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Vehicle Number Plate Detection Using Python

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ABSTRACT

Vehicle's plate number is a unique identity by which individual vehicle can be identified. Vehicle number plate detection is use it in toll tax collection, traffic chalans and can also be used in multilevel parking areas. Keeping the time in mind, we have worked on this project. In this project, we will click the picture of the vehicle with the help of CCTV and find the number plate of the car. With this, no car owner will have to wait in the toll plaza, it will work like a kind of fast-track system. And this project can be worked not only in the toll plaza but also in the traffic system and multiple parking areas like big bazars, collages, shopping malls and etc.

Keyword: - vehicle number plate detection, edge detection algorithm, python, OpenCV.

1. INTRODUCTION

Identifying vehicles automatically has become necessary due to its several applications; for example, traffic reconnaissance, access control, parking charges, and toll payments, ticket giving, robbery control, vehicles documents confirmation, and so on. [1] The task of identifying a vehicle's plate number using automatic recognition techniques can be viewed as an important research area of the modern automation system and intelligent transportation system which has been broadly read for quite a few years. [14]

In many countries, the configurations of authorized plates often differ but the techniques of automatic recognition can be something very similar (detection, segmentation, and character recognition). From the three key automatic recognition techniques, the most vital errand is to recognize the tag and disappointment of which will extraordinarily influence the accuracy of the recognition. edge-based strategies appear to be well known and broadly accepted. The second task after detection is character division, where the caught characters are divided by their Hight and width values. The projection technique is accepted to be a highly effective method for character division utilized for most plate number recognition. [1-3]

2. LITERATURE SURVEY

The proposed Smart monitoring system process the vehicles appearing in the footage and list the known and unknown vehicles as residents and others not registered in the database to be considered as visitors. the vehicle entry is detected by the camera, the Automatic number plate recognition system will scan the plate and recognizes the vehicle number. The Microcontroller contrasts vehicle number and the data set, and gathers the vehicle proprietor qualifications, and sends the information to the application through the cloud [1]. This document intends to remove picture outlines from streaming CCTV film, perceive the vehicle number into its relating text organization, and showing the insights concerning the vehicle and proprietor. Layout coordinating has been utilized before in acknowledgment of digits and letters; this paper additionally utilizes the idea of format coordinating with approach in picture handling which is created to remove the vehicle number from the number plate [2].

We should take an example picture of a vehicle and start with identifying the license plate on that vehicle. We will at that point utilize a similar picture for Character Division and Character Acknowledgment too. Resizing assists us to stay away from any issues with greater goal pictures, ensure the number plate actually stays in the casing in the wake of resizing [3]. This paperwork is to create character recognition utilizing a template matching algorithm. detecting number plate characters during evening times works effectively but it gets wasteful in the event of bright time. this system is to design and make incredible picture taking care of techniques and computations to limit the license plate in the got picture, to segregate the characters from that number plate, and to recognize each character of the part by using the Open PC Vision Library. This has been executed in K-NN computation and python programming language [4].

In this paper, we have effectively sorted out some way to get the result and precision reliant on explicit variables like strength of number plate, lighting conditions, the distance at which the getting communication occurs, the text-based style which is used for the number plate. The various segments that worked in ideal conditions gave extraordinary exactness and results. The k-NN calculation helped in distinctive characters and fuss and separating them into different classes [5]. The automatic License Plate Recognition system is an ongoing installed framework that automatically recognizes the license plate of vehicles. Automatic license plate recognition (ALPR) has complex qualities because of different impacts like light and speed. The majority of the ALPR frameworks are constructed utilizing restrictive instruments like MATLAB. This paper presents an elective

strategy for executing ALPR frameworks utilizing Free Programming including Python and the Open PC Vision Library. [6]

The automatic License Plate Recognition system is a real-time embedded system that automatically recognizes the license plate of vehicles. This paper presents an elective strategy for executing ALPR frameworks utilizing Free Programming including Python and the Open PC Vision Library. The picture of the vehicle is caught utilizing a high-goal photographic camera. Preprocessing is the arrangement of calculations applied to the picture to upgrade the quality. The region in the picture that intrigues us is the tag and should be confined from the clamor. [7]. Automatic number plate recognition technology is a device applied to smart cities areas in examination and wrong doing counteraction. It has been generally used in parking management systems and tollgates on highways that have an inflexible shooting point and lighting environmental factors. Assuming the vehicle is an un-validate, it turns into a drawn-out and tedious undertaking and exceptionally difficult to look through that vehicle. Perceived number plate shows on graphical UI and put away in an information base with time and date for additional utilization. It will be gainful to lessen the issue, for example, criminal traffic offense cases and to upgrade security in stopping territories. PC vision innovation assumes an essential part in this venture for moving vehicle number plate character acknowledgment. [8]

This paper examines a progression of techniques to perceive the tag number. The techniques incorporate grayscale which transforms the beautiful picture into grayscale, binarization which further proselytes the grayscale picture into the high contrast rendition, tag identification which is to look for the area of the tag, character division what separate the removed characters independently, and character acknowledgment to change the pixel into significant data. To test the presentation of the whole acknowledgment measure, an aggregate of 30 pictures have been utilized and tried from the start of the grayscale to the end of a character. recognition. [9]. In this paper, we have carried out number plate recognition. Our algorithm effectively detects the number plate district from the picture which comprises of vehicle number and then character division, acknowledgment. We have applied our calculation on numerous pictures and found that it effectively perceived. The task was planned remembering the automation of the number plate detection system for security reasons that could supplant the current arrangement of manual section. This task was an accomplishment in recording the number plate of a vehicle despite the fact that it has got its own constraint of picture preparing and other equipment necessities. [10]

3. METHODOLOGY

In this section, we will in general will consider the strategies and methods of carrying out the structure. We tend to study the technologies and algorithm used in achieving the objective. In section A we will in general will give data with respect to the pre-owned algorithms and technologies. In section B we can justify our projected system.

- OpenCV: - OpenCV (Open-Source Computer Vision Library) is an open-source computer vision and machine learning software library. OpenCV was built to provide a common infrastructure for computer vision applications and to accelerate the use of machine perception in the commercial products. Being a BSD-licensed product, OpenCV makes it easy for businesses to utilize and modify the code. [16]
- Canny edge detection: - Our edge detection method in this workshop is Canny edge detection, created by John Canny in 1986. This method uses a series of steps, some incorporating other types of edge detection.
  - A Gaussian blur (that is described by the sigma parameter, see introduction) is applied to remove noise from the picture. (So, in the event that we are doing edge recognition by means of this capacity, we ought not play out our own obscuring step.)
  - Sobel edge detection is performed on both the x and y measurements, to discover the intensity gradients of the edges in the picture. Sobel edge detection figures the subordinate of a bend fitting the slope among light and dim areas in a picture, and afterward find the peak of the subsidiary, which is deciphered as the area of an edge pixel.
  - Pixels that would be featured, yet appear to be excessively far from any edge, are eliminated. This is called non-greatest suppression, and the outcome is edge lines that are slenderer than those created by different methods.
  - A two-threshold edge is applied to decide expected edges. Here superfluous pixels brought about by clamor or milder shading variety than wanted are wiped out. In the event that a pixel's gradient value – based on the Sobel differential – is over the high threshold value, it is viewed as a solid candidate for an edge. If the gradient is below the low threshold value, it is turned off. If the gradient is in between, the pixel is considered a weak candidate for an edge pixel.
  - Final detection of edges is performed using hysteresis. Here, weak candidate pixels are examined, and if they are connected to strong candidate pixels, they are considered to be edge pixels; the remaining, non-connected weak candidates are turned off. [17-18]

4. PROPOSED SYSTEM

In this paper, I have created this project keeping in mind the time, in which the help of the CCTV camera will automatically click the picture of the vehicle which will be saved in Databased will take back from the database and it will be output in 5 steps and will detect the number plate in the last (fig 1.1).

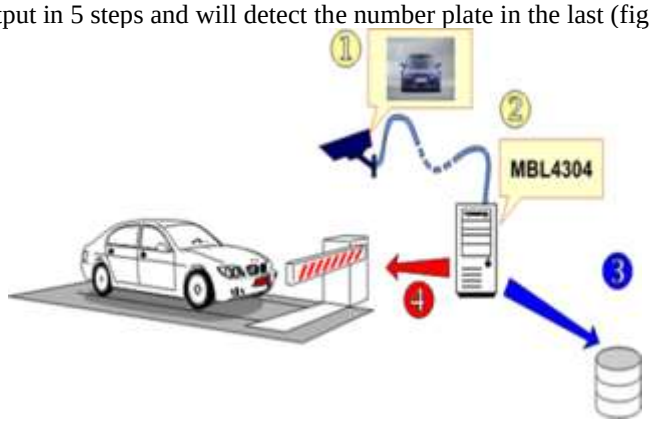

Fig 1.1 – architecture of VNPD [19]

5. IMPLEMENTATION

5.1 Implementation steps

In this section, we will talk about the means which were actualized while doing the examination. We will be performing testing on different number plates to get the accuracy of the system.

- The first step is that image of vehicle will be captured with CCTV camera.
- Captured images will be saved in the cloud s3 bucket.
- Then we have to use canny edge detection algorithm, in this algorithm we will used some functions: - Original input/image that image of vehicle will be captured with CCTV camera.

Fig 1.2 – Original input/image

5.1.1 Grayscale

Gray scaling is the way toward changing over a picture from other shading spaces for example RGB, CMYK, HSV, and so on to shades of dim. It shifts between complete dark and complete white. We can likewise change a picture over to grayscale utilizing the standard RGB to grayscale conversion formula that is imgGray = 0.2989 * R + 0.5870 * G + 0.1140 * B. [18]

fig 1.3 – Grayscale

5.1.2 Bilateral Filter

A bilateral filter is used for smoothening images and reducing noise, while preserving edges. these convolutions often result in a loss of important edge information, since they blur out everything, irrespective of it being noise or an edge. [20]

Fig 1.4 – Bilateral Filter

5.1.3 Sobel

Sobel edge indicator is an inclination put together strategy based with respect to first-arrange subordinates. It ascertains the main subsidiaries of the picture independently for the X and Y axes. [18]

Fig 1.5 – Sobel edge detection

5.1.4 Canny Edge Detection

First argument is our input image. Second and third arguments are our minVal and maxVal respectively. Third argument is aperture size. It is the size of Sobel kernel used for find image gradients. By default, it is 3. Last argument is L2gradient which specifies the equation for finding gradient magnitude. If it is True, it uses the equation mentioned above which is more accurate, otherwise it uses this function: Edge_Gradient \; (G) = |G_x| + |G_y|. By default, it is False. [18-19]

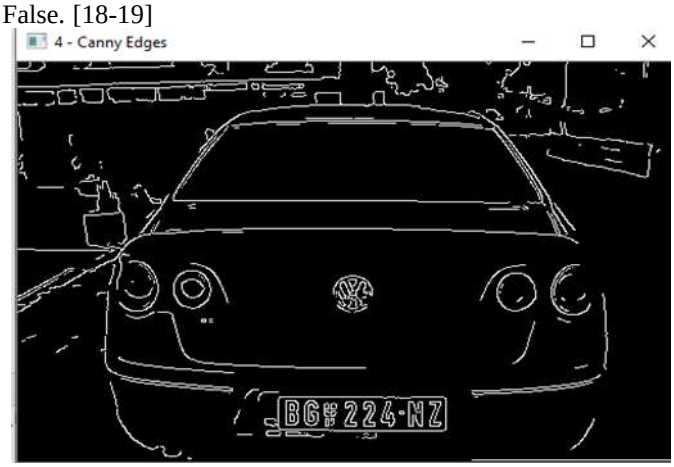

fig 1.6 – Canny Edge Detection

5.1.5 Contour

Contour is to detect geometrical shapes in images, and this can be quite useful for simplifying problems that involve classification or object detection.

Fig 1.5 – Contour

6. CONCLUSION

Its conclusions are that any car's number plate will be detected and its record will be in the cloud and it can be easily used in toll plazas, traffic systems, shopping mall packing and any multilevel car parking, it will also save time. [16]

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