Part 4: Higher-order Image Structure

What happens next?



Joint statistics of filter outputs show magnitude dependence



from Schwartz and Simoncelli (2001)

Using sensory gain control to reduce redundancy



from Schwartz and Simoncelli (2001)

Model accounts for several non-linear response properties



What about image structure?

- Bottom-up approaches focus on the non-linearity.
- Our aim here is to focus on the *computational* problem:

How do we learn the intrinsic dimensions of natural image structure?

• Idea: characterize how the local image distribution changes.

ICA mixtures for similar images





from Lee, Lewicki, and Sejnowski 2000

Limitations:

- can only have a small number of classes
- representations are not shared
- cannot learn *intrinsic* dimensions









Characterizing different natural image distributions



Generalizing the standard ICA model



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$$\begin{array}{c} \mathbf{v} = -\log p(\boldsymbol{u}|\mathbf{B}, \boldsymbol{v}) \propto \sum_{i} \left| \frac{u_{i}}{\exp([\mathbf{B}\boldsymbol{v}]_{i})} \right|^{q_{i}} \\ \mathbf{B} = P(u_{i}|\lambda_{i}) \propto \exp\left[- \left| \frac{u_{i}}{\lambda_{i}} \right|^{q_{i}} \right] \\ P(u_{i}|\lambda_{i}) \propto \exp\left[- \left| \frac{u_{i}}{\lambda_{i}} \right|^{q_{i}} \right] \\ \log \lambda_{i} = [\mathbf{B}\boldsymbol{v}]_{i} \\ \log \lambda_{i} = [\mathbf{B}\boldsymbol{v}]_{i} \end{array}$$

Independent density components



Illustration of inference in the model using synthesized data



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Learning higher-order structure of natural images



raw weights \mathbf{B}_{i}



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Learned density components of natural images



(30 out of 100 shown)

Full set of natural image density components



What about a feed-forward non-linearity?

Isn't this the same?

- 3. Do ICA again on output:
- 2. Add non-linearity:
- I. Take standard ICA model:



ICA on non-linearity reveals no structure



subset of ICA basis functions on log |s|

Inferred v forms a sparse distributed code





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Most typical images for selected density components



Distributed representation of natural image densities







Comparing the degree of abstraction



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Maximum $|u_i|$ for each pixel



Maximum $|v_i|$ for each pixel



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A distributed code for visual surfaces



Activation maps for three different v units



Learning higher-order codes for scanned newpaper

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ing on Route 4 over a dark and winding mountain pass, the visitor suddenly emerges into a "Lost Horizon" world of hot springs, trout streams and meadows of wildflowers, where cattle and the state's largest elk herd graze side by side.

But the same sense of wide-open Western independence evoked by the vistas has prevented the sale of the land for years. And the deal that is being negotiated for the ranch, which has been owned by one family for almost 40 years, is as much about Western attitudes toward public land as it is about money.

The Administration has long supported the purchase of the ranch, which has been called "the hole in the doughnut" because it is an island surrounded by the Santa Fe National Forest. Last February on a visit to New Mexico, President had Air Force One mak fly over the ranch for a h its dominant feature wide crater of the dorm

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Higher-order codes for scanned newspaper text



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Evaluating a pixel model by synthesis



Sampling from the model we get...

Representation









PCA model



Sampling from the model we get...

Representation









ICA model



Sampling from the model we get...

Representation











Hierarchical, non-linear model



Sampling from the model we get...









Conventional physiology: orientation vs contrast by freq



Higher-order representation is contrast independent





normalized u activation shows minimal dependence on contrast



u activation shows strong dependence on contrast

The full set of contrast dependent v's



orientation dependence / contrast invariance



a similar function from Karklin and Lewicki (2003) showing the images that most (left) and least (right) activated v



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another example of the same type



a similar function from Karklin and Lewicki (2003) showing the images that most (left) and least (right) activated v



Learning more image structure and higher-order dependencies

Joint activation patterns of u's over different image patches



How do we extend the model to learn these types of regularities?

Edge transform demo



Summary









A wing would be a most mystifying structure if one did not know that birds flew.

Horace Barlow, 1961