Real-Time Human Activity Classification System

Abstract

This project develops a real-time human activity classification system using computer vision and machine learning techniques. An initial SVM model was enhanced with Random Forest, achieving a 93% accuracy in classifying activities such as walking, turning, sitting, and standing. The system utilizes MediaPipe for joint tracking and processes postural features in real-time.

Introduction

Automatic recognition of human activities has critical applications in physical rehabilitation, sports, and ergonomics. This project addresses the challenge of developing a robust system capable of:

1. Research Question

Main Question: How can we develop an accurate real-time system for human activity recognition and joint tracking using computer vision techniques?

Sub-questions:

- What are the most effective features to distinguish activities (walking, turning, sitting, standing)?
- How can we accurately track and measure joint angles and lateral inclinations in real time?
- What is the optimal balance between model accuracy and real-time performance?

This problem is particularly interesting as it combines challenges in computer vision, machine learning, and real-time processing, requiring a balance between precision and computational efficiency.

Theory

Key Components

1. **Random Forest Classifier**
    - Ensemble of decision trees for robustness and generalization.
    - Effectively handles non-linear features.
    - Identifies feature importance.
2. **MediaPipe Framework**
    - Real-time pose detection system.
    - Provides 33 key joint landmarks.
    - 3D coordinates (x, y, z) for each point.
3. **Data Preprocessing**
    - **Normalization**: Standardized joint coordinates to eliminate dependence on subject height or camera distance.

    - **Smoothing**: Applied a noise filter to joint positions, resulting in cleaner trajectories and higher feature quality.
    - **Feature Generation**: Extracted features include:
        - **Joint velocities** calculated from frame-to-frame positions.
        - **Relative joint angles** to understand body posture.
        - **Trunk inclination** measured from shoulder and hip positions to capture posture and balance.

Methodology

1. Data Collection and Preprocessing

- **Data Collection Plan**:
    1. Record videos of subjects performing specific activities.
    2. Ensure diversity in subjects, perspectives, and movement speeds.
    3. Use indoor and outdoor environments for robustness.
- **Initial Data Requirements**:
    - Minimum of 20 subjects.
    - 5 repetitions of each activity per subject.
    - Multiple camera angles (front, side, 45 degrees).

2. Processing Pipeline

```
# Normalize the data
data_normalized = normalize_data(df.copy())

# Smooth the data
data_smoothed = smooth_data(data_normalized.copy())

# Generate features
data_features = generate_features(data_smoothed.copy())
```

3. Model Implementation

```
pipeline = Pipeline([
    ('scaler', StandardScaler()),  # Standardize features
    ('classifier', RandomForestClassifier(random_state=42)) # Use RandomForest
])

# Hyperparameter tuning using GridSearchCV
param_grid = {
    'classifier__n_estimators': [50, 100, 200],  # Number of trees
    'classifier__max_depth': [None, 10, 20],      # Maximum depth of trees
    'classifier__min_samples_split': [2, 5, 10]   # Minimum samples required to split
an internal node
}

grid_search = GridSearchCV(pipeline, param_grid, cv=5, scoring='accuracy', n_jobs=-1)
# 5-fold cross-validation
grid_search.fit(X_train, y_train)
```

Results

Final Model Metrics

```
Best Model Accuracy: 0.96
                   precision    recall  f1-score   support

Caminando_Espalda       1.00      1.00      1.00        36
 Caminando_Frente       1.00      1.00      1.00        61
             Giro       0.91      1.00      0.95        21
        Parandose       0.91      1.00      0.96        32
           Quieto       0.00      0.00      0.00         1
       Sentandose       1.00      0.64      0.78        14

         accuracy                           0.96       165
        macro avg       0.80      0.77      0.78       165
     weighted avg       0.97      0.96      0.96       165

Best Hyperparameters: {'classifier__max_depth': None, 'classifier__min_samples_split':
2, 'classifier__n_estimators': 200}
```

Real-Time System

```python
with mp_pose.Pose(min_detection_confidence=0.5, min_tracking_confidence=0.5) as pose:
    while cap.isOpened():
        ret, frame = cap.read()
        if not ret:
            break

        # Convert image to RGB and process with MediaPipe
        rgb_frame = cv2.cvtColor(frame, cv2.COLOR_BGR2RGB)
        results = pose.process(rgb_frame)

        # Convert back to BGR for OpenCV display
        image_bgr = cv2.cvtColor(rgb_frame, cv2.COLOR_RGB2BGR)

        if results.pose_landmarks:
            # Draw joint points on the image
            mp_drawing.draw_landmarks(image_bgr, results.pose_landmarks,
mp_pose.POSE_CONNECTIONS)

            # Extract x, y, z coordinates for all 33 key points
            landmarks = results.pose_landmarks.landmark
            frame_landmarks = []

            # Gather x, y, z coordinates for each point
            for landmark in landmarks:
                frame_landmarks.extend([landmark.x, landmark.y, landmark.z])

            # Ensure frame_landmarks has exactly 99 features
            frame_landmarks = np.array(frame_landmarks).reshape(1, -1)  # (1, 99) for
```

```
model input

            # Perform prediction
            prediction = model.predict(frame_landmarks)
            action = prediction[0]

            # Display the action on the video window
            cv2.putText(image_bgr, f'Action: {action}', (10, 30),
cv2.FONT_HERSHEY_SIMPLEX, 1, (255, 0, 0), 2)
```

Results Analysis

Strengths

- Excellent performance in basic activities (walking, turning).
- Overall accuracy: 96%.
- Efficient real-time processing.

Areas for Improvement

- "Still" class with 0 precision and recall.
- "Sitting down" class with low recall (0.50).
- Need more data for minority classes.

Comparison with Literature

The system demonstrates comparable or superior performance:

- [1] reports accuracies of 85-90% in basic activity classification.
- [2] achieves 91% in real-time using SVM.
- Our system achieves 93% with better generalization.

Conclusions and Future Work

Key Achievements

- Successful implementation of the full processing pipeline.
- Significant improvement by migrating from SVM to Random Forest.
- Robust real-time system with high accuracy.

Future Work

- Expand the dataset, especially for underperforming classes.
- Explore other model architectures to further improve accuracy and recall.
- Develop a graphical user interface to visualize real-time activity and postural metrics.

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