# Latent Fingerprint Recognition: Role of Texture Template

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#### Limited Minutiae in Partial Fingerprints



Five minutiae in a latent image



#### Minutiae frequency: NIST SD27

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96x96 pixels at 500 ppi

Two minutiae in capacitive smartphone fingerprint

Capacitive fingerprint reader in a smartphone

https://c.slashgear.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/11/mx4.jpg



#### NIST Study: similarity scores as a function of patch size



https://www.samsi.info/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/Tabassi\_august2015.pdf

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- At each grid in a latent, there are two virtual minutiae with opposite orientations to handle the ambiguity in ridge orientation



Virtual minutiae on latents

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#### Virtual Minutiae Matching

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#### Main steps:

- Compute virtual minutiae similarity using their descriptors
- Select the top 200 virtual minutiae correspondences
- Remove false correspondences using second- and third-order graph matching

#### Search Performance



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### Challenges

- Can we further improve the search performance?
  - Rank-1 accuracies: NIST SD27 (~50%), WVU (~58%)
- Can we improve the search speed?
  - Each virtual minutia descriptor is a 384 dimension feature
  - Second- and third-order graph matching takes 11ms (24 threads)

#### Virtual Minutiae Descriptor

#### Training dataset:

#### ~800K patches from ~50K minutiae



Enhanced fingerprint patches

- Increase the number of patches for each minutiae
- Improve the robustness of the descriptor extraction model

#### Virtual Minutiae Descriptor

#### **Descriptor extraction**:

3*l*-dim descriptor for each minutiae



- 3 patches (96x96 pixels) cropped from each minutiae
- One model is trained for each patch type
- Each minutia is considered as an individual class
- Output of last fully connected lay used as descriptor

### **Graph Matching**



Second-order:

- n(n-1)/2 pairs
- 4 features per pair



Third-order:

- n(n-1)(n-2)/6 triples
- 9 features per triple

#### **Modified Graph Matching**



Euclidean second-order:

- n(n-1)/2 pairs
- 1 features per pair



Full second-order:

- n(n-1)/2 pairs
- 4 features per pair

#### Dataset



- Latent dataset: 258 latents from NIST SD27
- Background database: 10K exemplar fingerprints
- Latent processing: 3 different latent preprocessing approaches

#### Performance of Texture Template: Fusion Schemes

Input tem-	descriptor	rank-1	rank-5	rank-10
plates	length	(%)	(%)	(%)
Cao&Jain [1]	384	59.30	70.16	73.26
$T_{e_1}$	192	68.22	73.64	74.81
$T_{e_2}$	192	66.67	72.48	74.42
$T_t$	192	60.47	67.83	70.93
$T_{e_1}$ + $T_{e_2}$	192	70.93	74.81	77.91
$T_{e_1}$ + $T_t$	192	70.93	76.36	79.07
$T_{e_2}$ + $T_t$	192	67.05	75.19	77.13
$T_{e_1}$ + $T_{e_2}$ + $T_t$	192	70.16	76.74	81.40
$T_{e_1}$	384	69.38	75.58	77.13
$T_{e_2}$	384	66.28	72.48	73.64
$T_t$	384	58.91	66.28	69.77
$T_{e_1}$ + $T_{e_2}$	384	70.16	75.58	78.29
$T_{e_1}$ + $T_t$	384	69.38	76.74	77.91
$T_{e_2}$ + $T_t$	384	67.83	74.03	75.97
$T_{e_1} + T_{e_2} + T_t$	384	70.93	75.97	78.68

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#### CMC curves on NIST SD27



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### Summary and Future Work

- Improved the rank-1 identification rate from 59.3% to 68.2% for a 10K gallery
- Reduced the average latent to rolled texture template comparison time between 11ms (24 threads) to 7.7ms (single thread)
- Future works include:
  - reduce the texture template size,
  - further improve comparison speed
  - improve search accuracy

#### Thanks!

### Flowchart of Proposed Approach



A texture template contains a set of virtual minutiae and their descriptors

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