris. The result of the image conversion is displayed on Figure 6.

Figure 6: Conversion RGB to Grayscale.

3.2.3 Localization

On this step, the function of localization is to separate the iris from the eye image. This is done so that the iris can be processed on the next step, Normalization. The result of localization can be seen on Figure 7.

Figure 7: Result of localization.

3.2.4 Normalization

Normalization is a process that changes the shape of iris, from the polar shape to a square shape. The square shape will make the area of the iris to the same size. Which is why some images from the iris with different sizes will have the same size and also have the same characteristics with the same location (Adelina et al., 2017). The center of the pupil is considered as the reference point and vector radial that passes through the iris area, which is illustrated on Figure 8 (Jogi & Sharma, 2014).

Figure 8: Result of normalization.
3.2.5 Contrast Enhancement

To improve the contrast of the iris image, the histogram equalization step is needed. In the histogram of a normalized iris, the gray level is concentrated on the center of the gray level from 0 to 100. Contrast Limited Adaptive Histogram (CLAHE) is used as contrast and threshold equalization to make the next progress easier (Jogi & Sharma, 2014). CLAHE is needed to resolve low contrast and different lighting problems. CLAHE can decrease or get rid of the noises that are on the image. The result of the Histogram Equalization using CLAHE can be seen on Figure 9.

Table 1: Steps for Implementing PCA.

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Steps</th>
<th>Explanation</th>
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<tr>
<td>Taking input pictures (X)</td>
<td>Image of the preprocessing result (81 x 31) is transposed to matrix with each image changed to 1 x 2511. 50 data are available so the size of the combined matrix will be (50 x 2511).</td>
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<tr>
<td>Counting Mean ( \bar{X} )</td>
<td>Counting the average matrix (X) on each column.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Counting zero mean (Z)</td>
<td>Zero mean = (X) - (( \bar{X} ))</td>
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<tr>
<td>Counting covariance (C)</td>
<td>( C = Z^T \times Z )</td>
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<tr>
<td>Counting eigen vectors and eigen value</td>
<td>([ v, d ] = eig (C) ) ( eig = (Z^T \times v) ) The size of eigen value is 1 x 2511 and the size of eigen vector is 50 x 2511.</td>
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<tr>
<td>PCA</td>
<td>Eigen value has been sorted from the biggest to the smallest and then the eigen vector will be searched according to the score order of the eigen value.</td>
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3.3 Principal Component Analysis

To decrease the dimension of the database, the function of PCA is to maintain the characteristics of the dataset, (Liu & Wechsler, 2000) which are made of high variations. Figure 10 shows an image of the preprocessing result with the size of 81 x 31 pixel which PCA value is ready to be found. Steps on how to apply PCA can be seen on Table 1. Tables must appear inside the designated margins or they may span the two columns.

Figure 9: Histogram equalization result using CLAHE.

Figure 10: The image of the preprocessing result.

3.4 Principal Component Analysis

Backpropagation neural networks is used to find the best result from the classification process. Data image is divided into 2, for training and test. 50 data which contain 25 normal data and 25 abnormal data will be used as training data. This research used 2 hidden layers. The parameter which was set for this research is on Table 2.

Table 2: Backpropagation neural network.

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<thead>
<tr>
<th>Parameters</th>
<th>Values</th>
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<td>Number of neurons</td>
<td>[10 15]</td>
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<td>Maximum Epoch</td>
<td>1000</td>
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<tr>
<td>Targets</td>
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<td>Learning rate</td>
<td>0.0001</td>
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3.5 Data Testing

On the testing step, images will be classified and produce information about the heart’s condition. Condition in which the classification result is under 1 is considered abnormal or has a heart problem, while the classification result which is above 1 is considered normal or does not have any heart problem. The test which was done with many score variations can be seen on Figure 11.
Figure 11: Detection rate of heart disease.

The usage of PCA score variations as many as 600, 500, 400, 300, and 200 is involved in this research. The PCA score is the most important score from the feature extraction of the original image and as less value. The less PCA value has already represented a valuable information from the original image. The diagnosis level of the condition of the heart in order are 92.5%, 90%, 85%, 75%, and 67.5%. It can be seen that the PCA score variation affects the heart condition diagnosis system success rate. The more PCA score that is used, the higher the chance of success.

As an example to find out the result of the test on this system, researcher will show the result of the classification by using Backpropagation Neural Network on the test system using the PCA score of 600 which can be seen on Table 3.

Table 3: Test result with the PCA score of 600.

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<tr>
<th>Sample</th>
<th>Test Value</th>
<th>Expected Output</th>
<th>Test Result</th>
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<tr>
<td>1.JPG</td>
<td>0.403148</td>
<td>Abnormal</td>
<td>Abnormal</td>
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<tr>
<td>2.JPG</td>
<td>0.129456</td>
<td>Abnormal</td>
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<td>3.JPG</td>
<td>0.083802</td>
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<td>0.058263</td>
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<td>Abnormal</td>
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<td>5.JPG</td>
<td>0.66082</td>
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<td>6.JPG</td>
<td>0.44757</td>
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<td>7.JPG</td>
<td>0.662363</td>
<td>Abnormal</td>
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<td>8.JPG</td>
<td>0.707559</td>
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<td>11.JPG</td>
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<td>22.JPG</td>
<td>1.62642</td>
<td>Normal</td>
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From the results above shows that the main component analysis method as feature extraction and backpropagation neural network as classification has better results than the method used by (Permatasari et al., 2017) in diagnosing heart conditions through iris.

4 CONCLUSIONS

Based on the test result of PCA score variation, it can be seen that the score of PCA has affected the recognition rate of early heart problem symptoms. The more the score of PCA is, the higher the successful rate is and it is inversely proportional with the usage of less score.

By using image processing, feature extraction by using PCA, and classification by using Backpropagation Neural Network, the designed system could work well. Tests on a few PCA score variations as many as 600, 500, 400, 300, dan 200 has been tested on 40 test data and produced a successful rate of 92.5%, 90%, 85%, 75%, dan 67.5%.

Therefore the designed system can recognize early heart function problem using the Iridology method with 92.5% as the highest rate of success by using the PCA score of 600.

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