

Lab 06-Textons and classifiers

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1 Description of the database

The database[1] contains 1000 gray scale in JPG format, all of them have a standard 640x480 pixels resolution. Images are close ups of a given object surface, thus, containing textures found in different objects. There is a total of 17 clases ¹, each contains between 30 to 90 sample images in the train set and between 10 to 30 image sin the test set. Finally, there is a plain text file which specifies the naming convention for the images.

2 Methodlogy

Overall the mothodology used in this laboratory is presneten in figure

The first step in the classifiaction pipeline is the construction of a texton dictionary from the subset 'train'. Due to hardware constrains, it was not possible to build this dictionary with the complete train set (750 images). Creating a texton dictionary with a set of 40 images requires about 45 GB of RAM memory (At peak), while requiring about 3 hours CPU time. For the experiments, a single 115GB RAM machine was availabe. For this reason the training set was reduced to 85 images (5 images per class).

There is not a clear way to subsample the original training set to the selected size while retaining the original data variability, in other words, this sub samplig ofthe trainig set should create some bias.

However the natre of the dataset might help to mitigate this issue: textures are essentially local patterns repeated, with some variability, at the global level. Thus it can be assumed that each image constins several instances of these local patters that already containsome of the variability of the texture.

To further test this hypotesis...

¹The object clases are: Bark Wood, Water, Granite, Marble, Floors, Pebbles, Wall Brick, Glass, Carpet, Upholstery, Wallpaper, Fur, Knit, Corduroy & Plaid

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2.1 Textons

After selecting the initial number of training images, there remains one final parameter for the construction of the texton dictionary. We use a number of textons given by $N = k32$ ($K = 1, 2, 3$). The explanation behind this choice is that we expected the local patterns to closely match the shape of the filter bank; This is the case of $k=1 \rightarrow N=32$. However, not every the local pattern will match perfectly one of the textons on the filterbank. This is the case of $K = 2, 3$ where the resulting clusters might contain response information created by combining filter responses. No further values for K are explored mostly, due to time constraints.

The final setup for the texton dictionary construction is the following:

- Filter Bank: default filterbank provide in the implementation 16 orientations, 2 scales
- Number of training images: 85 (5 per each class)
- Number of clusters (N): 32,64,96

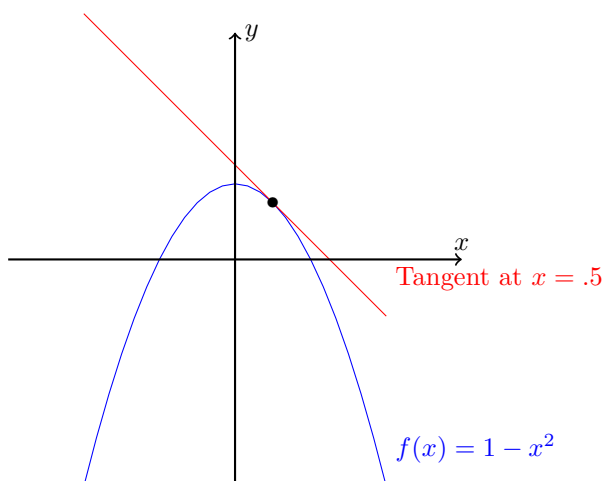


Figure 1: The plot of $f(x) = 1 - x^2$ with a tangent at $x = .5$.

Differentiation is now a technique taught to mathematics students throughout the world. In this document I will discuss some aspects of differentiation.

3 Exploring the derivative using Sage

The definition of the limit of $f(x)$ at $x = a$ denoted as $f'(a)$ is:

$$f'(a) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(a+h) - f(a)}{h} \quad (1)$$

The following code can be used in sage to give the above limit:

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def illustrate(f, a):
    """
    Function to take a function and illustrate the limiting definition of a derivative at
    """
    lst = []
    for h in srange(.01, 3, .01):
        lst.append([h, (f(a+h)-f(a))/h])
    return list_plot(lst, axes_labels=['$x$', '$\\frac{f(.02f+h)-f(.02f)}{h}$' % (a,a)])

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If we want to plot the tangent at a point a to a function we can use the following:

$$\begin{aligned}
 y &= ax + b && \text{(definition of a straight line)} \\
 f'(a)x + b &&& \text{(definition of the derivative)} \\
 f'(a)x + f(a) - f'(a)a &&& \text{(we know that the line intersects } f \text{ at } (a, f(a))
 \end{aligned}$$

We can combine this with the approach of the previous piece of code to see how the tangential line converges as the limiting definition of the derivative converges:

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def convergetangentialline(f, a, x1, x2, nbrofplots=50, epsilon=.1):
    """
    Function to make a tangential line converge
    """
    clr = rainbow(nbrofplots)
    k = 0
    h = epsilon
    p = plot(f, x, x1, x2)
    while k < nbrofplots:
        tangent(x) = fdash(f, a, h) * x + f(a) - fdash(f, a, h) * a
        p += plot(tangent(x), x, x1, x2, color=clr[k])
        h += epsilon
        k += 1
    return p

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The plot shown in Figure ?? shows how the lines shown converge to the actual tangent to $1 - x^2$ as $x = 2$ (the red line is the ‘closest’ curve).

Note here that the last plot is given using the **real** definition of the derivative and not the approximation.

4 Conclusions

In this report I have explored the limiting definition of the limit showing how as $h \rightarrow 0$ we can visualise the derivative of a function. The code involved <https://sage.maths.cf.ac.uk/home/pub/18/> uses the differentiation capabilities of Sage but also the plotting abilities.

There are various other aspects that could be explored such as symbolic differentiation rules. For example:

$$\frac{dx^n}{dx} = (n+1)x^n \text{ if } x \neq -1$$

Furthermore it is interesting to not that there exists some functions that **are not** differentiable at a point such as the function $f(x) = \sin(1/x)$ which is not differentiable at $x = 0$. A plot of this function is shown in Figure ??.

References

- [1] S. Lazebnik, C. Schmid, and J. Ponce. A sparse texture representation using local affine regions. *IEEE Transactions on Pattern Analysis and Machine Intelligence*, 27(8):1265–1278, Aug 2005.