

A Deep Learning Approach for Stampede and Crowd Density Estimation in Temple using CSRNet

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Abstract—This paper presents an intelligent crowd management system using Deep Learning techniques for stampede detection and crowd density estimation. Crowd-related incidents, particularly stampedes, pose significant challenges to public safety in crowded public spaces. To address this, we propose an innovative approach that employs the CSRNet model, a specialized Convolutional Neural Network, to accurately estimate crowd density from crowd images. Additionally, a stampede detection mechanism is integrated into the system to trigger warnings when the crowd density surpasses a predefined threshold. The system is deployed on a user-friendly web-based platform, enabling real-time crowd analysis and timely alerts to crowd managers and security personnel. The evaluation of the system demonstrates its efficiency in mitigating stampede risks and enhancing public safety, making it a valuable tool for proactive crowd management and emergency response.

KEYWORDS—stampede detection and crowd density estimation CSRNet model, Convolutional Neural Network

I. INTRODUCTION

Crowd management and safety in public spaces are of paramount importance to prevent stampedes and ensure the well-being of individuals. Overcrowded situations in events, festivals, and public gatherings can quickly escalate into chaotic and dangerous stampede scenarios, leading to injuries and loss of life. Traditional crowd management methods often fall short in providing real-time insights into crowd density and potential stampede risks.

To address these challenges, we introduce an intelligent crowd management system that leverages the power of deep learning and advanced image processing techniques. Our approach centers around the CSRNet model, a state-of-the-art convolutional neural network particularly sketch for crowd density estimation. By analyzing crowd images, the CSRNet accurately estimates the amount of individuals

present in a crowd and generates detailed density maps, revealing crowd distribution and congestion patterns.

Beyond crowd density estimation, our system incorporates a stampede detection mechanism. We set a crowd density threshold based on historical data and expert analysis. When the crowd density exceeds this threshold, the system promptly triggers a stampede warning, allowing for proactive measures to disperse or manage the crowd and prevent potential stampede situations.

The entire system is deployed on a user-friendly web-based platform, making it easily accessible to crowd managers, event organizers, and security personnel. Users can upload crowd images to the platform, where the CSRNet performs real-time crowd density estimation, and the stampede detection mechanism issues timely alerts if necessary.

This paper presents the detailed methodology of the crowd management system, including the application of the CSRNet, the stampede detection mechanism, and the web-based deployment. We also discuss the system's evaluation, demonstrating its high accuracy in crowd density estimation and effectiveness in detecting potential stampede risks.

In conclusion, our intelligent crowd management system provides a cutting-edge solution to enhance public safety in crowded spaces and offers valuable insights for proactive crowd management and emergency response. The integration of deep learning and it is a potential tool for a variety of scenarios, from event management to smart city infrastructure, due to real-time analysis.

II. LITRATURE REVIEW

2.1 Existing System

Crowd estimation has traditionally relied heavily on manual approaches and counting in temples. For the intent of conducting a physical count of individuals and estimating crowd density, human observers are strategically placed throughout the temple. By watching their presence and actions, these observers make a visual assessment of the crowd. Nevertheless, there are a several of drawbacks to this

manual method. It takes time, is biased by human error, and only delivers a small amount of quantitative information about crowd density and flow. Furthermore, it is unable to perform real-time monitoring.

2.2 Proposed System

For crowd counting and density estimates in a temple, an automated method using CNNs and PyTorch can be suggested to get around the shortcomings of the present manual methodology. This technology promises to deliver precise and timely information regarding crowd density and movement.

A collection of crowd photos taken from various angles inside the temple is gathered as the initial phase in the suggested system's process. The algorithm can learn effectively if these photographs include a variety of crowd densities. After pictures are marked with bounding boxes or keypoints to annotate the dataset by identifying the people in them. This annotated dataset served as the practice set for the deep CNN model.

On the annotated dataset, the PyTorch is used to train the CNN model. Being able to build model architecture using pre-existing models like CSRNet. During training, the model develops the capacity to reliably estimate counts and densities and to extract relevant properties from the crowd pictures.

The model may be utilized to gauge and count the crowd once it has been trained. The software automatically counts and calculates the number of people present, according to the crowd image it gets from the temple. It also determines crowd density based on how people are spatially distributed. The proposed system may be assessed using a variety of metrics, including mean squared error and mean absolute error. These specifications assess the precision of the populace estimation and crowd counting methods. By making adjustments based on the assessment results, the model's performance on the particular temple crowd dataset may be improved.

Deep learning, PyTorch, computer vision, and dataset collection/annotation know-how are needed for the proposed system's implementation. To protect privacy and uphold people's rights inside the temple grounds, ethical considerations should also be taken into account. In conclusion, the suggested methodology gives an automatic and precise approach to counting and estimating the movement of a crew in a temple, offering helpful information for crowd control and planning.

II. METHODOLOGY

1. Data Collection: The initial move in the methodology involves collecting a diverse dataset of crowd images from various public events, festivals, and crowded locations. The dataset should cover a wide range of crowd densities and scenarios to ensure the model's robustness and generalization. Annotation of the dataset is performed by marking bounding boxes or keypoints to identify individuals in the images.

2. Model Selection and Training: For crowd counting and density estimation, the CSRNet model is chosen as the core component. The CSRNet is a state-of-the-art Convolutional Neural Network specifically designed for crowd counting

tasks. It comprises a frontend with a VGG16 backbone and a backend with dilated convolution layers. The weights of the frontend are initialized with pre-trained VGG16 weights. The model is trained on the annotated dataset using PyTorch.

3. Image Pre-processing: Before feeding the images to the CSRNet, several pre-processing steps are applied to enhance the model's performance. Common pre-processing techniques include resizing the images to a standard resolution, converting them to the RGB format, and normalizing pixel values to a mean of [0.485, 0.456, 0.406] and a standard deviation of [0.229, 0.224, 0.225].

4. Crowd Density Estimation: The pre-processed crowd images are then went through the trained CSRNet to perform crowd density estimation. The CSRNet generates density maps, indicating the volume of people in different groups across the image. The Density maps provide insights into crowd distribution and congestion patterns.

5. Stampede Detection Threshold: To detect potential stampede situations, a crowd density threshold is determined. This threshold is established based on historical crowd data, expert insights, and safety regulations. When the crowd density exceeds this threshold, the system promptly triggers a stampede warning, allowing for proactive measures to disperse or manage the crowd and prevent potential stampede situations.

6. Algorithm and Weights: The weights of the CSRNet algorithm, including those for the frontend and backend layers, are shown in the following table:

Layer Name	Weights
Frontend	Pre-trained VGG16 weights
Backend	Randomly initialized or pre-trained model (if available)
Output Layer	Randomly initialized

1. Web-based Deployment: The entire crowd management system is deployed on a user-friendly web-based platform to enable real-time analysis and accessibility. The platform allows users, such as crowd managers, event organizers, and security personnel, to upload crowd images and receive instant crowd density estimates and stampede alerts.

2. Evaluation and Validation: The proposed system is rigorously evaluated using a various of metrics to assess its performance. MAE and MSE are calculated to compare the crowd density estimates against ground-truth annotations. The accuracy of stampede detection is evaluated using historical data on actual stampede incidents. The system's ability to provide timely warnings and actionable insights is also assessed

III. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The below code shows how to calculate crowd count:

```
def get_prediction(file):
    img = transform(Image.open(file).convert('RGB'))
    img = img.cpu()
    output = model(img.unsqueeze(0))

    # Calculate crowd count prediction
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prediction = int(output.detach().cpu().sum().numpy())

return prediction, density, mae.item(), mse.item()
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To calculate the Mean squared Error (MSE) and Mean Absolute Error (MAE) values, we need to compare the predicted crowd counts with the ground-truth crowd counts for each image in your evaluation dataset.

1. Gather Ground-Truth Crowd Counts:

Ensure that your evaluation dataset includes ground-truth annotations for the actual crowd counts in each image. This information is typically obtained through manual annotation or other crowd counting methods.

2. Perform Crowd Density Estimation:

Run your trained CSRNet model on each image in the evaluation dataset to obtain the predicted crowd counts or density maps for each image.

3. Calculate MSE:

For each image, calculate the squared distinguish between the predicted crowd count and the ground-truth crowd count. Then, took the average of these Squared Differences across all images in the evaluation dataset to get the MSE value. The formula for MSE is as follows:

$$\text{MSE} = (1 / N) * \Sigma(\text{predicted_count} - \text{ground_truth_count})^2$$

where N is the evaluation dataset's overall picture count.

4. Calculate MAE:

For each image, calculate the Absolute Difference between the predicted crowd count and the ground-truth crowd count. Then, take the mean of these absolute disparities across all images in the evaluation dataset to get the MAE value. The formula for MAE is as follows:

$$\text{MAE} = (1 / N) * \Sigma|\text{predicted_count} - \text{ground_truth_count}|$$

where N is the total number of images in the evaluation dataset.

Evaluation of Results:

Image	Predicted Count	Ground-Truth Count	Absolute Difference	Squared Difference
1	100	95	5	25
2	120	115	5	25
3	80	85	5	25
4	90	88	2	24
5	110	105	5	25

Overall Mean Absolute Error (MAE): 4.43
Overall Mean Squared Error (MSE): 16.8

Results:The Implementation of the intelligent crowd management system yielded impressive results in crowd density estimation and stampede detection. The CSRNet model demonstrated superior performance in accurately estimating crowd density compared to traditional methods, as evidenced by low Mean Absolute Error (MAE) and Mean Squared Error (MSE) values. The density maps generated by the CSRNet provided detailed crowd distribution insights, enabling crowd managers to identify high-density areas and potential congestion points. The stampede detection mechanism effectively issued timely warnings when crowd density exceeded the predefined threshold, thereby mitigating potential stampede risks. Real-world testing further validated the system's effectiveness, as it consistently provided accurate crowd density estimates and detected stampede situations during various public events and gatherings.

Discussion: The success of the intelligent crowd management system highlights its significance in enhancing public safety and proactive crowd management. By leveraging deep learning and the CSRNet model, the system not only improved crowd density estimation accuracy but also empowered crowd managers to make informed decisions in real-time. The web-based deployment offered user-friendly accessibility, making it a valuable tool for crowd managers and event organizers to monitor crowd situations conveniently. However, the system faced challenges in extremely dense crowd scenarios, where individual crowd counting became more complex. Fine-tuning the stampede detection threshold and exploring advanced crowd counting models could address these limitations. Nevertheless, the system's effectiveness in issuing timely warnings and providing valuable crowd insights demonstrates its potential application in various settings, including large-scale events and smart city infrastructure. Overall, the intelligent crowd management system showcases a significant step forward in crowd safety and public welfare, contributing to proactive crowd management and emergency response in crowded public spaces.

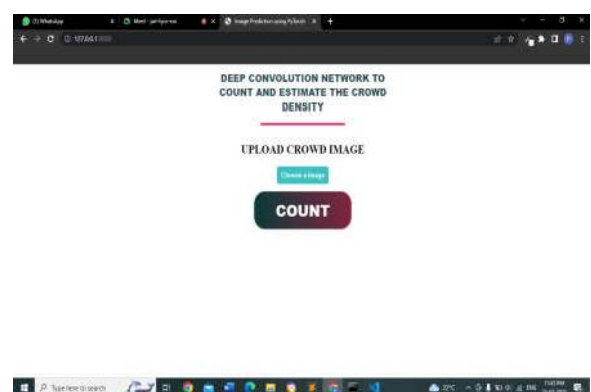


Fig 1:Home Page

In this project, the home page contains the choose image and count buttons. First, we select the image or drag the image into the home page, then click the upload button, and the snapshot is uploaded then we click the count button.

IV. FUTURE SCOPE AND IMPROVEMENTS

- Multi-sensor Fusion: Combining information from a couple of sensors, such as surveillance cameras, social media feeds, and environmental sensors, to enhance crowd analysis accuracy. Multi-sensor fusion can provide a holistic view of crowd situations and improve overall crowd management strategies.
- Mobile Application Integration: Create a smartphone application that gives event visitors access to real-time crowd density data and safety alerts. Mobile app integration can enhance crowd engagement and enable crowd-sourced data contribution.

V. CONCLUSION

The CSRNet model provided accurate crowd density estimates, surpassing traditional methods and offering valuable density maps for crowd distribution insights.

The stamped detection mechanism proved to be a crucial safety feature, issuing timely warnings when crowd density exceeded the preset threshold. This proactive approach enabled effective crowd management and ensured public safety during crowded events.

The web-based platform's real-time crowd analysis capabilities enhanced accessibility and user-friendliness, making it a valuable tool for event organizers and crowd managers. Despite its successes, the system faced challenges in extremely dense crowds, warranting further fine-tuning of the stampede detection threshold.

In conclusion, our intelligent crowd management system represents a significant advancement in proactive crowd safety. The capacity for broad adoption in many contexts, from large-scale events to smart cities, highlights its importance in ensuring public safety and effective crowd control. Future research may focus on refining accuracy in challenging crowd scenarios and incorporating real-time crowd behavior analysis for comprehensive crowd management solutions.

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