# **Pattern Recognition**

EE5532 Module 5 Assignment

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#### Introduction

This module explores pattern recognition within digital image processing. A classification method is used on a training data set of simplistic binary images containing five different shapes per image; a square, rectangle, circle, oval, and a random gaussian blob. Each shape is parsed and has a chosen feature set extracted from it to be used towards finding similar patterns within a testing data set of similar shapes randomly scaled and rotated.

The classification method chosen for this report's pattern recognition algorithm is the minimum-distance classification, where the feature set uses its mean feature vectors of each shape to find the minimum distance subtracted from the unknown shape's features, along with applying the euclidean norm to find the minimum distance. The classical minimum distance classification method is compared to a brute-force minimum distance classifier devised during experimentation.

The end of this report will then wrap up with an analysis regarding each method by observing the confusion matrices of successful found shapes from the testing data, and what could be done to improve each method's algorithms for future research.

#### **Theory**

By finding the Hu-moment features of each parsed shape from the training data set, the minimum-distance classifier will then have enough information to make a higher percentage of successful guesses regarding each unknown shape in the testing data set using the mean feature vector found after calculations. The brute-force minimum classification should be more accurate, as it finds the minimum distance by comparing it to each feature vector found in the training set, but as a result it should be fairly more computationally expensive.

#### **Materials**

- Windows 10 PC
  - 10400 i5 Intel Processor
  - o 16 GB Ram
- MATLAB R2020a

# **Minimum Distance**

The minimum distance classifier is a simple and common matching method [1] which finds the distance between an unknown pattern vector and a desired pattern's feature vector. It may not be the most complex or powerful choice when choosing a classification method, but considering that the patterns within the test and training images that are being parsed in this report are simple binary shapes, the method seemed sufficient to use for experimentation.

Each training and testing image contains one of each of the following shapes; a square, circle, oval, rectangle, and blob. A sample training image can be seen below in Fig. 1, along with the parsed cropped shapes in Fig. 2.

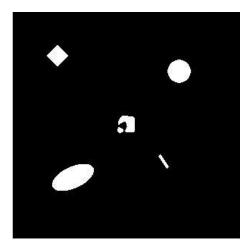


Fig. 1: Training Image

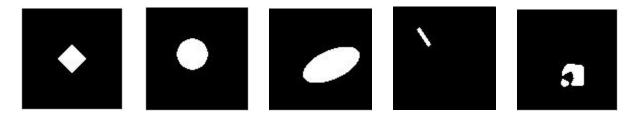


Fig. 2: Parsed Training Patterns from Fig. 1

Each shape from Fig. 2 then has sixteen Hu-moments features extracted from it using an installed MATLAB function  $SI\_Moments()$  [5], which are invariant moments that are immune to orientation variances of shifting patterns within an image space [2]. These features  $m_j$  are summed totally over one-thousand training images, and then averaged into one mean feature vector for each shape pattern called a class [Eq. 1].

$$m_j = \frac{1}{n_j} \sum_{x \in C_j}^{N_j} x$$
  $j = 1, 2, 3, ..., N_c$ 

Eq. 1: Class Mean Vectors [1]

The distance  $D_j$  of the unknown pattern's feature x is then found for each class using the Euclidean norm, observed below in Eq. 2.

$$D_{j}(x) = ||x - m_{j}|| \quad j = 1, 2, 3, ..., N_{c}$$

Eq. 2: Normalized Minimum Distance [1]

An algorithmic implementation of the main guts of Eq. 2 within MATLAB is shown in Fig. 3.

```
$ Get current estimates for each cropped shape
for j = 15
sofs = 15
sofs = (1,1,2) = data(:,1,2) = sofbata;
circoSec(:,1,2) = data(:,1,2) = crobata;
ovalEsc(:,1,2) = data(:,1,2) = cvalData;
rectEsc(:,1,2) = data(:,1,2) = cvalData;
end

$ Find normalized distances for each est
sofbat = secos(:,5);
circolist = secos(:,5);
ovalData = secos(:,5);
ovalData = secos(:,5);
rectData = secos(:,5);
sofbat(:,0) = norm(soffat(:,1,2));
sofbat(:,0) = norm(soffat(:,1,2));
rectData(:,2) = norm(soffat(:,1,2));
rectData(:,2) = norm(soffat(:,1,2));
rectData(:,2) = norm(soffat(:,1,2));
sovalDat(:,2) = norm(soffat(:,1,2));
rectData(:,2) = norm(soffat(:,1,2));
sovalDat(:,2) = norm(soffat(:,1,2));
rectData(:,2) = norm(soffat(:,2));
rectData(:,2) = norm(soffat(:,2));
sovalData(:,2) = norm(soffat(:,2));
sovalData(:,2) = norm(soffat(:,2));
rectData(:,2) = norm(soffat(:,2));
sovalData(:,2) = norm(soffat(:,2));
sovalData(:,3) = norm(soffat(:,3));
sovalData(:,3) = norm(soffat(
```

Fig. 3: Minimum Distance MATLAB Eq. 2 Implementation

The class that has the least distance found between all the normalized feature sets is then assigned to the unknown pattern. Found patterns are displayed in a confusion matrix seen in Table 1 within the Results section later on in this report.

#### **Brute-Force**

This method is an alteration to the above minimum distance calculation using the normalized distance, as the algorithm keeps each feature vector in memory for comparison with the unknown feature vector. Every feature vector from each class extracted from the training data is subtracted from the unknown feature vector, absolute valued, and then summed into a single numerical number. The number found that is closest to zero and its corresponding class is then selected to be assigned towards the unknown pattern.

Each class has its minimum distance found using the unknown feature vector x and the individual feature vectors  $m_i$  of the corresponding class j seen in Eq. 3 below.

$$D_{j}(x) = min(|\sum_{i=1}^{N_{i}} x - m_{i}|)$$
  $j = 1, 2, 3, ..., N_{c}$ 

Eq. 3: Brute-Force Minimum Distance Method

The MATLAB implementation of Eq. 3 is shown below in Fig. 4, where each class and all of its features are subtracted from the unknown feature vector and the class with the smallest valued result is chosen.

```
% Get current estimates using moment data
for j = 1:5
   sqE = sum(sum(abs(sqMom-data(:,:,j))));
   circE = sum(sum(abs(circMom-data(:,:,j))));
   ovalE = sum(sum(abs(ovalMom-data(:,:,j))));
   rectE = sum(sum(abs(rectMom-data(:,:,j))));
   blobE = sum(sum(abs(blobMom-data(:,:,j))));
   % Check to see if it is the minimum
   if (sqE < sqEst(j))</pre>
      sqEst(j) = sqE;
   if (circE < circEst(j))</pre>
       circEst(j) = circE;
   if (ovalE < ovalEst(j))</pre>
       ovalEst(j) = ovalE;
   if (rectE < rectEst(i))</pre>
      rectEst(j) = rectE;
   if (blobE < blobEst(j))</pre>
       blobEst(j) = blobE;
```

Fig. 4: Brute-Force Eq. 3 MATLAB Implementation

This method has a higher computational overhead, as each feature vector is used in comparison with the unknown pattern feature unlike the previous method, which only used the mean feature vector of each class. A confusion matrix was also constructed using found patterns seen in Table 2.

# Results

Tables 1 and 2 below display the confusion matrices populated with the assigned classes of 100 parsed testing images similar to Fig. 1 after parsing 1000 images within the training data set. Each image contains one of each class shape, and is randomly orientated and scaled according to the code provided on the EE5532 class Canvas resource page [3]. Time taken to execute the script was measured using the MATLAB functions tic and toc [4].

Execution Time for Minimum Distance = 97.4574 seconds

Total % Correct Class Assignments = 69%

	Square	Circle	Oval	Rectangle	Blob	% Correct
Square	100	0	0	0	0	100
Circle	0	100	0	0	0	100
Oval	8	0	83	1	8	83
Rectangle	27	1	16	36	20	36
Blob	14	0	36	22	26	26

Table 1: Minimum Distance Confusion Matrix

Execution Time for Brute Force = 100.7366 seconds

Total % Correct Class Assignments = 94.2%

	Square	Circle	Oval	Rectangle	Blob	% Correct
Square	99	0	0	1	0	99
Circle	0	99	0	0	1	99
Oval	0	0	99	1	0	99
Rectangle	3	0	6	88	3	88
Blob	2	0	0	12	86	86

Table 2: Brute Force Minimum Distance Confusion Matrix

#### Conclusions

The first minimum distance method using the mean feature vectors of each class seen in Table 1 was successfully able to detect all squares, circles, and most oval shapes, but struggled to detect rectangles and random gaussian blobs. These results were unexpected towards the algorithm finding the rectangles, as it would be assumed to have some bleed-over with false detections towards squares, which was its highest missed guess, but it still is quite abysmal performance. Maybe including a Bayes classification method towards probabilities on-top of this method would improve overall correct pattern recognition rate, but it is something to be researched.

The brute-force method had more favorable results, with strong recognition towards squares, circles, and ovals at 99%, and drastically improved detection accuracy towards rectangles and blobs. As expected, the rectangle had a little bit of bleed over with squares and ovals, but could be further improved by adding more training data images or including a Bayes probability model as discussed previously. Surprisingly, there was not a great deal of computational timing performance between the two algorithms, which the SI\_Moments() external MATLAB function is believed to be the main time-sink.

Overall, the minimum distance classification method is a very flexible and simple pattern recognition algorithm that can be easily modified and built upon to improve pattern recognition success rate in certain controlled testing environments as shown in this report between the standard and brute-force methods.

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# **Appendix**

```
function MinDistance()
      close all;
      clear;
      clc;
       tStart = tic;
       tData = load("PR training set2.mat");
       tTest = load("testing set.mat");
       sqData = zeros(16,1);
       circData = zeros(16,1);
       ovalData = zeros(16,1);
       rectData = zeros(16,1);
       blobData = zeros(16,1);
       sqCrop = [10, 10, 99, 99];
circCrop = [175, 35, 99, 99];
ovalCrop = [20, 165, 99, 99];
rectCrop = [170, 170, 99, 99];
       blobCrop = [95, 85, 99, 99];
       b = 0;
       confusion = zeros(5,5);
```

Appendix 1: MinDistance.m Part 1

```
disp("Gathering moment features from training data...");
for i = 1:N
    img = mat2gray(tData.img_stack(:,:,i));
    square = imcrop(img, sqCrop);
    circle = imcrop(img, circCrop);
          = imcrop(img, ovalCrop);
    oval
           = imcrop(img, rectCrop);
= imcrop(img, blobCrop);
    rect
    blob
    x = SI Moment(square);
    if (~isnan(x(1,3)))
        sqData = sqData + x(:);
        s = s + 1;
    end
    x = SI Moment(circle);
    if (~isnan(x(1,3)))
        circData = circData + x(:);
    end
    x = SI Moment(oval);
    if (~isnan(x(1,3)))
        ovalData = ovalData + x(:);
        0 = 0 + 1;
    end
    x = SI Moment(rect);
    if (~isnan(x(1,3)))
        rectData = rectData + x(:);
    end
    x = SI Moment(blob);
    if (~isnan(x(1,3)))
        blobData = blobData + x(:);
        b = b + 1;
    end
end
sqData = sqData./s;
circData = circData./c;
ovalData = ovalData./o;
rectData = rectData./r;
blobData = blobData./b;
disp("Parsing shapes from test images...")
```

Appendix 2: MinDistance.m Part 2

```
currImg = tTest.img stack(:,:,k);%testImgs(:,:,k);
                  = imcrop(currImg, sqCrop);%cropl);
imgCropl
imgCrop2
                  = imcrop(currImg, circCrop);%crop2);
                  = imcrop(currImg, ovalCrop);%crop3);
imgCrop3
imgCrop4
                  = imcrop(currImg, rectCrop);%crop3);
                  = imcrop(currImg, blobCrop);%crop3);
imgCrop5
                  = zeros(100,100,5);
testImgCrop
testImgCrop(:,:,1) = imgCrop1;
testImgCrop(:,:,2) = imgCrop2;
testImgCrop(:,:,3) = imgCrop3;
testImgCrop(:,:,4) = imgCrop4;
testImgCrop(:,:,5) = imgCrop5;
data = zeros(16,1,5);
x = SI Moment(testImgCrop(:,:,1));
if (~isnan(x(1,3)))
    data(:,1,1) = x(:);
end
x = SI Moment(testImgCrop(:,:,2));
if (~isnan(x(1,3)))
    data(:,1,2) = x(:);
x = SI Moment(testImgCrop(:,:,3));
if (~isnan(x(1,3)))
    data(:,1,3) = x(:);
end
x = SI Moment(testImgCrop(:,:,4));
if (~isnan(x(1,3)))
    data(:,1,4) = x(:);
end
x = SI Moment(testImgCrop(:,:,5));
if (~isnan(x(1,3)))
    data(:,1,5) = x(:);
end
sqEst = zeros(16,1,5);
circEst = zeros(16,1,5);
ovalEst = zeros(16,1,5);
rectEst = zeros(16,1,5);
blobEst = zeros(16,1,5);
    sqEst(:,1,j) = data(:,1,j) - sqData;
    circEst(:,1,j) = data(:,1,j) - circData;
    ovalEst(:,1,j) = data(:,1,j) - ovalData;
    rectEst(:,1,j) = data(:,1,j) - rectData;
    blobEst(:,1,j) = data(:,1,j) - blobData;
end
```

```
sqDist = zeros(1,5);
circDist = zeros(1,5);
ovalDist = zeros(1,5);
rectDist = zeros(1,5);
blobDist = zeros(1,5);
   sqDist(1,j) = norm(sqEst(:,1,j));
   circDist(1,j) = norm(circEst(:,1,j));
   ovalDist(1,j) = norm(ovalEst(:,1,j));
   rectDist(1,j) = norm(rectEst(:,1,j));
  blobDist(1,j) = norm(blobEst(:,1,j));
    distances = [sqDist(1,j), circDist(1,j), ovalDist(1,j),...
        rectDist(1,j), blobDist(1,j)];
   min = 999999;
    est = 5;
    for p = 1:5
         if (distances(p) < min)
            min = distances(p);
            est = p;
         end
    end
    if (est == 1 && j == 1)
       confusion(1,1) = confusion(1,1)+1;
    if (est == 2 && j == 1)
       confusion(1,2) = confusion(1,2)+1;
    end
    if (est == 3 && j == 1)
       confusion(1,3) = confusion(1,3)+1;
    if (est == 4 && j == 1)
      confusion(1,4) = confusion(1,4)+1;
    end
    if (est == 5 && j == 1)
      confusion(1,5) = confusion(1,5)+1;
    end
    if (est == 1 && j == 2)
       confusion(2,1) = confusion(2,1)+1;
    if (est == 2 && j == 2)
       confusion(2,2) = confusion(2,2)+1;
```

Appendix 3: MinDistance.m Part 3

```
if (est == 2 && j == 2)
   confusion(2,2) = confusion(2,2)+1;
if (est == 3 && j == 2)
   confusion(2,3) = confusion(2,3)+1;
if (est == 4 && j == 2)
   confusion(2,4) = confusion(2,4)+1;
end
if (est == 5 && j == 2)
   confusion(2,5) = confusion(2,5)+1;
if (est == 1 && j == 3)
  confusion(3,1) = confusion(3,1)+1;
if (est == 2 && j == 3)
   confusion(3,2) = confusion(3,2)+1;
if (est == 3 && j == 3)
   confusion(3,3) = confusion(3,3)+1;
if (est == 4 && j == 3)
   confusion(3,4) = confusion(3,4)+1;
if (est == 5 && j == 3)
   confusion(3,5) = confusion(3,5)+1;
if (est == 1 && j == 4)
   confusion(4,1) = confusion(4,1)+1;
end
if (est == 2 && j == 4)
   confusion(4,2) = confusion(4,2)+1;
end
if (est == 3 && j == 4)
   confusion(4,3) = confusion(4,3)+1;
end
if (est == 4 && j == 4)
   confusion(4,4) = confusion(4,4)+1;
if (est == 5 && j == 4)
   confusion(4,5) = confusion(4,5)+1;
end
if (est == 1 && j == 5)
   confusion(5,1) = confusion(5,1)+1;
if (est == 2 && j == 5)
   confusion(5,2) = confusion(5,2)+1;
```

Appendix 4: MinDistance.m Part 4

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                  if (est == 2 && j == 5)
                     confusion(5,2) = confusion(5,2)+1;
                  if (est == 3 && j == 5)
                     confusion(5,3) = confusion(5,3)+1;
                  end
                  if (est == 4 && j == 5)
                     confusion(5,4) = confusion(5,4)+1;
                  if (est == 5 && j == 5)
                     confusion(5,5) = confusion(5,5)+1;
                  end
              end
           end
           disp(confusion);
           disp("Finished!");
           tEnd = toc(tStart)
      end
```

Appendix 5: MinDistance.m Part 5

```
16  function MinDistance BruteForce()
            close all;
            clear;
            clc;
            tStart = tic;
            tData = load("PR training set2.mat");
            tTest = load("testing set.mat");
            N
            sqData = zeros(4,4,N);
            circData = zeros(4,4,N);
            ovalData = zeros(4,4,N);
            rectData = zeros(4,4,N);
            blobData = zeros(4,4,N);
            sqCrop = [10, 10, 99, 99]; % 100
circCrop = [175, 35, 99, 99]; % 100
ovalCrop = [20, 165, 99, 99]; % 110
rectCrop = [170, 170, 99, 99]; % 60
            blobCrop = [95, 85, 99, 99]; % 80
            confusion = zeros(5,5);
```

Appendix 6: BruteForce\_MinDistance.m Part 1

```
disp("Gathering moments from training data...");
% Get test figure and its moments
    img = mat2gray(tData.img stack(:,:,i));
    square = imcrop(img, sqCrop);
   circle = imcrop(img, circCrop);
    oval = imcrop(img, ovalCrop);
    rect = imcrop(img, rectCrop);
   blob = imcrop(img, blobCrop);
    x = SI Moment(square);
   if (~isnan(x(1,3)))
        sqData(:,:,i) = x;
    x = SI Moment(circle);
   if (~isnan(x(1,3)))
        circData(:,:,i) = x;
    x = SI Moment(oval);
   if (~isnan(x(1,3)))
        ovalData(:,:,i) = x;
   end
    x = SI Moment(rect);
   if (~isnan(x(1,3)))
        rectData(:,:,i) = x;
   end
    x = SI Moment(blob);
    if (~isnan(x(1,3)))
        blobData(:,:,i) = x;
disp("Parsing shapes from test images...")
for k = 1:100
   fprintf("Image %d\n", k);
   currImg = tTest.img_stack(:,:,k);
   imgCropl
                      = imcrop(currImg, sqCrop);%crop1);
                      = imcrop(currImg, circCrop);%crop2);
   imgCrop2
                      = imcrop(currImg, ovalCrop);%crop3);
   imgCrop3
   imgCrop4
                      = imcrop(currImg, rectCrop);%crop3);
                      = imcrop(currImg, blobCrop);%crop3);
   imgCrop5
                       = zeros(100,100,5);
    testImgCrop
    testImgCrop(:,:,1) = imgCropl;
    testImgCrop(:,:,2) = imgCrop2;
    testImgCrop(:,:,3) = imgCrop3;
    testImgCrop(:,:,4) = imgCrop4;
    testImgCrop(:,:,5) = imgCrop5;
```

Appendix 7: BruteForce\_MinDistance.m Part 2

```
data = zeros(4,4,5);
data(:,:,1) = SI Moment(testImgCrop(:,:,1));
data(:,:,2) = SI Moment(testImgCrop(:,:,2));
data(:,:,3) = SI_Moment(testImgCrop(:,:,3));
data(:,:,4) = SI_Moment(testImgCrop(:,:,4));
data(:,:,5) = SI_Moment(testImgCrop(:,:,5));
max = 9999999;
sqEst = [max,max,max,max,max];
circEst = [max, max, max, max, max];
ovalEst = [max,max,max,max,max];
rectEst = [max,max,max,max,max];
blobEst = [max, max, max, max, max];
for i = 1:N
         = sqData(:,:,i);
   sqMom
   circMom = circData(:,:,i);
   ovalMom = ovalData(:,:,i);
   rectMom = rectData(:,:,i);
   blobMom = blobData(:,:,i);
   check = sum(sum(abs(sqMom)));
   if (check == 0 || isnan(check))
       sqMom = [max,max,max,max,max,max,max,max;...
                max,max,max,max;max,max,max,max];
   check = sum(sum(abs(circMom)));
   if (check == 0 || isnan(check))
       circMom = [max,max,max,max,max,max,max;...
                max,max,max,max;max,max,max];
   end
   check = sum(sum(abs(ovalMom)));
   if (check == 0 || isnan(check))
       ovalMom = [max,max,max,max,max,max,max;...
                max, max, max; max, max, max, max];
   check = sum(sum(abs(rectMom)));
   if (check == 0 || isnan(check))
       rectMom = [max,max,max,max,max,max,max,max;...
                max,max,max,max,max,max,max];
   end
   check = sum(sum(abs(blobMom)));
   if (check == 0 || isnan(check))
       blobMom = [max,max,max,max,max,max,max,max;...
                max,max,max,max,max,max,max];
       sqE = sum(sum(abs(sqMom-data(:,:,j))));
```

Appendix 8: BruteForce\_MinDistance.m Part 3

```
circE = sum(sum(abs(circMom-data(:,:,j))));
       ovalE = sum(sum(abs(ovalMom-data(:,:,j))));
       rectE = sum(sum(abs(rectMom-data(:,:,j))));
       blobE = sum(sum(abs(blobMom-data(:,:,j))));
       if (sqE < sqEst(j))
          sqEst(j) = sqE;
       end
       if (circE < circEst(j))</pre>
          circEst(j) = circE;
       end
       if (ovalE < ovalEst(j))</pre>
          ovalEst(j) = ovalE;
       if (rectE < rectEst(j))
          rectEst(j) = rectE;
       end
       if (blobE < blobEst(j))
          blobEst(j) = blobE;
      end
   end
end
   distances = [sqEst(1,j), circEst(1,j), ovalEst(1,j),...
       rectEst(1,j), blobEst(1,j)];
   min = 999999;
   est = 5;
   for p = 1:5
        if (distances(p) < min)
          min = distances(p);
           est = p;
        end
   end
   if (est == 1 && j == 1)
      confusion(1,1) = confusion(1,1)+1;
   end
   if (est == 2 && j == 1)
      confusion(1,2) = confusion(1,2)+1;
   if (est == 3 && j == 1)
      confusion(1,3) = confusion(1,3)+1;
   if (est == 4 && j == 1)
      confusion(1,4) = confusion(1,4)+1;
```

Appendix 9: BruteForce\_MinDistance.m Part 4

```
if (est == 5 && j == 1)
   confusion(1,5) = confusion(1,5)+1;
if (est == 1 && j == 2)
   confusion(2,1) = confusion(2,1)+1;
end
if (est == 2 && j == 2)
   confusion(2,2) = confusion(2,2)+1;
if (est == 3 && j == 2)
   confusion(2,3) = confusion(2,3)+1;
if (est == 4 && j == 2)
   confusion(2,4) = confusion(2,4)+1;
end
if (est == 5 && j == 2)
   confusion(2,5) = confusion(2,5)+1;
end
if (est == 1 && j == 3)
   confusion(3,1) = confusion(3,1)+1;
end
if (est == 2 && j == 3)
   confusion(3,2) = confusion(3,2)+1;
if (est == 3 && j == 3)
   confusion(3,3) = confusion(3,3)+1;
if (est == 4 && j == 3)
   confusion(3,4) = confusion(3,4)+1;
end
if (est == 5 && j == 3)
   confusion(3,5) = confusion(3,5)+1;
end
if (est == 1 && j == 4)
   confusion(4,1) = confusion(4,1)+1;
end
if (est == 2 && j == 4)
   confusion(4,2) = confusion(4,2)+1;
if (est == 3 && j == 4)
   confusion(4,3) = confusion(4,3)+1;
if (est == 4 && j == 4)
   confusion(4,4) = confusion(4,4)+1;
if (est == 5 && j == 4)
   confusion(4,5) = confusion(4,5)+1;
end
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Appendix 10: BruteForce\_MinDistance.m Part 5

Appendix 11: BruteForce\_MinDistance.m Part 6