

Performance Analysis of Feature Extraction Techniques for Facial Expression Recognition

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ABSTRACT

Facial Expression Recognition is a vital topic for research in current scenario which has many applications as machine based HR interviews and human-machine interaction. Facial Expression recognition is applied for identification of person using face of a person. Researchers have proposed many research techniques for facial expression recognition but still accuracy, illumination and occlusion are the research issues which have to improve. So research issues are to improve recognition rate by improving the pre-processing of datasets, improving the feature extraction method and using the best classifier for facial expression recognition. Feature extraction is the key step on which recognition rate depends for facial expression recognition. The purpose of this research work is to analysis of different feature extraction technique in frequency domain as Gabor filter, Discrete Wavelet Transform and Discrete Cosine Transform feature extraction technique. Accuracy is the key research issue in facial expression recognition which is measured in term of Recognition rate.

Keywords

Facial expression recognition, Gabor Filter, DCT, DWT.

1. INTRODUCTION

The facial expression Recognition is considered as the important technique for biometric based gesture identification technologies which provides high uniqueness and stability with noninvasiveness, anti-falsification, robustness and some more features[1]. The methodology of facial expression recognition includes facial image acquisition, preprocessing, feature extraction and classification[2]. On the basis of domain, Facial expression recognition approach is classified into space domain based approach and frequency domain based approach [3]. Space domain based technique include local binary pattern, Principle component analysis and Gabor filter and frequency based approach includes discrete wavelet transform, discrete cosine transform and Fourier transform based feature extraction techniques [4]. DWT is used for image compression [5] and texture classification [6] due to its analytical capability of multiresolution decomposition. Fengjun Chen *et al.* [7] used 14 wavelet decomposed regions for enhance the accuracy of facial gesture recognition. Sameer S. Kulkarni *et al.* [8] analyzed impact of image block size using discrete cosine transform based feature extraction for facial expression recognition for determination of best block size to achieve best accuracy and explained different types of feature extraction algorithms based on discrete cosine transform (DCT).

In this paper we have analyzed DWT, gabor amplitude and DCT based feature extraction technique for facial expression recognition and implemented results are compare and discussed.

2. RELATED WORK

2.1 Gabor Filter Feature Extraction Technique

A Gabor filter is given as the following equation (1) [9].

$$\Psi(x, y, \lambda, \theta) = \frac{1}{2\pi S_x S_y} e^{-1/2 \left(\frac{x^2}{S_x^2} + \frac{y^2}{S_y^2} \right)} e^{j2\pi x'/\lambda} \quad (1)$$

In the equation (1), (x, y) , represents the pixel location in the digital image; λ is wavelength, θ is projection orientation of Gabor kernel to image, S_x, S_y Standard deviation in the x & y directions respectively. The parameters (x_1, y_1) is gabor transformed positions which is generated using equation (2).

$$x_1 = x \cos \theta + y \sin \theta \quad y_1 = -x \sin \theta + y \cos \theta \quad (2)$$

The gabor kernel coefficients are generated using equation (1) and gabor kernel $\Psi(x, y)$ is projected on input image $I(x, y)$ using convolution operation which is defined in equation (3) [10].

$$G_{u,v}(x, y) = I(x, y) * \Psi(x, y) \quad (3)$$

The Gabor kernel $\Psi(x, y)$ is complex number so projection using convolution operation is evaluated separately for real and imaginary part as defined in equation 4 and 5.

$$R(g(x, y))_{i,j} = I(x, y) * (\Psi(x, y, \lambda_m, \theta_n))_{\text{real}} \quad (4)$$

$$I(g(x, y))_{i,j} = I(x, y) * (\Psi(x, y, \lambda_m, \theta_n))_{\text{imaginary}} \quad (5)$$

Gabor filter is represented by equation (6).

$$g(x, y) = R(g(x, y)) + i I(g(x, y)) \quad (6)$$

The $g(x, y)$ is complex number and each coefficient of gabor amplitude is evaluated as equation 7 [11].

$$|g(x, y)|_{i,j} = ((R(g(x, y)))_{i,j}^2 + (I(g(x, y)))_{i,j}^2)^{1/2} \quad (7)$$

2.2 Discrete Cosine Transform based Feature Extraction Technique

DCT is a process to modify a signal into elementary frequency components. DCT is a closely related to discrete Fourier transform (DFT), using the DCT a signal is categorized into its basic frequency components. When we use DCT on $X*Y$ sized matrix, the 2D-DCT extract the energy information of the image and then it will focus on some specific features located in the upper left Corner of the outcome real-valued $X*Y$ DCT matrix Then the result matrix is used as a feature vector (FV) technique is used to improve the facial expression images. The recovery of images is practical just because of the DCT. The workings of DCT coefficients return the average energy of pixel blocks whereas the AC components return the intensity of image. As DCT separates an image hooked on discrete blocks of pixels of differing significance or weightage in an image so we can say that DCT is a lossy compression technique [12].

Discrete cosine transform is defined [13] as equation (8).

$$F(i, j) = \alpha(i)\alpha(j) \sum_{x=0}^{A-1} \sum_{y=0}^{B-1} f(x, y) \cos\left[\frac{\pi(2x+1)i}{2A}\right] \cos\left[\frac{\pi(2y+1)j}{2B}\right]$$

where $u = 0, 1, 2, \dots, M-1$ and $v = 0, 1, 2, \dots, N-1$.

2.3 Discrete Wavelet Transform based Feature Extraction Technique

Recognition and image compression techniques wavelet transform gives an effective result. We can calculate Wavelet coefficients by a wavelet transform which shows changes according to time interval at a specific resolution. Taking the time interval makes it easy to calculate and remove the noise from image. The term wavelet transform is explained as decomposition of the data or the image into wavelet coefficients, comparing the detail coefficients with a given threshold value, and shrinking these coefficients close to zero to take away the effect of noise in the data. The image is reconstructed from the modified coefficients which are known as the inverse discrete wavelet transforms [14]. DWT transformation convert the facial expression image into four different frequency sub band as LL, LH, HL and HH as figure 1. Where range of frequency is represented as $LL < LH < HL < HH$. The feature or characteristics of facial expression is represented by low frequency coefficients or LL sub band so LL frequency sub band is extracted for further feature reduction [15].

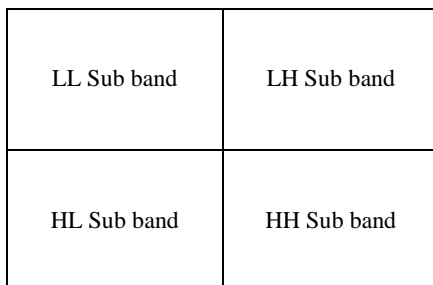


Figure 1: frequency Sub band of DWT

3. PROPOSED WORK

This paper evaluated different feature extraction technique based on frequency domain on facial expression recognition. In the Gabor filter feature extraction, Gabor projection is applied on image but there is probability of increasing of redundancy which can be responsible of reducing the recognition rate. Gabor has a major problem issue of high dimension and high redundancy while it provides high energy difference of shape information and non shape information. These major issues should be reduced using some technique. The dimension reduction technique for gabor is called filtering so this whole technique is called gabor filter. The 7 different angles is applied for Gabor projection. The JAFFE dataset is used for experiment with ratio 70/30 of training/testing. The classification results of Gabor filter is compared with results of facial expression recognition method and compared with DWT and DCT based feature extraction technique.

In the proposed system, 2 different scales and 7 different orientations or total $5*2= 14$, Gabor matrices are generated. The extraction features are reduced using principle

component analysis (PCA) technique for facial expression recognition.

4. EXPERIMENTS & RESULTS

The DCT, DWT and Gabor filter with PCA feature extraction Technique is evaluated in matlab with JAFFE dataset. Addaboost classifier is used for classification of 7 different expressions Natural, Surprise, Disgust, Happy, Fear, Sad, and Anger. Performance parameter is evaluated in term of recognition rate as shown equation 9. The comparative results are shown in table 1.

Recognition Rate = correct expression matches/total tests (9)

Table 1. Comparative Accuracy of different feature extraction technique

S no.	Methods	Avg. Recognition Rate (%)
1.	Log Gabor + PCA[10]	70
2.	Gabor filter + PCA based facial expression recognition [11]	80
3.	Principle Component Analysis [16]	77.78
4.	DWT based feature extraction technique for facial expression recognition	81
5.	DCT feature extraction for facial expression recognition	80
6.	Gabor sampling Feature selection for facial expression recognition [17]	67.5
7.	Gabor-DCT feature extraction for facial expression recognition [9]	83.5
7.	Gabor filter + PCA [11]	80
8.	Proposed Scale Gabor filter + PCA	82.5

5. CONCLUSION

From the results achieved by different technique, it is concluding that Gabor feature extractions have higher accuracy compared to discrete wavelet transform and discrete cosine transform. The analysis of better result of Gabor features, it is analyzed that Gabor is better extraction technique for edge or shape features extraction compared to DWT and DCT feature extraction. In DWT and DCT feature extraction, feature are extracted from Low frequency feature sub band (LL) and other frequency band are discarded so some of feature are lost which is cause of lower accuracy compare to Gabor. Gabor with scale projection achieved better accuracy compared to Gabor without scale. The problem with Gabor filter is generation of high redundant feature and huge dimension of feature matrix.

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