List of Abbreviations

ANN Artificial Neural Network(s)

CCTV Closed-circuit Television

FT Fourier Transform

HDR High dynamic range

HOG Histogram of Oriented Gradient

IFT Inverse Fourier Transform

MCS Monte Carlo simulation

MLF Multi-layer feed-forward

MSER Maximally stable external regions

OCR Optical Character Recognition

PCA Principal Component Analysis

RT Radon Transform

SIFT Scale-Invariant Feature Transform

STFT Short Time Fourier Transform

SVM Support Vector Machine

VC Vector Contour

VE Vector Element

VNPR Vehicle Number Plate Recognition (System)

WT Wavelet Transform

List of Symbols

 $f(x,y) \tilde{*} m[x,y]$ A periodical convolution of the function f with m

 v_m maximum value of the projection

P(X) Joint probability

 $K(x_i, x_j)$ kernel function

 ω frequency

 $X(\omega)$ fourier transform of X_i

STFTx(t) Short Time FT of signal x(t)

 σ_t^2 temporal variance (of wave function)

 σ_{ω}^2 frequency variance (of wave function)

||f|| norm of the function f

Wx(u,s) Wavelet transform of function x

 $p(\phi, \xi)$ Radon transform of p

 A_{GL} RGB colored image

 A_R Red spectrum of the color image

 A_G Green spectrum of the color image

 A_B Blue spectrum of the color image

 \hat{X} Estimated value of X

 ϵ_k Euclidean distance

 $f_{ST}(x,t)$ spatiotemporally-filtered distance at x and time step t

 $\mathcal{R}\{\mathcal{G}[g]\}(b,\hat{\boldsymbol{\xi}})$ RT of the line segment indicator function of segment \boldsymbol{g}

 $\mathcal{R}\{\mathcal{B}[s]\}(b,\hat{\xi})$ RT of the strip indicator function of strip s

 $\mathcal{R}\{\mathcal{P}[s]\}(b,\hat{\boldsymbol{\xi}})$ RT of the pixel indicator function of pixel $\boldsymbol{p_0}$