**Extraction of Slice Ordering in DICOM image**

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Slice ordering (SO) is set in a protocol for MR scan and the information is saved in DICOM image header. For example, Sagittal (R)ight >> (L)eft, Coronal (A)nterior >> (P)osterior, Transverse (F)oot >> (H)ead. The released software, *checkslice* reads the slice order direction from a DICOM file, and the MATLAB script provides an idea of how to check SO from EPI data of multiple projects and studies. The releases were tested with CentOS and Ubuntu. If a bug is found, please report to Dr. Moon.

**Download “Release.zip” and unzip it on your computer disc.** The unzipped folders and files are,

PhantData/

BOLDSLICEORDER\_mMR/ (the sequence name includes transverse SO, ex, HF. If none, it is FH)

BOLDSLICEORDER\_Prisma1/ (the sequence name includes transverse SO, ex, FH or HF)

checkslice.m

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checkslice (under different Linux OS)

ReadMe.docx

**1. *checkslice* binary**

Linux OS: Ubuntu 16.04.7 LTS, Ubuntu 18.04.5 LTS, Centos-release-8.2-2.2004.0.1.el8.x86\_64

Description: Ubuntu 16.04.7 LTS

Release: 16.04

Codename: xenial

Description: Ubuntu 18.04.5 LTS

Release: 18.04

Codename: bionic

centos-release-8.2-2.2004.0.1.el8.x86\_64

Requirement of additional software: None

The path of *checkslice* should be visible to a user, for example, */usr/local/bin/checkslice*

1. Download the binary file *checkslice*
2. Type *checkslice* in command line for help

This program extract Slice ordering from DICOM file!

Usage : checkslice -i dicom.ima -sd [0/1/2] -so [0/1] @chm, 02/18/2021

-i dicom.ima: Siemens DICOM file

-sd [0/1/2]: Slice direction 0-sag, 1-cor, 2-tra, other – all(default)

-so [0/1]: Slice ordering (MB=1) 1-yes print, 0-no print(default)

1. Type *checkslice* *-i dicomfile …*

Examples,

**checkslice -i BOLDSLICEORDER.IMA**

Slice Sagittal direction is R >> L (if image slice is sagittal)

Slice Coronal direction is A >> P (if image slice is coronal)

Slice Transverse direction is H >> F (if image slice is transverse)

**checkslice -i BOLDSLICEORDER.IMA -sd 2**

H >> F

**checkslice -i BOLDSLICEORDER.IMA -sd 3 -so 1**

Slice Sagittal direction is R >> L

Slice Coronal direction is A >> P

Slice Transverse direction is H >> F

Slice ordering is INTERLEAVED 1 3 5 7 9 11 13 15 17 19 21 23 25 27 29 31 33 35 37 39 41 43 45 0 2 4 6 8 10 12 14 16 18 20 22 24 26 28 30 32 34 36 38 40 42 44

**2. MATLAB script, *checkslice.m***

% MATLAB script to read Slice ordering in EPI DICOM image

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%

% Add path for necessary m codes

addpath('/your\_matlab\_script\_folder\_path/PhantData');

% Set your study folder path for EPI DICOM

pfolderlist = {...

'/your\_study\_folder\_path/PhantData/BOLDSLICEORDER\_mMR'...

'/your\_study\_folder\_path/PhantData/BOLDSLICEORDER\_Prisma1'...

};

npfolderlist = length(pfolderlist);

% Sequence naming

EPInamelist = {...

'\*EP2D\_\*'...

'\*BOLD\*'...

};

nepilist = length(EPInamelist);

% Loop for slice ordering

lcount = 1;

for ll=1:npfolderlist

pfolder = pfolderlist{1,ll};

fprintf(2,'%s\n', pfolder);

Pfolder = [pfolder '/'];

icheck = 0;

for i=1:nepilist

if icheck>=1

break;

end

episeqname = EPInamelist{1,i};

direpiBOLD = dir([Pfolder episeqname]);

lcount = 1;

nepiBOLD = length(direpiBOLD);

for k=1:nepiBOLD,

epiBOLD = direpiBOLD(k,1).name;

P = [pfolder '/' epiBOLD '/'];

dirdicom = dir([P '\*.IMA']);

if (isempty(dirdicom))

dirdicom = dir([P 'MR.\*']);

end

nfiles = length(dirdicom);

% read DICOM header including CSA information

[dcminfo, err] = dicm\_hdr([dirdicom(1).folder '/' dirdicom(1).name]);

% checkslice in terminal

dicomfilename = [dirdicom(1).folder '/' dirdicom(1).name];

strcmd = ['checkslice -i ' dicomfilename ' -sd 2'];

[s,w] = unix(strcmd);

I = find(w~=' ');

w = w(I); w=w(1:end-1);

% report

disp([num2str(lcount) ': ' epiBOLD ': ' w(1:end)]);

lcount = lcount + 1;

icheck = 1;

end

end

end

% rm path for necessary m codes

rmpath('/ your\_matlab\_script\_folder\_path/PhantData');

Outputs are like as follows,

>> checkslice

/your\_study\_folder\_path/PhantData/BOLDSLICEORDER\_mMR

1: EP2D\_BOLD\_MB1\_SLC45\_0002: F>>H

2: EP2D\_BOLD\_MB1\_SLC45\_ASC\_0015: F>>H

3: EP2D\_BOLD\_MB1\_SLC45\_DSC\_0016: F>>H

4: EP2D\_BOLD\_MB1\_SLC46\_0003: F>>H

5: EP2D\_BOLD\_MB1\_SLC46\_HF\_0004: H>>F

6: EP2D\_BOLD\_MB2\_SLC46\_0008: F>>H

7: EP2D\_BOLD\_MB2\_SLC46\_SBREF\_0007: F>>H

8: EP2D\_BOLD\_MB3\_SLC45\_0006: F>>H

9: EP2D\_BOLD\_MB3\_SLC45\_SBREF\_0005: F>>H

10: EP2D\_BOLD\_MB3\_SLC48\_0012: F>>H

11: EP2D\_BOLD\_MB3\_SLC48\_HF\_0014: H>>F

12: EP2D\_BOLD\_MB3\_SLC48\_HF\_SBREF\_0013: H>>F

13: EP2D\_BOLD\_MB3\_SLC48\_SBREF\_0011: F>>H

14: EP2D\_BOLD\_MB4\_SLC48\_0010: F>>H

15: EP2D\_BOLD\_MB4\_SLC48\_SBREF\_0009: F>>H

/ your\_study\_folder\_path/PhantData/BOLDSLICEORDER\_Prisma1

1: CMRR\_BOLD\_AP\_MB1\_46SLC\_FH\_0002: F>>H

2: CMRR\_BOLD\_AP\_MB1\_46SLC\_HF\_0003: H>>F

3: CMRR\_BOLD\_AP\_MB3\_48SLC\_FH\_0009: F>>H

4: CMRR\_BOLD\_AP\_MB3\_48SLC\_FH\_SBREF\_0008: F>>H

5: CMRR\_BOLD\_AP\_MB3\_48SLC\_HF\_0011: H>>F

6: CMRR\_BOLD\_AP\_MB3\_48SLC\_HF\_SBREF\_0010: H>>F

7: CMRR\_BOLD\_AP\_MB4\_48SLC\_FH\_0005: F>>H

8: CMRR\_BOLD\_AP\_MB4\_48SLC\_FH\_SBREF\_0004: F>>H

9: CMRR\_BOLD\_AP\_MB4\_48SLC\_HF\_0007: H>>F

10: CMRR\_BOLD\_AP\_MB4\_48SLC\_HF\_SBREF\_0006: H>>F

11: MGH\_BOLD\_AP\_MB1\_46SLC\_FH\_0012: F>>H

12: MGH\_BOLD\_AP\_MB1\_46SLC\_FH\_PMU\_0013: F>>H

13: MGH\_BOLD\_AP\_MB1\_46SLC\_HF\_0014: H>>F

14: MGH\_BOLD\_AP\_MB1\_46SLC\_HF\_PMU\_0015: H>>F

15: MGH\_BOLD\_AP\_MB3\_48SLC\_FH\_0020: F>>H

16: MGH\_BOLD\_AP\_MB3\_48SLC\_FH\_PMU\_0021: F>>H

17: MGH\_BOLD\_AP\_MB3\_48SLC\_HF\_0022: H>>F

18: MGH\_BOLD\_AP\_MB3\_48SLC\_HF\_PMU\_0023: H>>F

19: MGH\_BOLD\_AP\_MB4\_48SLC\_FH\_0016: F>>H

20: MGH\_BOLD\_AP\_MB4\_48SLC\_FH\_PMU\_0017: F>>H

21: MGH\_BOLD\_AP\_MB4\_48SLC\_HF\_0018: H>>F

22: MGH\_BOLD\_AP\_MB4\_48SLC\_HF\_PMU\_0019: H>>F

23: SIEMENS\_BOLD\_AP\_MB1\_46SLC\_FH\_0024: F>>H

24: SIEMENS\_BOLD\_AP\_MB1\_46SLC\_HF\_0025: H>>F

25: SIEMENS\_BOLD\_AP\_MB3\_48SLC\_FH\_0028: F>>H

26: SIEMENS\_BOLD\_AP\_MB3\_48SLC\_HF\_0029: H>>F

27: SIEMENS\_BOLD\_AP\_MB4\_48SLC\_FH\_0026: F>>H

28: SIEMENS\_BOLD\_AP\_MB4\_48SLC\_HF\_0027: H>>F