IMAGE PROCESSING-BASED VEHICLE DETECTION, COUNTING AND ACCIDENT DETECTION

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Abstract:

As the global economy accelerates, effective traffic management and smart technology are essential for ensuring urban safety and competitiveness. The project 'Image-based Vehicle Detection, Differentiation, and Computation Using Machine Learning' aims to enhance urban safety and traffic management through machine learning and image processing. It utilizes Convolutional Neural Networks (CNN) and tools like OpenCV and TensorFlow to detect, classify, and track vehicles in real time addressing challenges in Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS). The system minimizes double-counting and ensures reliable monitoring, even in high-traffic scenarios. Additionally, it features an accident detection and severity analysis module that identifies collisions and alerts emergency services, improving response times. Optimized for various environments, it performs efficiently under different lighting and weather conditions, making it suitable for city intersections and highways.

[1] INTRODUCTION

Rapid urbanization and increased vehicle traffic necessitate efficient traffic management and safety solutions. A new system leverages advanced image processing and machine learning techniques to recognize, classify, and track vehicles in real time, using convolutional neural networks and tools like OpenCV and TensorFlow for high accuracy. It features collision detection and severity analysis, enabling faster alerts to emergency services, thus enhancing traffic safety. Extensive testing confirms its scalability for urban intersections and highways, offering superior accuracy and reliability compared to traditional methods, paving the way for smarter and more efficient transportation systems.

1.1 General Introduction

Efficient traffic management and road traffic safety are always important as urban traffic continues to grow quickly. The project, entitled "Image-Based Vehicle Recognition, Differentiation, and Calculations Using Machine Learning," attempts to address these issues using enhanced image processing and machine learning techniques.

The system was developed to recognize, classify and pursue vehicles in real time, providing valuable data for transport analysis and management. Additionally, there are emergency warnings that improve road safety by acknowledging accidents and easing faster response times in critical situations. The combination of accuracy, scalability and real-time performance makes this project provide a robust solution for modern transportation systems.

1.2 Problem Statement

Increased urban traffic poses significant challenges related to traffic management, safety, and emergency response. Additionally, the absence of automated accident recognition and warning systems contributes to delays in alerting emergency services, which worsens the situation. This initiative aims to develop innovative systems that can recognize, classify, and track vehicles in real time while incorporating advanced accident detection and emergency alerts. By leveraging machine learning and image processing, we seek to revolutionize traffic management, enhance traffic safety, and ensure quicker and more effective emergency responses.

1.3 Algorithm

1. YOLO v4/v8 Object Detection Model
2. DeepSORT Vehicle Tracking Algorithm
3. LSTM-Based Accident Detection Model

1.4 Technology

1. Python
2. OpenCV
3. TensorFlow
4. CNN (Convolutional Neural Networks)
5. YOLO
6. SORT
7. Surveillance Cameras
8. NumPy

[2] LITERATURE SURVEY

Vehicle Detection Algorithms for Autonomous Driving

This paper explores various vehicle detection algorithms essential for autonomous driving. It categorizes these methods into traditional computer vision techniques and deep learning-based approaches. Traditional techniques, such as edge detection, background subtraction, and optical flow, rely on handcrafted features to detect vehicles, but they struggle in complex environments with occlusions and varying lighting conditions. Deep learning approaches, including YOLO (You Only Look Once), Faster R-CNN (Region-based Convolutional Neural Networks), and SSD (Single Shot MultiBox Detector), have significantly improved detection accuracy by leveraging large datasets and deep neural networks. The paper evaluates the performance of these algorithms based on parameters like detection speed, accuracy, robustness to environmental changes, and computational cost. The study also discusses the integration of LiDAR and RADAR sensors with vision-based techniques to enhance detection reliability. The findings suggest that while deep learning methods offer superior accuracy, optimizing computational efficiency remains a challenge for real-time implementation in autonomous vehicles.

A Review of Vehicle Detection Methods Based on Computer Vision

This paper provides an extensive review of vehicle detection techniques based on computer vision. It classifies detection methods into feature-based, region-based, and deep learning-based techniques. Traditional feature-based methods, such as Histogram of Oriented Gradients (HOG), Haar cascades, and Support Vector Machines (SVM), were initially popular due to their low computational requirements, but they have limitations in handling occlusions and varying vehicle appearances. Region-based methods, such as background subtraction and motion tracking, improve detection in surveillance applications but may not perform well in real-time traffic scenarios. The paper then focuses on deep learning methods, including CNN (Convolutional Neural Networks), YOLO, and R-CNN variants, which achieve high accuracy but require substantial computational resources. The study also highlights dataset challenges, such as the need for diverse training data to handle different weather conditions and traffic densities. Future trends suggest integrating AI with IoT and cloud computing can enhance vehicle detection for smart city applications.

Automation Vehicle Detection and Counting System

This research introduces a fully automated vehicle detection and counting system aimed at real-time traffic monitoring. The system processes live video feeds and extracts moving objects using image preprocessing techniques like grayscale conversion, Gaussian filtering, and adaptive thresholding. Vehicle detection is performed using pre-trained deep learning models such as YOLOv3 and Faster R-CNN, which ensure accurate identification even in congested traffic. The counting mechanism employs object-tracking techniques, such as SORT (Simple Online and Realtime Tracker) and DeepSORT, to maintain vehicle identities across frames, preventing duplicate counts. The system is tested in urban, suburban, and highway environments, demonstrating a high accuracy rate (above 90%). Additionally, it provides insights into traffic congestion, vehicle density analysis, and peak-hour traffic patterns, aiding in effective traffic management. The study concludes that automation in vehicle detection can significantly improve traffic flow analysis, accident prevention, and smart transportation planning.

Real-Time Moving Vehicle Counter System Using OpenCV And Python

This paper presents a cost-effective, real-time vehicle counting system developed using OpenCV and Python. The system leverages background subtraction (MOG2 algorithm) to isolate moving vehicles from video streams and applies morphological operations to reduce noise. Contour detection and bounding box techniques are used to identify and classify vehicles. To enhance accuracy, Kalman filtering and centroid tracking are implemented, ensuring that vehicles are counted only once as they pass through a designated region of interest (ROI). The system is evaluated under various weather conditions and road types, achieving an accuracy of 85-95% in ideal conditions. The study discusses challenges such as shadow effects, overlapping vehicles, and sudden illumination changes, proposing solutions like adaptive thresholding and machine learning-based background modeling. The system is designed for smart city applications, traffic flow optimization, and toll booth automation, providing an efficient and low-cost alternative to traditional traffic monitoring solutions.

Vehicle - Classification and Counting System Using YOLO Object Detection Technology

This research focuses on vehicle classification and counting using YOLO (You Only Look Once) object detection technology. The system processes real-time CCTV and drone-based traffic surveillance videos, detecting vehicles and classifying them into categories such as cars, trucks, buses, motorcycles, and bicycles. YOLO's fast inference speed and high precision make it ideal for large-scale traffic analysis. The proposed method integrates DeepSORT tracking to ensure that vehicles are not recounted multiple times. The classification accuracy is improved by fine-tuning the YOLO model on custom-labeled datasets. The paper evaluates the system's performance in different lighting and weather conditions, achieving above 92% detection accuracy. Additionally, it discusses the potential integration of cloud-based AI models and edge computing for real-time traffic monitoring in smart cities and automated toll collection systems. The study concludes that YOLO-based detection, combined with efficient tracking mechanisms, can significantly enhance traffic law enforcement and congestion monitoring.

3. EXISTING METHODOLOGY

Current vehicle inspection and counting systems are subject to limitations in scalability and real-time ease of use, as they are time-consuming and susceptible to human error due to their reliance on manual video checks. This slows down the response times for transport authorities and reduces overall efficiency. While some technologies offer automation, they often lack the accuracy to distinguish between vehicle types such as cars and trucks. Extended methods such as OPENCV-based background materials fight in real-time classification, while sensor-based models are expensive, complex and tend to hinder large-scale regulations. comprehensive and actual time data required for effective traffic management. This project seeks to develop efficient and scalable solutions to recognize, count and classify vehicles in real time.

3.1. DISADVANTAGES

Traditional vehicle recognition and counting systems suffer from several serious drawbacks. Manual video analysis is slow, laborious, prone to human error, and real-time traffic monitoring is ineffective. Many automated methods are based on background subtraction and edge detection, fighting against lighting conditions, blockages, and dynamic backgrounds. Furthermore, sensor-based approaches are expensive and can be difficult to scale through large road networks. Existing models also lack accuracy when distinguishing vehicle types, which leads to inefficient traffic data analysis. These limitations underscore the need for robust, real-time, inexpensive solutions for modern traffic management.

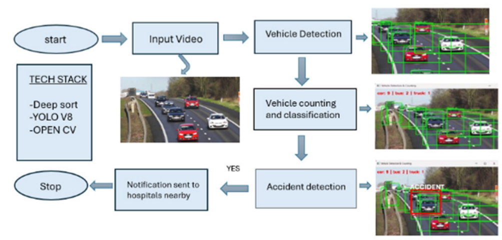
4. PROPOSED METHODOLOGY

The proposed system uses enhanced computer vision and deep learning to modify real-time recognition, classification, and traffic monitoring. High-precision, modern YOLO-based object recognition combined with efficient persecution sorting (simple online and real-time trackers) ensures effective vehicle management. The expansion lane segmentation algorithm enables accurate vehicle counting on two-way roadways, while the robust collision detection algorithm quickly identifies accidents due to sudden changes in speed and trajectory deviation. Intelligent driver surveillance systems improve traffic safety through eye analysis using OpenCV. Automated hospital notifications trigger fast emergency responses, but IoT sensors to identify traffic violations such as alcohol recognition and non-compliance with helmets and seat belts further enhance enforcement in real time. This comprehensive solution promises to significantly improve road safety and organization for all users.

4.1. ADVANTAGES

The proposed system offers high accuracy, real-time processing, and scalability for effective traffic monitoring. It utilizes advanced technology for quick recognition of busy vehicles, improving meter accuracy and accident analysis for faster emergency responses. IoT-based emergency warnings facilitate rapid incident management, making the system suitable for urban and semi-urban traffic control.

4.2 BLOCK DIAGRAM



5. RESULTS

5.1. IMAGE ACQUISITION

Image acquisition output represents a critical first step in machine learning projects that involve computer vision tasks such as object detection, vehicle recognition, facial recognition, and more. This output consists of raw images captured by various sensors, most commonly cameras, which will serve as the input data for the subsequent stages of processing and analysis.

5.2. GRAY SCALE CONVERSION

Grayscale conversion is a simple preprocessing step in image analysis that converts color images to grayscale format. This method simplifies image data by reducing it from three color channels (red, green, and blue) to one channel representing different shades of gray.

Formula:

Y=0.2989×R+0.5870×G+0.1140×B
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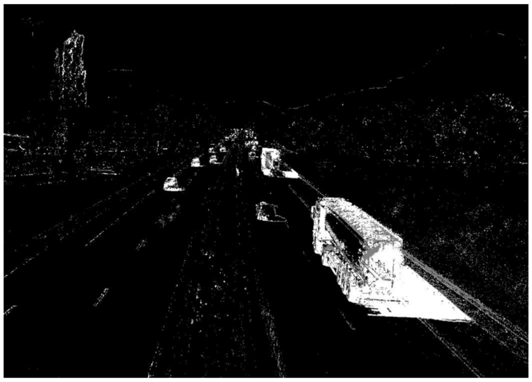
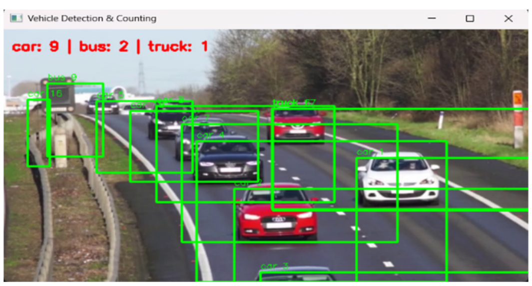


5.3 VEHICLE DETECTION, DIFFERENTIATION AND COUNTING

Vehicle detection, differentiation, and counting are useful in real-time for analyzing traffic flow through vehicle identification and classification. This improves road safety, traffic management and urban planning using computer vision technology. Accurate vehicle data also helps reduce traffic congestion.
Formula:

xk=xk+K(zk−Hxk)

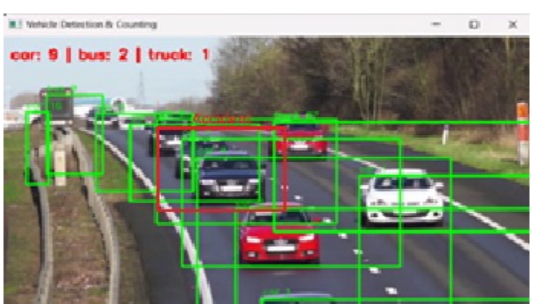


5.5 ACCIDENT DETECTION

The system tracks vehicle movements with advanced algorithms. It quickly detects sudden speed changes, abrupt stops, and overlapping paths to identify potential collisions. When a collision is possible, it assesses the severity by analyzing motion and damage. This helps accurately identify accidents in real time and improves traffic monitoring.

Formula:

$$\text{distance} = \sqrt{(x2 - x1)^2 + (y2 - y1)^2}$$
$$\text{speed} = \sqrt{(cx - px)^2 + (cy - py)^2}$$



5.4. EMERGENCY ALERT

The Emergency Alert system plays a key role in road safety by being notified near the severity of the accident near a hospital. With the help of real data, the system ensures that medical support reaches the scene quickly, thereby reducing response times and improving survival potential.

Formula:

1. Accident Severity Calculation (Impact-Based)

S=21m(vi−vf)2

2. Nearest Hospital Selection (Haversine Formula)

$$d = 2R \arcsin\left(\sqrt{\sin^2\left(\frac{\Delta\phi}{2}\right) + \cos(\phi_1)\cos(\phi_2)\sin^2\left(\frac{\Delta\lambda}{2}\right)}\right)$$

6. CONCLUSION

In this project, we have developed an Image Processing-Based Vehicle Detection and Counting System that effectively addresses the limitations of traditional traffic monitoring methods. By utilizing YOLO for object detection and SORT for tracking, we have achieved high accuracy and real-time performance in detecting, classifying, and counting vehicles. The implementation of two-way lane differentiation has significantly improved the precision of vehicle counting, ensuring a more reliable and scalable solution for traffic monitoring.
Our findings demonstrate that the proposed system provides automated, cost-effective, and efficient traffic surveillance, reducing the need for manual intervention. The accident detection mechanism enhances road safety by analyzing vehicle trajectories and identifying potential collisions. These advancements contribute to the improvement of traffic regulation and urban mobility, making roads safer and more organized.
The results of this project offer valuable insights for future traffic management solutions, paving the way for more intelligent and automated surveillance systems that can be integrated into smart city infrastructures for enhanced transportation efficiency.

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