

Performance Evaluation of Full Search Equivalent Pattern Matching Algorithms

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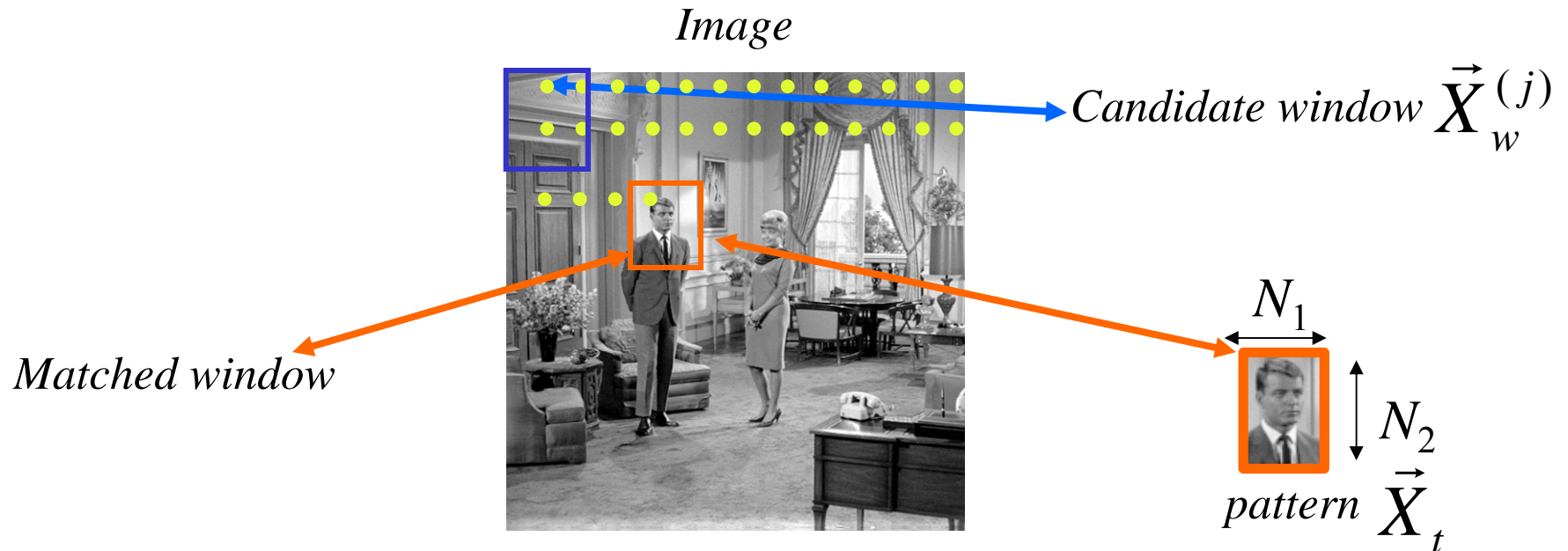
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Pattern (or Template) Matching



Pattern matching seeks a given pattern within an image. For each candidate window, the distance between window and pattern is calculated:

$$d(\vec{X}_t, \vec{X}_w^{(j)}), \quad e.g. \cdot \| \vec{X}_t - \vec{X}_w^{(j)} \|_2^2$$

The smaller is the distance, the more similar is the window to the pattern. In practice: $d(\vec{X}_t, \vec{X}_w^{(j)}) \leq T \implies \text{match!}$

Application: Pattern (or Template) Matching

- Image based rendering, image compression, object detection, **super resolution**, texture synthesis, block matching in motion estimation, **image denoising**, road/path tracking, mouth tracking, **wide baseline image matching** and action recognition ...

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Wide baseline image matching

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Q Wang, S You - IEEE Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern ..., 2007 - cs.ualberta.ca

Abstract This paper proposes a novel **matching** method for **real-time** finding the correspondences among different images containing the same object. The method utilizes an efficient **Kernel Projection** scheme to describe the **image** patch around a detected feature point. In order to achieve ...

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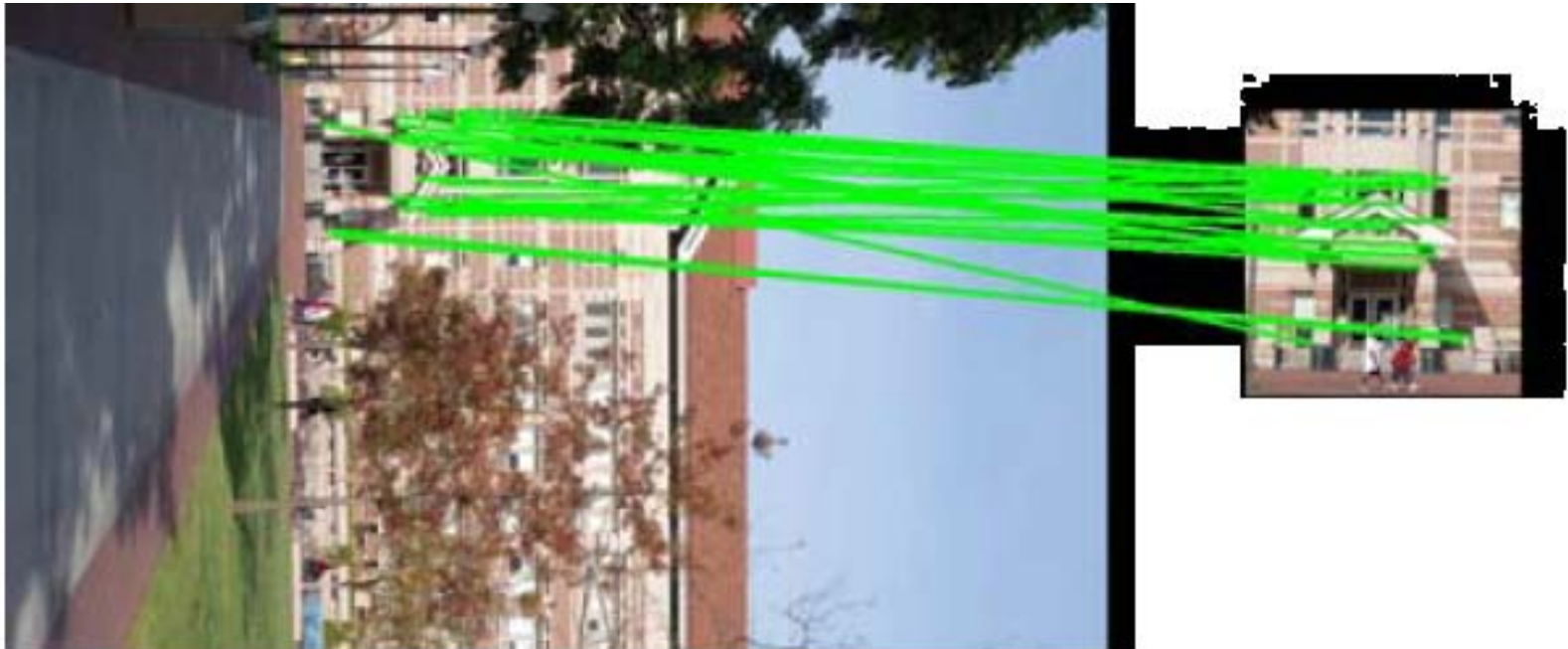


Image denoising

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A Buades, B Coll, J Morel - ... Society Conference on Computer Vision and ..., 2005 - Citeseer
We propose a new measure, the method noise, to evaluate and compare the performance of digital **image** denoising methods. We first compute and analyze this method noise for a wide class of **denoising algorithms**, namely the local smoothing filters. Second, we propose a ...

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Super resolution

Example-based super-resolution

WT Freeman, TR Jones, EC ... - IEEE Computer ..., 2002 - doi.ieeecomputersociety.org

Polygon-based representations of 3D objects offer resolution independence over a wide range of scales. With this approach, object boundaries remain sharp when we zoom in on an object until very close range, where faceting appears due to finite polygon size (see Figure 1). ...

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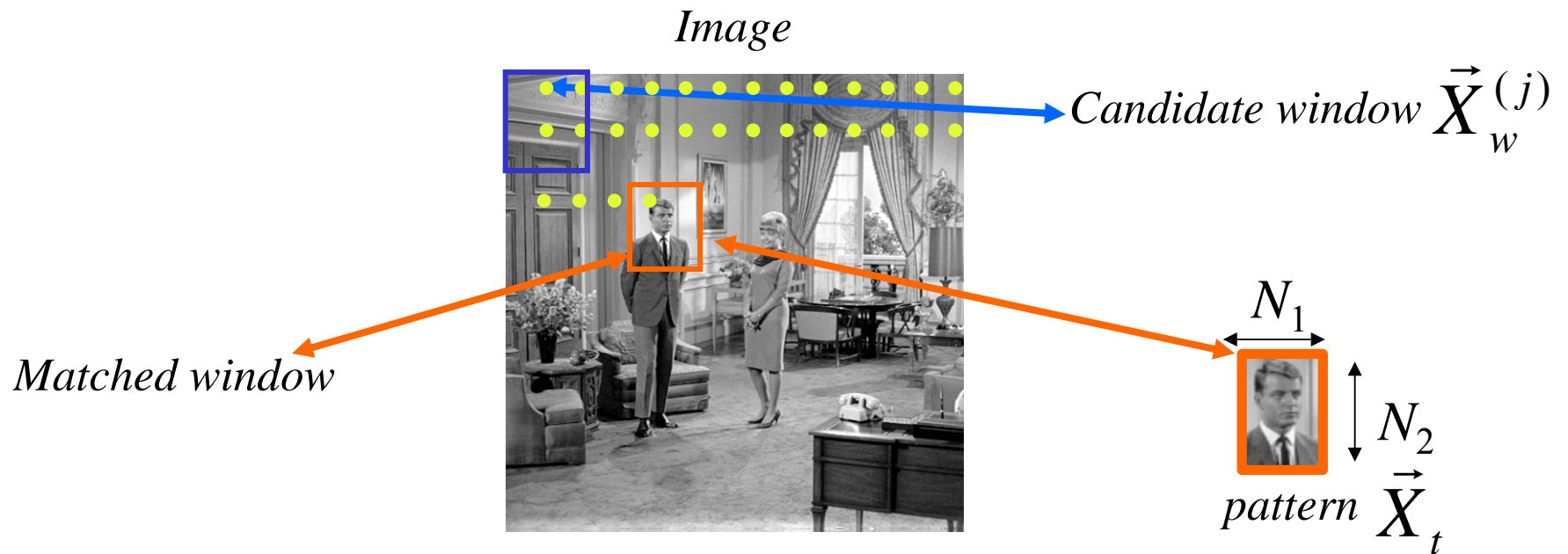
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Full search (Exhaustive search)



Evaluate $d(\vec{X}_t, \vec{X}_w^{(j)})$ for every candidate window

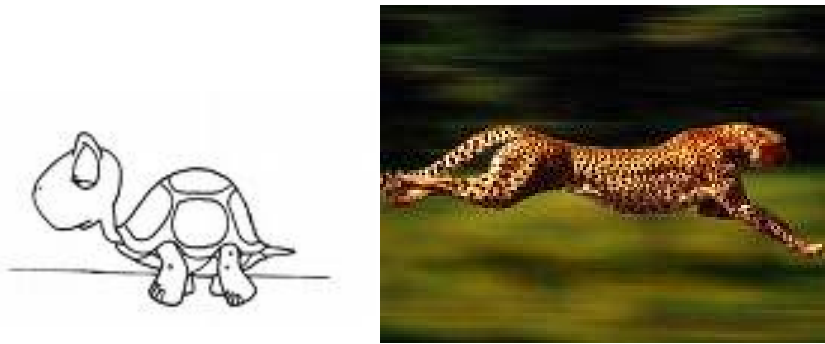
Slow, bench mark

Full search equivalent algorithms: same result, faster

Full search equivalent pattern matching using lower bound

Pattern Candidate window

$d(\vec{X}_t, \vec{X}_w^{(j)}) \leq T \implies \text{match!}$

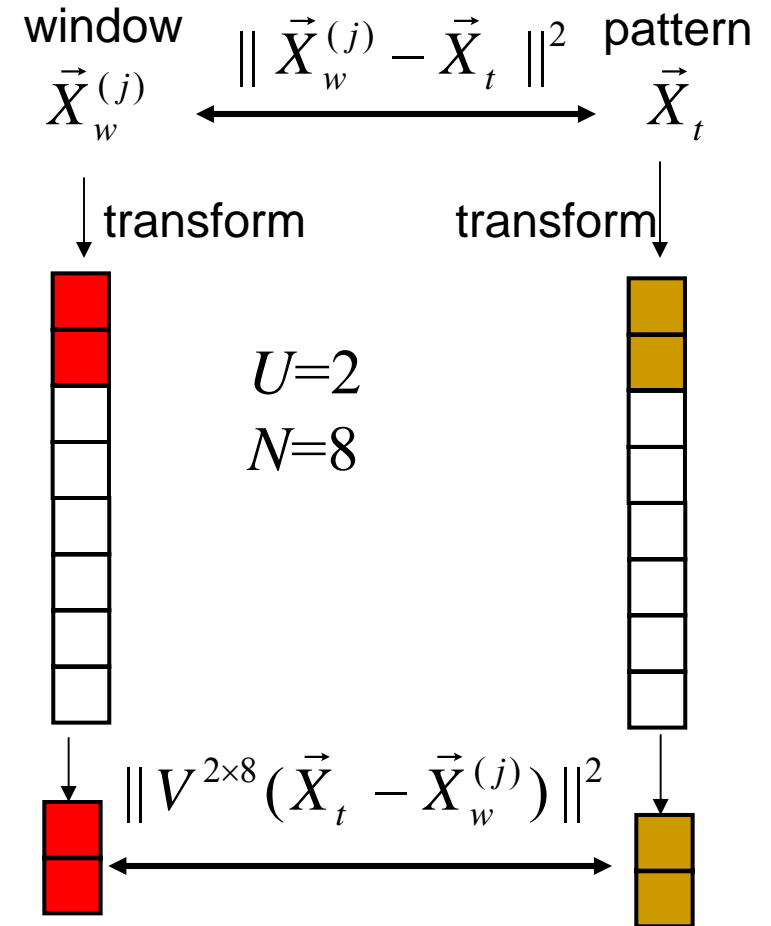


Mismatch!

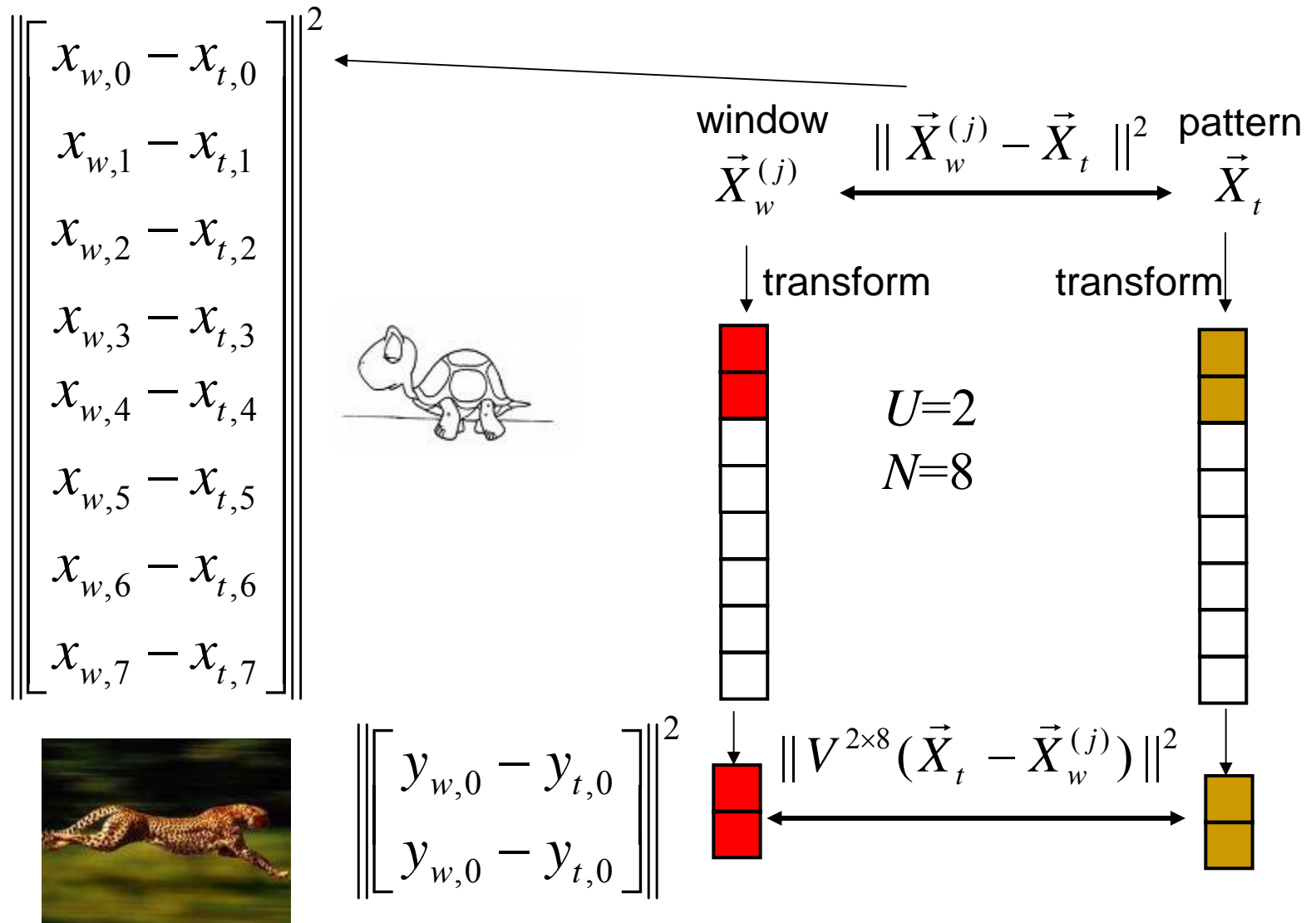
$$\left. \begin{aligned} d(\vec{X}_t, \vec{X}_w^{(j)}) &\geq f_{low}(\vec{X}_t, \vec{X}_w^{(j)}) \\ f_{low}(\vec{X}_t, \vec{X}_w^{(j)}) &> T \end{aligned} \right\} \implies d(\vec{X}_t, \vec{X}_w^{(j)}) > T$$

Example ($U \ll N$):

$$\|\vec{X}_t - \vec{X}_w^{(j)}\|^2 \geq \|V^{U \times N}(\vec{X}_t - \vec{X}_w^{(j)})\|^2 > T$$



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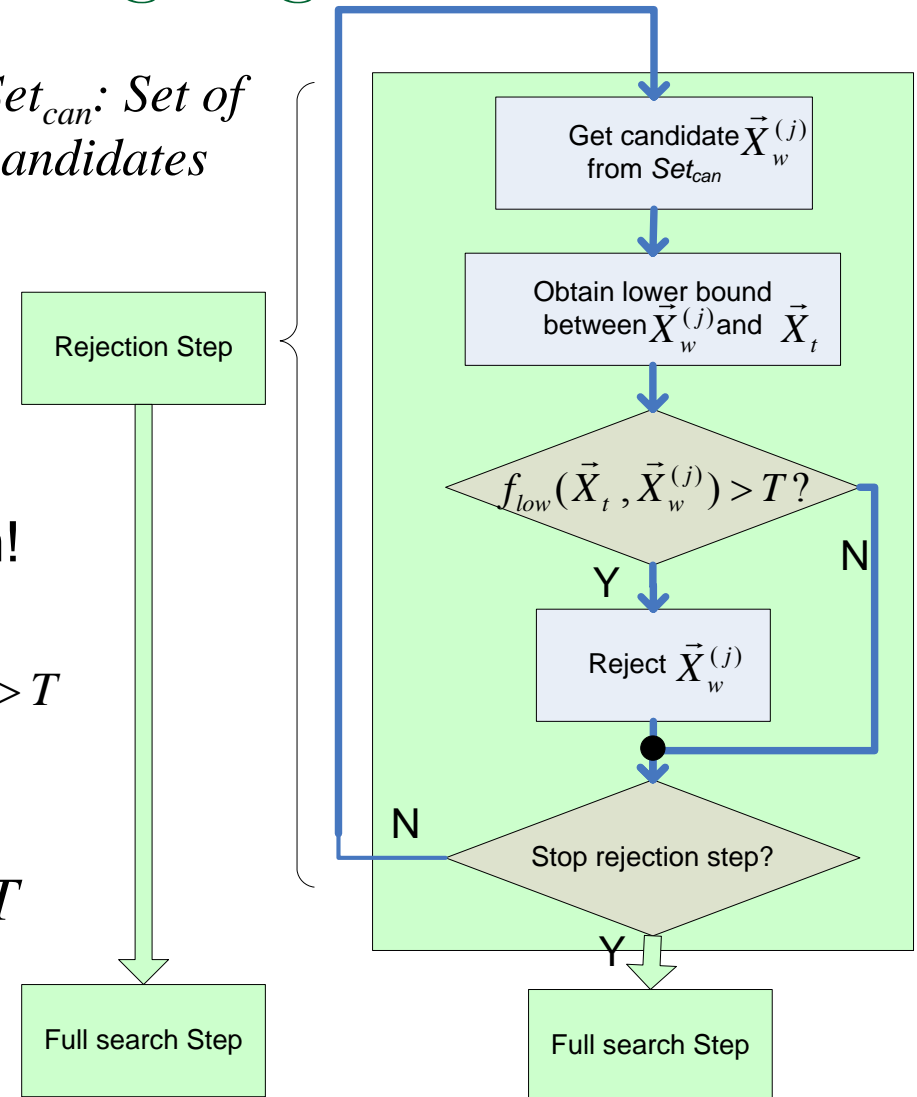
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Set_{can} : Set of candidates



Recent algorithms

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- 3. Ben-Artzi and Hel-Ors' projection based algorithm using GCK algorithm (PGCK);
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Pattern matching evaluation — the story

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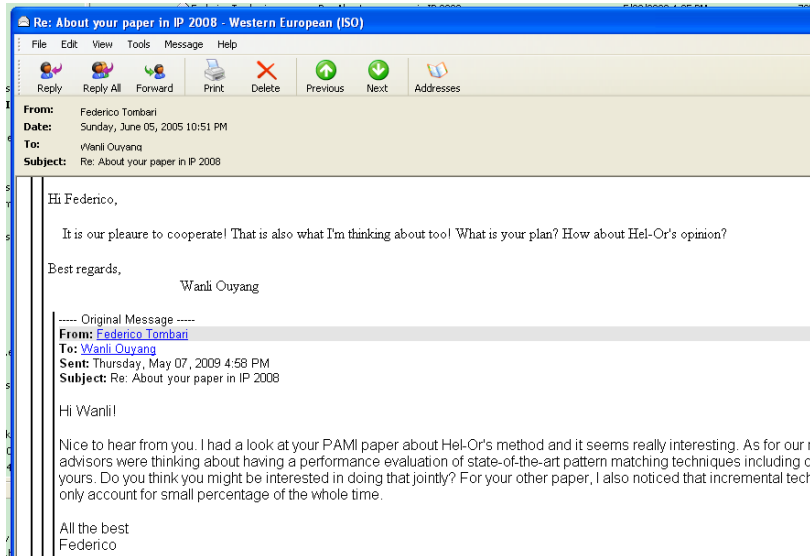
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The story



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博洛尼亚大学 Stefano Mattoccia

- Dr. Tombari: I and my advisor were thinking about having a performance evaluation of state-of-the-art pattern matching techniques. Do you think you might be interested?
- We: It is our pleasure! That is what we are thinking about too!

Agreement

- Five full search equivalent.
- The Fast Fourier Transform (FFT) approach for pattern matching in OpenCV is used for comparison.
- SSD and SAD are used as dissimilarity measure.
- Aim:

$$d(\vec{X}_t, \vec{X}_w^{(j)}) \leq T$$

 - Outline the most efficient algorithm(s) for pattern matching on datasets having different disturbance factors.
 - The datasets and code for the algorithms will be put online.
 - A benchmark against which future algorithms can be assessed.
 - The analysis for these algorithms can inspire new fast algorithms.

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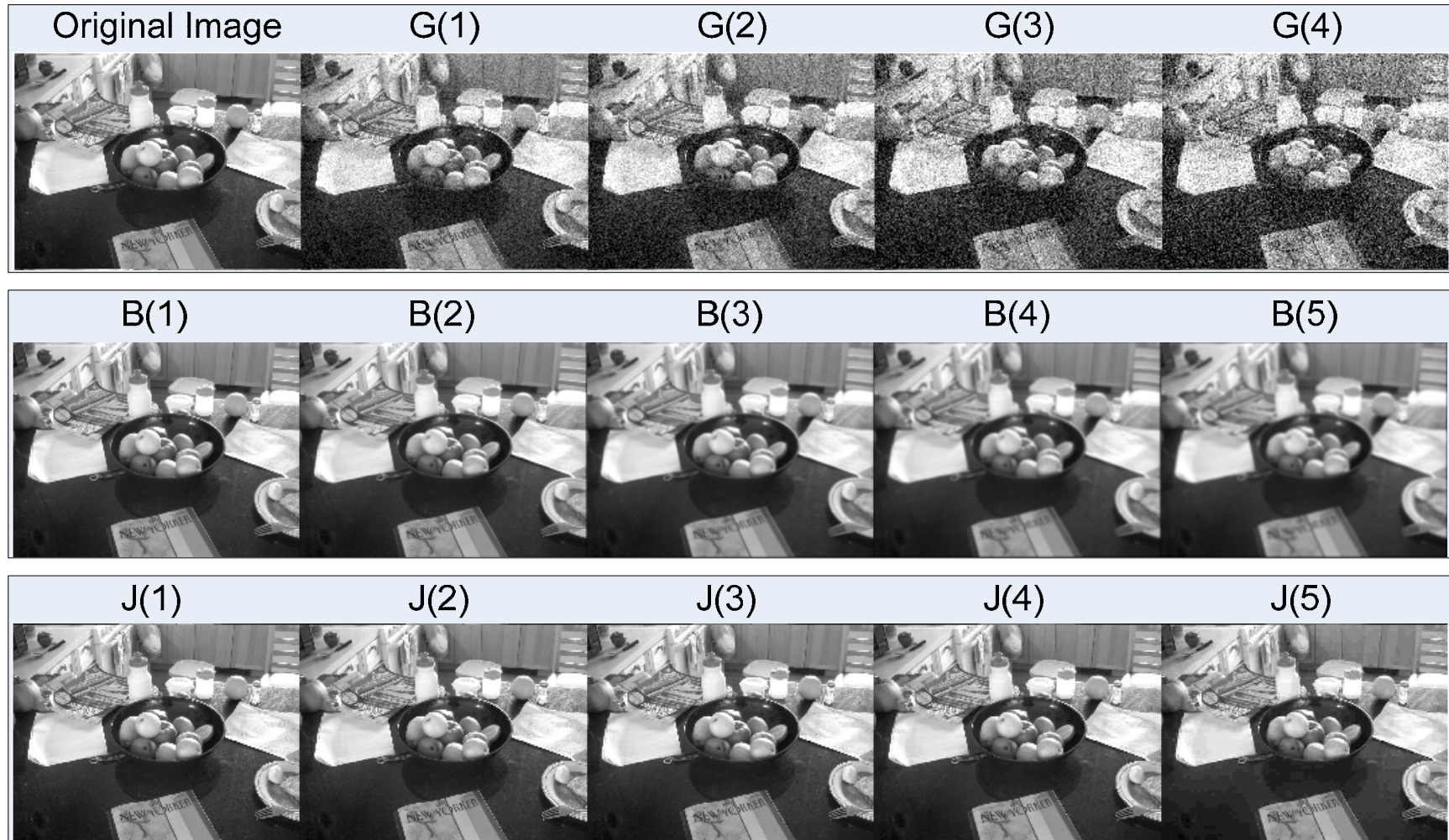
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Datasets

300 image-pattern pairs for each dataset

Dataset	Image size	J	Pattern size	N
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Distortion



PSNR for

512X512 “couple”

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G: 23.0, 20.1, 17.2, 15.6

B: 39.60, 35.23, 33.42, 31.75 28.05

J: 27.46, 26.90, 25.04, 23.83, 23.18

Gaussian noise

Gaussian blur

JPEG

■ Execution time

Environment	CPU	Memory size
<i>Env1</i>	Intel core 2 (6400) 2.13GHz	3G
<i>Env2</i>	Intel Pentium 4 2.8GHz	1G
<i>Env3</i>	Intel Xeon 3GHz	2G
<i>Env4</i>	AMD	

■ Number of operations. Computational analysis is provided for IDA, PGCK and FWHT.

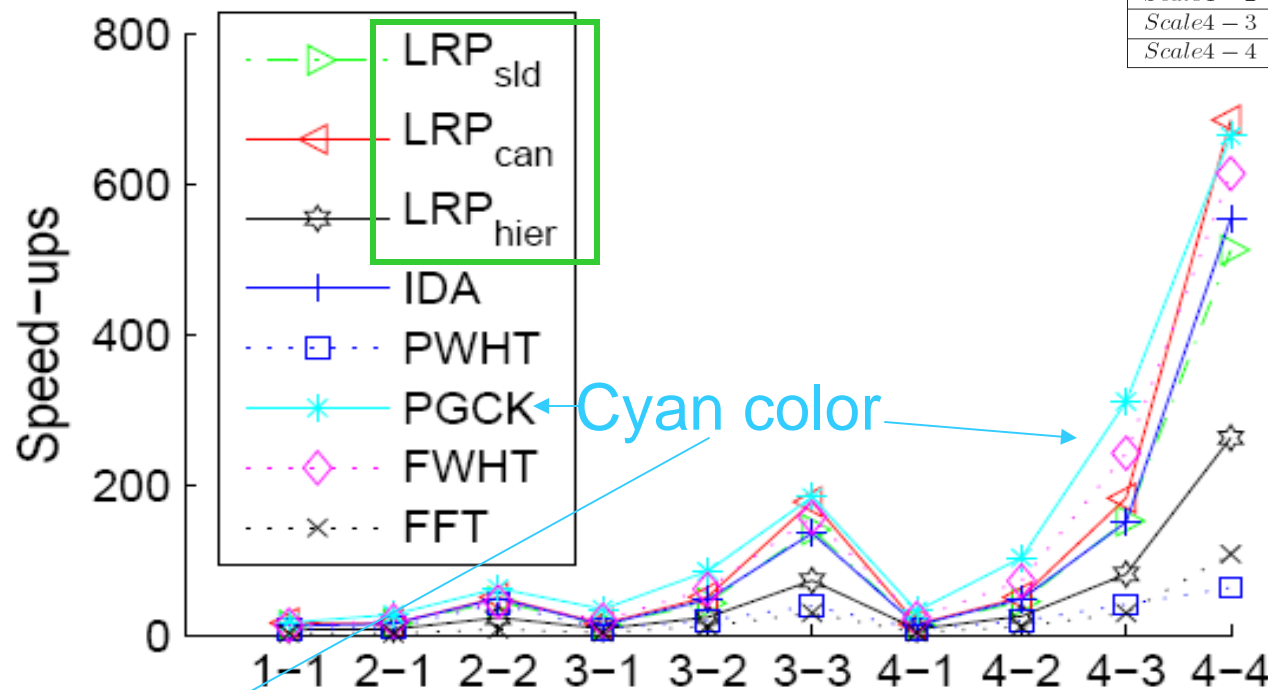
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Time speed-ups over Full Search (No noise, SSD)

$$\frac{Time_{FS}}{Time_{PGCK}}$$

Larger => faster

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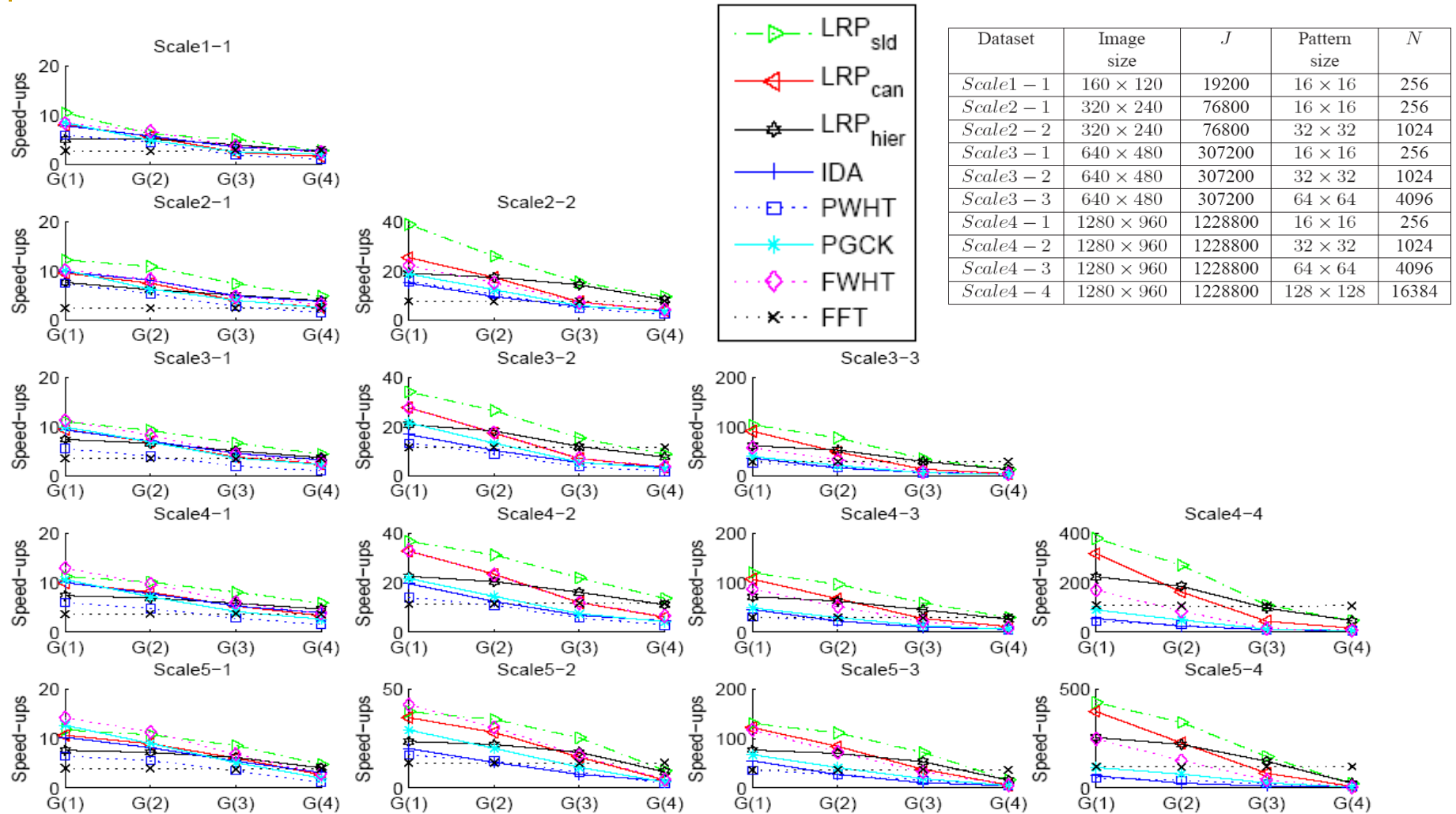
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Time speed-ups over Full Search (Gaussian, SSD)



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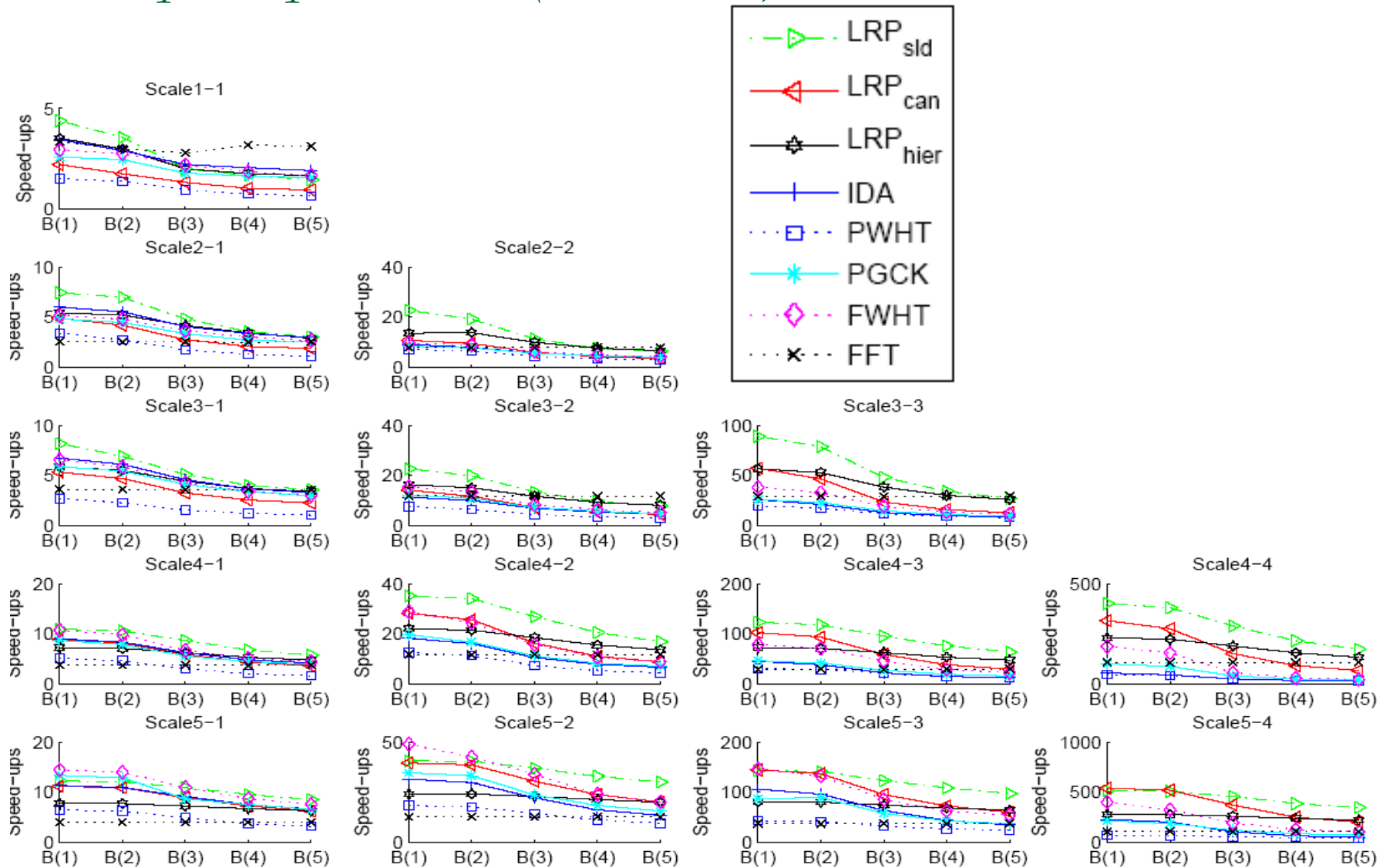
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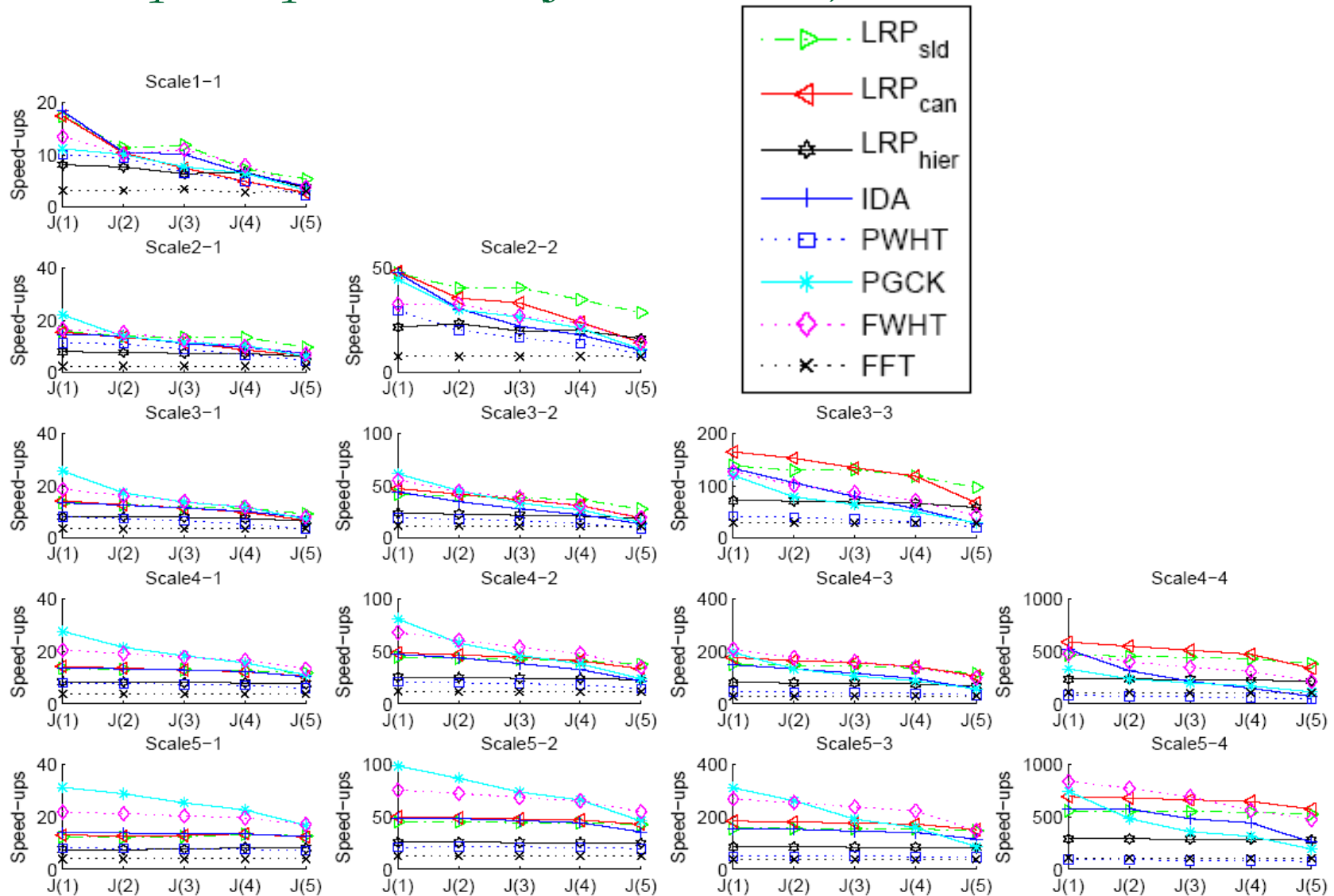
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Time speed-ups over FS (blur, SSD)



Time speed-ups over FS (JPEG, SSD)



Short conclusion on execution time SSD

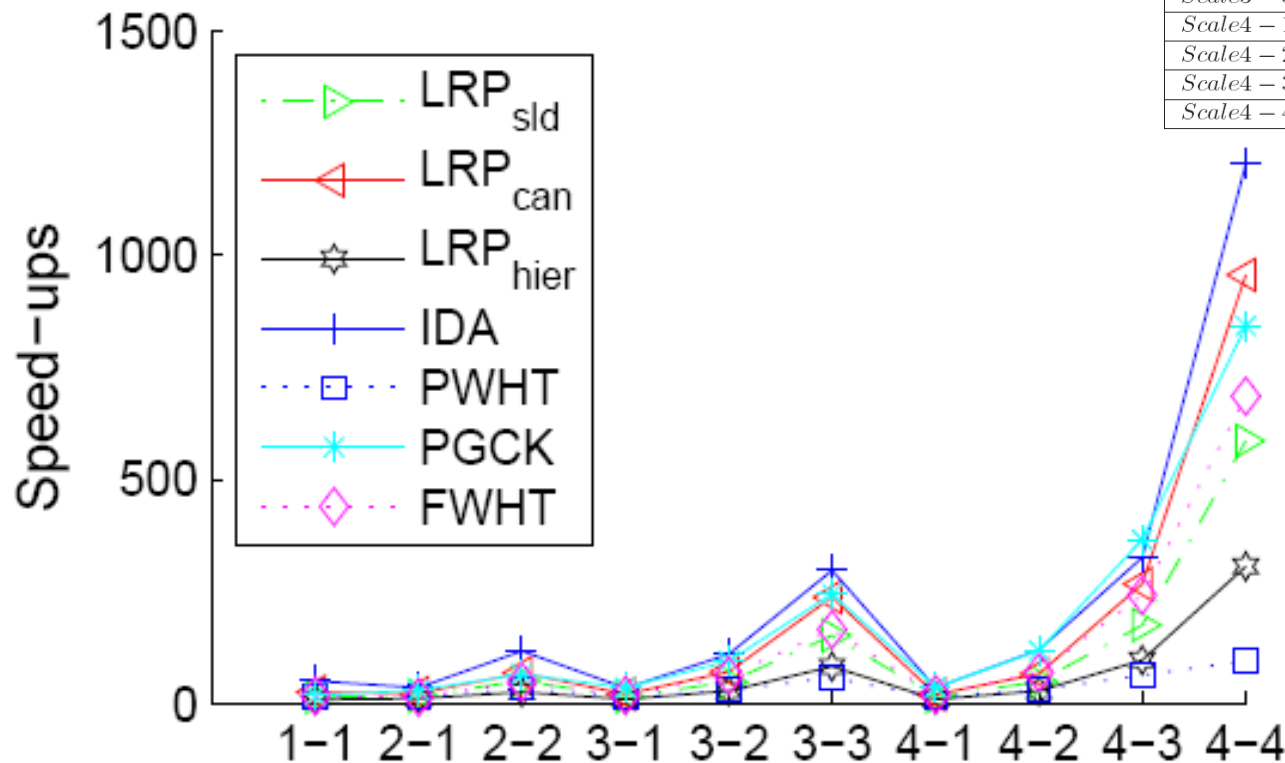
- No noise is added: PGCK is the fastest
- Gaussian noise and blur:
 - ❑ FWHT is the fastest when pattern is small, image size is large and noise level is low
 - ❑ FFT is the fastest when noise is high
 - ❑ LRP_{sld} is the fastest in other cases
 - ❑ JPEG:
 - ❑ PGCK and FWHT are the fastest when pattern size is small or noise level is small
 - ❑ LRP_{can} is the fastest in other cases.

Time speed-ups over FS (No noise, SAD)

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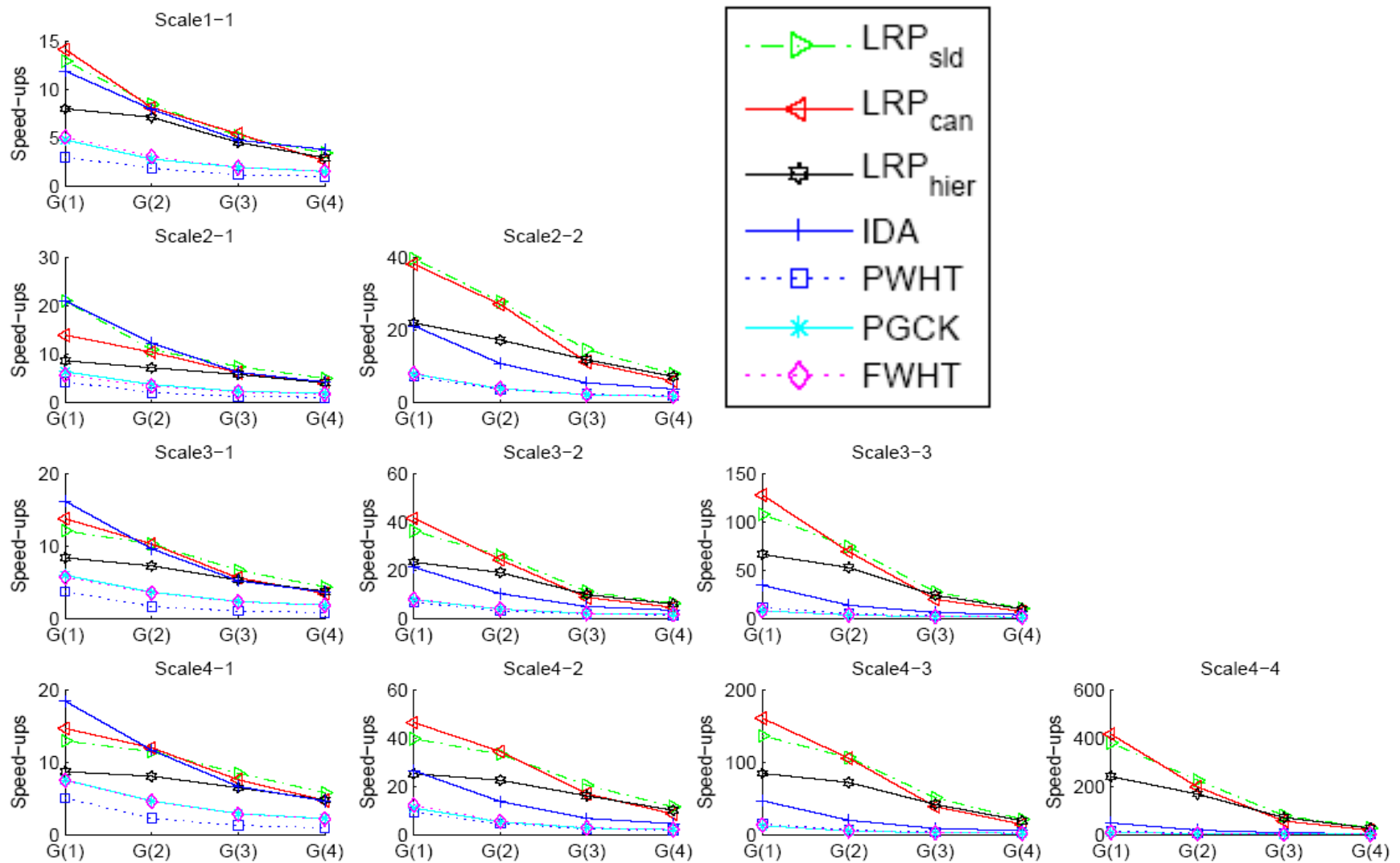
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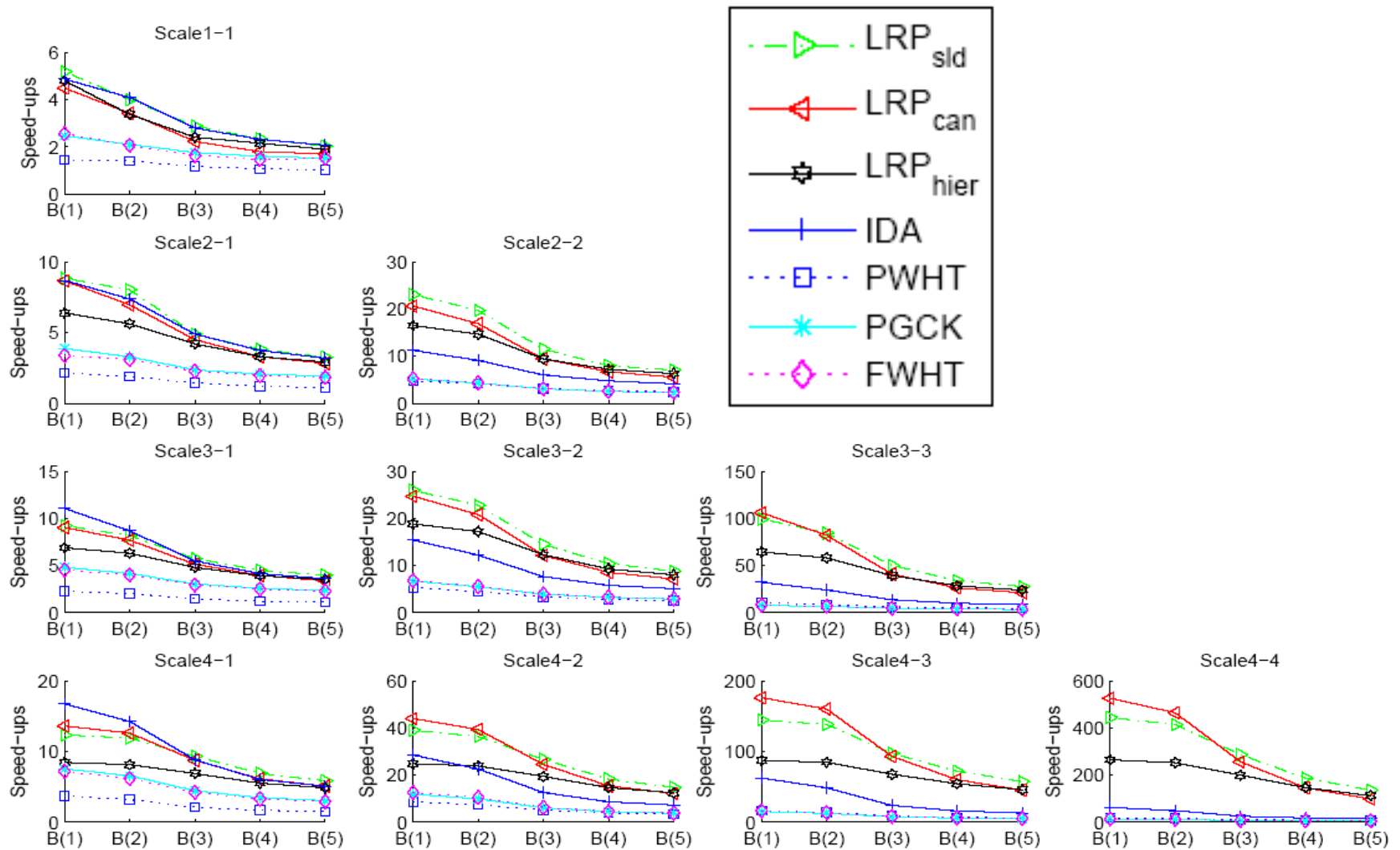
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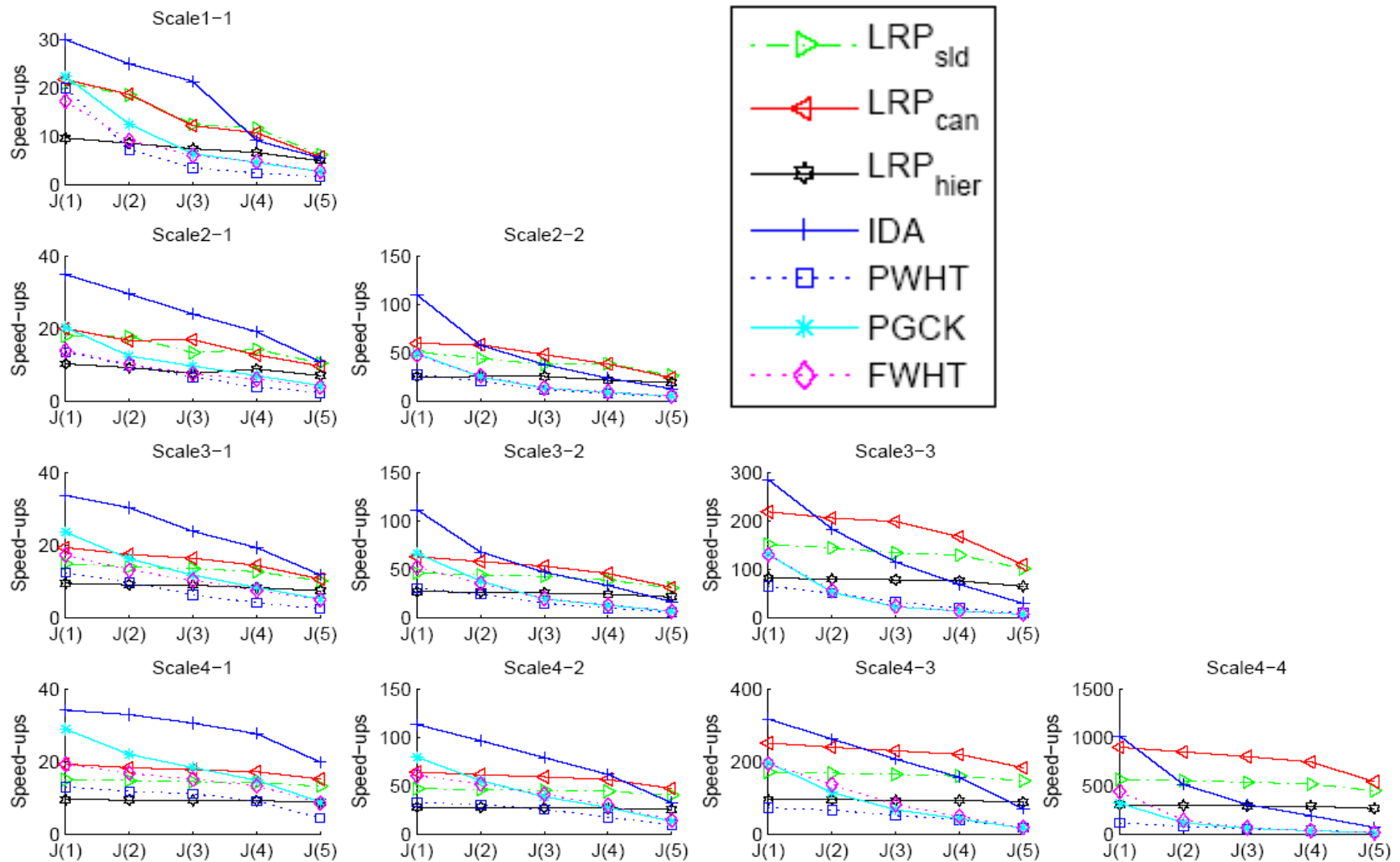
Time speed-ups over FS (Gaussian noise, SAD)



Time speed-ups over FS (Blur, SAD)



Time speed-ups over FS (JPEG, SAD)



Short conclusion on execution time SAD

- No noise is added: PGCK and IDA are the fastest
- Gaussian noise and blur:
 - IDA is the fastest in execution time when pattern size is 16x16 while LRP_{sld} is the fastest in larger pattern sizes
- JPEG:
 - LRP_{can} is the fastest for large pattern size and high noise while IDA is the fastest in other cases.
- PWHT, PGCK and FWHT are inefficient in the presence of noises.

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Conclusion

- When **no noise** is added, **PGCK** is the fastest in most cases.
- When the **three kinds of noises** are added, experimental results on both execution time and number of operations have shown that **LRP** is the fastest in most cases. This nicely agrees with the theoretical analysis developed in Theorem 1.

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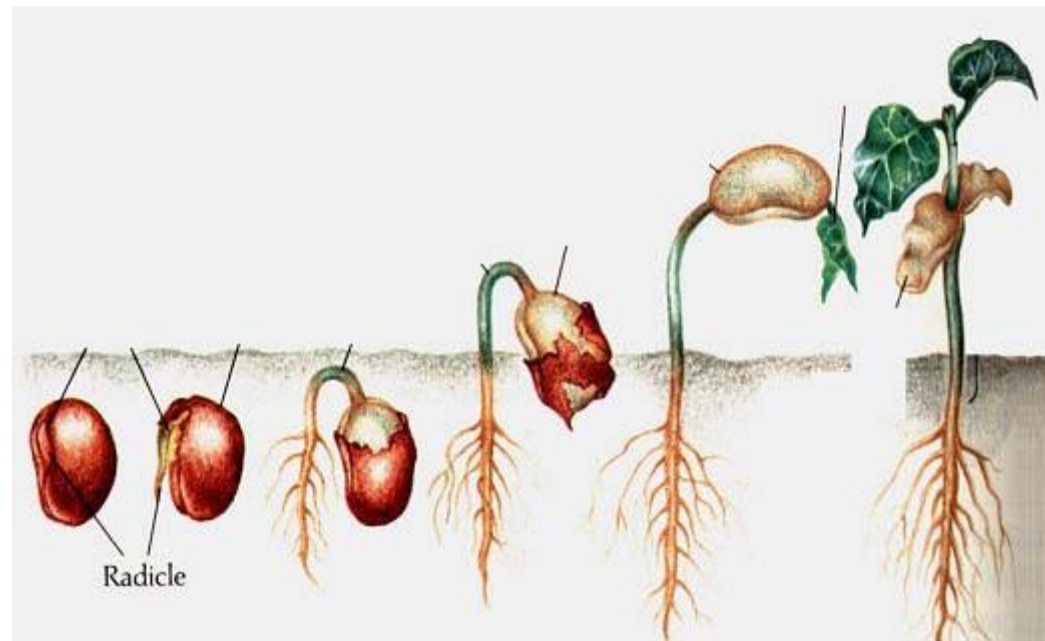
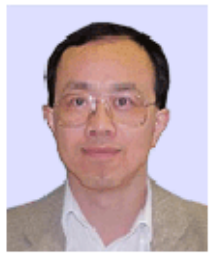
Contribution

- A unified framework for describing the algorithms evaluated in this paper. Under this framework, we give a theorem that reveals why LRP outperforms other evaluated algorithms.
- The computational analysis of IDA, PWHT, PGCK and FWHT under the framework of pattern matching, which is not provided in previous literature. Based on this analysis, we propose a new termination strategy for fast full-search equivalent pattern matching algorithms and two more efficient formulations of LRP.
- A quantitative performance evaluation of state-of-the-art FS-equivalent pattern matching algorithms based on a very large dataset. This allows us to identify the best performing methods under a number of typical nuisances found in real-world applications. Moreover, the datasets, methodology and results used in our evaluation provide a reference framework for testing future pattern matching algorithms.

Future ...

- 'My heart will go on' by Céline Dion
- The cooperation story will go on ...

From seeds to fruits



■ Thanks !