

Analysis of Drowsiness Detection System

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Abstract- Most of the road motor accident happen due to the driver drowsiness on highways. Safety is most important during travelling or driving. A single mistake of driver can lead to a major accident. There are many devices and sensors available in the market to make driver work easy. In this era of technology, we need to develop a system which can detect the drowsiness of the driver and alert the driver. For detection of drowsiness of the driver we can simply observe the condition eyes of the driver. This could save number of accidents.

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I. INTRODUCTION

According to the researches somehow drowsiness is related to lakhs of accidents every year in world, as the driver fallen asleep the impact is at high speed which causes death or serious injuries. [3] According to the results of the study presented at the International Symposium on Sleep Disorders of driver is responsible for almost 30% of the road accidents. As sleeping is the basic need of a human body, which makes the driver less attentive or lazy. That's why we need to develop a system which will detect the physical condition of the driver and notify him. The development of technology introduces more advanced solution in everyday life. Computer vision or vision based systems are widely being used in different industries like transportation, for security purpose etc. Different techniques can be used for drowsiness detection of the driver like neural network based techniques, image processing based vehicular based techniques etc. we can also use the smartphones of the driver to notify them as it becomes almost the basic need of the human being. [2] Generally, in detection of the drowsiness of the driver the techniques used are monitoring eye blinking, recognizing the yawning of the driver vehicular based techniques. Most of the researchers use the eye blinking and yawning detection to recognize the drowsiness of the driver.

II. DROWSINESS

Drowsiness refers to feeling abnormally sleepy during the day, they fall asleep in inappropriate situation at inappropriate times. Drowsiness can happen due to different reasons like-

- Having to work long hours or in different shifts
- Sleep disorders
- Medical conditions like Diabetes, thyroid etc.
- Medicines

Due to the drowsiness of the driver most of the accidents happen on highways or on the roads.

III. DIFFERENT METHODS USED FOR DROWSINESS DETECTION

A. Steering Pattern monitoring

It is totally based on the steering wheel movement, breaks and acceleration. A device or sensor which will monitor these things to detect the drowsiness of the

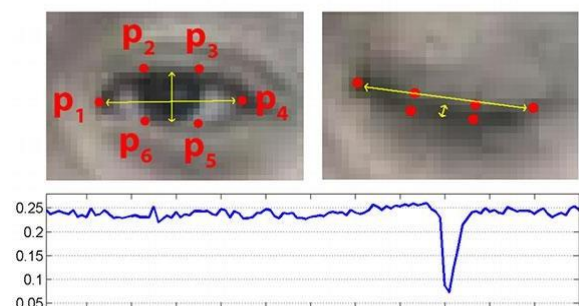


fig. 1-Eye blink detection

system. The sensor will analyze the performance of

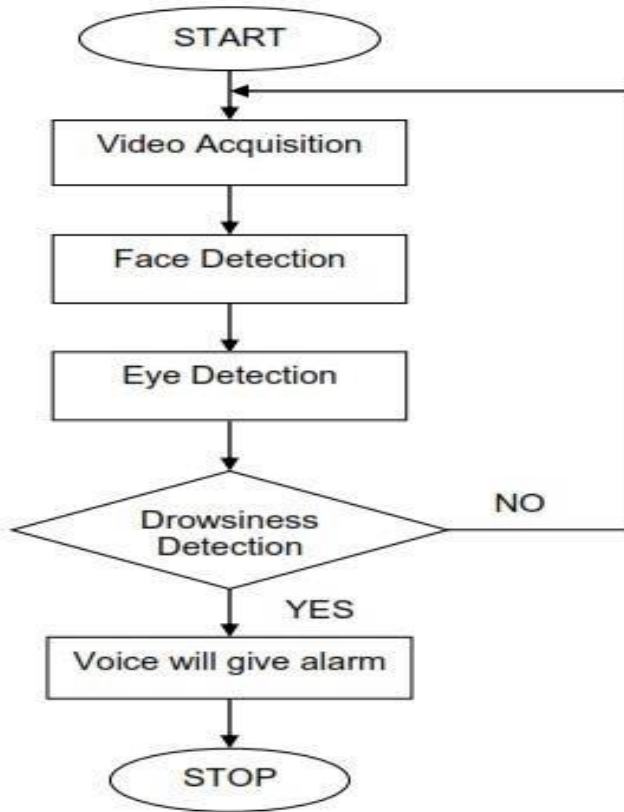


Fig 2-flow of the system

vehicle and performance of the driver on the lane. Nowadays most of the cars have driver assistants which will monitor the irregular behavior on the lanes. Sensors also detect the pressure on the steering wheel put by the driver, if it increases to the certain level it will again start the alarm. And alert the driver by starting the alarm, actually it is an indirect way of monitoring the drowsiness of the driver.

B. Eyes analysis and facial Expression Recognition

In this technique if the driver closes eyes for a certain period of time then the system will generate an alarm. This method is simple and easy to implement because it has developed a model for the states of the eyes.[7] Researchers have used this technique to detect the drowsiness of the driver.



Fig 3-Facial expression detection

Yawning is a common symptom of drowsiness of the being, which is also modeled by using artificial intelligence neural network by using different pictures taken during yawning i.e. open mouth pictures. These models are trained at thousands or lakhs of pictures to achieve high accuracy. When yawning of the driver is detected then the system will alarm the driver. Some researchers combine both of these techniques to achieve higher accuracy.

C. Physiological measurement

In this technique, a drowsiness system requires more than one device or sensor to detect the physical condition of the driver.[5] Sensors will analyze the various parameters of the body like mental activity, heart rate, skin conductance, muscle activity depending on these parameters the system will decide the condition of the driver. A decrease in heart rate or increase in heart rate, size of the pupil, these variables have to be the indicator of the drowsiness and inform the driver by alarm or by using another way like a smartphone application.

D. Neural Network Based

Using a neural network we not only detect the drowsiness of the driver but we can also predict the drowsiness of the driver.[2] As we can use machine learning algorithms to recognize or detect the eyes of the driver. And neural network neurons for the prediction of the drowsiness. Based on the model which is trained using the picture of the thousands of people feeling drowsy during driving the vehicle using more than one neurons to get the high accuracy.

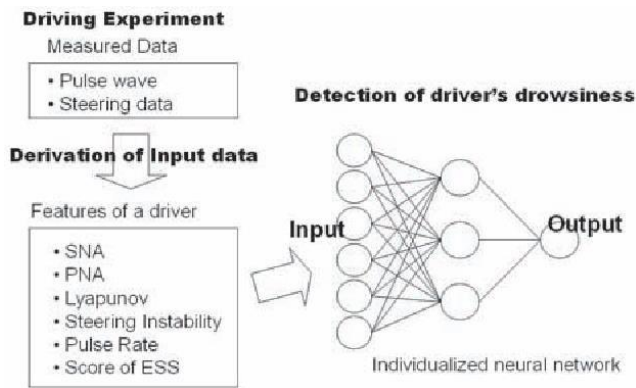


Fig.4-neural network flow for drowsiness detection

IV. Conclusion

After thorough analysis, we get that the systems we are using have various approaches like image processing, vehicular approach, Neural network-based recognition etc. none of them gives 100% results. In order to reduce the number of road accidents due to driver drowsiness we need to develop a system that would detect the drowsiness of the driver by analysing the real time face of the driver during driving the vehicle. But the neural network based system is the most effective with the help of other methods we can get the higher accuracy. Thus, on the basis of our study we can say that a combination of more than one approaches we can achieve better result by reducing the drawbacks of the other approaches.

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