Using Video Compression to Exploit Similarities in Biometric Databases

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Objective

General incentive

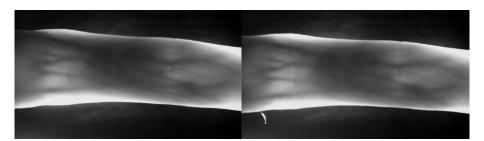
Is it possible to effectively apply **video compression** to very similar **pictures**?

- ightarrow can we achieve *better* results with video compression than with image compression?
- \rightarrow which codec is best suited for our purposes?
- \rightarrow how does the change of video codec parameters affect the results?
- \rightarrow how to determine the quality of the results?

Dataset

The database consists of finger vein images of different fingers of different persons

- ullet 6 fingers per person, with 4 pictures per finger ightarrow 24 pictures per person
- 60 persons at all
- we worked with a subset of those



Video Compression

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- Very similar images
- Image compression only compresses individual images
- Video compression does 2 things:
 - Compresses images
 - 2 Exploits similarities between images

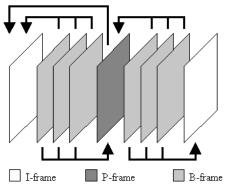
I,P,B-Frames

3 different types of pictures

• I-Frame: Intra-coded picture

P-Frame: Predictive-coded picture

• B-Frame: Bidirectional predictive-coded picture



Group Of Pictures

- usually defined with two numbers
 - defines distance of two I-Frames
 - 4 defines distance of two anchor frames (I or P)
- we used GOP to adapt the encoding to the database
 - ullet 24 pictures per person: use GOP 24 ightarrow 1 I-Frame per person
 - ullet 4 pictures per finger: use GOP 4 ightarrow 1 I-Frame per finger
- \bullet P- and B-Frames allow higher compression \to GOP affects the compression rate

JPEG2000

- used as a baseline for comparison
- standard encoding settings, except number of layers
- ImageMagick (7.0.5-10) with integrated OpenJPEG library
 - encode pictures with jp2, with different compression rates
 - determine quality of the pictures
 - ompare with pictures compressed with video codecs

Matcher

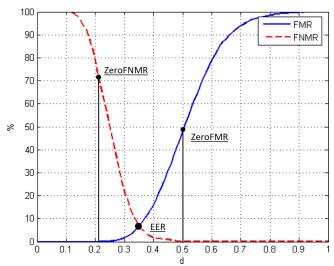
- Used as a "black box"
- Compares original and compressed images
 - \rightarrow Checks if matches found
- calculates different error metrics
- Target:

Compare results of jpeg2000 and video compression

Error Metrics

- FMR: False Match Rate
- FNMR: False Non Match Rate
- EER: Equal Error Rate
- ullet ZeroFNMR: FNMR at FMR = 0
- Lower values are always better

Error Metrics



 $http://www.mdpi.com/sensors/sensors-11-09499/article_deploy/html/images/sensors-11-09499f22-1024.png$

CRF

- CRF value (Constant Rate Factor)
 - 1 The range of the quantizer scale is 0-51
 - A lower value means better quality (0 for best quality, lossless)
 - default value is 23
 - A higher value means bad quality (51 for worst quality)

Presets

- presets (they provide a certain encoding speed)
 - ultrafast , superfast , veryfast , faster , fast
 - 2 medium (default)
 - 3 slow, slower, veryslow, placebo
 - 4 we focused more to the slower presets (medium-veryslow)

Settings

• what are the settings behind them?

	medium	veryslow
–b-adapt	1	2
-bframes	3	8
–ref	3	16

Settings

Quick explanation of the settings :

- -b-adapt "Mod":
 - algorithm for the adaptive distribution of B-frames
 - values : 0,1,2
- -bframes "Max":
 - Defines how many B-frames can be positioned directly behind each other
 - values are between 0 and 16 (3 is default)
- -ref "frames":
 - amount of valid reference frames

Settings (qscale mpeg4)

- -qscale:v n
- configure and select a video quality level
- value for n : 1-31
- 1 is the highest quality for largest filesize
- 31 is the lowest quality for smalest filesize

Video Compression

Setup:

- Used ffmpeg v.3.3.2 (latest version)
- Compressed 240 images
- Different crf values (0-50)
- Different qscale values for mpeg4 part 2
- Varying group of pictures (1, 4, 24)
- Two presets (medium, veryslow)

Video Compression

Repeat for each (crf, gop, preset) - combination

- Compress images into single video
- ② Get videosize (for compression rate)
- **3** Decompress video \rightarrow get images
- Put into folder named with settings

Additional steps

- ullet Collect image names o parameters for matcher
- Rename decompressed videos

Matching

- Used matcher as "black box"
- Input:
 - original images
 - compression output folders (crf, gop, preset)
- Match each output folder
- Retrieve error metrics
- Evaluate Error rate dependent on compression rate

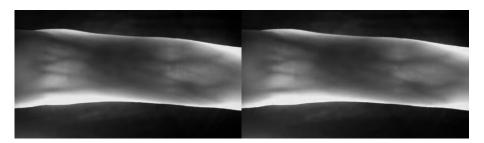
Evaluation

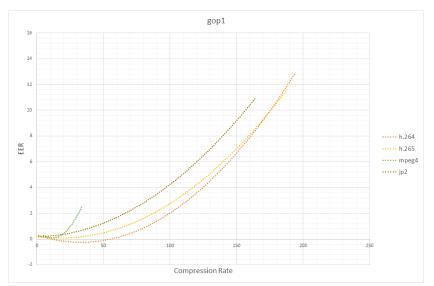
Compression rate vs. matching errors

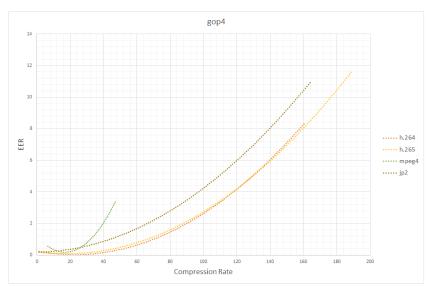
- Group of pictures (1, 4, 24)
- Codecs (mpeg4 part 2, h.264, h.265)
- presets (medium, veryslow)
- Best result of jpeg2000 compression as baseline

Comparing output images

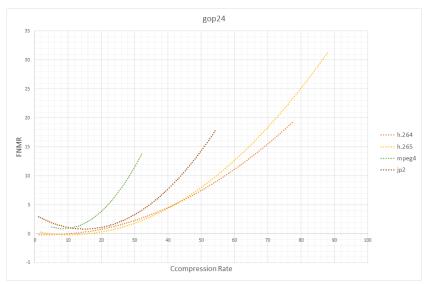
h.265 vs. JPEG2000

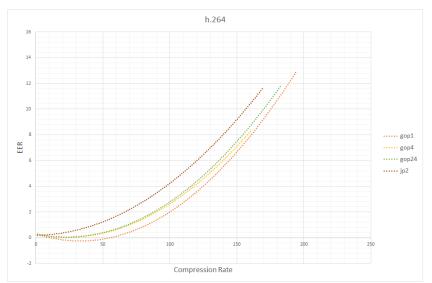


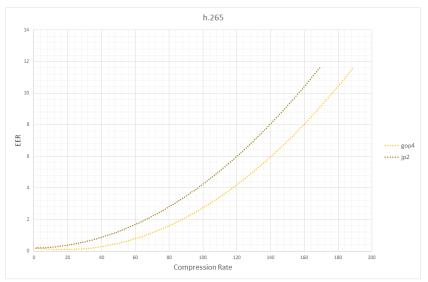


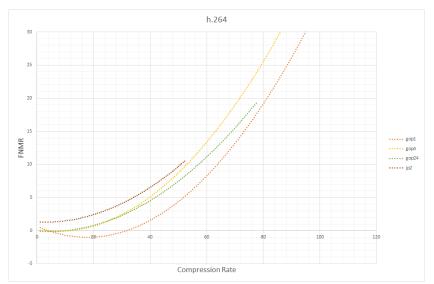


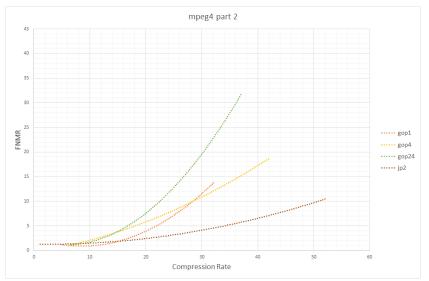




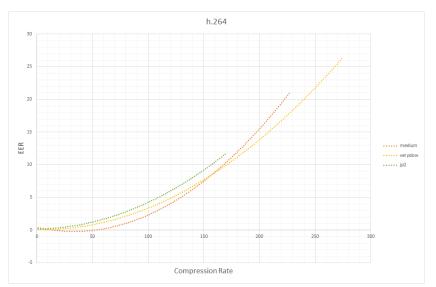




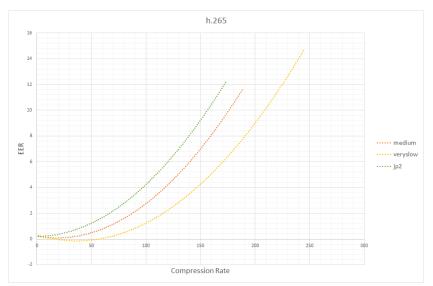




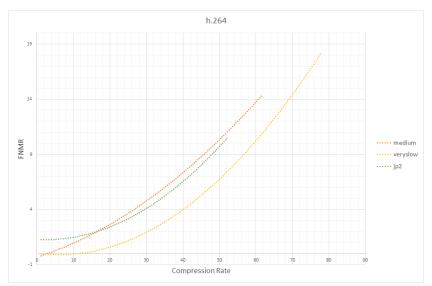
Comparing presets



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Conclusion

Best Results:

- GOP 1 or GOP 4
- h.264 or h.265
- veryslow

40% higher compression at same EER (h.265 veryslow) 30% higher compression at same FNMR (h.264 veryslow)

Thank you for your attention!