Image Analysis

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Lecture 12 – Statistical models of shape and appearance



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Today's Learning Objectives

- Describe the concept of shape models
- Define the shape of an object using landmarks
- Describe point correspondence
- Describe and use the vector representation of a shape
- Describe how a shape can be seen as a point in high-dimensional space
- Explain how shapes can be aligned
- Describe how principal component analysis can be used to model shape variation
- Explain the similarity between Eigenfaces and shape and appearance models



A typical scenario



- Doctor X believes that he can "see" on a hand X-ray if the patient is in risk of arthritis!
- Specifically Doctor X is sure that the shape of the joints is an estimator for arthritis!

Can we verify that?



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Scenario II



Corpus Callosum

- MR images have been captured of a large group of people
- Cognitive abilities measured as well
- Is there a correlation between how the brain looks and how we behave?
- Does the shape of corpus callosum tell us something?





Scenario II



Corpus Callosum

We can get the MR slice with the corpus callosum from all the patients





Scenario III



- An experienced hearing aid fitter has seen a lot of ears!
- Some hearing aid users are very difficult to fit. Why?
- Large variation in the shape of ears
- Ear canals change shape when people chews
- Is it possible to learn about the shape and use it?





Shape Analysis



600 MR scans and behavioural data

- What can we learn from shape?
- What can we use it for?
- How do we do it?





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What is shape?



- How do we define the shape of this hand?
- What is the shape difference between the two hands?



Shape definition



- Shape is defined using landmarks
 Blaced by an expert
 - Placed by an expert
- In this case the outer contour of the hand
- Just one of many ways!



Shape definition

Shape is all geometrical information that remains when location, scale, and rotational effects are removed





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Landmarks and point correspondence

Landmarks are placed on the same place on all shapes in the training set





Shape as a vector





- The shape is represented as an array of (x,y) coordinates
- Trick number one! All coordinates are put into one vector!
- n=56 points
 - Vector with 112 elements!

$$\mathbf{x} = [x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n]^T$$





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Shapes in high-dimensional space



 $\mathbf{x} = [x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n]^T$

- One hand is now described using one vector
- A vector can also be seen as a point in space!





Coordinates in space



- On hand is now described using one vector
- A vector can also be seen as a coordinate in space!
- Not 2D space, not 3D space, not 4D space...
- 112 Dimensional Space!
- A hand has a position in this space!



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Hands in Space



- A hand has a position in space!
- Another hand appears
 - in the same space
 - different position = different shape
- All hands have a place in this space!



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Shape analysis

- Similar shapes are placed on "planes" in the shape-space
- Also called a manifold



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Shape alignment



40 training images of hands

- 56 landmarks on each
- Placed in random location (translation+rotation)



Shape alignment Before alignment





Landmarks from all hands

Needs alignment!



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What is alignment?



Average shape

Group wise registration

- Not one-to-one
- All to the average shape

$$ar{\mathbf{x}} = rac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N} \mathbf{x}_i$$
 $ar{\mathbf{x}} = [ar{x}_1, ar{x}_2, \dots, ar{x}_n, ar{y}_1, ar{y}_2, \dots, ar{y}_n]^T$

But hey! We do not have an average shape?



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Procrustes Analysis (alignment)



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Shape #2

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Landmark based registration



"Average shape" Registration



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- Shape #2 is transformed to fit the average shape
 - Translation
 - Rotation
 - Scaling
 - = Similarity Transform
- Result
 - Shape #2 is placed on top of the average shape



Procrustes Analysis

- 1. Average shape is set to shape #1
- 2. Register all shapes to the average shape
 - Landmark based registration
- **3.** Recompute the average shape
- 4. If average shape changed return to step 2.







Aligned shapes – what now



Individual landmark variation

- Over the training set
- What shape is the variation?



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Principal Component Analysis (PCA)



PCA

- Main axis in data
- Eigenvectors
- Eigenvalues
- Size of Eigenvalues describe explained variance



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Principal Component Analysis (PCA)



- We throw away the noise dimensions
- Points projected to the line



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Principal Component Analysis (PCA)



- We throw away the noise dimensions
- Points projected to the line
- A point can now be described by one parameter *t*
- We have reduced the number of dimensions



How many dimensions should we keep?



Plot the Eigenvalues
 Explains how *important* each dimension is

Cut away noise dimensions



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PCA Analysis



Landmark #14 Landmark #22

- PCA analysis on individual landmarks
- Describes the major direction of variation
- Landmarks are correlated!
- The movement over the shape is connected
- Return to shape space





PCA in shape space



- Instead of doing PCA on 2D points we do it on 112D points
- Examine if our 40 shapes is lying on a plane in 112D space
- We find the directions that spans the maximum variation in shape space



Start by computing the shape average

$$\bar{\mathbf{x}} = \frac{1}{s} \sum_{i=1}^{s} \mathbf{x}_i$$



Since we do this on the aligned shapes – this is the Procrustes average



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Do the eigenvector analysis



Computing the covariance of the shape data



Visualizing variation





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Results of Shape Analysis

Visualisation of the major variation of the shape over a population





Hearing Aid Design

- Main variation of the shape of the ear canal
- Found using principal component analysis
- First mode of variation
- 7 modes explain 95% of the total variation









Modelling shape and appearance

- A model that can both model the shape of an object and the appearance (the texture)
- **Texture:** The pattern of intensities (or colors) across an image patch







Back to lecture 3: Eigenfaces



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Face data



38 face images

- 168 x 192 grayscale
- Aligned
 - The anatomy is placed "in the same position in all image"
 - Same illumination conditions on the images we use

The Extended Yale Face Database B



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Analyzing the deviation from the mean face

We want to do the principal component analysis on the *deviations from the average face*





Visualizing the PCA faces Main deviations from the average face



First PC – 40% of variation



Second PC – 8% of variation

A tool to see major variations – brow lifting



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Eigenfaces: Modelling texture

The modelling of the pure appearance
Without removing variation in shape
No *decoupling* of shape and appearance





Decoupling shape and texture



- Warp each face to average shape using the landmarks
 Non-linear geometrical transformation
 Sample the texture from
 - Sample the texture from the warped face



Eigenfaces on warped faces



 Same PCA modelling as in the Eigenfaces approach
 Just slightly different notation



$$\mathbf{g} = \bar{\mathbf{g}} + \mathbf{P}_g \mathbf{b}_g$$



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Combined shape and appearance model





Figure 5.2: First two modes of shape variation $(\pm 3 \text{ sd})$





Figure 5.3: First two modes of grey-level variation $(\pm 3 \text{ sd})$



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Course evaluation

Very important to get your feedback on the course

Please do it now – log into DTU Inside and fill in the evaluation

What works well – so we should keep it and strengthen that part

What can be improved and how?

The question about "The teacher gave me feedback on my progress"

- Very hard with large courses
- We try with quizzes, TAs, exercise solutions





Facial Analysis

Demo of AAM explorer



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