REGA: Real-Time Emotion, Gender, Age Detection Using CNN—A Review

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Abstract—In this paper we describe a methodology and an algorithm to estimate the real-time age, gender, and emotion of a human by analyzing of face images on a webcam. Here we discuss the CNN based architecture to design a real-time model. Emotion, gender and age detection of facial images in webcam play an important role in many applications like forensics, security control, data analysis, video observation and human-computer interaction. In this paper we present some method & techniques such as PCA,LBP, SVM, VIOLA-JONES, HOG which will directly or indirectly used to recognize human emotion, gender and age detection in various conditions.

Index Terms—Face detection, Emotion detection, Gender and age classifications, Convolutional Neural Network (CNN)

I. INTRODUCTION

ONE OF the most active areas in facial technology is facial features such as age, gender and emotion recognition. A lot of research has been done using deep learning methods such as ANN, CNN to determine age, gender estimation and emotion detection. Human Facial expression depicts human feelings. Human tends to change feelings, perhaps due to their mental or health conditions, in the course of lifespan. Although people are brimming with various feelings, modern psychology characterizes six basic facial expressions: happiness, sadness, surprise, fear, disgust and anger as widespread feelings. Facial muscles exercise to assist with perceiving individual’s feelings. Fundamental facial consideration features are eyebrows, mouth, nose and eyes. An architecture based on the convolution Neural network (CNN) proposed here for age, gender and emotion classification. This is one of the well known deep artificial neural networks. Convolutional Neural Network based design models are broadly utilized in classification task because of their remarkable execution in facial investigation and emotion detection. The Convolutional Neural Network includes Feature extraction which extracts Features corresponding to age, gender, emotion. Furthermore CNN includes Feature classification which classifies facial images into the correct age group, gender and emotion such as happy, sad, angry, neutral.

(I) Gender and Age Classification

Gender and age classification is the facial features that play a significant role in social interaction. Age and gender classification in face images play important task in much savvy application, for example access control, low authorization, visual observation and so on.

Fig. 1 Basic CNN architecture

(II) Emotion Detection

Emotion detection on face images can communicate and impact individual’s feelings. It is intriguing and to basic comprehend the feelings passed on by the images and how the visual content of the image implies emotion.

II. LITERATURE SURVEY

In the past few years, several papers have successfully solved the problem of facial expression recognition So far, several tasks have been completed for real-time emotion, gender, age classification. So, Some state of artwork relevant to the proposed work is discussed in this section.

Md jashim uddin Dr. paresh Chandra Barman, khandaker Takdir Ahmed et al.[1] proposed a detection system using CNN model which can achieved 95% accuracy rate in age, gender detection with IMDB-WIKI dataset and 66% accuracy achieved in emotion detection with FER dataset.

Thakshila R.kalansuriya and Anuuja T. Dharmaratne et al. [2] proposed a age gender detection system Using artificial neural network which achieved 70.5% accuracy rate where FERET and FGNET datasets are used.

M.R Dileepa and Ajit Dantib et al.[3] proposed a age gender prediction system using Neural network and sigma control limit which achieved 95% accuracy rate.

Sepidehsadat et al. [4] suggested that the utilization of Gabor filter will make it simpler for the network to focus on the face, because the output direction is perfectly matched with facial wrinkles, and wrinkles will become the input of CNN. The network focuses on providing useful features with 7% age accuracy and 2% gender accuracy.
Imane et al. [5] proposed a face detection system using HAAR cascade, CNN based on FER13(KNN) for normalization and emotion detection and Gabor binary pattern histogram sequence is used for pattern scanning. The model uses different machine learning techniques (SVM, KNN, random forest and classification, regression tree) and uses KNN and SVM algorithm to obtain a high accuracy rate which reaches 70%.

A better proposition is done by Rajesh et al. [6]. Here proposed real-time emotion detection used CNN with 9 layers for training and categorizing 7 different types of emotions which gives an accuracy of around 90.

The emotion and gender detection system using CNN proposed by Md Abdullah-al-Imran et al. [7] which achieved for emotion detection 66% with FER emotion recognition dataset and with IMDB-WIKI dataset achieved 95% for gender detection.

S L happy and Auobinda Routray et al. [8] proposed an automatic emotion recognition system using LBP classifier. Which achieved 94.39% with CK+ dataset and the system achieved a 92.22% with JAFFE dataset.

Ramin Azarmehr, Robert Laganiere, Won-Sook Lee et al. [9] proposed a system using EDA achieved 99% and for better accuracy and performance use support vector machine (SVM) and demographic classification strategies.

Jang-Hee Yoo, So-Hee Park and Yongjin Lee et.al [10] proposed a age gender detection system achieved 72.53% for age detection and 98.90% for gender detection.


Eran Eidinger, Roee Enbar, Tal Hassner et al. [12] proposed a system using LBP+FPLBP which achieved accuracy 50% on age, gender Estimation of unfiltered faces.

Ajit P Gosavi, S.R. Khot et al. [13] proposed a recognition system which achieved accuracy 91.63% on JAFFE images using principal component analysis and 91.63% precision rate obtained in case of PCA.

Sidhart Nair, Dipesh Nair et al. [14] proposed a system using CNN model with HOG, adaboost algorithm and haar cascade classifier achieved 70.47% on FER-2013 dataset for age gender and emotion classification.

Rekha N, MZ Kurian et al. [15] proposed a real time face detection system using histogram oriented gradients (HOG) and it detects the face from +90 degree to -90 degree with high accuracy rates.

Tanner Gilligan, Baris Akis et.al [16] proposed a real-time emotion detection system using LeNet and AlexNet model which achieved 97% accuracy rates.

### III. PROPOSED METHODOLOGY

The primary objective of the proposed methodology is to recognize the gender and age range with emotion from the human face images utilizing the set of facial features in real-time application. Feature extraction from face images is an important part of this method. In here, Fig-1 represent to show the flow of step to this methodology.

#### (I) PRE-PROCESSING

The pre-processing stage can improve the quality of the input image and find the data of interest by eliminating noise and smoothing the image. It eliminates image redundancy without image details. Pre-processing also includes filtering and normalizing the image to produce a uniform size and rotated image.

#### (II) FACE DETECTION

The face detection process is to extract the face area from the background of input images with various lighting conditions and complex backgrounds can be confusing and fail to recognize these expressions. It involves segmentation and extraction of facial features from the uncontrolled background.

#### (III) FEATURE EXTRACTION

In object detection feature extraction plays important role. Here, it includes shapes, movement, color, texture of the facial image. It extracts meaningful information of an image compared to the original image. Feature extraction greatly reduces information of image, which has advantages in storage.

#### (IV) FEATURE CLASSIFICATION

The classification stage recognizes facial images and group them according to certain classes and helps them
skilled recognition. Classification is a complicated process because it can be playing role in many areas. It classification stage also can called feature selection stage, which is deals with exchanges the retain essential information and connect them in certain parameters.

IV. POPULAR FEATURE EXTRACTION AND CLASSIFICATION METHOD

A. SVM

It is a machine learning algorithm which is used for classification and regression. But usually, they are used for classification problems. SVM was first introduced in the 1960s, but it was perfected in 1990. Compared with other machine learning algorithms, SVM has its unique implementation.

The model is basically a representation of different classes in a hyper plane of a multidimensional space. SVM will generate hyper planes in an iterative manner, which can minimize errors. The goal of SVM is to divide the data set into several categories to find the maximum edge hyper plane (MMH).

B. LBP

The Local Binary Pattern was used for texture classification, later it was applied in other application. LBP assigns image pixel by the neighborhood (p) each pixel values within the radius (R), represented by (gp) taking the central value (gc) as the threshold and converting its threshold into a given decimal number label by eq. The main property of LBP is its computational simplicity, which make it analyzing possible in a image-time.

\[ LBP_{p, R}(x, y) = \sum_{p \in \Omega} \delta(g_p - g_c) \]

where, \( s(x) = \begin{cases} 1, & x \geq 0 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \)

C. HOG

Histogram of oriented gradient is feature descriptor. Feature descriptor is representations of images or Image patches, which simplify the process of extracting useful information from images and discarding redundant information. Which was proposed for object detection in various machine learning application also computer vision. HOG descriptor mainly focused on the structure of an image or object by counting the localized portion.

It is a feature extraction dense method for images. Dense means that it extracts features from all positions in the image (or regions of interest in the image), instead of only key points like SIFT in the local neighborhood.

D. PCA

PCA algorithm is an eigenvector method to model linear variation of high dimensional data. Principal component analysis (PCA) is the most popular appearance-based statistical method used mainly for dimensionality reduction in compression and recognition. The PCA technique is introduced by Kirby and Sirovich in 1988. This technique are used for eliminate the dimension of a face space data. The reduction of dimension helps to remove the non-essential information from input images to recognize the face. The main face images can be introduced as a feature vector or weighted sum of the Eigen’s faces and stored in one-dimensional array. The PCA requires full frontal face image to be presented each time to give the good performance. The advantage of PCA is it can reduce the required data to identify individuals to 1/1000 of the displayed data.

E. Viola-Jones Algorithm

The viola-Jones algorithm mainly used for object detection work that can supply a competitive rate of object detection in real-time application. Also it can be trained to detect the object classes also face detection. Three major contributions/phase of this algorithm are feature extraction, classification using boosting, Multi-scale detection algorithm. The main advantage of viola-jones algorithm, it is extremely fast feature computation & effective feature selection.

V. CONCLUSION

Based on this study a complete survey of the state of the art technique for age, gender and emotion classification has been reviewed and discussed via face images. Face images have become important in recent decades primarily due to their promising real-world application in several emerging fields. In this paper, various algorithms and various data set have been proposed by their researcher. Also, a summary of the published paper in this field of study was done, including the method used, their performance, and limitation. The result of this study indicates that for Real-time age, gender, and emotion HOG+viola-jones algorithm (70%) has good accuracy rates in FER13 datasets. For only age, gender EDA (72.53% and 98.90%) has good accuracy rates. Only for emotion using the CNN model (97%) has the highest accuracy rates. An overall study of the contribution made on gender, emotion classification, and age estimation used to solve the real-time application problems and its application areas are forensic, security, face detection synthesis, lie detection music for mood, automated tutoring systems. In this paper most of the research work is done is in Convolutional Neural Network and algorithm like - AdaBoost, HOG, HAAR, LBP, PCA, FPLBP, and LDA which are used for age, gender and emotion recognition. By using these classifiers or algorithms we can build a system that can be claimed to be highly accurate.

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