A Study of Pupil Orientation and Detection of Pupil using Circle Algorithm: A Review

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Abstract: Determining a Pupil size, diameter and center are fundamental for pupil orientation. It is important features to detect eye and it is considered as a significant verification method for human computer interaction. In this paper, we investigated existing methods and presented the framework to detect pupil to calculate its distance. The existing methods of pupil orientation have classified in 4 section which are estimation and measurement, localization, detection, and tracking. We have shown the tabular study of an algorithm, detected feature and accuracy for each classification sector. There are several investigations that are running to classify all the sectors accurately. We have also proposed a framework to calculate pupil distance from images. We have described the algorithms to detect and straighten face, detect eyes. We have also proposed that a modified Circle Equation can be better to detect and exact pupils based on circle size, object polarity, and sensitivity. Although, we have discussed distance calculation.

Keywords: Pupil, Pupil Tracking, Size Estimation, Diameter Measurement, Pupil Detection, Pupil Localization, Eyes, Edge Detection, Algorithms

I. INTRODUCTION

Biometric information gives a unique identification to person. There are several biometric information such as Fingerprint Recognition, Voice Recognition, Signature Recognition, Face Recognition, Plan Scan, Iris Scan, Retina Scan, Hand Geometric, Key-Smoke Scan [1] [2] [3] [4]. All these are used for increase security, identify a person, avoid false transaction. Predict the reliability of a person. There are many things which are not solved to make as biometrics such as: walking Geometric, Pupil distance, measurement to prove it as biometric information. We are analyzing computer vision to prove it unique.

The pupil is one of the important features for human and active research field in recent years. There are several problems to detect pupil from images. Although research has contributed many algorithms to detect it [3]. It is a continuous process to get to get a stable algorithms. There are many features which are used to detect pupil, such as diameter, Center point, contour, size, blink. Moreover, ellipse fitting [5] and pupil orientation [6] is worked for pupil tracking.

Besides that, Algorithms are proposed to track down pupil from images and video.

Localization of an object is very important in computer vision application. Pupil localization plays an important role for face recognition, gaze estimation, and much more sector [7]. It is widely used in human computer interaction to assist disabled people to improve their life styles [8]. Especially, It is required to find out double pupil location for the pupil distance which is used for face normalization, for facial land marks the location, for noise removing [2]. The noise removing is another way to increase the accuracy. To getting high accuracy in the localization of pupil, we need high quality of images [1].

The pupil is the core properties of an eye where we are trying to prove the pupilary distance as biometrics. The measurement of pupil diameter plays an important role. Pupil diameter has started measurement using Haar Classification Algorithm, Genetic algorithms, Color Characteristics Method [3]. The information of pupil diameter and the centre position of an image is required to measure the gaze direction. The image is captured by a near-infrared camera [4]. It is defined that the measurement of pupil diameter, center and size is needed for pupil distance measurement. In measurement purpose, Mid point and pupil diameter are going to use through geometric features, fitting algorithms, least square and Ellipse equation by Hough transformation.

In Eye orientation, it is required to determine the pupil center [9], pupil size [10] [11] [12], Blink rate [11] in video based systems. The simple relationship between pupil size and gaze position has been characterized by different light intensity [13]. The pupil size and blink precision are identified to interact the human machine interaction which is not critical [11]. The real time measurement of pupil size and blink is essential in terms to reflect the instances mental activity which is needed machine feedback and classification to improve the human computer interaction [14]. The near filed eye
monitoring system is more eligible that far field system to acquire accuracy of pupil size and blink endpoints and imaginary for a mobile computing usages [15]. Once pupil center and size can estimate, It is easy to detect pupil [12] and useful to improve the pupillary distance which can contribute in human machine interaction.

In recent years, Scientist is analysis eye movement data to detect fraud or false behavior where the pupil is used to tracking and getting the eye data [6] [16] [17] [18]. Time and resource have been wasted to search pupil in all regions of the image where it occupied only small rotation of the image [5]. Starburst model turned to advantage for shorten computing time and the possibility of false detection [19] [20]. Researcher concedes that there are many obstacles in front of pupil detection and tracking. Face Learning [21] [22], Eyes Point Occlude [22], Warning Glass [22], Illumination Variation [23] [22] and Face Rotating [22] decreases detection precision rate where viewers fast move and the sharply enhance of viewer number are taking responding speed [16]. On the other hand, Image Segmentation plays an effective role to acquire pupil geometric features, Such as area, Semi axis, centroid and orientation [17]. To detect pupil, It is required to obtain eye area in real-time video [18]. The contour of the pupil detection and fitted to an ellipse done by its geometric parameter [6]. So, Pupil area and contour can control the pupil detection and track with quite a high possibility of human computer interaction.

In this paper, A state survey has been presented on the pupil. Contour and Center detection are divided into several parts which are needed to identify the pupillary distance. Section 2 contains the current challenges of estimating, measuring, localizing, detecting and tracking pupil. Section 3 discusses Previous Research on Methods and Algorithms. Section 4 contains the Research methodology where discusses proposed frameworks, expected result. Finally, we conclude our paper in section 5.

II. CURRENT CHALLENGES

This paper discusses the main challenging factors to estimate and measure pupil area, diameter, and size, Localization of Pupil coordinate and center, Detection of Gaze center and contour, Tracking of pupil contour and center which are shown in Figure 1.

Area and size are important features to estimate an object. To estimate the pupil area and size, we need to find out the Location of the pupil. A pupil can be localized by its center and coordinate. It can be easy to estimate, if we measure the pupil diameter. But pupil contour can be given an effective result to localize pupil [1]. On the other hand, Color and Light Reflection can be good features to localize eyes. There are two types of eyes in the world said by Amer Al-Rahayfeh and Maid Faezipour and Light Reflection has been used to estimate the gaze direction in many computer vision based eye trackers [24]. If we solve the estimation and measurement of a pupil, we can easily get the pupil area, size, and diameter.

In Eye tracking, It needs to build a geometric model to identify eye axis [6]. Some Geometric model has been present to detect and track the pupil [5] [18] [16] [6]. It can give an efficient result, once we can perfectly detect the gaze center and contour. According to geometric model, pupil center and size can not be selected genuinely. The Support Vector Machine(SVM) can detect the pupil co-ordinate [16] which can determine the pupil contour. It is presented that Ellipse Fitting can determine the pupil boundary using contour [5]. Pupil boundary can formalize to detect pupil center which is exactly to detect and track pupil.

III. PREVIOUS RESEARCH ON METHODS AND ALGORITHMS

The estimation and measurement are highly considerable in pupil distance measurement. It’s pre-processed to identify the pupil center and diameter and area. In 2014, Dual Ellipse Fitting Method [11] has been proposed to identify pupil size and blink rate through pupil boundary point. To segmenting the pupil from background images, An approach has been presented called as Novel Self-tuning threshold method. Although Blink Detecting accuracy is 99.7%, Pupil size accuracy has not defined. The tracking of the eye data has been used to estimate the gaze position and area in Eyelink System [10]. The second order regressor of PA varied ranging from 0.02% to 95.4% in the left eye where it is 1.0% to 87.1% in the right eye. In 2016 Hough Transform [4], The Circle Area Equation [3] and Ellipse Equation [3] has been used to measure the diameter, center of the pupil. Due to the accuracy level of Circle Area equation, it is granted to use the Hough Transform in measuring Pupil diameter and center point.
Object localization could not find easily in prior time. Several Algorithms is used to identify pupil coordinate, center and centroid point. Ada boosting eye classifier [2] is used to localize the pupil centroid and its coordinate. The accuracy of algorithms is 47% for eye region detection in face region where Face region detection precision is 92%. In Ensembles Regression Tree [8], 85.75% accuracy has been measured in 5% error rate and 99.7% accuracy has been recorded at 25% error rate. On the other hand, Adaptive GBDT [7] is localizing pupil coordinate at 91.54% at 5% error rate and 99.89% accuracy has been recorded at 25% error rate. The Starburst model [1] has recorded 91.92% correct detecting pupil center where the average frame rate is 196.76(ms).

The detection of Pupil is required to measure the correct pupil distance. The curvature algorithm [9] has presented to detect pupil center. The Accuracy rate 40% to detect pupil boundary in an error of less 0.1 degree. The Modified Adaptive Resonance Theorem using NNs [12] estimate pupil size with accuracy of 91% where 90% correct differentiation between narcoleptic and control subjects. The Canny Algorithm [25] [26] detect pupil contour and edge at 90% accurately. The Morphology algorithm [17] detected pupil contour. The accuracy is 90% on Left Pupil and 94% on Right Pupil. The Support Vector Machine(SVM) [16] is detecting eyes area coordinate with accuracy 98.2721%. But SVM and Correlation matching are time consuming [16].

There are several methods to track the eyes. It is trying to use pupil contour, corner point, and pupil center to use pupil. Robust Pupil Tracking Algorithm and Ellipse Fitting [5] is used to contour detection where the accuracy increased at below 80% occlusion. Kalman Anticipation Algorithm [16] has two parts. Motion State Vector model and Measure vector model used to track the coordinates of eyes area in tracking a person. KLT Algorithm [18] has used to detect and track.

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### Prior Working Description of Pupil Estimation and Measurement

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<td>Corner Points, Stains or Junction Point for Eye Area</td>
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corner points, stains or junction point for the eye area. Its accuracy is 98%. Circle Equation Algorithm [6] is used to estimate, measure and detect and track the contour and pupil center which is 3 to 9mm inaccurate. 3-Point Calibration of Subject Fixation [28] reduced 39% to track pupil center horizontally using corneal reflection location.

IV. RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

The study presents the summarization of the pupil detection, pupil estimating, pupil measurement and pupil tracking Algorithms. There are several algorithms to detect pupil. But it does not detect properly with all algorithms. We are proposing a framework where we detect the pupil with all needed features. Based on pupil detection, we will calculate the distance of pupils. We set the task into 6 parts. It starts at Input image which is single image and ends with Distance Calculation.

A. Proposed framework

![Block Diagram of Pupil Distance Measurement](image)

B. Face Detection using SVM

There are several algorithms for face detection. Feature invariant and Template Matching plays an important role to detect face recognition where appearance based method gives the best output. Feature invariant worked with the grouping of edge, the mixture of Gaussian and Skin color, size and shape. The template matching worked with an object of shape. Appearance Based Method includes several popular algorithms which are eigenface using eigenvector, distributing based using Gaussian distribution and multilayer perception, Neural networks using Ensembles of neural networks, Support Vector Machine using the polynomial kernel and much more. We are going to use Support vector machine. It operates an induction principle which derived to minimize an expected error. As it is a linearly constrained quadratic programming problem. The computational time and memory is extreme [29].

C. Face Straighten using SURF

There are three types of features in computer vision. Edge Feature is one of them. Edge features describe robustness to illumination change and rotation of the face image where it provides the structural character of an image. The Scale Invariant Feature Transform(SIFT) has used some local features that can apply in face recognition. But The features extraction is expensive. Therefore, Some researchers have proposed modifications to this method. The SURF Operator is of the local feature detector and descriptor. It has given invariance of scaling and rotation, strong robustness, and prominent separating capacity between different features [29]. We are using it to Straighten the Face.

D. Eyes Detection using Template Matching

Eye detection is a preprocessing stage before Irish and pupil detection said by Amer Al-Rahayfeh and Maid Faezipour [24]. Template Matching has used to detect the face with variation in scale, pose, and shape. It can locate the features of eyes, eyebrows, and lips [29]. At first, A Sobel filter is used to extract edges. We find several Algorithm which is going to detect eye using template matching. Although, Support vector machine is used to classify the images to eye/non-eye patterns [24]. we are going to use Template Matching and Support vector machine(SVM) to detect the eyes.

E. Pupils Detection

We have discussed several algorithms to detect pupil. Algorithms accuracy is too low and It cannot find appropriate features. We are using Circle Equation Algorithm to detect the pupil center and its contour. we need to modify the algorithm to get our exact output. The size of the pupil is 6 to 8 pixel. The object polarity is dark where the sensitivity is 0.93. Its accuracy is better than existing algorithms according to our need where we tested the algorithms using Matlab. Although, it has given low accuracy to detect pupil diameter [3].

F. Distance Calculation

Pupillary distance measurement is not easy to calculate uniquely. Once we completed up to the pupil detection part, we cannot measure the distance of pupils. None provides an equation to complete it uniquely. Although we are trying to propose some equation to make it unique. On the other hand, we will use Euclidean distance to calculate the millimeter scale.
distance which is established as the pupillary distance in recent years.

V. CONCLUSION

We described an eye pupil orientation. the current challenges involve the measurement, estimating, localization, detection, and tracking of eyes data particularly the pupil. There are several pupil features which are used to identify pupil orientation. we have shown the tabular format of each sector algorithms, features and accuracy rate. The blink rate can be estimated using pupils features and it’s used to identify coordinate of eyes. There are several machine learning approach that has been presented to localize, estimate and measure the pupils. Besides that, some new and existing algorithms have been presented to detect and track pupils. we proposed a framework which uses a Circle Equation Algorithm to modify the object polarity, pupil size, and sensitivity. We hope that will give the better result than existing Circle algorithms. There is enough scope to study about pupillary distance. Because we did not find any equation to find pupillary distance uniquely. Although, we are observing our investigation on it.

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