



How do we decide which features match?



Distance: 0.34, 0.30, 0.40 Distance: 0.61, 1.22

Euclidean distance vs. Cosine Similarity

• $\mathsf{E}_{\mathrm{d}(\mathbf{p},\mathbf{q})=\mathrm{d}(\mathbf{q},\mathbf{p})=\sqrt{(q_1-p_1)^2+(q_2-p_2)^2+\cdots+(q_n-p_n)^2}$

$$=\sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n (q_i-p_i)^2}.$$

$$\|\mathbf{q}-\mathbf{p}\|=\sqrt{(\mathbf{q}-\mathbf{p})\cdot(\mathbf{q}-\mathbf{p})}.$$

•
$$\mathbf{C} \mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} = \|\mathbf{a}\|_2 \|\mathbf{b}\|_2 \cos \theta$$
 y:
similarity = $\cos(\theta) = \frac{\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{B}}{\|\mathbf{A}\|_2 \|\mathbf{B}\|_2}$

$$\theta = \arccos(x \cdot y / |x| |y|)$$

Wikipedia

Nearest Neighbor Distance Ratio

Compare distance of closest (NN1) and secondclosest (NN2) feature vector neighbor.

If NN1 ≈ NN2, ratio ^{NN1}/_{NN2} will be ≈ 1 -> matches too close.
 As NN1 << NN2, ratio ^{NN1}/_{NN2} tends to 0.

Sorting by this ratio puts matches in order of confidence. Threshold ratio – but how to choose?

Nearest Neighbor Distance Ratio

- Lowe computed a probability distribution functions of ratios
- 40,000 keypoints with hand-labeled ground truth



Ratio threshold depends on your application's view on the trade-off between the number of false positives and true positives!

Lowe IJCV 20

Where to go from our basic building block?

Feature Points

Recognition Scenes, places, objects, ~ 5 weeks (inc. CNNs) Reconstruction Geometric understanding ~10th November

Panorama stitching / instance recognition

Often needs geometric understanding... ...but we'll see it later on.





Recognition

Often needs machine learning for compact descriptions of the visual world.



Scene recognition - City/forest/factory/...



Find pedestrians

ML CRASH COURSE



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Our approach

• We will look at ML as a tool. We will not detail the underpinnings of each learning method.

Please take a machine learning course if you want to know more!

Machine Learning

• Learn from and make predictions on data.

• Arguably the greatest export from computing to other scientific fields.

 Statisticians might disagree with CompScis on the true origins...

ML for Computer Vision

- Face Recognition
- Object Classification
- Scene Segmentation







Data, data, data!

- Norvig "The Unreasonable Effectiveness of Data" (IEEE Intelligent Systems, 2009)
 - "... invariably, simple models and a lot of data trump more elaborate models based on less data"

ImageNet

- Images for each category of WordNet
- 1000 classes
- 1.2mil images
- 100k test

• Top 5 error



IM . GENET





			convertible	
spider monkey	grape	mushroom	grille	
titi	elderberry	jelly fungus	pickup	
indri	ffordshire bullterrier	gill fungus	beach wagon	_
howler monkey	currant	dead-man's-fingers	fire engine	

ImageNet Competition

- Krizhevsky, 2012
- Google, Microsoft 2015
 - Beat the best
 human score in
 the ImageNet
 challenge.

2015: A MILESTONE YEAR IN COMPUTER SCIENCE



Machine Learning Problems



Machine Learning Problems



Dimensionality Reduction

- PCA, ICA, LLE, Isomap
- Principal component analysis
 - Creates a basis where the axes represent the dimensions of variance, from high to low.
 - Finds correlations in data dimensions to produce *best possible* lowerdimensional representation based on linear projections.



PCA



(Figure adapted from C. Beckmann, Oxford FMRIB)



Eigenfaces

The ATT face database (formerly the ORL database), 10 pictures of 40 subjects each



Eigenfaces



Mean face



Basis of variance (eigenvectors)

M. Turk; A. Pentland (1991). <u>"Face recognition using eigenfaces"</u> (PDF). Proc. IEEE Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition. pp. 586–591.

R.P.W. Duin

Machine Learning Problems







http://fakeisthenewreal.org/reform/

The United States redrawn as Fifty States with Equal Population



Clustering example: image segmentation

Goal: Break up the image into meaningful or perceptually similar regions



Segmentation for feature support or efficiency





[Felzenszwalb and Huttenlocher 2004]



[Hoiem et al. 2005, Mori 2005]



[Shi and Malik 2001]

Superpixels!

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Segmentation as a result



GrabCut, Rother et al. 2004

Types of segmentations





Oversegmentation



Undersegmentation







Hierarchical Segmentations

Clustering

Group together similar 'points' and represent them with a single token.

Key Challenges:

 What makes two points/images/patches similar?
 How do we compute an overall grouping from pairwise similarities?

Why do we cluster?

• Summarizing data

- Look at large amounts of data
- Patch-based compression or denoising
- Represent a large continuous vector with the cluster number

Counting

- Histograms of texture, color, SIFT vectors

Segmentation

Separate the image into different regions

Prediction

- Images in the same cluster may have the same labels

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How do we cluster?

• K-means

- Iteratively re-assign points to the nearest cluster center

- Agglomerative clustering
 - Start with each point as its own cluster and iteratively merge the closest clusters
- Mean-shift clustering

 Estimate modes of pdf
- Spectral clustering
 - Split the nodes in a graph based on assigned links with similarity weights
K-means algorithm



2. Assign each point to nearest center



3. Compute new center (mean) for each cluster



Illustration: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/K-means_clustering

K-means algorithm



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K-means

- 1. Initialize cluster centers: \mathbf{c}^0 ; t=0
- 2. Assign each point to the closest center $\boldsymbol{\delta}^{t} = \underset{\boldsymbol{\delta}}{\operatorname{argmin}} \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i}^{N} \sum_{j}^{K} \delta_{ij} \left(\mathbf{c}_{i}^{t-1} - \mathbf{x}_{j} \right)^{2}$
- 3. Update cluster centers as the mean of the points $\mathbf{c}^{t} = \underset{\mathbf{c}}{\operatorname{argmin}} \frac{1}{N} \sum_{j}^{N} \sum_{i}^{K} \delta_{ij}^{t} (\mathbf{c}_{i} - \mathbf{x}_{j})^{2}$
- 4. Repeat 2-3 until no points are re-assigned (t=t+1) Slide: Derek Hojem

K-means convergence



Think-Pair-Share

- What is good about k-means?
- What is bad about k-means?
- Where could you apply k-means?

K-means: design choices

- Initialization
 - Randomly select K points as initial cluster center
 - Or greedily choose K points to minimize residual
- Distance measures
 - Traditionally Euclidean, could be others
- Optimization
 - Will converge to a *local minimum*
 - May want to perform multiple restarts

K-means clustering using intensity or color

Image

Clusters on intensity

Clusters on color



How to choose the number of clusters?

- Validation set
 - Try different numbers of clusters and look at performance
 - When building dictionaries (discussed later), more clusters typically work better.

K-Means pros and cons

- Pros
 - Finds cluster centers that minimize conditional variance (good representation of data)
 - Simple and fast*
 - Easy to implement
- Cons
 - Need to choose K
 - Sensitive to outliers
 - Prone to local minima
 - All clusters have the same parameters (e.g., distance measure is nonadaptive)
 - *Can be slow: each iteration is O(KNd) for N d-dimensional points





- Usage
 - Cluster features to build visual dictionaries

Building Visual Dictionaries

- 1. Sample features from a database
 - E.g., 128 dimensional SIFT vectors
- 2. Cluster to build dictionary
 - Cluster centers are the dictionary words
- 3. To match new features, assign to the nearest cluster to save rebuilding dictionary





Examples of learned codewords



Most likely codewords for 4 learned "topics" EM with multinomial (problem 3) to get topics

http://www.robots.ox.ac.uk/~vgg/publications/papers/sivic05b.pdf Sivic et al. ICCV 2005



 Say "Every point is its own cluster"

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K-means and Hierarchical Clustering: Slide 40



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How to define cluster similarity?

- Average distance between points, maximum distance, minimum distance
- Distance between means or medoids

How many clusters?

- Clustering creates a dendrogram (a tree)
- Threshold based on max number of clusters or based on distance between merges





Conclusions: Agglomerative Clustering

Good

- Simple to implement, widespread application
- Clusters have adaptive shapes
- Provides a hierarchy of clusters

Bad

- May have imbalanced clusters
- Still have to choose number of clusters or threshold
- Need to use an "ultrametric" to get a meaningful hierarchy

Mean shift segmentation

D. Comaniciu and P. Meer, Mean Shift: A Robust Approach toward Feature Space Analysis, PAMI 2002.

 Versatile technique for clustering-based segmentation



Mean shift algorithm

Try to find *modes* of a non-parametric density.



Attraction basin

- Attraction basin: the region for which all trajectories lead to the same mode
- Cluster: all data points in the attraction basin of a mode



Attraction basin





(b)

















Kernel density estimation

Kernel density estimation function

$$\widehat{f}_h(x) = \frac{1}{nh} \sum_{i=1}^n K\left(\frac{x - x_i}{h}\right)$$

Gaussian kernel

$$K\left(\frac{x-x_i}{h}\right) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{(x-x_i)^2}{2h^2}}.$$

Computing the Mean Shift

Simple Mean Shift procedure:

- Compute mean shift vector m(x)
- Iteratively translate the kernel window by m(x) until convergence.





Mean shift clustering

- The mean shift algorithm seeks *modes* of the given set of points
 - 1. Choose kernel and bandwidth
 - 2. For each point:
 - a) Center a window on that point
 - b) Compute the mean of the data in the search window
 - c) Center the search window at the new mean location
 - d) Repeat (b,c) until convergence
 - 3. Assign points that lead to nearby modes to the same cluster

Segmentation by Mean Shift

- Compute features for each pixel (color, gradients, texture, etc.).
- Set kernel size for features K_f and position K_s.
- Initialize windows at individual pixel locations.
- Perform mean shift for each window until convergence.
- Merge windows that are within width of K_f and K_s.





Mean shift segmentation results









Comaniciu and Meer 2002









Comaniciu and Meer 2002

Mean shift pros and cons

- Pros
 - Good general-practice segmentation
 - Flexible in number and shape of regions
 - Robust to outliers
- Cons
 - Have to choose kernel size in advance
 - Not suitable for high-dimensional features
- When to use it
 - Oversegmentation
 - Multiple segmentations
 - Tracking, clustering, filtering applications
Spectral clustering

Group points based on links in a graph





Cuts in a graph



Normalized Cut

- a cut penalizes large segments
- fix by normalizing for size of segments

$$Ncut(A,B) = \frac{cut(A,B)}{volume(A)} + \frac{cut(A,B)}{volume(B)}$$

volume(A) = sum of costs of all edges that touch A

Normalized cuts for segmentation



Which algorithm to use?

- Quantization/Summarization: K-means
 - Aims to preserve variance of original data
 - Can easily assign new point to a cluster



Quantization for computing histograms



Summary of 20,000 photos of Rome using "greedy k-means"

http://grail.cs.washington.edu/projects/canonview/

Which algorithm to use?

- Image segmentation: agglomerative clustering
 - More flexible with distance measures (e.g., can be based on boundary prediction)
 - Adapts better to specific data
 - Hierarchy can be useful



http://www.cs.berkeley.edu/~arbelaez/UCM.html

Things to remember

- K-means useful for summarization, building dictionaries of patches, general clustering
- Agglomerative clustering useful for segmentation, general clustering

 Spectral clustering useful for determining relevance, summarization, segmentation







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