Examining and Invigilating Distance & Online Courses using QuestionMark and Remote Online Invigilation

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- Online exams & invigilation - what Informatics does
- Other online & invigilation assessment options
- Cheating?

DSTI Programme
3 years experience using QuestionMark and ProctorU
Online Exams - What Informatics Does

- 2018/19: 5 courses, 55 students
- Exams via QuestionMark: University supported web service, times overlap with on-campus exams, same exam content, EASE access
- Invigilation via ProctorU external service: c. 20 GBP/student/hour, video and biometric monitoring, reports, support for online difficulties, online exam access preparation
- Marking from printouts: downloaded word document
5. **Q1d:** Why does using normalised RGB data help compensate for illumination variations? When would using normalised RGB make the problem harder?

6. **Q1e:** Think of the ball tracking example in the lecture. If you were only watching the ball fall, without observing any bounce or stopping, you would only need a simple state model. Is there any advantage to using the Condensation Tracking in this scenario? Why or why not?
Sample Student Exam

Coaching Report

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Questions

1. Q1a

Question wording

Q1a. Give five examples of representations (or outputs) that a deep net can compute when applied to one or more images, as discussed in the course.

Answer given

A deep net can perform multi-class classification, in which case it outputs a vector of probabilities for an image, one for each class, and the probabilities sum to 1.

It can also output a real number, such as the height of a person in the image.

It can output the optical flow at each pixel of the image.

It can output a label for each pixel for image segmentation. The label would correspond to a class for each pixel from a fixed set of classes, such as grass, pavement, sky etc in an outdoor scene.

It could output the image depth at each pixel.

2. Q1b

Question wording

Q1b. Suppose you are building an inspection system for T shaped biscuits that are coming down a conveyor belt. You want to make sure that the edges of the biscuits are correctly formed (e.g. no
Other Question Types in QuestionMark

• Multiple choice: single or multiple answers
• Box fill in
• Click on answer
• Likert scale: strongly agree ... strongly disagree
• Ordering possible answers
• Graphical drag and drop
Some Other Online Assessment Options

- **Learn**: Multiple choice, true/false, fill in blank, free text, and more

- **Turnitin**: PDF text input, review for plagiarism, some markup tools, fill in the box grading forms with score accumulation
Online Invigilation: ProctorU

- Browser based, access QuestionMark at UoE by URL
- Browser & PC lockdown
- Video & audio monitoring
- Keyboard biometrics
- Webcam: initial room scan, face monitoring
- Screen monitoring
- Session recorded
- Passport ID verification
- 20 GBP/student/hour
ProctorU Monitoring Screen
Issues Encountered

• ProctorU or QuestionMark exam window timeout: use generous time windows
• Time zones and unsociable exam hours
• IS exam support (Saturday exams - IS is great so far)
• Dropout of internet connection (Board of Examiners)
• Text only (no formula editor or sketch input)
How to cheat (see YouTube guides)

- Inspect HTML for answer
- Text sharing
- Notes on wall/hand
- Speak to others
- Substitute sitter
- Screen share
- Video glasses and ear speaker

ProctorU methods should catch these
Other Online Invigilation Services

- ProctorExam - software product, needs service partner
- Oracle/Pearson VUE - online service
- Examity - online service
- Talview - online service
- Pearson VUE - big scale exams (1000s of students), at exam centres
Questions?
More on Online Exams and Invigilation

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