ML Week

Face and Handwriting Recognition

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PCA

Principle component analysis

Analyse en composantes principales

Motivation

Remember the Curse of Dimensionality?

Principle

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Fitting an *n*-dimensional ellipsoid to the data

Uses

- Exploratory data analysis
- Compression

Also known as

- Discrete Kosambi-Karhunen–Loève transform (KLT) (signal processing)
- Hotelling transform (multivariate quality control)
- Proper orthogonal decomposition (POD) (ME)
- Singular value decomposition (SVD), Eigenvalue decomposition (EVD) (linear algebra)
- Etc.

History

- Invented by Karl Pearson in 1901
- Invented (again) and named by Harold Hotelling in 1930's
- Also known as...

Also known as

- It's a long list, every field uses a different name…

Face Recognition

Eigenfaces

- Sirovich and Kirby (1987)
- Turk and Pentland (1991)

Turk, Matthew A and Pentland, Alex P. Face recognition using eigenfaces. Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition, 1991. Proceedings CVPR'91., IEEE Computer Society Conference on 1991.

Eigenfaces

Want: a low-dimensional representation of a face

Plan: cluster simplified faces

Eigenfaces

Viewed as compression:

- Use PCA on face images to form a set of basis features
- Use eigenpictures to reconstruct original faces

Eigenfaces

Eigenfaces algorithm

Let $X = \{x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_n\}$ be a random vector with observations $x_i \in \mathbb{R}^d$.

Compute

$$\mu = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} x_i$$

OpenCV

Eigenfaces algorithm

Compute the covariance matrix S:

$$S = \frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^{n}(x_i - \mu)(x_i - \mu)^T$$

Eigenfaces algorithm

Compute the eigenvectors of S:

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This is PCA.

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The k principal components of the observed vector x are then given by

$$y = W^T(x - \mu)$$

where

$$W = \begin{bmatrix} | & | & & | \\ v_1 & v_2 & \cdots & v_k \\ | & | & & | \end{bmatrix}$$

Eigenfaces algorithm

The reconstruction from the PCA basis is then

$$x = Wy + \mu$$

Eigenfaces algorithm

So the plan is this:

- Project all training samples in the PCA subspace
- Project the query into the PCA subspace
- Find the nearest neighbour to the projected query image among the projected training images

Eigenfaces algorithm

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Some advantages:

- Easy, relatively inexpensive
- Recognition cheaper than preprocessing
- Reasonably large database possible

Eigenfaces algorithm

Some problems:

- Need controlled environment
- Needs straight-on view
- Sensitive to expression changes
- If lots of variance is external (e.g., lighting). . .

Handwriting Recognition

Introduction to Handwriting Recognition

Choices

- Online
- Offlne

Choices

- Get path information
- Get time data
- Get pressure information
- Only get image

Introduction to Handwriting Recognition

Major techniques

- Clustering (not great performance)
- SVM (until 2006 or so)
- Convolutional neural networks

Questions?

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