

The age estimation algorithm ~~realises~~realizes hierarchical approach (fig. 10). ~~First of all,~~  
~~the~~ input fragments are divided ~~into~~for three age groups: ~~less~~smaller than 18 years old, ~~from~~  
 18 ~~—~~—45 years old, and ~~more~~bigger than 45 years old. ~~Second,~~Afterwards the results of this ~~in~~  
~~the first step~~age are ~~more~~-subdivided into seven ~~smaller~~newer groups, ~~with~~ each limited ing to  
 one single decade. Thus, the problem of multiclass classification is ~~therefore~~ reduced to a set  
 of binary “one-against-all” classifiers (~~:-~~BCs). These classifiers ~~calculate~~: ~~then~~ ranks ~~the~~of  
~~images~~each based on the ~~a~~associated analyzed class, ~~and~~ (The ~~final~~total decisions ~~are~~is  
 obtained ~~then~~ by ~~the~~ analyzing ~~these~~ ~~previously received~~ rank histograms ~~of ranks~~.

**Comment [A1]:** “First of all” is not incorrect, but it is unnecessarily verbose. In addition, simply using “First” makes the presentation more uniform if you go on to discuss “second” or “third” points, for example.

These BCs are constructed using a two-level approach. ~~After~~ ~~ion is applied~~ ~~first~~ ~~with the~~  
 transitioning to an adaptive feature space, ~~as equal to this~~ described earlier, ~~the images are~~,  
~~classified using~~ and support vector machines ~~s-classification~~ with RBF kernels.

**Comment [A2]:** Here, “histogram of ranks” is not wrong, but feels awkward and unnatural. Often, we can take a phrase such as “A of B” and turn it around like this to give just “B A,” eliminating the “of.” (Note that now, “rank” is singular.)

~~The~~ input fragments ~~are~~were preprocessed for their luminance characteristics to align and to  
 transform ~~them~~ to a uniformal scale. ~~This~~ preprocessing step includes color-space  
 transformation and scaling, both operations similar to those used in the ~~that of a~~ gender  
 recognition algorithm. Features, are calculated for each colour component ~~and~~, are combined  
 to form a uniform feature ~~ed~~ vector.

**Comment [A3]:** In everyday usage, it may seem natural to talk about a vector of features as a “feature vector,” but the standard term in the field is “feature vector.”

Training and testing require a sufficiently ~~huge~~ large ~~enough~~ coloring image database. ~~:-~~ We  
~~combined~~ used the state-of-the-art ~~image databases~~ MORPH and FG-NET image databases  
 with our own image database, ~~gathered~~ ~~obtained~~ from many different sources ~~and~~, ~~which~~  
 comprising ed of 10,500 face images. ~~The~~ faces ~~ion~~ the images were detected automatically  
 by the AdaBoost face detection algorithms.

A total number of ~~seven thousand~~ 7000 images were used to train and test the first stage of the for age classification algorithm ~~training and testing on the first stage~~. ~~Three~~ 3 binary classifier BCs were ~~created~~ made utilizing 144 adaptive features ~~each of~~.

The first-stage cClassification results ~~showed on the first stage are~~: 82-% accuracy for young faces~~age~~, 58-% accuracy for middle-~~aged faces~~, and 92-% accuracy for elderly faces~~senior age~~. The overall aAge classification ~~accuracy for rate in the~~ three age categories was ~~division problem~~ – 77.3-%.

The second-stage BC~~Binary classifiers of the second stage~~ were constructed ~~in the same way as for~~ equal to the first stage (~~described above~~). Fig. 11 shows a~~A~~ visual example of age estimation by the ~~first stage of the~~ proposed algorithm ~~on its first stage is presented in figs. 11~~.