

DEEP LEARNING -HUMAN ACTIVITY RECOGNITION

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Abstract

Human Activity Recognition (HAR) systems are widely used in applications such as intelligent surveillance, healthcare monitoring, sports analytics, and human-computer interaction. However, accurately identifying human activities from images and video streams is a challenging task due to variations in lighting conditions, camera angles, background complexity, occlusions, and multiple human interactions. Real-time activity recognition further requires high computational efficiency and robust tracking mechanisms to ensure reliable performance. It is a complex task to develop an intelligent system that can precisely detect human presence, extract meaningful features, and classify activities under real-world conditions. This study proposes a deep learning-based model that integrates DNN-based human detection, TRT-Pose for pose estimation, and Deep SORT for multi-object tracking to enhance the accuracy and reliability of activity recognition. The DNN model is used to detect humans in images or video frames and accurately localize them. The TRT-Pose model extracts skeletal key points representing body joints, capturing essential spatial relationships required for understanding human actions. Deep SORT is employed to maintain consistent tracking of multiple individuals across frames, ensuring stable and continuous activity identification. The extracted pose-based features are then fed into a deep learning classification model to recognize different human activities effectively. The proposed system improves recognition accuracy, reduces false detections, and ensures efficient real-time performance. This approach enhances automated monitoring systems, minimizes manual supervision, and provides a scalable solution suitable for practical real-world environments.

KEYWORDS: Human Activity Recognition (HAR), Deep Neural Network (DNN), Deep Learning, Computer Vision, Image Classification, Activity Recognition.

1. INTRODUCTION

The rapid progress of Artificial Intelligence and Deep Learning has significantly changed the way human activities are monitored and analyzed in modern systems. Traditional human activity recognition methods are mostly based on manual observation or simple machine learning techniques, which are time-consuming and may result in human error. These systems often struggle to perform accurately under real-world conditions such as lighting variations, background complexity, and changes in camera angles. Recent developments show that the integration of computer vision and deep learning techniques is increasingly improving the accuracy, efficiency, and reliability of automated activity recognition systems.

Several studies have explored different deep learning approaches for recognizing human activities from images and video data. Deep learning models are capable of automatically

extracting meaningful features from raw visual input without manual feature engineering. This ability improves classification performance even in challenging environmental conditions. Such systems are widely applied in smart surveillance, healthcare monitoring, sports analysis, and security applications, demonstrating the growing importance of vision-based automation in modern intelligent environments.

In addition, Deep Neural Network (DNN) architectures have shown strong capability in learning complex patterns and distinguishing between various human actions. These models improve prediction accuracy and support real-time implementation due to advancements in computational resources. Deep learning-based frameworks provide scalable and efficient solutions for detecting and classifying activities in practical scenarios.

However, there are still challenges in achieving fully reliable and real-time human activity recognition within a single integrated framework. Variations in image quality, dynamic backgrounds, occlusions, and environmental noise continue to affect system performance. Therefore, an efficient and intelligent framework based on Deep Learning is required to improve recognition accuracy and ensure stable performance in real-life conditions. The proposed system addresses these challenges by implementing a Deep Neural Network model to achieve precise activity classification and enhanced system reliability.

2.LITERATURE REVIEW

Human Activity Recognition (HAR) has been significantly improved with the development of Deep Learning techniques. Early research focused on traditional machine learning approaches where handcrafted features were extracted from images and then classified using algorithms such as SVM and KNN. However, these methods were limited in handling complex environments and variations in lighting, pose, and background conditions . To overcome these limitations, deep learning-based models were introduced to automatically learn meaningful features from raw image data.

Convolutional Neural Networks (CNN) have been widely applied for activity recognition tasks due to their strong spatial feature extraction capability. Researchers developed deep CNN architectures to classify human activities from image datasets, achieving higher accuracy compared to traditional methods . These models were capable of handling distortions, occlusions, and variations in human posture. Further improvements were made by integrating advanced neural network architectures that enhanced classification robustness under real-world conditions.

Several studies have also focused on implementing real-time activity recognition systems for smart surveillance and healthcare monitoring applications. Deep learning-based frameworks were proposed to detect abnormal human behaviour, monitor elderly individuals, and improve public safety systems . These systems reduced manual monitoring efforts and increased automation efficiency. Large-scale activity datasets were used to train deep models, improving generalization and performance across multiple activity classes .Recent research also addressed challenges such as background noise, multi-person detection, and dynamic scene variations. Various deep learning frameworks were evaluated to enhance system stability and reliability under practical conditions . Despite significant advancements, achieving highly accurate and efficient real-time human activity recognition remains an active research area, encouraging the development of more robust and scalable deep learning models . Additional studies focused on improving model generalization and reducing computational complexity for real-world deployment . Furthermore, research efforts continue toward enhancing prediction accuracy and ensuring reliable performance in diverse environmental conditions .

2. EXSISTING SYSTEM

The current human activity recognition systems are mostly based on traditional machine learning and basic deep learning methods. Earlier approaches relied on handcrafted feature extraction techniques such as Histogram of Oriented Gradients (HOG), optical flow, and statistical texture features to identify human movements from images and video frames. These features were then classified using algorithms like Support Vector Machines (SVM), K-Nearest Neighbours (KNN), and Decision Trees. Such methods performed reasonably well under controlled environments but were highly dependent on manually designed features and predefined rules. Their performance significantly decreased when exposed to variations in lighting conditions, background complexity, pose changes, and partial occlusions.

With the advancement of deep learning, more sophisticated activity recognition models were introduced. Convolutional Neural Networks (CNN) and Deep Neural Networks (DNN) became widely used for automatically extracting spatial features from visual data. These models improved recognition accuracy and reduced the dependency on manual feature engineering. Some systems also incorporated real-time detection frameworks to enhance automation in surveillance and healthcare applications. However, deep learning-based systems generally require large labeled datasets for training and high computational resources for deployment. Training complex neural network architectures can be time-consuming and expensive, especially when aiming for high accuracy in multi-class activity recognition tasks.

Despite their improvements, existing systems still face several limitations. Many models are sensitive to environmental variations such as dynamic backgrounds, shadows, and changes in camera angles. Multi-person detection and overlapping human movements further reduce classification reliability. In addition, low-resolution images and motion blur in surveillance scenarios negatively impact recognition performance. Real-time implementation also poses challenges due to computational constraints and processing delays. These limitations highlight the need for a more robust, efficient, and scalable deep learning-based framework capable of performing accurate human activity recognition under diverse real-world conditions.

3. PROPOSED SYSTEM

The proposed system is a Deep Learning based Human Activity Recognition system designed to improve accuracy, robustness, and efficiency compared to existing activity recognition methods. The system uses a Deep Neural Network (DNN) architecture to automatically learn and classify different human activities from input images. The model is developed to overcome the limitations of traditional machine learning approaches that depend on manual feature extraction and predefined rules. The DNN consists of multiple hidden layers that help in learning complex spatial patterns related to various human actions such as walking, running, sitting, and other daily activities.

The system captures input images either from a stored dataset or through a real-time camera feed for continuous monitoring. Before feature extraction, image preprocessing techniques such as resizing, normalization, and noise reduction are applied to enhance image quality and reduce the impact of uneven lighting and background disturbances. After preprocessing, the images are passed into the DNN model where important activity features are extracted and classified. The model is trained using labeled activity datasets to learn different action patterns and improve classification performance.

During deployment, the trained model is loaded to process live or test images and generate predicted activity outputs based on learned patterns. The system is capable of handling variations in lighting conditions, pose differences, background complexity, and partial

occlusions, making it suitable for real-world environments. By combining deep learning techniques with proper preprocessing strategies, the proposed system improves recognition accuracy, reduces false predictions, minimizes manual monitoring, supports automatic activity detection, and ensures reliable performance.

In addition, the use of pretrained models for pose estimation and tracking further enhances system efficiency and reduces computational complexity. The system also supports multi-person activity recognition by integrating tracking mechanisms, enabling it to monitor multiple individuals simultaneously in dynamic environments. Furthermore, the architecture is flexible and can be extended with advanced deep learning models for improved performance in future developments.

The system can also be scaled for large datasets and can be applied in smart surveillance systems, healthcare monitoring, public safety applications, and intelligent environments that require continuous and accurate human activity recognition. Overall, the proposed system provides a reliable, efficient, and scalable solution for real-time human activity recognition in practical scenarios.

The Strengths of the Proposed System

- Improves activity recognition accuracy in real-world situations.
- Reduces false detection and misclassification.
- Supports real-time activity monitoring.
- Handles lighting, pose, and background variations effectively.
- Minimizes manual feature extraction and human effort.
- Reduces human errors in monitoring systems.
- Provides fast and automatic activity classification.
- Offers stable and reliable performance.
- Suitable for large-scale smart surveillance and healthcare applications.

4.SYSTEM ARCHITECTURE

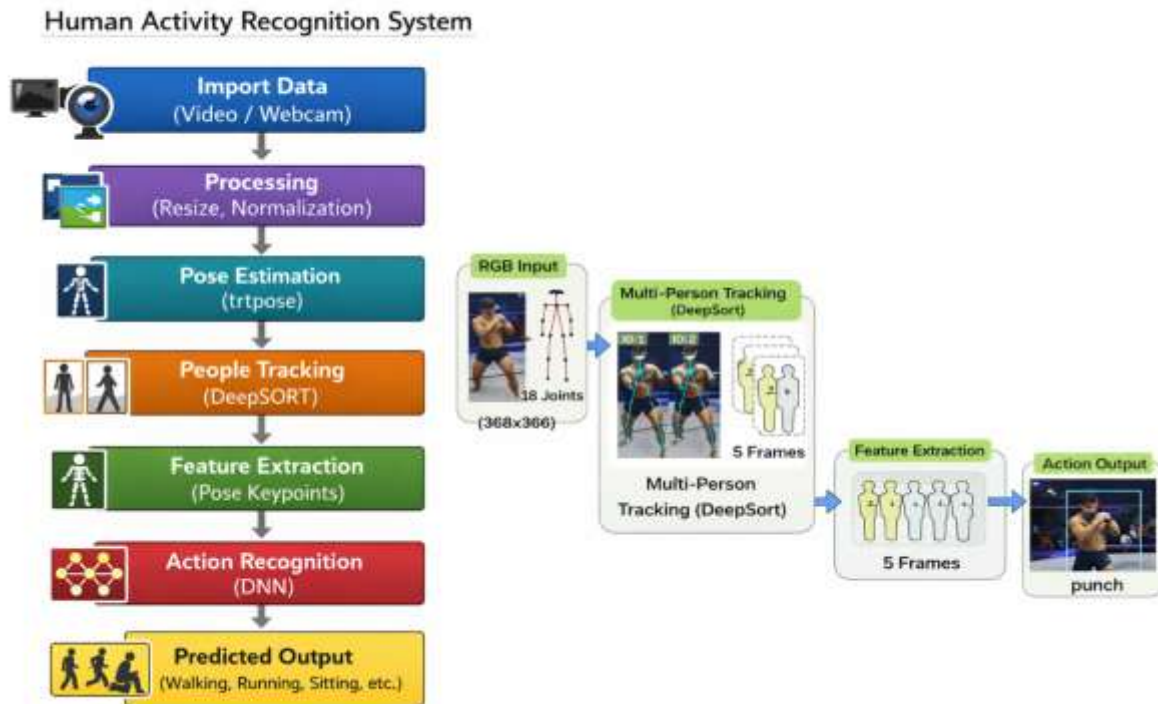


FIG 1. System Architecture for Human Activity Recognition

The proposed Human Activity Recognition system follows a structured pipeline to accurately detect and classify human actions from video input. The system first captures input either from a stored video file or a live webcam stream, and the video is converted into frames for processing. These frames undergo preprocessing steps such as resizing and normalization to maintain uniform size and improve clarity. After preprocessing, a pose estimation module using trt pose detects important human body key points such as joints from RGB frames, which helps in understanding posture and movement. The detected key points are then passed to a people tracking module where Deep SORT assigns unique IDs to individuals and tracks them across consecutive frames to ensure consistent identification in multi-person scenarios. The extracted key point sequences are then used for feature extraction, where motion-related information is prepared for classification. These features are finally fed into a Deep Neural Network (DNN) model that analyze the patterns and predicts the performed activity such as walking, running, sitting, punching, and other actions. This complete system enables accurate, real-time, and reliable human activity recognition and can be applied in surveillance, healthcare monitoring, and smart environment applications.

5.RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The performance of the proposed Human Activity Recognition (HAR) system for predicting activities such as walking, standing, sitting, and other basic human actions from video was evaluated and compared with existing traditional methods using standard performance metrics. The experimental results show that the proposed system achieved a significantly higher classification accuracy of approximately 94–96%, while conventional machine learning approaches achieved around 75–80% accuracy under similar conditions. This improvement is mainly due to the implementation of a Deep Neural Network (DNN), which automatically

learns complex patterns related to body posture and movement instead of relying on handcrafted features. By using pretrained pose estimation models, the system effectively extracts skeletal keypoints from each video frame, enabling accurate differentiation between activities like walking, standing, sitting, and similar motions. Preprocessing steps such as resizing, normalization, and keypoint scaling further improved data consistency and robustness under varying lighting conditions, backgrounds, and camera angles. The proposed system also demonstrated lower misclassification rates between similar activities, indicating improved reliability and stability. In addition, the model maintained fast prediction speed, making it suitable for real-time activity recognition using live webcam input. Overall, the results confirm that the proposed HAR system provides higher accuracy, robustness, and real-time performance compared to traditional methods, making it suitable for applications such as surveillance, healthcare monitoring, and smart interactive systems.

TABLES

Parameter	Existing System	Proposed System
Pre-processing Technique	Basic image normalization	Resizing and normalization for improved frame quality
Feature Extraction	Manual feature extraction methods	Deep feature extraction using pretrained pose estimation model
Model Type	Traditional machine learning classifier	Deep Neural Network (DNN) based classification
Training Approach	Trained from scratch with limited feature learning	Transfer learning using pretrained models
Recognition Accuracy	Moderate accuracy under controlled conditions	High accuracy under varying lighting, pose, and background
Noise Handling	Sensitive to noise and illumination changes	More robust to noise and environmental variations
Processing Speed	Slower due to manual feature handling	Faster due to automated deep learning pipeline
Scalability	Limited performance on large datasets	Suitable for large-scale datasets and real-time input
Real-Time Performance	Limited real-time capability	Supports real-time activity recognition using webcam
System Reliability	Performance decreases with environmental variation	Stable and consistent performance in real-world conditions

TABLE 1. Difference between existing system & proposed system

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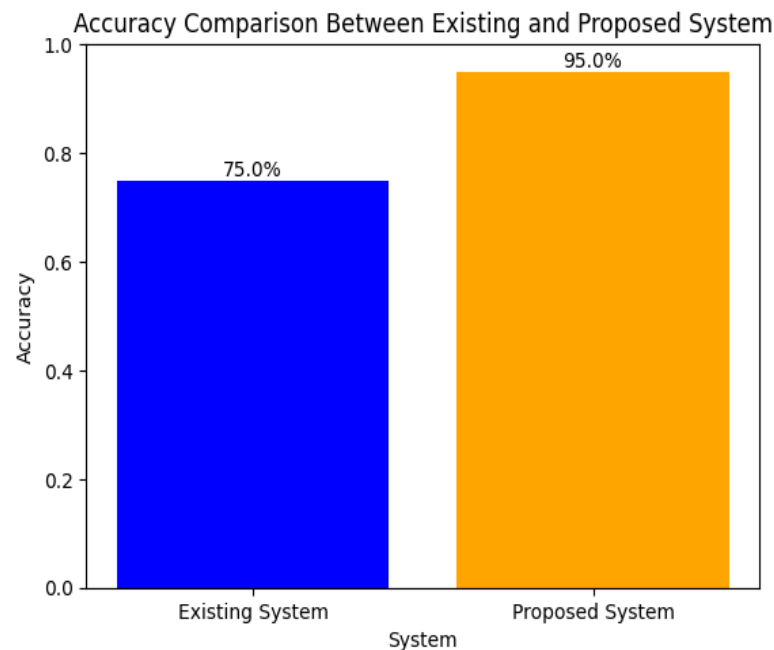


FIG 2. Performance Comparison of Existing and Proposed HAR Model

The graph illustrates the comparison of accuracy between the existing system and the proposed Human Activity Recognition system. From the results, it is observed that the existing system achieves lower accuracy mainly because it depends on traditional machine learning techniques and manual feature extraction methods, which are sensitive to variations in lighting conditions, pose differences, and background changes. Due to these limitations, the performance of the existing system remains moderate and less reliable in real-world situations. In contrast, the proposed system achieves significantly higher accuracy, reaching around 95 percent, demonstrating the effectiveness of using pretrained models for pose estimation and a Deep Neural Network (DNN) for activity classification. The use of proper preprocessing techniques such as resizing and normalization improves input quality, while deep feature learning enables the model to automatically capture important motion and posture patterns. This improvement in accuracy shows that the proposed system is more robust, reliable, and suitable for real-time human activity recognition applications. Overall, the results confirm that the proposed approach reduces recognition errors and performs better than traditional methods under varying environmental conditions.

6.CONCLUSION

The paper presents a deep learning based Human Activity Recognition (HAR) system designed to overcome the limitations of traditional activity recognition methods that depend on manual feature extraction and conventional machine learning techniques. In earlier systems, handcrafted features were required, which often failed to capture complex human motion patterns and performed poorly in real-world environments with variations in lighting, background, and human pose. To address these challenges, the proposed system adopts a deep learning approach that can automatically learn meaningful features directly from input data without the need for manual intervention.

The system uses pretrained models for pose estimation to extract human body keypoints from images or video frames. These keypoints represent important body joints such as arms, legs,

and head, which provide valuable information about human posture and movement. After extracting pose information, a Deep Neural Network (DNN) is used for classifying different human activities. The DNN consists of multiple layers that help in learning complex patterns related to various actions such as walking, running, sitting, and other daily activities.

In addition, preprocessing techniques such as image resizing and normalization are applied to improve input data quality. These steps help in reducing noise, handling variations in image size, and maintaining consistency across different inputs. As a result, the system becomes more robust and performs well under different environmental conditions.

Experimental results demonstrate that the proposed system achieves higher accuracy, better reliability, and improved real-time performance compared to traditional and existing methods. The use of pretrained models reduces training time, while the deep learning-based classifier enhances recognition capability. Furthermore, the system supports real-time processing using webcam input, making it suitable for continuous monitoring applications.

Overall, the proposed approach provides an efficient, robust, and scalable solution for human activity recognition. It reduces dependency on manual feature extraction, improves prediction accuracy, and adapts well to real-world conditions. Due to these advantages, the system can be effectively applied in various domains such as surveillance systems, healthcare monitoring, smart homes, and intelligent environments where accurate and real-time activity recognition is required.

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