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# EVALUATING THE PERFORMANCE OF DEEP SUPERVISED AUTO ENCODER IN SINGLE SAMPLE FACE RECOGNITION PROBLEM USING KULLBACK-LEIBLER DIVERGENCE SPARSITY REGULARIZER

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#### ABSTRACT

Recent development on supervised auto encoder research gives promising solutions toward single sample face recognition problems. In this research, Kullback-Leibler Divergence (KLD) approach is proposed to obtain penalty of sparsity constraint for deep auto encoder learning process. This approach is tested using two datasets, Extended Yale B (cropped version) and LFWcrop. For comparison, Log and  $\epsilon L_1$  also employed as sparsity regularizers. Experiment results confirm that KLD has better performance in image classification of both datasets compared to Log and  $\epsilon L_1$ .

**Keywords:** Single Sample Face Recognition, Deep Auto Encoder, Kullback-Leibler Divergence, Sparsity, Sparsity Regularizer

### 1. INTRODUCTION

As one of many topics in computer vision, face recognition has been an interesting topic and applied to solve some of real world problems. Face recognition is basically used for identifying face structure from images or videos [1]. Although a lot of solutions have been given for face recognition problems, some of them, like single sample face recognition remain as an open case. It is because face identification process in single sample face recognition uses only one face image, due to lack of information.

One of latest researches in single sample recognition [2] uses supervised auto encoder for face image labelling. Auto encoder is built from Artificial Neural Network (ANN) structure. For fine tuning process, it utilizes backpropagation process [3].

Auto encoder is usually used to reconstruct input data and minimize its reconstruction error. Research [2] measures many aspects in learning data with supervised auto encoder, such as its performance, activation function, number of layers, hidden units and weight parameters. Supervised auto encoder achieves a better performance compared to other known methods in terms of similarity preservation in its objective function alongside with reconstruction error and sparsity. Most of factors in auto encoder have been evaluated in research [2]. However, sparsity constraint and different sparsity regularizer utilization are not evaluated.

It is common to use sparsity constraint in auto encoder. Sparsity forces several hidden units in hidden layer of auto encoder to be inactive [4]. This situation is achieved by giving penalty to most of hidden units. That penalty is produced by sparsity regularizer. A large number of hidden units is needed for auto encoder to learn the structure of data [3].

Based on research [2] and [3], this research evaluates the use of sparsity constraint in supervised auto encoder for single sample face recognition. Kullback-Leibler Divergence (KLD) will be used as sparsity regularizer. The proposed framework will be tested using two datasets, Extended Yale B (cropped version) and LFWcrop datasets. Another sparsity regularizers mentioned in [4], Log and  $\varepsilon L_1$ , are used as comparison to KLD.

## 2. RELATED WORKS

## 2.1. Supervised Auto Encoder

Architecture of basic supervised auto encoder is given in Fig. 1. Unlike unsupervised auto encoder, supervised auto encoder uses two images, one for data sample and the other one for data label. Probe image, with variation of illumination, expression, pose, and so on is usually used for data sample.

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Gallery or database image is usually used for data label. Auto encoder structure learns data sample and label it with the most similar data label. The objective function of supervised auto encoder is presented in (1).

$$(\|\boldsymbol{x}_{i} - \boldsymbol{g}(f(\bar{\boldsymbol{x}}_{i}))\|_{2}^{2})$$

$$\min_{\boldsymbol{Wb_{f}b_{g}}} \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i} + \lambda \|f(\boldsymbol{x}_{i}) - f(\bar{\boldsymbol{x}}_{i})\|_{2}^{2}$$

$$+ \alpha (KL(\rho_{x} \|\rho_{0}) + KL(\rho_{\bar{x}} \|\rho_{0}))$$
(1)

where the first part of the equation compute the reconstruction error and the second part compute similarity preservation (an original idea proposed by [2]). The third part uses KLD as sparsity regularizer. N denotes the number of sample images,  $\lambda$  is weight of similarity preservation and  $\alpha$  is weight of sparsity.  $\rho$  is mapped average activation of the gallery and probe image. The value of W (weight), b<sub>f</sub> (bias for encoder) and b<sub>g</sub> (bias for decoder) are subjects for observation. The network structure uses hyperbolic tangent as its activation function.

#### 2.2. Sparsity Regularizer

Sparsity regularizer used in supervised auto encoder to computer penalty for hidden units. Log and  $\varepsilon L_1$  (an approximation of  $L_1$  norm) are examples of sparsity regularizer [4]. Log regularizer function is displayed in (2) while  $\varepsilon L_1$  in (3).

$$S(p) = \sqrt{p^2 + \varepsilon} \tag{2}$$

$$S(p) = \log(1 + p^2)$$
 (3)

where  $\rho$  is the mapped average activation.

#### 3. METHODS

The main purpose of this research is to evaluate the performance of deep auto encoder with KLD as sparsity regularizer in classifying image based on single sample face recognition. For that purpose, a deep auto encoder with initial weight sampled randomly from uniform distribution given in (4) is used [2][5][6]. For another parameter learning, L-BFGS algorithm is used [7].

$$-\sqrt{\frac{6}{d_{h}+d_{x}}},\sqrt{\frac{6}{d_{h}+d_{x}}}$$
(4)

where  $d_h$  is the dimension of hidden units and  $d_x$  is the dimension of visible units (features of data sample).

In order to evaluate the performance of deep auto encoder, (1) is being modified and changed into (5).

$$\frac{(\|x_{i} - g(f(\bar{x}_{i}))\|_{2}^{2}}{\min_{w_{b_{f}b_{g}}} \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i}^{\Sigma} + \lambda \|f(x_{i}) - f(\bar{x}_{i})\|_{2}^{2}} + \alpha(S(.) + S_{\bar{x}}(.))$$
(5)

where S(.) denotes the sparsity regularizer.

Before being processed using deep auto encoder, face imaged in both dataset are resized into 32x32 pixels.

#### 4. DATASET

#### 4.1. Extended Yale B

Extended Yale B contains of face images taken from 28 subjects with various poses and illumination. This dataset is available online [8]. In this research, cropped version of Extended Yale B is used [9].

#### 4.2. LFWcrop

LFWcrop is cropped version of LFW dataset [10]. LFWcrop is available online [11].

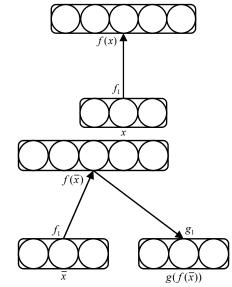


Figure 1. Supervised auto encoder architecture

It contains of face images taken from web. Some subjects may have more numbers than others. LFWcrop exhibits more natural image condition compared to Extended Yale B. <u>20<sup>th</sup> May 2016. Vol.87. No.2</u>

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#### 5. EXPERIMENT AND RESULT

Using initial parameter values that have been determined, the result shows that KLD has the best accuracy among three sparsity regularizers. The complete result is listed in Table 1.

Table 1. Average Accuracy of Deep Auto Encoder using		
KLD, Log, $\varepsilon L_1$ Sparsity Regularizer		

	Extended Yale B	LFWCrop
KLD		
Avg. Accuracy	77.8	97.68
Std. Dev.	18.13	3.13
Log		
Avg. Accuracy	77.45	97.63
Std. Dev.	18.3	3.17
εL <sub>1</sub>		
Avg. Accuracy	77.3	97.58
Std. Dev.	18.23	3.39

For Extended Yale B dataset, standard deviation of average accuracy in each sparsity regularizer is considered high. Some of data sample in Extended Yale B has low illumination. It gives low accuracy in labelling process. Since deep auto encoder performance using LFWCrop is considered high, this research decides to use Extended Yale B for further experiments, to increase the average accuracy.

To optimize the average accuracy of deep auto encoder model trained and tested with Extended Yale B dataset, error threshold, weight of similarity preservation ( $\lambda$ ), weight of sparsity ( $\alpha$ ) and number of hidden units are modified.

Based on experiment result with several error threshold ranged from 0.01 until 0.05, KLD, Log and  $\epsilon L_1$  give similar result. The highest accuracy is obtained with error threshold 0.05. It is showed in Fig. 2.

Fig. 3 shows relation between  $\lambda$  modification and model accuracy.  $\lambda$  value addition increases the accuracy of model with KLD. Model with Log and  $\epsilon L_1$  shows local minima accuracy in  $\lambda = 5$ . Therefore, in order to optimize model with KLD,  $\lambda$  value should be increased.

Fig. 4 shows how  $\alpha$  value adjustment affects model accuracy. For model with KLD and Log, both of them reaches its optimum accuracy in  $\alpha = 0.001$ , while model with  $\epsilon L_1$  is optimum in  $\alpha = 0.01$ .

Based on graph presents in Fig. 5, each number of hidden units gives different performance for KLD, Log and  $\varepsilon L_1$ . For example, with 512 hidden units, model with Log has the highest accuracy and  $\epsilon L_1$  has the lowest accuracy.

On the contrary, with 2048 hidden units, KLD has the highest accuracy and  $\epsilon L_1$  has the lowest accuracy. Despite the rank variation, both three performances incline. With greater number of hidden units, results a better accuracy.

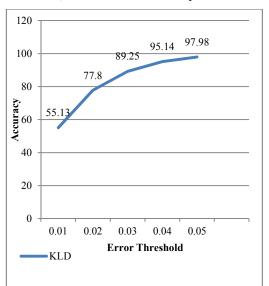


Figure 2. Graphic Of Accuracy Compared To Error Threshold

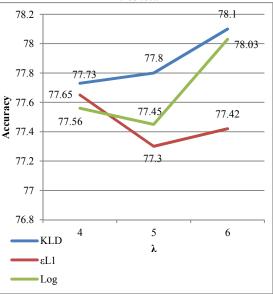


Figure 3. Graphic Of Accuracy Compared To A

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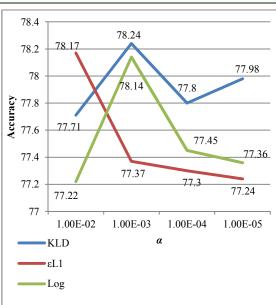
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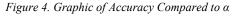
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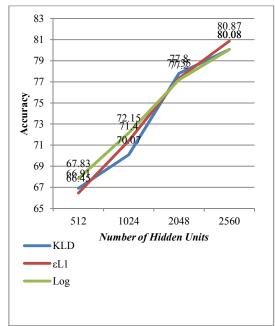


Figure 5. Graphic of Accuracy Compared to Number of Hidden Units

#### 6. CONCLUSION

As a parameter, penalty value used in sparsity should be considered as important in order to obtain an optimal performance. This research concludes that KLD is recommended as sparsity regularizer for supervised deep auto encoder since it shows the best accuracy among other sparsity regularizer examined in this research.

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