Animal behaviour video algorithm: concatenating videos followed by clipping into individual animal videos

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#Import all the necessary libraries

import os

import glob

import numpy as np

import pandas as pd

from moviepy.editor import * #(https://pypi.org/project/moviepy/) MoviePy is a Python library for video editing: cutting, concatenations, title insertions, video compositing (a.k.a. non-linear editing), video processing, and creation of custom effects.

#Create a variable for the folder containing videos

path= "O:\\Te361 TA0573 Piglet Behaviour\\Original Video Footage\\"

#Change directory using the path variable

os.chdir(path)

#List all the files (in this case these were individual folders containing video files)

M= os.listdir()

There are 3 for loops:

Loop 1: runs for total number of folders containing video files.

- a) Changes the directory to the first folder in the list
- b) Creates a list of files with .avi extension.
- c) If there are no files it skips the loop else create an empty list "clip"
 - a. Loop 2: runs for the total number of video files in the folder
 - i. Reads (VideoFileClip) the first video in the folder, checks for the size (to ensure all videos are of same size), if not resizes it to 1600 X 1200 px.
 - ii. Once done, appends the video file in the "clip" list.
 - iii. This is repeated for all videos in that folder.
 - iv. The list of videos "clip" is then concatenated (concatenate_videoclips) and audio is removed (final.without_audio()). Note: Removing audio can be avoided, it is to remove unnecessary data.
 - v. Jth excel sheet from the Excel workbook is read which contains timestamps: start and stop times for each animal as well as code for the animal, where each excel sheet in the workbook is related to a particular folder (list "M").
 - 1. Loop 3: runs for the total number start and stop times which is equal to total number of animals in the concatenated video

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- a. The algorithm uses the information (start time, stop time and animal code) to clip video for individual animal (final.subclip(start_seconds, end_seconds)).
- b. The clipped video is saved with individual animal code in a folder (form the list M) as an .MP4 file (e.g., T161.MP4).
- c. The whole process is repeated for all the folders (list "M") until all the videos for individual animals have been saved.

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for j in range(len(M)):
  os.chdir(os.path.join(path,M[j]))# Changes the directory to the ith folder in the list
 L = glob.glob('*avi')# Creates a list of files with .avi extension.
 if L == []: # if no .avi files are found skip the loop
    pass
  else:
    clip = [] # create an empty list
    for i in range(len(L)):
     tmp1= VideoFileClip(L[i]) # reads ith .avi file
     if tmp1.size == [1600, 1200]: # check the video frame size
        clip.append(tmp1)# if size is 1600X1200 append it to the empty list "clip"
      else:
        tmp2= tmp1.resize((1600,1200)) # if size is not 1600X1200 resize the file
        clip.append(tmp2)# append it to the empty list "clip"
    final = concatenate_videoclips(clip) #append it to the empty list "clip"
    final = final.without_audio()# remove audio from the file
    time_stamps= pd.read_excel("O:\\Te361 TA0573 Piglet Behaviour\\Behaviour Testing
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Recording sheets\\recording_time_new.xlsx",

sheet_name= j) #read the jth sheet from excel work book read which contains timestamps: start and stop times for each animal as well as code for the animal, where each excel sheet in the workbook is related to a particular folder (list "M").

time_stamps['animal_start_stop'] = time_stamps[['animal_no','Start','Stop']].apply(tuple, axis=1)# extract start and stop time from the work sheet

segments= list(time_stamps['animal_start_stop'])#convert the timestamps to a list to be used in last loop

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  if segments == []: #if the sheet is empty skip the loop
  pass
  else:
  for anim, start_seconds, end_seconds in segments: #loop through start, stop times and
animal code
  # crop a video clip and add it to list
  c = final.subclip(start_seconds, end_seconds)# clip the video using start and end times
  save_directory = os.path.join(path,M[j]) # create save directory for the video
  c.write_videofile(os.path.join(save_directory,str(anim)+".mp4"))#save the clipped video
with the animal code from the excel sheet
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