Drone Detection Using Deep Learning

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Introduction:

The rapid growth of technology in the field of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAV's) is making the process of building and controlling drones very easy and accessible, thus giving rise to a plethora of drones flying around in the neighborhood. However, such a development when fallen into the wrong hands creates an alarming danger for the safety and security of an organization and society. This potential danger arises as a result of the wide range of designs and capabilities of the drones. At one end of the scale, they are just a few feet in diameter and able to carry payloads like a camera or small Raspberry Pi computer whereas at the other end they have a wingspan of 20 meters and can carry 500-pound laser-guided bombs or Hellfire missiles.

The above-mentioned issue can be of major concern for the military of a country and hence needs continuous and diligent monitoring of the surrounding to prevent and prohibit the infiltration of such drones, hence leading to a requirement of a low-cost and effective technique for drone detection. This drone detection mechanism must uniquely detect drones and omit any other flying objects such as birds, airplanes, leaves, and other miscellaneous objects in the surroundings.

As a result of which, the idea of our project is to employ a deep learning model that will be trained exclusively to detect drones and build supporting hardware to acquire the data. The hardware of our project is intended to incorporate a video recording device providing a continuous flow of the surrounding information that will be immediately checked with the model so developed for spotting any drones in the footage.

Motivation:

Drones have drastically changed the way we use them for surveillance, exploring the skies, and film breathtaking landscapes. As much as this revolutionary product changes our lives, however, it can pose a threat if it's used for sinister purposes.

It's disturbing to discover all the things that criminals can do with technology as advanced as this. With drones, they can exploit various kinds of privacy laws that aren't as strict as they should be. This makes it easier for them to commit their devious acts of malevolence and get away with it.

There have been instances of the use of drones for Drug delivery, illegal weapon transfer, surveillance of restricted areas, warfare, and burglaries. This poses a serious threat, So there is a crucial need for drone detection to prevent these activities from happening in the future.

Methodology:

The shortcomings of manual capabilities and time constraints in detecting objects as drones from footages or images have inspired the intentions of our project to develop a simple computer algorithm that could locate the drones in a matter of milliseconds embodying the power of object detection algorithms. Its applications span multiple and diverse industries, from round-the-clock surveillance to real-time vehicle detection in smart cities. In short, these are powerful deep learning algorithms.

Image classification involves assigning a class label to an image, whereas object localization involves drawing a bounding box around one or more objects in an image. Object detection is more challenging and combines these two tasks and draws a bounding box around each object of interest in the image and assigns them a class label. Together, all of these problems are referred to as **object recognition**.

Hardware model for edge-based detection :

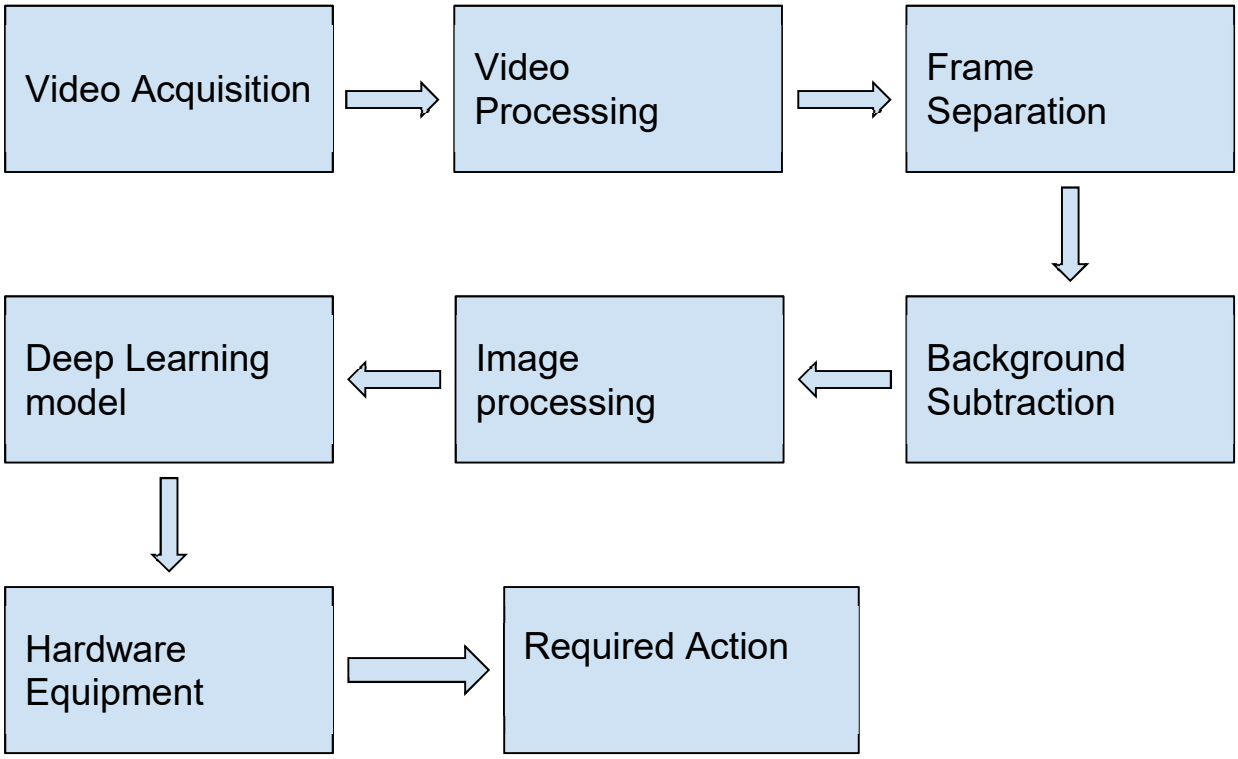
Edge detection includes a variety of mathematical methods that aim at identifying points in a digital image at which the image brightness changes sharply or, more formally, has discontinuities. The points at which image brightness changes sharply are typically organized into a set of curved line segments termed *edges*. Edge detection is a fundamental tool in image processing, machine vision, and computer vision, particularly in the areas of feature detection. This algorithm when implemented with suitable hardware equipment can give us efficient results for drone detection.

The real-time implementation of drone detection and classification can be done by implementing an object detector on a single board computer. Here the object detector system will consist of a Raspberry Pi camera interfaced with Raspberry Pi 3 B+, which is capable of maintaining real-time frame rate keeping high precision. The Pi camera module is capable of taking both high-definition videos as well as still photographs.

Raspberry Pi is a small single-board computer capable of doing everything along with a great ability to interact with the outside world for real-time application of many projects. Among the different models, we would be using Raspberry Pi 3 B+ for the real-time detection of drones. This is the most recent version of Pi boards with CPU, GPU, USB ports, I/O pins, WiFi, Bluetooth, USB, and network boot onboard.

A Raspberry Pi camera module interfaced with this Pi 3 B+ board will help in obtaining video of the area under surveillance. The captured video has to be processed by separating different frames of it and by eliminating the background, these processed frames will be given to the deep learning model to identify the presence or absence of drones among each.

Block Diagram:

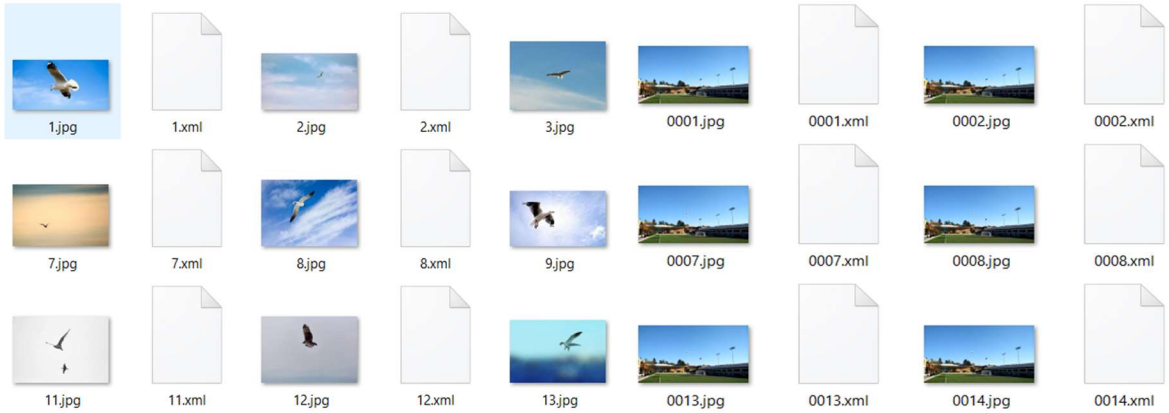


An image depicting the video monitoring of a drone

Technology Stack:

- ❑ **Software**
  - OS
    - Windows
    - Ubuntu Version-16(Raspberry Pi)
  - IDE
    - Anaconda
    - Jupyter Notebook/ Google Colab
  - Frameworks
    - PyTorch
    - Keras
    - Open CV
- ❑ **Hardware**
  - Raspberry Pi 3 B+
  - Raspberry Pi Camera
  - NVIDIA Jetson Nano

Dataset:



- https://www.kaggle.com/dasmehdixtr/drone-dataset-uav (image dataset + annotations in XML and txt format)
- Dataset(of birds, drones, mixed) from video footages

Results and Discussion :

- Yolo object detection using OpenCV
  - https://pysource.com/2019/06/27/yolo-object-detection-using-opencv-with-python/
- Mask R-CNN using OpenCV
  - https://www.pyimagesearch.com/2018/11/19/mask-r-cnn-with-opencv/
  - Can be used for both images and videos.
  - Detects one object at a time, but the program still runs unit it detects all the objects in the image
- Object Detection using ImageAI library (10 lines of code)
  - https://github.com/OlafenwaMoses/ImageAI
  - https://towardsdatascience.com/object-detection-with-10-lines-of-code-d6cb4d86f606

Results Inferred :

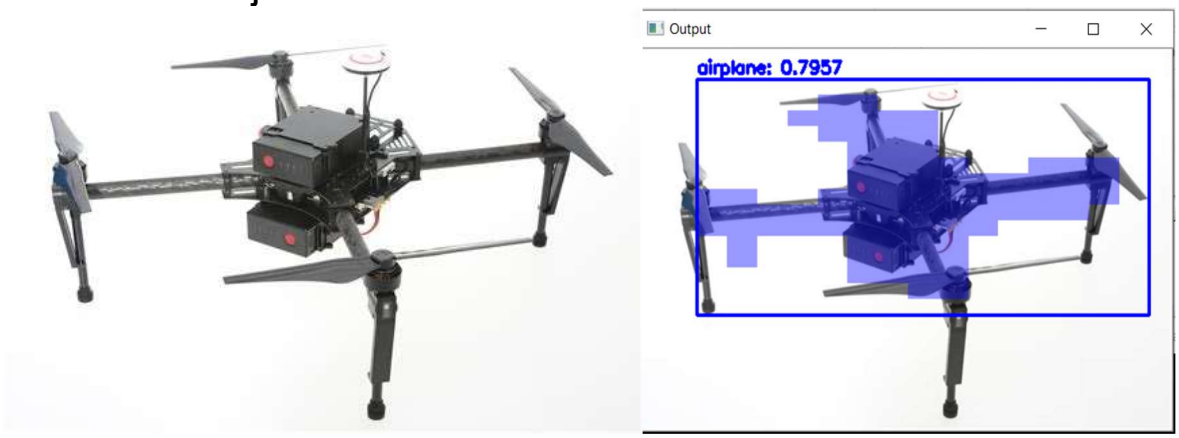
- Can detect and classify birds and drones distinctly

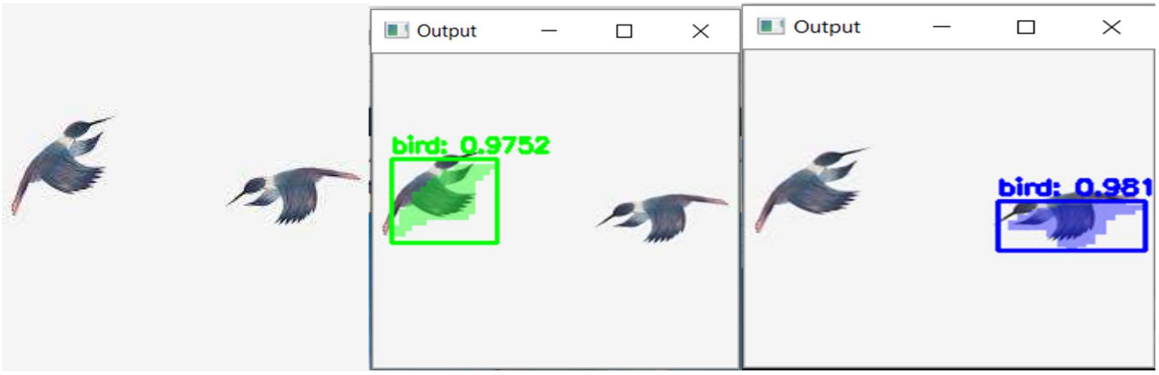
Drawbacks :

Unable to distinguish between an airplane and a drone. As the coco dataset is used, It has a class(one of the 80) named airplane only and hence detects both drones and airplanes as airplanes.

1. Yolo object detection using OpenCV

2. Mask R-CNN using OpenCV
Detects one object at a time





3. Object Detection using **ImageAI library** **(10 lines of code)**

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In [4]: runfile('E:/FYP/FirstDetection.py', wdir='E:/FYP')
airplane  :  99.86612796783447
airplane  :  99.83032941818237
airplane  :  99.99983310699463
airplane  :  99.16671514511108
airplane  :  98.3117401599884
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In [3]: runfile('E:/FYP/FirstDetection.py', wdir='E:/FYP')
bird   :  99.99796152114868
airplane   :  95.34335732460022
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Progress:

-Software progress

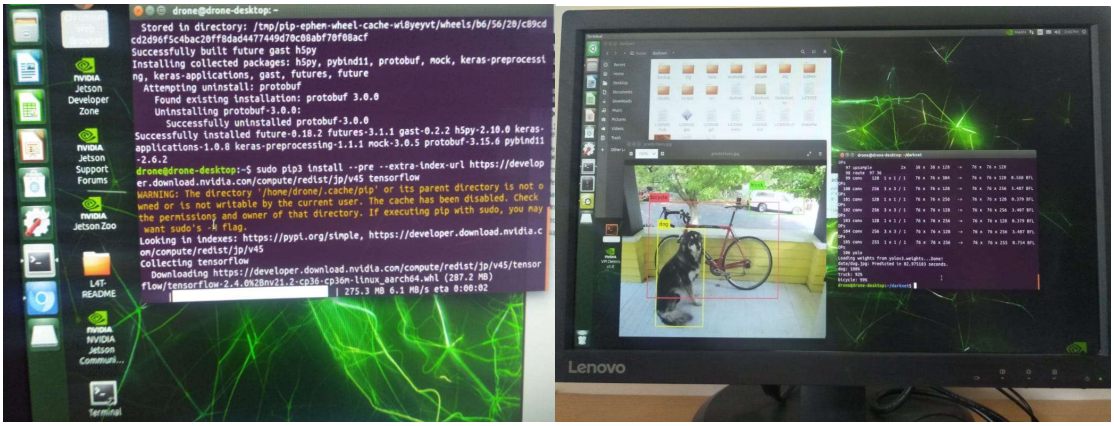
- Dataset collection
- Transfer learning
    - Yolo object detection using OpenCV
    - Mask R-CNN using OpenCV
    - Object Detection using ImageAI library (10 lines of code)

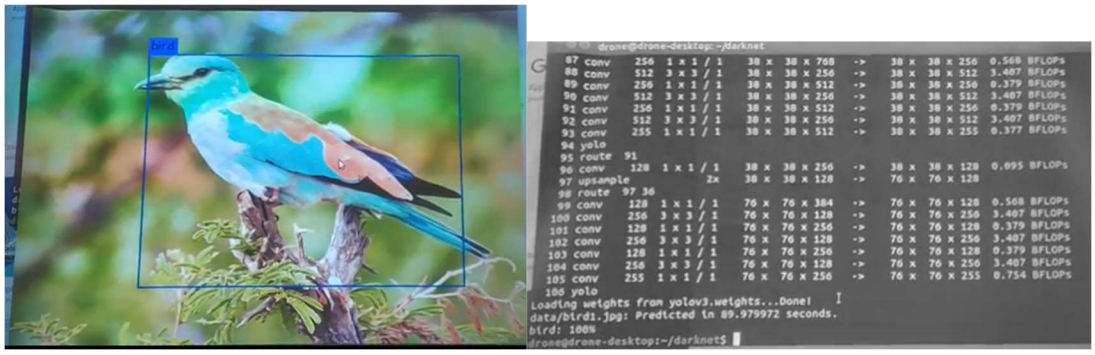
- Hardware progress

- Installing OS to Raspberry Pi
- Working with Jetson board
- Installing libraries on Jetson

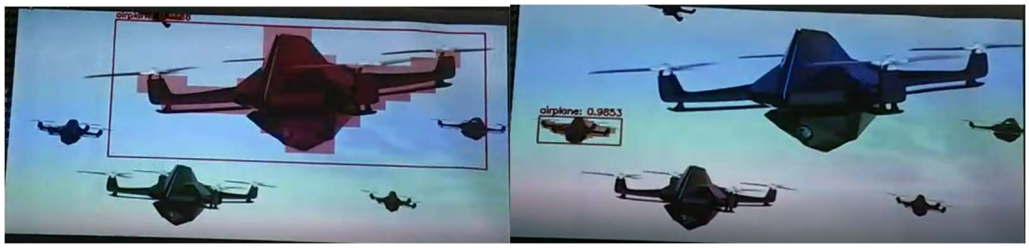
Yolo Object detection Using OpenCv on Jetson

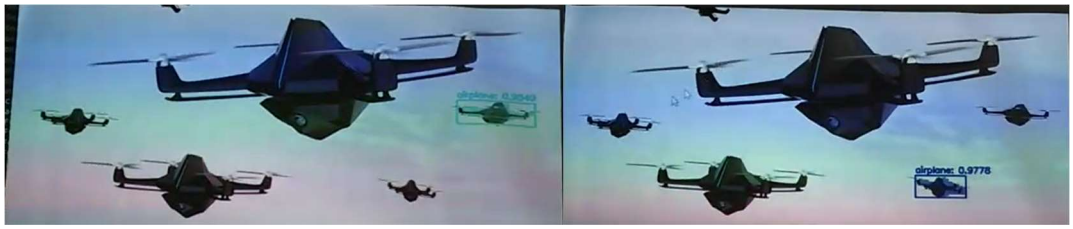
Yolo Object detection Using Darknet on Jetson





Mask R-CNN using OpenCV on Jetson





Timeline :

- Train for custom data — March-April
- Run it on Rpi — April
- Video Acquisition — April-May
- Training for videos — May
- Run it on Rpi — May
- Real-time detection on Rpi — May-June

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