Facial Keypoints Detection using Neural Networks

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Introduction

Problem

- Predict keypoint positions on facial images
- Evaluate result using RMSE

Applications

- Analysing facial expressions
- Biometrics/face recognition



Figure 1: Facial Keypoints

Data

Training Data

- ▶ 7,049 images
- ▶ 70% images with missing target values
- ► Each image has 96x96 pixels
- ▶ 15 Keypoints as (x,y) coordinates

Test Data

▶ Pixels of 1,700 images

Exploratory Data Analysis

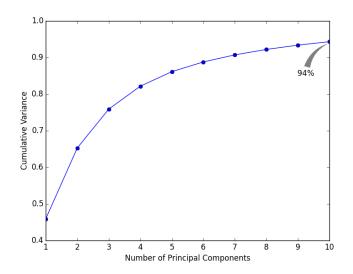


Figure 2: Cumulative Sum of Variance on Average

Baseline Solution

Why Artificial Neural Network

- Input can be high-dimensional real-valued data
- Output can be a vector of values
- Problem demands an intricate model to learn

Features

First ten principal components

Testing Result

► RMSE: 3.355

Advanced Solution

Convolutional Neural Network (CNN)

- Layers of filters and sigmoid-like functions to extract features
- Not all neurons on the adjacent layers are connected
- Weights are allowed to repeat in the network

Running Time Problem

Solved by using an AWS Ubuntu GPU instance

Testing Result

► RMSE: 3.274

Evaluation

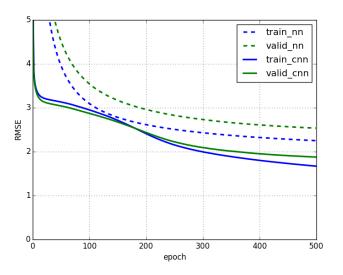


Figure 3: Comparison between CNN and Single Hidden Layer

Images with Facial Keypoints Marked



Future Work

Current Standing

Ranked 16 out of 55 teams on the Leaderboard

Next Steps

- ► Keep tuning the Convolutional Neural Network
- ▶ Increase our Computer Vision knowledge