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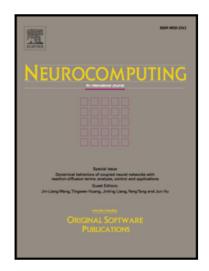
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Abstract

A face image could be decomposed into two components of large- and small-scale components, which carry low- and high-frequency contents of the original image, respectively. The illumination field mainly locates in the spectrum of large-scale components, whereas the small-scale components hold the detailed image cues, like edge, corner, etc., which are less sensitive to the illumination changes. In this paper, we proposed a new illumination normalization framework with the idea of Correction on Large-scale Components (CLC). The logarithmic total variation (LTV) technique is firstly applied to decompose the large- and smallscale components of face images. We assume that there are two main contents in the large-scale components: the smoothly varied illumination field and the largescale intrinsic facial features. Based on this assumption, an energy minimization framework is proposed to estimate and remove the smoothly varied field of the large-scale components in an interleaving fashion. The final normalization results can then be achieved with the integration of the smoothed small-scale components and the corrected large-scale components. Experiments on CMU-PIE, Extended Yale B and CAS-PEAL-R1 databases show that the proposed method can present a very good visual quality even on the images illuminated with deep shadow and high brightness regions, and attain promising illumination

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