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Indexing Protected Deep Face Templates by Frequent Binary Patterns

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Motivation

- EU GDPR 2016/679 defines biometric information as ***sensitive data***.
- ***Reconstruction*** of facial images from their corresponding ***embeddings***.
- ***Limited*** application of the ***biometric template protection*** methods.

Contribution

- Introduction of a new approach based on the search of ***frequent binary patterns***.
 1. High application: for indexing and retrieval of protected binary templates across different cancelable schemes, i.e. ***Computational workload reduction***.
 2. ***Agnostic*** approach: in terms of biometric modality and cancelable scheme.



Biometric template protection schemes

➤ Biometric Cryptosystems.

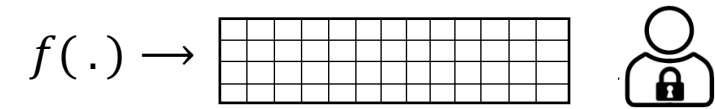
- ✓ Key-binding or Key-generation schemes.
- ✓ Homomorphic encryption.



- Enable complex process of biometric comparison by verifying the correctness of a retrieved key.
- Optimizations are depending on the encoding schemes.
- Limited operations in the encrypted domain.

➤ Cancelable schemes

- ✓ Feature transformation step.

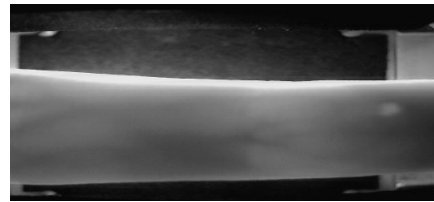
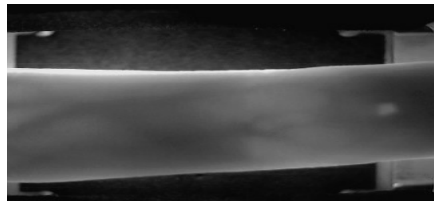


- ✓ Retaining efficient biometric comparators.

- High application in identification systems.
- Even, for exhaustive searches.
- Workload reduction accelerates one-to-one comparison.



Properties of biometric data



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Fuzzy data



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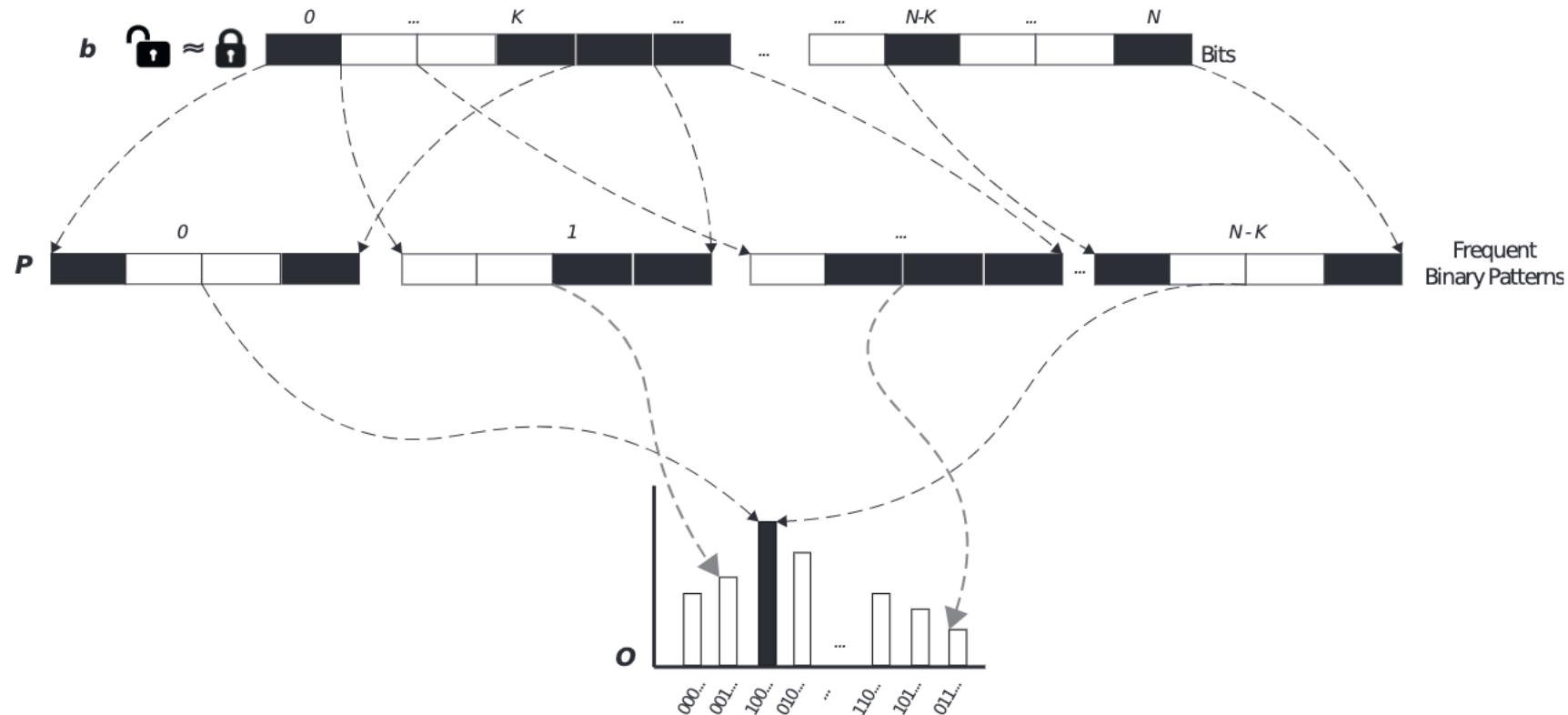
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- Common **binary patterns** can be suitable for biometric indexing, even, for cancelable templates ?.

- Let $b \in \{0,1\}^N$ be a bit-string of size N and $K < N$ a given frequent pattern length.
- A set P of binary patterns are extracted from N bits.
- Frequent patterns are defined according to their corresponding number of occurrences in N .





Proposed system

- Enrolment step: the frequent binary pattern with **maximum number of occurrence** is selected as a bin.
- Retrieval step: the search is through **all** their **most frequent binary patterns** (sorted) until a match is found.
- Definition of the workload reduction.

$$W = \sum_{i=1}^z |l_i|$$

$$|l_i|$$

Denotes the number of references stored in bin l_i .

$$z \leq R$$

Denotes a threshold for the maximum number of bins visited.

Workload reduction can be easily controlled by the number of bins visited !



Experimental setup



- LFW and SDUMLA image databases for Face and Finger-vein.
- Embedding features from ArcFace (Face) and ImageNet (Finger-vein (set of testing)) pre-trained models.
- Sub-sampling over 10 rounds.
- Number of enrolled subjects in Face and Finger-vein: 1680 and 318, respectively.
- For impostor comparisons:
 - sub-set of subjects containing a single sample (LFW).
 - sub-set of samples selected for the training set (SDUMLA).
- Evaluation in closed-set scenario in terms of hit-rate (HR) and penetration rate (PR).
- Evaluation in open-set scenario in terms of DET curves.



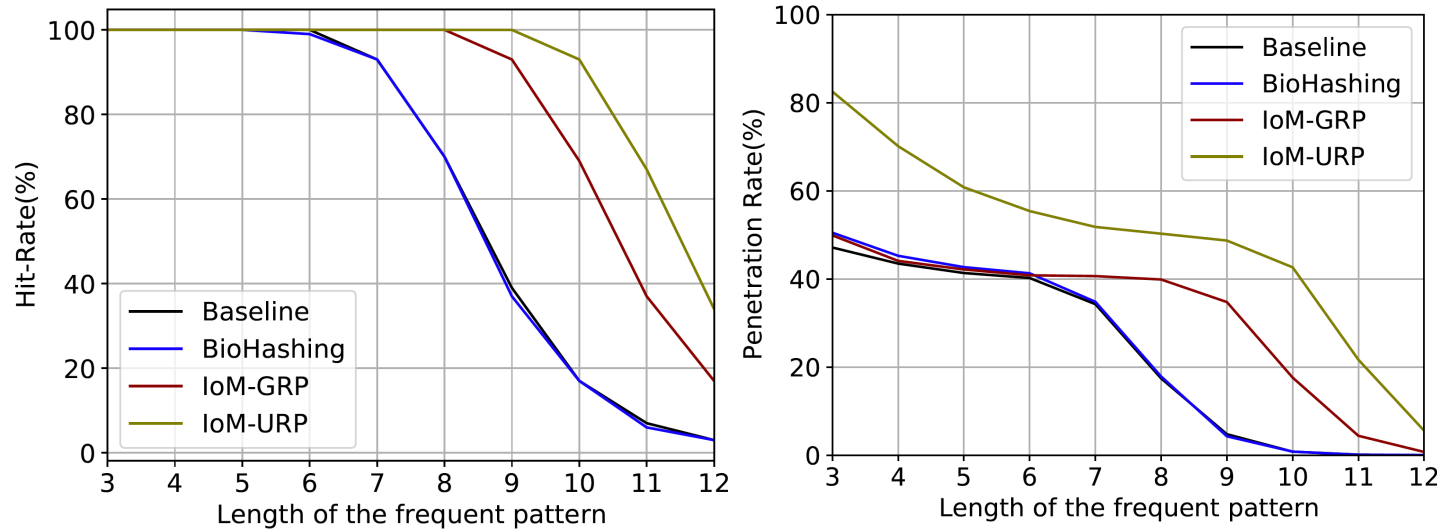
- Generic cancelable schemes, representing the current state-of-the-art for biometric template protection:
 - BioHashing – a single binary representation.
 - Variants of Index-of-Maximum Hashing: Uniformly Random Permutation (IoM-URP) and Gaussian Random Projection (IoM-GRP).
 - Encoding step over IoM-URP and IoM-GRP.
 - Baseline: original embeddings are binarized by using the function sign with threshold 0, representing the unprotected system.
- Normal- (where each user's key is assumed to be secret) and stolen-token- (where the impostor has access to the genuine user's secret key) scenarios for cancelable schemes.



Results over Face (closed-set scenario)



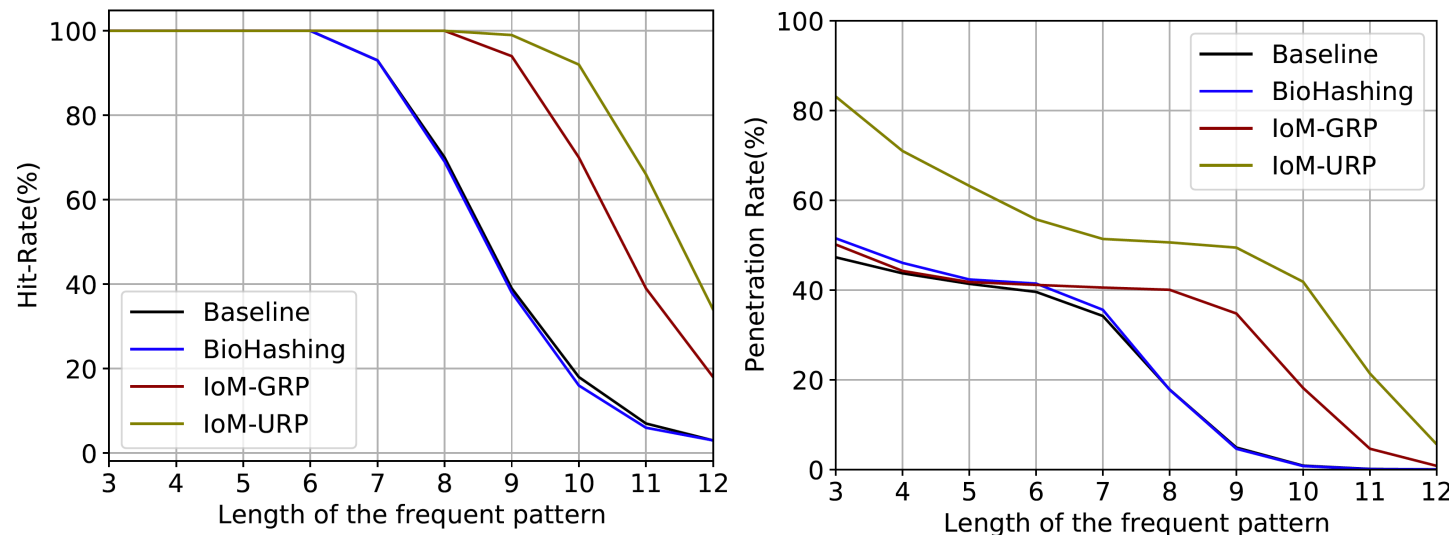
Normal-scenario



fbp = frequent binary pattern

- Non-significant differences between Normal- and Stolen-token- scenario.
- H-R 100% is maintained to a certain length of the fbp depending on the BTP scheme.
- P-R < 52% reducing the baseline workload (i.e 100%).
- Lowest WR (P-R < 36%) by a drop in the H-R (down to 93%) while fixing a length fbp across BTP schemes.

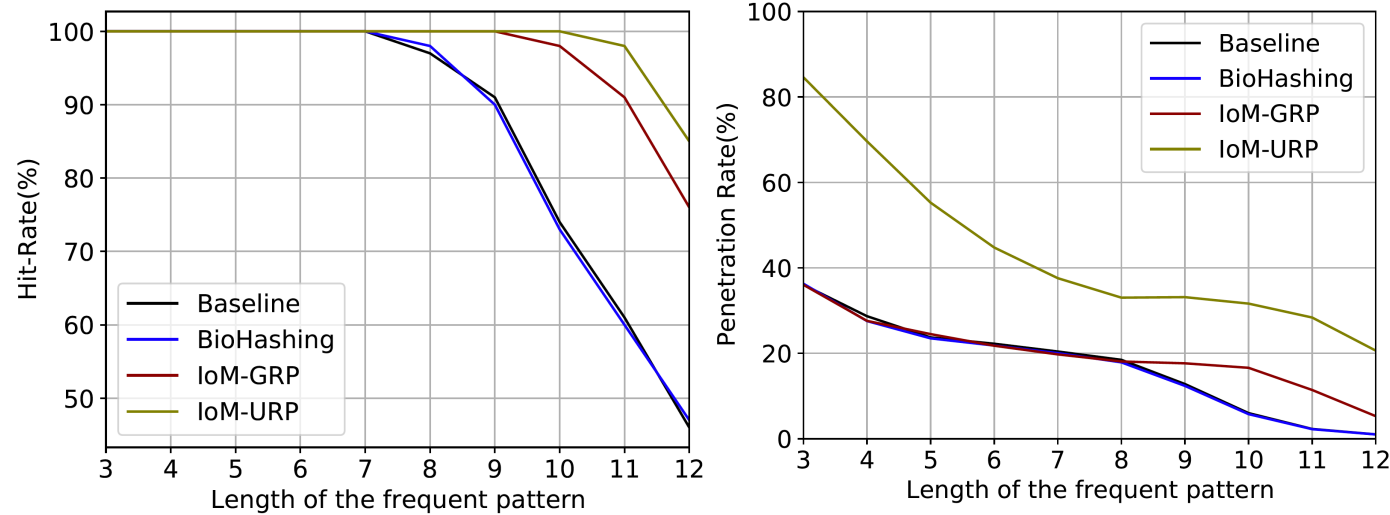
Stolen-token-scenario



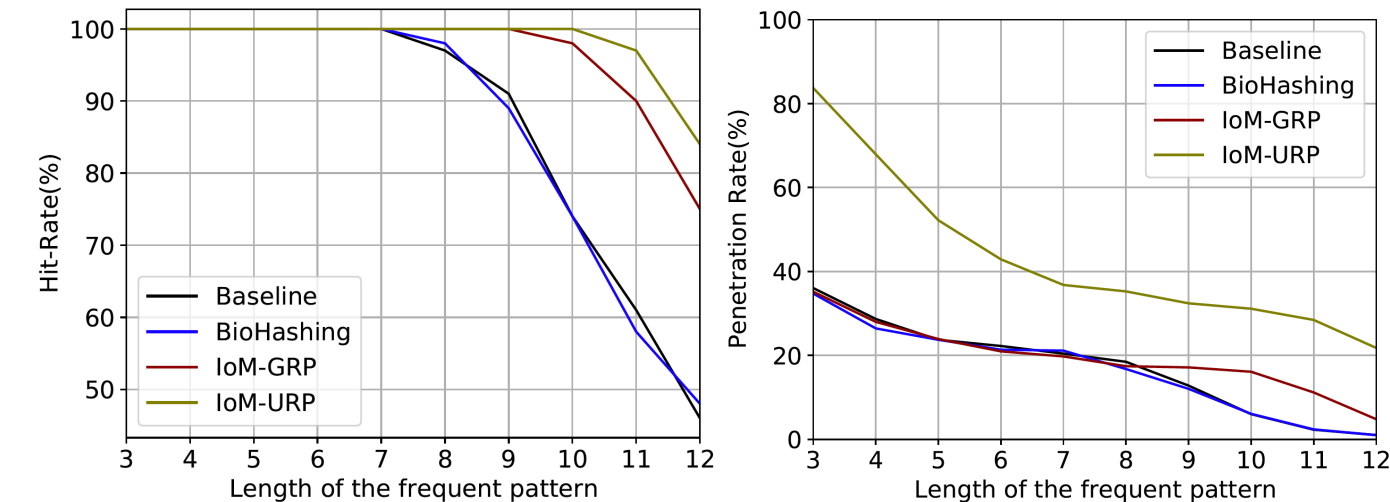


Results over Finger-vein (closed-set scenario)

Normal-scenario



Stolen-token-scenario



fbp = frequent binary pattern

- Non-significant differences between Normal- and Stolen-token- scenario.
- H-R 100% is maintained to a certain length of the fbp depending on the BTP scheme.
- For larger lengths than face, while maintaining H-R 100%.
- P-R < 22% reducing the baseline workload (i.e 100%) – IoM-URP (PR < 45%) over H-R 100%.

Results over Open-set scenario

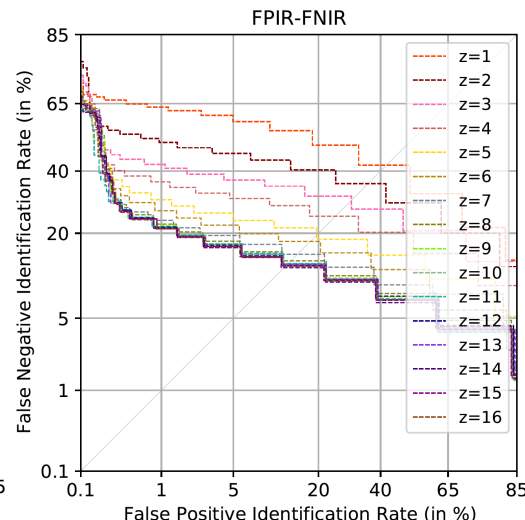
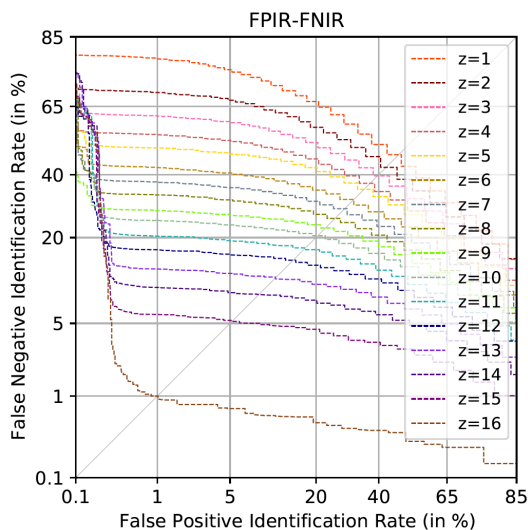
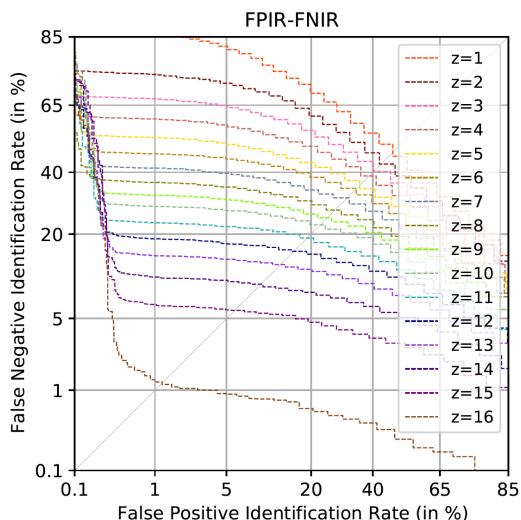
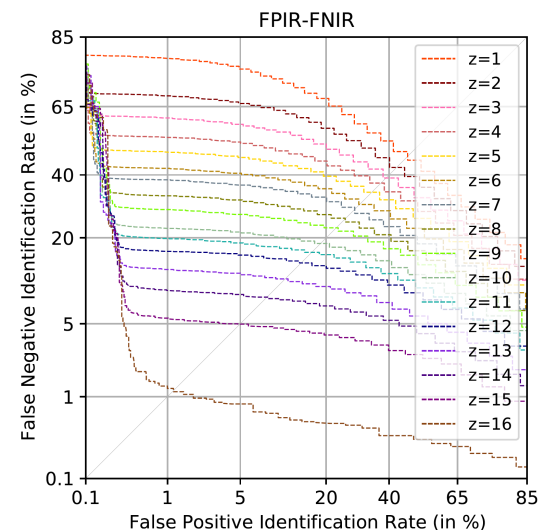
Stolen-token-scenario – challenging scenario

baseline

BioHashing

IoM-GRP

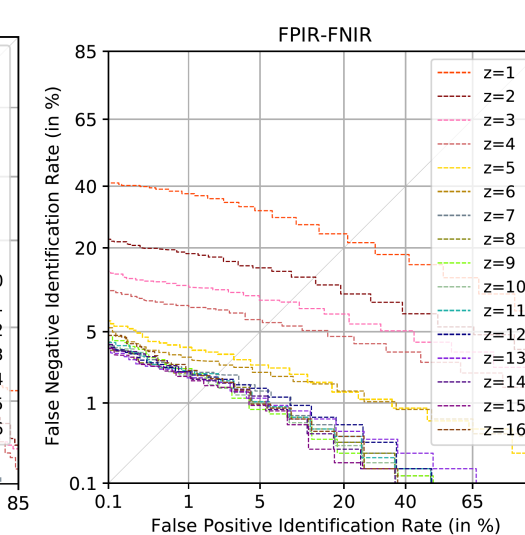
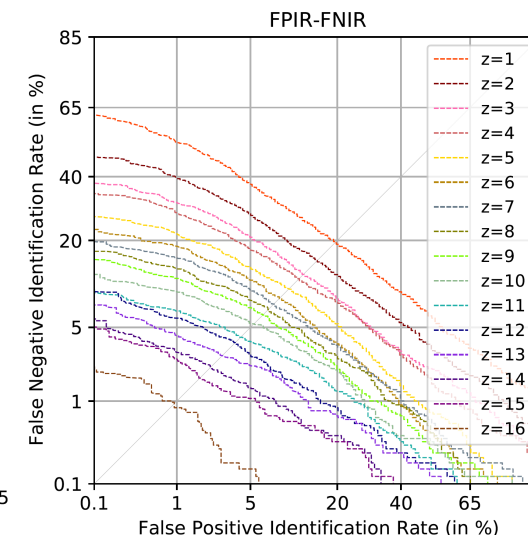
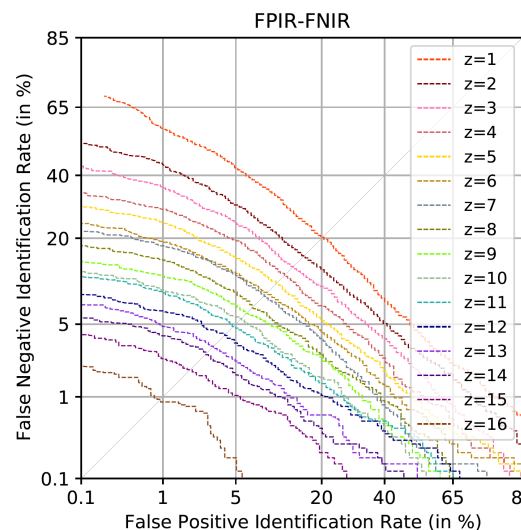
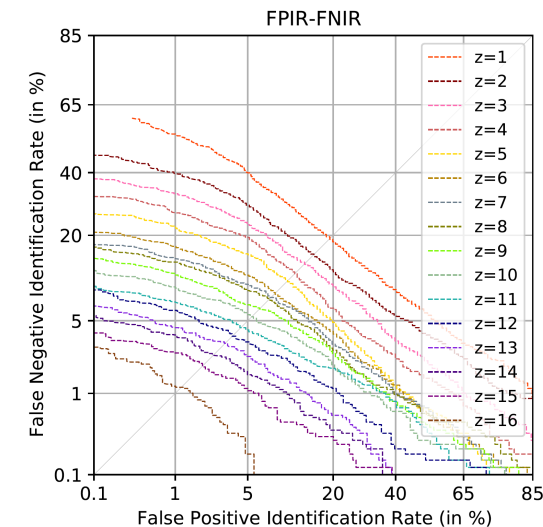
IoM-URP



Face

$$W = \sum_{i=1}^z |l_i|$$

For $z = [1,16]$



For $k = 4$

Finger-Vein



Best results over Open-set scenario

Face

BTP approach	Normal-scenario			Stolen-token-scenario		
	FNIR@FPIR=1.0%	z	P-R(%)	FNIR@FPIR=1.0%	z	P-R(%)
Baseline	19.76	11	66.08	19.76	11	66.08
BioHashing	23.30	11	66.27	23.14	11	66.44
IoM-GRP	19.57	11	66.28	20.37	11	66.61
IoM-URP	22.33	5	87.90	29.99	5	88.59

- A rejection rate for genuine identification transactions of less than 24%.
- 66% of workload-reduction.

Finger-Vein

BTP approach	Normal-scenario			Stolen-token-scenario		
	FNIR@FPIR=1.0%	z	P-R(%)	FNIR@FPIR=1.0%	z	P-R(%)
Baseline	14.40	7	45.60	14.40	7	45.60
BioHashing	17.86	8	50.17	14.81	8	49.15
IoM-GRP	16.54	8	50.31	13.49	8	50.89
IoM-URP	11.45	3	84.95	11.16	3	84.04

- A rejection rate for genuine identification transactions of less than 18%.
- 51% of workload-reduction.



- Extension of the proposed system to multi-biometrics :
 - Frequent binary patterns are combined from multiple biometric characteristics.
- Generalise the idea to other biometric characteristics (e.g. deep iris features).
- Selection of the best configuration in terms of the number of bins visited from the probe is a challenge:
 - Include evaluation of the accuracy in terms of rank-1.
- Larger datasets.



Conclusions



- Search of frequent binary patterns over binary representations seems to be suitable for biometric indexing.
- High application for indexing templates protected by Cancelable schemes.
- Different statistical data in terms of workload-reduction could be perceived from different biometric characteristics.
- Many future work avenues.

Thank you for your attention!
Questions ?