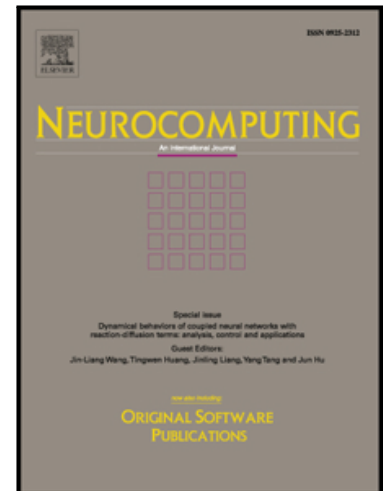


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### Abstract

Locality preserving projection (LPP) is a classical tool for dimensionality reduction and feature extraction. It usually makes use of the  $\ell_2$ -norm criterion for optimization, and is thus sensitive to outliers. In order to achieve robustness, LPP-L1 is proposed by employing the  $\ell_1$ -norm as distance criterion. However, the edge weights of LPP-L1 measure only the dissimilarity of pairs of vertices and ignore the preservation of the similarity. In this paper, we develop a novel algorithm, termed as ILPP-L1, in which the  $\ell_1$ -norm is utilized to obtain robustness and the similarities of pairs of vertices are effectively preserved, simultaneously. ILPP-L1 is robust to outliers because of the use of the  $\ell_1$ -norm. The  $\ell_1$ -norm minimization problem is directly solved, which ensures the preservation of the similarity of pairs of vertices. The solution is justified to converge to local minimum. In addition, ILPP-L1 avoids small sample size problem. Experiment results on benchmark databases confirm the effectiveness of the proposed method.

**Keywords:** Locality preserving projection (LPP),  $\ell_1$ -norm minimization, dimensionality reduction, robust

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