

Fine-Grained Re-Identification

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Abstract

Research into the task of re-identification (ReID) is picking up momentum in computer vision for its many use cases and zero-shot learning nature. This paper proposes a computationally efficient fine-grained ReID model, FGReID, which is among the first models to unify image and video ReID while keeping the number of training parameters minimal. FGReID takes advantage of video-based pre-training, spatial attention, and non-local operations to excel on both video and image ReID tasks. FGReID achieves state-of-the-art (SOTA) on MARS, iLIDS-VID, and PRID-2011 video person ReID benchmarks. Eliminating temporal pooling yields an image ReID model that surpasses SOTA on CUHK01 and Market1501 image person ReID benchmarks. The FGReID achieves near SOTA performance on the vehicle ReID dataset VeVi, demonstrating its ability to generalize. Additionally, we do an ablation study analyzing the key features influencing model performance on ReID tasks. Finally, we discuss the moral dilemmas related to ReID tasks, including the potential for misuse. Code for this work is publicly available at <https://github.com/ppriyank/Fine-grained-Re-Identification>.

1. Introduction

Re-identification (ReID) aims to match identical objects such as people (person ReID), vehicles (vehicle ReID) and faces (face ReID), that experience subtle variations across camera viewpoints and time. ReID is most useful for identifying unique objects for surveillance purposes. However, ReID can also be used to create embeddings for generic search engines. While image ReID depends on a single image for ReID, it is susceptible to complexities such as occlusion, low illumination, and inferior viewpoints. Video ReID uses multiple frames across time to counteract any identification impediments in a single image. The downside of video ReID over image ReID is the added complexity of handling additional temporal information.

Existing person ReID works have utilized graph convo-



Figure 1. (a) and (b) show two examples of misclassifications from the MARS dataset with similar clothing styles made by a spatial averaging model [31].

lutional neural networks [37, 42, 43], self-attention [15, 26], temporal attention [6, 13, 16], and LSTMs [2]. Many of these works depend on the object's appearance (spatial structure), overlooking the fine-grained subtleties containing important distinguishing attributes. For example, existing approaches often fail when people have similar clothing styles, as demonstrated in Figure 1. The aforementioned methods are also computationally expensive and impose restrictions on the input image size and batch size, critical to performance improvement. Numerous image ReID models cannot generalized to videos and vice versa, discarding surplus hours of available surveillance footage. We propose a unified approach for video and image ReID that requires fewer training parameters and uses fine-grained details to re-identify individuals more accurately.

The task of learning fine-grained details can be divided into implicit and explicit methodologies. Implicit methods include parts-based matching [3, 4, 34], which are often contingent on the alignment of parts, and feature erasing [44] to learn minute details indirectly. Explicit methods [11, 46] commonly deploy spatial attention maps to isolate and highlight subtle details. While such methodologies perform very well for images, they are not scalable for long videos. In this work, we extend an explicit fine-grained image classification technique [55] to videos by employing an extra ResNet network for only handling minute details. Such an approach is computationally cheap compared to other fine-grained ReID models, which involve multiple passes.

Video person ReID models should be able to handle both temporal and spatial variations. Numerous works [6, 13, 16]



Figure 2. Video frames from the MARS dataset. Although there is some occlusion by the umbrella, both front and back views and a distinctive green purse are clearly visible.



Figure 3. MARS dataset video frames of the same individual. Within the same video, green-highlighted and red-highlighted frames focus on different individuals.

use a specialized temporal attention model to merge temporal information. Such models often assign smaller weights to frames with heavy occlusion, but that may cause loss of distinctive features. Fu *et al.* [5] argue that occluded frames still contribute characteristic details like those in Figure 2. Su *et al.* [33] demonstrated some of the non-occluded outlier frames might confuse a model in targeting the wrong individuals. Figure 3 shows the red highlighted frames focusing on the black-dressed individual as opposed to the correct green highlighted frames. In such cases, temporal attention fails, favoring computationally cheap temporal pooling. We also include non-local operations [39] to introduce context that can disregard outlier frames.

Our contributions are as follows. 1- We adopt a fine-grained image classification model and propose a novel framework, FGReID, capable of generating contextually-aware fine-grained embeddings for images and videos. Its ability to re-identify is not only limited to people but vehicles as well. FGReID is among a few frameworks that perform equally well on images and videos, making it optimal for a wide range of ReID problems. 2- The model employs a limited number of training parameters making it computationally inexpensive and lightweight while capturing fine-grained details in one pass. We show FGReID size and computation time comparison with publicly available video ReID models. 3- Extensive experiments show FGReID exceeding SOTA on two large-scale video person ReID datasets MARS and iLIDS-VID, while matching SOTA on the PRID-2011 dataset. For image ReID, our model exceeds SOTA on Market1501, CUHK01, while it is on par with SOTA on the VeRi-776 dataset. 4- We also address the ethical concerns regarding ReID work.

2. Related Work

Image ReID: Recent image person ReID work either relies on deep learning models [26, 28, 41] or on techniques [12, 27, 30, 36, 52, 53] for boosting the performance of existing frameworks. Recently, Liu *et al.* [20] utilized generative adversarial networks (GAN) to produce style invariant images from various camera viewpoints. GANs often blur pictures in recreating scenes that might miss crucial distinctive features. Many image ReID models mistake similar-looking entities for each other, especially in Vehicle ReID.

Vehicle ReID is conceptually identical to person ReID, aiming to retrieve vehicles rather than people. Cars lack distinctive features and have similar background roads. In such cases, subtle details play a much more vital role in resolving similar vehicles. Prior vehicle ReID work includes handcrafted [23, 45] and deep learned features [4, 13, 21]. He *et al.* [9] is among the principal attempts to unify vehicle and person ReID. Image ReID methods are computationally expensive and infeasible for handling the temporal relations, making them unscalable for videos.

Video person ReID: Common methodologies for generating video embeddings involve transformers [7], 3D convolutions [8, 14, 19], RNNs and LSTMs [2, 24, 25]. While the results are promising, these approaches often have memory constraints for a single GPU and involve many training parameters, making them infeasible for real-world surveillance systems. RNN based approaches often neglect intricate details within the frames, concentrating more on intra-frame structural ties. Gao and Nevatia [6] showed a temporal attention model could outperform LSTMs and 3D convolutions for ReID. Many 2D convolution-based methodologies have achieved significant ReID success, specifically those involving attention modules [5, 16, 17, 33].

Graph-based methods [1, 3, 37, 42] have been applied to both image and video person ReID. Shen *et al.* [32] treat images as graph nodes while disregarding the spatial subtleties. Yang *et al.* [43] use two branches for generating spatial and temporal relations, where nodes of graphs are segments of images. These approaches incur heavy computation and are ineffective at differentiating similar clothing styles, where the spatial structure is identical.

Fine-Grained: Most fine-grained related research deals with images, either through enhancing image quality or recursively cropping critical regions and generating embeddings concurrently [11, 35, 46]. Such approaches fail on long videos. Generally, fine-grained ReID work has shown moderate success [29, 44, 54]. Recently, Zhang *et al.* [48] proposed multi-granular attention for videos, surpassing the state-of-the-art on MARS, iLIDS-VID, and PRID-2011 datasets. While such an approach is promising, but it incurs a high computational cost by involving multiple passes of the same image for capturing different granularity or structural details. Hence, we build upon the computa-

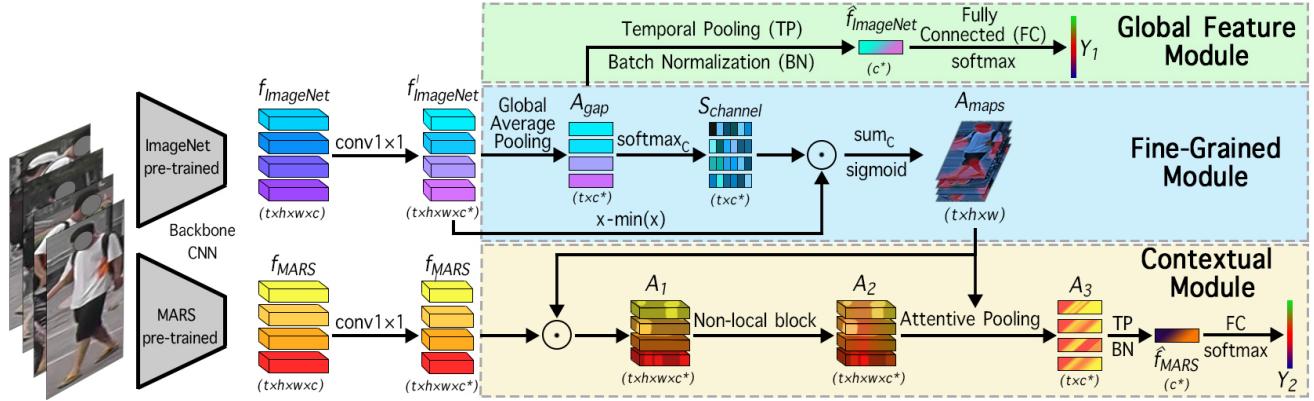


Figure 4. The proposed video model has shown $t = 4$ video frames as input. Backbone CNN creates preliminary features, followed by a dimension reduction step. Global Feature Module creates a general overview of the entire clip. The fine-grained module highlights the spatial intricacies while the context module adds context via a non-local block. \odot represent element-wise multiplication, $softmax_c$, and sum_c represent softmax, and summation along the channel dimension.

ally efficient approach of Zhu *et al.* [55], involving a second ResNet-50 as a mechanism for generating fine-grained rich embedding in one-pass.

3. Methodology

Figure 4 shows our proposed model architecture FGReID. FGReID has three major segments: a Global Feature Module (Section 3.2), a Fine-Grained Module (Section 3.3), and a Context Module (Section 3.4). The Global Feature Module averages feature spatially and temporally producing coarse-grained features ($\hat{f}_{ImageNet}$). The Fine-Grained Module creates spatial attention maps inspired by work on fine-grained image classification [55] in a parameter-less manner. The Context module creates context-aware embeddings (\hat{f}_{MARS}) with the help of fine-grained spatial attention and non-local operations. Concatenating $\hat{f}_{ImageNet}$ and \hat{f}_{MARS} produces the final embeddings f^* . A shared weight classifier with softmax activation creates label vectors Y_1 and Y_2 corresponding to $\hat{f}_{ImageNet}$ and \hat{f}_{MARS} , respectively. The entire architecture employs only five 1×1 convolutions and two backbone ResNet-50(s), a single classifier, and two batch norm layers. We shall follow the $t \times h \times w \times c$ convention for the subsequent discussion, indicating a feature having t frames ($t = 1$ for images) with (h, w) spatial points and c channels.

3.1. Backbone CNN Network

We use ResNet-50 as our backbone CNN for generating features for each video frame. We expand the receptive field of ResNet-50 by adjusting the last stride from $(2, 2)$ to $(1, 1)$ as described by Luo *et al.* [27]. Further, we follow the fine-grained image classification approach [55] of utilizing two ResNet-50(s): $CNN_{ImageNet}$ and CNN_{MARS} . $CNN_{ImageNet}$ is the generic ImageNet pre-trained CNN trying to capture the coarse-grained features of the im-

age. Simultaneously, the other ResNet-50 (CNN_{MARS}) is the ReID task-specific CNN trying to capture fine-grain details obtained by pre-training ResNet on a large person ReID dataset (MARS dataset, ResNet-50 produced from Pathak *et al.* [31]). Both ResNet-50(s) are jointly optimized and trained in an end-to-end fashion. $CNN_{ImageNet}$ and CNN_{MARS} produce $f_{ImageNet}$ and f_{MARS} , followed by 1×1 convolution for dimensional reduction, producing $\hat{f}_{ImageNet}$ and \hat{f}_{MARS} respectively (both $\in \mathbb{R}^{t \times h \times w \times c^*}$).

3.2. Global Feature Module

Global Feature Module works on the $CNN_{ImageNet}$, capturing the overall foreground and background of the entire input video/image. The module uses global average pooling to average spatial features. The resulting feature vectors A_{gap} are temporally averaged via temporal pooling (not needed for images). Finally, features are batch-normalized, producing coarse-grained features $\hat{f}_{ImageNet}$.

3.3. Fine-Grained Module

Fine-Grained Module produces fine-grained spatial attention maps, highlighting subtle intricacies within the spatial feature space. Traditionally, a weighted sum of channels learned via 2D convolution highlights these spatial regions. We argue against these pre-trained channel weights, which may not generalize well for unseen test classes. Hence, we deploy a run-time channel weighting technique (ideal for ReID problems) based on the intuition that the significance of a particular channel is proportional to the average activation of its spatial feature map. We use spatially averaged features A_{gap} for weighing the channels.

$$S_{channel} = softmax_c(A_{gap}) \in \mathbb{R}^{t \times c^*} \quad (1)$$

where $softmax_c$ is the softmax operation along the channel dimension. We apply these channel weights $S_{channel}$ to the

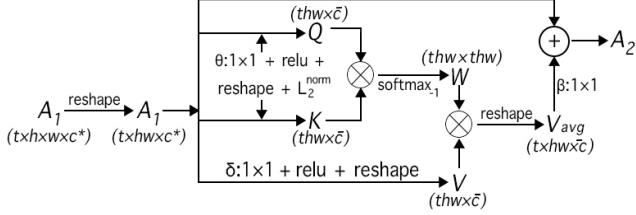


Figure 5. Non-local block pipeline. 1×1 convolution is on the T and HW vector space (for images, its the H and W vector space), creating Query (=Key) and Value vectors. \otimes and \oplus indicates tensor multiplication and addition. $softmax_{-1}$ means softmax on each row.

absolute value of feature maps with sigmoid activation (σ):

$$f'_{ImageNet} = f'_{ImageNet} - \min(f'_{ImageNet}) \quad (2)$$

$$A_{maps} = \sigma \left(\sum_{c=1}^{c^*} f'_{ImageNet} \odot S_{channel} \right) \quad (3)$$

where $A_{maps} \in \mathbb{R}^{t \times h \times w}$ is the spatial heat map, and \min returns the minimum value in the entire tensor. \odot refers to pairwise multiplication of vectors. Such an approach computes spatial attention without adding training parameters.

3.4. Context Module

We use the context module via a non-local block [39] (self-attention) on the task-specific features f'_{MARS} to introduce spatial and temporal context. The non-local block operation does a weighted sum of each point in spatial and temporal space (THW space) to add context to the features. This approach is susceptible to noisy outliers, which may weaken the weight of significant regions. Hence, as an added safeguard, we shift our non-local block after the spatial attention to reduce the contribution of irrelevant regions.

$$A_1 = f'_{MARS} \odot A_{maps} \in \mathbb{R}^{t \times h \times w \times c^*} \quad (4)$$

We pass the spatially attended features (A_1) through the non-local block, as shown in Figure 5. The traditional non-local block consists of a softmax-ed dot product between the query (Q) and key (K) vectors to assign weights to each key-value pair, followed by a weighted sum of value (V) vectors. The key-value pair act as the context for the query in THW feature space (for images, its HW feature space), giving more weight to contextually similar value vectors. We keep the query and key vectors same, saving around 0.497% (0.26 million) parameters.

$$Q = K = L_2^{norm}(reshape(relu(\theta_{1 \times 1}(A_1)))) \quad (5)$$

$$V = reshape(relu(\delta_{1 \times 1}(A_1))) \quad (6)$$

where θ and δ are 1×1 convolution reducing channel dimension to $\bar{c} (= \frac{c^*}{4})$. L_2^{norm} does a L_2 normalization of

THW vectors. Matrix multiplication (\otimes) between query Q and key K produces weight matrix W

$$W = softmax((Q)^T \otimes K) \in \mathbb{R}^{thw \times thw} \quad (7)$$

$$V_{avg} = reshape(W \otimes V) \in \mathbb{R}^{t \times h \times w \times \bar{c}} \quad (8)$$

We use equation 8 to do a weighted sum of each value vector V , followed by reshaping and 1×1 convolution (β) to restore input tensor dimension. Adding the resulting vector to the original A_1 yields contextually aware feature A_2 :

$$A_2 = \beta_{1 \times 1}(V_{avg}) + A_1 \in \mathbb{R}^{t \times h \times w \times c^*} \quad (9)$$

Additionally, we do weighted spatial averaging on A_2 via attentive pooling (Equation 10):

$$A_3 = \frac{\sum_{(h,w)} A_2}{\sum_{(h,w)} A_{maps}} \in \mathbb{R}^{t \times c^*} \quad (10)$$

Final features \hat{f}_{MARS} is obtained by passing A_3 through temporal pooling and batch normalization.

4. Experiments

4.1. Loss Functions

We apply labeled smoothed cross-entropy loss exclusively on each label vector Y_1 and Y_2 and use their mean as the final classification loss L_{CE}^{avg} . Among other loss functions, we apply batch hard triplet loss function (L_{trip}), center loss (L_C), and CL Centers OSM loss (L_{OSM}) [31, 40] on the final features f^* . Additionally, we apply a variant of variance regularization [12], which penalizes the same class feature $(f^*)^{c^*}$ variance across batch B , where c^* indicates the unique set of identities in B .

$$R_{var} = \sum_{c^* \in B} \left(\frac{1}{\sum_i^{c^*} 1} \sum_i^{c^*} \left((f^*)_i^{c^*} - \frac{\sum_i^{c^*} (f^*)_i^{c^*}}{\sum_i^{c^*} 1} \right)^2 \right) \quad (11)$$

where $(f^*)_i^{c^*}$ indicates i^{th} instance for the class c^* . $\frac{\sum_i^{c^*} (f^*)_i^{c^*}}{\sum_i^{c^*} 1}$ is the mean of the features belonging to the same class c^* within a batch B .

Additionally, we apply KL divergence (L_{cns}) to align coarse-grained predictions Y_1 with the fine-grained ones Y_2 . We also use satisfied rank loss L_{sr} [55] to prevent Y_1 from dominating Y_2 , consisting of an unbounded rank loss (L_r) and a limiting loss (L_s). We do hyperparameter optimization ¹ for MARS and iLIDS-VID datasets for determining weights for each loss, which are used for training and evaluating all the other datasets. The total loss comprises a weighted sum of all the losses mentioned above.

$$\begin{aligned} L_T = & L_{CE}^{avg} + (1 - \beta) * L_{trip} + \beta * L_{OSM} + W^{var} * R_{var} \\ & + W^c * L_C + W^{KL} * L_{cns} + W^{sr} * L_{sr} \end{aligned} \quad (12)$$

¹<https://github.com/facebook/Ax>

Description		Train Set		Query Set		Gallery Set		Total		Split
Image Dataset	Cameras	IDs	Images	IDs	Images	IDs	Images	IDs	Images	
Market1501 [51]	60	751	12936	750	3368	751	19732	1501	36036	PD
CUHK01 (p=486) [18]	4	485	1940	486	972	486	972	971	3884	AVG:10
CUHK01 (p=100) [18]	4	871	3484	100	200	100	200	971	3884	AVG:10
VeRi-776 [22]	20	576	37778	200	1678	200	11579	776	51035	PD
Video Dataset	Cameras	IDs	Tracklets	IDs	Tracklets	IDs	Tracklets	IDs	Tracklets	
MARS [50]	6	625	8298	626	1980	622	9330	1251	19608	PD
iLIDS-VID [38]	2	150	300	150	150	150	300	300	600	PD
PRID-2011 [10]	2	89	178	89	89	89	178	178	356	PD

Table 1. Datasets used for the experiments. Tracklets refer to clips of frames. IDs mean unique identities in each split. Split refers to train and test set division, where PD means predefined split and AVG:10 means an average of ten random splits.

4.2. Datasets and Evaluation Metrics

Table 1 summarizes various datasets used for our experiments. For evaluation, we followed the mean average precision (mAP) and the Cumulative Matching Characteristic for various ranks (rank-1 (R-1), rank-5 (R-5), rank-10 (R-10), and rank-20 (R-20)). We also deploy re-ranking (RR) [52] and spatial-temporal statistics (ST)[36] for evaluation.

4.3. Implementation Details

The entire model is trained in an end-to-end fashion. For MARS and PRID-2011 datasets frame’s input dimensions are 250×150 with $t = 4$. We set the batch size $B = 32 \times 5$ and the number of positive instances per class $K = 5$. The iLIDS-VID dataset has input size of 220×150 with $t = 5$, $B = 28 \times 5$, and $K = 5$. For all image person ReID datasets, we set the input size to 250×150 , with $B = 32 \times 4$, $K = 4$ and $t = 1$. For the VeRi-776 dataset, the input size is 150×250 , with the task-specific backbone CNN pre-trained on the VehicleID dataset [21] instead of MARS. During the training, we include bag-of-tricks proposed by Luo *et al.* [27]. We average up to 32 clip embeddings of t length per identity for evaluating videos, while for images, we average all query and gallery set embeddings per identity. Our unified approach for image and video ReID is our **baseline**, with no pre-trained weights (and no pre-trained backbone CNN). Baseline with one ResNet-50 shared across branches is referred to as **baseline-1R**. The baseline with pre-trained backbone CNN is **FGReID** (Figure 4). The end-to-end pre-training on MARS is denoted by **FGReID***.

4.4. Comparison with State-of-the-art Methods

The following section compares FGReID with existing state-of-the-art (SOTA). We report re-rank (RR) accuracy separately to maintain uniformity with previous works. The success of previous work involving temporal self-attention (GLTR [15]) and multi-granular attentive features [48] supports our use of non-local block (self-attention) and fine-grained spatial attention. The inferior performance of base-

Method	mAP	R-1	R-5	R-20
w/o re-ranking (RR)				
MGH [42]	85.8	90.0	96.7	98.5
SG-RAFA [48]	85.1	87.8	96.1	98.6
MG-RAFA(N=2) [48]	85.5	88.4	97.1	98.5
MG-RAFA(N=4) [48]	85.9	88.8	97.0	98.5
Baseline-1R	71.8	81.2	92.8	96.6
Baseline	81.5	86.7	95.0	98.3
FGReID	86.2	89.6	97.0	98.8
with re-ranking (RR)				
Pathak <i>et al.</i> [31]	88.5	88.0	96.1	98.5
Baseline	88.1	87.5	95.4	98.5
FGReID	89.6	88.8	96.7	98.8

Table 2. FGReID Performance on MARS dataset.

Method	R-1	R-5	R-10	R-20
GLTR [15]	95.5	100	100	100
MG-RAFA(N=4) [48]	95.9	99.7	-	100
Baseline-1R	82.3	94.4	97.4	99.6
Baseline	93.6	98.2	99.3	99.9
FGReID	96.1	99.1	99.9	100

Table 3. Results comparison for the PRID-2011 dataset.

line hints at the necessity of MARS pre-training. Results indicated as “-” were not reported in the published material.

4.4.1 Video ReID

Zhang *et al.* [48] proposed aggregating spatial and temporal features by splitting channels into S groups (SG-RAFA, $S = 1$) and reading fine-grained spatial details on N granular scales (MG-RAFA, $N = 2, 4$). Table 2 shows FGReID surpassing SOTA by 0.3% on mAP and 0.2% on R-20 accuracy without re-rank (RR) on the MARS dataset. With re-rank, FGReID beats SOTA by 1.1% on mAP, 0.8% on R-1, 0.6% on R-5 and 0.3% on R-20 accuracy. For PRID-

Method	R-1	R-5	R-20
GLTR [15]	86.0	98.0	-
Zhao <i>et al.</i> [49]	86.3	97.4	99.7
MG-RAFA (N=4)[48]	88.6	98.0	99.7
Baseline-1R	62.4	82.9	93.7
Baseline	83.2	95.5	99.2
FGReID	91.5	99.2	100

Table 4. Results comparison for the iLIDS-VID dataset. FGReID achieves 99.8% for R-10 accuracy.

2011, we focused on R-1 accuracy while averaging ten splits, despite having 100% R-5 accuracy on some runs. Table 3 shows FGReID beating SOTA by 0.2% on R-1 accuracy. We don't compare our results with Pathak *et al.* [31] as they reported their performance only for one split. On iLIDS-VID, FGReID outperforms existing SOTA significantly, with a margin of 2.9% on R-1, and 1.2% on R-5 accuracy, with 100% accuracy on R-20 (Table 4).

4.4.2 Image ReID

For the Market1501 dataset, the original st-ReID (SOTA) [36] uses a simple part-based model with spatial-temporal statistics (ST). Table 5 shows FGReID pre-trained on MARS dataset (with ST) surpasses SOTA by 3.6% on mAP, 0.2% on R-1, and 0.1% on R-5 accuracy, w/o RR. With RR, FGReID surpasses SOTA by 0.2% on mAP accuracy. For CUHK01, Table 6 shows the performance of FGReID on both the splits, p=486 and p=100. Table 7 shows FGReID exceeding PRN (SOTA)[4] on R-1 accuracy by 1.3% (w/o RR) on the VeRi-776 dataset.

Method	mAP	R-1	R-5
w/o re-ranking (RR)			
st-ReID (ST) [36]	87.6	98.1	99.3
Adaptive L2 Reg [30]	88.9	95.6	-
Baseline-1R	58.0	79.0	91.2
Baseline	76.3	89.6	96.0
FGReID	86.1	94.0	97.6
FGReID*	87.1	94.7	98.5
FGReID + ST	91.0	98.2	99.4
FGReID* + ST	92.5	98.3	99.4
with re-ranking (RR)			
st-ReID (ST) [36]	95.5	98.0	98.9
st-ReID (ST) +UnityStyle [20]	95.8	98.5	99.0
Baseline	86.9	90.9	95.1
FGReID* + ST	96.0	98.1	99.0

Table 5. Results comparison on Market1501 dataset. R-10 (and RR) accuracy for *FGReID* + ST* is 99.4% (99.3%).

Method	p = 486		p = 100	
	R-1	R-5	R-1	R-10
DSA-reID [47]	90.4	97.8	-	-
BraidNet [41]	-	-	93.04	99.97
Baseline-1R	45.8	70.0	82.5	97.0
Baseline	78.4	92.2	97.1	99.3
FGReID	89.6	96.7	98.9	99.8
FGReID*	90.9	97.5	99.1	99.8

Table 6. Results for CUHK01 dataset. Accuracy of FGReID* for p=486 (R-10) is 98.7% and p=100 (R-5) is 99.8%.

Method	mAP (RR)	R-1 (RR)	R-5 (RR)
PRN [4]	85.8(90.5)	97.1(97.4)	99.4(98.9)
Baseline-1R	39.8(45.4)	70.5(72.2)	83.4(79.4)
Baseline	59.7(64.1)	86.2(87.5)	93.2(90.3)
FGReID	72.3(74.9)	91.6(92.2)	96.2(94.5)
FGReID + ST	84.2(86.1)	98.4(95.8)	99.0(96.9)

Table 7. Results comparison on the VeRi-776 dataset. R-10 (and RR) accuracy for the *FGReID + ST* is 99.5% (98.3%).

Architectural Change	R-1	R-5	R-10	R-20
FGReID	91.5	99.2	99.8	100.0
w/o $S_{channel}$	91.5	98.9	99.8	100.0
w/o non-local block	91.5	99.1	99.8	100.0
KQV	91.5	98.9	99.7	100.0
Baseline-1R	62.4	82.9	89.5	93.7
only GFM	61.4	82.3	89.3	94.7
w/o GFM	87.0	97.6	99.0	99.7
Baseline-1R (MARS)	87.9	97.7	99.3	99.9
only GFM (MARS)	86.8	97.3	98.8	99.8
w/o GFM (spatial attention)	91.2	99.1	99.7	99.9

Table 8. Impact of various components (Section 5.1) on FGReID's performance, evaluated on iLIDS-VID dataset

5. Ablation Study

5.1. Analysis of various components

Section 3 and Section 4.3 describe FGReID and baseline-1R. We show the relevance of each component of FGReID by measuring the performance drop on the iLIDS-VID dataset when removing that component. As shown in Table 8, the channel weights $S_{channel}$ (Equation 1) and the non-local block have a minimal contribution in ReID. FGReID uses a variant of the non-local block, where Query (Q) and Key (K) vectors are the same. We observe using the original non-local block (KQV) of using distinct K and Q vectors shows no performance boost.

Baseline-1R's poor performance owes to the single ResNet's features multi-tasking to cover surrounding information (global features) and highlight fine-grained de-

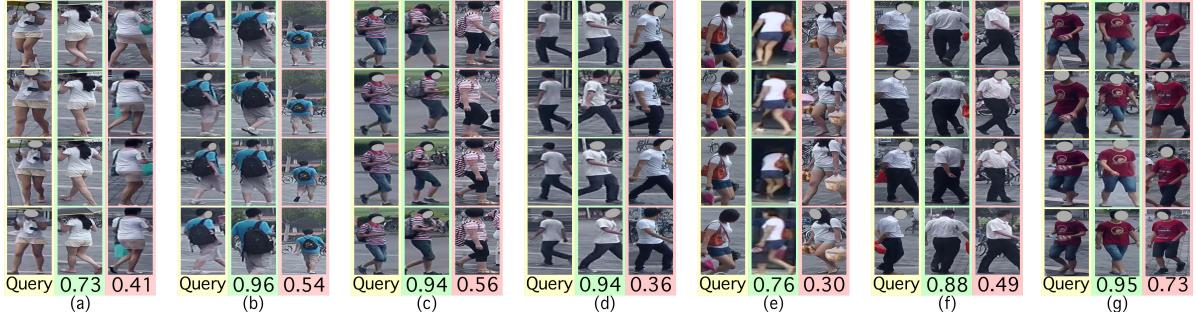


Figure 6. Yellow columns show some query tracklets, while green and red are similar-looking tracklets from the MARS dataset’s gallery set. Green ones are correct R-1 results, while red ones are wrong. The scores highlight the dot product of the query with gallery embedding.

tails. Massive performance drop in FGReID containing only the Global Feature Module (GFM) hints at the necessity of fine-grained details in ReID. Similarly, without GFM, the performance drops as FGReID solely relies on fine-grained features, indicating the need for surrounding information. MARS pre-training, indicated by (MARS), experiences a considerable performance gain, highlighting the inefficiency of ImageNet pre-training in ReID. Section 4.4 compares Baseline-1R and Baseline with FGReID, hinting at MARS pre-training as the major reason for performance gain. The extra training parameters from extra ResNet-50 and the large size of the MARS dataset aren’t the primary reason for performance gain as the case with Market1501, where the target dataset has the same size as the source MARS dataset (Table 5). Without the Fine-Grained Module (FGM), the model uses spatial averaging with a slight performance drop, indicating a small contribution from spatial attention. In such a case, traditional convolutional spatial attention would add training parameters with minimal performance gain, favoring our case of parameterless spatial attention maps.

5.2. Memory and Computation Time Comparison

We compare the publicly available ReID models w.r.t. to their memory sizes, train time (forward and backward passes, processing 16 frames per identity), and evaluation time (forward pass, processing up to 32×4 frames per identity) under identical conditions on MARS datasets. We train the model for 100 epochs averaging the last 50 epochs. Similarly, we run evaluations (eval) ten times, averaging the final five runs. Table 9 shows FGReID’s much faster speed compared to the multi-granular approach MGH [42] (similarly for other such methods like MG-RAFA [48]) due to our single-pass compared to their repeated passes on multi-granular scales. GLTR [15] and Pathak *et al.* [31] are relatively simple models with far inferior performance. Substituting one of the ResNet-50 with a lightweight backbone CNN would reduce around 23.51 million parameters. Sharing 1×1 conv and batch normalization layer between branches would save around 2.36 million parameters.

Model	Size	Train Time	Eval Time
MGH [42]	44.18M	414.90	719.87
Pathak <i>et al.</i> [31]	91.90M	71.03	264.95
GLTR [15]	24.77M	62.08	225.43
FGReID	52.64M	130.82	458.28

Table 9. All times are in seconds, while M means parameters count in millions.



Figure 7. CUHK01 dataset samples, along with their spatial attention maps. Attention tends to focus on footwear and handbags as the primary source of fine-grained details.

5.3. Visualization

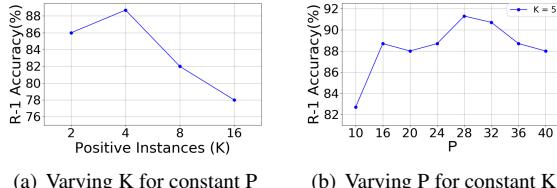
We manually selected similar-looking identities (mistaken identity) from the MARS dataset to show the effectiveness of fine-grained details. Figure 6 shows a higher dot product score of the query tracklet with the correct R1 gallery tracklet compared to the mistaken identities. The scores show that the model pays attention to minute details like backpack design ((a), (b), (e)) orange handbags (f), *etc.*, to ReID individuals. The model is also invariant to the color structures ((c), (d), (g)). These observations are further verified by Figure 7, where spatial attention spotlights fine-grained features like handbags and shoes while disregarding background. These fine-grained regions help in differentiating subtle details in similar images.

5.4. Analysis of Loss functions

To study the significance of various loss functions, we exclude one loss from the total loss during the training and assess the performance of FGReID on the iLIDS-VID

L_{total}	R-1	R-5	R-10	R-20
All Loss present	91.5	99.2	99.8	100.0
w/o Cross Entropy (L_{CE}^{avg})	79.5	93.9	97.7	99.5
w/o Triplet (L_{trip})	91.1	98.9	99.8	100.0
w/o OSM-CL (L_{OSM})	91.7	99.1	99.7	100.0
w/o Center (L_C)	88.7	98.1	99.7	99.9
w/o Variance reg. (R_{var})	89.4	98.7	99.7	100.0
w/o Stratified Rank (L_{sr})	92.1	99.3	99.6	99.9
w/o KL-divergence (L_{cns})	88.3	97.7	99.0	99.7

Table 10. Impact of various loss functions on the performance of models evaluated on iLIDS-VID dataset.



(a) Varying K for constant P

(b) Varying P for constant K

Figure 8. (a) and (b) are evaluated on the iLIDS-VID dataset

dataset. Table 10 shows the absence of classification loss (L_{CE}^{avg}), center loss (L_C), and variance regularization (R_{var}) have a significant unfavorable effect. Performance drop in the absence of KL divergence loss (L_{cns}), indicates a strong need for alignment of coarse-grained and fine-grained predictions. A combination of Triplet loss (L_{trip}) and CL Centers OSM loss (L_{OSM}) works best overall. We also observe the absence of satisfying rank loss (L_{sr}) performs better on R-1 and R-5 but has a slight drop in R-10 and R-20.

5.5. Analysis of hyperparameters

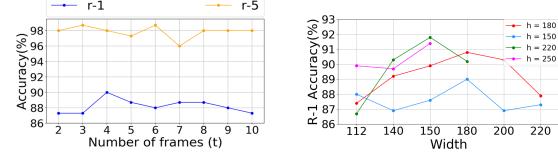
Batch size For our experiments, $B = P \times K$ and triplet loss heavily relies on the value of P and K . We determine the optimal P and K for the iLIDS-VID dataset. Figure 8(a) keeps $P = 32$ and varies K , with optimal performance at $K = 4$. Figure 8(b) varies P while keeping constant $K = 5$, with optimal performance around $P = 28$.

Number of Video frames: For iLIDS-VID dataset, we vary the video length t indicating the number of frames. Figure 9(a) shows optimal performance for $t = 3, 4, 5$.

Image/Frame Size: Most ReID works adhere to a conventional height H to width W ratio of 2:1, predominantly having shapes 224×112 and 256×128 . We argue such a ratio may distort human proportions with Figure 9(b) showing the optimal performance, with $W = 150$ and $H = 220, 250$. Missing regions are out-of-memory locales.

6. Ethical Consideration

Our approach intends to create fine-grained rich embeddings for videos and images in a zero-shot learning setting, generalizing to various embedding related tasks. Once



(a) iLIDS-VID dataset

(b) CUHK01 dataset

Figure 9. (a) Compares performance for the different number of video frames (t). (b) Shows the performance impact of various input image dimensions.

properly deployed, ReID can spare hours of human effort in tracing suspects by reducing city-wide camera footage to a minimal subset. But possible unintended use cases exist, including the unapproved tracking of individuals and targeting protesters. The authors have genuine concerns over the alleged targeting of Uighur Muslims in China using ReID². This unintentional application is undesirable, and to reduce the likelihood of it happening in the future, we have chosen not to release any hyperparameters or trained weights. All research into re-identification should consider and curtail these potentials for misuse.

7. Conclusion

This paper proposes FGReID, a computationally cheap method for generating contextually coherent and fine-grained rich embeddings for ReID tasks. FGReID can handle similar-looking identities and offers a unified solution for both video and image ReID tasks. The pipeline consists of three vital components: a Global Feature Module, a Fine-Grained Module, and a Context Module. The global feature branch delivers the general overview, while the fine-grained module highlights the minute subtleties. The context module adds temporal and spatial context via a non-local block operation to the spatially attended features. Several experiments show the viability of FGReID for both video and image ReID tasks. We perform an ablation study to highlight the importance of MARS pre-training and the need for global and fine-grained features. We opted for a single pass method of generating the above two features, which made use of an extra ResNet but reduced our training speed compared to multi-granular and partition-based approaches of generating fine-grained features.

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