Industry 4.0: Hand Recognition on Assembly Supervision Process

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Abstract

In the assembly industry, the process of assembling components is very important in order to produce a quality product. Assembly of components should be carried out sequentially based on the standards set by the company. For companies that still operate the assembly process manually by employee, sometimes errors occur in the assembly process, which can affect the quality of production. In order to be carried out the assembly process according to the procedure, a system is needed that can detect employee hands when carrying out the assembly process automatically. This study proposes an artificial intelligence-based real-time employee hand detection system. This system will be the basis for the development of an automatic industrial product assembly process to welcome the Industry 4.0. To verify system performance, several experiments were carried out, such as; detecting the right and left hands of employees and detecting hands when using accessories or not. From the experimental results it can be concluded that the system is able to detect the right and left hands of employees well with the resulting FPS average of 15.4.

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1. Introduction

Nowadays, the world is entering the era of the 4.0 revolution or the fourth industry where technology has become the basis of human life. Everything becomes unlimited due to the development of the internet and digital technology. In industrial companies, for example, the usage of technology for the assembly process has been grown rapidly. Therefore, they are always able to compete fiercely to produce better products compared to previous years in terms of quality and quantity.

The assembly process in industrial companies mostly combines two or more components mechanically into an item or product, where this is called permanent process, i.e., welding and soldering, and not a permanent process, such as joining the bolts, nuts, and screws. All of these jobs need an industrial employee who is able to help the company to produce a product in the assembly process.
However, in the current assembly process, there are still some employees who are less efficient and optimal in carrying out each step or process and often made some mistakes when taking the equipment to be used for their work. The human error in assembly the products can cause customer complaint and gave a bad impact to the company, i.e., more expensive cost lost costumer and also affect the development of the company. To overcome human error, the supervisor in charge needs to monitor the employee for mistake prevention. However, the supervisor cannot always monitor the one by one because each of the companies has a lot of employees who should be monitored. Thus, the hand detection, motion, and coordinate need to be developed automatically to help the supervisor supervise each of employee.

The study of hand detection or hand gesture detection which has been reviewed in [1] can be implemented in some areas such as in education [2,3], robotics [4-5], healthcare application [6-8], interactive projector screen [9], human computer interaction [10,11] and banking [12]. In detecting hands most of researches used the image of hand with various different method. As presented in [13], they implement the FIFO and path overlap in order to detect the hand motion. Another, the hand detection by generated hand ROIs and verified using Histogram of Oriented (HOG) feature and Support Vector Machine (SVM) [14] and detected the hands using the face skin color in the ROI [15]. The hand gesture detection also can be recognized from hand contour and applied the spatial homomorphic filter and variational level set as done by Zheng, et.al [16]. The hand gesture detection also can be detected using a new 24GHz transmitting/receiving antenna module which consisted of 16 microstrip elements for transmitting, 4 microstrip for receiving, and 8 elements to support multichannel signal receiving [17]. Moreover, [18] developed the hand tracking algorithm by using the Lucas Kanade Optical flow and combined with color blob detection and used the convex hull algorithm for recognize hand gesture. The other work, used the depth camera image [19,20] for hand and wrist visual tracking. By using the camera, the hand gesture can be recognized by labeling the pixels and make it as a data set [21], while in [22] utilized the taxonomy texture and color-texture feature from the 2D hand gesture image and performed the classification process using Naïve bayes, Real AdaBoost, Gentle AdaBoost, and modest for analyzing the notable information in the image feature.

Mostly, in recognizing the image in this work was hand gesture or hand motion, the high computation is needed to avoid some noise or distortion while detecting the image. Therefore, in [10] presented a distance image based approach using CPU-GPU, heterogeneous computing. The other approached which need a high computation process by using the R-FCN [3] and CNN [23]. Since the study of object detection has been grown rapidly and the computer technology is sufficient for heavy computation, Redmon, et.al [24] introduced the new object detection method called You Only Look Once (YOLO) which the structure consists of some convolutional layer and this method is able to predict the bounding box image and object coordinate precisely. This method is the open source, thus, make some researchers are able to implemented this method on their study i.e., for robotics in detecting ball and goals [25], improved the traffic signs [26], detected human face [27,28], detected pedestrian [29], and hand gesture detection [30]. Two years later, Redmon, et.al, introduced the YOLO V3 which has the architecture bigger than last version but three times faster in detecting and has the accuracy the same as SSD algorithm [31]. This method has already implemented to detect hand [6] and detect the user whom not wearing and wearing the helmet [32]. Based on the state of arts of object detection and the results has already proven by some researcher, therefore in this work we developed the hand detection by using the YOLO V3. In contrast with [6], the hand detection in this work will be implemented as welcoming the industry 4.0 at the industrial in real-time application. Thus, it is hoped that the presence of Industry 4.0 very helpful in order to make the connections between people, processes, and products of a company faster, more flexible, and more efficient.

2. Hand Detection Algorithm

In industry 4.0 area, an assembly process supervision needs to be developed to avoid human error while constructing the device. As for manual supervision in assembly process took long time and sometimes produce some error from the hand step of the assembly process. Therefore, in this section will present the hand detection algorithm for applying in real-time application. The YOLO tiny V3 has been chosen as a proposed method in order to detect the hands on the table. The prototype of this system can be seen on Figure 1, where it consists of a webcam camera, camera stand, and computer which is equipped with GPU. The area of hand detection will be recognized by 1280 x 720 pixel.

Figure 1. The prototype of hand detection system.
The hand detection architecture presents on Error! Reference source not found., the system will collect the raw image from the camera, then compress the raw image pixel into 416x416. Then, the system will perform the convolution layer using the darknet53 algorithm to reduce the pixel into 13x13. Moreover, the darknet53 algorithm gave three predictions convolution layer as the input for the YOLO detection method. The YOLO tiny V3 will do prediction of the sample image and classify it into two class in this work which is left and right hand.

In training process, this system used 64 train images in every step, then divided the batch into 16 subdivisions to reduce the VRAM requirement from the GPU. Moreover, the input pixel image will be reduced into 416 x 416 with 3 layers. The learning rate which is implemented in this work was 0.001 with total filter was 21. Each of layer information can be seen on Figure 3 which is will be appeared while the training process. After doing the training process, the next step was to evaluate the model which has been trained before by using the mean average precision. After doing the calculation, the average precision of detection in this work is around 55.3%. In order to run the system in windows, this work used the Cmake-gui which already installed on Visual Studio and used CUDA 10.0. The OpenCV also implemented in this work for processing the image or video from the YOLO detection results which it can be done in real-time application.

3. Experimental Results

For verifying the hand detection system, the real-time application has been carried out in this work which is implemented on NVIDIA GTX 1050. The GPU usage when detection process was activated around 16% to 20%. This method used the IoU loss = mse (2) and IoU norm= 0.75, the BFLOPS total was 65.312 and the average output 516922.

In this experiment, we testified our system with 8 different users to detect their left and right hand. As seen in TABLE I, the results presented that our system is able to detect the left and right hand precisely with total average FPS about 15.4. In order to distinguish left and right hand, the bounding box for each object has been developed. We also shown the confidently percentage of hand detection while the system detects
the object. As presented in TABLE I, the magenta box denoted to the left hand and the green box for the right hand. The results in TABLE I, denoted that the system was able to handle every situation in order to detect the left or right hand. It is show in TABLE I no. 7, when the right hand was covered by the sleeve the system did not detected it as a hand and only detected the left hand. The proposed method also detected the hands even the users wearing any accessories such as watch and bracelet, see TABLE I no. 2, 3, 4, 6. From TABLE I, the system always detects the left and right hand with confidently percentage more than 95%, it is denoted that the system able to detect hands correctly and precisely even the average precision detection from the system only 55.3%.

Another, we also collected the coordinate of each hands in real-time as seen in TABLE II from 8 samples. In this experiment, system will record the coordinate regarding the hand movement which is still moved on the camera frame. From this experiment, camera still detected the hands and record the hand position even when it moved closer to each other, see TABLE II no. 7 and the light generated the shadow from the user body to the hand detection. Hence, when the other hand tried to entry the camera frame, the system also detected it as a right hand and recorded the coordinate as well, see TABLE II no. 8.

| TABLE I | HAND DETECTION RESULTS |
|---------|-------------------------|
| No      | Result detection        | Average FPS | Confidently Percentages |
|         |                         |             | Left hand (%) | Right hand (%) |
| 1       |                         | 15.8        | 98            | 99            |
| 2       |                         | 16.2        | 100           | 99            |
| 3       |                         | 11.0        | 100           | 100           |
| No | Result detection | Average FPS | Confidently Percentages |
|----|------------------|-------------|------------------------|
|    |                  |             | Left hand (%) | Right hand (%) |
| 4  | ![Image](image1.png) | 16.2        | 100          | 100          |
| 5  | ![Image](image2.png) | 16.2        | 99           | 100          |
| 6  | ![Image](image3.png) | 16.1        | 100          | 100          |
| 7  | ![Image](image4.png) | 16.0        | 95           | -            |
### TABLE II

**HAND DETECTION COORDINATE**

| No | Result detection | Average FPS | Confidently Percentages | Coordinate |
|----|------------------|-------------|-------------------------|------------|
|    |                  |             |                         |            |
|    |                  |             | Left hand (%) | Right hand (%) |            |
| 8  | ![Image](image1.png) | 16.2        | 96         | 97          |            |

1. **No**: 1

   **Result detection**: ![Image](image2.png)

   **Average FPS**: 15.8

   **Confidently Percentages**

   - Left hand: 100%
   - Right hand: 100%

   **Coordinate**

   - X: 547
   - Y: 107
   - Width: 213
   - Height: 241
   - X: 627
   - Y: 237

2. **No**: 2

   **Result detection**: ![Image](image3.png)

   **Average FPS**: 16.0

   **Confidently Percentages**

   - Left hand: 100%
   - Right hand: 100%

   **Coordinate**

   - X: 347
   - Y: 399
   - Width: 267
   - Height: 241
   - X: 599
   - Y: 390
   - Width: 290
   - Height: 237
| No | Result detection | FPS | Confidently Percentages | Coordinate |
|----|------------------|-----|-------------------------|------------|
|    |                  |     | Left hand (%) | Right hand (%) | Left hand | Right hand |
| 3  | ![Image](image3.png) | 16.2 | 100 | 100 | X:226 | X:637 |
|    |                  |     | Y:326 | Y:264 | Width: 364 | Width: 378 |
|    |                  |     | height: 315 | height: 335 |          |          |
| 4  | ![Image](image4.png) | 9.6 | 98 | 81 | X:371 | X:1022 |
|    |                  |     | Y:406 | Y:4 | Width: 256 | Width: 237 |
|    |                  |     | height: 304 | height: 170 |          |          |
| 5  | ![Image](image5.png) | 16.3 | 100 | 100 | X:275 | X:755 |
|    |                  |     | Y:310 | Y:472 | Width: 251 | Width: 288 |
|    |                  |     | height: 228 | height: 235 |          |          |
| 6  | ![Image](image6.png) | 16.2 | 98 | 100 | X:8 | X:644 |
|    |                  |     | Y:79 | Y:420 | Width: 174 | Width: 323 |
|    |                  |     | height: 216 | height: 255 |          |          |
### Table 1: Hand Detection Results

| No | Result Detection | FPS | Confidently Percentages | Coordinate |
|----|------------------|-----|-------------------------|------------|
|    |                  |     | Left hand (%) | Right hand (%) | Left hand | Right hand |
| 7  | ![Image](image1.png) | 16.1 | 100 | 100 | ![Image](image2.png) | X:348 | X:549 |
|    |                  |  | Y:308 | Y:344 | Width: 256 | Width: 289 |
|    |                  |  | height: 255 | height: 232 |                |                |
| 8  | ![Image](image3.png) | 15.9 | 100 | #99 | ![Image](image4.png) | X:293 | #X:480 |
|    |                  |  | Y:519 | Y:163 | Width: 361 | Width: 356 |
|    |                  |  | height: 205 | height: 308 |                |                |

*Figure 4. Hand detection when wearing and holding things.*
We also testify our system to detect the hands when wearing something such as a watch, a ring, or a bracelet, and holding a screwdriver. This experiment, order the system to detect the hands when it is wearing things on the hand, holding a good, or even moving the hands. From the experiment show on Figure 4, the system still able to detect hands correctly with different hand condition.

4. Conclusions

The aim of this work was detecting the hands when it moved on the table in real-time application. Hand detection on the other hand, was developed to support the assembly industrial which need the automatic supervision for look after the employee when assembly the product. In order to developed the hand detection system, we implemented the YOLO tiny V3 in this work. From the experiment results, the system is able to detect the hands properly even the hands are holding or wearing some accessories. This system is able to detect the hands with the average FPS generated by the system is around 15.4. In the future, this system is hopped to be implement in industry to replace the human in working on the assembly station, as one of the implementations of the industry 4.0.

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