

FACS Based Eye Movement Recognition using Eigen value Decomposition

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Abstract - This paper attempts to present an Eigen vector based system to recognize the upper facial expressions. In the approach, the images were accomplished and properly resized. The computation of Eigen vector followed by Eigen value, for recognition of facial expressions is done. The Euclidean Distance has been calculated for getting accuracy in the recognition.

Keywords - Eigen value, Eigen vector, Euclidean Distance and Facial Action Coding System (FACS).

I. INTRODUCTION

Human face carries wider powerful information while communicating with one another. Facial expression provides sensitive cues about emotion [1], regulates signals to speech production and reveals brain function [2]. Thus has ability to recognize and can capture facial expression.

The [3] identifies that 7% of human communication information is done by verbal, 38% by non-verbal elements of speech and 55% by facial expression. To classify facial expressions into different categories, it is important to extract facial features which assist in identifying exact expressions [4]. The Facial Action Coding System (FACS) is an efficient, objective method to describe facial expressions [5]

The Charles Darwin, suggest expression of emotions as universal [6]. Later on Ekman and Friesen describes the emotions can be categorized into six, "happiness, sadness, anger, surprise, disgust and fear", also known as the six basic expressions [7, 8].

In this paper, we have focused on computational model of facial expression recognition system based Eigenvector and Euclidean distance. The proposed approaches, considers a set of 10 images for happiness, anger, surprise, disgust and neutral, is processed and computed Eigenvectors are stored as in training phase. Similarly, a set of 10 images for testing phase is stored with calculated Euclidean distance of the Eigen vector. The classification of expression is considered with the help of minimum Euclidean distance.

II. LITERATURE REVIEW

The recognition of facial expression is one of the challenging tasks but can be recognized by using one, or combination of techniques. Most of the researchers, apply Eigen faces approach due to its simplicity, speed and learning capability, that seems to classify the different features of

images by considering a set of eigenvectors which has been derived from the covariance matrix of the faces with the help of principal component analysis (PCA) [8], [9], [10] and Artificial Neural Network (ANN) [11], [12]. Further these values are computed for obtaining minimum Euclidean distance and found to be efficient to produce accuracy of 95% to recognize emotions [6], [13].

Reference [5] concentrates on the eigenvectors of covariance matrix with the help of row and column mean of face image in RGB plane and set of feature vector were generated to apply PCA technique and achieved 99.60% on the ORL database and 80.60% on their own created database of recognition. Similarly, [14] considers the Eigen value decomposition technique for describing different Action Units (AUs) of the faces and obtained 90% accuracy. The facial recognition rate can be extended by considering the effectiveness of Eigen space method as it is the modified form of Eigen face method, and is described by [8].

A separate Hidden Markov Model (HMM) can useful for recognizing facial expression and related action units (AU) and also can be combined with Artificial Neural Network (ANN) to obtain AU combination [15], [16], [17]. The Support Vector Machine (SVM) replaces with hybrid SVM and combined with Hidden Markov Model (HMM) to achieve the extended output precision of AUs by 4.5% and 7.0% [18]. Similarly [19], [20], [21], [22] obtained the accuracy rate around 86% for AU and 89% for AU combination.

A. Eigen values and Eigen vectors

We focused on the use of Eigen values and Eigen vectors for expression recognition with Euclidean distance. Eigen values are a special set of scalars associated with a linear system of equations, may be sometimes called as characteristic roots, characteristic values [23], proper values or latent roots [24]. Each Eigen value is paired with a corresponding so called eigenvector [25].

The steps for computation are as follows:

- i. Prepare an initial set of face images $[X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n]$
- ii. Compute average of the given set:
$$X = (X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_n) / n$$
- iii. The average face is subtracted from each face:

- iv. Calculating the covariance matrix using the formula:
 $Cov = X \cdot X^T$
- v. Calculating the Eigenvectors and Eigen values of the covariance matrix:

III. PROPOSED METHOD

The Eigenvector based Expression Recognition System is 2. shown in Figure1:

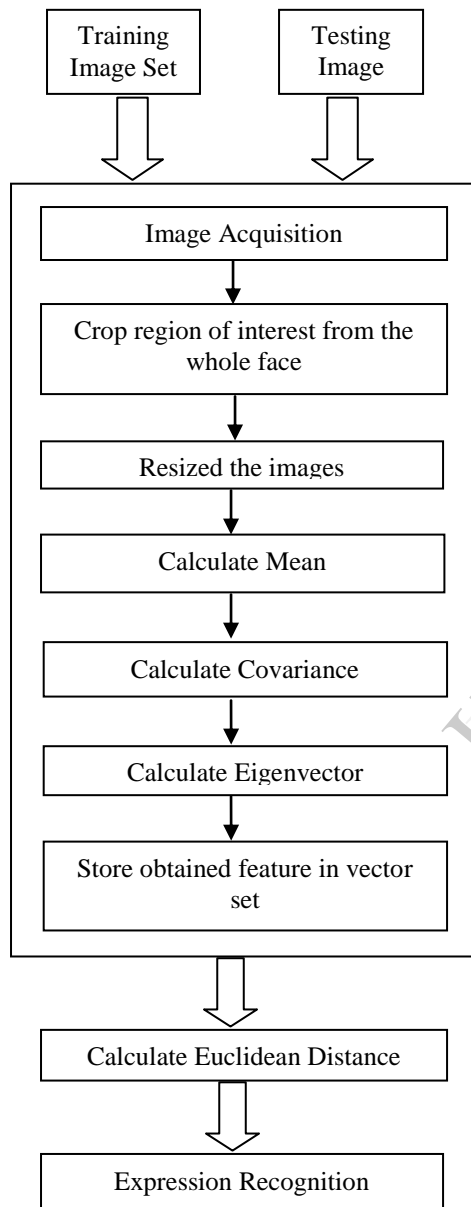


Fig 1: Eigenvector based Expression Recognition System

1. Image Procurement:

Some of the images are procured from the well known Paul Ekman’s database, which portray different facial expressions. These images are properly resized and stored in the training as well as testing database set. For the further processing these images are converted into its equivalent Gray scale and stored in matrix form.

2. Cropping:

We have focused on upper facial recognition, thus directed towards combined left and right eyes. This region of interest has been cropped with proper resizing.

3. Use of Statistical technique:

Calculate the mean, covariance and eigenvectors of the image as given in steps of computation above. Five significant Eigenvectors are chosen from both testing and training images which are sorted in the descending order of the associated Eigen values and are stored in separately in the array.







4. Classification:

The classification of facial expression is based on Euclidean distance (ED) which is obtained by using the formula [6],

$$\text{Euclidean Distance (ED)} = \sqrt{\sum (x_2 - x_1)^2}$$

Here, the eigenvectors of testing image is subtracted from the eigenvectors of training image. Each expression’s minimum Euclidean distance is calculated from the set of observations and is expressed in tabular form as shown in Table I.

TABLE I. COMPUTED EUCLIDEAN DISTANCE FOR RECOGNIZING EXPRESSION

Test image	Training Image	Euclidean Distance				
		ED1	ED2	ED3	ED4	ED5
 Combined Left and Right Eye		0.2559	0.0065	0.0296	0.0354	0.0305
		0.2541	0.2624	0.2930	0.1240	0.1157
		0.2745	0.2642	0.2914	0.2540	0.2543
		0.2537	0.2515	0.2828	0.1532	0.1064
		0.2478	0.2570	0.2882	0.2966	0.1344
Result obtained from minimum ED		Disgust	Anger	Anger	Anger	Anger

Observing the minimum value of Euclidean distance among all columns, the expression that occurs maximum times are considered as a facial expression of the testing image.

In above table 1, based on the minimum Euclidean Distance, Anger expression occurs four times as compare with Disgust. Thus we can conclude that the expression of test image is having Anger expression.

IV. CONCLUSION

Eye carry major role for expression recognition. The testing process of each expression with both the eyes describes that the system is effective for recognizing the expression. The result found to be efficient and is 70%. The accuracy of recognition rate can be enhanced if full face is considered.

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