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Main research themes and their characteristics

[An Aerial Handwritten Character Recognition]

We had prototyped an aerial handwritten hiragana character recognition system that detect single character period by hovering in the air using DP (dynamic programming) matching.

Recently, we investigate an aerial handwritten character recognition system using machine learning. We use two features, vector and picture. Feature of vector is relative direction of handwriting information. It is a time series information so we use LSTM(Long Short Term Memory) to learn data of characters. Feature of picture is absolutely handwriting information. We use CNN(Convolution Neural Network) to learn data of characters, because this model is suitable for picture recognize. We compared correct recognition rate of using LSTM and using CNN. We estimated features of both methods.

Fig. 1 shows an example of studying recognition of characters written in the air.

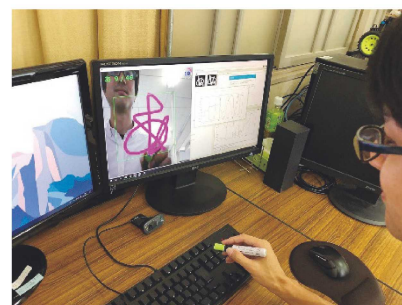


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[Weeding Robot "TAMBA" for Paddy Fields]

Since the agricultural population is decreasing and the agricultural workers are aging, it is required to efficiently perform agricultural work and reduce the load.

On the other hand, increased public interest in food safety and clean agriculture (e.g., ecological agriculture, organic culture and agrochemical-free cultivation) is driving a production system change from dependence on and use of agrochemicals toward their elimination. However, this raises a huge time- and labor-consuming problem with weeds. The weeding robot "TAMBA" we propose decreases weeds in paddy fields without resorting to herbicides.

"TAMBA" is supposed to run along a row of rice. Therefore, we studied the function of detecting rice rows by image processing based on the images taken by the camera mounted on "TAMBA". Additionally, we implemented a web server so that "TAMBA" can be operated and monitored from a home PC or a local smartphone.

Fig.2 shows a prototype of "TAMBA" developed jointly with Shimano Co., Ltd. and National Institute of Technology, Fukui College.



Fig.2 a prototype of "TAMBA"

Major academic publications

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