



An Image Removal Using Local Tetra Patterns for Content Based Image Retrieval

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ABSTRACT: Content-based image retrieval is a technique of automatic retrieval of images from large database that perfectly matches the query image. For the large database, many of the research works had been undertaken in the past decade to design efficient image retrieval system. On many fields such as industry, education, biomedical and research the amount of image data that has to be stored, managed, searched and retrieved grows continuously. In this paper, we propose a new image retrieval technique for Content-based image retrieval (CBIR) using local tetra pattern (LTP). The local tetra pattern (LTP) and local binary pattern (LBP) determines the correlation on grey level difference between referenced pixel and its surrounding neighbours. The proposed technique encodes the relationship between the referenced pixel and its neighbours and by via first-order derivatives in vertical and horizontal directions. The proposed algorithm has been experienced on different real images and its performance is found to be somewhat acceptable when compared with performance of conventional technique of content based image retrieval. In terms of average precision and average recall we calculated the performance of proposed method..

KEYWORDS: Content Based Image Retrieval, Local Tetra Pattern (LTP), Local Binary Pattern (LBP), Precision and Recall.

I. INTRODUCTION

There is a need to develop a proficient technique for automatically retrieved the desired image from large database. To retrieve the images in database mostly two methods are common in practice, text based image retrieval and visual based i.e. content based image retrieval (CBIR). In text based image retrieval systems, images are characterized by text information such as keywords and captions. Many communities had retrieved the image using a text based data management system [DBMS] in 1970. In this technique, the user retrieved the images using keywords and images were stored in database with text annotation. Various techniques used in text retrieval are Bag of words approach, a technique where in Stop words can be removed, correction in spelling etc. In text base system different problems occur such as incorrect spelling, never complete the annotation, same thing can be said in different ways [1].

It is not possible to retrieved images more precisely in text based image retrieval system and in case of large database (hundreds of thousands) result became inaccurate. Figure 1 and figure 2 shows the result of images search on Google and Yahoo via text annotation Flower.

The term CBIR describes the method of retrieving desired images from a huge database collection on the basis of characteristics (such as colour, texture and shape) that can be automatically retrieved from the images themselves. In this technique, image is retrieve based on similarity matched between the query image and database images and similarity is measures in terms of its color, texture and shape.[2]

In the early 1990s, due to increasing the growth of digital images as a accurate result in the Internet and new digital image sensor technologies. Progress in image retrieval related to different domain such as industrial, scientific, educational, biomedical and other have grown rapidly. To retrieve the images more accurately the new technology was introduced called as Content Based Image Retrieval system.

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Fig 2. Flower image search on Google.



Fig 2. Flower image search on yahoo.

R. Vijaya Arjunan et.al has proposed the color histogram feature for retrieval of the images. The method uses histogram investigation of image in Hue Saturation Value than RGB and for increasing the accuracy it measures the quadratic distance of the histogram. The process accumulates the pixel value of input image to database images and the results are arranged in ascending order. Its retrieval accuracy was 90%. [3]

In this paper, we propose a new image retrieval algorithm using local tetra patterns (LTrPs) for content-based image retrieval (CBIR). The proposed method encodes the relationship between the referenced pixel and its neighbours, based on the directions that are calculated using the first-order derivatives in vertical and horizontal directions. In retrieval process, every pixel value of query image is compared with every pixel of test image using a distance measure to find some similar pictures to the query image. Two major approaches including spatial and transform domain based methods can be identified in CBIR systems. The first approach usually uses pixel or a group of adjacent pixels features like color, texture, and shape. Other uses different transforms like Gabor transform, Wavelet transform & Daubechies wavelet coefficients etc.[4][5].



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A new algorithm for image retrieval using wavelet correlogram has introduced by H.A.Moghaddam et.al.[6] M. Saadatmand Tarzjan et.al has proposed image indexing and retrieval by using Gabor wavelet correlogram.[7] For texture classification Ahmadian *et al.* have used the discrete wavelet transform (DWT) [8]. The application of the discrete wavelet transform DWT using comprehensive Gaussian density with Kullback–Leibler distance has shown to present proficient results for texture image retrieval [9] and image segmentation [10]. Image retrieval has some advantage in biometrics such as user need to place his hand on hand rest for finger printing or hand geometry detection and place fix position in front of camera for iris and retina identification. Retrieval algorithm using local tetra pattern is more discriminant and less sensitive to noise in uniform region.

Subrahamanyam Murala has gives an idea of CBIR system using Local Tetra Pattern (LTP), Local Binary pattern (LBP), Local Ternary Pattern (LTPr) and Local Derivative Pattern (LDP).It compare the LBP, LTP, and LDP and described that the LTP pattern has better performed than other patterns.[11]

II. RELATED WORK

The LBP, the LDP, and the LTP retrieve the information of query image similar to the database image based on the distribution of edges, which are implied using only two directions (positive direction or negative direction). Thus, it is clear that by differentiating the edges in more than two directions the performance of this method can be improved. This examination has stimulated us to propose the four direction code, referred to as local tetra patterns (LTrPs) for Content Based Image Retrieval system.

Ojala *et al.* has described Relative study of texture measures with classification based on feature distributions using Local Binary Pattern LBPs [12].Z. Guo et al. has has proposed the Local Binary Pattern for dissimilar extension such as LBP variance with global matching for pattern recognition.[13] For texture classification S. Liao et al. has described the dominant Local Binary Patterns (LBPs) [14]. Z. Guo et al. has introduced completed modelling of local binary pattern operator for texture classification [15]. For Texture classification H. Lategahn et al.has proposed joint distributions of local patterns with Gaussian mixtures [16]. T. Ahonen et.al used Local Binary Pattern (LBP) as a face descriptor for the application of face recognition [17]. For facial expression analysis G. Zhao and M. Pietikainen used Dynamic texture recognition using local binary patterns [18].

Zhang *et al.* described local derivative patterns (LDPs) for face recognition, where they measured the Local Binary Pattern as non directional first-order local patterns collected from the first-order derivatives and complete the same approach for nth order Local Derivative Patterns[19].

Lei *et al.* [20] proved that the process for exploiting the image information jointly in image space, scale, and orientation domains can make available richer clues, which are not evident in any one individual domain. This process worked in two phases. In the first phase, the face image is decomposed into dissimilar scale and direction responses by convolving with multiscale and multiorientation Gabor filters. In the second phase, used analysis of Local Binary Pattern (LBP) to illustrate the neighbouring relationship not only in image space but also in different scale and orientation responses.

Zhao *et al.*used Local Binary Pattern for a local spatiotemporal descriptor to signify and distinguish spoken isolated phrases solely based on visual input [21].In this technique Spatiotemporal Local Binary Patterns extracted from mouth regions are used for recounting isolated phrase sequences.

The hybrid technique proposed by Su et al. for pixel based graphic recovery with the Local Binary Pattern and the Haar wavelet referred as structured local binary Haar pattern that encodes the polarity rather than the magnitude of the variation between accumulated gray values of neighbouring rectangles [22].

For Texture segmentation M. Li et al. has described Optimum Gabor filter and Local Binary patterns (LBPs) [23] M. Heikkila andM. Pietikainen has proposed texture based method for modelling the background and detecting moving objects [24]. X. Huang et al. has introduced extended local binary patterns for shape localization based on statistical technique [25]. M. Heikkila et al. has described interest region description with Local Binary Patterns (LBPs) [26]. For biomedical image retrieval D. Unay et al. has introduced brain MR images using Local structure-based region [27].

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III. PROPOSED ALGORITHM

In this paper, we propose a second-order Local Tetra Pattern that is evaluated based on the direction of pixels using vertical and horizontal derivatives. Our technique is different from the existing Local Derivative Patterns in a approach that it makes use of 0^0 and 90^0 derivatives of Local Derivative Patterns for further determined the directionality of every pixel. In the end, the generalized n th-order Local Tetra Patterns operator has been obtainable by using (n-1) th-order derivatives. We also discuss the performance of our system is compared with the LBP, the LDP, and the LTP . Similar to LDP, in order to compare our method with the LBP, we consider the LBP as a nondirectional first-order local pattern called the first-order LTrP. From the earlier section, we can see that a capable image retrieval scheme requires the perfect mixing of numerous examine communities efforts.

Figure 3 shows the LTP, the obtained ternary pattern is again coded into upper and lower binary patterns. The upper pattern is obtained by retaining 1 and replacing 0 for 1 and 0. Lower pattern is coded by replacing 1 with 1 and 0 for 1 and 0.

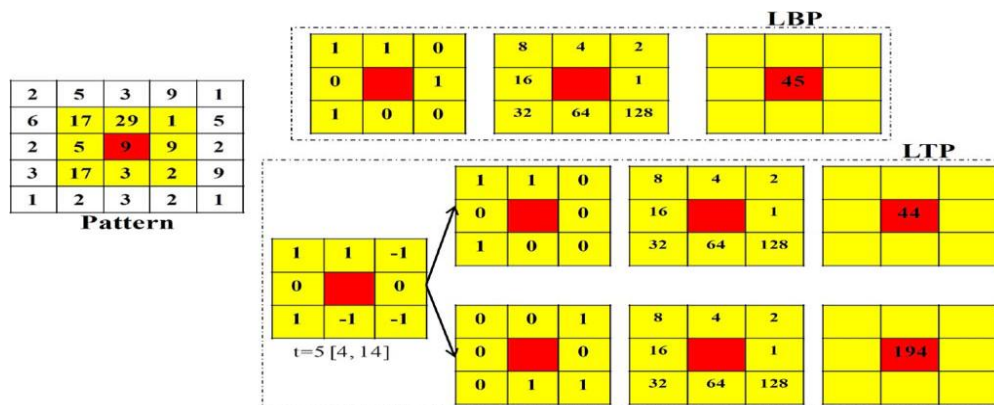


Fig. 3. Calculation of the LBP and LTP operators.

We propose a novel technique called as local tetra pattern (LTrPs) for content based image retrieval (CBIR). The proposed technique encodes the relationship between the referenced pixel and its neighbours and by via first-order derivatives in vertical and horizontal directions. Our system is different from the current local derivative (LDP) in a approach that it makes use of 0^0 and 90^0 derivatives of LDPs for additional manipulation of the directionality of every pixel. The different patterns used to retrieved the image feature are discussed in following sections.

Local Binary Patterns (LBPs) :

In Local Binary Patterns it specified a center pixel value in the image, the LBP value is determined by comparing its gray value with its neighbors, The LBP machinist was introduced by T.ojala et al. [28] for texture classification. as shown in Fig. 3, based on

$$LBP_{P,R} = \sum_{p=1}^P 2^{(p-1)} \times f_1(g_p - g_c) \quad (1)$$

$$f_1(x) = \begin{cases} 1, & x \geq 0 \\ 0, & else \end{cases} \quad (2)$$

Where g_p is the gray value of its neighbors and g_c is the gray value of the center pixel, P is the number of neighbors, R is the radius of the neighborhood.

Local Ternary Patterns (LTPs) :

Tan and Triggs [29] complete the LBP to a three-valued code called the LTP, in which gray values in the zone of width $\pm t$ around g_c are quantized to zero, those above (g_c+t) are quantized to +1, and those below (g_c-t) are quantized to -1, i.e. indicator $f_1(x)$ is replaced with three-valued function and the binary LBP code is replaced by a ternary LTP code, as shown in Fig. 3, i.e.,

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$$\hat{f}_1(x, g_c, t) = \begin{cases} +1, & x \geq g_c + t \\ 0, & |x - g_c| < t \\ -1, & x \leq g_c - t \end{cases} \quad (3)$$

Local Derivative Patterns (LDPs) :

The LBP as the nondirectional first-order local pattern operator and extended it to higher orders (nth-order) called the Local Derivative Pattern. The LDP contains more detailed discriminative features as compared with the LBP. To calculate the nth-order LDP, the (n-1) th-order derivatives are calculated along 0° , 45° , 90° , and 135° directions. Finally, nth-order LDP is calculated as,

$$LDP_\alpha^n = \sum_{p=1}^P 2^{(p-1)} \times f2(I_\alpha^{(n-1)}(gc), I_\alpha^{(n-1)}(gp)) \Big|_{P=8} \quad (4)$$

$$f2(x, y) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } x, y \leq 0 \\ 0, & \text{else.} \end{cases} \quad (5)$$

Local Tetra Patterns (LTrPs) :

The LTrP describes the spatial structure of the local texture using the direction of the center gray pixel g_c . Given image I, the first-order derivatives along 0° and 90° directions. Let g_c indicate the center pixel in I, and let g_h and g_v indicate the horizontal and vertical neighborhoods of g_c , respectively. Then, the first-order derivatives at the center pixel g_c can be written as

$$I_{0^\circ}^1(g_c) = I(g_h) - I(g_c) \quad (6)$$

$$I_{90^\circ}^1(g_c) = I(g_v) - I(g_c) \quad (7)$$

and the direction of the center pixel can be determined by,

$$I_{dir}^1(g_c) = \begin{cases} 1, & I_{0^\circ}^1(g_c) \geq 0 \text{ and } I_{90^\circ}^1(g_c) \geq 0 \\ 2, & I_{0^\circ}^1(g_c) < 0 \text{ and } I_{90^\circ}^1(g_c) \geq 0 \\ 3, & I_{0^\circ}^1(g_c) < 0 \text{ and } I_{90^\circ}^1(g_c) < 0 \\ 4, & I_{0^\circ}^1(g_c) \geq 0 \text{ and } I_{90^\circ}^1(g_c) < 0 \end{cases} \quad (8)$$

From (8), it is marked that the probable direction for each center pixel can be either 1, 2, 3, or 4, and ultimately, the image is converted into four values, i.e., directions.

The second-order LTrP²(g_c) is defined as

$$LTrP^2(g_c) = \left\{ f3(I_{dir}^1(g_c), I_{dir}^1(g_1)), f3(I_{dir}^1(g_c), I_{dir}^1(g_2)), \dots, \right. \\ \left. \dots, f3(I_{dir}^1(g_c), I_{dir}^1(gp)) \right\} \quad (9)$$

$$f3(I_{dir}^1(g_c), I_{dir}^1(gp)) = \begin{cases} 0, & I_{dir}^1(g_c) = I_{dir}^1(gp) \\ I_{dir}^1(gp), & \text{else} \end{cases} \quad (10)$$

From (9) and (10), we get 8-bit tetra pattern for each center pixel. Then, we divide all patterns into four parts based on the direction of center pixel. Finally, the tetra patterns for each part (direction) are converted to three binary patterns.

Let the direction of center pixel obtained using (8) ($I_{dir}^1(g_c)$) be "1"; then, LTP² can be defined by segregating it into three binary patterns as follows:

$$LTrP^2(\text{Direction} = 2,3,4) = \sum_{p=1}^P 2^{(p-1)} \times f4(LTrP(g_c)) \Big|_{\text{Direction} = 2,3,4} \quad (11)$$

$$f4(LTrP^2)(g_c), (\text{Direction} = \emptyset) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } (LTrP^2)(g_c) = \emptyset \\ 0, & \text{else} \end{cases} \quad (12)$$

Where, $\emptyset = 2,3,4$

Similarly, the other three tetra patterns for remaining three directions of center pixels are converted to binary patterns. Thus, we get 12 (4×3) binary patterns.

There are various advantages of the LTrP over the LBP, the LDP, and the LTP are as follows.

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1) The LTrP is able to encode images with four different values as it is able to extract additional detailed information. where The LBP, the LDP, and the LTP are able to encode images with only two and three different values.

2) The LTrP encodes the relationship between the center pixels and its neighbors based on directions. Whereas, the LBP and the LTP encode the relationship between the gray value of the center pixel and its neighbors,

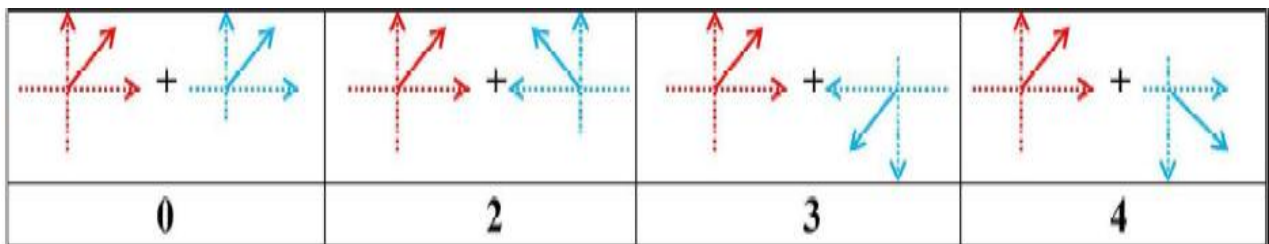


Fig. 4. Calculation of tetra pattern bits for the center-pixel direction “1” using the direction of neighbors. Red direction is the center pixel and cyan that its neighborhood pixels.

Fig. 4 shows the feasible local pattern transitions resulting in an LTrP for direction “1” of the center pixel. The LTrP is coded to “0” when it is equal to the direction of center pixel, otherwise coded in the direction of neighborhood pixel. Using the same correlation, LTrPs are calculated for center pixels having directions 2, 3, and 4.

In Fig. 5. Shows the example of the second-order LTrP calculation resulting in direction “1” for a center pixel marked with red. When we concern first-order derivative in vertical and horizontal directions to the neighborhood pixel “8,” we obtain direction “3” the direction obtained from the neighbourhood pixel and the direction of the center pixel are not same, we assign value “3” to the corresponding bit of the LTrP. It can be seen that the magnitude of the center pixel is “6,” which is less than the magnitude of neighbourhood pixel. Hence, we assign value “1” to the corresponding bit of the magnitude pattern.

Similarly, the remaining bits of the LTrP and the magnitude pattern for the other seven neighbours are computed resulting in the tetra pattern “3 0 3 4 0 3 2 0” and the magnitude binary pattern “1 1 1 0 0 1 0 1.” After coding the tetra pattern, we separate it into three binary patterns as follows. Referring to the generated LTrP, the first pattern is obtained by keeping “1” where the tetra pattern value is “2” and “0” for other values, i.e., “0 0 0 0 0 1 0.” Similarly, the other two binary patterns “1 0 1 0 0 1 0 0” and “0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0” are computed for tetra pattern values “3” and “4,” respectively. In the same method used for computing the tetra patterns for center pixels having directions 2, 3, and 4 Thus, with four tetra patterns, 12 binary patterns are obtained.

The performance of this scheme is measured in terms of average precision and average recall.

$$\text{Precision} = \frac{\text{Number of related images retrieved}}{\text{Total number of images retrieved}}$$

$$\text{Recall} = \frac{\text{Number of related images retrieved}}{\text{Total number of images in the database}}$$

The 13th binary pattern calculated by using the magnitudes of horizontal and vertical first-order derivatives using

$$M_{I^1}(gp) = \sqrt{(I_{0^0}^1(gp))^2 + (I_{9^0}^1(gp))^2} \quad (13)$$

$$LP = \sum_{p=1}^P 2^{(p-1)} \times f1(M_{I^1}(gp) - M_{I^1}(gc)) \quad p=8 \quad (14)$$

For the local pattern with P neighborhoods, 2^P combinations of LBPs are possible, resulting in the feature vector length of 2^P .

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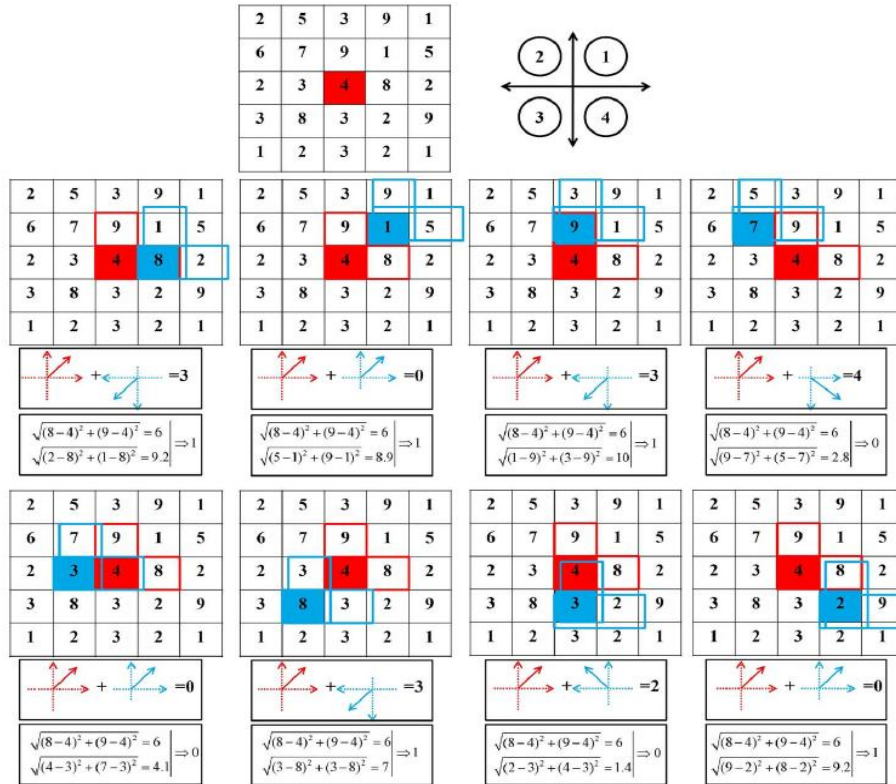


Fig 5.Example to obtain the tetra and magnitude patterns. For generating a tetra pattern, the bit is coded with the direction of neighbour when the direction of the center pixel and its neighbor are not same, otherwise "0".

Figure 6 shows the graphical demonstration of the proposed image retrieval system and process as given below

1. Load the query image, and translate it into gray scale.
2. In horizontal and vertical axis apply the first-order derivatives.
3. Determine the direction for all pixel whether it is 1, 2, 3 or 4
4. Depending on the direction of the center pixel divide the patterns into four parts.
5. Determine the tetra patterns, and separate them into three binary patterns.
6. Calculate the histograms of binary patterns.
7. Calculate the magnitudes of center pixels using [10].
8. Construct the binary patterns, and analyze their histogram.
9. Combine all histograms calculated from steps 6 and 8.
10. Assemble the feature vector.
11. Compare input query image with all images in the database. [11]
12. Based on the most excellent matches retrieve image from database

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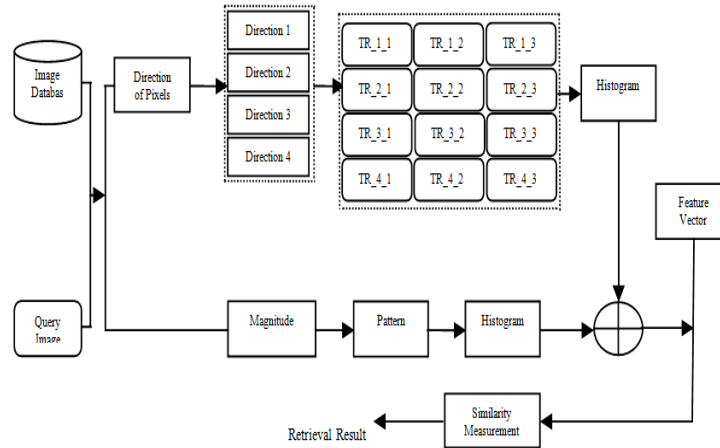


Figure 6. Framework of proposed image retrieval methodology

IV. SIMULATION RESULTS

Figure 7 shows the retrieval result by using Local Tetra Patterns technique for different database images such as Flower, Bus, Fruit, Buildings, Zebra, and Collage Students etc. The proposed LTP algorithm is implemented with MATLAB. In this method we compared the query image used as a flower image with all different eight images in the database. The comparison is done on the basis of direction of pixel whether it is 1,2,3 or 4, magnitude of pixel, histogram calculation. Based on the most excellent matches retrieve image from database.

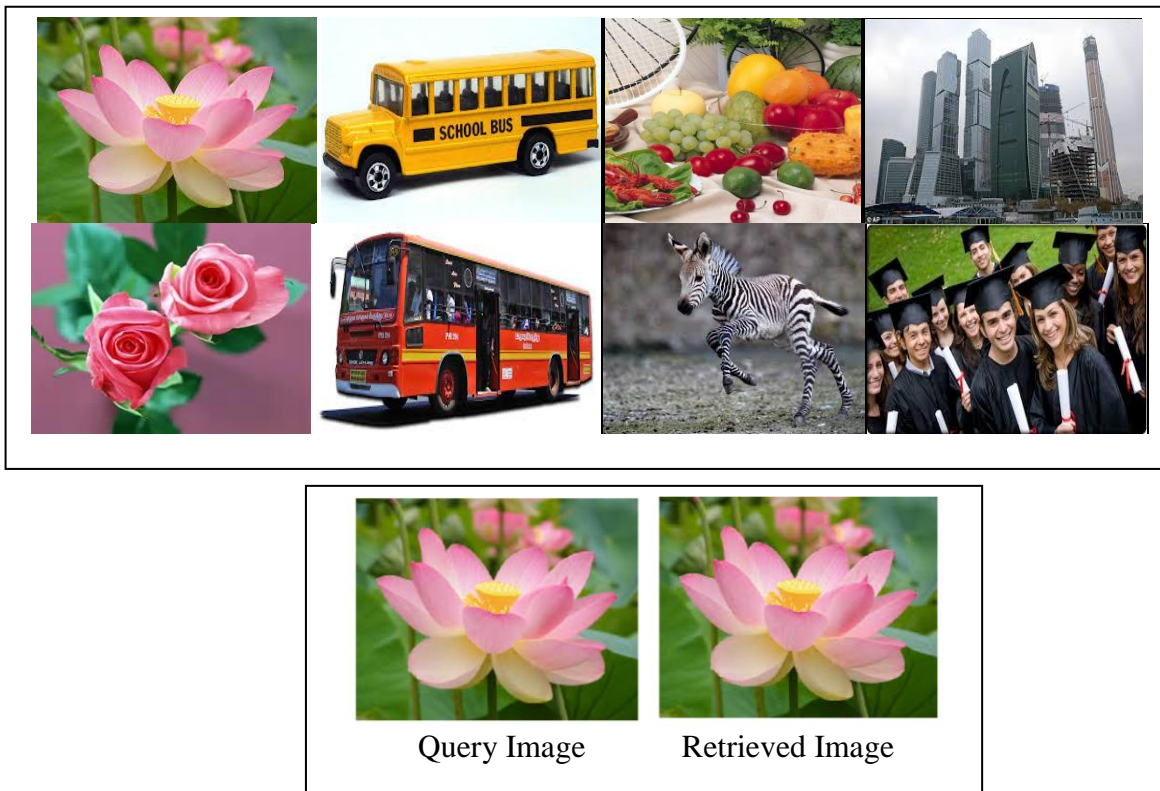


Figure.7. Image retrieving using Local Tetra Pattern.



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V. CONCLUSION AND FUTURE WORK

In this paper, we presented a new approach referred as LTrP for Content Based Image Retrieval system. The Local Tetra Pattern encodes the images based on the direction of pixels that are calculated by vertical and horizontal derivatives. The precision and average recall of the proposed approach has been extensively improved as compared with the LBP, the LTP and the LDP respectively.

In this paper, for the derivative calculation only horizontal and vertical pixel have been used. By considering the diagonal pixel for derivative calculation in addition to horizontal and vertical direction the result will also be improved. Due to the effectiveness of proposed method it can also be used for many applications such as Biomedical, Industrial, Educational, Face Recognition, Finger print Recognition etc.

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