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Detecting social groups using low mounted camera in mass religious gatherings

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Introduction

- In mass religious gatherings, people often come in group rather than individuals
- Event organisers use surveillance devices to get real time data
- Decisions are taken based on experience and varies from person to person
- Understanding groups pattern and movement could assist event organizers to plan things accordingly
- Detecting group is harder than detecting individual as the shape and size of groups changes with time.



Group detection



Identify the social connectedness based on visually observable parameters



- Researchers generally try to mount camera higher and set angle close to normal from the ground.
- This allows them to avoid issues of perspective projection, occlusion etc.
- In this study, data was collected from a lower height and with lower angle from ground.
- Parameters such as distance/angle are calculated to classify whether the pair belongs to a group or not.





Clips	Length	# ped/frame
Clip1	101s	41
Clip2	147s	31

Pixel vs real-world trajectories









Angle



Distance

Tracklet info over time

Parameter distribution



Methodology



Methodological flowchart

Threshold-based model	Linear Model				
$P_{t,d} = \begin{cases} 1, & if \ \overline{d}_{t,T} \leq D \\ 0, & otherwise \end{cases}$	$P_{t,d} = m_d \cdot \overline{d}_{t,T} + c_d$				
$P_{t,a} = \begin{cases} 1, & if \ \overline{a}_{t,T} \le A \\ 0, & otherwise \end{cases}$	$P_{t,a} = m_a \cdot \overline{a}_{t,T} + c_a$				
$P_{t,g} = \left(1 + \exp\left(\frac{-\alpha P_t}{T} + \beta\right)\right)^{-1}$					
$P_t = F_t$	$P_{t,d} \cdot P_{t,a}$				

Results

Clin	Madal	Pixel based values					
Chp	Model	ТР	FP	FN	TN	ACC	F1
Clip 1	Threshold	113	486	21	6431	0.928	0.308
	Linear	19	30	110	3812	0.965	0.213
Clip 2	Threshold	174	848	8	8624	0.911	0.289
	Linear	50	46	132	5581	0.969	0.360
Clip	Model	Real-world values					

()	Model						
		ТР	FP	FN	TN	ACC	F1
	Threshold	100	292	34	6625	0.954	0.380
Clip 1	Linear	15	9	114	3833	0.969	0.196
Clip 2	Threshold	164	517	18	8955	0.945	0.380
	Linear	37	9	145	5618	0.973	0.325

Clin	Time window	Threshold model		
P		ACC	F 1	
Clip1	T=0*	0.930	0.321	
	T=1s	0.937	0.343	
	T=2s	0.944	0.367	
	T=4s	0.954	0.380	
Clip2	T=0*	0.911	0.292	
	T=1s	0.920	0.313	
	T=2s	0.930	0.338	
	T=4s	0.945	0.380	

Conclusion

- Simple models have been proposed for group detection based on proximity and direction of movement.
- The real-world distance and angle information are found to be useful in identifying groups with low height/ angle mounted camera.
- Increase in accuracy is observed when time window is longer.
- Proposed models use reverse cumulative histogram to estimate model parameters. However alternate methods like joint distribution, Kalman filters, logistic regression can also be used.
- Further work
 - Consider all group members instead of closest neighbour.
 - Multi object tracking algorithm instead of using ground-truth
 - Visual features like gender and luggage

Thank you