PR2: Image Classification

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Program Title: Image classification using different feature extraction and classification methods

Rank & F1-score: 22 & 0.7937

Program Description: In this program we are going to use the knowledge we learned in class and researched from internet to identify traffic images into 14 different types. We have 100,000 training records and 100,000 test records. The result can be ranked on CLP website. It will provide the rank and F1 score based on the ranking of submissions of different students and the correctness of the answer.

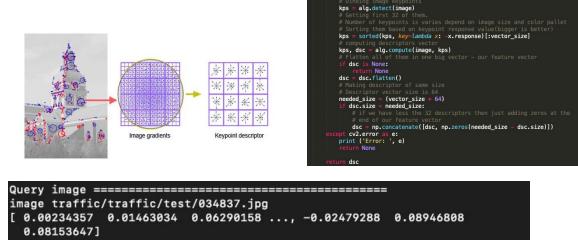
Purposes: Writing this program's purpose is to practise on the data mining knowledge coding ability and prepare for the further data mining study.

Limitations and Findings: I first used KNN searching method which is very slow for 1GB image data. It tooks me 16 hours to finish the run.

Feature Extraction Kaze Descriptor: Kaze Descriptor shipped in the base OpenCV library compare with other algorithm like SURF, ORB, SIFT, BRIEF. It helps me to find features from the image.

cv2.KAZE_create()

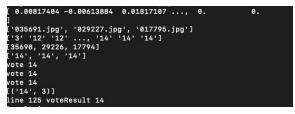
Here is screen shots of feature extraction, code and output.



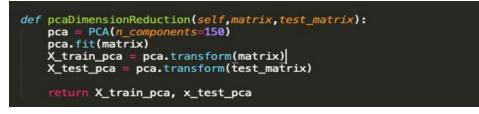
KNN Classification Model: The K-nearest neighbors (KNN) algorithm is a simple, supervised machine learning algorithm that can be used to solve both classification and

regression problems. In this assignment i used k=3 and vote for the result. Below is the image of code and output.

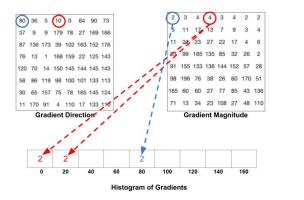




PCA Dimensionality Reduction: As a exercise i implemented the pca dimensionality reduction for my program based on the dr2 activity code. I did not used it in my final result even it helps me improve the accuracy on the traffic_small samples.



Histogram of Oriented Gradients: hog helps converts an image to a feature vector. For example a image with size 64x128x3 will be converted to feature vector of length 3780. It focus more on the shape than the color.



$$g = \sqrt{g_x^2 + g_y^2}$$
$$\theta = \arctan \frac{g_y}{g_x}$$