
Car Detection and Tracking with YOLO and Kalman Filter using C4dynamics

This notebook runs an example of detecting vehicles in images using YOLO, and then tracking those detected cars using a Kalman filter.

This computer vision project was written by *Amit Elbaz* as part of the requirements for his master's degree. The complete project can be found here -

https://github.com/elbazam/multi_object_tracking/tree/main

The implementation is based on the C4dynamics algorithms engineering framework, which provides a robust and efficient environment for developing and testing advanced computer vision and other physical systems algorithms.

Installation

Make sure to have the following prerequisites:

1. Python 3 installed.
2. Jupyter Notebook installed.
3. Numpy, Tensorflow, Scikit-Learn, OpenCV, Matplotlib installed.
4. C4dynamics framework installed. You can download from:

<https://github.com/C4dynamics/C4dynamics>

Dataset

For this demonstration, we will be using a dataset of traffic surveillance videos. The dataset contains video sequences recorded from a traffic camera, capturing various vehicles including cars.

Car Detection with YOLO

Starting by implementing a real-time, high accuracy cars detection using YOLO. We will leverage the pre-trained YOLO model available in the C4dynamics framework.

In this section, we will:

1. Load and preprocess the dataset.
2. Initialize the YOLO model.
3. Perform car detection on sample images.
4. Visualize the detected cars.

Car Tracking with Kalman Filter

After detecting the cars in the images, we will track them over time using a Kalman filter. The Kalman filter is a recursive algorithm that estimates the state of a dynamic system given noisy

measurements. By integrating the Kalman filter with our car detection results, we can track the movement of cars and predict their future positions.

In this section, we will:

1. Initialize the Kalman filter.
2. Extract the detected car positions.
3. Update the Kalman filter with the detected car positions.
4. Predict and visualize the tracked car positions.

Summary

By combining car detection using YOLO and car tracking with the Kalman filter, we can achieve robust and accurate tracking of cars in surveillance videos.

The C4dynamics algorithms engineering framework provides an efficient environment for implementing and evaluating such computer vision algorithms. In this example, leveraging *Amit Elbaz* masters' project to detect and track vehicles with Yolo and Kalman Filter.

Let's start!

Modules Setup

```
#  
# https://github.com/elbazam/multi\_object\_tracking  
##  
import numpy as np  
import cv2  
from sklearn.neighbors import NearestNeighbors  
from matplotlib import pyplot as plt  
from matplotlib import image as mpimg  
  
#  
# load C4dynamics  
##  
exec(open('importc4d.py').read())
```

User Input

```
#  
# user input  
##  
videoin = os.path.join(os.getcwd(), 'examples', 'cars1.mp4')  
videoout = os.path.join('out', 'cars1.mp4')
```

Video Preprocessing

```
#  
# video preprocessing  
#  
# initializes video-related parameters such as the frame rate (dt),  
# and retrieves the first frame to determine the video's width and  
# height.  
##  
video = cv2.VideoCapture(videoin)  
dt = 1 / video.get(cv2.CAP_PROP_FPS)  
_, frame1 = video.read()  
height, width, _ = frame1.shape  
result = cv2.VideoWriter(videoout, cv2.VideoWriter_fourcc(*'mp4v')  
                          , int(video.get(cv2.CAP_PROP_FPS)), [width,  
height])  
  
plt.imshow(mping.imread(os.path.join(os.getcwd(), 'out',  
'before.png')))  
plt.axis('off')  
plt.show()
```



Load a Detector

```
# initializes the object detector (Yolo Detector).  
# passing the video's height and width.  
yolodet = c4d.detectors.yolo(height = height, width = width)
```

Define Kalman Parameters

```
#  $x(t) = A(t) * x(t-1) + e(t)$  ||  $e(t) \sim N(0, Q(t))$ 
#  $z(t) = H(t) * x(t) + r(t)$  ||  $r(t) \sim N(0, R(t))$ 

#  $x(t) = [x1 \ y1 \ x2 \ y2 \ vx \ vy]$ 

A = np.array([[1, 0, 0, 0, dt, 0]
               , [0, 1, 0, 0, 0, dt]
               , [0, 0, 1, 0, dt, 0]
               , [0, 0, 0, 1, 0, dt]
               , [0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0]
               , [0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1]])

H = np.array([[1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0]
               , [0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0]
               , [0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0]
               , [0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0]])

P = np.eye(A.shape[1])

Q = np.array([[25, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0]
               , [0, 25, 0, 0, 0, 0]
               , [0, 0, 25, 0, 0, 0]
               , [0, 0, 0, 25, 0, 0]
               , [0, 0, 0, 0, 49, 0]
               , [0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 49]])

R = dt * np.eye(4)
```

Tracker = Data Point + Kalman Filter

(Data point and Kalman filter are core elements of C4dynamics)

```
class tracker(c4d.datapoint):
    # a datapoint
    # kalman filter
    # display color
    ##

    def __init__(obj, z):
        super().__init__() # Call the constructor of c4d.datapoint

        obj.filter = c4d.filters.kalman(np.hstack((z, np.zeros(2))),
                                         P, A, H, Q, R)

        obj.counterSame = 0
```

```

obj.counterEscaped = 0
obj.appear = 0

obj.color = [np.random.randint(0, 255)
             , np.random.randint(0, 255)
             , np.random.randint(0, 255)]

def update(obj, measure):
    if obj.isvalid(measure):
        obj.counterEscaped = 0
        obj.appear += 1
        obj.filter.correct(measure)

def isvalid(obj, measure):
    innovation = measure - np.dot(obj.filter.H, obj.filter.x)
    if obj.appear < 8:
        return True
    ...
    Innovation test.
    ...

    S = np.dot(obj.filter.H, np.dot(obj.filter.P, obj.filter.H.T))
+ obj.filter.R
    epsilon = np.dot(innovation.T, np.dot(np.linalg.inv(S),
innovation))
    return epsilon < 9.488 # chi

def showdetection(obj):
    if obj.appear > 10:
        obj.appear = 10
    return obj.appear > 2

def nextposition(obj):
    state = obj.filter.x[:4]
    state = state.astype(np.int32)
    return np.array(state)

def getvelocity(obj):
    state = obj.filter.x[4:]
    state = state.astype(np.int32)
    return state

def getcenter(obj):
    state = obj.nextposition()
    center = np.zeros(2)
    center[0] = 0.5 * (state[0] + state[2])
    center[1] = 0.5 * (state[1] + state[3])
    return center.astype(np.int32)

def remove(obj):
    obj.counterEscaped += 1

```

```

        if obj.counterEscaped > 40:
            return True
        return False

    def __eq__(obj, other):
        x1 = obj.nextposition()
        x2 = other.nextposition()
        if np.linalg.norm(x1 - x2) < 10:
            return True

```

Trackers Manager

(a dictionary of trackers and methods to add and remove elements)

```

# trackers manager:
# list of active trackers
# add or remove tracks methods
class mTracks:
    def __init__(obj):
        obj.trackers = {}
        obj.removalist = []
        obj.neigh = NearestNeighbors(n_neighbors = 1)
        obj.thresh = 100 # threshold of 100 pixels to verify the
        measure is close enough to the object.

    def add(obj, key, z):
        obj.trackers[key] = tracker(z)

    def remove(obj):
        for key in obj.removalist:
            print(f'deleted existing data with key: {key}')
            try:
                obj.trackers.pop(key)
            except:
                print('deleted this key before')

        obj.removalist = []

    def refresh(obj, zList, frame, t):
        # updates the state of each tracker, performs
        # measurements handling and association with the nearest
        neighbor,
        # and visualizes the tracked objects on the frame.
        ##
        for key, kf in obj.trackers.items():
            #
            # predict

```

```

keys = list(obj.trackers.keys())
KeysVisited = []
KeysRemove = []

for key in keys:
    for inKey in keys:
        if key == inKey or inKey in KeysVisited:
            continue
        if obj.trackers[key] == obj.trackers[inKey]:
            if(obj.trackers[inKey].remove()):
                KeysRemove.append(inKey)
    KeysVisited.append(key)

for inKey in KeysRemove:
    print("Removing doubles")
    print(f'deleted existing data with key: {inKey}')
    try:
        obj.trackers.pop(inKey)
    except:
        print('deleted this key before')

```

Main Loop

```

def run(tf = 1):

    mtracks = mTracks()

    cov = 25 * np.eye(4)
    t = 0

    while video.isOpened():

        ret, frame = video.read()
        # frame = frame.astype(np.uint8)
        # frame = cv2.cvtColor(frame, cv2.COLOR_BGR2RGB) # Assuming
        input frames are in BGR format

        if not ret:
            break
        #
        # the update function runs the main trackers loop.
        ##
        zList = yolodet.getMeasurements(frame) # retrieves object
        measurements from the current frame using the object detector
        (YoloDetector).

```

```

        # updates the trackers dictionary by adding or removing
tracks.
        # creates new trackers if there are more
        # measurements than trackers and removes duplicate trackers if

        # there are more trackers than measurements.
kfNumber = len(mtracks.trackers.keys())
zNumber = zList.shape[0]

if kfNumber < zNumber:
    # more measurements than trackers
    mtracks.trackerMaker(zList, cov)

elif kfNumber > zNumber and zNumber > 0:
    # more trackers than measurements
    mtracks.RemoveDoubles()

    # fits the Nearest Neighbors algorithm to the object
    # measurements for association purposes.
    if zList.shape[0] >= 2:
        mtracks.neigh.fit(zList)

mtracks.refresh(zList, frame, t)
mtracks.remove()

cv2.imshow('image', frame)
result.write(frame)

key = cv2.waitKey(1) & 0xFF
if key == ord('q') or t >= tf:
    break

t += dt

cv2.destroyAllWindows()
result.release()
return mtracks

```

Run

```

ltrk = run(tf = 2)

following new data with key: 0
following new data with key: 1
following new data with key: 2
following new data with key: 3

```

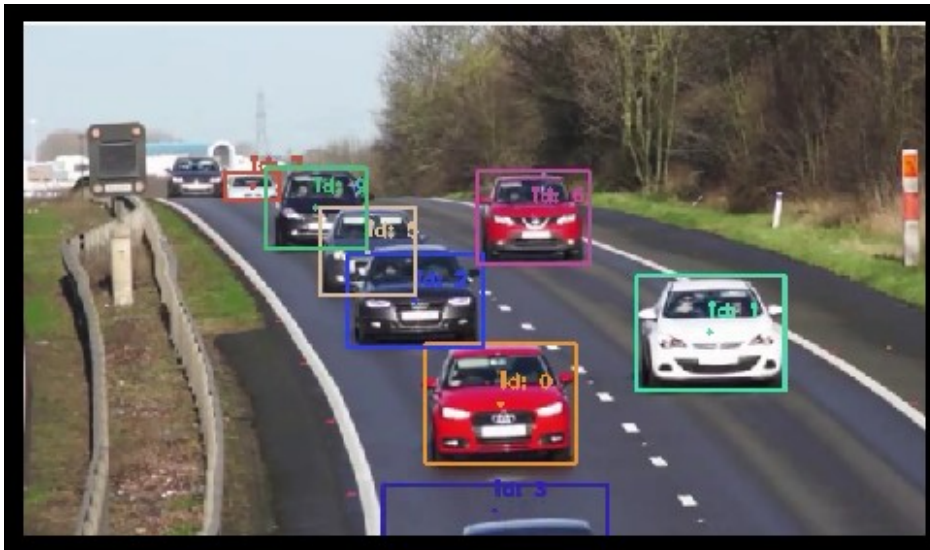


```

following new data with key: 4
following new data with key: 5
following new data with key: 6
following new data with key: 7
following new data with key: 8
following new data with key: 9
deleted existing data with key: 3
following new data with key: 10
following new data with key: 11
following new data with key: 12

plt.imshow(mpimg.imread(os.path.join(os.getcwd(), 'out',
'after.png')))
plt.axis('off')
plt.show()

```



Results Analysis

```

print(len(ltrk.trackers))

plt.rcParams["font.family"] = "Britannic Bold" # "Modern Love"#
"Corbel Bold"# "Times New Roman"
plt.rcParams["font.size"] = 12
# plt.style.use()
# plt.style.use('ggplot') # 'dark_background' # 'default' # 'seaborn'
# 'fivethirtyeight' # 'classic' # 'bmh'
plt.style.use('dark_background') # 'default' # 'seaborn' #
'fivethirtyeight' # 'classic' # 'bmh'
# plt.style.use('default') # 'seaborn' # 'fivethirtyeight' #
'classic' # 'bmh'
# plt.style.use('seaborn') # 'fivethirtyeight' # 'classic' # 'bmh'

```

```

# plt.style.use('fivethirtyeight') # 'classic' # 'bmh'
# plt.style.use('classic') # 'bmh'
# plt.style.use('bmh')

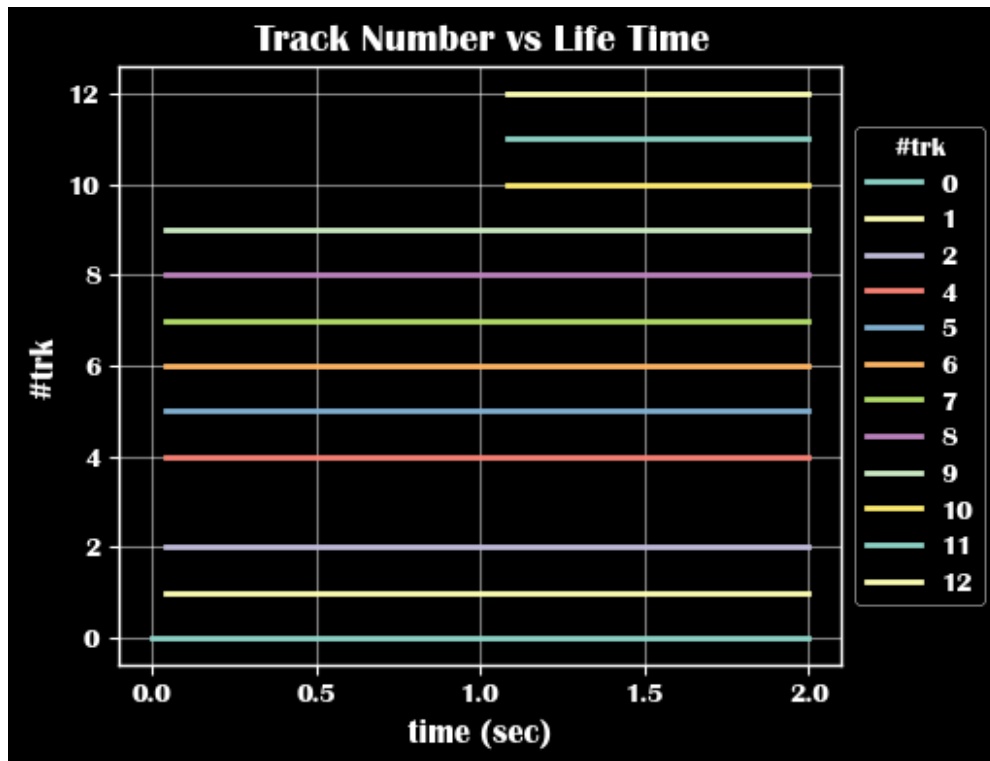
plt.rcParams['figure.figsize'] = (6.0, 4.0) # set default size of
plots
plt.rcParams['image.interpolation'] = 'nearest'
# plt.rcParams['image.cmap'] = 'gray'
plt.ion()

fig = plt.figure
ax = plt.subplot(111)

for k, v in ltrk.trackers.items():
    vtotal = np.sqrt(v.get_vx()**2 + v.get_vy()**2 + v.get_vz()**2)
    ax.plot(v.get_t(), k * np.ones(v.get_t().shape), linewidth = 2,
    label = str(k))

plt.legend(title = 'trk')
box = ax.get_position()
ax.set_position([box.x0, box.y0, box.width * 0.8, box.height])
ax.legend(title = '#trk', loc = 'center left', bbox_to_anchor=(1,
0.5))
ax.set_xlabel = 'time (sec)', ylabel = '#trk')
ax.set_title('Track Number vs Life Time')
ax.grid(alpha = 0.5)

```

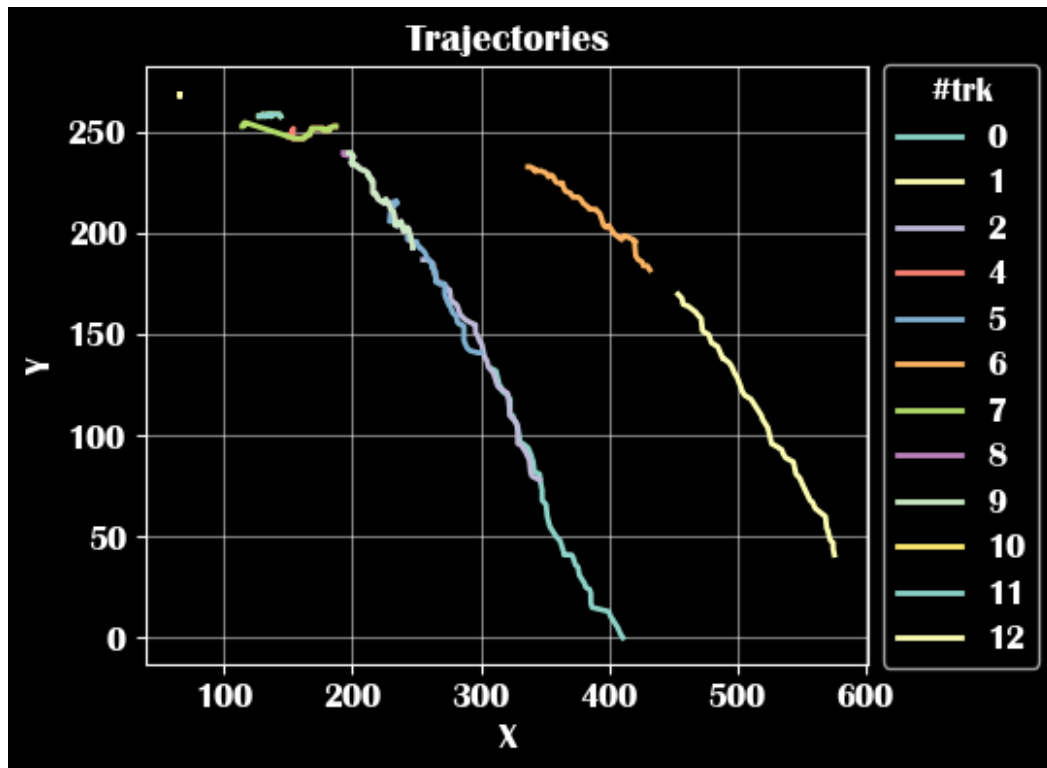


```
fig = plt.figure
ax = plt.subplot(111)

for k, v in ltrk.trackers.items():
    ax.plot(v.get_x(), height - v.get_y(), linewidth = 2, label =
str(k))

plt.legend(title = 'trk')
box = ax.get_position()
ax.set_position([box.x0, box.y0, box.width * 0.8, box.height])
ax.legend(title = '#trk', loc = 'center left', bbox_to_anchor=(1,
0.5))
ax.set_xlabel = 'X',ylabel = 'Y')
ax.set_title('Trajectories')
ax.grid(alpha = 0.5)
```

12



```
fig = plt.figure
ax = plt.subplot(111)

for k, v in ltrk.trackers.items():
    vtotal = np.sqrt(v.get_vx()**2 + v.get_vy()**2 + v.get_vz()**2)
    ax.plot(v.get_t(), vtotal, linewidth = 2, label = str(k))

plt.legend(title = 'trk')
box = ax.get_position()
ax.set_position([box.x0, box.y0, box.width * 0.8, box.height])
ax.legend(title = '#trk', loc = 'center left', bbox_to_anchor=(1, 0.5))
ax.set_xlabel('time (sec)', ylabel = 'V')
ax.set_title('Velocity')
ax.grid(alpha = 0.5)
```

