CS308 Project Tracktor

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INTRODUCTION

- System having a holder for objects like mobile and capable of tracking a person
- We call it **Tracktor** as in Tracking Rotor
- Suppose you are video calling and you want to move around or do other household work, you need your hands to be free from the mobile/tablet
- Tracktor allows people to parallelize their household work with video calls or watching movies etc.

PROBLEM STATEMENT

- The aim of the project is to design a system that tracks a user present in its view and orient itself towards them
- The user should also be able to mount their own device such as mobile phone tablet on the system

Functional Requirements

- The system should take input in the form of video feed or images at regular intervals
- Using the input it should locate the user
- It should allow user to mount his own device, such as a phone, on the system
- The system should rotate the device towards the user

Non-functional Requirements

- **Correctness** The system should correctly track the user and rotate the device
- Portability It should be small and lightweight
- Scalability It should be able to hold any size of the device ranging from phone to tablets
- **Response time** the system should be quick
- **Price** it should be affordable

Hardware Requirements

- 1. Raspberry Pi
- 2. USB Camera
- 3. Servo motor
- 4. Power source 5V adapters for both Rpi and the servo motor

Software Requirements

- 1. Raspbian OS
- 2. Python 2.7
- 3. OpenCV 2.4.5

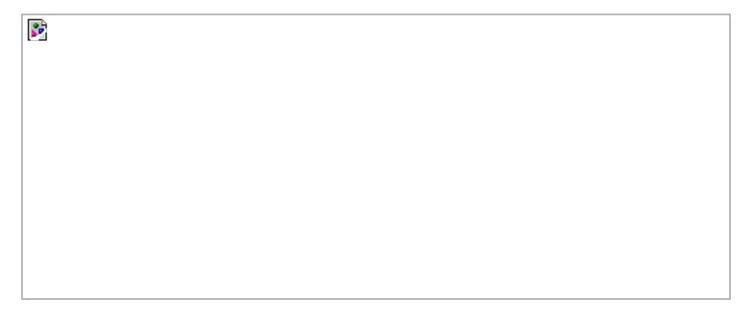
SYSTEM DESIGN

Functional components of the system are

- 1. **RPi** performs face detection and sends the signal to the servo motor
- 2. Camera Sends continuous frames to the RPi
- **3. Motor** Rotates the system based on the input from RPi
- **4. Holder** Allows keeping mobiles firmly attached to the system

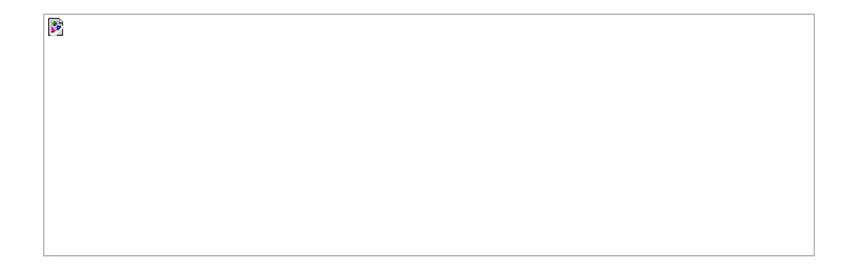
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Interaction among components

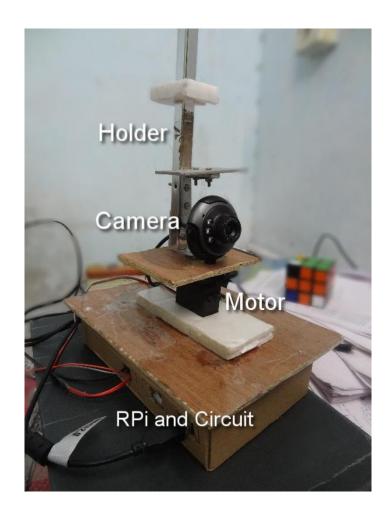


SYSTEM DESIGN

FSM Representation



SNAPSHOT



WORKING OF THE SYSTEM

- 1. USB camera mounted on the rotating platter captures images and sends them to Raspberry pi for detecting faces
- 2. LBP classifier is used for face detection
- 3. Using the x-coordinate of the face detected the amount of rotation required for the camera is determined.
- 4. PWM signal with the calculated duty cycle is sent to the servo motor which then rotates the stand

TESTING

- 1. To test video input, we displayed the video frames on a computer
- 2. In the video shown on the computer we highlight the faces detected with a green rectangle, tested with various faces and backgrounds
- 3. Tried to mount a number of different sized devices on the system
- 4. The system correctly orients the device towards the user without letting the device fall or without having the weight of the device slow it down

DISCUSSION OF THE SYSTEM

- What components worked as per plan
 - 1. Camera
 - 2. Raspberry Pi
 - 3. Servo Motor
- Nothing more was added to SRS
- The motion detector was not used. Camera is used instead for the continuous feed
- The system can only cover ~225° due to limited movement of servo motor

FUTURE WORK

- Interfacing multiple cameras to cover 360° view, currently 1 camera covers only 53°
- Incorporating motion sensor instead of camera if there is no movement, and using the camera only after movement is detected
- Using only motion sensor to detect movement and rotating the motor using its data, this would make the system fast

CONCLUSION

- Tracktor helps you parallelize household works with video calling or watching movies etc.
- It is a system that tracks a user orients itself towards them
- It can hold device with varying sizes and rotate them

Working Demo: https://youtu.be/ywYAUtYPsEM

REFERENCES

- OpenCV
- Raspberry Pi

THANK YOU