Lutkenhoff *et al* **Optimized brain extraction for pathological brains (optiBET)**

*Appendix: annotated optiBET code excerpt*

Excerpt of the main code, with annotations, showing step-by-step the flow of optiBET.

*Full open source code for optiBET is freely available at* [*http://montilab.psych.ucla.edu/fmri-wiki*](http://montilab.psych.ucla.edu/fmri-wiki)

#### 1. initial brain extraction (“step 1”) #########################

## Perform initial “approximate” brain extraction (use FSL unless the ## input specifies the AFNI option; this is referred to as “step 1” in ## the manuscript).

#

if [[ "$s1" == "bet" ]]; then

 echo 1. BET -B -f 0.1 subject ${i} for initial extraction

 bet ${iopt} ${i}\_step1 -B -f 0.1

else

 echo 1. AFNI 3dSkullStrip subject ${i} for initial extraction

$afnidir/3dSkullStrip -input ${iopt} -prefix ${i}\_step1.nii.gz &>/dev/null

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REFERENCE: Smith SM (2002) Fast robust automated brain extraction. Human brain mapping 17: 143-155.

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#### 2. Linear transform to MNI space (“step 2”) ####################

## Perform linear transformation of initial “approximate” extraction

## to MNI space (This is referred to as “step 2” in the manuscript).

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echo 2. flirt subject ${i} to MNI space

flirt -ref ${FSLDIR}/data/standard/MNI152\_T1\_2mm\_brain -in ${i}\_step1.nii.gz -omat ${i}\_step2.mat -out ${i}\_step2 -searchrx -30 30 -searchry -30 30 -searchrz -30 30

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REFERENCES:Jenkinson M, Bannister P, Brady M, Smith S (2002) Improved optimization for the robust and accurate linear registration and motion correction of brain images. NeuroImage 17: 825-841.

Jenkinson M, Smith S (2001) A global optimisation method for robust affine registration of brain images. Medical image analysis 5: 143-156.

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#### 3. nonlinear transform to MNI space (“step 3”) ##################

## Follow the linear transformation with a non-linear transformation

## (Use the MNI152 2mm as default; This is referred to as “step 3” in ## the manuscript).

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echo 3. fnirt subject ${i} to MNI space

fnirt --in=${i} --aff=${i}\_step2.mat --cout=${i}\_step3 --config=T1\_2\_MNI152\_2mm

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#### 4. QC: Generate image for QC ####################################

## This is a quality control step that generates an image of the

## original subject structural after transformation to MNI space

## which can (and should) be checked by the user.

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echo 4. applywarp to put subject ${i} in MNI space

applywarp --ref=${FSLDIR}/data/standard/MNI152\_T1\_2mm --in=${i} --warp=${i}\_step3 --out=${i}\_step4

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#### 5. Invert nonlinear warp (“step 4a”) ############################

## Invert the nonlinear warp in order to be able to back-project the ## MNI brain into subject space (this is the first part of “step 4” in ## the manuscript).

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echo 5. invert nonlinear warp for subject ${i}

invwarp -w ${i}\_step3.nii.gz -o ${i}\_step5.nii.gz -r ${i}\_step1.nii.gz

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#### 6. Apply inverted nonlinear warp to labels (“step 4b”) ##########

## Apply inverted nonlinear warp to the MNI standard brain in order to ## back-project it back into subject space (this is the second part of ## “step 4” in the manuscript)

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echo 6. apply inverted nonlinear warp to MNI label: MNI152\_T1\_1mm\_brain\_mask for subject ${i}

applywarp --ref=${i} --in=${FSLDIR}/data/standard/${mask} --warp=${i}\_step5.nii.gz --out=${i}\_step6 --interp=nn

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#### 7. binarize brain extractions ###################################

## Binarize the back-projected MNI brain in order to use it for

## “punch-out” brain extraction (in the next step)

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echo 7. creating binary brain mask for subject ${i}

fslmaths ${i}\_step6.nii.gz -bin ${i}\_optiBET\_brain\_mask

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REFERENCE: Smith SM, Jenkinson M, Woolrich MW, Beckmann CF, Behrens TE, et al. (2004) Advances in functional and structural MR image analysis and implementation as FSL. NeuroImage 23 Suppl 1: S208-219.

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#### 8. Punch-out mask from brain to do skull-stripping (“step 4c”) ##

## Take the binarized back-projected MNI brain and use it to “punch-

## out non-brain tissue from the subject’s original T1 image (this is the last part of “step 4” as described in the manuscript).

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echo 8. creating brain extraction for subject ${i}

fslmaths ${i} -mas ${i}\_optiBET\_brain\_mask ${i}\_optiBET\_brain

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