

Preface

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In this issue, we have three regular papers followed by six papers from Cyberworld 2014.

The first regular paper is Region saliency detection via multi-feature on absorbing Markov chain by Wenjie Zhang, Qingyu Xiong, Weiren Shi and Shuhan Chen. The second paper is A comprehensive survey of human action recognition with spatio-temporal interest point (STIP) detector by Debapratim Das Dawn and Soharab Hossain Shaikh. The third paper is Visual tracking with semi-supervised online weighted multiple instance learning by Zhihui Wang Sook Yoon Shan Juan Xie Yu Lu and Dong Sun Park. The remaining papers are described in the preface of the Cyberworld section.

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