

# Scene Representation and Anomalous Activity Detection using Weighted Region Association Graph

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**Abstract:** In this paper we present a novel method for anomalous activity detection using systematic trajectory analysis. First, the visual scene is segmented into constituent regions by attaching importances based on motion dynamics of targets in that scene. Further, a structured representation of these segmented regions in the form of a region association graph (RAG) is constructed. Finally, anomalous activity is detected by benchmarking the target's trajectory against the RAG. We have evaluated our proposed algorithm and compared it against competent baselines using videos from publicly available as well as in-house datasets. Our results indicate high accuracy in localizing anomalous segments and demonstrate that the proposed algorithm has several compelling advantages when applied to scene analysis in autonomous visual surveillance.

## 1 INTRODUCTION

Anomalous activity detection in surveillance videos can present diverse opportunities for both enhancing situation awareness (Takai, 2010) and mining critical forensic evidence (Ouivirach et al., 2013). In the last few years, the number of security cameras installed at various surveillance sites across the world has increased in leaps and bounds. This vast collection of visual data has made manual analytic on such systems inappropriate and thus, automatic visual surveillance is fast replacing manual interventions for such systems (Gowsikhaa et al., 2012). This trend in autonomous visual surveillance has also been widely supported by the growth in video analytic capabilities, for a wide variety of applications from motion detection (Zhang and Liu, 2008; Kiryati et al., 2008), tracking (Niu et al., 2004), parsing (Antic and Ommer, 2011), activity recognition (Hamid et al., 2005), behavioural understanding (Ouivirach et al., 2013; Takai, 2010; Hospedales et al., 2011), and traffic analysis (Krishna and Denzler, 2014). Despite recent work in this research domain, the problem of anomalous activity detection continues

to be challenged by: a) the identification of what constitutes anomalous within the surveillance context and differentiating it from suspicious, b) deliberating the cost of missed detection and its repercussions on the analytic system, c) the complexity in delivering efficient association of such deviations-from-normal across large-scale camera networks, and d) to be able to perform this in a structured, systematic and scalable manner.

Several state-of-the-art algorithms to detect anomalous activities in videos have already been proposed (Mahadevan et al., 2010; Zhao et al., 2011). One paradigm for anomalous activity detection is by segmenting a video in the temporal domain, where each segment can be classified into different categories of interest (Ouivirach et al., 2013; Krishna et al., 2014). In such algorithms, the overall change in dynamics of a scene within a time interval is considered as a feature to identify a temporal segment of interest. Any measured deviations from these supervised segments of interest is often classified anomalous (Hamid et al., 2005). On the contrary, individual trajectories can be analysed to determine

those segments of a video where any anomalous activity could have occurred. An example of this second paradigm in anomalous activity detection shall include techniques where trajectory mean computed during training is used as a reference and any deviation beyond a threshold from the mean is classified as anomalous. Such approaches are also popular and tested in the context of visual surveillance (Nater et al., 2011; Kuettel et al., 2010).

The challenges in either paradigms is three-fold. Firstly, any decision about anomalous activity needs to be taken without the knowledge of the scene elements present in an environment. Under such circumstances, it is difficult to attribute the anomalous activity to inherent factors that might have influenced the behaviour of the human in question. Secondly, any existing framework fails to generalise or scale for wide scoped patterns of abnormal behaviour, particularly, random and unpredictable movements. Lastly, according to some state-of-the-art approaches, it is quite difficult to predict whether the abnormality is caused by measurement noise (e.g. error in tracking) or it appeared due to abnormal behavioural pattern. In this paper, we have addressed first two challenges and provided a methodology that is capable of detecting abnormal movements without any prior knowledge about the scene elements, and even capable of handling random and unpredictable movements.

In this paper, we present a scene-aware anomalous activity detection algorithm using weighted RAG. The proposed framework relies on segmenting regions in the scene based on their relative importances and use them for classification of anomalous activity. Our experiments have shown that our importance metric encapsulates interest areas in the scene that often represent the interaction of the targets with the other scene elements. That way, our algorithm encompasses the contextual relationships between targets and constituent scene elements during scene understanding, thus providing a more informed behavioural decision making in anomalous activity detection.

## 2 CONTRIBUTIONS AND NOVELTY

The main aim of the proposed research is to detect and localize anomalous segments in surveillance videos where the targets motion shows significant deviation from normal. One key novelty of the paper is the

method for scene segmentation by attaching importances to regions based on motion dynamic features estimated from trajectories of targets from the scene. Further, the use of a structured scene representation through RAG allows systematic trajectory analysis that, not alone improves the accuracy of anomalous activity detection but at the same time provides a scalable framework for generic detection of irregular patterns of movements, etc. Finally, the incorporation of a node clustered traversal mechanism that benchmarks the tests trajectory against the significance of each path in the RAG to detect anomaly is an important and useful contribution in this context.

## 3 ANOMALOUS ACTIVITY DETECTION

The proposed method assumes a structured geometrical representation of a surveillance scene and correlates a test trajectory with respect to this structure, thus allowing detection of anomalous activity. The proposed method is a 3 step process involving: a) scene segmentation, b) structured scene representation using RAG, and c) anomalous activity detection. These steps are described in the subsections as follows.

### 3.1 Feature Extraction and Scene Segmentation

Our method begins with scene segmentation; wherein the criteria for homogeneity is based on the importance of regions. That is, given a surveillance scene and a set of trajectories representing target movements inside that scene, we begin by segmenting the scene into regions of similar importances. To accomplish this, the entire scene is divided into rectangular blocks of uniform dimensions. Let, a visual scene captured from a surveillance camera be presented by a frame  $I$  of dimension  $w \times h$ , where  $w$  and  $h$  represent its width and height. Now,  $I$  can be divided into rectangular blocks  $b$  of dimension  $m \times m$  as shown in Figure 1(a). Our aim is to decompose this scene  $I$  into a number ( $K$ ) of semantically homogeneous regions. Given that  $I$  is already divided into blocks, each block  $b$  in  $I$  belongs to exactly one region, identified by the region-correspondence variable  $R_b \in 1, \dots, K$ . Therefore, the  $r$ th region is the set of blocks  $B_r$ , whose region correspondence variable equals  $r$ , i.e.,  $B_r = \{b : R_b = r\}$ . Further, our aim is to extract motion dynamics features  $\vec{f}(\vec{b})$  corresponding to each block and compose them into pro-

viding a measurement of importance  $\vec{i}(\vec{b})$ . Then, blocks with homogeneous importances  $i_b$  are grouped to build regions in the scene. We can mathematically formulate the problem of scene segmentation as:

$$I = \bigcup_r B_r = \bigcup_b \{b : R_b = r\} \in 1, \dots, K. \quad (1)$$

$$R_b = \operatorname{argmax} \vec{f}(\vec{b}). \quad (2)$$

$$\forall b f(b) = (i_b). \quad (3)$$

### 3.1.1 Labelling of Blocks

The region correspondence  $R_b$  of each block is chosen based on the statistical information about the target density and motion dynamics of targets within each block. Our motion dynamics features encapsulates the time spent by the target visiting each block, average instantaneous velocity of target inside the block and the overall directionality. Thus, we represent the region correspondence of blocks as a block importance  $i_b$  which in turn is composed of the combination of the visit count and the instantaneous velocity.

We estimate  $i_b$  based on the average instantaneous velocity of the moving targets inside that block. This is based on the assumption that a target usually moves slower than its average velocity as it approaches towards an interest area. Therefore, the instantaneous velocity ( $v_j^o$ ) of a target is expected to be lower than its average velocity ( $\bar{v}^o$ ) under these conditions. The index of a block  $b$  is computed recursively using the following update equation, assuming that the initial index for all blocks is zero, i.e.  $\rho_b = 0, \forall b \in M$

$$\rho_b = \rho_b + \frac{v_{av}^o - v_j^o}{v_{av}^o}. \quad (4)$$

where  $\rho_b$  represents the popularity index of the block  $b$ . Finally,  $\rho_b$  is normalized with respect to the total number of times a block is visited by various targets ( $g_b$ ). Finally,  $(i_b)$  is computed using (5). This metric incorporates the importance of each block combining both the features of velocity and time spent by the targets visiting that block.

$$i_b = \forall b \frac{\rho_b}{g_b}. \quad (5)$$

Our experiments with such importance distributions across wide range of surveillance videos from different dataset have indicated that, the class space of regions can be discretized into 4 distinct labels  $\{R_b : \{1, 2, 3, 4\}\}$ : interesting blocks  $L_1$ , frequently visited blocks  $L_2$ , rarely visited blocks  $L_3$  and inaccessible blocks  $L_4$ . Given the importances of each

block, we apply filtering to determine the local maxima that represent interesting class ( $L_1$ ). The remaining blocks are labelled based on the number of times the block is visited by various targets as they navigate through the scene. It is quite natural that, blocks which fall on the conventional path towards an interest area, are expected to have larger footfall than other blocks. Therefore, a scene specific threshold can easily be computed using the training set to label frequently visited blocks ( $L_2$ ). On the contrary, blocks with footfall lower than the threshold and greater than zero are labelled  $L_3$  while the remaining blocks which are never visited by any target, are labelled  $L_4$ . An example of scene labelling is shown in Figures 1(b).

### 3.1.2 Scene Segmentation

In order to segment a scene, we have adopted a region growing approach that groups neighbouring blocks with same labels into clusters. To accomplish this, connected components are discovered using 8-connectivity rule in neighbourhood of each block and thus segmented regions are generated. That is, if  $b^8$  represents the 8-neighbourhood of the block  $b$  under consideration, all neighbours, e.g.  $c(b)$ , that are connected to the block  $b$ ,  $c(b)$  should satisfy the properties:

$$c(b) \subset b^8. \quad (6)$$

$$k \in c(b) \leftrightarrow b \in c(k). \quad (7)$$

In Figure 1(c), the segmentation of a scene according to block labels shown in Figure 1(b), is presented. Each segment represents a spatial region of the scene comprised of several interconnected blocks of similar characteristics.

## 3.2 Scene Representation using RAG

In the next phase, we construct a weighted RAG. We denote this graph as  $G(V, E)$ , where  $v \in V$  and  $e \in E$  are nodes and edges of the graph, respectively. Each of the regions found in the previous step of scene segmentation is assigned a node in the graph connected by edges with respective weights. The RAG corresponding to the segmentation given in Figure 1(c), containing seven nodes, e.g.  $\{N_1, N_2, \dots, N_7\}$  and ten edges is shown in Figure 2. We assign weights to these nodes based on average time spent by a target in each node. For example, if  $k$  independent trajectory segments pass through a node, say  $N_i$ , its weight is computed using (8) where  $s_j$  is the length of the  $j^{\text{th}}$  trajectory segment passing through  $N_i$ . However, nodes that represent inaccessible regions are initialized with zero weight since we have assumed that tar-

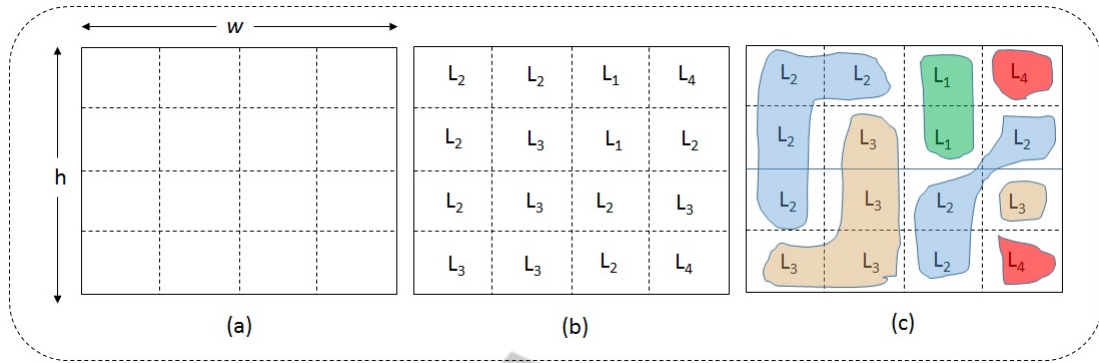


Figure 1: (a) Division of the surveillance area into rectangular blocks (b) Labelling of individual blocks using the method described in Section 3.1.1 (c) A segmentation of the scene according to the labelling.

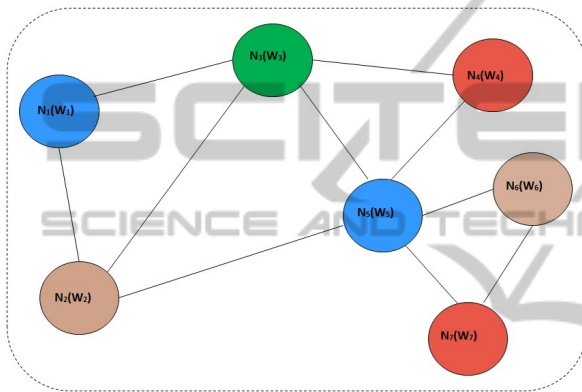


Figure 2: An example of a weighted RAG corresponding to the segmentation of the scene given in Figure 1.

gets will never visit those regions in normal circumstances.

$$N_i(w) = \frac{s_1 + s_2 + \dots + s_k}{k} \quad (8)$$

Two nodes are connected by an edge if the corresponding regions are neighbours to each other according to the results of scene segmentation. For example, node  $N_3$  has four neighbours, e.g.  $\{N_1, N_2, N_4, N_5\}$ . This suggests, any part of the scene marked by the node  $N_3$  can be reached directly from any of these four neighbouring nodes. Using this approach, edges of the RAG are discovered and an adjacency matrix is used to represent the graph in an efficient manner. An example adjacency matrix of the graph shown in Figure 2 can be expressed using (9).

$$A = \begin{array}{c|cccccccc} & N_1 & N_2 & N_3 & N_4 & N_5 & N_6 & N_7 \\ \hline N_1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ N_2 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ N_3 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ N_4 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ N_5 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ N_6 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ N_7 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \quad (9)$$

In practice, RAG represents overall connectivity of various regions that constitute the whole scene.

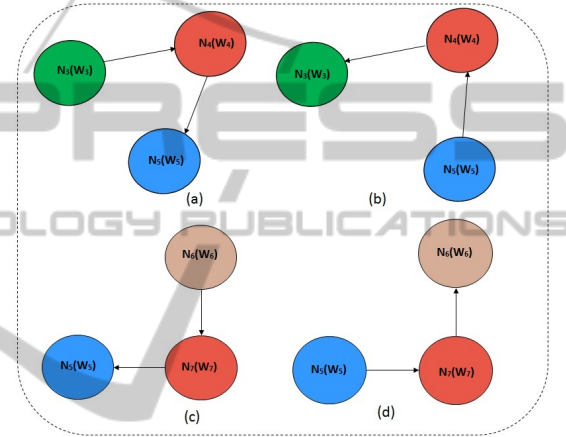


Figure 3: Examples of probable invalid or anomalous segments of the object's path according to the weighted RAG given in Figure 2.

Therefore, a given test trajectory recorded in the scene under consideration, it is possible to benchmark it against the graph to determine anomaly. For example, if any inaccessible node of the RAG is found in a path of a moving object, then that particular segment of the path can be considered as anomalous. Some examples of anomalous segments for the graph given in Figure 2 are presented in Figure 3.

### 3.3 Trajectory Segmentation and Anomalous Activity Detection

In this section, we present a method to analyse a given test trajectory with respect to the weighted RAG that was built using a set of training trajectories. Let the trajectory of a moving object be represented using a sequence of points as given in (10) where  $s$  is the size of the trajectory and  $\langle x_i, y_i \rangle$  represents the location of the object at time  $t_i$ .

$$T_s = \langle x_1, y_1 \rangle, \langle x_1, y_1 \rangle, \dots, \langle x_s, y_s \rangle \quad (10)$$

A trajectory is nothing but a set of points that represents temporal locations of a target inside the field of view of the camera. In practise, these points are uniformly sampled. Initially, every point of the trajectory is mapped to a node in the RAG as given in (11). In this equation,  $N_k$  denotes a node of the RAG and the point  $\langle x_i, y_i \rangle$  is a member of the region denoted by this node.

$$\langle x_i, y_i \rangle = N_k . \quad (11)$$

In practice, consecutive points of a trajectory often belong to a single segment or node. Therefore, direct mapping of trajectory points into graph nodes often leads to a longer path with redundant nodes. For example, the path  $N_a \rightarrow N_b \rightarrow N_b \rightarrow N_b \rightarrow N_c$  contains three consecutive nodes of same label. Three occurrences of  $N_b$  in consecutive locations is redundant and hence is removed using a path shrinking algorithm; wherein we combine all consecutive nodes with same label into a single node in a given path. Additionally we parametrise and store the length of shrinking the nodes as the duration of the targets movement inside a particular node. This is similar to the weights of the RAG. The path corresponding to a test trajectory can be represented using (12).  $N_i$  and  $N_j$  represent consecutive nodes of the path with durations  $D_{N_i}$  and  $D_{N_j}$ .

$$P = \{N_i(D_{N_i}) \rightarrow N_j(D_{N_j})\}^+ \text{ where } N_i \neq N_j . \quad (12)$$

One such path according to the graph shown in Figure 2 can be written as:  $N_1(D_{N_1}) \rightarrow N_2(D_{N_2}) \rightarrow N_5(D_{N_5}) \rightarrow N_3(D_{N_3}) \rightarrow N_4(D_{N_4}) \rightarrow N_5(D_{N_5})$ . Now, an efficient traversal technique is implemented to search and localize invalid segments in such a path. The result of path segmentation is further used for trajectory classification to indicate the presence of invalid segments in a trajectory. Algorithm 1 presents the method of finding invalid segments of a given path ( $P$ ) with respect to a given RAG.

The algorithm clusters the nodes of the graph into two groups; one represents the nodes with label  $L_4$  only and the other represents the set of remaining nodes. The process might resemble to bipartition, however, we may not find a complete bipartite graph because of the possible interconnections amongst nodes representing active regions. For example, the cluster which represents the group of nodes labelled as  $L_1, L_2$ , or  $L_3$  may have several interconnections amongst them. An example of such a partition is shown in Figure 4. This type of clustering can be referred to as semi-bipartite graph partitioning, where nodes on inaccessible regions have no interconnections.

The above mentioned algorithm successfully detects cross edges between two clusters. During execution,

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**Algorithm 1:** Detection of invalid segments in a path.
 

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1: procedure INVALIDSEGMENTDETECT( $G, P$ )
2:    $G(V, E): V = V_{inv} \cup V_{val} \quad \triangleright V_{inv}$ : set
     of nodes with label  $L_4$  and  $V_{val}$ : set of nodes with
     labels  $L_1, L_2$ , and  $L_3$ .
3:    $P = \bigcup v_i \exists v_i \in V \quad \triangleright P$ : Path of the moving
     object.
4:    $v_k \leftarrow next\_node(P) \triangleright$  Get the next node from
     the path.
5:   while  $v_k \neq \text{NULL}$  do
6:     if  $v_k \in V_{inv}$  then
7:        $P_k \leftarrow \{ \text{pred}(v_k), v_k, \text{succ}(v_k) \} \triangleright$ 
          $\text{pred}(v_k)$  and  $\text{succ}(v_k)$  denote the nodes on either
         sides of  $v_k$  according to  $P$ .
8:       return  $P_k \triangleright$  Return the detected
         invalid segment of the given path  $P$ .
9:     end if
10:     $v_k \leftarrow next\_node(P) \triangleright$  Get the next node
        from the path.
11:   end while  $\triangleright$  Terminate when no more node is
        left in the path.
12: end procedure
    
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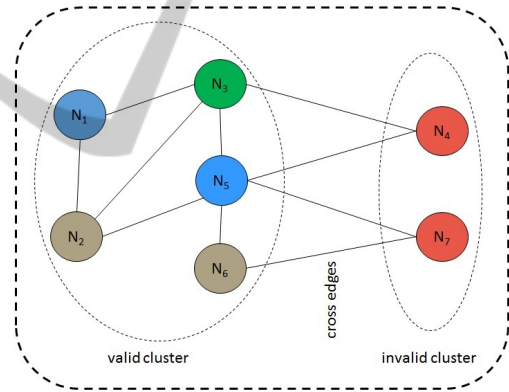


Figure 4: Clustering of graph nodes and construction of semi-bipartite graph corresponding to the RAG given in Figure 2.

a segment, i.e.  $P_k \leftarrow \{ \text{pred}(v_k), v_k, \text{succ}(v_k) \}$  is assumed to be invalid if the node  $v_k$  belongs to the cluster of inaccessible regions. In addition to that, duration of each node of  $P_k$  is tested with the weights estimated during training. However, we need to filter out false positives since a target may unintentionally step-forward inside regions that are marked as inaccessible. Therefore, such nodes of a path with considerably small duration can be ignored (if they appear in a path). Once such segments are detected, a trajectory can be classified either normal or anomalous and finally, segmentation of a path can be done using 13 where  $P_n$ : normal segment and  $P_s$ : abnormal segment.

$$P = \{P_n + P_s\}^+ . \quad (13)$$

## 4 EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS

In this section we describe the algorithm evaluation process. We demonstrate the capabilities of our technique and compare it against simple baselines.

### 4.1 Datasets and Ground Truths

In our experiments, two well-known publicly available surveillance datasets, CAVIAR<sup>1</sup> and ViSOR<sup>2</sup> are considered. In addition, we have also used a large-sized in-house dataset to validate our method. Each of these videos in the CAVIAR dataset were 240 second clips in average with 2 or 3 freely moving targets that are randomly accessing a book shelf and an ATM present within the open environment. From ViSOR dataset, we have selected videos from the "Outdoor Unimore D.I.I. Setup - Multicamera - Dis-joint Views" set (Vezzani and Cucchia, 2010). These videos are of long duration, typically in the order of 40-60 minutes. We have extracted trajectories of several moving targets from these videos and used them in our analysis. The custom in-house dataset contains 192 trajectories representing movements of a number of targets at the entrance of the institute on a busy day. In our experiments, we have used 80% of the trajectories during training to generate the RAG graph and the remaining trajectories have been used for testing the detection algorithm. We repeat our experiments using 10-fold cross validation to negate any bias that may have been introduced during test case selection. Trajectories of the moving objects were extracted using the target detection and tracking algorithm proposed in (T. Dinh and Medioni, 2011). The algorithm successfully extracted the trajectories of a moving target(s) in real time. The method is robust against small camera movements and variations in lighting conditions of the environment. Trajectories of individual objects were extracted independently when multiple persons appeared in a scene.

Illustrations of the scenes used in our experiments are shown in Figure 5. These scenes were segmented manually and they were assumed to be ground truths. Corresponding graphs using the proposed scene representation are shown in Figure 5. This may be verified from the results shown in Figures 6, 8, and 9, where the segmentation obtained using the proposed method closely matches the manual counterpart.

<sup>1</sup>CAVIAR: Context Aware Vision using Image-based Active Recognition.

<sup>2</sup><http://www.openvisor.org>.

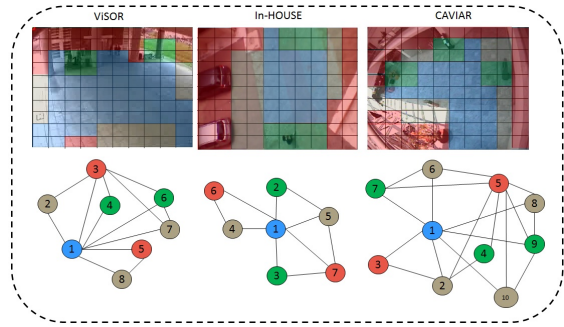


Figure 5: Manual segmentations of ViSOR In-HOUSE and CAVIAR surveillance scenes. RAGs corresponding the these manual segmentations are shown in the second row of the figure.

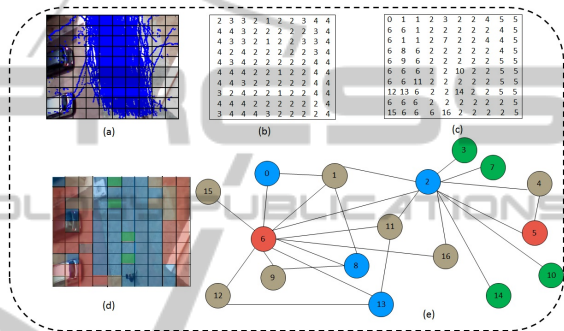


Figure 6: (a) The scene of In-HOUSE dataset is divided into  $10 \times 10$  number of blocks with overlaid trajectories (b) Labelling of these blocks using a method described in Section 3.1.1 (c) Construction of graph nodes using these labels (d) Colour-coded representation of the segmented scene (e) RAG corresponding to the segmentation.

### 4.2 Results using In-HOUSE Dataset

To begin with, we present results using In-HOUSE dataset. The scene is partitioned mainly into four segments as shown in Figure 5. The shaded green sections are the entry and exit locations and our analysis has categorised them as the interesting locations ( $L_1$ ). This is mainly because, a majority of the moving targets usually passed through these regions. Similarly, regions shaded with light blue are marked as frequently used path and a majority of these blocks belong to label  $L_2$ . The remaining two categories of segments are considered as rarely visited and not-visited segments. Out of a total of 192 trajectories, 170 trajectories have been used to construct the RAG corresponding to the scene and the remaining for testing detection.

Figure 6 presents outputs at various steps during segmentation and RAG construction. The first image displays the scene being divided into  $10 \times 10$  blocks

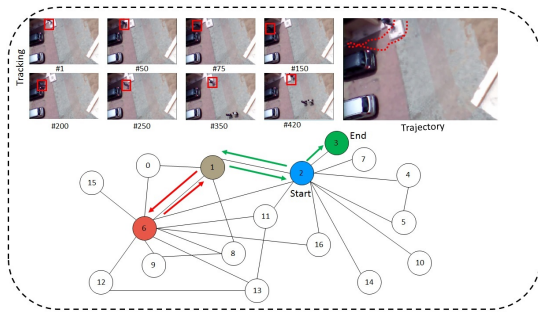


Figure 7: Demonstration of anomalous trajectory segmentation. The section labelled as tracking shows some of the frames corresponding to trajectory # 132 when a person was accessing a location which is presumed to be inaccessible according to the ground truth. Corresponding trajectory is shown in the diagram. Path of the moving object with respect to the RAG and corresponding valid and invalid segments are highlighted with green and red arrows.

with overlay trajectories. Successive diagrams of the figure represent scene labelling, graph node distribution, coloured segmentation and RAG corresponding to the segmentation. It can be observed that the central area of the scene was segmented as "frequently visited", usually because a majority of the targets are expected to pass this region while entering or exiting the building. On the contrary, both sides of the scene have been classified either as rarely visited or not-visited (except some isolated blocks). Some of the isolated blocks correspond to outliers, generated as false positives. These blocks do not impact the trajectory segmentation algorithm. It may be noted that, the graph is easily represented using a semi-bipartite structure as both the inaccessible nodes, e.g. 5 and 6 have no direct connectivity.

Analysis of one chosen anomalous trajectory, e.g. trajectory #132 is presented in Figure 7. As per the analysis, the moving object's path is as follows:  $2 \rightarrow 1 \rightarrow 6 \rightarrow 1 \rightarrow 2 \rightarrow 3$ . In addition to that, segment  $1 \rightarrow 6 \rightarrow 1$  has been found to be invalid as the object entered into a region (represented by node 6) which according to the RAG structure, is invalid. Therefore, this was classified as anomalous trajectory or segment under the given conditions. Several such anomalous trajectory segments were found when analysis was done on the set of test trajectories. A summary of segmentation and classification is presented in Table 1.

### 4.3 Results using Public Datasets

Next, we present results using the two chosen public datasets, e.g. CAVIAR and ViSOR. In the CAVIAR dataset, a total of six videos from the browsing category were used to construct the segmentation

Table 1: Results of path segmentation and trajectory classification.

Trajectory #	Segmentation Results		Performance
	Ground Truth	Detected	
13	normal	normal	FP: 1 FN: 0 TN: 0 TP: 5  Precision: 83%
23	normal	normal	
48	normal	normal	
64	anomalous (1)	anomalous (1)	
72	normal	anomalous (1)	
87	normal	normal	Recall: 100%
94	normal	normal	
95	anomalous (1)	anomalous (1)	
132	anomalous (1)	anomalous (1)	Accuracy: 83%
141	normal	normal	
170	anomalous (1)	anomalous (1)	
183	anomalous (1)	anomalous (1)	

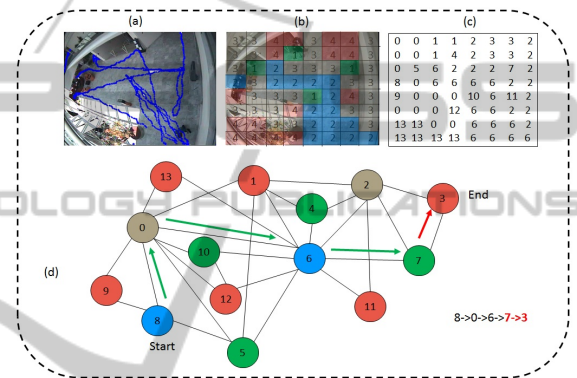


Figure 8: (a) Surveillance scene of the CAVIAR dataset with trajectories overlay (b) Segmentation of the scene with respect to the labels of blocks (c) Distribution of nodes along various blocks (d) Final RAG with a anomalous path being highlighted.

mask and used for testing.

It may be observed from Figure 8(a), according to the segmentation, the scene has three interesting locations out of which one location does not have any interesting object. However, targets exhibit protocol behaviour in this location and hence was segmented as a region of high importance during scene segmentation. During testing, while benchmarking against the RAG shown in Figure 8(d), anomalous activity was matched to this location; which matched with the ground truth classification.

A total of 35 independent trajectories were extracted from the videos of ViSOR surveillance dataset. Out of these 35 trajectories, we have used 30 trajectories to construct the RAG during training phase. The remaining 5 trajectories were used for testing. In Figure 9, results obtained using the ViSOR dataset videos are presented. The images in the figure represent, the ViSOR scene with trajectories overlay on it, the segmentation of the scene using the

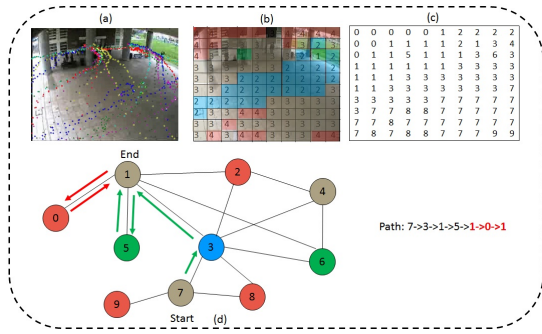


Figure 9: (a) Surveillance scene of the ViSOR dataset with trajectories overlay (b) Segmentation of the scene with respect to the labels of blocks (c) Distribution of nodes with block labels (d) Final RAG with a anomalous path highlighted.

prescribed class labels, the distribution of graph nodes, and the final RAG with a anomalous path being highlighted. It can be observed that, the path marked as  $7 \rightarrow 3 \rightarrow 1 \rightarrow 5 \rightarrow 1 \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow 1$  is found to be anomalous due to the following invalid "1 → 0 → 1" segment. Several other invalid segments were detected from the set of test trajectories and when compared, matched the ground truth.

As shown in Figures 7, 8, and 9, segments highlighted as red are invalid regions and targets are not expected to enter these regions under normal circumstances. However, a target can visit any other region that is marked as green, blue or grey as they represent regions with lower importance. Table 2 summarizes the performance of our algorithm against the chosen public and in-house datasets. It may be observed from the results that, the proposed anomalous activity detection algorithm performs satisfactorily across various datasets. However, because of false positives introduced during recording of CAVIAR dataset videos, our proposed algorithm over-segmented the scene and marked more than three locations as interesting areas which is untrue. If we observe the scene carefully, we can determine that the reading desk and the ATM are only interesting locations.

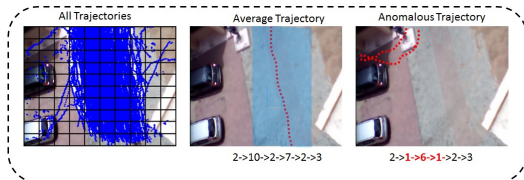


Figure 10: Comparison with baseline trajectory of In-HOUSE dataset. The first image shows all trajectories plotted on the scene, and the following two images shows the average trajectory and an anomalous trajectory as per the path highlighted in Figure 7.

Table 2: Detailed analysis of anomalous activity detection results.  $2^{nd}$  and  $3^{rd}$  column present number of trajectories used for evaluation. Numbers mentioned in second column represent the number of trajectories used for constructing the RAG (training phase) and these trajectories have not been used for testing. Detection rate, precision and recall values are computed against ground truths of the remaining trajectories ( test). Every test trajectory was manually classified either suspicious or normal through visual observations.

Dataset	Training	Testing	Detection Rate	Recall	Precision
CAVIAR	10	4	50%	50%	100%
ViSOR	30	5	100%	100%	100%
In-House	170	22	83%	83%	100%

Finally, we present the results of a baseline technique based on measuring the distance of the test trajectory from the mean of training trajectories. In Figure 10, mean of all training trajectories of In-HOUSE dataset is presented. Corresponding path of the mean trajectory with respect to the graph shown in Figure 6 is also shown in the figure. Any motion deviation within the shaded region around the average trajectory is usually considered as non-suspicious in the given context. However, it may be observed that, the anomalous path shown in Figure 7 is quite distinguishable from the mean path. Therefore, the proposed structure represents the anomalous activity in its true sense and hence is presumed to have the potential to deliver robust abnormal behavioural analysis in surveillance scenes.

Table 3: Computational performance of the proposed algorithm on various datasets.

Dataset	Number of Nodes in RAG	Average Trajectory Length	Time Taken (in sec)
CAVIAR	14	262	0.103
ViSOR	10	23	0.0087
In-House	17	128	0.0422

Next, we present the computational complexity of the proposed algorithm. The computational demand was estimated in terms of time taken by the proposed algorithm to process a given test trajectory. The results of the computational complexity of our algorithm is summarized in Table 3. It can be observed that, the proposed detection algorithm runs in linear time. If the number of nodes of a path increases, the execution time also increases in a linear manner. Such trend is quite natural to assume, since the RAG is represented using the adjacency matrix. Thus, accessing a node of the graph usually took constant time. Since the graph itself was created offline, time complexity of RAG construction was not considered in this analysis.



## 5 CONCLUSIONS AND FUTURE SCOPES

In this paper, we presented a technique for anomalous activity detection using trajectory analysis. Our technique is based on constructing a RAG using regions from a scene segmented output obtained using a context-aware block labelling technique. Detection is accomplished by analysing a test trajectory of the target against the RAG. The use of structured RAG representation for anomalous activity detection provides a scalable solution and one that is generic to different unpredictable patterns of anomalous behaviour of targets. The results of our technique have proven the capabilities of a graph theoretical approach to anomalous activity detection and our performance evaluation has indicated the superiority of our technique against other baselines on standard datasets. Our focus for the future is to extend the proposed technique to several other types of movements within the surveillance context, for example, encircling a single region, shuttling between a pair of regions, most of all that can be regarded as anomalous.

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