Survey of Human Gait Analysis and Recognition for Medical and Forensic Applications

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ABSTRACT

Gait is a behavioural biometric which sometimes changes due to diseases, but it is still a strong identification metric that is widely used in forensic works, state biometric preserve sectors, and medical laboratories. Gait analysis sometimes helps to identify a person’s present mental state which reflects on physiological therapy for improved biological system. There are various gait measurement forms which expand the research area from crime detection to medical enhancement. Many research works have been done so far for gait recognition. Many researchers focused on skeleton image of people to extract gait features, and many worked on stride length. Various sensors have been used to detect gait in various light forms. This paper is a brief survey of works on gait recognition collected from various sources of science and technology literature. The authors have discussed a few efficient models that worked best as well as a few of the data sets available.

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Binary Coding, Gait Databases, Gait Recognition Survey, Kinect Skeleton Model, Morphological Skeleton, Silhouette Extraction

1. INTRODUCTION

Gait is one's walking pattern from which we can recognize a person. Gait recognition helps to recognize a person from behind, from far distance and in low light condition. C. D. Lim et al. (Lim et al., 2015a) Described in their paper that how gait analysis can improve gait of Parkinson Disease patient. In this work, they used depth camera attached with robotic walker to capture leg movement of patient. Parkinson Diseases effect on nervous system. In this disease, people lose their ability to move limbs in proper way and find difficulty in moving and walking. Symptoms continue and limbs become dysfunctional over time. Authors in this work, stored stride length and gait speed of few selected healthy older people whom they called control group and they selected few Parkinson Disease patient whom they called PD group. All people were male and aged between 69-92 years. They found that average
The stride length of control group is 37.2 cm which is greater than the stride length of PD group 22.38 cm but gait speed is almost equal in both cases. Early detection of Parkinson diseases (Kondragunta et al., 2019; Mallikarjuna et al., 2020) can delay the effect of this disease. For early detection of this disease deep learning algorithms can be used to estimate 2D poses. Then this 2D poses are projected in a 3D environment to extract gait parameters such as stride length, step angle. Deep learning is highly effective for 2D pose estimation. Mapping depth data with the 2D pose estimation produce 3D pose which helps to analysis gait for early detection. Rida et al. (Rida et al., 2015) showed that gait can be influenced by people clothing and carry bags which are termed as covariates. They applied gait energy image to detect features. All feature vectors are processed with mask based variants. This work helps to identify gait in various clothing condition and was an improved system which elaborately explain ratio of the number of well classified samples over the total number of samples. Y. Qi et al. (Qi et al., 2016) describes gait phase detection from foot trajectory. They detected accurate gait cycle with error -0.02 ± 0.01 second and stance phase with error 0.04 ± 0.03 second and swing phase with error -0.05 ± 0.03 second. The aim of the work is to detect the influence of walking speed over gait spatio-temporal parameters. Gait analysis is widely used (Mastrigt et al., 2018) in forensic works. In several criminal trials in Europe, forensic gait analysis plays a major role in last 15 years. Clinical gait analysis and forensic gait analysis are not a completely different field of study because almost every feature is used in forensic gait analysis which are used in clinical gait analysis. These features include person’s posture, movement of hands, head tilt, distribution of weight, angle of knee joint during walking, strides length etc. Gait recognition is widely used in forensic works for its discriminating ability from person to person (Muramatsu et al., 2013). In his PhD thesis (Seely, 2010) Richard D. Seely described large multi-biometric dataset that was captured as video processing and later it was reconstructed as a 3D dataset. Introduction of prototype biometric tunnel and its evaluation through rigorous analysis of dataset and sensor modification gives satisfactory result to identify discriminating boundary of gait recognition. Gait recognition can be done (Sun et al., 2019) using deep learning to find the key points of skeleton from image. This helps to recognise weather the subject is walking or running. The key points of human skeleton are very important for human behaviour recognition and also posture detection. Event based (Wang et al., 2019) gait recognition, EV-Gait shows 96% recognition accuracy on DVS128 and EV-CASIA-B gait databases. It is considered that dynamic vision sensors (DVS) are new sensing modality for object recognition. It generates asynchronous noisy events. EV-Gait is able to work with this noisy event streams and showed a high accuracy level in gait recognition. Gait recognition (Sokolova and Konushin, 2019) by neural features obtained through DVS has also shown high accuracy rate which is more than 98% for TUM-GAID gait data set. Cross-view gait (Chao et al., 2019) recognition form Gait Set shown 95.0% average rank-1 accuracy on CASIA-B dataset without covariates and this accuracy rate is 87.2% with bag-carrying and 70.4% with coat-wearing on CASIA-B data set. According to the psychological study (Boyd and Little, 2005) gait has small but very strong features for recognition of individual gait. There are several factors that can confuse the gait recognition system. These factors include variation of footwear, injury, change of age. Quasi gait recognition is very effective for gait recognition because it is less sensitive to these factors. Independent component analysis ICA (Lu and Zhang, 2007) and modified ICA (Rani and Arumugam, 2010) are also very effective for gait recognition. ICA is similar like Principal component analysis PCA where the difference is that ICA has statistically independent components. In research work on gait and posture (Papi et al., 2018) it is found that peak knee sagittal angels are plays an important role to diagnose movement disorder. Diseases like ataxia, restless legs syndrome, Parkinson’s disease, and stroke are common sign movement disorder. In these cases, knee angles are interest of study of bio clinical laboratories. Recent development of wearable technologies (Margiotta et al., 2016; Papi et al., 2017; Duc et al., 2014) has made such measurement easy and accurate. Rehabilitation of stroke patients who have survived from trauma (Carbonaro et
al., 2015) needs a daily life monitoring system. A textile goniometer work on knitted piezoresistive fabrics (KPF) developed to measure knee flexo-extension activities. This work (Chao et al., 2019) compares the performance of textile goniometer with inertial measurement unites (IMU). IMUs are the gold standard wearable motion sensors widely used. Goniometer gives same reading information of IMUs. This new light weighted goniometer gives extra set of information which IMUs does not. Ataxia (Putzhammer et al., 2005), schizophrenia are such diseases in which people lose his ability to think, feel, behave properly, has common motor disabling symptoms. Gait analysis for schizophrenia patient produces day to day mental ability improvement data for medical analysis. Anatomy of human nervous system (Sanders and Gillig, 2010) reveals that walking messages are controlled by motor, premotor cortex, subcortical nuclei, brainstem and cerebellum. Motor and premotor cortex generates initial signal for walking and others are responsible for modifying the signal. Gait reflects every kind of nervous system condition. This paper gives a cause of different abnormal gait for different diseases and drug effect. Asymmetry stride length disturbed due to short in cortical and basal ganglia disorders. Chronic alcoholic patient and drug effect cause ataxic gait abnormality. Many works had been carried out on gait analysis for medical treatment.

2. GAIT DATABASES

A number of gait databases were developed by different research groups working in the area of gait recognition. Among them Silhouettes gait database is most basic gait database. These gait databases are captured through different sensors and in different light conditions. CASIA gait database, NLPR gait database, CMU Mobo database, MIT, USH, UMD are all rich gait databases. Detailed discussion of each of these databases is given below. Table I. shows different gait database description.

2.1 Silhouette Gait Database

Silhouettes description of gait images are captured in specific light condition with darker backgrounds. Silhouette image represent shape of object in one colour. Various silhouette extraction methods (Schiel et al., 2013; Lu et al., 2007; Zhuang and Chen, 2007) are introduced to extract gait images from that. CASIA, NLPR have good collection of silhouette database. Some sample images from NLPR database is shown in Figure 1.

Figure 1. Silhouette gait images from NLPR gait database (Martek, 2010)
2.2 Near Infrared Gait Database

NIR imaging is capable to capture images in low light condition. It is more effective than a grey scale converted image. One can mount (Li et al., 2006; Firmenichy et al., 2011) NIR light emitting diodes and use various filters to get desired NIR images. Active NIR illumination (Firmenichy et al., 2011) produces invisible marker tracking, stereo depth estimation. Images which are taken in non-visible spectrum gives NIR imaging an added advantage over RGB imaging. Choosing particular bands over the range of NIR spectra (from 700 to 1100 nanometres) create multispectral NIR image. Some sample NIR images are shown in Figure 2 taken at 416 lux and walking distance was 3 meter.

2.3 Thermal Gait Database

Thermal imaging is most effective to detect covariates in gait recognition (Kolaric et al., 2011; Hikal, 2013; Razeghi et al., 2007). Every object emits electromagnetic radiation. This electromagnetic radiation is thermal energy that is invisible to human eyes. Various thermal cameras have such sensors to capture this heat energy and such imaging is called thermography. The images thermal camera captures are thermograms. Infrared spectral range of thermal imaging is between 9,000–14,000 nanometres. Figure 3 are thermal images collected at CMATER laboratory, Jadavpur University. These images were taken at maximum lux 89 and minimum lux 11. Walking distance were 10 meter.

2.4 Multiview Gait Database

Walking styles are captured from various viewpoints to gain maximum gait features which increase recognition success rate. Multiview (Figure 4) gait databases are prepared to get angular motion of object in respect of gait features with multiple cameras installed in various point or a single camera in a fixed position.
2.5 Large Sequence-Based Human Gait Database

This type of imaging needs protocol oriented camera installation. Basically two types of views needed to capture large sequence of gait images. Normal and oblique installation can be put in multiple positions (Shutler et al., 2002) to construct large sequence based imaging (Figure 5). SOTON HiD is a good collection of large sequence based gait database. This database was prepared by University of Southampton. This database consists of 100 subjects each having 8 sequences captured at 25 frame per second.

3. DIFFERENT FEATURE EXTRACTION METHODOLOGIES

Feature selection is state of the art of the entire recognition system development process which expects ground truth from various modes of imaging system. From early history of gait recognition many databases were prepared and various methods of feature extraction were developed. Overall few feature extraction techniques are key sources of further development of advance functions.

Figure 6. Shows a generalised version of gait recognition system. All the components of the system are described briefly and results are given for few individual components as training and testing feature vector.
Table 1. Different gait database description

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<td>CMU Mobo (Sivapalan et al., 2011)</td>
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<td>Robotics Institute, Carnegie Mellon University</td>
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Figure 6. Block diagram of generalised system of gait recognition (Pushpa et al., 2010)
3.1 Silhouette Extraction

Silhouette Extraction methods employ background elimination. Several background elimination techniques were proposed in various research works. Many works have been done on video processing where a fixed background is not possible for image subtraction due to illumination change of light sources. Sometimes movable cameras are installed in object location to capture forensic data which need advanced background elimination technique. Outdoor environments where light source intensity is time dependent also need these types of background elimination models. Few established background elimination techniques include Horprasert’s Algorithm (Ahn and Byun, 2007) Region Based Background Subtraction, (Kim et al., 2007; Babacan and Pappas, 2007) Laplacian Distribution (Jan and Wang, 2012) Gaussian Distribution (Panda and Meher, 2013). Horprasert’s Algorithm (Gomez et al., 2012) works on batch mode to separate the brightness of its chromaticity components. This algorithm uses statistical background model. A region based background subtraction divide image in region pixel. It first draws a minimum bounding box around the desired subject then transform the image by mean shift segmentation. Pixel object likelihood and naïve region likelihood find foreground image from segment image. Laplacian distribution identifies the intensity change rate on the image boundary to compare with the other pixel region. Gaussian distribution analysis all pixel intensity in exponential domain.

3.1.1 Gaussian Distribution

Gaussian distribution represents bell shaped curve in terms of exponential function. It identifies specific area of interest in an image from standard normal z table:

\[ f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} e^{-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}} \]  

(1)

\( f(x) \) Represents a Gaussian function in equation (1). In this equation, ‘x’ represents each pixel value where ‘\( \mu \)’ and ‘\( \sigma \)’ represent mean and standard deviation respectively. E. Juana et al. (Juana et al., 2014) Introduced a background subtraction model to complex environments. They proposed that their model can improve any Gaussian based models to detect complex back ground.

3.1.2 Mixture of Gaussians

Gaussian Mixture model is the mixture of weighted sum of Gaussian distribution components. It is described in paper by (Zhao and Du, 2010) Stauffer and Grimson that if a pixel \( z(x,y) \) is chosen from a video sequence at any time \( t \) as represented in time series of video sequence then it represent its history at that particular time. The history of the pixel in video sequence is \( z_1 \) to \( z_t \) which can be observed by a mixture of K Gaussian distribution. The probability of observing the pixel at particular time \( t \) can be represented by following equation:

\[ P(z_t) = \sum_{i=1}^{K} w_{i,t} \times f(z_t \mid \mu_{i,t}, COV_{i,t}(x,y)) \]  

(2)

In equation (2), \( w_{i,t} \) is the estimated weight of \( i \)th Gaussian in the mixture at time \( t \). \( \mu_{i,t} \) Is mean and \( COV_{i,t}(x,y) \) is the covariance of the \( i \)th Gaussian at time \( t \). Gaussian probability density function is represented in equation (3). Equation (4) represent the covariance matrix form. Every new pixel \( Z_i \) is examined with all K Gaussian distributions until a match found. They call it a match if it is
Within 2.5 standard deviation of a distribution. In equation (3), ‘n’ is tuning variable that stabilize system to desired configuration:

\[
f(z_t(x,y), \mu_{i,t}, COV_{i,t}(x,y)) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi^2 \times |COV_{i,t}(x,y)|}} e^{-\frac{(z_t(x,y) - \mu_{i,t})^T}{2\sum_i [(z_t(x,y) - \mu_{i,t})]}}
\]

(3)

\[COV_{k,t}(x,y) = \{\sigma^2_k x : x = y\}\]

(4)

If no pixel matches with any k distribution, then least probable distribution is replaced with mean. The prior weight of ‘k’ distribution at time ‘t’ is represented as by the following equation:

\[w_{k,t} = (1 - \alpha)w_{k,t-1} + \alpha M_{k,t}\]

(5)

where \(\alpha\) is square of the learning rate. If model match then variable \(M_{k,t}\) set to 1 and 0 for other. \(\frac{1}{\alpha}\) determines the derivative of distribution parameters. \(w_{k,t}\) is the causal low pass filter and if model matches then new update function can be produced to update \(w\) and \(\alpha\) shown in paper evaluated by P. KaewTraKulPong et.al. (Kaewtrakulpong and Bowden, 2001).

3.1.3 Background Estimation

When the object in scene moves, its variance become larger than background pixel. It can be identify which of the Gaussian produced by back ground. If objects are not fixed in the scene, then the Gaussians are not matched with exiting Gaussians. In this case new distribution has to be produced or the variance of the existing distribution has to be increased. In a static fixed object scene first measure \(\frac{w}{\sigma}\). This value increases when the distribution gain more evidence and variance decreases. Gaussian distribution should be searched heuristically to find most supporting evidence and least variances which is the background. If variances are order in a list, then equation is as follows:

\[B = \arg \min_b \sum_{k=1}^{b} w_k > T\]

(6)

In equation (6), the first B distributions are model as background and T is the measure of how much data is accumulated from portion of background. Foreground pixel is any pixel that differs by 2.5 standard deviations than B distribution.

3.1.4 Advanced Changes for Background Subtraction

E. Juana et al. (Juana et al, 2014) proposed an advance algorithm to background subtraction for complex environment. They modified variance \((\sigma^2)\) and learning rate \((\alpha)\) of Mixture of Gaussian. They introduced new distance matric. They used spatio-temporal region representation instead of pixel based representation.
Background pixel can be found in each colour channel and assign a minimum variance value for each colour component. Consideration of colour channel for pixel classification reduces noise that adds at the time of segmentation. New algorithm to modify variance says in following order:

\[
\forall z \in \{1 \rightarrow n\} \\
\text{If } \sigma_{k,z} < \min(\sigma_z) \\
\sigma_{k,z} = \min(\sigma_z)
\]

where \( k \) is the number of distribution and \( n \) is the number of channel in the colour space. The learning parameter \( \alpha \) is a decreasing quasi global space-time variable. It filters illumination and decreases gradually to its min value as the system goes to stable condition. The definition of \( \alpha(t) \) is as follows:

\[
\alpha(t) = \min\left\{ \alpha : \alpha(t) < \frac{1}{1 + \log t^m} \right\} 
\]

\( \alpha(t) \) is learning rate which stabilizes converging procedure more accurate. Variable ‘\( m \)’ is tuning parameter which is chosen as per desired configuration. A static scene with a static object has only one time varying learning rate where a scene with multiple moving objects have many different learning rates. The new definition of learning rate can deal with drastic change in illumination and reduce noise created by it. Instead of using pixel based representation, if spatio temporal representation is used then the new model can filter out high frequency motions. In this representation, three variables can be used to keep spatial and time information. Consider \( x \) and \( y \) keep spatial information and \( t \) keeps the time record then \( xyt \) forms cube of pixel information where \( x, y \) and \( t \) represented by arithmetic mean. A distance matric ‘\( M \)’ that tells which Mixture of Gaussian is better to represent the current pixel is stated as follow:

\[
M_{k,j} = \frac{E\left[ (x_j - \mu_{k,j}) (y_j - \mu_{k,j}) \right]}{\sigma_{k,j}}
\]

where ‘\( k \)’ represents distribution of mixture and ‘\( j \)’ represents color components YUV. This entire proposal of subtraction then implemented in to cascade algorithm described by ‘\( L \)’. F.Teixeira et al. (Teixeira et al, 2007). Independent threshold for each color component YUV helps to reduce drastic illumination changes.

### 3.2 Morphological Skeleton

Morphological skeleton holds all the property of shape and size of the main object. Erosion and filling thinner the image to produce skeleton where dilation thicker the image preserving all property of shape and size of the image. Closing is property that fill the inside image areas. Erosion and dilation can be defined as follows:

\[
A \odot B = \left\{ (x, y) - (u, v) : (x, y) \in A, (u, v) \in B \right\}
\]
\[ A \oplus B = \left\{ (x, y) - (u, v) : (x, y) \in A, (u, v) \in B \right\} \] (10)

This is simply the erosion and dilation of A by B. B is a structuring element that is a part of Minkowski set operation as input. The set operator’s intersection, union, inclusion and complement then can be applied to image to produce different image behaviour. A. Maragos et al. (Maragos and Schafer, 1986) described that morphological transformations are upper semi continuous transformations if every structuring element is represented by a compact subset of E where E represents Euclidian space. Some properties of erosion and dilation is as follows:

\[ A \odot B = \left\{ (x, y) - (v) : (x, y) \in A, v \in B \right\} \] (11)

where Z is discrete space:

\[ A \ominus B = \left\{ (x, y) - (v) : (x, y) \in A, v \in B \right\} \] (12)

Equation (12) is a form of erosion which is a translation respect to a single point.

### 3.2.1 Morphological Skeleton Property

A skeleton subset is created by placing disks at particular position of the image object. This particular position is an arbitrary position on image object. Then apply set operation to get skeleton subset. The two set operations erosion and opening are performed to get skeleton subset. Then union of all such skeleton subset creates skeleton of the continuous image object X. Discs or squares are the structuring elements. They are isotropic in nature. Disc of radius ‘r’ can be defined as \( D_r \):

\[ F_n = X \ominus D_r \] (13)

\[ Fskel = \bigcup_{n>0} F_n \] (14)

where \( F_n \) is the \( n \) th image subset and Fskel is the skeleton of the image X. This property is a power full tool to develop more efficient algorithms for skeleton construction. R.Kresch et al. (Kresch and Malah, 1998) described Lantu ´ejaoul’s formula as follows:

\[ F_n = X \ominus D_r - \left( X \ominus D_r \right) \psi D_{dr} \] (15)

where \( \psi \) is the opening and \( D_{dr} \) is a closed disc with infinitely small radius \( dr \).

### 3.2.2 Coding of Binary Image

The most important coding techniques for binary images are block coding, run length coding, Elias coding. These three coding can be there after apply on skeleton subset. Skeleton subset is a binary image. Each skeleton subset can be divided in to blocks. Breaking into blocks make the computation faster but experiments show that instead of applying on subsets if binary coding can be applied on
whole skeleton then it performs better. Applying coding on skeleton creates skeleton function. To
code skeleton function $F_{skel}(x)$, first code ‘Fskel’ form equation (15) by any of the three coding
scheme said before. Then code grey tone information by Huffman code. Experiments say that Elias
coding is best coding scheme to code a binary image than block Huffman or run-length-Huffman
coding and Elias coding which gives best compression of original image. Table II Shows the efficiency
of different coding scheme tested on $64 \times 64$ image pixel. $P = 2 \times 4$ refers 2d blocks each size is
8 pixels. Common indicates same Huffman code for black and white run lengths where as separate
indicates different Huffman code. ‘m’ Represent the system in which the run length is represented
$m=3$ Means the representation in ternary system.

### 3.3 Kinect Skeleton Model

There are vast application of Kinect technology (Lun and Zhao, 2015) in healthcare. Medical experts
need extensive analysis of physical therapy, rehabilitation training, and body movement based exercise
of patients. Kinect technology gives them computer based detail analysis in affordable, convenient
and user friendly way. Microsoft introduced Kinect technology as a low-cost motion sensing device.
It provides 2D colour image frames, 3d depth image frames and 3D skeleton frames. Kinect SDK is
combined with a model that represent full human skeleton. This model is trained with huge amount
of labelled data. This trained model jointly with Kinect SDK gives real time skeleton tracking. Kinect
skeleton model captures joints of human body by depth image analysis. Kinect is a senor that has a
camera and a depth sensor to capture 3D movement of body and detect body joints. E.Gianaria et al.
(Fritz and Lusardi, 2009) described that a Kinect sensor of Microsoft is able to detect 20 body joint
in real time and in 3D space. Kinect provides gaming environment that can control a game by your
body, gesture and voice. Using Kinect sensors to detect body joints help to study gait movements
more accurately and those help researchers to develop more strong algorithms in this field.K.Arai et
al. (Arai and Asmara,2013) worked on both, model free and model based features for gait recognition.
Model free approaches are shape based features that are extracted from silhouettes and model based
approach gathers features from skeleton parameters like legs, arms, neck. Knee angles can be extracted
as a feature from model based approach. A.Sinha et al. (Sinha et al.,2013) used features like areas of
upper and lower body parts and distances between the upper body centroid and the centroids derived
from different joints of body. They calculated all the feature within half gait cycle. The experiment
results are shown in table III. Features ‘x’ are collected from research work by A.Ball et al. (Ball
et al.,2012) and ‘y’ features include area and distance features (Sinha et al.,2013). Total 32 features
include 18 ‘x’ features and 14 ‘y’ features. ‘x’ Features are lower limb joints angle.

### 3.4 Intensity Based Vector and Masking

GEI is Gait energy image which reveals many characteristics of silhouette gait image (Bharadwaj
and Chanda,2020). The high intensity pixels denote static part of the body where low intensity pixels
denote dynamic part of the body. This concept of feature extraction is more evident when pictures
are captured in low frame rate condition from a moving camera:

$\{(x_0, y_0), \ldots, (x_n, y_n)\} \in I$  \hspace{1cm} (16)

$G = \{I_0 + I_1 + \ldots I_k : I \in F_t\}$  \hspace{1cm} (17)

$GE = \frac{1}{k} \times G$  \hspace{1cm} (18)
In the above mathematical derivation, ‘F’ is set of frames and ‘k’ is number of frames in time interval ‘t’. ‘I’ containing matrixes of image pixel where ‘x’ and ‘y’ is pixel coordinates. G is sum of all such images within time interval ‘t’. Varying this ‘t’ and ‘k’ parameters one can create appropriate silhouette for such energy image analysis. Then (Kondragunta et al, 2019; Yang et al, 2014; Bashir et al, 2008; Yang et al, 2008) each row of the GEI can be taken as feature unit. Then compute sum of each row GEI intensity normalized by sum of all row intensity. Then this normalized intensity of each row creates feature vector for further processing. Then apply a mask to find the most significant feature vectors. After that apply a final mask to compute masked GEI. The final mask (FMASK) is ‘and’ operation between the low intensity vectors, intensity vectors with carrying bag, intensity vectors with coat. Then following equation computes masked GEI:

$$GEIM = GEI \times FMASK$$  \hspace{1cm} (19)

### 3.5 Gait Cycle Analysis

Gait cycle can be divided into five different phases which are Initial Contact (IC), Load Response (LR), Mid Stance (MST), Terminal Stance (TST), Pre Swing Double Support (PSW) shown in figure 7. C. MacDonald et al. (MacDonald et al, 2007) explained three more gait phases as Initial Swing (ISW), Mid Swing (MSW), and Terminal Swing (TSW).

Hip, knee, ankle angles and time can be considered as input parameters within these phases. Then a fuzzy system can be applied to the variables. Three membership functions are small (S), Medium (M), Large (L) which represent the output of the system. Results shown in table IV.

Wearable motion detector is a sensor device that captures gait cycle in real-time. C.-C. Yang et al. (Yang et al., 2011) worked on five PD patients to study gait behaviour. A wearable motion detector is a tri-axial accelerometer that record acceleration during walking. Accelerometer device measure static and dynamic acceleration using earth gravity. Then record acceleration along Vertical, Antro Posterior, and Medio Lateral direction to analysis different gait movement. A pressure sensor used to measure foot pressure. This sensor contains a force-sensitive resister (FSR). This sensor detects ground reaction force and gait phase. If the sum of signals from FSR tends to zero then the phase is swing (Perikesit et al., 2011). An autocorrelation coefficients are then computed from signal points of each directional signal. Then measure most impotent coefficients for further processing from a series of autocorrelation coefficients. These coefficients then consider as feature vectors (Gafurov and Snekkenes, 2009). The first and last few second of walk are not natural gait of person. Average walking speed is gait cycle per second of a person. This speed changes person to person. Even for a particular person this speed sometimes varies in consecutive cycles. For this reason, a continuous signal captured from radar can be used to identify Doppler signature of the gait. Frequency transform and then extracting features from a five meter walk or identifying Doppler signatures are all eliminate periodical dissymmetry in gait. Step length (Sayeed et al., 2013; Rampp et al., 2015; Wen et al., 2013)

![Figure 7. Different phases in gait cycle (MacDonald et al, 2007)](image-url)
is another important feature to recognize human gait. The most popular method to detect average step length is inverted pendulum model. In this model, measure the leg length from pelvis to hill, displacement of centre of mass in each step:

\[
\frac{d^2 \theta}{dt^2} + \frac{h}{SL} \sin \theta = 0 \tag{20}
\]

In equation (20) SL is stride length, h is vertical displacement of centre of mass and \( \theta \) is angular displacement. h can be found from above equation. Then average step length (\( sl \)) can be computed by computing following equation:

\[
sl = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} 2 \times k \sqrt{2hl - l^2} \tag{21}
\]

In equation (21), N is number of step lengths in one example. K is a calibrating constant which is a ratio between mean real and mean probable step length.

### 3.6 3D Leg Pose Tracking

Gait analysis with 3D data explore more discriminative features. Motion capture (Mocap) data available are free database which gives 3D markers in major human joints. 3D pose data can be extracted form video data by using Annealed particle filter (Livne et al. 2012; Chang and Lin, 2010; Cho et al., 2013). Particle filter algorithm works on Bayesian framework for motion capture. The sampling process of particle filter associates with several weights that generates a single local maximum point that detects by particle filter. The importance of weight must be a probability \( w = p(x_n | y_n) \). Where \( x_n \) is the hidden state vector and \( y_n \) is the observation. From this 3D model, first segment the human leg then identify the ankle joint. From this do 3D leg pose tracking and then do gait analysis from that. In 3D model consider each leg segment as cylinder. C. D. Lim et al. (Lim et al., 2015b) identified leg posture from robotic walker. Skeleton of leg segments (Figure 8) can be identified from there. Then curvature of the leg segments can be found out which denotes the ankle.

**Figure 8. Skeleton construction of leg segment (Lim et al., 2015b)**
joint. To find out the curvature, do convolution between $s_{i-1}, s_i, s_{i+1}$. Where $s_i$ is the skeleton points. Then apply a second derivative mask to find transpose of the convolution points. Least negative curvature of skeleton depth values are position of ankle $p_{ankel}$. The two more position shank and toe are identified.

A state model $\rightarrow X$ then computed to represent all the cylinders of leg segments. $\rightarrow X$ contains 12 elements:

$$X_t = \sum_{i=1}^{N} s_i w_i$$  \hspace{1cm} (22)

$s_i$ is the ith particle that represent leg pose and $w_i$ is the associated weight with it. $X_t$ is the state model for particular time ‘t’. The initial sampling of particle ‘$s_i$’ includes position of ankle, shank, toe and widths of ankle. To calculate weight vectors, first identify the contour of the leg segment. From this contour, generate one mean square error function $f_1(x_n, y_n^1)$. Where $y_n^1$ is observation of ‘edge map’ and $x_n$ is the sampled cylindrical model. Another mean square error function $f_2(x_n, y_n^2)$ generates from set of fore ground points $y_n^2$ and sampled cylindrical model $x_n$. Then an exponential function constructed by these two mean square error function shown in equation (23). Then, finally compute the weights calculating probability shown in equation (24):

$$f_{exp}(x_n, y_n) = \exp(-f_1(x_n, y_n^1) + f_2(x_n, y_n^2))$$  \hspace{1cm} (23)

$$p(x_n | y_n) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{1}^{n} f_{exp}(x_n, y_n)$$  \hspace{1cm} (24)

Equation (24) shows particle weight calculated in particular time ‘t’. Table V shows comparison of step length with particle filter and without particle filter.

4. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Two different scheme of skeleton extraction and their results from previous work have shown in table 2 and 3. The first one is for morphological skeleton. Morphological skeleton creates a skeleton structure detecting every small curvature in the image. The skeleton looks like a network of blood vessels. Where Kinect skeleton model finds the single connecting line through the body joints detecting mid position of silhouette contour. That’s why in Kinect skeleton model it is easy to find the different joint angles when subject moves where in morphological skeleton model, it creates a unique signatures of whole body in different times. As morphological skeleton creates unique signature patterns, so coding on skeleton can be applied to crate skeleton function. In table (2) Fskel is first time coded using an equation that authors derived (Kresch and Malah,1998) and then again they applied three coding scheme on Fskel function to create $F_{Fskel}^2$. The difference between Fskel and $F_{Fskel}^2$ is the amplitude rate or bit rate of the skeleton. Analysing this amplitude rate, a subject can be identified by his gait. A Kinect skeleton pattern gives us the angle and other distinct features from a human gait which can be used to train any neural network.
In table 4 a Fuzzy rule is defined. This definition explains the common angle range and time required for different gait phase at different body joint position. To determine the phases of gait for particular gait cycle this Fuzzy definition gives an approximate termination points. From this the angular motion $\theta$ can be identified. Table 5 shows step length error of a patient who walked in robotic walker (Lim et al, 2015b). Experiment done on one subject with five trial. Using particle filter gives better result than not using it. The noise due to floor segmentation is reason of poor result of not using particle filter. This experiment was basically for rehabilitation purpose for patients.

5. CONCLUSION

In this paper, we have discussed gait analysis and recognition for forensic applications. Detail discussion on nature of available databases presented here. Understanding gait recognition methodologies and their applications discussed in broad level. Throughout the survey, we found that gait analysis has high impact in biomedical engineering, medical areas and forensic experiments. There is large scope in research in gait recognition. Gait recognition is so popular because it recognize people from distance. Silhouette Extraction methods are discussed

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### Table 2. Coding skeleton functions (Maragos and Schafer, 1986)

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<th>Image coded</th>
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<td>633</td>
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### Table 3. Performance (F-SCORE in %) comparison for 5 subjects (Sinha et al., 2013)

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### Table 4. Fuzzy rule definition (MacDonald et al., 2007)

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elaborately. Strong feature extraction methods are discussed. When people walk, there lower limb oscillate in simple harmonic motion which creates people’s unique movement pattern (Yoo et.al, 2008). For this reason, Gait recognition is a highly important feature in surveillance. Overall, we have done a survey of recent gait researches.

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