

5 RELATED WORK

For object verification, association or re-identification tasks, deep learning approaches and Siamese architectures were first explored in face domain instead of vehicle domain. DDML [9] used a Siamese network with a generalized logistic loss function to learn a Mahalanobis metric to obtain robust feature representations for different face images. Yi et al [19] proposed a Siamese architecture with Cosine layer to compute similarity between two features and adopts binomial deviance cost function for network training. Similarly, Ahmed et al [1] adopted a Siamese network followed by a cross-input neighborhood difference layer and a summarize layer to describe the differences of two feature vectors for person re-identification problems. Other variations on the Siamese architectures have also been extensively explored recently. In FaceNet [15], a triplet loss function was proposed for robust similarity metric learning between a triplet of images. Ding et al [5] proposed a similar approach where a 3-branch deep architecture was adopted along with the triplet loss function to address person re-identification tasks.

More recently, researchers have begun to explore deep learning methods in the vehicle domain. DRDL [11] proposed a two-branch deep neural network model with coupled cluster loss function that is inspired by triplet loss and incorporate each vehicle's attribute labels to learn a robust metric. Furthermore, studies have shown that besides pixels values, spatial or temporal information is also valuable for vehicle verification tasks. Wang et al [18] used deep neural networks to extract features from 20 keypoints from a vehicle and aggregated them to construct a discriminative feature vector and refer to spatial and temporal information of each vehicle to further verify the vehicles' similarity. Liu et al [12] proposed PROVID, in which appearance features resulted from a deep convolutional neural network (CNN), license plate difference measured by a Siamese network and spatial-temporal information are fused to address vehicle verification problems. Shen et al [16] adopted a chain MRF model with a deeply learned pair-wise potential function to generate visual-spatial-temporal path proposals, which are further evaluated by a Siamese-CNN+Path-LSTM model to obtain similarity scores between pairs of query vehicle images.

6 CONCLUSIONS

In this paper we propose an approach for vehicle verification under the framework of connected vehicle systems. The proposed deep learning architectures generalize well and achieve high verification accuracy on real world dataset of reasonable complexity. The results shown in this paper is only preliminary and more experiments are expected to fully utilized the kinematic information besides pixel information of vehicle's profile image to further improve the association accuracy under more complicated circumstances. The high accuracy and low dimensionality of the feature representation indicate the potential deployment in the real time systems. For future work, it is worth exploring in real time scenarios by deploying the deep learning architectures to connected vehicle systems and evaluating communication performances in terms of transmission latency and bandwidth requirement.

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