

Rank Normalization for Principal Component Analysis Based Face Recognition

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Abstract—Principal Component Analysis (PCA) is a statistical technique used for dimension reduction and recognition, & widely used for facial feature extraction and recognition. In this paper, the new rank based feature normalization method is presented for the PCA based face recognition. Experiments based on ORL and Yale face databases have been performed to compare the recognition rate with the traditional PCA by varying the number of input images. It is found that use of rank based feature normalization gives the improved classification result.

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I. INTRODUCTION

Face recognition has been studied extensively for more than 40 years. Now it is one of the most imperative sub-topics in the domain of face research [1]-[4]. Face recognition is a technology which recognize the human by his/her face image. Face recognition can be divided into two core approaches namely, content-based and appearance based [1].

Content-based recognition is based on the relationship between facial features like eyes, mouth & nose etc.

In appearance based recognition the face is treated as a two dimensional pattern of intensity variation. The face matching is done through its underlying statistical regularities.

Principal Component Analysis (PCA) has been proven to be an effective approach for the face recognition [5]-[11]. Sirovich and Kirby (1987 & 1990) used the eigenfaces for efficiently representing the face images using principal component analysis [12], [13]. In 1991 Turk and Penland developed a face recognition system using PCA [7], [6]. Then onwards, systematic empirical evaluations of PCA based face recognition techniques, including View based and Modular PCA [Pentland *et.al.* 1994], Kernel PCA [Kwang Kim *et.al.* 2002, Ming Yang *et.al.* 2002], Illumination Normalization Pixel wise Gaussian and PCA [T Chen *et.al.* 2002], Image PCA [Jian Yang *et al.* 2002], Improved Modular PCA [RajKiran G *et.al.* 2004], PCA and MLP and RBF Network[M Oravec *et.al.* 2004], 2DPCA [Jian Yang *et.al.* 2004], Gabor based Kernel PCA [Chengjun Liu 2004], (2D)²PCA [Daoqiang Zhang *et.al.* 2005], Generalized 2DPCA [Hui Kong *et.al.* 2005], GW +

DKPCA [X Xie *et.al.* 2006], 2DPCA+FSS & B2DPCA+FSS [P Sanguansat *et.al.* 2006], GW based Modular PCA [N Gudur *et.al.* 2006], PCA of Multi-View [T. Kurita *et.al.* 2006], IPCA_ICA [Issam Dagher *et.al.* 2006], Wavelet PCA and SVM [Hong Wang *et.al.* 2007], Image PCA [Ying Wen *et.al.* 2007], Laplacian PCA [Deli Zhao *et.al.* 2007], Curvelet PCA [T Mandal *et.al.* 2008], Wavelet PCA and ANN [M Mazloom *et.al.* 2008], Statistical PCA [Chunming Li *et.al.* 2008], 2DPCA+MGF & 2DPCA+MGF [Yi-Chun Lee *et.al.* 2008], WT + Image PCA [Yang Jun *et.al.* 2008], (2D)²+PCA and WPD [Dongjian He *et.al.* 2008], Contourlet PCA [Walid Riad *et.al.* 2008], WT Weighted Modular PCA [Minghua Zhao *et.al.* 2008] and many.

This paper employed new rank normalization based system. In section II the tradition PCA based face recognition system is discussed. The rank based feature normalization discussed in section III and experimental results are listed in section IV. Finally, sections V conclude and suggest the future scope.

II. PCA

Principal component analysis (PCA) was also called as Eigenface [6]. The following steps summarize the process:

1. Let a face image $X(x, y)$ be a two dimensional $m \times n$ array (8-bit Gray Scale) of intensity values. An image may also be considering the vector of dimension mn , so that a typical image of size 112×92 becomes a vector of dimension 10304. Let the training set of images $\{X_1, X_2, X_3 \dots X_N\}$. The average face of the set is defined by

$$\bar{X} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N X_i \quad (1)$$

2. Calculate the covariance matrix to represent the scatter degree of all feature vectors related to the average vector. The covariance matrix C is defined by

$$C = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N (X_i - \bar{X})(X_i - \bar{X})^T \quad (2)$$

3. The Eigenvectors and corresponding eigenvalues are computed by using

$$CV = \lambda V \quad (3)$$

Where V is the set of eigenvectors associated with its eigenvalue λ .

4. Sort the eigenvector according to their corresponding eigenvalues from high to low
5. Each of the mean centred image project into eigenspace using

$$W_i = V_i^T (X_i - \bar{X}) \quad (4)$$

6. In the testing phase each test image should be mean centred, now project the test image into the same eigenspace as defined during the training phase.
7. This projected image is now compared with projected training image in eigenspace. Images are compared with similarity measure (Euclidean). The training image that is closet to the test image will be matched and used to identify.

III. RANK BASED FEATURE NORMALIZATION (RN)

Let x be the feature vector of length n extracted from the face image by means of PCA. Rank Feature Normalization (RN) replaces the x_i with the rank R the component would correspond to if the feature components would be ordered in an ascending order.

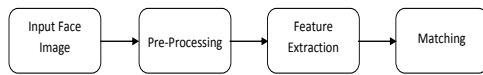


Fig. 1 Traditional Face Recognition System



Fig. 2 Proposed Face Recognition System

IV. EXPERIMENTS

A. Databases

The Olivetti Research Lab (ORL) Database [45] of face images provided by the AT&T Laboratories from Cambridge University has been used for the experiment. It was collected between 1992 and 1994 [46]. It contains slight variations in illumination, facial expression (open/closed eyes, smiling/not smiling) and facial details (glasses/no glasses). It is of 400 images, corresponding to 40 subjects (namely, 10 images for each class). Each image has the size of 112×92 pixels with 256 gray levels. Some face images from the ORL database are shown in fig 3.

The Yale Face database [47] [48] contains 11 frontal face images of 15 subjects, giving a total of 165 images. Each image has the size of 320×243 pixels with 256 gray levels. Lighting variations include left-light, center-light, and right-light. Spectacle variations include with-glasses and without-glasses. Facial expression variations include normal, happy, sad, sleepy, surprised, and wink. Some face images from the Yale face database are shown in fig 4:



Fig. 3. Some Face images from ORL Database



Fig. 4. Some Face images from Yale Database

B. Experimental Setup

The experiment has been done on two face databases ORL face database and Yale face database, with different number of training images i.e. five, six, seven, eight, nine, and ten. For testing all the images in the database has been considered. The algorithms developed in MATLAB 7.0. In all the experiments the feature vectors has been calculated using PCA.

C. Results and Discussion

The results of the experiment on ORL database has been shown in TABLE I and on Yale Database has been shown in TABLE II and the corresponding graphical representation has been shown in Fig.5 and Fig.6 respectively. From TABLE I and II. We can analyze that the proposed method gives the better recognition rate than the traditional PCA.

	Number of Training Images					
	5	6	7	8	9	10
WN	80.5	83	82.75	85.75	85.25	87
RN	95	93	95.5	97.5	97	99

TABLE II
RECOGNITION RESULTS FOR YALE DATABASE

		Number of Training Images					
		5	6	7	8	9	10
WN		51.52	55.76	63.64	65.45	66.67	66.67
RN		81.21	79.39	82.42	84.24	79.39	81.21

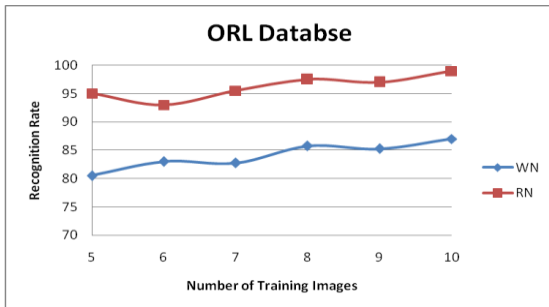


Fig. 5. Graphical Representation of TABLE I

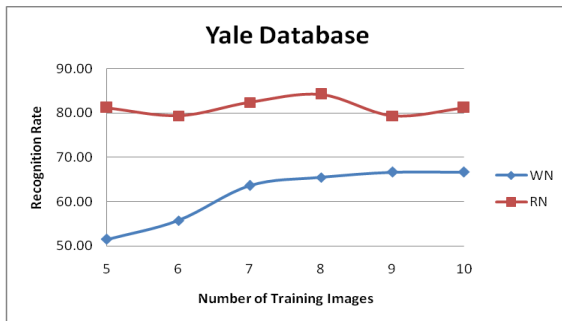


Fig. 6. Graphical Representation of TABLE II

V. CONCLUSIONS

In this paper new rank based feature normalization for principal component analysis based face recognition has been proposed. The experiments were performed on the ORL and Yale Face databases. The experiments show that the proposed method gives better performance with respect to recognition rate. The best performance on ORL database is 99% with 10 training images and on Yale database 84.24% with 8 training images of each person. In future more feature normalization techniques can be used.

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