# Nonlinear Dimensionality Reduction Applied to the Classification of Images

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#### **Abstract:**

For this project I plan to implement a dimension reduction algorithm entitled "Locally Linear Embeddings" in the programming language MatLab. For a group of images, the dimension reduction algorithm is applied, and the results are used to compare classification accuracies.

# **0. Introduction**





Dataset - collection of vectors



 $X \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times D}$ 

# 1. Introduction (cont.)





•We start with multiple high-dimensional points (maybe a set of images)

•We map that image to a D dimensional vector

•Lots of elements means the processing of this data is more computationally intensive

•Usually lots of redundant data, or lots of correlation in the elements

•We want a vector of a reduced size that retains important characteristics of the data

•We also want the new vector's elements to be uncorrelated

# 2. Introduction (cont.)



There are a number of techniques to perform this operation under the field Dimension Reduction

#### Linear Reduction Methods

•Search for a matrix A (or matrix operation) that maps your highdimensional data into a lower dimensional space

•Preserves key characteristics of data

#### Nonlinear Reduction Methods

•Use a nonlinear mapping that reduces your dimension

Preserves key characteristics of data

# 3. Approach

### Locally Linear Embeddings (LLE)



Figure 1: Obtained from LLE website [1]

•Nonlinear dimension reduction method

•Developed by Dr. Sam Roweis and Dr. Lawrence Saul

•Takes a high-dimensional set of points X and maps them to a lower dimensional set of points Y

•Preserves local geometry (local distances between points)

•This is done by solving a series (two) constrained optimization problems

# 4. Approach (cont.)

### Step 1

**Optimization Problem** 

arg min : 
$$E(W) = \sum_{i=1}^{N} \left\| X_i - \sum_{j=1}^{N} W_{ij} X_j \right\|^2$$

•Find the k nearest neighbors of each point in our set

•Try to find a linear (almost convex) combination of the nearest neighbors that best represents the point

•Use the found weights as the contribution of each neighbor point

#### Constraints

$$\sum_{j=1}^{N} W_{ij} = 1$$

 $W_{ij} = 0$ 

•First constraint makes the embedding invariant to data scaling and translations

 Second constraint ensures that the weight of non-neighbors is zero

# 5. Approach (cont.)

### Step 2

**Optimization Problem** 

arg min : 
$$e(Y) = \sum_{i=1}^{N} \left\| Y_i - \sum_{j=1}^{N} W_{ij} Y_j \right\|^2$$

•Find the reduced dimension points that retain the weight spacing determined in Step 1

•In essence, we are preserving pair wise distances between our k neighbors

•Use the found weights as the contribution of each neighbor point

#### Constraints

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$$\sum_{i=1}^{N} Y_i = 0$$
$$\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N} Y_i^T \cdot Y_i = I$$

•First constraint centers the points around the origin

•Second constraint ensures the outer products sum to the identity matrix

# 6. Implementation

# Minimizing E(W)

$$\arg\min : E(W) = \sum_{i=1}^{N} \left\| X_i - \sum_{j=1}^{N} W_{ij} X_j \right\|^2$$
$$\sum_{j=1}^{N} W_{ij} = 1$$
$$W_{ij} = 0$$

- We make a set  $S_i = \{X_j\}$  which contains the closest k neighbors  $X_j$  of point  $X_i$
- We then compute the neighborhood correlation matrix C
- The elements  $C_{jk}$  are the pairwise inner products of the nearest neighbors
- From this correlation matrix, we compute the inverse  $C^{-1}$
- This is done for each point in the dataset

Now we can construct our weights  $W_{ii}$  with the following formula

$$W_{ij} = \sum_{k=1}^{N} C_{jk}^{-1} [(X_i \cdot X_j) + \lambda]$$

Here,  $\lambda$  is the Lagrange multiplier as specified in the paper by Saul and Roweis [1]

<sup>[1]</sup> Sam Roweis and Lawrence Saul, Nonlinear Dimensionality Reduction by Locally Linear Embeddings, Science v.290 no.5500, Dec.22, 2000. pp.2323--2326.



- It has been proven that minimizing this function is equivalent to performing an eigendecomposition [1]
- We find the eigenvalues and eigenvectors of
  (I-W)<sup>T</sup>(I-W)
- Taking the eigenvectors that correspond to the smallest eigenvalues, we now have Y
- The rows of the eigenvector matrix are the reduced dimension dataset Y

[1] Sam Roweis and Lawrence Saul, Nonlinear Dimensionality Reduction by Locally Linear Embeddings, Science v.290 no.5500, Dec.22, 2000. pp.2323--2326.

### **Computational Costs**

Minimizing E(W) is of complexity  $O[Nk^3]$ 

N – size of data set (number of vectors) k – number of nearest neighbors used

Minimizing e(Y) can be solved with subquadratic complexity due to the Sparsity of the weight vector

### **Algorithm Extension 1**

There are two parameters with LLE, k and d

In a paper by Kouropteva, Okun, and Pietikainen, a method is presented for determining the optimal number of nearest neighbors [1]

### **Algorithm Extension 2**

In another paper by Kouropteva, Okun, and Pietikainen, an incremental LLE implementation is described [2]

The advantage here is that we must solve smaller optimization problems

[1] Olga Kouropteva and Oleg Okun and Matti Pietikäinen, Selection of the Optimal Parameter Value for the Locally Linear Embedding Algorithm, 1 st International Conference on Fuzzy Systems, 2002, 359--363.

[2] O. Kouropteva and M. Pietikainen. Incremental locally linear embedding. Pattern Recognition, 38:1764–1767, 2005.

### Software

Algorithms implemented in the programming language MatLab

This is due to:

- Flexibility in syntax
- Ubiquitous use by the scientific community
- Wide availability of support

### Hardware

Currently plan to use personal computer for development and testing

If this becomes computationally infeasible, I will also use the computers in the Norbert Weiner Center for testing

# **11. Validation**

### **Standard Topological Manifolds (Surfaces)**



#### **Swiss Roll Mapping**



**Gaussian Function** 



**Twin Peaks Function** 



**Logistic Function** 

# 11. Validation (cont.)

### **MatLab Dimension Reduction Toolbox**

•The Dimension Reduction Toolbox is implemented in MatLab

•It is free to use and open to the public

•It contains a wide range of Dimension reduction methods

•This includes an implementation of LLE

•Using the test functions from the previous slide we can compare the output to ensure a correct implementation of our LLE algorithm

Available at: <u>http://homepage.tudelft.nl/19j49/Matlab\_Toolbox\_for\_Dimensionality\_Reduction.html</u>

# 13. Testing

Support Vector Machines



Constraints



Our specific application is in image classification

We want to find a hyper plane that separates different images

This can be done using Support Vector Machines, which finds the optimal hyper plane that separates the data

w is the vector normal to the hyper plane and  $w_0$  is the offset from the origin

We can find this by solving a constrained optimization problem, or a similar Lagrangian unconstrained problem

Here,  $x_i$  are our data points and  $y_i \in \{-1,1\}$  are the class labels (which group an image belongs to)

### 14. Databases

#### The Yale Face Database B [1]

- •Over 5000 face images
- •10 different subjects (people)
- •Over 500 different positions and illuminations
- •Using the original dataset (images) and the reduced dataset (LLE), I plan to compare the classification accuracy of the SVM on these sets

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# **15. Project Schedule**

#### September 2012 - November 2012

•Plan and implement the LLE algorithm in MatLab, efficiently handling storage and memory management issues.

•Perform unit tests to correct any bugs present in code.

•Validate code on standard topological structures (Swiss Roll, etc.).

•Compare results of algorithm output to the results of the LLE method present in the Dimension Reduction Toolbox.

•Test the LLE algorithm on a dataset from a publicly available database.

#### November 2012 - December 2012

•Make any necessary preprocessing changes to the image database used.

•Prepare the mid-year (end of semester) report and presentation.

•Deliver mid-year report.

#### January 2013

•Implement a pre-developed SVM package for MatLab.

•Test classification accuracy of SVM on dimension-reduced dataset.

•Assess effectiveness.

February 2013 - April 2013Implement SVM in MatLab (time permitting).

•Implement LLE extensions.

•Compare results of original LLE implementation to extended versions.

#### April 2013 - May 2013

•Prepare final presentation and report.

•Make any last minute adjustments to code that are required.

•Package deliverables.

•Ensure the safe delivery of source code and other project materials.

•Implemented LLE MatLab code

•Testing scripts

•Documentation regarding code use and available options

• Final report of algorithm design, testing, and results

•Final presentation

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### **18. Questions**

# QUESTIONS