

# Efficient PSD Constrained Asymmetric Metric Learning for Person Re-identification

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## Introduction

- Problems with existing metric learning methods
  - Applying PSD: **expensive**
  - No PSD: **noisy**
  - pos/neg samples: largely **unbalanced**
- Contributions
  - APG solution to the PSD constrained logistic metric learning problem
  - Asymmetric pos/neg sample weights to balance pos/neg costs
- Advantages
  - PSD+APG leads to **low rank** and **smooth** metric
  - APG solution is **fast** in convergence
  - PSD and asymmetric weights lead to **notable improvements**

## Cross-view Logistic Metric Learning

- Formulation
  - Mahalanobis distance :  $D_M^2(x, z) = \|x - z\|_M^2 = (x - z)^T M (x - z)$
  - Loss function :  $f_M(x, z) = \log(1 + e^{y(D_M^2(x, z) - \mu)})$
  - Full loss :  $F(M) = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^m w_{ij} f_M(x_i, z_j)$  **asymmetric pos/neg sample weighting**
  - Problem :  $\min_M F(M), \text{ s.t. } M \succeq 0$  **PSD constraint, smooth the solution**
- APG Solution
  - Gradient : simplified matrix computation  $\nabla F = XA_t X^T - XG_t Z^T - (XG_t Z^T)^T + ZB_t Z^T$
  - Proximal operator :  $P_{\eta_t}(M, V_t) = F(V_t) + \langle M - V_t, \nabla F(V_t) \rangle + \frac{1}{2\eta_t} \|M - V_t\|_F^2$
  - Update rule :  $C_t = V_t - \eta_t \nabla F(V_t) = U_t \Lambda_t U_t^T$   
 $M_t = U_t \Lambda_t^+ U_t^T$
  - Dimension reduction :  $P_t = U_t^+ (\Lambda_t^+)^{1/2}$

$$D_{P_t}^2(x, z) = \|P_t^T x - P_t^T z\|_2^2$$

## Experiments

- Analysis: low rank and individual improvement

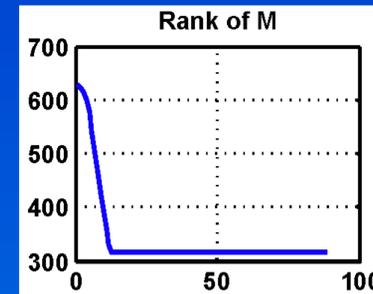


Fig. 1. Fast rank shrinkage.

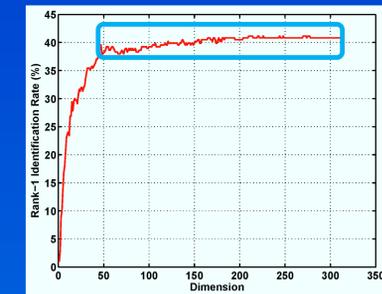


Fig. 2. Low rank selection.

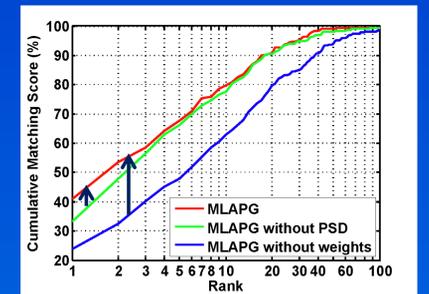


Fig. 3. Improvements by PSD and weighting.

- Comparison of metric learning methods with the same LOMO feature

| Method | rank = 1 | rank = 10 | rank = 20 |
|--------|----------|-----------|-----------|
| MLAPG  | 39.21    | 81.42     | 92.50     |
| XQDA   | 38.23    | 81.14     | 92.18     |
| KISSME | 33.54    | 79.30     | 90.47     |
| LMNN   | 28.42    | 72.31     | 85.32     |
| LADF   | 27.63    | 75.47     | 88.29     |
| ITML   | 19.02    | 52.31     | 67.34     |
| LDML   | 13.99    | 38.64     | 48.73     |
| PRDC   | 12.15    | 35.82     | 48.26     |

Fig. 4. On the VIPeR database.

| Method | rank = 1 | rank = 10 | rank = 20 |
|--------|----------|-----------|-----------|
| XQDA   | 16.56    | 41.44     | 52.48     |
| MLAPG  | 15.60    | 40.48     | 52.48     |
| LMNN   | 10.80    | 34.24     | 45.76     |
| KISSME | 10.64    | 31.60     | 43.20     |
| ITML   | 9.44     | 27.04     | 35.20     |
| LDML   | 8.16     | 22.24     | 27.36     |
| PRDC   | 7.52     | 23.84     | 31.44     |
| LADF   | 6.00     | 27.36     | 41.28     |

Fig. 5. On the QMUL GRID database.

- Comparison to the published results

| Method            | rank=1 | rank=10 | rank=20 | Reference       |
|-------------------|--------|---------|---------|-----------------|
| MLAPG             | 40.73  | 82.34   | 92.37   | Proposed        |
| XQDA              | 40.00  | 80.51   | 91.08   | 2015 CVPR [14]  |
| SCNCD             | 37.80  | 81.20   | 90.40   | 2014 ECCV [29]  |
| Kernel Ensb 2     | 36.1   | 80.1    | 85.6    | 2014 ECCV [28]  |
| kBiCov            | 31.11  | 70.71   | 82.45   | 2014 IVC [18]   |
| LADF              | 30.22  | 78.92   | 90.44   | 2013 CVPR [13]  |
| SalMatch          | 30.16  | 65.54   | 79.15   | 2013 ICCV [30]  |
| Mid-level Filter* | 29.11  | 65.95   | 79.87   | 2014 CVPR [32]  |
| MtMCMML           | 28.83  | 75.82   | 88.51   | 2014 TIP [19]   |
| RPLM              | 27.00  | 69.00   | 83.00   | 2012 ECCV [9]   |
| SSCDL             | 25.60  | 68.10   | 83.60   | 2014 CVPR [15]  |
| LF                | 24.18  | 67.12   | 82.00   | 2013 CVPR [22]  |
| SDALF             | 19.87  | 49.37   | 65.73   | 2013 CVIU [11]  |
| KISSME            | 19.60  | 62.20   | 77.00   | 2012 CVPR [10]  |
| PCCA              | 19.27  | 64.91   | 80.28   | 2012 CVPR [20]  |
| PRDC              | 15.66  | 53.86   | 70.09   | 2013 TPAMI [33] |
| ELF               | 12.00  | 44.00   | 61.00   | 2008 ECCV [6]   |

Fig. 6. On the VIPeR database.

| Method             | rank=1 | rank=10 | rank=20 |
|--------------------|--------|---------|---------|
| MLAPG              | 16.64  | 41.20   | 52.96   |
| XQDA [14]          | 16.56  | 41.84   | 52.40   |
| MtMCMML [19]       | 14.08  | 45.84   | 59.84   |
| MRank-RankSVM [16] | 12.24  | 36.32   | 46.56   |
| MRank-PRDC [16]    | 11.12  | 35.76   | 46.56   |
| RankSVM [23]       | 10.24  | 33.28   | 43.68   |
| PRDC [33]          | 9.68   | 32.96   | 44.32   |
| L1-norm [16]       | 4.40   | 16.24   | 24.80   |

Fig. 7. On the QMUL GRID database.

| Method                | rank=1 | rank=10 | rank=20 |
|-----------------------|--------|---------|---------|
| MLAPG                 | 64.24  | 90.84   | 94.92   |
| XQDA [14]             | 63.21  | 90.04   | 94.16   |
| Mid-level Filter [32] | 34.30  | 64.96   | 74.94   |
| SalMatch [30]         | 28.45  | 55.67   | 67.95   |
| GenericMetric [11]    | 20.00  | 56.04   | 69.27   |
| eSDC [31]             | 19.67  | 40.29   | 50.58   |

Fig. 8. On the CUHK Campus database.

|                | Labeled | Detected |
|----------------|---------|----------|
| LOMO+MLAPG     | 57.96   | 51.15    |
| LOMO+XQDA [14] | 52.20   | 46.25    |
| DeepReID [12]  | 20.65   | 19.89    |
| KISSME [10]    | 14.17   | 11.70    |
| LDML [7]       | 13.51   | 10.92    |
| eSDC [31]      | 8.76    | 7.68     |
| LMNN [26]      | 7.29    | 6.25     |
| ITML [3]       | 5.53    | 5.14     |
| SDALF [1]      | 5.60    | 4.87     |

Fig. 9. On the CUHK03 database.

## Project Website and MATLAB Source Code

- <http://www.cbsr.ia.ac.cn/users/sciao/projects/mlapg/>

