

Image and Video Analysis

Project 1: Crowd Monitoring

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Crowd Counting

- Calculating the number of objects in a single image, used for e.g. urban planning, public safety.
- Crowd counting technique categories:
 - detection-based,
 - regression-based,
 - density estimation,
 - CNN-based density estimation.

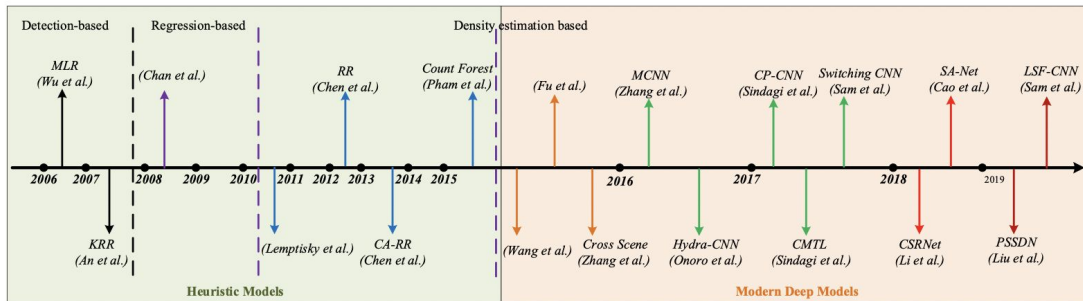


Fig. 1: A brief chronology of crowd counting. The first incorporation of deep learning techniques for crowd counting is from 2015. See Section 1 for more detailed description. Milestone models in this figure: MLR [52], KRR [53], Chan et al. [27], Lempitsky et al. [16], RR [40], CA-RR [54], Count Forest [48], Wang et al. [49], Fu et al. [50], Cross scene [51], MCNN [1], Hydra-CNN [2], CP-CNN [6], CMTL [55], switching CNN [5], CSRNet [12], SANet [11], PSSDN [56] and LSF-CNN [57]. The trend in the past few years has been designing crowd counting models based on multi-column (in green), single-column (in red) network architecture and object localization or tracking depending on counting techniques (in crimson), which are either contemporary and potential direction in future. While traditional heuristic methods are highlighted with the blue-shaded area and the modern CNN-based density estimation and crowd counting models are with the red-shaded backgrounds, respectively.

Dataset

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Image 1



Image 2



Image 5



Image 6



Image 3



Image 4



Image 7

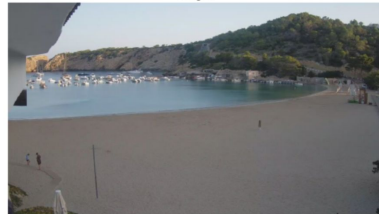


Image 8



Image 9



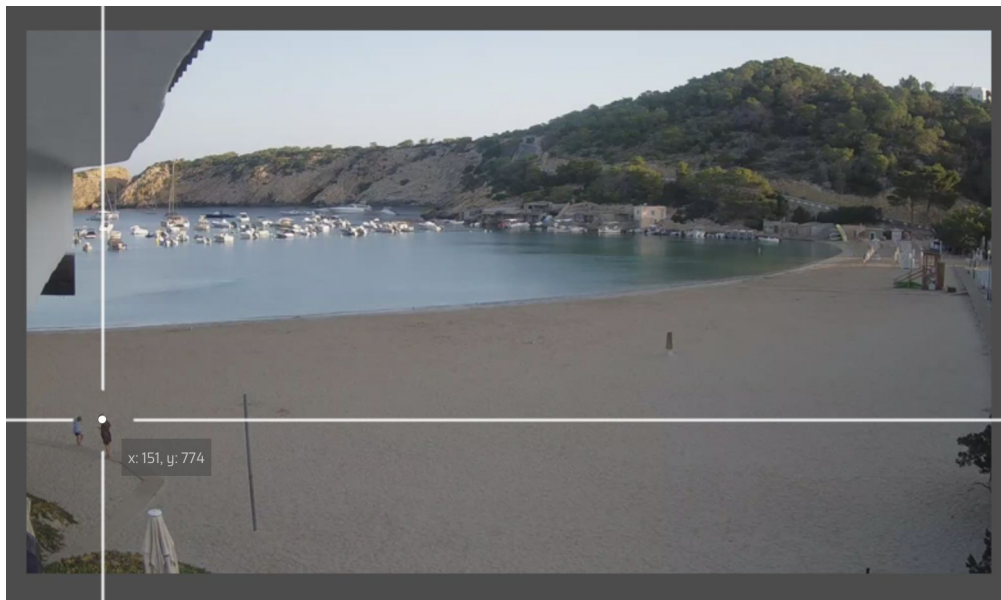
Image 10



Annotation Process

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<https://www.makesense.ai/> > Object Detection



object	x	y	image
Person	148	766	1660284000.jpg
Person	105	769	1660284000.jpg
Person	621	719	1660287600.jpg
Person	865	746	1660287600.jpg
Person	929	608	1660287600.jpg
Person	949	608	1660287600.jpg
Person	820	513	1660287600.jpg
Person	582	531	1660287600.jpg
Person	1128	730	1660287600.jpg

Algorithm

- Separate images to exclude background (noise)

Cropped Image



Background Image



Cropped Image



Background Image



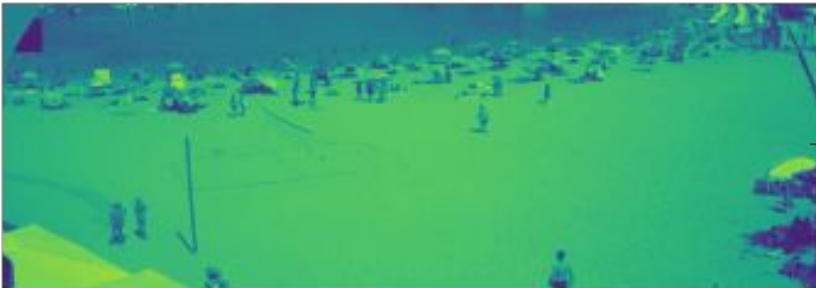
Algorithm

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Cropped Image

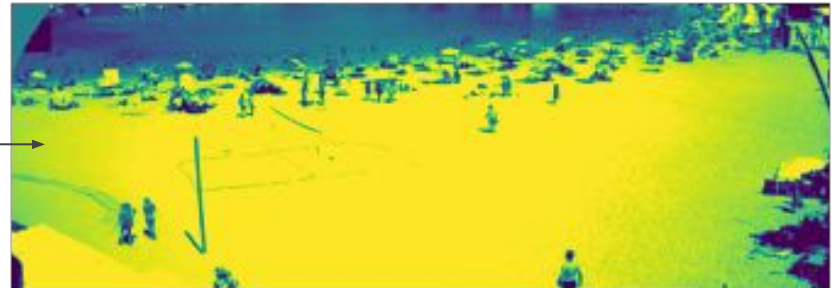


Grayscale Image

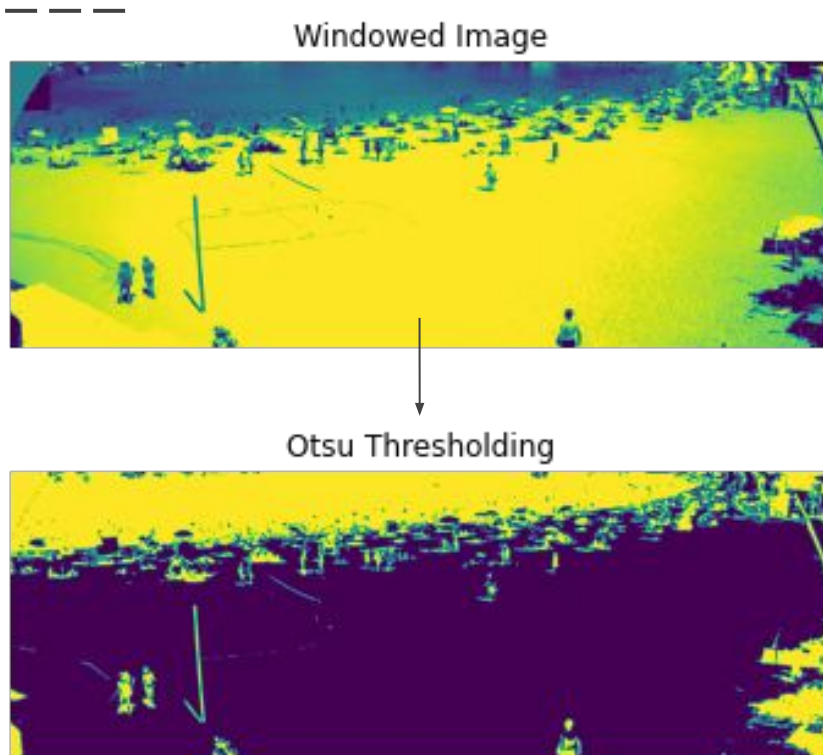


- Apply grayscale
- Apply windowing, for more contrast

Windowed Image



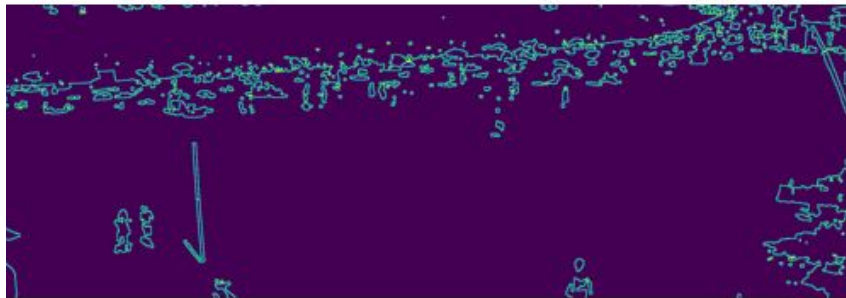
Algorithm



- Apply Otsu's Thresholding & invert to negative
- Apply morphological opening & closing

Algorithm

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- Apply Sobel edge detection
- Filter contours based on area and aspect ratio
- Calculate the number of persons on the image



Result



Output image with centroid of bounding box

Validation

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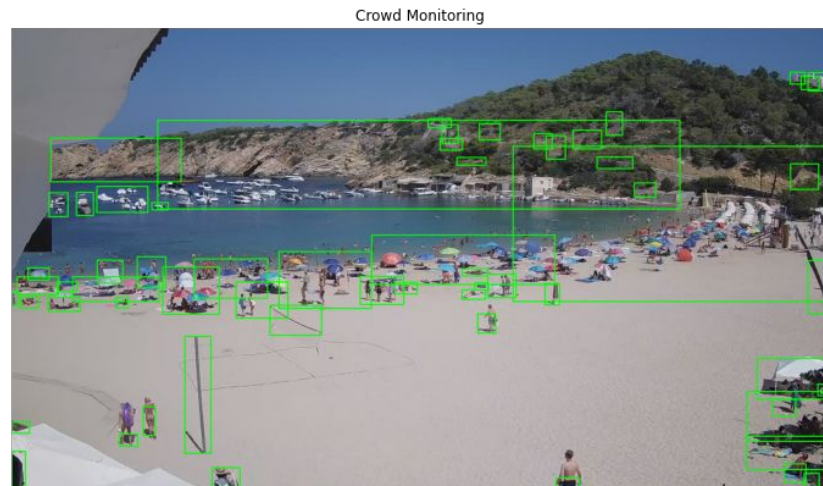
- Image-level: Mean Squared Error of 3097.60
- Person-level: Average accuracy per image of 42.47%

Image Number	Annotated Image	Detected from Algorithm	True Positives
1	2.	4	0
2	15.	18	7
3	34.	17	8
4	52.	29	26
5	56.	34	28
6	56.	26	18
7	58.	39	37
8	64.	59	43
9	64.	45	35
10	79.	33	29

What is interesting?

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1. **Image Annotation:** not easy to decide whether it's a person or inanimate object.
2. **Algorithm:** trial and error process to achieve the current results.
3. **Result:** using centroid of bounding box allows us to obtain more accurate results.



What needs improvement?

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1. **Annotation process:** set a criteria to define proper label.
2. **Algorithm:** consider more complex algorithms (e.g. ML)
3. **Evaluation:** try different performance measures (e.g. precision and recall)

Thank you

