Abstract— Gait recognition addresses the problem of human identification at a distance by identifying people based on the way they walk. Therefore, gait recognition has gained growing interest from researchers in recent years. This work presents gait recognition system based on particle swarm optimization (PSO) to recognize a person performing the movement for person identification. The system is based on Discrete Cosine Transform (DCT) for reducing dimensionality and feature extraction. Many experiments were conducted using different: swarm size, block dimension and number of iterations. The results showed that increasing the swarm size to 40 particles and also increasing block size of DCT sub image to \((70 \times 70)\) pixels will increase the overall performance of gait recognition system. The recognition rate reached 96\%, MSE reached 0.0088 and PSNR reached 35\%.

Keywords— Gait Recognition, Person Identification, Practical Swarm Optimization (PSO), Discrete Cosine Transform (DCT)

I. INTRODUCTION

Person identification can associate an identity to any person. Recently, person identification is highly researched according to its applications such as: authentication to computer systems, buildings, cellular phones and ATMs [1].

Person identification includes many techniques such as token-based, knowledge-based, and biometric-based. Knowledge-based technique depends on something a person knows for identification like password or personal identification number (PIN). Token-based technique depends on something a person has for identification (passport, driver’s license, ID card, keys, or credit card). The disadvantages of the two approaches are: tokens may be stolen, lost, forgotten or misplaced. The biometric technique uses physiological or behavioral features of person for identification and it cannot be lost [2].

Fingerprint recognition, iris recognition, face recognition, speech recognition are some of biometric-based techniques [3]. For person identification, these techniques require controlled environment and the person should stand at a standard distance in front of a camera. Therefore, these techniques cannot be used in automatic surveillance of people in real time situations. For this reason, gait recognition has been widely used to provide noninvasive way to recognize persons at a distance without requiring the awareness of the identified person. Many researches based on gait recognition methods have been proposed in the last decade [1].

Gait or motion can be defined as a sequence of the following poses that recognize people as well as walking. Kinematic chain is a typical representation of a single pose. It describes the pose by a skeleton tree like structure with measured bones lengths. Gait can be captured by a stereovision system of two-dimensional video cameras of typical monitoring systems. Such an acquisition stores motion data in the form of video clips - sequences of the two-dimensional images. There is no direct information about the actor positions, skeleton model and its kinematic chain. Motion capture systems, which acquire motion as a time sequence of poses are much more detailed and accurate [4].

We define gait to be the coordinated, cyclic combination of movements that result in human locomotion. The movements are coordinated in the sense that they must occur with a specific temporal pattern for the gait to occur. The movements in a gait repeat as a walker cycles between steps with alternating feet. It is both the coordinated and cyclic nature of the motion that makes gait a unique phenomenon. Examples of motion that are gaits include walking, running, jogging, and climbing stairs. Sitting down, picking up an object, and throwing and object are all coordinated motions, but they are...
not cyclic. Jumping jacks are coordinated and cyclic, but do not result in locomotion [5].

Gait recognition is the process of recognizing many salient properties such as: identity, style of walk, or pathology. This is done based on coordinated and cyclic motions that result in human locomotion [5].

With the increasing demands of visual surveillance systems, human identification at a distance has recently gained more interest. Gait is a potential behavioral feature and many allied studies have demonstrated that it has a rich potential as a biometric for recognition. The development of computer vision techniques has also assured that vision based automatic gait analysis can be gradually achieved. The combination of human motion analysis and biometrics in surveillance systems has become a popular research direction over the past few years. Vision-based human identification at a distance, in particular, has recently gained wider interest from the computer vision community. This interest is strongly driven by the need for automated person identification systems for visual surveillance and monitoring applications in security-sensitive environments such as banks, parking lots, and airports[6][7]. Recently, many researches were focused on gait recognition each with different approaches, advantages and limitations [8..15].

Particle swarm optimization (PSO) is a heuristic, population-based, self-adaptive search optimization technique that is based on swarm intelligence to solve optimization problems in many applications. It comes from the research on the bird and fish flock movement behavior. The algorithm is widely used and rapidly developed for its easy implementation and few particles required to be tuned [16]. PSO was first introduced in 1995 by Kennedy and Eberhart [17] and has been growing rapidly. Many literature researches were focused on developing and enhancing the PSO [18..26]. PSO was used in many researches for solving recognizing problems such as face recognition [27][28] and palmprint recognition [29..32]. We noted that there is lack of literature researches related to gait recognition that based on PSO. Ivekovic et al. (2008) [33] presented PSO for just upper-body pose estimation. They addressed human body pose estimation from still images. They acquired a multi view set of images of a person sitting at a table is and they estimated pose.

Discrete Cosine Transform (DCT) had been introduced by Ahmed, Natarajan and Rao (1974) [34] and can be regarded as a popular transformation technique widely used in image processing [35][36] and. DCT had been used by many researches [35-41] as a feature extraction in recognition process for dimension reduction.

According to above introduction, PSO is used in this work for gait recognition according to its optimization features. To increase the performance of this suggested gait recognition system, DCT will be used for dimensionality reduction and feature extraction. This paper is organized as follows: section 2 includes description of PSO. Section 3 includes description of DCT. Section 4 includes research methodology and section 5 includes results. Finally section 6 concludes this work.

II. PRACTICAL SWARM OPTIMIZATION ALGORITHM

PSO is proposed by Kennedy and Eberhart in 1995 [17]. PSO can be implemented easily, converged rapidly and applied on large number of samples. The PSO includes the following main points [16-26]:

- Each solution is implemented as a particle (N-dimension vector) that represents one individual of a population.
- Each particle has a fitness function (value) associated with it. Each particle adjusts its position and evaluate their position and move closer to optimal point.
- Particles compare themselves to their neighbors and imitate the best of that neighbor.
- Pbest: represents the best value of the particle i.
- Gbest: best value that one of the swarm particle reach it.
- Lbest: best value that particle in a local swarm reach it

Eq.1 used to compute new velocity of each particle: 
\[
V_{i(t+1)} = W_{i} * V_{i(t)} + C_{1} * rand * (P_{best(t)} - X_{i(t)}) + C_{2} * rand * (G_{best(t)} - X_{i(t)})
\]

Where, Vi[]: particle velocity, Xi: ith particle of swarm, W: weight (random number between 0 and 1), C1, C2 : the speeding factors (with value 2).

From Eq.1, the new velocity vi(t+1) is affected by: Pbest, Gbest and Vi(t): velocity of ith particle X in time t.

- Eq.2 used to compute new fitness value of each particle: 
\[
X_{i(t+1)} = X_{i(t)} + V_{i(t+1)}
\]

The particle will change its value according to its new velocity (vi(t+1))

PSO algorithm was described in details in researches [16-26]:

1. Initialize parameters (number of generations, population size, weights, c1, c2)
2. Initialize population (velocity and position of each particle) and initialize Pbest and Gbest.
3. New generation
4. Take one particle(P) from population
5. Compute new velocity (Pvelocity) of particle using Eq.1.
6. Compute new position (Pposition) of particle using Eq.2
7. Pbest = Pposition if cost(Pposition) <= cost(Pbest)
8. Gbest = Pbest if cost(Pbest) <=cost(Gbest)
9. Repeat steps (4..10) until there are more particles in population
10. Repeat steps (3..10) until reaching maximum number of generations
11. Return Gbest
III. DISCRETECosine TRANSFORM (DCT)

DCT transforms the input image into a linear combination of weighted basis functions. DCT transform image from spatial domain to frequency domain. DCT uses cosine base functions and exhibits good de correlation and energy compaction characteristics. DCT of an N×M image \( f(x, y) \) is defined by the following equation [34-36]:

\[
F(u, v) = \alpha(u)\alpha(v) \sum_{x=0}^{N-1} \sum_{y=0}^{M-1} f(x, y) \cos\left(\frac{\pi u x}{N}\right) \cos\left(\frac{\pi v y}{M}\right)
\]

(3)

Where \( f(x, y) \) is the intensity of pixel in row \( x \) and column \( y \), \( u = 0,1, \ldots, N-1 \), \( v = 0,1, \ldots, M-1 \), \( \alpha(u), \alpha(v) \): functions are defined as following equation [34-36]:

\[
\alpha(u), \alpha(v) = \begin{cases} \sqrt{\frac{2}{N}} & \text{for } u, v = 0 \\ \sqrt{\frac{1}{N}} & \text{for } u, v \neq 0 \end{cases}
\]

(4)

The DCT helps separate the image into parts of differing importance with respect to image's visual quality. For most images, much of signal energy lies at low frequencies. These are relocated to upper-left corner of DCT array. Lower-right values of DCT array represent higher frequencies and turn out to be small to be removed with little visible distortion. The number of DCT coefficients might affect the recognition rate. DCT had been used by many researches as a feature reduction and extraction [34-36].

IV. RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

The research methodology depends on a database taken from CASIA [42] database with different views that have different silhouette in person’s height and width. The Institute of Automation, Chinese Academy of Sciences (CASIA) provide the CASIA Gait Database to gait recognition and related researchers to promote the research. In CASIA Gait Database there are three datasets: Dataset A, Dataset B (multi view dataset) and Dataset C (infrared dataset). Dataset A (former NLPR Gait Database) was created on 10Dec2001 including 20 persons. Each person has 12 image sequences, 4 sequences for each of the three angles (0, 45 and 90). The length of each sequence is not identical for the variation of the walker’s speed, but it must ranges from 37 to 127.

A gait recognition system based on PSO and DCT for feature extraction is suggested in this work. The main steps for PSO training/testing gait recognition system were implemented using MatLab2013. The DataBase of this system includes 9000 images (each of size 240×352 pixels) of 15 persons which selected from CASIA database. Each person with 50 images (states) for 4 cases for three angles (0, 45 and 90). At the end the selected database includes: 15 person × 3 angles × 4 cases × 50 states = 9000 images.

A. Training Part Of Gait Recognition

The training part of the gait recognition system is described in Fig.1 and includes the following steps:

1. Read 50 images (each of size 240×352 pixels) for each one of the 4 states for each one of the three angles (0, 45 and 90).
2. The OR logical gate will be applied on each 50 images to produce only one average image for each case of the 4 cases. This is applied for each angle. Then the total number of images resulted from this process are: 15 × 3 × 4 × 1= 180 images for 15 persons. Fig.2 shows the image of person 1 after applying the OR gate on 50 images of gait of person1 for angle 90°. Fig.3 shows the image of person 1 after applying the OR gate on 50 images of gait of person1 for angle 0°. Whereas Fig.4 shows the image of person 2 after applying the OR gate on 50 images of gait of person1 for angle 45°.
3. Data standardization. Resize each one of image of size 240×352 pixels to be image of size 190×100 pixels. The main goal is producing a dataset with the same position of the person in the middle of each frame and same size in whole image sequence. The idea is to fix the head for each frame in a predefined position and resize the body to achieve a preset height. We perform a three stage preprocessing: extract rectangle including the person without extra black pixels and obtain height and width of the person; sequence is calculated and each frame is converted to biggest height and width; and finally, move head of each frame in a fixed point.
4. Take small block (70×70, 60×60, 40×40 or 20×20) from each image of size 240×352 pixels to be image of size 190×100 pixels. We will use different dimension for each experiment to examine which dimension will lead to best recognition rate.
5. Convert each sub image block from two dimensional array to one dimensional array.
6. The person properties will be extracted by applying DCT algorithm for feature extraction.
7. PSO for classification is used for each one of the 180 feature vectors (generated using DCT) as follows:
Step1: initialize PSO parameters as shown in Table I.
Step 2: initialize position, velocity, Pbest and Gbest.
Step3: Calculate fitness function of each sample
Step4: Calculate optimal value of particle swarm (Pbest) and optimum value of group (Gbest) according to comparison between current value of particle and Pbest and Gbest
Step5: Calculate new speed of practical according to Eq.1.
Step6: Compute new position of particle according to Eq.2.
Step7: Repeat steps (3-6) while more iterations.
Step8: Store features sub set which are represented by vector with 40 values (according to population size) in sub features database: gaitdbf

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**B. Testing Part of Gait Recognition**

The testing part (recognition step) of the suggested system is described in details in Fig. 5.

**Table I: Parameters of PSO**

**Fig. 1:** The Training Part of gait recognition system using PSO and DCT

**Fig. 2:** Image of person 1 after applying OR on 50 images for each state of gait of person 1 for angle 90°
The suggested gait recognition system that is based on PSO and DCT is implemented using MATLAB 2013. Many experiments were conducted for the suggested gait recognition system. The DataBase of the suggested gait recognition system includes 9000 images (each of size 240x352 pixels) for 15 persons were selected from CASIA DataBase [42]. Each person with 3 angles (0, 45 and 90), each angle with 4 cases and 50 images for each case. Each original image is resized from its original dimension to 190x100 pixels. The performance of the suggested system is computed using recognition ratio, MSE and PSNR.

V. EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS

The first experiment depends on executing the PSO and DCT for feature extraction using various DCT coefficients sizes. The two dimensional DCT is applied to the input image and only a subset of DCT coefficients corresponding to the upper left corner of DCT array is retained.

Different subset sizes of 70x70, 60x60, 40x40 and 20x20 of the original 100x190 DCT array are used in this experiment as input to the subsequent feature selection phase.
In this experiment, we determined swarm size equal 40 and 100 iterations. Table II shows the results of using PSO/DCT with different block size.

### TABLE II: PSO/DCT (SWARM=40, ITERATIONS=100)

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We can note from Table II that best results including high recognition rate and low MSE were obtained when selecting sub image dimension equal 70x70.

Another experiment was conducted for PSO/DCT with selection of swarm size equal 40 and number of iterations equal 150. At the same time, we determined different sub image dimension for this experiment (70x70, 60x60, 40x40 or 20x20). Table III shows results of PSO/DCT with swarm size N=40 and number of iterations equal 150.

### TABLE III: PSO/DCT RESULTS (SWARM=40, ITERATIONS=150)

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Other experiments were based on PSO/DCT with swarm size equal 30, number of iterations equal 100 and using different size of sub image dimension (70x70, 60x60, 40x40 or 20x20). Table IV shows results of PSO/DCT with swarm size N=30 and number of iterations equal 100.

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Other experiments were based on PSO/DCT with swarm size equal 30, number of iterations equal 150, with different size of sub image dimension (70x70, 60x60, 40x40 or 20x20). Table V shows results of PSO based LDA/DCT with Swarm size N=30 and number of iteration=150.

### TABLE V: PSO/DCT RESULTS (SWARM=30, ITERATION=150)

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Finally, other experiments were based on PSO/DCT with swarm size equal 20, number of iterations equal 150, with different size of sub image dimension (70x70, 60x60, 40x40 or 20x20). Table VI shows results of PSO based LDA/DCT with Swarm size N=20 and No. of Iteration=150.

### TABLE VI: PSO/DCT RESULTS (SWARM=20, ITERATION=150)

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<td>20x20</td>
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From Table III, Table IV, Table V, and Table VI, we can note that the swarm size can affect the overall results (recognition rate, MSE and PSNR). The best results of recognition rate were obtained when selecting swarm size equal 40 with 100 iterations. Also the dimension of the sub image can affect the recognition rate of the system. Best recognition rates for all experiments were obtained when determining sub image dimension equal 70x70. This is because the big sub image dimension will take more features of the image. Whereas the results related to recognition rate are low when determining sub image dimension equal 20x20 because small features of image will be taken. Fig.6 shows that increasing the block size will increase the recognition rate and PSNR of the gait recognition system when selecting swarm size equal 40 and number of iterations equal 100. Fig.7 shows the effect of swarm size on the recognition rate and PSNR when selection bloc dimension equal 70x70 and 150 number of iterations.
Gait recognition is a type of biometric recognition and related to the behavioral characteristics of biometric recognition. Person identification using gait is method to identify an individual by the way he walk. A gait recognition system was presented in this paper using PSO and DCT for feature reduction and extraction.

The gait recognition system was implemented using MatLab 2013. The DataBase of the gait recognition program includes 9000 images (each of size 240x352 pixels) of 15 persons which selected from CASIA database [42] with different angles (0°, 45° and 90°), cases (4 cases) and states (50 state for each person). The original images were resized from 240x352 pixels to 190x100 pixels.

Many experiments were conducted for executing the gait recognition program based on PSO and DCT with different: swarm size, number of iterations and sub block dimension. The experimental results showed that the best values of recognition rate, MSE and PSNR were obtained when increasing the sub image block size of 70x70 pixels. Also best results were obtained when increasing the swarm size to 40. The recognition rate reached 96%, MSE reached 0.0088 and finally PSNR reached 35%.

As a future work, other feature extraction algorithm may be used to reduce the image dimensionality and feature extraction of the image to be used in recognition process. Many experiments will be conducted to make comparisons between different algorithms for feature extraction to determine the suitable algorithm that lead to best recognition performance.

VI. CONCLUSION

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