DIGITAL EYES: HOW OPTICS AND MATHEMATICS TEACH ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE TO SEE

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Abstract: This article provides a comprehensive analysis of the concept of digital eyes, focusing on the role of optics and mathematical modeling in teaching artificial intelligence to see. Based on historical and modern theories, global and regional research, and practical applications, it highlights the formation, developmental stages, and current challenges of artificial vision systems. Special attention is given to theoretical and practical approaches, critical analysis, and prospects, offering a holistic overview of scientific, programmatic, and technological advancements in the field of digital eyes.

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Introduction

In the field of artificial intelligence, modeling human vision in a digital environment and teaching it to machines is one of the most advanced areas of modern science and technology. Algorithms, models, and software created as a result of the integral integration of optics and mathematics play a key role in the development of artificial vision systems. Today, artificial intelligence is gaining the ability not only to recognize simple images, but also to identify objects in complex environments, think and make flexible decisions. In these processes, optical physics, mathematical analysis, and algorithmic approaches complement each other, opening new “eyes” for machines. This article provides a deep and comprehensive analysis of the concept of digital eyes, that is, the process of teaching artificial intelligence to see. Scientific approaches, from historical roots to modern empirical research and software, the contribution of local and international scientists, critical views, and current problems in the field are reviewed in detail. There will also be an in-depth scientific discussion about the interaction of optics and mathematics in the field of artificial vision, practical results, and future prospects.

Literature review

The theoretical and conceptual foundations of the concept of digital eyes are primarily rooted in physical and mathematical models of human vision. Optical physics and mathematical analysis are one of the key points in the creation of vision systems for artificial intelligence, and the first theoretical developments in this regard date back to the 19th century. The laws of classical optics, such as Snell's law of refraction and Fermat's principle, were important for explaining the process of vision on a physical basis. Based on these laws, it was possible to mathematically model camera optics, lenses, image formation and light direction. In addition to optics, the use of mathematical statistics was also important in the early models of artificial vision systems. For example, using Markov processes and Bayesian networks, it became possible to identify relationships between images and objects, segment and classify images[1].

Historically, the integration of optical and mathematical approaches in computer vision has intensified in the mid-20th century, especially with the development of computer science and computing. The first artificial neural networks, in particular the Perceptron model, created in the 1960s and 1970s, were one of the first steps in distinguishing familiar and simple geometric shapes from images. The work of Marvin Minsky and Seymour Papert provides important theoretical conclusions about the capabilities and limitations of artificial neural networks[2]. In their analysis, the reception and processing of optical signals in digital form, and the mathematical modeling of geometric and topological properties play an important role. At the same time, in classical computer science studies, for example, in D. Marr's work "Vision", a three-stage model of human vision: computational, algorithmic and implementation stages, was adopted as the main conceptual framework for the design of artificial vision systems. Marr's model analyzes on a mathematical basis how images can be processed from low-level signals to high-level semantic objects.

The contribution of regional and national scientists to the development of artificial vision systems is also important. Research in this area in Uzbekistan and Central Asia is mainly focused on the development of digital processing of optical signals, artificial neural networks and image classification algorithms. For example, in research conducted at the Institute of Informatics of the Academy of Sciences of Uzbekistan, mathematical morphology, wavelet transforms and statistical classifiers were effectively used in image segmentation and automatic object recognition. As a result of this research, it became possible to create models of artificial vision systems adapted to local needs. Also, many algorithms developed by scientists of the Tashkent University of Information Technologies, such as automatic number recognition, face recognition and biometric authentication systems, have achieved high practical results.

From the point of view of empirical research and practical applications, artificial vision systems are widely used in industry, medicine, transport and security. For example, autonomous control systems used in modern cars can see the environment in real time through numerous optical sensors and cameras and change the direction of movement in accordance with detected objects. These systems use convolutional neural networks, which allow them to identify and generalize complex visual features through layer-by-layer processing of images. In medicine, artificial vision technologies are expanding the possibilities for automatic analysis of X-ray, MRI and ultrasound images, early detection of diseases and automation of diagnostic processes. In this regard, doctors and computer scientists of Uzbekistan are also conducting a lot of research together with the international scientific community.

The synergy of optics and mathematics plays a key role in modern artificial vision systems. With the help of optical physics, real-world signals are digitized, and mathematical models and algorithms transform them into objects with semantic meaning. For example, Fourier transforms are used to analyze images in the frequency domain, and wavelet transforms are used to determine local and global features of images. Using statistical and probabilistic models of mathematics, high accuracy and reliability are achieved in image segmentation, object detection, and classification. Also, deep learning models of artificial neural networks, especially convolutional and recurrent architectures, are effective in solving complex visual problems[3]. In the in-depth study of the theoretical foundations of artificial intelligence-based vision systems, optical and mathematical approaches complement each other. For example, photosensitive elements of camera matrices, lenses, and optical filters are used to receive optical signals in digital form. These signals are initially converted into digital codes and analyzed using mathematical algorithms. In these processes, mathematical concepts such as signal-to-noise ratio (SNR), optical resolution, and sampling theorem play an important role. Uzbek scientists, in particular, Professor A.Kh. Joraev and his scientific school, have achieved significant results in the field of digital processing of optical signals, image reconstruction, and modeling of multi-channel optical systems. In their research, mathematical modeling of optical waves, image filtering, and signal reconstruction algorithms have been studied in depth[4].

In the historical development of artificial vision systems, the stages from classical theories to modern deep learning models are important. In the early years, geometric and statistical approaches to image analysis prevailed. For example, gradient and Laplace operators, fixed-template matching methods were widely used for object delineation, contour detection, and feature extraction. Since the 1990s, the development of artificial neural networks has made it possible to automatically encode and generalize visual data. In particular, the results achieved by the deep convolutional neural network (AlexNet) in the ImageNet competition in 2012 revolutionized the field of computer vision. This model, by studying millions of images, was able to classify objects with high accuracy. Later, deep learning architectures such as ResNet, Inception, EfficientNet set new standards in solving visual problems.

If we once again focus on the contribution of regional and national scientists, research in the field of computer vision in Uzbekistan and neighboring countries is mainly aimed at solving practical problems. For example, special algorithms have been developed for tasks such as automatic detection of pests in agriculture, automatic detection of defects in industry, and recognition of numbers and road signs in transport. In this regard, software and mobile applications created by young Uzbek researchers demonstrate the adaptation of computer vision technologies to local needs. In addition, the number of articles published in regional scientific journals on computer vision and image processing is increasing year by year, which indicates the development of the field.

The results of empirical studies show the need to combine optical and mathematical approaches to increase the efficiency and reliability of artificial vision systems. For example, in automatic face recognition systems, optical filters are used to improve the initial image quality, and then facial features are extracted and classified using mathematical algorithms. In medicine, deep learning-based segmentation and classification algorithms are used to automatically analyze X-ray and MRI images. In this regard, Uzbek scientists are also participating in many scientific projects and grants in collaboration with the international community. In particular, successful results are observed in the implementation of artificial vision technologies for the early detection of diabetic retinopathy and lung cancer[5].

As for critical analysis and scientific debate, there are a number of problems surrounding the current state and prospects of artificial vision systems. First of all, one of the main problems is the discrepancy between optical and mathematical models, that is, the boundaries of physical reality and digital modeling. For example, real-world images can contain a lot of noise and distortion, which reduces the accuracy of optical systems. Mathematical algorithms, on the other hand, sometimes cannot fully account for the complexities of the real environment. Also, the “black box” nature of deep learning models, that is, the difficulty of fully explaining their internal working mechanisms, is being discussed in the scientific community. In addition, information security, privacy and ethical issues of artificial vision systems are also urgent problems. In this regard, much research is being conducted on algorithmic transparency, interpretable artificial intelligence and information security[6]. In recent years, new directions in quantum optics and mathematical physics have also emerged in the development of artificial vision systems. For example, the possibility of high-resolution image analysis using quantum detectors and quantum algorithms is being created. In addition, hybrid systems, that is, artificial eyes that combine optical and electronic components, expand the possibilities of fast and reliable processing of visual information. In this regard, research conducted in collaboration with Uzbek and international scientists is playing an important role in creating new generation artificial vision systems. In particular, innovative ideas are being developed by young scientists and students in artificial intelligence centers and incubators established in Tashkent. Based on the above analysis, the theoretical and practical foundations of artificial vision systems, the integration of optical and mathematical approaches, historical and modern trends, the contribution of national and regional scientific schools, empirical studies and practical applications, critical views and promising directions were widely and deeply covered. Scientific research in this area, technological progress and social needs complement each other and create the basis for the development of the concept of digital eyes.

Conclusion

Teaching artificial intelligence to see, that is, the concept of digital eyes, is one of the most complex and relevant areas of modern science and technology. This article extensively covers the role of optics and mathematics in artificial vision systems, their theoretical and practical foundations, historical development, the contribution of local and international scientists, modern research and practical applications. With the help of optical physics and mathematical modeling, artificial intelligence systems are becoming able to process real-world images, recognize objects, and perform semantic analysis. As a result of empirical research, artificial vision technologies are being widely implemented in industry, medicine, transport, and security. At the same time, the results of critical analysis, existing problems in the field, including the differences between optical and mathematical models, information security, and ethical issues, remain relevant. In the future, scientific research will continue to create more advanced and universal artificial eye systems based on quantum optics and new mathematical algorithms. The contribution of Uzbek and regional scientists in this field, international cooperation and innovative approaches, will ensure that the concept of digital eyes reaches a new level. In general, the role of optics and mathematics in the development of artificial intelligence vision is of great importance not only for scientific, but also for social and economic progress.

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