

# Adaptive Weighted Graph Approach to Generate Multimodal Cancelable Biometric Templates

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# Importance of Research

- Multibiometric systems fail to cater the security requirements of **adversary attacks**, which include both (1) template protection, and (2) robustness to presentation attacks.
- Template protection through cancelable approach often **lack *complete* non-invertibility**.
- **Image quality** often affects the performance
- Multibiometric systems restrict their applicability to **certain biometric characteristics**, with **particular feature extraction methods**.
- We propose to generate cancelable biometric templates by **feature fusion** of fingerprint, face, and iris, using an **adaptive weighted graph based approach**.

# Proposed Multibiometric System

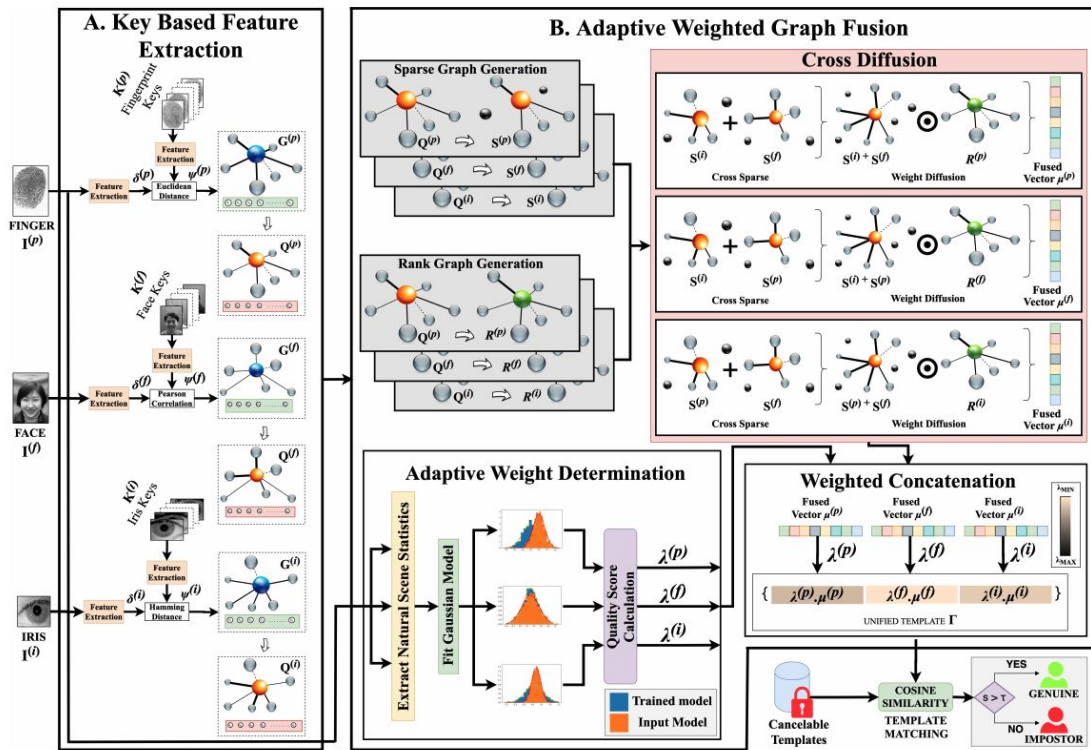


Fig. 1 Overview of the proposed multibiometric system. Normalized graphs constructed through key-based feature extraction is subjected to the proposed cross-diffusion to generate fused vectors. These fused vectors attain weights, determined adaptively using image quality, to generate a cancelable template.

# Major Contributions

- **Key-based feature extraction:** is introduced, which not only achieves the generic nature of the proposed features with reduced dimension but also ensures high revocability.
- **Adaptive Weighted Graph Fusion (AWGF):** is proposed to achieve complete non-invertibility and robustness to presentation attacks.

# A. Key-Based Feature Extraction

- Similarity between the input image and all the key images is computed to generate a graph with edge weights equivalent to similarity scores.
- Edge weights are computed using Eq. 2 for fingerprint, Eq. 5 for face, and Eq. 7 for iris.
- This graph is normalised using the anchor based normalisation (Eq. 9) to obtain generic features with reduced dimensions.

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**Algorithm 1** : Key Based Generic Feature Extraction

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**Input:**  $I^{(k)}, K_j^{(k)} \forall j \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$

**Output:**  $\mathbf{Q}^{(k)} \in \{\mathbf{Q}^{(p)}, \mathbf{Q}^{(f)}, \mathbf{Q}^{(i)}\}$

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1: for  $k \in \{p, f, i\}$  do
2:   extract raw features for  $I^{(k)}$ , denoted as  $\delta^{(k)}$ 
3:   for  $j = 1$  to  $n$  do
4:     extract raw features for  $K_j^{(k)}$ , denoted as  $\eta_j^{(k)}$ 
5:   end for
6: end for
7: for  $k \in \{p, f, i\}$  do
8:   for  $j = 1$  to  $n$  do
9:     construct  $\mathbf{G}_j^{(k)}$  using Eq. 2, Eq. 5, Eq. 7
10:    normalise  $\mathbf{G}_j^{(k)}$  to  $\mathbf{Q}_j^{(k)}$  using Eq. 9
11:   end for
12: end for
13: return  $\mathbf{Q}^{(k)} \in \{\mathbf{Q}^{(p)}, \mathbf{Q}^{(f)}, \mathbf{Q}^{(i)}\}$ 
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## B. Adaptive Weighted Graph Fusion (AWGF)

- It comprises of:
  1. **Information Mining** - Extract characteristic information and suppress outliers.
  2. **Cross Fusion** - fuse complementary information in a non-linear fashion to achieve non-invertibility.
  3. **Quality Adaptive Unification** - incorporate image quality metrics to prevent presentation attacks.

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**Algorithm 2** Adaptive Weighted Graph Fusion (AWGF)

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**Input:**  $Q^{(k)} \in \{Q^{(p)}, Q^{(f)}, Q^{(i)}\}$ ,  $\kappa$

**Output:** Unified Template  $\Gamma$

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1: for  $k \in \{p, f, i\}$  do
2:   construct  $S^{(k)}$  from  $Q^{(k)}$  using Eq. 10 given  $\kappa$ 
3:   construct  $\mathcal{R}^{(k)}$  from  $Q^{(k)}$  using Eq. 11
4: end for
5: for  $k \in \{p, f, i\}$  do
6:   compute  $\mu^{(k)}$  from  $\{S^{(Z)}\}, \mathcal{R}^{(k)}$  using Eq. 12, Eq. 13
7:   find  $\lambda^{(k)}$  using Eq. 14, Eq. 15
8: end for
9: find  $\Gamma$  using Eq. 16
10: return  $\Gamma$ 
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# Experimental Results & Discussions

- Proposed approach is evaluated over benchmark multimodal databases in Table I.
- Both quantitative and quantitative validation is performed:
  - Performance Validation:
    - Adaptivity Analysis
    - Fusion Method Comparison
    - Time & Space complexity
  - Privacy & Security Analysis:
    - Non-invertibility
    - Unlinkability
    - Revocability
    - Presentation attack analysis
    - etc...

TABLE I  
MULTIMODAL DATABASES USED FOR EXPERIMENTATION.

Database	Fingerprint	Face	Iris
DB-1	SDUMLA-HMT Multimodal Database [36]		
DB-2	MCYT [39]	CAS-PEAL R1 (expression) [40]	IITD PolyU Iris [42]
DB-3	CASIA-Fingerprint V5 [37]	CASIA-FaceV5 [41]	CASIA Iris V3 (Interval) [43]
DB-4	FVC 2006 [38]	CAS-PEAL R1 (accessories) [40]	CASIA Iris V3 (lamp) [43]

# Performance Validation

TABLE III  
PERFORMANCE EVALUATION AND COMPARISON. AVERAGE DECIDABILITY INDEX ( $DI$ ),  $EER$  (%) AND RECOGNITION INDEX ( $RI$ ) FOR FUSED TEMPLATES USING STATE-OF-THE-ART FEATURE FUSION TECHNIQUES AT 95% SIGNIFICANCE LEVEL

Performance Metric Method/ Database	Decidability ( $DI$ )				$EER$ (%)				Recognition Index ( $RI$ )			
	DB-1	DB-2	DB-3	DB-4	DB-1	DB-2	DB-3	DB-4	DB-1	DB-2	DB-3	DB-4
CCA-FFS I ( $f + i$ ) [45]	2.21 $\pm$ 0.2	2.78 $\pm$ 0.8	3.01 $\pm$ 0.8	3.11 $\pm$ 0.3	6.02 $\pm$ 1.1	6.09 $\pm$ 1.0	6.00 $\pm$ 1.1	5.71 $\pm$ 0.6	86.31 $\pm$ 2.4	76.31 $\pm$ 1.6	91.31 $\pm$ 2.3	83.58 $\pm$ 1.4
CCA-FFS II ( $f + i$ ) [45]	2.79 $\pm$ 0.1	2.66 $\pm$ 0.5	2.98 $\pm$ 0.9	2.96 $\pm$ 0.4	6.34 $\pm$ 0.9	7.00 $\pm$ 1.1	7.50 $\pm$ 1.6	6.02 $\pm$ 0.9	79.58 $\pm$ 1.3	84.04 $\pm$ 1.6	77.22 $\pm$ 1.3	82.58 $\pm$ 2.1
CCA-FFS I ( $f + p$ ) [45]	3.32 $\pm$ 0.3	2.60 $\pm$ 0.2	2.36 $\pm$ 0.8	2.15 $\pm$ 0.5	6.04 $\pm$ 0.4	6.46 $\pm$ 1.0	5.52 $\pm$ 1.1	6.49 $\pm$ 0.7	77.13 $\pm$ 1.6	76.40 $\pm$ 1.9	92.84 $\pm$ 1.3	88.87 $\pm$ 1.1
CCA-FFS II ( $f + p$ ) [45]	1.99 $\pm$ 0.6	2.46 $\pm$ 0.4	2.10 $\pm$ 0.9	2.25 $\pm$ 0.8	7.10 $\pm$ 1.0	7.02 $\pm$ 1.2	7.00 $\pm$ 1.3	6.09 $\pm$ 1.2	91.13 $\pm$ 1.9	84.13 $\pm$ 1.5	79.26 $\pm$ 1.5	89.88 $\pm$ 2.5
RDM ( $f + i$ ) [20]	3.37 $\pm$ 0.1	2.31 $\pm$ 0.8	2.28 $\pm$ 0.3	2.34 $\pm$ 0.3	4.55 $\pm$ 0.6	4.00 $\pm$ 0.3	5.83 $\pm$ 1.0	4.79 $\pm$ 1.1	85.28 $\pm$ 1.2	87.49 $\pm$ 1.6	90.40 $\pm$ 1.2	78.72 $\pm$ 2.2
RDM ( $f + p$ ) [20]	3.91 $\pm$ 0.7	2.42 $\pm$ 0.4	3.95 $\pm$ 0.5	3.19 $\pm$ 0.7	3.96 $\pm$ 0.4	6.02 $\pm$ 0.2	4.21 $\pm$ 0.5	4.67 $\pm$ 0.7	89.62 $\pm$ 1.4	88.84 $\pm$ 1.7	92.91 $\pm$ 1.8	87.75 $\pm$ 1.1
DCT ( $f + i$ ) [46]	2.43 $\pm$ 0.2	2.00 $\pm$ 0.4	2.22 $\pm$ 0.5	2.08 $\pm$ 0.1	5.97 $\pm$ 1.1	5.68 $\pm$ 0.5	6.22 $\pm$ 1.3	7.63 $\pm$ 0.7	94.66 $\pm$ 1.7	89.35 $\pm$ 1.3	92.66 $\pm$ 0.9	84.47 $\pm$ 0.7
DCT ( $f + p$ ) [46]	2.03 $\pm$ 0.4	2.05 $\pm$ 0.9	2.47 $\pm$ 0.4	2.90 $\pm$ 0.3	7.76 $\pm$ 1.5	5.96 $\pm$ 0.6	5.51 $\pm$ 1.1	6.17 $\pm$ 0.4	77.96 $\pm$ 1.9	93.31 $\pm$ 1.6	87.09 $\pm$ 1.4	83.59 $\pm$ 1.8
Ours (non-adaptive)	4.68 $\pm$ 0.5	5.09 $\pm$ 0.5	4.23 $\pm$ 0.4	3.97 $\pm$ 1.0	3.12 $\pm$ 0.3	1.19 $\pm$ 0.1	3.05 $\pm$ 0.8	3.44 $\pm$ 0.4	96.66 $\pm$ 2.1	98.09 $\pm$ 0.9	95.88 $\pm$ 2.0	91.78 $\pm$ 1.3
Ours (adaptive)	<b>4.71 <math>\pm</math> 0.3</b>	<b>5.38 <math>\pm</math> 0.5</b>	<b>4.72 <math>\pm</math> 0.6</b>	<b>4.42 <math>\pm</math> 1.1</b>	<b>2.03 <math>\pm</math> 0.9</b>	<b>1.00 <math>\pm</math> 0.1</b>	<b>1.52 <math>\pm</math> 0.5</b>	<b>2.35 <math>\pm</math> 0.7</b>	<b>97.98 <math>\pm</math> 1.2</b>	<b>99.22 <math>\pm</math> 0.5</b>	<b>96.66 <math>\pm</math> 0.8</b>	<b>95.57 <math>\pm</math> 1.0</b>

The adaptive AWGF outperforms the non-adaptive version over all four datasets..

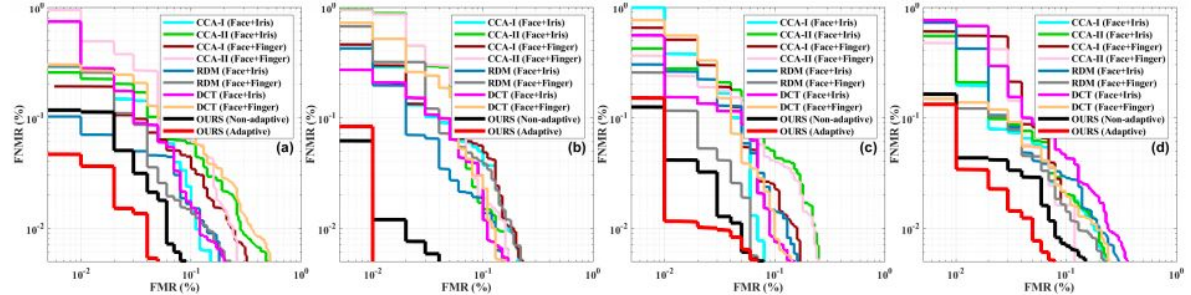


Fig. 3. Detection-Error Tradeoff (DET) Curves, (a) DB-1, (b) DB-2, (c) DB-3, (d) DB-4.



# Presentation Attack Analysis

- Experiments are conducted using publicly available benchmark databases.
- Attacks Presentation Classification Error Rate (APCER): ratio of presentation attacks wrongly classified as bona fide or real
- Bona Fide Presentation Classification Error Rate (BPCER): ratio of bona fide presentations wrongly classified as presentation attacks.

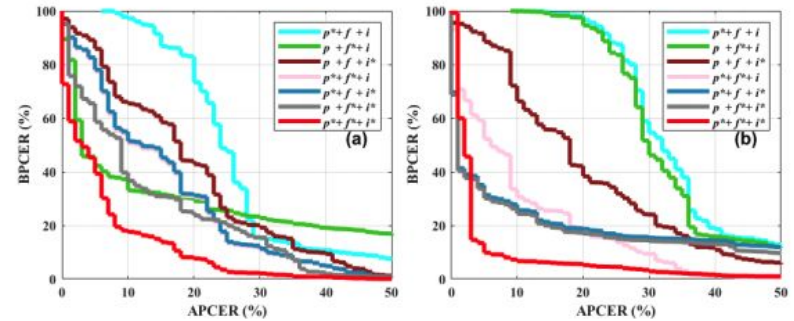


Fig. 9. DET curves for (a) non-adaptive and (b) adaptive AWGF for PAD analysis.  $k^*$  = spoofed,  $k$  = real,  $\forall k \in \{p, f, i\}$

# Conclusion & Future Directions

- We proposed a multibiometric system to achieve **high performance along with data protection**.
- **Key images based generic feature extraction** makes template **revocability** a facile procedure, with reduced feature dimension.
- AWGF ensures **complete non-invertibility and unlinkability** of generated biometric templates.
- The proposed system performs favorably against various **security and privacy attacks** and hence suitable for security-critical applications.
- In future, the proposed fusion approach can be improved to inherently **adapt to varying security requirements** through a **dynamic thresholding mechanism**.

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