
Code for face recognition

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Face recognition

This algorithm uses the eigenface system (based on principal component analysis - PCA) to recognize faces. For more information on this method refer to <http://cnx.org/content/m12531/latest/>

Download the face database

You can find the database at the following link, <http://www.cl.cam.ac.uk/research/dtg/attarchive/facedatabase.html> The database contains 400 pictures of 40 subjects. Download the zipped database and unzip it in the same directory as this file.

Loading the database into matrix v

```
w=load_database();
```

Initializations

We randomly pick an image from our database and use the rest of the images for training. Training is done on 399 pictures. We later use the randomly selected picture to test the algorithm.

```
ri=round(400*rand(1,1));           % Randomly pick an index.
r=w(:,ri);                         % r contains the image we later on
    will use to test the algorithm
v=w(:,[1:ri-1 ri+1:end]);          % v contains the rest of the 399
    images.

N=20;                             % Number of signatures used for
    each image.
```

Subtracting the mean from v

```
O=uint8(ones(1,size(v,2)));
```

```
m=uint8(mean(v,2)); % m is the mean of all images.
vzm=v-uint8(single(m)*single(1)); % vzm is v with the mean removed.
```

Calculating eigenvectors of the correlation matrix

We are picking N of the 400 eigenfaces.

```
L=single(vzm)'*single(vzm);
[V,D]=eig(L);
V=single(vzm)*V;
V=V(:,end:-1:end-(N-1)); % Pick the eigenvectors
corresponding to the 10 largest eigenvalues.
```

Calculating the signature for each image

```
cv=zeros(size(v,2),N);
for i=1:size(v,2);
    cv(i,:)=single(vzm(:,i))*V; % Each row in cv is the signature
    for one image.
end
```

Recognition

Now, we run the algorithm and see if we can correctly recognize the face.

```
subplot(121);
imshow(reshape(r,112,92));
title('Looking
for ...', 'FontWeight', 'bold', 'FontSize', 16, 'color', 'red');

subplot(122);
p=r-m; % Subtract the mean
s=single(p)*V;
z=[];
for i=1:size(v,2)
    z=[z,norm(cv(i,:)-s,2)];
    if (rem(i,20)==0),imshow(reshape(v(:,i),112,92)),end;
    drawnow;
end

[a,i]=min(z);
subplot(122);
imshow(reshape(v(:,i),112,92));title('Found!', 'FontWeight', 'bold', 'FontSize', 16, 'color', 'red');
```

Looking for ...



Found!



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