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# An Efficient Matrix Factorization for Dynamic Background Subtraction

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**ABSTRACT:** Detection of moving objects in a video sequence is a difficult task and robust moving object detection in video frames for video surveillance applications is a challenging problem. Object detection is a fundamental step for automated video analysis in many vision applications. Object detection in a video is usually performed by object detectors or background subtraction techniques. We recommend an effective online background subtraction method, which can be robustly applied to practical videos that have variations in both foreground and background. Different from previous methods which often model the foreground as Gaussian or Laplacian distributions, we prototypical the foreground for each frame with a specific mixture of Gaussians (MoG) distribution, which is updated online frame by frame. Particularly, MoG model in each frame is regularized by the learned foreground/background knowledge in previous frames. This makes online MoG model highly robust, stable and adaptive to practical foreground and background variations. The recommended model can be formulated as a brief probabilistic MAP model, which can be voluntarily solved by EM algorithm. We additionally embed an affine transformation operator into the recommended model, which can be automatically accustomed to fit a wide range of video background transformations and make the method more robust to camera movements.

**KEYWORDS:** Background subtraction, mixture of Gaussians, low-rank matrix factorization, subspace learning

### I. INTRODUCTION

Detection of motion is very essential and common step in many surveillance system applications. In these applications, the goal is to obtain very high sensitivity in detection of moving objects with less possible false alarm rates. Background segmentation is one of the famous techniques that are commonly used. It works on the intensity difference of the current frame with the background frame. Moving object detection and tracking (D&T) are important steps in object recognition, context analysis and indexing processes for visual surveillance systems etc. It is a big challenge for researchers to prepare algorithms on which detection and tracking is more suitable for background situation, environment conditions and to determine how accurately D&T object (real-time or non-real-time) is made. There are variety of object D&T algorithms and publications available. On that basis we can compare their performance and evaluate via performance metrics. This report provides a systematic review of these algorithms, their brief description and performance analysis and effectiveness in terms of execution time and memory requirements. When the camera is fixed and the number of targets is small, objects can easily be tracked using simple methods. Computer vision-based methods often provides non-invasive solution. Their applications can be divided into three different groups: Surveillance, control and analysis. The object detection and tracking (D&T) process is a necessary requirement for surveillance applications. The control applications, which uses some parameters to control motion calculations and estimation. These parameters are used to control the relevant vision system. The analysis applications are generally automatic, and used to optimize and diagnose system's performance. For well predefined (namely, annotated) datasets, the object recognition algorithms give good accuracy.

The aim of motion tracking is to detect and track moving objects using a sequence of images. Motion tracking is not only useful for monitoring activity in public places, but it is becoming a key procedure for further analysis of video imagery. For example, information about the location and identity of objects at different points in time is the basis of detecting unusual object movements or coordinated activities e.g. strategic plays in a football game. Object detection in

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videos involves verifying the presence of an object in image sequences and possibly locating it precisely for recognition. Object tracking is to monitor an object spatial and temporal changes during a video sequence, including its presence, position, size, shape, etc.

In recent years, with the latest technological advancements, off-the-shelf cameras became vastly available, producing a huge amount of content that can be used in various application areas. Among them, visual surveillance receives a great deal of interest nowadays. Until recently, video surveillance was mainly a concern only for military or large-scale companies. However, increasing crime rate, especially in metropolitan cities, necessitates taking better precautions in security-sensitive areas, like country borders, airports or government offices. Even individuals are seeking for personalized security systems to monitor their houses or other valuable assets. So, our objective is to develop some sort of algorithm that will satisfy human requirements in future.

Background subtraction or foreground detection is the principle task of almost every video inspection algorithm before operating further processing designed for a particular computer vision application. In essence, a robust background subtraction is achieved by creating a model of the background, as depicted in Fig. 1. The performance of the background subtraction algorithm depends on how well the background model can adapt to the slight and sudden changes of the background scenes. Recently, a huge body of work in this area has focused on modeling the background as a low-dimensional subspace in the high dimensional space of video frames.

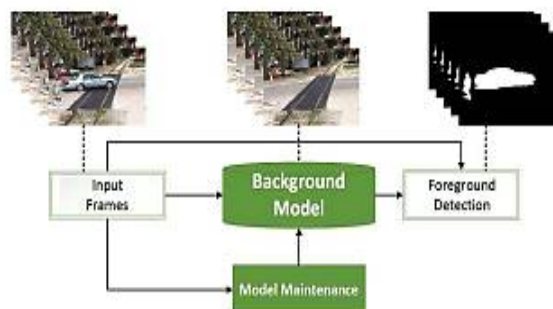


Figure 1: Standard structure common in the majority of the robust background subtraction methods.

The main research objectives to design the project are

- To improve the accuracy detecting the object in video and cut down the cost of computations using the process of optimization.
- To handle static background and dynamic background while process the video.
- To detecting and removing the outliers present in sequence of frames

## II. LITERATURE SURVEY

A very popular background subtraction approach is to model each pixel with a mixture of Gaussians [2], proposed by Stauffer and Grimson. Due to its effectiveness in sustaining background variations, a large amount of further developments [3]–[5] have been proposed. In [6], Elgammal et al. proposed a non-parametric kernel density estimate (KDE) method for background modeling. In [7], the Principle Component Analysis (PCA) method for background modeling was proposed. In this method, the new frame was projected onto the subspace spanned by the trained principle components, and the residues indicate the presence of new foreground objects. In [8], Li et al. utilize spatio-temporal features (color co-occurrence) to model complex backgrounds. The method in [9] made use of prior information of the neighborhood spatial context by a MAP-MRF framework. Heikkilä and Pietikäinen [10] developed an efficient texture-based method by using adaptive Local Binary Pattern (LBP) histograms to capture background statistics of each pixel. In the algorithms presented in [11] and [12], each pixel is represented by a code-book. In [13] and [14], Maddalena et al. proposed a self-organizing artificial neural network for background subtraction (SOBS). In

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theViBe [15] and PBAS [16], background modeling is based on the collection and update pixel samples. In [17], foreground detection was cast as an outlier signal estimation problem in a linear regression model. A more detailed discussion of these conventional techniques can be found in recent surveys [18],[19].

**Low Rank Matrix Factorization:** Low rank matrix factorization (LRMF) is one of the most normally exploited subspace learning methods for background subtraction. The main indication is to extract the low rank approximation of the data matrix from the product of two smaller matrices, corresponding to the basis matrix and coefficient matrix, respectively.

**Background subtraction:** Background subtraction means that firstly constructing a background image or a background model with information of the historic frames then generating the background subtraction for the current frame by some calculation rules. Finally the method defines whether moving objects exist in the current frame based on the result in the previous step and some judgment rules. Background subtraction method can extract the whole contour of the moving object and has a good performance under a relatively stable scene. So far, the background subtraction method can be divided into two categories:

- 1) Background reconstruction and
- 2) Background modeling.

The initial strategies mainly assumed that the distribution (along time) of background pixels can be distinguished from that of foreground ones. Thus by judging if a pixel is significantly deviated from the background pixel distribution, we can easily categorize if a pixel is located in background/foreground.

**Online Subspace Learning:** An increasing attention to design online subspace learning method to handle real-time background subtraction issues. The basic idea is to calculate only one frame at a time, and gradually better the background based on the real-time video variations.

**Robust Subspace Alignment:** Recently, multiple subspace learning strategies have been constructed to learn transformation operators on video frames to make the methods robust to camera jitters. Laplacian cannot finely reflect the complex configurations of video foregrounds. This shortage inclines to degenerate its performance on online background subtraction. Moderately, our proposed method fully encodes both dynamic background and foreground variations in videos, and thus is always expected to attain a better background subtraction performance, as depicted in Fig. 2.

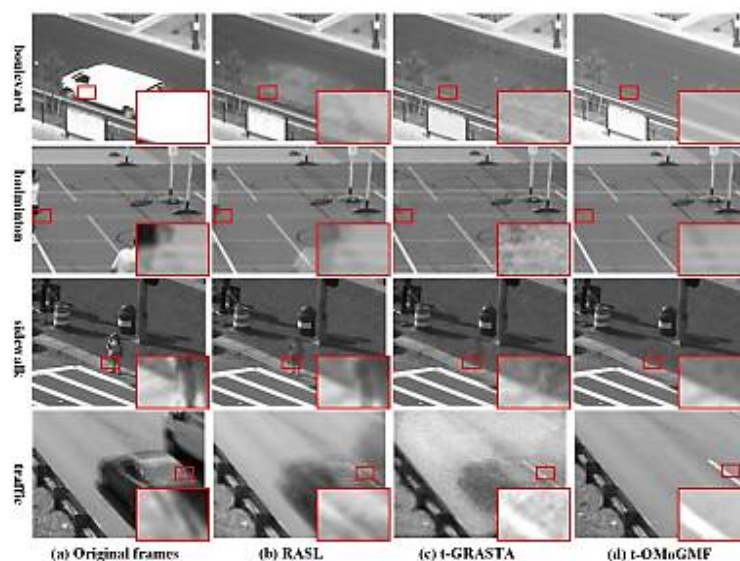


Fig. 2. From left to right: original frames in Camera Jitter videos, backgrounds extracted by RASL, t-GRASTA and t-OMoGMF

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## III. PROPOSED ALGORITHM

### Online MOG-LRMF

We first briefly introduce the MoG-LRMF method [16], which is closely related to the modeling strategy for foreground variations in this method.

Let  $X = [x_1, \dots, x_n] \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times n}$  be the given data matrix, where  $d$ ;  $n$  denote the dimensionality and number of data, respectively, and each column  $x_i$  is a  $d$ -dimensional measurement. A general LRMF problem can be formulated as

$$\min_{U, V} \|W \odot (X - UV^T)\|_{L_p} \dots\dots\dots (1)$$

$$x_{ij} = (u_i)^T j_j + e_{ij}, \dots\dots\dots (2)$$

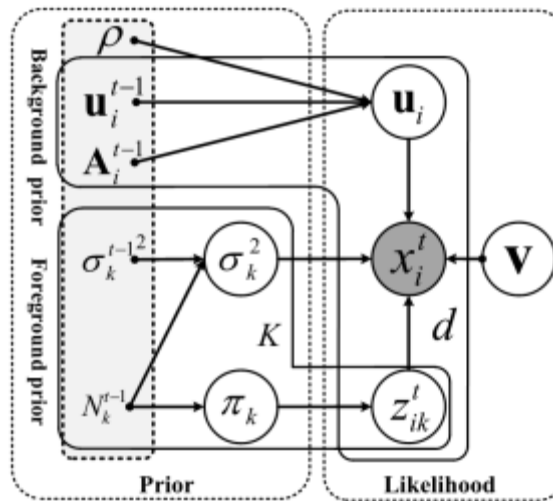


Fig. 3. The graphical model for OMOGMF[20]

To make a complete Bayesian model, we also set a non-informative prior  $p(v)$  for  $v$ , which does not essentially inspire the calculation. The full graphical model is depicted as Fig. 3.

The OMOGMF algorithm can then be summarized in Algorithm 1. About initialization, we need a warm-start for starting our algorithm by running PCA on a small batch of starting video frames to get an initial subspace, employing MoG algorithm on the extracted noise to get initial MoG parameters, and calculating the initial  $\{A_i\}_{i=1}^d$ ,  $\{B_i\}_{i=1}^d$  for subspace learning.

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**Algorithm 1 [OMoGMF] online MoG-LRMF**

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**Input:** the MoG parameters:  $\{\Pi^{t-1}, \Sigma^{t-1}, N^{t-1}\}$ ; model variables:  $\{A_i^{t-1}\}_{i=1}^d, \{b_i^{t-1}\}_{i=1}^d, U^{t-1}$ ; data:  $x^t$   
**Initialization:**  $\{\Pi, \Sigma\} = \{\Pi^{t-1}, \Sigma^{t-1}\}, v^t$

- 1: while not converged do
- 2:   **Online E-step:** compute  $\gamma_{ik}^t$  by (11)
- 3:   **Online M-step:** compute  $\{\Pi, \Sigma, N\}$  by (13) and  $v$  by (16)
- 4: end while
- 5: for each  $u_i^t, i = 1, 2, \dots, d$  do
- 6:   compute  $\{A_i^t\}_{i=1}^d, \{b_i^t\}_{i=1}^d$  by (19)
- 7:   compute  $u_i^t$  by  $u_i^t = A_i^t b_i^t$
- 8: end for

**Output:**  $\{\Pi^t, \Sigma^t, N^t\}, v^t, \{A_i^t\}_{i=1}^d, \{b_i^t\}_{i=1}^d, U^t$ .



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As above-mentioned, we need a warm-start stage on a mini-batch of video frames for subspace initialization. We thus also need to pre-align these starting frames to facilitate a good starting point for the following online implementation. To this aim we extend Algorithm 2 as a frame-recursive-updating version (we call it as iterative-OMoGMF or it-OMoGMF) as follows: first easily set the mean or the median of all starting frames as an initial subspace, and then iterate the following two steps: run Algorithm 2 throughout all these frames and then return to the first frame and rerun the algorithm. During this process, the separated foreground and background are expected to be more and more accurate due to the gradually ameliorated transformation operators on all frames.

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### Algorithm 2 [t-OMoGMF] transformed Online MoGMF

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**Input:** the MoG parameters:  $\{\Pi^{t-1}, \Sigma^{t-1}, N^{t-1}\}$ , model variables:  $\{A_i^{t-1}\}_{i=1}^d, \{b_i^{t-1}\}_{i=1}^d, U^{t-1}$ , data:  $x^t$   
**Initialization:**  $\{\Pi, \Sigma\} = \{\Pi^{t-1}, \Sigma^{t-1}\}, v, \tau$   
 1: **while** not converged **do**  
 2: Estimate the Jacobian matrix:  $J = \frac{\partial(x^t \circ \zeta)}{\partial \zeta} |_{\zeta=\tau}$   
 3: **while** not converged **do**  
 4: **Online E-step:** compute  $\gamma_{ik}^t$  by (11)  
 5: **Online M-step:** compute the MoG parameters  $\{\Pi, \Sigma, N\}$  by Eq. (13) and compute  $\{v, \Delta\tau\}$  by (27)  
 6: **end while**  
 7: Update the transformation parameters:  
 $\tau = \tau + \Delta\tau$   
 8: **end while**  
 9: **for each**  $u_i^t, i = 1, 2, \dots, d$  **do**  
 10: Update  $\{A_i^t\}_{i=1}^d, \{b_i^t\}_{i=1}^d$  by subspace update rule (19)  
 11: Update  $u_i^t$  by  $u_i^t = A_i^t b_i^t$   
 12: **end for**  
**Output:**  $\{\Pi^t, \Sigma^t, N^t\}, U^t, v^t, \tau^t, \{A_i^t\}_{i=1}^d, \{b_i^t\}_{i=1}^d$ .

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### Performance Evaluation:

To get an accurate evaluation of the proposed method, the criteria of recall and precision [19] are employed. In the reminiscence calculation, TP is the total number of appropriately classified foreground (true positives), and FN is the total number of false negatives, which interpretations for the incorrect number of foreground pixels classified as background. In precision calculation, FP is the total number of false positives, which means the pixels are incorrectly classified as foreground.

The F-measure is utilized as the quantitative metric for performance evaluation. The F-measure is calculated as follows:

$$F - measure = 2 \times \frac{precision \cdot recall}{precision + recall}$$

Where precision =  $\frac{|S_f \cap S_{gt}|}{|S_f|}$  and recall =  $\frac{|S_f \cap S_{gt}|}{|S_{gt}|}, S_f$

## IV . RESULT AND DISCUSSION

In this segment we illustrate the performance of the suggested methods on videos with static and dynamic backgrounds, correspondingly. All investigations were implemented on a personal computer with i3 CPU and 8G RAM with Matlab 2013b tool.

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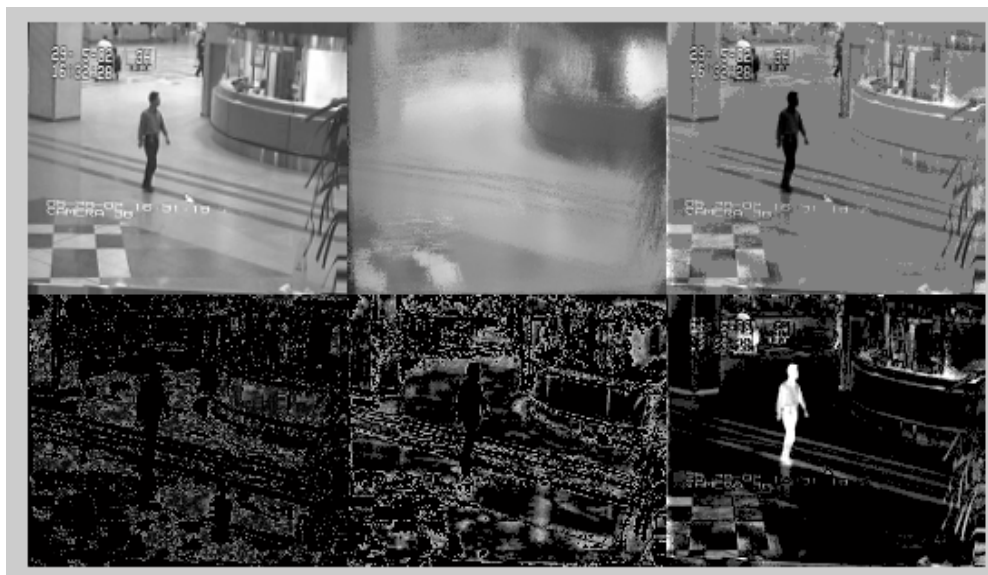
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Fig. 4. Performance of OMoGMF on video sequences with missing entries. From upper to lower: Original video frames, 15% subsampling frames, extracted backgrounds.





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Fig. 5. From upper to lower: original frames in airport video; aligned frames, backgrounds and foregrounds obtained by t-OMoGMF.

For improved opinion, Fig.5 displays the outcome of t-OMoGMF on multiple frames of transformed airport sequence. It is easy to see that t-OMoGMF can well line up video frames, which obviously indicates to its enhanced foreground/background separation.

## VI. CONCLUSION

In this paper, we have recommended a new online subspace learning method pointing to make background subtraction available in practical videos both in speed and accuracy. On one hand, the computational speed of the new method reaches the real-time requirement for video processing (more than 25 FPS), and on the other hand, the method can adaptively fit real-time dynamic variations in both foreground and background of videos. In specific, through specifically learning a foreground distribution and a background subspace normalized by the beforehand learned knowledge for each video frame, the method can properly deliver variations of video foreground and background along the video sequence.

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