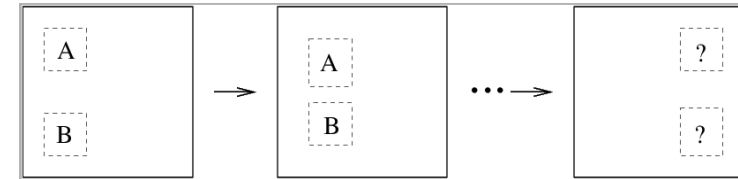


# Maintaining Persistence when Tracking

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# NORMAL TARGET TRACKING

General problem: in first image have  $R$  targets  $\{F_i\}$   
 In next image have  $L$  targets  $\{N_i\}$   
 How to pair the targets out of the  $(R + 1)^L$  possibilities?



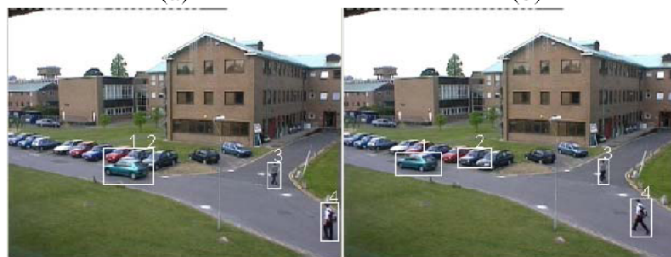
Video rate fast  $\rightarrow$  targets don't move much  
 Kalman Filter predicts position  
 ? with detected target makes correspondences

# TARGET 1 & 2 ?



(a)

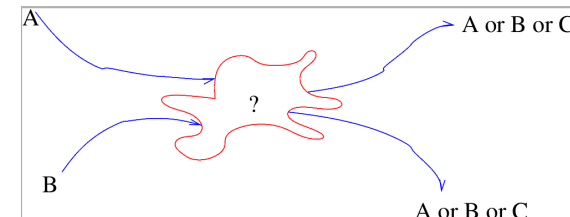
(b)



# MAINTAINING TARGET PERSISTENCE

Issue: tracking targets breaks down when close or occluded

Solution: need identity ? through occlusion



Jorge et al: Bayesian network

## PROBLEM REPRESENTATION

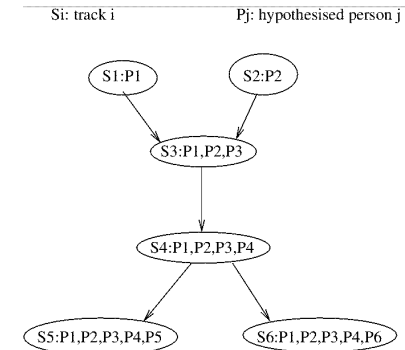
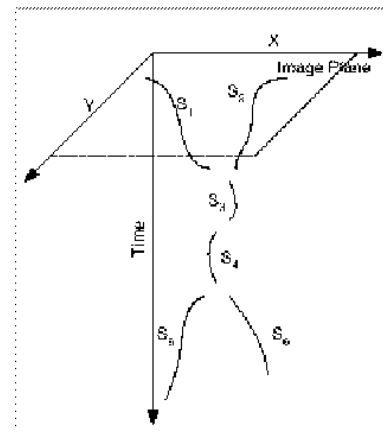
Break trajectories at occlusions

Create  nodes  $X_i$  for each track  $S_i$ , also inheriting previous tracks

tracks

Initial hypothesis

Nodes



## MATCHING COLOUR TARGETS I

Assume binary mask of target

Use mask to select target pixels  $\{(r_i, g_i, b_i)\}$

Compute RGB  over all pixels in region and all frames in segment (eg. maybe 20K values):

$$\forall i \ h_1(r_i, g_i, b_i) = h_1(r_i, g_i, b_i) + 1$$

How well does distribution  $h_1(r_i, g_i, b_i)$  match distribution  $h_2(r_i, g_i, b_i)$ ?

## MATCHING COLOUR TARGETS II

Normalize:

$$H_j(r, g, b) = h_j(r, g, b) / \sum_{r,g,b} (h_j(r, g, b))$$

Use  distance:

$$d(H_1, H_2) = -\ln\left(\sum_{r,g,b} \sqrt{H_1(r, g, b) \times H_2(r, g, b)}\right)$$

If  $d(h_1, h_2)$  small then likely same target

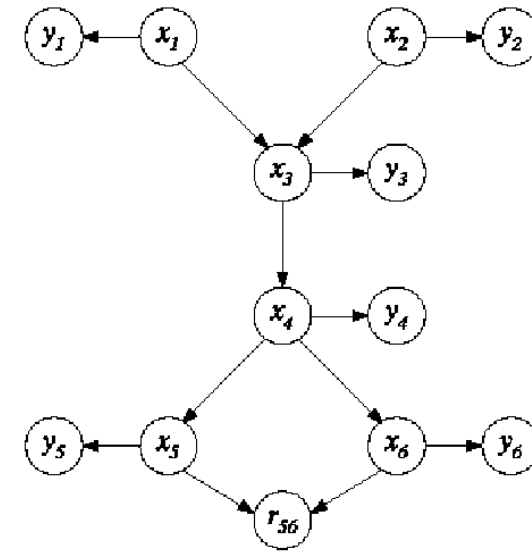
Group colour levels together (eg. 0-31, 32-64, ... 224-255) because so few pixels

## EXTENDING NETWORK

Create label nodes  $X_i$  for each segment section  $S_i$

Add data matching nodes  $Y_i$  (color histogram of target appearance)

Add  nodes  $R_i$  enforcing mutual exclusion between sibling nodes



## EVALUATING PERSISTENCE

Find labeling  $\vec{X}$  that

$$p(\vec{X} | \vec{Y}, \vec{R})$$

Probability of labeling  $\vec{X}$  given data  $\vec{Y}$  and restrictions  $\vec{R}$

Gives probability that each person  $P_i$  is observed in track  $X_j$

Use standard conditional probability propagation algorithm

## PROBLEM 1: REAL-TIME ANSWERS

Full network evaluation is expensive

evaluation, using Bayes rule after the  $k^{\text{th}}$  block of  $T$  frames:

$$p(x_i | \vec{Y}_0^t, \vec{R}_0^t) = \alpha p(\vec{Y}_{kT}^t, \vec{R}_{kT}^t | x_i) p(x_i | \vec{Y}_0^{kT}, \vec{R}_0^{kT})$$

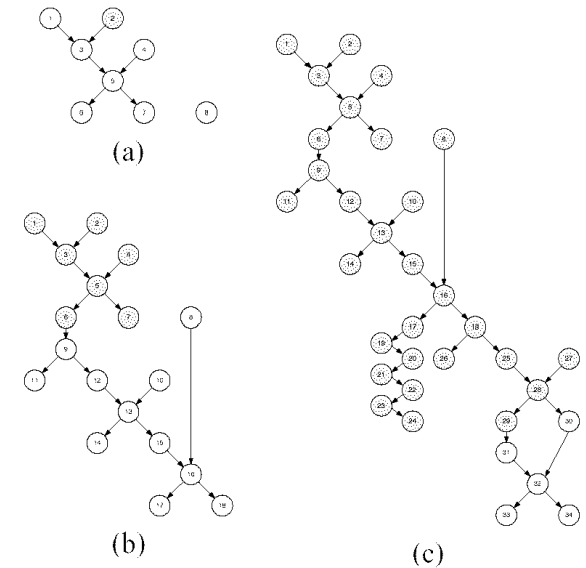
## PROBLEM 2: GROWTH OF NETWORK

Each new track inherits labels plus adds a new one: network grows large

Solution: freeze all but  $N$   nodes

Freeze: fix most probable identity for track  $S_i$  rather than keep all possible ids (which could change with future evidence)

## ACTIVE NODES AT



## SUMMARY

Problem with occlusion: lose identity

Formulate matching problem as a Bayesian network

Use  matching for image evidence

Propagate probability of identity through network

Periodically 'freeze' network to limit computational complexity