Rapid Object Detection using a Boosted Cascade of Simple Features

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Introduction

- Construct a robust framework
- Fast and rapid object detection
- Operates on 384*288 pixels images
- Faces are detected at 15 frames per second
- Can be implemented on small low power devices as well

Main contributions in Object Detection Framework

- Integral Image
- Learning Algorithm
- Method to combine complex classifiers

Integral Image

- Feature based
- Computes intermediate interpretation integral image
- Sum of pixels above and to the left of x,y inclusive
- Rich image representation for effective learning

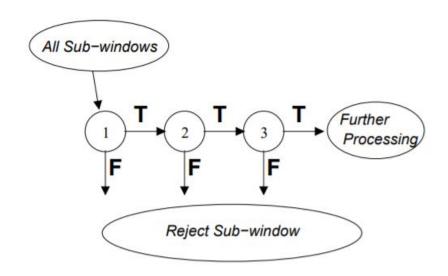
Learning Function

- Based on AdaBoost Algorithm
- Weak learner classifier constrained to single feature
- Choose classifier with least error
- Selects small number of potential important features

Attentional Cascade of classifiers

 Reduces half no. of locations to be evaluated

Degenerate decision tree structure



Eliminates negative examples

with little processing

Results

- Image processed in 0.67 seconds
- Evaluated 10 features out of 6061 per sub-window
- Detector is scaled rather than the image
- 15 times faster than any previous image detection