



In this lab exercise, you will explore the idea behind face recognition using a dimensionality reduction method called PCA. You are asked to write a short (no more than 2 pages) report of your work, answering the questions and showing example images. This work is not assessed (it will not count towards your final mark) but you will get formative feedback.

STEP 1:

- Download the zip file and extract the data files for Lab 5 from CANVAS and save them in your working directory

TASK:

- Work through the matlab script 'eigen_faces.m' that has comments to explain all the steps/

Question 1:

- One line 38 when you plot a face, why is it inverted? Does it matter?

Question 2:

- When we need to calculate PCA for higher resolution we need to think differently on how to improve computational speed! How can we achieve this?

Question 3:

- When you look at each PC, in order of importance, what do you see?

Question 4:

- As you decrease the number of PCs used for face reconstruction, what do you observe?

Question 5:

- Based on the lecture notes, modify the algorithm to allow face recognition.