

Real-time image-based parking occupancy detection using deep learning

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### Prologue

#### Does that mean anything?

LOOKING FOR A PARKING SPACE: my favorite way to spend an hour



The average driver spends 106+ days looking for a parking space

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## What can that result?



A fight over parking space has ended in tragedy, with a man losing his life after being kidnapped and brutally thrashed.



When Subramaniam (50) asked the accused to park ahead, since the car was blocking the way, the driver and his friend assaulted the victim, bundled him into their car and drove him around for an hour before dumping him on the road. Sagar Rajput reports on P2

mid-day's report on March 24



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## What can be done?

#### The root cause



Searching for a parking spot, instead of moving towards one.



Parking Guidance System

Real-time parking occupancy details. Reliable guidance to vacant spots.

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## Available options (Ichihashi et al., 2009)



#### **Counter-based systems**

- Sensors at entry and exit
- Not for open spaces
- Does not provide location of vacant parking spot



#### **Camera-based systems**

- Existing CCTV network
- Need direct visibility
  - Less reliable compared to sensor-based systems



#### Wired and wireless sensor-based systems

- Ultrasonic, infrared light or wireless magnetic-based
- High cost (~\$40/ sensor) (*True, 2007*)
- 1 parking space = 1 sensor
- + processing units and transceivers for wireless sensors
- Highly reliable and accurate

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### **Our Solution: Camera-based systems**



 Can use existing CCTV networks
 learning ability getting closer to human cognition

No additional cost

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## Some unfamiliar terms







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### Camera-based systems: The story so far

Input images

### Feature extraction

#### **Pre-defined (hand-crafted) features**

- Edges, colour, texture, .....
- Low transfer learning ability (~89%)
- Susceptible to the variation in appearance

#### Automatic feature detection

- Deep CNNs
- State-of-the-art performance for image classification
- High transfer learning ability (~95%)
- Robust to change in appearance

### Classification

#### **Machine learning**

SVMs, Neural Networks, Bayesian classifiers, ensembles of classifiers....

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# Contribution to the story: Novelty

- <u>(Valipour et al., 2016; Amato et al., 2016; Amato et al., 2017)</u>
  - Fine-tune existing pre-trained CNNs
  - Accuracies up to 99.6 % for crossvalidation process
  - Accuracies up to 95.6 % for transfer learning processes

- Current research
  - Use binary SVM classifier instead
  - Report better accuracies
  - A detailed analysis is performed to identify the parameters that affect the accuracy



#### Motivation

CNN-SVM systems yield best results with Handwriting detection (*Niu and Suen, 2012*) and pedestrian detection (*Szarvas et al., 2005*)

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# Hypothesis and methodology

• **Hypothesis:** *"features extracted by a pre-trained CNN can be used directly to train an SVM classier for the detection of parking occupancy in a CCTV image sequence".* 



Public dataset (PKLot - de Almeida et al., 2015).





A simplified layout of the framework

Barry Street dataset for one day, having sunny to cloudy weather, created for evaluating transfer learning

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### Results: Video demo



Processing speed (30 parking spots) - 2 seconds on 2.5GHz i5 processor.

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## Some more unfamiliar words!



$$\mathbf{Sensitivity} = \frac{TP}{TP + FN}$$
How many occupied spots identified as occupied
$$\mathbf{Specificity} = \frac{TN}{TN + FP}$$
How many vacant spaces identified as vacant
$$\mathbf{Overall\ accuracy} = \frac{TP + TN}{TP + TN + FN + FP}$$
How many parking spot occupancy correctly identified

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--- Sensitivity

- - Specificity

### **Results: Accuracy**



Transfer learning accuracy: 96.6 % (B

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## Results: Correlation with time



The classification accuracy of Barry street images by the time of the day.

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## Discussion: Correlation with time

Time: 16:25 Hrs



Effects of building shadows on the parking spaces.

Effects of change in occupancy

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### Results: Correlation with parking spots



The variation of the accuracy over the whole period by the parking space number.

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### Discussion: Correlation with parking spots

Time: 13:17 Hrs



Occlusion by wall Ambiguity of parking spaces Occlusion due to no visibility

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### Discussion: Correlation with parking spots



Misclassification for plot no. 5

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## Room for improvement

Removing bias of training

Effects of shadows and solar reflection – image normalisation

Low-end cheap Graphics Processing Units (GPUs) Parking space ambiguity – dynamic segmentation

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## Potential for commercialisation

#### Recommendation

- Location specific model training
- better understanding of the environment

#### Requirements

• Image data of all weather conditions

 Manually labelled occupancy details

#### **Expected result**

• Accuracy >99.7%

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## Conclusion







CCTV coverage



Visibility



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