

A Machine-Learning Based Approach for 2D Character Animation

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Abstract

Introduction: Warum behandeln wir das Thema

Purpose: Welches Problem soll gelöst werden

Method: Wie wurde die Problemlösung gemacht

Product: Was war das Ergebnis

Conclusion: Was sind die Folgerungen / Schlussfolgerungen aus den gewonnen Erkenntnissen

keine Referenzen und Zitate

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1 Introduction

2 Method

Literature review

I reviewed previous work, focusing on two areas. I explored already available methods for creating animations from sketches by performing skeleton classification and reviewed previous work dealing with the classification of sketched objects.

Related work

Eitz et al. (2012) collected a dataset of 20,000 sketches and divided them into 250 categories of 80 images each. Humans recognized on average 73.1% of these sketches correctly. This dataset is used in my work to train and validate the classifier to choose which animation is the most appropriate to show.

Huang et al. (2022) proposes a pipeline to create rigged and animated characters from a single image. Their solution aims for a holistic approach, requiring no user intervention, to assist non-professional users in creating animated characters. The proposed pipeline performs contour extraction with salient object detection and extrudes a 3D mesh from geometry generated by applying constrained Delaunay to the contours. Afterwards, a skeleton is estimated using a mean curve method and an animation is transferred onto the skeleton ==DESCRIBE HOW HERE MAYBE==. In my work, I want to follow a similar philosophy of no user interaction and hope to improve the believability of the animated results by not only classifying the skeleton type but also the subject class of the input sketch.

Training classification models

I used a subset of the dataset provided by Eitz et al. (2012) to train my classification models. Only the classes "cat" and "dog" were taken as training data for my models. To train and evaluate my models I used the scikit-learn library introduced by Pedregosa et al. (2011).

kNN classifier

I trained a kNN classifier with the pixel values of the input images. Before using the values to train the model, I resized the images to a size of 64 times 64 pixels, and flattened the array to get a feature vector with 12288 entries, ranging from 0 to 255 in value. To find the best-performing k, I performed a grid search with cross-validation on 3 folds leading to k = 5 as the model with the highest accuracy at 61.8798%.

CNN classifier

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Implementing the pipeline

For this work, I reimplemented the pipeline proposed by Korpitsch (2023), and adapted the code where needed. I will further explain the steps described.

Sketchdetection

3 Results / Ergebnisse

Presenting found literature in a useful way

3.1 First Section

Ich bin Text, Text, Text¹

3.1.1 First Subsection

¹<http://mfg.fhstp.ac.at>

4 Discussion / Diskussion

Comparison of presented technologies/methods/projects

Kritische Diskussion / Vergleich der Ansätze

Welche Methoden werden zumeist genutzt, warum?

Überblick / Zusammenfassung der gefundenen Literatur in einer sinnvollen Kategorisierung
/ Charakterisierung

5 Conclusion / Fazit

Was kann man daraus lernen?

Was fehlt?

Ideen für zukünftige Forschung

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