# Measurement of the information for identification in iris images

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# Overview

- Thesis objective
- Biometric sample quality evaluation
- Measuring biometric information
  - Approach by Daugman
  - Approach by Adler et al.
- Experimental work
- Conclusion

#### Biometric Template Uniqueness

- Question to be answered: "How secure is the certain biometric system?"
- Possible approach: Measurement of amount of information contained in a person's characteristic
- Thesis objective: measurement of information for identification in irises

### Biometric Sample Quality Assessment

- Lower quality results in lesser amount of identifying information
- Humans are traditionally believed to be the best quality evaluators
- How reliable is this assumption?

#### <u>Quality measuring experiments :</u>

- 8 participants
- 7 identification algorithms

Data sets :

- 84 iris images
- 98 face images

## Quality Assessment by Participants



#### Automatic Quality Assessment

$$MS_{i,j} = Q_i Q_j \qquad \begin{array}{c} 0 < MS < 1 \\ 0 < Q < 1 \end{array}$$



#### Quality Evaluation - Results

# Are humans consistent with each other? YES

#### Are algorithms consistent with each other? YES

Are humans consistent with algorithms or other quality measures?

#### NO

#### Quality Evaluation – Results (cont.)

#### **Best Irises**

#### Worst Irises



Discrimination Entropy Approach by Daugman

Assumption:

match score distribution ~ binomial distribution

Degrees of freedom of the observed distribution:



# Relative Entropy Approach by Adler et al.

- Biometric information: "decrease in uncerainty about the identity of a person due to a set of biometric measurements"
- D(p || q) :
  - p one person feature distribution
  - q population feature distribution
  - preferable over H
- Assumption: feature values have Gaussian distribution

#### Experimental Setup

#### Dataset:

- obtained using L.G. iris camera
- 12 eyes, 30 samples each

#### Software:

- Masek and Kovesi (2003)
- open-source iris recognition software



# Discrimination Entropy: Experimental Results



Discrimination Entropy: Statistical Analysis

- Discrimination entropy vs. H(p)
- Procedure:
  - Define a template as a binary string of length M
  - □ Assign a probability to each template (2<sup>M</sup> values)
  - Calulate H(p) of the template
  - Calculate HD distribution and fit the binomial curve
  - Compare the results

# Discrimination Entropy: Statistical Analysis - Scheme 1

Differently scattered probabilities



Discrimination Entropy: Statistical Analysis - Scheme 2

Templates with varying dependencies between their bits



### Relative Entropy: Feature Entropy

Pupil



#### Relative Entropy: Iris Template Entropy



# Relative Entropy: Iris Template Entropy (cont.)



#### Higher information content



#### Lower information content



### Relative Entropy: Iris Region Entropy



# Relative Entropy: Iris Region Entropy (cont.)

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#### Conclusion

- Discrimination entropy:
  - too idealistic
  - does not measure identification information
- Relative entropy:
  - more appropriate measure of biometric information
  - the most informative: inner circles closer to the pupil
  - converges due to neighbor pixel dependencies

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#### Questions?