Secure Our Society – Computer Vision Techniques for Video Surveillance

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Video surveillance...









Scope of this tutorial

- In this tutorial we talk about the techniques directly used for video surveillance.
- We will go through general concepts, representative methodologies and key stages of the relevant techniques.
 - We assume that the audience holds fundamental knowledge in computer vision, computer graphics and image understanding – what happens if not?





What is "video surveillance"? • Why is it so important? What is the need and technical challenge • of this topic?



Definition

• Video surveillance – Wikipedia:

It is a process where video cameras are deployed in order to monitor the behaviour, activities or other change information of people for the purpose of influencing, directing or protecting.



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- Detection of changes.Segmentation of moving objects.
 - Tracking of objects.
 - Classification and identification of objects.
 - · Classification of activities and behaviours.



Importance







- Minimising system configuration.
 - Good system performance.
- No camera calibration.
 - Generic as much as possible.
 - Privacy protection.

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Challenges

 Real-time human detection and tracking. **Consistent** human







identification and recognition.

 Reliable behaviour/activity understanding and interpretation.



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ST CENTRE FOR SECURE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES Key components

















- Overview
 Background subtraction
 Viola lance method
- Viola-Jones method
 - Histograms of Oriented Gradients (HoG)
 - Shape context

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- Feature representation:
 - Haar wavelets (Viola et al, 2003; Pyun, et al, 2014).
 - Edges (Gavrila and Philomin, 1999; Shen, et al, 2015).
 - Gradient orientations (Dalal and Triggs, 2005; Tzimiropoulos, et al, 2012).
 - Gradient and second derivatives (Ronfard et al, 2002).
 - Regions (Mori at al, 2004).
- Feature classification:
 - Template matching (Gavrila and Philomin, 1999; Dekel, et al, 2015).
 - Support Vector Machine (Ronfard et al, 2002; Zhou, et al, 2011).
 - Adaboost (Viola et al, 2003; Cai, et al, 2015).
 - Grouping (Mori et al, 2004).
 - Bayesian, Neural Network/Deep Learning, MCMC, etc..



 Naïve approach: foreground objects ARE the difference between the current frame and a clean reference

image.



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- Improved versions of the naïve version
 - Average or median of previous *n* frames (Lo and Velastin, 2000;
 - Cucchiara at al, 2003)
 - Pros: fast.
 - Cons: memory consuming.
 - Running average

background.

$$B_{i+1} = \alpha * F_i + (1 - \alpha) * B_i$$

Where α is the learning rate, *F* is the foreground and *B* the



- Major problems of the naïve methods
 - No strategy available to choose the threshold.
 Cannot cope with multiple background
 - distributions.

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FOR SECURE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES Background subtraction

- Mixture of Gaussians (Stauffer and Grimson, 1999):
 - Each pixel value in an image can be modelled by a mixture of Gaussian distributions.





Mixture of Gaussian

- The values of a particular pixel is modeled as a mixture of adaptive Gaussians.
 - Why mixture? Multiple surfaces appear in a pixel.
 - Why adaptive? Lighting conditions change.
- At each iteration Gaussians are evaluated using a simple heuristic to determine which ones are mostly likely to correspond to the background.
- Pixels that do not match with the "background Gaussians" are classified as foreground.
- Foreground pixels are grouped using 2D connected component analysis.



Demo of MoG





Variants of MoG

• Regularised region-based MoG (Varadarajan et al, 2014 and 2015).



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Other approaches

- Kernel density estimators (Elgammal et al, 2000; Narayana et al, 2013).
- Mean-shift (Han et al, 2004; Cho and Kang,
- Eigenbackgrounds (Oliver et al, 2000; Hu, et al, 2011).

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1. Rectangular features, called Haar features.



ST CENTRE FOR SECURE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES VIOLA-JONES Method

An integral image for rapid feature detection:
 Integral value of each pixel is the sum of all the pixels above it and to its left.





Viola-Jones method

3. Adaboost method:

 Selecting a set of weak classifiers to combine and assigning a weight to each.

- The weighted combination is the stronger
 - classifier.



Viola-Jones method



Hog (Dalal and Triggs, 2005)

Motivation of the development:

 Human shape is characterised by the distribution of local intensity gradient or edge directions.

Image courtesy of Tsai



HoG

- Divide the image into small cells.
 Cells can be
 - rectangle or radial.
- Accumulating a weighted local 1-D histogram of gradient directions over the pixels of the cell.







- Contrast-normalise local responses for illumination invariance.
- Accumulating a local histogram over a larger region to normalise all the cells.





Radial Bins, Angular Bins

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Matching shapes





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- Established techniques.
- Exemplar approaches.
- Incremental learning for visual tracking.
- Tracking with online multiple instance learning.
- Combining local features with kernel tracking.
- Audiovisual tracking.

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Established techniques





Exemplar approaches

- Point tracking:
 - Kalman filter (Broida and Chellappa, 1986; Zhou, et al, 2008)
- JPDAF (Bar-Shalom and Foreman, 1998; Zhou, et al, 2008)
 PMHT (Streit and Luginbuhl, 1994)
- Kernel tracking:
 - Mean-Shift (Comaniciu et al, 2003; Zhou, et al, 2009)
 - KLT (Shi and Tomasi, 1994; Zhou, et al, 2009)
 - Muti-view: Eigentracking (Black and Jepson, 1998)
 - Silhouette tracking:
 - State space model (Isard and Blake, 1998)
 - Hough transfer (Sato and Aggarwal, 2004)
 - Graph cuts (Ma, et al, 2010)



Incremental learning for visual tracking

- Issues of classical approaches:
 - Build an appearance model before tracking.
 - View based.
 - Complicated optimisation.
- Challenges:
 - Object appearance and the scene are dynamically changed.
 - Pose variations.
 - Drifts.

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Incremental learning for visual tracking

• Algorithm (Lim et al, 2004):

- Choose an initial location L_0 .

- Search for possible locations: $p(L_t|L_{t-1})$ \rightarrow dynamic model.
- Predict a location: $p(L_t | F_t, L_{t-1}) \propto p(F_t | L_t) p(L_t | L_{t-1})$, where $p(F_t | L_t)$ is the observation model using Eigenbasis.
- Use R-SVD algorithm to update Eigenbasis.

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Incremental learning for visual tracking



Tracking with online TECHNOLOGIES multiple instance learning

Classical "tracking by detection":

 Train a discriminative classifier on-line to separate the object from the background.

- The classifier uses the current state to extract positive/negative examples from the current frame.
- Inaccurate tracks can lead to incorrectly labelled examples.
- Drifts occur due to the poor examples.



MILTrack





Demo of MILTrack



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Courtesy of the algorithmic developer



Online MIL Boost





Combining local features with kernel tracking

- Issues of classical mean-shift:
 - Less efficient in the presence of significant intensity or colour changes.
 - Lacks consistency in the case of occlusions.
 - Best works with colour features.
- SIFT features scale invariant feature transform:
 - Keypoint localisation:
 - Interpolation of neighbouring data.
 - Discarding low-contrast keypoints.
 - Eliminating edge responses.
 - Orientation assignment.
 - Keypoint descriptor.

Zhou, et al, 2009



Combining local features with kernel tracking

- Entire algorithm:
 - Choose a region to track in the current frame.
 - Apply CamShift to find a possible match in the next frame.
 Generate a set of windows around the centre of the match window.
 - Match the extracted SIFT features from the two frames.
 - Obtain the residuals of colour and SIFT based matching.
 - Establish a weighted cost function for the residuals.
 - Apply an EM algorithm to search for the window with the minimum residuals.



Comparisons





Audiovisual tracking

- Benefits of using multi-modality based systems:
 - Each modality may compensate for the weakness of the other.
 - Each modality can provide additional information.
 - Challenges of audiovisual systems:
 - Unstable acoustic measurement.
 - Importance determination of audio and visual components.

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TECHNOLOGIES Established approaches

References	Sensor types	Algorithms	Applications
Asoh, 2004	Stereo camera and circular microphone array	PF	Multimodal user interface
Checka et al, 2004	2 cameras and 4 microphone arrays	PF	Indoor multiple person tracking
Cevher et al, 2007	Camera and 10 element uniform circular array	PF	Outdoor surveillance
D. Gatica-Perez, et al, 2003	Wide-angle camera and a microphone array	I-PF	Meeting rooms
Rui and Chen, 2001	PTZ camera and 2 microphones	PF	Teleconferencing
Beal et al, 2002	Camera and 2 microphones	GM	Indoor environments

Target detection and tracking with heterogeneous sensors







Target detection and tracking with heterogeneous sensors

- Exemplar results:
 - Comparison of tracking results for "1-room" (Frame numbers: (a) 814, (b) 926, and (c) 1010). Row 1: PF (Particle Filter); Row 2: GM (Graph Matching); Row 3: GCC (generalized cross correlation); Row 4: KF-PF-P (Kalman filtering audio detection and the particle filter-based audiovisual tracker with PDA
 - The red bar indicates the true target position.



(b)

(a)

(c)







Introduction

- Profiling

 "Extrapolation of information about something, based on known qualities" (Wikipedia).
 No explicit definition for "human profiling".
- In homeland security

 ~70% crime offender are young adolescent males in the UK.
 - There is a need to identify gender, age and ethnicity of a pedestrian through facial or body images.
- This is a classification problem
 - Separate pedestrians into different groups.





- Challenges
- General approachesState of the art techniques
- Exemplar systems for age/gender/ethnicity classification:
 - Age classification using Radon transform and scaling SVM.
 - Ethnicity classification based on gait using multiview fusion.
 - Ethnicity- and gender-based subject retrieval using 3-D face-recognition techniques.



General approaches





- Age classification
 - Kwon and Lobo, 1999: Geometrical ratios from the distance and size of facial characteristics and wrinkles detected by

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 - Wang et al, 2009: Applied Error-Correcting Output Codes (ECOC) to the fused Gabor and Local Binary Patterns (LBP) features.



Age classification using Radon transform and scaling SVM





- Gender classification
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 - Shan, 2012: LBP was employed to describe faces and AdaBoost was used to select the discriminative LBP features.



Ethnicity- and gender-based subject retrieval using 3-D face-recognition techniques

• 3-D images

 Distance between two geometries: an L₁ measure on the Haar wavelets and the complex wavelet structural similarity measure on the pyramid coefficients.

- Fusion techniques:
 - K-Nearest-Neighbors.
 - Kernelised k-Nearest-Neighbors.
 - Learning from the Face-Similarity Space.
 - Learning from Algorithm-Specific Features.







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(g) 101.54



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(h) 137.46



(i) 316.63 (j) 363.72 (k) 396.51 Photographs of subjects sampled along the dimension most discriminative of race in the data.



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 - Zhang et al, 2012: Fused LBP features of face and gait using canonical correlation analysis (CCA).



Ethnicity classification based on gait using multi-view fusion



Feature extraction: Examples of normalized and centered silhouette frames from different views for one walk. From the top row to bottom row, the view angles are 0, 30, 60, 90, 120, 150 and 180 degrees respectively. The rightmost image in each row is the corresponding gait energy image (GEI).











What is activity recognition?

"It aims to recognise the actions and goals of one or more agents from a series of observations on the agents' action and the environment conditions" – Wikipedia

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Levels of human activity



Group activities – physical/mental



Research challenges

- Environmental changes:

 Changing backgrounds.
 Changing view points.
- Human movement variations:
 - Same activity but different styles.
 - Unconstrained activities.
 - Needs of robust learning algorithms.

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Categorisation

Sequential approaches

State model based.

Data based.

Hierarchical approaches

- Statistical.

- Description based.

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- Data based, for example,
 - Darrel and Pentland, 1993.
 - Yacoob and Black, 1998.
 - Ali and Aggarwal, 2001.
 - Lublinerman et al, 2006.
 - Jiang et al, 2006.
- State model based, for example,
 - Yamato et al, 1992.
 - Starner and Pentland, 1995.
 - Bregler, 1997.
 - Bobick and Wilson, 1997.
 - Park and Aggarwal, 2004.
 - Natarajan and Nevacia, 2007
 - Gupta and Davis, 2007.



Action recognition using HMMs

- Concepts:
 - Each HMM is related to a specific sequence of features.
 - Match the observed features with the model.
 - An action refers to a set of sequences of features.



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Yamato et al, 1992



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Dynamic time warping

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- Applied dynamic programming to match two strings/sequences.
- Each image frame generates a symbol or a feature vector.

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Gavrila and Davies, 1995



Coupled HMMs

- Set up two types of states for two different agents.
- Synthetic agents for training HMMs.





What we observed from sequential approaches?

- Common approaches
 - Markovian process.

Motion features are required of each frame.

- Advantages
 - Straightforward.
 - Quick process.
 - Weaknesses
 - Need good features from valid observations.
 - Large training data.

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Motion history images

- Motion history images (MHIs).
- Weighted projection of a x-y-t foreground volume.
- Template matching.

Bobick and Davis, 2001



sit-down



sit-down MHI



arms-wave MHI



crouch-down MHI





crouch-down



Perform

volume

for

matching

segments.

3-D Volume Matching

Space-time template volume chosen from training video



Space-Time Region Extraction

Ke, et al, 2007

Shape and Flow Correlation

Combine scores of segment matching.



Input Video



Space-Time Volumes



Recognized Action





Global features from volumes

Concatenate optical flow features from x-y-t volumes. Good performance in low resolution videos.







pLSA models for actions

- Probabilistic Latent Semantic Analysis (pLSA).
- Estimate the probability of features from an action video.







What did we learn from these examples?

• Use of local spatio-temporal features

Bag of words, cuboid, grouping, etc.

- Incorporating standard classifiers.
 - Any extension?
 - Structural information.
 - Hybrid features.

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Structural information

• Previously introduced methods:

There is no structure in local features.

Exemplar approaches considering

structures:

 – pLSA-ISM: takes into account the locations of features (Wong et al, 2007).

 Feature correlation: pair-wise proximity (Savarese et al, 2008).

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Mining actionlet ensemble with depth cameras

- Actionlet: a conjunction of the features for a subset of the joints.
- A linear combination of actionlet was obtained with learnt weights.

Wang et al, 2012





Hybrid features

Challenges: scenes with camera movements.





More examples

- To reject unseen activities and learn with few examples.
- Features:
 silhouettes
 + optical
 flows.







Hierarchical approaches

• Why do this research? - Sequential approaches cannot effectively handle complicated activities. How is it working?

GENTRE FOR SECURE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES Hierarchy – an illustration











- Use of context free grammar.
- A grammar is described: $G = \langle S, T, N, P \rangle$.

Generic language	Natural language
Start symbol (S)	Sentences
Terminal symbols (T)	Words
Non-terminal symbols (N)	Speech
Production rules (P)	Syntax rules



Action recognition using probabilistic parsing

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Recognising multitasked activities from video using stochastic context free grammar





Heuristic grammatical induction

- Lexicon learning

 Learning by HMMs.
 Clustering by HMMs.
- Convert a video to a string.
- Learn grammar(s).







Two-beat

Wang et al, 2001

Three-beat

Four-beat



Five-beat

Six-beat



Learning to handle noise

Example: Learn the process of transactions.







Review of syntactic approaches

• Robust against errors. Accurate detail descriptions. But, need quite a lot training sets. Computationally complex.



Statistical approaches

When we apply these approaches: Few features extracted from videos are "noisy". Activity structure is not complicated. - Rich and clear video dynamics.



Characteristics

Strong Markovian assumption. Known priors of dynamics. We can reason certain ambiguity/uncertainty.



Context free activity grammar





Cupboard

Dining chair

Ng

Nguyen et al, 2005

Fridge



Context free activity grammar



Dining chair




Context free activity grammar





Learning storylines





Pitcher pitches the ball before Batter hits. Batter hits and then simultaneously Batter runs to base and Fielder runs towards the ball. Fielder runs towards the ball and then Fielder catches the ball. Fielder catches the ball and then Fielder throws to the base. Fielder at Base catches the ball at base after Fielder throws to the base.



Gupta et al, 2009



ST^{CENTRE} INFORMATION</sup> Unsuitable for statistical approaches

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Using semantic matching for recognising activities Football kick = "a person touches a football using her/his foot". Recognition is achieved by matching the components to the definition.

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Ryoo and Aggarwal, 2006

Semantic layer









objects.

Trajectory

Trajectories describe the movement behaviours of

• Challenges in clustering:

- Fast changes in routes.
- Intersection of different routes.
- Similar route but different direction or speeds.

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Trajectory analysis

• Trajectory analysis is part of behaviour understanding from videos.

 It aims to extract relevant visual information with proper representation and interpretation for behaviour learning and recognition.

 Trajectory clustering provides a tool to implement the learning and analysis of human activities.



Clustering procedure

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Distance – examples

•	Euclidean distance (two routes)
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	$D_{H}(F_{i}, F_{j}) = \max(D_{h}(F_{i}, F_{j}), D_{h}(F_{j}, F_{i}))$
•	Bhattacharyya
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Clustering methods





Iterative optimisation

- Advantages:
 - Simple.
 Tractable.
 - Closed form solutions.
- Weaknesses:
 - Need to specify cluster number.
- Examples:
 - K-means.
 - Fuzzy C-means and variants.

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On-line adaption

- Advantages:
 - No need to specify cluster number.
 - Does not require training datasets.
- Weaknesses:
 - Hard to obtain a good cluster
 - initialisation.
- Examples:
 - Similarity threshold.
 - Iterative K-means.



Hierarchical

- Advantages:

 Allowing an intelligent choice of cluster number.
 - Well suited for graphic models (maxflow/min-cut, dominant set).
- Weaknesses
 - Usually do not re-evaluate decisions.
- Examples:
 - Agglomerative.
 - Divisive.



Neural networks

- Advantages
 - Describing linear and non-linear relationship.
 - Trained to update unseen scenes.
- Weaknesses
 - A large training set.
 - Complex parameterisation.
- Examples:
 - SOM (self-organising map).
 - Fuzzy SOM.



Co-occurrence

• Trajectories: a bag of words; use of a co-occurrence matrix.

Advantages

- Independent of trajectory length.
- Weaknesses
 - Limited vocabulary size.
 - Unpreserved time order.
- Examples:
 - Document keyword.



Comparisons of different methods

Table 1. Trajectory Distance Measures		Table 2. Clustering Techniques		
Technique	Publication	Technique	Publication	
HU	Hu 2007 [7]	Direct	Morris 2008 [11]	
PCA	Bashir 2007 [8]	Divisive (rb,rbr)	Billotti 2005 [12]	
DTW	Keogh 2000 [9]	Agglomerative	Buzan 2004 [10]	
LCSS	Buzan 2004 [10]	Hybrid (cham)	Karypris 1999 [13]	
PF	Piciarelli 2006 [3]	Graph	Li 2006 [14]	
MODH	Atev 2006 [4]	Spectral	Hu 2007 [7]	
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Morris and Trivedi, 2008				
LCSS: longest common subsequence; MODH: modified Hausdorff				
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Outcomes of comparison





Temporal data clustering with different representation





Multi-feature object trajectory clustering (Anjum and Cavallaro, 2008)

- Transform trajectories to a set of feature spaces using mean-shift.
- A merging procedure is devised to refine the





Trajectory Clustering: A Partitionand-Group Framework





Dynamic hierarchical clustering for trajectories





Trajectory Clustering using 4-D Histograms

- Group trajectories into clusters of "main coherent motion".
- Position/velocity over time are used to form 4-D histogram.
 - Spatial proximity is applied.

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Trajectory Clustering using 4-D Histograms







(a)–(b) Final clustering result with outlier removal.
(c)–(d) Trajectories used in the training stage shown in different colors for each cluster, and black ones were classified as outliers.

(c)



Learning Semantic Scene Models by Trajectory Clustering



Learning Semantic Scene Models by Trajectory Clustering







- No ground-truth for clusters.
- To minimise or maximise criteria for obtaining correct clusters and
 - numbers:
 - Change initial number of clusters.
 - Use criteria such as "tightness and separation".
 - Measure the distance between clusters.









• What is video surveillance? Why is it important? Challenges?



Human detection/tracking

- Human detection
 - Background subtraction
 Mixture of Gaussian
 - Viola-Jones method
 - HoGShape context
- Human tracking
 - Incremental learning for visual tracking
 - Tracking with online multiple instance learning
 - Combining local features with kernel tracking
 - Audiovisual tracking



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Activity recognition



Trajectory clustering



Distance (or similarity) measure Cluster update methodology **Cluster** validation







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