Scientific Work Short Paper Feasibility Study - SmartWarehouse

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Abstract—In this short paper the object detectors You Only Look Once and Single Shot MultiBox Detector are compared for precision, reactivity, training and inference behaviour and examined for their potential for industrial use. The background scenario of the Smart Warehouse offers live video data of a drone with goods in a warehouse, which are to be classified and localized in real time. In the future, this should make it possible to carry out inventories and inventory analyses of a warehouse in a time- and cost-efficient manner conserving resources.

The goal of this feasibility study is to find out whether the Smart Warehouse scenario is technically feasible. In addition, the focus is also on the object detectors themselves, their differences in architecture, behavior and how well they are generally suitable for industrial application scenarios.

I. Introduction

Object detection represents a major field of study in industrial fields like autonomous driving, industrial processing or even government monitoring. Especially in times of the industrial change towards Industry 4.0 such object detectors represent an optimization potential not to be neglected, e.g. in warehousing and logistics. Combined with an autonomous drone, such object detectors could make it possible to conduct inventory checks in a warehouse without human assistance. How different object detectors behave when applied to a real time industry scenario like SmartWarehouse should be evaluated in this short paper. As being a feasibility study, the main goal of this work also is to discuss the feasibility of the SmartWarehouse idea based on the performance of the two selected object detectors You Only Look Once (YOLO) and Single Shot MultiBox Detector (SSD) in terms of precision, responsiveness, training and inference behavior. In section II related work to similar industry scenarios should be introduced before explaining the approach and architecture of the SmartWarehouse prototype in section III. In section IV the results of the feasibility study will be presented and evaluated before the interpretability of the results is discussed in section V. section VI gives a quick coonclusion about the main achievements of this short paper.

II. RELATED WORK

The idea of automized inventory checks with drones is not new. [1] uses a similar approach, but uses normal RFID technology or simple barcodes to identify a product. Using this approach only a small number of instances at a time can be identified, while using object detection algorithms enable many-numbered and faster processing.

The YOLO algorithm was introduced in [2] and uses Paper [3] introduced the SSD algorithm, which

III. ARCHITECTURE OF THE SMARTWAREHOUSE SCENARIO

IV. RESULTS AND EVALUATION

V. DISCUSSION

VI. CONCLUSION

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