

Assignment 2: Word Search

Searching the Labels

Given a word to search for, the `search_labels` function iterates through each character in the grid, now it generates eight different strings each with the same length as the search word: the word starting from that character moving horizontally to the right across the grid, the word starting with that character moving vertically down the grid and two words formed from moving diagonal north-west and diagonal south-west. It then takes these four strings and computes their reversed string, now we have eight strings with which to compare against the search word.

Dimensionality Reduction

In order to reduce the number of features used in classification, principle component analysis was used. Each 30x30 slice of the image which represents a character can be represented as a singled point in 900-d space. Visualizing this cluster, a vector can be computed such that the amount of variance along this vector is the greatest. Computing the 10 vectors with the greatest amount of spread allows us to now write each point in 900-d space as the distance from the mean point in terms of these vectors. This is just a simple linear transform which is easy to compute since the principle components are just the eigenvectors of the data's covariance matrix.

Search Labels Function

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function [ start_row, start_col, end_row, end_col ] = search_labels(grid, word)
    found = false;
    for r=1:15
        for c=1:15
            s = 1;
            % 1. Search horizontally, forwards and backwards
            if(c+length(word)-1 <= 15)
                labels_word = grid(r,c:(c+length(word)-1));
                if(strcmpi(labels_word,word))
                    start_row = r;
                    start_col = c;
                    end_row = r;
                    end_col = c+length(word)-1;
                elseif(strcmpi(fliplr(labels_word),word))
                    start_row = r;
                    start_col = c+length(word)-1;
                    end_row = r;
                    end_col = c;
                end
            end

            % 2. Search vertically, forwards and backwards
            if(r+length(word)-1 <= 15)
                labels_word = char(grid(r:(r+length(word)-1),c));
                labels_word = reshape(labels_word,1,[]);

                if(strcmpi(labels_word,word))
                    start_row = r;
                    start_col = c;
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        end_row = r+length(word)-1;
        end_col = c;
    elseif(strcmpi(fliplr(labels_word),word))
        start_row = r+length(word)-1;
        start_col = c;
        end_row = r;
        end_col = c;
    end
end

% 3. Search Diagonally, forwards and backwards
grid_word = '';
        grid_word2 = '';
start_r = r;
start_c = c;

        % iterate through each character in the search word
for i=0:length(word)-1

        % 3.1 Search south-east and north-west
(backwards and forwards)
        % if there is still enough space on the grid
        if(start_r+i <= 15 && start_c+i <= 15)
            grid_word = strcat(grid_word,
grid(start_r+i,start_c+i));          %concatenate the next word onto the
string
        end

        % 3.2 Search north east and south-west
(backwards and forwards)
        if(start_r-i >= 1 && start_c+i <= 15)
            grid_word2 = strcat(grid_word2, grid(start_r-
i,start_c+i));
        end
    end

        % south-east direction
if(strcmpi(grid_word,word))
    start_row = start_r;
    start_col = start_c;
    end_row = start_row+length(word)-1;
    end_col = start_col+length(word)-1;

        % north-west direction
elseif(strcmpi(fliplr(grid_word),word))
    start_row = start_r+length(word)-1;
    start_col = start_c+length(word)-1;
    end_row = start_r;
    end_col = start_c;

        % north east
elseif(strcmpi(grid_word2,word))
    start_row = start_r;
    start_col = start_c;
    end_row = start_row-length(word)+1;
    end_col = start_col+length(word)-1;

        % south-west
elseif(strcmpi(fliplr(grid_word2),word))
    start_row = start_r-length(word)+1;
    start_col = start_c+length(word)-1;

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                end_row = start_r;  
                end_col = start_c;  
            end  
        end  
    end  
end
```

Trial1 Code

```
function trial1()  
    load assignment2.mat  
  
    imagesc(reshape(test1,450,450));  
    for i=1:size(words)(1)  
        search_word(words(i),test1, train_data, train_labels)  
    end  
end  
  
function search_word(word,img_vector, train_data, train_labels)  
    alphabet = ['A' 'B' 'C' 'D' 'E' 'F' 'G' 'H' 'I' 'J' 'K' 'L' 'M' 'N' 'O' 'P'  
                'Q' 'R' 'S' 'T' 'U' 'V' 'W' 'X' 'Y' 'Z' ' '];  
  
    % 1. Preprocessing  
    pixel_features = [];    % each row is a sample of 900 pixel values  
  
    % 1.1 Loop through each 30x30 square  
    for r=1:15  
        for c=1:15  
            r_start = ((r*30)-29);  
            r_end = r*30;  
            c_start = ((c*30)-29);  
            c_end = c*30;  
  
            % 1.2 Extract the 30x30 matrix of pixels which are  
            % square slice of the image and it to bottom of pixel_features matrix  
            img_matrix =  
            reshape(img_vector(r_start:r_end,c_start:c_end),1,[]);  
            pixel_features = vertcat(pixel_features,img_matrix);  
        end  
    end  
  
    % 2. Classification  
    % 2.1 Convert to a vector labels of 225 letters  
  
    % find reduced training set  
    labels = classify(train_data,train_labels,pixel_features);  
    labels = alphabet(labels);  
  
    % 2.2 Reshape this vector to a 15x15 matrix of letters  
    labels = transpose(reshape(labels,15,15));  
  
    % 3. Select a search word  
    word = char(word)  
  
    % 4. Perform the search  
    [ start_row, start_col, end_row, end_col ] =  
    search_labels(labels,word);  
  
    % 5. Display the result
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    % imagesc(reshape(img_vector,450,450));

    % 5.1 Convert the start/end rows/cols to pixel coordinates where
    each pixel is the center of that character square
    y1 = 14+30*(start_row-1)
    x1 = 14+30*(start_col-1)
    y2 = 14+30*(end_row-1)
    x2 = 14+30*(end_col-1)

    hold on
    % plot([1,450],[450,1]);
    plot([x1,x2],[y1,y2])
    colormap(gray);
end

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Trial2 Code

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function trial2()
    load assignment2.mat

    % 1. Preprocessing
    pixel_features = []; % each row is a sample of 900 pixel values

    imagesc(reshape(test1,450,450));
    % 1.1 Loop through each 30x30 square
    for r=1:15
        for c=1:15
            r_start = ((r*30)-29);
            r_end = r*30;
            c_start = ((c*30)-29);
            c_end = c*30;
            img_matrix =
reshape(test1(r_start:r_end,c_start:c_end),1,[]);
            pixel_features = vertcat(pixel_features,img_matrix);
        end
    end

    % Compute the pca coponents
    covx = cov(train_data);
    [V,d] = eigs(covx,11);

    % project the data onto the pca axes
    pca_train_data = (train_data - repmat(mean(train_data), 699, 1)) *
V;
    pca_test_data = (pixel_features - repmat(mean(train_data),225,1)) *
V;

    % select 10 features
    pca_test_reduced = pca_test_data(:,2:11);
    pca_train_reduced = pca_train_data(:,2:11);

    % perform the search
    for i=1:size(words)(1)
        search_word(words(i),test1, pca_train_reduced,
train_labels, img_matrix, pca_test_reduced)
    end
end

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train_labels,img_matrix,pixel_features)
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'O' 'P' 'Q' 'R' 'S' 'T' 'U' 'V' 'W' 'X' 'Y' 'Z' ' ' ''];

    % 2. Classification
    % find reduced training set
    labels = classify(train_data,train_labels,pixel_features);
    labels = alphabet(labels);

    % 2.2 Reshape this vector to a 15x15 matrix of letters
    labels = transpose(reshape(labels,15,15));

    % 3. Select a search word
    word = char(word);

    % 4. Perform the search
    [ start_row, start_col, end_row, end_col ] =
search_labels(labels,word);

    % 5. Display the result
    % imagesc(reshape(img_vector,450,450));

    % 5.1 Convert the start/end rows/cols to pixel coordinates where
each pixel is the center of that character square
    y1 = 14+30*(start_row-1);
    x1 = 14+30*(start_col-1);
    y2 = 14+30*(end_row-1);
    x2 = 14+30*(end_col-1);

    hold on
    plot([x1,x2],[y1,y2])
    colormap(gray);
end
```