

The provided program loads a principal component analysis (PCA) model and fits this model to a point cloud or a triangle mesh.

1 General Information

The provided program is a utility to fit a provided statistical face model to an input point cloud, for which landmarks need to be provided. The face model and fitting code are provided for NON-COMMERCIAL RESEARCH PURPOSES only, and are provided “as is” WITHOUT ANY WARRANTY; without even the implied warranty of fitness for a particular purpose. The redistribution of the model or the code is not permitted.

If you use this statistical model or the fitting program or part of it in a publication, cite the following papers:

L. Yin, X. Wei, Y. Sun, J. Wang, M. Rosato
A 3D Facial Expression Database For Facial Behavior Research
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3 Setup

The provided code has dependencies on the following libraries:

- Insight Segmentation and Registration Toolkit ITK (<http://www.itk.org/>). We recommend using ITK 4.50.
- CLapack (<http://www.netlib.org/clapack/>). Clapack must be compiled using Blas (USE_BLAS_WRAP must be enabled when using CMake). We recommend using Clapac 3.2.1.
- Approximate Nearest Neighbor Library ANN (<http://www.cs.umd.edu/~mount/ANN/>). We recommend using ANN 1.1.2.

To setup the provided code, use CMake and specify the required ITK, Clapack and ANN paths. Successfully compiling the project outputs a MM_Restricted_PCA.exe.

4 Usage

4.1 Basic Usage

To run the program, the MM_Restricted_PCA.exe must be called with following 6 parameters, separated by a blank.

- *pcaModel.rmm* - full path of the used PCA model. This parameter should point to the NE00_Scaled.rmm.
- *templateMesh.off* - full path of the training data template mesh, needed for the mesh structure of the result. This parameter should point to the MeanFace_NE00_Scaled.off.
- *templateLmks.txt* - full path of a text file including the landmark (x y z)-coordinates of the template mesh, the first 8 landmarks are used to compute a rigid alignment. This parameter should point to the ScaledAlignedLandmarks.txt.
- *targetData.off* - full path of the fitting target point cloud or triangle mesh.
- *targetLmks.txt* - full path of a text file including the landmark (x y z)-coordinates of the target face mesh, the first 8 landmarks are used to compute the rigid alignment.
- *outFitting.off* - full path of the fitting result file.

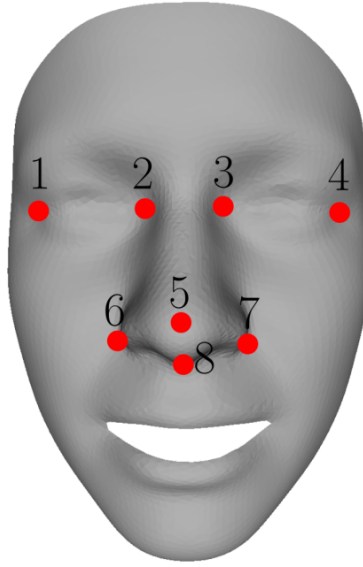


Figure 1: Landmarks used for rigid alignment computation.

The landmark files contain the concatenated (x y z)-coordinates of 8 specified landmarks, all coordinates separated by a line break. These landmarks are used to compute a rigid alignment between the target data and the local coordinate system of the model. The landmarks of Figure 1 are recommended, since they are relatively invariant to expression changes.

The target data need to be provided in an OFF-file format. Point clouds and triangle meshes are supported.

The provided example *RegisterTestPCA.cmd* fits the PCA model to a point cloud named *stereo_pointcloud.off* with specified landmarks *stereo_pointcloud_landmarks.txt* and outputs the fitted mesh as OFF-file named *stereo_pointcloud_fitting.off*. To run the example, all paths within the *RegisterTestPCA.cmd* must be adjusted to point to the specified files. By exchanging the parameters of the target data, target landmarks and output fitting file name, this can be used to fit any other target OFF-file.

4.2 Possible Extensions

In the case of partial facial occlusions it might be necessary to use a different set of landmarks. To change the set of landmarks, the same set of points need to be specified for the *templateMesh* and the *targetData* and the points need to be in the same order.

To load other file formats than OFF, the FileLoader class needs to be extended by a loader for the specific file format, that edits the input DataContainer by the loaded data.