

#Report 1

Even though I hardly did anything related to the project itself, I've studied a lot of linear algebra and numpy. I've started the course "data-analysis with python" as it greatly complements the skills I'm going to learn in this eigenface project, and I count finding and learning from that resource as a part of this project. It even covers PCA.

I'm still thinking if it's going to be sensible to use ready made libs for the matrix and vector datastructures. Implementing them myself would definitely be interesting, and I'd like to have some guidance related to this part. The problem is that I don't really know if implementing them is really related to the course, and hence would the time be 'wasted' in relation to the evaluation?

The biggest challenge in this project will be meeting the prerequisites of the mathematic background necessary, but learning PCA does not seem impossible within the required timeframe. I don't quite understand it, but I feel like I'm going to figure it out well enough, hopefully within two weeks max.

I also read up on tests, so I will be ready to implement them in due time, within the next week most likely.

I also missed this deadline due to my own absent-mindedness : (

The amount of hours spent is difficult to evaluate as a lot of it was digging theory up that is also related to other courses. This repository was established within a few hours, but learning the required python skills and linear algebra could have taken 10-20 hours.

#Report 2

friday:

On friday I finished the basic vector data structure along with required tests for it, as well as a rudimentary image-greyscale-vector translation. Vectors can also calculate the SSQ and magnitude from their components, and operations for addition, deduction and multiplication are implemented.

Hopefully on saturday I'll be able to try and create either all matrix logic.

saturday:

I managed to not only create the requisite matrix class but also am able to translate vectors to images, and calculate averages for vectors. Also basic matrix operations such as transposes and row-means are implemented. I have not yet optimized the operations or done time complexity analysis on them, and will have to do it next week.

Next week I'll aim to code the functionality of the PCA algorithm in most parts. I'll also flesh up the required tests for the matrix data structure as I got carried off-track by the coolness of the ability to calculate average faces (even tried it with some friends of mine :DD). However the real cool factor will become apparent when I'll have implemented the ability to extract the eigenfaces from data. Basically I hope I'll be able to deal with the meat of the project during the upcoming two weeks.

I am a bit confused on how precisely I'll analyze the PCA algorithm, but I am hoping that this query clears itself on its own as I start working on the project once more. If the reader has any hints to give on this then that'd be swell.

I'd approximate I spent some 15-20 hours on the tasks, adding to it the time spent on learning linear algebra (course II) on the side as well as miscellaneous topics (watching videos on eigenfaces, PCA, messing around with average faces) I'd approximate 25.