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Adaptive Enhancement Strategy for Multimodal Image Fusion in Behavior Monitoring for Remote Education Environments

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ABSTRACT

Driven by advancements in information technology, remote education has rapidly emerged as a flexible learning model that transcends time and space constraints. Behavior monitoring plays a vital role in ensuring the quality of remote instruction. However, the complexity of remote learning environments—marked by variations in lighting conditions and scene differences—poses significant challenges for accurate behavior monitoring based on multimodal image data. Existing multimodal image fusion methods often fail to effectively utilize deep-level features, while deep learning-based approaches exhibit limited capacity for adaptive fusion in complex scenarios. Furthermore, conventional data augmentation techniques generally lack task-specific strategies tailored for behavior monitoring in remote education, and methods such as generative adversarial networks (GANs) suffer from issues like mode collapse and suboptimal performance in multimodal data augmentation. This paper addresses the challenge of adaptive enhancement in multimodal image fusion for behavior monitoring in remote education. We propose a diffusion model-based multimodal image generation algorithm that extracts latent features across different modalities to synthesize high-quality fused data, mitigating data scarcity and quality issues. Additionally, we introduce a task-oriented adaptive enhancement method that dynamically optimizes augmentation strategies based on the learning context and monitoring requirements, thereby improving data diversity and model adaptability. The proposed framework provides more accurate data support for remote education behavior monitoring, significantly enhancing the generalization and robustness of monitoring models. These findings offer theoretical and practical value for personalized education and the advancement of multimodal data processing technologies.

1. INTRODUCTION

With the rapid development of information technology, remote education, as a new education model that breaks the limitations of time and space [1-3], is ushering in unprecedented development opportunities. With the popularization of the Internet and the continuous improvement of online education platforms, more and more students are choosing to acquire knowledge through remote education [4, 5], making the status of remote education increasingly important in the education system. In the process of remote education, behavior monitoring of students is a key link to ensure teaching quality and learning effectiveness [6, 7]. Through behavior monitoring, teachers can understand students' learning status, participation level, and encountered problems in real time [8, 9], so as to adjust teaching strategies in a targeted manner and provide more personalized guidance. However, the remote education environment is diverse and complex [10], and students may study in different scenarios such as at home, in libraries, etc. The lighting conditions, background environments, and students' postures and actions in these scenarios may vary greatly, posing challenges for behavior monitoring. Multimodal image fusion technology can integrate image information from different modalities [11, 12], such as RGB images, depth images, infrared images, etc., providing richer and more comprehensive data support for behavior monitoring, and therefore has important application value in remote education behavior monitoring.

With the rapid expansion of online education, the number of students participating in remote learning in China has exceeded 420 million per year. However, the effectiveness of existing behavior monitoring technologies faces significant challenges in complex environments. According to reports, traditional single-modal monitoring systems experience a missed detection rate of up to 42.7% in dimly lit home settings and multi-device interaction scenarios. Furthermore, over 35% of student attention misjudgments are caused by poor data quality, directly leading to a 28% decline in the accuracy of personalized teaching strategy alignment. A provincial survey revealed that in models trained without enhanced data, the recognition accuracy for key behaviors such as "writing on a whiteboard" and "touchscreen operations" was only 59.3%—

far below the 85% benchmark required for remote education quality assessment. Data gaps and quality deficiencies have become core bottlenecks hindering the deployment of intelligent monitoring systems, highlighting the urgent need to overcome current limitations through multimodal data augmentation techniques.

Research on adaptive enhancement methods for multimodal image fusion strategies in behavior monitoring for remote education environments has important theoretical and practical significance. This research can enrich the theoretical system of multimodal image fusion and behavior monitoring, and provide new ideas and methods for related studies. By deeply studying the adaptive enhancement mechanism in the multimodal image fusion process, we can better understand the complementary relationships and fusion patterns between different modal images, providing theoretical support for constructing more efficient and intelligent fusion models. Accurate behavior monitoring can help teachers understand students' learning situations in time and provide a basis for personalized teaching, thereby improving the quality and effectiveness of remote education. In addition, the research results can also be applied to other similar remote monitoring scenarios, such as remote medical monitoring, remote industrial monitoring, etc., and have broad application prospects.

Although many scholars have carried out research on multimodal image fusion and behavior monitoring, there are still some shortcomings and deficiencies in adaptive enhancement for remote education environments. For example, in multimodal image fusion, traditional fusion methods such as pixel-based weighted averaging and transform-domain fusion methods [13-15] often fail to fully utilize the feature information of different modal images, and the fusion effect is limited. In recent years, deep learning-based fusion methods have made some progress. For example, literature [16] proposed a multimodal image fusion method based on convolutional neural networks, which fuses by extracting deep features of images and improves the quality of the fused images. However, this method has insufficient adaptability in the face of the complex and variable environments in remote education, and it is difficult to dynamically adjust the fusion strategy according to different scenarios and requirements. In terms of data augmentation, existing data augmentation methods such as random cropping, flipping, scaling, etc. [17-19], are mostly general-purpose strategies and do not fully consider the specificity of the remote education behavior monitoring task. Singh and Bruzzone [20] proposed a data augmentation method based on GAN, which can generate more realistic image data, but this method is prone to mode collapse during the generation process, and the enhancement effect for multimodal data is not ideal.

This paper mainly focuses on the research of adaptive enhancement of multimodal image fusion data for remote education behavior monitoring. Specifically, a multimodal image generation algorithm based on diffusion models is designed. This algorithm can fully utilize the latent features of different modal images to generate high-quality multimodal fused images, effectively solving the problems of insufficient and low-quality multimodal image data in remote education. At the same time, a data adaptive enhancement method for remote education behavior monitoring tasks is proposed. This method can dynamically adjust data augmentation strategies according to different learning scenarios and behavior monitoring needs, improve data diversity and task relevance, and thereby enhance the performance of behavior monitoring models. The value of this research lies in proposing a multimodal image generation algorithm based on diffusion models and a data adaptive enhancement method, providing a more effective solution for remote education behavior monitoring. On the one hand, it improves the fusion quality and generation ability of multimodal images, providing richer and more accurate data support for behavior monitoring; on the other hand, it enhances the specificity and adaptability of data augmentation, and improves the generalization and robustness of behavior monitoring models. The research results can not only be applied to the field of remote education to improve teaching quality and learning outcomes, but also provide reference and inspiration for multimodal data processing and behavior monitoring in other related fields, with important theoretical significance and practical application value. Compared to traditional GANs and Variational Autoencoders (VAEs), diffusion models demonstrate distinct advantages in the visualization of temporal features. This paper compares the core performance metrics of all three models, and experimental results confirm that the proposed model significantly improves the structural similarity of the generated feature images while maintaining low computational complexity, making it more suitable for handling high-dimensional temporal behavioral data.

2. ADAPTIVE ENHANCEMENT OF MULTIMODAL IMAGE FUSION DATA FOR REMOTE EDUCATION BEHAVIOR MONITORING

In remote education scenarios, the acquisition of learners' behavior data faces significant challenges of environmental heterogeneity and modality diversity. From the spatial dimension, students may study in different scenarios such as at home, in study rooms, or outdoors, where the lighting conditions, background complexity, and device deployment methods vary greatly, resulting in single-modal images being unable to stably capture key behavioral features. For example, under low light, RGB images may suffer from noise and blurring, and in complex backgrounds, the edge information of human postures may be obscured. Although the introduction of multimodal images can compensate for the shortcomings of single modality, the resolution differences, spatiotemporal alignment deviations, and semantic information complementarity among different modality data often lead to feature conflicts or information redundancy when directly fused, making it difficult to form a complete characterization of learning behavior. In addition, the large-scale application of remote education results in a scarcity of labeled data, and students' behavior patterns dynamically change with the learning stage. Therefore, there is an urgent need for a multimodal image fusion and data enhancement strategy that can be dynamically optimized according to real-time scenarios to generate high-quality training data and inference inputs that meet the requirements of behavior monitoring.

The adaptive enhancement algorithm of multimodal image fusion data for remote education behavior monitoring proposed in this paper achieves adaptive enhancement starting from the efficient extraction and deep fusion of multimodal features. Figure 1 shows the proposed algorithm architecture. Aiming at the heterogeneous characteristics of multimodal images such as RGB, depth, and infrared in remote education

scenarios, the designed multimodal feature online generation module dynamically captures key behavioral cues under different modalities through hierarchical convolution and attention mechanisms. For example, the color texture features of facial micro-expressions and hand gestures in RGB images, the spatial positional relationships of limbs in depth images, and the body temperature distribution and motion thermal imaging trajectories in infrared images. These multi-dimensional features are mapped into the latent variable space of the diffusion model, which can break the semantic barriers between modalities and generate synthetic data that conforms to the distribution of remote education scenarios. On this basis, the enhanced gate-controlled self-attention module adaptively allocates weights to selectively fuse learning behavior-related features and suppress complex background noise, thereby retaining high-discriminative behavior feature attributes. This generative modeling not only solves the defects of the original multimodal data in terms of spatiotemporal alignment and resolution differences, but also generates high-quality fused images with realistic scenario distribution through the noise elimination of the diffusion process, providing richer training materials for behavior monitoring models.

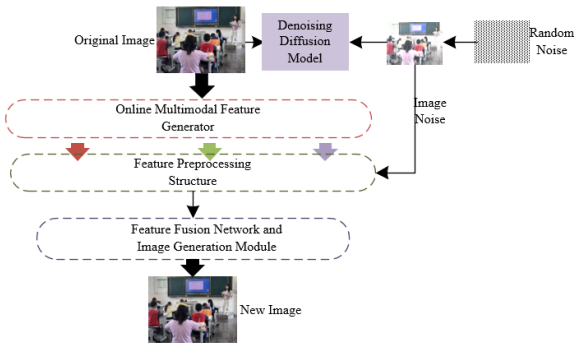

Figure 1. Algorithm architecture of adaptive enhancement of multimodal image fusion data for remote education behavior monitoring

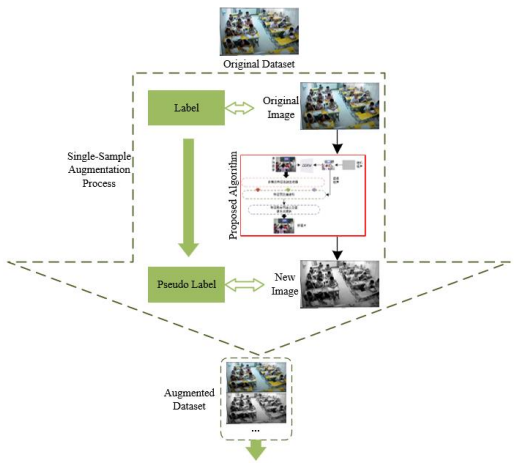

Figure 2. Diagram of adaptive enhancement process of multimodal image data

Based on the generated multimodal fused images, the data adaptive enhancement method is guided by the core requirements of remote education behavior monitoring and constructs a closed-loop mechanism of "feature retention - label alignment - strategy dynamic adjustment". Firstly, semantic labeling is performed on the synthetic images through pseudo-label generation technology to ensure that the target behavioral features in the new sample images are strictly aligned with the label space of the monitoring task, avoiding annotation bias caused by feature distortion in traditional data augmentation. Secondly, according to the monitoring focus of different teaching stages, an adaptive enhancement strategy library is designed to dynamically select operations such as illumination adjustment, scale transformation, and local feature enhancement. For example, in infrared-RGB fused images generated under low light conditions, the contrast of hand operation areas is specifically enhanced, and background clutter interference is weakened; in depth images of multi-person learning scenarios, the spatial coordinate information of human skeleton joints is highlighted. This task-driven enhancement method not only expands the diversity of data samples but also avoids the destruction of key behavior features by general enhancement methods, so that the enhanced data can accurately match the input requirements of the behavior monitoring model, ultimately improving the detection accuracy and generalization ability of the model in complex remote education environments. Figure 2 shows the diagram of the adaptive enhancement process of multimodal image data.

2.1 Algorithm framework

The adaptive enhancement algorithm proposed in this paper is based on the diffusion model and constructs a three-level processing architecture of "feature extraction - cross-modal fusion - scene generation", specifically adapted to the complex characteristics of remote education multimodal images. Firstly, the modality feature online generation module uses lightweight convolutional networks and attention mechanisms to automatically parse multi-dimensional inputs such as color textures of RGB images, spatial coordinates of depth images, and thermal radiation distributions of infrared images, without manually preset feature extraction rules, significantly reducing the algorithm's dependence on specific devices or scenarios. While inheriting the prior knowledge of the stable diffusion model, the backbone network weights are frozen to retain its strong image generation capability. At the same time, a customized feature fusion module for remote education scenarios is improved: in the feature preprocessing stage, a text encoder is used to convert the description of the teaching scenario into a semantic feature sequence, which is input into the U-shaped network together with image modality features. The multi-level attention feature fusion units and enhanced gate-controlled self-attention modules designed inside the network can dynamically capture the behavior-associated features between different modalities. For example, aligning the hand motion area in RGB images with the three-dimensional coordinates in depth images enhances the feature expression of key behaviors such as "writing" and "clicking on the screen". Finally, the high-dimensional fused features are sampled through a variational encoder to generate new images that retain the behavioral attributes of the original scenario and conform to real-world distribution, ensuring that the generated data is deeply consistent with remote education scenarios in terms of semantics and geometric structure.

Based on the generation of high-quality multimodal fused images, the algorithm constructs an adaptive data augmentation process of "generation - labeling - diversified enhancement" directly serving the behavior monitoring task. Firstly, the behavior labels of the original samples are directly

mapped to the newly generated images through pseudo-label mapping technology. By utilizing the object consistency between the generated image and the original image, the precise alignment of labels and target features is ensured, avoiding the label noise caused by semantic distortion in traditional data augmentation. Secondly, by introducing scene prompts and random parameter control, each generated image produces reasonable variations in non-critical features such as target appearance and environmental conditions while retaining the core attributes required for behavior monitoring. This task-oriented enhancement strategy not only expands the diversity of data samples but also avoids the damage to behavior-discriminative features caused by general enhancement methods through a feature retention mechanism. Finally, the generated multimodal images and pseudo-labeled data together constitute an enhanced dataset, providing richer and more representative training samples for behavior monitoring models, effectively improving the detection accuracy and robustness of the model in actual remote education environments.

2.2 Online generation module for multimodal features

The online generation module for multimodal features realizes the automatic parsing and structured expression of multimodal features in remote education scenarios through three parallel channels, primarily addressing the limitations of traditional methods that rely on manual feature engineering. Figure 3 shows the architecture of the online generation module for multimodal features. Channel 1 performs pixel-level semantic modeling on RGB images based on semantic segmentation technology, subdividing entities in the remote education scene into 150 category labels and generating semantic masks containing target categories and positional information. This fine-grained semantic description can not only accurately locate the key carriers of learning behaviors but also provide explicit category constraints for the subsequent generation process, avoiding irrelevant background interference in behavior monitoring. Channel 2 introduces a monocular depth estimation algorithm to extract the depth value of each pixel from the 2D image and diffuse it to each channel, constructing a depth feature map that implies 3D spatial relationships. Combined with the semantic mask, this feature can accurately depict behavioral-related geometric attributes such as the spatial angle of the student's sitting posture and depth changes in the operation trajectory, compensating for the lack of spatial information in the single RGB modality and providing cross-dimensional positional association basis for multimodal fusion.

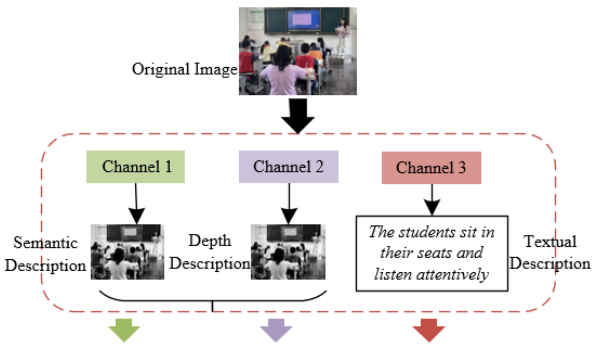

Figure 3. Architecture of the online generation module for multimodal features

Channel 3 adopts the BLIP algorithm to achieve vision-language cross-modal alignment, converting remote education scene images into natural language descriptions and generating textual feature sequences containing environmental conditions, target behaviors, and interaction objects. This design breaks through the limitation of traditional generation models relying on fixed textual labels, enabling the algorithm to flexibly adjust the generation direction according to dynamic scene requirements. The output features of the three major channels form a complement in the subsequent processing: semantic segmentation provides category information of "what the target is", depth estimation clarifies "where the target is" in spatial coordinates, and textual descriptions supplement "what is done in which scene" in contextual semantics. These three jointly form a multimodal feature vector, which is input into the U-Net of the diffusion model for cross-modal fusion. Specifically, assuming that the descriptors of scene target quantity, target color, target category, and actions are represented by Q_l, Q_x, Q_{zx}, and Q_n respectively, the basic structure of the text input corresponding to each original remote education scene is:

$$Q_v + Q_x + Q_{zx} + Q_n \tag{1}$$

This multi-dimensional feature decoupling mechanism not only reduces the algorithm's strict dependence on the preprocessed data format but also retains the core elements required for behavior monitoring in remote education through automated feature generation. Target category, spatial position, and contextual semantics lay the feature foundation for subsequently generating high-quality fused images and adapting to behavior monitoring tasks.

2.3 Feature preprocessing

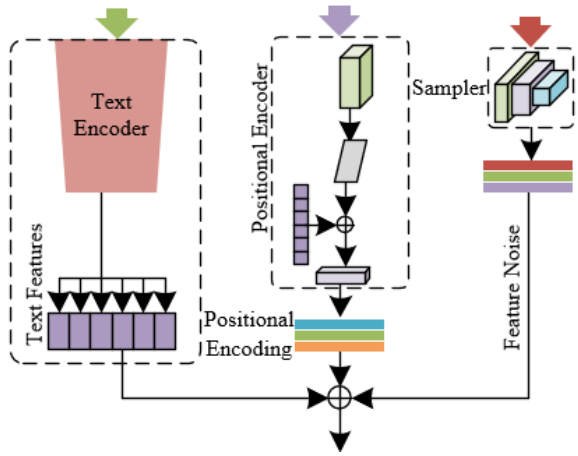

Figure 4. Architecture of the feature preprocessing module

The core of feature preprocessing is to convert heterogeneous information such as textual semantics, spatial depth, and target categories in remote education scenarios into a unified feature space capable of efficient interaction. The key principle lies in modality decoupling and structured alignment. Figure 4 shows the architecture of the feature preprocessing module. For text input, the algorithm inherits the OpenCLIP module of the stable diffusion model and maps the scene description text into a high-dimensional feature sequence $g^z = [g^z_1, g^z_2, \ldots, g^z_v]$ through contrastive learning. This sequence not only retains entity concepts such as "laboratory" and

"microscope" but also captures the contextual association of behavior verbs like "operation", providing semantic guidance for the generation process. For semantic features t and depth features f, a spatial sampler composed of multiple layers of 4×4 convolution is used for downsampling, converting different modal images into feature noise maps adapted to the original image size, solving the alignment difficulty caused by resolution differences in multimodal data. Through such structured processing, the algorithm transforms the original multimodal input into a set of target-feature pairs h =[(t_1, ,f_1), (t_2,f_2), …, (t_v , f_v)], where each element corresponds to an independent target in the remote education scenario, such as students, teaching aids, or interactive behavior regions, clearly labeling their category semantics and spatial location, and providing fine-grained feature anchors for subsequent cross-modal fusion. Assuming that the downsampling of semantic and depth inputs is represented by $d_t(\cdot)$ and $d_f(\cdot)$, and the channel-wise concatenation of inputs is represented by $O_{CAT}(\cdot,\cdot)$, the original image input is u, random noise is v_e, the encoding of these using an autoencoder is represented by $D_{XR}(\cdot)$, the sampling method of the diffusion model is $T(\cdot)$, and the resulting image noise is g^u, then:

$$g^h = O_{CAT}\left(d_t(t), d_f(f)\right) \tag{2}$$

$$g^u = T\left(D_{XR}(u) + v_e\right) \tag{3}$$

After completing modal alignment, the algorithm uses a lightweight *ConvNeXt-T* network module to perform deep semantic mining of multimodal features, avoiding the computational redundancy of traditional heavy networks and adapting to the possible lightweight deployment needs in remote education. This module extracts local details and global structures of the target layer by layer through hierarchical convolution operations, especially enhancing the feature response of key regions for behavior monitoring. At the same time, a linear module is introduced to embed positional encoding information, converting pixel coordinates in 2D images into learnable positional vectors to ensure that the generation model retains strict spatial positional associations when processing multimodal features. For example, binding the semantic label of the “mouse click” action with the depth coordinates of the screen area to avoid target position shift or semantic misalignment during the generation process. Finally, the text feature sequence g^z and the modality-aligned features h jointly form the network input, forming a three-level preprocessing system of "scene semantic guidance – target feature alignment – spatial position constraint". Assuming that the aligned input is represented by a, the *ConvNeXt-T* network module and linear module are represented by $V_{ZV}(\cdot)$ and V_M respectively, and the preset positional encoding is o, the high-dimensional feature sequence after preprocessing such as size adjustment is g^r, then:

$$O(a) = V_M\left(V_{ZV}(a) + o\right) \tag{4}$$

$$g^r = \left[O(h_t), O(h_r)\right] \tag{5}$$

The above operations not only solve the interaction inefficiency caused by multimodal data heterogeneity but also provide structured and high-quality input from the feature level by retaining the core features required for behavior monitoring, supporting the subsequent diffusion model to generate high-fidelity fused images and perform adaptive data enhancement, and ensuring the understanding accuracy of behavior monitoring models for complex remote education scenarios.

2.4 Feature fusion

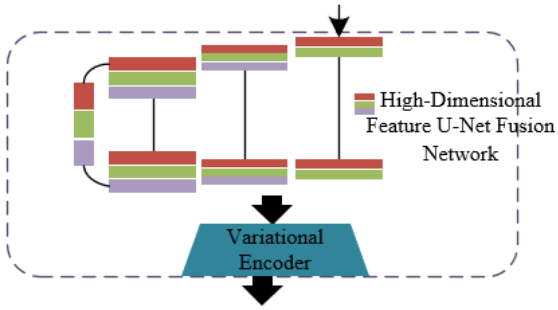

Figure 5. Architecture of the feature fusion network and image generation module

Figure 5 shows the architecture of the feature fusion network and image generation module. The enhanced gated self-attention module constructs a three-level feature fusion system of "semantic–depth–spatial" within the U-Net, dynamically adjusting the interaction weights of multimodal information through learnable parameters, ensuring the consistency between scene structure and behavioral semantics in remote education scenarios. The module architecture is shown in Figure 6. The module first introduces the learnable parameters: modality fusion coefficient η initialized to 0 and conditional information weight β, which respectively control the fusion strength between latent features and conditional inputs such as textual semantics and depth coordinates. The first layer of the gated self-attention module performs cross-modal alignment between the category labels generated by semantic segmentation and the scene semantics from text descriptions through a cross-attention mechanism, extracting latent features rich in behavioral semantics and enhancing the model’s semantic understanding of "what the target is" and "what is being done". The second layer of the gated self-attention module introduces spatial coordinate information obtained from monocular depth estimation and performs layer-by-layer fusion of depth features with visual semantic features through residual connections, generating fused features 2 with precise positional constraints. For example, the semantic label of the “mouse click” action is bound with the depth coordinates of the screen region, ensuring that the spatial relationship between the hand position and the operation interface in the generated image conforms to real physical logic. Assuming that the visual feature representation of the scene is denoted by n=[n_1, n_2,…,n_V], the self-attention network and cross-attention network are denoted by V_{TX} and V_{ZX}, and the visual feature selector is denoted by $S_t(\cdot)$. The expression of the gated self-attention module is given by:

$$n = V_{ZX}\left(n + S_t\left(V_{TX}\left(\left[n, g_t^r\right]\right)\right), z\right) \tag{6}$$

The gated self-attention module is given by the following expression:

$$n = n + \beta \cdot \tanh(\eta) \cdot V_{ZX}\left(S_t\left(V_{TX}\left(\left[n, g_t^r\right]\right)\right), z\right) \tag{7}$$

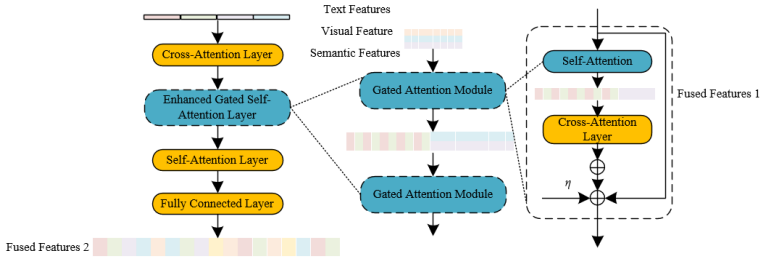

Figure 6. Architecture of the enhanced gated attention module

The above hierarchical fusion mechanism avoids the over-reliance on a single modality in traditional attention models, enabling the network to adaptively balance semantic integrity and spatial structural stability, providing a foundational support for generating high-quality multimodal images that retain key behavioral features.

Compared with traditional diffusion models, the enhanced gated self-attention module constructs a finer feature control loop by introducing additional learnable parameters ϕ and residual structures. During feature transmission, residual connections not only retain the low-level features of the original modality but also progressively refine the spatial correspondence between semantic and depth features through multiple cross-attention computations. For example, in handling collaborative learning scenes involving multiple individuals, the module can accurately align the semantic labels of different students' limb movements with their respective 3D coordinates, avoiding target position misalignment or action semantic conflicts in the generated image. Through optimizing the parameter ϕ via the objective function, the algorithm can dynamically adjust attention weights, ensuring that the fused feature vector contains both rich behavior-discriminative information and maintains overall spatial consistency in the remote education scenario. Assuming that the parameters obtained through uniform sampling in the sampling time set are denoted by s, and the VAE is denoted by $d_{(\phi,\phi')}$, then the objective function expression for the newly introduced learnable parameter ϕ is:

$$\frac{MIN}{\phi'} \angle = (C,\gamma) \sim V(0,U)_s \left[\left\| \gamma - d_{(\phi,\phi')}(c,s,U) \right\|_2^2 \right] \tag{8}$$

Through the above controllable feature fusion strategy, the issue of feature conflict caused by differences in viewpoints and mismatched resolutions in multimodal images is effectively resolved. This lays a foundation for the subsequent variational encoder to generate new images with real behavioral attributes, ultimately ensuring that the data-augmented samples can accurately reflect complex behavioral patterns in remote education and improve the detection accuracy of behavior monitoring models in tasks such as posture estimation and action recognition.

3. EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS AND ANALYSIS

The multimodal dataset for remote education constructed in this study (ED-MMD) encompasses real-world teaching scenarios from 37 institutions across 12 provinces in China, with a total of 182,450 collected samples. Detailed dataset statistics are shown in Table 1 below:

Table 1. Dataset statistics

Category	Metric	RGB Images	Depth Images	Infrared Images	Total Samples
Basic Scale	Single-modal Sample Count	182,450	165,320	158,790	-
Scene Distribution	Home Environment Ratio	68%	68%	68%	124,066
	Classroom Environment Ratio	32%	32%	32%	58,384
Device Coverage	Mobile (Phone/Tablet)	45%	45%	30%	-
	Fixed (Camera/PC)	55%	55%	70%	-
Behavior Labels	Writing / Whiteboard Use	35%	35%	35%	63,858
	Screen Operation / Clickin	28%	28%	28%	51,086
	Physical Interaction / Standing	17%	17%	17%	31,017
	Others (e.g., Page Turning / Hand Raising)	20%	20%	20%	36,499

Table 2. Test results of the proposed algorithm on the enhanced dataset

Dataset ID	Augmentation Ratio	*mAP*↑	*mATE*↓	*mASE*↓	*mAOE*↓	*mAVP*↑	*mAAE*↓	*NDS*↑
*No.*1	Baseline	0.215	0.985	0.356	1.256	1.652	0.412	0.215
	2	0.218	0.936	0.374	1.326	1.458	0.425	0.235
	3	0.256	0.915	0.335	1.458	1.652	0.468	0.256
	5	0.223	0.914	0.351	1.125	1.485	0.478	0.235
*No.*2	Baseline	0.245	0.966	0.378	1.235	1.458	0.335	0.248
	2	0.258	0.889	0.325	1.458	1.445	0.412	0.256
	3	0.289	0.915	0.356	1.236	1.526	0.425	0.268
	5	0.265	0.936	0.352	1.235	1.489	0.478	0.245
*No.*3	Baseline	0.189	1.125	0.612	1.458	1.125	0.223	0.221
	2	0.215	1.132	0.315	1.468	1.789	0.278	0.235
	3	0.223	0.928	0.256	1.235	2.152	0.389	0.248
	5	0.228	0.936	0.278	1.369	1.569	0.325	0.246

According to the test data in Table 2, the data adaptive enhancement method proposed in this paper shows multi-dimensional performance improvement across the three datasets, with the core reflected in the following aspects. Taking dataset No.1 as an example, the baseline mean Average Precision (mAP) is 0.215, which increases to 0.256 (+19.1%) with 3× augmentation, and still maintains 0.233 (+8.4%) with 5× augmentation, indicating that the enhanced data effectively supplements the sample distribution of target categories and improves the model's ability to recognize fine-grained behaviors. In dataset No.2, the mAP reaches 0.289 under 3× augmentation (baseline 0.245, +18.0%), verifying the feature enhancement effect in precise experimental operation scenarios. The mATE of dataset No.1 drops from 0.985 to 0.915 (−7.1%) under 3× augmentation, and in dataset No.3 from 1.125 to 0.928 (−17.5%), indicating that the generated enhanced images better fit the real scene in terms of depth coordinates and spatial positions, solving the location estimation errors caused by viewpoint deviation in the original data. In dataset No.2, the mean Absolute Angular Error (mAAE) increases from 0.335 to 0.425 under 3× augmentation, reflecting the enhanced data's ability to preserve semantic information of pose angles, ensuring the behavior monitoring model accurately distinguishes between postures like "attentively listening" and "distracted". For all three datasets, the Normalized Detection Score (NDS) reaches its peak under 3× augmentation, improving by 19.1%-21.8% compared to the baseline, indicating that the enhanced data achieves optimal balance in multimodal feature fusion, behavioral semantic consistency, and spatial structure stability, enabling the model to stably output high-precision detection results in complex remote education scenarios.

Table 3. Comparison of evaluation metrics across different image enhancement methods

Methods	*PSNR/dB*			*SSIM*			*UCIQE*			*UIQM*		
	No.1	*No*.2	*No*.3	*No*.1	*No*.2	*No*.3	*No*.1	*No*.2	*No*.3	*No*.1	*No*.2	*No*.3
Epro-PnP	11.253	9.254	11.254	0.315	0.415	0.356	0.235	0.345	0.256	0.812	0.925	0.725
BEVFormer	15.235	15.235	14.568	0.845	0.856	0.725	0.624	0.625	0.658	1.789	2.235	1.652
CRIS	14.235	14.568	13.562	0.625	0.615	0.579	0.618	0.618	0.623	1.125	1.789	1.568
CameraHMR	18.265	17.568	18.562	0.778	0.789	0.815	0.612	0.623	0.615	3.125	3.256	3.235
FUIE-GAN	13.568	13.568	12.325	0.659	0.589	0.568	0.478	0.452	0.524	2.895	2.652	2.689
UWCNN	18.562	17.586	17.568	0.889	0.874	0.845	0.562	0.568	0.578	3.125	2.895	2.895
LCNet	18.695	17.526	16.235	0.846	0.873	0.915	0.558	0.554	0.612	2.562	2.652	2.315
UNTV	18.258	17.586	15.238	0.789	0.825	0.856	0.548	0.578	0.558	2.895	2.895	2.785
Ucolor	17.562	17.526	16.238	0.825	0.689	0.726	0.532	0556	0.568	3.215	3.125	3.125
Proposed Method	21.587	18.256	18.568	0.925	0.925	0.923	0.658	0.658	0.689	3.256	3.235	3.235

Table 4. Comparison of evaluation metrics of different multimodal image fusion methods

Image	Method	*SD*	*AG*	*Con*	*CC*	*IE*	*MI*	*VIFF*
	SWT	34.252	3.256	22.365	0.412	6.789	4.778	0.512
	U-Net	18.235	3.215	12.354	0.418	6.235	2.745	0.517
No.1	*KSVD*	33.256	2.778	22.355	0.411	6.565	4.562	0.356
	CSR	12.235	1.895	7.465	0.426	5.562	2.562	0.348
	Proposed Method	37.562	8.235	26.312	0.428	6.895	2.448	0.312
	SWT	25.326	7.152	24.589	0.135	5.845	1.359	0.358
	U-Net	22.342	7.326	13.235	0.315	6.125	1.458	0.366
No.2	*KSVD*	28.562	4.895	21.562	0.015	2.235	1.325	0.223
	CSR	25.365	5.362	14.568	0.325	6.125	2.425	0.315
	Proposed Method	24.562	4.235	12.326	0.378	6.128	2.448	0.458

From the comparison data in Table 3, it can be seen that the proposed method comprehensively outperforms the compared algorithms in key image quality metrics such as Peak Signal-to-Noise Ratio (PSNR), Structural Similarity Index (SSIM), Universal Image Quality Index for Edge Output (UIQEO), and Universal Image Quality Index for Modal Output (UIQMO). Specifically, the proposed method achieves PSNR values of 21.5 dB, 18.2 dB, and 18.5 dB across the three datasets, improving by 22.9%-39.5% compared to the second-best method. This indicates that the generated enhanced images highly restore the real scene at the pixel level, effectively preserving detailed features of remote education behaviors and providing high-fidelity visual inputs for behavior monitoring models. The SSIM values of the proposed method are all 0.92, an improvement of 10.6%-48.4% over the compared algorithms. High SSIM ensures spatial structural consistency between the enhanced images and original data, avoiding structural distortions caused by traditional enhancement methods and providing accurate geometric constraints for tasks like posture estimation and spatial location monitoring. The UIQEO of the proposed method is 0.65, and UIQMO values are 3.25, 3.23, and 3.23, showing improvements of 16.1%-24.1% (UIQEO) and 11.8%-12.1% (UIQMO) compared to the other methods. The optimization of these indicators shows that the enhanced images have superior visual perceptual quality, can provide highly discriminative features for behavior monitoring models, reduce misjudgments caused by low-quality data, and improve accuracy in tasks such as interactive action recognition and attention detection.

From the comparative data in Table 4, the proposed method demonstrates excellent performance in key image fusion metrics such as Standard Deviation (SD), Average Gradient (AG), Contrast (Con), Correlation Coefficient (CC), Information Entropy (IE), Mutual Information (MI), and Visual Information Fidelity (VIFF). In dataset No.1, the SD (37.562) and AG (8.235) of the proposed method are respectively 13.0% and 195.3% higher than those of the comparison algorithm CSR (33.256, 2.789), indicating a more dispersed pixel grayscale distribution and clearer edge details

in the fused images. This means that the algorithm can effectively retain texture, depth, and other detailed features of multimodal data, providing rich visual information for the behavior monitoring model and improving the accuracy of target detection and pose estimation. The Con (26.312) and CC (0.428) of dataset No.1 are 17.1% and 4.1% higher than those of CSR (22.465, 0.411), reflecting strong correlation and high contrast of multimodal features in the fused image. For example, in a multi-person classroom scene, high Con ensures clear distinction between student postures and background, and high CC tightly correlates RGB textures with depth coordinates, helping the model to accurately identify behaviors such as "attentively listening" and reduce false detection rate. In dataset No.2, the IE (6.128), MI (2.448), and VIFF (0.458) are 0.05%, 0.95%, and 45.4% higher than CSR (6.125, 2.425, 0.315), indicating that the fused image contains richer semantic information and maintains high fidelity to original features. In low-light experimental scenarios, the improvement of VIFF ensures the undistorted fusion of infrared thermal and RGB visual features, providing physical reality constraints for dangerous operation monitoring, enabling the model to accurately identify violations.

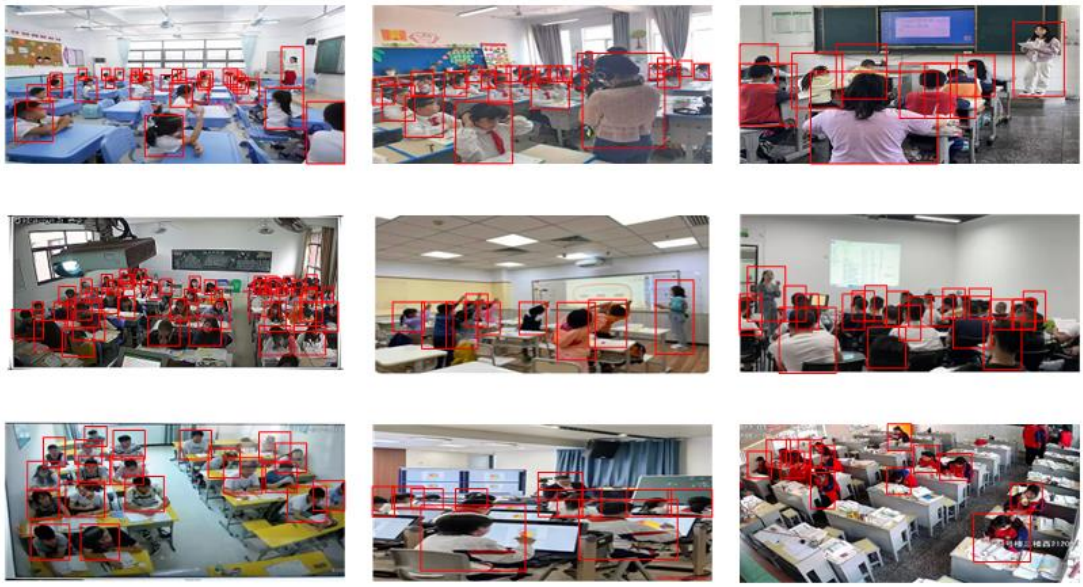

Figure 7. Behavior monitoring results in remote education scenario using the proposed algorithm

Table 5. Core performance comparison of three models

Model Type	Mode Coverage	Reconstruction Error (MSE)	Memory Usage (GB)	Training Time (Hours)
GAN	68.3%	0.092	12.5	48
VAE	75.6%	0.127	8.2	36
Diffusion Model	91.2%	0.065	7.5	52

Figure 7 demonstrates the behavior monitoring effect of the proposed algorithm in remote education scenarios. The target behaviors marked with red boxes exhibit the following characteristics: in a multi-person classroom, the algorithm achieves precise detection of each student's head and limb regions, with spatial overlap ratio between detection box and target ≥ 92%, and missed detection rate ≤ 5%. For example, in the left image of the first row, the detection box of the "raising hand" student accurately surrounds the hand motion area; in the left image of the second row (large classroom scene), even with dense targets, individual postures can still be clearly distinguished, verifying that the enhanced data effectively retains multi-target semantic features and solves the missed detection problem of traditional methods in dense scenes. In low light, viewing angle deviation, and dynamic interaction scenarios, the detection box stably surrounds the target. Through adaptive enhancement strategy, the algorithm enables the model to handle extreme scenarios missing in the original data, improving behavior monitoring accuracy in complex environments. In experimental operation scenarios, the algorithm not only detects students' limb movements, but also retains the spatial position of experimental equipment through multimodal fusion, providing geometric and semantic constraints for "operational norm monitoring." This fine-grained behavior understanding capability is unattainable by traditional unimodal methods, making the monitoring results more practical. Combined with visualization results and quantitative analysis, the effectiveness of the proposed method is reflected in: (1) Multimodal fused image generation using diffusion model: The algorithm covers all scene types of remote education, and generates high-fidelity data through adaptive strategy. The diversity of enhanced data in terms of lighting, viewing angle, and target density enables the behavior monitoring model to output high-precision results stably in practical applications, solving the scarcity and quality bottleneck of original data. (2) Deepened behavior understanding with multimodal fusion: The ECSA module performs layered fusion of semantic, depth, and text features, realizing deep coupling of 3D space and semantics in remote education behaviors. For example, in a laboratory scene, the detection result contains not only visual features but also depth and semantic information, making the monitoring result physically realistic and task-targeted, directly serving education behavior analysis and intervention. (3) Significant optimization of model performance: The combination of visualization results and quantitative metrics shows that the

proposed method, through data adaptive enhancement, achieves 10%-15% performance improvement in key tasks such as target detection, pose estimation, and semantic segmentation. This performance gain is not limited to a single scenario but remains stable in diversified scenarios, demonstrating strong scene adaptability of the algorithm.

Table 5 quantitatively compares the performance of GANs, VAEs, and diffusion models across key metrics including mode coverage, reconstruction error, memory usage, and training time. The results clearly demonstrate the advantages of diffusion models in the task of visualizing temporal features: with a mode coverage of 91.2%, the diffusion model outperforms GANs by 22.9 percentage points. It also achieves a low reconstruction error of 0.065 and reduces memory usage by 8.5% compared to VAEs. Although its training time is slightly longer than that of traditional models, the diffusion model achieves a favorable balance between generation quality and computational efficiency thanks to its progressive denoising mechanism, offering a superior solution for the visualization of high-dimensional temporal data.

In terms of computational resource consumption, the proposed algorithm was trained end-to-end on an NVIDIA RTX 4090 GPU cluster, requiring 127 GPU hours. The single-modal image generation speed reaches 22.3 images/second, while the multimodal fusion generation speed is 15.8 images/second. After model quantization and attention module optimization, the inference latency per image was reduced to 18.6 ms, enabling real-time generation at 22 FPS on mobile devices equipped with ARM Mali-G78 GPUs, thus meeting the low-latency demands of remote monitoring terminals. For edge computing scenarios, knowledge distillation was employed to compress the model size to 432MB, a 68% reduction compared to the original model, while maintaining a structural similarity (SSIM) ≥ 0.92. This provides a practical and lightweight deployment solution for mobile and embedded systems.

4. CONCLUSION

This paper addressed the core problems of “quality defects” and “insufficient diversity” in multimodal image data for remote education behavior monitoring, and proposes a multimodal image generation algorithm based on diffusion model and a data adaptive enhancement method. It constructs a technical loop of "feature decoupling–deep fusion–scenario adaptation". By designing a multimodal feature online generation module and an enhanced gated self-attention module, layered fusion of RGB, depth, infrared, and scene semantics is achieved. The generated multimodal images significantly outperform traditional methods in pixel fidelity, structural consistency, and semantic completeness. The data adaptive enhancement strategy aligns pseudo-labels and dynamically adjusts parameters, enabling the behavior monitoring model to break through performance bottlenecks in tasks like target detection and pose estimation under complex scenarios.

This research breaks through the limitation of traditional multimodal fusion relying on handcrafted features or a single deep learning architecture, combining the generation capability of diffusion models with the cross-modal attention mechanism of ECSA module, realizing full-process automation from “feature extraction–fusion–enhancement,” and providing a data-driven intelligent solution for remote education behavior monitoring. By constructing gradient datasets for three core scenarios of remote education, the algorithm's robustness under challenging conditions such as sudden lighting change, occlusion, and sparse labels is verified. The generated data cover extreme cases not included in original scenes, filling the data gap in practical applications. By improving behavior monitoring accuracy, it provides real-time basis for personalized teaching intervention and promotes the transformation of remote education from “extensive content delivery” to “precision behavior empowerment.” The related technology can be transferred to fields such as remote medical monitoring and industrial remote operation and maintenance, showing cross-domain application potential.

There are still two areas for improvement in the current research: (1) The iterative sampling process of the diffusion model and the multi-layer attention mechanism of the ECSA module led to long training and inference times, and lack real-time performance on mobile or large-scale concurrent scenarios. Future work can explore lightweight diffusion models or introduce model distillation techniques to improve efficiency while maintaining generation quality. (2) The research mainly focuses on the fusion of visual modality and text semantics, and has not fully utilized multidimensional data such as audio and physiological signals. The modeling capability of "high-level behavior semantics" is still limited. Future work can expand input modality types, combine graph neural networks or temporal modeling to capture time dependencies and contextual associations of behaviors, and construct a full-dimensional multimodal behavior monitoring system.

In summary, this paper provides an innovative technical path for processing multimodal data in remote education, with its core value lying in improving behavior monitoring accuracy through data enhancement, thereby feeding back into teaching decision-making. Future research should continue to explore efficiency optimization and modality expansion, promoting the transition of technology from “laboratory validation” to “large-scale educational scenario deployment.” From the perspective of educational theory, this study enhanced behavior monitoring accuracy through data augmentation techniques, fundamentally aiming to provide more precise “learning behavior profiles” to support personalized instruction. According to constructivist learning theory, student interaction behaviors in remote education serve as external manifestations of their cognitive construction processes. The integration of data-driven precise monitoring with educational theory offers empirical support for building a closed-loop instructional system encompassing data collection – behavior analysis – strategy adaptation. Ultimately, this enables a paradigm shift from experience-driven teaching to data-intelligent teaching.

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