Enhancing Robotic Assistance through Advanced Human Activity Recognition: Pioneering Human-Robot Interaction and Intelligent Automation

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ABSTRACT

Robotic assistance is, therefore, the use of a robot in tasks to complement human input in activities from simple household work to critical surgeries, making work to be more effective, accurate, and secure in medical, automotive, and household establishments. With these tasks being executed with robots, it is crucial that these robot understand and distinguish human movements in order capture their behaviors correctly. This research meets this need through proposing a novel advanced Automatic Human Activity Recognition system specialized for improving robotic support. The procedure of the study starts with the preparation of video data that include the formation of video frame batches and the depictions of the class distributions in training and testing sets. Such preparation helps to feed the deep learning model with good quality well-arranged data into the model for training. The model features a dual-component architecture: A feature extractor that is able to analyze video sequences and a classifier that is able to sort activities. Following the training, there is always evaluation of the model using a confusion matrix to check the level of accuracy in the model. Also, the real-time video analysis is possible and the predictions can be made immediately while they will be saved to the CSV file and then find the most frequently occurred activities. This research augments the human activity recognition in a way that robots become intelligent and perceptive, making their performance improve in getting assistance to humans in numerous ways.

Keywords: Robotic Assistance, Human Activity Recognition, Deep Learning, Video Data Preparation, Real-Time Prediction, Feature Extraction, Classification, Confusion Matrix, Intelligent Automation, Human-Robot Interaction.

1. INTRODUCTION

Over the past few years, robots or robotic elements have been employed in the different areas of life and work processes(1). When it is ascribed with more complicated and interactive roles, it requires proper identification and interpretation of human actions(2). Human Activity Recognition (HAR) is essential for this in order to allow robots to perceive and make sense of actions being performed to achieve this capability(3). This ability improves the overall efficiency of robotic system due to which robotic system becomes more effective in supporting humans in all sorts of situations at workplaces or hospital(4).

Fig 1. Robotic Integration in Human Activities

In this paper, the authors discuss development on enhanced HAR systems to enhance robotic assistance. It is essential to concentrate on the achievement of a reliable model that is capable of identifying and analyzing human actions from videos and supply feedbacks in real-time which will foster the humanrobot's interaction(5). The research addresses three primary objectives: for video data; data augmentation for preparing the video data, creation and training of a deep learning model for classifying the activities and bringing into operation to provide real-time predictions(6). In so doing, the study seeks to extend the accuracy and reactivity of robotic processes and therefore realise brighter robotic support(7). The subsequent sections of this piece will explain the approaches, methods, and engraving of this study on the subject of robotics(8).

1.1. Background and Motivation

A variety of needs for the robots have emerged as the development of robotics system continues to progress, such as the healthcare robot, manufacturing robot and home use robot(9). Useful for a robot is to recognize and respond to actions of a human as robots perform more complicated operations(10). One such a technology that plays a significant role within this context is the Human Activity Recognition (HAR) which enhances the ability of robots to perform interpretation and subsequent action on human actions(11).

Classical Pal Robotics lies in the fact that they are limited to the sequence or script that is provided and just basic instructions making them incapable of handling complex situations(12). HAR is thus intended to fill this gap in that it furnishes robots with the necessary skills and attributes to comprehend and analyze a large cross-section of human activities via video input(13). This enhancement enables the robots to better and effectively interface with people and hence make them useful in health care where they are used to monitor patients, homes where they assist humans and industries where systems in it adapt to the users(14)(15).

Fig 2. Human Activity Recognition in Modern Robotics

The purpose of this study is to improve the state of the art in HAR systems for better intelligent help from robots(16). In this study, through the creation of a conditional deep learning model that is capable of realtime classification and analysis of human activities, the authors aim at enhancing the ability of humans to interact with robots and thus at enhancing the effectiveness of robots(17).

1.2. Objectives of the Research

The goal of this research is to enhance the field of robotic aid by proposing an elaborate approach to human behavior identification.

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Data Preparation and Visualization: The first is to pre-process video data to feed to the deep learning model used in training. This is done every time one wants to create batches of video frames from directories and distribution of activity classes within both training and testing data sets. Pre processing of data is very important so that the model that is to be created should occupy correct information in the proper manner which in return can enhance the performance of the model.

Model Development and Training: The second objective is concerned with developing, assembling, and training a deep learning model to categorise the video sequences into pre-defined activity classes. The model architecture features a dual-component system: While developing the system, we had an architecture that includes a feature extractor to extract the features of video data and a classifier to

classify the features. Training the model therefore entails tuning of these elements so as to enable the model recognize human tasks and distinguish them..

Evaluation and Real-Time Prediction: The last step is outcomes measurement on the basis of a confusion matrix in order to judge the model's precision and efficiency. Lastly, real time video analysis is also possible in the system in order for instant prediction to be made. These predictions are stored in a CSV file and the final prediction is also given with the class having maximum predictions, and thus the model can be observed to be operating efficiently at a practical level

1.3. Significance and Impact

The contributions of this research are based on the fact that it delivers a high level of improvement in human activities recognition for robotic systems. To this extent, this research fulfills the existing lack of enabling technologies that would allow robots to be more efficient and sensitive to people's actions when observed from video data. The enhancements of HAR technology bear the most significant effects in the application that requires the robot changes with much variational human activity, such as healthcare zone, which patient surveillance is highly accurate and required, or industrial manufacturing line, where many human actions may challenge robots..

The relevance of the work is seen in numerous applied directions. For instance in healthcare improved activity recognition enhances more patient specific care and more sensitive robotic companions. In manufacturing and making homes smart, it is possible to program the machines to better understand actions of people for better output and prevention of dangerous incidents. In conclusion, this work helps to improve the use of robotic technologies in people's daily lives and enhance the functioning of robotic systems, which results in a more efficient interaction of people with robots.

2. RELATED WORK

The field of HAR has developed swiftly over the last years because of the ambient use of robots in daily and industrial activity. Starting from 2018, HAR research has been productive in several areas, including data acquisition, models/techniques, real-time implementations, and combination with robotic systems. This section discusses some of the past work conducted in these areas, discussing what has been accomplished and what remains to be done in this line of research is discussed here.

2.1. Data Collection and Preprocessing

Another critical element that HAR relies on is the acquisition and preparation of the data which plays essential role in determining the performance of the obtained models. Recent work has thus concentrated on the enhancement of quality and wealth of data. For instance, Islam et al. (2022) acquired a diverse and inclusive set of records of human activities by capturing the activities from various viewpoints to make the data more diverse. Some of the features involved in their approach were some complex preprocessing steps like occlusion and illumination problems that are crucial for building efficient HAR models(18).

By using wearable sensors in conjunction with video data, Gao et al. (2021) described an approach of creating such multimodal datasets(19). Integrated with sensor data to the video frames, they can overcome some deficiencies of single-modality and get better recognition of activity. This method makes use of the unique characteristic of different data information types and could therefore provide more detailed and improved insights into the activities of humans.

2.2. Model Development and Training

The HAR with the help of deep learning models has undergone many advancements, particularly architectural and trainingbased ones. Wang et al. further proposed a new CNN model specifically for HAR in Andrade-Ambriz et al. (2022). One of their models use 3D convolutions to get temporal information as well as spatial features and, they have achieved better classification results compared to the baseline 2D CNNs(20).

In their work in 2021, Tran et al., introduced a two-stream solution that worked on spatial and temporal features but in two different neural networks. It achieves a balance between the appearance and motion aspects of activities and so enhances its capability to perform well in the recognition of complicated activities. Their work also calls for considering temporal aspects but only spatial information is used(21). Extending on this, Mazzia et al. (2022) looked at using transformer based models for HAR. As transformers are capable of working on sequential data, these were incorporated in the capturing of long

range dependencies across frames of the video. This approach demonstrated a high level of effectiveness for increasing recognition accuracy and managing those function with complex temporal structures(22).

2.3. Real-Time Processing and Integration

But HAR is most important when the feedback has to be in real time, for instance in the case of robotic interfacing or interactive systems. Yin et al. (2021) tackled the issue of real-time throughput by model engineering of deep learning models. Their work laid emphasis on minimizing model size and computational complexities while preserving the model accuracy; something that made it realistic to use HAR systems on constrained edge devices(23).

Wan et al. (2020) have further shown how to combine HAR models with robotics for real-time use. Their system also integrates real time activity recognition so as to enable the motion of the robots based on people's actions such as in cleaning the house or in response to a fire alarm. This work also shows how HAR can enhance the extra robot – human interface and enhance the extent and quality of robotics assistance(24).

2.4. Applications and Use Cases

Some of the works have focused on the use of HAR in different scenarios to the extent of identifying the possible effects of the application. Sarker et al. (2020) concentrated on healthcare domain utilizing HAR systems to track the patient activities and identify the suspicious behavior. Their system enhanced the well-being of the patients since the clinicians received timely alarms and enhanced the rate of their interventions(25).

Villani et al. (2018) used HAR in the area of industrial automation for improving safety and productivity of production lines. Their system allows for robot interaction with the worker and can reliably detect and then avoid incidents and increase productivity. This application shows how HAR can enhance safety and productivity of workplace (26).

Bouchabou et al. (2021) studied HAR for smart home environment where HAR is applied to manage home automation systems to respond to the activities of the residents. Their concept of practice incorporates HAR with smart devices to perform routines like changing lightings and HVAC in accordance to the occupants' current engagements thus improving their living standards (27).

2.5. Challenges and Future Directions

However, there are few issues that have not been addressed comprehensively although there have been lots of development in the field of HAR. One major problem is variation in activity data, that makes generalization of the final model across different environment and population, difficult. Lawlor et al. in its research on methods of strengthening the model's resistance to bias indicates that current efforts are being made to combine strategies of adapting models to the new domain to perform well given that it was trained on data from a different source(28).

Another problem of real-time HAR is computational complexity of the operations since the HAR is likely to run on edge devices with limited computational capability. Current ongoing research is to look at more efficient ways of solving an optimization problem and also hardware improvement to tackle this problem. Lee et al. (2023) are investigating the use of lightweight models as well as real-time hardware accelerator to run on low power devices(29).

To sum it up, the latest HAR studies indicate many advancements in this field, in terms of data acquisition, models and real-time analysis etc. These development contribute to enable the formation of new exciting and efficient robotic system. However, problems like the variability of data and run-time capabilities decrease have been remained which offer significant research and development prospects. That being the case, this paper extends from these developments in order to address some of these challenges and to consider new ways of improving robotic support through more advanced forms of HAR systems.

3. METHODOLOGY

The approach of this research is made in a way that will facilitate the achievement of the following study objectives of improving robotic assistance by developing an advanced Human Activity Recognition (HAR) system. This section gives the methods applied in data preprocessing and analysis, modeling and training, and testing as well as real-time prediction. All of them are important for the accomplishment of the research targets and the optimisation of the HAR system's validity and usability.

3.1. Data Preparation and Visualization

 Data Collection: The first process includes obtaining a large set of videos that depict different activities people perform. All the data in the dataset is collected from various environments in order to include variation and avoid rigidness. It involves walking, sitting, running, and grasping/manipulating objects and is captured in various lighting and from various view points

Activity	Training Set (Samples)	Testing Set (Samples)
Walking	2000	500
Sitting	1500	400
Running	1800	450
Interaction	1700	450
Total	7500	1800

Table 1. Example of Data Distribution in Training and Testing Datasets

Metric	Value
Accuracy	92.5%
Precision (Walking)	93.0%
Precision (Sitting)	90.2%
Precision (Running)	94.5%
Precision (Interaction)	91.8%
Recall (Walking)	91.8%
Recall (Sitting)	92.0%
Recall (Running)	93.2%
Recall (Interaction)	90.5%
F1-Score (Walking)	92.4%
F1-Score (Sitting)	91.1%
F1-Score (Running)	93.8%
F1-Score (Interaction)	91.1%

Table 3. Real-Time Prediction Performance

3.2. Generating Batches of Video Frames

The collected video data is serving to create batches of video frames. This entails snapping frames at a regular time slot from each video and then obtaining a sequence of images for the activity over time. Due to this, the frames are put in a number of directories depending on the activities associated with the frames, making the handling of data and the training of models easier.

3.3. Data Preprocessing

Some of the pre-processing procedures are as follows; Resampling: all the frames of the sequence are resized to have a uniform size, Normalization: the pixel intensity values are scaled to have a range of 0-1 Data augmentation: techniques such as flipping the frames horizontally, shearing, zooming in/out and rotating are applied though in this project none of them was applied. Data augmentation comprises cropping, flipping, and changing color of images to resemble the true conditions since the same type of images do not appear in real life circumstances.

3.4. Visualization of Class Distribution

To gain insights into the distribution of activity classes in the training and testing datasets visualization tools are used. Other methods like use of a histogram and bar chart is the other method used to determine the level of balance and the existence of biases on classes. This step enables one to know if there is a need to balance the data before using it in training the model as well as ensures that the trained model is on a balanced dataset.

3.5. Model Compilation

The model is trained using a desired optimizer and loss function added to the model. In the classification problems, the loss function is typical implemented as the categorical cross entropy, while the optimizer is implemented as the Adam optimizer due to its efficiency and adaptability. Other factors like the learning rate, the size of the batches, the number of epochs to perform, among others, are adjusted according to the first experiences and the performance during validation.

3.6. Model Training

The training is done batch-wise where the model is trained using sequences of video frames and the corresponding activities. For the purpose of model comparison, the data is split in to training, validation, and test data sets. The training process is done through the use of a GPU as means of computations while to overcome the problem of overfitting, the use of regularization such as dropout is used.

During training, the parameters of the model are tuned with help of such statistics as accuracy and loss. We also include early stopping that prevents the training process when the performance stored on the validation set worsens and thereby improve efficiency while preventing overfitting.

3. Evaluation and Real-Time Prediction

Model Evaluation

An assessment of the model is done by using a confusion matrix which gives more details of the classification. Confusion matrix helps in explaining the kind of job done by the model in distinguishing between various classes of activities and the degree of accuracy it has in the process. Quantitative parameters like precision, recall etc., are employed so as to evaluate the efficiency of a given model in detecting various activities or tasks.

3.7. Real-Time Video Processing

The system is real-time and this makes it possible to recognize activities as they happen from the video data. This is done by applying the built and trained model on a live video feed where the model is continually engaged in activity classification. The video stream is also normalized in the same way as the training data are normalized to make sure that the data is consistent.

3.8. Prediction and Output Handling

The predicted outcomes of the model are into a CSV file that contain information such as time stamp, predicted activity, and the confidence level. It affords easy monitoring and evaluation of model performance in real time cases on a systematic basis. The activity that is frequently predicted the most is defined, it gives information on the most commonly appearing activities from detected by the system.

3.9. System Integration

To show the functionality of the HAR system it is implemented on a robotic platform. The system is implemented in different applications to assess the degree of improvement in the robotic assistance. The results obtained from these tests are good for the refinement of the model in the light of real-life applications.

3.10. Continuous Improvement

Due to evaluated results and actual performances, the model and system are constantly refined. This involves training again the model with new data, tuning of the parameters and optimization of the stream processing system. Feedbacks and tests are performed repeatedly to ensure that the system developed is functional and of optimum performance of quality.

Overall, it is possible to state that the following stages form the basis of the research methodology used in this study: data pre-processing and exploration, the training of the models, and the assessment of their performance as well as the prediction of outcomes in real-life settings. All of them are intended to make the HAR system to be precise, effective and relevant to practical robotic assistance tasks.

4. RESULTS

The results of this study demonstrate significant advancements in Human Activity Recognition (HAR) technology, specifically in its application to robotic systems across various domains, including healthcare, domestic environments, and industrial settings. The implementation of a deep learning model, designed to classify human activities in real time, showed high accuracy, precision, and recall across diverse activities such as walking, sitting, and interacting with objects.

Model Performance: The HAR model, trained on a robust dataset, achieved an overall accuracy of 92.5%, with precision and recall values exceeding 90% for most activity categories. The confusion matrix revealed that the model was particularly adept at distinguishing between activities with subtle differences, such as walking and running, which are crucial for applications where precise activity recognition is required, such as patient monitoring in healthcare or quality control in manufacturing.

Real-Time Processing: The system's ability to process video data in real time was also validated. It was able to consistently recognize and classify activities within a few milliseconds, ensuring that robots could respond promptly to human actions. This real-time capability is critical for scenarios where immediate interaction between humans and robots is necessary, such as in-home assistance or adaptive manufacturing systems.

Practical Application: The integration of HAR into robotic systems was tested in simulated environments that mimicked real-world conditions. In these tests, robots equipped with HAR technology were able to interact more naturally and effectively with humans, adapting their behavior based on the recognized activities. For example, a healthcare robot could monitor patient movements and provide alerts if abnormal activity patterns were detected, while an industrial robot could adjust its operations based on the proximity and actions of human workers.

Overall, the study's findings underscore the potential of HAR to enhance robotic systems' adaptability, making them more effective and reliable in a wide range of human-centered applications Model: "functional_1"

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5. CONCLUSION

In this paper embarks on discussing on how har is an essential tool that would enhance robotic systems by allowing them to perform better in various scenarios that involve interacting with humans. with the help of deep learning models integrated with har, robots have the ability to perceive and interpret movements of human in real time that are vital in fields which require robots to give accurate responses in detection and other areas like healthcare, home assistance and industrial sectors.

the outcomes from the studies have shown that the har model from this research is not only highly effective in this area but in addition, and quite importantly, fast enough to enable robots to take quick decisions based from the processed video information. this capability may be quite useful in situations when the response to human activity should be provided as soon as possible, as in healthcare when monitoring the patients, or in production environments to ensure safety.

the practical applications that were tested on simulated environment also proven some of the beneficial aspects of the model. with the help of har technology, implemented in robots, their interaction with people improved, which is based on the identification of activities. this adaptability makes robots even more useful in various areas , including mundane collaborative robot work and challenging industrial production.

in conclusion, the integration of har into robotic systems brings new perspective in robotics and reduce the gap between human expec tations and robot capabilities. this technology not only optimizes the functional and efficient characteristics of robots but also creates the secret of further hci in the future. such is the success of this research that it opens up further understanding of robots that have been enhanced using har technology in various sectors with the potential of transforming how robots are applied.

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