

# Machine Learning for Signal Processing Eigenfaces and Eigenrepresentations Class 6. 17 Sep 2013

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### Administrivia

- Project teams?
  - By the end of the month..
- Project proposals?
  - Please send proposals to TAs, and cc me
- Reminder: Assignment 1 due in 9 days

# **Recall: Representing images**





aboard Apollo space capsule. 1038 x 1280 - 142k LIFE



Apollo Xi 1280 x 1255 - 226k LIFE



aboard Apollo space capsule. 1029 x 1280 - 128k LIFE



Building Apollo space ship. 1280 x 1257 - 114k LIFE



aboard Apollo space capsule. 1017 x 1280 - 130k LIFE





1228 x 1280 - 181k LIFE



Apollo 10 space ship, w. 1280 x 853 - 72k LIFE



Splashdown of **Apollo** XI mission. 1280 x 866 - 184k LIFE



Earth seen from space during the 1280 x 839 - 60k LIFE



Apollo Xi 844 x 1280 - 123k LIFE





working on Apollo space project. 1280 x 956 - 117k LIFE



the moon as seen from Apollo 8 1223 x 1280 - 214k LIFE



Apollo 11 1280 x 1277 - 142k



Apollo 8 Crew 968 x 1280 - 125k LIFE

- The most common element in the image: background
  - Or rather large regions of relatively featureless shading
  - Uniform sequences of numbers



Checkerboards with different variations

$$\operatorname{Im} age \approx w_{1}B_{1} + w_{2}B_{2} + w_{3}B_{3} + \dots$$

$$W = \begin{bmatrix} w_{1} \\ w_{2} \\ w_{3} \\ \vdots \end{bmatrix} \qquad B = [B_{1} \ B_{2} \ B_{3}]$$

$$BW \approx \operatorname{Im} age$$

$$W = pinv(B) \operatorname{Im} age$$

$$PROJECTION = BW$$











- "Bases" are the "standard" units such that all instances can be expressed a weighted combinations of these units
- Ideal requirements: Bases must be orthogonal
- Checkerboards are one choice of bases
  - Orthogonal
  - But not "smooth"
- Other choices of bases: Complex exponentials, Wavelets, etc..



# Data specific bases?

- Issue: All the bases we have considered so far are data agnostic
  - Checkerboards, Complex exponentials, Wavelets..
  - We use the same bases regardless of the data we analyze
    - Image of face vs. Image of a forest
    - Segment of speech vs. Seismic rumble
- How about data specific bases
  - Bases that consider the underlying data
    - E.g. is there something better than checkerboards to describe faces
    - Something better than complex exponentials to describe music?



# **The Energy Compaction Property**

- Define "better"?
- The description

 $X = w_1 B_1 + w_2 B_2 + w_3 B_3 + \dots + w_N B_N$ 

• The ideal:

$$\hat{X} \approx w_1 B_1 + w_2 B_2$$
  $Error = \left\| X - \hat{X} \right\|^2$ 

- If the description is terminated at any point, we should still get most of the information about the data
  - Error should be small

# Data-specific description of faces



- A collection of images
  - All normalized to 100x100 pixels
- What is common among all of them?
  - Do we have a common descriptor?

# A typical face













The typical face











- Every face can be represented by a scaled version of a typical face
- We will denote this face as  ${\rm V}$
- Approximate every face f as  $f = w_f V$
- Estimate V to minimize the squared error
  - How? What is V?

# A collection of least squares typical faces













- Approximate every face f as  $f=w_{f,1}~V_1+~w_{f,2}~V_2+~w_{f,3}~V_3+..+~w_{f,k}~V_k$ 
  - $\,V_2$  is used to "correct" errors resulting from using only  $V_1^{}.$  So on average

$$f - (w_{f,1}V_{f,1} + w_{f,2}V_{f,2}) \Big\|^2 < \Big\| f - w_{f,1}V_{f,1} \Big\|^2$$

-  $\rm V_3$  corrects errors remaining after correction with  $\rm V_2$ 

$$\left\|f - (w_{f,1}V_{f,1} + w_{f,2}V_{f,2} + w_{f,3}V_{f,3})\right\|^2 < \left\|f - (w_{f,1}V_{f,1} + w_{f,2}V_{f,2})\right\|^2$$

- And so on..
- $\mathbf{V} = [\mathbf{V}_1 \, \mathbf{V}_2 \, \mathbf{V}_3]$
- Estimate V to minimize the squared error
  - How? What is V?

#### **A recollection**





 $U = NS \approx M$ S = pinv(N)M

- Finding the best explanation of music  ${\rm M}$  in terms of notes  ${\rm N}$
- Also finds the score S of M in terms of N

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- Finding the notes  ${\bf N}$  given music  ${\bf M}$  and score  ${\bf S}$
- Also finds best explanation of  ${\rm M}$  in terms of  ${\rm S}$

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# Find the four notes and their score that generate the closest approximation to M

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# The same problem







- Here W, V and U are ALL unknown and must be determined
  - Such that the squared error between U and M is minimum



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- Each "point" represents a face in "pixel space"
- The "typical face" V is a vector in this space
- The *approximation*  $W_f$  V for any face f is the *projection* of f onto V
- The distance between f and its projection  $W_f V$  is the *projection error* for f



- Every face in our data will suffer error when approximated by its projection on  ${\rm V}$
- The total squared length of all error lines is the *total* squared projection error











- The problem of finding the first typical face  $V_1$ : Find the V for which the total projection error is minimum!
- This "minimum squared error" V is our "best" first typical face
- It is also the first *Eigen face*



- Consider: approximating x = wv
  - E.g  $\boldsymbol{x}$  is a face, and " $\boldsymbol{v}$ " is the "typical face"
- Finding an approximation wv which is closest to x
  - In a Euclidean sense
  - Basically projecting  ${\bf x}$  onto  ${\bf v}$

# Formalizing the Problem: Error from <sup>MLSP</sup> approximating a single vector



- Projection of a vector **x** on to a vector **v**  $\hat{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{v} \frac{\mathbf{v}^T \mathbf{x}}{|\mathbf{v}|}$
- Assuming v is of unit length:  $\hat{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{v}\mathbf{v}^T\mathbf{x}$

*error* = 
$$\mathbf{x} - \hat{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{v}\mathbf{v}^T\mathbf{x}$$
 squared error =  $\|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{v}\mathbf{v}^T\mathbf{x}\|^2$ 

 Minimum squared approximation error from approximating x as it as wv

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$$e(\mathbf{x}) = \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{v}\mathbf{v}^T\mathbf{x}\|^2$$

• Optimal value of w:  $w = \mathbf{v}^{\mathrm{T}} \mathbf{x}$ 

• Error from projecting a vector  $\mathbf{x}$  on to a vector onto a unit vector  $\mathbf{v}$   $e(\mathbf{x}) = \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{v}\mathbf{v}^T\mathbf{x}\|^2$ 

х

$$e(\mathbf{x}) = (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{v}\mathbf{v}^T\mathbf{x})^T(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{v}\mathbf{v}^T\mathbf{x}) = (\mathbf{x}^T - \mathbf{x}^T\mathbf{v}\mathbf{v}^T)(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{v}\mathbf{v}^T\mathbf{x})$$
$$= \mathbf{x}^T\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}^T\mathbf{v}\mathbf{v}^T\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}^T\mathbf{v}\mathbf{v}^T\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{x}^T\mathbf{v}\mathbf{v}^T\mathbf{v}^T\mathbf{x}$$

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$$= \mathbf{1}$$

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$$e(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{v} \mathbf{v}^T \mathbf{x}$$



#### This is the very familiar pythogoras' theorem!!



### **Error for many vectors**



- Error for one vector:  $e(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{x} \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{v} \mathbf{v}^T \mathbf{x}$
- Error for many vectors

$$E = \sum_{i} e(\mathbf{x}_{i}) = \sum_{i} \left( \mathbf{x}_{i}^{T} \mathbf{x}_{i} - \mathbf{x}_{i}^{T} \mathbf{v} \mathbf{v}^{T} \mathbf{x}_{i} \right) = \sum_{i} \mathbf{x}_{i}^{T} \mathbf{x}_{i} - \sum_{i} \mathbf{x}_{i}^{T} \mathbf{v} \mathbf{v}^{T} \mathbf{x}_{i}$$

• Goal: Estimate v to minimize this error!



### **Error for many vectors**



- Total error:  $E = \sum_{i} \mathbf{x}_{i}^{T} \mathbf{x}_{i} \sum_{i} \mathbf{x}_{i}^{T} \mathbf{v} \mathbf{v}^{T} \mathbf{x}_{i}$
- Add constraint:  $\mathbf{v}^{\mathrm{T}}\mathbf{v} = 1$
- Constrained objective to minimize:

$$E = \sum_{i} \mathbf{x}_{i}^{T} \mathbf{x}_{i} - \sum_{i} \mathbf{x}_{i}^{T} \mathbf{v} \mathbf{v}^{T} \mathbf{x}_{i} + \lambda (\mathbf{v}^{T} \mathbf{v} - 1)$$



#### **Two Matrix Identities**

• Derivative w.r.t v

$$\frac{d\mathbf{v}^T\mathbf{v}}{d\mathbf{v}} = 2\mathbf{v}$$

$$\frac{d\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{v} \mathbf{v}^T \mathbf{x}}{d\mathbf{v}} = 2\mathbf{x} \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{v}$$



## **Minimizing error**



• Differentiating w.r.t v and equating to 0

$$-2\sum_{i}\mathbf{x}_{i}\mathbf{x}_{i}^{T}\mathbf{v}+2\lambda\mathbf{v}=0$$

$$\left(\sum_{i} \mathbf{x}_{i} \mathbf{x}_{i}^{T}\right) \mathbf{v} = \lambda \mathbf{v}$$



# The correlation matrix

$$\sum_{i} \mathbf{x}_{i} \mathbf{x}_{i}^{T} \mathbf{v} = \lambda \mathbf{v}$$

• The encircled term is the *correlation matrix* 



#### The best "basis"



- The minimum-error basis is found by solving  $\mathbf{R}\mathbf{v} = \lambda \mathbf{v}$
- ${\bf v}$  is an Eigen vector of the correlation matrix  ${\bf R}$   $-\,\lambda$  is the corresponding Eigen value


#### What about the total error?

$$E = \sum_{i} \mathbf{x}_{i}^{T} \mathbf{x}_{i} - \sum_{i} \mathbf{x}_{i}^{T} \mathbf{v} \mathbf{v}^{T} \mathbf{x}_{i}$$

•  $\mathbf{x}^{\mathrm{T}}\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{v}^{\mathrm{T}}\mathbf{x}$  (inner product)

$$E = \sum_{i} \mathbf{x}_{i}^{T} \mathbf{x}_{i} - \sum_{i} \mathbf{v}^{T} \mathbf{x}_{i} \mathbf{x}_{i}^{T} \mathbf{v} = \sum_{i} \mathbf{x}_{i}^{T} \mathbf{x}_{i} - \mathbf{v}^{T} \left( \sum_{i} \mathbf{x}_{i} \mathbf{x}_{i}^{T} \right) \mathbf{v}$$

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$$E = \sum_{i} \mathbf{x}_{i}^{T} \mathbf{x}_{i} - \lambda$$



## **Minimizing the error**

• The total error is  $E = \sum \mathbf{x}_i^T \mathbf{x}_i - \lambda$ 

- We already know that the optimal basis is an Eigen vector
- The total error depends on the *negative* of the corresponding Eigen value
- To *minimize* error, we must *maximize*  $\lambda$
- i.e. Select the Eigen vector with the largest Eigen value



# The typical face











The typical face









- Compute the correlation matrix for your data • - Arrange them in matrix **X** and compute  $\mathbf{R} = \mathbf{X}\mathbf{X}^{\mathsf{T}}$
- Compute the *principal* Eigen vector of R •
  - The Eigen vector with the largest Eigen value
- This is the typical face



- Approximate every face f as  $f = w_{f,1} V_1 + w_{f,2} V_2 + ... + w_{f,k} V_k$
- Here W, V and U are ALL unknown and must be determined
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#### With multiple bases



- Assumption: all bases v<sub>1</sub> v<sub>2</sub> v<sub>3</sub>... are unit length
- Assumption: all bases are orthogonal to one another:  $v_i^T v_i = 0$  if i != j
  - We are trying to find the optimal K-dimensional subspace to project the data
  - Any set of vectors in this subspace will define the subspace
  - Constraining them to be orthogonal does not change this
- I.e. if  $V = [v_1 v_2 v_3 ...], V^T V = I$ 
  - Pinv(V) =  $V^T$
- Projection matrix for  $\mathbf{V} = \mathbf{V} \mathsf{Pinv}(\mathbf{V}) = \mathbf{V} \mathbf{V}^{\mathsf{T}}$



#### With multiple bases



- Optimal projection for a vector  $\hat{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{V}\mathbf{V}^T\mathbf{x}$
- Error vector =  $\mathbf{x} \hat{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{x} \mathbf{V}\mathbf{V}^T\mathbf{x}$

• Error length = 
$$e(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{V} \mathbf{V}^T \mathbf{x}$$



#### With multiple bases



• Error for one vector:

$$e(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{V} \mathbf{V}^T \mathbf{x}$$

• Error for many vectors

$$E = \sum_{i} \mathbf{x}_{i}^{T} \mathbf{x}_{i} - \sum_{i} \mathbf{x}_{i}^{T} \mathbf{V} \mathbf{V}^{T} \mathbf{x}_{i}$$

• Goal: Estimate V to minimize this error!



## **Minimizing error**

• With regularization  $\mathbf{V}^{\mathrm{T}}\mathbf{V} = \mathbf{I}$ , objective to minimize

$$E = \sum_{i} \mathbf{x}_{i}^{T} \mathbf{x}_{i} - \sum_{i} \mathbf{x}_{i}^{T} \mathbf{V} \mathbf{V}^{T} \mathbf{x}_{i} + trace \left( \Lambda \left( \mathbf{V}^{T} \mathbf{V} - \mathbf{I} \right) \right)$$

- Note: now  $\Lambda$  is a diagonal matrix
- The regularization simply ensures that  $\mathbf{v}^{\mathrm{T}}\mathbf{v} = 1$  for every basis
- Differentiating w.r.t  $\,{\bf V}$  and equating to 0

$$-2\left(\sum_{i}\mathbf{x}_{i}\mathbf{x}_{i}^{T}\right)\mathbf{V}+2\Lambda\mathbf{V}=0$$





# Finding the optimal K bases

#### $\mathbf{RV} = \Lambda \mathbf{V}$

- Compute the Eigendecompsition of the correlation matrix
- Select *K* Eigen vectors
- But which K?
- Total error =

$$E = \sum_{i} \mathbf{x}_{i}^{T} \mathbf{x}_{i} - \sum_{j=1}^{K} \lambda_{j}$$

 Select K eigen vectors corresponding to the K largest Eigen values



#### **Eigen Faces!**





- Arrange your input data into a matrix  ${\bf X}$
- Compute the correlation  $\mathbf{R} = \mathbf{X}\mathbf{X}^{\mathrm{T}}$
- Solve the Eigen decomposition:  $\mathbf{RV} = \Lambda \mathbf{V}$
- The Eigen vectors corresponding to the K largest eigen values • are our optimal bases
- We will refer to these as eigen faces.



#### How many Eigen faces



- How to choose "K" (number of Eigen faces)
- Lay all faces side by side in vector form to form a matrix
  In my example: 300 faces. So the matrix is 10000 x 300
- Multiply the matrix by its transpose
  - The correlation matrix is 10000x10000



#### **Eigen faces**



- Compute the eigen vectors
  - Only 300 of the 10000 eigen values are non-zero
    - Why?
- Retain eigen vectors with high eigen values (>0)
  - Could use a higher threshold



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- The eigen vector with the highest eigen value is the first typical face
- The vector with the second highest eigen value is the second typical face.
- Etc.



#### **Representing a face**





Representation



 $[\mathbf{w}_1 \ \mathbf{w}_2 \ \mathbf{w}_3 \ \dots \ ]^\mathsf{T}$ 

+ W<sub>3</sub>

 The weights with which the eigen faces must be combined to compose the face are used to represent the face!



 One outcome of the "energy compaction principle": the approximations are recognizable



• Approximating a face with one basis:

$$f = w_1 \mathbf{v}_1$$



 One outcome of the "energy compaction principle": the approximations are recognizable



• Approximating a face with one Eigenface:

$$f = w_1 \mathbf{v}_1$$



 One outcome of the "energy compaction principle": the approximations are recognizable



• Approximating a face with 10 eigenfaces:  $f = w_1 \mathbf{v}_1 + w_2 \mathbf{v}_2 + \dots w_{10} \mathbf{v}_{10}$ 



 One outcome of the "energy compaction principle": the approximations are recognizable



• Approximating a face with 30 eigenfaces:

 $f = w_1 \mathbf{v}_1 + w_2 \mathbf{v}_2 + \dots + w_{10} \mathbf{v}_{10} + \dots + w_{30} \mathbf{v}_{30}$ 



 One outcome of the "energy compaction principle": the approximations are recognizable



• Approximating a face with 60 eigenfaces:

 $f = w_1 \mathbf{v}_1 + w_2 \mathbf{v}_2 + \dots + w_{10} \mathbf{v}_{10} + \dots + w_{30} \mathbf{v}_{30} + \dots + w_{60} \mathbf{v}_{60}$ 



#### How did I do this?



• Hint: only changing weights assigned to Eigen faces..



eigenface1





eigenface2



eigenface3

- The Eigenimages (bases) are very specific to the class of data they are trained on
  - Faces here
- They will not be useful for other classes



• Eigen bases are class specific



#### • Composing a fishbowl from Eigenfaces



• Eigen bases are class specific



- Composing a fishbowl from Eigenfaces
- With 1 basis

$$f = w_1 \mathbf{v}_1$$



• Eigen bases are class specific



- Composing a fishbowl from Eigenfaces
- With 10 bases

$$f = w_1 \mathbf{v}_1 + w_2 \mathbf{v}_2 + \dots + w_{10} \mathbf{v}_{10}$$



• Eigen bases are class specific



- Composing a fishbowl from Eigenfaces
- With 30 bases

$$f = w_1 \mathbf{v}_1 + w_2 \mathbf{v}_2 + \dots + w_{10} \mathbf{v}_{10} + \dots + w_{30} \mathbf{v}_{30}$$



• Eigen bases are class specific



- Composing a fishbowl from Eigenfaces
- With 100 bases

 $f = w_1 \mathbf{v}_1 + w_2 \mathbf{v}_2 + \dots + w_{10} \mathbf{v}_{10} + \dots + w_{30} \mathbf{v}_{30} + \dots + w_{100} \mathbf{v}_{100}$ 



#### **Universal bases**

• Universal bases..



- End up looking a lot like *discrete cosine transforms*!!!!
- DCTs are the best "universal" bases
  - If you don't know what your data are, use the DCT



#### **SVD instead of Eigen**



- Do we need to compute a 10000 x 10000 correlation matrix and then perform Eigen analysis?
  - Will take a very long time on your laptop
- SVD
  - Only need to perform "Thin" SVD. Very fast
    - U = 10000 x 300
      - The columns of U are the eigen faces!
      - The Us corresponding to the "zero" eigen values are not computed
    - S = 300 x 300
    - V = 300 x 300



#### **Using SVD to compute Eigenbases**

#### [U, S, V] = SVD(X)

- U will have the Eigenvectors
- Thin SVD for 100 bases:
  [U,S,V] = svds(X, 100)
- Much more efficient



#### **Eigenvectors and scatter**



- Turns out: Eigenvectors represent the major and minor axes of an ellipse centered at the origin which encloses the data most compactly
- The SVD of data matrix X uncovers these vectors



#### What about sound?

• Finding Eigen bases for speech signals:

- Look like DFT/DCT
- Or wavelets



• DFTs are pretty good most of the time



#### **Eigen Analysis**

- Can often find surprising features in your data
- Trends, relationships, more
- Commonly used in recommender systems

• An interesting example..



#### **Eigen Analysis**



Figure 1. Experiment setup @Wean Hall mechanical space. Pipe with arrow indicates a 10" diameter hot water pipe carrying pressurized hot water flow, on which piezoelectric sensors are installed every 10 ft. A National instruments data acquisition system is used to acquire and store the data for later processing.



Figure 2. Damage detection results compared with conventional methods. Top: Ground truth of whether the pipe is damaged or not. Middle: Conventional method only captures temperature variations, and shows no indication of the presence of damage. Bottom: The SVD method clearly picks up the steps where damage are introduced and removed.

- Cheng Liu's research on pipes..
- SVD automatically separates useful and uninformative features



#### **Eigen Analysis**

 But for all of this, we need to "preprocess" data

• Eliminate unnecessary aspects

- E.g. noise, other externally caused variations..

#### **NORMALIZING OUT VARIATIONS**



#### **Images: Accounting for variations**



- What are the obvious differences in the above images
- How can we capture these differences

– Hint – image histograms..


#### **Images -- Variations**



• Pixel histograms: what are the differences



## **Normalizing Image Characteristics**

- Normalize the pictures
  - Eliminate lighting/contrast variations
  - All pictures must have "similar" lighting
    - How?
- Lighting and contrast are represented in the image histograms:



# **Histogram Equalization**

- Normalize histograms of images
  - Maximize the contrast
    - Contrast is defined as the "flatness" of the histogram
    - For maximal contrast, every greyscale must happen as frequently as every other greyscale



- Maximizing the contrast: Flattening the histogram
  - Doing it for every image ensures that every image has the same constrast
    - I.e. exactly the same histogram of pixel values
      - Which should be flat



#### **Histogram Equalization**





- Modify pixel values such that histogram becomes "flat".
- For each pixel
  - New pixel value = f(old pixel value)
  - What is f()?
- Easy way to compute this function: map cumulative counts



#### **Cumulative Count Function**



- The *histogram (count)* of a pixel value X is the number of pixels in the image that have value X
  - E.g. in the above image, the count of pixel value 180 is about 110
- The *cumulative count* at pixel value X is the total number of pixels that have values in the range 0 <= x <= X</li>
  - CCF(X) = H(1) + H(2) + ... H(X)



#### **Cumulative Count Function**



• The cumulative count function of a uniform histogram is a line



• We must modify the pixel values of the image so that its cumulative count is a line





Move x axis levels around until the plot to the left looks like the plot to the right

- CCF(f(x)) -> a\*f(x) [or a\*(f(x)+1) if pixels can take value 0]
  - x = pixel value
  - f() is the function that converts the old pixel value to a new (normalized) pixel value
  - a = (total no. of pixels in image) / (total no. of pixel levels)
    - The no. of pixel levels is 256 in our examples
    - Total no. of pixels is 10000 in a 100x100 image



#### Mapping CCFs



- For each pixel value x:
  - Find the location on the red line that has the closet Y value to the observed CCF at x

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#### **Mapping CCFs**



Move x axis levels around until the plot to the left looks like the plot to the right

- For each pixel in the image to the left
  - The pixel has a value x
  - Find the CCF at that pixel value CCF(x)
  - Find x' such that CCF(x') in the function to the right equals
    CCF(x)
    - x' such that CCF\_flat(x') = CCF(x)
  - Modify the pixel value to x'







$$f(x) = round \left( \frac{CCF(x) - CCF_{\min}}{Npixels - CCF_{\min}} Max.pixel.value \right)$$

• CCF<sub>min</sub> is the smallest non-zero value of CCF(x)

The value of the CCF at the smallest observed pixel value

- Npixels is the total no. of pixels in the image
  - 10000 for a 100x100 image
- Max.pixel.value is the highest pixel value
  - 255 for 8-bit pixel representations



#### Or even simpler

• Matlab:

#### - Newimage = histeq(oldimage)



#### **Histogram** Equalization



- Left column: Original image
- Right column: Equalized image
- All images now have similar contrast levels



## **Eigenfaces after Equalization**







- Left panel : Without HEQ
- Right panel: With HEQ
  - Eigen faces are more face like..
    - Need not always be the case



## **Detecting Faces in Images**



#### **Detecting Faces in Images**



- Finding face like patterns
  - How do we find if a picture has faces in it
  - Where are the faces?
- A simple solution:
  - Define a "typical face"
  - Find the "typical face" in the image







- Picture is larger than the "typical face"
  - E.g. typical face is 100x100, picture is 600x800
- First convert to greyscale
  - -R+G+B
  - Not very useful to work in color







• Goal .. To find out if and where images that look like the "typical" face occur in the picture









































- Try to "match" the typical face to each location in the picture
- The "typical face" will explain some spots on the image much better than others
  - These are the spots at which we probably have a face!



#### How to "match"



- What exactly is the "match"
  - What is the match "score"
- The DOT Product
  - Express the typical face as a vector
  - Express the region of the image being evaluated as a vector
    - But first histogram equalize the region
      - Just the section being evaluated, without considering the rest of the image
  - Compute the dot product of the typical face vector and the "region" vector









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- Correctly detects all three faces
  - Likes George's face most
    - He looks most like the typical face
- Also finds a face where there is none!
  - A false alarm



#### **Scaling and Rotation Problems**

- Scaling
  - Not all faces are the same size
  - Some people have bigger faces
  - The size of the face on the image changes with perspective
  - Our "typical face" only represents one of these sizes
- Rotation
  - The head need not always be upright!
    - Our typical face image was upright







#### **Solution**









- One for each scaling factor
- One for each rotation
  - How will we do this?
- Match them all
- Does this work
  - Kind of .. Not well enough at all
  - We need more sophisticated models







#### **Face Detection: A Ouick Historical Perspective**



Figure 1: The basic algorithm used for face detection.

- Many more complex methods
  - Use edge detectors and search for face like patterns
  - Find "feature" detectors (noses, ears..) and employ them in complex neural networks..
- The Viola Jones method
  - Boosted cascaded classifiers
- Other classifiers
- later in the program..