Overview of Quality Features
for NFIQ 2.0

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Developing Quality Features for NFIQ2.0

- Requirements for selection as a feature candidate
  - Based on publically documented algorithms
  - Available as Open Source
  - Standardized Interfaces to Plug-and-Play feature algorithms
- Outcome
  - Quality feature for NFIQ2.0
  - Project timeline and scope

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General Approach

- Review of the discussion and findings from the IBPC 2010 sample quality workshop

- Process inNFIQ2.0

  1. Literature investigation
  2. Prototype implementation in Matlab
  3. Refinement of algorithm and parameters
  4. Performance assessment
  5. Implementation in C/C++

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Context - I

- Based on ISO/IEC IS 29794-1:2009
  "Information technology - Biometrics sample quality Part 1: Framework"

- Definitions

  - **quality**: *"the degree to which a biometric sample fulfils specified requirements for a targeted application"*

  - **quality score**: *"a quantitative expression of quality"*

  - **utility:** *"the observed performance of a biometric sample or set of samples in one or more biometric systems"*

- Biometric data quality blocks

- Quality score

  - 0:   lowest quality

  - 100: highest quality

  - 255: failed attempt to assign a quality score

description		size	valid values	notes
Number of Quality Blocks		1 byte	[0,255]	This field is followed by the number of 5-byte Quality Blocks reflected by its value A value of zero (0) means that no attempt was made to assign a quality score. In this case, no Quality Blocks are present.
Quality Block	Quality Score	1 byte	[0,100] 255	0: lowest 100: highest 255: failed attempt to assign a quality score
	Quality Algorithm Vendor ID	2 bytes	[1,65535]	Quality Algorithm Vendor ID shall be registered with IBIA as a CBEFF biometric organization. Refer to CBEFF vendor ID registry procedures in ISO/IEC 19785-2.
	Quality Algorithm ID	2 bytes	[1,65535]	Quality Algorithm ID may be optionally registered with IBIA as a CBEFF Product Code. Refer to CBEFF product registry

Context - II

- Linked to ISO/IEC TR 29794-4:2010
  "Information technology - Biometrics sample quality
  Part 4: Finger image data"

- Quality feature classes
  - Global features
  - Local features (blockwise)

- Expected return of research investment
  - Intended revision of ISO/IEC IS 29794-4:201x
  - Upgrade to an IS (International Standard)

TECHNICAL REPORT

ISO/IEC TR 29794-4

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Information technology — Biometric sample quality —

Part 4:
Finger image data

Technologies de l'information — Qualité d'échantillon biométrique —
Partie 4: Données d'image de doigt
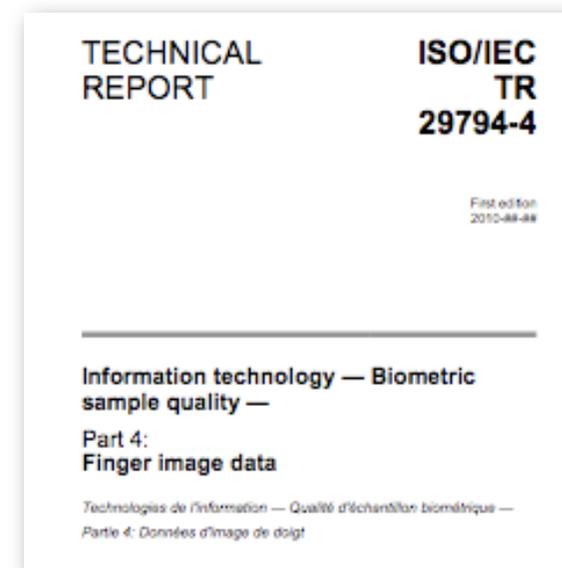
Abstract Feature Overview

- Input is always the fingerprint image
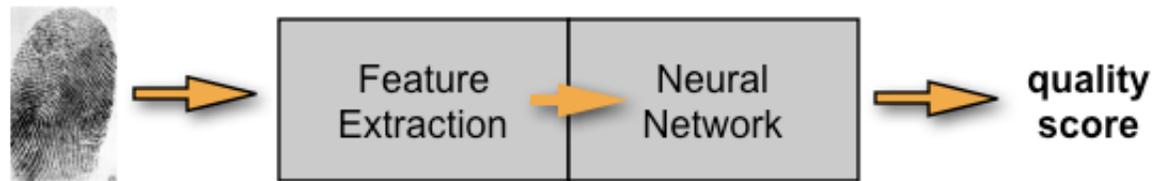
- A segmentation mask is optional

- Analyze image in a global or local manner
  to produce raw quality scores

- For a local metric a suitable aggregation function is chosen
  to produce a *single* quality score

Current Quality Feature Groups
- Status of available Features

- **Group 1: NFIQ1.0**
  - Quality Zone 3+4, Foreground

- **Group 2: Implemented from ISO/IEC TR 29794-4**
  - Frequency Domain Analysis
  - Local Clarity Score
  - Orientation Certainty Level
  - Orientation Flow
  - Radial Power Spectrum
  - Ridge Valley Uniformity

- **Group 3: New Features**
  - Gabor (Olsen, 2012), Gabor (Shen et al., 2001)
  - Minutiae count, mean pixel intensity (input image, block wise), sigma of intensity

- **Group 4: Open Source Contribution**
  - Digital Persona JetFX Minutia Extractor "Derivate" (e.g. total # of minutiae)
  - **Your** contribution ?

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