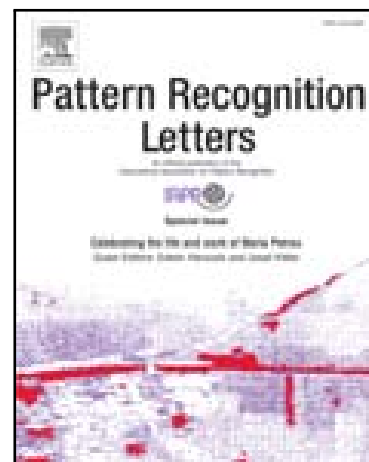


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**Highlights**

- An empirical study to compare contours and skeletons is conducted
- Different image datasets are prepared and different image variations are generated
- Results show the superiority of contours over skeletons
- A noteworthy finding is the improvements of skeletons in the presence of noise

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