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Classification of Gender Identification dataset

Machine Learning and Pattern Recognition

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Abstract

*In this paper we will illustrate the variable outcomes from different Machine Learning (ML) Algorithms using database extracted from high-level features representing face images. The results from several (ML) Algorithms are to be compared and analyzed to reach the best conclusion of the best model performance. The data base contains samples of male and female. It is imbalanced with significantly more female samples as will be explored and further analyze it. Afterwards we will apply different classification algorithms and finally calibrate the scores. Ultimately, the result will show which model is a stronger candidate for our problem.*

# 1. Introduction

The dataset consists of image embeddings which are low-dimensional representation of face images. As images dimensionality is reduces significantly to obtain a more tractable model and to keep the computational effort more reasonable. The embeddings have significantly lower dimensions than in real use-cases.

The embeddings are then reduced to a dimension of 12 of a continuous-valued vectors where the data is basically divided to (2 Classes) “Male” (label 0) and “Female” (label 1) classes.

The embeddings don’t have a physical interpretation as they represent reduced image dimensions.

The Database are imbalanced, with the training set contains more female samples than the males, however in the evaluation set we could see the other way around as it contains more male samples.

We will be analyzing a total of 2,400 samples on the training set separated between the 2 classes such that for the female class it has 1680 sample and 720 for the male class.

The evaluation set also is composed of the same number of embeddings (12) such as the training set.

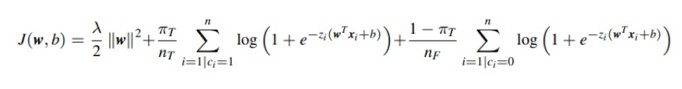
Each record in our training or testing set is composed of 12 features separated by a comma and in the last column the label of that record. Each sample could belong to 3 different age groups, however that age information is not available.

Several Machine Learning Classification Algorithms will be applied with different learning parameters to be optimized and further analyzed.

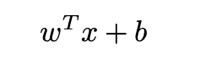
The data shall be analyzed without any further reduction in dimensionality and with the intervention of pre-processing techniques.

# 2. Logistic Regression

We start considering regularized linear logistic regression. Since classes are unbalanced, we change the objective function that we need to minimize so that costs of the different classes are re-balanced:



The model parameters are w and b. The decision rules are assumed to be linear hyperplanes orthogonal to w:



In the following figures we will attempt to make the model to learn the model parameters which are ‘w’ and ‘b’. we look for λ such that if λ is too small, we will get a solution with a higher norm but poor classification accuracy for test/unseen data.

On the other hand, if we have high value of λ then we will obtain a solution that has a small norm but won’t be able to separate well the classes.

We’ll look for the best value of the parameter with single-fold, k-fold, no PCA and PCA with m=8 and m=10.

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*(A)* No PCA – Single Fold (b) No PCA – K-fold

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(C) PCA (m=10) – Single Fold (D) PCA (m=10)– K-fol*d*

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(E) PCA(m=8) – Single Fold (F) PCA (m=8)– K-fold

*Figure:* min DCF with different values of λ

From the previous figure, we can’t see a big difference in performance between the single fold and the k-fold analysis. However, we could notice a best value for λ that provides a min DCF.

Also, a point to be noticed is the performance differences between different applications such as in a no PCA application the performance is better either in single fold or in k-fold and by further reducing the dimensionality of the dataset it is found that the performance becomes poorer.

Based on the previous observations we could select the best value for the hyper-parameter is λ = 10-4. Now let’s compute again the min DCF:

*Figure 5:* min DCF computed using the estimated hyper-parameter

3.4 Gaussian Mixture Models