
Realtime Mask and Face Detection Using Tensor Flow, Keras and OpenCV

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Abstract— Due to the COVID19 pandemic, our day-to-day lives have been changed drastically and global trade and movements are severely disrupted. To wear a proper sanitized protective face mask has now become a necessity for the general public. Nowadays, many of the public and private companies will request their employees to use face masks while doing their job in the workplace. Face mask detection system has now become an integral part of our society. This Research Paper focuses our mind on a more simplified and a strict approach to protect ourselves from Covid19 pandemic. By using machine learning technologies like TensorFlow with Keras and OpenCV, and ScikitLearn, we can detect that whether a person is wearing his/her face mask or not. This method correctly detects the human face and then recognizes whether that face is wearing a mask or not and even detects whether the mask is over the nose or not. As a surveillance system, the software can detect that the face is wearing a mask or not even in motion. The method is built to achieve accuracy upto 95.77% in two different data sets. We are using the Sequential form of Convolutional Neural Network model in which optimized values are achieved to detect the correct presence of the mask.

Keywords: Keras, OpenCV, TensorFlow, Facial Recognition, Real-Time Mask and Face Detection, CNN architecture.

1. Introduction:

According to (WHO) World Health Organization, in the year 2019, millions of people were infected by coronavirus disease and almost a million deaths were reported due to COVID19. Symptoms like Loss of Taste and Breathing problems like shortness of breath were reported all around the world and it was seen that elderly people with lung disease may have severe complications. Droplets of cough of the infected person carrying the virus can reach to the neighboring people, this makes the virus communicable.

Our people should know the importance of wearing face mask as a safeguard against

COVID19, to regularize the risk of getting infected from an infected person during the "pre-symptomatic" phase. WHO focuses that medical masks and ventilators are a priority for medical personnel, because of which mask screening has now become an integral task in today's society. This mask detection system basically detects the position of your face and then finally detects the presence of the mask on your face. The thing is almost similar to general object recognition to recognize object classes.

2. Dataset:

Two datasets were used to experiment with the current method: dataset 1 contains 1,376 (one thousand and thirty-six) images, which includes 690 (six hundred and ninety) images of random people who are wearing the protective face masks and the rest 686 (six hundred and eighty) images of people who are not wearing face mask. The first figure primarily includes the front face pose with the same type of mask which is just the white color only.

Kaggle's record 2 consists of 853 (eight hundred and fifty-three) images and their faces are erased with or without masks. In the figure (Fig-2) there are also face collections that are designed for head-turning, bowing, and bowing with more than one face present in the same frame.

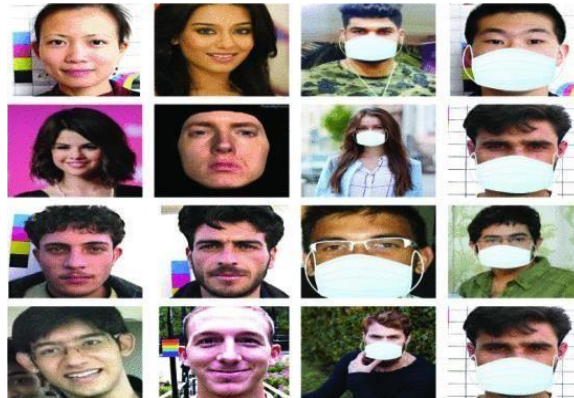


Figure 1: Samples including faces with and without white face masks.



Figure 2: Samples including faces with and without colored face masks.

3. Incorporated Packages:

A. TensorFlow:

TensorFlow is defined as an interface that expresses machine learning algorithms, that includes some special topics like sentiment analysis that is used to capture expressions, speech recognition for voice, geographic information extraction, vision by computer, tax etc.

B. Keras:

Keras provides basic building blocks for building and transporting neural networks at high iteration rates. It not only has the scalability but it also has the modified cross-platform capabilities. Therefore, the core data structures and APIs which are included in Keras are the multiple layers and different models of the idea that we have worked upon. The vector is converted to a binary class array and the model is generated.

C. OpenCV:

OpenCV is an open-source machine learning tool and software library used to distinguish and recognize faces and objects, track progressive modules, eye movements to track, track camera actions, red-eye of flash images, search for comparison images from an image database.

4. The Proposed Technical Method:

The technical method consists of a particular classifier that was structured by the algorithm and CNN model that comprises of the two 2D convolutional layers which are used to connect the layers of dense neurons. This mask recognition system algorithm is as follows:

A. Data Processing:

Data preprocessing refers to the process of converting data from a specific format into a kind of format that is more robust and user-friendly. The data can be of any form like an image or in a video format or even in plain text. This includes a composition model and analyses the relationship available between different entities and sub-properties. The suggested method interacts with OpenCV and NumPy tools that interact with images and data in video format.

a) *Converting RGB image to grayscale:*

Nowadays, our current image recognition systems are able to work with grayscale format of images without even moving into the process of converting color images to grayscale images. The main reason is that grayscale color method has very little consequence when working with robust descriptors. Since grayscale streamlines the algorithm and reduces computational requirements, it is used to extract some particular descriptors instead of working on color.

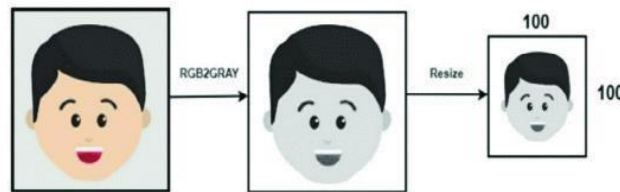


Figure 3: Conversion of RGB image into Grayscale image of 100 x 100 size.

b) *Image Reshaping:*

The image that we take as input is a three-dimensional system tensor in which each channel has a single prominent pixel. The main condition is that the images must be similar in size to match the 3D feature of tensor. It can only accept finely tuned images, which causes several difficulties with data collection and model deployment.

B. Training of the Model:

We have included a layer of Mobile nets in this CNN architecture to improve the response time of the system. This may affect the accuracy of the model but the resulted accuracy is sufficient for our model. This particular modification has let us improve the software exponentially. Now the next step is the splitting of the dataset. This means the model should be trained on a particular set and then should be tested on another dataset. The loss of validation is being monitored with a Model Checkpoint. The images that we are using to train the system is included in this sequential model. Here, we use 20% of the data that has been already trained as the validation data. The model has been trained for almost 20 epochs, which now maintains a balance between precision and the possibility of overfitting.

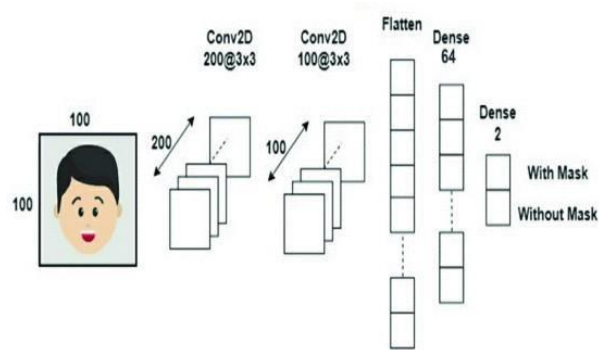


Figure 4: Convolution Neural Network (CNN) architecture

5. WHAT'S UNIQUE IN OUR RESEARCH PAPER?

A. Facial recognition with and without glasses

There were three independent variables: the glasses and gender of the person being stimulated, and the person's processing depth. The initial two independent variables were varied through photographs of men and women with or without glasses. The processing depth was manipulated by having the test subjects assess the characteristics (deep) or the appearance (superficial) of the stimulus subjects during the initial exposure phase [16].

B. Proper way of wearing Face Mask:

Face mask is the key part in this pandemic situation as this is the only safeguard that can prevent the spread of this infectious disease. Other errors such as wearing the mask below nose or wearing a loose mask are generally not taken into account but they can also contribute to the spread of the virus.

6. Result and Analysis of the Model:

The face and mask recognition model has been trained, validated, and tested on dataset. The method achieves an accuracy of up to 95.77%. It shows how this optimized precision reduces the cost of errors and can be considered to be more versatile and detailed. Max Pooling is considered to be one of the reasons which offers a rudimentary translational. The optimized value of neurons is 64, which is not much high. The larger numbers of neurons can result in poorer performance of the model propose.

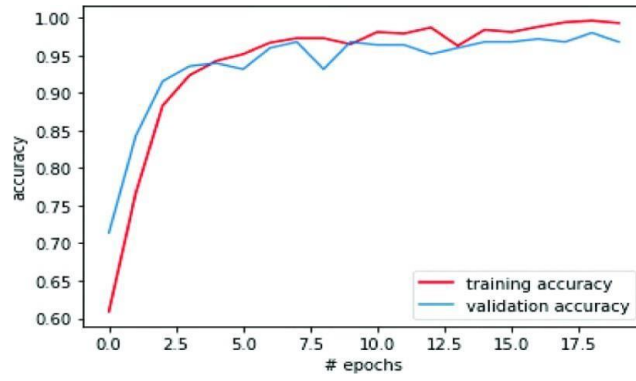


Figure 5: Graph showing - Epochs vs Accuracy in the reference dataset.

7. Conclusion:

We explained how this technology can be helpful for situations like Covid 19. Wearing a mask could become mandatory shortly given the Covid 19 crisis. The model used will make a major contribution to the public health systems. The main motive of this model is to set a strict policy for the general public to wear protective face mask in a proper way so that we can prevent the spread of COVID 19 on a large scale and even put a full stop to it.

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