

2D Object detection with monocular depth estimation

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Abstract—Computer vision techniques, such as monocular distance estimation combined with object detection algorithms like YOLOv8, have emerged as powerful tools for robotic arm pick-and-place tasks. Monocular distance estimation provides a cost-effective solution for spatial localization by leveraging a single camera, making it ideal for low-cost robotic systems. YOLOv8, with its real-time detection capabilities and robust performance, enables precise identification and localization of objects in cluttered environments.

However, integrating these techniques into low-cost robotic systems poses unique challenges due to computational constraints and hardware limitations. This paper focuses on the application of monocular distance estimation and YOLOv8 in guiding robotic arms for pick-and-place operations. While the core emphasis is on optimizing the vision pipeline, we briefly address the importance of tailoring inverse kinematics models to the robotic arm's design to achieve smooth joint motions. The proposed approach demonstrates how accessible computer vision technologies can enhance automation capabilities in low-cost robotics, paving the way for more versatile and efficient robotic systems.

Index Terms—2D Object Detection, Monocular Depth Estimation, YOLOv8, Robotics, Computer Vision

I. INTRODUCTION

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III. METHODOLOGY

The methodology for the 2D object detection and monocular depth estimation system leverages the integration of YOLOv8 for object detection, a robotic arm for manipulation, and monocular depth estimation using a pinhole camera model. The approach is designed to detect an object from a monocular camera feed, estimate its depth, and position a robotic arm to

interact with the object. The main components of the system are described below. Throughout the system, safety protocols are incorporated to ensure safe interaction with objects and the environment. The system's joint angles are clamped to a safe range to avoid damaging the robotic arm. Additionally, the camera calibration and depth estimation parameters are periodically validated to maintain system accuracy.

IV. EXPERIMENTS AND RESULTS

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