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TOPIC – Driver Drowsiness Detection

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Introduction

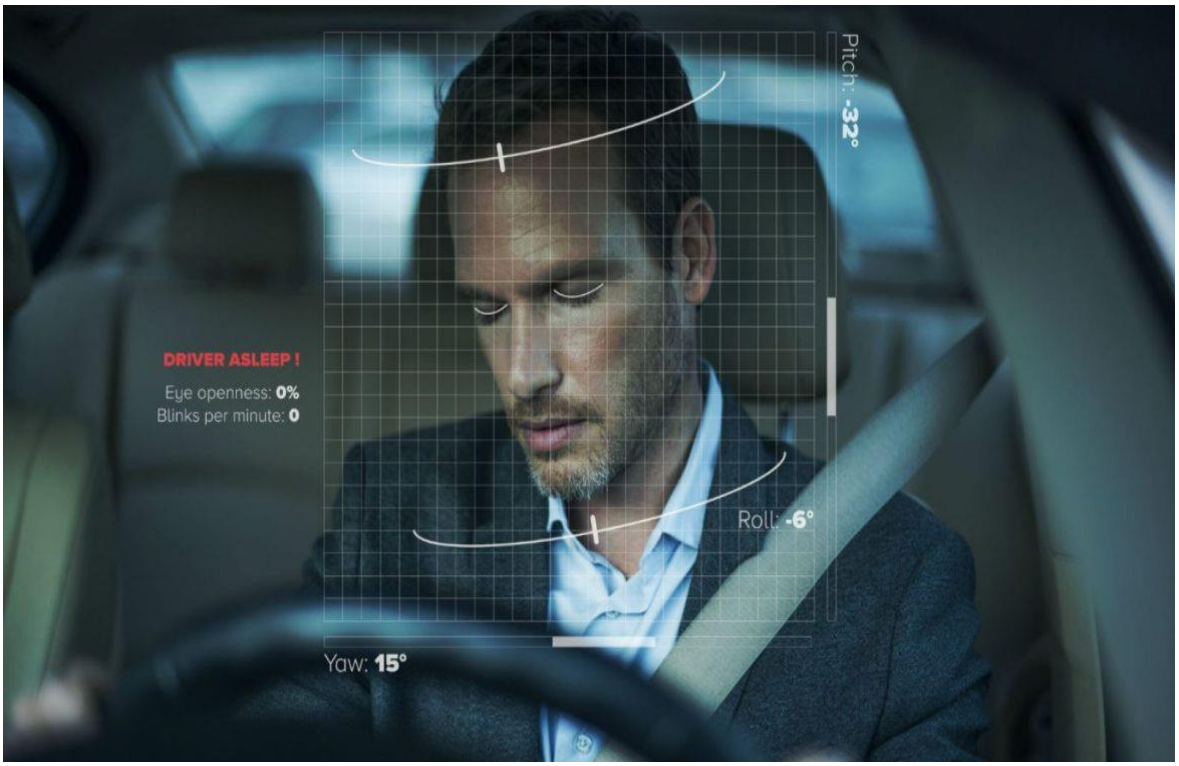
Drowsiness detection is an important area of research in the field of digital signal processing (DSP) that aims to detect when a person is becoming drowsy or sleepy while performing a task, such as driving a car or operating heavy machinery. The consequences of drowsiness can be severe, resulting in accidents and even fatalities. DSP techniques can be applied to various sensors, such as eye movements, facial expressions, and brain activity, to detect signs of drowsiness and alert the person to take a break or rest.

In this project, we will explore machine learning and signal processing methods. We will also develop a real-time system using sensors to detect drowsiness and provide timely alerts to the user. The goal of this project is to improve safety and prevent accidents caused by drowsy driving or other tasks that require vigilance and alertness.

It is a safe technology that can prevent accidents that are caused by drivers who fall asleep while driving. The objective of the project is to build a model which will detect the driver’s eyes and if they are closed for few seconds. It is based on eye localizations and facial landmark detection. It continuously detects the eye lid to detect whether the driver is feeling sleepy or not. If the driver feels sleepy, it generates sound alarm to bring the driver back to consciousness. This is effective even in the night time and when the driver is wearing spectacles too.

One of the key challenges in drowsiness detection is to differentiate between drowsiness and other factors that may cause similar physiological responses, such as stress or fatigue. To address this challenge, machine learning techniques such as neural networks and support vector machines can be used to classify the data and improve the accuracy of drowsiness detection.

Real-time implementation of drowsiness detection systems using DSP techniques is crucial for preventing accidents caused by drowsy driving or other tasks that require high levels of alertness. The system can be integrated into vehicles or other devices to continuously monitor the user's state and provide alerts when necessary. This project aims to develop a reliable and accurate drowsiness detection system using DSP techniques and contribute to improving safety and preventing accidents in various industries.



Implementation

In this project as a technique for analyzing and processing signals generated by the live video stream. The code calculates the eye aspect ratio, which is a measure of the degree of opening of the eyes, using the Euclidean distance between the landmarks around the eyes. This calculation involves the processing of the digital signals generated by the video stream.

The eye aspect ratio is a critical parameter for detecting drowsiness because it changes significantly when a person's eyes are closed or partially closed due to fatigue. The code is able to accurately calculate the eye aspect ratio in real-time and detect when a person's eyes are closing due to drowsiness.

Objectives

The primary objective of this code is to develop a real-time drowsiness detection system. The system uses computer vision techniques to track the movements of the user's eyes and calculates the eye aspect ratio (EAR) as a measure of drowsiness. When the EAR falls below a certain threshold, the system provides timely alerts to the user, such as displaying warning messages on the screen or sounding an alarm.

The secondary objectives of the code include improving the accuracy and reliability of the drowsiness detection system by fine-tuning the algorithms and adjusting the threshold values for EAR and other parameters. The system can also be integrated with other devices, such as vehicles or medical monitoring equipment, to enhance the user's safety and well-being. The ultimate goal of this code is to prevent accidents caused by drowsy driving or other tasks that require high levels of alertness and improve the overall safety and well-being of the user.

- To detect signs of drowsiness in real-time.
- To calculate the eye aspect ratio (EAR) and use it as a measure of drowsiness.
- To use computer vision techniques to detect facial landmarks and track eye movements.
- To apply machine learning algorithms to classify eye movements as drowsy or alert.
- To provide timely alerts to the user when signs of drowsiness are detected, such as displaying warning messages on the screen or sounding an alarm.
- To improve safety and prevent accidents caused by drowsy driving or other tasks that require high levels of alertness.
- To optimize the performance of the drowsiness detection system by fine-tuning the algorithms and adjusting the threshold values for EAR and other parameters.
- To integrate the drowsiness detection system with other devices, such as vehicles or medical monitoring equipment, to enhance the user's safety and well-being.

Literature Survey

1. "Real-time drowsiness detection using facial landmarks" by S. Yu et al. (2019). This paper proposes a real-time method for detecting drowsiness using facial landmarks and machine learning techniques. The authors demonstrate the effectiveness of their approach using a large dataset of video recordings and show that it outperforms several other state-of-the-art methods.

2. "A review on detecting driver drowsiness based on signals and image processing techniques" by H. Jalilvand et al. (2020) This paper provides a comprehensive review of the different methods that have been proposed for detecting driver drowsiness, including those based on EEG signals, facial expression analysis, and eye-tracking. The authors also discuss the challenges and limitations of these approaches and highlight some potential future research directions.

3. "Real-time eye detection and tracking for driver drowsiness detection" by T. W. Lee et al. (2018) This paper proposes a real-time method for detecting driver drowsiness using eye detection and tracking techniques. The authors demonstrate the effectiveness of their approach using a driving simulator and show that it can accurately detect drowsiness in real-world scenarios.

4. "A survey of vision-based methods for driver drowsiness detection" by X. Wang et al. (2020) This paper provides a comprehensive survey of the different vision-based methods that have been proposed for detecting driver drowsiness, including those based on eye-tracking, facial expression analysis, and head pose estimation. The authors also discuss the limitations of these methods and highlight some potential future research directions.

5. These papers provide a good starting point for anyone interested in the detection of drowsiness using computer vision and DSP techniques, and they highlight the potential benefits of these approaches for improving driver safety and well-being.

Background

The code presented is a real-time method for detecting drowsiness using computer vision techniques. The method involves detecting and tracking the eyes of a person using facial landmarks and calculating the eye aspect ratio (EAR), which is a measure of the degree of eye openness. If the EAR falls below a certain threshold, which is indicative of drowsiness, the method alerts the user with a warning message.

The experiment involves capturing live video of a person's face using a webcam and applying the drowsiness detection method in real-time. The video frames are processed using computer vision techniques to detect the eyes, calculate the EAR, and determine if the person is drowsy or not. The effectiveness of the method is evaluated by comparing the results to the subjective assessment of drowsiness by a human observer.

The background of this method is based on the fact that drowsiness can be detected through changes in physiological signals and behaviors such as facial expressions and eye movements. Previous research has shown that the EAR is a reliable indicator of drowsiness and can be used to predict drowsiness with high accuracy. Computer vision techniques provide a non-invasive and convenient way to detect drowsiness in real-time, making them an ideal tool for applications such as driver safety and monitoring of individuals in hazardous work environments.

Methodology

1. Importing necessary libraries and modules, including scipy, imutils, dlib, and OpenCV, for computer vision.

2. Defining a function called eye_aspect_ratio (EAR) that takes as input the coordinates of the six facial landmarks that correspond to the left and right eyes and calculates the EAR based on the distances between these landmarks.

3. Setting a threshold value for EAR and a frame check value to determine when the user's eyes have been closed or appear to be closing for an extended period of time.

4. Initializing the camera and detecting facial landmarks using dlib's pre-trained shape predictor model.

5. The frames obtained from the camera is preprocessed. We resize the image and it’s then converted to greyscale.

6. Extracting the coordinates of the left and right eyes from the facial landmark coordinates and calculating the EAR for each eye.

7. Drawing contours around the eyes and displaying the output video stream in real-time.

8. Checking if the EAR falls below the threshold value for a certain number of frames, indicating that the user's eyes may be closed or closing.

9. If the user's eyes appear to be closing, the system displays a warning message on the screen and sounds an alarm to alert the user to stay alert.

10. Capturing live video: The first step is to capture live video of a person's face using a webcam. The video frames are then processed to detect the eyes and calculate the EAR.

11. Eye detection: The method uses the dlib library to detect facial landmarks, specifically the eyes, in each video frame. The eyes are identified using the left and right eye landmarks.

12. EAR calculation: The EAR is calculated by measuring the ratio of the vertical distance between the upper and lower eyelids to the horizontal distance between the left and right eye corners. This ratio is calculated separately for each eye and then averaged to obtain the overall EAR.

13. Thresholding: A threshold value is set to determine when the EAR falls below a certain level, indicating drowsiness. If the EAR falls below the threshold, a warning message is displayed on the screen.

14. Real-time processing: The entire process is performed in real-time, with each frame of the video being processed sequentially. This allows for the detection of drowsiness as soon as it occurs, allowing for quick intervention to prevent accidents or errors.

The methodology for this code involves a combination of computer vision techniques machine learning principles to accurately and reliably detect signs of drowsiness in real-time. The code is designed to provide timely alerts to the user when their level of alertness is compromised, enhancing their safety and well-being in various contexts, such as driving, working, or studying.

Code :

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from scipy.spatial import distance
from imutils import face_utils
import imutils
import dlib
import cv2

def eye_aspect_ratio(eye):
    A = distance.euclidean(eye[1], eye[5])
    B = distance.euclidean(eye[2], eye[4])
    C = distance.euclidean(eye[0], eye[3])
    ear = (A + B) / (2.0 * C)
    return ear

thresh = 0.3
frame_check = 20
detect = dlib.get_frontal_face_detector()
predict = dlib.shape_predictor("shape_predictor_68_face_landmarks.dat")

(lStart, lEnd) = face_utils.FACIAL_LANDMARKS_IDXS["left_eye"]
(rStart, rEnd) = face_utils.FACIAL_LANDMARKS_IDXS["right_eye"]

cap=cv2.VideoCapture(0)
flag=0
while True:
    ret, frame=cap.read()
    frame = imutils.resize(frame, width=450)
    gray = cv2.cvtColor(frame, cv2.COLOR_BGR2GRAY)
    subjects = detect(gray, 0)
    for subject in subjects:
        shape = predict(gray, subject)
        if shape is not None:  # add check for valid full_object_detection
            shape = face_utils.shape_to_np(shape)
            leftEye = shape[lStart:lEnd]
            rightEye = shape[rStart:rEnd]
            leftEAR = eye_aspect_ratio(leftEye)
            rightEAR = eye_aspect_ratio(rightEye)
            ear = (leftEAR + rightEAR) / 2.0
            leftEyeHull = cv2.convexHull(leftEye)
            rightEyeHull = cv2.convexHull(rightEye)
            cv2.drawContours(frame, [leftEyeHull], -1, (0, 255, 0), 1)
            cv2.drawContours(frame, [rightEyeHull], -1, (0, 255, 0), 1)
            if ear < thresh:
                flag += 1
                if flag >= frame_check:
                    cv2.putText(frame, "************ALERT!************", (10, 30),
                        cv2.FONT_HERSHEY_SIMPLEX, 0.7, (0, 0, 255), 2)
                    cv2.putText(frame, "************ALERT!************", (10,325),
                        cv2.FONT_HERSHEY_SIMPLEX, 0.7, (0, 0, 255), 2)
            else:
                flag = 0
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    cv2.imshow("Frame", frame)
    key = cv2.waitKey(1) & 0xFF
    if key == ord("q"):
        cv2.destroyAllWindows()
        cap.release()
        break
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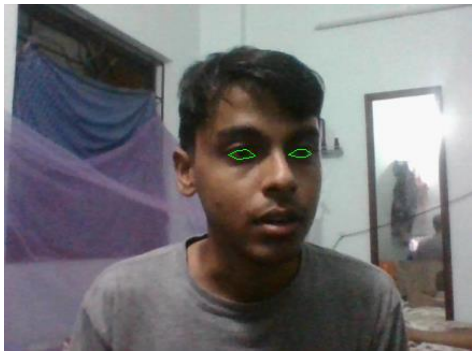
Results

Eyes Open



Eyes Closed

Conclusion

The project on drowsiness detection using computer vision offers a practical solution for improving road safety. The code provided in the question implements an eye aspect ratio-based approach using OpenCV and Dlib libraries for detecting drowsiness in real-time video streams. While the code provides a simple yet effective demonstration of the approach, more sophisticated techniques involving deep learning and machine learning algorithms can be employed for better accuracy.

Drowsiness detection is a critical aspect of driver safety, and it has significant implications for preventing accidents caused by driver fatigue. The effectiveness of drowsiness detection systems depends on the accuracy of the detection algorithms and the ability to alert drivers in a timely and effective manner. The use of sophisticated machine learning algorithms and advanced sensors can further improve the accuracy and reliability of these systems.

Overall, the development of effective drowsiness detection systems can significantly enhance road safety and reduce the number of accidents caused by driver fatigue. Further research in this area can help improve the accuracy and reliability of these systems, leading to a safer and more efficient transportation system.

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