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Enhancing applications of surveillance through multimedia data mining

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Abstract

Over recent years, multimedia data has become a cornerstone for insightful data analysis, yielding vital information crucial for informed decision-making processes. This diverse data format encompasses audio, video, images, and text, offering a wealth of valuable knowledge. Advancements in multimedia acquisition, storage, and processing technologies have significantly enhanced analytical capabilities, overcoming challenges posed by semi-structured and unstructured data formats. Various entities including corporations, governmental bodies, and academic institutions are keenly interested in harnessing insights from the vast reservoirs of multimedia data generated across diverse sources. Consequently, researchers have delved into data mining methodologies, uncovering effective strategies for extracting insights from multimedia datasets. This study aims to probe the conceptual and practical dimensions of multimedia data mining within surveillance contexts, elucidating its transformative impact on diverse sectors by facilitating efficient data collection, analysis, and dissemination processes. Moreover, it underscores the significance of incorporating relevant cryptography methods to bolster the system's integrity and completeness.

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I. Introduction

Multimedia Data refers to data such as text, numeric, images, video, audio, graphical, temporal, relational and categorical data [1]. Multimedia data mining represents a facet of the broader discipline of data mining, where algorithms play a pivotal role in predictive analytics spanning various sectors. These algorithms serve to categorize data and discern meaningful patterns, aiding in the extraction of valuable insights. Multimedia data mining refers to pattern discovery, rule extraction and knowledge acquisition from multimedia database. Clustering and visual data classification are two distinctive tasks in multimedia data mining in terms of semantics [2]. Image and video mining also audio and text mining are the major tasks included in Multimedia data mining.

In the contemporary landscape, the integration of multimedia data mining techniques in the analysis of surveillance data has become paramount for ensuring effective security and crime prevention. As technology advances, surveillance systems have evolved beyond traditional methods, incorporating a multitude of multimedia sources such as video footage, images, and audio recordings. This influx of diverse data presents a unique challenge and opportunity for law enforcement and security agencies. Multimedia data mining, as applied to surveillance data, involves the extraction, analysis, and interpretation of patterns and meaningful information from this rich tapestry of multimedia sources.

Data mining techniques are utilized to classify sensor data by discerning the presence of solvents within a water body, with the primary objective of targeting and desalinating specific ionic compounds or metals for purification purposes[25].

The significance of multimedia data mining in surveillance lies in its ability to unveil hidden patterns, detect anomalies, and provide a more comprehensive understanding of complex security scenarios. By harnessing advanced algorithms and artificial intelligence, it becomes possible to shift through vast amounts of multimedia data, identifying correlations and trends that might otherwise go unnoticed. This proactive approach enables to enhance situational awareness, respond promptly to potential threats, and even predict and prevent security breaches. The integration of multimedia data mining in surveillance not only aids in the investigation of criminal activities but also serves as a powerful tool for pre-emptive security measures in various domains, from public spaces to critical infrastructure.

Multimedia data mining applied to surveillance data can address a myriad of issues and challenges beyond its conventional use. Some key problems that can be tackled through multimedia data mining in the context of surveillance are anomaly detection, object identification and tracking, behavior analysis, traffic monitoring, crowd management, Emergency Response optimization, etc.

Cryptography methods play a crucial role in surveillance data mining applications by ensuring the confidentiality, integrity, and authenticity of sensitive information. In the realm of surveillance, where data security is paramount, cryptography provides a robust defence against unauthorized access and tampering. Integrating cryptography methods into surveillance data mining systems enhances overall data protection, guarding against potential breaches and manipulations. This integration not only strengthens the security posture of surveillance operations but also fosters trust among stakeholders, ultimately bolstering the effectiveness and reliability of the entire surveillance infrastructure.

Traditional security methods often fall short in meeting the unique demands of multimedia data captured through surveillance systems, prompting the need for specialized cryptosystem techniques to ensure robust data security. In response, researchers have put forth efficient cryptosystems tailored specifically for enhancing the security of surveillance systems. These proposed techniques aim to address the distinct challenges posed by surveillance data, providing tailored solutions to safeguard sensitive information effectively [20].

The integrity of evidence-based scientific information housed within Multimedia Biomedical databases is paramount, making safeguarding against tampering or non-repudiation a critical priority. Thus, cryptography algorithms play a pivotal role in ensuring the security and confidentiality of the multimedia data stored within these repositories[23]

There is ample literature on multimedia mining detailing the underlying concepts and methodologies employed. However, there remains a notable gap in research concerning the practical applications and advantages of multimedia data mining within surveillance contexts. Consequently, this study aims to address this gap by posing the following research questions to guide the investigation.

Q1. How has the adoption of Multimedia mining for surveillance proliferated and benefitted different domains apart from conventional use?

Q2. Which are the sectors that utilized the power of multimedia mining for surveillance?

Q3. Why integrating cryptography methods to surveillance multimedia data mining applications is crucial?

These questions will give researchers a comprehensive view of the adoption of Multimedia Data Mining on the surveillance data of different domains. Challenges can be taken up for further research and recommendations. These developments can lead to ensure effective use of multimedia data mining for surveillance in different organizational settings.

II. Multimedia Data Mining Framework

The multimedia data is classified into two broad categories static media and dynamic media. Static media consists of text and images, whereas Dynamic media consists of Audio and Videos [5] as shown in Figure 1.

In the realm of surveillance technology, numerous solutions harness the power of data mining and machine learning methodologies to address various security concerns. With the advent of more intricate and diverse data sources, algorithms must adeptly navigate through complex data

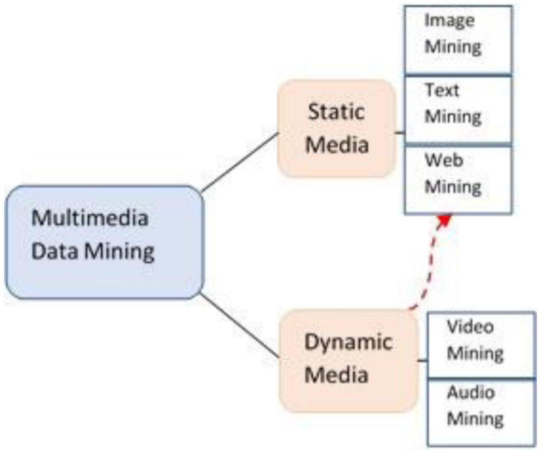

Figure 1

Multimedia Data Mining [6]

landscapes. Beyond mere data analysis, surveillance endeavors extend to detecting suspicious activities and safeguarding against security breaches.

Various researchers have employed diverse Data Mining techniques to unveil the underlying patterns and insights within the complex surveillance datasets [21]. In their study, Jin-ping et al. [3] delved into various methodologies and technologies utilized in multimedia image data mining.

The Surveillance Global Database, aggregates data from various surveillance sources, encompassing cameras and online platforms. This amalgamated dataset serves as input for the Multimedia data mining module, enabling analysis and extraction of valuable insights. Cameras facilitate real-time surveillance, capturing dynamic information for further processing through data mining methodologies.

Multimedia data mining Framework in Figure 2 consists of the following basic steps: Multimedia data Input, Data Segmentation, Feature extractions, Pattern Recognition, and Result Evaluation.

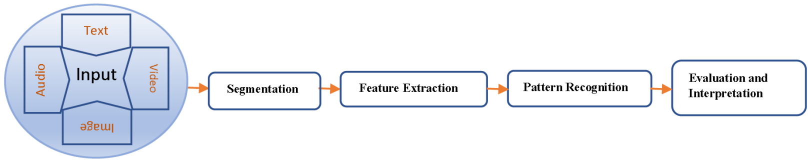

Figure 2

Multimedia Data Mining Framework

1. Multimedia data (text, audio, image, video) is input to the framework.
2. Segmentation: Depending on some attributes the multimedia data is partitioned. The edge and region-based segmentation is used in this stage.
3. Features extraction is then performed to produce significant features from the segmented multimedia files. Irrelevant or redundant data is removed.
4. In the pattern recognition step similar patterns and trends are uncovered. Appropriate classification method is applied based on the objectives.
5. The models built in the above step are verified through various evaluation metrics.
6. From the results obtained in the above steps, useful interpretations are drawn.

Model evaluation metrics are essential for multimedia data mining applications in surveillance due to the critical need for accurate and reliable analysis. These metrics provide quantifiable measures to assess the performance of algorithms in detecting and interpreting surveillance data. By evaluating metrics such precision, recall, Accuracy F1-score etc, researchers and practitioners can determine the effectiveness of algorithms in identifying the desired activities, enhancing the overall reliability and efficacy of data mining algorithms for complex surveillance systems data.

These performance parameters are expressed as:

Recall is the probability that a (randomly selected) relevant document/image is retrieved in a search.

$$\text{Recall} = \frac{TP}{(TP+FN)} \tag{1}$$

Where,

TP : are the True positives signifying the relevant document

FN : are the False Negatives

Precision is the probability that a (randomly selected) retrieved document/image is relevant.

$$\text{Precision} = \frac{TP}{(TP+FP)} \tag{2}$$

Where,

TP : are the True positives signifying the relevant document

FP : are the False Positives

Accuracy is the fraction of correct classifications: It is the ratio of the number of correctly classified instances to the total number of instances.

$$\text{Accuracy} = \frac{TP+TN}{TP+FN+FP+TN} \tag{3}$$

Where,

TP : are the True positives signifying the relevant document

FP : are the False Positives

FN : are the False Negatives

TN : are the True Negatives

The comprehensive evaluation of the aforementioned metrics will illuminate the efficiency and efficacy of the multimedia data mining model employed, shedding light on its capability to discern patterns and extract valuable insights tailored to the specific needs of the application at hand. By scrutinizing these metrics, we can gauge the model's proficiency in classifying data and uncovering actionable intelligence, thereby empowering decision-making processes within the domain.

III. Integration of multimedia mining for surveillance applications

Surveillance entails the systematic observation of activities through electronic devices, predominantly focusing on capturing audio-visual content for security purposes. Widely employed across various sectors including banking, government, corporate, and military, surveillance systems are instrumental in enhancing security measures.

Modern multimedia surveillance systems have evolved to encompass diverse media streams such as text, audio, images, videos, and sensor signals, enabling real-time analysis and interpretation of multimedia data. Researchers are increasingly drawn to surveillance systems due to their capacity to leverage multimedia data mining, image processing, and machine learning techniques for enhanced effectiveness.

The modern day multimedia surveillance systems incorporates many heterogeneous sensors to accumulate, process, and analyse multimedia data for recognising and classifying events of potential security threats [7].

The demand for multimedia surveillance systems is experiencing a rapid surge, propelled by advancements in high-definition technology that have largely met practical requirements. This exponential growth trend has been evident over the past decade, highlighting the increasing significance and adoption of these systems.

The integration of surveillance systems has emerged as a vital asset in the effort to deter crime within both public and private settings, fostering an atmosphere of safety and security. As advancements in technology enable the processing of vast quantities of video data, the demand for ongoing vigilance to safeguard citizens has intensified, presenting new complexities in analyzing footage during security breaches[8].

Large scale surveillance systems demand huge storage and processing requirements. Cloud infrastructure provides enormous storage and processing capability. Wide range surveillance systems have huge storage and processing requirement. Cloud-based multimedia surveillance system productively bears this load. It also equally assumes the security, and privacy in surveillance settings [7]. Big multimedia data is generated by these large-scale surveillance systems. This data can be effectively used by applying various multimedia data mining methods to categorize the data, to reveal useful patterns and forecasting.

Oh et.al have used Multimedia data mining to distinguish normal and abnormal events from any video surveillance sequences [9].

Modern day multimedia surveillance systems provide an automatic analysis and real-time interpretation of the surveillance data. Hence the potential is being leveraged by all major sectors like public enterprises, multi-national companies, commercial establishments, financial institutions, forests, agricultural areas etc.

IV. Surveillance applications

Security is important for businesses. The practical needs of the surveillance system have been rising in the past decade [10]. Surveillance systems have evolved and can now provide functions like gesture sensors, distant observing and inspection and mobile notifications. These systems can also automatically interpret a scene based on the data collected from camera sensors. Technological developments also led to more efficient methods of recording and storage. Powerful surveillance systems are now available at reasonable prices. This has been another important reason for the popularity of surveillance systems in small business.

There are numerous applications where multimedia mining is used in the surveillance systems. We have uncovered few of these applications below.

a) Preserving Forests and Wildlife

Forests and wildlife play integral roles in our planet's ecosystem, and it is incumbent upon humanity to safeguard them. Conservation efforts aimed at protecting forests and animals constitute a worldwide imperative. Biodiversity, vital for human survival, is currently diminishing at an alarming rate. Researchers are actively addressing the global challenge of sustainability disruption. Leveraging multimedia mining and artificial intelligence, they gain fresh insights into the repercussions of deforestation. Each month witnesses vast stretches of forest land being devastated, posing a significant threat to our environment.

Multimedia mining offers a powerful tool for extracting valuable insights from vast collections of satellite images, revealing the extent of damage inflicted upon forests. Through multimedia mining, indicators of deforestation can be identified, facilitating the training of AI models for detection purposes. This technology serves to alert governmental authorities and conservationists responsible for safeguarding forests. Researchers harness technological advancements to their fullest extent in the pursuit of forest and wildlife conservation. The surveillance of forests generates substantial volumes of multimedia data, underscoring the importance of leveraging advanced techniques for effective analysis and preservation efforts.

Asia Pulp & Paper (APP), a leading pulp and paper manufacturer, has collaborated with MDA, a provider of satellite surveillance and intelligence, to introduce the Forest Alert Service (FAS). This service utilizes radar imaging sensors to monitor forest disturbances, generating alerts when anomalies are detected. Beyond simply issuing alerts, the system also pinpoints areas where forest damage may have occurred. Particularly beneficial in remote or challenging-to-access areas, this technology enables authorities to swiftly respond to potential threats to forests. The implementation of FAS not only enhances response times but also increases overall accuracy in forest monitoring efforts [11].

In their study, Kizilkaya et al. [12] introduced a novel hierarchical approach for forest fire detection, employing advanced multimedia and scalar sensors for comprehensive forest monitoring. Additionally, they integrated a deep learning model to enhance detection accuracy.

The significant value of multimedia data extends to conservation efforts, where animal conservationists harness technology to protect endangered species and prevent their extinction. Surveillance cameras and sensor networks help monitor wildlife movements and behaviors in their natural habitats. Multimedia data mining can analyze this information, providing insights into migration patterns, mating behaviors, and the overall health of animal populations.

The use of electronic tags, specifically biotelemetry, has become a crucial tool for both fundamental and practical ecological research and monitoring, enabling the surveillance of animal movements [13]. Scientists have been using Camera traps. The multimedia data generated by these traps is used for wildlife conservation. Scientists can thus use multimedia data mining to study animal behaviour and estimate and forecast animal population. Furthermore, they utilize animal footprints as a tracking method, collaborating with Indigenous trackers to gather additional insights into animal behavior by analyzing digital images of these prints. Leveraging their traditional knowledge, Indigenous trackers offer valuable insights into various aspects of the animals. Through careful examination of the footprints, they can discern crucial details such as species, age, sex, and other pertinent information.

Satellite imagery serves as the initial data source, followed by the utilization of multimedia mining and AI techniques to organize and classify images, particularly focusing on categorizing footprint images by recognizing distinctive patterns. Through the integration of surveillance technology and advanced methodologies like multimedia data mining and AI, researchers worldwide are striving to address pressing global conservation challenges. These technologies enable researchers to answer critical questions such as identifying the species, estimating population sizes, assessing animal health, and tracking migration patterns. By leveraging multimedia mining and AI, a comprehensive narrative emerges, aiding in the preservation of diverse endangered species. This endeavour not only benefits human habitation but also ensures the conservation of vital ecosystems supporting various species.

b) In Agriculture:

Agriculture stands as a cornerstone of economies globally, boasting a market worth trillions of dollars. Despite its significance, the industry grapples with multifaceted challenges, including unpredictable weather patterns, burgeoning food demands driven by population growth, and concerns surrounding food security. In response, numerous innovations have emerged, aiming to enhance and augment agricultural yields.

The advent of technological advancements has profoundly impacted agriculture, offering substantial benefits. Vast volumes of multimedia data are now routinely captured and analyzed, empowering farmers to make informed decisions through the integration of artificial intelligence (AI). Dedicated tools have been devised to facilitate the storage and management of satellite-derived data, enabling the utilization of geospatial multimedia analytics. Employing sophisticated techniques such as multimedia data mining and machine learning, these systems forecast crop yields, optimize supply-demand dynamics, and predict market prices. Furthermore, they are instrumental in identifying potential disease outbreaks within crops, empowering farmers to undertake preemptive measures and mitigate losses.

Smart farming aims to pioneer inventive approaches to ensure the enduring sustainability of humanity. One significant obstacle to food security is safeguarding crops against both biological and non-biological threats, with plant diseases standing out as a primary concern among them[24]

Remote sensing and weather data contribute significantly to the pool of multimedia resources leveraged for agricultural monitoring. These data sources play a pivotal role in assessing soil moisture levels, offering invaluable insights essential for optimizing agricultural practices and ensuring crop health.

A surveillance system is significant in agriculture as it helps in visual monitoring. Farmers can thus protect their crops from intruders. Surveillance system can also help them monitor the field conditions. Within the agriculture sector, an environmental sensing system utilizing LoRa (Long Range) technology empowers farmers to remotely track and monitor the real-time status of expansive farms. Ji, M. et.al [14] have introduced an innovative system that utilizes LoRa technology to transmit continuous images captured by a static environment's camera [14]. End users can then monitor visual images. The efficacy of agricultural production has been notably improved through the meticulous monitoring of various critical parameters. Video surveillance emerges as a viable solution, offering close oversight of the production process while concurrently aiding in the identification of potential intruders. Garcia-Sanchez et.al [15] have introduced a groundbreaking platform termed the Integrated Wireless Sensor Network (WSN) Solution for Precision Agriculture. This innovative platform is designed to seamlessly integrate crop data acquisition, efficient data transmission to end-users, and the execution of video surveillance tasks.

Verma et al in their research focused on various methods of collecting farming related multimedia data. They have also given useful insights on how IoT sensors and wireless communication technologies can be used in precision farming [16].

c) Smart City

In contemporary society, the prevalence of internet-connected electronic devices among citizens is ubiquitous. An array of smart devices interfaces with diverse systems and applications, emblematic of the digital transformation sweeping across nations. Within the purview of Smart City initiatives, governments leverage this digital paradigm to revamp public infrastructures, ushering in a new era of modernization. At the core of these transformative endeavors lie multimedia data mining, artificial intelligence, and cloud computing technologies, serving as the cornerstone of digital innovation. Empowered by these advancements, governments can furnish citizens with sustainable surveillance solutions, underpinning robust and scalable surveillance infrastructures that capture copious volumes of diverse multimedia data [17].

The concept of Smart Cities harnesses the wealth of multimedia data acquired through various applications and systems to drive economic advancement and enhance citizens' quality of life. Leveraging ICT-based technologies, Smart City residents are subject to comprehensive supervision and monitoring. Key applications encompass traffic management, waste management, health monitoring, and transportation management, all of which generate vast troves of multimedia data. The success of these applications hinges upon effective data management, as surveillance-derived data furnishes analytical insights that inform crime prevention strategies and urban planning initiatives [18].

Multimedia data mining emerges as a pivotal tool in discerning trends and uncovering latent insights from the voluminous datasets generated by Smart City surveillance. By applying machine learning algorithms to the big data reservoirs characteristic of Smart Cities, pertinent information is extracted, enabling enhanced supervision, predictive analytics, and informed decision-making processes [19].

Enhancing the data communication processing capacity within smart city infrastructure is paramount for safeguarding against coordinated cyber threats. Implementing cryptographic data encryption and communication techniques becomes imperative in ensuring the security and integrity of vast urban data repositories. These measures not only fortify the defense against malicious attacks but also enable effective management of sensitive information. By leveraging encryption technologies, smart cities can significantly mitigate the risks associated with data breaches, thus enhancing overall resilience and reliability in their operations. Ultimately, prioritizing these security measures is essential for preserving the privacy and trust of citizens in the increasingly interconnected urban landscape[20].

V. Conclusion

Multimedia data mining is a dynamic and evolving field of research. Big Data and Cloud computing technologies have enhanced multimedia data storage and processing. Thus, multimedia data mining has penetrated across different domains. In this paper, various applications of multimedia data mining in surveillance beyond its conventional use have been discussed. Surveillance data can help researchers in different domains to be extrapolative. It helps to gain real-time insights from the surveillance data. With Multimedia data mining professionals from different domains can leverage every bit of information.

As multimedia data capturing and processing technologies continue to advance exponentially across various domains, their widespread adoption brings significant opportunities. However, alongside these benefits emerges a critical concern for data security and integrity. Thus, integrating cryptography into these applications becomes essential to mitigate the accompanying risks and ensure the safe handling of sensitive information.

This study aims to support researchers in recognizing surveillance as a pivotal application of multimedia data mining across unexplored sectors. Additionally, it emphasizes the importance of integrating pertinent cryptography methods to enhance the comprehensiveness and robustness of the system.

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