



Max-Margin Metric Learning for Speaker Recognition

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Introduction

- Speaker recognition
 - ✧ to verify claimed identities of speakers
 - ✧ wide applications
- I-vector model
 - ✧ speaker and session variances \rightarrow a low-dimensional subspace
 - ✧ discriminative model \rightarrow WCCN/NAP/LDA/PLDA



Introduction

- PLDA (Probabilistic linear discriminant analysis)

- ✧ Advantages

- ✓ training objective function → discriminative ability
 - ✓ Gaussian prior assumption → a generative model

- ✧ Shortcomings

- ✓ Euclidian distance **vs.** Cosine distance
 - ✓ Binary decision task **vs.** Multi-class discrimination training
 - ✓ Strong Gaussian assumption



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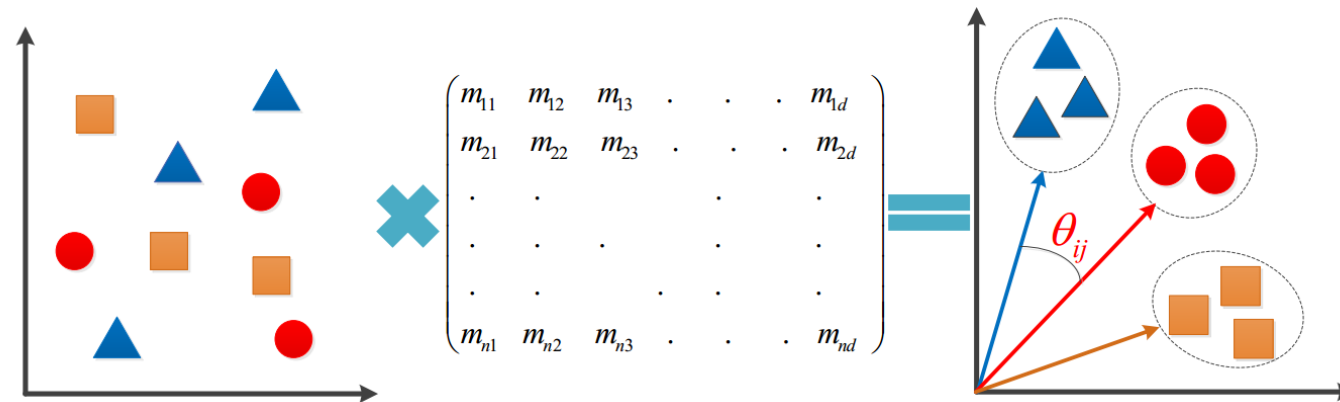
Max-margin metric learning

- MML (Max-margin metric learning)

- ✧ Metric learning: to learn a projection \mathbf{M} .

- ✧ Distance metric: $d(w_1, w_2) = \frac{\langle \mathbf{w}_1, \mathbf{w}_2 \rangle}{\sqrt{\|\mathbf{w}_1\| \|\mathbf{w}_2\|}}$.

- ✧ Goal: to discriminate true speakers and imposters.



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- MML (Max-margin metric learning)

- ✧ A contrastive triple (w, w^+, w^-)

- ✧ Max-margin objective function

$$\mathcal{L}(M) = \sum_{(w, w^+, w^-) \in S} \max\{0, \delta - d(Mw, Mw^+) + d(Mw, Mw^-)\}$$

- ✧ SGD algorithm

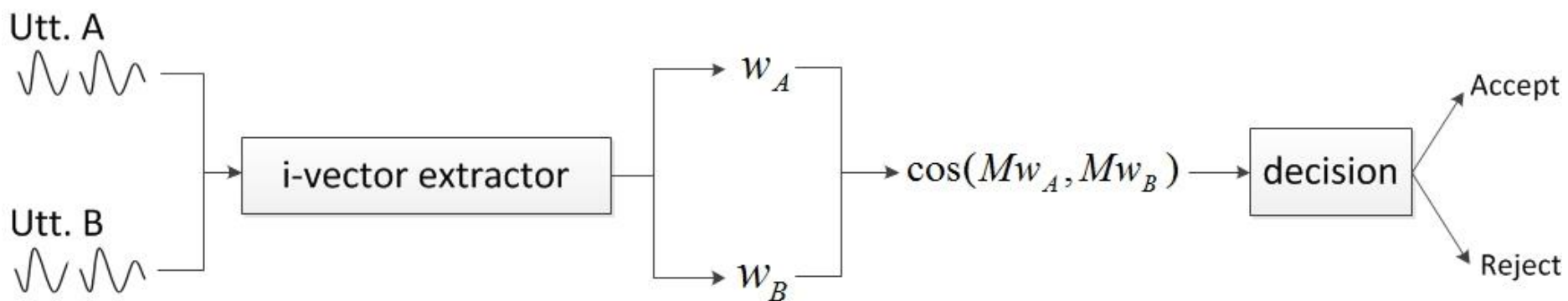
$$M^t = M^{t-1} + \epsilon \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial M}$$



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✧ Test trials



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Experiments

- Database

- ✧ Dev. Set: Fisher → 7196 speakers and 13287 utterances.

- ✧ Eva. Set: NIST SRE 08 → short2-short3-trials (59343 trials).

- Experimental Setup

- ✧ 39-dims MFCCs, 2048 Gaussian components.

- ✧ 400-dims i-vector, 150-dims LDA projection space.

- ✧ 400*150-dims MMML projection matrix.



Experiments

- Basic results

Condition	Cosine	LDA	PLDA	MMML
C1	29.34	22.11	18.57	13.65
C2	4.78	1.19	1.79	1.19
C3	29.66	22.65	18.70	14.12
C4	18.92	12.91	14.41	10.66
C5	20.31	14.42	10.58	11.42
C6	12.47	10.75	9.42	11.25
C7	7.73	5.58	4.06	6.08
C8	7.37	5.52	4.21	5.26
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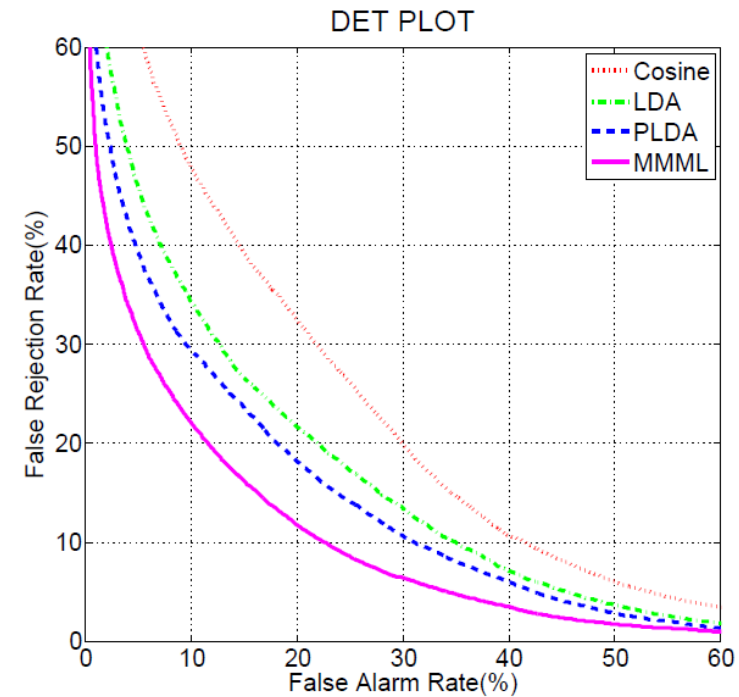


Fig. 2. The DET curves on the NIST SRE 2008 overall test condition.



Experiments

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Condition	LDA + MMML	PLDA + MMML
C1	16.45	16.22
C2	0.60	0.90
C3	17.04	16.53
C4	10.06	10.96
C5	11.54	9.38
C6	10.31	9.03
C7	5.32	4.06
C8	5.00	3.68
Overall	17.84	17.67

Table 3. *EER results with score fusion, where the interpolation factor for MMML is chosen to be 0.4.*



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Conclusions

- Max-margin metric learning
 - ✧ simple linear transform
 - ✧ the training criterion of max-margin
 - ✧ cosine distance metric
- As simple as LDA
- Comparable or even better than PLDA





Thank you

Happy New Year

