# Multiple cameras fall data set

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#### Abstract

Faced with the growing population of seniors, developed countries need to develop new healthcare systems to help elderly people staying at home in a secure environment. Falls are one of the major risk for seniors living alone at home, causing severe injuries. Computer vision provides a new and promising solution for fall detection. The number of works on fall detection using computer vision increases in the last few years, and currently there is no easy way to compare the different algorithms. We present here a unique video data set which will be very useful for the scientific community to test their fall detection algorithms. This reports provides an overview of our video data set acquired from a calibrated multi-camera system. This video data set contains simulated falls and normal daily activities acquired in realistic situations.

### 1 Introduction

### 1.1 Context

Due to the growing population of seniors in developed countries, healthcare systems need to be develop to ensure the safety of elderly people at home. Falls are one of the major risks for seniors living alone at home, often causing severe injuries. Usually, wearable fall detectors like accelerometers [1, 2], gyroscopes [3] or help buttons [4] are used to detect falls. But seniors often forget to wear them, and a help button is useless if the person is unconscious after the fall. Moreover, these sensors need a battery regularly replaced or recharged for adequate functioning. Therefore, a new and promising solution for fall detection is the use of computer vision, as no sensors need to be worn with this technology. Moreover, a video camera gives many information about the person, but also about the person's environment. Indeed, it is possible to know where the person is in a room and what are its/her actions.

## 1.2 The fall detection problem

One of the key fall detection problems is to recognize a fall among all the daily life activities, especially sitting down and crouching down activities which have similar characteristics to falls (for example, a large vertical velocity). Noury *et al.* [5, 6] have proposed to decomposed the fall event in four phases:

- The pre-fall phase corresponding to daily life motions.
- The *critical phase*, corresponding to the fall, is extremely short. This phase can be detected by the movement of the body toward the ground or by the impact shock with the floor.
- The *post fall phase* where the person is generally motionless on the ground. This phase can be detected by a lying position or by an absence of motion.
- The *recovery phase*, eventually, is the person is able to stand up alone or with the help of another person.

### 1.3 Related Works

#### 1.3.1 Monocular systems

One of the commonly used fall detection methods is to analyze the bounding box representing the person [7, 8, 9] in the image. This simple method works only if the camera is placed sideways, and can fail because of occluding objects. For more realistic situation, other researchers [10, 11] placed the camera higher in the room to avoid occluding objects and to have a larger field of view. Lee and Mihailidis [10] detect falls by analyzing the person silhouette and the 2D image velocity, with special threshold for usual inactivity zones like the bed or the sofa. Nait-Charif and McKenna [11] track the person with an ellipse, and the resulting trajectory is used to detect abnormal inactivities outside usual inactivity zones. Rougier et al. [12] use the Motion History Image to detect a possible fall when large motion occurs. A fall is confirmed by analyzing the ratio and orientation of the ellipse representing the person. The large human shape deformation during a fall can also be used to detect a fall [13, 14].

The vertical velocity was also used to detect falls by considering the 2D vertical image velocity [15] or the 3D vertical velocity [16, 17]. For example, using a calibrated camera, Rougier *et al.* [17, 18] use the 3D head velocity obtained by tracking an elliptical model of the head with a particle filter.

### 1.3.2 Multi-camera systems

With a calibrated multi-camera system, it becomes possible to extract a 3D shape of the subject which is very useful for fall detection. From the silhouettes extracted from each camera, Anderson et al. [19] reconstruct a three-dimensional representation of the human in voxel space. The fall detection step is performed by analyzing the states of the voxel person with a fuzzy hierarchy. A 3D shape of the person is also reconstructed by Auvinet et al. [20, 21] from a multiple cameras network. Their method consists of the combination of homographies (a homography is a transformation between projective planes) of the projected human silhouette (previously segmented with a foreground/background algorithm) on the ground and parallel planes for gathering information from different cameras and locate the person in the room. Fall events are detected by analyzing the volume distribution along the vertical axis, and an alarm is triggered when the major part of this distribution is abnormally near the floor during a predefined period of time, which implies that a person has fallen on the floor.

Thome and Miguet [22] use a Layered Hidden Markov Model (LHMM) to distinguish falls from walking activities. In their method, motion analysis characteristics are obtained from a metric image rectification in each view. With two uncalibrated cameras, Hazelhoff *et al.* [23] detect falls by analyzing the direction of the principal component and the variance ratio of the human silhouette obtained from a Principal Component Analysis (PCA). A head tracking module is used to improve their recognition results.

# 2 Data Description

Our multi-camera system is composed of eight inexpensive IP cameras (Gadspot gs-4600 [24]) with a wide angle to cover all the room as shown in Fig. 1.

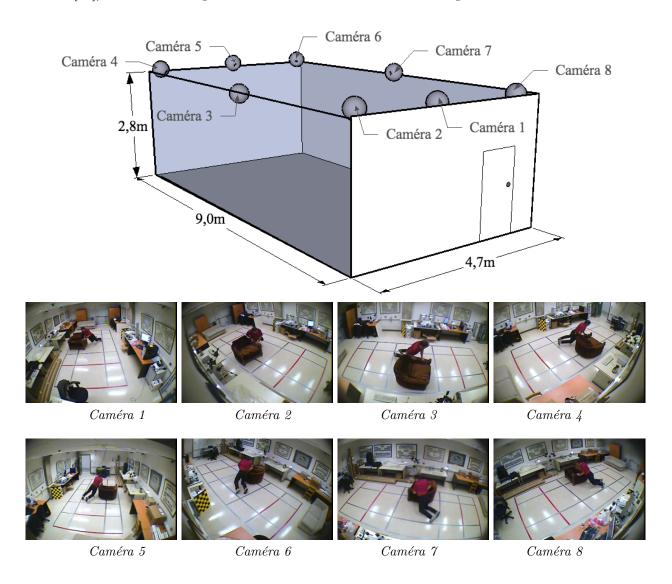


Figure 1: Camera configuration and fall example viewed from all the cameras.

Our video sequences contained typical difficulties which can lead to segmentation errors like:

- High video compression (MPEG4) which can give artifacts in the image.
- **Shadows** and **reflections** which can be detected as moving objects during a segmentation process.
- Cluttered and textured background.
- Variable illumination which must be taken into account during the background updating process.
- Carried objects (bags, clothes, etc) which must also be taken into account during the background updating process.
- Occlusions (chairs, sofa, etc).
- Entering/leaving the field of view.
- **Different clothes** with different color and texture. Putting on and taking off a coat.

The video data set is composed of several simulated normal daily activities and falls viewed from all the cameras and perform by one subject. Some examples are shown in Fig. 2.

- Normal daily activities like walking in different directions, housekeeping, activities with characteristics similar to falls (sitting down/standing up, crouching down). But also image processing difficulties like occlusions or moving objects.
- Simulated falls like forward falls, backward falls, falls when inappropriately sitting down, loss of balance. Falls were done in different directions with respect to the camera point of view. Notice that a mattress was used to protect the person during the simulated falls.

# 3 Data analysis

The principal aim of this data set is the fall detection. We propose the following classification for fall event detected.

let  $t_{fall}$  be the time of fall, if an fall event is detected before this time, it is classified as false positive (FP), if it is detected after  $t_{fall}$ , it is then declared true positive (TP). If no fall event are detected after the  $t_{fall}$  time, a false negative (FN) is then counted. When no fall event are detected before  $t_{fall}$ , a true negative (TN) event can then be counted.

Statistical information representing results like sensitivity and specificity can the be computed.

$$sensitivity = \frac{TP}{TP + FN}$$
 
$$specificity = \frac{TN}{TN + FP}$$



b - Example of normal activities

Figure 2: Examples of falls and normal daily activities.

# 4 Dataset Parameters

# 4.1 Camera calibration

Intrinsic parameters were computed using the chess board method[25] to define the focal distance  $\mathbf{f} = (f_x, f_y)$ , the optical center  $\mathbf{c} = (c_x, c_y)$ , the skew coefficient  $\alpha$  and the radial

distortion  $\mathbf{k} = (k_1, k_2, k_3, k_4, k_5)$  as presented in [26]. The later parameters are necessary because of non negligible radial distortion due to the large field of view of the camera lenses. External parameters, the rotation matrix  $\mathbf{R}$  and the translation vector  $\mathbf{T}$  were calculated using feature points manually placed on the floor and the method from [27]. Altogether, those parameters define the projective camera model described as follows. Let  $\mathbf{X} = (X, Y, Z)$  be the real world vector of a 3D point and  $\mathbf{X}_c = (X_c, Y_c, Z_c)$  his coordinates in the camera c space then:

$$\mathbf{X}_c = \mathbf{R} \, \mathbf{X} + \mathbf{T}$$

The normalized image projection  $(x_n, y_n)$  is defined by:

$$\left[\begin{array}{c} x_n \\ y_n \end{array}\right] = \left[\begin{array}{c} X_c/Z_c \\ Y_c/Z_c \end{array}\right]$$

Where the tangential distortion vector  $(d_x, d_y)$  is:

$$\begin{bmatrix} d_x \\ d_y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2k_3 x_n y_n + k_4 (3x_n^2 + y_n^2) \\ k_3 (x_n^2 + 3y_n^2) + 2k_4 x_n y_n \end{bmatrix}$$

The normalized point coordinates  $(x_d,y_d)$  with radial distortion become :

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_d \\ y_d \end{bmatrix} = \left(1 + k_1 r_n^2 + k_2 r_n^4 + k_5 r_n^6\right) \begin{bmatrix} x_n \\ y_n \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} d_x \\ d_y \end{bmatrix}$$

Finally, multiplying the normalized coordinates with the camera matrix gives pixel coordinates  $(x_p, y_p)$ 

$$\left[\begin{array}{c} x_p \\ y_p \end{array}\right] = \left[\begin{array}{cc} f_x & \alpha \cdot f_x & c_x \\ 0 & f_y & c_y \end{array}\right] \left[\begin{array}{c} x_d \\ y_d \end{array}\right]$$

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camera's number	parameter	value
1	fx	471.326642112614593
	fy	426.662204436341881
	u0	346.657859672927259
	v0	218.359328644457833
	$alpha_c$	0.000000
	kc1	-0.397822369832092
	kc2	0.131226322783830
	kc3	-0.001152677509999
	kc4	-0.002291097372705
	kc5	0.000000000000000
	r11	0.700227670412089
	r12	0.693941023579491
	r13	0.167711255980950
	r21	0.517416584587631
	r22	-0.331432529694897
	r23	-0.788943950007675
	r31	-0.491895606387098
	r32	0.639216969466151
	r33	-0.591134822492788
	Tx	-3.476486050917116700
	Ty	-1.156083579992916384
	Tz	4.845474104553619327

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camera's number	parameter	value
2	fx	472.958995562638279
	fy	428.846694149710117
	u0	345.469797776697703
	v0	248.497162677829976
	$alpha_c$	0.000000
	kc1	-0.389071900544632
	kc2	0.125991551945571
	kc3	0.001062638291482
	kc4	-0.000414066743725
	kc5	0.000000000000000
	r11	0.981072475018785
	r12	0.186485688334768
	r13	0.052152534040297
	r21	0.154336518165587
	r22	-0.590386623743320
	r23	-0.792227160393714
	r31	-0.116948868831810
	r32	0.785281301541856
	r33	-0.607993617999143
	Tx	-2.820809871433659737
	Ty	0.921080419583048752
	Tz	2.734747413825007243

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camera's number	parameter	value
3	$\int fx$	467.134293415803540
	fy	422.904172514494576
	u0	332.870102520683645
	v0	273.174248857274392
	$alpha_c$	0.000000
	kc1	-0.416837423580768
	kc2	0.159970162292944
	kc3	0.000808858230169
	kc4	-0.001558735210223
	kc5	0.000000000000000
	r11	0.836278386413674
	r12	-0.542649442008455
	r13	-0.078549624475579
	r21	-0.427347841888337
	r22	-0.555314606236054
	r23	-0.713442015958044
	r31	0.343529158079374
	r32	0.630204150405890
	r33	-0.696297670799255
	Tx	-0.868917057630084059
	Ty	1.426262397558596604
	Tz	2.167801262810230583

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camera's number	parameter	value
4	fx	467.401143838469864
	fy	422.921094825239720
	u0	370.510953156576420
	$v_0$	235.676258506666187
	$alpha_c$	0.000000
	kc1	-0.407889633073927
	kc2	0.150978867978827
	kc3	-0.000569948689129
	kc4	0.000483970784893
	kc5	0.0000000000000000
	r11	-0.046187
	r12	-0.99738
	r13	-0.055674
	r21	-0.55096
	r22	0.071925
	r23	-0.83143
	r31	0.83326
	r32	-0.0077272
	r33	-0.55283
	Tx	0.014083
	Ty	0.034027
	Tz	4.5147

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camera's number	parameter	value
5	$\int fx$	468.525718027105029
	fy	424.278201738332086
	u0	356.867077527785284
	v0	260.554677252541751
	$alpha_c$	0.000000
	kc1	-0.413250949929596
	kc2	0.156961478481253
	kc3	-0.000470553455354
	kc4	0.000095303005574
	kc5	0.0000000000000000
	r11	-0.08292
	r12	0.99656
	r13	-0.0015277
	r21	0.46107
	r22	0.037006
	r23	-0.88659
	r31	-0.88348
	r32	-0.074221
	r33	-0.46255
	Tx	-0.83742
	Ty	-0.25528
	Tz	5.8297

camera's number	parameter	value
6	fx	464.803932066310097
	fy	421.088099166200948
	u0	363.051656392719849
	v0	263.902505316842394
	$alpha_c$	0.000000
	kc1	-0.405432073000122
	kc2	0.141610268891392
	kc3	-0.000922297023790
	kc4	-0.000540244587381
	kc5	0.0000000000000000
	r11	-0.724782926341326
	r12	-0.682829797858790
	r13	-0.091832330038109
	r21	-0.424800014868516
	r22	0.547827215705769
	r23	-0.788943950007675
	r31	0.542434011702633
	r32	-0.483351641031858
	r33	-0.687121920811728
	Tx	2.982910102426836602
	Ty	0.137181266696296547
	Tz	3.125268464727230366

camera's number	parameter	value
7	fx	471.672767285177940
	fy	426.985207175763549
	u0	373.002597127995728
	v0	216.597937176777009
	$alpha_c$	0.000000
	kc1	-0.397738076139422
	kc2	0.137287210994000
	kc3	-0.000105517334826
	kc4	0.001394449043772
	kc5	0.0000000000000000
	r11	-0.997684327104262
	r12	-0.036044209156010
	r13	0.057678405290319
	r21	-0.067539297869570
	r22	0.625105171647650
	r23	-0.777612993475963
	r31	-0.008026624060089
	r32	-0.779707855139141
	r33	-0.626092033123340
	Tx	2.854633091998417967
	Ty	0.043378413955548417
	Tz	4.395608249803259241

camera's number	parameter	value
8	fx	470.561316433381705
	$\int_{0}^{\infty} fy$	425.594571513702249
	$\begin{vmatrix} & \frac{j}{u} & g \\ & u & 0 \end{vmatrix}$	355.172484892247837
	$v_0$	231.057027802762576
	$alpha_c$	0.000000
	kc1	-0.412750560124808
	kc2	0.148158881927254
	$\frac{kc2}{kc3}$	-0.002749158333180
	$\frac{\kappa c_3}{kc_4}$	-0.002749136333180
	kc5	0.0000423978480412
		0.0000000000000
	r11	-0.760617410767394
	r12	0.645702353338175
	r13	0.067302491269252
	r21	0.393016806454426
	r22	0.540500135718786
	r23	-0.743906844391378
	r31	-0.516719405753131
	r32	-0.539377487648044
	r33	-0.664885690578926
	Tx	1.736049071028928438
	Ty	-2.132541565128429738
	Tz	6.346925798481678612

## 4.2 Camera synchronisation

Due to difference of time needed for camera's stream to start, the event choosen to synchronise videos was the end event. This because, the recording programs where stopped all together. Delays are reported in annexed files for each scenarios.

Delays attached for each cameras equals to the number of frames of the cameras less the minimum of all camera's frames number.

For  $Delay_{c,s}$  the delay of camera c in the scenario s and  $Nframe_{c,s}$  we have then :

$$Delay_{c,s} = \min_{c \in \{1 \dots 8\}} Nframe_{c,s}$$

Figure 3: Delay in frame for each camera versus scenario's number.

Scenario's	camera							
number	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1	3	3	8	4	23	6	6	0
2	25	40	0	16	18	33	33	6
3	12	16	8	16	35	20	20	0
4	72	79	78	0	68	82	83	56
5	17	24	5	11	18 7	26	28	0
6	0	100	106	90	89	103	104	89
7	28	14	16	0	1	17	18	20
8	92	79	0	81	64	81	82	56
9	18	9	1	19	13	11	12	0
10	14	15	19	33	12	17	19	0
11	23	4	20	14	0	6	7	12
12	21	6	13	8	0	3	7	0
13	16	33	0	7	27	27	36	13
14	49	36	38	0	29	29	7	14
15	15	19	19	15	34	40	23	0
16	23	29	0	2	12	9	3	3
17	21	26	15	0	10	0	29	18
18	99	105	86	0	84	108	109	77
19	19	27	16	19	5	29	0	20
20	25	9	3	10	10	4	5	0
21	20	30	22	3	8	33	32	0
22	0	46	51	41	53	46	47	34
23	31	52	52	45	54	60	50	0
24	3	36	7	0	37	10	33	1

### 4.3 Ground true

For all scenarios, the positions or movement of the subject have been tagged. The possible position noted are :

1	Walking, standing up
2	Falling
3	Lying on the ground
4	Crounching
5	Moving down
6	Moving up
7	Sitting
8	Lying on a sofa
9	Moving horizontaly

This is done for all frames and give the following position repertory

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scenario's number	camera reference	period's start	period's end	position code	
1	11	874	1011	1	
		1012	1079	6	
		1080	1108	2	
		1109	1285	3	
scenario's number	camera reference	period's start	period's end	position code	
2	4	308	374	1	
		375	399	2	
		400	600	3	
scenario's number	camera reference	period's start	period's end	position code	
3	11	380	590	1	
		591	625	2	
		626	784	3	
scenario's number	camera reference	period's start	period's end	position code	
4	6	230	287	1	
		288	314	2	
		315	380	3	
		381	600	6	
		601	638	2	
		639	780	3	
scenario's number	camera reference	period's start	period's end	position code	
<u>5</u>	11	288	310	1	
		311	336	2	
		337	450	3	
scenario's number	camera reference	period's start	period's end	position code	
6	1	325	582	1	
		583	629	2	
		630	750	3	
scenario's number	camera reference	period's start	period's end	position code	
7	6	330	475	1	
		476	507	2	
		508	680	3	

scenario's number	camera reference	period's start	period's end	position code
8	4	144	270	1
		271	298	2
		299	380	3
scenario's number	camera reference	period's start	period's end	position code
9	11	310	472	1
		473	505	5
		506	576	7
		577	627	6
		628	651	2
		652	760	3
scenario's number	camera reference	period's start	period's end	position code
10	11	315	461	1
		462	511	5
		512	530	2
		531	680	3
scenario's number	camera reference	period's start	period's end	position code
11	7	378	463	1
		464	489	2
		490	600	3
scenario's number	camera reference	period's start	period's end	position code
12	11	355	604	1
		605	653	2
		654	770	3
scenario's number	camera reference	period's start	period's end	position code
13	4	301	430	1
		431	476	5
		477	525	7
		526	636	5
		637	717	8
		718	780	6
		781	822	6
		823	863	2
		864	960	3
scenario's number	camera reference	period's start	period's end	position code
14	6	372	555	1
		556	590	5
		591	856	8
		857	934	6
		935	988	6
		989	1023	2
		1024	1115	3

scenario's number	camera reference	period's start	period's end	position code
15	11	363	486	1
		487	530	5
		531	630	7
		631	754	6
		755	787	2
		788	870	3
scenario's number	camera reference	period's start	period's end	position code
16	4	380	455	1
		456	488	5
		489	530	4
		531	568	6
		569	629	5
		630	645	4
		646	670	6
		671	731	5
		732	817	7
		818	890	6
		891	940	2
		941	1000	3
scenario's number	camera reference	period's start	period's end	position code
17	6	251	315	1
		316	340	5
		341	361	4
		362	388	6
		389	410	5
		411	430	4
		431	460	6
		461	531	5
		532	620	7
		621	729	6
		730	770	2
		771	860	3
scenario's number	camera reference	period's start	period's end	position code
18	6	301	378	1
		379	430	5
		431	530	7
		531	570	6
		571	601	2
		602	740	3

scenario's number	camera reference	period's start	period's end	position code
19	10	255	498	1
		499	600	2
		601	770	3
scenario's number	camera reference	period's start	period's end	position code
20	11	301	544	1
		545	672	2
		673	800	3
scenario's number	camera reference	period's start	period's end	position code
21	11	408	537	1
		538	608	5
		609	794	7
		795	863	6
		864	901	2
		902	1040	3
scenario's number	camera reference	period's start	period's end	position code
22	1	317	586	1
		587	685	5
		686	737	7
		738	766	6
		767	808	2
		809	930	3

scenario's number	camera reference	period's start	period's end	position code
23	11	393	662	1
		663	688	5
		689	710	4
		711	744	6
		745	1519	1
		1520	1595	2
		1596	1661	6
		1662	1730	1
		1731	1769	5
		1770	1839	4
		1840	1886	6
		1887	2645	1
		2646	2698	5
		2699	2958	8
		2959	3035	6
		3036	3156	1
		3157	3237	5
		3238	3416	8
		3417	3573	6
		3574	3614	2
		3615	3745	6
		3746	3795	5
		3796	4042	4
		4043	4105	6
		4106	4204	1
		4205	4264	5
		4265	4440	7
		4441	4527	6
		4528	5200	1

scenario's number	camera reference	period's start	period's end	position code
24	6	350	974	1
		975	1315	1
		1316	1351	5
		1352	1414	4
		1415	1450	6
		1451	1750	1
		1751	1805	5
		1806	1844	4
		1845	1884	6
		1885	2490	1
		2491	2514	5
		2515	2563	4
		2564	2587	6
		2588	3040	1
		3041	3077	5
		3078	3125	6
		3126	3243	1
		3244	3353	1
		3354	3401	5
		3402	3500	4

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