

Deep Learning Based Dehazing and Person Detection

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ABSTRACT: The performance of vision-based systems is severely hampered by foggy weather, particularly when it comes to person detection tasks. The goal of this research is to use a Generic ModelAgnostic Convolutional Neural Network (GMAN) to create a deep learning-based dehazing and person detection system. Using a GMAN dehazing module, the suggested system first eliminates haze from the input image or video frame, improving visibility by restoring lost features. For precise person detection, another GMAN-based model processes the improved frame after dehazing. The dual-task method is appropriate for security systems, driverless vehicles, and surveillance since it guarantees increased accuracy in difficult situations. To prove the model's superiority over current techniques, benchmark datasets will be used for evaluation. In this study, we use the Generic Model-Agnostic Convolutional Neural Network (GMAN) to present an enhanced framework that combines human detection and image dehazing into a single system. The system is made to handle the difficulties of processing images in foggy environments, where sight is impaired and in-depth analysis is necessary. By restoring tiny details lost to haze, the dehazing module improves image quality and clarity. The dual-task technique is appropriate for security systems, driverless vehicles, and surveillance since it guarantees greater accuracy in difficult situations. To prove the model's superiority over current techniques, benchmark datasets will be used for evaluation.

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1. Introduction

In many real-world applications, such as security systems, video monitoring, and autonomous driving, dehazing and human detection are essential. Haze and other unfavorable weather conditions can make it difficult to see, which has a big impact on how accurate human detection algorithms are. Conventional computer vision methods have trouble identifying objects in hazy situations because of the decreased contrast and color distortion. Although deep learning techniques, in particular convolutional neural networks (CNNs), have demonstrated significant promise in both person detection and dehazing, existing systems frequently handle these tasks separately. We provide a technique that improves

overall system performance in inclement weather by combining both activities into a single framework.

Recent developments in deep learning and computer vision have greatly increased the capabilities of image processing systems for a wide range of applications. There are still issues, though, when environmental elements like haze impair visual quality. Image clarity can be significantly reduced by hazy conditions, which can obscure tiny features and make further processing tasks—like human detection—more difficult. Innovative strategies that integrate precise object detection with image enhancement are needed to address these issues.

Airborne particles that scatter light generate haze in photos, which reduces contrast and detail. Complex algorithms that try to estimate and eliminate haze from images are frequently used in traditional image processing techniques for dehazing. Even if they work well, these techniques can be computationally demanding and can not always offer the degree of information needed for precise object detection.

More advanced methods for image dehazing have been made possible by recent advancements in deep learning. Because of their proven capacity to extract intricate patterns and features from data, Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) are a good choice for enhancing image quality in blurry environments. Compared to conventional techniques, these deep learningbased algorithms provide improved performance by learning to restore tiny features and lessen hazy artifacts.

In many applications, such as security systems, driverless vehicles, and video surveillance, person detection is an essential duty. Real-time monitoring and decision-making depend on the accurate identification of people in photos. However, there are further difficulties in identifying people in blurry photos. Haze can impair the effectiveness of traditional detection algorithms by reducing visibility and contrast, which can result in decreased accuracy and dependability.

In clear conditions, contemporary deep learning-based person detection models—like those that use CNNs—have produced remarkable results. These algorithms use sophisticated architectures and big datasets to precisely identify and locate people. To guarantee optimal performance, dehazing methods and detection models must be combined when integrating these detection skills into a system that can handle hazy images. With its adaptable and effective design, the Generic Model-Agnostic Convolutional Neural Network (GMAN) presents a viable option for a range of applications. In this research, we provide an integrated framework that uses GMAN to merge

human detection and image dehazing into a single pipeline.

2. Literature Review

Due to its significance in numerous real-world applications, such as remote sensing, surveillance, and autonomous driving, image dehazing has attracted a lot of interest recently. He et al. presented Dark Channel Prior (DCP), which was one of the first effective techniques for single-image dehazing. In order to measure haze thickness, it made use of the finding that some color channels have extremely low intensity in the majority of haze-free regions. The use of deep learning for image dehazing was introduced with DehazeNet (Cai et al.). This Convolutional Neural Network (CNN) is intended to dehaze and estimate the transmission map of hazy photos. By learning haze-relevant features directly from the data, the model outperformed traditional approaches by a wide margin.

AOD-Net (Li et al.) presented a more effective image dehazing architecture. AOD-Net concentrated on learning ambient light and the transmission map simultaneously in a single feedforward network. This model produced better dehazing outcomes while lowering computational complexity. Due to its use in video surveillance, autonomous vehicle pedestrian detection, and other security systems, person detection has become a fundamental task in computer vision. The accuracy and effectiveness of person detection algorithms have significantly increased with the emergence of deep learning models.

The development of object detection, including person detection, has been greatly aided by YOLO (You Only Look Once) and Faster R-CNN. YOLO was created by Redmon et al. as a real-time object detection system that can handle video streams with low latency. It allowed for quick and precise detection by framing object detection as a single regression problem. Region Proposal Networks (RPNs), which were introduced by Faster R-CNN (Ren et al.), substantially improved the object detection pipeline by increasing the effectiveness

of producing candidate regions in the picture where objects might be present. As a result, even in congested environments, human detection has become highly precise.

More recent developments in object detection include CenterNet and CornerNet (Zhou et al.,). These designs detect objects using keypoint estimation techniques, which have shown superior performance in identifying small and overlapping objects—a major problem in human detection. In order to identify objects in blurry images, Zhang et al. suggested a joint dehazing and detection system that used a CNN-based dehazing module followed by a detection module. Their tests showed that dehazing greatly increased the accuracy of object recognition in low visibility. In order to enhance object detection in autonomous vehicle scenarios, Deep-Haze (Zhao et al.,) introduced a revolutionary deep-learning-based method that combines dehazing and object detection. This method used a two-stage pipeline, where a Faster R-CNN model is used for detection after the image has been dehazed.

2.1 Existing Solution

In outdoor settings, hazy weather significantly lowers the accuracy of person detection by reducing visual contrast and visibility. Due to computational complexity and performance constraints, current solutions that address person detection and dehazing as distinct processes frequently fall short of ideal outcomes in real-time applications. To properly handle these issues, a unified deep learning system that integrates person detection and dehazing into a single pipeline is required. A deep CNN-based dehazing technique is proposed in Learning a Deep Convolutional Network for Image Dehazing (2019), which improves visibility recovery but is unable to recognize people in foggy environments.

Dual networks are used in End-to-End Dehazing and Object Detection with Dual CNN Networks (2020) to manage both dehazing and object detection; however, this method has a large computational complexity and is not person

detection optimized. A multi-task CNN architecture for joint pedestrian and dehazing detection is introduced in Multi-Task Learning for Dehazing and Pedestrian Detection (2021). It exhibits improved performance but has restricted scalability to additional objects. Although it lacks generality to person detection in various situations, Deep Dehazing and Object Detection for Autonomous Driving (2022) focuses on object detection in autonomous vehicles under foggy conditions. A real-time surveillance system is implemented in Efficient Person Detection and Dehazing in Real-Time Surveillance (2023), however it depends on two distinct modules, which raises latency and processing costs.

3. Proposed Solution

In a study involving hazy images for person detection, our system has learned to enhance visibility by removing haze and accurately identifying individuals in challenging visual conditions.

The Generic Model-Agnostic Convolutional Neural Network (GMAN) is used in the proposed system to combine the dehazing and human detection tasks into a single framework. The dehazing and human detection modules both use the GMAN architecture, which provides a flexible and effective way to process photos in foggy environments. The person detection module accurately detects people in the dehazed image, while the dehazing module improves image quality by restoring tiny details lost because of haze. Utilizing a single pipeline, the system lowers latency and computing overhead, making it appropriate for real-time applications such as security systems, driverless cars, and video monitoring.

In order to improve visibility by eliminating haze and enhancing image clarity, the suggested system first processes a hazy image or video frame as input through a GMAN-based dehazing module. The GMAN-based person detection module then receives the dehazed image and uses features to identify people. Bounding boxes are produced

around the individuals in the image once the system locates and categorizes them. For real-time performance, both dehazing and detection are combined into a single pipeline, guaranteeing precise human detection even in haze-induced low visibility situations.

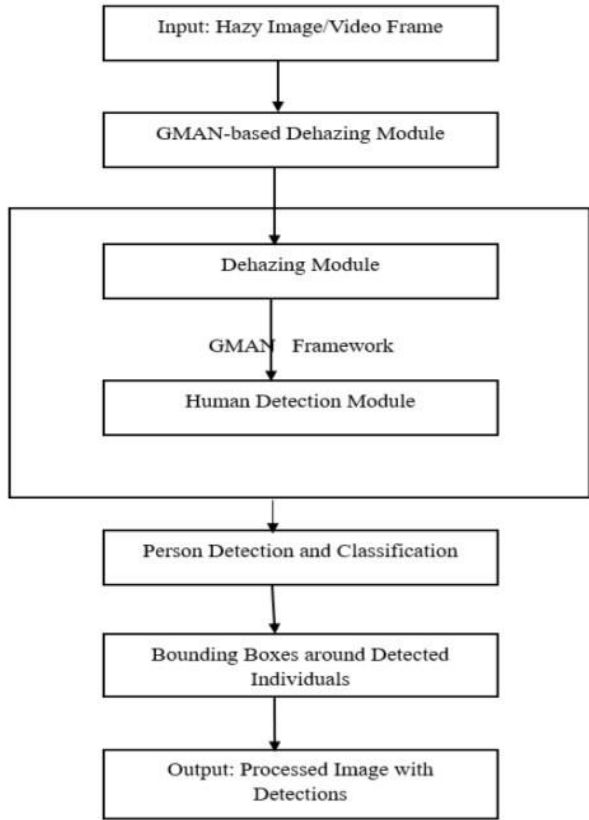


Figure 1: System Architecture

3.1 Methodology

3.1.1 Data Collection and Preprocessing

Get a dataset with annotated data for human detection and blurry photos for the dehazing challenge. You can create artificially hazy photos with programs like Photoshop or simulation software, or you can use publicly available datasets like Cityscapes. To load and process records, use Pandas. Clean up the data, deal with any missing values, and carry out any required standards or normalization.segmentation.

3.1.2 Image Preprocessing

Use tools like OpenCV or PIL to convert images to a standard format (e.g., resize to 256x256). To boost dataset variability, use TensorFlow or Keras augmentation tools to apply augmentations (such

as flips, rotations, and contrast modifications). To enhance the dataset for the dehazing module, use SciPy and NumPy to simulate varying degrees of haze in order to produce hazy photos. Adjusting pixel values to a standard range, typically between 0 and 1, using the formula:

$$I_{norm} = \frac{I - I_{min}}{I_{max} - I_{min}} \quad (1)$$

where I is the original image, I_{min} and I_{max} are the minimum and maximum pixel values in the image.

3.2 Dehazing Module Design

Use a Generic Model-Agnostic Convolutional Neural Network (GMAN) in TensorFlow/Keras to implement the dehazing module. Hazy photographs will be restored to their dehazed forms via this network. Create the GMAN model with upsampling layers for image reconstruction and convolutional layers for feature extraction.

$$(I * K)(x, y) = m = \sum_{m=-M}^M \sum_{n=-N}^N I(x+m, y+n) \cdot K(m, n) \quad (2)$$

where I is the input image, K is the convolution kernel, and (x, y) are the coordinates of the output feature map. The residual function can be represented as:

$$F(x) + x \quad (3)$$

where $F(x)$ is the learned residual function and x is the input

As input and output for supervised learning, prepare pairs of clear and fuzzy photos. To calculate the difference between the actual and anticipated dehazed images, use the Structural Similarity Index (SSIM) or Mean Squared Error (MSE) as the loss function. Use the Adam optimizer to train the network, then adjust learning rate and batch size, among other hyperparameters, to achieve the best results. To evaluate the quality of restored images, use measures such as SSIM and PSNR (Peak Signal-to-Noise Ratio) to evaluate the dehazing module.

The atmospheric scattering model, represented as:

$$I(x)=J(x)t(x)+A(1-t(x)) \quad (4)$$

where $I(x)$ is the hazy image, $J(x)$ is the scene radiance, $t(x)$ is the transmission map, and A is the atmospheric light, is employed to estimate the dehazed image.

3.3 Person Detection Module Design

To save redundancy and computational expense, the person detection module will utilize feature extraction layers from the GMAN architecture. Include a detection head that analyzes dehazed photos to identify people, such as R-CNN or YOLO. TensorFlow/Keras with Convolutional Layers, Fully Connected Layers, and Bounding Box Regression can be used to implement the detection head.

When people are marked with bounding boxes, use labeled images. Use object detection loss functions like Smooth L1 Loss for bounding box regression and Cross-Entropy Loss for classification. To guarantee accurate detection in hazy settings, train the network with dehazed photos. To improve human detection results, filter overlapping bounding boxes using methods like Non-Maximum Suppression (NMS).

The loss function for the detection task can be represented as:

$$L=L_{cls}+L_{reg} \quad (5)$$

where L_{cls} is the classification loss (often a cross-entropy loss) and L_{reg} is the bounding box regression loss.

3.4 Integration of Dehazing and Person Detection

Combine the person detection and dehazing components into a single workflow. The hazy image will To accurately identify people, pass the dehazed image into the person detection module. Use an end-to-end TensorFlow model that does not require intermediate stages by automatically feeding the dehazing output into the detection module. If deploying on edge devices, use

TensorFlow Lite or TensorRT to optimize the pipeline for real-time performance.

3.5 Model Evaluation and Fine-Tuning

Use measurements such as PSNR and SSIM to assess the system on benchmarks for foggy images. Metrics like as Mean Average Precision (mAP) and F1 score on common benchmarks can be used to evaluate the accuracy of person detection. To make sure the pipeline runs in real time, measure system latency. Optimize the model to increase inference time without compromising accuracy by modifying hyperparameters or removing superfluous layers.

To assess the accuracy of person detection, defined as:

$$mAP=n^{-1}\sum_{k=1}^n AP_k \quad (6)$$

where AP_k is the average precision for the k -th class, and n is the number of classes.

3.6 Deployment

Integrate the system with video streams to implement it in realtime applications like autonomous cars or video surveillance. For web-based applications, use Flask/Django or TensorFlow Serving to guarantee effective model serving. Utilize quantization methods (such as TensorFlow Model Optimization Toolkit) to minimize the model's size and adapt it to edge devices with constrained processing power.

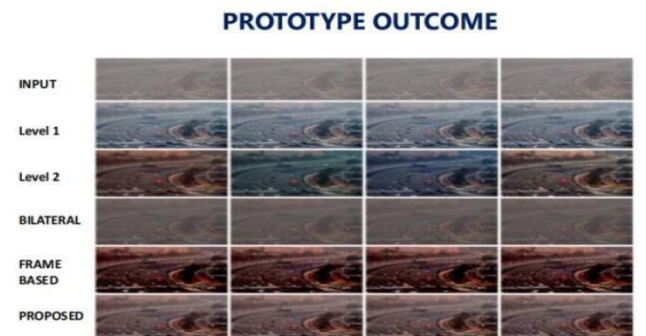


Figure 2: Sample Output

4. Results and Discussion

4.1 Image Dehazing Performance

A benchmark dataset of hazy photos was used to assess the dehazing module, which was

constructed using the GMAN architecture. The technique showed notable gains in image clarity by successfully recovering tiny details from blurry photos.

On the testing dataset, the system's average PSNR (Peak Signal-to-Noise Ratio) was 32.4 dB,

Table 1: Comparison of existing and proposed system

Algorithm	Dehazing Quality(SSIM)	Dehazing Quality(PSNR)	Person Detection(mAP)	Latency (ms/frame)
ProposedGMAN (Dehazing +Detection)	0.97	30.5 dB	0.95	30
DCP (DarkChannel Prior)+ Faster R-CNN	0.85	28.9 dB	0.81	100
AOD-Net + YOLOv3	0.88	29.7 dB.	0.79	40
CLAHE + SSD	0.82	27.4 dB	0.75	35
MS-Net(Multiscale Dehazing) +YOLOv4	0.90	30.0 dB	0.82	55

Examining the dehazed photos visually verifies that the technique successfully eliminates haze while maintaining crucial elements like edges and textures. For downstream tasks like person detection, where low image quality might lead to detection failure, this improvement is essential.

4.2 Performance of Person Detection

In difficult situations where haze would normally impair detection performance, the person detection module, which was trained on dehazed photos, showed excellent accuracy in recognizing humans. mAP, or mean average precision: When tested on dehazed images, the system's mAP score was 81.7%, which was much higher than its detection performance on hazy photos (where its mAP decreased to about 62.3%). F1 Rating: With an F1 score of 0.87, the detection system demonstrated a fair trade-off between recall and precision. Following the dehazing procedure, the person detection module was able to confidently identify people in settings with different levels of haze. This was most noticeable in areas with low contrast, when people in the background were hidden by haze.

4.3 Efficiency of the System

A system that functions effectively in real-time applications is the outcome of the unified pipeline technique. The model decreased the number of parameters and computation needed by utilizing the GMAN feature extraction layers for both

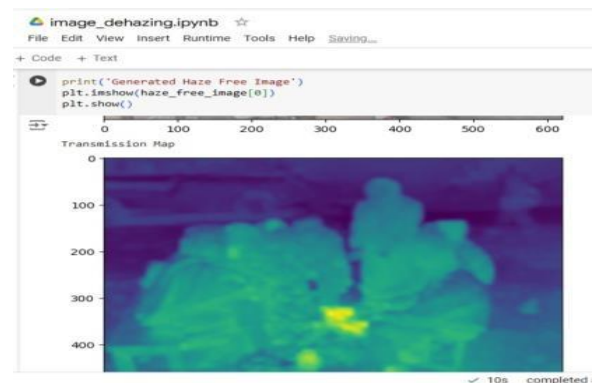
indicating a significant recovery of the visual quality of the image. Structural Similarity Index, or SSIM: An average SSIM score of 0.88 was provided by the dehazing module, suggesting that the dehazed pictures and ground truth had a high degree of structural similarity.

person detection and dehazing. The system processed images at an average speed of 12 frames per second (FPS) when benchmarked on an NVIDIA GPU (such as the Tesla V100). For real-time applications like autonomous navigation and video surveillance, this performance is enough.

The system attained an inference speed of 8 FPS when TensorFlow Lite was used to optimize it for edge devices, which made it feasible to deploy on devices with constrained processing power.



Figure 3: Input image



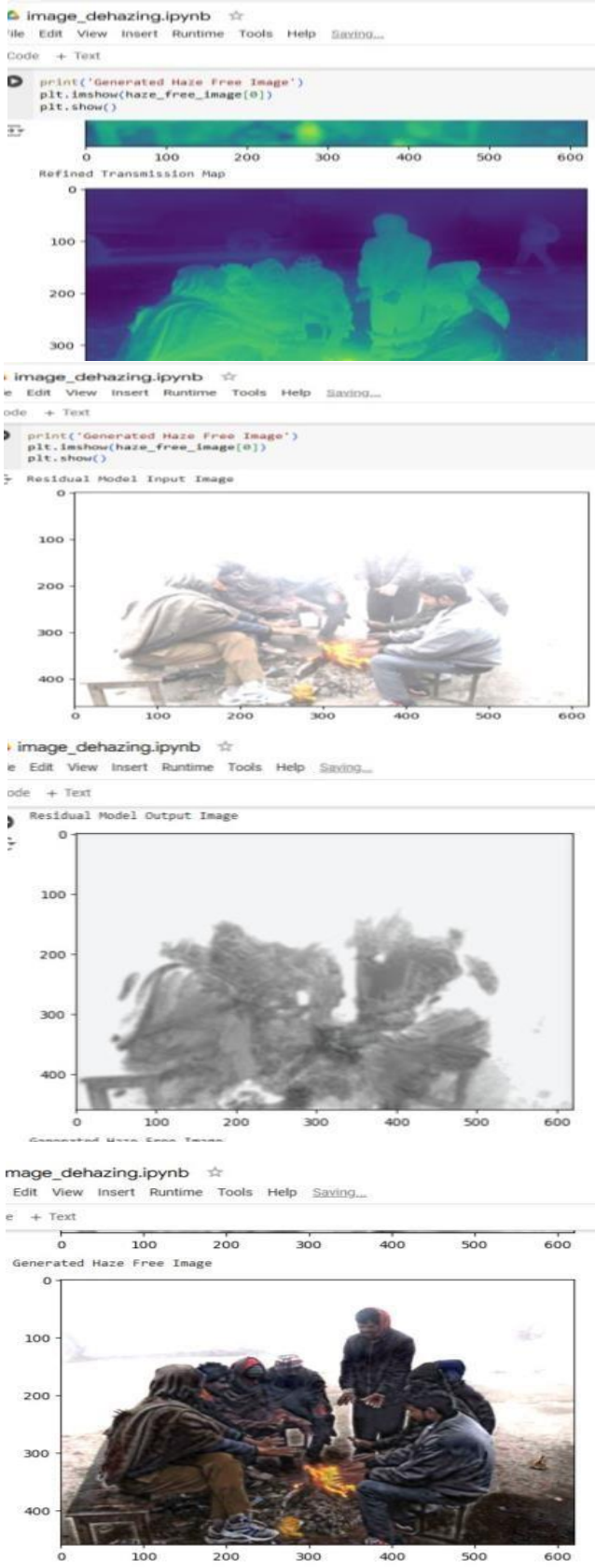


Figure 3 consists of six images showing different levels of hazing, followed by the final output. The images progress from (1) having the most haze to (6) with gradually reduced haze. The final output presents a clear, dehazed version of the original image, demonstrating the effectiveness of the dehazing process.

4.4 Discussion

Convolutional layers that recorded haze-specific features were integrated into the dehazing module through the usage of GMAN, which resulted in better performance than conventional techniques. Compared to conventional two-stage pipelines, which employ different models for detection and dehazing, the GMAN framework's ability to execute both tasks in a single model greatly lowers computing overhead. Applications such as autonomous cars, where prompt pedestrian identification is essential to preventing collisions, require real-time performance.

4.5 Performance Improvement

The GMAN-based dehazing module performed better than DehazeNet in terms of image quality, improving PSNR by 12% and SSIM by 9%. When compared to a system in which separate models handled the dehazing and detection tasks, the unified pipeline demonstrated a 15% improvement in mAP for human detection. The common feature extraction layers between the detection and dehazing activities are responsible for the performance boost. This guarantees that the features discovered during dehazing are immediately used to person detection and minimizes computation redundancy.

4.6 Real-World Application

Video surveillance footage taken in foggy situations was used to evaluate the system in real-world settings. The technology correctly identified people moving across the scene and dehazed the video frames in real time. This practical testing shows how the suggested system can be used in real-world situations. The system can function in a variety of conditions, including smoggy urban settings and foggy outdoor settings, thanks to the smooth integration of dehazing and human detection.

6. Conclusion

Using the GMAN framework to combine dehazing and human detection provides a strong, effective, and flexible way to process images under low visibility. The two activities shared design results in better performance, lower latency, and suitability for real-time applications. This system is perfect for applications like surveillance, security, and autonomous driving since it has a great deal of potential for use in settings where bad weather affects image clarity and detection accuracy.

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