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Abstract

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Chapter 1

Introduction

1.1 Background

Signatures written on paper have long been used as an identification tool, and various methods for verifying individuals have been developed [1–4]. As mobile devices increase, identity verification using biometrics traits is becoming more widely used. Compared to the use of complex passwords, using biometric systems to user verification has advantages of increased security, convenience, and accountability [5]. With the development of various sensors such as depth camera and mobile camera, in-air signature has also become available [6]. However, they had to use a special sensor prepared for signature. [7, 8] used depth camera, [9] used mobile device to record position of hand. On the other hand, some studies use Wi-Fi CSI signals to identify the biometric characteristics of the human body. Since they use commercial devices that are already widespread, they do not need any special input devices. [10–12] studied CSI signals to identify the various biometrics characteristics of the body. [13, 14] used CSI signals to enable users to recognize their gestures. Recently, a study was conducted to identify signa-

tures written in the air using CSI signals [15]. However, in this study, only the signals entered in one direction were recognized. Due to the nature of the in-air signature, which is difficult to specify the direction in which the signal is input, a verification system is required regardless of the direction in which the signal is entered. More recently, there have been studies using deep learning technology to characterize CSI signals. Deep Learning-based models are spotlighted for their automated feature extractors and superior classification capabilities based on them, compared to traditional handcraft models. Deep learning was used to recognize users based on the body shape [16], or to identify them with the characteristics shown in their behavior [17]. We used deep learning technology to create a system that can be identity-recognizable even for multi-way air signatures entered with Wi-Fi CSI. The deep learning model used a triplet network to increase the accuracy of feature extraction while allowing accurate classification, and also improved the model's convergence speed using the kernel and range space running [18].

1.2 Motivation and Contributions

The main contributions of our work can be summarized as follows:

- Proposal of a system for identity verification based on the Wi-Fi handwritten signature signals using a deep triplet network.
- Adopted the kernel and the range (KAR) space learning to mine the distinctive triplet inputs which boost the convergence speed of the training loss in the triplet network.
- Provision of an experimental study using an in-house Wi-Fi handwritten signature dataset collected from 50 subjects.

1.3 Organization of Thesis

The paper is organized as follows: related works including the triplet network and KAR space learning are introduced in Section 2 for immediate reference. Our proposed method is discussed in Section 3. Section 4 describes our experimental results and analysis. Some concluding remarks are given in Section 5.

Chapter 2

Preliminaries

2.1 ConvNets

Convolutional Neural Networks is a special case of Multi Layer Perceptron and it has unified feature extractor and classifier in one network. It has been widely applied to visual objects such as image, video or 2D array input. Several factors make ConvNets attractive in image-related tasks. Local connectivity captures local correlation property of the image. It is applicable by using ConvNet filter. Weight sharing helps to reduce the number of weights in feature maps. Also, CUDA libraries make the training feature maps easier to reduce training time.

2.2 Wi-Fi Channel State Information

CSI captures signal strength and phase information for OFDM subcarriers and between each pair of transmit-receive antennas. It runs on a commodity 802.11n NIC and records Channel State Information (CSI based on the 802.11 standards. The CSI contains information about the channel between sender and receiver at the level of individual data subcarriers, for each pair of transmitting and receive

antennas. In a frequency domain, the CSI of sub-carrier c between transmitter(Tx) and receiver(Rx) can be modeled as $R_c = \mathbf{H}_c T_c + N$ where the R_c and T_c denote the received and the transmitted signal vector of dimension r and t , respectively. The N is the additive channel noise and \mathbf{H}_c is the $r \times t$ channel matrix. The CSI of sub-carrier c can be modeled as follows:

$$h_c = |h_c| e^{j\theta}, \quad (2.1)$$

where $|h_c|$ and θ represent the amplitude and the phase of the sub-carrier, respectively.

Chapter 3

Related Works

3.1 Deep Metric Learning

Metric learning aims to learn a distance function that places similar data close together in a feature space and dissimilar data away from each other. By metric learning, multi-dimensional input data is converted to low-level feature vectors to measure the distance between data for a specific task. Metric learning has been used for computer vision tasks such as image classification and content-based image retrieval [19]. Previously, features are extracted using HOG, LBP, and so on. Similarity measured based on these features. In recent years, deep learning-based methods have been widely used, as they have enabled feature extraction and metric learning in one framework [20]. The features for image classification are automatically learned by the deep learning network. Deep Learning-based models include the Siamese network and the Triplet network, which are described below.

3.1.1 Triplet network

Triplet network is also a metric running model [21] which receives triplet data as its inputs and aims to learn distance metric of the data in feature space [19]. Triplet network receives triplet data pairs as input. Triplet network is widely used for person re-identification tasks which aims to identify individuals in several images. Person re-identification handles similar objectives with the biometric identification task, but it is more challenging due to the low quality and high variety of its target images [20]. Since person re-identification task usually deals with images taken from low-resolution devices such as surveillance cameras. Also, different occasions such as the clothes, poses, and angle of the target person makes it difficult to identify.

Input triplet data is composed of anchor(reference), positive(similar) and negative(dissimilar) samples. The training of the triplet network is making feature vectors to be placed in the appropriate feature space, making the positive(similar) data is close to the anchor(reference) and the negative(dissimilar) data is kept away from the anchor. Since myriad triplet pairs may exist for the training set, training from all possible pairs may time-consuming and unnecessary. Optimizing training becomes necessary as it mines the learning-efficient triplet out of large possible inputs. [22–24] generates triplet only for small number of classes, which randomly selected in iteration. Recently, in [25] used triplet mining strategy for faster convergence speed. They select inputs from large mini-batch at each training iteration using the network during training. However, to make such a

large-sized mini-batch, a lot of training data is needed for every iteration. Real-world data obtained from in-house experiments is not suitable for this training strategy since it is usually small in size and consists of dozens of classes. In order to optimize input triplet data with relatively small sized data, we adopt the kernel and range space manipulation method for the training.

3.1.2 Siamese networks

A Siamese neural networks consists of twin networks which accept distinct inputs but are joined by an energy function at the top [26]. By using a constrative loss function, Siamese networks classifies the two input if the entered two samples are of the same class or of the other class. In [27], LeCun et al. Introduced Siamese networks as parts of their handwritten signature verification system. In a recent related study, pedestrian tracking [28], object cosegmentation [29] showed that Siamese Networks can be used for image classification tasks and [30] captures semantics from job resumes.

3.2 the Kernel and the Range space learning

Multi Layer Perceptron (MLP) neural networks has been widely used in machine learning. In general, MLP is trained by the gradient descent method and backpropagation [31]. Since the learning parameters such as learning rate or momentum value have a great impact on the performance of the gradient descent method, it is important to set these parameters carefully. However, finding the appropriate values for these parameters through the trial and error is a time-consuming task.

Recently, gradient-free learning framework for MLP has developed. By using this novel framework, the MLP is trained based on the kernel and range (KAR) space manipulation [18, 32–34]. Since this learning framework stands on linear algebra and pseudo-inverse, no parameters and no iteration are need to train the network.

Given m samples, let the training dataset is denoted by $\mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times (n+1)}$ and the network output is denoted by \tilde{Y} . Then the MLP networks composed of $n - 1$ hidden layers $\{h_1, \dots, h_{n-1}\}$ can be represented by the following equation:

$$\tilde{Y} = \sigma \left([\mathbf{1}, \sigma \left(\dots [\mathbf{1}, \sigma \left([\mathbf{1}, \sigma (\mathbf{X}\mathbf{W}_1)] \mathbf{W}_2 \right)] \dots \mathbf{W}_{(n-1)} \right)] \mathbf{W}_n \right), \quad (3.1)$$

where $\mathbf{W}_1 \in \mathbb{R}^{(n+1) \times h_1}, \mathbf{W}_2 \in \mathbb{R}^{(h_1+1) \times h_2}, \dots, \mathbf{W}_n \in \mathbb{R}^{(h_{(n-1)}+1) \times n}, \mathbf{1} = [1, \dots, 1]^T \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times 1}$ and $\sigma(\cdot)$ is activation function. We can train this network by adopting the one-hot encoded target matrix $\tilde{Y} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ instead of network output \tilde{Y} . The trained weight matrices \mathbf{W}_i using KAR space manipulation learning can be obtained as below [18]:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{W}_i &= [\mathbf{1}, \sigma \left(\dots [\mathbf{1}, \sigma \left([\mathbf{1}, \sigma (\mathbf{X}\mathbf{W}_1)] \mathbf{W}_2 \right)] \dots \mathbf{W}_{(i-1)} \right)]^\dagger \sigma^{-1}(\mathbf{Y}), \\ i &= 1, \dots, n. \end{aligned} \quad (3.2)$$

Chapter 4

Proposed System

4.1 Preprocessing

To be used as an input to a proposed system, the Wi-Fi signature data must be pre-processed. First, the signal has to be converted to non-complex form. Due to the device firmware issues for the phase value of the 2.4Ghz Wi-Fi signal [35], we utilized only the magnitude value of the complex signal. Second, all inputs must be arranged of the same size. Since all signals have different length, we used equal length sampling to match all data to a certain length. Third, outlier issues. Wi-Fi signals are exposed to various electromagnetic noise. Among them, Burst noise [35] has a lot of unexpected effects because its value is larger than the normal signal. To minimize the effects of burst noise, we used values corresponding to the median ± 1 standard deviation were used.

4.2 Proposed Methodology

In this paper, we propose an identity verification system based on the in-air handwritten Wi-Fi signature signals (which will be called Wi-Fi signature hereafter).

In order to learn the direction-invariant deep representations for in-air signature, we used the triplet network [36] which utilizes ConvNet [37] as a feature extractor. Moreover, to achieve a faster loss convergence, we adopt the kernel and the range (KAR) space learning [18,34] for mining the triplet input. Figure 4.1

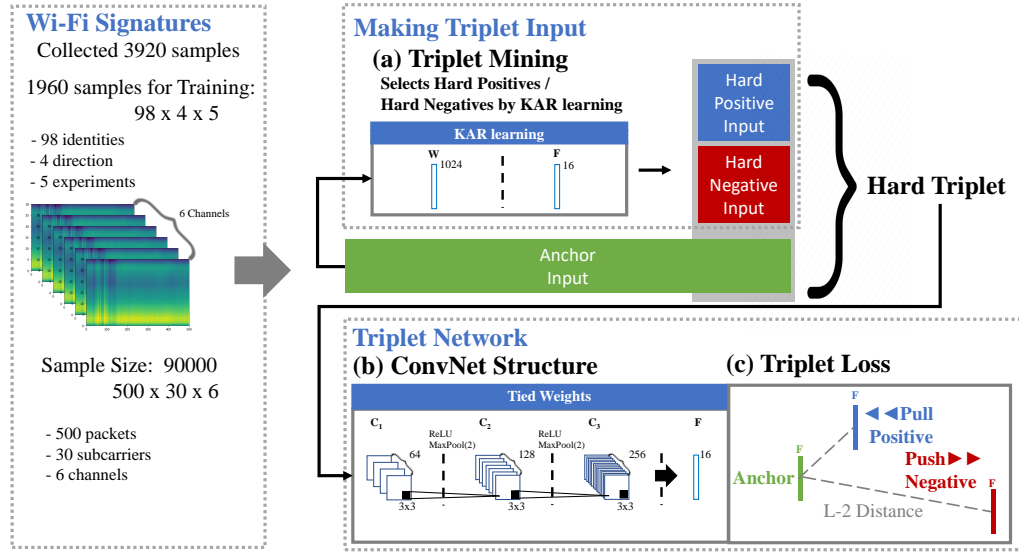


Figure 4.1: An overview of the proposed methodology.

shows an overview of the proposed system. Essentially, the KAR space projection learning is applied to mine the hard samples from the training dataset for making the triplet input (see item (a) in Fig. 4.1). The anchor sample is randomly selected from the training dataset as the reference data. The hard samples refer to which likely to be misclassified by the triplet network for a given anchor sample. Subsequently, the ConvNet structure that forms triplet network (see item (b) in Fig. 4.1) is trained based on a triplet loss function based on the distance comparison for network output vector (see item (c) in Fig. 4.1). In the following

subsections, we introduce the triplet network architecture, triplet loss, and triplet mining using KAR space learning in detail.

4.2.1 Triplet loss

The purpose of the triplet loss [36] is training the ConvNet structure to learn discriminative features that allocate the samples of the same class closer and the samples of the different class far away in the feature space. The triplet input is made up of a combination of three samples, anchor sample x_0 , positive sample x_+ and negative sample x_- . The anchor sample, which is the reference for the triplet input, is selected from the training data set. For selected anchor sample x_0 , positive sample is selected from the same identity with that of the anchor while a negative sample is selected from different identity from that of the anchor. To make the discriminative feature vectors, we need $dist\{f(x_0), f(x_+)\}$, the distance between feature vectors of anchor $f(x_0)$ and positive sample $f(x_+)$ is larger than $dist\{f(x_0), f(x_-)\}$, distance between feature vectors of anchor and negative sample plus preset margin α . Distance measurement function is shown below:

$$dist\{f(x_0), f(x_-)\} - dist\{f(x_0), f(x_+)\} \geq \alpha \quad (4.1)$$

By using $L2$ distance as distance function, triplet loss is calculated as below:

$$triplet_loss = \sum_i^N \max \left(\left[\|f(x_0) - f(x_+)\|_2^2 - \|f(x_0) - f(x_-)\|_2^2 + \alpha \right], 0 \right), \quad (4.2)$$

Note that if $dist\{f(x_0), f(x_-)\}$ is much larger than $dist\{f(x_0), f(x_+)\} + \alpha$, the output of the loss function would be zero. In this case, it may slow down the

convergence speed of the training of deep network. However, it is likely to fall into this condition if we randomly select training samples to make a triplet input. For fast loss convergence, we need to mine the triplet input that make the output of our network satisfy the condition 4.1 to ensure that the output of the loss function is non-zero.

4.2.2 Triplet Mining based on the Kernel and the Range space learning

To train the network faster, we propose training a sub-network for mining the hard positive and the hard negative sample from the training dataset. The hard positive sample is the sample which is likely to be misclassified as a negative sample by the triplet network. In other words, the distance between feature vectors of anchor and the hard positive sample is larger than other positive samples. On the other hand, the hard negative sample is likely to be misclassified as a positive sample since the distance between feature vectors of anchor and this hard negative sample is smaller than other negative samples. Hard triplet input is made by combining hard positive and hard negative samples for selected anchor samples. By using hard triplet as input to the triplet network, it is easier to satisfy the conditions of 4.1. However, we don't know which sample is the hard sample before training the triplet network. In order to make the hard triplet input before training the triplet network, we propose training a small sub-network before triplet network. This small sub-network is made of Multi Layer Perceptron (MLP) and we adopt the Kernel And the Range (KAR) space learning to train the MLP sub-network. As the KAR space learning has no backpropagation

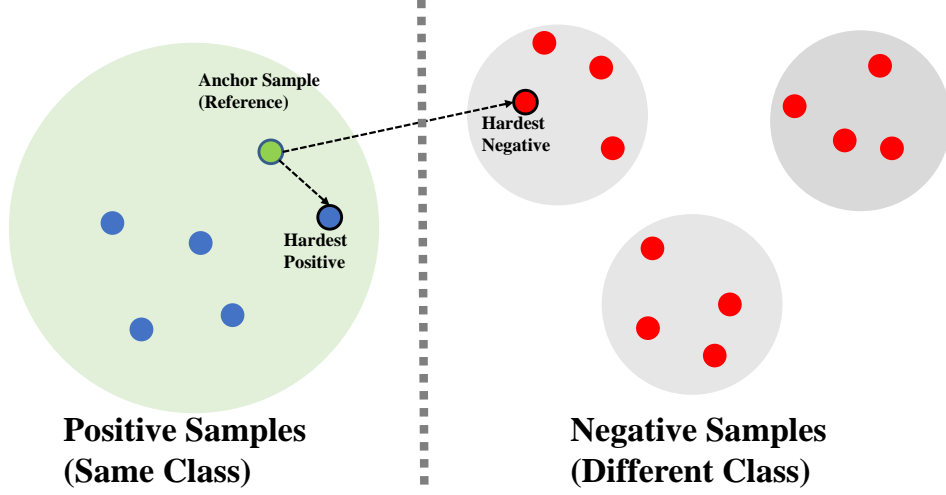


Figure 4.2: Selection of hard samples.

and no iterative learning process, we can train this sub-network with the single-shot utilizing the entire training dataset X . Given entire training dataset X , the sub-network output is given as:

$$KAR(\mathbf{X}) = \sigma \left(\left[\mathbf{1}, \sigma \left(\dots \left[\mathbf{1}, \sigma \left(\left[\mathbf{1}, \sigma (\mathbf{X} \cdot \mathbf{W}_1) \right] \mathbf{W}_2 \right) \dots \mathbf{W}_{(n-1)} \right) \right] \mathbf{W}_n \right). \quad (4.3)$$

After training the sub-network, we can mine the hard sample by measuring the $L2$ distance between every output vector of the sub-network and output vector of anchor sample. The sub-network output of a given anchor sample x_0 is $KAR(x_0)$. To mine hard-positive sample, select one sample among the sub-network output which distance to anchor feature vector $KAR(x_0)$ is larger than threshold t_+ . For hard-negative sample, choose one among the sub-network output which distance to anchor feature vector is smaller than threshold t_- . Selected hard-positive and

hard-negative sample satisfy this property:

$$\|KAR(\mathbf{x}_0) - KAR(\mathbf{x}_+)\|_2^2 \geq t_+, \quad (4.4)$$

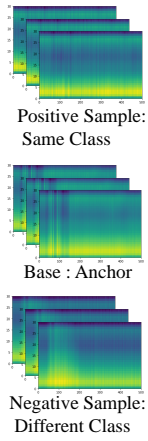
$$\|KAR(\mathbf{x}_0) - KAR(\mathbf{x}_-)\|_2^2 \leq t_-, \quad (4.5)$$

If the hardest sample, it is known that the outlier data is likely to be selected and there is a risk of overfitting [25]. To avoid this problem, the threshold for the hard-positive and the hard-negative samples are empirically chosen as 25 and 75 percentiles of the distance between anchor and sub-network outputs.

4.2.3 The ConvNet structures

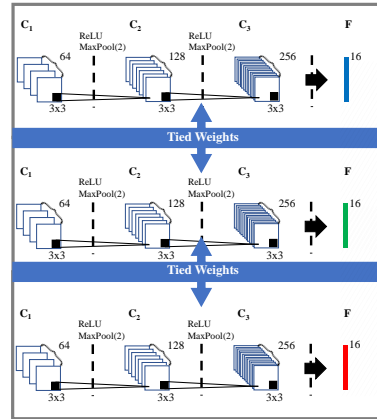
Since the three-dimensional formats of our input signature signal can be considered as an image data, we utilized deep ConvNet structure as a feature extractor. This ConvNet structure is made of three layers of ConvNet with triplet loss. Each layer of ConvNet shares their weights. Our ConvNet model is consists of three filters and output fully-connected (FC) layer as seen in (item (b) in Fig. 4.1). The depth of 3x3 sized ConvNet filters are empirically chosen as (64,128,256) with stride 1 and ReLU activation function. The size of FC layer is 16. Output FC layers are go through sigmoid activation function and normalized using $L2$ distance.

Triplet Input



Triplet Network

ConvNet Structure



Distance
 $\text{dist}\{f(x_0), f(x_+)\}$

Triplet
Loss

Distance
 $\text{dist}\{f(x_0), f(x_-)\}$

Figure 4.3: ConvNet structure.

Chapter 5

Experiments

5.1 Data set

The Wi-Fi CSI signature dataset [15] at position 1 was implemented in our experiment to measure the performance of our proposed system. These are in-house Wi-Fi signature datasets that comprise 980 signatures per direction, as shown in 5.1. The size of each sample was 500 x 30 x 6.

5.2 Experimental Settings

This section details the evaluation scenarios and experimental settings.

Table 5.1: Description of the Dataset.

Direction of signature	# of identities	# of data
1	98	980
2	98	980
3	98	980
4	98	980

5.2.1 Evaluation Scenarios

In this paper, the verification performance of the proposed method was evaluated in three ways: I) In the first experiment, verification performance was compared between the proposed system and other systems including handcraft and deep-learning based methods. II) Under the second experiments, Comparison of convergence speed was conducted between the proposed system other deep-learning based methods. III) The third experiments were conducted to compare the performance degradation between the proposed system and other deep-learning based methods when using a small-sized feature vectors. To compare the feature extraction performance of the proposed system with other deep-learning based methods, we visualized feature space into 2d euclidean space by using PCA. We compared the proposed system both with handcraft methods and deep-learning based methods. For handcraft methods, least square estimations (LSE) [38], the principal components analysis(PCA) [39] with LSE, the support vector machine [40] and the total error minimization with the reduced multivariate polynomial [41,42] were used. We selected parameters that perform optimally in each handcraft methods. For LSE,SVM and TER, the input signatures were reduced to 500×30 by averaging the subcarrier Axis. For PCA-LSE, input signature dimension was reduced to 40 following [15]. For SVM with Gaussian kernel function (RBF), the kernel's parameters c and γ were chosen by a grid search over the range $c \in \{0.01, 1, 10\}$ and $\gamma \in \{0.01/3000, 0.1/3000, 1/3000, 10/3000, 100/3000\}$. For TER, parameter M is chosen among $M \in \{1, 2, 3\}$ and set $\tau = \eta = 0.5$ following [42]. For com-

Table 5.2: The network structure of KAR space learning.

Layer	Size	Activation
Input	$500 \times 30 \times 6$	
Fully-Connected 1	$1 \times 1 \times 1024$	$\sigma = \tan^{-1}$
Fully-Connected 2	$1 \times 1 \times 16$	$\sigma = \tan^{-1}$
Output	$1 \times 1 \times 50$	

parison with deep-learning based methods, Siamese network [26] and baseline triplet network [36] were used. The verification performance was evaluated in terms of the Equal Error Rate (EER, %). We implemented a random 5-runs of 2-fold cross-validation tests. Due to the hardware memory limitations, we used downsized negative pairs according to the number of positive data pairs for calculating the EER. The size of positive data pairs and downsized negative pairs were 18620.

5.2.2 Parameter Settings

For the proposed system, the structure of the KAR learning MLP sub-networks is shown in 5.2. We empirically chose two layers size of 1024 and 16. The size of the second layer was equivalent as feature vectors of the proposed ConvNet. The weights in the layers were initialized as a normal distribution of 0 to 1 before training. We used \tan^{-1} as an active function following [32]. We used the same ConvNet structure shown in 5.3 and parameter settings for the proposed system and the deep-learning based methods. The CovNet structure consists of 3 convolution filters size of 3×3 and stride 1. A ReLU activation function and 2×2 max-pooling layers is applied between the filters. The depth of each

Table 5.3: The structure of ConvNet model.

Layer	Activation	Kernel / Stride	Input Size
Conv 1	ReLU	$(3 \times 3) \times 64 / 1$	$500 \times 30 \times 6$
MaxPool 1		$(2 \times 2) / 1$	$500 \times 30 \times 64$
Conv 2	ReLU	$(3 \times 3) \times 128 / 1$	$250 \times 15 \times 64$
MaxPool 2		$(2 \times 2) / 1$	$250 \times 15 \times 128$
Conv 3	ReLU	$(3 \times 3) \times 256 / 1$	$125 \times 8 \times 128$
MaxPool 3		$(2 \times 2) / 1$	$125 \times 8 \times 256$
Fully-Connected	Sigmoid	16	$63 \times 4 \times 256$
L-2 Norm			$1 \times 1 \times 16$
Concat			$1 \times 1 \times 16$

layer was chosen as $\{64, 128, 256\}$. The output layer with sigmoid activation was regularized using $L2$ penalty of 0.0001. The size of the final feature vectors was 16. The parameter settings for training the deep learning network was learning rate of 0.0005, the number of iteration as 3000, and set the mini-batch size as 32. We used adam optimizer for calculating the loss function. We initialized the ConvNet structures following [26] before training. For convolution filters, we used a normal distribution of 0 mean and standard deviation of 0.0001. For the biases, parameters for normal distribution was 0.5 mean and standard deviation of 0.01. For calculating triplet loss, we set the alpha value as 0.5.

5.3 Experimental Results

5.3.1 Performance

For the first experiment, 5.4 shows the average EER from 5-runs of 2-fold cross-validation tests under the optimal parameter settings. As shown in Table 5.4, the proposed system shows the best performance among the handcraft and deep-

learning based methods with 19.35% EER. Deep learning based methods performed better performance than handcraft methods since they were able to utilize the entire input signal, and their ability to feature extraction were better than handcraft methods.

Table 5.4: Performance benchmarking with respect to the best EER (%) averaged from five runs of two-fold cross-validation test on Wi-Fi CSI signature dataset.

Methology	Best EER (%)	Condition
LSE	48.44	-
PCA-LSE	30.79	Reduced dimension=40
SVM (Linear)	28.23	$c=1$
SVM (RBF)	24.31	$c=1, \gamma=0.01/3000$
TER-RM2	35.84	$M=1, \tau=\eta=0.5$
Siamese network	23.53	$lr=0.00005$
Baseline triplet network	20.34	$lr=0.00005, \alpha=0.1$
Proposed system	19.35	$lr=0.00005, \alpha=0.1$

As shown in 5.1, the proposed system also showed the widest Area under ROC curve (AUC).

5.3.2 Convergence speed

5.2 shows the convergence of the normalized loss function during the training. The convergence speed of the proposed system was the fastest among the deep learning-based methods, meaning that KAR running has accelerated the learning speed.

5.3.3 Effect of the size of Feature Vector

Figure 5.3 shows EER for different sizes of feature vectors in the feature space. In general, in metric learning systems, the smaller the size of the feature vectors,

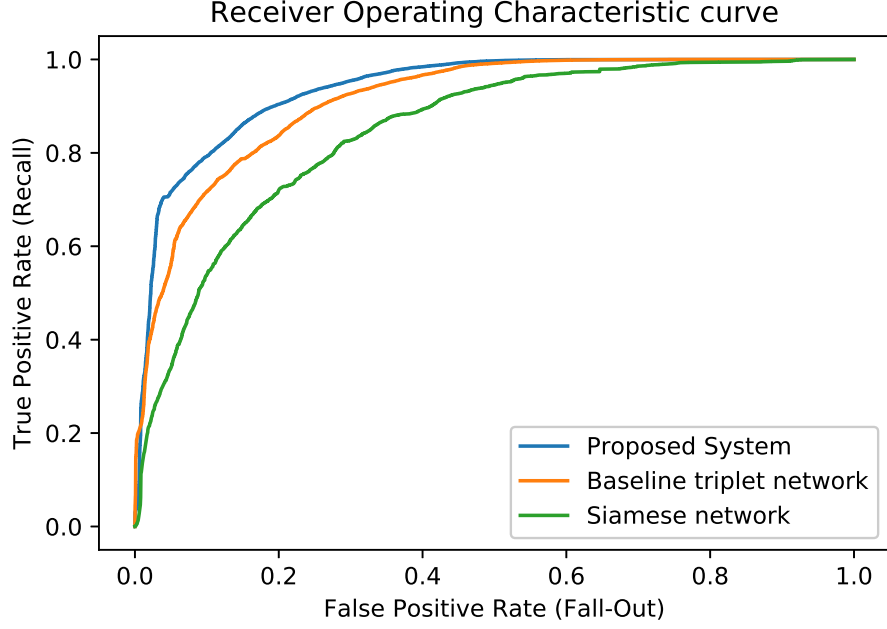


Figure 5.1: Normalized training loss curve.

Size of the Feature Vector	16	8	4	2
Siamese network	20.34	22.05	29.39	34.26
Baseline triplet network	18.37	19.52	19.20	24.76
Proposed system	16.92	18.03	18.08	26.64

the less performance of the system. From the results, we can see the proposed system shows less performance degradation by a small size feature vector.

5.3.4 2D visualization of the feature vector

To visualize the performance of feature extraction property of the proposed system, we project the feature space to two-dimensional euclidean space by using PCA in Figs. 5.6,5.4,5.5. Through the feature space projected in the 2d euclidean space, we were able to intuitively verify the feature extraction performance of

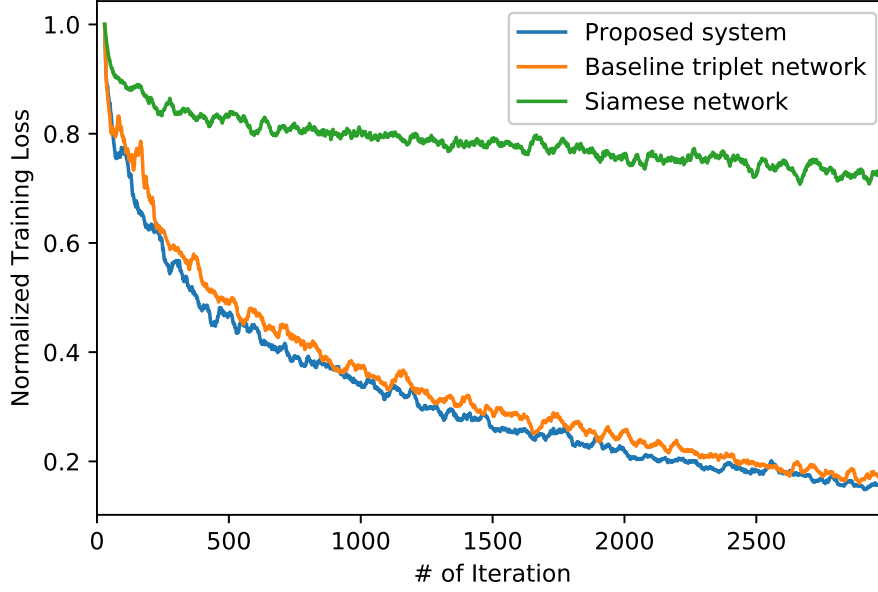


Figure 5.2: normalized training loss trends

each system by making sure that the point of being close to the space belongs to the same identity. To easily check the distance between points in 2d space, we marked only the first 10 identities. As shown in the figure, the proposed system used the 2d euclidean space most efficiently. The Siamese network linearly arranged feature vectors, making it difficult to distinguish between classes, and in the case of the baseline triplet network, there were many overlapping areas between identities.

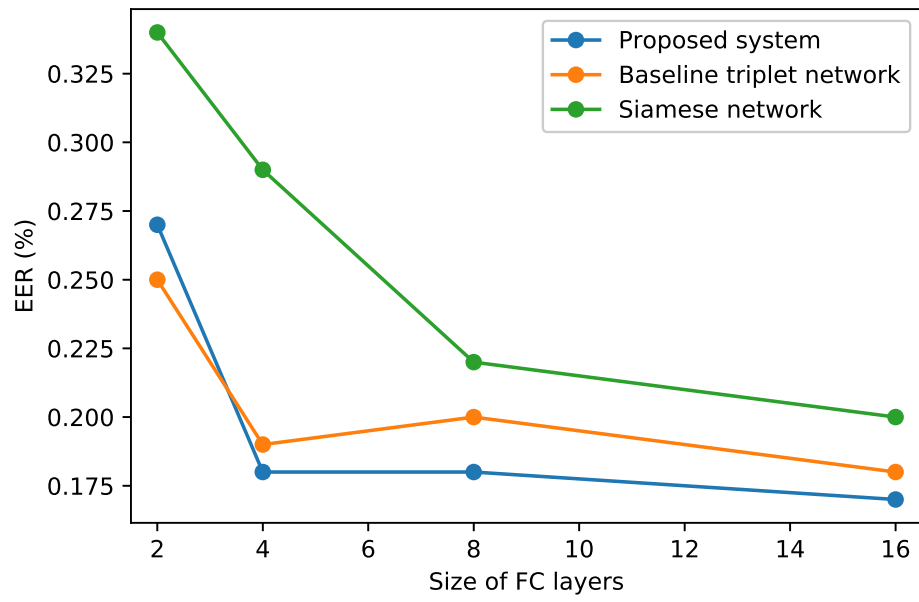


Figure 5.3: Size of FC layer.

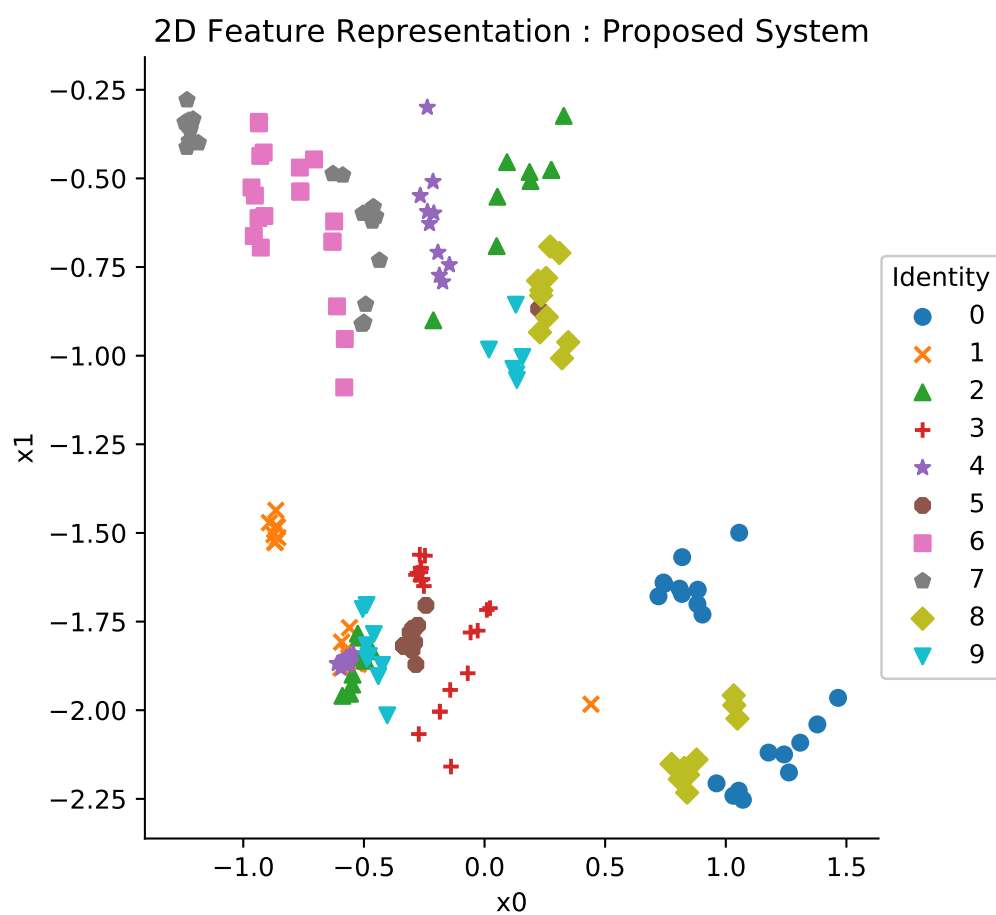


Figure 5.4: 2D Feature Representation : Proposed System.

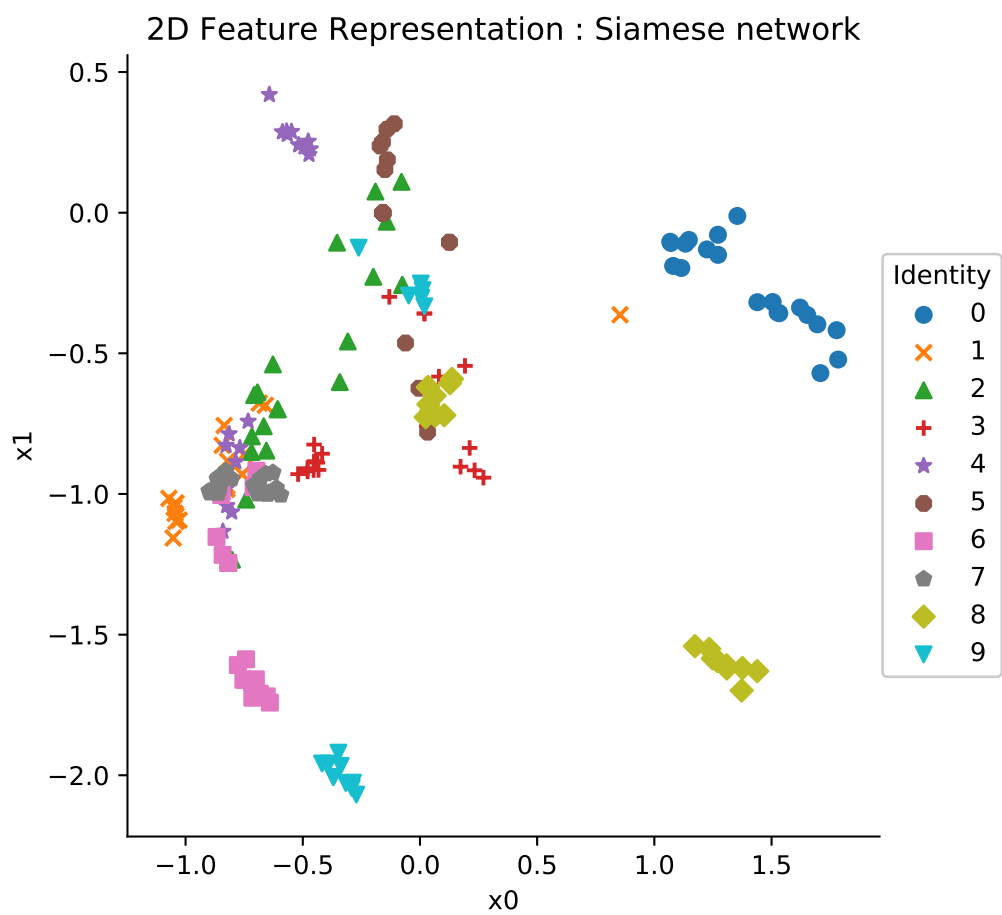


Figure 5.5: 2D Feature Representation : Baseline triplet network.

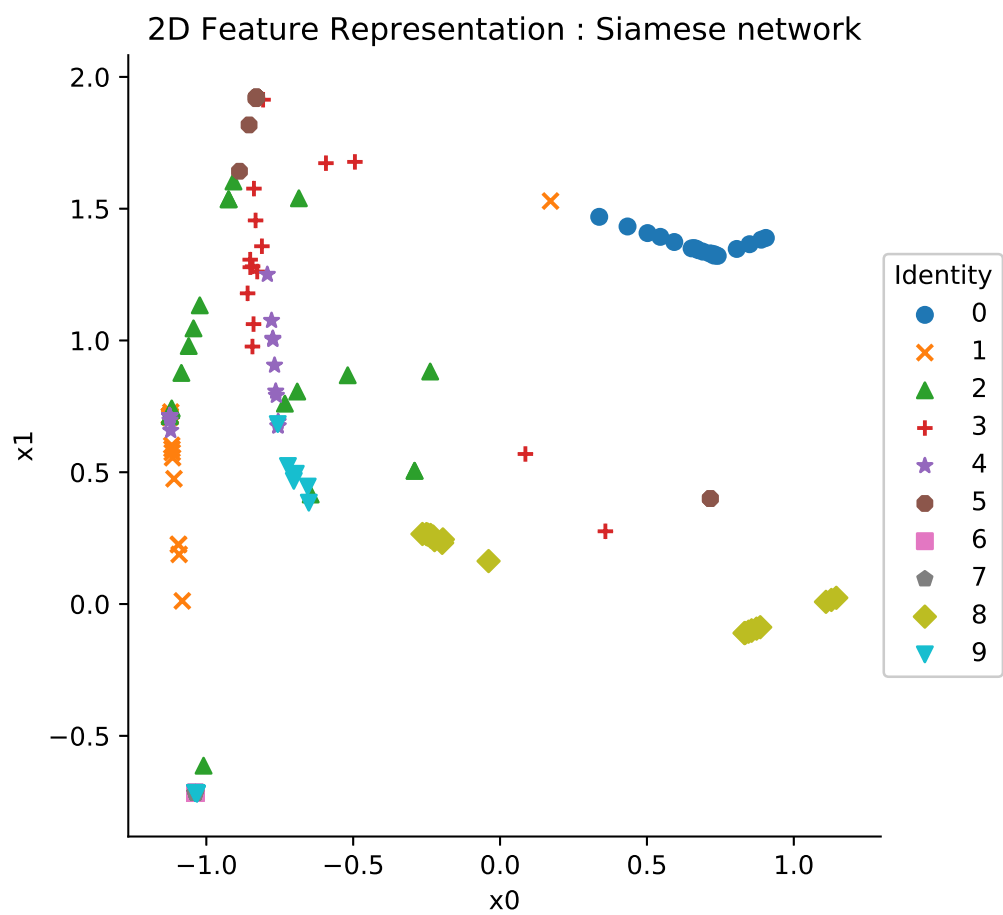


Figure 5.6: 2D Feature Representation : Siamese network.

Chapter 6

Conclusions and Future Works

6.1 Conclusions

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6.2 Future Works

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1. Recognizing the in-air signature written along non-LOS.
2. Repeating the same data acquisition experiments in a different place
3. Studying identification performances when multiple people are staying in the same room.
4. To secure a reliable identification system, spoofing attack scenario should be investigated.

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