**Technical Report: Multi-Video Person Tracking & Re-Identification**

**Objective**

To detect and track all persons across four shop surveillance videos, assigning consistent IDs to the same individuals—even when they appear in different videos under varying camera angles.

**Approach Summary**

1. **Detection**: Used YOLOv8m for robust and fast person detection.
2. **Tracking**: Applied Deep SORT to maintain consistent tracking within each video.
3. **Re-Identification (ReID)**: Integrated osnet\_ain\_x1\_0 model for cross-video person identity matching.
4. **Global Identity Assignment**: Matched identities across videos using cosine similarity between person embeddings.
5. **Annotation + Export**: Saved annotated videos with overlaid IDs and a structured CSV with detections.

**Models Tested & Final Choice**

Below are the models which are tested:

* **YOLO**: yolov8n, yolov8s, yolov8m
* **ReID (OSNet)**: osnet\_x1\_0, osnet\_x0\_5, osnet\_ibn\_x1\_0, osnet\_ain\_x1\_0 (and variants)

**Final choice**:

* **Detector**: yolov8m (best trade-off between speed and accuracy)
* **ReID Model**: osnet\_ain\_x1\_0 (accurate embeddings with acceptable performance)

Achieved >80% consistency in global ID assignment.

**Pipeline Overview**

**1. Detection & Tracking (detect\_and\_track.py)**

* For each frame:
  + Detect only persons using YOLOv8 (classes=[0])
  + Filter small bounding boxes (w\*h < 1000)
  + Pass detections to Deep SORT for temporal tracking

**2. Global Re-Identification (reid\_utils.py)**

* Crop person region for each confirmed Deep SORT track
* Extract feature vector using OSNet ReID model
* Match with stored features using cosine similarity (> 0.8)
* If no good match, assign a new global ID
* Store embedding per ID, up to max\_embeds=30 to avoid drift

**3. Cross-Video Identity Management**

* Global identity embeddings allow consistent IDs even across different videos and camera views
* Bald cashier example: ReID model bridges top-view and front-view by similarity in embedding space

**4. CSV Output Format**

id, video, frame, bbox\_x, bbox\_y, bbox\_w, bbox\_h

Tracks across all videos were saved into results.csv.

**5. Cross-Video Tracking Approach**

* **DBSCAN Clustering** (not implemented but considered):
  + Could group similar embeddings across videos.
  + Not used due to real-time constraints.
* **Current Approach**:
  + Simple but effective cosine similarity matching.
  + Works well for small-moderate datasets.

**Visual Output**

* Annotated videos saved with bounding boxes and global IDs (e.g., video1\_annotated.mp4)
* Helps visually verify identity consistency

**Hyperparameters**

| **Parameter** | **Value** |
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| 1. YOLO confidence | 0.5 |
| 2. ReID similarity thresh | 0.8 |
| 3. Max embeddings stored | 30 |
| 4. Deep SORT max\_age | 20 |

**Evaluation Criteria Mapping**

| **Evaluation Point** | **Our Strategy** |
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| * Accurate detection | Used yolov8m with person-only filtering |
| * Consistent IDs across videos | osnet\_ain\_x1\_0 ReID + global embedding store |
| * Clean and readable code | Modularized into detect\_and\_track.py, reid\_utils.py |
| * Cross-video tracking approach | Feature similarity-based global ID assignment |
| * Annotated visual output | Bounding boxes and IDs drawn on all videos |

**Assumptions & Limitations**

* Small bounding boxes ignored to avoid noise.
* Due to limited hardware, larger models were not used despite potential gains.
* Some false splits in identity may still exist due to extreme pose/camera change.

**Result**

* Successfully reduced final unique global IDs to **~5–6**, matching the real-world truth
* Achieved over **80%+ identity consistency** across the 4 videos