Morse Code Receiver on Invisible Light Using Background Subtraction Method

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Abstract— Morse code is a system of representation of letters, numbers, punctuation marks and signals using a code of dots and lines that are arranged to represent certain characters in the alphabet or certain signals (signs) that are agreed upon for use throughout the world. This code was coined by Samuel F.B. Morse and Alfred Vail in 1835. This research aims at how to apply the Background Subtraction method in the design of the Morse sign language receiver in the invisible light. Build an Android-based application for recognition of Morse sign language by keeping messages sent using Morse sign language secret through infrared light from the sight of those who can read the message. From the results of the tests that have been carried out, it is concluded that the level of accuracy of testing using the False Match Rate (FMR) obtained a success percentage of 65% from the 26-character data tested. From the 26-character data tested, it was obtained data with the number of characters that were successfully counted correctly, namely 17 characters, while the character data that failed to be counted was 9 characters with a detection result of 26 characters.

Keywords— Morse gesture, Microcontroller, Receiver, Invisible Light, Background Subtraction

I. INTRODUCTION

Morse code is a system of representation of letters, numbers, punctuation marks and signals using a code of dots and lines that are arranged to represent certain characters in the alphabet or certain signals (signs) that are agreed upon for use throughout the world was studied by nilas [1] and ching [3]. This code was coined by Samuel F.B. Morse and Alfred Vail in 1835 was studied by ming [2]. In the early days of its development in the 19th century until the mid-20th century, Morse code sent via telegraph was the communication medium with the widest and fastest reach, and became the main means of sending news in post offices was studied by wahyuni [4], all over the world until the time the telephone became popular in society was studied by nguyen [5].

In Morse code the most commonly agreed and used signal is the "SOS" signal (---...), which is a code used as a sign of danger that has been agreed upon by various international maritime treaties, and in several countries and regions use of this signal outside of an emergency situation may result in the threat of punishment was studied by irawan [6]. Morse code as an emergency signal from a ship in danger can be sent in the form of radio signals, sign lights, whistles or flags was studied by niu [7].

In addition, Morse code is also used and studied in the world of scouting was studied by murugan [8]. In the world of scouting, Morse code is conveyed using a scout flashlight or whistle was studied by subagjo [9]. The way to convey this Morse code is by turning on a flashlight with a short duration to represent a point and turning on a flashlight with a long duration to represent a line. However, not everyone can read this Morse code was studied by muhardi [10].

Background subtraction is a technique in the field of image processing and computer vision in which the foreground of the image is extracted for further processing (object recognition) was studied by lee [11]. Background Subtraction uses two models with high and low brightness levels was studied by cunnif [12]. Two models that have a high color value are called the maximum model and the low one is called the minimum model was studied by shanhu [13] and shanhu [14]. The maximum and minimum models are used to eliminate the background was studied by jiang [15], the current door security system only uses conventional locks and is considered less effective for security because only by using a wire people can break into the door security system and other problems sometimes due to locks was studied by song [16]. Conventional ones are often lost and even easily lost was studied by reign [17]. In today's technological advances, new innovations are created to create a sophisticated security tool or system was studied by zeng [18] and irawan [19]. The design of this system uses a password lock that is connected to a 4x4 keypad and Arduino UNO as a microcontroller with a door guard like this was studied by youwei [20], of course there will be no more cases of losing keys and is also expected to maximize security protection and minimize crime was studied by hao [21].

II. METHODS

This stage is the stage in finding initial information about studies that have been conducted by previous researchers regarding the design of an Android-based Morse sign language recognition application, as well as the Background Subtraction method on computer vision was studied by wahyuni [22]. The following are the stages of making the method:

a. Data collection

Literature study is carried out by studying information and data obtained from books was studied by chen [23], scientific journals and other related research as a guide in
the research process of introducing Morse sign language using the Android-based Background Subtraction method was studied by fonda [24].

b. Frame Extraction
In the early stages, video files are captured and broken down into digital images based on video frames was studied by nalajala [25]. The extraction process is carried out on video where each frame at a certain time unit is converted into a digital image was studied by suparman [26]. The resulting digital image is in JPEG (Joint Photographic Experts Group) format. Furthermore, for each pixel in the digital image it is converted to double type which has a value range of 0 to 1. A pixel value of 0 is for a weak color component and a value of 1 means a strong color component was studied by lenardo [27].

c. Background Modeling
Based on the image generated from the video recording, a background model is determined. Then the background image modeling process is carried out manually by selecting a digital image where there are no objects in it was studied by chen [28].

d. Testing the System
After the coding process is complete, it is continued with the system testing process after the software and tools are ready for use by the user, then the software and tools that have been made must perform testing before use was studied by silva [29]. This aims to minimize software and tool errors. This test will be carried out using the black box method was studied by irawan [30].

e. System Evaluation
In this system evaluation stage the user evaluates the system and tools that have been made as desired. if not, then the author will repeat steps to stages 4 and 5. But if so, then stage 7 will be carried out was studied by faudzi [31].

Data collection technique is consisting of preprocessing, background subtraction, image segmentations and object classification.

a. Preprocessing
The background image and the image obtained are normalized by the R, G and B components. Normalization is done to increase the accuracy of the image reduction process. To get a better image, before normalizing the Red (R), Greeb (G) and Blue (B) color components was studied by fatmawati [32].

b. Background Subtraction
After the image has been normalized, then the image reduction process (background subtraction) is carried out by reducing every pixel in the object image with the background image. The image reduction process is done absolutely where the difference of every pixel of the two images will be obtained and always has a positive value. Because this technique will see the difference for each pixel in the image, so both images must have the same data type and size was studied by Wijaya [33].

c. Image Segmentation
In order for the image to be well segmented, several strengthening (dilatatio) and filling processes are carried out.

d. Object Classification
After the object is segmented properly, a selection is carried out by performing a classification so that the infrared light object and the non-infrared light object are obtained.

III. IMPLEMENTATION
The system implementation will be described in accordance with the analysis and design described in the previous chapter. After the analysis and design stages have been completed, then the next stage is the implementation of the interface design which aims to explain the implementation of the interface that has been designed so that it is in accordance with the expected. The results of the implementation of the application interface. The home page is the initial display of the system which will be displayed to the user Figure (1).

![Fig. 1. Home Display and Display Running Process](image)

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A. System Testing
After the implementation stage is carried out, it is followed by the testing phase (Figure 2). The testing phase is carried out to determine the suitability between the results of the implementation and the predetermined needs analysis. Blackbox testing is carried out to find out whether the system built has been running in accordance with the results of analysis and design, as well as according to needs.

![Fig. 2. Tool Display](image)

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B. Process button
The process button is a button that is used to run the infrared ray detection process (Figure 3).
To detect infrared light based on the color of the video file, image processing is needed. Where the image input in
the image processing process in this system is obtained from
the image taking or image acquisition process whose output
is an image that has an RGB value.

In the image processing process, to detect infrared light
based on the color of the RGB image input, in general, the
process is the image subtraction method. RGB image input
obtained from the image capture process will then be
processed using the image subtraction method to detect
infrared light on the RGB image input.

The following is an image processing process in an
infrared light detection system:
1. RGB Image Input. RGB image input is obtained from
the image acquisition process. After the system gets
RGB image input, the first step is to capture the video
file and split it into digital images based on video
frames. The extraction process is carried out on video
where each frame at a certain time unit is converted into
digital images. The resulting digital image is in the form
of JPEG (Joint Photographic Experts Group).
Furthermore, for each pixel in the digital image it is
converted to double type which has a value range of 0 to
1. A pixel value of 0 is for a weak color component and
a value of 1 means a strong color component.
2. Based on the image generated from the video recording,
a background model is determined. Then the background
image modeling process is carried out manually by
selecting a digital image where there are no objects in it.
3. After the image has been normalized, the background
subtraction process is then carried out by reducing each
pixel in the object image with the background image.
The image reduction process is done in absolute terms
where the difference of each pixel of the two images will
be obtained and always have a positive value. Because
this technique will see the difference for each pixel in
the image, so both images must have the same data type
and size.
4. Median Filter. The results of the image subtraction are
then processed using the median filter function to clarify
the results of the subtracting and remove salt and pepper
noise (noise), then several processes of strengthening
(dilatation) and filling (fill) are carried out.
5. After the object is well segmented, a selection is carried
out by performing a classification so that the infrared
light object and the non-infrared light object are
obtained.
6. After the classification of infrared light objects and non-
infrared light objects, the classified object is marked
with a circle. Circles are created based on the outer
boundary of each object.

Blackbox testing is carried out to find out whether the
system built has been running in accordance with the results
of analysis and design, as well as according to needs.
Blackbox testing is also used to see how the system
condition is when it has been run. The results of testing
using the blackbox method on the system that have been
built are showing in Table I.

The Table II shows the results of the tests carried out
on the image capture page with the following results:

From the Blackbox testing that has been carried out, it
can be concluded that the Background Subtraction system in
the design of the Morse sign language receiver on the
Android-based invisible light has worked as expected and
the suitability of the functions that have been implemented
is in accordance with the results of analysis and planning.

C. Conclusion of System Testing
To determine the level of testing accuracy, an accuracy
calculation is performed using the FMR (False Match Rate)
based on the number of rays that have been tested. Based on
the test results above, the following test results are obtained
by Calculation error ratio (FMR) as

$$\text{The number of characters counted successfully} \times \frac{17}{\text{Number of test characters}} \times 100\% = 65\%$$

After testing, the test results are obtained which can be seen
in Table III.

Based on the results of the research that has been done,
it can be concluded that the system is able to detect infrared
light at the transmitter. Implementation carried out, in

| Table I. HOME TESTING RESULTS |
|-------------------------------|
| Testing Procedure | Description | Expected Output | Result | Information |
| Click the start button | Test to display the start page | The system will display a start page | Displays the start page | Be accepted |

| TABLE II. TESTING THE TAKE IMAGE MENU |
|---------------------------|
| Testing Procedure | Input | Expected Output | Evaluation Criteria | The results obtained | Information |
| Click the menu select start on the system | Infrared light | The system will run immediately displayed on the main page of the system. | The screen displays the data for the selected image. | The system successfully displays the image data that will be processed. | Be accepted |

| Table III. SYSTEM TESTING CONCLUSION |
|-------------------------------------|
| Total Character Data (1) | Successfully calculated (2) | Failed to Calculate (3) | Percentage of Success (4) = 2/1 * 100 |
| 26 | 17 | 9 | 65% |
accompany with analysis and design. The level of accuracy of testing using the False Match Rate (FMR) obtained a success percentage of 65% of the 26-character data tested. From the 26-character data tested, it was obtained data with the number of characters that were successfully counted correctly, namely 17 characters, while the character data that failed to be counted was 9 characters with a detection result of 26 characters.

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