

OBJECT DETECTION SYSTEM USING HAAR-CLASSIFIER

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Abstract

The invention of new algorithms had encouraged to the reinforcement of image processing's application. An algorithm for the design object detection systems is presented. Haar-classifier is utilized as the algorithms for this object detection system. The exertion of Haar-Classifer had boosted to the upgrade system which is faster and more accurate. In this system, Haar-Classifer is conjunct with the Adaboost machine learning algorithms wherefore the performance of the system is upgraded. Development of this project is categorized into two phase which are training phase and execution phase. Training phase use OpenCV utilities such as haartraining.exe to train the object by calculating the object's weak constraints. This is for the purpose of finding the different features of the object of interest. The list of these weak constraints is converted to the xml file to be included in the coding which had been developed using Visual Studio 2005. The execution process will result on the detection process of object of interest. System will detect rounded image in any image which had been included in the system itself. Object detection system using Haar-classifier algorithm can perform best performance of high detection rate and high level of accuracy rate.

Abstrak

Penciptaan algoritma baru telah menggalakkan kepada perkembangan aplikasi sistem pemprosesan imej. Algoritma untuk mereka sistem pengesanan objek telah diperkenalkan. Pengklasifikasi Haar telah digunakan sebagai algoritma untuk sistem pengesanan objek ini. Penggunaan pengklasifikasi Haar telah meningkatkan prestasi sistem supaya lebih cepat dan tepat. Untuk tujuan meningkatkan kadar pengesanan, pengklasifikasi Haar telah digabungkan dengan kaedah *Adaboost* yang menjadi punca kepada peningkatan kadar pengesanan objek. Pembentukan sistem ini terbahagi kepada dua bahagian iaitu fasa latihan dan fasa pelaksanaan. Fasa latihan menggunakan utiliti *OpenCV* seperti "haartraining.exe" untuk melatih objek yang hendak dikesan dengan cara mengira ciri kelemahan sesuatu objek itu. Hal ini bertujuan untuk mencari ciri-ciri berlainan yang ada pada sesuatu objek itu. Senarai ciri-ciri kelemahan ini ditukar kepada fail xml untuk dimasukkan ke dalam kod yang telah dibuat menggunakan perisian *Visual Studio 2005*. Fasa pelaksanaan akan menghasilkan proses pengesanan objek yang dikehendaki. System akan mengesan image berbentuk bulat dalam sebarang gambar yang telah dimasukkan ke dalam system. Sistem Pengesanan Objek menggunakan pengklasifikasi Haar algoritma mampu melaksanakan hasil yang bagus dengan kadar pengesanan dan kadar ketepatan yang tinggi.

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List of Abbreviations

OpenCV – Open Source Computer Vision

Adaboost – Adaptive Boost

HCI -- Human-Computer Interaction

SFM -- Structure From Motion

IDE -- Integrated Development Environment

GUI – Graphical User Interface

VB.NET – Visual Basic. Net

Png -- Portable Network Graphic format

Xml – Extensible Markup Language

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CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

Development of computer system and technology has encouraged on the development of intelligence on new technologies. Object detection system is developed as a contribution due to help humans in daily life. This system approach can be applied to robotic system and surveillance system. Designing object detection's system is a process to determine the location and the region of the object in a digital image. This system will only detect object of interest and ignore any others objects. The algorithm use in this project is Haar-Training which is used to calculate the threshold of the object of interest in order to obtain a new classifier. This process will be done using OpenCV utilities. Visual Studio 2005 software has been used to test the ability of the new classifier.

1.1 Problem Statement

This project uses the better performance of algorithms such as Haar-Training. for the purpose to get reasonable accuracy rate. Haar-Training could be the better solution as it has a combination with the Adaboost method. The cascade of Adaboosted (Adaptive boost) classifiers can achieve both accuracy and speed. The algorithm can

achieve high detection accuracy and approximately 15 times faster than any previous approaches.

1.2 Objective

The purpose of doing this project is not basically just to detect objects in an image but also for some other purpose which are:

- i) To utilize the object's region in a digital images.
- ii) To leverage positive object's classifier using Haar-Training.
- iii) To develop an object detection system using OpenCV and Visual Studio 2005 software.

1.2.1 Work Scope

There are few work scopes that related to this project which are first to develop a system that can be used to localized object features in a digital colored image. This is for the purpose to identify the location of desired object in an image which also had consisted of other images. Second is to develop a system by using Visual Studio 2005 software for the better performance. Visual Studio is the best software of interfacing OpenCV with GUI interface. Last but not least is to classify the weak and strong features from the desired object using Haar-Classifer to compare with the image's threshold in the xml file (database) for the detection process.

1.4. Project Overview

In general, object detection system's purpose is to detect desired object in any still image. In this project, the desired object input is circle image such as ball, circle and etc. The overall flow of this system can be described as following. A scanned image will be compared to the object models in the system's dataset and the system will detect whether the object exist is or not in an image. This system needs to go through certain important method which are first the collection of image, second is the training process using Haar-Training method, next is coding implementation and last is to match the object with the dataset which in this case was the cascaded image threshold which is contained in the xml file or the purpose to determine whether the desired object is exist or not.

1.5. Thesis Outline

This thesis is organized as follows:

Chapter 1 will describes the introduction of this system, the purpose of doing this project, the problem statement, the work scope and brief explanation of project's system flow.

In **Chapter 2**, the review about the information find on all the material or data used in the development of the system will be shown.

Explanation of all the methods use in development of this system and the step by step solution on developing training part and execution part will be described in **Chapter 3.**

Chapter 4 includes all the results followed with the explanation about the results after all the development process has done.

Chapter 5 is the last chapter and it will show the summary after all and come up with some recommendations for some improvements.

CHAPTER 2

LITERATURE REVIEW

This chapter will review on the information gathered in developing the object detection system. The information accumulated is all the basic notification used in order to develop the system including the basic definition of system approach, the algorithms and the basic process of the system.

2.1 Digital Image Processing

Digital image processing is the use of computer algorithms to perform image processing on digital images [6].

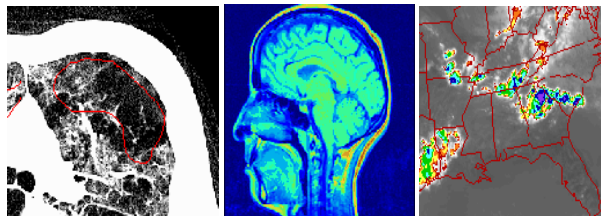


Fig 2.1: Application of Digital Image Processing

2.1.1 Image processing

Image processing is a physical process used to convert an image signal into a physical image. The image signal can be either digital or analog. The actual output itself can be an actual physical image or the characteristics of an image. The most common type of image processing is photography.

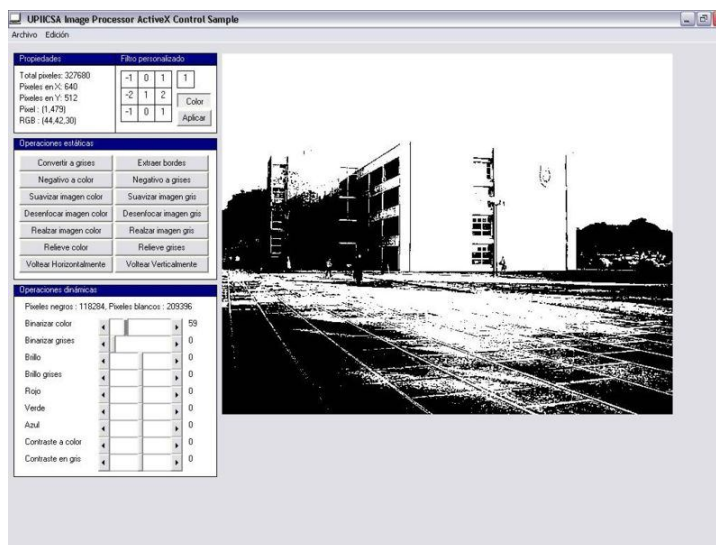


Fig 2.2: Monochrome black/white image

2.1.2 Algorithms

Algorithm is a finite sequence of instructions, an explicit, step-by-step procedure for solving a problem, often used for calculation and data processing. It is formally a type of effective method in which a list of well-defined instructions for completing a task.

In its most general sense, an algorithm is any set of detailed instructions which results in a predictable end-state from a known beginning. Algorithms are only as good

as the instructions given, however, and the result will be incorrect if the algorithm is not properly defined [7].

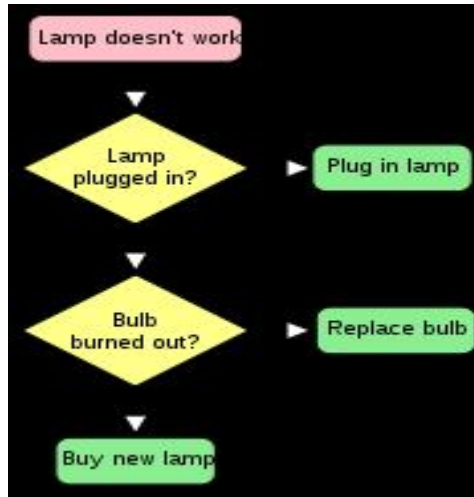


Fig 2.3: Algorithms can be represented in flowchart

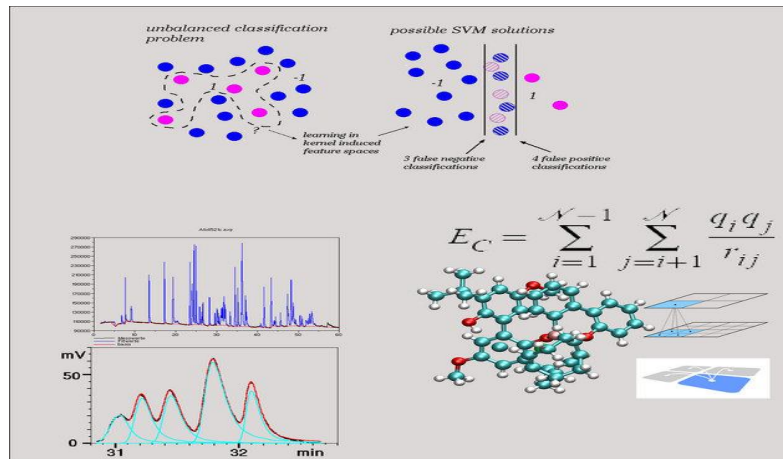


Fig 2.4: Example of Numerical Algorithms

2.2 Edge Detection

An improved algorithm based on frame difference and edge detection is presented for moving object detection. First of all, it detects the edges of each two continuous frames by Canny detector and gets the difference between the two edge

images. And then, it divides the edge difference image into several small blocks and decides if they are moving areas by comparing the number of non-zero pixels to a threshold. At last, it does the block-connected component labeling to get the smallest rectangle that contains the moving object [8]



Fig 2.5: Edge Detection Process

2.3 Color conversion

Threshold is an image segmentation to convert grayscale to binary image. During the threshold process, individual pixels in an image are marked as “object” pixels if their value is greater than some threshold value (assuming an object to be brighter than the background) and as “background” pixels otherwise. This convention is known as *threshold above*. Variants include *threshold below*, which is opposite of threshold above; *threshold inside*, where a pixel is labeled "object" if its value is between two thresholds; and *threshold outside*, which is the opposite of threshold inside. Typically, an object pixel is given a value of “1” while a background pixel is given a value of “0.” Finally, a binary image is created by coloring each pixel white or black, depending on a pixel's label.



Fig 2.6: Result image of grayscale to binary color conversion process.

2.4 Haar-Classifer

Object detection system is given an image patch of known size or a feature and is to decide whether this features stemmed from an object, or a non object. For the purpose to get a reasonable accuracy of object detection performance, the Haar- classifier is applied to this system

Haar-Classifer encodes the existence of oriented contrasts between regions in the image. A set of these features can be used to encode the contrasts exhibited by an object. The detection technique is based on the idea of the wavelet template that defines the shape of an object in terms of a subset of the wavelet coefficients of the image.

Haar-like features are so called because they share an intuitive similarity with the Haar wavelets. Historically, for the task of object recognition, working with only image intensities (i.e. the RGB pixel values at each and every pixel of image) made the task computationally expensive. This feature set considers rectangular regions of the image and sums up the pixels in this region. The value this obtained is used to categorize images. For example, let us say we have an image database with human faces and buildings. It is possible that if the eye and the hair region of the faces are considered, the sum of the pixels in this region would be quite high for the human faces and arbitrarily high or low for the buildings [1]

The value for the latter would depend on the structure of the building, its environment while the values for the former will be more less roughly the same. We could thus categorize all images whose Haar-like feature in this rectangular region to be in a certain range of values as one category and those falling out of this range in another. This might roughly divide the set of images into ones having a lot of faces and a few buildings and the other having a lot of buildings and a few faces. This procedure could be iteratively carried out to further divide the image clusters [2].

The Algorithm use in this project is Haar-like features to find the weak constraints. There is little information that should be understood about Haar-like which are:

- Each Haar-like feature consists of two or three jointed “black” and “white” rectangles:

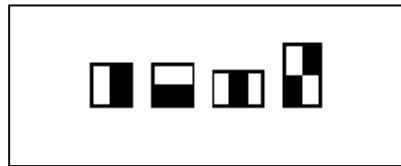


Fig 2.7 : A set of basic Haar-like features.

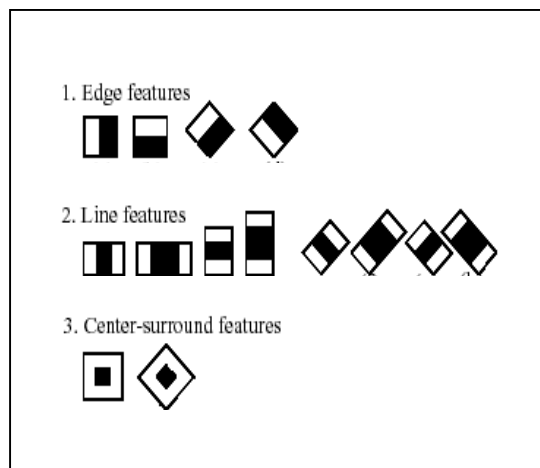


Fig 2.8: A set of extended Haar-like features.

- The value of a Haar-like feature is the difference between the sum of the pixel gray level values within the black and white rectangular regions:

$$f(x) = \text{Sumblack rectangle (pixel gray level)} - \text{Sumwhite rectangle (pixel gray level)}$$

Equ 2.1: Calculation on Haar-like feature's value.

2.5 AdaBoost

AdaBoost, short for Adaptive boosting, is a machine learning algorithm, formulated by Yoav Freund and Robert Schapire. It is a meta-algorithm, and can be used in conjunction with many other learning algorithms to improve their performance. AdaBoost is adaptive in the sense that subsequent classifiers built are tweaked in favor of those instances misclassified by previous classifiers. AdaBoost is sensitive to noisy data and outliers. Otherwise, it is less susceptible to the over fitting problem than most learning algorithms. AdaBoost calls a weak classifier repeatedly in a series of rounds $t = 1 \dots T$. [3]

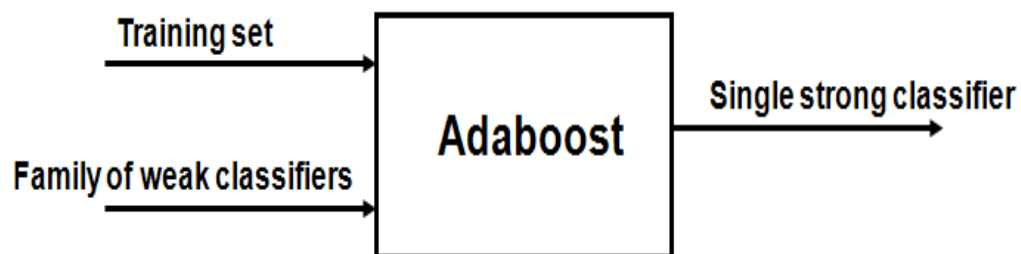


Fig 2.9: Adaboost figure simplification

2.6 OpenCV

The OpenCV library gives us a greatly interesting demo for object detection. Furthermore, it provides us programs (or functions) which they used to train classifiers for their face detection system (called Haartraining) so that we can create our own object classifiers using these functions. Example applications of the OpenCV library are Human-Computer Interaction (HCI); Object Identification, Segmentation and Recognition; Face Recognition; Gesture Recognition; Motion Tracking, Ego Motion, Motion Understanding; Structure From Motion (SFM), Stereo and Multi-Camera Calibration and Depth Computation and Mobile Robotic. Object Detection System is also the application of OpenCV. [4]

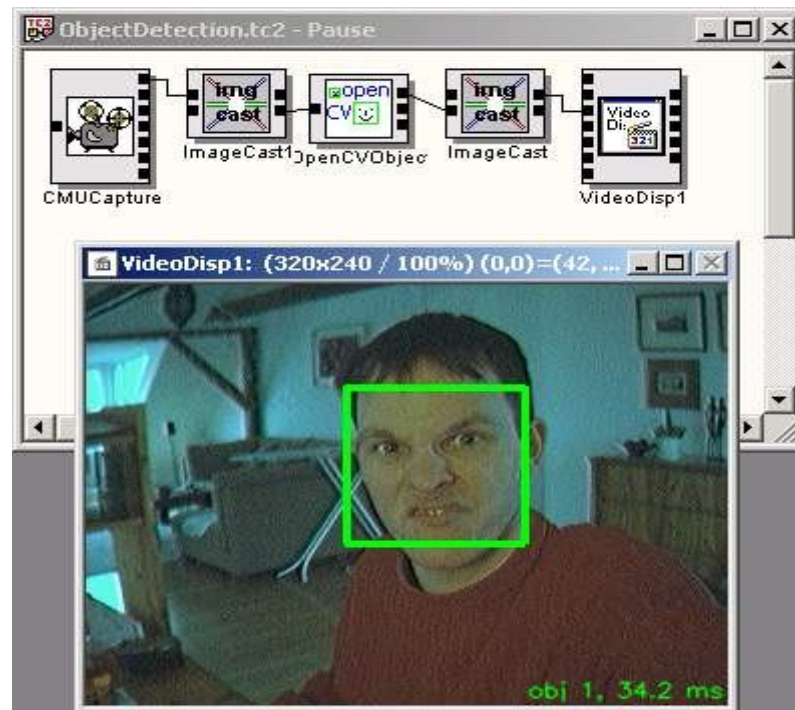


Fig 2.10: The application of OpenCV (Face Detection)

2.7 Microsoft Visual Studio 2005

Microsoft Visual Studio is an Integrated Development Environment (IDE) from Microsoft. It can be used to develop console and graphical user interface applications along with Windows Forms applications, web sites, web applications, and web services in both native code together with managed code for all platforms supported by Microsoft Windows, Windows Mobile, Windows CE, .NET Framework, .NET Compact Framework and Microsoft Silverlight.

Visual Studio includes a code editor supporting IntelliSense as well as code refactoring. The integrated debugger works both as a source-level debugger and a machine-level debugger. Other built-in tools include a forms designer for building GUI applications, web designer, class designer, and database schema designer. It allows plugins to be added that enhance the functionality at almost every level - including adding support for source control systems (like Subversion and Visual SourceSafe) to adding new toolsets like editors and visual designers for domain-specific languages or toolsets for other aspects of the software development lifecycle (like the Team Foundation Server client: Team Explorer).

Visual Studio supports languages by means of language services, which allow any programming language to be supported (to varying degrees) by the code editor and debugger, provided a language-specific service has been authored. Built-in languages include C/C++ (via Visual C++), VB.NET (via Visual Basic .NET), and C# (via Visual C#).

CHAPTER 3

METHODOLOGY

There are few methods contribute in developing this system. This chapter will review all the method use and how the Haar – Classifier is implemented to detect the object of interest. The trained object used in this project is rounded image.

3.1 System Framework

Object detection system required two different phase to complete the system development. First is the training phase which is work with OpenCV software. Training phase is to create a datasets from the collected images. Image must be collected and categorized in two categories which are positive image samples and negative image samples before image training process take part. Negative samples correspond to non-object images. Positive samples correspond to object of interest. There are few other steps contribute to the image training phase which are object marking , sample creating , haartraining, performance test and creating xml file. After training process is done, the execution phase is proceeded. Execution phase is to test the training using simple coding created using Visual Studio 2005.

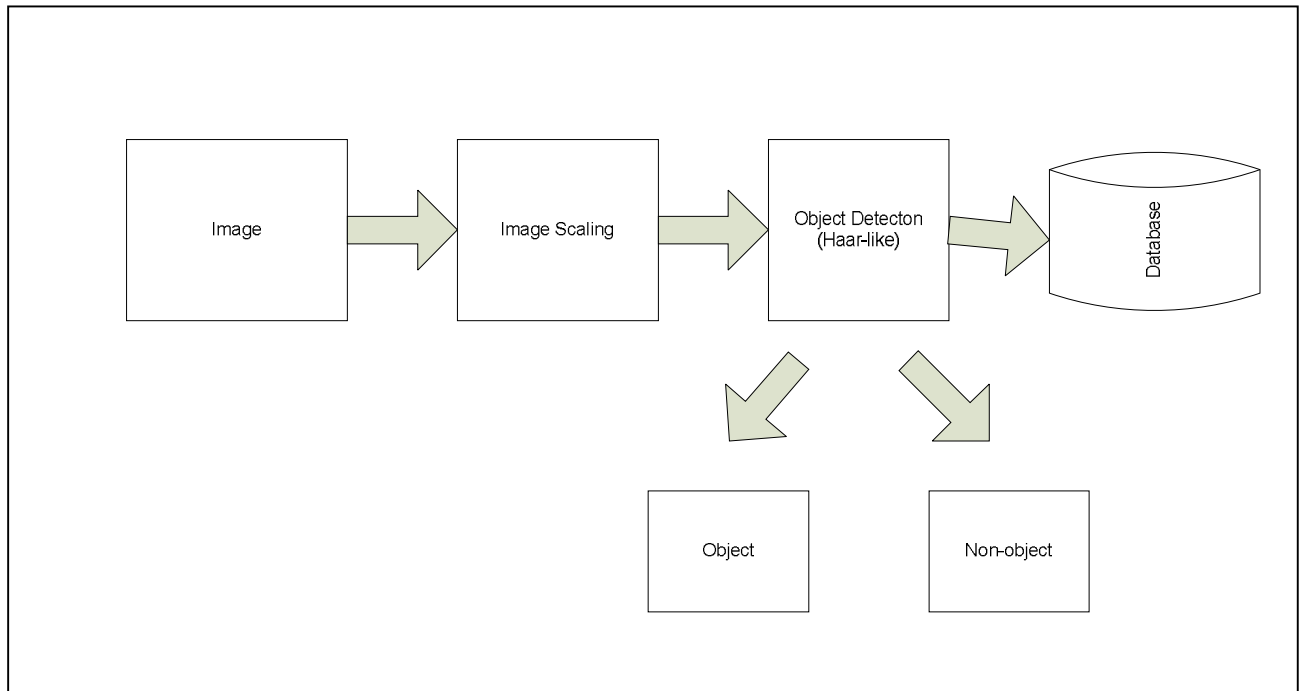


Fig 3.1: System's Block Diagram

3.2 Flowchart of the system

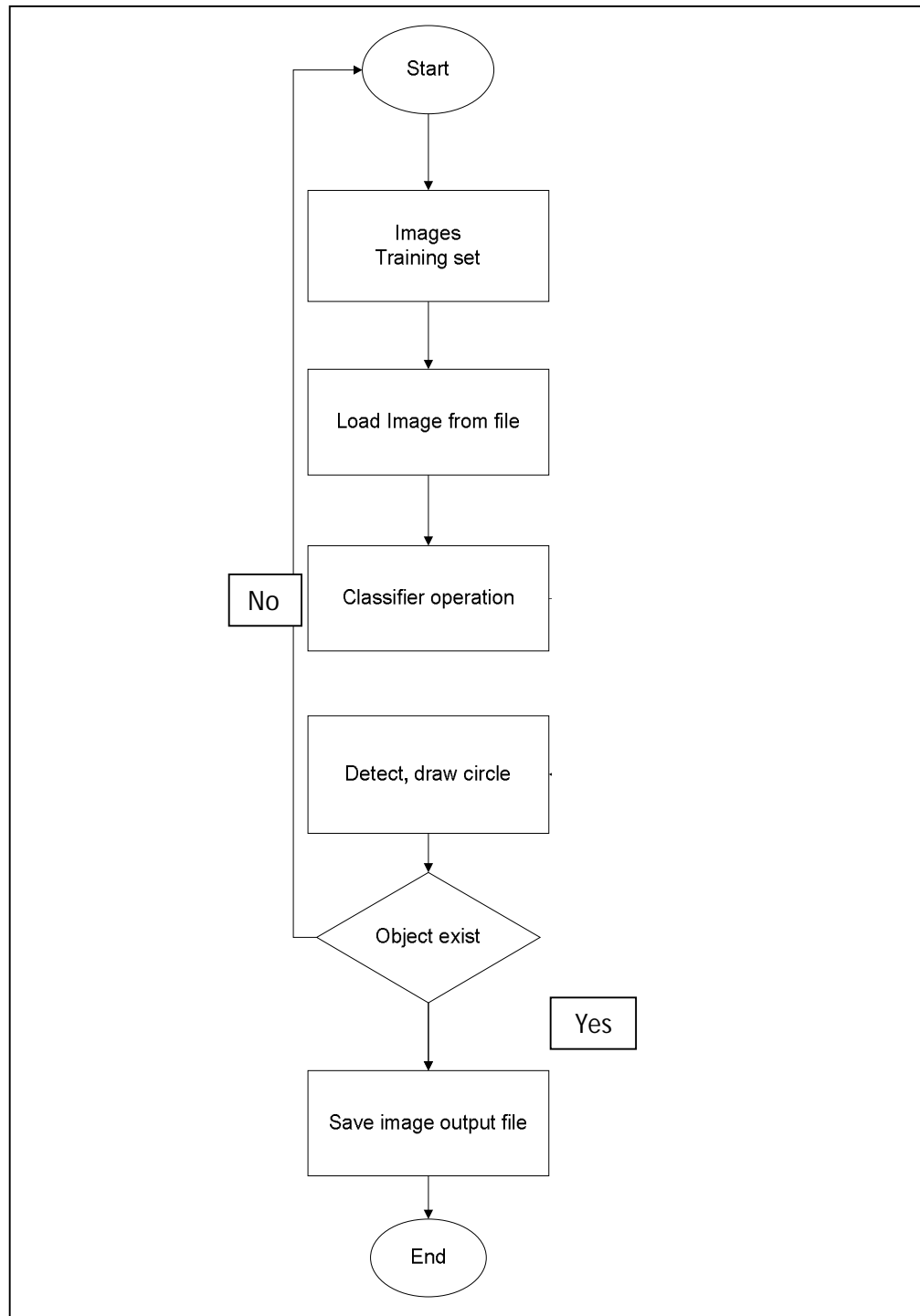


Fig 3.2 : The flowchart of the system

3.3 Block diagram of training phase

Training phase is separated to eight different processes to produce a classifier which contains a list of weak constraints that can be used to differentiate the object of interest with other objects.

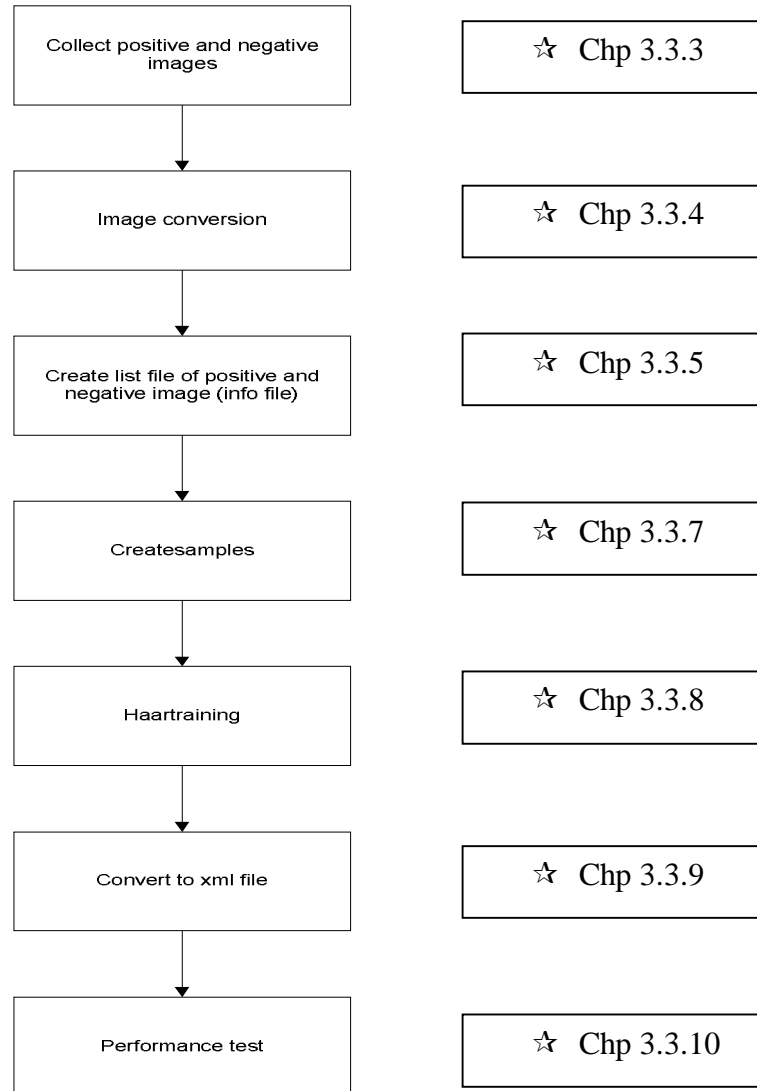


Fig 3.3 : The block diagram of the Haar-training process

3.3.1 OpenCV installation

Training phase will mostly depend on OpenCV functional library which are createsamples.exe, haartraining.exe, convert_cascade.exe and performance.exe. These entire executable (available from the OpenCV installation directory) file had their own functions and all these functions is used during the training phase. The function of these executable files can be described as bellow:

Tab 3.1: OpenCV utilities

No.	Library	Function	Directory
1.	Createsamples.exe	To create sample from positives image collected	(C:\Program Files\OpenCV\bin\createsamples.exe)
2.	Haartraining.exe	To train sample to calculate the threshold of all samples	(C:\ Program Files\OpenCV\bin\haartraining.exe)
3.	Convert_cascade.exe	To convert file to xml file.	(C:\Program Files\OpenCV\samples\c)
4.	Performance.exe	To test the performance of trained samples.	(C:\Program Files\OpenCV\bin\performance.exe)

OpenCV must be installed first to perform all these functions. Installation of OpenCV is a very straight forward. After installation process is done, all the utilities files is ready to use and training process could be start.

3.3.2 Folder creation

For training phase, all the works must be done in one folder. To create the folder all the following steps must be considered and need to be done.

- i) Create a folder in local disk C of any desirable name such as “haarcascade” which had been used in this project.
- ii) Go to “C:\Program Files\OpenCV\bin_____”.
- iii) Copy the executable files below and place in the folder “haarcascade” (folder
 1. “createsamples.exe”
 2. “haartraining.exe”
 3. “convert_cascade.exe”
 4. “performance.exe”

3.3.3 Image collecting

Collect positive images that contain only objects of interest for example, circle image. The total of positive image collected must be up to 1000 of different images in same shape. These images can be collected by searching at Google or Yahoo image search or any other websites. Examples of positive images are shown in figure below.



Figure 3.4: Sample training (positive samples)

Same goes to negative image where total image collected must be up to 1000 of any image which not contains any positive images. Negative image is also known as background image. Figure 5 show the example of negative images.



Fig 3.5 : Sample training (negative samples)

All positives image that has been collected must be placed in one folder. Rename the folder to any names and do same steps to negative image. The two folders of positive and negative images collected must be placed in the folder “haarcascade”.

3.3.4 Image Conversion

All images in jpeg or gif must be converted to bitmap (bmp) or Portable Network Graphic format (png). This is because “object marker.exe” which is the execution file needed to crop desired object to detect in an image could not support the file format of jpeg or gif. If marking object is done manually which means without using object marker.exe, just skip this step. Image should not convert to bitmap or png. To convert image we can either use the basic program from our computer such as “Paint” or by using image converter software such as “Pixillion”.

These are the steps that can be done to convert image file format

1) Step to convert image file format using basic computer program such as “Paint”.

- i) Go to “Start” menu on the taskbar. Click “All Programs” → “Accessories” → “Paint”.
- ii) Go to “Open” on menu taskbar and browse any file that need to convert.

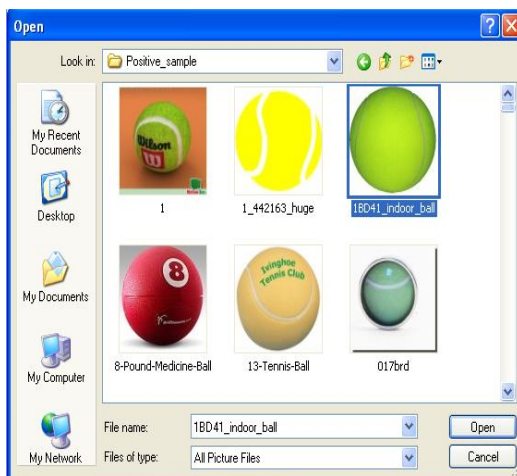


Fig 3.6: Browse file from folder.

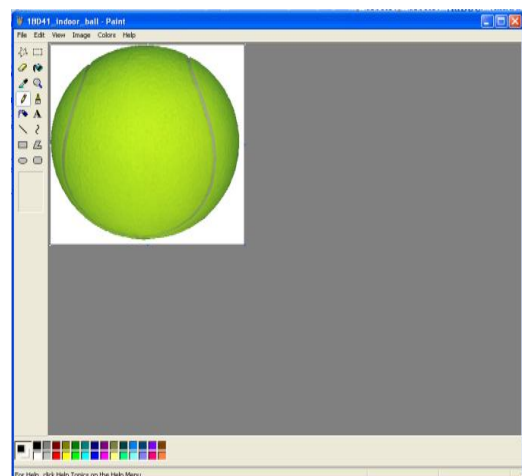


Fig 3.7: Image browsed display in
Paint workspace

- iii) Go to “File” → “Save as”.
- iv) Change the file type to bmp or png. Then click Save. Image now had been converted to bitmap. Continue these steps with other 1000 images.

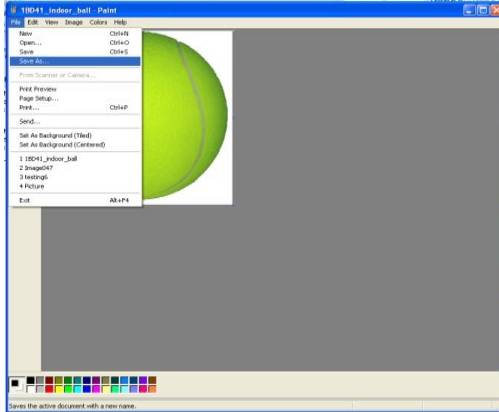


Fig 3.8: Click Save as in menu bar

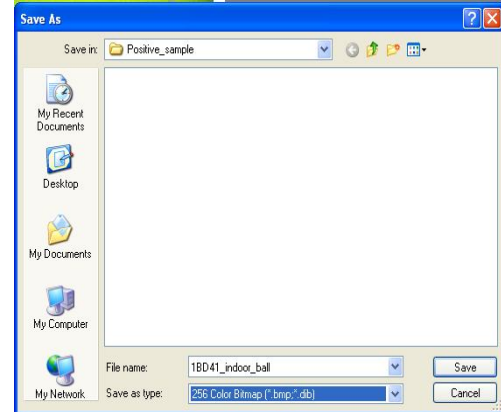


Fig 3.9: Save file as bitmap @png file format

2) Steps to convert image file format using Pixillion software.

- i) Open Pixillion image converter software.
- ii) Click “Add Folder” icon in menu taskbar. Browse image folder to convert. Click “OK”.

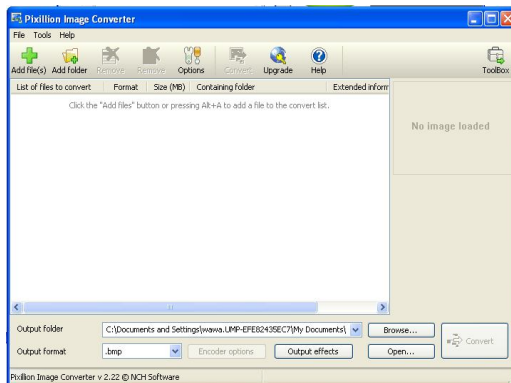


Fig 3.10: Paxillion workspace.

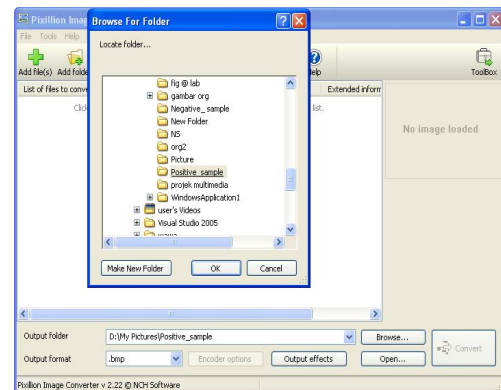


Fig 3.11: Browse image's folder

- iii) Change the “Output Folder” and “Output Format” to desired output. For advanced output effects, click “Output Effects”. Remember to change the file format to bitmap or png.
- iv) Press “Ctrl+A” to select all files to convert. Click “Convert” button for completing conversion process. Now all files are in bitmap format.

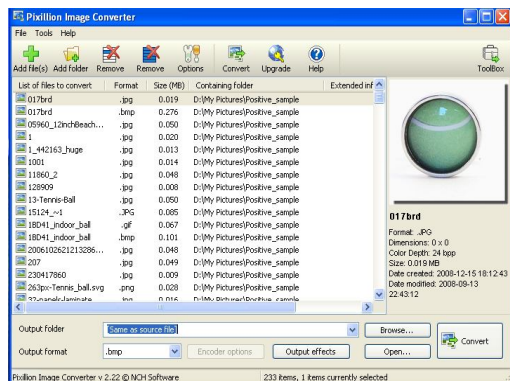


Fig 3.12: Change the “output folder”, “output format”.

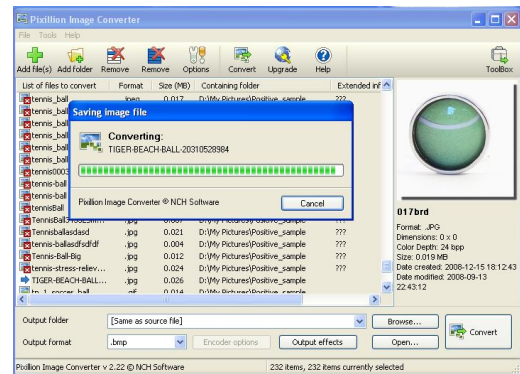


Fig 3.13: Converting file format to bitmap.

3.3.5 Create info files

Info files are lists of all image files that have been collected to be trained. This list file must be in “.txt” file which means it is a text file which can be created using “Notepad” or “Word pad”. This method will be useful in createsamples session. These are the process for creating the info file of positive and negative image files:

- i) List the entire negative images file name in “Notepad”..
- ii) Rename the file as “negatives” for instance use.
- iii) For positive images, the info file will be created under section 3.4.5 which is object marking section. Don’t forget to place both file listing in the “haarcascade” folder.

The format of listing info file is;

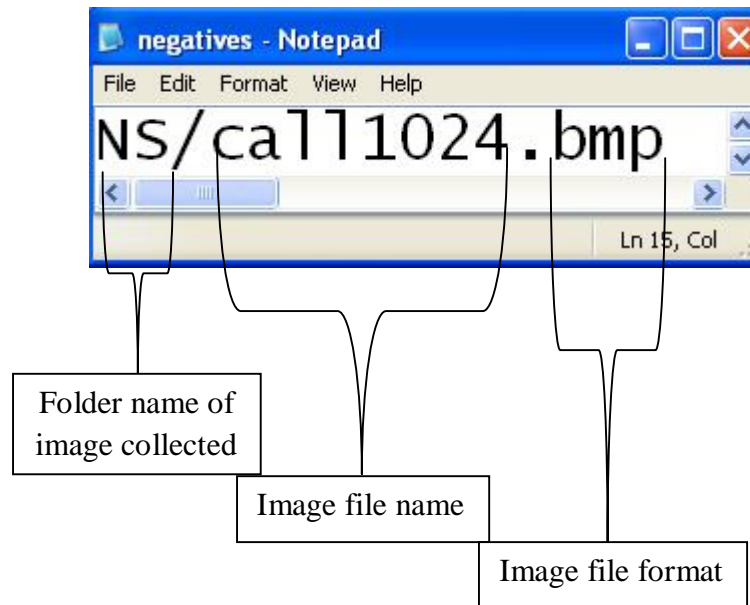


Fig 3. 14: Image file listing format

3.3.6 Object Mark (crop image)

Object marking method is important to know the location of object in an image whereas the location of object could be either at the bottom, top, center or in other $-x$ and $-y$ grid. So for the purpose of determining the coordinate of the object, the method of object marking should be done. This method is important to crop or extract the desired object to differentiate it from other object.

There are two solutions that can be used as the way to accomplish these steps. First is by crop it manually by using basic program such as Microsoft Office Picture Manager. Second way is by using object marker.exe which can be downloaded at OpenCV. Using object marker.exe should be much easier than by crop it manually.

The result by doing this method should be in the format of below condition and must be in .txt/.dat file.

The format of listing object marking info file is;

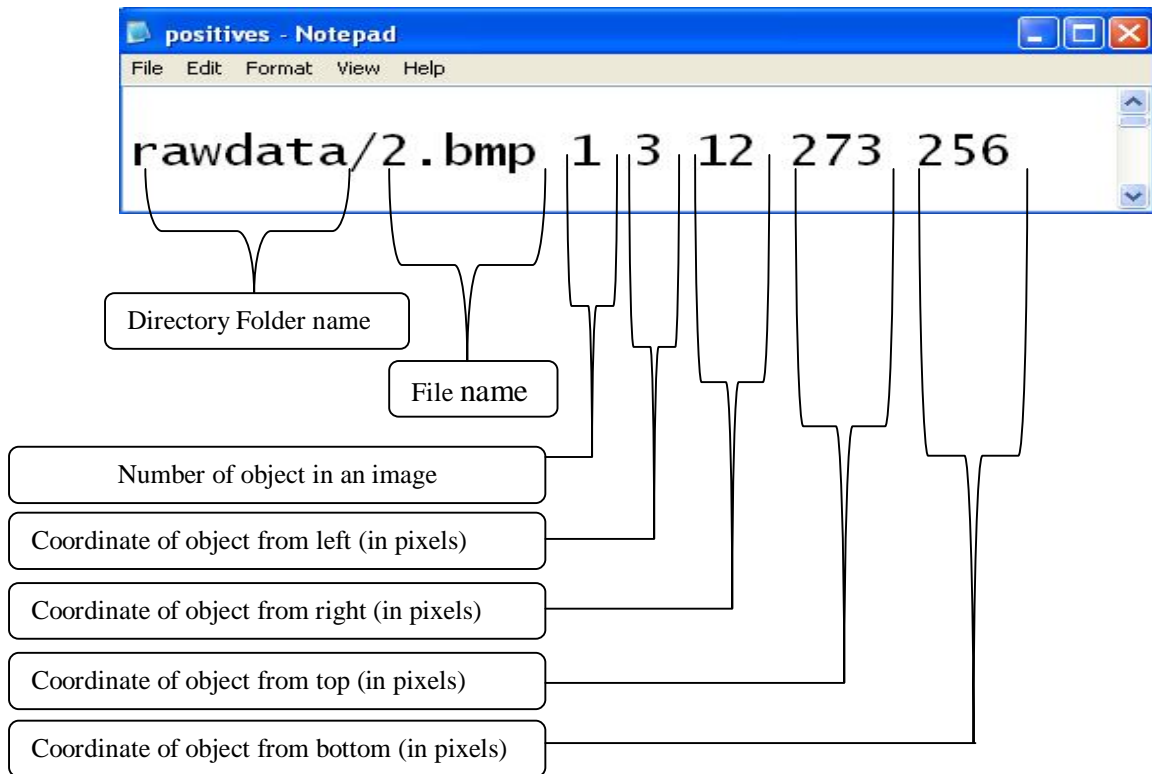


Fig 3.15 : Format of marked object list file

1) Step to mark object manually

This step should be more difficult because the entire file must be marked one by one but it was useful if “object marker.exe” couldn’t be find. These are the steps of converting file using “Paint”

Step 1:

- i) Open “Microsoft Office Picture Manager”.
- ii) Click “Picture” on the Menu bar and Click “Crop”.

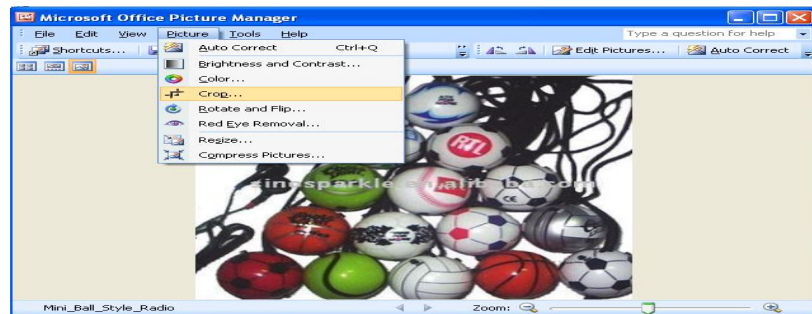


Fig 3.16: Microsoft Office Picture Manager workspace.

Step 2:

- iii) Change the number of pixels under the crop handles to select desired object.
- iv) Change the pixels on right, left, top and bottom part to select obje

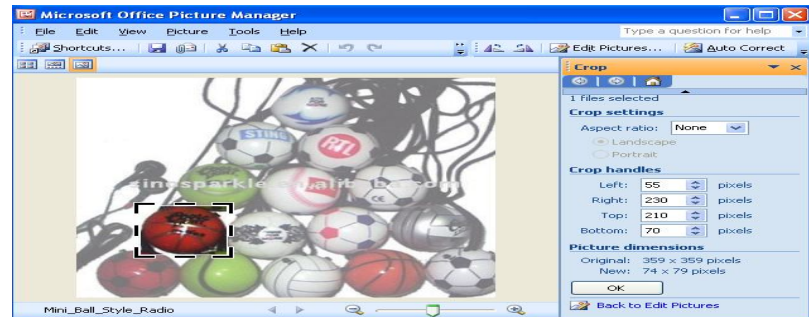


Fig 3.17: Crop Image By Changing Pixels in Crop Handles.

Step 3:

- i) Continue the step for other 1000 of positive images collected.
- ii) Create new file of text file and place the readings from crop handles of 1000 image to the text file that had been created.
- iii) List the reading of marked object as the format show in figure

2) Step to mark object using object marker.exe.

This method should be easier and faster. The info file could be created automatically as long as the object of interest had been cropped from an image.

Step 1:

- i) Download haarkit tools at
- ii) Save all positives image in “rawdata” folder. “rawdata” folder can be found under directory haarkit\tools\temp\positive\rawdata. Folder “rawdata” can be renamed to any other desirable name.
- iii) Remember all positive image files to be mark must be in bitmap format.

Step 2:

- i) Clicks object marker.exe. Figure below will appear.

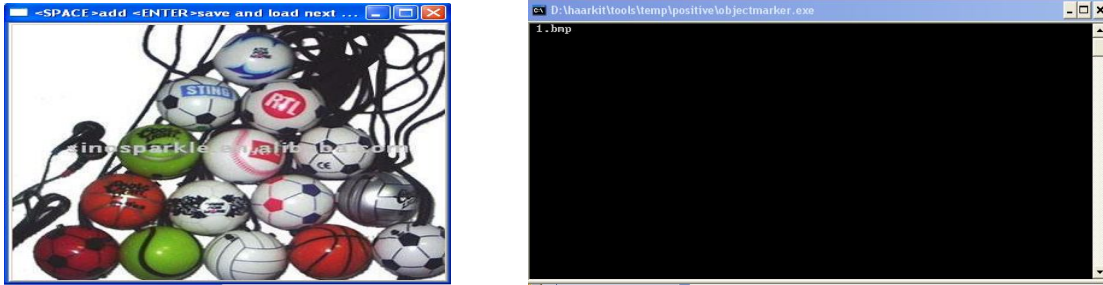


Fig 3.18: Windows appear after open object marker.exe.

Step 3:

- i) Draw rectangular boundary to crop the desired object. If done, press space bar to enter the marking reading in command window and press enter to work with other image.

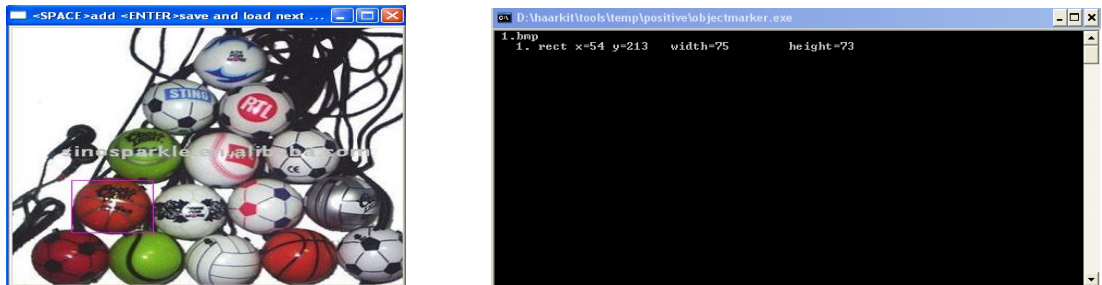


Fig 3.19: Windows appear after drawing rectangular boundary on object.

Step 4:

- i) All the result of marking will be saved in the file named info.txt which can be finding in the path” haarkit\tools\temp\positive”.
- ii) Rename the file info.txt to any desirable name. In this project, the file name has been renamed as “positives.txt” and places it in the “haarcascade” folder (worked folder).

3.3.7 Sample creating method using createsample.exe.

OpenCV has built in training system to construct a classifier, for training purpose the system works quite well. OpenCV generates the samples images that will be used for training purpose. The program used for creating samples using OpenCV is createsamples.exe and the command used is “-createsamples”.

This is the step correspond to the process of creating the samples.

Step :

- i) Open Command Prompt and type the following coding.

```

{ createsamples -info positives.txt -num 1022 -bg negatives.txt -vec
  samples.vec - maxxangle 0.6 -maxyangle 1.5 -maxzangle 1.5 -maxidev 100
  bgcolor 0 -bgthresh 80 -w 50 -h 50 }

```

☆ All the values can be changed according to limitation and range.

```

Usage: ./createsamples
[-info <description_file_name @ info file of marked positive object>]
[-img <image_file_name>]
[-vec <vec_file_name>]
[-bg <background_file_name>]
[-num <number_of_samples = 1000>]
[-bgcolor <background_color = 0>]
[-inv] [-randinv] [-bgthresh <background_color_threshold = 80>]
[-maxidev <max_intensity_deviation = 40>]
[-maxxangle <max_x_rotation_angle = 1.100000>]
[-maxyangle <max_y_rotation_angle = 1.100000>]
[-maxzangle <max_z_rotation_angle = 0.500000>]
[-show [<scale = 4.000000>]]
[-w <sample_width = 24>]
[-h <sample_height = 24>]

```

```

c:\ Command Prompt
Microsoft Windows XP [Version 5.1.2600]
(C) Copyright 1985-2001 Microsoft Corp.

C:\Documents and Settings\wawa.UMP-EFE82435EC7>cd..

C:\Documents and Settings>cd..

C:\>cd haarcascade

C:\haarcascade>createsamples -info positives.txt -num 1022 -bg negatives.txt -ve
c samples.vec -maxxangle 0.6 -maxyangle 1.5 -maxzangle 1.5 -maxidev 100 -bgcolor
0 -bgthresh 80 -w 60 -h 60

```

Fig 3.20: Implementing the coding on command prompt.

```

c:\ Command Prompt - createsamples -info positives.txt -num 1022 -bg negatives.txt -vec sam...
C:\haarcascade>createsamples -info positives.txt -num 1022 -bg negatives.txt -ve
c samples.vec -maxxangle 0.6 -maxyangle 1.5 -maxzangle 1.5 -maxidev 100 -bgcolor
0 -bgthresh 80 -w 60 -h 60
Info file name: <NULL>
Img file name: <NULL>
Vec file name: samples.vec
BG file name: negatives.txt
Num: 1022
BG color: 0
BG threshold: 80
Invert: FALSE
Max intensity deviation: 100
Max x angle: 0.6
Max y angle: 1.5
Max z angle: 1.5
Show samples: FALSE
Width: 60
Height: 60
View samples from vec file <press ESC to exit>...

```



Fig 3.21: Creating the samples of collecting images.

- ii) Creating sample method is done after the command prompt display below result:

```

Create training samples from images collection...
Done. Created 1022 samples

```

Fig 3.22: Creating samples done.

3.3.8 Create training sample using haartraining.exe.

Training samples using OpenCV is based on AdaBoost approach. The main goals of the AdaBoost learning algorithm are to select a few set of features which represents features as well as possible round image and train the strong classifier which the linear combination of these best features. Eventually, training process should take at least three days and can also take to a week to complete training process. It's all depends on the total samples used and the memory usage for training process. As for recommendation, memory usage should not totally used. Just use half from the memory storage of your hard drive. Total memory usage could harm the computer's operational system. The following steps can describe briefly about haartraining process.

Step 1:

i) Open Command Prompt and type this coding.

```
{ haartraining -data haarcascadeimage -vec samples.vec -bg negatives.txt -nstages 30 -
nsplits 2 -minhitrate 0.999 -maxfalsealarm 0.5 -npos 1022 -nneg 1028 -w 60 -h 60 -
nonsym -mem 512 -mode ALL }
```

```
Usage: ./haartraining
-data <dir_name>
-vec <vec_file_name>
-bg <background_file_name>
[-npos <number_of_positive_samples = 2000>]
[-nneg <number_of_negative_samples = 2000>]
[-nstages <number_of_stages = 14>]
[-nsplits <number_of_splits = 1>]
[-mem <memory_in_MB = 200>]
[-sym (default)] [-nonsym]
[-minhitrate <min_hit_rate = 0.995000>]
[-maxfalsealarm <max_false_alarm_rate = 0.500000>]
[-weighttrimming <weight_trimming = 0.950000>]
[-eqw]
[-mode <BASIC (default) | CORE | ALL>]
[-w <sample_width = 24>]
[-h <sample_height = 24>]
[-bt <DAB | RAB | LB | GAB (default)>]
[-err <misclass (default) | gini | entropy>]
```



```

C:\ Command Prompt - haartraining -data haarcascadeimage -vec samples.vec -bg negatives.tx...
Microsoft Windows XP [Version 5.1.2600]
(C) Copyright 1985-2001 Microsoft Corp.

C:\Documents and Settings\wawa.UMP-EFE82435EC7>cd..

C:\Documents and Settings>cd..

C:\>cd haarcascade

C:\haarcascade>haartraining -data haarcascadeimage -vec samples.vec -bg negative
s.txt -nstages 30 -nsplits 2 -minhitrate 0.999 -maxfalsealarm 0.5 -npos 1022 -nn
eg 1028 -w 60 -h 60 -nonsym -mem 512 -mode ALL

```

Fig 3.23: Implementing the coding on command prompt

```

C:\haarcascade>haartraining -data haarcascadeimage -vec samples.vec -bg negative
s.txt -nstages 30 -nsplits 2 -minhitrate 0.999 -maxfalsealarm 0.5 -npos 1022 -nn
eg 1028 -w 60 -h 60 -nonsym -mem 512 -mode ALL
Data dir name: haarcascadeimage
Vec file name: samples.vec
BG file name: negatives.txt
Num pos: 1022
Num neg: 1028
Num stages: 30
Num splits: 2 (tree as weak classifier)
Mem: 512 MB
Symmetric: FALSE
Min hit rate: 0.999000
Max false alarm rate: 0.500000
Weight trimming: 0.950000
Equal weights: FALSE
Mode: ALL
Width: 60
Height: 60
Max num of precalculated features: 43648
Applied boosting algorithm: GAB
Error (valid only for Discrete and Real AdaBoost): misclass
Max number of splits in tree cascade: 0
Min number of positive samples per cluster: 500
Required leaf false alarm rate: 9.31323e-010
Stage 0 loaded
Stage 1 loaded
Stage 2 loaded
Stage 3 loaded
Stage 4 loaded
Stage 5 loaded
Stage 6 loaded
Stage 7 loaded

Tree Classifier
Stage
+-----+
| 0! 1! 2! 3! 4! 5! 6! 7!
+-----+
      0--1--2--3--4--5--6--7

```

Fig 3.24: Training all samples process of 7 stages

3.3.9 Convert the datasets to xml file

For detection this cascade of classifier should be converted in xml format. The haartraing generates a xml file when the process is completely finished.

The input format as following coding is implemented in command prompt.

```
{ convert_cascade --size="<sample_width>x<sampe_height>"
  <haartraining_ouput_dir> <ouput_file> }
```

Example:

```
convert_cascade --size="20x20" haarcascadeimage haarcascade.xml
```



```

c:\ Command Prompt
Microsoft Windows XP [Version 5.1.2600]
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C:\Documents and Settings\wawa.UMP-EFE82435EC7>cd..
C:\Documents and Settings>cd..
C:\>cd haarcascade
C:\haarcascade>convert_cascade --size="60x60" haarcascadeimage haarcascade.xml
C:\haarcascade>

```

Fig 3.25: Implementing the coding on command prompt.

Note that the result of converting datasets to xml file is the result of all process of training phase. The xml file created is a new classifier of desired object in this project which is round image. To detect round object in any image, just implement this .xml file in object detection coding represent in execution phase.

3.3.10 Performance Test

Before the training phase is done completely, the performance test is needed to examine the ability of classifier created on detecting desired object. This process is important because if the percentage of performance is low, the training phase should be repeating again with increment in total image collected for training. If high, the classifier performance is good and effective, so detection process will going accurately.

The performance of the classifier can be tested using this method.

```
{ performance -data haarcascade -w 20 -h 20 -info tests.dat -ni }
  { performance -data haarcascade.xml -info tests.dat -ni }
```

```
Usage: ./performance
-data <classifier_directory_name>
-info <collection_file_name>
[-maxSizeDiff <max_size_difference = 1.500000>]
[-maxPosDiff <max_position_difference = 0.300000>]
[-sf <scale_factor = 1.200000>]
[-ni]
[-nos <number_of_stages = -1>]
[-rs <roc_size = 40>]
[-w <sample_width = 24>]
[-h <sample_height = 24>]
```

```

c:\ Command Prompt
-----+-----+-----+-----+
|          rawdata/999.bmp |      1 |      0 |      0 |
|-----+-----+-----+-----+
|                          | Total | 860 | 162 | 2653 |
|-----+-----+-----+-----+
Number of stages: 8
Number of weak classifiers: 39
Total time: 15056.969000
8

```

860	2653	0.841487	2.595890
860	2653	0.841487	2.595890
741	1806	0.725049	1.767123
656	1620	0.641879	1.585127
574	1288	0.561644	1.260274
502	1069	0.491194	1.045988
430	915	0.420744	0.895303
375	832	0.366928	0.814090
319	760	0.312133	0.743640
257	687	0.251468	0.672211
214	623	0.209393	0.609589
178	578	0.174168	0.565558
152	552	0.148728	0.540117
128	525	0.125245	0.513699
97	506	0.094912	0.495108
78	489	0.076321	0.478474
62	474	0.060665	0.463796
48	455	0.046967	0.445205
34	443	0.033268	0.433464
24	425	0.023483	0.415851
21	409	0.020548	0.400196
17	388	0.016634	0.379648
15	381	0.014677	0.372798
14	377	0.013699	0.368885
12	366	0.011742	0.358121
11	361	0.010763	0.353229
11	350	0.010763	0.342466
9	345	0.008806	0.337573
8	342	0.007828	0.334638
6	334	0.005871	0.326810
6	332	0.005871	0.324853
4	328	0.003914	0.320939
4	325	0.003914	0.318004
2	322	0.001957	0.315068
2	320	0.001957	0.313112
2	319	0.001957	0.312133
1	315	0.000978	0.308219
0	312	0.000000	0.305284
0	306	0.000000	0.299413
0	304	0.000000	0.297456

Fig 3.26: Performance test process.

3.4 Execution phase.

Execution phase is a phase to test the classifier created during training phase. Simple coding using OpenCV library and Visual Studio software including the user interface should be created to test the classifier. There are also some few steps in order to completing the coding development process.

3.4.1 Create user interface.

Use MFC application to generate a form that will become a user interface that will connect the user with the system, the example of window form that can be created is as below:



Fig 3.27 : User Interface

3.4.2 Coding development

Coding is developed step by step according to flowchart. Flowchart of the execution phase is as follows:

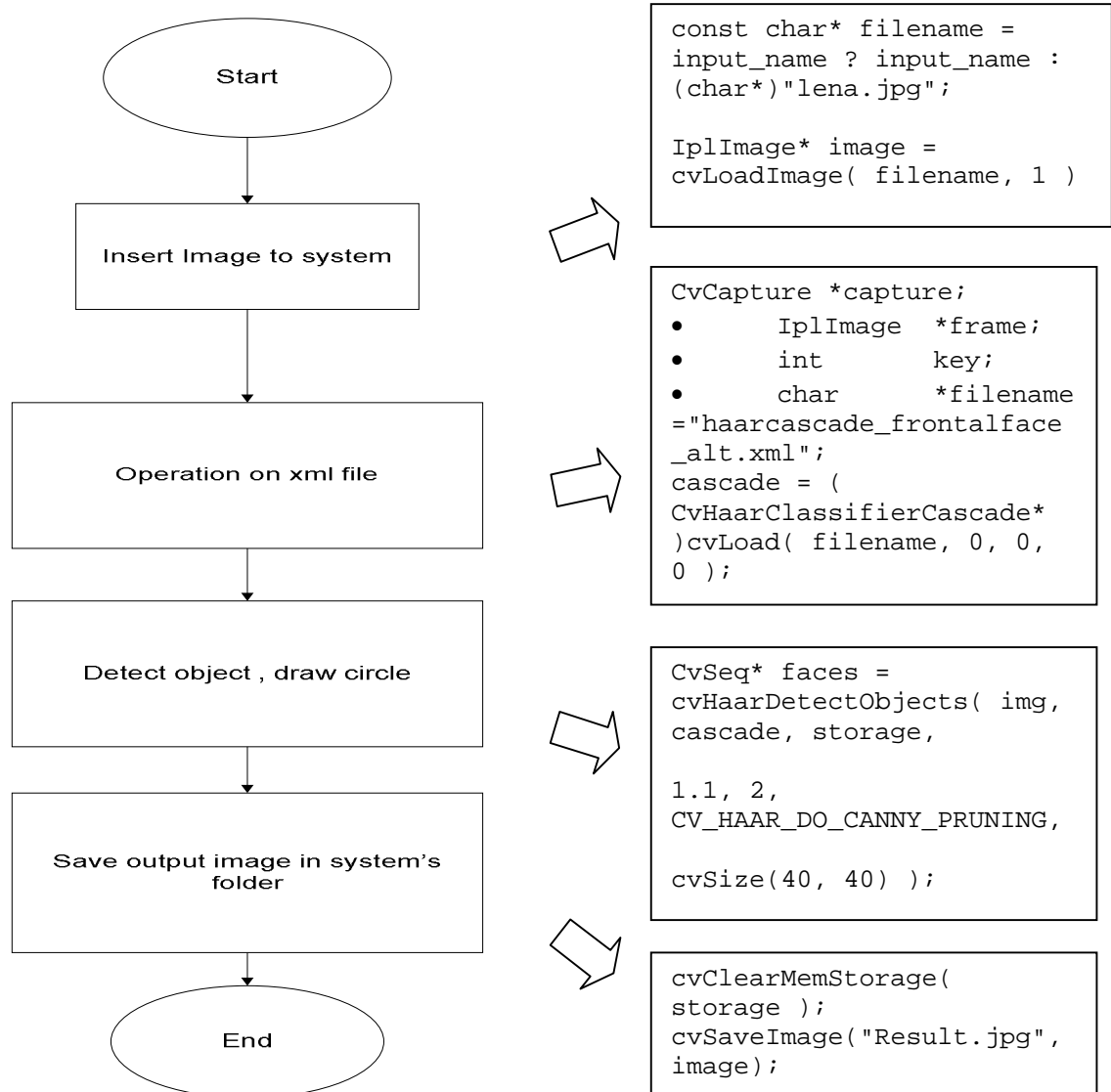


Fig 3.28: Coding Flowchart

3.4.3 Coding implementation

System overview figure that detection process start after a button of detect ball is clicked. Therefore, adding some coding for detection to the button of “detect ball” is necessary. The steps of applying the coding to the button can be referred to the OpenCV using MFC website.

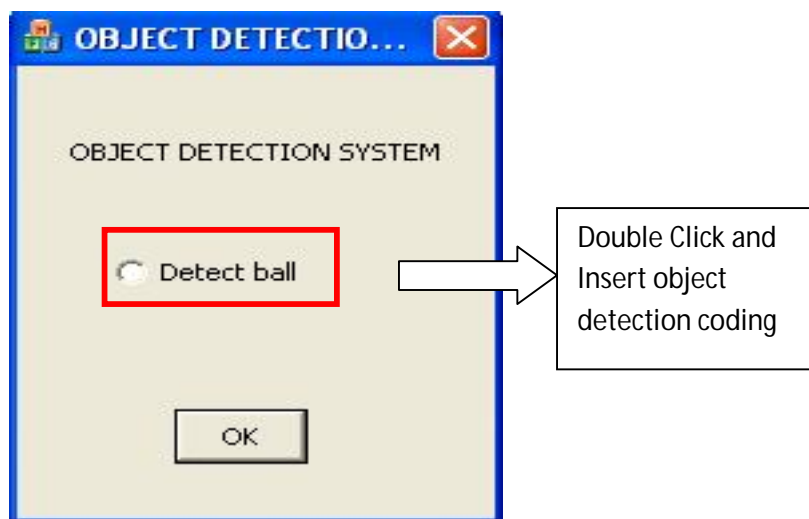


Figure 3.29: Add coding to the button

After implementing the coding to the button, the system can be executed and the result of the detection process can be observed.

CHAPTER 4

RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

The methodology had come out with some result in order to complete the object detection systems development. These are the results of step by step methods done in the methodology development during the training and execution phase within its problems.

i) Training phase

Training phase will produce a classifier of object of interest which is in the format of xml file. For the purpose of reproduce the xml file, all images must be converted to bitmap format, the list of positive and negative image and the vector file must be created. The most important part is the weak constraint of object must be calculated before file is converted to the xml file.

ii) Execution phase

Execution phase is the process to test the ability of the classifier. In the execution phase, the coding for object detection is developed using Visual Studio 2005 and OpenCV library.

4.1 Training phase results

In training phase, there are eight methods taking part and the result of all methods can be explained as below results. The problem of some steps during the training phase is described.

4.1.1 Result of folder creation

As all the work must be in one folder during the training phase, the OpenCV utilities that is needed during the training process must also placed in the folder. Figure below will show the “haarcascade” folder which contains all the OpenCV utilities for training process.

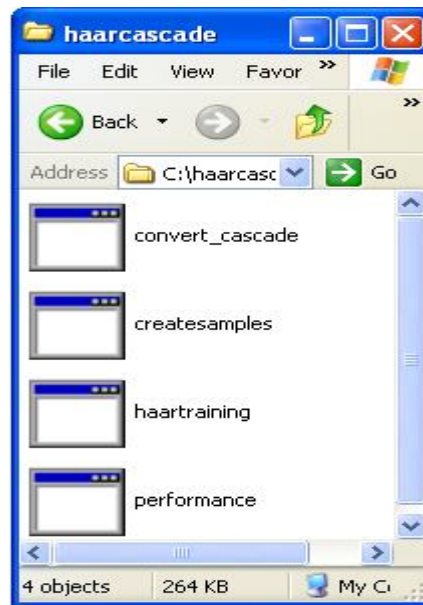


Fig 4.1: Initial “haarcascade” folder’s contents.

If these utilities are not been placed in this folder, the OpenCV process could not being completed and some error of unrecognized command will appear. Placing all this utilities in the folder will solve this problem.

4.1.2 Result of Image Collecting

From the figure below, total positive image collected is 1022 and negative image collected is 1028. Most of positive image that had been collected is a single image which contains only the object of interest and does not contain any other image. This is for the purpose to make the object marking method easier. Note that the positive image folder which contains all positive images is named “rawdata” is placed in the folder “haarcascade”. Negative images folder is named as “NS” and also has been located in the folder “haarcascade”.

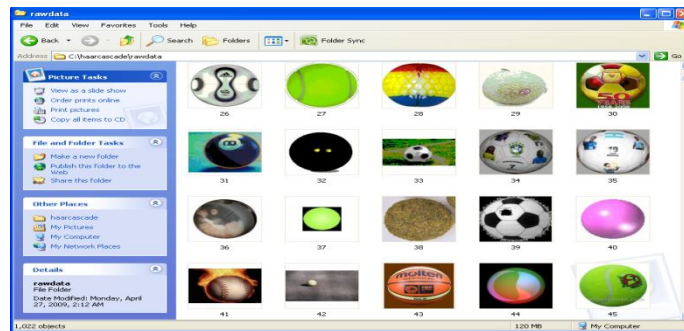


Fig 4.2: 1022 of Positive Image Collection.

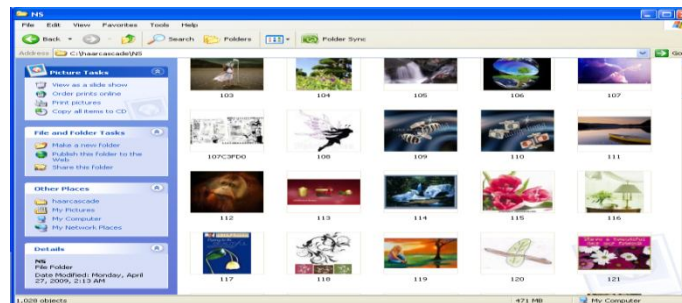


Fig 4.3 : 1028 of Negative Image Collection

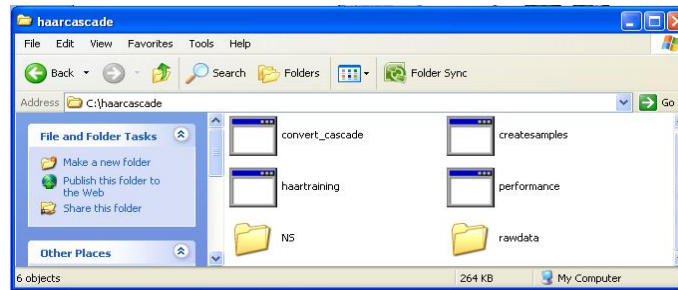


Fig 4.4: Positive image folder “rawdata” and Negative Image Folder “NS” is placed in the folder “haarcascade”

4.1.3 Result on Image Conversion

After the image converting process, all image file format now is in the format of bitmap.

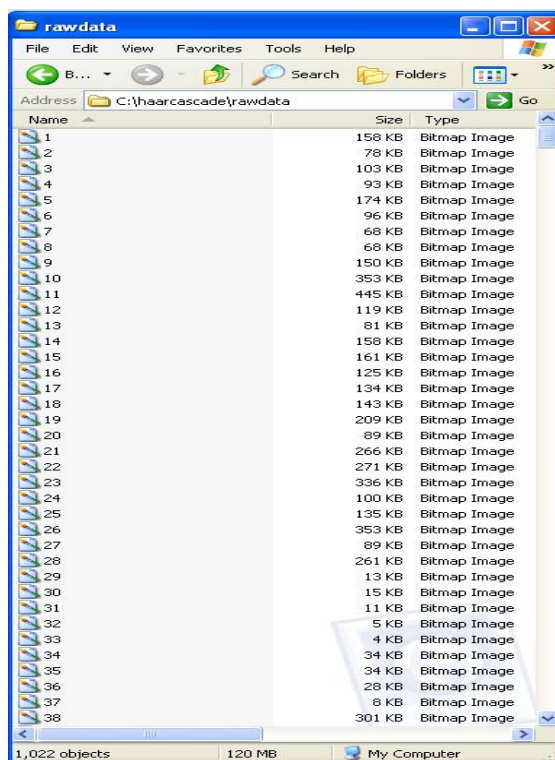


Fig 4.5: Positive Images in bmp format

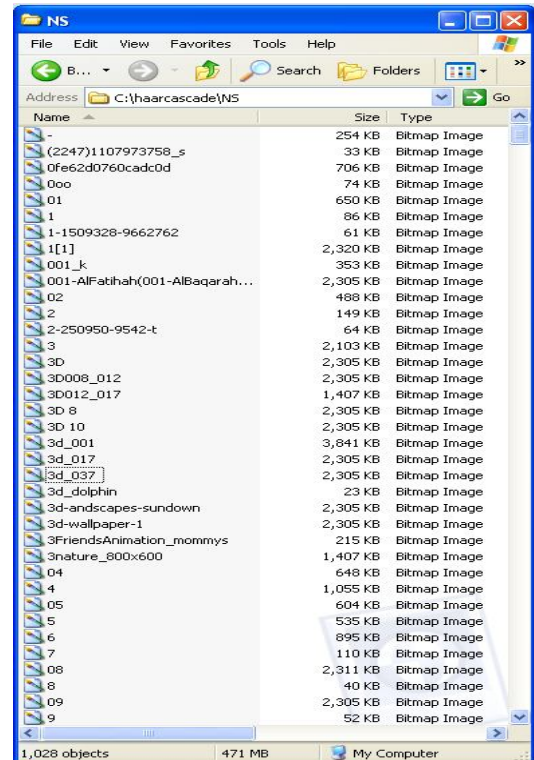


Fig 4.6: Negative Images in bmp format.

4.1.4 Result on creating info files

Info file is a list of negative image's name and its directory. Info file also must be placed in the "haarcascade" folder to continue with next stages. The list file name of the collections file of negatives image is described as follows:



```

info - Notepad
File Edit Format View Help
(2247)1107973758_s.bmp
.bmp
001-AlFatimah(001-AlBaqarah005).bm
001_k.bmp
01.bmp
010.bmp
02.bmp
02_snow.bmp
038_Midnight-Cove.bmp
04.bmp
05.bmp
0652006(004).bmp
0701kk_copy.bmp
08.bmp
09-wlp09.bmp
09.bmp
0fe62d0760cadc0d.bmp
0oo.bmp
1-1509328-9662762.bmp
1.bmp
10.bmp
100.bmp
101.bmp
102.bmp
1024x768.bmp
103.bmp
104.bmp
10432686079081.bmp
105.bmp
106.bmp
107.bmp
107C3FD0.bmp
108.bmp
1085831870_1.bmp
109.bmp
11.bmp
110.bmp
1102330391_1.bmp
111.bmp
11103-bigthumbnail.bmp
111.bmp
11250-bigthumbnail.bmp
11292-bigthumbnail.bmp
113.bmp
1132935104_heartfinal.bmp
1134159238_HEARTS.bmp
114.bmp
115.bmp
116.bmp
Ln 1, Col 1

```

Fig 4.7: Info file of negative image's collection.

The contents of the "haarcascade" folder are now increase and can be seen as following figure:

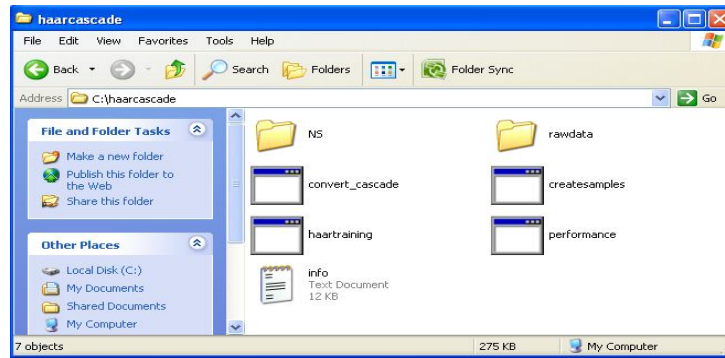


Figure 4.8: Contents of “haarcascade” folder after placing the info file text file.

4.1.5 Result of marking object

Purpose of object marking process is to crop object of interest from an image to create a list of data file which contains the cropped object’s coordinates. This method is done only to the positives images. Figure below will explain the output produce from object marking session.



Fig 4.9: List of Positive Image’s info file contains its coordinate, file name and directory.

This info file of positive image also needs to be placed in the “haarcascade” folder.

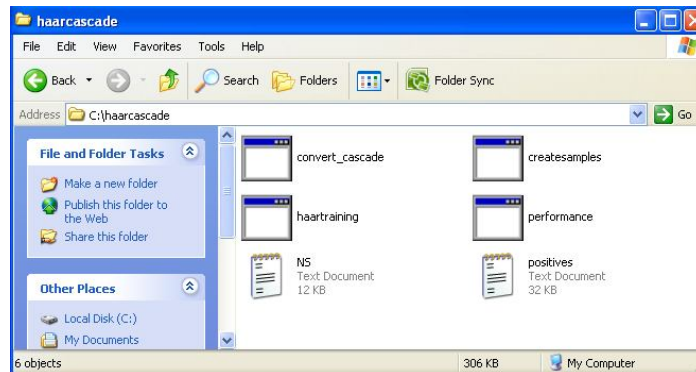


Fig 4.10: Info file of Positive Image named as “positives” is being placed in the “haarcascade” folder.

4.1.6 Result of samples creation

After create samples process is done, a .vec file which means a vector file is created automatically by OpenCV utilities –createsamples. This vector file is a sample file which contains the collection of sample that had been converted to undefined structure. The contents of vector file should not be opened as it shows the unknown structures which can’t be understand easily. The vector file will be used during training the classifier. As reference, the vector file can be opened and compare the result with following figure.

The contents of vector file will be something that is similar to following figure:

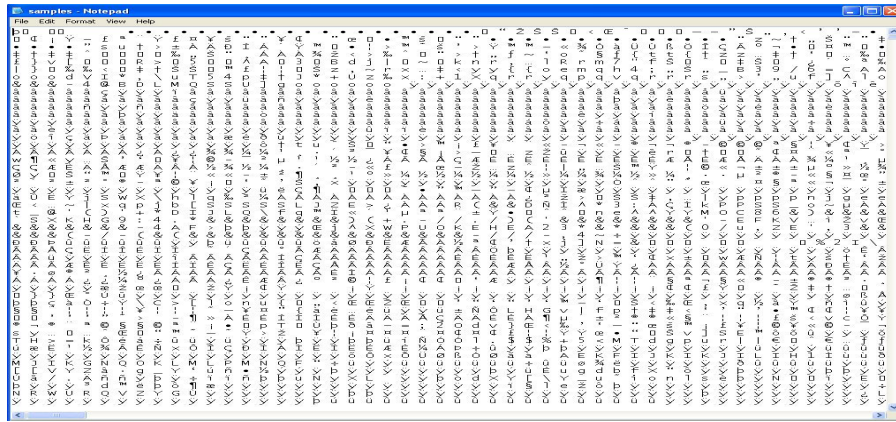


Fig 4.11: The Contents of Vector File

Vector file is an output file generated from sample creating process. In the folder “haarcascade” now there is a vector file created such in a figure below:

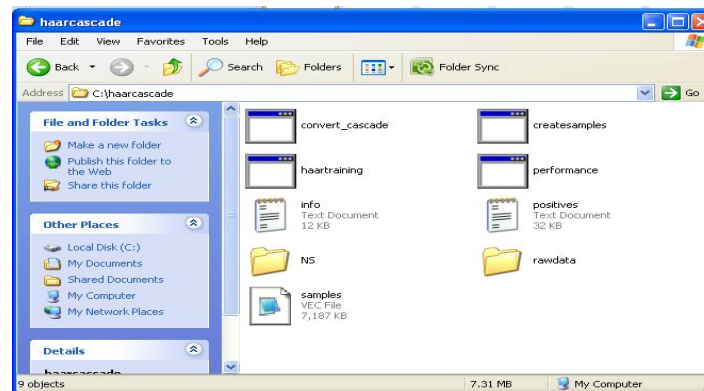


Fig 4.12: Vector file created in “haarcascade” folder after create samples process

4.1.7 Result of haartraining process

Haartraining process is a method for calculating the weak constraints of the object using it's formula. All the calculation will be done automatically by haartraining utilities. During the hartraining process, a folder of weak constraints calculation will be created in the "haarcascade" folder which had been named as "haarcascadeimage". In the folder of "haarcascadeimage", the folder of stages will be created automatically during the haartraining process. The number of stages created is determined during the coding implementation and its number must be larger than fourteen stages. Haartraining process will be calculating the thresholds according to the total of stages choose but sometimes, the process will be terminated. Even if increasing the number of stages, the training may finish in an intermediate stage when it exceeded desired minimum hit rate or false alarm because more cascading will decrease these rate for sure ($0.99 \text{ until current} * 0.99 \text{ next} = 0.9801 \text{ until next}$). Or, the training may finish because all samples were rejected. In the case, increasing number of training samples is a must.

The result after threshold calculation is described by following figure:

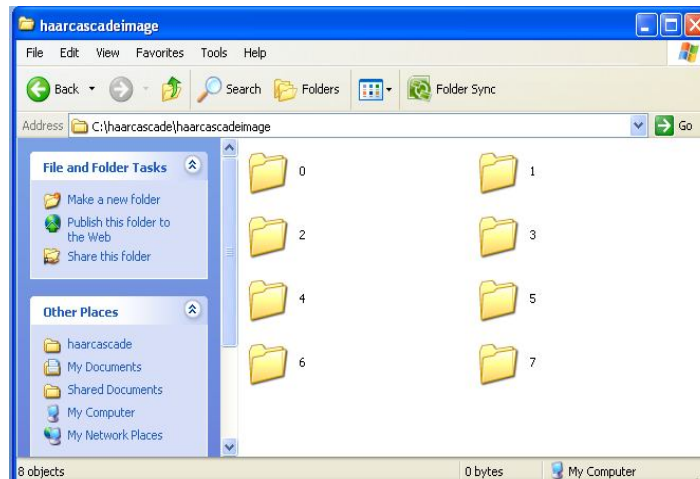
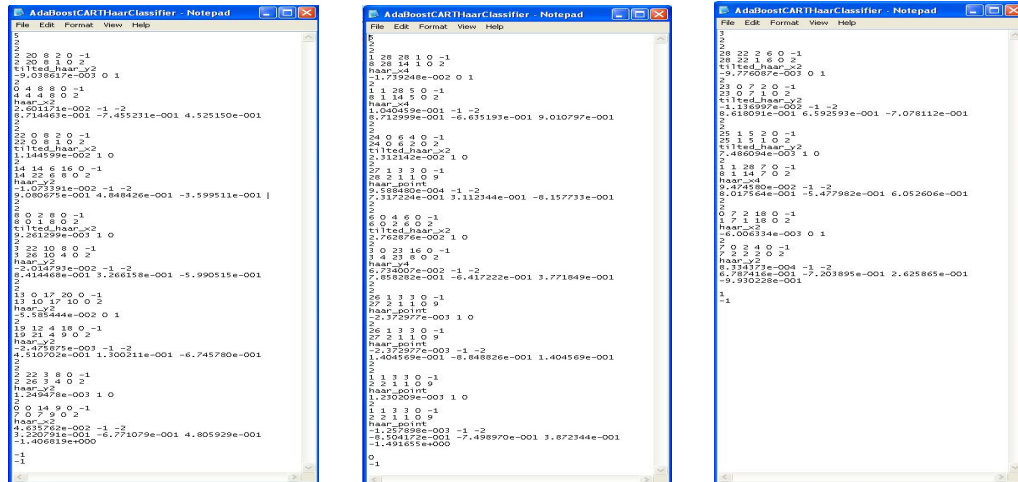


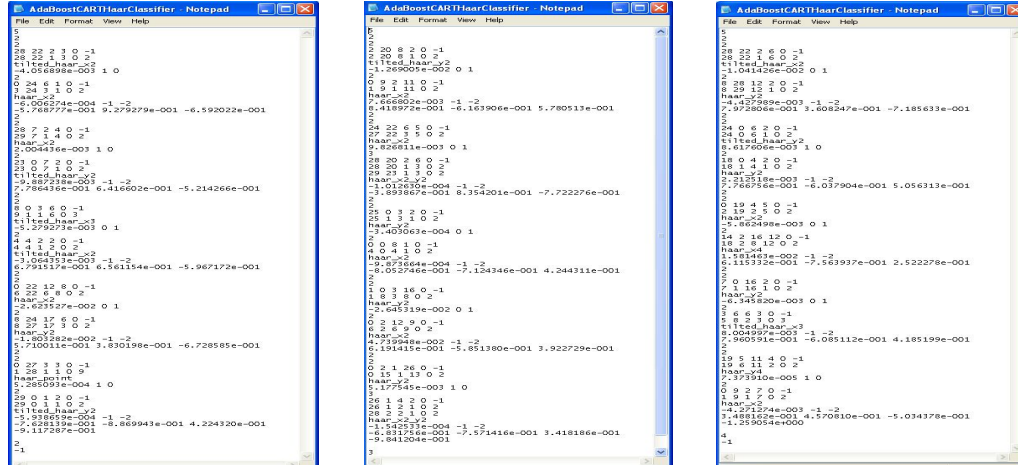
Fig 4.13: The Stages of Weak Constraints Calculation



a) Stage 0

b) Stage 1

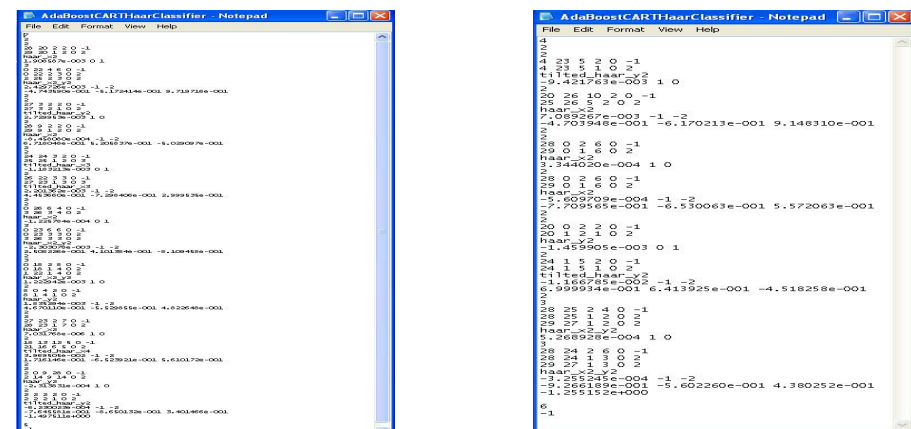
c) Stage 2



d) Stage 3

e) Stage 4

f) Stage 5



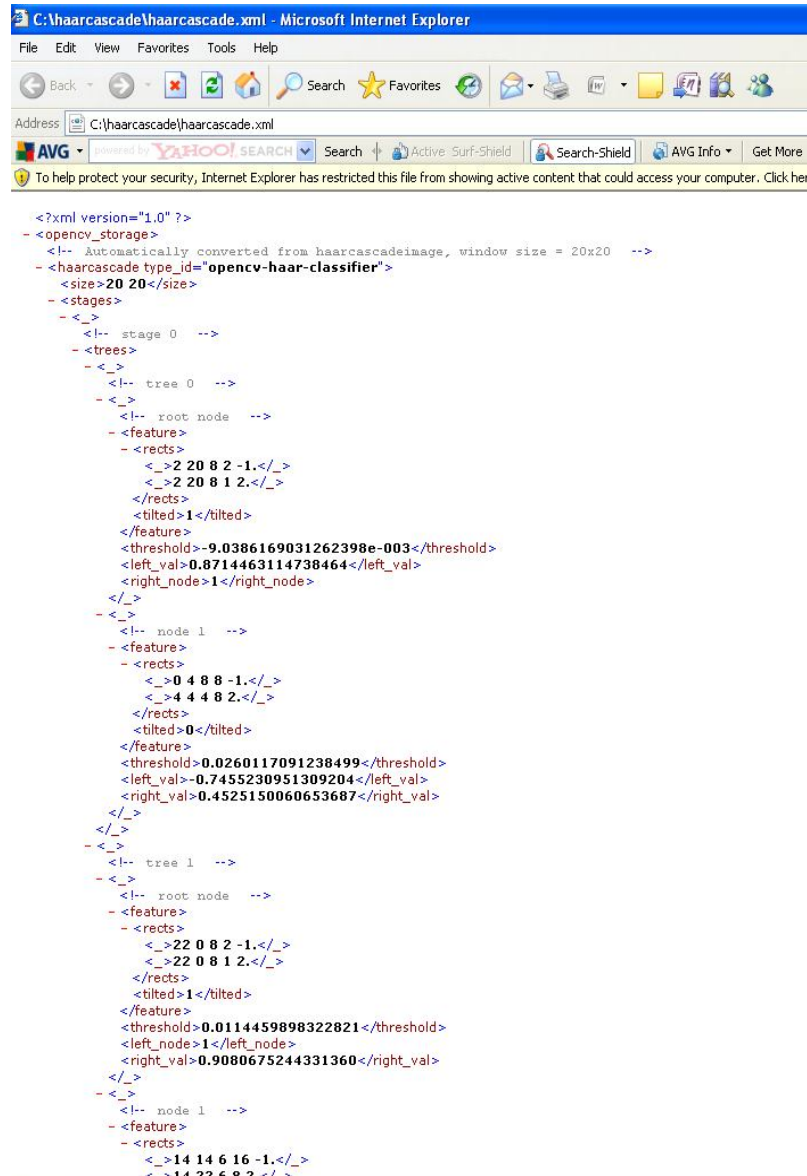
g) Stage 6

h) Stage 7

Fig 4.14: The files of Weak Constraints Calculation according to stages.

4.1.8 Results of xml file creation.

Xml file is generated when the process is completely finished. Xml file is a final result of training process. Implementations of the xml file to the coding start the coding process. Xml file contains a list of threshold created during the haartraining process. The example of xml file is shown in figure below.



```

<?xml version="1.0" ?>
- <opencv_storage>
- <!-- Automatically converted from haarcascadeimage, window size = 20x20 -->
- <haarcascade type_id="opencv-haar-classifier">
- <size>20 20</size>
- <stages>
- <_>
- <!-- stage 0 -->
- <trees>
- <_>
- <!-- tree 0 -->
- <_>
- <!-- root node -->
- <feature>
- <rects>
- <_>2 20 8 2 -1.</_>
- <_>2 20 8 1 2.</_>
- </rects>
- <tilted>1</tilted>
- </feature>
- <threshold>-9.0386169031262398e-003</threshold>
- <left_val>0.8714463114738464</left_val>
- <right_node>1</right_node>
- </_>
- <_>
- <!-- node 1 -->
- <feature>
- <rects>
- <_>0 4 8 8 -1.</_>
- <_>4 4 4 8 2.</_>
- </rects>
- <tilted>0</tilted>
- </feature>
- <threshold>0.0260117091238499</threshold>
- <left_val>-0.7455230951309204</left_val>
- <right_val>0.4525150060653687</right_val>
- </_>
- </_>
- <!-- tree 1 -->
- <_>
- <!-- root node -->
- <feature>
- <rects>
- <_>22 0 8 2 -1.</_>
- <_>22 0 8 1 2.</_>
- </rects>
- <tilted>1</tilted>
- </feature>
- <threshold>0.0114459898322821</threshold>
- <left_node>1</left_node>
- <right_val>0.9080675244331360</right_val>
- </_>
- <_>
- <!-- node 1 -->
- <feature>
- <rects>
- <_>14 14 6 16 -1.</_>
- <_>14 22 6 8 2.</_>

```

Fig 4.15: Xml file contains of calculation of weak constraints created during Haartraining process.

4.2 Execution phase results

Execution phase cause the xml file to be implemented in the coding development. The detection process is done in execution phase. The simple user's interface had been created for detection process. When the button "Detect ball" is clicked, the pop up window of result after detection process is generated automatically. The figure below shows the simple user's interface of object detection system.

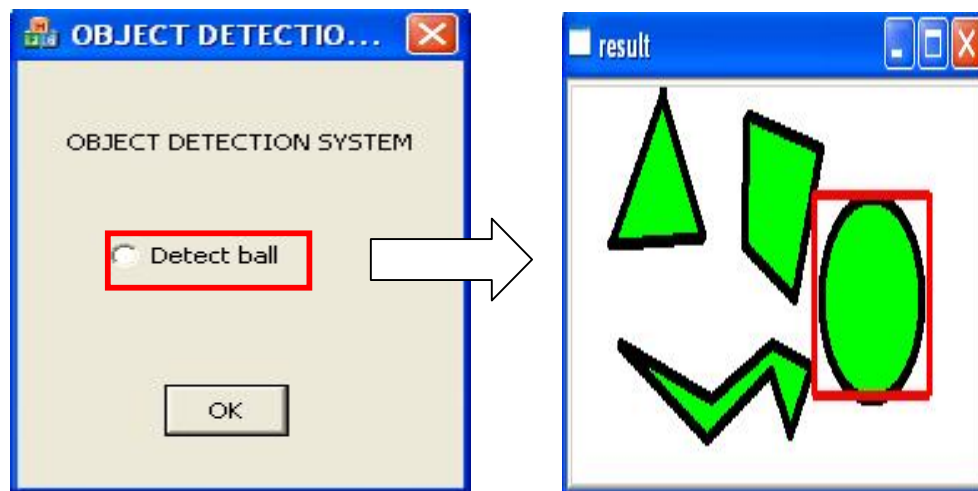


Figure 4.16: "Result" window will generate automatically when the button "Detect Ball" is clicked.

Another example of tested result is shown in figure below:

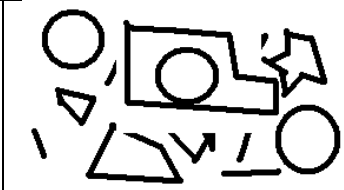
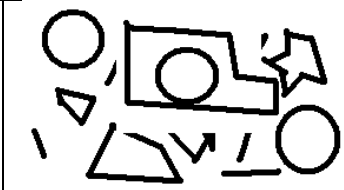
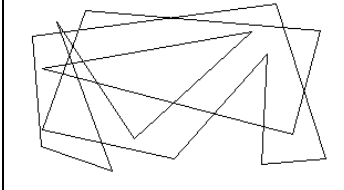
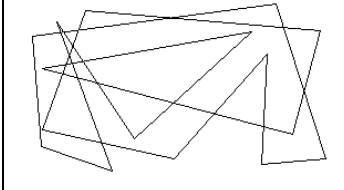


No.	Image Before Detection	Image After Detection
1.		
2.		
3.		

Fig 4.18: Detection Results of accurate detection

In object detection system, the problem occurs is the matter of accuracy. In some images, the circle line can also be drawn at the empty space in the images. Figure below will show the example of this matter.

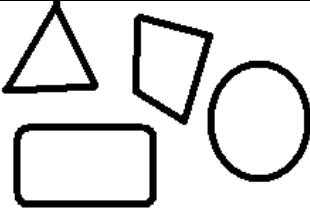
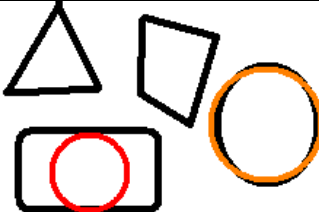
Before Detection	After Detection
	

Fig 4.18: Detection Results of not accurate detection

The matter of accuracy can be solved by increasing the numbers of sample collected and must make sure that each negative image never has any image of object of interest. The suggested number of samples is 7000 of both positive and negative images.

4.3 Costing

The overall cost during the project development is about RM 5000. This is the price value of the software used which is Visual Studio 2005. The price is valuable as the desired result can be achieved. Apart from that, there are no other cost contribute in the development of this system.

CHAPTER 5

CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The final chapter summarizes the whole system's overview. All the method used in this system satisfied the system development. Haar-Classifer is a very effective algorithm that can contribute to high detection rate.

5.1 Conclusion

In the process of developing this system, few process and features are needed as an attribution to complete the system. For object detection process, the image should be scaled and stored to the computer before the detection process can be done. The Haar-like features is used as a algorithm or classifier to find weak classifier to differentiate the desired object from others objects.

Compared with raw pixel values, Haar-like features can reduce/increase the in-class/out-of-class variability, and thus making classification easier. OpenCV has a Haar features based face detection module. Use local features

such as edges and line patterns. It scans a given image at different scales as in template matching. Scale, translation and light invariant.

5.2 Future Recommendation

As to improve other system with higher detection rate and more interactive system, there are some recommendations listed which are:

- i) The accuracy rate of Haar-Classifer will perform better if the sample collected is increased. The suggested numbers of sample collected is 7000 for both positive and negative images. Therefore this system needs the algorithm and classifier that can detect object faster with just a small numbers of image collections.
- ii) This system application is not enough exposed with the user friendly concept because user need to change the image file before detection process could be done. Real-time system is a solution attribute to the user friendly concept.

5.2.1 Commercialization

Application of the system can be widely used as the way to improve the used of technologies in the country. Systems approach can be applied to the robotic system for robot to verify object and help in kids learning process by applying this system to kids play tools

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A P P E N D I X

APPENDIX A - DETECTION PROCESS SOURCE CODE

```
// OpenCV Sample Application: objectdetect.c

// Include header files
#include "cv.h"
#include "highgui.h"

#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <string.h>
#include <assert.h>
#include <math.h>
#include <float.h>
#include <limits.h>
#include <time.h>
#include <ctype.h>

static CvMemStorage* storage = 0;
static CvHaarClassifierCascade* cascade = 0;
void detect_and_draw( IplImage* image );
const char* cascade_name =
    "haarcascade.xml";
/*    "haarcascade.xml";*/
int main( int argc, char** argv )
{
    IplImage *frame, *frame_copy = 0;
    const char* input_name;
    if( argc > 1 && strncmp( argv[1], "--cascade=", optlen ) == 0 )
    {
        cascade_name = argv[1] + optlen;
        input_name = argc > 2 ? argv[2] : 0;
    }
    else
    {
        fprintf( stderr,
            "Usage: objectdetect --cascade=\"<cascade_path>\n"
            return -1;
    }
    cascade = (CvHaarClassifierCascade*)cvLoad( cascade_name, 0, 0, 0
);
    if( !cascade )
    {
        fprintf( stderr, "ERROR: Could not load classifier cascade\n"
);
        return -1;
    }

    storage = cvCreateMemStorage(0);
    if( !input_name || (isdigit(input_name[0]) && input_name[1] ==
        capture = cvCaptureFromAVI( input_name );

    cvNamedWindow( "result", 1 );
    if( capture )
    {
        for(;;)
        {
            if( !cvGrabFrame( capture ) )

```

```

        break;
        frame = cvRetrieveFrame(
        if( !frame )
            break;
        if( !frame_copy )
            frame_copy = cvCreateImage( cvSize(frame->width,frame-
            >height),
            IPL_DEPTH_8U, frame->nChannels );
frame to frame_copy.
        if( frame->origin == IPL_ORIGIN_TL )
            cvCopy( frame, frame_copy, 0 );
        else
            cvFlip( frame, frame_copy, 0 );

        detect_and_draw( frame_copy );
        if( cvWaitKey( 10 ) >= 0 )
            break;
    }
    cvReleaseImage( &frame_copy );
}
else
{
    const char* filename = input_name ? input_name : (char
    IplImage* image = cvLoadImage( filename, 1 );
    if( image )
    {
        detect_and_draw( image );

        cvWaitKey(0);

        cvReleaseImage( &image );
    }
    else
    {
        FILE* f = fopen( filename, "rt" );
        if( f )
        {
            char buf[1000+1];

            while( fgets( buf, 1000, f ) )
            {

                int len = (int)strlen(buf);
                while( len > 0 && isspace(buf[len-1]) )
                    len--;
                buf[len] = '\0';

                image = cvLoadImage( buf, 1 );

                if( image )
                {

                    detect_and_draw( image );

```

```

        cvWaitKey(0);
        cvReleaseImage( &image );
    }
}
fclose(f);
}
}

cvDestroyWindow("result");

return 0;
}

void detect_and_draw( IplImage* img )
{
    int scale = 1;

    IplImage* temp = cvCreateImage( cvSize(img->width/scale,img-
>height/scale), 8, 3 );
    CvPoint pt1, pt2;
    int i;
    cvClearMemStorage( storage );

    if( cascade )
    {
        CvSeq* balls = cvHaarDetectObjects( img, cascade, storage,
1.1, 2, CV_HAAR_DO_CANNY_PRUNING, cvSize(40, 40) );
        for( i = 0; i < (balls ? balls->total : 0); i++ )
        {
            CvRect* r = (CvRect*)cvGetSeqElem( balls, i );

            pt1.x = r->x*scale;
            pt2.x = (r->x+r->width)*scale;
            pt1.y = r->y*scale;
            pt2.y = (r->y+r->height)*scale;

            // Draw the rectangle in the input image
            cvCircle( img, pt1, pt2, CV_RGB(255,0,0), 3, 8, 0 );
        }
    }

    // Show the image in the window named "result"
    cvShowImage( "result", img );

    // Release the temp image created.
    cvReleaseImage( &temp );
}

```