

DEEP-LEARNING- BASED IN-FIELD CITRUS FRUIT DETECTION AND TRACKING

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Abstract :

Fruit yield estimation is crucial to establish fruit harvesting and marketing strategies. Recently, computer vision and deep learning techniques have been used to estimate citrus fruit yield and have exhibited notable fruit detection ability. However, computer-vision based citrus fruit counting has two key limitations: inconsistent fruit detection accuracy and double-counting of the same fruit. Using oranges as the experimental material, this paper proposes a deep-learning-based orange counting algorithm using video sequences to help overcome these problems. The algorithm consists of two sub-algorithms, Orange Yolo for fruit detection and OrangeSort for fruit tracking. The Orange Yolo backbone network is partially based on the YOLOv3 algorithm, which has been improved upon to detect small objects (fruits) at multiple scales. The network structure was adjusted to detect small-scale targets while enabling multiscale target detection. A channel attention and spatial attention multiscale fusion module was introduced to fuse the semantic features of the deep network with the shallow textural detail features. Orange Yolo can achieve mean Average Precision (mAP) values of 0.957 in the citrus dataset, higher than the 0.905, 0.911, and 0.917 achieved with the YOLOv3, YOLOv4, and YOLOv5 algorithms. OrangeSort was designed to alleviate the double-counting problem associated with occluded fruits. A specific tracking region counting strategy and tracking algorithm based on motion displacement estimation were established. Six

video sequences taken from two fields containing 22 trees were used as the validation dataset. The proposed methods show better performance (Mean Absolute Error (MAE) = 0.081, Standard Deviation (SD) = 0.08) than video-based manual counting and produced more accurate results than the existing standards Sort and Deep Sort (MAE = 0.45 and 1.212; SD = 0.4741 and 1.3975).

1. INTRODUCTION

The introduction of computer vision in the smart agriculture domain, fruit detection and tracking technologies, which can help to obtain fruit yield statistics and assist with automatic fruit picking and automated orchard management, have become important areas of research. Anderson et al. pointed out that yield prediction can help growers with farming decisions for the season, especially in regard to labor allocation for harvesting, fruit transportation, and storage methods. An experienced agronomist can use these resources and combine this information with knowledge of fruit tree physiology to provide advice on the current season and make recommendations on management practices for optimizing orchard development. Anderson et al. also pointed out that fruit yield prediction can now be broadly classified into five methods. Fruit yield estimation is a labor-intensive, monotonous, and tedious task. However, the use of computer vision

techniques can quickly detect fruits and thus predict the overall yield of an orchard, and fruit yield prediction methods based on computer vision with deep learning have shown considerable potential in recent years. Nonetheless, computer-vision-based fruit counting has two limitations: inconsistent fruit detection and double-counting of the same fruit.

To solve the problem of fruit detection accuracy, many researchers have proposed deep-learning-based detection algorithms. Fruit detection algorithms can be broadly classified as overlapping fruits. Therefore, although existing algorithms can achieve high-precision fruit detection in scenarios with simple backgrounds and few fruit targets, it is difficult to achieve satisfactory results in actual orchards because the fruit sizes tend to be variable. In addition, some research found that matching the perceptual field to the target scale can improve the detection accuracy for small targets. The Receptive Field is the area size of the pixel points on the output feature map from each layer of the convolution

nal neural network mapped on the input image. The attention mechanism can enhance the effective information, such as the weight of features, and reduce the influence of invalid information, thereby enhancing the performance of computer vision tasks. This approach can be adopted for fruit detection applications to improve detection accuracy.

To avoid double-counting of the same fruit, some researchers have proposed solutions based on static images and video sequences [17– 23]. The video-sequence-based counting method, in which fruit images are collected from multiple viewpoints, thereby enabling the observation of more fruit, shows promise for enabling fruit counting algorithms to be used in actual orchard fields. Multi-objective tracking algorithms are the key to solving the counting problem. Among them, Sort [28] and DeepSort [29] combine the Kalman filter and Hungarian algorithm to accomplish the multi-target tracking task, and they have a wider range of applications in the field of foot traffic counting. Although these methods have been validated on the MOT dataset and have yielded satisfactory tracking results, they do not work well for fruit counting. The main reason is the dense fruit growth and heavy fruit overlap in real orchards. Notably,

Wang et al. combined Mango YOLO and the Hungarian algorithm to track and count mangoes in a video of mango trees. They demonstrated experimentally that the counting method based on video sequences was considerably more accurate than counting based on static images. In addition, some researchers have used 3D techniques for counting. For example, Gain et al. used the Global Navigation Satellite System, an inertial measurement unit (IMU), and LIDAR to achieve simultaneous localization and used an extended Kalman filter to improve the reliability and accuracy of the localization. However, the 3D counting method requires expensive equipment, and the system is highly complex, making it difficult to obtain useful 3D reconstruction results.

In summary, the counting method based on video sequences is an effective and economical solution that can be successfully implemented. However, in actual orchards, oranges grow.

2. LITERATURE SURVEY

2.1 Theoretical Framework

Recently, deep networks have been widely explored by many researchers in deep

learning all over the world. Steven Put team's etc. al study a semi-supervised and fully automated fruit detector on account of boosted cascades. In this section we will introduce the algorithm, deep network and technologies we have used in our work, including Faster R-CNN, deep network ,Alex Net an data augmentation.

Faster R-CNN Algorithm the Faster R-CNN algorithm is used in our work. And there are two modules in it. Namely, Region Proposal Network (RPN) and classification model. When proposing regions, the RPN is used because of full-connected. However, in classification module, the individual regions is classified and the bounding box is regressed around the object.

We input our image to pre-trained Convolutional Neural Network (CNN). The feature is extracted and the feature map is obtained. Then in the region proposal network (RPN), we slides small window over the convolutional feature map, which is outputted by the last conv layer. Therefore, region proposals are generated. And the mapped feature of the small window is fed into two layers. Namely, box-

regression layer and box-classification layer, which are sibling FC layers. The function of ROI pooling is to generate fixed-size anchor boxes. RPN is trained end-to-end by stochastic gradient descent (SGD). Also, RPN and R-CNN components share the convolutional layers. Besides, Non-maximum suppression is used to eliminate excess boxes in order to find the best object detection location.

Deep Network and Training Recently, many researchers have applied ImageNet in pre-training CNN features and have obtained great progress in image processing, including image classification and image captioning. However, we also need to fine-tune the network with our data. Only in this way can we take advantage of the features learned from the large-scale dataset. Our architecture of CNN we use is AlexNet eight learned layers contained. Also, weights included. It is convolutional in the first five layers but fully-connected in the second three, which we call it the FC layer. As Hinton et al. proposed, the last FC layer convey the output to a 1000-way softmax, which correspond to

the distribution of the 1000-class labels.

The structure of AlexNet is made up of two parts because of two GPU training. One GPU runs at the top of the layer in the figure when the other at the bottom of the only uncertain layers. that they communicate with each other.

3. EXISTING SYSTEM:

Most researches on recognition of fruit classification focus on a certain category, a few of which concentrate on multi-fruits classification. The recognition of multi-fruits classification also has extensive value of practical application. For example, the recognition technology of multi-fruit images is used in self-service of buying fruits in supermarkets of developed countries. And in production line, it can also reduce errors caused by manual picking and improve production efficiency. Although the traditional recognition method of fruit images performs great, it still cannot meet the requirements of commercial applications. Therefore, it is necessary to select a more suitable algorithm of fruit recognition

DISADVANTAGES OF EXISTING

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4. PROPOSED SYSTEM :

Therefore, this paper proposes an improved FasterR-

CNN for multi-class fruit detection using a deep learning framework to achieve higher efficiency, effectiveness, and reliability in outdoor.

ADVANTAGES OF PROPOSED SYSTEM

- Establish the first self-learning-

Based fruit image library with automatically tuning the parameters during the training process.

- Proposed augmentation methods to perform detection on high resolution images;

5. MODULES :

5.1. Dataset: Our Android application uses

Neural Networks for object recognition. This requires an image dataset of the objects to train the classifier. In this project we have used Fruit Dataset with 80 different object classes which have 83K training images, 41K testing images. The dataset used is the labeled dataset which is useful to train the model. Some of the objects among 80 classes are as follows:

- Orange
- Banana
- Apple

5.2 Data Labeling:

The images are labeled by using Labeling software. For some images the annotations file is downloaded with the dataset itself. Annotation file contains parameters object class, unique object_id, x_coordinate for center, y_coordinate for center, width and height for each image.

5.2 Train-Test Split:

After collecting and annotating the dataset, we randomly shuffle the data to select 80% of the data on which we train the model. The remaining 20% of the data, unseen by the model, is used for testing of the model.

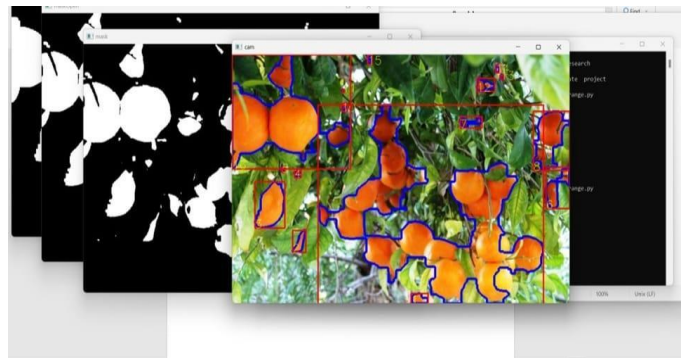
5.3 Model training:

The main idea behind making object detection or object classification model is Transfer Learning which means using an efficient

pre-trained model. Here we have using three models: Object Detection API provided by Tensor Flow (uses Faster R-CNN), MULTIBOX and YOLO. By default, Object Detection API by Tensor is used since it was found to be most efficient.

Real Time Video Processing: The frames are captured at the rate of - frames per second with preview size of 640x680. The stable output is generated for real-time input.

6. RESULTS:



7. CONCLUSION

This work improves the accuracy of fruit counting in terms of fruit detection and double-counting. Taking into account the small-scale characteristics of field orange data and the different occlusion statuses in the video sequence, a video-sequence-based fruit

counting algorithm was established, including two sub-algorithms, Orange Yolo for fruit detection and Orange Sort for fruit tracking.

The network structure, designed based on the receptive field matching strategy and the dual attention fusion module, constitutes the fruit detection algorithm Orange Yolo, which achieves an AP value of 0.938 on the field orange detection dataset. A specific tracking region counting strategy and tracking algorithm based on motion displacement estimation constitute the Orange Sort tracking algorithm. Using six video sequences taken from two fields containing 22 trees as the validation dataset, the proposed method showed the best performance (MAE = 0.081, SD = 0.08) relative to video-based manual counting. These results demonstrate the practical value of the proposed method compared with other existing algorithms.

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