Multi-Camera 3D Pedestrian Tracking Using Graph Neural Networks

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Abstract: Tracking the position of pedestrians over time through camera images is a rising computer vision research topic. In multi-camera settings, the researches are even more recent. Many solutions use supervised neural networks to solve this problem, requiring much effort to annotate the data and time spent training the network. This work aims to develop variations of pedestrian tracking algorithms, avoid the need to have annotated data and compare the results obtained through accuracy metrics. Therefore, this work proposes an approach for tracking pedestrians in 3D space in multi-camera environments using the Message Passing Neural Network framework inspired by graphs. We evaluated the solution using the WILDTRACK dataset and a generalizable detection method, reaching 77.1% of MOTA when training with data obtained by a generalizable tracking algorithm, similar to current state-of-the-art accuracy. However, our algorithm can track the pedestrians at a rate of 40 fps, excluding the detection time, which is twice the most accurate competing solution.

1 INTRODUCTION

Tracking pedestrians is a computer vision problem that consists of finding the location and assigning an identity for each person through a video. This topic receives considerable attention since it is one of the tasks of perception systems present in autonomous vehicles (Badue et al., 2021), and can also help in behavior analysis and video surveillance (Zhang et al., 2018), among other applications.

The most common ways to track pedestrians are model-free-tracking (MFT) and tracking-bydetection (TBD) (Sun et al., 2020). In MFT, each pedestrian must be manually initialized in the first frame. The algorithm will keep looking for these individuals over the following frames, limiting this method since it cannot handle variations in the number of pedestrians over time. On the other hand, in TBD, pedestrians are detected independently in each frame, and the algorithm will assign the same identifier to the detections that belong to the same person.

Another difference between pedestrian tracking approaches is the number of cameras employed, such as single camera (Brasó and Leal-Taixé, 2020; Bergmann et al., 2019; Zhou et al., 2020) or multiple cameras (Vo et al., 2021; Gan et al., 2021). Methods using multiple cameras handle occlusions better, increasing the reliability of the solutions. However, the complexity of re-identifying pedestrians and the required computational power increases when using multiple images. Many solutions work offline, where the algorithm can only process a complete sequence of images, making real-time applications that allow interactions as we obtain images unfeasibly.

This work proposes an algorithm to track pedestrians in 3D space based on the TBD technique proposed by Brasó & Leal-Taixé (2020), modifying it to be effective in the multi-camera environment. We use the detections obtained by the multi-camera solution of (Lima et al., 2021). We also show experiments training the neural network with labels obtained from a generalizable tracker, so ground truth annotations are unnecessary. In addition, we compare variations of the implemented algorithm using accuracy metrics.

The contributions of the present work are:

- A fast algorithm that associates the detections of the same pedestrian through several frames;
- An approach combining the use of Message Passing Neural Networks with 3D detections in a multi-camera environment, in Section 3;
- Quantitative and qualitative evaluations of the proposed method, in Section 4.

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2 RELATED WORK

Brasó & Leal-Taixé (2020) used neural networks that pass messages in graphs, called Message Passing Neural Networks (MPNN), adapted to the problem of tracking pedestrians (Brasó and Leal-Taixé, 2020). They train the network with the characteristics of each pedestrian's bounding box, such as position and size, and vectors of appearance characteristics. However, they tracked pedestrians using only one camera and required ground truth annotations for training.

Spatiotemporal data association can usually be achieved using unsupervised methods, while appearance association is more complex and often requires expensive training. Karthik, Prabhu & Gandhi (2020) proposed generating label annotations using spatiotemporal unsupervised algorithms and training a neural network with these labels. Still, they only train the network for appearance association.

The work of Lima et al. (2021) is a generalizable solution that uses detections of pedestrians in different cameras that are close to each other in the world ground plane to build a graph and obtain the 3D coordinate of each pedestrian (Lima et al., 2021). However, this solution does not maintain a temporal relationship between the detections.

Lyra et al. (2022) proposed a generalizable online tracking algorithm that creates a bipartite graph between detections of consecutive frames (Lyra. et al., 2022). An algorithm of maximum weight graph association connects detections of each edge's endpoints to the same pedestrian using the distance between the detections of the edge's endpoints. However, by using deep neural networks, we can achieve a faster solution, as shown in Subsection 4.4.

3 PEDESTRIAN TRACKING

In this section, we detail the approach used to track pedestrians. In Subsection 3.1, we talk about the detections used. In Subsection 3.2, we explain how the neural network architecture works. In Subsection 3.3, we specify how we trained the neural network. Figure 1 shows an overview of our method.

3.1 Detections

We obtain detections from the solution proposed by Lima et al. (2021). Following their method, first, we use YOLOv3 (Redmon and Farhadi, 2018) to detect each person's bounding box and the AlphaPose library (Li et al., 2019) to extract keypoints from the human body. Then, considering camera calibration is available, we project the pedestrians' location in each camera image onto the world ground plane and merge them to determine their final coordinate in 3D space (Lima et al., 2021).

Thus, although we detect pedestrians in several cameras, the algorithm of Lima et al. (2021) retrieves one world ground plane location for each pedestrian, which is the input to our method. In addition, their algorithm is generalizable, so it is possible for this work to also evolve into a generalization.

The detections represent the location of each pedestrian at each instant of time t, but they do not establish an identity relationship between pedestrians at different times. In this work, we combine the detections of the same pedestrian along a sequence of images, thus managing to trace its trajectory in space.

3.2 Proposed Tracker

Our neural network is based on the MPNN architecture proposed by (Brasó and Leal-Taixé, 2020). Initially, their tracking uses only one camera, but this work proposes its use with multiple cameras.

In their work, they use characteristics of the 2D bounding boxes coordinates $(x_{left}, y_{top}, x_{width}, y_{height})$ obtained by a single camera detector, but our goal is to track the pedestrians in the 3D world ground plane. Therefore, we use the pedestrian *x* and *y* coordinates on the 3D world ground plane to track, which we obtain from the multi-camera detector proposed by Lima et al. (2021), as explained in Subsection 3.1.

After detecting pedestrians, we construct a graph where nodes are detections and edges connects detections of different frames. For each pedestrian, there is only one detection per frame independent of the number of cameras. Since pedestrians can enter or exit the scene at any moment, the number of pedestrians from different frames is not necessarily the same. The graph is the input for our network, which has three main steps. First, we process the features of nodes and edges. Then, we update these attributes by combining the characteristics of neighbor nodes and edges. The final edges are classified as active or inactive to indicate whether they connect detections from the same pedestrian or not.

The MPNN has two encoder MLPs, four update MLPs, and one classifier MLP. Each MLP has m fully-connected layers followed by a normalization layer and an activation layer. The activation function used is ReLU.

The encoder MLPs process and compress the input data. The first encoder MLP is used for edges, where the number of neurons in the input layer varies according to the number of characteristics used and

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Figure 1: Overview of our approach. (a) Given a set of images from multiple cameras, we detect the 2D bounding boxes of pedestrians in each camera and (b) project them onto the 3D world ground plane as proposed by Lima et al. (2021). Our task is to identify which detections of different frames belong to the same pedestrian, therefore, (c) we create a graph where the nodes represent the detections on the world ground plane, and the edges connect nodes from different frames. It is unnecessary to have the same number of detections in each frame, e.g., Frame 1 can have *n* detections, and Frame 2 can have *m* detections. Then, (d) we use the neural network architecture proposed by Brasó & Leal-Taixé (2020) to propagate the characteristics of nodes and edges across the graph. (e) We use a sigmoid function to classify whether an edge is active or inactive, where an active edge means that the detections belong to the same person. Finally, we assign the same id for detections connected by an active edge. (f) Using the position of the previous frame and the current frame, we can observe the trajectory of pedestrians on the 3D world ground plane.

is at most 4, with two hidden layers with 18 neurons and an output layer with 16 neurons. Meanwhile, the other encoder MLP is used for nodes, and we can use three different arrangements as input. One option is to use visual features only, extracted using ResNet50 (He et al., 2016) pre-trained in the ImageNet dataset (Deng et al., 2009), where the size is 2048. Another one is to use pedestrian coordinates, where the size is 2, and we also try to concatenate visual features with coordinates, where the size is 2050. So then, the MLP has a hidden layer with 128 neurons and an output layer with 32 neurons.

The update MLPs are responsible for learning the function that better combines the characteristics of nodes and edges. One update MLP is used for edges, and it has an input layer with 96 neurons, a hidden layer with 80 neurons, and an output layer with 16 neurons. Two update MLPs learn the attributes of past and future nodes separately. They have an input layer with 48 neurons, a hidden layer with 56 neurons, and an output layer with 32 neurons. After obtaining the updated attributes of the past and future nodes, another update MLP concatenates both information and transforms its size with an input layer of 64 neurons and one output layer of 32 neurons.

The classifier MLP produces a numeric output used for classification. It has an input layer with 16 neurons, a hidden layer with 8 neurons, and an output layer with 1 neuron. Figure 2 illustrates the architecture used. As mentioned earlier, the feature embeddings we use as node attributes are extracted with ResNet50. We also experimented using pedestrian coordinates instead of feature embeddings and concatenating features and coordinates. Furthermore, we use the distance between frames, the geometric distance, and the appearance distance for edges. The distance between frames (d_f) is

$$d_f = f_{(B)} - f_{(A)}, (1)$$

in which $f_{(A)}$ and $f_{(B)}$ are the frames where detections A and B appeared. The geometric distance (d_g) is the distance between x coordinates and between y coordinates

$$d_x = x_{(B)} - x_{(A)} \tag{2}$$

$$d_y = y_{(B)} - y_{(A)},$$
 (3)

where $x_{(A)}$ and $x_{(B)}$ are the *x* coordinates of detections A and B, and d_x is the *x* distance of their edge. The same applies to d_y , and together d_x and d_y are the geometric distance. The appearance distance (d_a) is the cosine distance between the visual features. These attributes are the input to the encoder MLP.

As the nodes need to use one bounding box, and in this work, we have several, they are stacked vertically to turn into one input to ResNet50. However, this neural network needs a fixed-size input, but the pedestrian can appear in different numbers of cameras. So the input size is fixed at the maximum size considering the total number of cameras, and a vector



Figure 2: MPNN architecture. First, we extract visual features from detections and feed them to an encoder MLP. Instead of this, we could have also used (x, y) coordinates. Similarly, we obtain edge characteristics by calculating the distance between frames, between *x*, between *y* coordinates, and between visual features of the detections. They also feed another encoder MLP. With the results of these encoders, we start the message-passing process, where we update node and edge characteristics *n* times. At each message passing step, we concatenate features of node A, node B, the edge between A and B, and the initial state of this edge (before any update). We use this as input to the MLP that will update the edge. With nodes, the update starts separately for nodes from the past and future. Considering A is a detection from the past and B is from the future, we concatenate A with its edge and pass it through the MLP that updates nodes from the past. Then, we use B and its edge to update the MLP of nodes from the future. We sum each result with the node that was not used, concatenate them, and pass it through an MLP that updates nodes. After the *n* steps, the final edge is classified using a classifier MLP.

of zeros replaces images from cameras without pedestrian detection. Also, each bounding box is resized to 128x64 before being stacked.

Then, for each pair of nodes A and B connected by an edge, their attributes and the edge attributes are concatenated and used as input to update the edges' MLP. Initially, these attributes are the output of the encoder MLP, but this MLP updates the edge attributes, thus propagating the information from the nodes to the edges.

Similarly, each pair of nodes A and B connected by an edge updates the attributes of the nodes. However, this update considers the past and future relationship between them. First, we concatenate the attributes of the nodes from the past with the edge attributes. They are the input to the update MLP of the nodes from the past. Its output sums with the attributes of the nodes from the future. Afterward, the attributes of the future nodes are concatenated with the edge attributes and used as input for the update MLP of the future nodes. Its output sums with the attributes of the nodes from the past. This way, the network is trained by differentiating past and future information from pedestrians. Past and future results are concatenated and used as input for the last update MLP, which updates the node attributes.

This update phase can be repeated several times and is the part that represents the MPNN process of passing messages. The information obtained by nodes and edges is shared and mixed.

Subsequently, the edge attributes are the input to the classifier MLP, and its output is used as the parameter of the sigmoid function to perform the binary classification of the edge between 0 (inactive) or 1 (active), which will determine whether the detections connected by this edge are really from the same person or not.

3.3 Training and Validation

We use the binary-cross-entropy loss function to calculate how much the wrong predictions should be penalized. For each passage l, we calculate the penalty for prediction \hat{y}_e made for edge e, and then the penalties for all edges are added together:

$$loss^{(l)} = -\sum_{e \in E} w \cdot y_e \cdot log(\hat{y}_e^{(l)}) + (1 - y_e) \cdot log(1 - \hat{y}_e^{(l)}),$$
(4)

where E is the edge set and w is a weight that helps to balance the loss when the number of active and inactive labels is very different. This weight is calculated by dividing the number of inactive labels by the number of active labels, which means that when there are more inactive labels, the penalty for a wrong prediction for an active label is more significant. Also, the negative logarithmic function has larger values when it is close to zero, so when the label y_e is 1, the loss uses $-log(\hat{y}_e^{(l)})$ because if $\hat{y}_e^{(l)}$ is zero the penalty will be greater. If the label is 0, the loss is calculated with $-log(1 - \hat{y}_e^{(l)})$.

Then the penalty for all passages l will be added together. Since this value is the loss of all edges, it is divided by the number of edges to get the average loss between a prediction \hat{y}_e and a label y_e :

$$loss(\hat{y}, y) = \frac{1}{|E|} \sum_{l=l_0}^{L} loss^{(l)}.$$
 (5)

Training and validation were performed in two ways. First, to compare the results obtained with different configurations, the network was trained using 70% of the frames present in the dataset as training, 20% as validation, and 10% as the test set.

Then, we use a 10-fold-cross-validation evaluation with the configuration that obtained the most accurate result during the previous experiment. The 10fold-cross-validation consists of dividing the database into ten datasets of equal size, running the training ten times, and each run uses a different set as validation and the others as training.

Furthermore, we trained the network running 25 epochs for each experiment with the Adam optimizer, and the learning rate has been kept as $l_r = 10^{-3}$.

4 **RESULTS**

In this section, we describe the database and metrics used in Subsection 4.1, report the experiments with the pedestrian detector in Subsection 4.2, and the experiments with the ground truth annotations in Subsection 4.3. We also compare our solution with related works in Subsection 4.4.

4.1 Dataset and Metrics

During experiments, we used the WILDTRACK dataset (Chavdarova et al., 2018), which has seven cameras with overlapping views in an open area with an intense flow of people. It has ground truth annotations that contain each pedestrian's identification number, the coordinate pair (x, y) that represents its 3D position on the world ground plane, and its bounding box on each camera through 400 frames.

The main metric used is multiple object tracking accuracy (MOTA), which summarizes the relationship between errors and total detections as follows:

$$MOTA = 1 - \frac{FP + FN + MM}{OBJ},$$
 (6)

where FP is the number of false positives, FN is the number of false negatives, MM is the number of mismatches, and OBJ is the number of objects in the ground truth annotations.

Another metric used is multiple object tracking precision (MOTP), which calculates tracking precision as

$$MOTP = 1 - \frac{d_{err}}{n_{matches}},\tag{7}$$

where d_{err} is the sum of the geometric differences between the tracked position and the actual location, and $n_{matches}$ is the number of cases where a match between the tracking and the ground truth annotation occurred. Both metrics were proposed by (Bernardin and Stiefelhagen, 2008). We observed them more during experiments, but we also report the other MOT Challenge benchmark metrics for completeness (Milan et al., 2016).

The experiments were carried out using a machine that has an Intel Xeon processor @ 2.20GHz, 26GB of RAM, and an NVIDIA Tesla P100 GPU with 16GB of memory.

4.2 Experiments Using a Pedestrian Detector

Using the detections obtained through a detection algorithm, the solution proposed in this work can be evaluated in the same way it would be used in practice. Therefore, first, we used as the test set the detections of (Lima et al., 2021). We train the neural network with two variations, one using the ground truth annotations and another using labels obtained with the solution proposed by Lyra et al. (2022). The latter is a tracking algorithm that results in detections with assigned identities and would exempt the need for ground truth annotations since this solution works without training (Lyra. et al., 2022).

Tables 1 and 2 show the results obtained by training with the ground truth annotations and with Lyra et al. (2022) tracker, respectively. The "Name" column describes the configuration used, where the number (2 or 15) refers to the number of frames considered in the graph construction. When we use 15 frames, the algorithm uses both previous and future frames, while when using 2 frames, we analyze the algorithm using only the current and previous frames. We also evaluated the algorithm's performance using different



Figure 3: MOTA obtained at each iteration during 10-foldcross-validation.

parameters as edge characteristics. The distance between frames and the geometric distance are essential, but we show the results of using and not using the appearance distance.

It is possible to observe that in both cases, the best results were obtained when using 15 frames and not using the appearance distance between detections. When training with ground truth annotations, the proposed solution reached 76.6% of MOTA, while when training with Lyra et al. (2022) results, we achieved 77.1% of MOTA.

Also, training lasts approximately 3-6 minutes, while inference processes around 40 fps. However, to use the visual characteristics, it is necessary to process the detections beforehand to obtain the Re-ID vectors, and this makes the algorithm slower, reaching 0.6 fps. Therefore, we also performed tests using only the *x* and *y* coordinates as node attributes, and we obtained similar results without changing the above framerate of 40 fps. Besides, we try using coordinates and Re-ID concatenated. For each configuration, we execute the test ten times, calculate the average MOTA and the standard deviation (SD), and we apply the best configuration from Table 2 $(15 + d_f + d_g + d_a)$. The results are on Table 3.

Considering the best configuration, we experimented with the 10-fold-cross-validation pattern, where we averaged the results obtained in the ten parts of training per iteration. The best MOTA achieved is at epoch 24 with 62.3%. The evolution of MOTA is illustrated in Figure 3.

Observing one frame of the inference obtained after training with the previous best configuration, we analyzed the result qualitatively, highlighting four pedestrians. Figure 4 shows cameras #1, #3, #5, and the world ground plane corresponding to frame #364, with pedestrians #009, #014, #019, and #024 colored in yellow, light green, dark green, and light blue, respectively. In these images, it is possible to see that in addition to the pedestrians being re-identified in different cameras, they also continue to be tracked even when they have severe occlusion. For example, in



Figure 4: Images from cameras #1, #3, #5, and the world ground plane of frame #364 highlighting pedestrians #009, #014, #019, and #024 in yellow, light green, dark green, and light blue, respectively.

camera #5 (center image), pedestrian #024 is not seen but has stable tracking in the world ground plane as it continues appearing on other cameras.

Pedestrian #009 is next to pedestrians #006 and #011, and pedestrian #006 is the one holding a bag in camera #3. On camera #5, the person with the bag is occluding pedestrian #009, but we notice that the tracking of pedestrians #009 and #011 continues correctly.

Pedestrians #014 and #019 are more examples of correct pedestrian tracking despite some cameras experiencing partial or severe occlusions as they appear in other cameras.

Also, despite the overall result being good, there are still errors in tracking. For example, detection #027 appears, but when we project it onto cameras #1 and #3, we see that it points to an empty location, so it is a false positive.

4.3 Experiments Using Ground Truth Detection Annotations

As the quality of TBD trackers depends on the quality of the detections, we also experimented with using the neural network to track the ground truth annotations. Table 4 displays the results, where the highest MOTA is 99.9% with the same configuration as the previous experiments.

This result demonstrates how much the quality of detections reflects on tracking, reaching a result that is 22.9% better than the best result of previous experiments and almost perfect.

4.4 Comparison with Related Works

In Table 5, we compare our results with state-of-theart methods in 10% of the WILDTRACK dataset.

The best results obtained are similar to the ones

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Table 1: Results obtained in the test set after training with ground truth annotations.

| Name | MOTA | MOTP | IDF1 | IDP | IDR | Rcll | Prcn | GT | MT | PT | ML | FP | FN | IDs | FM |
|------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|----|----|----|----|-----|----|-----|----|
| $2+d_f+d_g$ | 75.2% | 90.7% | 74.9% | 73.9% | 75.9% | 90.8% | 88.3% | 41 | 29 | 10 | 2 | 114 | 88 | 32 | 23 |
| $2+d_f+d_g+d_a$ | 73.7% | 82.6% | 67.9% | 67.0% | 68.8% | 90.3% | 87.9% | 41 | 30 | 9 | 2 | 118 | 92 | 40 | 26 |
| $15+d_f+d_g$ | 76.7% | 90.9% | 82.1% | 81.0% | 83.2% | 90.8% | 88.3% | 41 | 28 | 11 | 2 | 114 | 88 | 20 | 24 |
| $15+d_f+d_g+d_a$ | 75.9% | 86.6% | 79.6% | 78.5% | 80.7% | 90.8% | 88.3% | 41 | 30 | 9 | 2 | 114 | 88 | 27 | 21 |

Table 2: Results obtained in the test set after training with the output of Lyra et al. (2022) tracking.

| Name | MOTA | MOTP | IDF1 | IDP | IDR | Rcll | Prcn | GT | MT | PT | ML | FP | FN | IDs | FM |
|------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|----|----|----|----|-----|----|-----|----|
| $2+d_f+d_g$ | 75.8% | 90.6% | 76.8% | 75.8% | 77.8% | 90.8% | 88.3% | 41 | 30 | 9 | 2 | 114 | 88 | 28 | 23 |
| $2+d_f+d_g+d_a$ | 75.7% | 90.5% | 78.2% | 77.2% | 79.3% | 90.8% | 88.3% | 41 | 30 | 9 | 2 | 114 | 88 | 29 | 23 |
| $15+d_f+d_g$ | 77.1% | 90.7% | 82.4% | 81.3% | 83.5% | 90.8% | 88.3% | 41 | 28 | 11 | 2 | 114 | 88 | 16 | 22 |
| $15+d_f+d_g+d_a$ | 76.8% | 90.6% | 82.1% | 81.0% | 83.2% | 90.8% | 88.3% | 41 | 30 | 9 | 2 | 114 | 88 | 19 | 23 |

Table 3: Results obtained changing nodes features.

| Name | MOTA ±SD | | | | | |
|---------------------|---------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| Coordinates | 77.02% ±0.147 | | | | | |
| Re-ID | 77.03% ±0.125 | | | | | |
| Coordinates + Re-ID | 77.04% ±0.171 | | | | | |

Table 4: Results obtained testing with ground truth annotations.

| Frames | D | istanc | e | МОТА | MOTP |
|---------|------------|--------|-------|-------|-------|
| Traines | $d_f d_g$ | | d_a | MOIA | MOII |
| 2 | Yes | Yes | No | 98.6% | 99.9% |
| 2 | Yes | Yes | Yes | 98.9% | 99.9% |
| 15 | Yes | Yes | No | 99.9% | 100% |
| 15 | Yes | Yes | Yes | 99.7% | 100% |

Table 5: Comparison of our solution with related works. You & Jiang (2020) tracking speed includes the detection stage, while Lyra et al. (2022) and Ours do not include it.

| Technique | Tracking Speed | MOTA | MOTP |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------|-------|-------|
| Chavdarova et al. (2018) | Offline | 72.2% | 60.3% |
| You & Jiang (2020) | 15 FPS w/ det | 74.6% | 78.9% |
| Vo et al. (2021) | Offline | 75.8% | - |
| Lyra et al. (2022) | 20 FPS w/o det | 77.1% | 96.4% |
| Ours | 40 FPS w/o det | 77.1% | 90.7% |

Table 6: Comparison of our solution with Lyra et al. (2022).

| Technique | Detections | MOTA | MOTP |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------|---------------|-------|
| Lyra et al. (2022) | Detector | 77.1% | 96.4% |
| Ours | Detector | 77.1% | 90.7% |
| Lyra et al. (2022) | Ground Truth Annotations | 98.9% | 98.7% |
| Ours | Ground Truth Annotations | 99.9 <i>%</i> | 100% |

from (Lyra. et al., 2022). Their solution uses a deterministic algorithm with a fixed result of 77.1% of MOTA, while our solution obtained results that oscillate between 76.9% and 77.1%. However, our solution can track at a rate of 40 fps, while Lyra et al. (2022) tracks pedestrians at 20 fps. Although we suggest using the algorithm of Lyra et al. (2022) in our solution, it is only required for training, not affecting our inference time. Both frame rates do not include the duration of the detection process. (You and Jiang, 2020) work tracks at 15 fps, where this frame rate includes the detection process, and the other solutions are offline. Compared to Lyra et al. (2022), we also obtained more accurate and precise results when testing with ground truth detection annotations, as seen in Table 6.

As the WILDTRACK dataset also has annotations regarding the bounding boxes of each camera, we carried out an experiment using the original algorithm by Brasó & Leal-Taixé (2020) to track only the 2D detections obtained by YOLOv3 in the first camera of WILDTRACK. The MOTA was 45.5%, demonstrat-

ing that the use of multiple cameras proposed in this work significantly improved this type of environment.

5 CONCLUSIONS

We proposed a new approach for 3D pedestrian tracking in multi-camera environments in this work. Our method uses the MPNN architecture to associate detections that belong to the same pedestrian and to trace their spatial-temporal trajectory. By carrying out experiments on the WILDTRACK database, we showed that the technique reaches up to 77.1% of MOTA when trained with the tracking result of Lyra et al. (2022) and 62.3% of MOTA in 10-fold-crossvalidation. In addition, the time required to track pedestrians is 40 fps, which is twice the most accurate competing solution (Lyra et al. (2022)).

The results obtained considering only 2 frames are worse than those obtained with 15 frames because there are more identity changes, so it would be interesting to study how to reduce these changes so that the performance using 2 frames is as good as the one when using 15 frames.

Furthermore, this work evaluated the use of a possible approach to training the neural network without the need for ground truth annotations. However, several unsupervised training techniques could be tried in this scenario.

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