

# Performance Evaluation of Model-Based Gait on Multi-View Very Large Population Database With Pose Sequences

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**Abstract**—Model-based gait recognition is considered to be promising due to the robustness against some variations, such as clothing and baggage carried. Although model-based gait recognition has not been fully explored due to the difficulty of human body model fitting and the lack of a large-scale gait database, recent progress in deep learning-based approaches to human body model fitting and human pose estimation is mitigating the difficulty. In this paper, we, therefore, address the remaining issue by presenting a large-scale human pose-based gait database, OUMVLP-Pose, which is based on a publicly available multi-view large-scale gait database, OUMVLP. OUMVLP-Pose has many unique advantages compared with other public databases. First, OUMVLP-Pose is the first gait database that provides two datasets of human pose sequences extracted by two standard deep learning-based pose estimation algorithms, OpenPose and AlphaPose. Second, it contains multi-view large-scale data, i.e., over 10,000 subjects and 14 views for each subject. In addition, we also provide benchmarks in which different kinds of gait recognition methods, including model-based methods and appearance-based methods, have been evaluated comprehensively. The model-based gait recognition methods have shown promising performances. We believe this database, OUMVLP-Pose, will greatly promote model-based gait recognition in the next few years.

**Index Terms**—Gait database, benchmark, gait recognition, human body pose.

## I. INTRODUCTION

**G**AIT is one of the most popular behavioral biometrics in the world because it has unique advantages compared with face, iris, palm print, etc. Gait features can be captured at a long distance and are hard to disguise, and consequently,

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gait recognition technology has been added to the repertoire of tools available for crime prevention and forensic identification.

The gait recognition methods mainly fall into two groups: appearance-based methods and model-based methods. The appearance-based methods directly extract gait features from an image sequence to encode the spatial and temporal information. Most of the appearance-based methods usually extract silhouettes from raw videos first and then extract gait features, e.g., gait energy image (GEI) [1], which is created by averaging the pixels of silhouettes in a gait cycle, chrono gait image (CGI) [2], and gait flow image (GFI) [3]. Due to the simplicity of feature extraction and high performance in recognition accuracy, appearance-based methods have been more popular than model-based methods for more than a decade. However, the challenges caused by variations in view, speed, clothing, carrying status, etc. can affect the accuracy of the appearance-based gait recognition methods.

The model-based methods extract features by fitting a human articulated model to an image and by extracting kinematic information such as a sequence of joint positions or joint angles [4], [5], [6], [7], [8]. The model-based methods can be robust against appearance changes due to clothing and carrying status variations since extracted joint positions/angles are less affected by clothing and carrying status variations. However, human model fitting, a key procedure of the model-based approaches, has been thought to be error-prone, computationally exhaustive, and demands high image resolution. As a result, the model-based methods have been less employed in the video-based gait analysis community for more than a decade.

Situations surrounding the human model fitting (or human pose estimation) have, however, been drastically changing for these years. One such seminal work is a training-based approach to pose estimation with a depth sensor (e.g., Kinect) [9]. For example, Kastaniotis *et al.* [10] used skeleton data from a single Kinect sensor instead of a setup of multiple synchronous cameras in [11]. This shows that the body joints from Kinect can contribute to gait recognition, i.e., the feasibility of model-based gait recognition. The commonly used cameras in video surveillance are, however, not depth sensors such as Kinect but conventional cameras (e.g., color cameras or monochrome cameras).

Thereafter, deep learning-based approaches significantly advanced state-of-the-art human pose estimation, and standard

techniques such as OpenPose [12] and AlphaPose [13] have been widely used in many research fields, which indicates the possibility of model-based gait recognition with conventional cameras in visual surveillance scenarios. For example, Liao *et al.* [14] proposed a pose-based temporal-spatial network (PTSN) that takes a sequence of estimated human poses as input and showed its effectiveness on cross-view gait recognition with a publicly available gait database, i.e., CASIA B [15]. Although CASIA B contains large view variations (eleven views) from  $0^\circ$  to  $180^\circ$ , the number of subjects is still limited to 124, which is insufficient to fully demonstrate the possibility of model-based gait recognition in this deep learning era.

We, therefore, built the world's largest multi-view gait pose database named "OU-ISIR Gait Database, Multi-View Large Population Database with Pose Sequence (OUMVLP-Pose)"<sup>1</sup> to further advance state-of-the-art model-based gait recognition. The contributions of this study are three-fold.

- **The first gait database with pose sequences extracted by deep learning-based pose estimators.** While the existing gait databases were released in the form of images (e.g., GEI, silhouette sequences or RGB image sequences), we construct the gait database with the pose sequences obtained by two state-of-the-art pose estimation algorithms for the first time to the best of our knowledge. The constructive database is beneficial for the gait analysis community to revisit the model-based approaches.
- **Large-scale and multi-view database.** Since the database was built upon the large-scale multi-view gait database, i.e., OUMVLP [16], it contains 10,307 subjects with a wide range of views (14 views,  $0^\circ$ – $90^\circ$ ,  $180^\circ$ – $270^\circ$  at  $15^\circ$  interval), which results in the world's largest gait database with pose sequence. As deep learning-based methods require massive samples for sufficient training and reliable evaluation, the constructed database is suitable for evaluating model-based gait recognition with deep neural networks such as [14].
- **Performance evaluation of the model-based gait recognition.** We conducted a set of evaluation experiments with a variety of model-based approaches ranging from a traditional method [4] to recent deep learning-based methods [14]. This can be a good milestone for future studies of model-based gait recognition. We also show the significant improvement from the traditional model-based approach to the current deep learning-based approach and show a still remaining gap of performances between the model-based and appearance-based approaches with deep learning frameworks.

The rest of the paper is organized as follows. Section II presents the existing gait databases and related work on pose estimation methods. Section III introduces the construction of our pose sequence database, and Section IV presents the performance evaluation results with the constructed database. Section V concludes this work.

TABLE I  
EXISTING MULTI-VIEW GAIT DATABASES

| Database              | #Subjects | #Views | Range of views                                    |
|-----------------------|-----------|--------|---|
| CMU Mobo [17]         | 25        | 6      | $0^\circ - 360^\circ$                             |
| Soton small [18]      | 12        | 4      | -   |
| Soton multimodal [19] | >400      | 12     | -   |
| CASIA A [20]          | 20        | 3      | $0^\circ - 90^\circ$                              |
| CASIA B [15]          | 124       | 11     | $0^\circ - 180^\circ$                             |
| AVA [21]              | 20        | 6      | -   |
| WOSG [22]             | 155       | 8      | -   |
| KY4D [23]             | 42        | 16     | $0^\circ - 360^\circ$                             |
| OU-TD C [24]          | 200       | 25     | $0^\circ - 360^\circ$                             |
| OU-LP [25]            | 4,016     | 4      | $55^\circ - 85^\circ$                             |
| OU-MVLP [16]          | 10,307    | 14     | $0^\circ - 90^\circ$ ,<br>$180^\circ - 270^\circ$ |

## II. RELATED WORK

### A. Gait Databases

The existing major multi-view gait databases are shown in Table I. The CMU Mobo database [17] contains 25 individuals walking in four different walk patterns: slow walk, fast walk, incline walk and walking with a ball. All subjects are captured under six views from  $0^\circ$ – $360^\circ$ . The Soton Multimodal database [19] contains over 400 multimodal subjects involving gait, face and ear. The gaits of all the subjects are captured under 12 views. The CASIA A database [20] includes 20 subjects and four sequences per view per subject. They are captured at a rate of 25 frames per second and includes a total of 240 sequences under three views:  $0^\circ$ ,  $45^\circ$ , and  $90^\circ$ . The CASIA B database [15] contains 124 subjects with large view variations from  $0^\circ$ – $180^\circ$  with  $18^\circ$  intervals. It includes 6 normal sequences, 2 carrying bag sequences and 2 clothing sequences. The AVA database [21] includes 20 subjects with different body sizes under six view angles. The WOSG database [22] contains 155 subjects with 8 views. The KY4D gait database [23] contains 42 subjects of three-dimensional volume data which constructed multi-view images captured by 16 cameras. The OU-ISIR Treadmill Database C [24] contains 200 subjects with 25 views, which includes 12 views with  $30^\circ$  intervals, 2 tilt views and 1 top view. The OU-ISIR LP [25] contains 4,016 subjects with  $55^\circ$ ,  $65^\circ$ ,  $75^\circ$ , and  $85^\circ$  views.

While the above mentioned gait databases lack either or both aspects of the number of subjects (less than 1,000) or the view variations, OUMVLP [16] contains both a large number of subjects and wide view variations, i.e., 10,307 subjects from  $0^\circ$  to  $90^\circ$ ,  $180^\circ$  to  $270^\circ$  with  $15^\circ$  intervals as shown in Fig. 1. The original images<sup>2</sup> are captured with the image size of  $1,280 \times 980$  pixels at the frame-rate of 25 fps by seven network cameras at intervals of  $15^\circ$  azimuth angles along a quarter of a circle whose center coincides with the center of the walking course. OUMVLP provides its data in the format of GEIs as well as silhouette sequences. Although the GEI is the most widely used gait feature in the video-based gait analysis community, a large-scale multi-view gait database with pose sequences is demanded since it enables us to more

<sup>1</sup>OUMVLP-Pose is available at <http://www.am.sanken.osaka-u.ac.jp/BiometricDB/GaitLPPose.html>.

<sup>2</sup>While silhouette sequences and GEIs are open to the public, the original images will not be released due to privacy issues.

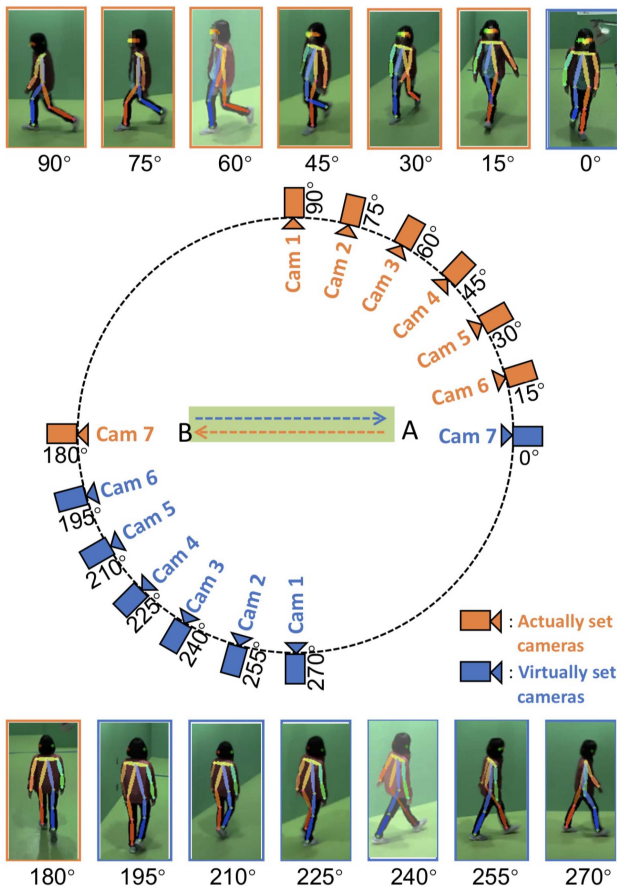


Fig. 1. Capturing setup of OUMVLP and examples of extracted pose from multiple views.

purely analyze gait, i.e., motion pattern when free from the body shape.

### B. Gait Recognition

Gait recognition is a challenging task since there are a lot of variations. Many recent works are focusing on developing methods to extract robust gait feature to the variations. Some recent survey papers [26], [27] gave comprehensive analysis on gait recognition. Here we just list some recent works. Ben *et al.* [28] propose a coupled patch alignment (CPA) algorithm that effectively matches a pair of gaits across different views. Ben *et al.* [29], [30] proposed another two cross-view gait recognition methods respectively based on matrix and tensor, which are suitable for reducing the small sample size problem in discriminative subspace selection. Some other cross-view gait recognition methods can be found in [31], [32], [33]. To extract invariant gait feature, generative adversarial networks (GAN) are also employed in [34], [35]. In [36] the authors innovatively combined silhouette segmentation and gait recognition and proved that the combination can improve gait recognition obviously.

The previously mentioned methods are all appearance-based ones. In [6] the authors introduced a typical model-based gait recognition method. They used pendular motion to describe the thigh and lower leg motion, and studied on different walking styles, walking and running. Recently Liao *et al.* [14] took the advantage of deep learning and used a pose estimation by

deep learning to recover human skeleton models. They also converted 2D pose data to 3D for view invariant feature extraction in [37]. The models by deep learning are much better than those by traditional methods. They also took a temporal-spatial neural network for gait recognition. We believe that model-based methods will be promoted greatly by deep learning. But we need a large gait database to advance gait recognition on model-based methods.

### C. Pose Estimation

A human pose skeleton represents a person by a set of connections of human joints. It is a set of coordinates that can be connected to describe the pose of the person. Human pose estimation is challenging for computer vision. With the development of deep learning, human body pose estimation has achieved great progress in recent years. The pose estimation approaches are grouped into bottom-up DeepCut [38], OpenPose [12] and top-down approaches AlphaPose [13], and Mask-RCNN [39]. The top-down approaches detect the person first, followed by estimating the body parts. The bottom-up approaches detect all parts of every person, then group the parts belonging to distinct persons [40]. Bottom-up methods are more robust to occlusion and complex poses. However, most bottom-up methods do not directly benefit from human body structural information leading to many false positives. Top-down methods utilize global contexts and strong structural information, but they cannot handle complex poses. Moreover, the performance of top-down models is closely related to person detection results.

Cao *et al.* [12] proposed using deep learning to create accurate human models called “OpenPose”, which can jointly detect human body joints including hands, feet, elbows and others. The method can handle multiple persons in an image. It can predict vector fields named part affinity fields (PAFs), which can directly expose the association between anatomical parts in an image. They designed an architecture to jointly learn part locations and their association, in which a set of 2D vector fields encodes the location and orientation of limbs over the image domain. These fields and joint confidence maps are jointly learned and predicted by CNN. Fang *et al.* [13] proposed a novel regional multiperson pose estimation framework to facilitate pose estimation, AlphaPose, in the presence of inaccurate human bounding boxes. The framework follows the top-down framework, which consists of three components: a symmetric spatial transformer network, parametric pose nonmaximum-suppression, and a pose-guided proposal generator. It significantly outperforms the state-of-the-art methods for multiperson human pose estimation in terms of accuracy and efficiency. AlphaPose is an accurate real-time multiperson pose estimation system, which can achieve 72.3 mean average precision (mAP) on the COCO dataset and an 82.1 mAP on the MPII dataset. In addition, the source code of AlphaPose is provided.

## III. OUMVLP-POSE DATABASE

OUMVLP-Pose was built upon OUMVLP [16]. OUMVLP contains 10,307 subjects of round-trip walking sequences captured by seven network cameras at intervals of 15° (this

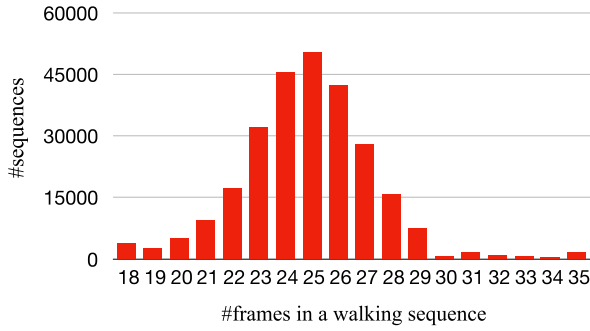


Fig. 2. Statistics of the number of frames in a sequence.

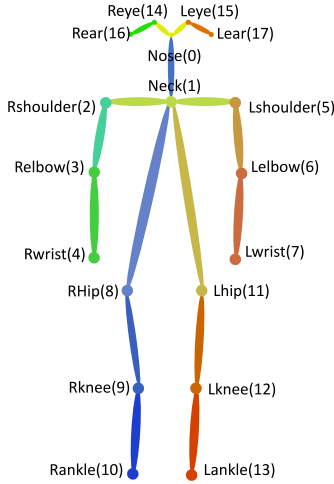


Fig. 3. The human skeleton model with 18 joints.

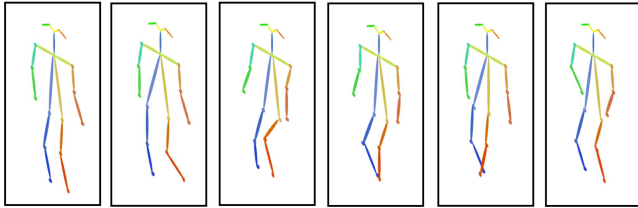


Fig. 4. A pose sequence from the 45° view.

sums to 14 views by considering the round trip on the same walking course) with an image size of 1,280×980 pixels and a frame-rate of 25 fps. The video capturing setup is shown in Fig. 1. The statistics of the number of frames per sequence is shown in Fig. 2. The number of frames in a sequence is from 18 to 35, and most of the sequences contain approximately 25 frames. More details about the database can be found in [16].

We then extracted pose sequences from RGB images of OUMVLP. More specifically, we employed pretrained versions of OpenPose [12] and AlphaPose [13] to extract human joint information. As shown in Fig. 3, the estimated results include 18 joints in total: Nose, Neck, RShoulder (right shoulder, the following names named similarly), RElbow, RWrist, LShoulder, LElbow, LWrist, RHip, RKnee, RAnkle, LHip, LKnee, LAnkle, REye, LEye, REar, and LEar. We show some samples from multiple views in Fig. 1, and some extracted pose sequences in Fig. 4.

Two datasets in OUMVLP-Pose were created. One was created using the OpenPose method, and another was by the AlphaPose method. The two datasets contain the same number of subjects and the same parameters. The only difference is the pose accuracy of the two pose estimation methods. After the acceptance of the paper, we will release OUMVLP-Pose to the research community.

#### IV. PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

First, we evaluate the performances of two existing model-based approaches on the constructed database: one is a method using Fourier transform analysis on leg movement [4], which was proposed in the early stage of gait recognition, and the other is a recent deep learning-based approach. Second, we compare the model-based approach with widely used appearance-based approaches.

##### A. Model-Based Benchmarks

1) *Fourier Transform Analysis on Legs Movement*: Model-based approaches have been actively studied mainly in the early stage of gait recognition studies. We chose a method from such model-based approaches for comparison with the recent deep learning-based approaches. More specifically, we chose a Fourier transform-based approach to gait recognition proposed by Cunado *et al.* [4]. The method extracts two angles from legs, the thigh angle and the knee angle. The angle values from a sequence can be put into a vector which will be the input of Fourier transform. The length of the angle vector in our experiments was set to 20 as the other experiments. The phase-weighted Fourier magnitude spectra is the feature vector for classification. We implemented the algorithm as described in [4]. The classifier we used is NN (nearest neighbor). Compared with the CNN-based methods described in the following part of the paper, the Fourier method only uses 2 joint angles for gait recognition, not all joints as other methods.

2) *CNN for Feature Extraction*: Considering the recent progress of deep learning approaches on many computer vision and biometric authentication tasks, it is natural to employ the deep learning-based approaches for the model-based method of gait recognition.

For this purpose, we first apply a normalization procedure to the pose sequences because the size of a human body changes according to the distance between the subject and the camera, which is undesirable for recognition purposes. In this study, we used the distance  $d_{\text{neck-hip}}$  between the neck and the middle point of the hip (computed as the center of RHip and LHip) as a normalization factor. We normalize the position so that the neck joint  $\vec{p}_{\text{neck}}$  is located at the origin and the neck-hip distance  $d_{\text{neck-hip}}$  is unity. Specifically, the position of the  $i$ -th body joint  $\vec{p}_i$  is normalized to a new position  $\vec{p}'_i$  in the normalized coordinate as

$$\vec{p}'_i = \frac{\vec{p}_i - \vec{p}_{\text{neck}}}{d_{\text{neck-hip}}}. \quad (1)$$

Next, we apply deep learning-based approaches to the normalized pose sequences. As one of the most standard methods, we apply a convolutional neural network to the sequence of

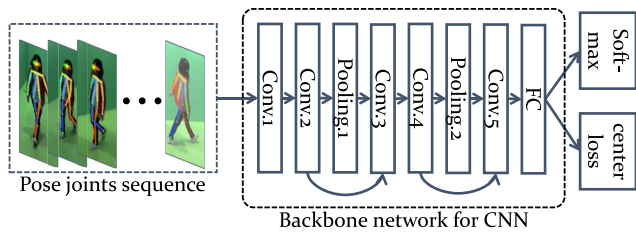


Fig. 5. The network structure for the CNN-Pose method. Two losses are used to train the network.

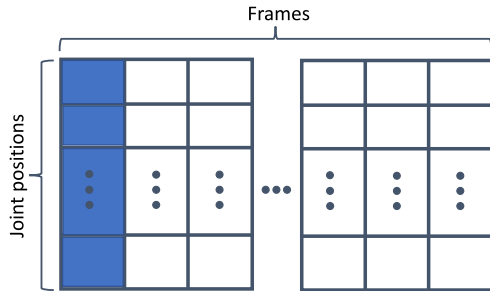


Fig. 6. The positions of 18 joints are stored in a column vector.  $N$  vectors from the  $N$  consecutive frames are concatenated to a matrix of size  $36 \times N$ .

a pose (i.e., the normalized positions of the joints). More specifically, we first construct a matrix whose row and column correspond to the normalized position of the joints and frames. Since we have a two-dimensional position ( $x, y$ ) for each of the 18 joints for  $N$  frames, the size of the matrix is  $36 \times N$ . The data structure sent to the CNN is illustrated in Fig. 6. Given the matrix as input, we then apply two-dimensional convolution layers, pooling layers, and a full connection layer, as shown in Fig. 5. The network is similar to that in [37], but with fewer layers, and it is easier to train. To normalize in the temporal domain, the frame with the largest distance between two feet is selected as the first frame for the input data. If the frames after the selected first frame are not enough to  $N$  frames, the frames before the selected first frame will be padded to the end.

For feature extraction in gait recognition, it is crucial to reduce the intra-class variation and enlarge the inter-class variation, and hence, the multiloss strategy is employed to optimize the network. As in [37], we employed two losses: cross-entropy loss based on softmax and a center loss. The cross-entropy loss with softmax can be used for classifying the input into multiple different classes while the center loss learns a center for deep features of each class and gives a penalty for the distances between the deep features. With joint supervision, we can simultaneously enlarge the inter-class differences and reduce the intra-class differences. We call the above mentioned CNN network architecture CNN-Pose throughout this paper.

After we trained a model with the AlphaPose data, we analyzed the distributions of the intra-class distances and inter-class distances of the extracted gait feature vectors. All samples from the same subject were used to compute the intra-class variation, and samples from different subjects were for the inter-class variation. The histograms of the two variations

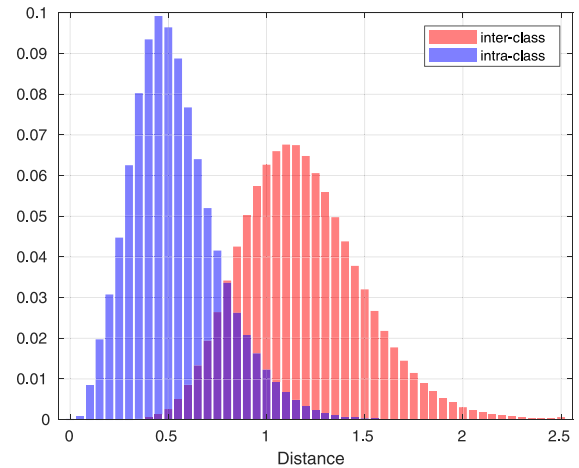


Fig. 7. The distributions of the inter-class distance and the intra-class distance on the test set.

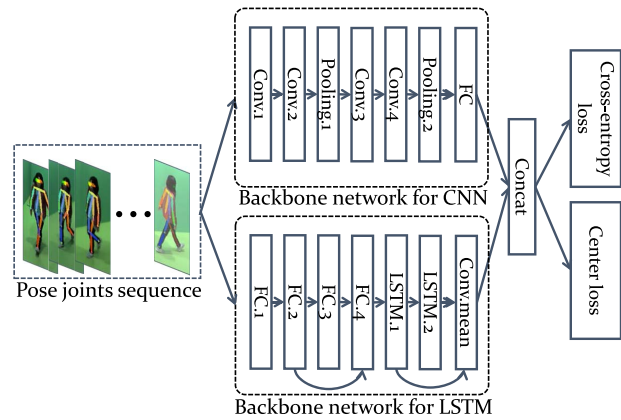


Fig. 8. The PTSN architecture, which contain two pipelines: CNN and LSTM.

are shown in Fig. 7. From the figure we can find that the extracted gait feature can distinguish different subjects even there is still an overlap between the two distributions.

3) *PTSN by Combining CNN and LSTM*: In addition, we introduce another popular architecture to encode temporal information from pose sequences, i.e., long short-term memory (LSTM), as shown in Fig. 8, which is from the PTSN method in [14]. Two types of features extracted through CNN and LSTM are combined to capture the dynamic-static information from gait poses, which has a powerful representation capacity to extract invariant features from different gaits. We call the above mentioned CNN network architecture PTSN throughout this paper.

## B. Appearance-Based Benchmarks

To evaluate the performance of the model-based features, some appearance-based features should also be involved and compared. Therefore, we employ the following typical appearance-based benchmarks, which are designed for cross-view gait recognition ranging from classical linear algebraic methods to recent deep learning-based methods.

- The VTM method [41] acquires the VTM with the training data of multiple subjects from multiple view angles.

TABLE II  
EXPERIMENTAL DESIGN OF THE OUMVLP-POSE DATABASE

| Training                  | Test                      |                            |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|
|                           | Gallery Set               | Probe Set                  |
| ID: 1-5153<br>Seq: 00, 01 | ID: 5154-10307<br>Seq: 00 | ID: 5154-10307<br>Seqs: 01 |

In a recognition phase, the VTM transforms gallery gait features into the same view angle as that of an input feature, and the features match under the same view.

- Linear discriminant analysis (LDA) [42] is adopted as a baseline in OUMVLP. Principal component analysis (PCA) is first applied to an unfolded feature vector of GEI to reduce dimension and, subsequently, LDA is applied to obtain the discriminant features.
- GEINet [43] is based on one of the simplest CNNs where one input GEI is fed, and the number of nodes in the final layer (fc4) is equal to the number of training subjects. A softmax value calculated from the output of the final layer is regarded as the probability of matching a corresponding subject.
- LB (local at the bottom) [44] is one of the state-of-the-art gait recognition networks that takes a pair of GEIs as the input. Paired convolutional filters are used to compute the pixelwise weighted sum of the pair on the first layer, which simulates the differences (i.e., matching) between a probe and a gallery image. The cross-entropy loss is adopted for training, where the two softmax values return the probability that the input pair belongs to the same subject or different subjects.

### C. Experimental Design and Evaluation Criteria

There are 10,307 subjects in the database. We divided them into two sets. The first one, which contains 5,153 subjects, is the training set, and the second, which contains the remaining 5,154 subjects, is the test set. The test set is separated into a gallery set and a probe set. Since each subject roughly owns 2 sequences, we put the sequence “00” in the gallery set and the sequence “01” in the probe set. The experimental design is also shown in Table II.

In our training phase, we set the training batch as 1024, and the learning rate as 0.001. The learning rate decreased 10 times every 300 iterations. The size of input data is  $B \times N \times 36$  as shown in Fig. 6, where  $B$  is the batch size in training and  $N$  is the number of frames in a sequence. In our training phase we choose 20 for  $N$ . The 20 continuous frames which start from the frame with the largest distance between feet will be taken as the input sequence. If the selected frames are less than 20, we will select the remaining frames from the start of the original sequence and pad them to the end of the selected.

Two evaluation criteria were employed to evaluate different recognition accuracies: the rand-1 recognition rate, and the equal error rate (EER). The results and analysis are listed in the following subsections.

### D. Performance of Benchmarks

First, we evaluated the recognition accuracy of CNN with the rank-1 recognition rates on the two datasets, AlphaPose

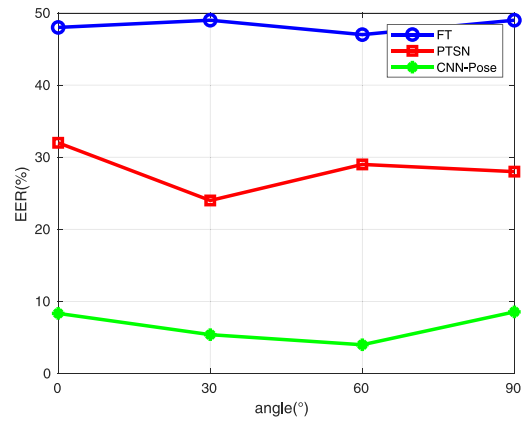


Fig. 9. The EERs of three model-based methods on the AlphaPose dataset where the probe angle is the same as the gallery angle.

and OpenPose. Due to the evaluation in the OU-ISIR MVLP database, the recognition rate of the 0-90° gallery vs. the 0-90° probe is similar to that of the 0-90° gallery vs. the 180-270° probe, the 180-270° gallery vs. the 0-90° probe, and the 180-270° gallery vs. the 180-270° probe. We also adopted the same evaluation criteria to focus on four typical view angles 0°, 30°, 60°, and 90°. The specific CNN network is shown in Table III and Fig. 5.

Table IV and Table V show the rank-1 recognition rates on two datasets with the CNN network. From the two tables, we find that the recognition rate will be relatively high when the probe angle is the same as the gallery angle. View variation can greatly reduce the recognition rate. The average rate on the AlphaPose data is 20.42% and greater than 14.76% on the OpenPose data. In Table VI and Table VII, the EERs are listed. A lower EER value means a better recognition rate. From the four tables, it is obvious that a better quality pose estimation can lead to a better recognition rate.

We then evaluated the recognition accuracy of all model-based benchmarks mentioned previously. The rank-1 recognition rates are shown in Table VIII, and the EERs are illustrated in Fig. 9. The probe angle of each experiment in Table VIII and Fig. 9 is the same as its gallery angle. From the results, it can be found that the FT method achieves an average recognition rate of 0.73%. The recognition rate for random guess is  $1/5154 = 0.0194\%$ . The FT method is about 37 times better than random guess. By taking account of the fact that the original paper reported 80% and 90% rank-1 identification rates on 10 galleries by kNN classifiers ( $k = 1$  and 3, respectively), the obtained accuracy for the FT method on our database is reasonable. It shows that even one thigh angle and one knee angle can contribute to gait recognition obviously.

The CNN methods in Table VIII and Fig. 9 achieves much better performance than the FT method for more body joints and the CNN classifiers. We believe that there is still great potential for pose-based methods. The pose data are 2D data in the experiments in this paper. Some methods can convert 2D pose data to 3D as that in [37], which will obviously improve the robustness with view variation. Besides, the progress on pose estimation will also advance model-based gait recognition for their better accuracy on human pose estimation.

TABLE III  
IMPLEMENTATION DETAILS OF THE CNN NETWORK

| Layers    | Number of filters                             | Filter size  | Stride | Padding | Group | Activation function |
|-----------|---|--------------|--------|---------|-------|---------------------|
| Conv.1    | 32  | $3 \times 3$ | 1      | 0       | Y     | ReLU                |
| Conv.2    | 64  | $3 \times 3$ | 1      | 0       | N     | ReLU                |
| Pooling.1 | -   | $2 \times 2$ | 2      | 0       | N     | -                   |
| Conv.3    | 64  | $3 \times 3$ | 1      | 1       | Y     | ReLU                |
| Eltwise.1 | Sum operation between conv. and pooling layer |              |        |         |       |                     |
| Conv.4    | 128   | $3 \times 3$ | 1      | 0       | Y     | ReLU                |
| Pooling.2 | -   | $2 \times 2$ | 2      | 0       | N     | -                   |
| Conv.5    | 128   | $3 \times 3$ | 1      | 1       | Y     | ReLU                |
| Eltwise.2 | Sum operation between conv. and pooling layer |              |        |         |       |                     |
| FC        | 512   | -            | -      | -       | N     | -                   |

TABLE IV  
RANK-1 RECOGNITION RATES BY CNN NETWORK USING OPENPOSE DATASET FOR ALL COMBINATIONS OF VIEWS

| Probe \ Gallery | 0°    | 15°   | 30°   | 45°   | 60°   | 75°   | 90°   | 180°  | 195°  | 210°  | 225°  | 240°  | 255°  | 270°  | mean  |
|-----------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 0°              | 31.98 | 18.73 | 11.16 | 9.14  | 6.35  | 4.3   | 2.11  | 5.6   | 6.36  | 4.53  | 5.27  | 4.38  | 2.46  | 2.18  | 8.18  |
| 15°             | 16.06 | 52.38 | 30.73 | 21.49 | 14.4  | 7.31  | 4.22  | 6.46  | 10.64 | 7.7   | 9.24  | 7.36  | 3.96  | 2.86  | 13.92 |
| 30°             | 9.77  | 30.31 | 53.39 | 45.28 | 27.98 | 15.34 | 7.73  | 5.76  | 10.3  | 10.62 | 14.78 | 11.44 | 6.19  | 4.74  | 18.12 |
| 45°             | 7.85  | 21.22 | 43.38 | 68.58 | 53.35 | 29.16 | 13.33 | 5.92  | 9.24  | 10.69 | 17.48 | 15.83 | 9.79  | 7.5   | 22.38 |
| 60°             | 4.85  | 13.52 | 26.43 | 51.53 | 69.07 | 41.8  | 18.22 | 4.49  | 7.86  | 9.19  | 16.28 | 16.69 | 10.46 | 7.72  | 21.29 |
| 75°             | 3.54  | 8.68  | 16.4  | 30    | 42.92 | 58.24 | 30.64 | 3.45  | 5.95  | 7.07  | 12.5  | 13.82 | 11.38 | 10.2  | 18.2  |
| 90°             | 2.06  | 3.78  | 7.29  | 12.19 | 16.89 | 28.73 | 37.93 | 2.34  | 3.25  | 4.45  | 7.04  | 8.99  | 8.73  | 8.89  | 10.9  |
| 180°            | 4.87  | 6.19  | 5.74  | 5.21  | 4.7   | 3.29  | 2.03  | 33.73 | 13.06 | 7.61  | 6.43  | 4.93  | 2.49  | 1.53  | 7.27  |
| 195°            | 6.31  | 12.02 | 11.74 | 10.94 | 9.11  | 5.5   | 3.52  | 16.07 | 50.02 | 22.1  | 20.06 | 12.19 | 5.6   | 3.29  | 13.46 |
| 210°            | 4.14  | 7.06  | 11.02 | 11.3  | 9.74  | 6.61  | 4.17  | 7.66  | 20.5  | 31.21 | 26.79 | 16.18 | 7.7   | 4.2   | 12.02 |
| 225°            | 4.99  | 10.21 | 16.52 | 21.48 | 20.65 | 15.56 | 9.42  | 8.49  | 19.82 | 27.67 | 61.89 | 42.27 | 18.63 | 9.52  | 20.51 |
| 240°            | 4.11  | 7.48  | 12.92 | 17.71 | 19.27 | 14.68 | 9.69  | 5.07  | 11.8  | 14.76 | 38.19 | 52.09 | 22.73 | 11.1  | 17.26 |
| 255°            | 2.73  | 5.38  | 8.16  | 11.88 | 14.54 | 14.21 | 11.19 | 2.79  | 6.5   | 8.34  | 19.5  | 25.33 | 40.9  | 20.76 | 13.73 |
| 270°            | 2.05  | 3.15  | 5.02  | 8.02  | 10.32 | 11.44 | 11.42 | 1.6   | 3.24  | 4.6   | 9.99  | 11.07 | 18.35 | 31.11 | 9.38  |
| mean            | 7.52  | 14.29 | 18.56 | 23.20 | 22.81 | 18.30 | 11.83 | 7.82  | 12.75 | 12.18 | 18.96 | 17.33 | 12.10 | 8.97  | 14.76 |

TABLE V  
RANK-1 RECOGNITION RATES BY CNN NETWORK USING ALPHAPOSE DATASET FOR ALL COMBINATIONS OF VIEWS

| Probe \ Gallery | 0°    | 15°   | 30°   | 45°   | 60°   | 75°   | 90°   | 180°  | 195°  | 210°  | 225°  | 240°  | 255°  | 270°  | mean  |
|-----------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 0°              | 47.25 | 34.46 | 23.58 | 17.64 | 12.63 | 7.48  | 5.22  | 7.85  | 7.5   | 8.13  | 9.39  | 8.42  | 5.55  | 5.44  | 14.32 |
| 15°             | 28    | 64.53 | 51.11 | 37.8  | 25.99 | 15.75 | 9.7   | 8.16  | 11.48 | 12.97 | 15.97 | 14.69 | 8.7   | 7.31  | 22.3  |
| 30°             | 18.85 | 47.59 | 69.13 | 62.05 | 42.84 | 26    | 15.75 | 7.76  | 11.73 | 15    | 21.76 | 19.28 | 12.18 | 10.12 | 27.15 |
| 45°             | 12.89 | 35.37 | 62.32 | 76.4  | 62.52 | 39.36 | 22.18 | 7     | 10.32 | 15.82 | 24.7  | 23.29 | 15.56 | 12.71 | 30.03 |
| 60°             | 8.69  | 24.63 | 44.06 | 61.71 | 73.21 | 50.74 | 27.92 | 6.17  | 8.81  | 12.41 | 22.85 | 23.79 | 17.27 | 15.23 | 28.39 |
| 75°             | 5.99  | 14.68 | 27.13 | 38.84 | 52.46 | 62.67 | 39.2  | 4.65  | 5.95  | 9.95  | 16.53 | 19.62 | 16.93 | 16.44 | 23.64 |
| 90°             | 4.23  | 8.91  | 15.68 | 22.16 | 28.68 | 39.35 | 49.07 | 3.26  | 3.84  | 6.88  | 12.29 | 15.43 | 14.93 | 15.38 | 17.15 |
| 180°            | 5.68  | 7.6   | 7.57  | 6.18  | 5.39  | 4.03  | 3.22  | 30.8  | 12.97 | 7.64  | 7.5   | 6.05  | 3.39  | 2.72  | 7.91  |
| 195°            | 7.08  | 13.16 | 15.05 | 13.09 | 11.09 | 7.45  | 5.38  | 15.74 | 38.78 | 20.78 | 17.77 | 12.35 | 7.27  | 4.78  | 13.55 |
| 210°            | 6.43  | 13.08 | 17.67 | 17.1  | 15.21 | 10.93 | 7.55  | 8.48  | 19.44 | 34.14 | 30.25 | 19.47 | 11.31 | 7.16  | 15.59 |
| 225°            | 8.85  | 17.86 | 25.12 | 27.69 | 26.6  | 20.13 | 14.21 | 8.97  | 17.82 | 31.73 | 63.08 | 45.79 | 25.47 | 16.53 | 24.99 |
| 240°            | 7.47  | 15.93 | 22.43 | 25.06 | 28.07 | 22.03 | 16.76 | 6.01  | 11.28 | 20.34 | 44.55 | 60.6  | 35.22 | 21.25 | 24.07 |
| 255°            | 5.88  | 11.39 | 16.24 | 19.4  | 22.43 | 20.59 | 18.19 | 3.43  | 7.04  | 13.07 | 25.65 | 35.44 | 51.13 | 33.41 | 20.23 |
| 270°            | 4.53  | 8.08  | 13.45 | 15.7  | 19.83 | 19.81 | 18.54 | 2.86  | 4.48  | 8.27  | 16.13 | 22.49 | 31.9  | 44.93 | 16.5  |
| mean            | 12.27 | 22.66 | 29.32 | 31.49 | 30.50 | 24.74 | 18.06 | 8.65  | 12.25 | 15.51 | 23.46 | 23.34 | 18.34 | 15.24 | 20.42 |

### E. Comparison Benchmarks With Appearance-Based Methods

We compared the recognition rates with those by some appearance-based methods. The results of VTM, LDA, GEINet, and LB) are from the paper which introduces OUMVLP [16], and the results of GaitSet are from [31]. All comparisons are listed in Table IX. Different from the results in Table VIII, the results in Table IX are the averages on different probe angles with specific gallery angles 0°, 30°, 60° and 90°. The corresponding EERs are illustrated in Fig. 10. From the comparisons in Table IX and Fig. 10, we can find most appearance-based methods achieves better recognition rates than the model-based ones. This shows that

the OUMVLP-Pose database is challenging because only the positions of the joints are included. There is no body shape or body appearance feature.

### F. Impact on the Number of Training Subjects

The recognition rate of the CNN network changes with different quantities of training data. We set three different training sets for evaluation: 1,000, 3,000 and 5,153. The last 5,154 subjects are put into the test set. The impact of the different training subjects is shown in Table X on the AlphaPose dataset. In each of the experiments, the probe angle is the same as the gallery angle. For 00°, 30°, 60° and 90°, the recognition rate rises with an increased number of training subjects. We can

TABLE VI  
EERS USING OPENPOSE DATASET FOR ALL COMBINATIONS OF ALL VIEWS

| Probe \ Gallery | 0°    | 15°   | 30°   | 45°   | 60°   | 75°   | 90°   | 180°  | 195°  | 210°  | 225°  | 240°  | 255°  | 270°  | mean  |
|-----------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 0°              | 8.74  | 10.55 | 12.83 | 12.64 | 14.17 | 16.75 | 20.86 | 17.35 | 15.22 | 20.37 | 13.95 | 15.76 | 17.44 | 20.75 | 15.53 |
| 15°             | 9.47  | 6.03  | 9.02  | 8.29  | 10.45 | 13.06 | 18.44 | 16.21 | 11.82 | 18.11 | 10.97 | 13.03 | 14.92 | 18.7  | 12.75 |
| 30°             | 11.93 | 8.93  | 8.38  | 7.7   | 9.61  | 11.52 | 17.29 | 16.81 | 13.25 | 17.38 | 10.92 | 12.53 | 13.82 | 17.7  | 12.7  |
| 45°             | 11.28 | 8.19  | 7.52  | 4.56  | 5.73  | 7.93  | 14.63 | 15.69 | 12.36 | 17.06 | 8.72  | 9.84  | 11.46 | 15.39 | 10.74 |
| 60°             | 12.66 | 9.89  | 9.29  | 5.4   | 4.75  | 7.01  | 13.95 | 16.7  | 12.99 | 17.71 | 9.14  | 9.69  | 10.79 | 15.07 | 11.07 |
| 75°             | 14.83 | 12.95 | 11.85 | 8.05  | 7.13  | 6.71  | 12.95 | 17.53 | 14.77 | 19.2  | 10.42 | 10.74 | 11.1  | 14.81 | 12.36 |
| 90°             | 20.09 | 18.17 | 17.4  | 14.36 | 13.65 | 12.76 | 13.44 | 21.92 | 19.44 | 21.73 | 15.28 | 15.76 | 15.74 | 16.57 | 16.88 |
| 180°            | 15.76 | 15.41 | 16.69 | 15.59 | 16.44 | 18.16 | 21.73 | 12.62 | 15.06 | 20.68 | 14.67 | 17.31 | 18.68 | 22.07 | 17.2  |
| 195°            | 14.64 | 12.23 | 13.9  | 12.56 | 13.98 | 15.61 | 20.06 | 15.16 | 8.7   | 16.25 | 10.49 | 13.22 | 15.5  | 19.54 | 14.42 |
| 210°            | 20.24 | 18.24 | 17.45 | 17.38 | 17.97 | 19.33 | 23.33 | 20.57 | 16.51 | 16.98 | 15.22 | 17.5  | 19.12 | 22.66 | 18.75 |
| 225°            | 13.87 | 11.45 | 11.54 | 9.15  | 10.09 | 11.59 | 16.27 | 15.53 | 11.04 | 16.02 | 5.11  | 7.44  | 10.15 | 15.51 | 11.77 |
| 240°            | 15.39 | 13.1  | 13.19 | 10.3  | 10.61 | 11.83 | 16.59 | 17.73 | 13.17 | 17.64 | 7.31  | 6.58  | 9.5   | 15.58 | 12.75 |
| 255°            | 17.69 | 16.02 | 15.28 | 12.55 | 12.13 | 12.93 | 17    | 20.08 | 16.26 | 19.81 | 10.47 | 9.53  | 8.69  | 14.46 | 14.49 |
| 270°            | 20.92 | 19.57 | 18.94 | 16.21 | 15.82 | 16.04 | 18.28 | 23.01 | 19.91 | 23.03 | 15.6  | 15.72 | 13.91 | 14.11 | 17.93 |
| mean            | 14.82 | 12.91 | 13.09 | 11.05 | 11.61 | 12.95 | 17.49 | 17.64 | 14.32 | 18.71 | 11.31 | 12.48 | 13.63 | 17.35 | 14.24 |

TABLE VII  
EERS USING ALPHAPOSE DATASET FOR ALL COMBINATIONS OF ALL VIEWS

| Probe \ Gallery | 0°    | 15°   | 30°   | 45°   | 60°   | 75°   | 90°   | 180°  | 195°  | 210°  | 225°  | 240°  | 255°  | 270°  | mean  |
|-----------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 0°              | 8.34  | 8.31  | 9.89  | 10.6  | 11.62 | 14.32 | 17.41 | 21.16 | 18.44 | 22.06 | 13.46 | 14.76 | 16.26 | 17.98 | 14.61 |
| 15°             | 9.07  | 4.93  | 5.94  | 6.64  | 8.18  | 10.7  | 13.73 | 21.11 | 16.05 | 20.34 | 10.67 | 11.76 | 13.34 | 15.39 | 11.99 |
| 30°             | 10.99 | 6.68  | 5.39  | 5.42  | 6.57  | 8.81  | 12.48 | 21.32 | 16.09 | 19.72 | 9.91  | 10.57 | 12.12 | 14.12 | 11.44 |
| 45°             | 11.61 | 7.47  | 5.7   | 4.21  | 4.67  | 6.83  | 10.1  | 21.24 | 16.09 | 19.73 | 8.71  | 8.95  | 10.67 | 12.38 | 10.6  |
| 60°             | 12.98 | 8.46  | 6.82  | 4.64  | 3.99  | 5.48  | 8.55  | 22.01 | 16.83 | 20.04 | 9.3   | 9.1   | 9.81  | 11.32 | 10.67 |
| 75°             | 15.44 | 10.81 | 9     | 6.93  | 5.44  | 5.14  | 8.21  | 23.24 | 18.14 | 21.24 | 10.9  | 10.22 | 10.77 | 11.81 | 11.95 |
| 90°             | 18.27 | 14.3  | 12.09 | 10.58 | 9.18  | 8.42  | 8.55  | 24.69 | 20.56 | 22.72 | 13.36 | 12.27 | 12.64 | 13.29 | 14.35 |
| 180°            | 21.7  | 20.53 | 20.04 | 20.62 | 20.83 | 22.05 | 23.86 | 18.9  | 22.62 | 26.64 | 20.32 | 21.35 | 23.7  | 24.75 | 21.99 |
| 195°            | 18.77 | 15.39 | 15.54 | 15.87 | 15.95 | 17.7  | 19.99 | 22.14 | 14.05 | 20.94 | 14.87 | 15.68 | 18.32 | 20.53 | 17.55 |
| 210°            | 22.96 | 20.67 | 19.69 | 20.12 | 19.74 | 21.43 | 22.25 | 27.39 | 21.01 | 21.16 | 18.67 | 19.03 | 21.09 | 22.86 | 21.29 |
| 225°            | 13.99 | 10.51 | 9.12  | 8.46  | 8.26  | 9.93  | 11.89 | 20.79 | 14.65 | 18.14 | 5.25  | 6.59  | 9.12  | 11.81 | 11.32 |
| 240°            | 14.79 | 11.19 | 9.39  | 8.28  | 7.99  | 9.18  | 11.24 | 21.89 | 15.82 | 19.37 | 6.57  | 5.79  | 7.87  | 10.73 | 11.44 |
| 255°            | 16.38 | 13.25 | 11.08 | 9.51  | 9.1   | 9.76  | 11.52 | 23.36 | 18.17 | 20.64 | 8.91  | 7.58  | 7.02  | 9.86  | 12.58 |
| 270°            | 17.98 | 14.77 | 13.08 | 11.32 | 10.58 | 11    | 11.95 | 25.25 | 20.34 | 22.61 | 11.89 | 10.68 | 9.75  | 9.63  | 14.35 |
| mean            | 15.23 | 11.95 | 10.91 | 10.23 | 10.15 | 11.48 | 13.70 | 22.46 | 17.78 | 21.10 | 11.63 | 11.74 | 13.03 | 14.75 | 14.01 |

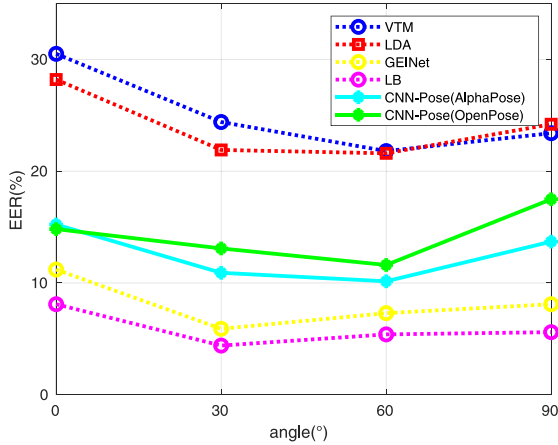


Fig. 10. The EERs of four appearance-based methods (VTM, LDA, GEINet and LB) and the pose-based CNN method.

expect the recognition rate can continue to increase with more training data.

## V. CONCLUSION

A large population pose database is introduced in this paper. It is a large database with multiple view angles and 10,307 subjects. The pose data were extracted from the RGB videos in the OU-ISIR multi-view large population database (OUMVLP)

TABLE VIII  
THE RANK-1 RECOGNITION RATES OF THREE MODEL-BASED METHODS ON THE ALPHAPOSE DATASET WHERE THE PROBE ANGLE IS THE SAME AS THE GALLERY ANGLE

| Methods                    | 0°   | 30°  | 60°  | 90°  | mean |
|----------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Fourier transform analysis | 0.33 | 0.76 | 0.96 | 0.87 | 0.73 |
| PTSN                       | 24.0 | 38.2 | 29.3 | 28.5 | 30.0 |
| CNN-Pose                   | 47.3 | 69.1 | 73.2 | 49.0 | 59.7 |

TABLE IX  
THE RANK-1 RECOGNITION RATES OF FOUR APPEARANCE-BASED METHODS (VTM, LDA, GEINet, LB AND GAITSet) AND THE POSE-BASED CNN METHOD. THE RATES ARE THE AVERAGES ON DIFFERENT PROBE ANGLES WITH A SPECIFIC GALLERY ANGLE 0°, 30°, 60° AND 90°

| Methods             | 0°   | 30°  | 60°  | 90°  | mean |
|---------------------|------|------|------|------|------|
| VTM [41]            | 17.4 | 21.4 | 21.6 | 21.6 | 20.5 |
| LDA [42]            | 18.4 | 26.2 | 28.1 | 24.8 | 24.4 |
| GEINet [43]         | 30.6 | 43.3 | 47.3 | 41.5 | 40.7 |
| LB [44]             | 24.3 | 38.8 | 43.0 | 37.3 | 35.9 |
| GaitSet [31]        | 79.5 | 89.9 | 88.1 | 87.8 | 86.3 |
| CNN-Pose(OpenPose)  | 7.5  | 18.6 | 22.8 | 11.8 | 18.0 |
| CNN-Pose(AlphaPose) | 12.3 | 29.3 | 30.5 | 18.1 | 22.5 |

using deep learning-based pose estimation methods. Two datasets, the OpenPose dataset and AlphaPose dataset were created using two methods, OpenPose and AlphaPose, respectively. In addition to the body pose data, we also provide benchmarks and analysis on the database.



TABLE X

THE RANK-1 RECOGNITION RATES ON THE ALPHAPOSE SKELETON DATA WITH DIFFERENT NUMBERS OF TRAINING SAMPLES WHERE THE PROBE ANGLE IS THE SAME AS THE GALLERY ANGLE

| #Training subjects | 0°   | 30°  | 60°  | 90°  | mean |
|--------------------|------|------|------|------|------|
| 1,000              | 11.9 | 32.2 | 31.9 | 10.4 | 21.6 |
| 3,000              | 45.8 | 67.3 | 72.9 | 48.8 | 58.7 |
| 5,153              | 47.3 | 69.1 | 73.2 | 49.0 | 59.7 |

With progress in human body modeling, we believe that model-based gait recognition should be investigated further. The proposed benchmark method, CNN-Pose, is relatively simple. However, it achieved encouraging results. The pose data are in a 2D dimension and are not robust to view variation. Therefore, in the future, some 3D human models can be built for gait recognition. Since the model data is in a 3D space, we can rotate the model in the 3D space and extract view-invariant gait features. In addition, the model-based feature should be more robust to clothing and carrying condition changes.

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