



Integrated Application Model for Hand Gesture Recognition

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Abstract: Hand gesture-based human-computer interaction is both intuitive and versatile, with diverse applications such as in smart homes, games, operating theaters, and vehicle infotainment systems. An effective human-computer interaction system is required a good accuracy rate of recognition and speed. In our work, we have proposed a system model for static hand gesture recognition by using multiple common features. There are three contributions in this model: (1) A multiple features classification based on the Non-Dominated Sorting Genetic Algorithm II (NSGAI). The use of NSGAI can be reduced redundant features and minimizing feature value which effective on the execution cost of the system. (2) Proposed a new methodology of multiple features convolutional neural network (MFCNN) model to recognize both common and real-time hand gestures. (3) The generation of sequence sentences based on the Beam Search (BS) algorithm. Data of image labels that were received from the recognition stage combine with the CNN/Dailymail dataset is used to generate sentences.

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I. INTRODUCTION

a. Object features extraction

Commonly, the object of hand gesture features extraction can be characterized by the special identification of an interesting object in the images. The proper selection of these characteristics is the main idea to increase the quality of the system recognition and tasks analysis [1]. It is an essential work that we need to periodically calibrate to serve a model of hand gesture recognition. Generally, the naive approach of extraction methods will find as the features that expect to extract from the images, those features can be utilized for training and testing. Some methods exist for predicting the similarity of images based on the multiple feature matching. Zhang et al. presented that applying external features can achieve a high accuracy rate and handle some partial changes in the image such as objects moving in a scene [2]. In addition, some methods are robust to extract the image features in different environments such as scaling and rotations, size, light condition changes, etc. For example, they applied a geometry technique to verify the matching of image gestures [3].

More recently, there are many successes in the application of various methods to extract image features. Adapted an extraction method to extract and classify features from an object. Their work was tested and compared with a few methods such as the principal component analysis (PCA), Fourier descriptor (FD), and the standard Zernike moment (ZM). The result shows that the best performance was obtained from the use of both Zernike Moment and discriminative Zernike Moment [4]. Ng and Ranganath have proposed a system to represent hand blobs [5]. The study considers a vision-based system that can interpret hand gestures in real-time. Overwhelmingly, the hand segmentation procedure extracts binary of the sequence image gestures from each frame by using Zernike moments and Hu moment. The results show that it can achieve a good result in presenting each hand blob. Also, we noted that features extracted from Zernike

moment can perform better than Hu-moment [6]. Wang C. and Wang K. applied the Hu-moment method to extract features along with valley circle features for real-time recognition of static hand gestures from a 2D image [7]. In this work, they designed the robot movement control system and used the NTMR algorithm for hand gesture recognition. The experimental results of this work demonstrated that the combination of NTMR and Hu-moment can gain an accuracy recognition rate of 4% and reduce the time of execution by 112ms. Similarly; Guo et al. [8] presented a solution to improve the version of the Zernike moment method. This method can be used for measuring accuracy and cost on a general static of hand gestures. The experiment results show that their method can reduce the amount of complexity of an image, and increase the speed of execution. Significantly, compared to the original Zernike moment, this effect improvement becomes obvious as the order increases. Pichao W et al. [9] applied an RGB-D method to extract the features from a binary image and to combine them with the recognition model. From this work, we observed that the use of RGB-D can present comprehensively depending on objects. Based on the hypothesis of this research, the useful features of the RGB-D method can achieve a good result as listed in Table 3 of [9]. However, the RGB-D method has faced the risk of annoyance from color, light condition, and different environments. These problems can be an obstacle to increasing speed, reducing resources, and cost, etc. To challenge these problems, some studies have been used depth data to improve the quality of the image features. Palacios et al. presented hand gesture recognition by using the features extracted from those data to serve in the system [10]. The experimental results of this work show that the different static hand gestures can be recognized fluently on different combinations of spread fingers, open hand movement, and 6 dynamic gestures. As mentioned above, many methods can be used for extracting the features of an image. However, some methods cannot extract a good feature set because of the problem of color changes, density of image, rotation, scaling, and light condition. So, the recognition model will be faced with problems such as the confusion case, timely execution, and high-cost expense. Our research will apply the special feature extraction methods that can extract the good features and those that deserve to be combined with the recognition model.

b. Inspiration for using NSGAI to classify object features

The main purpose of the object features classification is to define the fitness feature set. All features will be evaluated and selected through an evolutionary algorithm called the Non-Dominated Sorting Genetic algorithm II (NSGAI). Additionally, NSGAI can perform to reduce noise and minimize the feature value. The fitness feature set will select to feed in the recognition model. In this section, feature classification is one of the special tasks in our research. However, the use of numerous methods to extract features from the object should be revised clearly before being combined with the recognition model because those features can be redundant and add little value. Especially, those are the core problems that the recognition model. The enforcement of a good feature set can gain the capability of a recognition model as well as reduce the noise of features so cost, time, speed, and accuracy rate will be increased also [1]. The most related work, F. Chevtchenko et al. [11] presented about the feature evaluation and selection. To evaluate and select features set they use an evolutionary algorithm called Non-Dominated Sorting Algorithm II (NSGAI). This approach also used the recurrent neural network (RNN) combined with multiple features to classify the hand gestures from Benchmark's dataset. More significantly, to gain the rate of accuracy, firstly they extracted features by using some methods such as Gabor filter, Zernike moment, and Pseudo Zernike moment, and then those features were evaluated and selected by NSGAI algorithm. Finally, the fitness features were utilized to feed into the recognition model. The experiment results demonstrated that the rate of recognition is higher than some researches especially; it can save more time execution and resources. Generally, the NSGAI algorithm can organize in some works to select the finest solution and resolve multiple problems also. Delgado, M. et al. [12] presented multiple objectives optimization and training in RNN. The research shows that the use of the RNN model still lacked a capable training algorithm and sometimes the processing due to problems of vanishing gradient and addressed the training and topology optimization of using RNN multi-objective hybrid procedures. In this context, to measure the hybrid of objectives, they have used the NSGAI algorithm. The research results illustrated that it can achieve a good result. Agarwal, A. et al. [13] applied the NSGAI algorithm for generating optimal heat exchanger networks. The study involves randomly generating the number of intermediate temperatures in each of their value and stream, both hot and cold. In each solution, the chromosomes of NSGAI responded to store the decision variable, and this variable can also reveal the length of the chromosomes. The experiment results have shown that the use of NSGAI can help to improve the speed of the convergence, and all the solutions can be analyzed also like the above mentions, NSGAI can

help us to define the fitness value of the multiple objectives in numerous works. The motivation of using the NSGAI from those works, so we also apply NSGAI algorithm to classify multiple features that were extracted from all methods. The fitness features set will be used to feed the recognition model.

c. Hand gestures recognition by using CNN

The CNN is the most popular model that has been applied by numerous researchers. This model can recognize the small and big data of human acquisitions. Moreover, it can use the common features to train and test data inside processes. We believe that the combination of common features with the CNN model can reduce the cost of expending, boost speed execution, and especially produce a high system accuracy rate also. CNN can recognize both common and real-time gestures. The recognition of an object gesture can express a character and the meaning of its gestures. In this section, the use of the CNN model to recognize object gestures will briefly be reviewed. More recently, many researchers about object gesture recognition have used different techniques. Barros et al. [14] have adopted image gesture recognition by utilizing a CNN model to decompose a layer of CNN into three layers. The architecture demands to convert the original image as grayscale and rescale image size into 32-dimensional pixels. Based on the experiment results of the recognition shown that the system accuracy rate is about 90% more than some methods. Inspired by the aforementioned studies, the multi-channel of the CNN model is used in the present article. Sergio et al. [15] proposed RNN multiple channels by using some external features to recognize hand gestures in real-time. This research demanded to convert the image as grayscale and convolve by a Gabor filter before combining with the system. The feature of the Gabor filter was arranged by using a hyper-parameter selection algorithm. Besides that, a set of pairs of convolution and max-pooling layers are enabled to extract and motivate the specific features of an image's gestures. In max-pooling layers, a region of the previous layer is connected to a unit in the current layer and then the dimension of feature map values is reduced. For each layer, only the maximum value is assigned. The parameters of this model can be trained either by both a supervised approach tuning the filters in a training database [15] and an unsupervised approach [16]. This study used a supervised approach. The experiment results illustrate that the system accuracy rate is higher than some researches, the accurate rate ranges from 95% to 98%. In this context, to improve the rate of accuracy, some studies used a depth camera or sensor to filter the high-quality gestures before combining with a CNN model. Sha, L. et al. [17] applied a Kinect™ depth sensor to increase the robustness of image capture and features extraction for CNN single channel. We observed that across preliminary training of random gestures classifier, the system can filter a characteristic with less influence, computation costs are also reduced. Similarly, Plouffe et al. presented a combination of a Kinect™ sensor with a CNN model for hand gestures recognition [18, 19]. The area of the hand's fingertips and palm have been detected and extracted as feature descriptors to feed in the network layers. The experiment results show that this application can recognize gestures with an average delay of 100 ms and the accuracy rate is higher than some researches that used a webcam camera. As mentioned above, the CNN model can achieve good results for object gesture recognition. The use of multiple objects features to combine with CNN multiple channels still doesn't have enough research. To challenge this, we will propose a novel architecture of CNN two channels to recognize the human hand gestures. Additionally, this architecture will feed by multiple common features descriptor. The architecture is designed as the last fully-connected layer to take information from both convolutional and common image features. The objects can recognize by using an auxiliary feature at the activation layer, the highest activation as a result of recognition. Especially, our model can recognize hand gestures on depth or 2D objects frame, common and real-time also.

d. Inspiration for using beam search to generate sequence sentences

The sequence sentence generation is a critical task in our research. The generation of sequence sentences will make people easily understand the meaning of hand gestures are performed by a user. To generate sentences, we have applied a beam search (BS) algorithm to generate an object label performed in the recognition model. Currently, many kinds of research have applied BS algorithm to generate sentences. Some researchers jointly embed image labels and language into a multimodal embedding with a neural network-based language model to generate sentences [20], [21]. Kiros et al. [22] proposed a multimodal log-bilinear neural language model which is biased by an image's label to decode the sentences. Tan et al. [23] and Karpathy & Li [24] applied a BS algorithm to decode an image label of varying lengths. Wu, Q. et al. [25] used a BS algorithm to decode image descriptions from their respective context. The context for word generation can be any described in the next

section or a combination of several types of words. Chen et al. [26] applied a BS algorithm to develop a dynamic visual representation of words generated to aid the next words predicted during caption generation. Tillmann, C., and Ney, H. proposed the machine translation by utilizing a BS algorithm also [27]. This study presented a novel technique to combine the possible words reordering between resources and direction language to gain the ability of the searching algorithm. The experiment results showed that the use of BS algorithm is successfully tested on the VerbMobil tasks, and can translate some languages such as the German language to the English language with 8,000 words and the French language to the English language with 100,000 words. Significantly, this algorithm can translate in a short time, and only a minimal number of errors occurred. Concurrently, the BS algorithm has also been applied to interpret and describe the image description, video caption, and movie description [28]. Barbu, A., et al. and Kojima, A. et al. [29, 30] presented the motion of an object from sequence video images to textual descriptions through Beam Search. Das, P. et al. and Guadarrama, S., et al. [31, 32] proposed the object activities recognition of the videos with a small-scale and natural language descriptions generation by using BS algorithm. Similarly, Donahue, J., et al. [33] and Rohrbach, A., et al. [34] applied a BS algorithm to provide video descriptions. Pan, Y.W., et al. [35] implemented a beam search algorithm joined with a visual-semantic embedding technique to produce sentences from YouTube videos. Xu, R., et al. [36] presented video captures and sentence generation by using BS and a deep neural network model. Rohrbach, A., et al. [37] presented movie linguistic descriptions generation by utilizing BS. Yao, L., et al. [38] applied BS algorithm to generate text descriptions from the most related temporal segments in a video which is selected by an attention-based model. As mentioned above, the applicable sentence generation can be a convenient tool for humans to easily understand. However, generating image labels to the sequence sentences by using BS still doesn't have enough researches. The use of BS algorithm by numerous researchers has been motivated us to apply it in our research also. In this context, we utilize a BS algorithm to generate image labels as the sequence sentences to express the full meaning of each human gesture that is acted in the recognition model. We hope that the sentence generation can make users easily understand the meaning. Although sentence generation by using a BS algorithm is not a new application in this work, we hope that it can be a pioneer to help other related researches. In conclusion, many significant methods are used to extract the features from the images. Commonly, features should be evaluated and selected carefully before using them because they may be affected by noise such as color changes, light condition changes, scaling, and rotation. In this context, an evolutionary algorithm called NSGAII is utilized in our research to classify the multiple features and select the fitness features to feed in the recognition model. Also, drawing inspiration from these works, we proposed a novel CNN two-channel combined with common multiple features fusion. In this network architecture, we designed the last fully-connected layer to receive information from both convolutional and common features descriptors. The objects will be evaluated by auxiliary features in an activation layer. Finally, the BS algorithm will perform at the last processes of the system to generate the sequence sentences from each image label.

II. CHALLENGES

In our proposed model there are three main challenges: 1. Reducing the expense of the resources for hand gesture recognition, the system can execute smoothly by utilizing the small computer cost. For Example, CPU and Webcam camera. 2. Good recognition, utilizing a small cost of machine capacity, but the system can produce a high rate of accuracy and predict correctly for hand gestures recognition in both common and real-time. 3. The high system performing, this system can perform faster than some systems in the same level (CPU, Webcam) of static hand gestures recognition also.

There are the main questions that are addressed in our proposed model: 1. What are the main methods that use to extract and classify the multiple features set from datasets? 2. What is the special key for a novel CNN model in this research? 3. What are the main challenge methods that use to generate the sequence sentences?

III. RESEARCH GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The main goals of our model are derived from the purpose of developing a method to use static hand gestures to interact with a computer system. These goals include the development of a high-quality and useful application that can be executed on a computer platform and perform with multiple functions such as features classification and selection, hand gestures recognition (both image and real-time recognition), and sequence sentence generation. Significantly, the goal presupposes using small computation costs and time while achieving good results. It is expected that the method can help humans in their real-life work and interactions with computers. In addition, there is the goal of providing a strong foundation for further research. The main objectives of this model are followings;

- To compromise various objects of hand gesture to be a standard, and produce a good feature set.
- To create a novel multiple feature convolutional neural network (MFCNN) model for image gesture recognition.
- To use image gestures labels to generate sequence sentences that can illustrate and contextualize the gestures and increase humans' understanding of them.
- To assess a novel recognizer that compares with the state-of-the-art in terms of recognition accuracy and speed.
- To determine an HCI system by utilizing a low computation cost, but increasing accuracy rate, and boosting system performance speeds.

IV. PROPOSED MODEL FOR HAND GESTURE APPLICATION

In the first process of the proposed model for hand gesture recombination application, the hand gestures are demanded to converts as grayscale and resize to 32 dimensional. The features will extract from figure 1.

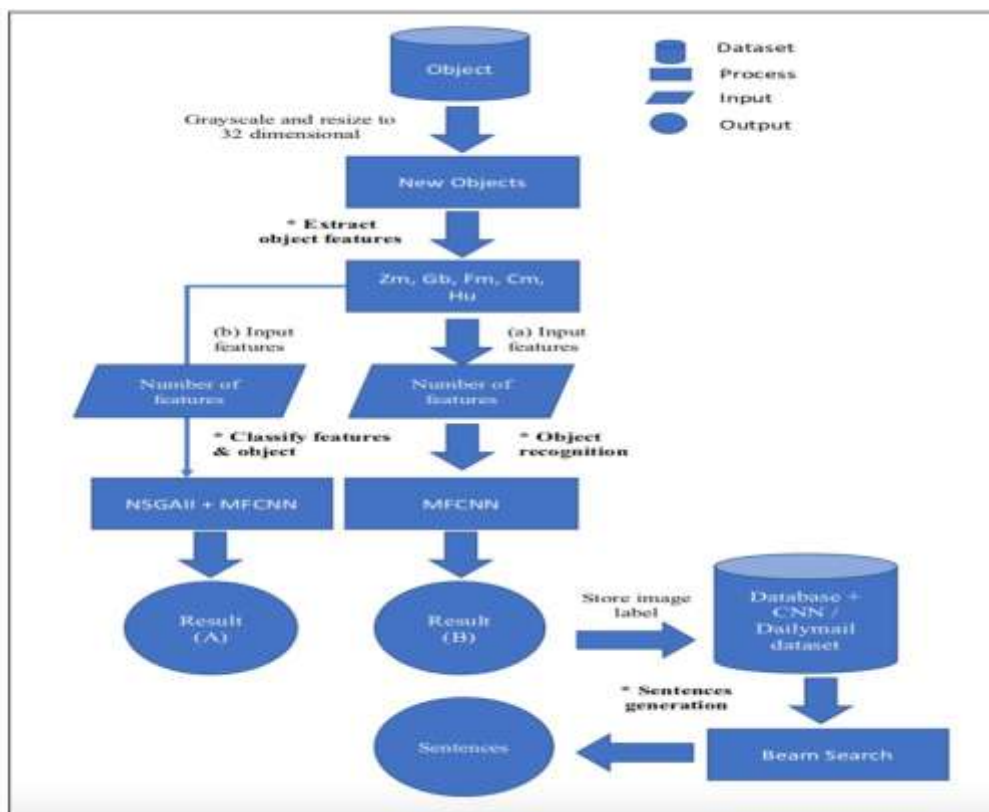


Figure: 1 Models for hand gesture application

Objects by using five methods such as Hu-moment, Gabor filter, Complex moment, Fourier moment, and Zernike moment also. The hand gestures can recognize in two ways. First, single or multiple features can be selected to recognize the common gestures (image) and real-time gestures; second, the multiple features will classify by utilizing an NSGAI algorithm and combined with Multiple Feature Convolution Neural Network MFCNN. Moreover, the image's label received from the recognition stage (Result B) combine with CNN/Dailymail dataset will use to generate the sentences. The sentences can be generated based on the Beam Search algorithm. The proposed model is given below in figure 1.

In this context, the research made three main contributions to knowledge:

- A multiple features classification based on the Non-Dominated Sorting Genetic Algorithm II (NSGAI). The use of NSGAI can be reduced redundant features and minimizing feature value which effective on the execution cost of the system.
- Proposed a new methodology of multiple features convolutional neural network (MFCNN) model to recognize both common and real-time hand gestures.
- The generation of sequence sentences based on the Beam Search (BS) algorithm. Data of image labels that were received from the recognition stage combine with the CNN/Dailymail dataset is used to generate sentences.

V. CONCLUSION

Our research has succeeded to develop a system for interacting between humans and computers to predict static hand gestures. The model has proposed a novel architecture by using common features to feed in the channel of the networks. Meanwhile, the features extraction and classification through an evolutionary algorithm are also proposed. The system can be executed smoothly without demanding more resources but just use less time computation, cost, and can achieve a good result. Additionally, our system can execute in both CUP and GPU, common and real-time recognition according to our analysis. In future work, we will use these features in our proposed hand gesture recognition application.

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