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Image Animation Using Deep Learning

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ABSTRACT:

This is an open-source computer vision project. You must use OpenCV to accomplish real-time image animation in this project. The model modifies the image expression to match the expression of the person in front of the camera. Using this repository, you will be able to make face image animations using a real-time camera image of your face, from a webcam animation or, if you already have a video of your face, you may use that to make face image animations.

This project is to implement Image animation in real time using Convolutional Neural Networks (CNN). We are using first order motion model for generating a image animation. Our method takes an input image along with a desired target pose, and automatically synthesizes a new image depicting the person in that pose. We evaluated the proposed method both quantitatively and qualitatively and showed that our approach clearly outperforms state of the art on all the benchmarks.

INTRODUCTION:

Animating things in still photographs to create films has a variety of uses, including e-commerce, remote control movie creation, and photography. Stated differently, picture animation is just the process of automatically creating films by fusing motion patterns from a driving video with the appearance taken from a source image. For example, an animated face image of one person can mimic the expressions on the face of another. The majority of approaches use computer graphics techniques and strong priors on the object representation to address this issue. These techniques are sometimes called object-specific methods since they take into account the model knowledge of the particular item that has to be animated.

LITERATURE REVIEE:

"Real-Time Neural Style Transfer for Videos" by Manuel Ruder, Alexey Dosovitskiy, Thomas Brox (2016): This paper introduces an approach for real-time style transfer in videos using feed-forward networks, allowing for the application of artistic styles to videos in real-time.

"Deep Video Portraits" by Justus Thies, Michael Zollhöfer, Matthias Nießner, Marc Stamminger, Christian Theobalt (2019): This work presents a method for real-time facial reenactment that can manipulate the facial expressions of a target actor in a video based on the expressions of a source actor, achieving high-quality results in real-time.

First Order Motion Model for Image Animation" by Aliaksandr Siarohin, Stéphane Lathuilière, Sergey Tulyakov, Elisa Ricci, Nicu Sebe (2019): This work presents a method for animating a given image using the motion of a driving video, allowing for real-time generation of animated sequences based on simple input interactions.

PROPOSED SYSTEM:.

- **Data Acquisition and Preprocessing:**

Gather a dataset of images or videos relevant to the desired animation task.This dataset could include pairs of input and target images/videos.

- Preprocess the data as necessary, including resizing, normalization, and augmentation to improve model generalization.
- **Model Selection and Training::**

Choose an appropriate machine learning model for the task, such as Generative Adversarial Networks (GANs), Variational Autoencoders (VAEs), or deep learning-based models.

- **Real-time Inference:** Deploy the trained model to perform real-time inference on new input data.

Set up a system to capture live video streams or input images from a camera feed or other sources.

EXISTING SYSTEM:

- **Data Collection and Preprocessing**:

Deep Fake Systems typically require a large dataset of images and videos cointaining faces.

Preprocessing involves face extraction,alignment and normalization to prepare the data for training.

- **User Interaction and Control**:

Users may have limited interaction and control over the animation process, typically involving selecting target faces for swapping or adjusting animation parameters.

- **Optimization and Performance:**

DeepFake systems are optimized for real-time performance, utilizing hardware acceleration and parallel processing techniques to ensure low-slatency processing.

PROBLEM STATEMENT

Real-time image animation using machine learning aims to develop algorithms and systems capable of animating images or videos in real-time, leveraging machine learning techniques for efficient and effective performance.

Develop algorithms and systems that can process input images or videos and generate animations in real-time, typically at frame rates suitable for interactive applications (e.g., 30 frames per second or higher).

METHODOLOGY:

For training, we employ a large collection of video sequences containing objects of the same object category. Our model is trained to reconstruct the training videos by combining a single frame and a learned latent representation of the motion in the video. Observing frame pairs, each extracted from the same video, it learns to encode motion as a combination of motion-specific keypoint displacements and local affine transformations. At test time we apply our model to pairs composed of the source image and of each frame of the driving video and perform image animation of the source object..

- **Local Affine Transformations:** The motion estimation module estimates the backward optical flow Ts←D from a driving frame D to the source frame S. As discussed above, we propose to approximate Ts←D by its first order Taylor expansion in a neighborhood of the keypoint locations. In the rest of this section, we describe the motivation behind this choice, and detail the proposed approximation of Ts←D. We assume there exist an abstract reference frame R. Therefore, estimating Ts←D consists in estimating Ts←R and Ts←D. Furthermore, given a frame X, we estimate each transformation Ts←R in the neighborhood of the learned keypoints.
- **Combining Local Motions:** Employ a convolutional network P to estimate Tˆs←D from the set of Taylor approximations of Ts←D(z) in the key points and the original source frame S. Importantly, since Tˆs←D maps each pixel location in D with its corresponding location in S, the local patterns in Tˆs←D, such as edges or texture, are pixel-to-pixel aligned with D but not with S. This misalignment issue makes the task harder for the network to predict Tˆ S←D from S. In order to provide inputs already roughly aligned with Tˆs←D,
- **Occlusion Image Generation:**The source

image S is not pixel-to-pixel aligned with the image to be generated Dˆ . In order to handle this misalignment, we use a feature warping strategy. More precisely, after two down-sampling convolutional blocks, we obtain a feature map ξ ∈ R H0×W0 of dimension H0 × W0 . We then warp ξ according to Tˆs←D. In the presence of occlusions in S, optical flow may not be sufficient to generate Dˆ . Indeed, the occluded parts in S cannot be recovered by image-warping and thus should be inpainted. Consequently, we introduce an occlusion map to mask out the feature map regions that should be in-painted. Thus, the occlusion mask diminishes the impact of the features corresponding to the occluded parts. We estimate the occlusion mask from our sparse keypoints representation, by adding a channel to the

METHODS AND ALGORITHMS :

Data Collection and Preparation: Gather a dataset of images or videos relevant to the desired animation task. This dataset may include examples of the object or scene to be animated, along with corresponding labels or annotations if available**.**

Preprocessing: Preprocess the data as needed for training. This may involve tasks such as resizing, normalization, and data augmentation to improve the robustness and generalization of the model.

Model Selection: Choose an appropriate machine learning algorithm or model architecture for the task. Common choices for image animation include convolutional neural networks (CNNs), recurrent neural networks (RNNs), generative adversarial networks (GANs), or variational autoencoders (VAEs), depending on the specific requirements and constraints of the application.

Training: Train the selected model using the prepared dataset. This typically involves feeding input images or video frames into the model and adjusting its parameters to minimize a specified loss function. Training may require significant computational resources and can take a considerable amount of time, especially for complex models or large datasets.

Data Analysis: Pandas enables data analysis by providing functionalities to perform statistical operations, calculate descriptive statistics, and derive insights from the data. In the code, pandas is used to analyze user data and feedback data, such as computing user ratings, predicted fields, user experience levels, resume scores, and geographic usage distributions.

Real-time Inference: Once the model is trained, deploy it for real-time inference on new input data. This may involve processing live video streams or capturing frames from a camera feed and applying the trained model to generate or manipulate images in real-time.

Integration and Optimization: Integrate the trained model into the desired application or system, ensuring that it meets the performance requirements for real-time operation. This may involve optimizations such as model quantization, parallelization, or hardware acceleration to improve inference speed and efficiency.Parsing Resumes: Pyresparser is employed to parse the contents of resumes uploaded by users. This process involves analyzing the text to identify different sections like contact information, education, experience, skills, etc.

convolutional neural networks (CNNs) Using Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) for real-time image animation involves leveraging their ability to extract features from images and learn representations that can be used for various tasks, including image generation and manipulation.

Feature Extraction: CNNs are adept at learning hierarchical representations of visual data. In real-time image animation, CNNs can be used to extract features from input frames or images. These features capture important characteristics of the input data and serve as the basis for subsequent processing.

Model Architecture: Design a CNN architecture suitable for the specific animation task at hand. This may involve customizing the network architecture based on factors such as the complexity of the animation, the desired output format (e.g., images, videos), and computational constraints for real-time performance.

Training Data: Gather a dataset of training examples relevant to the animation task. This dataset may include pairs of input-output images or videos, where the input represents the initial frame or scene, and the output represents the desired animated result. High-quality and diverse training data are essential for training a CNN effectively.

Training Process: Train the CNN using the collected dataset. During training, the network learns to map input images to corresponding output images, effectively learning the underlying patterns and relationships necessary for the animation task. Techniques such as transfer learning or data augmentation may be employed to improve training efficiency and generalization.

Real-time Inference: Deploy the trained CNN for real-time inference on new input data. This involves processing live video streams or capturing frames from a camera feed and applying the trained model to generate or manipulate images in real-time. Optimizations such as model quantization, parallelization, or hardware acceleration may be employed to ensure fast and efficient inference.

Recurrent Neural Networks (RNNs): Using Recurrent Neural Networks (RNNs) for real-time image animation involves exploiting their sequential processing capabilities to model temporal dependencies in image sequences. **Sequence Modeling:** RNNs are well-suited for modeling sequences of data, making them applicable to tasks involving temporal dynamics, such as video processing and animation. In the context of image animation, RNNs can be used to model the sequential nature of video frames, where each frame depends on the preceding frames.

Model Architecture: Design an RNN architecture suitable for the animation task. This may involve using various RNN variants, such as Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) or Gated Recurrent Unit (GRU), which are capable of capturing long-range dependencies and mitigating issues like vanishing gradients during training.

Training Data: Gather a dataset of training examples consisting of image sequences relevant to the animation task. This dataset may include pairs of consecutive frames, where one frame serves as the input, and the next frame serves as the target or ground truth for animation.

Training Process: Train the RNN using the collected dataset. During training, the network learns to predict the next frame in a sequence based on the preceding frames. The training objective typically involves minimizing the difference between the predicted and ground truth frames, encouraging the network to learn realistic temporal dynamics.

Real-time Inference: Deploy the trained RNN for real-time inference on new input data. This involves processing live video streams or capturing frames from a camera feed and applying the trained model to generate or animate future frames in real-time. Optimizations such as batching, parallelization, or hardware acceleration may be employed to ensure fast and efficient inference.

Feedback and Iteration: Continuously evaluate the performance of the system in real-world scenarios and collect feedback from users or stakeholders. Use this feedback to identify areas for improvement and iterate on the RNN architecture, training data, or inference pipeline as needed.

Generative Adversarial Networks (GANs): using Generative Adversarial Networks (GANs) for real-time image animation involves employing their generative capabilities to produce new image frames that smoothly transition from one state to another.

GANs have been successfully applied to various image generation tasks, including image-to-image translation, super-resolution, and video prediction. By leveraging their adversarial training framework, GANs can enable the generation of realistic and dynamic image animations in real-time applications.

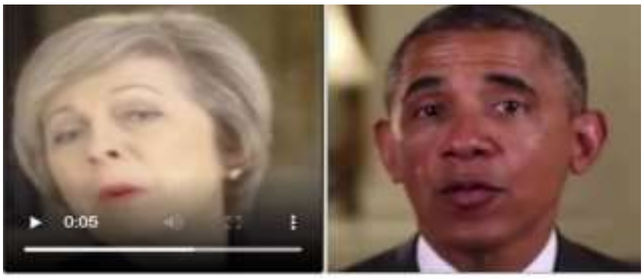
GAN for real-time inference on new input data. This involves processing live video streams or capturing frames from a camera feed and applying the trained model to generate intermediate frames in real-time. Optimizations such as model quantization, parallelization, or hardware acceleration may be employed to ensure fast and efficient inference.

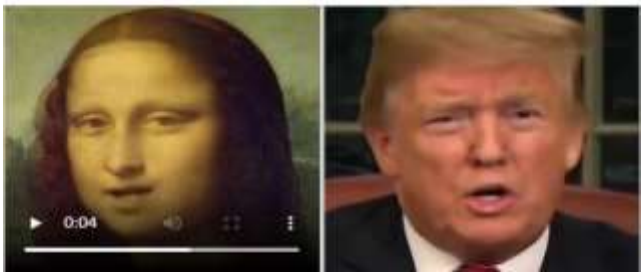
GAN using the collected dataset. During training, the generator learns to produce intermediate frames that smoothly transition between keyframes, while the discriminator learns to distinguish between real and generated frames. The training objective typically involves minimizing the difference between the generated frames and the ground truth frames, encouraging the generator to produce realistic and visually coherent animations.

EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS: s

Real-time image animation using deep learning involves the use of algorithms, often based on convolutional neural networks (CNNs) or generative adversarial networks (GANs), to animate images or alter them in real-time. This could involve tasks like facial expression transfer, style transfer, or even creating entirely new images based on given input.

Output:





1. **Real-Time Style Transfer:** Applying the style of one image to another in real-time, allowing for dynamic changes in artistic style.
2. **Facial Expression Transfer:** Modifying the facial expressions of a person in a video in real-time, for example, making them smile, frown, or express surprise.
3. **Deepfake Generation:** Generating realistic videos of individuals saying or doing things they never actually did, often involving complex facial and body animations.
4. **Gesture Recognition and Animation:** Recognizing human gestures from video streams and animating characters or avatars accordingly in real-time.
5. **Background Replacement :** automatically replacing the background of a video with a different scene or environment in real-time.
6. **Character Animation:** Bringing static characters or objects to life in real-time, such as animating drawings or sculptures based on input from a camera or other sensors.

CONLUSION:

This approach for image animation is based on keypoints and local affine transformations. This Formulation describes the motion field between two frames and is efficiently computed and in this way, motion is described as a set of keypoints displacements and local affine transformations. A generator network combines the appearance of the source image and the motion representation of the driving video. In addition, we proposed to explicitly model occlusions in order to indicate to the generator network which image parts should be in-painted. We evaluated the proposed method both quantitatively and qualitatively and showed that our approach clearly outperforms state of the art on all the benchmarks. Further research includes elaborating on a user-interface for real-time simulation and improving the simulated individuals visual quality. Increasing realism requires revising and improving our methods, although the results should not differ much qualitatively. We're working on the real-time simulation of hair and deformable clothing, and on a variety of autonomous behaviors. With the goal of accelerating the cloning process, we're also making progress on the automatic 3D reconstruction and simulation of virtual faces.

FUTURE WORK:

Further optimize algorithms and systems to achieve even faster processing speeds and lower latency, enabling real-time image animation on a wider range of devices, including mobile phones, tablets, and AR/VR headsets.

Interactive Animation Systems: Develop interactive animation systems that allow users to directly manipulate and control the animation process in real-time, enabling dynamic adjustments to facial expressions, gestures, or environmental factors through intuitive interfaces. Multi-Modal Fusion: Investigate methods for integrating multiple modalities of input data, such as image, audio, or depth information, to enhance the richness and expressiveness of real-time image animations, enabling more immersive and engaging experiences.

Cross-Domain Adaptation: Explore techniques for transferring animation styles or characteristics across different domains, such as transferring facial expressions between cartoon characters and real faces, or adapting artistic styles between different types of images or videos.

Ethical and Social Implications: Conduct further research into the ethical and social implications of real-time image animation technologies, including issues related to privacy, consent, misinformation, and digital identity, and develop strategies for responsible deployment and regulation.

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