Structured deep learning for visual localization and recognition

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Back-bone model design					
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Object recognition





Action recognition



 Automotive safety and automatic car driving



- Automotive safety and automatic car driving
- Robotics and Humancomputer interaction





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- Internet of Things



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Microaneurysms



Blot hemorrhages

Challenges -- person

- Intra-class variation
 - Color



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 - Deformation









Simulate brain activities and employ millions of neurons to fit billions of training samples. Deep neural networks are trained with GPU clusters with tens of thousands of processors

Hinton won ImageNet competition Classify 1.2 million images into 1,000 categories Beating existing computer vision methods by 20+% Surpassing human performance





Deep learning

REVOLUTIONARY

Web-scale visual search, self-driving cars, surveillance, multimedia

Hold records on most of the computer vision problems

MIT Tech Review Top 10 Breakthroughs 2013 Ranking No. 1

DeepLearning

With massive amounts of computational power, machines can now recognize objects and translate speech in real time. Artificial intelligence is finally getting smart.

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ImageNet Large Scale Visual Recognition Challenge



Object detection



Object recognition





ImageNet Object Detection Task

- 200 object classes
- ~500,000 training images, 60,000 test images









Mean Averaged Precision (mAP)



ILSVRC 2013ILSVRC 2014 CVPR'15LSVRC 2015 ILSVRC 2016 W. Ouyang and X. Wang, et al. "DeepID-Net: Deformable Deep Convolutional Neural Networks for Object Detection," CVPR15, TPAMI17 X. Zeng, W. Ouyang, J. Yan, etc, "Crafting gbd-net for object detection," ECCV16, TPAMI 2017

Our team at ImageNet Large Scale Visual Recognition Challenge (ILSVRC)

	2014	2015	2016
Object detection	2nd (Google 1st)		1 st
Video object detection/tracking		1 st	1 st

Our team at Common Object in Context (COCO)

	2018
Object detection and instance segmentation	1 st

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Performance vs practical need

Many other applications



Structure in data



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Model structures among neurons



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Object detection

- Sliding window
- Variable window size



Motivation

- Much more negative samples than positive samples
- Easy to tell some regions do not contain any object



Cascade Network

Image with Rols



Cascade Network



Wanli Ouyang, Kun Wang, Xin Zhu, Xiaogang Wang. "Chained Cascade Network for Object Detection", Proc. ICCV, 2017.

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Cascade Network



Model structures among classifiers at different stages

 Build up cascade at several stages in one network



Model structures among classifiers at different stages

Image with Rols

axe, axe, tooth brush



tooth brush, tooth brush, tooth brush

Model structures among classifiers at different stages with different context

 Build up structure among classifiers c_i(*) at different stages



Experimental results



 Build up structure among classifiers c_i(*) at different stages

cascade?		V
chaining classifier?		V
mAP	49.4	50.9

ImageNet val2 detection mean average precision (%) with different setting on classifier chaining.

Structured output

- Treat deep model as feature extractor
- Jointly learn feature and structured output
 - Structure layer capture the structured information that cannot be modeled by conventional deep model, e.g. relationship between cascaded classifiers
 - Conventional deep model need not be influenced by the problem that can be well solved by structured model, e.g. need not be influenced by the huge amount of easy negative data



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- Learning features
 - Learning Feature Pyramids (ICCV17)
- Learning
 - Structure of output
 - Structured Hidden factors
 - Joint deep learning for pedestrian detection (ICCV13)
 - Deep-ID Net for object detection (T-PAMI16)
 - Mutual Learning Mutual Visibility Relationship for pedestrian detection (IJCV16)
 - Structure of features
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Object detection





Is deep model a black box?



Joint Learning vs Separate Learning



End-to-end learning

Deep learning is a framework/language but not a black-box model

Its power comes from joint optimization and increasing the capacity of the learner



- N. Dalal and B. Triggs. Histograms or oriented gradients for human detection. CVPR, 2005. (10,000+ citations)
- P. Felzenszwalb, D. McAlester, and D. Ramanan. A Discriminatively Trained, Multiscale, Deformable Part Model. CVPR, 2008. (4000+ citations)
- W. Ouyang and X. Wang. A Discriminative Deep Model for Pedestrian Detection with Occlusion Handling. CVPR, 2012.



W. Ouyang and X. Wang, "Joint Deep Learning for Pedestrian Detection," Proc. ICCV, 2013.



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Modeling Part Detectors





Part models learned from HOG



Part models

Learned filtered at the second convolutional layer

Deformation Layer

Infer the location of object parts





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W. Ouyang and X. Wang, "Joint Deep Learning for Pedestrian Detection," Proc. ICCV, 2013. $\frac{156}{56}$

Visibility Reasoning with Deep Belief Net

Infer the visibility of object parts



$$\tilde{h}_{j}^{l+1} = \sigma(\tilde{\mathbf{h}}^{l^{\mathrm{T}}} \mathbf{w}_{*,j}^{l} + c_{j}^{l+1} + g_{j}^{l+1} s_{j}^{l+1})$$

Correlates with part detection score

Pedestrian Detection on Caltech (average miss detection rates)



W. Ouyang and X. Wang, "Joint Deep Learning for Pedestrian Detection," ICCV 2013.

W. Ouyang et. al, "Jointly learning deep features, deformable parts, occlusion and classification for pedestrian detection," TPAMI, accepted.

Generalize from single pedestrian to multiple pedestrians

Deformation



Single pedestrian



Generic Object detection TPAMI'17 (most popular)

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Multiple pedestrians IJCV'16

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Structure in neurons

- Conventional neural networks
 - Neurons in the same layer have no connection
 - Neurons in adjacent layers are fully connected, at least within a local region





Structure exists in brain

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- Structure of features
 - GBD-Net for Object detection (ECCV16)
 - Structured feature learning for pose estimation (CVPR16)
 - CRF-CNN for pose estimation (NIPS 16)
 - Attention-Gated CRFs for Contour Prediction (NIPS17)
 - Scene Graph Generation from Objects, Phrases and Region Captions (ICCV17)



Object detection



Message from past ImageNet Challenge

 Design a good learning strategy (VGG, BN) or a good branching structure (Inception, ResNet) to make the model deeper
Number of layers



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Is deeper the only way to go?

What can our vision researchers' observation help?

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GBD-Net

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Context

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Visual context helps to identify objects







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TRENDS in Cognitive Sciences

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Motivation

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Rabbit ear





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 - Control the flow of message passing



Rabbit ear







Fast R-CNN







Features of different context and resolu



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Passing messages among these features



Independent features



Passing message in one direction





Passing message in two directions





Passing message with gates

□ +3.7% mAP on BN-Inception







Improvement from GBD-net

BN-net (BN-Inception) as the baseline

DataSet	ImageNet val2	Pascal VOC 07	COCO (AP ⁵⁰)
Without GBD	48.4	73.1	39.3
+ GBD	52.1	77.2	45.8



Brief summary

- Features matter
- Observations from vision researchers also matter
- Use deep model as a tool to model the relationship among features
- Gated bi-directional network (GBD-Net)
 - Pass messages among features from different contextual regions



A pretrained deep model with 269 layers is also provided

Code: https://github.com/craftGBD/craftGBD

Zeng et al. "Crafting GBD-Net for Object Detection," TPAMI, accepted.

- Debate
 - Lack of "general theory"
- Solution
 - Probabilistic model, conditional random field, is used as the theory

Conditional Random Field

$$p(\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{h} | \mathbf{I}, \mathbf{\theta}) = \sum_{\mathbf{h}} p(\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{h} | \mathbf{I}, \mathbf{\theta})$$

Where,

$$p(\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{h} | \mathbf{I}, \boldsymbol{\theta}) = \frac{e^{-E(\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{h}, \mathbf{I}, \boldsymbol{\theta})}}{\sum_{\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{h}} e^{-E(\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{h}, \mathbf{I}, \boldsymbol{\theta})}}$$



"End-to-End Learning of Deformable Mixture of Parts and Deep Convolutional Neural Networks for Human Pose Estimation", *CVPR* 2016.

"Structured feature learning for pose estimation", CVPR 2016.

"CRF-CNN: Modeling Structured Information in Human Pose Estimation", NIPS, 2016.

Learning Deep Structured Multi-Scale Features using Attention-Gated CRFs for Contour Prediction", NIPS, 2017.

To obtain the estimation of features:

$$p(\mathbf{h}|\mathbf{I}, \mathbf{\theta}) = \prod_i Q(\mathbf{h}_i|\mathbf{I}, \mathbf{\theta})$$

Mean Field Approximation

$$Q(\mathbf{h}_{i}|\mathbf{I},\boldsymbol{\Theta}) = \frac{1}{Z_{h,i}} exp\left\{-\sum_{\substack{h_{k} \in \mathbf{h}_{i}}} \phi_{h}(h_{k},\mathbf{I}) - \sum_{\substack{(i,j) \in \varepsilon_{h} \\ i < j}} \varphi_{h}(\mathbf{h}_{i},Q(\mathbf{h}_{j}|\mathbf{I},\boldsymbol{\Theta})\right\}$$
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Message passing

- Belief propagation
 - $-N^2 => 2N$









Why structured features?

• Richer visual information

Label: rabbit



Visual feature







Facing left

Model structures among neurons



Is structured learning only effective for object detection?

Application of structured feature learning

- Haze removal (Submitted to CVPR19)
- Depth estimation (TPAMI 18)
- Contour estimation (NIPS 17)
- Detection (TPAMI17, TPAMI18, ...)
- Human pose estimation (CVPR16)
- Person re-identification (CVPR18)
- Relationship estimation (ICCV17)
- Image captioning (ICCV17)



D. Xu, *et al.*, "Monocular Depth Estimation using Multi-Scale Continuous CRFs as Sequential Deep Networks," *TPAMI* 2018.
W. Ouyang, *et al.*, " Jointly learning deep features, deformable parts, occlusion and classification for pedestrian detection," *TPAMI* 2018.
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X. Chu, W. Ouyang, *et. al.* "Structured feature learning for pose estimation". *CVPR* 2016.
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Is structured learning only effective for specific vision task?

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Back-bone deep model design

- Basis structure of deep model
 - AlexNet, VGG, GoogleNet, ResNet, DenseNet
 - Validated on large-scale classification tasks such as ImageNet
 - Models pretrained on ImageNet are found to be effective initial model for other tasks

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Low-level and high-level features



High-level

Low-level

Current CNN Structures



Image Classification: Summarize high-level semantic information of the whole image.

Called U-Net, Hourglass, or Conv-deconv



Detection/Segmentation: High-level semantic meaning with high spatial resolution

Architectures designed for tasks of different granularities are **DIVERGING**

Unify the advantages of networks for pixel-level, region-level, and image-level tasks

Observation and design

- Our observation
- 1. Diverged structures for tasks requiring different resolutions.

- Design
- 1. Unify the advantages of networks for pixel-level, region-level, and image-level tasks.

Hourglass for Classification

Features with high-level semantics and high resolution is good



Directly applying hourglass for classification?

Poor performance.

So what is the **problem**?

- Different tasks require different resolutions of feature
- Down sample high-level features with high resolution





Observation and design

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- 2. Isolated Conv blocks the direct back-propagation

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Hourglass for Classification

Normal Res-Block





The 1×1 convolution layer in yellow indicates the Isolated convolution.

• Hourglass may bring more isolated convolutions than ResNet

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Difference between mix and preserve and refine



Mixed features

Difference between mix and preserve and refine





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FishNet: Preservation & Refinement



FishNet: Performance-ImageNet





Code https://github.com/kevin-ssy/FishNet

FishNet: Performance-ImageNet



Parameters, $\times 10^{6}$



Code

https://github.com/kevin-ssy/FishNet

FishNet: Performance on COCO Detection and Segmentation





Instance segmentation



Code https://github.com/kevin-ssy/FishNet

Winning COCO 2018 Instance Segmentation Task

÷	AP	АР ⁵⁰	ар ⁷⁵	AP	AP ^M	APL	AR ¹	AR ¹⁰	AR ¹⁰⁰	AR	AR ^M	AR	date
MMDet	0.486	0.730	0.530	0.339	0.520	0.602	0.368	0.593	0.632	0.464	0.665	0.777	2018- 08-18
O Megvii (Face++)	0.485	0.737	0.532	0.298	0.507	0.641	0.369	0.594	0.630	0.474	0.659	0.767	2018- 08-18
FirstShot	0.463	0.681	0.508	0.258	0.483	0.636	0.359	0.580	0.622	0.445	0.655	0.776	2018- 08-17























Codebase

• Comprehensive

✓ RPN
✓ Mask R-CNN
✓ Cascade R-CNN
✓ More ··· ···

✓ Fast/Faster R-CNN
 ✓ FPN
 ✓ RetinaNet

High performance

- Better performance
- Optimized memory consumption
- ✓ Faster speed

Handy to develop



 \square Modular design



GitHub: mmdet

FishNet: Advantages

- 1. Better gradient flow to shallow layers
- 2. Features
 - contain rich low-level and high-level semantics
 - are preserved and refined from each other



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Action Recognition

Recognize action from videos



Optical flow in Action Recognition

- Motion is the important information
- Optical flow
 - Effective
 - Time consuming

We need a better motion representation







Modality	Acc.
RGB	85.5%
RGB+Optical Flow	94.0%



Optical flow:









Shuyang Sun, Zhanghui Kuang, Lu Sheng, Wanli Ouyang, Wei Zhang. "Optical Flow Guided Feature: A Motion Representation for Video Action Recognition", *Proc. CVPR*, 2018.

Optical Flow Guided Feature (OFF): Experimental results

FPS



Not only for action recognition

- Also effective for
 - Video object detection
 - Video denoising
Optical Flow Guided Feature (OFF): Experimental results



1. q40 means quantization factor.



The figure is from Bernd Girod's slides



Disadvantages:

- Hand-crafted techniques
- Not friendly for emerging contents
- Not easy to improve the efficiency in the old pipeline

What happens when video compression meets deep learning?



Decoded Frames Buffer









Method



Deep Video Compression Model



Take home message

- Structured deep learning is
 - effective
 - for output and features
 - from observation
- End-to-end joint training bridges the gap between structure modeling and feature learning

