Introduction to OpenCV

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What is Computer Vision?

- Computer Vision is a field of study that enables machines to interpret and understand visual information from the world.
- It seeks to mimic the human visual system, allowing computers to make sense of images and videos.
- Computer Vision involves tasks such as image recognition, object detection, and scene understanding.

What is OpenCV?

- OpenCV (Open Source Computer Vision) is an open-source computer vision and machine learning library.
- It provides a wide range of tools and functions for image and video analysis, as well as machine learning algorithms.

Image Processing with OpenCV

- OpenCV allows you to perform various image processing tasks, such as:
 - Image filtering and smoothing
 - Edge detection
 - Image segmentation

Example code snippet

```
#Read an image from file
image = cv2.imread('example.jpg')

# Apply a Gaussian blur
blurred_image = cv2.GaussianBlur(image, (5, 5), 0)
```

Applications of OpenCV

- OpenCV is widely used in various computer vision applications, including:
 - Object detection and recognition
 - Facial recognition
 - Image stitching
 - Augmented reality

HSV

- The HSV (Hue, Saturation, Value) color space is often used in image processing for better color representation.
- The cv2.cvtColor function is used to convert an image from one color space to another, such as converting from BGR to HSV.

Creating Masks using inRange

- Masks are binary images that highlight specific regions of interest in an image.
- The cv2.inRange function is used to create a binary mask by specifying lower and upper bounds for pixel intensities.

Moments in Image Analysis

- Moments are statistical measures that provide information about the distribution of pixel intensities in an image.
- The cv2.moments function is used to calculate moments, which can be used to find properties like the centroid of an object in an image.

Drawing Arrowed Line in OpenCV

- The cv2.arrowedLine function is used to draw an arrowed line on an image.
- It is often used to visualize information such as the direction from a starting point to an ending point.

Conclusion

- OpenCV is a powerful library for computer vision and image processing.
- It is widely used in both academia and industry for a variety of applications.
- The open-source nature of OpenCV makes it a valuable resource for researchers and developers.

Workshop Agenda

Today's workshop will cover the following topics:

- Onnecting web Camera Module:
 - Demonstrating how to connect and set up the camera module.
 - Writing Python scripts to capture images and videos.
- Building a Line-Follower Car with OpenCV:
 - Introduction to the concept of a line-follower car.
 - Using OpenCV for color detection and image processing.
 - Writing Python code to control the car based on color information.

Questions?

Any Questions?