

# Foreground Estimation Based on Robust Linear Regression Model

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# Introduction

- Moving object detection is an active research subject in computer vision.
- Foreground detection under dynamic scenes is a challenging problem.

# Introduction

- Parametric density estimation technique  
e.g. Gaussian Mixture Models (GMM)
- Nonparametric density estimation technique  
e.g. Kernel Density Estimation (KDE)
- Sparse error estimation technique  
e.g. Sparse method

# Motivation

- Linear regression is a common used method to analyze the relationship between two variables.
- Cast foreground as observation errors to estimate.
- A new robust regression model which separates sparse outlier from noises is proposed for robust regression.

# Linear regression model

simple expression:

$$y_i = x_{i1}w_1 + \cdots + x_{iD}w_D + e_i$$

$x_i$  : explanatory variable

$y_i$  : dependent variable

$w_i$  : regression coefficient

$e_i$  : observation error

$i = 1, 2, \dots, M$  : observation numbers

$D$  : model order with  $M > D$

compact expression:

$$\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{X}\mathbf{w} + \mathbf{e}$$

# Linear regression model

- Estimate the coefficients by minimizing a given objective function.
- Least square criterion:

$$\hat{\mathbf{w}} = \mathbf{argmin} \|\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\hat{\mathbf{w}}\|_2$$

- Sensitive to outliers

# Robust linear regression model

Our regression model:

$$\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{X}\mathbf{w} + \mathbf{t} + \mathbf{n}$$

$\mathbf{y}$ ,  $\mathbf{X}$ ,  $\mathbf{w}$  : same to ordinary linear regression model

$\mathbf{t} = \{t_1, t_2, \dots, t_M\}$  : sparse outlier

$\mathbf{n} = \{n_1, n_2, \dots, n_M\}$  : assumed to be Gaussian noise

$$N \sim (0, \sigma^2)$$



# Robust linear regression model

- Objective function:

$$(\hat{\mathbf{w}}, \hat{\mathbf{t}}) = \mathbf{argmin} \|\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\hat{\mathbf{w}} - \hat{\mathbf{t}}\|_2 + \lambda \|\hat{\mathbf{t}}\|_0$$

$\lambda$  is a regularization parameter

- Solution method:

Compute the orthogonal matrix  $\mathbf{F}$  to matrix  $\mathbf{X}$ , such that  $\mathbf{FX} = \mathbf{0}$

# Robust linear regression model

- multiplying our model by  $\mathbf{F}$ , we get:

$$\mathbf{y}' = \mathbf{Ft} + \mathbf{n}'$$

$$\mathbf{y}' = \mathbf{Fy} \text{ and } \mathbf{n}' = \mathbf{Fn}$$

- by relaxing  $l_0$  norm to  $l_1$  norm, we get new objective function:

$$(\hat{\mathbf{t}}) = \mathbf{argmin} \|\mathbf{y}' - \mathbf{F}\hat{\mathbf{t}}\|_2 + \lambda \|\hat{\mathbf{t}}\|_1$$

# Robust linear regression model

- This is a classic LASSO problem and can be solved by sparse recovery method.
- We choose  $\lambda = \sigma \sqrt{2 \log M}$ ,  $\sigma$  is a scale estimation parameter.

# Proposed Detection Method

*Set the parameters  $\sigma$ , model order  $\mathbf{D}$ , number of subregions  $\mathbf{L}$ ,  $\mathbf{Th}$  value for foreground determination*

➤ **Regressor construction step**

For  $i = 1$  to  $\mathbf{D}$

    For  $j = 1$  to  $\mathbf{L}$

*get  $j$ th subregion of  $i$ th background frame and  
        translate into 1D column vector  $\mathbf{x}_{ij}$   
        set  $\mathbf{x}_{ij}$  to  $i$ th column of matrix  $\mathbf{X}_j$*

    End

End

For  $j = 1$  to  $\mathbf{L}$

*compute the orthogonal matrix  $\mathbf{F}_j$  to matrix  $\mathbf{X}_j$*

End

➤ **Foreground detection step**

For  $k = 1$  to length(videos)

    For  $j = 1$  to  $\mathbf{L}$

*get subregion and change into 1D vector  $y_{kj}$   
        compute the vector with  $\mathbf{F}_j$  to get  $y_{kj}'$   
        estimate the outlier according to new function  
        change the estimation vector  $t_{kj}$  into subregion*

    End

    Foreground =  $|t_k| > \mathbf{Th}$

End

# Experiments

- Two dynamic sequences for testing.
- GMM, KDE, and Sparse methods are employed for comparison.
- Visual and numerical evaluation are used  
Precision and Recall as the metrics.

$$\textit{Precision} = \frac{TP}{TP + FP} \times 100\% \quad \textit{Recall} = \frac{TP}{TP + FN} \times 100\%$$

# Experiments

- Parameter selection

Subregion number:  $L = 4$

Model order:  $D = 20$

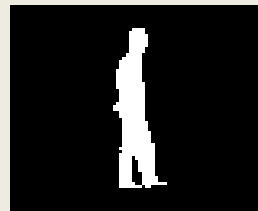
Threshold value: **Th** = 30

# Experiments

- rippling water sequence



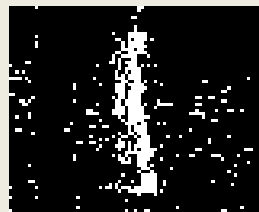
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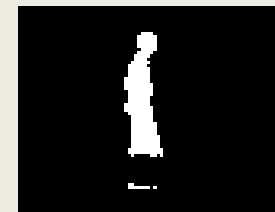
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(d)



(e)



(f)

# Experiments

## Precision and recall evaluations

	Precision	Recall
GMM	67.22	80.00
KDE	56.31	69.38
Sparse	81.55	75.31
Ours	99.32	72.59



# Experiments

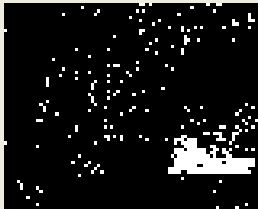
- campus sequence



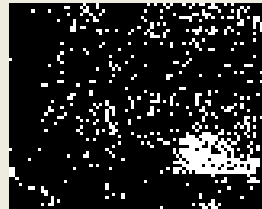
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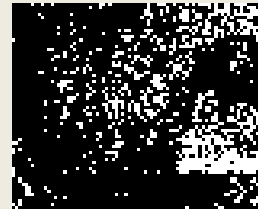
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# Experiments

## Precision and recall evaluations

	Precision	Recall
GMM	47.81	59.93
KDE	28.68	65.41
Sparse	20.96	68.84
Ours	66.11	54.11

# Conclusion

- a new foreground estimation method cast foreground as outlier estimation problem.
- a new model separates the sparse outlier from noise term
- our method can effectively detect foreground under dynamic scenes

Thank you !

Q and A