


Face Recognition

- Face is the most common biometric used by humans
- Applications range from static, mug-shot verification to a dynamic, uncontrolled face identification in a cluttered background
- Challenges:
 - automatically locate the face
 - recognize the face from a general view point under different illumination conditions, facial expressions, and aging effects


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Authentication vs Identification

- Face Authentication/Verification (1:1 matching)



- Face Identification/recognition (1:N matching)



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Applications

- Access Control




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Applications

- Video Surveillance (On-line or off-line)

Face Scan at Airports



The St. Petersburg-Clearwater Airport installed facial recognition systems for their security checkpoints in January. Six-foot tall travelers' lateral faces are scanned as they pass through the checkpoints. The program's face lockers are compared to a database of images of wanted criminals. Sheriff Ernest Rios (above left) was one of the first people to pass through the new security system.



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Why is Face Recognition Hard?

Many faces of Madonna

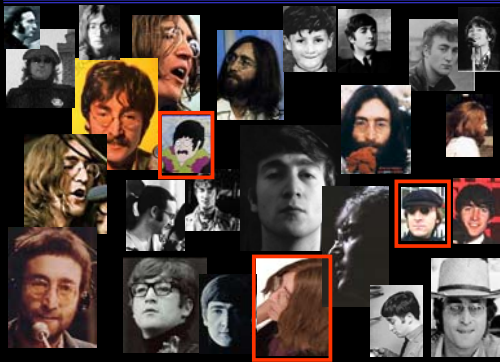


Who are these people?



[Sinha and Poggio 1996]

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Face Recognition Difficulties

- Identify similar faces (**inter-class similarity**)
- Accommodate **intra-class variability** due to:
 - head pose
 - illumination conditions
 - expressions
 - facial accessories
 - aging effects
- Cartoon faces

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Inter-class Similarity

- Different persons may have very similar **appearance**



Twins



Father and son

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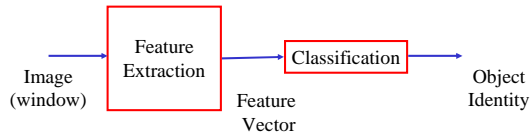
Intra-class Variability

- Faces with intra-subject variations in pose, illumination, expression, accessories, color, oclusions, and brightness



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Sketch of a Pattern Recognition Architecture



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Example: Face Detection

- Scan window over image.
- Classify window as either:
 - Face
 - Non-face



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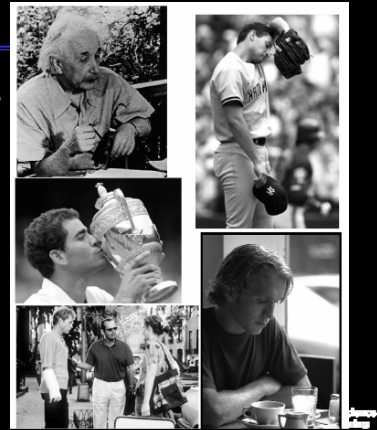
Detection Test Sets

Data Set	Location	Description
MIT Test Set [154]	http://www.cs.cmu.edu/~har	Two sets of high and low resolution gray scale images with multiple faces in complex background.
CMU Test Set [128]	http://www.cs.cmu.edu/~har	130 gray scale images with a total of 507 frontal faces.
CMU Profile Face Test Set [141]	ftp://eyes.ius.cs.cmu.edu/usc20/ftp/testing_face_images.tar.gz	208 gray scale images with faces in profile views.
Kodak Data Set [94]	Eastman Kodak Corporation	Faces of multiple size, pose and under varying illumination in color images. Designed for face detection and recognition.

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Profile views

Schneiderman's Test set



Face Detection: Experimental Results

Test sets: two CMU benchmark data sets
 Test set 1: 125 images with 483 faces
 Test set 2: 20 images with 136 faces

Method	Test Set 1		Test Set 2	
	Detection Rate	False Detections	Detection Rate	False Detections
Distribution based [154]	N/A	N/A	81.9%	13
Neural network [128]	92.5%	862	90.3%	42
Naive Bayes classifier [140]	93.0%	88	91.2%	12
Kullback relative information [24]	98.0%	12758	N/A	N/A
Support vector machine [107]	N/A	N/A	74.2%	20
Mixture of factor analyzers [175]	92.3%	82	89.4%	3
Fisher linear discriminant [175]	93.6%	74	91.5%	1
SNoW with primitive features [176]	94.2%	84	93.6%	3
SNoW with multi-scale features [176]	94.8%	78	94.1%	3
Inductive learning [38]	90%	N/A	N/A	N/A

[See also work by Viola & Jones, Rehg, more recent by Schneiderman]

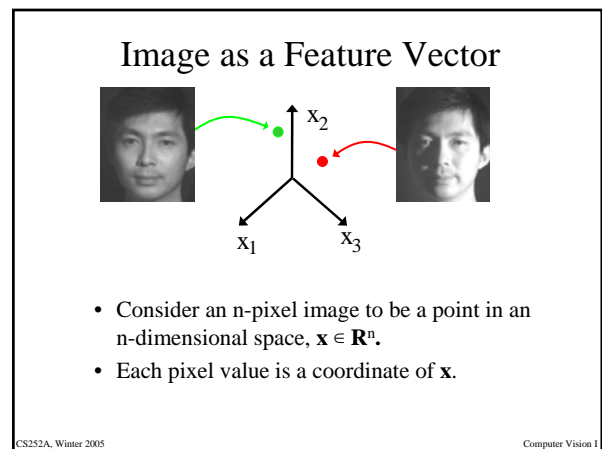
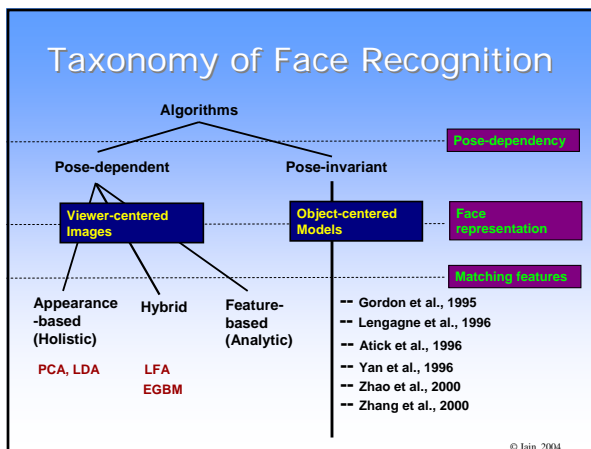
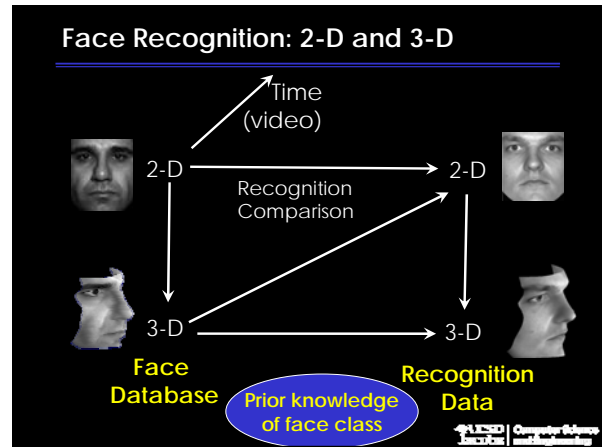
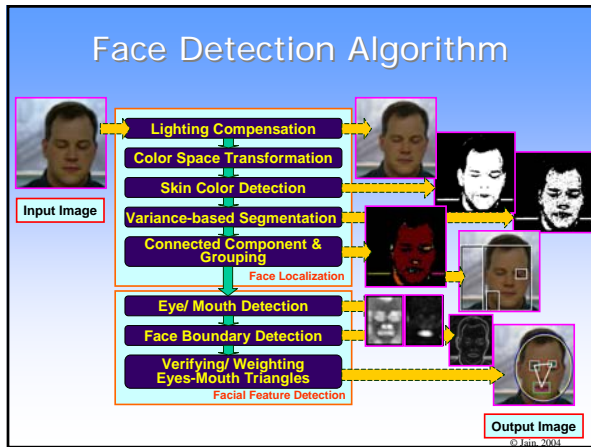
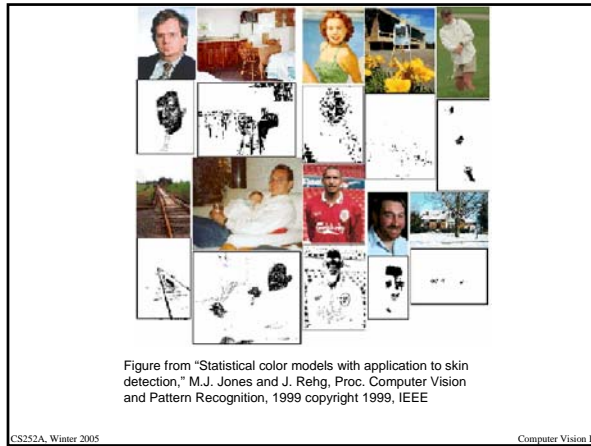
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Example: Finding skin Non-parametric Representation of CCD

- Skin has a very small range of (intensity independent) colors, and little texture
 - Compute an intensity-independent color measure, check if color is in this range, check if there is little texture (median filter)
 - See this as a classifier - we can set up the tests by hand, or learn them.
 - get class conditional densities (histograms), priors from data (counting)
- Classifier is
 - if $p(\text{skin}|\mathbf{x}) > \theta$, classify as skin
 - if $p(\text{skin}|\mathbf{x}) < \theta$, classify as not skin
 - if $p(\text{skin}|\mathbf{x}) = \theta$, choose classes uniformly and at random

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Nearest Neighbor Classifier

$\{R_j\}$ are set of training images.
 $ID = \arg \min_j \text{dist}(R_j, I)$

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Comments

- Sometimes called “Template Matching”
- Variations on distance function (e.g. L_1 , robust distances)
- Multiple templates per class- perhaps many training images per class.
- Expensive to compute k distances, especially when each image is big (N dimensional).
- May not generalize well to unseen examples of class.
- Some solutions:
 - Bayesian classification
 - Dimensionality reduction

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Eigenface (Turk, Pentland, 91) -1

- Use Principle Component Analysis (PCA) to determine the most discriminating features between images of faces.

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Eigenfaces: linear projection

- An n -pixel image $x \in \mathbf{R}^n$ can be projected to a low-dimensional feature space $y \in \mathbf{R}^m$ by

$$y = Wx$$

where W is an n by m matrix.

- Recognition is performed using nearest neighbor in \mathbf{R}^m .
- How do we choose a good W ?

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Eigenfaces: Principal Component Analysis (PCA)

Assume we have a set of n feature vectors x_i ($i = 1, \dots, n$) in \mathbf{R}^d . Write

$$\mu = \frac{1}{n} \sum_i x_i$$

$$\Sigma = \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_i (x_i - \mu)(x_i - \mu)^T$$

The unit eigenvectors of Σ — which we write as v_1, v_2, \dots, v_d , where the order is given by the size of the eigenvalue and v_1 has the largest eigenvalue — give a set of features with the following properties:

- They are independent.
- Projection onto the basis $\{v_1, \dots, v_k\}$ gives the k -dimensional set of linear features that preserves the most variance.

Algorithm 22.5: *Principal components analysis identifies a collection of linear features that are independent, and capture as much variance as possible from a dataset.*

Some details: Use Singular value decomposition, “trick” described in text to compute basis when $n \ll d$

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How do you construct Eigenspace?

$[x_1 \ x_2 \ x_3 \ x_4 \ x_5]$ W

Construct data matrix by stacking vectorized images and then apply Singular Value Decomposition (SVD)

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Matrix Decompositions

- Definition: The factorization of a matrix M into two or more matrices M_1, M_2, \dots, M_n , such that $M = M_1 M_2 \dots M_n$.
- Many decompositions exist...
 - QR Decomposition
 - LU Decomposition
 - LDU Decomposition
 - Etc.

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Singular Value Decomposition

Excellent ref: "Matrix Computations," Golub, Van Loan

- Any m by n matrix A may be factored such that

$$A = U \Sigma V^T$$

$$[m \times n] = [m \times m][m \times n][n \times n]$$

- U : m by m , orthogonal matrix
 - Columns of U are the eigenvectors of AA^T
- V : n by n , orthogonal matrix,
 - columns are the eigenvectors of $A^T A$
- Σ : m by n , diagonal with non-negative entries ($\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \dots, \sigma_s$) with $s = \min(m, n)$ are called the singular values
 - Singular values are the square roots of eigenvalues of both AA^T and $A^T A$
 - Result of SVD algorithm: $\sigma_1 \geq \sigma_2 \geq \dots \geq \sigma_s$

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SVD Properties

- In Matlab $[u \ s \ v] = \text{svd}(A)$, and you can verify that: $A = U * S * V'$
- $r = \text{Rank}(A) = \#$ of non-zero singular values.
- U, V give us orthonormal bases for the subspaces of A :
 - 1st r columns of U : Column space of A
 - Last $m - r$ columns of U : Left nullspace of A
 - 1st r columns of V : Row space of A
 - last $n - r$ columns of V : Nullspace of A
- For $d \leq r$, the first d column of U provide the best d -dimensional basis for columns of A in least squares sense.

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Thin SVD

- Any m by n matrix A may be factored such that

$$A = U \Sigma V^T$$

$$[m \times n] = [m \times n][n \times n][n \times n]$$

- If $m > n$, then one can view Σ as:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \Sigma' \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Where $\Sigma' = \text{diag}(\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \dots, \sigma_s)$ with $s = \min(m, n)$, and lower matrix is $(n - m)$ by m of zeros.
- Alternatively, you can write:

$$A = U' \Sigma' V^T$$
- In Matlab, thin SVD is: $[U \ S \ V] = \text{svds}(A)$

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Application: Pseudoinverse

- Given $y = Ax$, $x = A^+ y$
- For square A , $A^+ = A^{-1}$
- For any A ...

$$A^+ = V \Sigma^+ U^T$$

- A^+ is called the *pseudoinverse* of A .
- $x = A^+ y$ is the least-squares solution of $y = Ax$.
- Alternative to previous solution.

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Performing PCA with SVD

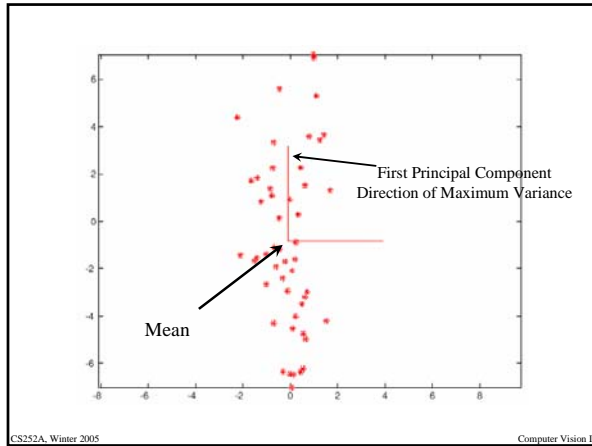
- Singular values of A are the square roots of eigenvalues of both AA^T and $A^T A$ & Columns of U are corresponding Eigenvectors
- And $\sum_{i=1}^n a_i a_i^T = [a_1 \ a_2 \ \dots \ a_n] [a_1 \ a_2 \ \dots \ a_n]^T = AA^T$
- Covariance matrix is:

$$\Sigma = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (\bar{x}_i - \bar{\mu})(\bar{x}_i - \bar{\mu})^T$$

- So, ignoring $1/n$ subtract mean image μ from each input image, create data matrix, and perform thin SVD on the data matrix.

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Eigenfaces

- Modeling
 1. Given a collection of n labeled training images,
 2. Compute mean image and covariance matrix.
 3. Compute k Eigenvectors (note that these are images) of covariance matrix corresponding to k largest Eigenvalues.
 4. Project the training images to the k -dimensional Eigenspace.
- Recognition
 1. Given a test image, project to Eigenspace.
 2. Perform classification to the projected training images.

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Eigenfaces: Training Images

[Turk, Pentland 01

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Mean Image Basis Images

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Variable Lighting

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Projection, and reconstruction

- An n -pixel image $x \in \mathbf{R}^n$ can be projected to a low-dimensional feature space $y \in \mathbf{R}^m$ by

$$y = Wx$$
- From $y \in \mathbf{R}^m$, the reconstruction of the point is $W^T y$
- The error of the reconstruction is: $\|x - W^T W x\|$

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Reconstruction using Eigenfaces

- Given image on left, project to Eigenspace, then reconstruct an image (right).

