

Data-driven Methods: Faces



Portrait of
Piotr Gibas
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Rosales
Gomez (2003)

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Tips for Morphing & Matting

Extract foreground first to avoid artifacts in the background



(c) $\alpha = 0.0$



(d) $\alpha = 0.2$



(e) $\alpha = 0.4$



(f) $\alpha = 0.6$

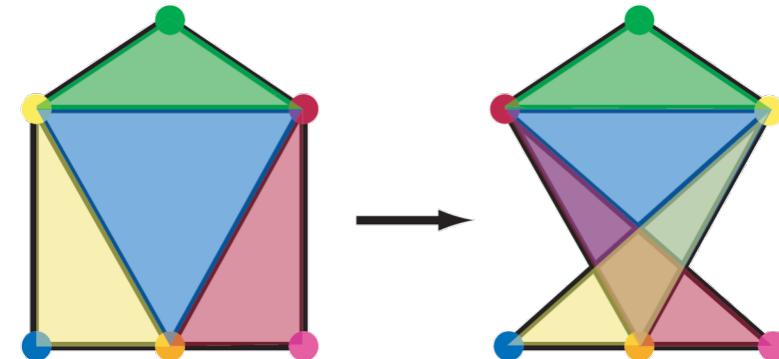


(g) $\alpha = 0.8$



(h) $\alpha = 1.0$

Other Issues



Beware of folding

- You are probably trying to do something 3D-ish

Morphing can be generalized into 3D

- If you have 3D data, that is!

Extrapolation can sometimes produce interesting effects

- Caricatures

Dynamic Scene (“Black or White”, MJ)

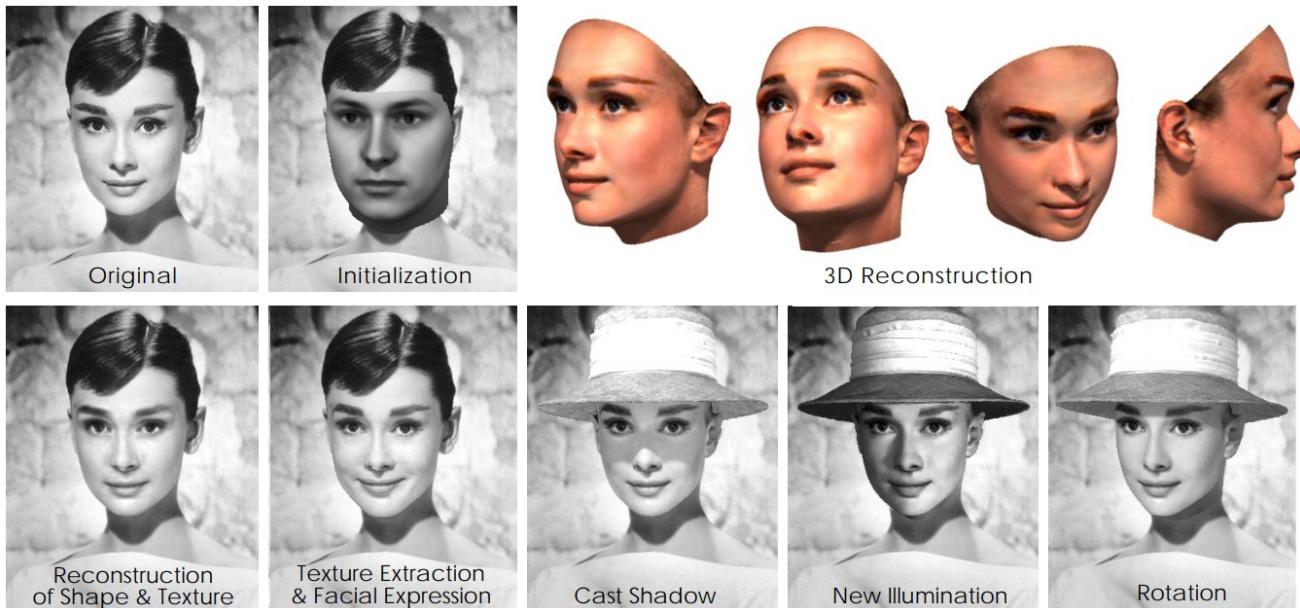
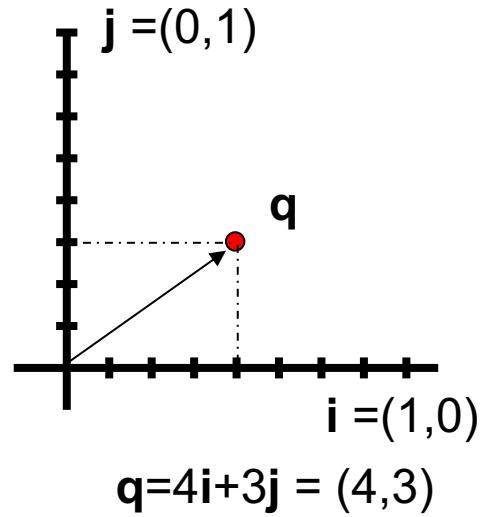


<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R4kLKv5gtxc>

Today

From:

To:



The Power of Averaging

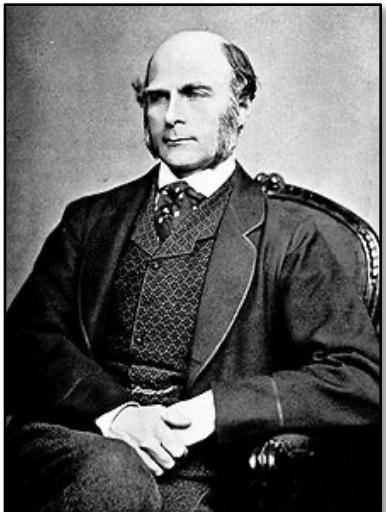


8-hour exposure



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Image Composites



Sir Francis
Galton
1822-1911



Multiple Individuals



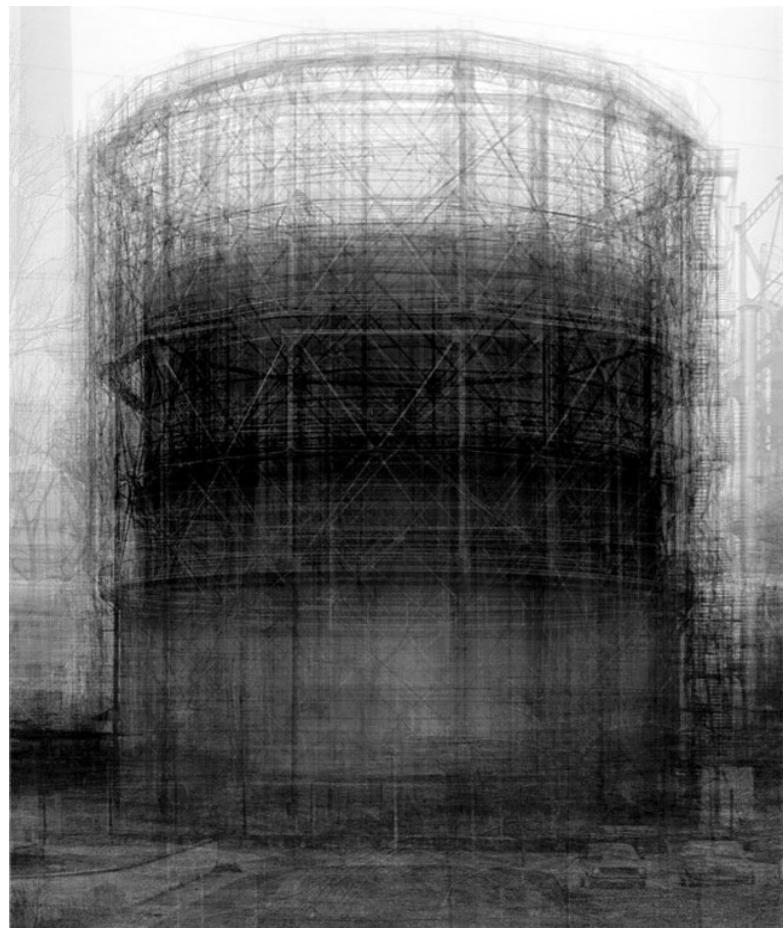
Composite

[Galton, "Composite Portraits", Nature, 1878]

Average Images in Art



*“60 passagers de 2e classe du metro,
entre 9h et 11h” (1985)*
Krzysztof Pruszkowski



“Spherical type gasholders” (2004)
Idris Khan

“100 Special Moments” by Jason Salavon



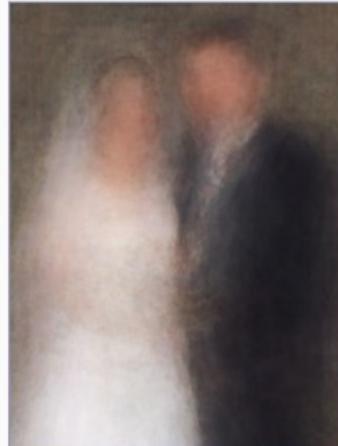
Little Leaguer



Kids with Santa



The Graduate



Newlyweds

Why
blurry?

Object-Centric Averages by Torralba (2001)



Manual Annotation and Alignment



Average Image

Computing Means

Two Requirements:

- Alignment of objects
- Objects must span a subspace

Useful concepts:

- Subpopulation means
- Deviations from the mean

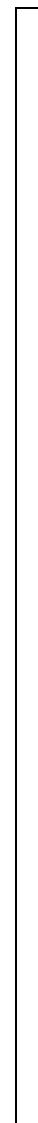
Images as Vectors

n



=

m



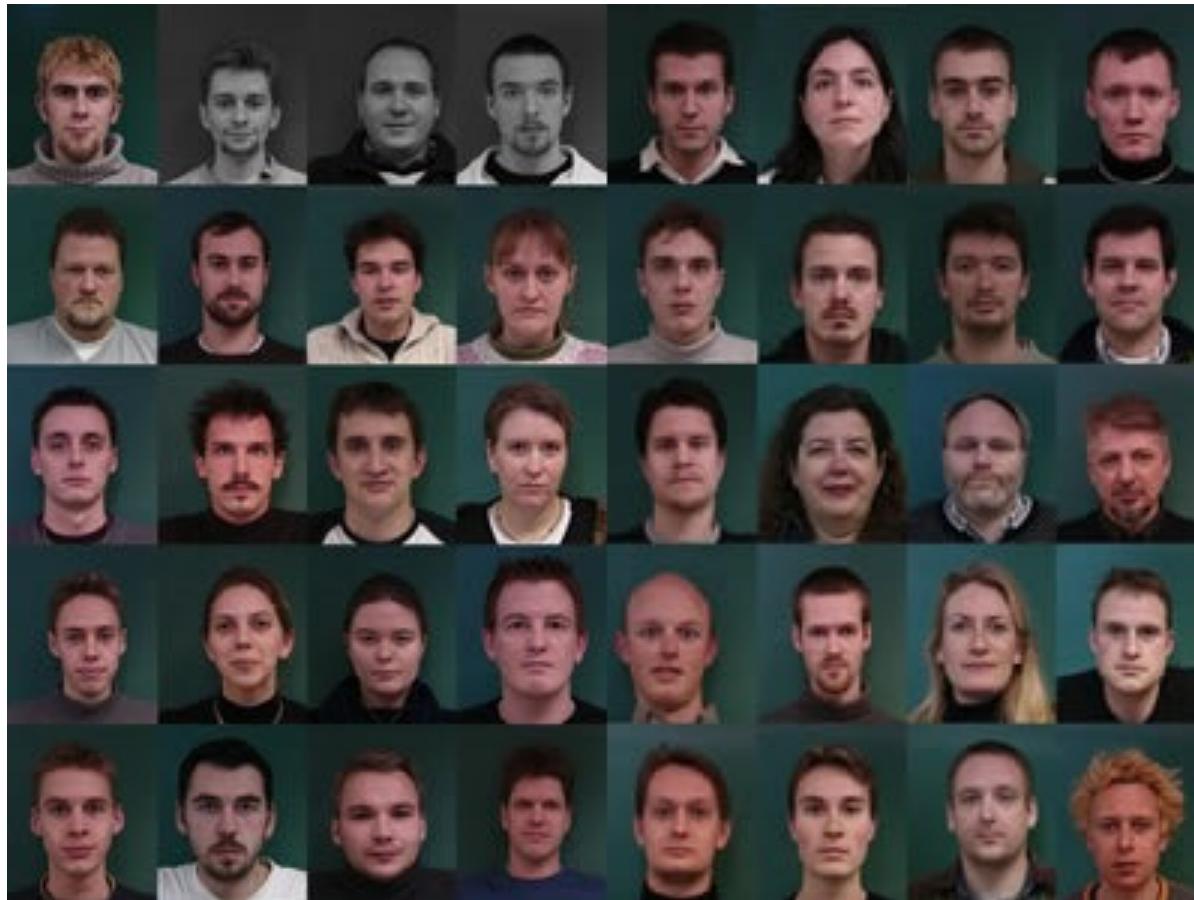
$n*m$

Vector Mean: Importance of Alignment

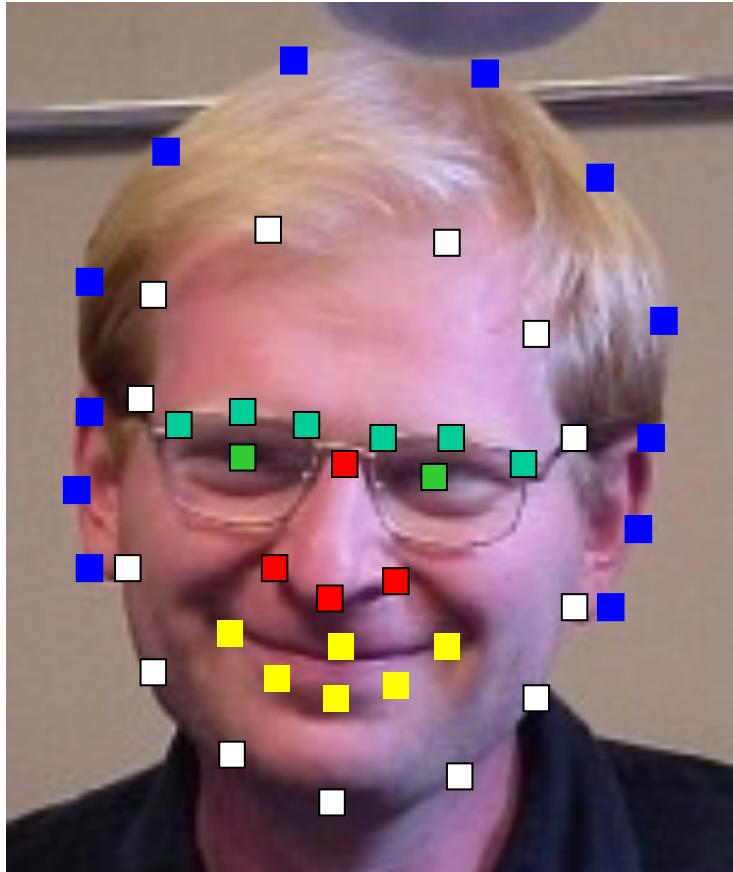
$$\begin{matrix} n \\ m \end{matrix} = \begin{matrix} n \\ m \end{matrix} + \begin{matrix} n \\ m \end{matrix} = \text{mean image}$$

The diagram illustrates the calculation of a mean image from two input images. It shows two input images, each labeled with dimensions n (vertical) and m (horizontal). These are followed by assignment operators ($=$) and addition operators ($+$). The first addition term is labeled $\frac{1}{2}$ above the input image and $n*m$ below it. The second addition term is also labeled $\frac{1}{2}$ above the input image and $n*m$ below it. The final result is labeled "mean image".

How to align faces?



Shape Vector



=



43

Provides alignment!

Appearance Vectors vs. Shape Vectors

Appearance
Vector

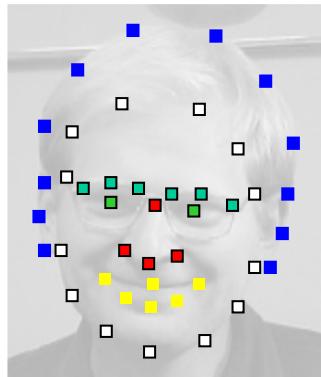


200*150 pixels (RGB)



Vector of
200*150*3
Dimensions

Shape
Vector



Vector of
43*2
Dimensions

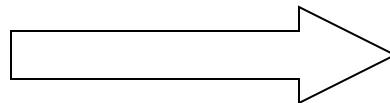
43 coordinates (x,y)

- Requires Annotation
- Provides alignment!

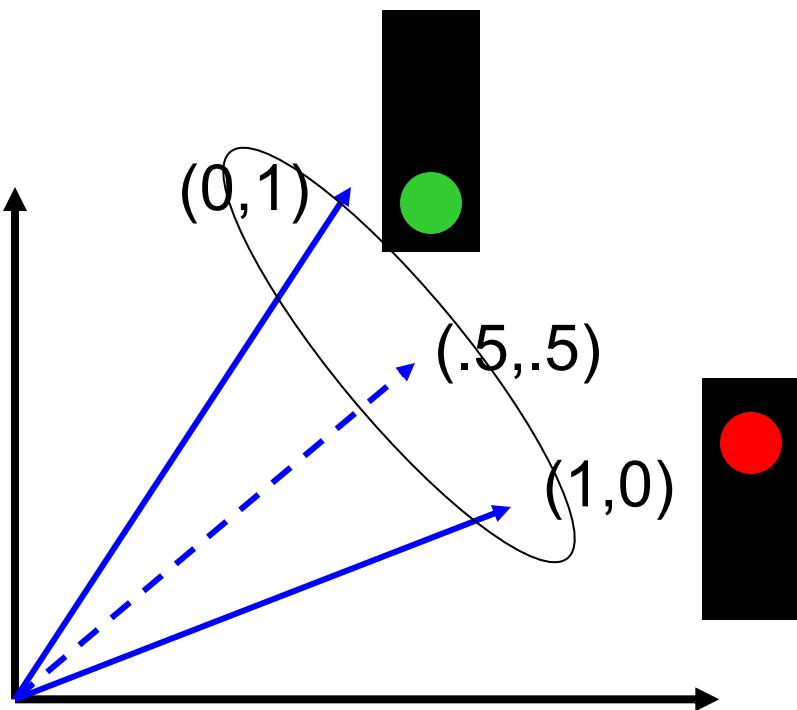
Average Face



1. Warp to mean shape
2. Average pixels



Objects must span a subspace



Example



mean

Does not span a subspace

Subpopulation means

Examples:

- Male vs. female
- Happy vs. said
- Angry Kids
- People wearing glasses
- Etc.
- <http://www.faceresearch.org>



Average kid



Average happy male



Average female



Average male

Average Women of the world



Central African Burmese Cambodian English Ethiopian Filipino



Greek Indian Iranian Irish Israeli Italian



Peruvian Polish Romanian Russian Samoan South African

Average Men of the world



AUSTRIA



AFGHANISTAN



ARGENTINA



BURMA (MYANMAR)



GERMANY



GREECE



CAMBODIA



ENGLAND



ETHIOPIA



FRANCE



IRAQ



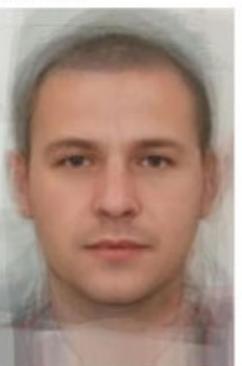
IRELAND



MONGOLIA



PERU



POLAND



PUERTO RICO



UZBEKISTAN



AFRICAN AMERICAN

Deviations from the mean



Image X



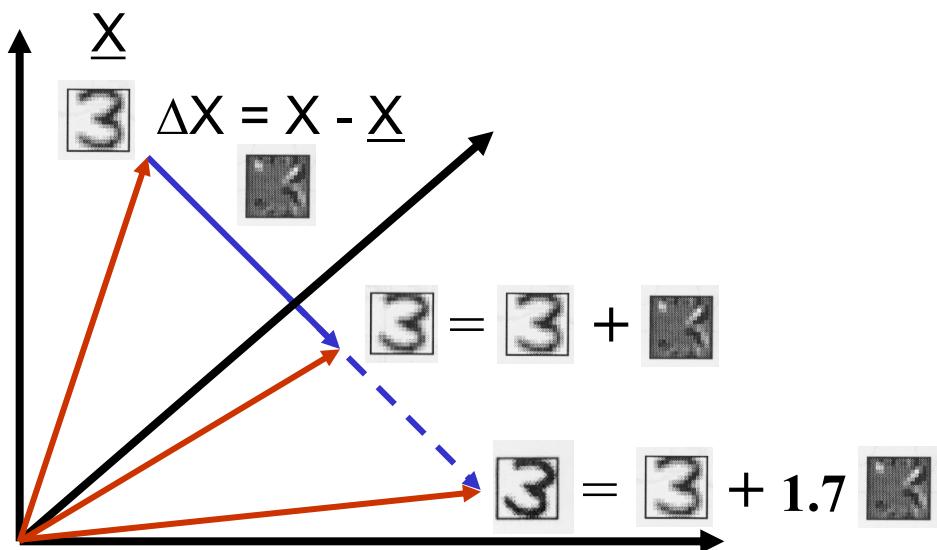
Mean \bar{X}

=



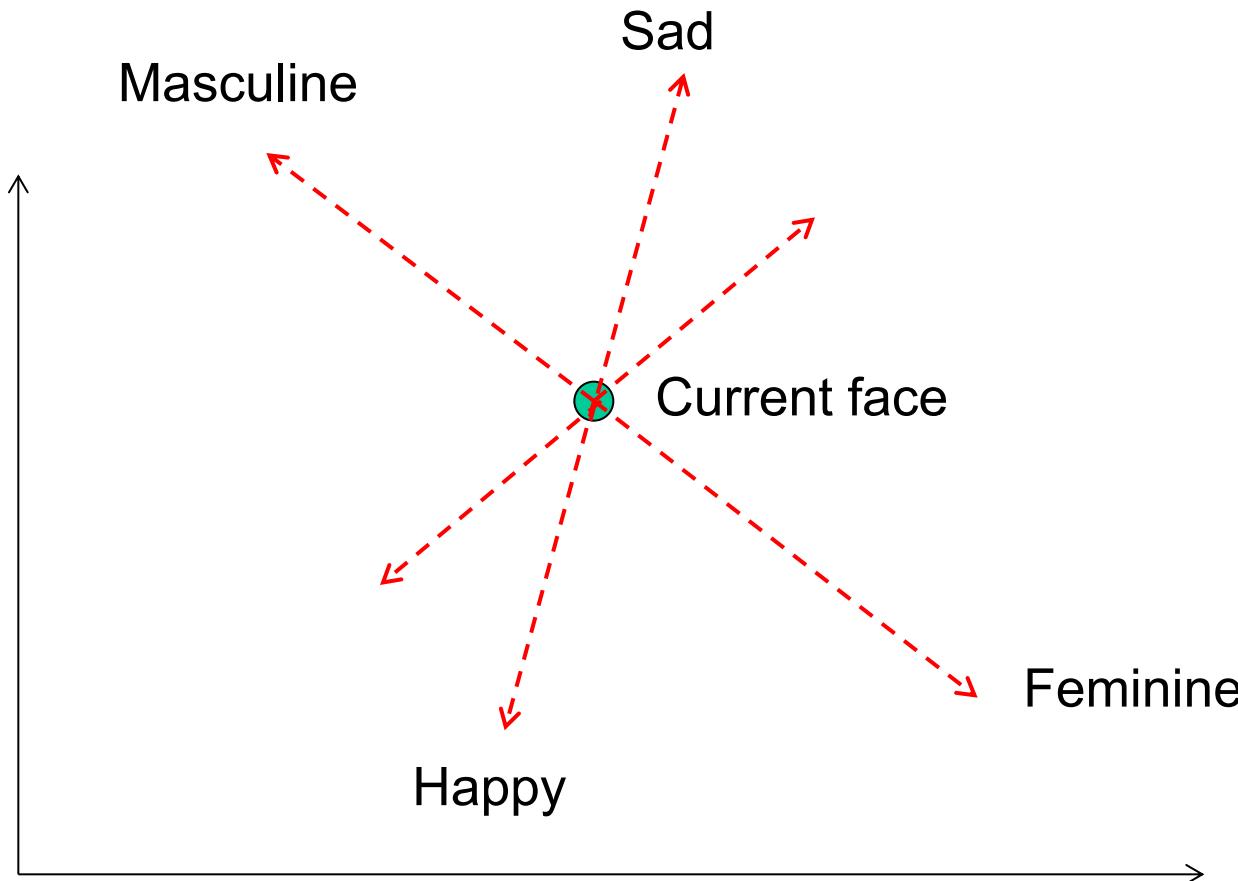
$$\Delta X = X - \bar{X}$$

Deviations from the mean



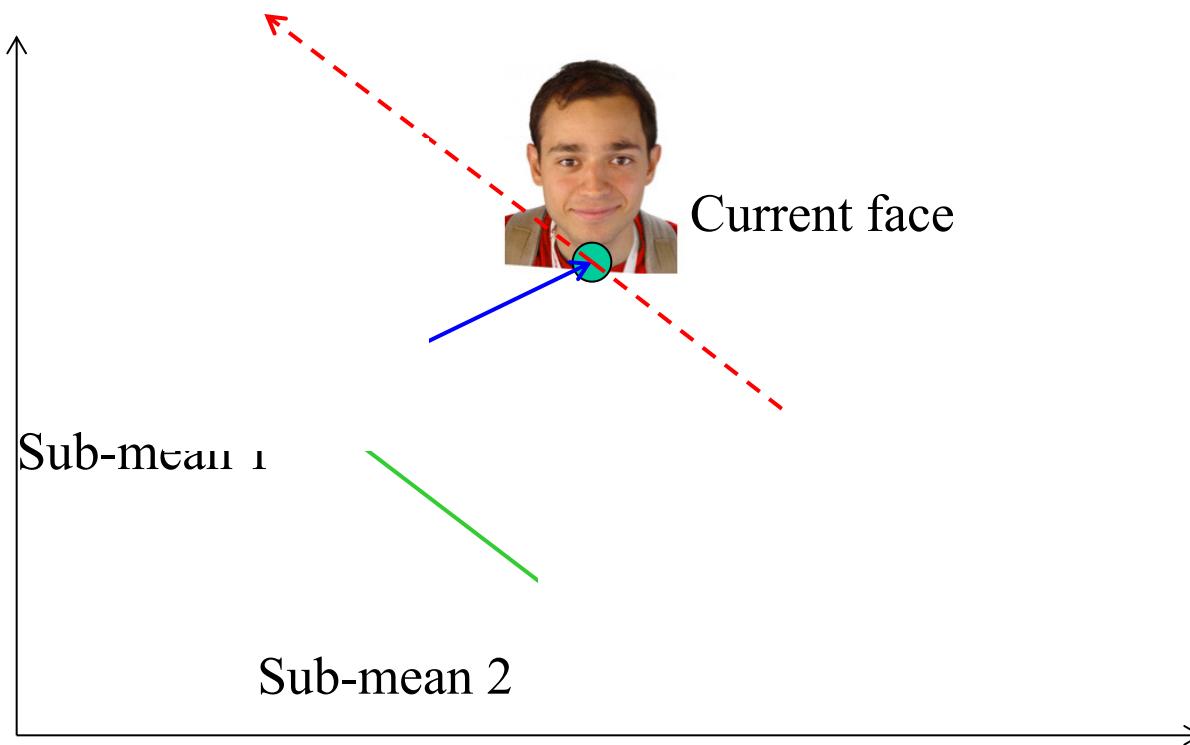
Extrapolating faces

- We can imagine various meaningful directions.



Manipulating faces

- How can we make a face look more female/male, young/old, happy/sad, etc.?
- <http://www.faceresearch.org/demos/transform>



Manipulating Facial Appearance through Shape and Color

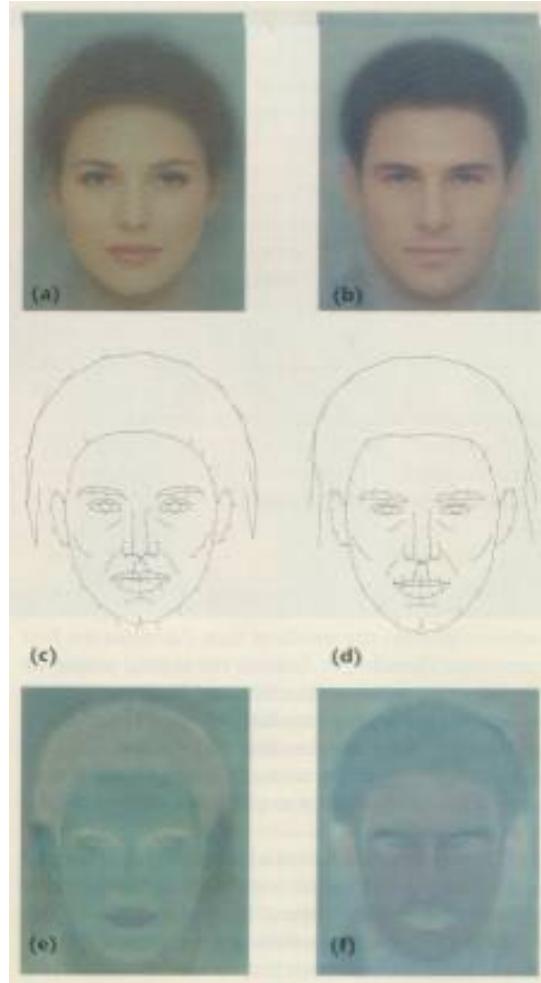
Duncan A. Rowland and David I. Perrett

St Andrews University

IEEE CG&A, September 1995

Face Modeling

Compute *average faces*
(color and shape)



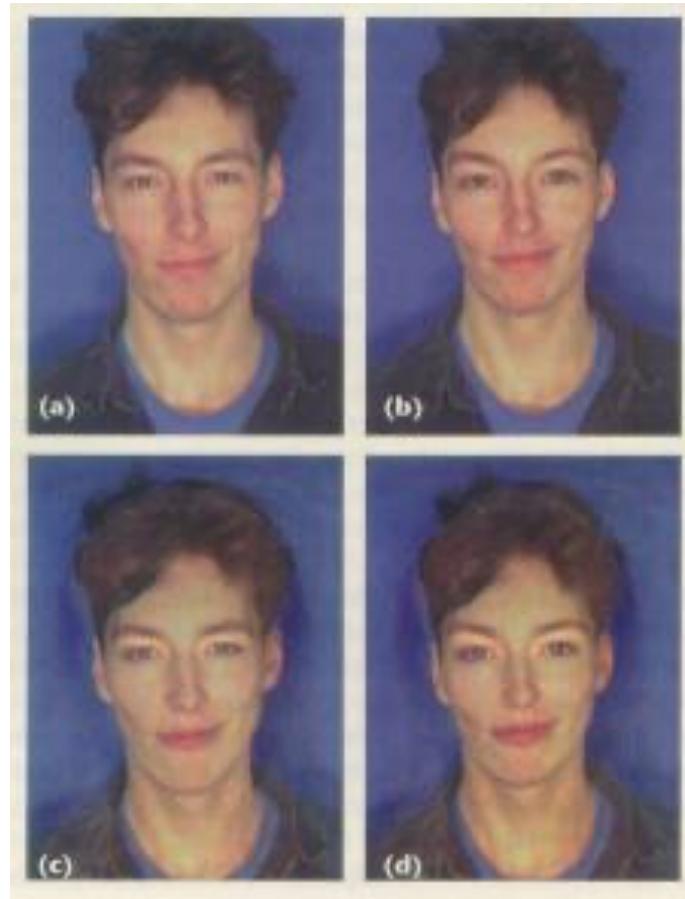
Compute *deviations*
between male and
female (vector and color
differences)

Changing gender

Deform shape and/or
color of an input face
in the direction of
“more female”

original

color



shape

both

Enhancing gender



more same **original** androgynous more opposite

Changing age

Face becomes
“rounder” and “more
textured” and “grayer”

original

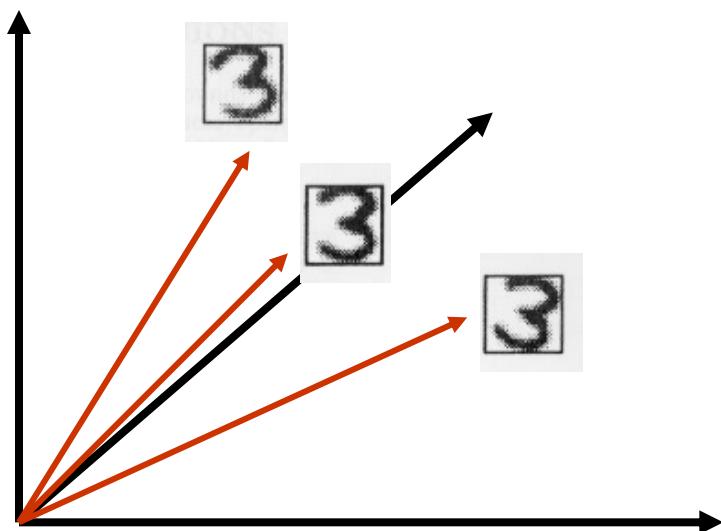
color



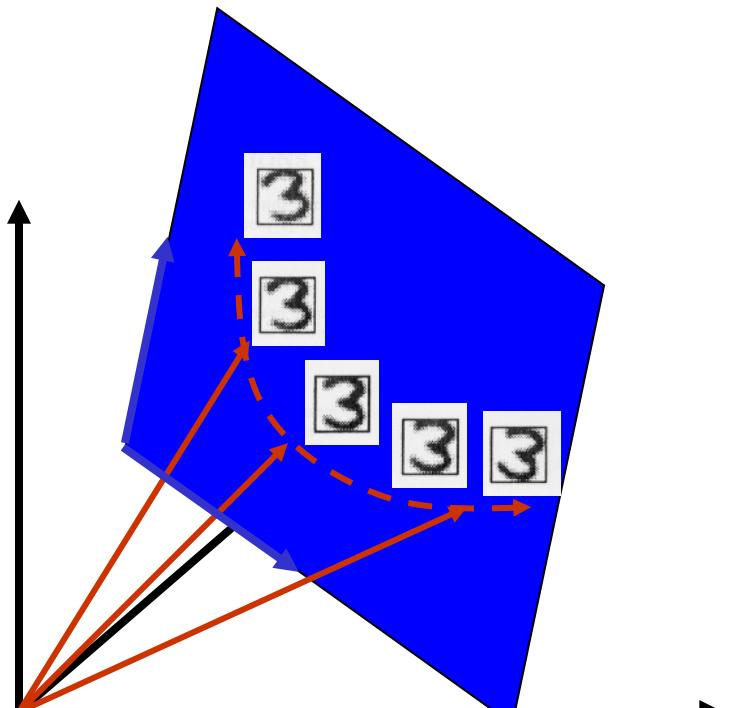
shape

both

Back to the Subspace



Linear Subspace: convex combinations



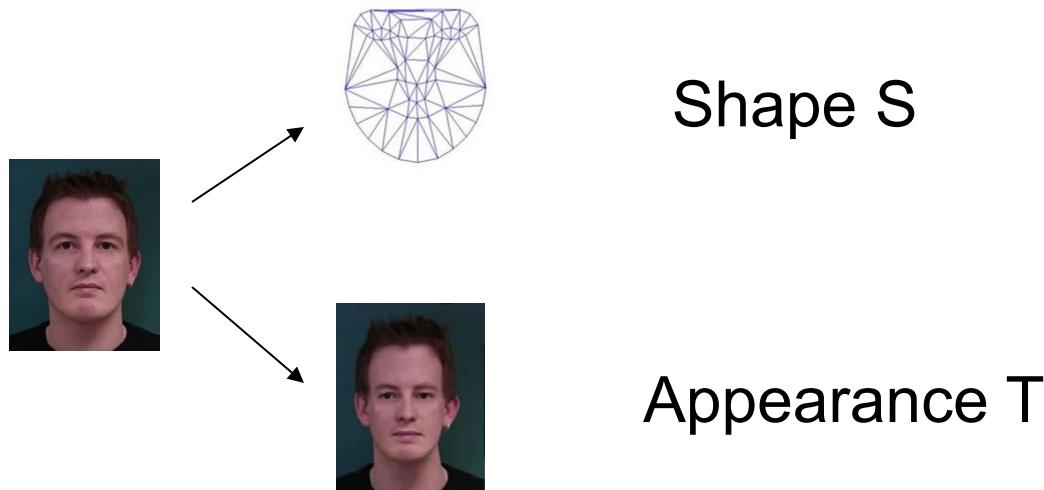
Any new image X can be obtained as weighted sum of stored “basis” images.

$$X = \sum_{i=1}^m a_i X_i$$

Our old friend, change of basis!
What are the new coordinates
of X ?

The Morphable Face Model

The actual structure of a face is captured in the shape vector $\mathbf{S} = (x_1, y_1, x_2, \dots, y_n)^T$, containing the (x, y) coordinates of the n vertices of a face, and the appearance (texture) vector $\mathbf{T} = (R_1, G_1, B_1, R_2, \dots, G_n, B_n)^T$, containing the color values of the mean-warped face image.



The Morphable face model

Again, assuming that we have m such vector pairs in full correspondence, we can form new shapes \mathbf{S}_{model} and new appearances \mathbf{T}_{model} as:

$$\mathbf{S}_{model} = \sum_{i=1}^m a_i \mathbf{S}_i \quad \mathbf{T}_{model} = \sum_{i=1}^m b_i \mathbf{T}_i$$

$$s = \alpha_1 \cdot \text{face}_1 + \alpha_2 \cdot \text{face}_2 + \alpha_3 \cdot \text{face}_3 + \alpha_4 \cdot \text{face}_4 + \dots = \mathbf{S} \cdot \mathbf{a}$$

$$t = \beta_1 \cdot \text{face}_1 + \beta_2 \cdot \text{face}_2 + \beta_3 \cdot \text{face}_3 + \beta_4 \cdot \text{face}_4 + \dots = \mathbf{T} \cdot \mathbf{b}$$



If number of basis faces m is large enough to span the face subspace then:
Any new face can be represented as a pair of vectors

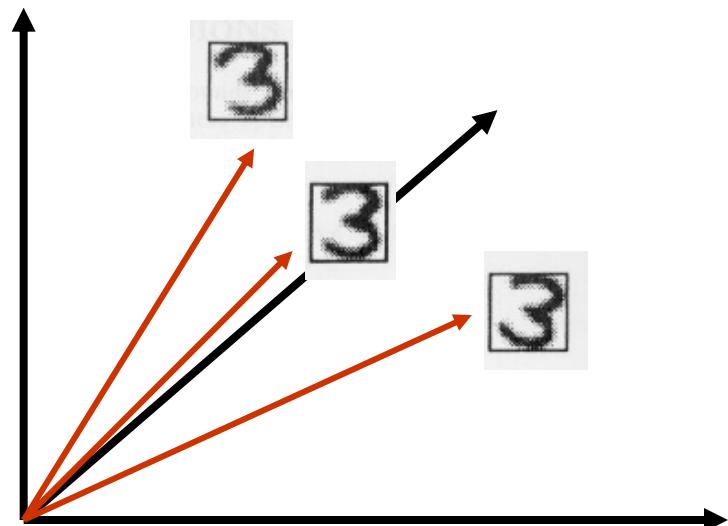
$(\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_m)^T$ and $(\beta_1, \beta_2, \dots, \beta_m)^T$!

Issues:

1. How many basis images is enough?
2. Which ones should they be?
3. What if some variations are more important than others?
 - E.g. corners of mouth carry much more information than haircut

Need a way to obtain basis images automatically, in order of importance!

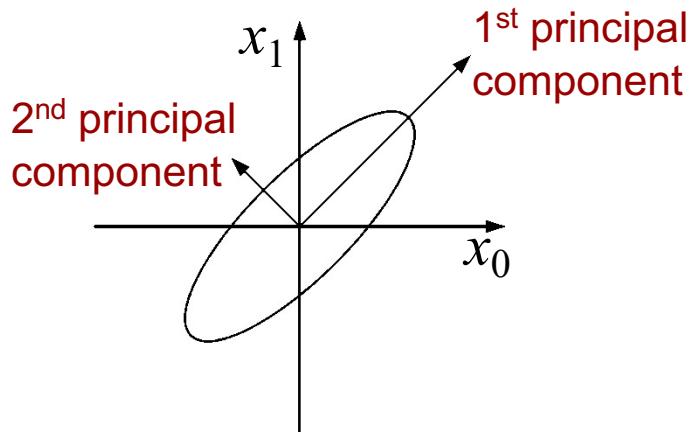
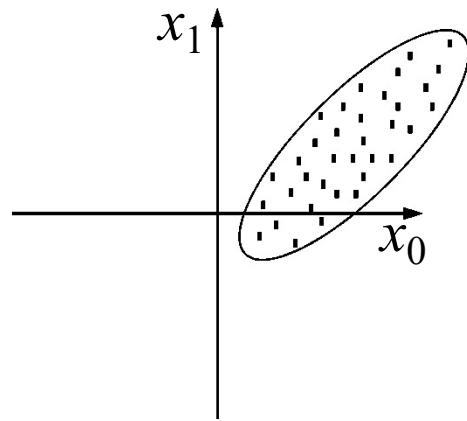
But what's important?



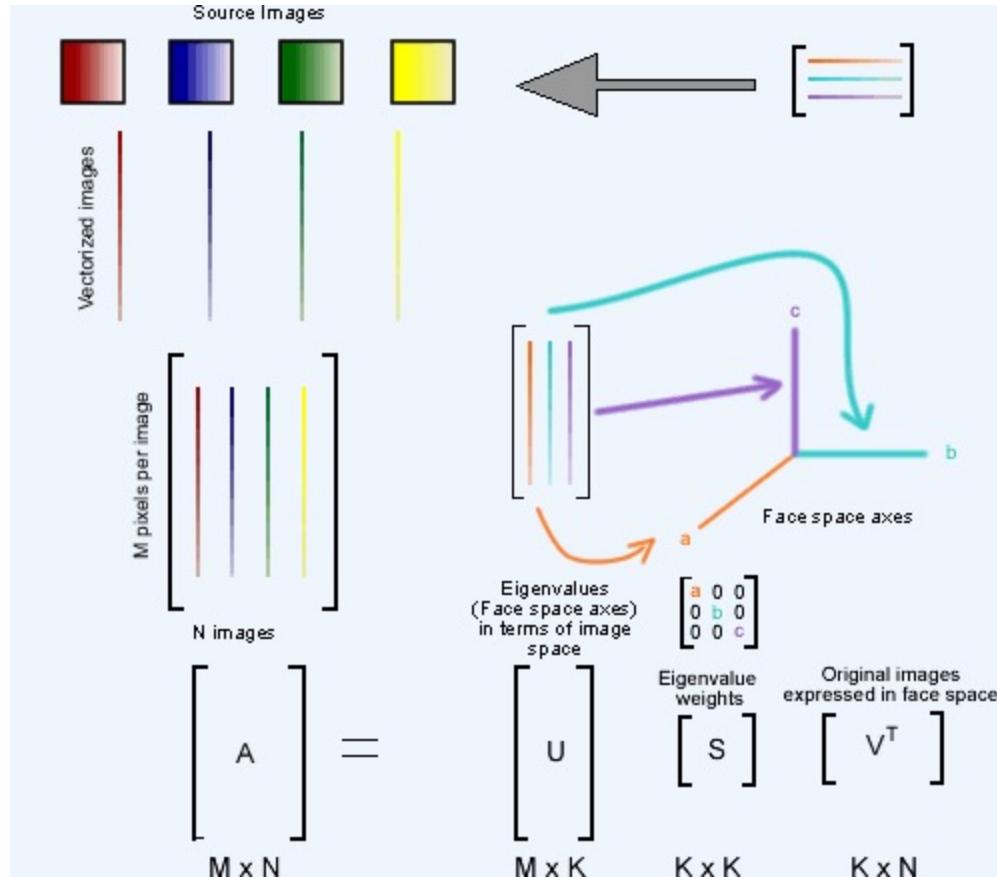
Principal Component Analysis

Given a point set $\{\vec{p}_j\}_{j=1\dots P}$, in an M -dim space, PCA finds a basis such that

- coefficients of the point set in that basis are uncorrelated
- first $r < M$ basis vectors provide an approximate basis that minimizes the mean-squared-error (MSE) in the approximation (over all bases with dimension r)



PCA via Singular Value Decomposition

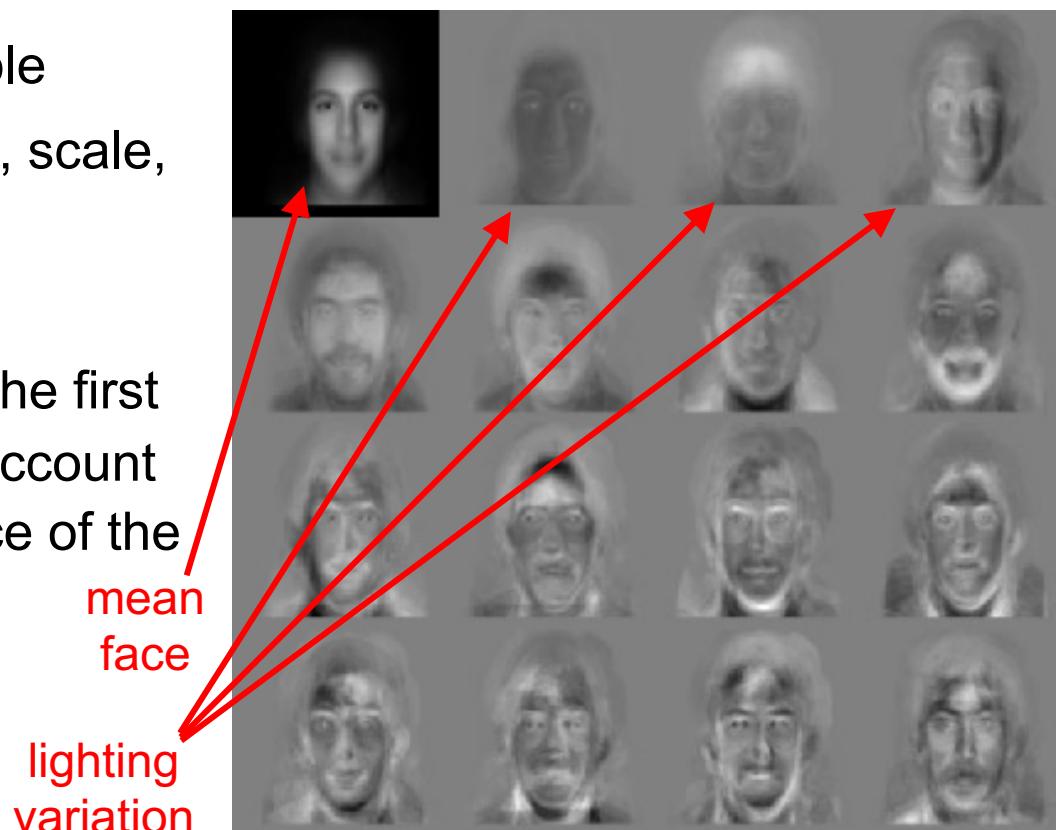


$$[u, s, v] = \text{svd}(A);$$

EigenFaces

First popular use of PCA on images was for modeling and recognition of faces [Kirby and Sirovich, 1990, Turk and Pentland, 1991]

- Collect a face ensemble
- Normalize for contrast, scale, & orientation.
- Remove backgrounds
- Apply PCA & choose the first N eigen-images that account for most of the variance of the data.



First 3 Shape Basis



Mean appearance

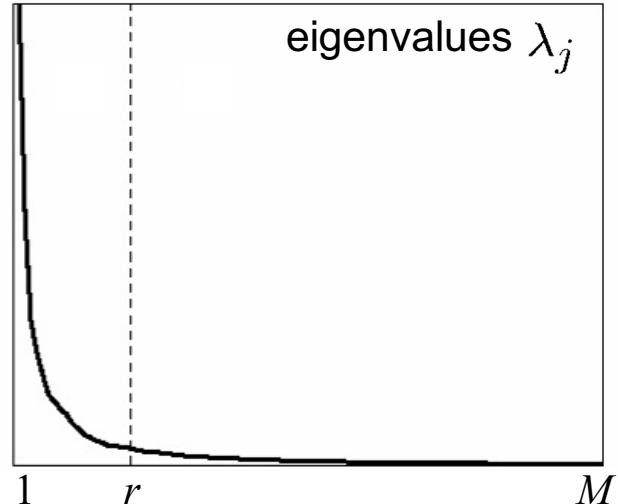


Principal Component Analysis

Choosing subspace dimension

r :

- look at decay of the eigenvalues as a function of r
- Larger r means lower expected error in the subspace data approximation



Using 3D Geometry: Blanz & Vetter, 1999

Automated Matching



<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jrutZaYoQJo>

With a nonlinear basis



EG3D, Chan et al. CVPR 2022

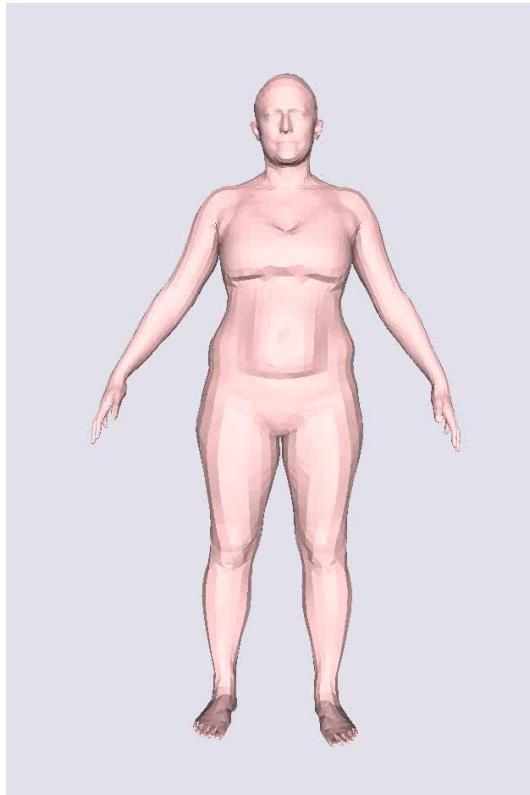
What are other linear things?



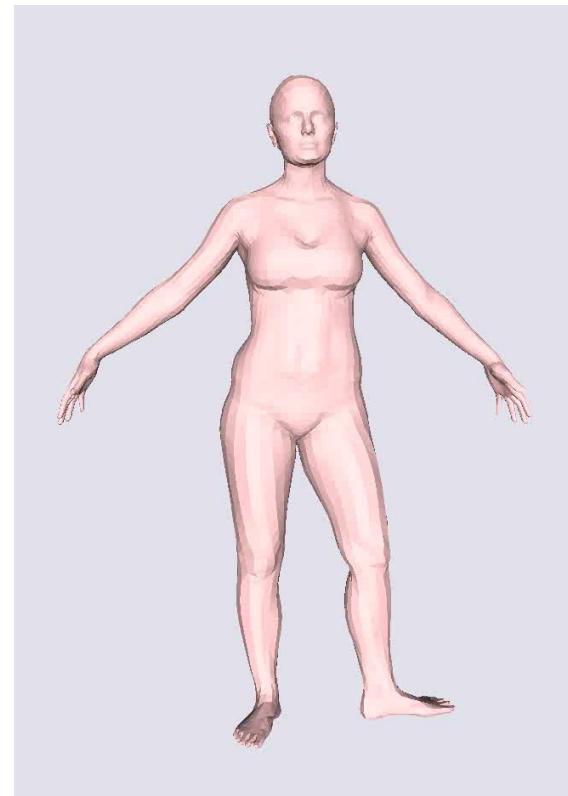
Robinette et al., Civilian American and European Surface Anthropometry Resource (CAESAR) 2002.

Body Shape

“Identity”



Individual Shape Variation



Pose changes (Articulation)