Analyzing Pedestrian Activity with Computer Vision

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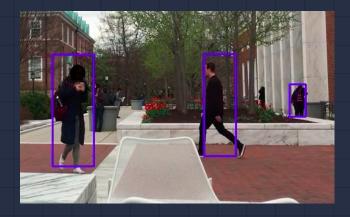
Objective:

Develop software that analyzes video streams to provide park usage statistics

How?

1. Object Detection and Tracking Algorithms

2. Data Visualization



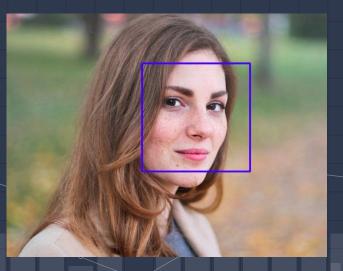


Development Process: Object Detection and Tracking

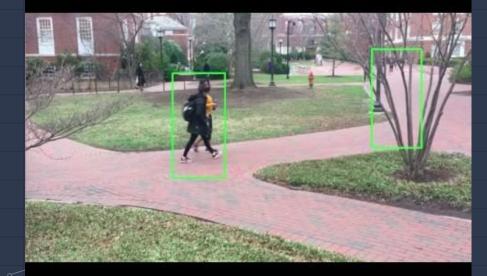
Object Detection Algorithm

Objects scored based on classified images

- Face detection: Haar cascades
- HOG Detector
- TensorFlow Single Shot
 Detection (SSD)



Object Detection: Challenges



False positives and negatives

Object Detection





Detecting people with TensorFlow < Livestream > Isolating objects using background subtraction

Tracking Algorithm: Early Stages

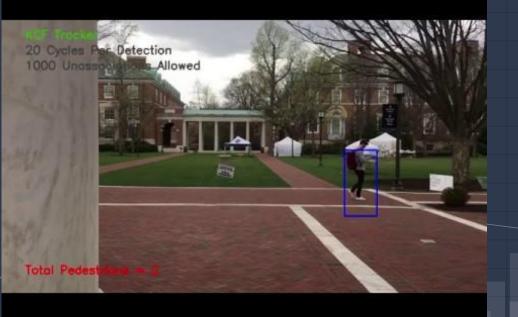
- Context used rather than from scratch
- Faster speeds with tracking
- Works by providing bounding box



How a Tracker Works

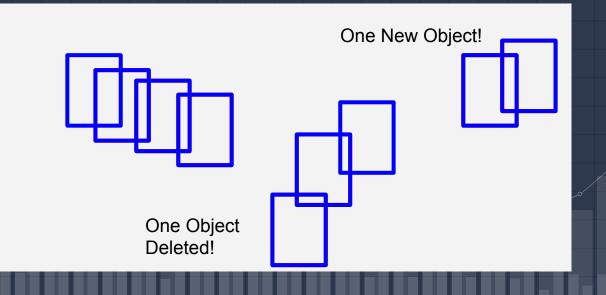
Tracking Algorithm

- Hanging trackers
- Accumulation
- Tracking failures

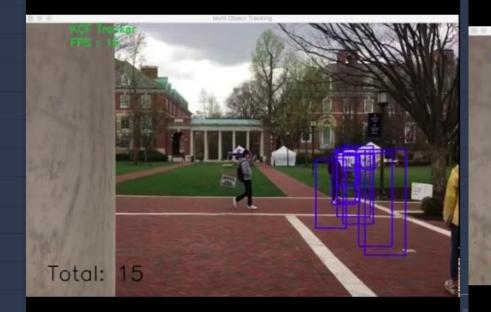


Solution: Hungarian Algorithm

 Allows for the assignment of old objects to new objects using the context of previous frames



Tracking + Hungarian Algorithm



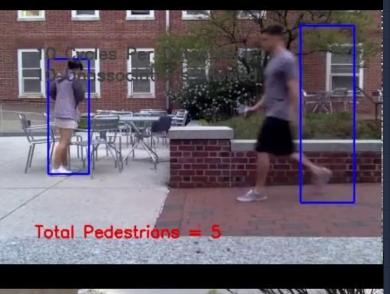


Tracker Accumulation

Improved Performance

Simplified "Radical" Algorithm

- Hungarian Algorithm applied to current and previous frame
- No tracking component





Performance Comparisons 40 35 # Pedestrians Counted 30 Video 1 Video 2 25 ■Video 3 20 Video 4 15 Video 5 10 5 0 Simplified Algorithm 10/20/3 10/25/3 20/20/5 20/25/5 TRUE VALUE

Detection Cycle/Tracking Buffer/Untracked Thresh

Performance Evaluation

	Video 1	Video 2	Video`3	Video 4	Video 5	Avg. Error
20/20/5	17	27	13	10	22	23%
20/25/5	12	22	9	7	17	22%
Simplified	17	20	14	11	15	12%
Expected	13	21	17	12	15	-

Final Verdict

- Tracking implementation *currently* unsatisfactory
- Simplified Algorithm provides best performance
- Accurate pedestrian tracking = feasible!

Live Stream Demo



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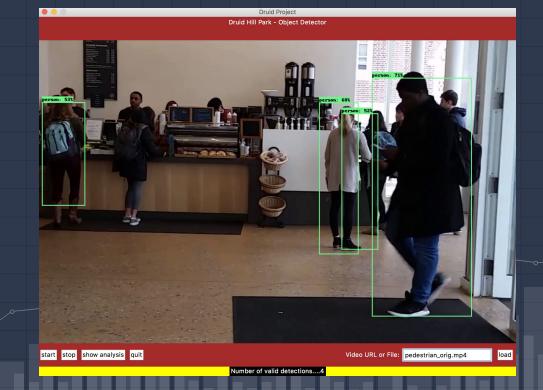
Usability

Data Visualization

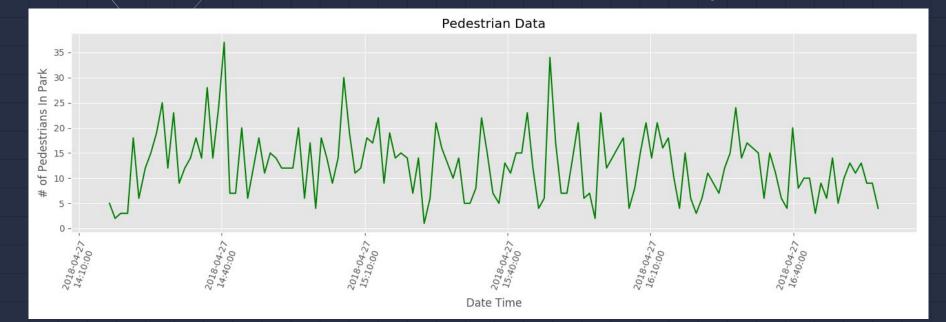
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Graphical User Interface

- Displays people count with boxes and percentages
- Text field allows user to input video file names and/or livestream URLs



Live Data Collection



< Alumni Weekend: Hopkins Livestream >

Future Steps

- Improve detection by training our own neural net
 Combine techniques to reduce tracking failures
 Extend detection to vehicles
 Additional GUI functionality i.e. graph toggling, data
 - manipulation, etc.

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