Classification of Video Sequences into Specified Generalized Use Classes of Target Size and Lighting Level

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Introduction

- Transmission and analysis of video frequently used for variety of applications outside entertainment sector, to perform specific tasks
 - Security
 - Public safety
 - Remote command and control
 - Tele-medicine
 - Sign language
- Each application consisting of some type of recognition task
- Different QoE for entertainment and recognition tasks videos
- Video Quality in Public Safety (VQiPS) Working Group, est. 2009 by DHS, developing user guide for public safety video applications
- The approach taken by VQiPS to remain application-agnostic
- Instead of attempting to individually address each of many public safety video applications, approach basing on common features

Five Parameters Impacting Ability to Achieve Recognition Task, Selected as Being of Particular Importance

- Usage time-frame specifying whether video to be
 - Analysed in real-time
 - Recorded for later analysis
- **Discrimination level** specifying fine level of detail sought from video
- **Target size** specifying anticipated Region Of Interest (ROI) in video to occupy relatively small or large percentage of frame
- Lighting level specifying anticipated lighting level of scene
- Level of motion specifying anticipated level of motion in scene

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Representation of Determination Process of Generalised Use Classes (GUCs) Formed from Referred Parameters



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Classification of Video Sequences into Specified Generalized Use Classes

- **Objective** to develop tool that would automatically classify input sequence into one of GUCs
- **Challenge** description of GUC aspect not defining particular characteristics of targets, usable as criterion for automatic algorithms



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Work Description



Figure: Block diagram of working on automatic classification into GUC's

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Asummptions of Research Tool

Functionalities:

- Watching video samples
- Selecting targets by drawing on frames and describing them
- Selecting lighting level of whole sequence and particular targets

Features:

- Intuitive
- Easily accessible
- Well performance at most popular web browsers

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Developed Tool



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Results

The set of answers consisted of 616 target selections. Preparation for analysis:

- Manual validation as a result of subjective character of the test
- Excluded entries contained:
 - actions
 - two or more targets selected at once
 - no particular target selected
 - the same target selected more than once by one end-user
- Finally we have got **553** valid answers.

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Results — Examples of Excluded Entries



Figure: Validated answers, sequentially from top: action, many targets at one selection, no particular target

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Results — Grouping targets

- Commonalities between selections and descriptions
- Conditions
 - Common 66.7% $\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)$ of size selections and descriptions
 - Target was selected at least twice



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Target Size

- VQiPS defining 2 sizes of anticipated ROIs (targets)
 - Small
 - Large
- Finding binary classification criterion based on subjects

- Different numerical metrics of target sizes calculated
 - F1 F1 score
 - A Measuring accuracy
 - P Precision
 - R Recall
- $TS = \frac{max(x,y)}{X \subseteq Y}$
 - TS Target Size metric
 - x, y Size of selected ROI
 - X ⊻ Y Respective length of frame dimension

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$$A_{max}(TS = 40\%) \ge 85\%$$

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Target Size — Histogram



Figure: Number of end-users selections of target size in function of calculated size metrics.

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Target Size — Various Metric Values for Statistics



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Lighting Level

- VQiPS defining 3 levels of entire sequence illumination
 - Dim
 - Bright
 - Variable rejected due to low stability
- Here, per-ROI responses also taken into account
- Finding binary classification criterion based on subjects

- Different numerical metrics of target sizes calculated
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$$LL = avg(L_V(ROI))$$

- LL Lighting Level metric
- L_V Luminance

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$$A_{max}(LL=55)\geq 80\%$$

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Lighting Level — Histogram



Figure: Number of end-users selections of target lighting level in function of calculated luminance.

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Lighting Level — Various Metric Values for Statistics



Conclusion

- Size metric equal to 40% used as threshold in binary classifier of target size
- Lighting level selected by comparing average luminance with value of 55
- Subjects-driven methods for automatic classification of entire GUC sequence currently under development
- Ongoing algorithms to be based on image processing of each video frame