

Neural Networks for Iris Recognition: Comparisons between LVQ and Cascade Forward Back Propagation Neural network Models, Architectures and Algorithm

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Abstract: In this research, Iris recognition is a proven, accurate means to identify people. In this paper, it includes the preprocessing system, segmentation, feature extraction and recognition. An iris recognition system was suggested based on two Artificial Neural Network (ANN) models separately: cascade forward (CFBPNN) and linear vector quantization (LVQ). Comparison results showed that linear vector quantization (LVQ) was the best training algorithm for the iris recognition system. Linear vector quantization (LVQ) is faster than cascade forward (CFBPNN).

Keywords: *Biometrics, Cascade Forward back propagation neural network, Pattern Recognition, Canny edge detection, learning vector quantization neural network.*

I. INTRODUCTION

There are variable ways of human verification throughout the world, as it is of great importance for all organizations, and different centers. Nowadays, the most important ways of human verification are recognition via DNA, face, fingerprint, signature, speech, and iris. Among all, one of the recent, reliable, and technological methods is iris recognition which is practiced by some organizations today, and its wide usage in the future is of no doubt. Iris is a non-identical organism made of colorful muscles including robots with shaped lines. These lines are the main causes of making every one's iris non-identical. Even the irises of a pair of eyes of one person are completely different from one another. Even in the case of identical twins, irises are completely different. Each iris is specialized by very narrow lines, rakes, and vessels in different people. The precision of identification via iris is increased by using more and more details. It has been proven that iris patterns are never changed nearly from the time the child is one year old throughout all his life. Over the past few years, there has been considerable interest in the development of neural network based pattern recognition systems, because of their ability to classify data. The iris images prepared as the database are in the form of PNG (portable network graphics) pattern, meanwhile they must be preprocessed through which the boundary of the iris is recognized and their features are extracted. For doing so, edge detection is done by the usage of Canny approach.

II. NEURAL NETWORK

In this work, two neural network structures are used, which are cascade forward (CFBPNN) and Learning Vector Quantization Neural Network. A brief overview of this network is given below.

1.1 LEARNING VECTOR QUANTIZATION

Learning Vector Quantization (LVQ) is a supervised version of vector quantization, similar to Self-organizing Maps (SOM) based on work of Linde et al., Gray and Kohonen. It can be applied to pattern recognition, multi-class classification and data compression tasks, e.g. speech recognition, image processing or customer classification. As a supervised method, LVQ uses known target output classifications for each input pattern of the form. LVQ algorithms do not approximate density functions of class samples like Vector Quantization or Probabilistic Neural Networks do, but directly define class boundaries based on prototypes, a nearest-neighbor rule and a winner-takes-it-all paradigm. The main idea is to cover the input space of samples with 'codebook vectors' (CVs), each representing a region labeled with a class. A CV can be seen as a prototype of a class member, localized in the center of a class or decision region in the input space. A class can be represented by an arbitrary number of CVs, but one CV represents one class only. In terms of neural networks, a LVQ is a feed forward net with one hidden layer of neurons, fully connected with the input layer.

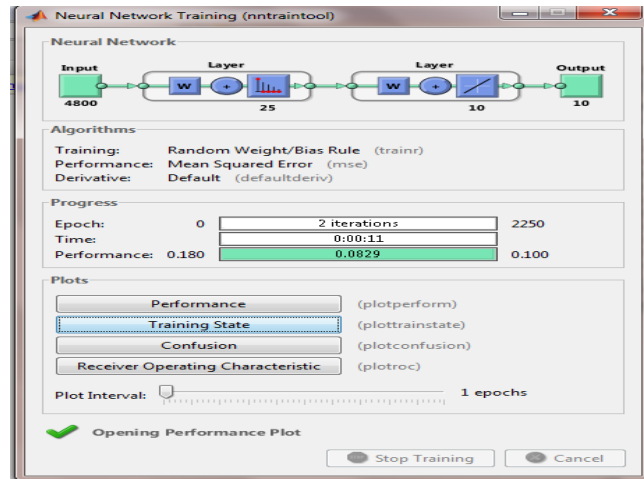


Fig 1 Iris matching using LVQ neural network

A CV can be seen as a hidden neuron ('Kohonen neuron') or a weight vector of the weights between all input neurons and the regarded Kohonen neuron respectively. Learning means modifying the weights in accordance with adapting rules and, therefore, changing the position of a CV in the input space. Since class boundaries are built piecewise-linearly as segments of the mid-planes between CVs of neighboring classes, the class boundaries are adjusted during the learning process. The tessellation induced by the set of CVs is optimal if all data within one cell indeed belong to the same class. Classification after learning is based on a presented sample's vicinity to the CVs: the classifier assigns the same class label to all samples that fall into the same tessellation – the label of the cell's prototype (the CV nearest to the sample). The core of the heuristics is based on a distance function – usually the Euclidean distance is used – for comparison between an input vector and the class representatives. The distance expresses the degree of similarity between presented input vector and CVs. Small distance corresponds with a high degree of similarity and a higher probability for the presented vector to be a member of the class represented by the nearest CV. Therefore, the definition of class boundaries by LVQ is strongly dependent on the distance function, the start positions of CVs, their adjustment rules and the pre-selection of distinctive input features. Briefly explaining, this network has two layers: a layer of input neurons, and a layer of output neurons. The network is given by prototypes $W=(w(i), \dots, w(n))$. It changes the weights of the network in order to classify the data correctly. For each data point, the prototype (neuron) that is closest to it is determined (called the winner neuron). The weights of the connections to this neuron are then adapted, i.e. made closer if it correctly classifies the data point or made less similar if it incorrectly classifies it.

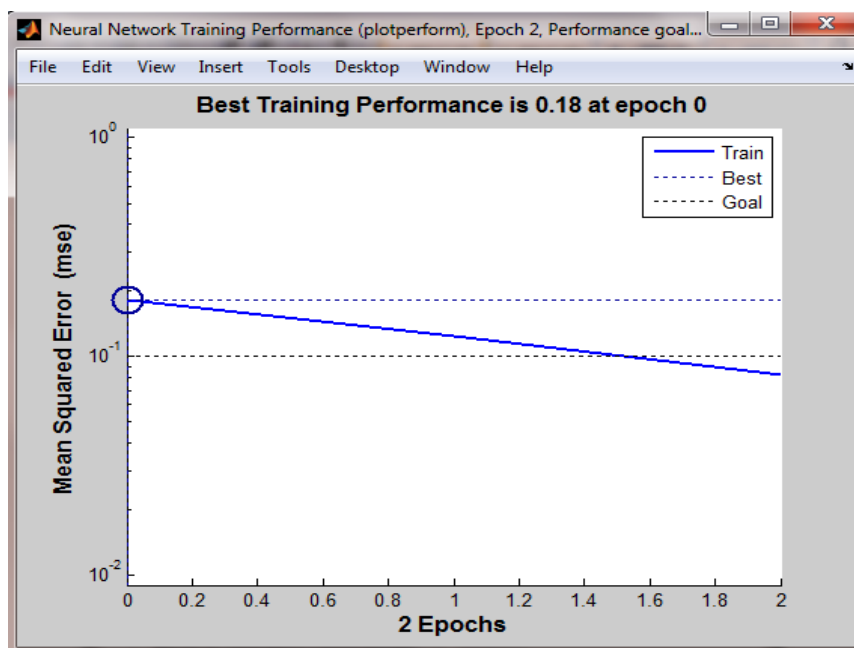


Fig 2: LVQ neural network training Performance

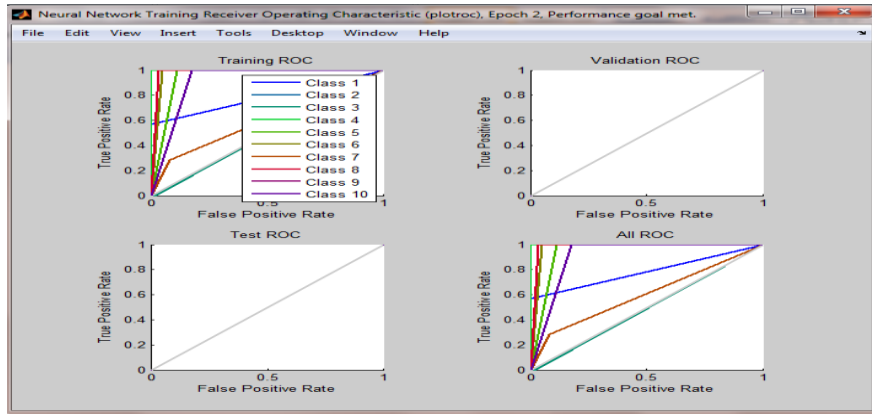


Fig 3: LVQ NN training Receiver Operating Characteristics

1.2 FEED & CASCADE – FORWARD BACK PROPAGATION

Feed – Forward Back propagation neural network (FFBPNN) and Cascade Forward Back propagation neural network (CFBPNN) shown in Fig. [2]. A FFBPNN and CFBPNN have three layers: an input layer, hidden layer and an output layer. The neurons in the input layer only act as buffer for distributing the input signals to neuron in hidden layer. Each neuron in hidden layer sums up its input signal after weighting them and computes its outputs. Training a network consists of adjusting its weights using learning algorithms.

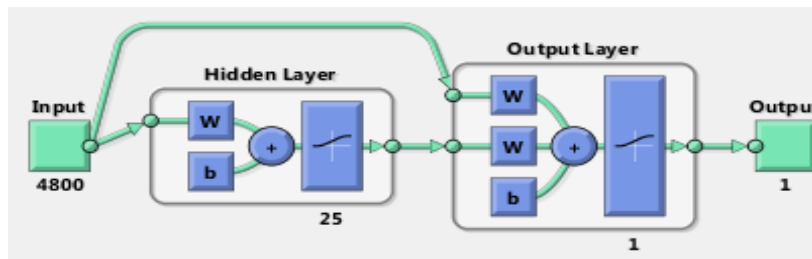


Fig 4: cascade-forward back propagation network.

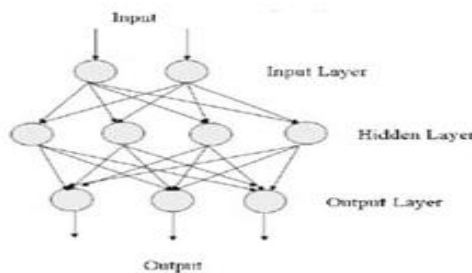


Fig 5: Architecture of cascade-forward back propagation network.

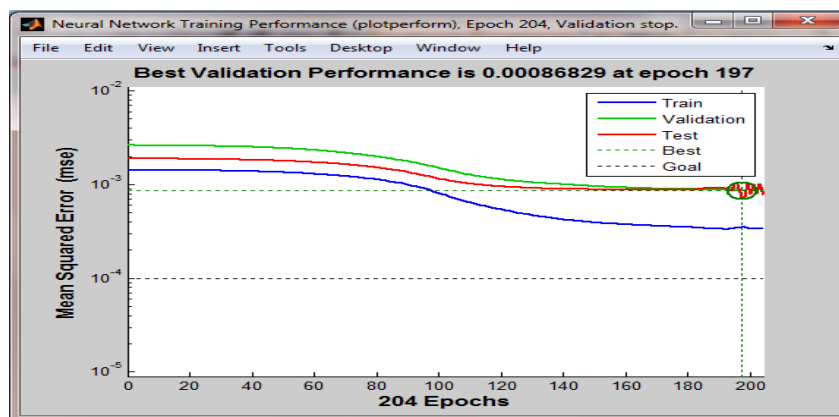


Fig 6: neural network training Performance

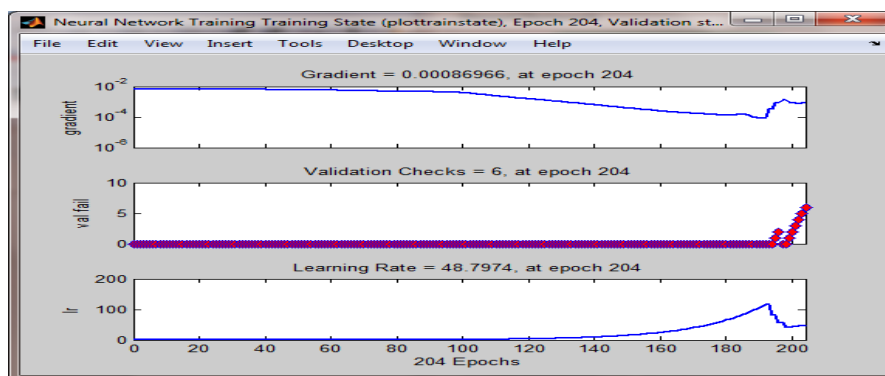


Fig 7: Neural network training state

III. CONCLUSION

Main goal of this research paper is achieved by designing of efficient high-speed iris recognition system. In this paper, a two technique is proposed for iris verification. The classification is performed using LVQ Neural Network and cascade-forward back propagation network. Both neural network based approach is found to be a promising for iris recognition but LVQ neural network approach is less time consuming.

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