Title Facial Liveness Testing for the Web - what are the most suitable and effective methods?

Project Type Computer Vision, Image Processing and Security

Description In order to avoid spoofing in facial recognition systems, liveness tests are needed. While various liveness tests exist, some require specialized hardware and are therefore not suitable. This project aims to select the most suitable methods for a web facial authentication system, and analyze their effectiveness in terms of security. A liveness test is suitable if it uses only one built-in camera (found within laptops in the webcam, or in mobile devices as the front camera), and potentially the device screen (which varies in size depending on the device used), and can be done in near real time. The purpose of this project is to find the most suitable and effective facial liveness methods which can be used in a web-based application (by following the constraints defined above).

Minimum Objectives
- Build the test framework, to test using several different datasets and liveness tests.
- Implement the image quality based liveness test.
- Train the classifier used within the image quality based liveness test.
- Evaluate the image quality liveness test.

Intermediate Objectives
- Implement the eye tracking liveness test.
- Train the eye tracking liveness test classifier.
- Evaluate the eye tracking liveness test.
- Implement the CNN based liveness method (involving texture and temporal metrics).
- Train the CNN based liveness method classifier.
- Evaluate the CNN based liveness method.
- Compare CNN, eye tracking, and image quality based liveness methods together.

Advanced Objectives
- Implement a consolidation layer, combining the metrics above through a classifier.
- Train the consolidation layer classifier
- Evaluate the performance of the consolidation layer (i.e. all methods when integrated together) compared to each individual method on it's own.
- Implement the facial flashing liveness test [1]

References
- Keras (`https://keras.io`) for Machine Learning
- OpenCV (`https://opencv.org/`) for Image Processing
- Image quality based liveness test (`https://ieeexplore.ieee.org/document/6671991`)
- Eye tracking liveness test (`https://waset.org/publications/5308/liveness-detection-for-embedded-face-recognition-system`)
- CNN based liveness test (`https://arxiv.org/pdf/1408.5601.pdf`)
- Facial Flashing liveness test (`https://arxiv.org/pdf/1801.01949.pdf`)

[1] An optional objective. Not shown in the Gantt chart as it's not an essential component of our research.

Facial Liveness Tests

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Dataset Integration																													
NUAA dataset integration	2																												
REPLAY-ATTACK dataset integration	2																												
Test Framework																													
Generic Model Implementation	1																												
Dataset Manager (for test data) using datasets above	1																												
Test Runner	2																												
Quality Liveness Test																													
ReferenceImage creator (Gaussian subtraction)	1																												
Implementation of simple metrics (1-19)	3																												
Implementation of specialised metrics (20 onwards)	3																												
Vector consolodation (providing the vector from the metrics)	1																												
Linear classifier layer	3																												
Eye Tracking Liveness Test																													
Eye Detection	1																												
Face Region Normalization	2																												
Eye region binarization	1																												
Variation calculator	1																												
Variation classifier	1																												
CNN Liveness Test																													
Facial localization	2																												
Spatial augmentation	2																												
Temporal augmentation	2																												
Convolutional Neural Network (ImageNet)	2																												
Consolodation Layer																													
Vector creator based on the output of other tests	1																												
Training a classifier to give an output based on input	1																												
Comparison Data Gathering																													
Project writeup	11																												
Project Poster	4																												
Comparison of each three models individually	1																												
Models seperately, or models with the consolodation layer	1																												