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APPLICATION OF CONVOLUTIONAL NEURAL NETWORK - DEEP LEARNING - AS AN EFFICIENT TECHNIQUE FOR AUTOMATED SEGMENTATION OF HIGH GRADE GLIOMAS.

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ABSTRACT

The convolutional neural networks are rather new technique of machine learning. They are a natural evolution of classical neural network enriched by the additional hidden layers containing a cascade of convolution filters. This approach makes them very useful in the context of image processing. In this work an application of convolutional neural network for a segmentation of high grade brain tumours (gliomas) is proposed. The main difficulty of the given task is the fact that each tumour is different so it is challenging to find a set of features that are common for all tumours. The proposed network architecture consists of 10 layers and results in automated segmentation of sensitivity:89%, specificity:88% and F1 score 81% obtained during analysis of BRATS 2015 dataset. In comparison to other methods (Havaei - 89% and Tustison - 88.5% [4]) evaluated on the same dataset, proposed network architecture seems to give a good result. By this it was proven that deep neural networks are efficient tool for automated brain tumour segmentation.

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