



Matrix Regression and Its Applications to Robust Face Recognition

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- Background and Overview
- Nuclear Norm based Matrix Regression
- Extended Versions



Background: Challenges in face recognition





Linear Regression

Linear regression model:

 $\min_{\tau} x |/Y - Dx/| \sqrt{2} t^2$

• Closed-form solution

 $x = (\mathbf{D}^T \mathbf{D})^{-1} \mathbf{D}^T \mathbf{Y}$

• LR based Classification

Y is a testing sample

D is the dictionary (representation basis), which is formed by a given set of samples with class labels



Two Representation Schemes

Class sample based representation (LRC, PAMI 2010)

- Given a test sample, using the samples of each class to represent it.
- Using the class representation error to design a classification rule.

Population sample based representation (CRC, ICCV 2011)

- Given a test sample, using the samples of all classes to represent it.
- Using the class representation error (or representation I. Nascence, R. Figher, M. B. manour, Eligne a classification, Fullerans. PAMI, 2010, 32(11): 2106-2112.
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Regularized Linear Regression

- L2-norm Regularized Linear Regression (Ridge Regression) $\min_{\tau x} ||Y-D_x|| \sqrt{2} + \lambda ||x|| \sqrt{2} / 2$
- Avoid overfitting



Class 1

Close-form solution

 $x = (\mathbf{D}^T \mathbf{D} + \lambda \mathbf{I})^{-1} \mathbf{D}^T \mathbf{Y}$

 $\overline{y_2}$

 V_1

Class 2



Regularized Linear Regression

L1-norm Regularized Linear Regression (Sparse Representation)

 $\min_{\tau} \frac{1}{|Y-Dx|} \frac{1}{2t^2} + \frac{1}{|x|} \frac{1}{1t}$

- No close-form solution (many algorithms for solving it)
- Sparse Representation Classifier (SRC)







The Role of Sparsity

Small dictionary Case

• Sparsity is **unnecessary** (L2 does as well as L1)

Big dictionary (over-complete) Case

• Sparsity is **necessary** for **Learning locality**

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Error Characterization

• L2-norm based error characterization

 $\min_{\tau} \frac{x}{|Y-Dx|} \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{|x|} \frac{1}{1}$

Optimal for noise with Gaussian distribution

• L1-norm based error characterization

 $\min_{\tau} \frac{1}{|Y-Dx|} \frac{1}{1} + \frac{1}{|x|} \frac{1}{1}$

Optimal for noise with Laplacian distribution

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Sparse Representation Classifier



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Robust regression

Robust regression model

$\min_{\tau} x \rho \downarrow \theta (\mathbf{Y} - \mathbf{D} x) + \lambda ||x|| \downarrow q \uparrow q$

where $\rho \downarrow \theta (Y-Dx) = \sum i \hbar \rho (Y \downarrow i - D \downarrow i x)$



Commonly used M-estimators



Robust Sparse Representation Classifier

• Model $\pi \rho \ell \theta (Y-Dx) + \lambda ||x|| \ell 1 \ell$

 $\min -x /| \mathcal{W}^{\uparrow} 1/2 (Y-Dx) /| \mathcal{I}^{\uparrow} 2 + \mathcal{X} || x || \mathcal{I}^{\uparrow} 1$



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Problems of 1D Error Characterization

- Assume that $e_1, e_2, ..., e_m$ are independent and identically distributed (i.i.d.)
- Suitable for random-pixel noise



• Not suitable for the continuous occlusion



Original Image

Occluded Image Error Image+







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- Make full use of the 2D structure of error images
- Structured noise (e.g. local illumination changes and block occlusion) caused error image is low rank



Error image



Error image





Model

- Given a set of n image matrices $\mathbf{A}_1, \mathbf{L}, \mathbf{A}_n \in \mathbb{R}^{p \times q}$ and an image matrix $\mathbf{B} \in \mathbb{R}^{p \times q}$.
- **B** is linearly represented by A_1, L, A_n

$$\mathbf{B} = x_1 \mathbf{A}_1 + x_2 \mathbf{A}_2 + \mathbf{A}_1 + \mathbf{x}_n \mathbf{A}_n + \mathbf{E}$$

$$\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{x})$$

$$\min_x \operatorname{rank}(\mathbf{A}(x) - \mathbf{B})$$

$$\min_x \|\mathbf{A}(x) - \mathbf{B}\|_*$$

$$\min_x \|\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{x}) - \mathbf{B}\|_*$$

$$\min_x \|\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{x}) - \mathbf{B}\|_* + \frac{1}{2} \lambda \|\mathbf{x}\|_2^2$$
Nuclear norm of a matrix
M is the sum of its singular
values: $\|M\|_* = \sum_i \sigma_i(M)$



Optimality of nuclear norm based error characterization

• Optimality:

constants.

The nuclear norm based error characterization is optimal if the structural noise matrix $\mathbf{E} = \mathbf{B} - \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{x})$ follows the generalized matrix variate Elliptical Distribution:

$$f(\mathbf{E}) = C \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}tr\left(\mathbf{E}^{T}\mathbf{E}\right)^{1/2}\right)$$





Advantages of nuclear norm based error characterization

• Analysis from singular value distribution point of view Singular value based "second-order" sparseness is more effective than pixel based "first-order" sparseness for describing the structured noise (occlusions, illuminations etc.)





Advantages of nuclear norm based error characterization





Essence of Nuclear norm based error characterization

• **De-correlation + L1 norm of the decorrelated Matrix**

$$\|\mathbf{A}\|_{*} = \|\mathbf{U}^{T}\mathbf{A}\mathbf{V}\|_{1} = \|\boldsymbol{\Sigma}\|_{1}$$

- U is formed by eigenvectors of AA^{*T*}, which is exactly the PCA transformed matrix on image columns, so it can remove the correlation between rows.
- V is formed by eigenvectors of $\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A}$, which is exactly the PCA transformed matrix on image rows, so it can remove the correlation between columns.

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ADMM Algorithm for NMR

• The proposed model can be rewritten:

 $\min \|\mathbf{Y}\|_* + \frac{1}{2}\lambda \|\mathbf{x}\|_2^2 \quad subject \ to \ \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{x}) - \mathbf{B} = \mathbf{Y}$

• The augmented Lagrangian function is defined by

$$L_{\mu}(\mathbf{Y}, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{Z}) = \|\mathbf{Y}\|_{*} + \frac{1}{2}\lambda \|\mathbf{x}\|_{2}^{2} + \operatorname{Tr}\left(\mathbf{Z}^{T}\left(\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{x}) - \mathbf{Y} - \mathbf{B}\right)\right) + \frac{\mu}{2} \|\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{x}) - \mathbf{Y} - \mathbf{B}\|_{F}^{2}$$

$$\mathbf{x}^{k+1} = \arg\min_{x} L_{\mu}(\mathbf{Y}, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{Z})$$

= $\arg\min_{x} \left(\frac{\mu}{2} || \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{x}) - (\mathbf{B} + \mathbf{Y} - \frac{1}{\mu}\mathbf{Z}) ||_{F}^{2} + \frac{1}{2}\lambda || \mathbf{x} ||_{2}^{2}\right)$ Ridge regression

$$\mathbf{Y}^{k+1} = \arg\min_{\mathbf{Y}} L_{\mu}(\mathbf{Y}, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{Z})$$

= $\arg\min_{\mathbf{Y}} \left(||\mathbf{Y}||_{*} + \frac{\mu}{2} ||\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{x}) - (\mathbf{B} + \mathbf{Y} - \frac{1}{\mu}\mathbf{Z})||_{F}^{2} \right)$ Singular value shrinkage



ADMM Algorithm for NMR

Singular value shrinkage operator

• **Theorem**: For a given $\tau > 0$, let us define the singular value shrinkage operator

$$D_{\tau}(\mathbf{Q}) = \mathbf{U}_{p \times r} \operatorname{diag} \left(\{ \max(0, \sigma_j - \tau) \}_{1 \le j \le r} \right) \mathbf{V}_{q \times r}^T$$

• Then

$$D_{\tau}(\mathbf{Q}) = \arg\min_{\mathbf{Y}} \left(\tau \| \mathbf{Y} \|_{*} + \frac{1}{2} \| \mathbf{Y} - \mathbf{Q} \|_{F}^{2} \right)$$

• J.F. Cai, E.J. Candès, Z. Shen, A singular value thresholding algorithm for matrix completion, SIAM Journal on Optimization, 2010



ADMM Algorithm for NMR

• The pipeline of ADMM for NMR





ADMM Algorithm for NMR: Convergence

Convergence Theorem

- If μ > 0, then the sequence {(Y^k, x^k, Z^k)} generated by ADMM converges to a saddle point {(Y^k, x^k, Z^k)} of the Lagrangian function.
- **Convergence rate** ADMM Algorithm can achieve a convergence rate of O(1/k).

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Fast ADMM Algorithm for NMR

• Approximate NMR : (Convex \rightarrow strong convex)

 $\min \|\mathbf{Y}\|_* + \gamma \|\mathbf{Y}\|_F^2 + \frac{1}{2}\theta \|\mathbf{x}\|_2^2 \quad subject \ to \quad \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{x}) - \mathbf{B} = \mathbf{Y}$

- The strong convex objective function terms ensure the optimal convergence rate
- Its solution is very close to that of NMR:

Theorem 3. Let $(\mathbf{Y}_{\gamma}^{\star}, \mathbf{x}_{\gamma}^{\star})$ be the solution to (22) and $(\mathbf{Y}^{\star}, \mathbf{x}^{\star})$ be the solution to problem (6), then

$$\min_{\gamma \to 0} \left\| \mathbf{Y}_{\gamma}^{\bigstar} - \mathbf{Y}^{\bigstar} \right\|_{F}^{2} + \left\| \mathbf{x}_{\gamma}^{\bigstar} - \mathbf{x}^{\bigstar} \right\|_{2}^{2} = 0.$$



Fast ADMM: Convergence rate

• Convergence rate Algorithm 2 can achieve a convergence rate of $O(1/k^2)$.



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Example: robust to illumination



Testing and Training images of two classes of faces



The residual images (left two) and reconstructed images (right two) of B₁ using NMR



Example: robust to illumination



The residual images (left two) and reconstructed images (right two) of B₂ using Ridge regression



The residual images (left two) and reconstructed images (right two) of B_2 using NMR

$$\|\mathbf{E}_{22}^{Ridge}\|_{2} = 4.54 \ge \|\mathbf{E}_{21}^{Ridge}\|_{2} = 4.46$$

$$||\mathbf{E}_{22}^{NMR}||_{*} = 11.02 \le ||\mathbf{E}_{21}^{NMR}||_{*} = 11.34$$



Example: robust to occlusion



Two class of sample images from the AR database







Robust-R





NMR based Classifier

• Similar to the strategy of SRC, we use the training samples of all classes to form the set of regressors.

$$\mathbf{x^*} = \arg\min_{\mathbf{x}} || \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{x}) - \mathbf{B} ||_* + \frac{1}{2}\lambda || \mathbf{x} ||_2^2$$

• The decision rule is defined as: if $e_l(\mathbf{B}) = \min_i e_i(\mathbf{B})$, then **B** is assigned to Class *l*.

$$e_i(\mathbf{B}) = \|\hat{\mathbf{B}} - \hat{\mathbf{B}}_i\|_* = \|\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{x}^*) - \mathbf{A}(\delta_i(\mathbf{x}^*))\|_*$$

























(b)

(a)



Experiment on the AR



Table 1 Recognition rates (%) of LRC, CRC, SRC, SSRC, RLRC, CESR, RSC, SSEC, HQ_A, HQ_M, NMR and Fast NMR on the AR database

| | LRC | CRC | SRC | SSRC | RLRC | CESR | RSC | SSEC | HQ_A | HQ_M | NMR | Fast NMR |
|------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-------------|
| Sunglasses | 92.8 | 93.5 | 94.4 | 95.4 | 94.6 | 95.0 | 89.2 | 79.0 | 94.7 | 95.0 | 96.9 | 96.9 |
| Scarf | 30.7 | 63.6 | 57.6 | 66.7 | 53.3 | 33.5 | 66.8 | 49.1 | 48.7 | 50.1 | 73.5 | 73.3 |



Parameter Selection





Comparison Running Time



Illustration of the average running time (second, in logs) of recognizing one testing sample for each method on the Extended Yale B database



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(1) Schatten *p*-norm based matrix regression

• Schatten p-norm:

$$\left\|\mathbf{E}\right\|_{S_p} = \left(\sum_{i=1}^{\min\{l,m\}} \sigma_i^p\right)^{1/p}$$

- It is nuclear norm when p=1, and is Frobenius norm when p=2.
- Schatten p-norm based matrix regression:

$$\min_{\mathbf{x}} \left\| \mathbf{B} - \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{x}) \right\|_{S_p}^p + \frac{1}{2} \lambda \left\| \mathbf{x} \right\|_q^q$$



Optimality of Schatten *p*-norm based error characterization

• Optimality:

The Schatten *p*-norm based error characterization is optimal if the structural noise matrix $\mathbf{E} = \mathbf{B} - \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{x})$ follows the generalized matrix variate Power Exponential Distribution:

$$f(\mathbf{E}) = C \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}tr\left(\mathbf{E}^{T}\mathbf{E}\right)^{p/2}\right)$$



2D Power Exponential Distribution



Fig. 2. (a) 2D-independent Gaussian distribution: $g(x, y) = C_1 e^{-(x^2+y^2)}$, (b) 2D-independent Laplace distribution: $g(x, y) = C_2 e^{-(|t|+|y|)}$, (c) 2D- power exponential distributions: $g(x, y) = C_4 e^{-\frac{1}{4x^2+y^2}}$ (p = 2/3), (e) 2D-power exponential distributions: $g(x, y) = C_5 e^{-\frac{1}{4x^2+y^2}}$ (p = 1/2), (f) the longitudinal cutting figures for (a-e), where C_4 (i = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5) are the positive proportionality constants.

Optimality of Schatten *p*-norm based error characterization: an equivalence

• The structural noise matrix $\mathbf{E} = \mathbf{B} - A(\mathbf{x})$ follows the extended matrix variate Power Exponential Distribution:

$$f(\mathbf{E}) = C \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2} tr\left(\mathbf{E}^T \mathbf{E}\right)^{p/2}\right)$$

$$\mathbf{W}_{p} = \left(\mathbf{E}^{T}\mathbf{E}\right)^{p/2-1} \qquad \mathbf{Y} = \mathbf{E}\mathbf{W}_{p}^{1/2}$$
$$f\left(\mathbf{Y}\right) = C\exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}tr\left(\mathbf{Y}^{T}\mathbf{Y}\right)\right)$$

Equivalent to: Y follows matrix variate independent Gaussian distribution



Understanding Optimality from the linear transformation $\mathbf{Y} = \mathbf{E}\mathbf{W}_{p}^{1/2}$



Fig. 4. An example that shows the empirical distributions and the fitted distributions of the noise image E and $EW_p^{1/2}$



Understanding Optimality from the linear transformation $\mathbf{Y} = \mathbf{E}\mathbf{W}_{p}^{1/2}$



Fig. 3. An example that shows the pixels in $\mathbf{Y} = \mathbf{E} \mathbf{W}_p^{1/2}$ are nearly uncorrelated



Singular Value Function Thresholding

- We focus on the case where 0<p<1, and Schatten *p*-norm is nonconvex
- Fortunately, when p=1/2 or 2/3, there is a close-form solution:

We introduce a single value function thresholding operator based on Schatten 1/2-norm:

$$D_{\eta}^{1/2}(\mathbf{G}) \coloneqq \mathbf{U}\Omega_{\eta}^{1/2}(\mathbf{G})\mathbf{V}^{T}, \ \Omega_{\eta}^{1/2}(\mathbf{G}) = diag(\boldsymbol{\varpi}(\boldsymbol{\sigma}_{i}) \cdot \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}),$$

where
$$\varpi(\sigma_i) = \frac{2}{3} |\sigma_i| \left(1 + \cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{3} - \frac{2\varphi(\sigma_i)}{3}\right)\right), \varphi(\sigma_i) = \arccos\left(\frac{\eta}{4} \left(\frac{\sigma_i}{3}\right)^{-3/2}\right),$$

$$\varepsilon = \begin{cases} 1, \sigma_i > \omega(\eta) \\ 0, 0 \le \sigma_i \le \omega(\eta) \end{cases}, \ \omega(\eta) = \frac{\sqrt[3]{54}}{4} (2\eta)^{2/3}. \end{cases}$$

Theorem 1. For each $\mathbf{E} \in \mathbb{R}^{l \times m}$ and $\eta \ge 0$, the singular value function shrinkage operator in (15) obeys

$$D_{\eta}^{1/2}(\mathbf{G}) = \arg\min_{\mathbf{E}} \left(\eta \left\| \mathbf{E} \right\|_{S_{1/2}}^{1/2} + \frac{1}{2} \left\| \mathbf{E} - \mathbf{G} \right\|_{F}^{2} \right).$$



Reconstruction results



Fig.5. Fourteen training images of two persons from AR face database

CRC



Test image



SRC



 $S_{2/3}L_1$

CESR











 S_1L_1

Fig.6. Recovered clean image and occluded part via five methods for the test image B with white block image

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| SRC | CRC | RSC | CESR | S_1L_2 | $S_{2/3}L_2$ | $S_{1/2}L_2$ | S_1L_1 | S _{2/3} L ₁ | S _{1/2} L ₁ |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|----------|--------------|--------------|----------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 20.45 | 41.1 | 4.02 | 8.54 | 6.68 | 0.68 | 1.64 | 3.98 | 0.69 | 1.05 |
| ±1.69 | ±0.87 | ±0.73 | ±3.11 | ±0.85 | ± 0.71 | ±0.73 | ±0.88 | ±0.60 | ±0.59 |



Robustness to occlusions



Fig. 8. Sample images of one person from the Extended Yale B database with different occlusions

TABLE IV Recognition rates (%) of LRC, CRC, SRC, CESR, RSC, RSC, SSEC, S_PL_Q under different levels of occlusion

| LRC | CRC | SRC | CESR | RSC | SSEC | S_1L_2 | S _{2/3} L ₂ | S _{1/2} L ₂ | S_1L_1 | $S_{2/3}L_1$ | S _{1/2} L ₁ |
|------|-----|------|------|------|------|----------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------|--------------|---------------------------------|
| 40.4 | 57 | 53.5 | 70.2 | 92.0 | 81.6 | 96.5 | 99.3 | 100.0 | 97.4 | 99.6 | 99.8 |



Fig. 9. Sample images of one person from the Extended Yale B database with different occlusion percent (10%-60%)

TABLE V

RECOGNITION RATES (%) OF LRC, CRC, SRC, CESR, RSC, RSC, SSEC, SpLq under different levels of occlusion

| Occlusion Percent | LRC | SRC | CRC | RSC | CESR | SSEC | S_1L_2 | $S_{2/3}L_2$ | $S_{1/2}L_2$ | S_1L_1 | $S_{2/3}L_1$ | $S_{1/2}L_1$ |
|-------------------|------|------|------|-------------|------|------|----------|--------------|--------------|----------|--------------|--------------|
| 10% | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 92.7 | 91.0 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 99.8 | 100 | 100 |
| 20% | 96.3 | 99.8 | 97.8 | 100 | 89.8 | 89.5 | 99.8 | 99.8 | 100 | 99.8 | 100 | 100 |
| 30% | 82.2 | 98.5 | 90.4 | 99.8 | 83.9 | 85.8 | 99.1 | 99.8 | 99.8 | 99.6 | 99.8 | 99.8 |
| 40% | 67.3 | 90.3 | 73.9 | 98.5 | 75.5 | 82.5 | 97.2 | 99.8 | 99.8 | 98.2 | 99.8 | 99.8 |
| 50% | 45.0 | 65.3 | 48.5 | 87.6 | 57.4 | 82.2 | 95.5 | 99.8 | 99.8 | 96.1 | 99.8 | 99.8 |
| 60% | 27.4 | 37.5 | 31.3 | 60.1 | 40.1 | 76.1 | 82.4 | 97.4 | 99.1 | 84.4 | 97.6 | 99.6 |





Robustness to illumination



(a)Subset 4

(b)Subset 5



TABLE VI

RECOGNITION RATES (%) OF EACH CLASSIFIER UNDER DIFFERENT ILLUMINATION CONDITIONS ON THE EXTENDED YALE B DATABASE

| Cases | LRC | SRC | CRC | RSC | CESR | SSEC | ESRC | SSRC | S_1L_2 | $S_{2/3}L_2$ | $S_{1/2}L_2$ | S_1L_1 | S _{2/3} L ₁ | S _{1/2} L ₁ |
|----------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|----------|--------------|--------------|----------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Subset 4 | 87.6 | 78.4 | 88 | 80.5 | 36.8 | 20.6 | 78.6 | 78.4 | 90.1 | 92.1 | 93.8 | 91.7 | 92.1 | 92.2 |
| Subset 5 | 42.2 | 28.8 | 35.7 | 36.7 | 22.2 | 12.5 | 40.7 | 41.0 | 47.9 | 72.5 | 73.8. | 49.7 | 73.6 | 75.2 |



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Motivations

• How to deal with mixed noise?





(c)

(d)



Nuclear-L₁ Norm Joint Regression

• Joint nuclear norm and L_1 norm into one model

$$\min_{\mathbf{E}_{1},\mathbf{x}} \|\mathbf{E}_{2}\|_{*} + \alpha_{2} \|\mathbf{E}_{1}\|_{1} + \beta_{2} \|\mathbf{x}\|_{q}^{q}, \text{ s.t. } \mathbf{B} - \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{E}_{1} + \mathbf{E}_{2}$$

- The model degenerates to Robust PCA when x=0
- The model is effective for separate mixed noise





Recognition results



Extended Yale B: test images with different level of mixed noise

Comparison with other methods

| Cases | LRC | CRC | SRC | CESR | RSC | SSEC | NMR | DNL ₁ R2 | DNL ₁ R1 |
|-------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|---------------------|---------------------|
| 10% | 99.6 | 100 | 99.8 | 94.7 | 100 | 93.4 | 99.8 | 100 | 100 |
| 20% | 88.8 | 97.1 | 93.6 | 91.7 | 99.3 | 81.8 | 94.3 | 99.8 | 100 |
| 30% | 63.8 | 75.0 | 67.5 | 76.8 | 89.9 | 48.0 | 79.4 | 98.2 | 98.9 |
| 40% | 41.9 | 50.7 | 46.1 | 53.1 | 58.1 | 17.1 | 51.8 | 85.5 | 87.7 |
| 50% | 17.8 | 24.1 | 28.1 | 22.1 | 23.7 | 7.5 | 27.6 | 50.2 | 52.4 |

Go one step further:

Structured nuclear norm based matrix regression

- Borrow the idea of structured sparsity to further extend the Nuclear- L_1 Norm
- Define the structured nuclear norm

$$\Omega(\mathbf{E}) = \sum_{i=0}^{d} \sum_{j=1}^{n_i} w_j^i \left\| \mathbf{E}_{H_j^i} \right\|_* = \left\| \mathbf{E}_{H_j^i} \right\|_{w_j^i,*}$$

• Based on the norm, we can build a new model:

$$\min_{\mathbf{x},\mathbf{E}} \left\| \mathbf{E}_{H_{j}^{i}} \right\|_{W_{i,*}^{i}} + \gamma \left\| \mathbf{x} \right\|_{1}, \text{ s.t. } \mathbf{M}(\mathbf{x}) - \mathbf{L} = \mathbf{E},$$



Spatial Pyramid structure

• The model provides a general framework for regression based representation



Classification results



Fig. 9. The AR face database (a) Test image with glasses; (b) Test images with scarf

Table 4. Recognition rates (%) of LRC, CRC, SRC, CESR, RSC, SSEC, SSRC, NMR, NL₁R and our methods on the AR database

| Cases | LRC | CRC | SRC | CESR | RSC | SSRC | SSEC | NMR | NL_1R | TSNA1 | TSNA2 | TSNA3 |
|---------|------|------|------|------|------|-------|-----------------|------|---------|-------|-------|-------|
| glasses | 92.8 | 93.5 | 94.4 | 95.0 | 89.2 | 95.4 | 79.0 | 96.9 | 96.7 | 96.2 | 95.3 | 97.8 |
| scarf | 30.7 | 63.6 | 57.6 | 33.5 | 66.8 | 66.7 | 49.1 | 73.5 | 73.3 | 77.1 | 76.3 | 77.1 |
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Conclusions and Future Efforts

Conclusions:

- We present nuclear norm based matrix regression and its variants
- Matrix regression is a simple but effective tool for robust face representation

Future efforts:

- The model uses image based matching rule, which be further improved
- It is a shallow model, it is interesting to extend it to be a deep model via some techniques such as auto-encoder, etc.



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