

Kernel Null Space Methods for Novelty Detection

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Contribution

We provide a method based on null space projections that allows for **multi-class novelty detection with a single model** using true multi-class labels of training samples.

Problem formulation

- **Given:** samples from a **fixed number of known categories**
- **Task:** decide for each test sample whether it belongs to one of the **known categories** or to a **new/unseen category**
- Usual approach: apply one-class classification methods like one-class SVM (treats all training samples as a single class) ⚡

Null space methods

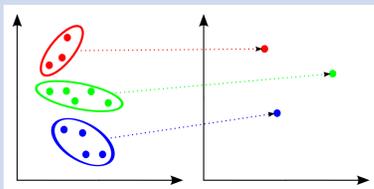


Illustration of null space embedding

■ Find transformation such that:

- 1 samples of **same class** are mapped to **same point** and
- 2 samples of **different classes** are mapped to **different points**

■ Transformed feature space is called **null space**

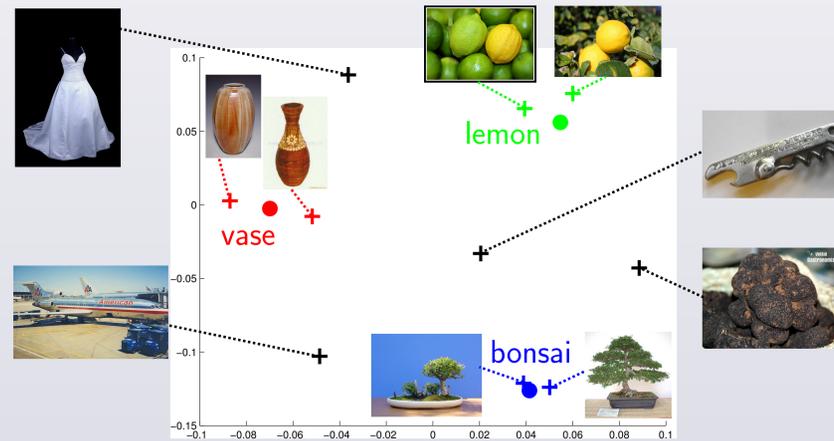
■ Problem: transformation only exists in small sample size case
⇒ Null Foley-Sammon transform (NFST) [2]

■ Solution: embedding in high dimensional feature space using kernels! ⇒ **Kernel-NFST (KNFST)** [5]

■ For C classes, the null space has **dimension $C - 1$**

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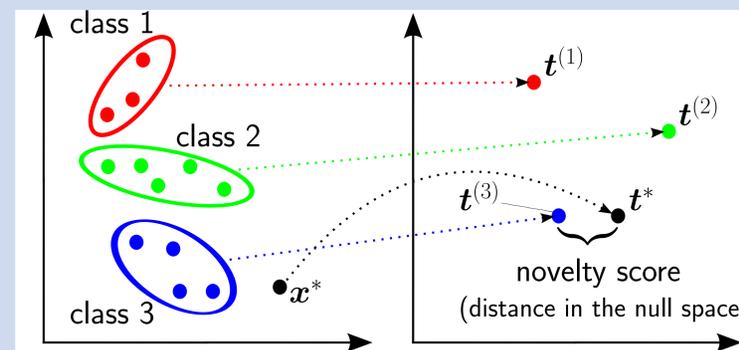
Real null space example with three categories of the ImageNet dataset

Our novelty detection approach...

- ... has **no method-specific parameters!**
- ... does **not** rely on **complex density estimation!**
- ... clearly **outperforms other methods** in all our experiments!

Multi-class novelty detection

- 1 Compute KNFST from training data and obtain target points t
- 2 Project test sample x^* into the null space to obtain t^*
- 3 Compute minimum distance to target points in the null space

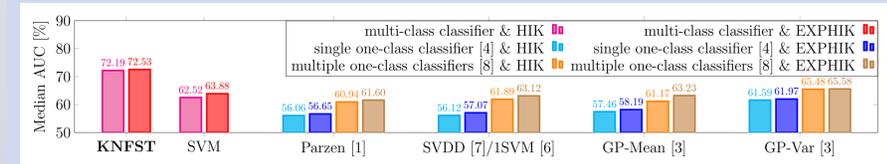


Calculating novelty scores in the joint null space of multiple classes

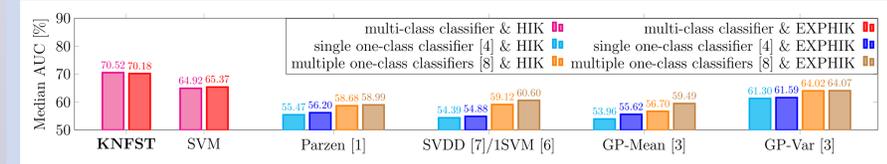
Experimental setup

- Datasets: Caltech-256 and ImageNet (1,000 categories of the ImageNet Large Scale Visual Recognition Challenge 2010)
- Features: bag-of-visual-words histograms (1,000 dimensions) of densely sampled SIFT descriptors
- Kernels: histogram intersection kernel (HIK) and exponential generalization (EXPHIK)
- Results for five and ten known categories, median AUC scores over 50 (Caltech) and 100 (ImageNet) randomly selected training sets

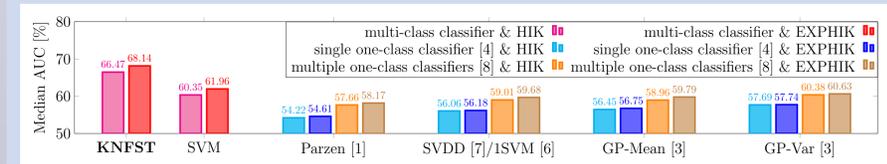
Experimental results



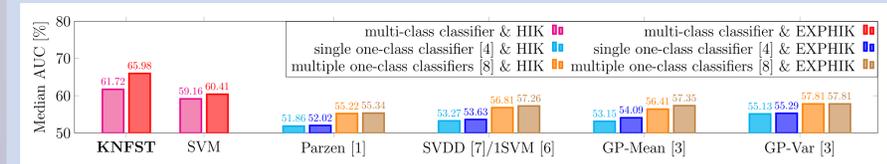
Five object categories known during training (Caltech-256 dataset)



Ten object categories known during training (Caltech-256 dataset)



Five object categories known during training (ImageNet dataset)



Ten object categories known during training (ImageNet dataset)