# Fisher Discriminant Analysis with Kernels

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# Discriminate between two classes

- Need to identify good set of features
- PCA: unsupervised algorithm to reduce reconstruction error
- Better to take advantage of label info
- Classical approaches: bayes classifier requires assumptions on data distribution within each class
- Often: assume Gaussian distribution within each class
  - ightarrow leads to quadratic or linear discriminants, like Fisher

# This work

- Authors propose kernel idea used in SVMs, K-PCA.
- Use in supervised Fisher's Discriminant
- Result often competitive with K SVMs.
- Dot-product in kernel space  $\rightarrow$  closed form solution

# **Classical Fisher Linear Discriminant**

- samples from two classes:  $X_1 = [\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_{\ell_1}], X_2 = [\mathbf{x}_{\ell_1+1}, \dots, \mathbf{x}_{\ell_1+\ell_2}],$  with  $\ell = \ell_1 + \ell_2$ .
- Fisher's discriminant projects all the data onto a direction w maximizing the separation of the means along the projection while minimizing the scatter with each class

$$\max J(\mathbf{w}) = \frac{\mathbf{w}^T S_B \mathbf{w}}{\mathbf{w}^T S_W \mathbf{w}}$$

where

$$S_B = (\mathbf{m}_1 - \mathbf{m}_2)(\mathbf{m}_1 - \mathbf{m}_2)^T \qquad \text{between cluster scatter} \\ S_W = \sum_{i=1,2} \sum_{\mathbf{x} \in X_i} (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{m}_i)(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{m}_i)^T \qquad \text{within class scatter} \\ \mathbf{m}_i = \frac{1}{\ell_i} \sum_{\mathbf{x} \in X_i} \mathbf{x} \qquad \text{class mean} \\ \mathbf{m} = \frac{1}{\ell} \sum_{\mathbf{x}} \mathbf{x} = \frac{\ell_1}{\ell} \mathbf{m}_1 + \frac{\ell_2}{\ell} \mathbf{m}_2 \qquad \text{global mean} \end{cases}$$

# **Statistical Motivation - Bayes**

- Optimal Bayes assigns class based on maximum a-posteriori probability
- Simplifying assumption: each class has a normal distribution
- Measures Mahalanobis distance of a sample to class center
- Result is a quadratic separator
- With a single common Covariance matrix  $\rightarrow$  linear separator
- linear separator advantage: robust against noise
- Direction of separator aligned with direction of maximal variance within each class
- Linear separator  $\leftrightarrow$  Fisher's w.
- Crucial: have enough samples to get good estimate of Covariance.

## Fisher's discriminant in feature space

- Linear discriminant is not rich enough
- Want to keep robustness and statistical foundation while allowing richer separators
- Answer: use high-dimensional feature space  $\mathcal{F}$
- Map  $\mathbf{x} \mapsto \hat{\mathbf{x}} = \phi(\mathbf{x}) \in \mathcal{F}$ .
- Fisher's Disc. is now:

$$\max J(\mathbf{w}) = \frac{\mathbf{w}^T \hat{S}_B \mathbf{w}}{\mathbf{w}^T \hat{S}_W \mathbf{w}}$$

where

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## **Kernel Function**

- Need to formulate problem in terms of dot-products of input patterns
- Any solution w must lie in span of training samples  $\hat{\mathbf{x}}_1, \ldots, \hat{\mathbf{x}}_\ell$  in  $\mathcal{F}$ .

• 
$$\mathbf{w} = \sum_{j=1}^{\ell} \alpha_j \hat{x}_j = \sum_{j=1}^{\ell} \alpha_j \phi(\mathbf{x}_j).$$

• Inner Product with mean: 
$$\mathbf{w}^T \hat{\mathbf{m}}_i = \sum_{j=1}^{\ell} \alpha_j \underbrace{\frac{1}{\ell_i} \sum_{\mathbf{x} \in X_i} \mathbf{k}(\mathbf{x}_j, \mathbf{x})}_{(\mathbf{M}_i)_j}$$
.

• Wish to optimize  $\max J(\mathbf{w}) = \mathbf{w}^T \hat{S}_B \mathbf{w} / \mathbf{w}^T \hat{S}_W \mathbf{w}$ 

• Numerator: 
$$\mathbf{w}^T \hat{S}_B \mathbf{w} = \boldsymbol{\alpha}^T \underbrace{(\mathbf{M}_1 - \mathbf{M}_2)(\mathbf{M}_1 - \mathbf{M}_2)^T}_{M} \boldsymbol{\alpha}$$

• Here  $M_i$  is the  $\ell$ -vector of weighted row sums of the kernel matrix  $K = \{K_{ij}\} = \{k(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_j)\}_{i,j=1,...,\ell}$ .

## Kernel Function 2

• Wish to optimize  $\max J(\mathbf{w}) = \mathbf{w}^T \hat{S}_B \mathbf{w} / \mathbf{w}^T \hat{S}_W \mathbf{w}$ 

• Denominator: 
$$\mathbf{w}^T \hat{S}_W \mathbf{w} = \boldsymbol{\alpha}^T \underbrace{(K_1(I - \mathbf{1}_{\ell_1})K_1^T) + (K_2(I - \mathbf{1}_{\ell_2})K_2^T)}_N \boldsymbol{\alpha}$$

where 
$$K_1 = \{(K_1)_{ij}\} = \{k(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_j)\}_{i=1,...,\ell}^{j=1,...,\ell_1} \ (\ell \times \ell_1 \text{ matrix})$$
  
 $K_2 = \{(K_2)_{ij}\} = \{k(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_j)\}_{i=1,...,\ell_2}^{j=1,...,\ell_2} \ (\ell \times \ell_2 \text{ matrix})$   
 $K = (K_1, K_2).$ 

# Kernel Fisher Discriminant

• KFD is now solved by optimizing

$$\max J(\mathbf{w}) = \frac{\mathbf{w}^T N \mathbf{w}}{\mathbf{w}^T M \mathbf{w}}.$$

- Solve by finding leading eigenvector of  $N^{-1}M$  [or better, solve generalized eigenproblem  $M\mathbf{w} = \lambda N\mathbf{w}$ ].
- Project new pattern  $\hat{\mathbf{x}}=\phi(\mathbf{x})$  onto  $\mathbf{w}$  by

$$\langle \mathbf{w}, \phi(\mathbf{x}) \rangle = \sum_{i=1}^{\ell} \alpha_i \mathbf{k}(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x})$$

# Numerical Issues

- Estimating  $\ell$  covariance structures from  $\ell$  samples  $\rightarrow$  ill-posed.
- N could be singular or badly conditioned
- Need capacity control in  ${\cal F}$

#### Solution

- Replace N with  $N_{\mu} = N + \mu I$ .
- Effect: Makes N better conditioned
- Decreases bias in sample-based eigenvalue estimates
- Imposes regularization on  $\| \alpha \|^2$ , favoring solutions with small expansion coefficients.
- Regularization effect not fully understood.
- Other forms of regularization possible.

# Illustration

Figure 1: Comparison of feature found by KFD (left) and those found by Kernel PCA: first (middle) and second (right); details see text.



- KFD: polynomial kernel degree two, regularized with  $\mu = 10^{-3}$ .
- Two classes (×'s & •'s), parabolic mirrored around axes.
- Contour lines = level sets
- KFD level sets discriminate classes well
- KPCA less so.

# Experiments

- Compare to other state-of-the-art classifiers
- KFD: Kernel Fisher Discrminant with Gaussian kernel
  - $\bullet~$  Once  ${\bf w}$  obtained, used 1-d linear SVM to classify
- Adaboost
- Regularized Adaboost
- SVM: Support Vector Machine with Gaussian kernel

## **Data Sets**

- Sources: ICI DELVE STATLOG Benchmark data sets
- Treated all as two-class problems
- 100 partitions into training/test sets (about 60%:40%)
- Hyperparameters estimated using 5-fold cross-validation over first 5 realizations
- Table shows average test error & standard deviation over 100 runs

# Results

Preliminary Experiment with USPS Digit Data

- Used 3000 training samples
- Compared KFD with KSVM, both with Gaussian kernels
- 10 class error: KFD: 3.7%, KSVM: 4.2%

In General

- Noticed: both KFD & SVM yield optimal hyperplane in  $\mathcal{F}$ : often former is better.
- Complexity of SVM classifier is O(supportvectors).
- Complexity of KFD classifier is O(alltrainingvectors).
- Dependence on all training vectors  $\rightarrow$  maybe more robust.
- KFD: closed form solution. Other methods involve a search or an optimization problem.
- Table on next page: 1st place in bold, 2nd place in italic (lower is better)

# Experiments

Table 1: Comparison between KFD, a single RBF classifier, AdaBoost (AB), regularized AdaBoost (AB<sub>R</sub>) and Support Vector Machine (SVM) (see text). Best method in bold face, second best emphasized.

	RBF	AB	$AB_R$	SVM	KFD
Banana	$10.8 \pm 0.6$	$12.3 \pm 0.7$	$10.9\pm0.4$	$11.5 \pm 0.7$	$10.8\pm0.5$
B.Cancer	$27.6 \pm 4.7$	$30.4{\pm}4.7$	$26.5 \pm 4.5$	26.0±4.7	$25.8{\pm}4.6$
Diabetes	$24.3 \pm 1.9$	$26.5 \pm 2.3$	$23.8 \pm 1.8$	$23.5 \pm 1.7$	$23.2{\pm}1.6$
German	$24.7 \pm 2.4$	$27.5 \pm 2.5$	$24.3 \pm 2.1$	$23.6 \pm 2.1$	$23.7 \pm 2.2$
Heart	$17.6 \pm 3.3$	$20.3 \pm 3.4$	$16.5 \pm 3.5$	$16.0 \pm 3.3$	<i>16.1±3.4</i>
Image	$3.3 \pm 0.6$	$2.7{\pm}0.7$	$2.7{\pm}0.6$	$3.0 \pm 0.6$	$4.8 \pm 0.6$
Ringnorm	$1.7 \pm 0.2$	$1.9{\pm}0.3$	$1.6 {\pm} 0.1$	$1.7 \pm 0.1$	$1.5 \pm 0.1$
F.Sonar	$34.4{\pm}2.0$	$35.7 \pm 1.8$	$34.2{\pm}2.2$	32.4±1.8	33.2±1.7
Splice	10.0±1.0	$10.1 \pm 0.5$	$9.5{\pm}0.7$	$10.9 \pm 0.7$	$10.5 \pm 0.6$
Thyroid	$4.5 \pm 2.1$	$4.4{\pm}2.2$	$4.6{\pm}2.2$	$4.8 \pm 2.2$	4.2±2.1
Titanic	$23.3 \pm 1.3$	$22.6 \pm 1.2$	$22.6 \pm 1.2$	$22.4{\pm}1.0$	$23.2\pm2.0$
Twonorm	$2.9 \pm 0.3$	$3.0{\pm}0.3$	2.7±0.2	$3.0 \pm 0.2$	$2.6{\pm}0.2$
Waveform	$  10.7 \pm 1.1  $	$10.8 \pm 0.6$	9.8±0.8	9.9±0.4	9.9±0.4

# **Conclusions and Discussion**

- Fisher's discriminant: standard linear statistical technique, but too limited.
- This is one of many approcahes to obtain more general class separability.
- Advantage: closed form solution.
- Flexibility: wide choice of kernels.
- Experimental results: competitive with many other methods.
- Complexity scales with all training samples (not just the difficult ones)

Future Work

- Suitable approximation schemes
- Numerical methods to find a few leading eigenvectors
- Multi-class discriminants
- Generalization bounds.

## **Novelty Detection**

#### Kernel PCA for Novelty Detection by Heiko Hoffman

- Novelty Detection is a one-class classification problem.
- Use training data to see typical acceptable data.
- Called One-Class because training data contains only acceptable data.
- Test data may be similar to training data or not: objective is to distinguish those that are different.
- Abnormal examples are generally rare.
- Alternate algorithm: One-class SVM: find tightest separator from origin in  $\mathcal{F}$ .
- Alternate algorithm: SVDD: Find smallest enclosing sphere in kernel space  $\mathcal{F}$ . RBF kernel leads to same as one-class SVM.
- Here we try to generate a simplified model.
- Here we use PCA in kernel space to reduce dimensionality.

# Method

- Training data are mapped into an infinite-dimensional feature space.
- In this space, kernel PCA extracts the principal components of the data distribution. Eigenvectors  $\{\mathbf{v}_{\ell}\}_{\ell=1}^{q}$  of  $\bar{K}$  with  $\bar{K}_{ij} = K_{ij} - \frac{1}{n} \sum_{r} K_{ir} - \frac{1}{n} \sum_{r} K_{rj} + \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{r,s} K_{rs}$ where  $K_{ij} = \mathbf{k}(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_j)$ .

• Potential: 
$$p_S(\mathbf{z}) = \|\phi(\mathbf{z}) - \bar{\phi}\|_2^2 = k(\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{z}) - \frac{2}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n k(\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{x}_i) + \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{i,j}^n k(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_j)$$

• Projection: 
$$f_{\ell}(\mathbf{z}) = \left\langle \left[ \phi(\mathbf{z}) - \frac{1}{n} \sum_{r=1}^{n} \phi(\mathbf{x}_r) \right], \left[ \mathbf{v}_l - \bar{\phi}(\mathbf{x}) \right] \right\rangle$$

where  $\mathbf{v}_l = \ell$ -th eigenvector &  $\overline{\phi}(\mathbf{x})$  is center in  $\mathcal{F}(\text{both linear comb's of } \phi(\mathbf{x}_i)$ 's).

• The squared distance to the corresponding principal subspace is the measure for novelty:

$$p(\mathbf{z}) = p_s(\mathbf{z}) - \sum_{i=1}^q f_\ell(\mathbf{z})^2$$

# Diagram



Fig. 12. The difference between the distance to be optimized in denoising and the reconstruction error p.

# **Decision Boundary Sketch**

Fig. 1. Decision boundaries in the feature space of an RBF kernel, comparing one-class SVM, SVDD, and the reconstruction error: (A) The boundaries are illustrated in a three-dimensional feature space. All data points  $\Phi(\mathbf{x}_i)$  lie on a sphere. (B) Cross-section through the center of the SVDD sphere and orthogonal to the principal component for the situation in A.

# Illustration



(A) Reconstruction-error boundary

## **Example - classical methods**



## **Example - kernel methods**



## **Ring Square Boundary**



Fig. 3. Decision boundary for the ring-line-square distribution using the reconstruction error in  $\mathscr{F}$  with  $\sigma = 0.4$  and q = 40.

# spiral



Fig. 4. Decision boundary for the spiral distribution using the reconstruction error in  $\mathscr{F}$  with  $\sigma = 0.25$  and q = 40.

# Noisy Data - One-class SVM



# Noisy Data - K-PCA



# Samples from sine curve plus uniform noise



Fig. 6. Decision boundaries for the sine-noise distribution comparing kernel PCA ( $\sigma = 0.4$ , q = 40) with the one-class SVM ( $\sigma = 0.489$ ,  $v = \frac{2}{7}$ ).

## Vary Parameters: $\sigma = .05$



### Vary Parameters: $\sigma = .10$



## Vary Parameters: $\sigma = .40$



## Real Data ROC curves : Classifier



## Real Data: vary kernel width



## Real Data: vary # eigenvectors



# Most Unusual Zero Digits



Fig. 11. The 10 most unusual '0' digits from the MNIST test set. The digits are arranged in descending order of their reconstruction error p ( $\sigma = 4$ , q = 100). The figure shows the unprocessed digits of size  $28 \times 28$  pixels; for novelty detection, however, the processed digits ( $8 \times 8$  pixels) were used.

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