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Biometric Systems  
Lesson 14: Gallery Entropy and its uses  
Use of Demographics

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**Definition of Gallery Entropy and  
applications to biometrics**

## Entropy Based Template Analysis

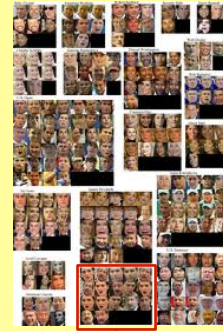


The Oracle

The Oracle/Biometric Classifier



$v$



$G_k$

We are interested in measuring the representativeness of  $G_k$  and how  $v$  alters it.

Assuming that an oracle has assigned the template  $v$  to its corresponding identity  $k$ , the score  $s_{i,v}$  can be interpreted as the probability that template  $v$  conforms to  $g_{i,k}$ .

$$s_{i,v} = p(v \approx g_{i,k})$$

In order for  $s_{i,v}$  to represent such a probability, it must range in the interval  $[0,1]$ , and the sum over all templates in  $G_k$  must be 1, therefore, each  $s_{i,v}$  is normalized with respect to  $\sum_i(s_{i,v})$ .

N.T.: we do not question about the correct assignment of  $v$  to  $G_k$ .

## Entropy Based Template Analysis



The Entropy Function

The entropy of a whole gallery  $G_k$  with respect to a probe  $v$  can be defined as:

$$H(G_k, v) = - \frac{1}{\log_2(|G_k|)} \sum_{i=1}^{|G_k|} s_{i,v} \log_2(s_{i,v})$$

N.T.:  $1/\log_2(|G_k|)$  is a normalization factor and corresponds to the maximum entropy, which is obtained when  $s_{i,v}$  has the same value for all the templates in  $G_k$ .

The entropy for the gallery  $G_k$  is computed by considering each gallery template  $g_{j,k}$  in turn as a probe  $v$ .

Given  $Q$  the set of pairs  $q_{i,j} = (g_{i,k}, g_{j,k})$  of elements in  $G_k$  such that  $s_{i,j} > 0$ , the entropy for the gallery is defined as:

$$H(G_k) = - \frac{1}{\log(|Q|)} \sum_{q_{i,j} \in Q} s_{i,j} \log_2(s_{i,j})$$

## Entropy Based Template Analysis



### Entropy-Based Ordering



The proposed procedure takes a gallery  $G_k$  as input, and starting from it computes a similarity matrix  $M_k$  and the value for  $H(G_k)$ .

$M_k$  is computed by applying the similarity measure  $d$  to all pairs of templates in  $G_k$ ,

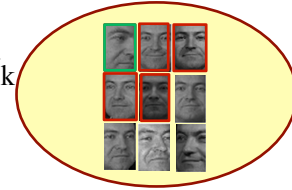
$$\text{i.e. } M_k(i,j) = d(g_{i,k}, g_{j,k}), \forall g_{i,k} \text{ and } g_{j,k} \in G_k.$$

For each  $g_{i,k} \in G_k$ , the matrix  $M_k$  is used to compute the value of  $H(G_k \setminus \{g_{i,k}\})$

The sample  $g_{i,k}$  achieving the minimum difference  $f(G_k, g_{i,k}) = H(G_k) - H(G_k \setminus \{g_{i,k}\})$  is selected.

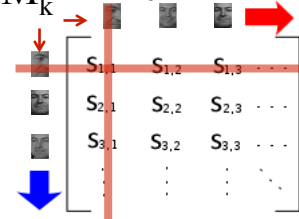
The matrix  $M_k$  is updated by deleting the  $i$ -th row and column, and the process is repeated, until all elements of  $G_k$  have been selected.

$G_k$



$M_k$

n-by-n matrix



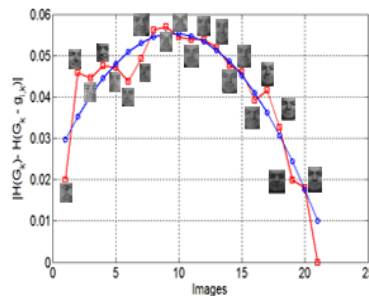
## Entropy Based Template Analysis



### Entropy-Based Ordering



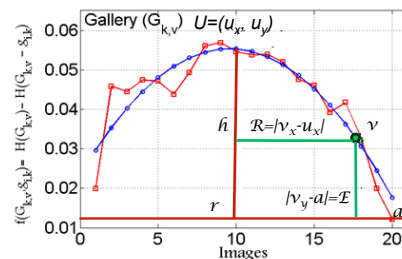
- In practice, we first select the most representative samples  $\rightarrow$  those causing the lower entropy (representativeness) decrease.
- In this way, the minimum entropy difference tends to increase, as expected. However, from a certain point, it tends to decrease again due to the much lower number of samples which are involved in the computation.
- We empirically identified the parabola as the simplest curve to approximate this behavior with sufficient accuracy.



## Entropy Based Template Analysis



Entropy-Based Classification



For each registered subject  $k$ , the algorithm:

- builds the new gallery  $G_{k,v} = G_k \cup \{v\}$  ;
- sorts samples  $g_{i,k}$  according to function  $f(G_{k,v}, g_{i,k})$ ;
- computes the parabola which approximates the function  $f(G_{k,v}, g_{i,k}) = H(G_{k,v}) - H(G_{k,v} \setminus \{g_{i,k}\})$ .

Let be  $r$  the line parallel to the x-axis and passing through the minimum value  $a$  of function  $f(G_{k,v}, g_{i,k})$ .

$h$  equals to the distance between the vertex  $U = (u_x, u_y)$  of the parabola and the line  $r$ .

$R$  represents the distance between the sample  $v$  and the axis of the parabola  $(v_x - u_x)$ .

$E$  corresponds to the distance between sample  $v$  and line  $r$ , that is  $(v_y - a)$ .

The similarity function for sample  $v$  with respect to gallery  $G_k$  is expressed by the following formula:

$$S_{v,k} = \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{R}{(|G_{v,k}| - u_x)} + \frac{E}{h} \right]$$

the relative distance from the most "typical" templates the relative representativeness of sample  $v$ .

## Entropy Based Template Analysis



Wolf detection



The new similarity function we introduced shows two desirable properties compared to the existing ones:

- It relates the probe template with the elements in the gallery instead of just calculating a global distance.
- It is able to detect wolves [\*] (people who could replace one or more persons registered in the system).



[\*] G. Doddington, W. Liggett, A. Martin, M. Przybocki and D. Reynolds, Sheep, Goats, Lambs and Wolves: A Statistical Analysis of Speaker Performance in the NIST 1998 Speaker Recognition Evaluation, Proc. of International Conference on Spoken Language Processing (ICSLP), vol. 4, 1998, pp. 1351-1354.

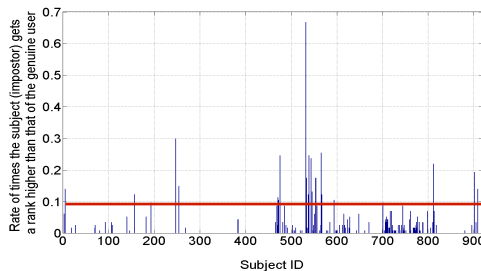
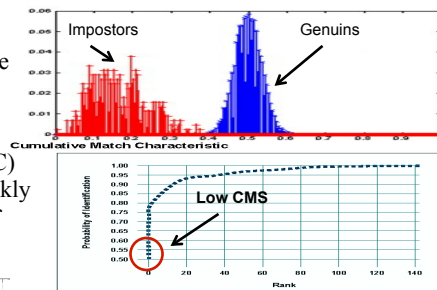
## Entropy Based Template Analysis



Experimentally we observed that:

- genuine and impostors score distributions are sufficiently different to guarantee acceptable values of Equal Error Rate (EER)
- the graph of Cumulative Match Curve (CMC) starts quite low; however, it reaches very quickly a satisfying height for a certain small value of the rank.

### Wolf Detection



Some few subjects tend to be often returned at the first positions in the system answer list though being impostors.

Impostor subjects identified for a genuine one are most often come from the same subset.

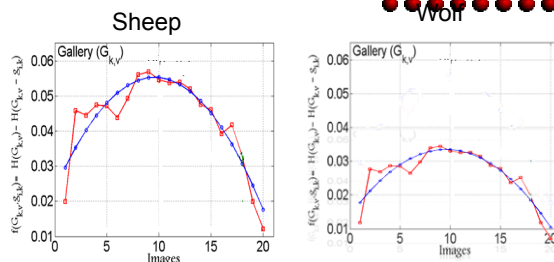
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## Entropy Based Template Analysis

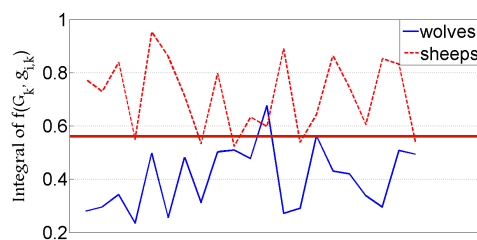


### Wolf Detection

We experimentally observed that wolves present a much lower value for the area below the function  $f(G_k, s_{i,k})$ .



Looking at the following picture, it comes out that a threshold can be defined to well separate sheeps from wolves.



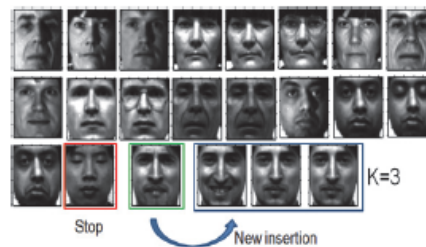
# Entropy Based Template Analysis



## Entropy-Based Clustering



We obtain results comparable to k-means without fixing k in advance



### CLUSTER LIST(G)

Input: gallery G

Output: list C of clusters

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obtain an ordered list L by Order_Gallery (G).
repeat
  create a new cluster Ci with the last m elements of L
  update L by discarding all elements now in Ci
  consider the elements of L backwards
  repeat
    compute correlation of last item on L and those in Ci
    if at least 30% comparisons  $\geq 0.8$ 
      discard current element from L and insert into Ci
  until an item does not meet the correlation condition
  update G by discarding all elements now in Ci
  repeat ordering by Order_Gallery (G)
until G is empty
    
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### AGGREGATE CLUSTERS(C)

Input: list C of clusters

Output: updated list C of clusters

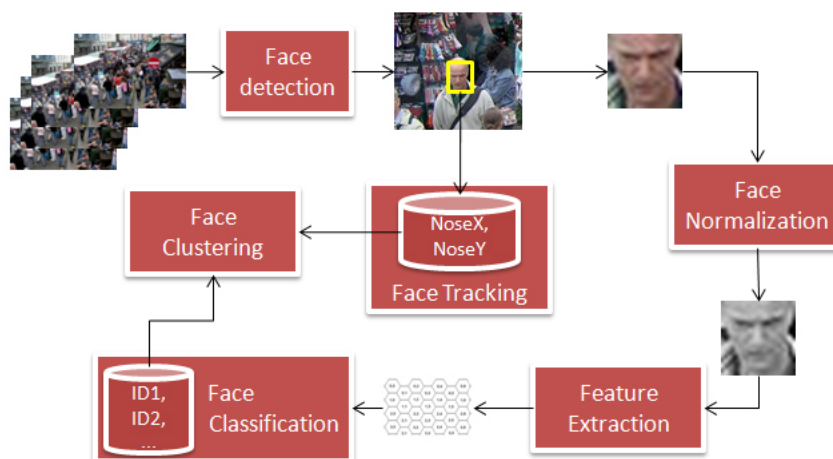
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repeat
  for each pair of clusters Ci and Cj
    compute Correlation Matrix CM:
     $CM(i,j) = \text{corr}(t_i, t_j), \forall t_i \in C_i \text{ and } t_j \in C_j$ 
    if (percentage of entries  $\geq 0.8$  in CM) > threshold  $\tau$ 
      merge clusters Ci and Cj
until no pair of clusters can be further merged.
    
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# Entropy Based Template Analysis



## Surveillance System



## Entropy Based Template Analysis

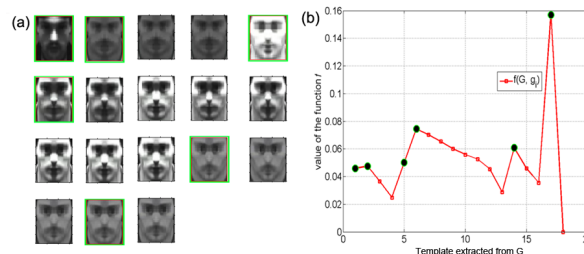


### Gallery Updating

An important aspect in the process of identity handling is represented by the choice of when the gallery is to be restructured. In case of failure, the temporary set becomes the gallery of a new permanent identity; we can consider two different pruning strategies:

**Prune while merging (PWM):** the restructuring operation is delayed until merging; as soon as two sets of templates are fused, the whole resulting gallery will be restructured.

**Prune then merge (PTM):** as soon as no more face samples are found for a temporary identity, its collected set is pruned, before trying the merging.



## Entropy at BIPLAB



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## Use of demographics and EGA dataset



## Ethnicity, Gender and Age

### Motivations



A number of works have investigated the impact of face categorization on recognition performance.

It is difficult to appropriately set up related experiments, since available datasets are not organized according to any categorization.



Most of the existing face dataset are lacking in both the number and heterogeneity of subjects.

They cannot be further updated or extended.





# Ethnicity, Gender and Age



## Related Issues

The underlying core idea is to integrate into a single dataset face images from different databases, and to organize images according to individual features such as ethnicity, gender and age.

### Problems:

- a) most datasets are released after an agreement to not redistribute them;
- b) acquisition condition, image format and quality are not uniform.

### Solutions:

- a) EGA has been conceived as a set of links to files previously processed by appropriate scripts, available at <http://biplab.unisa.it/EGA.html>. Each user can ask and obtain on its own the original datasets with the images needed to build EGA.
- b) We tried to limit some distortions, such as illumination, pose, expression and occlusions, since large and sufficiently representative datasets are already available to test performance on them.

# Ethnicity, Gender and Age



## The Original Datasets

At present, EGA v1.0 is the union of images from six different datasets:

### CASIA-Face V5



- 500 subjects;
- 2,500 images;
- a single session by an USB camera.
- image resolution is 640×480, 16bit color.
- subjects are mostly young and of Eastern ethnicity.

### FEI



- 200 subjects (100 male and 100 female);
- 2,800 images (14 images per subject);
- Age ranging from 19 to 40 years;
- Latin ethnicity.
- colour images resolution is 640×480.

### JAFFE



- 10 subjects (all females);
- 2130 images of 10
- Image resolution 256×256, 8bit;
- Japanese ethnicity;
- age seems to be uniform.

# Ethnicity, Gender and Age



## The Original Datasets

At present, EGA v1.0 is the union of images from six different datasets:

### FERET



- 1,199 subjects;
- 14,126 images;
- heterogeneous with respect to ethnicity, gender and age;
- 15 sessions;
- Image resolution 256×384, 8bits.

### FRGC



- less than 500 subjects;
- 50,000 images;
- homogeneous with respect to ethnicity, gender and age;
- 4,003 subject sessions;
- Image resolution 1704×2272, 24bits.

### Indian Face Database



- 40 subjects;
- male and female;
- Indian ethnicity;
- Image resolution 640×480, 8bits.

# Ethnicity, Gender and Age



## The EGA Structure

We considered five ethnicities:

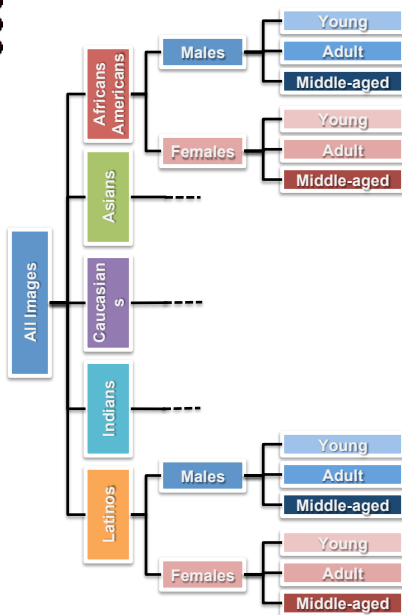
- African-American;
- Asian;
- Caucasian;
- Indian;
- Latin.

For each of them, subjects were divided into two genders:

- male;
- female.

These two subgroups have been further divided into three age ranges:

- young;
- adult;
- middle-aged.



# Ethnicity, Gender and Age



Ethnicity	Gender	Age	
African American	Males	20	Young 3
			Adult 13
			Middle-Aged 4
	Females	33	Young 16
			Adult 11
			Middle-Aged 6
Asian	Males	54	Young 34
			Adult 14
			Middle-Aged 6
	Females	57	Young 33
			Adult 19
			Middle-Aged 5
Caucasian	Males	89	Young 25
			Adult 50
			Middle-Aged 14
	Females	73	Young 20
			Adult 33
			Middle-Aged 20
Indian	Males	49	Young 3
			Adult 37
			Middle-Aged 9
	Females	26	Young 4
			Adult 15
			Middle-Aged 7
Latinos	Males	34	Young 7
			Adult 19
			Middle-Aged 8
	Females	34	Young 8
			Adult 16
			Middle-Aged 10

## The EGA Structure

We can observe that the number of Afro-American subjects is limited with respect to subjects of Caucasian or Asian ethnicity.

Indians and Latinos are slightly more numerous.

EGA dataset is balanced with respect to subject gender with 52,4% male 47,6% female.

It is slightly less balanced with respect to age with 32,6% young, 48,5% adult, 18,9% middle-aged.

# Ethnicity, Gender and Age

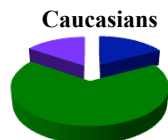


## The EGA Structure

- CASIA-Face V5
- FEI
- FERET
- FRGC
- JAFFE
- Indian Face DB

**Observation I:**  
Some datasets contribute for only one ethnicity.

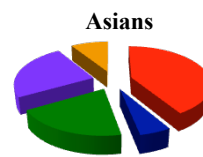
**Observation II:**  
Asian ethnicity is the one taking form the largest number of source datasets.



**Africans-Americans**



**Indians**



**Latinos**



**Observation III:**  
Datasets such as FERET and FRGC provide a more or less significant contribution for most ethnicities.

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## The EGA Structure

The nomenclature of individual files is structured in five parts, each conveying a different information. A filename is of the form **dd-ee-gg-aa-nnnn-mmmmm**.

**dd** – source dataset.

It is an integer value between 00 and 99:

01 – CASIA-Face V5;

02 – FEI;

03 – FERET;

04 – FRGC;

05 – JAFFE;

06 – Indian Face Database.

**gg** – the gender of the subject.

At present only two values:

01 – male;

02 – female.

**nnnn** – id of the subject.

Each subject has a unique id in the dataset, which is represented by a four-digit integer value.

**ee** – ethnicity of the subject.

It is an integer value between 00 and 99:

01 – Africans-Americans;

02 – Asians;

03 – Caucasians;

04 – Indians;

05 – Latinos.

**aa** – age range of the subject.

Subjects have been categorized in three ranges:

01 – young;

02 – adult;

03 – middle-aged.

**mmmmm** – id of the image.

Each subject can have more images.

Thanks to this id, each image pertaining to a certain subject can be univocally identified.

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## The EGA test-application

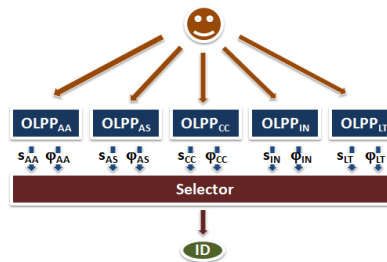
We explored feasible strategies to fully automate the process of demographics pre-selection.

Multiple classifiers are trained, each on a specific demographic feature and any human intervention is avoided during normal system operations.

We tested two different ways to achieve this:

**A Priori Demographics Selection (APrDS):** a system recognizes relevant demographic features, and each probe image is submitted to the corresponding classifier. Using EGA, the selection of ethnicity of a probe image can be simulated by exploiting the metadata provided by the nomenclature of the dataset.

**A Posteriori Demographics Selection (APoDS):** the probe image is inputted to all the classifiers; to complete the recognition process, it is necessary to adopt a criterion for the selection of the global best answer.



# BIPLAB Activities



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