

VEHICLE LOGO CLASSIFICATION USING BAG OF WORD  
DESCRIPTOR AND SUPPORT VECTOR MACHINE  
CLASSIFIER

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## **ABSTRACT**

Intelligent Transportation Systems play an important role in traffic areas such as to record vehicular traffic data. In order to improve transportation safety and security, a system with the ability to automatically extract and recognize a vehicle is needed apart from the existing plate number recognition system. The detection and recognition of the vehicle type or model can be helpful in determining whether the vehicle is registered with the department of motor vehicle. Hence, this project aims at providing extra information with respect to the vehicle which is to determine the maker of the vehicles. In this project, the classification system is trained with 10 training images for each vehicle's manufacturer. The common features for each logo will be extracted using the Speeded-Up Robust Features algorithm and then feature points will be grouped and arranged using Bag of Word representations which will then be clustered using K means clustering method. The vehicle's classification will be determined by using Support Vector Machine classifier to classify and identify the logo of the vehicle. From the experimental results, the classification system achieved 87% and 77% for front view and side view images respectively with 1500, number of cluster.

## ABSTRAK

Sistem Pengangkutan Pintar memainkan peranan penting dalam bidang trafik seperti mencatat data trafik kenderaan. Untuk meningkatkan keselamatan dan keselamatan pengangkutan, sistem yang mempunyai keupayaan untuk mengekstrak dan mengenali kenderaan secara automatik diperlukan selain daripada sistem pengenalan nombor plat sedia ada. Pengesanan dan pengiktirafan jenis kenderaan atau model boleh membantu menentukan sama ada kenderaan itu didaftarkan dengan jabatan kenderaan bermotor. Oleh itu, projek ini bertujuan menyediakan maklumat tambahan berkenaan dengan kenderaan yang menentukan pembuat kenderaan. Dalam projek ini, sistem klasifikasi dilatih dengan 10 gambar latihan untuk setiap pengeluar kenderaan. Ciri-ciri umum bagi setiap logo akan diekstrak dengan menggunakan algoritma Ciri Berkuasa yang Dipercepatkan dan kemudian titik ciri akan dikumpulkan dan disusun menggunakan perwakilan Bag of Word yang kemudiannya akan dikelompokkan menggunakan kaedah K berarti pengelompokan. Klasifikasi kenderaan akan ditentukan dengan menggunakan pengeluar Mesin Sokongan Vektor untuk mengklasifikasi dan mengenal pasti logo kenderaan. Dari hasil eksperimental, sistem klasifikasi mencapai 87% dan 77% untuk pandangan depan dan pandangan sisi masing-masing dengan 1500, bilangan kluster.

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## LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

BoW	-	Bag of Word
ITS	-	Intelligent Transport System
LPR	-	License Plat Recognition
KM	-	Krawtchouk Moment
KMI	-	Krawtchouk Moment Invariant
KNN	-	K Nearest Neighbor
OST	-	Orthogonal Structure Tree
PCA	-	Principal Component Analysis
RBF	-	Gaussian Radial Basis Function
SIFT	-	Scale Invariant Feature Transform
SURF	-	Speeded Up Robust Feature
SVM	-	Support Vector Machine
VLR	-	Vehicle Logo Recognition
VMR	-	Vehicle Model Recognition
ZMs	-	Zernike Moment

## LIST OF SYMBOLS

C	-	Overfitting Parameter
k	-	Number of Cluster Centre
$\gamma$	-	Kernel Gamma

# CHAPTER 1

## INTRODUCTION

### 1.1 Project Background

As the current traffic density increases, traffic congestions, accidents and other traffic problems can be seen everywhere. According to the statistics on total road accidents in Malaysia from Ministry of Transport Malaysia [1], a total number of 521 466 accidents were recorded in 2016, it is increased from 489 606 accidents in 2015. Based on the accident statistics between year of 2015 and 2016, the number of road accident has increased from 26, 301 to 27, 613. The existing traffic surveillance video is applied in the traffic road to capture the conditions of the vehicle and traffic only. However, the system couldn't recognize the vehicle automatically [2].

Therefore, Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) is very important in traffic areas such as highway traffic, toll station, parking lot management and other fields. The application of ITS included License Plate Recognition (LPR), Vehicle Logo Recognition (VLR), and Vehicle Model Recognition (VMR) to monitor the traffic condition. VLR is important in both the former and latter tasks as supplementary information. Vehicle's account of possible unscrupulous activity on the part of the plate user is identified by

using vehicle logo identification [3] [4]. Hence, the combination of VLR and LPR can improve the accuracy of recognition and information of the vehicle. Besides, the safety performance in traffic road can be improved by differentiating car manufacturers and models. The information of VLR can be useful for businesses and transportation authorities. In addition, the VLR can be efficiently narrowed by considering manufacturer of the vehicle and also the characteristics of the vehicles.

In conclusion, VLR is important in ITS because it can assist in vehicle identification through the vehicle logo. Hence, vehicle logo recognition is very useful for commercial investigations and document retrieval.

## **1.2 Problem Statement**

Today, it is very useful to know the number and type of vehicles on road. The fundamental for ITS applications is used to record and identify vehicle traffic data. Therefore, plate number recognition system is one of the image processing technology which uses number plate to identify the vehicle. Through ITS, officer in-charge is able to check whether the plate number is a valid registered number or not [1].

However, using LPR to identify the vehicle information is not fully reliable because the appearance of worn license plate and fake

license plate of the vehicle. In order to improve transportation safety and security, the system need to be enhanced with the ability to automatically extract and recognition a vehicle's model using the logo and analyze whether the given plate number matches with the vehicle type or model registered with the department of motor vehicle [4].

Hence, vehicle logo can be used as important feature because the logo essentially provides the information on the maker of the vehicle. If the vehicle logo system could be accurately recognized, then vehicle classification in ITS will effectively improve in recognition accuracy and vehicle classification by combining vehicle logo with other vehicle characteristics [5].

### **1.3 Research Objectives**

The aim of the project is to classify the vehicle's logo using Bag of Words (BoW) Descriptor and Support Vector Machine (SVM) Classifier. The project's aim can be accomplished through the following efforts:

- (1) To determine the feature point of vehicle logo by using Speeded-Up Robust Features (SURF) algorithm.
- (2) To classify the vehicle's logo accurately by using Bag of Words Descriptor and Support Vector Machine Classifier.



- (3) To determine the performance of the classifier based on different view of the logo.

## **1.4 Scope of Work**

The scope of the project is mainly focused on the classification part which applies BoW Descriptor and SVM Classifier. The feature points of the logo will be determined by using SURF algorithm which will be used in the vehicle's logo classification. Besides that, dataset will be prepared in either png or jpg format. The dataset will be collected from website (Google Image). The 10 type of dataset is collected from local or international vehicle's logo which is Honda, Jaguar, Kia, Mazda, Mercedes, Nissan, Perodua, Peugeot, Proton, Toyota and Volvo. The collected vehicle's logo will be at front view for training dataset. MATLAB will be the main tool in this project to design vehicle's logo classification system.

## **1.5 Project Report Outline**

The project report is organized as the following description. There are total of five chapters in this report. Chapter 1 is the introduction of the background and the encouragement to develop logo classification system. Project background, problem statement, objectives, scope of work, and the project report outline are discussed. Chapter 2 is the literature review of this research project. The studies

and research findings on existing features extraction techniques, for example SIFT and SURF algorithms and logo recognition techniques using SVM and KNN algorithm. The comparison of the existing features extraction and logo recognition techniques will be included in this chapter as well and related work on the existing research are presented in this chapter. Chapter 3 discusses the research methodology of this project, as well as the methods are used for achieving objectives. The tools used in this project also are discussed. Chapter 4 is the result and discussion of this project. The accuracy of classification system design is reported and discussed more detailed. Chapter 5 discussed on the conclusion for this project and recommendation on future work to improve current design

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