Making Mobile Apps Smarter With Machine Learning

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Agenda

- What is Machine Learning?
- Brief History
- ML Applications
- Getting started with ML in mobile apps

What is Machine Learning?

- Subfield of Artificial Intelligence
- Study of algorithms
- Learn from examples and experience
- No hardcoded rules

Supervised Learning



Source: Machine Learning Recipes https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cKxRvEZd3Mw

(Very) Brief History

- **1952**: First game-playing program for checkers
- **1957**: Perceptron, the first Neural Network
- 1964: ELIZA, an NLP program simulated a psychotherapist
- **1990s**: Data-driven approaches

Machine Learning in Today's World





Amazon Echo

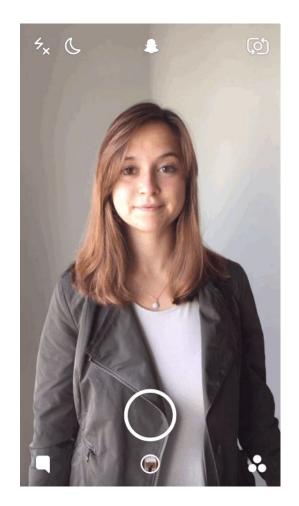
Google Home

Self-Driving Cars



Machine Learning in Mobile Apps

Snapchat Lenses



Source: https://support.snapchat.com/en-US/a/lenses1

Google Translate



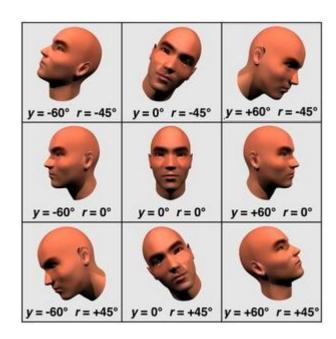
Getting Started for mobile development

Google Mobile Vision

- Detect Faces
- Scan Barcodes
- Text Recognition (Android only)
- On-device processing

Face Detection

- Face Detection not recognition
- Detects multiple faces
- Detects faces with different orientations



Face Detection



- Detects landmarks like position of eyes, nose base, mouth, cheeks and ears
- Detects eyes open, closed, smiling
- Face tracking in live video

iOS Example

Import the framework

```
@import GoogleMobileVision;
```

Create a face detector

```
NSDictionary *options = @{
    GMVDetectorFaceLandmarkType : @(GMVDetectorFaceLandmarkAll),
    GMVDetectorFaceClassificationType : @(GMVDetectorFaceClassificationAll),
    GMVDetectorFaceTrackingEnabled : @(NO),
    GMVDetectorFaceMinSize: @(0.3),
    GMVDetectorFaceMode : @(GMVDetectorFaceFastMode)
};
self.faceDetector = [GMVDetector detectorOfType:GMVDetectorTypeFace options:options];
```

Find faces





GMVDetectorFaceFastMode



GMVDetectorFaceAccurateMode

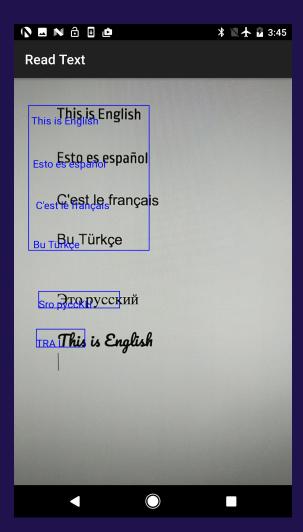
Face Tracking Demo

Limitations

- Face tracking not recognition
- Face is obstructed or disappears
- Face is too small or close to edge

Text Recognition API

- Latin based languages
- Recognizes text in images and live videos
- Text to speech
- Android only



Where To Go From Here?

TensorFlow

- Open Source
- Needs knowledge of machine learning
- Build and train your own models
- Build static libraries for on-device use

TensorFlow Demo

Thank You!

Questions?

https://github.com/namrata-b/ios-vision

https://github.com/namrata-b/talks

Face Detector Performance

- Speed vs. accuracy
- Use lower resolution images
- Configure min face size
- Fast vs. accurate mode

Text Recognizer Performance

- Higher accuracy than Tesseract
- Cursive vs. sans fonts
- Hard to recognize handwriting
- Special characters
- Limited languages Google Cloud Vision API
- Text has to be vertical