

# **Collaboratively** Regularized Nearest Points for Set Based Recognition

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Finally,  $\mathbf{Q}$  is classified by:

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**CRNP** solves the following optimization problem:

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where
$$\mathbf{X} = [\mathbf{X}_{1}, \dots, \mathbf{X}_{n}]$$

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One-step closedform solution? Yes! But, -- it is expensive, -- the whole optimization is needed for each query/probe set.

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Algorithm 1 COLLABORATIVELY REGULARIZED NEAREST POINTS (CRNP):

- **Require:** The training/gallery sets  $\mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times N_x}$ , an arbitrary test/query set  $\mathbf{Q} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times N_q}$ , the pre-computed  $\mathbf{z}$ ,  $\hat{\mathbf{X}}$  and  $\mathbf{P}_x$  (using Equation 10), and four trade-off parameters  $\{\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \gamma_1, \gamma_2\}$ .
- **Ensure:** The representation coefficients for distance finding:  $\boldsymbol{\alpha}^*$  and  $\boldsymbol{\beta}^*$ .
  - 1: Construct  $\hat{\mathbf{Q}} = [\mathbf{Q}^T, \sqrt{\gamma_1} \mathbf{1}_{N_q, 1}, \mathbf{0}_{N_q, 1}]^T$ .
  - 2: Compute the project matrix  $\mathbf{P}_q = (\hat{\mathbf{Q}}^T \hat{\mathbf{Q}} + \lambda_1 \mathbf{I})^{-1} \hat{\mathbf{Q}}^T$ .
  - 3: Initialize  $\beta_0 = 1/N_x$ .
  - 4: while not converged or not exceeding the maximum number of iterations do
  - 5: Update the representation coefficients:

6: 
$$\boldsymbol{\alpha}_{t+1} = \mathbf{P}_q(\mathbf{z} - \hat{\mathbf{X}}\boldsymbol{\beta}_t).$$

- 7:  $\boldsymbol{\beta}_{t+1} = \mathbf{P}_x(\mathbf{z} \hat{\mathbf{Q}}\boldsymbol{\alpha}_{t+1});$
- 8: end while
- 9: Return  $\boldsymbol{\alpha}^*$  and  $\boldsymbol{\beta}^*$ .



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Recall that RNP doesn't directly use the coefficients themselves which are actually also discriminative.

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#### Person re-identification

3 widely used datasets: iLIDS-MA, iLIDS-AA, and CAVIAR4REID.

- iLIDS-MA: 40 subjects, 1 gallery set & 1 probe set for each, set size 10;
- iLIDS-AA: 100 subjects, 1 gallery set & 1 probe set for each, set size 10;
- CAVIAR4REID : 50 subjects, 1 gallery set & 1 probe set for each, set size 5;



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#### **Parameters**

For **CRNP**:

$$\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = 4, \gamma_1 = \gamma_2 = 1$$

For other methods:

- default settings or originally suggested parameters were used.



### Results

#### Face recognition accuracy (%) comparison on the Honda/UCSD dataset.

Method	MPD[4]	SRC[8]	CRC[14]	CHISD[2]	SANP[13]	KSANP[6]	SBDR[10]	CSA[9]	RNP[12]	CRNP
50 frames	79.49	76.92	76.92	79.49/82.05*	84.62/84.62*	87.18*	87.69*	84.62	66.67/87.18*	89.74
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Method	MPD[4]	SRC[8]	CRC[14]	CHISD[2]	SANP[13]	SBDR[10]	CSA[9]	RNP[12]	CRNP
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100 frames	94.31	92.36	93.06	94.17	93.61	96.11*	94.44	94.58/94.7*	94.44

#### Performance comparison for person re-identification on three benchmark datasets.

Dataset	MPD[4]	SRC[8]	CRC[14]	CHISD[2]	SANP[13]	CSA[9]	RNP[12]	CRNP
iLIDS-MA	50.0(75.0)	57.3(74.8)	28.5(50.0)	52.5(72.8)	46.8(74.8)	<b>59.0</b> (71.3)	53.3(76.0)	<b>59.0</b> ( <b>78.3</b> )
iLIDS-AA	23.8(60.4)	<b>36.0</b> (68.9)	24.7(54.1)	24.6(58.2)	19.2(57.3)	22.5(59.6)	25.5(59.9)	35.4( <b>71.6</b> )
CAVIAR4REID	19.0(47.2)	25.4(50.8)	16.6(37.6)	25.4(51.2)	25.2(52.4)	24.6(48.8)	24.0(50.2)	26.8(63.6)



#### Computational cost

For those methods which can have (parts of) their models pre-computed using the training data, the total pre-computation time (in seconds) is listed for comparison.

Dataset	Honda	/UCSD	CMU	МоВо	I IDS-MA		CAVIA P/PEID	
	50 frames	100 frames	50 frames	100 frames	ILID3-MA	ILID5-AA	CAVIAR+REID	
SBDR[10]	$9.23\times10^3$	$1.46\times10^4$	$1.23\times 10^4$	$3.14\times10^4$	N/A	N/A	N/A	
CSA[9]	0.59	0.74	28.7	50.2	0.39	0.62	0.26	
RNP[12]	0.06	0.20	0.17	0.64	0.02	0.05	0.02	
CRNP	0.22	0.87	0.64	2.66	0.04	0.22	0.02	

Computational cost comparison with all the related methods on all of the recognition tasks (in the ``*milliseconds per sample*'' manner, excluding the time for feature extraction).

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Honda/UCSD (100)	6.4	$4.1 \times 10^3$	0.55	330	17.3	97.8	32.6	14.5	0.46
CMU MoBo (50)	12.4	$7.6  imes 10^3$	0.94	89.0	47.2	85.0	29.0	3.5	2.1
СМИ МоВо (100)	71.4	$2.7  imes 10^4$	1.8	394	53.0	79.3	39.1	5.9	2.5
iLIDS-MA	3.9	741	0.51	58.7	121	N/A	9.6	24.5	3.3
iLIDS-AA	9.9	2337	1.2	150	344	N/A	36.8	83.4	7.2
CAVIAR4REID	3.8	214	0.35	55.3	249	N/A	15.8	30.8	8.0



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**Code**: available soon on my personal webpage. <u>http://mm.media.kyoto-u.ac.jp/members/yangwu/</u>



# Thank you! Q & A?