



Experiment No. 8
To Perform Detecting and Recognizing Objects
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Aim: To Perform Detecting and Recognizing Objects

Objective: Object Detection and recognition techniques HOG descriptor The Scale issues The location issue Non-maximum (or non-maxima) suppression vector machine people detection

Theory:

Object detection and recognition Techniques :-

Object recognition is a computer vision technique used to identify, locate, and classify objects in digital images or real-life scenarios. It is an applied artificial intelligence approach that repurposes a computer as an object detector so it can scan an image or video from the real world. It understands the object's features and interprets its purpose just like humans do.

Object recognition combines four techniques: image recognition object localization, object detection, and image segmentation. Object recognition decodes the features and predicts the category or class of image through a classifier, for example, supervised machine learning models like Support Vector Machine (SVM), Adaboost, Boosting, or Decision Tree. Object recognition algorithms are coded in Darknet, an open-source neural network framework written in C, Cuda, or Python.

HOG descriptors

HOG is a feature descriptor, so it belongs to the same family of algorithms as scaleinvariant feature transform (SIFT), speeded-up robust features (SURF), and Oriented FAST and rotated BRIEF (ORB). . Like other feature descriptors, HOG is capable of delivering the type of information that is vital for feature matching, as well as for object detection and recognition.



Most commonly, HOG is used for object detection. The algorithm – and, in particular, its use as a people detector – was popularized by Navneet Dalal and Bill Triggs in their paper Histograms of Oriented Gradients for Human Detection (INRIA, 2005). HOG's internal mechanism is really clever; an image is divided into cells and a set of gradients is calculated for each cell. Each gradient describes the change in pixel intensities in a given direction. Together, these gradients form a histogram representation of the cell.

The scale issue

For each HOG cell, the histogram contains a number of bins equal to the number of gradients or, in other words, the number of axis directions that HOG considers. After calculating all the cells' histograms, HOG processes groups of histograms to produce higher-level descriptors. Specifically, the cells are grouped into larger regions, called blocks. These blocks can be made of any number of cells, but Dalal and Triggs found that 2x2 cell blocks yielded the best results when performing people detection. A block-wide vector is created so that it can be normalized, compensating for local variations in illumination and shadowing. (A single cell is too small a region to detect such variations.) This normalization improves a HOG-based detector's robustness, with respect to variations in lighting conditions.

The Location issue

Like other detectors, a HOG-based detector needs to cope with variations in objects' location and scale. The need to search in various locations is addressed by moving a fixedsize sliding window across an image. The need to search at various scales is addressed by scaling the image to various sizes, forming a so-called image pyramid. Suppose we are using a sliding window to perform people detection on an image. We slide our window in small steps, just a few pixels at a time, so we expect that it will frame any given person multiple times.

Assuming that overlapping detections are indeed one person, we do not want to report multiple



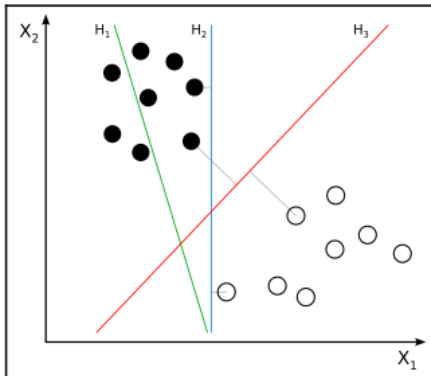
locations but, rather, only one location that we believe to be correct. In other words, even if a detection at a given location has a good confidence score, we might reject it if an overlapping detection has a better confidence score; thus, from a set of overlapping detections, we would choose the one with the best confidence score.

Non-maximum(or Non-maxima)Suppression

A typical implementation of NMS takes the following approach: 1. Construct an image pyramid. 2. Scan each level of the pyramid with the sliding window approach, for object detection. For each window that yields a positive detection (beyond a certain arbitrary confidence threshold), convert the window back to the original image's scale. Add the window and its confidence score to a list of positive detections. 3. Sort the list of positive detections by order of descending confidence score so that the best detections come first in the list. 4. For each window, W , in the list of positive detections, remove all subsequent windows that significantly overlap with W . We are left with a list of positive detections that satisfy the criterion of NMS. Besides NMS, another way to filter the positive detections is to eliminate any subwindows. When we speak of a subwindow (or subregion), we mean a window (or region in an image) that is entirely contained inside another window (or region). To check for subwindows, we simply need to compare the corner coordinates of various window rectangles. We will take this simple approach in our first practical example, in the Detecting people with HOG descriptors section. Optionally, NMS and suppression of subwindows can be combined

Support vector machines

Given labeled training data, an SVM learns to classify the same kind of data by finding an optimal hyperplane, which, in plain English, is the plane that divides differently labeled data by the largest possible margin



Hyperplane H_1 (shown as a green line) does not divide the two classes (the black dots versus the white dots). Hyperplanes H_2 (shown as a blue line) and H_3 (shown as a red line) both divide the classes; however, only hyperplane H_3 divides the classes by a maximal margin.



Code :-

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import cv2
from google.colab.patches import cv2_imshow

image_path = '/content/test2.jpg'

def is_inside(i, o):
    ix, iy, iw, ih = i
    ox, oy, ow, oh = o
    return ix > ox and ix + iw < ox + ow and \
           iy > oy and iy + ih < oy + oh

hog = cv2.HOGDescriptor()
hog.setSVMDetector(cv2.HOGDescriptor_getDefaultPeopleDetector())

img = cv2.imread(image_path)

found_rects, found_weights = hog.detectMultiScale(
    img, winStride=(4, 4), scale=1.02, groupThreshold=1.9)

found_rects_filtered = []
found_weights_filtered = []

for ri, r in enumerate(found_rects):
    for qi, q in enumerate(found_rects):
        if ri != qi and is_inside(r, q):
            break
    else:
        found_rects_filtered.append(r)
        found_weights_filtered.append(found_weights[ri])

for ri, r in enumerate(found_rects_filtered):
    x, y, w, h = r
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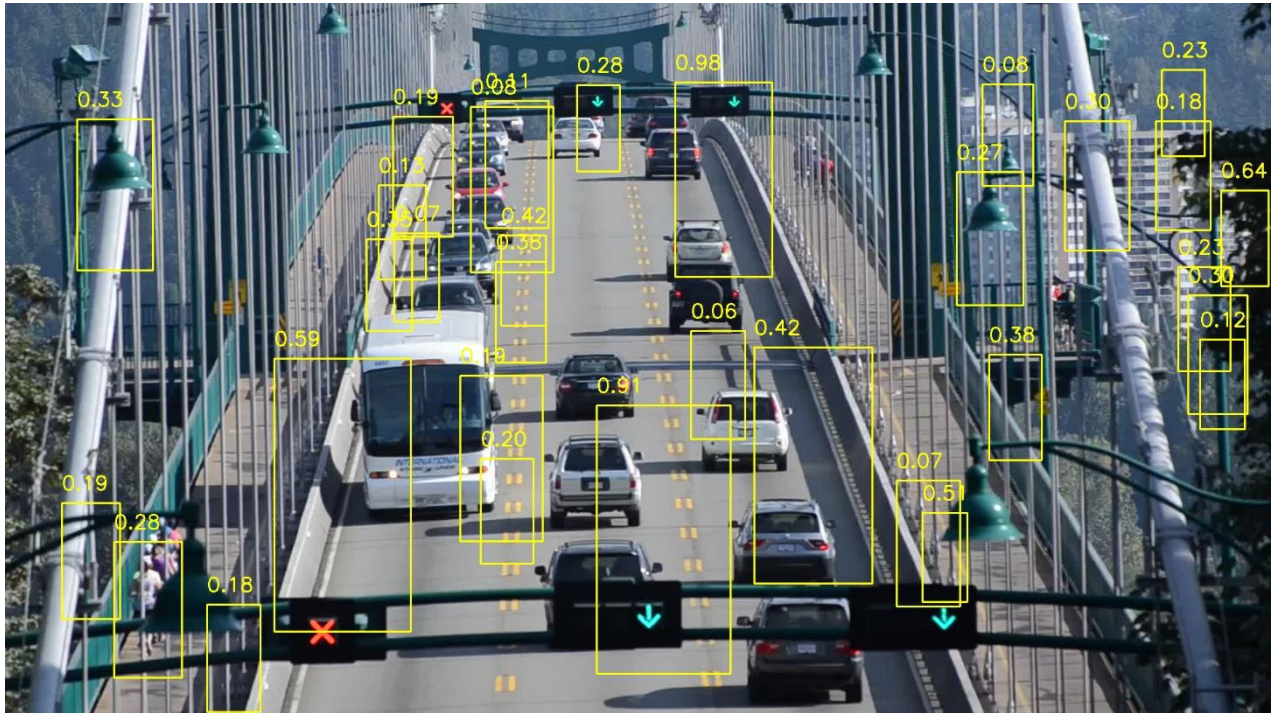
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cv2.rectangle(img, (x, y), (x + w, y + h), (0, 0, 255), 3)
text = '%.2f' % found_weights_filtered[ri]
cv2.putText(img, text, (x, y - 20), cv2.FONT_HERSHEY_SIMPLEX, 1,
(225, 0, 0), 2)

cv2.imshow('img')

cv2.waitKey(0)
cv2.destroyAllWindows()
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Output :-



Conclusion: -

Object detection and recognition techniques have made significant strides in the realm of computer vision, with the HOG (Histogram of Oriented Gradients) descriptor being a noteworthy contribution. However, they are not without challenges. Scale issues, often arising due to variations in object size, and location issues, caused by object positioning, pose considerable challenges to accurate detection. Non-maximum suppression techniques help mitigate these challenges, ensuring that only the most relevant object hypotheses are retained. Support Vector Machines have been widely employed for training models to detect people, exemplifying the adaptability of these techniques across domains. While hurdles persist, the evolution of object detection and recognition techniques continues to push the boundaries of what is achievable in the field of computer vision.