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Player Detection and Identity Tracking

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Introduction

The analysis of player movement and behavior in sports footage is increasingly being automated through computer vision and deep learning techniques.

Objective

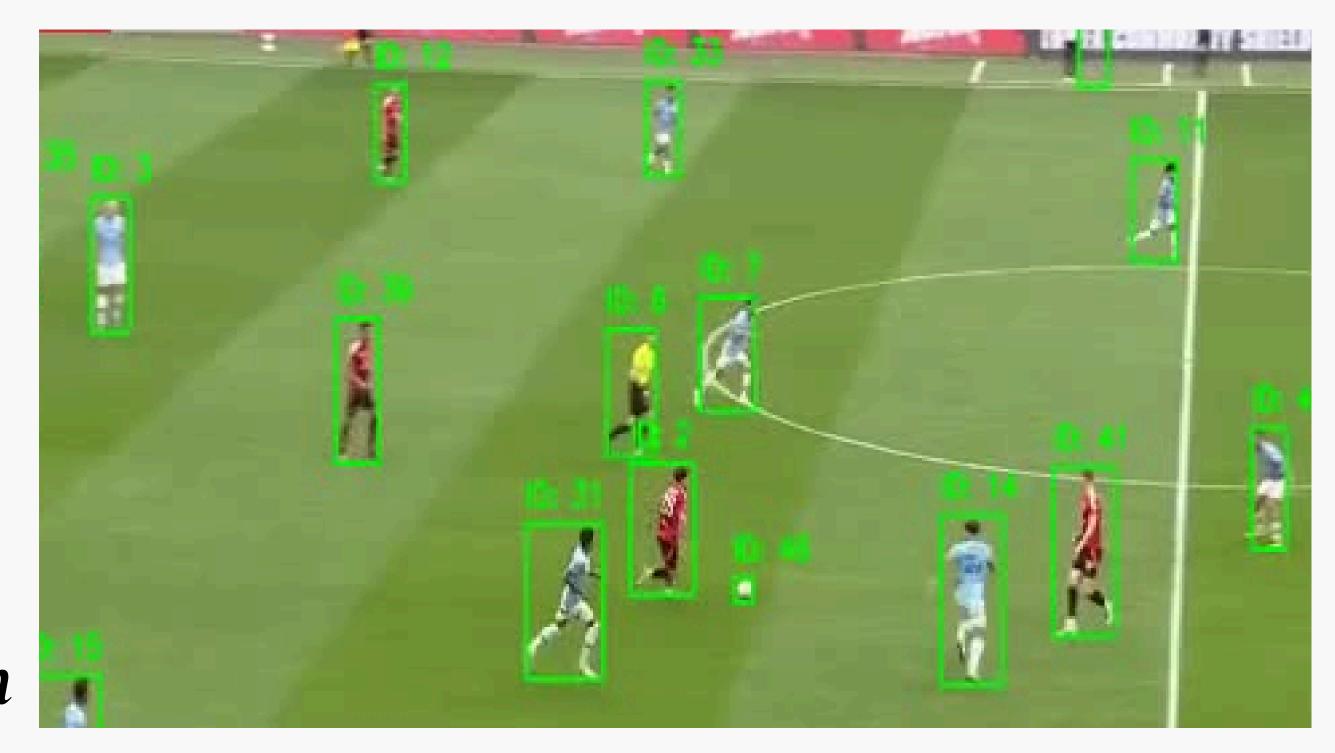
Option 2: Re-Identification in a Single Feed

Given a single 15-second clip (15sec_input_720p.mp4), track players and ensure that players who leave and re-enter the frame are still assigned the same identity.

Methodology

- Downloaded the Provided YOLOv11 Model: From the link provided in the assignment.
- Player Detection: Run YOLOv11 on each frame to get player bounding boxes.
- Feature Extraction: Extract features (visual: color histogram or CNN features). Store player positions and embeddings.
- **Tracking:** Use a tracking-by-detection algorithm. Deep SORT (Deep feature + Hungarian Matching)
- Re-identification Logic: Maintain consistent IDs based on appearance and position. When a player re-enters the frame, match with earlier features.
- Evaluation: Ensure that players leaving and coming back are recognized as the same. Create a final video showing bounding boxes with consistent player_id.

Output



Conclusion

In this project, I integrate YOLOv11, a state-of-the-art deep learning model for real-time object detection, with DeepSORT. This appearance-based tracking algorithm assigns unique IDs to players and maintains their identities across frames.