Fundamentals of Data Science

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Basic Concepts and Terminology for Image Processing and Computer Vision

Including 2 case studies:

- Recovery of 3D structure
- Object Recognition



Pinhole Camera (Model)

- (simple) standard and abstract model today
 - box with a small hole in it





Camera Obscura

- around 1519, Leonardo da Vinci (1452 1519)
 - http://www.acmi.net.au/AIC/CAMERA_OBSCURA.html

"when images of illuminated objects ... penetrate through a small hole into a very dark room ... you will see [on the opposite wall] these objects in their proper form and color, reduced in size ... in a reversed position owing to the intersection of the rays" illum in tabula per radios Solis, quâm in cœlo contingit: hoc eft,fi in cœlo fuperior pars deliquiũ patiatur,in radiis apparebit inferior deficere,vt ratio exigit optica.



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Principle of pinhole....

- ...used by artists
 - (e.g. Vermeer 17th century, dutch)
- and scientists





Digital Images

- Imaging Process:
 - (pinhole) camera model
 - digitizer to obtain digital image





(Grayscale) Image

- 'Goals' of Computer Vision
 - how can we recognize fruits from an array of (gray-scale) numbers?
 - how can we perceive depth from an array of (gray-scale) numbers?

Goals' of Graphics

. . .

- how can we generate an array of (grayscale) numbers that looks like fruits?
- how can we generate an array of (grayscale) numbers so that the human observer perceives depth?

▶ ...

 computer vision = the problem of 'inverse graphics' ...?

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Vincent van Gogh Interior of a Restaurant at Arles 1888





Vincent van Gogh Snowy Landscape with Arles in the Background 1888





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1. Case Study Computer Vision - Recovery of 3D Structure

- take all the cues of artists and 'turn them around'
 - exploit these cues to infer the structure of the world
 - need mathematical and computational models of these cues
- sometimes called 'inverse graphics'



http://www.vrvis.at/ar2/adm/shading/



A 'trompe l'oeil'

- depth-perception
 - movement of ball stays the same
 - location/trace of shadow changes





Another 'trompe l'oeil'

- illusory motion
 - only shadows changes
 - square is stationary





Color & Shading





Color & Shading



















Do you still believe what you see?

- Experiment
 - carefully point flash light into your eye from one corner
 - don't hurt yourself!
- Observation
 - you'll see your own blood vessels
 - they are actually in front of the retina
 - we've adapted to their usual shadow



2. Case Study:

Computer Vision & Object Recognition

- is it more than inverse graphics?
- how do you recognize
 - the banana?
 - the glass?
 - the towel?
- how can we make computers to do this?
- ill posed problem:
 - missing data
 - ambiguities
 - multiple possible explanations











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Recognition: the Role of Context

• Antonio Torralba







Recognition: the role of Prior Expectation

• Giuseppe Arcimboldo







One or Two Faces ?





Class of Models: Pictorial Structure

- Fischler & Elschlager 1973
- Model has two components
 - parts
 (2D image fragments)
 - structure (configuration of parts)





Deformations



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Clutter





Example




Recognition, Localization, and Segmentation

- a few terms
- ... let's briefly define what we mean by that



Object Recognition

- Different Types of Recognition Problems:
 - Object Identification
 - recognize your apple, your cup, your dog
 - Object Classification
 - recognize any apple, any cup, any dog
 - also called: generic object recognition, object categorization, ...
 - typical definition: 'basic level category'

- Recognition and
 - Segmentation: separate pixels belonging to the foreground (object) and the background
 - Localization/Detection: position of the object in the scene, pose estimate (orientation, size/scale, 3D position)



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Which Level is right for Object Classes?

Basic-Level Categories

- the highest level at which category members have **similar perceived shape**
- the highest level at which a **single mental image** can reflect the entire category
- the highest level at which a person uses similar **motor actions** to interact with category members
- the level at which human subjects are usually fastest at identifying category members
- the first level named and understood by children
- (while the definition of basic-level categories depends on culture there exist a remarkable consistency across cultures...)
- Most recent work in object recognition has focused on this problem
 - Most mature algorithms are in this field



Detection & Recognition of Visual Categories



- cluttered background
 - low interclass variance



Challenges of Visual Categorization

low inter-class variation



large intra-class variation



More than Object Recognition

- Recognition and
 - Segmentation: separate pixels belonging to the foreground (object) and the background





More than Object Recognition

- Recognition and
 - Localization: to position the object in the scene, estimate the object's pose (orientation, size/scale, 3D position)

• Example from David Lowe:







Parameters: 3D position and orientation



Localization: Example Video 1







Localization: Example Video 2





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Computer Vision and its Components

- computer vision: 'reverse' the imaging process
 - 2D (2-dimensional) digital image processing
 - 'pattern recognition' / 3D image analysis
 - image understanding





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Digital Image Processing

- Image Filtering
 - take some local image patch (e.g. 3x3 block)
 - image filtering: apply some function to local image patch





Image Filtering

- Some Examples:
 - what assumptions are you making to infer the center value?





Image Filtering: 2D Signals and Convolution

- Image Filtering
 - to reduce noise,
 - to fill-in missing values/information
 - to extract image features (e.g. edges/corners), etc.
- Simplest case:
 - linear filtering: replace each pixel by a linear combination of its neighbors

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- 2D convolution (discrete):
 - ▶ discrete Image: I[m,n]
 - ► filter 'kernel': g[k, l]
 - ▶ 'filtered' image: f[m,n]

$$[m,n] = I \otimes g = \sum_{k,l} I[m-k,n-l]g[k,l]$$

$$f[m,n] \qquad I[k,l] \qquad g[k,l]$$

$$\boxed{18} = \boxed{753} \otimes \boxed{-101}$$

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can be expressed as matrix multiplication!

2	3	3	
3	20	2	\rightarrow
3	2	3	

2	3	3
3	3	2
3	2	3

Image Filtering: 2D Signals and Convolution

f[m,n]

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 - discrete Image: *l[m,n]* ►
 - filter 'kernel': g[k,l] ►
 - 'filtered' image: ►



- $\sum I[m-k, n-l]g[k, l] (m, m)$ -1 < k < +1
 - -1 < l < +1

$$\in I[m+1, n+1]g[-1, -1]$$

+I|m+1,n|g|-1,0|

+...

$$(k = -1, l = 0)$$

$$(k = -1, l = +1)$$

- mirror the filter (k and l)
- swipe it across the image
- multiply and sum (k = -1, l = -1)



+I[m+1, n-1]g[-1, +1]

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- special case:
 - convolution (discrete) of a 2D-image with a 1D-filter

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Try it out in GIMP

- You can try out linear filter kernels in the free image manipulation tool GIMP
 available at gimp.org
- open image
- from the menu pick:
 - Filters
 - Generic
 - Convolution Matrix ...
- enter filter kernel in "Matrix"
- press "ok" to apply

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$$f[m,n] = I \otimes g = \sum_{i} I[m-k,n]g[k]$$

$$ig_{i} = \int_{0}^{100} \int_{0}$$







Blurring





Blurring Examples





$$f[m,n] = I \otimes g_1 - I \otimes g_2 = I \otimes (g_1 - g_2)$$



original



$$f[m,n] = I \otimes g_1 - I \otimes g_2 = I \otimes (g_1 - g_2)$$

2.0

0



original



1.0

0



$$f[m,n] = I \otimes g_1 - I \otimes g_2 = I \otimes (g_1 - g_2)$$



original



(remember blurring)



original





Blurred (filter applied in both dimensions).



Sharpening



original

Sharpened original



Sharpening Example





Sharpening





after



before

Image Filtering Interim summary

- Images may need low-level adjustment such as filtering, in order to enhance image quality (e.g. denoising) or extract useful information (e.g. edges)
- Filtering for enhancement \rightarrow improve contrast
- Filtering for smoothing \rightarrow removes noise
- Filtering for template matching \rightarrow detect known patterns


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Linear Systems

- Basic Properties:
 - homogeneity
 T[a X] = a T[X]
 - additivity $T[X_1 + X_2] = T[X_1] + T[X_2]$
 - superposition $T[aX_1 + bX_2] = a T[X_1] + b T[X_2]$
 - Inear systems <=> superposition
- examples:
 - matrix operations (additions, multiplication)
 - convolutions



Filtering to Reduce Noise

- "Noise" is what we're not interested in
 - low-level noise: light fluctuations, sensor noise, quantization effects, finite precision, ...
 - complex noise (not today): shadows, extraneous objects.
- Assumption:
 - the pixel's neighborhood contains information about its intensity



Model: Additive Noise

• Image I = Signal S + Noise N:





Model: Additive Noise

- Image I = Signal S + Noise N
 - i.e. noise does not depend on the signal
- we consider:
 - ► I_i : intensity of i'th pixel
 - $I_i = s_i + n_i$ with $E(n_i) = 0$
 - s_i deterministic
 - n_i, n_j independent for $i \neq j$
 - n_i,n_j i.i.d. (independent, identically distributed)
- therefore:
 - intuition: averaging noise reduces its effect
 - better: smoothing as inference about the signal



Average Filter

- Average Filter
 - replaces each pixel with an average of its neighborhood
 - Mask with positive entries that sum to 1
- if all weights are equal, it is called a BOX filter







Gaussian Averaging (An Isotropic Gaussian)

- Rotationally symmetric
- Weights nearby pixels more than distant ones
 - this makes sense as 'probabilistic' inference



 the pictures show a smoothing kernel proportional to

$$g(x,y) = \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma^2} \exp\left(-\frac{x^2 + y^2}{2\sigma^2}\right)$$





Smoothing with a Gaussian

- Effects of smoothing:
 - each column shows realizations of an image of Gaussian noise
 - each row shows smoothing with Gaussians of different width





Smoothing with a Gaussian

• Example:





Efficient Implementation

- Both, the BOX filter and the Gaussian filter are separable:
 - first convolve each row with a 1D filter
 - then convolve each column with a 1D filter

$$(f_x \otimes f_y) \otimes I = f_x \otimes (f_y \otimes I)$$

- remember:
 - convolution is linear associative and commutative
- Example: separable BOX filter





Example: Separable Gaussian

• Gaussian in x-direction

$$g(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma}} \exp\left(-\frac{x^2}{2\sigma^2}\right)$$

• Gaussian in y-direction

$$g(y) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma}} \exp\left(-\frac{y^2}{2\sigma^2}\right)$$

Gaussian in both directions

$$g(x,y) = \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma^2} \exp\left(-\frac{x^2 + y^2}{2\sigma^2}\right)$$



Separable Gaussian

- Gaussian separability:
 - an *n* dimensional Gaussian convolution is equivalent to *n* 1-D Gaussian convolutions



Multi-Scale Image Representation

- Gaussian Pyramids
- Example of a Gaussian Pyramid



High resolution

Low resolution



Motivation: Search across Scales



Irani & Basri



Computation of Gaussian Pyramid



Irani & Basri



Gaussian Pyramid





Fourier Transform in Pictures

 a *very* little introduction on Fourier transforms to talk about spatial frequencies...







Subsampling without Average Filtering

• Subsampling without average filtering leads to aliasing



Original image



Image with spatial aliasing

image source: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Aliasing



Another Example



512

256

• a bar

- in the big images is a hair (on the zebra's nose)
- in smaller images, a stripe
- ▶ in the smallest image, the animal's nose





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Line Drawings: Good Starting Point for Recognition?





Example of Recognition & Localization

David Lowe





Parameters: 3D position and orientation



Example of Recognition & Localization

- David Lowe
 - 1. 'filter' image to find brightness changes
 - 2. 'fit' lines to the raw measurements









Example of Recognition & Localization

- David Lowe
 - 3. 'project' model into the image and 'match' to lines (solving for 3D pose)





3D Model "match"

Parameters: 3D position and orientation



Class of Models

- Common Idea & Approach (in the 1980's)
 - matching of models (wire-frame/geons/generalized cylinders...) to edges and lines



- so the 'only' remaining problem to solve is:
 - reliably extract lines & edges that can be matched to these models...



Actual 1D profile

- Barbara Image:
 - entire image



line 250



 line 250 smoothed with a Gaussian





What are 'edges' (1D)

• Idealized Edge Types:

- Goals of Edge Detection:
 - good detection: filter responds to edge, not to noise
 - good localization: detected edge near true edge
 - single response: one per edge





Edges

- Edges:
 - correspond to fast changes
 - where the magnitude of the derivative is large



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Edges & Derivatives...





Compute Derivatives

$$\frac{d}{dx}f(x) = \lim_{h \to 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} \approx f(x+1) - f(x)$$

- we can implement this as a linear filter:
 - direct:



• or symmetric:





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Edge-Detection

- based on 1st derivative:
 - smooth with Gaussian
 - calculate derivative
 - finds its maxima





Edge-Detection

• Simplification:

►

remember:

$$\frac{d}{dx}(g\otimes f) = \left(\frac{d}{dx}g\right)\otimes f$$

derivative as well as convolution are linear operations





1D Barbara signal

- Barbara Image:
 - entire image







1D Barbara signal:

note the amplification of small variations

- Barbara Image:
 - entire image








Implementing 1D edge detection

- algorithmically:
 - find peak in the 1st derivative
 - ► but
 - should be a local maxima
 - should be 'sufficiently' large
 - hysteresis: use 2 thresholds
 - high threshold to start edge curve (maximum value of gradient should be sufficiently large)
 - low threshold to continue them (in order to bridge "gaps" with lower magnitude)
 - (really only makes sense in 2D...)





Extension to 2D Edge Detection: Partial Derivatives

- partial derivatives
 - in x direction:

• in y direction:

$$\frac{d}{dx}I(x,y) = I_x \approx I \otimes D_x \qquad \frac{d}{dy}I(x,y) = I_y \approx I \otimes D_y$$

often approximated with simple filters (finite differences):





Finite Differences





Finite Differences responding to noise

- increasing noise level (from left to right)
 - noise: zero mean additive Gaussian noise





Again: Derivatives and Smoothing

- derivative in x-direction: $D_x \otimes (G \otimes I) = (D_x \otimes G) \otimes I$
 - In 1D:

in 2D:

►









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Again: Derivatives and Smoothing

• derivative in x-direction: $D_x \otimes (G \otimes I) = (D_x \otimes G) \otimes I$





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Image Filtering

• Edge detection using derivative of Gaussian filter:





Edges along the x axis

Edges along the y axis



What is the gradient ?







What is the gradient ?



- to edge
- gradient magnitude measures edge strength



2D Edge Detection

- calculate derivative
 - use the magnitude of the gradient
 - the gradient is:

$$\nabla I = \left(I_x, I_y\right) = \left(\frac{\partial I}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial I}{\partial y}\right)$$

the magnitude of the gradient is:

$$\left\|\nabla I\right\| = \sqrt{I_x^2 + I_y^2}$$

the direction of the gradient is:

$$\theta = \arctan\left(I_{y}, I_{x}\right)$$





2D Edge Detection

- the scale of the smoothing filter affects derivative estimates, and also the semantics of the edges recovered
 - note: strong edges persist across scales
 - 1 pixel

3 pixels

7 pixels





2D Edge Detection

- there are 3 major issues:
 - the gradient magnitude at different scales is different; which to choose?
 - the gradient magnitude is large along a thick trail; how to identify the significant points?
 - how to link the relevant points up into curves?









'Optimal' Edge Detection: Canny

- Assume:
 - linear filtering
 - additive i.i.d. Gaussian noise
- Edge Detection should have:
 - good detection: filter response to edge, not noise
 - good localization: detected edge near true edge
 - single response: one per edge
- then: optimal detector is approximately derivative of Gaussian
- detection/localization tradeoff:
 - more smoothing improves detection
 - and hurts localization



The Canny edge detector

original image (Lena)

thinning (non-maximum suppression)



norm (=magnitude) of the gradient

thresholding



Non-maximum suppression



- Check if pixel is local maximum along gradient direction
 - choose the largest gradient magnitude along the gradient direction
 - requires checking interpolated pixels p and r



Butterfly Example (Ponce & Forsyth)



line drawing vs. edge detection







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Match "model" to measurements?



Edges & Derivatives...

- recall:
 - the zero-crossings of the second derivative tell us the location of edges





Compute 2nd order derivatives

• 1st derivative:

$$\frac{d}{dx}f(x) = \lim_{h \to 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} \approx f(x+1) - f(x)$$

• 2nd derivative:

$$\frac{d^2}{dx^2}f(x) = \lim_{h \to 0} \frac{\frac{d}{dx}f(x+h) - \frac{d}{dx}f(x)}{h} \approx \frac{d}{dx}f(x+1) - \frac{d}{dx}f(x)$$

$$\approx f(x+2) - 2f(x+1) + f(x)$$

- mask for
 - 1st derivative:

2nd derivative:

The Laplacian

• The Laplacian:

$$\nabla^2 f = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2}$$

• just another linear filter:

$$\nabla^2 (G \otimes f) = \nabla^2 G \otimes f$$



Second Derivative of Gaussian

• in 1D:

• in 2D ('mexican hat'):







1D edge detection

using Laplacian





Approximating the Laplacian

• Difference of Gaussians (DoG) at different scales:







The Laplacian Pyramid

$$L_i = G_i - \operatorname{expand}(G_{i+1})$$

Gaussian Pyramid $G_i = L_i + expand(G_{i+1})$

Laplacian Pyramid



Edge Detection with Laplacian

• sigma = 4

sigma = 2





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Object Identification

- Example Database for Object Identification:
 - COIL-100 Columbia Object Image Library
 - contains 100 different objects, some form the same object class (e.g. cars,cups)





Challenges = Modes of Variation

- Viewpoint changes
 - Translation
 - Image-plane rotation
 - Scale changes
 - Out-of-plane rotation

- Illumination
- Clutter
- Occlusion
- Noise





Appearance-Based Identification / Recognition

- Basic assumption
 - Objects can be represented by a collection of images ("appearances").
 - For recognition, it is sufficient to just compare the 2D appearances.
 - No 3D model is needed.

- 3D object
- \Rightarrow Fundamental paradigm shift in the 90's



Global Representation

- Idea
 - Represent each view (of an object) by a global descriptor.







- For recognizing objects, just match the (global) descriptors.
- Modes of variation can be taken care of by:
 - built into the descriptor
 - e.g. a descriptor can be made invariant to image-plane rotations, translation
 - incorporate in the training data or the recognition process.
 - e.g. viewpoint changes, scale changes, out-of-plane rotation
 - robustness of descriptor or recognition process (descriptor matching)
 - e.g. illumination, noise, clutter, partial occlusion



Case Study: Use Color for Recognition

- Color:
 - Color stays constant under geometric transformations
 - Local feature
 - Color is defined for each pixel
 - Robust to partial occlusion
- Idea
 - Directly use object colors for identification / recognition
 - Better: use statistics of object colors



Color Histograms

- Color statistics
 - Given: R,G,B for each pixel
 - Compute 1D histograms for the R, G and B, as well as for the luminance
 - E.g. Hist(R) = #(pixels with color R)





3D (Joint) Color Histograms

- Color statistics
 - Given: tri-stimulus R,G,B for each pixel
 - Compute 3D histogram
 - H(R,G,B) = #(pixels with color (R,G,B))





[Swain & Ballard, 1991]

 Embed the image into a "more meaningful" space endowed with some notion of "closeness"


Color Histograms

- Robust representation
 - presence of occlusion, rotation





[Swain & Ballard, 1991]



Color

- One component of the 3D color space is intensity
 - If a color vector is multiplied by a scalar, the intensity changes, but not the color itself.
 - This means colors can be normalized by the intensity.
 - Intensity is given by: I = R + G + B:
 - "Chromatic representation"

$$r = \frac{R}{R + G + B}$$
$$g = \frac{G}{R + G + B}$$
$$b = \frac{B}{R + G + B}$$



Color

- Observation:
 - Since r + g + b = 1, only 2 parameters are necessary
 - E.g. one can use r and g r+g+b=1
 - and obtains b = 1 r g







- Histogram comparison
 - known objects Database of known objects ► Test image of unknown object ► test image JUICY FRUIT, JUICY FRUIT,



• Database with multiple training views per object





• Retrieved object instances given the query-image color histogram





- Comparison measures
 - Intersection

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$$\gamma(Q, V) = \sum_{i} \min(q_i, v_i)$$



- Motivation
 - Measures the common part of both histograms
 - Range: [0,1]
 - For unnormalized histograms, use the following formula

$$\cap(Q,V) = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\sum_{i} \min(q_i, v_i)}{\sum_{i} q_i} + \frac{\sum_{i} \min(q_i, v_i)}{\sum_{i} v_i} \right)$$



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- Motivation
 - Focuses on the differences between the histograms
 - ► Range: [0,∞]
 - All cells are weighted equally.
 - Not very discriminant



- Comparison Measures
 - Chi-square

$$\chi^{2}(Q, V) = \sum_{i} \frac{(q_{i} - v_{i})^{2}}{q_{i} + v_{i}}$$

- Motivation
 - Statistical background:
 - Test if two distributions are different
 - Possible to compute a significance score
 - ► Range: [0,∞]
 - Cells are not weighted equally!
 - therefore more discriminant
 - may have problems with outliers (therefore assume that each cell contains at least a minimum of samples)





- Which measure is best?
 - Depends on the application...
 - Both Intersection and χ^2 give good performance.
 - Intersection is a bit more robust.
 - χ^2 is a bit more discriminative.
 - Euclidean distance is not robust enough.
 - There exist many other measures
 - e.g. statistical tests: Kolmogorov-Smirnov
 - e.g. information theoretic: Kullback-Leibler divergence, Jeffrey divergence, ...



- Simple algorithm
 - 1. Build a set of histograms $H = \{M_1, M_2, M_3, ...\}$ for each known object
 - more exactly, for each view of each object
 - 2. Build a histogram T for the test image.
 - 3. Compare T to each $M_k \in H$
 - using a suitable comparison measure
 - 4. Select the object with the best matching score
 - or reject the test image if no object is similar enough (distance above a threshold *t*)

"Nearest-Neighbor" strategy



Color Histograms

- Recognition (here object identification)
 - Works surprisingly well
 - In the first paper (1991), 66 objects could be recognized almost without errors



[Swain & Ballard, 1991]



Discussion: Color Histograms

- Advantages
 - Invariant to object translations
 - Invariant to image rotations
 - Slowly changing for out-of-plane rotations
 - No perfect segmentation necessary
 - Histograms change gradually when part of the object is occluded
 - Possible to recognize deformable objects
 - e.g. pullover
- Problems
 - The pixel colors change with the illumination ("color constancy problem")
 - Intensity
 - Spectral composition (illumination color)
 - Not all objects can be identified by their color distribution.



Basics of Digital Image Filtering

- Linear Filtering
 - Gaussian Filtering
- Multi Scale Image Representation
 - Gaussian Pyramid
- Edge Detection
 - 'Recognition using Line Drawings'
 - Image derivatives (1st and 2nd order)
- Object Instance Identification using Color Histograms
- Performance evaluation



Performance evaluation



Performance Evaluation

- How can we say if method A is better than method B for the same task?
- 1. Compare a single number e.g. accuracy (recognition rate), top-k accuracy
- 2. Compare curves e.g. precision-recall curve, ROC curve



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Score-based evaluation

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Threshold -> Classifier -> Point Metrics

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Point metrics: Confusion Matrix

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Th 0.5

Properties:

- Quality of model & threshold decide how columns are split into rows.
- We want diagonals to be "heavy", off diagonals to be "light".



Point metrics: True Positives



Th	TP
0.5	9



Point metrics: True Negatives



Th	TP	TN
0.5	9	8



Point metrics: False Positives



Th	TP	TN	FP
0.5	9	8	2



Point metrics: False Negatives



Th	TP	TN	FP	FN
0.5	9	8	2	1



FP and FN also called Type-1 and Type-2 errors





Point metrics: Accuracy



Th	TP	TN	FP	FN	Acc
0.5	9	8	2	1	.85

Overall accuracy = (TN + TP)/N

Equivalent to 0-1 Loss!



Point metrics: Precision





$$Precision = \frac{TP}{TP + FP}$$



Point metrics: Positive Recall, True Positive Rate, Sensitivity



Th	TP	TN	FP	FN	Acc	Pr	Recall
0.5	9	8	2	1	.85	.81	.9

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Recall = True positive rate = \frac{TP}{TP + FN} = Sensitivity
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Trivial 100% recall = pull everybody above the threshold. Trivial 100% precision = push everybody below the threshold except 1 green on top. (Hopefully no gray above it!)

Striving for good precision with 100% recall = pulling up the lowest green as high as possible in the ranking. Striving for good recall with 100% precision = pushing down the top gray as low as possible in the ranking.



Point metrics: Negative Recall, False Positive Rate, Specificity



Th	TP	TN	FP	FN	Acc	Pr	Recall	Spec
0.5	9	8	2	1	.85	.81	.9	0.8



Point metrics: F1-score





Point metrics: Changing threshold



Th	TP	TN	FP	FN	Acc	Pr	Recall	Spec	F1
0.6	7	8	2	3	.75	.77	.7	.8	.733

effective thresholds = # examples + 1



Threshold Scanning



Threshold	TP	ΤN	FP	FN	Accuracy	Precision	Recall	Specificity	F1
1.00	0	10	0	10	0.50	1	0	1	0
0.95	1	10	0	9	0.55	1	0.1	1	0.182
0.90	2	10	0	8	0.60	1	0.2	1	0.333
0.85	2	9	1	8	0.55	0.667	0.2	0.9	0.308
0.80	3	9	1	7	0.60	0.750	0.3	0.9	0.429
0.75	4	9	1	6	0.65	0.800	0.4	0.9	0.533
0.70	5	9	1	5	0.70	0.833	0.5	0.9	0.625
0.65	5	8	2	5	0.65	0.714	0.5	0.8	0.588
0.60	6	8	2	4	0.70	0.750	0.6	0.8	0.667
0.55	7	8	2	3	0.75	0.778	0.7	0.8	0.737
0.50	8	8	2	2	0.80	0.800	0.8	0.8	0.800
0.45	9	8	2	1	0.85	0.818	0.9	0.8	0.857
0.40	9	7	3	1	0.80	0.750	0.9	0.7	0.818
0.35	9	6	4	1	0.75	0.692	0.9	0.6	0.783
0.30	9	5	5	1	0.70	0.643	0.9	0.5	0.750
0.25	9	4	6	1	0.65	0.600	0.9	0.4	0.720
0.20	9	3	7	1	0.60	0.562	0.9	0.3	0.692
0.15	9	2	8	1	0.55	0.529	0.9	0.2	0.667
0.10	9	1	9	1	0.50	0.500	0.9	0.1	0.643
0.05	10	1	9	0	0.55	0.526	1	0.1	0.690
0.00	10	0	10	0	0.50	0.500	1	0	0.667



Recap

- The recognition algorithm identifies (classifies) the *query* object as matching the *training* image if their *similarity* is above a threshold t
- Compare actual outcomes to predicted outcomes using a *confusion matrix (classification matrix)*

	Predicted = 0	Predicted = 1
Actual = 0	True Negatives (TN)	False Positives (FP)
Actual = 1	False Negatives (FN)	True Positives (TP)

N = number of observations

Overall accuracy = (TN + TP)/N Overall error rate = (FP + FN)/N

False positive rate =
$$\frac{FP}{TN + FP}$$
 = 1-SpecificityPrecision = $\frac{TP}{TP + FP}$ True positive rate = $\frac{TP}{TP + FN}$ = Sensitivity = Recall



Performance Evaluation (Overall) Accuracy



#Correct Predictions #Total Examples

Figure 4. Recognition accuracy across different experimental setups on the test data. Oh, ICCV'15



Threshold Value

- The recognition algorithm identifies (classifies) the *query* object as matching the *training* image if their *similarity* is above a threshold *t*
- The lower the *t* the more query images are classified as matching
 - More TP but also more FP
- The higher the *t* the less query images are classified as matching
 - More TN but also more FN
- What value should we pick for *t*?


Receiver Operator Characteristic (ROC)

True positive rate (TPR) • **Receiver Operator Characteristic Curve** • the larger the TPR 0. the larger the recall of actual true matches 0.8 (lower threshold *t*) **Frue positive rate** True positive rate = $\frac{TP}{TP + FN}$ 0.6 0.4 • False positive rate (FPR) 0.2 The larger the FPR • the larger number 0.0 of false alarms 0.2 0.4 0.6 0.0 0.8 1.0 False positive rate (lower threshold *t*) False positive rate = $\frac{FP}{TN + FP}$

Receiver Operator Characteristic (ROC) space

- True positive rate (TPR)
 - the larger the TPR the larger the recall of actual true matches
- False positive rate (FPR)
 - The larger the FPR the larger number of false alarms





- Capture all thresholds simultaneously
- Low threshold *t*
 - Large TPR
 - Large FPR

True positive rate = $\frac{TP}{TP + FN}$

- High threshold *t*
 - Small TPR
 - Small FPR

False positive rate = $\frac{FP}{TN + FP}$





- Choose best threshold *t* for the best trade off
 - cost of failing to identify an object
 - cost of raising the false alarms

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Receiver Operator Characteristic Curve



Performance Evaluation ROC curve





Performance across thresholds

- The area under the ROC curve (AUROC)
- Interpretation
 - Given a random positive and negative, proportion of the time you guess which is which correctly
- Less affected by sample balance than accuracy







Area Under the ROC Curve (AUROC)

- What is a good AUROC?
 - Maximum of 1 (perfect prediction)
 - Minimum of 0.5 (just guessing)

True positive rate = $\frac{TP}{TP + FN}$ False positive rate = $\frac{FP}{TN + FP}$







Performance Evaluation Precision-recall curve

• Preferred for detection, where TN's are otherwise undefined





Confidence



Two models scoring the same data set. Is one of them better than the other?



• Same ranking, and therefore the same AUROC, AUPRC, accuracy!

Log Loss = $\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N} -y_i \log \hat{y}_i - (1 - y_i) \log (1 - \hat{y}_i)$.

- Rewards confident correct answers, heavily penalizes confident wrong answers.
- One perfectly confident wrong prediction is fatal.
 -> Well-calibrated model
 - **Proper** scoring rule: Minimized at $\hat{y} = y$

Brier Score =
$$\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N} (\hat{y}_i - y_i)^2$$





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