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## Face recognition

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### 1 Gender recognition

For this exercise we used a gender recognition system based on the AR-Face database. The used code and files are listed in appendix A.

#### 1.1 Questions

#### Question 1:

- Which is the information contained in ARFace.person?
- Why the size of the field internal, size(ARFace.internal), is  $1188 \times 2210$ ?

ARFace is a matlab struct. ARFace.person contains 2210 numeric values that link each image of a person in the database to a unique numeric identifier that corresponds to this person. There are 85 different persons in the database, each occurring in 26 different images.

The images are internally stored as bitmaps with a resolution of  $33 \times 36$  pixels (which can be recalled from the field ARFace.internalSz. The images are reshaped and then saved as a vector of length  $33 \times 36 = 1188$ . The size of the field ARFace.internal corresponds to 2210 different images of size 1188 pixel each.

#### Question 2:

• What are the variables 'n' and 'index' of the function fold\_validation.m?

The variables  $\mathbf{n}$  and  $\mathbf{index}$  are used to sample the data in different subsamples of training and test data. We are using F-fold validation, using F different, mutually exclusive subsamples as test data. The variable  $\mathbf{n}$  is used in each iteration to pick  $\lfloor \frac{N}{F} \rfloor$  new persons to be used as test sample in this iteration, with N being the number of unique persons and F the number of iterations. The variable  $\mathbf{index}$  links the matrix of images to a logical matrix with value 0 if the image is not of a person being used for the test sample in this iteration and 1 otherwise. The training and test data can then easily be set in each iteration based on this logical matrix.

In the example of the 2110 images from the AR-Face database and a 10-fold validation, we use 10 subsamples as test data, each containing images of  $\lfloor \frac{N}{F} \rfloor = \lfloor \frac{85}{10} \rfloor = 8$  persons. The unique persons are shuffled and n contains 8 of them in each iteration in not overlapping windows. In the first iteration, n contains the 8 first persons of the shuffled list of unique persons, in the second iteration persons 9 through 16, and so on. The variable index maps the persons selected for the test data to the features and labels, splitting them in four different sets: TrainSet, TrainLabels, TestSet, TestLabels.

#### Question 3:

• The function main\_gender\_recognition.m computes some evaluation measures obtained with 'PCA' (dim = 5), 'PCA95' (95% variance explained) and 'LDA'. Explain the meaning of these measures and discuss which is the best obtained result.

The used measures are based on the 4 different outcomes of a binary classification: True positives (TP) and true negatives (TN) for correct classifications and false positives (FP) and false negatives (FN) for incorrect classifications. The following measures are used:

Sensitivity / Recall (also True Positive Rate) is the proportion of positives that
are correctly classified as such: 
 <sup>TP</sup>/<sub>TP+FN</sub>

Method:	Sensitivity	Specifity	Precision	$\mathbf{FAR}$	Accuracy	Error
PCA dim5	82.4786	82.7797	79.6698	21.0470	82.6442	17.3558
PCA 95%	54.2510	83.2418	74.5480	18.5223	69.4712	30.5288
LDA	99.7863	99.7378	99.6798	0.3205	99.7596	0.2404

**Table 1:** Results with different feature extraction methods for k=2

- Specifity (also True Negative Rate) is the proportion of negatives that are correctly classified as such:  $\frac{TN}{TN+FP}$
- **Precision** (also Positive Predictive Value) is the proportion of positive classifications that are actually positives:  $\frac{TP}{TP+FP}$
- False Alarm Rate (also False Positive Rate) is the proportion of positive classifications that are actually negatives: 
   \[ \frac{FP}{FP+TN} \]
- Accuracy is the proportion of correct classifications out of all classifications:  $\frac{TP+TN}{TP+FP+TN+FN}$
- Error<sup>1</sup> is the proportion of incorrect classifications out of all classifications:  $\frac{FP+FN}{TP+FP+TN+FN}$

The results of a k-nearest-neighbors classification with k=2 using different feature extraction methods can be seen in table 1. The LDA feature extraction obtains the best results in all categories. The LDA method especially has a large advantage looking at the sensitivity. In addition, the LDA method takes less time to execute. This result is as we expected. As Martinez & Kak showed  $^2$ , LDA is superior in most cases, if the training set is not very small. Since we have a rather large collection of data, LDA is the preferred method.

Figure 1 shows 30 eigenfaces created based on the PCA method.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>The provided code initially had a bug where the error was not calculated correctly due to missing brackets for the numerator. The correct code in fold\_validation.m should be: error(i)=(FP(i)+FN(i))/NTest;

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Martinez, A. Kak, "PCA versus LDA", IEEE Transactions on Pattern Analysis and Machine Intelligence, vol. 23, no. 2, pp. 228-233, 2001.



Figure 1: Eigenfaces based on PCA method

# Appendices

### A Annex

- main\_gender\_recognition.m contains the main code for the gender recognition prob-
- $\bullet \ / \texttt{feature\_extraction/apply\_pca.m} \ contains \ the \ code \ modifications \ to \ perform \ PCA.$
- $\bullet$  /out/ contains example outputs of faces in the database.