ICA and IVA:
Theory, Connections, and Applications to Medical Imaging

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Abstract:

Data-driven methods are based on a simple generative model and hence can minimize the assumptions on the nature of data. They have emerged as promising alternatives to the traditional model-based approaches in many applications where the underlying dynamics are hard to characterize. Independent component analysis (ICA), in particular, has been a popular data-driven approach and an active area of research. Starting from a simple linear mixing model and imposing the constraint of statistical independence on the underlying components, ICA can recover the linearly mixed components subject to only a scaling and permutation ambiguity. It has been successfully applied to numerous data analysis problems in areas as diverse as biomedicine, communications, finance, geophysics, and remote sensing.

This talk reviews the fundamentals and properties of ICA, and provides a unified view of two main approaches for achieving ICA, those that make use of non-Gaussianity and sample dependence. Then, the generalization of ICA for analysis of multiple datasets, independent vector analysis (IVA), is introduced and the connections between ICA and IVA are highlighted, especially in the way both approaches make use of signal diversity. Examples are presented to demonstrate the application of ICA and IVA to analysis of functional magnetic resonance imaging data as well as fusion of data from multiple imaging modalities.

Short CV:

Tulay Adali received the Ph.D. degree from North Carolina State University, Raleigh, in 1992 in electrical engineering and joined the faculty at the University of Maryland Baltimore County (UMBC), Baltimore the same year where she currently is a Professor in the Department of Computer Science and Electrical Engineering. She has held visiting positions at Ecole Superieure de Physique et de Chimie Industrielles, Paris, France, Technical University of Denmark, Lyngby, Denmark, Katholieke Universiteit, Leuven, Belgium, and University of Campinas, Brazil.

Prof. Adali assisted in the organization of a number of international conferences and workshops including the IEEE International Conference on Acoustics, Speech, and Signal Processing (ICASSP), the IEEE International Workshop on Neural Networks for Signal Processing (NNSP), and the IEEE International Workshop on Machine Learning for Signal Processing (MLSP).

She was the General Co-Chair, NNSP (2001--2003); Technical Chair, MLSP (2004--2008); Program Co-Chair, MLSP (2008 and 2009), 2009 International Conference on Independent Component Analysis and Source Separation; Publicity Chair, ICASSP (2000 and 2005); and Publications Co-Chair, ICASSP 2008.


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