

Image Analysis

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Lecture 6 – Pixel Classification and advanced segmentation







What can you do after today?

- Describe the concept of pixel classification
- Compute the pixel value ranges in a minimum distance classifier
- Implement and use a minimum distance classifier
- Approximate a pixel value histogram using a Gaussian distribution
- Implement and use a parametric classifier
- Decide if a minimum distance or a parametric classifier is appropriate based on the training data
- Explain the concept of Bayesian classification
- Implement and use the linear discriminant analysis (LDA) classifier
- Decide where to place a decision boundary
- Understand the use of linear vs non-line hyperplanes for segmentation



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Go to www.menti.com and use the code 59 42 89 7 Quiz 0: What is advanced segmentation?

To Use It just some To dr	raw
separate methods vectors linear	and
colours? that mimics pointing in non-lin	near
the human a space? hyper p	plans
brain? in space	ace





Classification

Take a measurement and put it into a class





General Classification

- Multi-dimensional measurement
- Pre-defined classes
 - Can also be found automatically can be very difficult!





Pixel Classification

CT scan of human head



Pixel wise segmentation



Four Class labels Background Soft-Tissue Trabecular Bone Hard Bone

- Classify each pixel

 Independent of neighbours

 Also called labelling

 Put a label on each pixel

 We look at the pixel value and assign them a label
- Labels already defined





Quiz 1: Two class pixel classification? Background and object

A) Median filter
B) Threshold
C) Brightness
D) Morphological Erosion
E) BLOB analysis





Pixel Classification – formal definition

Pixel value (the measurement) $v \in R$

k classes

$$C = c_1, \dots, c_k$$

Classification rule

$$c: R \longrightarrow \{c_1, \dots, c_k\}$$





Pixel Classification – example

Pixel value

 $v \in [0, 255]$

Set of 4 classes *C*={background, soft-tissue, trabeculae, bone}

Classification rule $c: v \rightarrow \{background, soft - tissue, trabeculae, bone\}$



How do we construct a classification rule?





Pixel classification rule

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Pixel classification rule – manual inspection

 $c: v \rightarrow \{ background, soft - tissue, trabeculae, bone \}$





Pixel classification rule – manual inspection

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Pixel classification rule – manual inspection

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Pixel classification rule **Minimum Distance Classification**

The possible pixel values are divided into ranges





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Pixel classification rule

For all pixel in the image do







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Pixel Classification example



CT scan of human head



Background Soft-Tissue Trabecular Bone Hard Bone





Better range selection



- Guessing range values is not a good idea
- Better to use "training data"
- Start by selecting representative regions from an image
- Annotation
 - To mark points, regions, lines or other significant structures





Classifier training - annotation



- An "expert" is asked how many different tissue types that are possible
- Then the expert is asked to mark representative regions of the selected tissue types





Classifier training – region selection



- Many tools exist
- Python module roipoly
 - Select closed regions using a piecewise polygon

Training is only done once!

Optimally, the training can be used on many pictures that contains the same tissue types



Initial analysis - histograms







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Initial analysis - histograms







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Simple pixel statistics

Calculate the mean and the standard deviation of each class





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Minimum distance classification



Any objections?

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The pixel value ranges are not always in good correspondence with the histograms?



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Quiz 2: Minimum distance classification

A) Background
B) Soft tissue
C) Fat
D) Bone
E) None of the above

Solution:

Green: (6+4+9+5)/4=6

Blue: (132+130+134+133)/4= 132,25

Yellow: (178+175+176+174)/4=175,75

Purple: (222+220+219+221)/4=220

Blue: 158 is closes to 175,75 (yellow) = fat

To make a pixel classification an expert has selected representative regions in the image. They contain background (green), soft tissue (blue), fat (yellow), and bone (purple). The goal is to classify the pixel marked with a light blue circle. Using a minimum distance classifier it is classified as?

5	6	5	81	180	182	222	220
8	9	4	108	181	175	219	221
7	8	132	130	148	182	174	223
58	231	134	133	61	173	178	175
44	250	181	130	117	101	176	174
5	6	7	204	246	94	86	175
156	158	6	7	7	252	173	230
157	161	7	6	6	10	35	227





- Describe the histogram using a few parameters
- Assume a "model" describing the signal values
- Model: Gaussian/Normal distribution
 - The mean μ
 - Standard deviation σ

$$\int \mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma) = \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left(-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right)$$

Only two values needed







Trabecular bone

Training pixel values v_1, v_2, \ldots, v_n , (Belonging to one class) Estimated mean

$$\hat{\mu} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} v_i$$

Estimated standard

deviation

$$= \sqrt{\frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^{n} (\nu_i - \hat{\mu})^2}$$

The "signal model" is a Gaussian distribution

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





Fit a Gaussian to the training pixels for all classes



What do we see here?

What is the difference between the two classes?

Trabeculae has much higher variation in the pixel values





Quiz 3: Two tissue types – minimum distance v = 78

Which tissue class?

A) Trabeculae B) Soft-tissue



Solution: Minimum distance classifier

v = 78

First we find the threshold, T:

T = (95+68)/2 = 81,5

Then we classify/segment v=78: A if v>81,5 or <u>B if v<81,5</u>







New pixel with value 78

- Is it soft-tissue or trabecular bone?
- Minimum distance classifier?
 - Soft-tissue
 - Is that fair?
 - Soft-tissue Gaussian says "Extremely low probability that this pixel is soft-tissue"





Which tissue class?

Trabeculae **B)** Soft-tissue



Solution:

The A distribution (red) is higher than B (blue) at v=78

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Parametric classification – repeat the question



New pixel with value 78

- Is it soft-tissue or trabecular bone?
- Most probably trabecular bone
- Where should we set the limit?
 - Where the two Gaussians cross!





Parametric classification – ranges



- The pixel value ranges depends on
 - The mean
 - The standard deviation
- Compared to the minimum distance classifier
 - Only the average





Parametric classification – how to

- Select training pixels for each class
- Fit Gaussians $(\mathcal{N}(\mu_i, \sigma_i))$ to each class
- Use Gaussians to determine pixel value ranges




Parametric classifier - ranges





Alternatively – analytic solution

The two Gaussians

$$\frac{1}{\sigma_1 \sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left(-\frac{(v-\mu_1)^2}{2\sigma_1^2}\right) = \frac{1}{\sigma_2 \sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left(-\frac{(v-\mu_2)^2}{2\sigma_2^2}\right)$$

Intercept at

$$v = \frac{\sigma_1^2 \mu_2 - \sigma_2^2 \mu_1 \pm \sqrt{-\sigma_1^2 \sigma_2^2 \left(2 \,\mu_2 \,\mu_1 - \mu_2^2 - 2 \,\sigma_2^2 \ln\left(\frac{\sigma_2}{\sigma_1}\right) - \mu_1^2 + 2 \,\sigma_1^2 \ln\left(\frac{\sigma_2}{\sigma_1}\right)\right)}}{-\sigma_2^2 + \sigma_1^2}$$



Quiz 5: Class ranges A) [0,45],]45, 75],]75,255] B) [40,60],]60,100],]100,140] C) [0, 60],]60,80],]80,255] D) [0,60],]60,100],]100,255] E) [0,75],[75,100],]100,255]

An expert have chosen representative regions in an image that contains soft tissue, liver and spleen. The image pixel minimum and maximum values are 0 and 255. To make a parametric classification, the histograms are parameterized using Gaussian distributions as seen in the image. What are the class ranges?





Thomas Bayes



Wikipedia

1702-1761

- English mathematician and Presbyterian minister
- Bayes' theorem

$$P(A|B) = \frac{P(B|A)P(A)}{P(B)}$$





Bayesian Classification



Pure parametric classifier assumes equal amount of different tissue types







Bayesian Classification



But much more softtissue than trabecular bone



How do we handle that?





- An expert tells us that a CT scan of a head contains
 - 20% Trabecular bone
 - 50% Soft-tissue
- Picking a random pixel in the image
 - 20% Chance that it is trabecular bone
 - 50% Chance that it is softtissue
- How to use that?





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Bayesian Classification – histogram scaling





- The posterior probability
- Given a pixel value v
 - What is the probability that the pixel belongs to class C_i

Example: If the pixel value is 78, what is the probability that the pixel is bone

$$P(c_i|v) = \frac{P(v|c_i)P(c_i)}{P(v)}$$





The *a priori probability* (what is known from before)

Example: From general biology it is known that 20% of a brain CT scan is trabecular bone. Therefore P(trabecular) = 0.20

$$P(c_i|v) = \frac{P(v|c_i)P(c_i)}{P(v)}$$





The class conditional probability also called the likelihood
Given a class, what is the probability of a pixel with value v?







The model evidence or marginal probability
 It is basically a normalisation factor: P(v) = \sum P(v|c_i)P(c_i)

Constant – ignored from now on







Formal definition – sum up





Bayesian classification – how to

- Select training pixels for each class
- Fit Gaussians to each class
- Ask an expert for the prior probabilities (how much there normally is in total of each type)
- For each pixel in the image
 - Compute $P(c_i|v)$ for each class (the *a posterior probability*)
 - Select the class with the highest $P(c_i|v)$

$$P(c_i|v) = \frac{P(v|c_i)P(c_i)}{P(v)}$$





When to use Bayesian classification

- The <u>parametric classifier</u> is good when there are approximately the same amount of all type of tissues
- Use <u>Bayesian classification</u> if there are very little or very much of some types
- A more general formulation for segmentation
 - especially when going to a higher dimensional feature space





High dimensional feature space



Combine different feature inputs to improve segmentation

- Different image modalities e.g. CT vs MRI
- Subject groups
 - Healthy vs disease
- Different angles of object
 e.g. cars





High dimensional feature space



Feature space:

- 1D is a histogram
- 2D is a scatterplot i.e. 2D histogram
- >2D is bit more complicated to show





High dimensional feature space



- Segmentation with more feature inputs
- To train our classifier model with class examples
 - Draw tissue specific regions for each class
 - Class 1 and Class 2
 - Tissue type 1 and type 2
 - Segmentation:
 - Define the threshold for the decision boundary?
 - 1D vs 2D

Class 2





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Decision boundary: Define a model



Class 1 $\mathcal{N}(\mu_1, \Sigma_1)$



- Better class separation vs 1D?
- Model assumption
 - Type of distribution?
- Intensity histograms looks Gaussian-like, or?
 - We assume Gaussian distributions: $\mathcal{N}(\mu_i, \Sigma_i)$
- Use Bayes theorem - Probability of belonging to C2: $\frac{P(C2|x)}{P(C1|x)} > T$
- Desicion boundary
 - A hyperplane for T=1:
 - $P(C2|\mathbf{x}) = P(C1|\mathbf{x})$





Decision boundary: Train a model

• What about the prior probability $P(C_i)$?

The posterior probability - $P(Ci|x) = P(x|\mu_i, \Sigma_i)P_{Ci}$ The likelihood: A Gaussian model $P(x|\mu_i, \Sigma_i,) = K_i \exp((x - \mu_i)^T \Sigma_i^{-1} (x - \mu_i))$

Data points:

• $x_i = [x_1, x_2]^T$

We wish to use Bayes:

 $P(C1|\mathbf{x})$

 $P(C2|\mathbf{x}) > T$

- Training set:
 - $t_{x \in C1} = 0$ and $t_{x \in C2} = 1$
- The class mean- parameter

 $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{i} = (\boldsymbol{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_{i})^{T} (\boldsymbol{x} - \boldsymbol$

•
$$\boldsymbol{\mu}_i = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n \in Ci} x_n$$

The covariance matrix-parameter

 $[\]mathcal{N}(\mu_1, \Sigma_1)$



Gaussian in 2D: The covariance matrix



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The covariance matrix:

 $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{\boldsymbol{i}} = (\boldsymbol{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_{\boldsymbol{i}})^T (\boldsymbol{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_{\boldsymbol{i}})$

Expresses the orientation of anisotropic variance in relation to coordinate system



The linear discriminant classifier



Classifier: If **x** belongs to C_2 : $\frac{P(C2|\boldsymbol{x})}{P(C1|\boldsymbol{x})} > T$ Take the logarithmn ln(P(C2|x)) - ln(P(C1|x)) > ln(T)

 $\overline{\mathcal{N}_1}(\mu_1, \Sigma_1) = \overline{\mathcal{N}_2}(\mu_2, \Sigma_2)$

Inspiration derive:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Linear_discriminant_analysis https://people.revoledu.com/kardi/tutorial/LDA/LDA%20Formula.htm DTU Compute, Technical University of Denmark 59



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Assuming homoscedasticity ($\Sigma_1 = \Sigma_2 = \Sigma_0$) and isotropic covariance matrix we have the Linear Discriminant Analysis (LDA) classifier model:

$$ln\frac{P2}{P1} - \frac{1}{2}(\mu_2 + \mu_1)^T \Sigma_0^{-1}(\mu_2 - \mu_1) + x^T \Sigma_0^{-1}(\mu_2 - \mu_1) > ln(T)$$

We train the classifier with examples obtained from the two distributions N1 and N2

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Quiz 6 - The LDA classifier



Linear Discriminat Analysis (LDA): $ln \frac{P2}{P1} - \frac{1}{2}(\mu_2 + \mu_1)^T \Sigma_0^{-1}(\mu_2 - \mu_1) + x^T \Sigma_0^{-1}(\mu_2 - \mu_1) > ln(T)$ Where: $\Sigma_1 = \Sigma_2 = \Sigma_0 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ Prior probabilities: P1=P2=0,5

Which data points are placed on the hyperplane for P(C2|x)=P(C1|x)?

A) [0,5]^T B) [1,7]^T C) [3,3]^T D) [2,0]^T E) [0,7]^T **Solution** – We see that when T=1=>In(1)=0 is the decision boundary which is placed only along X1 i.e. a solution in 1D:

$$ln\frac{P_2}{P_1} - \frac{1}{2}(\mu_2 + \mu_1)\frac{(\mu_2 - \mu_1)}{\sigma_0} = -x1\frac{(\mu_2 - \mu_1)}{\sigma_0}$$
$$-ln\frac{0.5}{0.5} + \frac{1}{2}(3+1)\frac{(3-1)}{2} = x1\frac{(3-1)}{2}$$
$$x1=2 \quad \& \quad x2= \text{ all values}$$





Projections in the feature space



- w projects the class mean direction
 i.e. the weight vector
- w is normal to the hyperplane of the decision boundary for yi(x)=0
- x^Tw is a dot product i.e. x and c are projected onto w (a^Tb = ||a|||b||cos(θ))

The linear discriminat function $y_{C \in 2}(x) = x^T w + w_0$ -where Wo is the threshold

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Projections in the feature space



If the covariance is anisotropic and have different class variances

- The LDA classifier does not ensure an optimal class seperation!
- LDA only seperate the class means
- To improve the seperation
 - We need to change the model hence the weight vector, W





Projections in the feature space



Optimal class separation:

 The weight vector, w, now accounts for both class means and variances Fisher's LDA:

- Uses: between-class (means) covariance:

$$S_B = (\mu_2 - \mu_1)^T (\mu_2 - \mu_1)$$

- and: optimise (total) withinclass covariance

 $S_W = \Sigma_1 + \Sigma_2$

Find projection w using a cost function:

$$-J(w) = \frac{w^T S_B w}{w^T S_W w}$$

- differentiate:
$$\frac{\partial J(w)}{\partial w} = 0$$

- which gives (simple solution): $w \propto S_W^{-1}(\mu_2 - \mu_1)$

Class



MRI – T1w

MRI – T2w

Fisher's LDA



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Decision boundary (T=1)

Segmentation result: Fisher's LDA





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Limitations of LDA

Patient vs Healthy controls





 Linear discriminant analysis (LDA)
 Only linear hyperplanes

Non-linear hyperplanes?

Example:

- I wish to make a classifier
- Features (2D):
- Age vs. Tissue degeneration
- Classes
 - Healthy controls vs
 Patient



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Limitations of LDA





One class can be separated A non-linear problem





Non-linear Hyperplanes



Non-linear classifiers (Machine learning):

Example:

- Gaussian Mixture Model
 - Each class is modelled using a number of Gauss distributions e.g. class 1
- Again use Bayes theorem also for Gaussian Mixture Model
 - Optimisation:
 - We derive $\frac{\partial J(w)}{\partial w} = 0$ for a Gaussian mixture model
 - Iterative optimisation algorithm is used to find *w*





Segmentation - Non-linear Hyperplanes

Convolutional neural network and classification



Weights can be non-linear sigmoid functions: $y_k = \phi(x, w, w0)$





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Lecture 7 – Geometric Transformation and image registration





