



Person Identification:

Face Recognition & Person Re-Identification

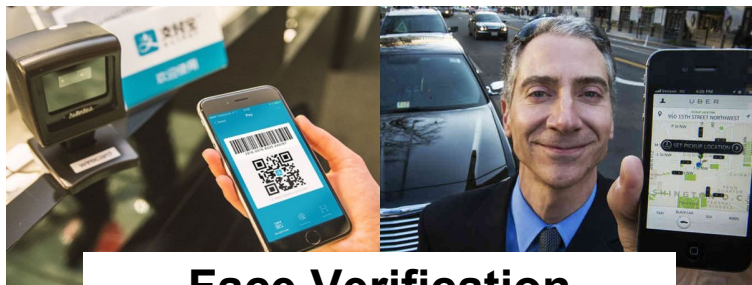
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Outline

- **Face Recognition**
 - Applications
 - Classification
 - Metric Learning
 - Hard Sample Mining
- **Person Re-Identification**
 - Applications
 - Feature Alignments
 - ReID with Pose Estimation

Face Recognition: Applications



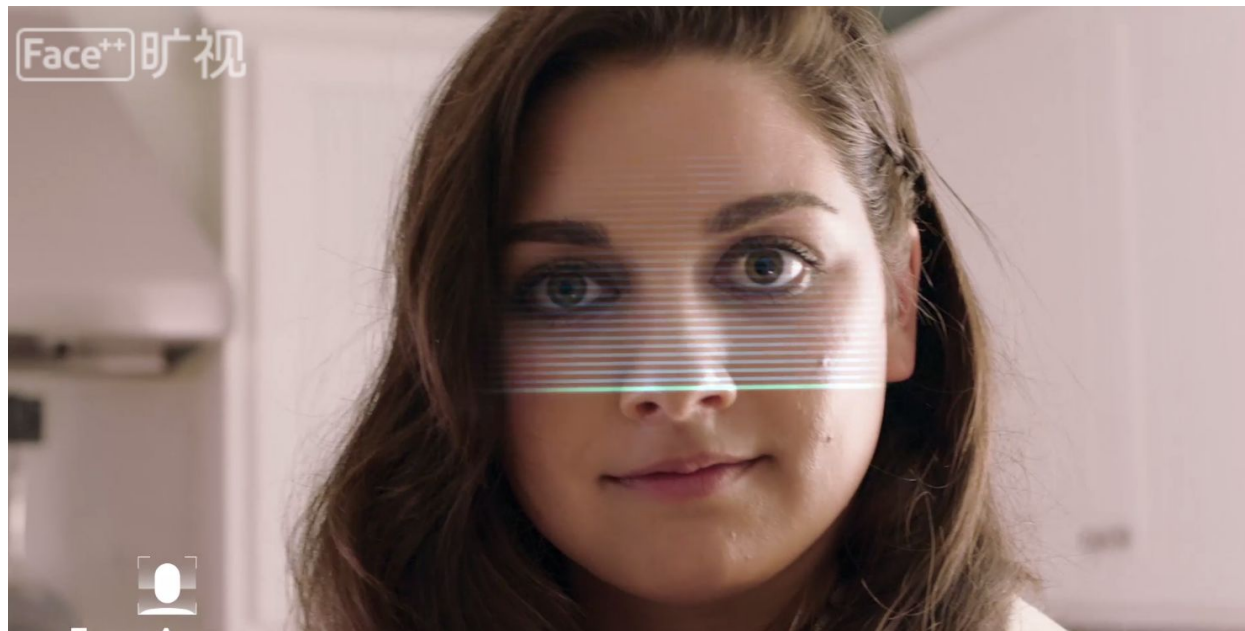
Face Verification



Face Identification

Face Recognition: Applications

- Mobile Phone



Face Recognition: Applications

- City Brain



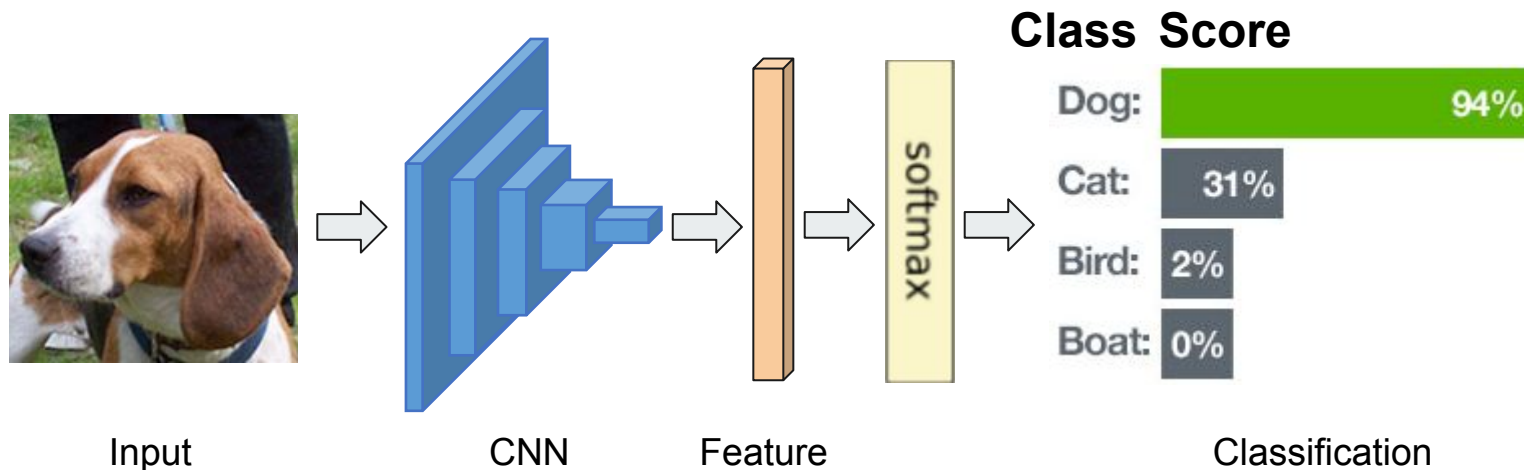
Face Recognition: Applications

- New Retail



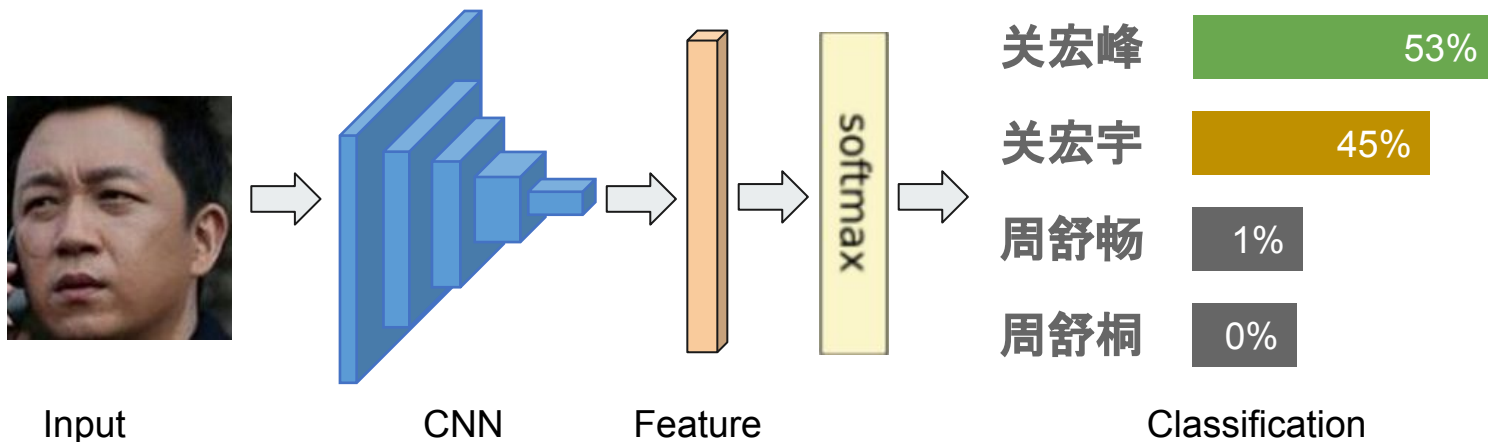
Face Recognition: Classification

- General Classification in Deep Learning

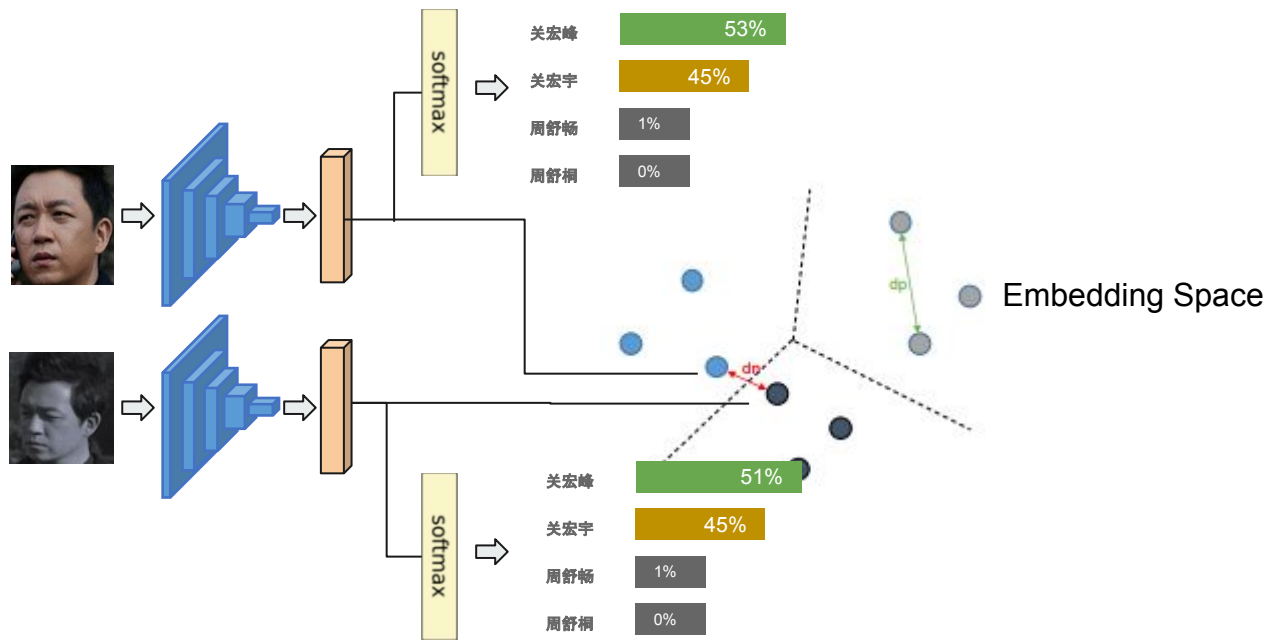


Face Recognition: Classification

- Classification for Face Recognition



Face Recognition: Classification



Face Recognition: Classification

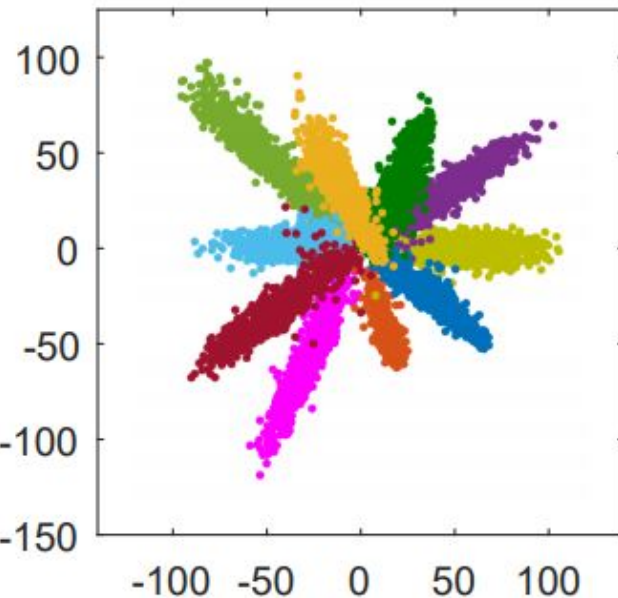
- Softmax

$$L_s = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N -\log p_i = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N -\log \frac{e^{f_{y_i}}}{\sum_{j=1}^C e^{f_j}}$$

$$f_j = \mathbf{W}_j^T \mathbf{x}_i + b_j$$



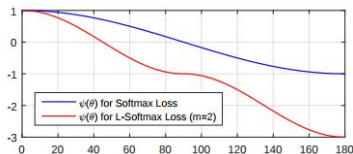
$$-\log \left(\frac{e^{\|\mathbf{W}_{y_i}\| \|\mathbf{x}_i\| \cos(\theta_{y_i})}}{\sum_j e^{\|\mathbf{W}_j\| \|\mathbf{x}_i\| \cos(\theta_j)}} \right)$$



Face Recognition: Classification

- L-Softmax

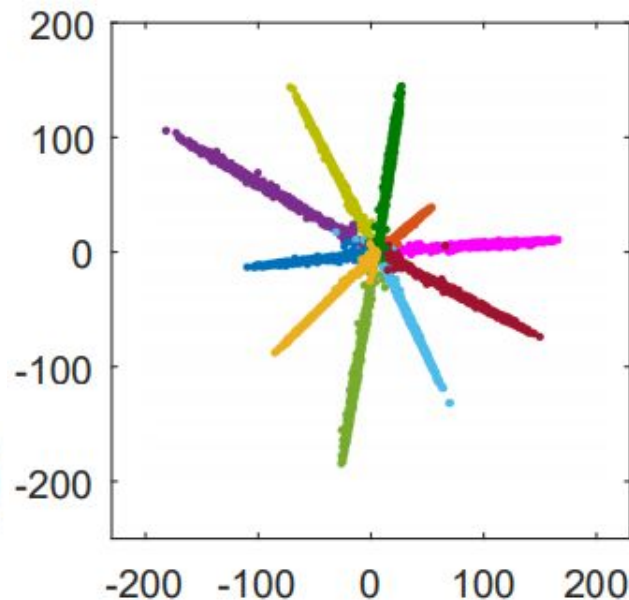
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$$\begin{aligned} \|W_1\| \|x\| \cos(\theta_1) &\geq \|W_1\| \|x\| \cos(m\theta_1) \\ &> \|W_2\| \|x\| \cos(\theta_2). \end{aligned}$$



$$-\log \left(\frac{e^{\|W_{y_i}\| \|x_i\| \psi(\theta_{y_i})}}{e^{\|W_{y_i}\| \|x_i\| \psi(\theta_{y_i})} + \sum_{j \neq y_i} e^{\|W_j\| \|x_i\| \cos(\theta_j)}} \right)$$



Face Recognition: Classification

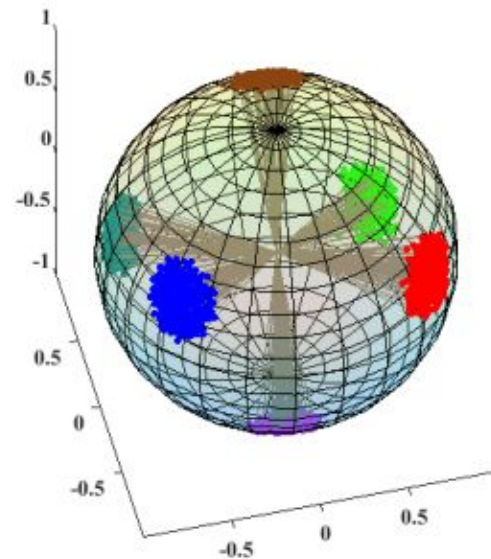
- A-Softmax (SphereFace)

$$L_s = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N -\log p_i = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N -\log \frac{e^{f_{y_i}}}{\sum_{j=1}^C e^{f_j}}$$

Normalize weights



$$-\log \left(\frac{e^{\|\mathbf{x}_i\| \psi(\theta_{y_i, i})}}{e^{\|\mathbf{x}_i\| \psi(\theta_{y_i, i})} + \sum_{j \neq y_i} e^{\|\mathbf{x}_i\| \cos(\theta_{j, i})}} \right)$$




Face Recognition: Classification

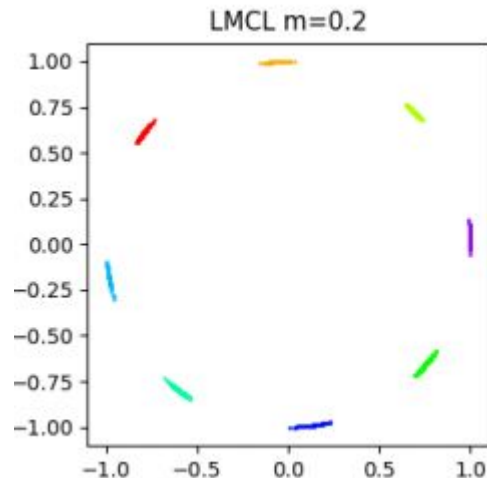
- Large Margin Cosine Loss (CosFace)

$$L_s = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N -\log p_i = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N -\log \frac{e^{f_{y_i}}}{\sum_{j=1}^C e^{f_j}}$$

Normalize weights
Normalize features
Replace angular margin by cosine margin



$$-\log \frac{e^{s(\cos(\theta_{y_i,i})-m)}}{e^{s(\cos(\theta_{y_i,i})-m)} + \sum_{j \neq y_i} e^{s \cos(\theta_{j,i})}}$$



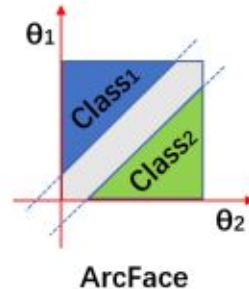
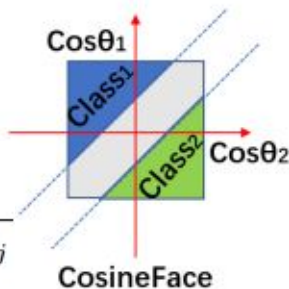
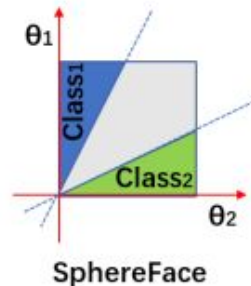
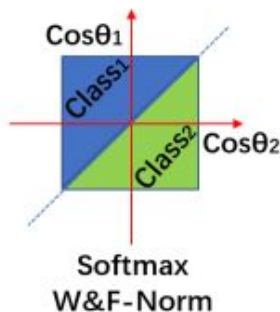
Face Recognition: Classification

- ArcFace

$$L_s = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N -\log p_i = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N -\log \frac{e^{f_{y_i}}}{\sum_{j=1}^C e^{f_j}}$$

Back to Angular Space

$$\log \frac{e^{s(\cos(\theta_{y_i} + m))}}{e^{s(\cos(\theta_{y_i} + m))} + \sum_{j=1, j \neq y_i}^n e^{s \cos \theta_j}}$$



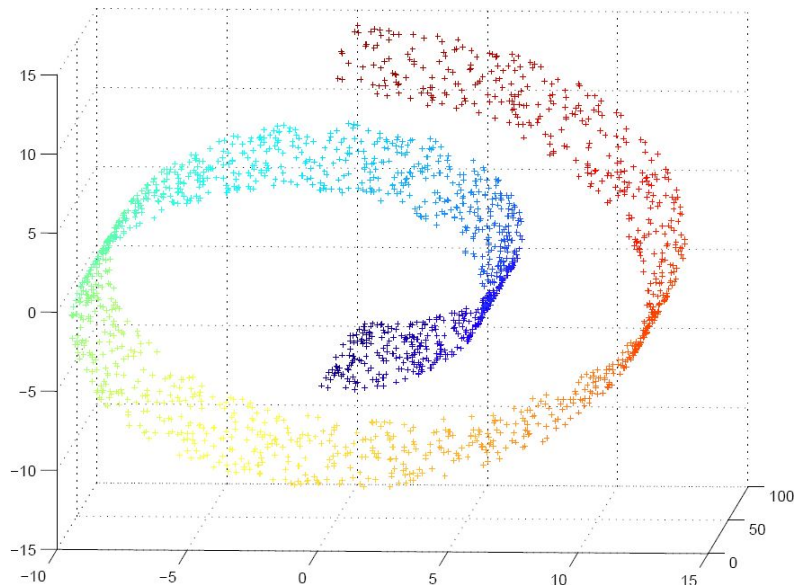


Face Recognition: Classification

- Paradox
 - Classification can only discriminate the “seen” objects
- To recognize “unseen” objects
 - The similarity of the features learned in classification
 - Similar Classification Probability to Closer Feature Distance
- Beyond Softmax
 - Large Margin Cosine Loss is effective and easy to train

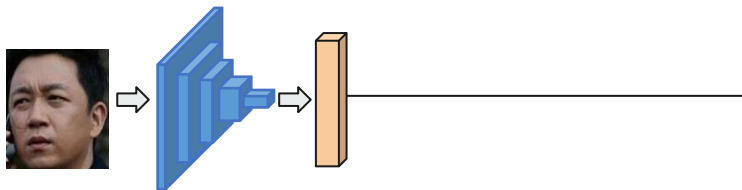
From Classification to Metric Learning

- Directly train model from Loss of feature distances
 - Learn a function that measures how similar two objects are
 - Compared to classification which works in a closed-world, metric learning deals with an open-world.
 - Metric Learning can be done together with Classification

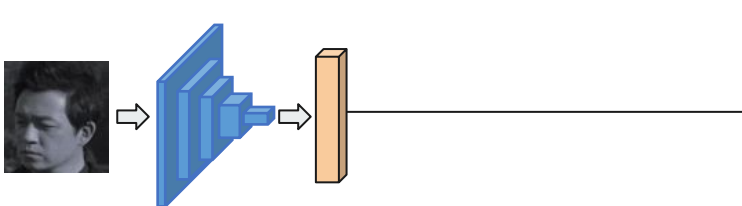


Metric Learning: Contrastive Loss

- δ is Kronecker Delta
- α is the margin for different identities



$$L_{pairwise} = \delta(I_A, I_B) \cdot \|f_A - f_B\|_2 + (1 - \delta(I_A, I_B))(\alpha - \|f_A - f_B\|_2)_+$$

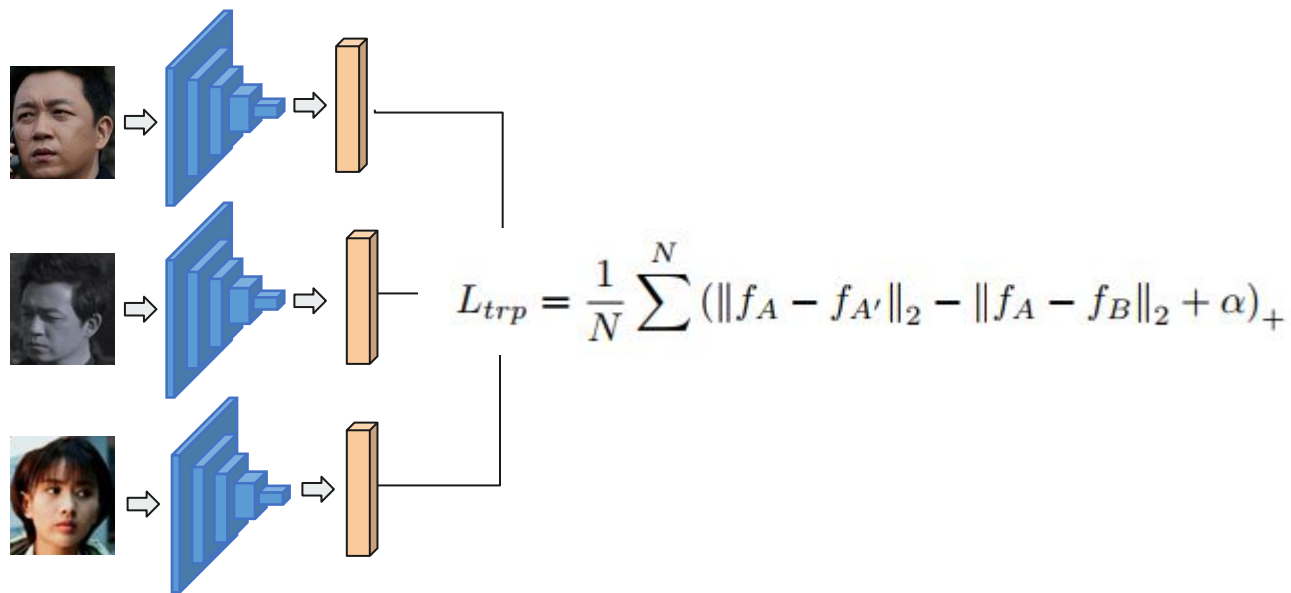


Metric Learning: Contrastive Loss

- The distance of images with the same identity (positive pairs) should be smaller
- The distance of images with different identities (negative pairs) should be larger
- α is used to ignore the “naive” negative pairs



Metric Learning: Triplet Loss



Metric Learning: Triplet Loss

- A batch of triplets (A, A', B) are trained in each iteration
 - A and A' share the same identity
 - B has a different identity
- The distance of A and A' should be smaller than that of A and B
- α is the margin between negative and positive pairs.
- Without α , all distance converge to zero.



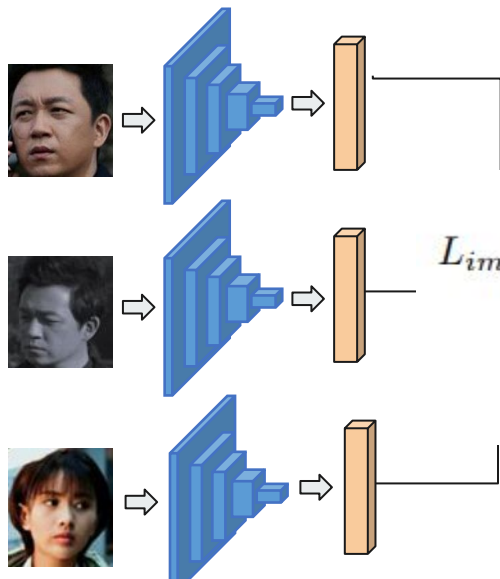


Contrastive Loss vs. Triplet Loss

- Contrastive Loss:
 - Margin between all positive pairs and negative pairs
 - Positive & negative pairs are also constrained
 - Positive pairs are always trained
 - Negative pairs are trained until it is greater than the margin
- Triplet Loss
 - Margin between positive pairs and negative pairs **given the query**
 - Stop training positive(negative) pairs that are smaller(larger) than all negative(positive) pairs with a margin
 - Pay more attention to samples that disobey the order
 - Suffers from lack of generality
- Complementary to Triplet Loss
 - Improved Triplet Loss
 - Quadruplet Loss

Metric Learning: Improved Triplet Loss

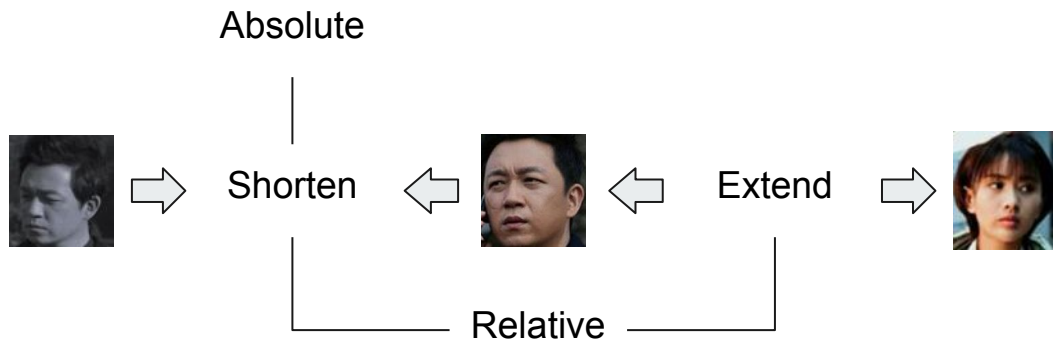
- β -term penalizes distance between features of A and A'



$$L_{imtrp} = \frac{1}{N} \sum (\|f_A - f_{A'}\|_2 - \|f_A - f_B\|_2 + \alpha)_+ + \frac{1}{N} \sum (\|f_A - f_{A'}\|_2 - \beta)_+$$

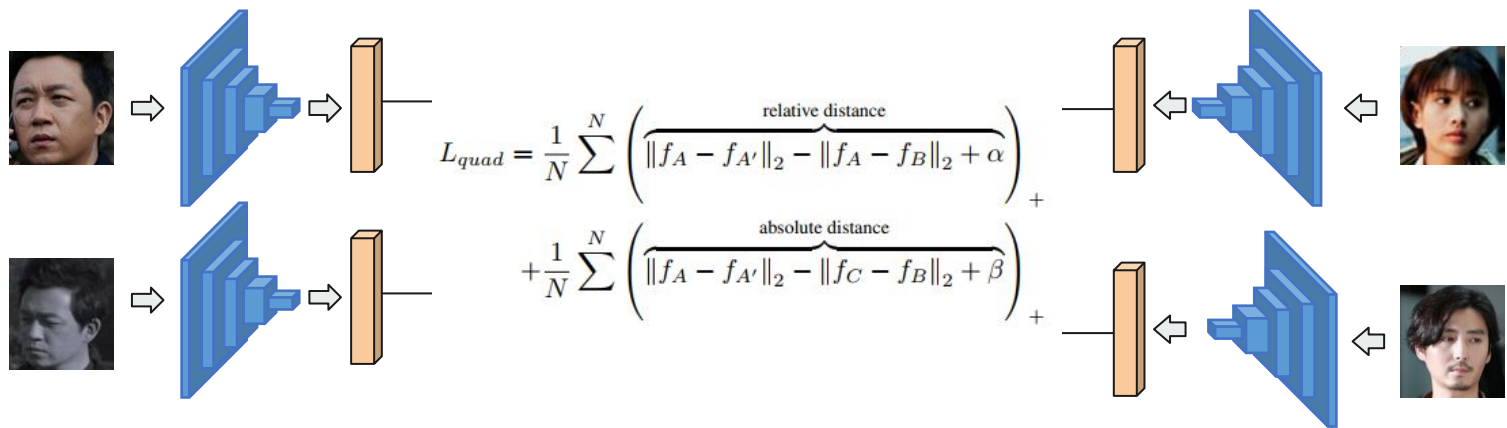
Metric Learning: Improved Triplet Loss

- Triplet Loss with Contrastive Loss
- Only consider image pairs with the same identity



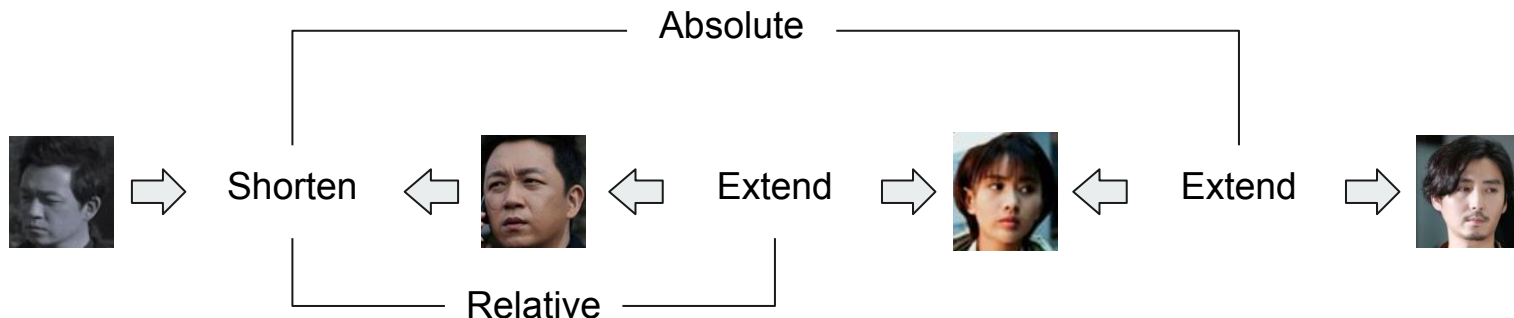
[D. Cheng, Y. Gong, S. Zhou, J. Wang, and N. Zheng. Person re-identification by multi-channel parts-based cnn with improved triplet loss function. CVPR2016](#)

Metric Learning: Quadruplet Loss



Metric Learning: Quadruplet Loss

- Triplet Loss & Pairwise Loss
- Distance between any identical images should be smaller than that between different images



Improved Triplet Loss & Quadruplet Loss

- Common
 - Introduce loss to “strengthen” triplet loss
 - Samples are still trained when triplet constraint is satisfied
- Difference
 - Improved Triplet Loss
 - An absolute margin is given for positive pairs
 - Quadruplet Loss
 - A relative margin between all positive pairs and negative pairs
- What if?

$$\begin{aligned} L_{quad} = & \frac{1}{N} \sum^N (\|f_A - f_{A'}\|_2 - \|f_A - f_B\|_2 + \alpha)_+ \\ & + \frac{1}{N} \sum^N (\|f_A - f_{A'}\|_2 - \beta)_+ \\ & + \frac{1}{N} \sum^N (\alpha + \beta - \|f_B - f_C\|_2)_+ \end{aligned}$$

Hard Sample Mining

- The possible number of triplets grows cubically
- Trivial triplets quickly become uninformative
- The fraction of trivial triplets are large

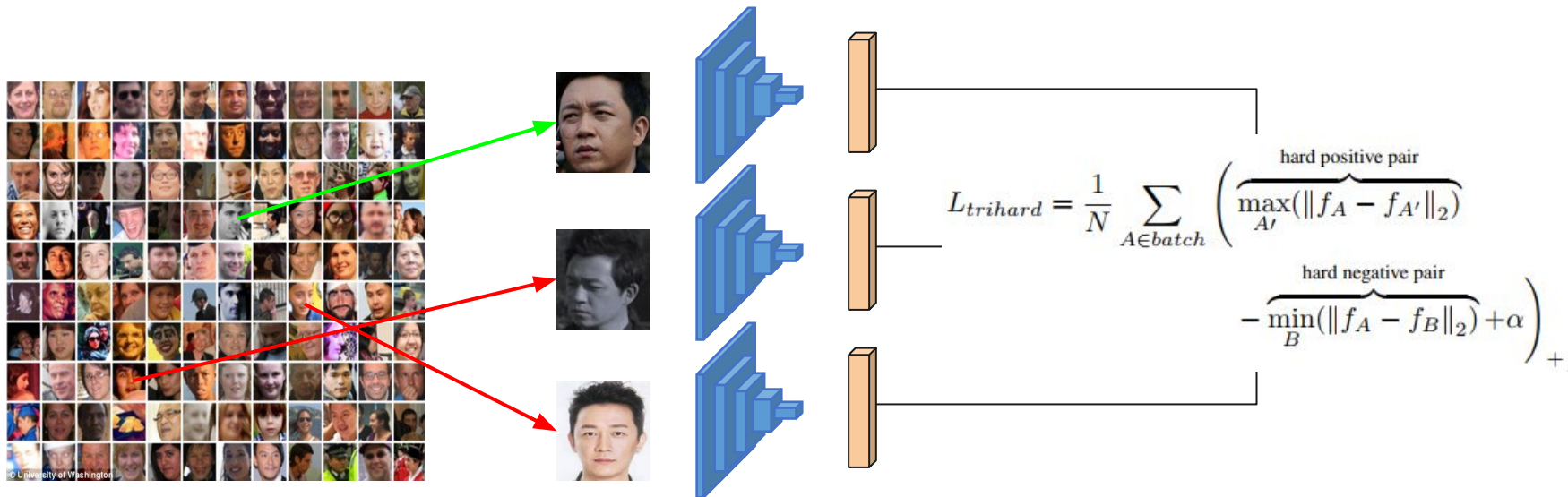
Trivial:



Non-Trivial:

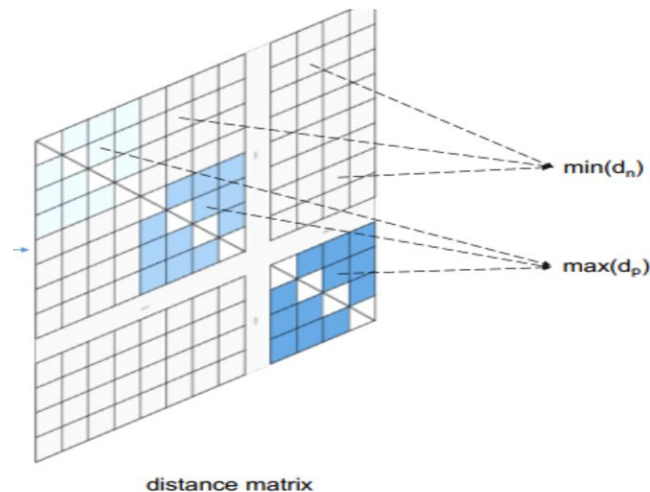


Hard Sample Mining: Triplet Hard Loss



Hard Sample Mining: Triplet Hard Loss

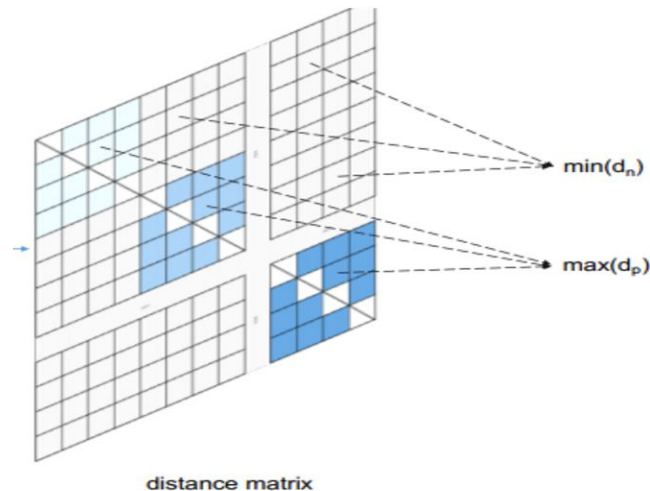
- Each batch contains K identities, each identities contains L images
- Compute the distance between each images in the batch
- Distance matrix
 - Diagonal Blocks are distance between images with the same identity
 - Others are distance between images with different identities



[A. Hermans, L. Beyer, and B. Leibe. In defense of the triplet loss for person re-identification. arXiv preprint arXiv:1703.07737, 2017](#)

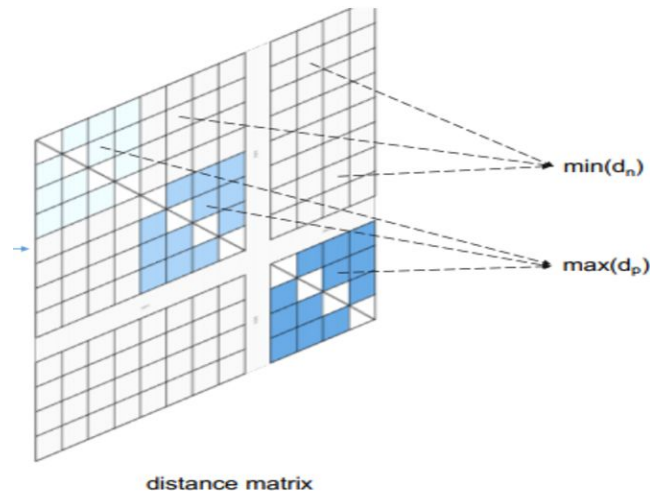
Hard Sample Mining: Triplet Hard Loss

- Generate a triplet from **each line** in the matrix
 - Each image in the batch
- The largest distance in the diagonal block
 - The most unsimilar image with the same identity
- The smallest distance in other places
 - The most similar image with a different identity



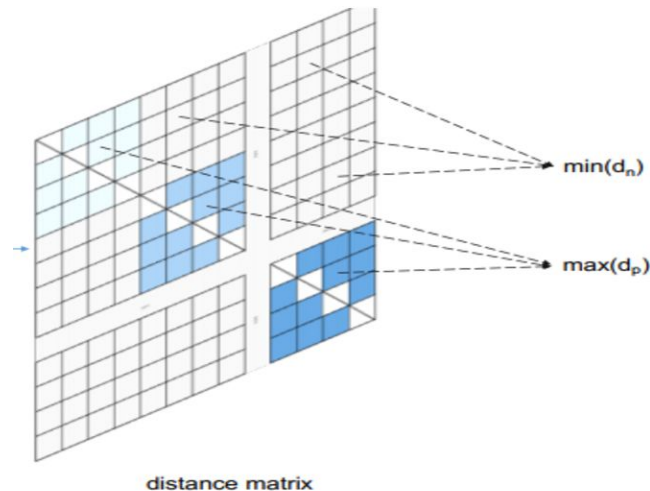
Hard Sample Mining: Soft Triplet Hard Loss

- Generate a triplet from **each line** in the matrix
 - Each image in the batch
- The weighted average distance in the diagonal block
 - $\text{Softmax}(d_{ij})$
- The weighted average distance in the diagonal block
 - $\text{Softmax}(-d_{ik})$
- The harder samples with larger weights



Hard Sample Mining: Margin Sample Mining

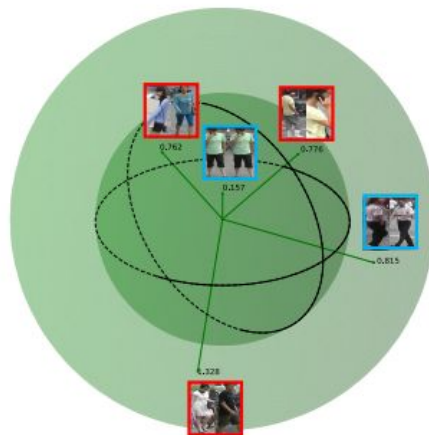
- Margin Sample Mining
 - Generate only one triplet from **each batch**
 - The largest distance in the diagonal block
 - The most unsimilar image pair with the same identity in the batch
 - The smallest distance in other places
 - The most similar image pair with different identities in the batch



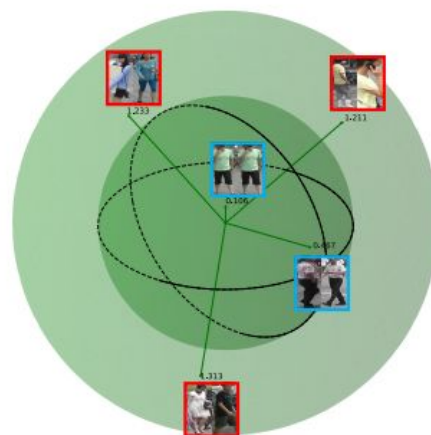
Hard Sample Mining: Margin Sample Mining

- Margin Sample Mining

$$L_{emi} = \left(\overbrace{\max_{A,A'} (\|f_A - f_{A'}\|_2)}^{\text{hardest positive pair}} - \overbrace{\min_{C,B} (\|f_C - f_B\|_2)}^{\text{hardest negative pair}} + \alpha \right) +$$



(a) TriHard



(b) MSML



Face Recognition: Conclusion

- Embedding images to feature space
 - Similar instances should be closer in the space
- Classification vs. Metric Learning
 - Triplet Loss (and its improvements) performs better than contrastive loss
 - Advanced classification, such as Large Margin Cosine Loss, comparable to Triplet Loss
 - Combining classification and metric learning always performs better
- Hard Sample Mining
 - Critical to achieve high accuracy



Outlines

- Face Recognition
 - Applications
 - Classification
 - Metric Learning
 - Hard Sample Mining
- **Person Re-Identification**
 - Applications
 - Feature Alignments
 - ReID with Skeleton
 - ReID with Attributes

From Face to Person

- Face Recognition
 - Applications
 - 1:1 Verification
 - 1:N Identification
 - N:N Clustering
 - Limits
 - Size: 32×32
 - Horizontal: $-30 \sim 30$
 - Vertical: $-20 \sim 20$
 - Little Occlusion



From Face to Person

- Person Re-Identification
 - Applications
 - Tracking in a single camera
 - Tracking across multiple cameras
 - Searching a person in a set of videos
 - Clustering persons in a set of photos
 - Challenges
 - Inaccurate detection
 - Misalignment
 - Illumination difference
 - Occlusion



From Face to Person

- Different Directions
- Non-rigid Body Deformation
- Different Illumination



From Face to Person

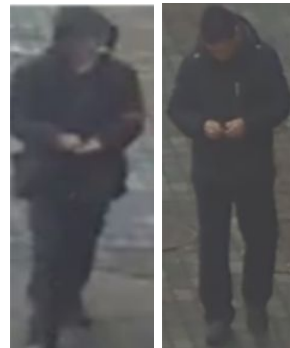
- Occlusion



- Incomplete



- Similar Appearance



Re-Identification: Applications

- Single Camera Tracking



Re-Identification: Applications

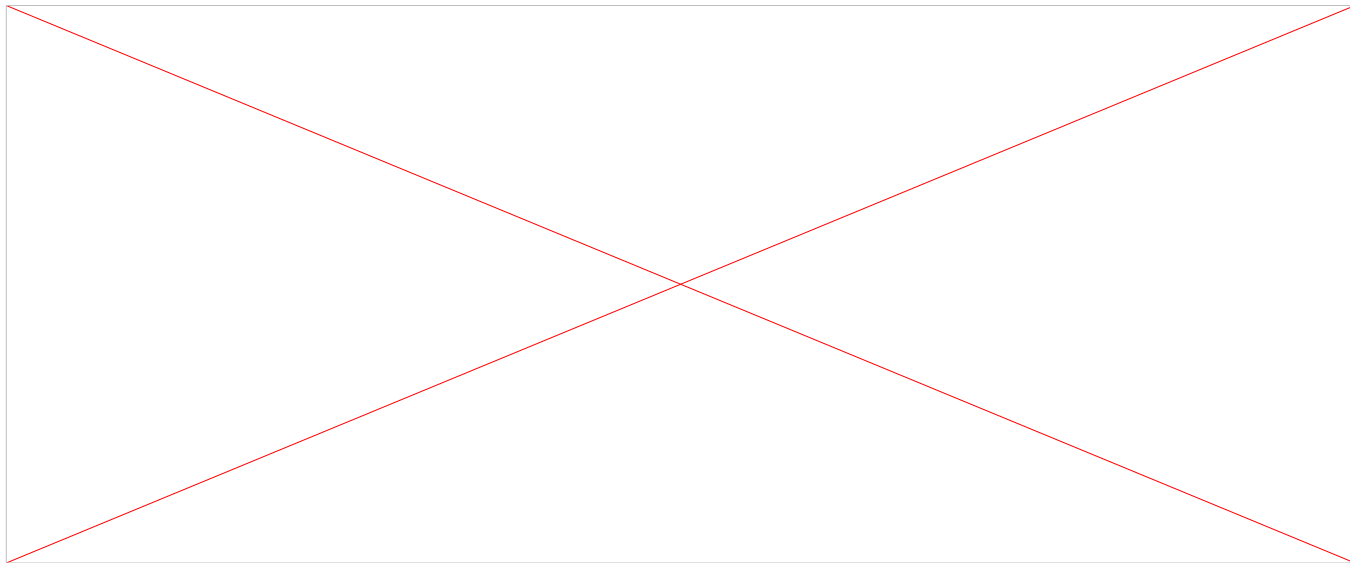
- Multiple Camera Tracking





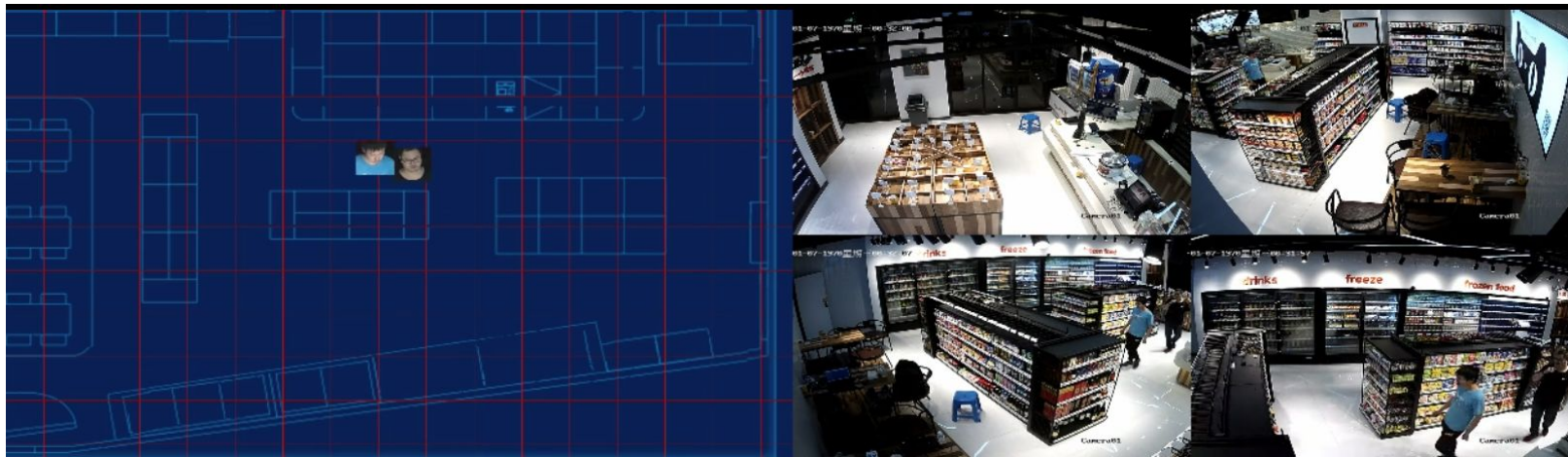
Re-Identification: Applications

- Searching a person



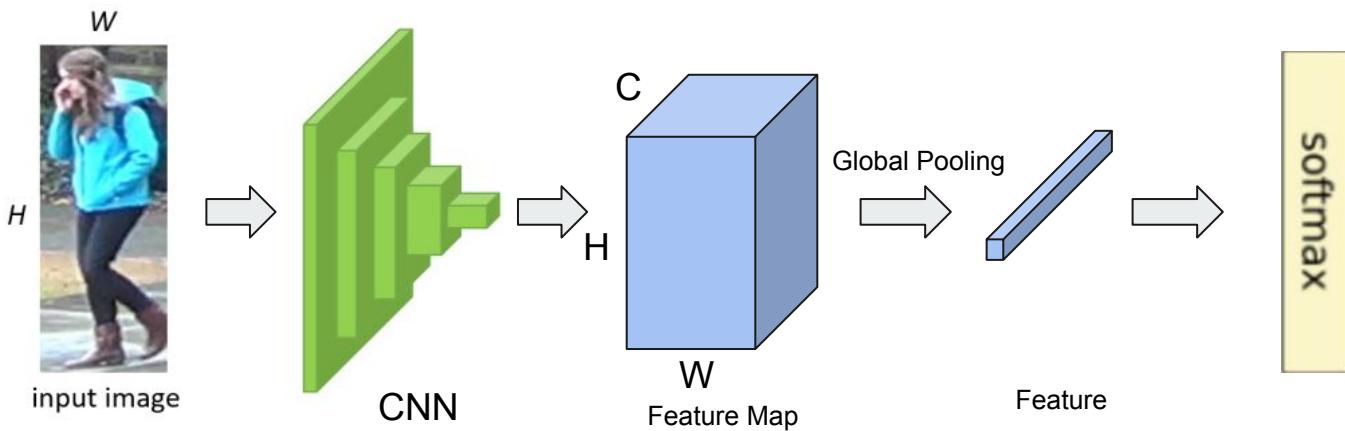
Re-Identification: Applications

- Locating a person



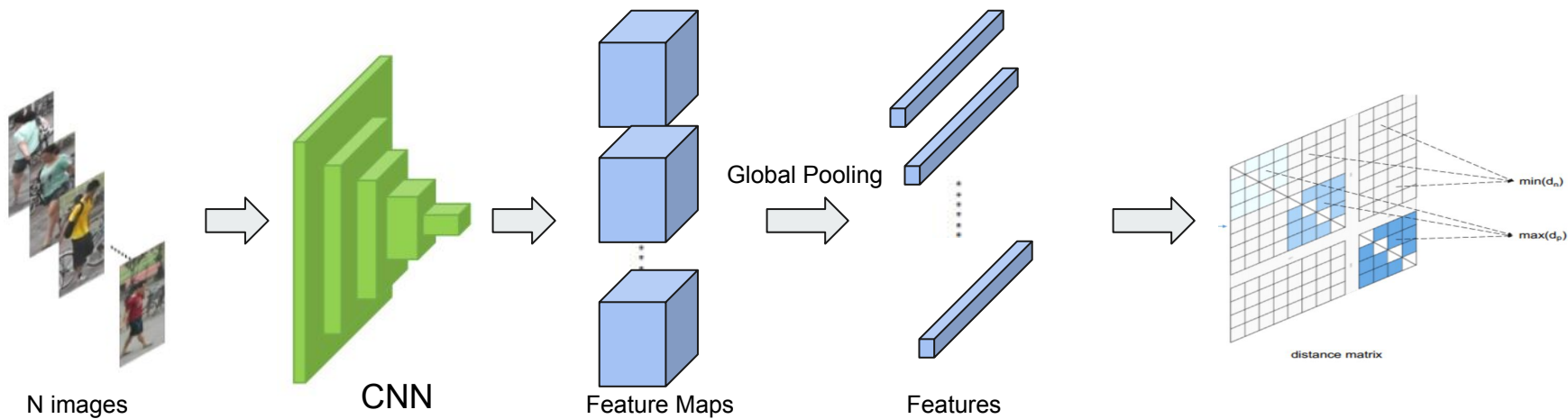
Re-Identification: Baseline

- Train ReID Model as Classification



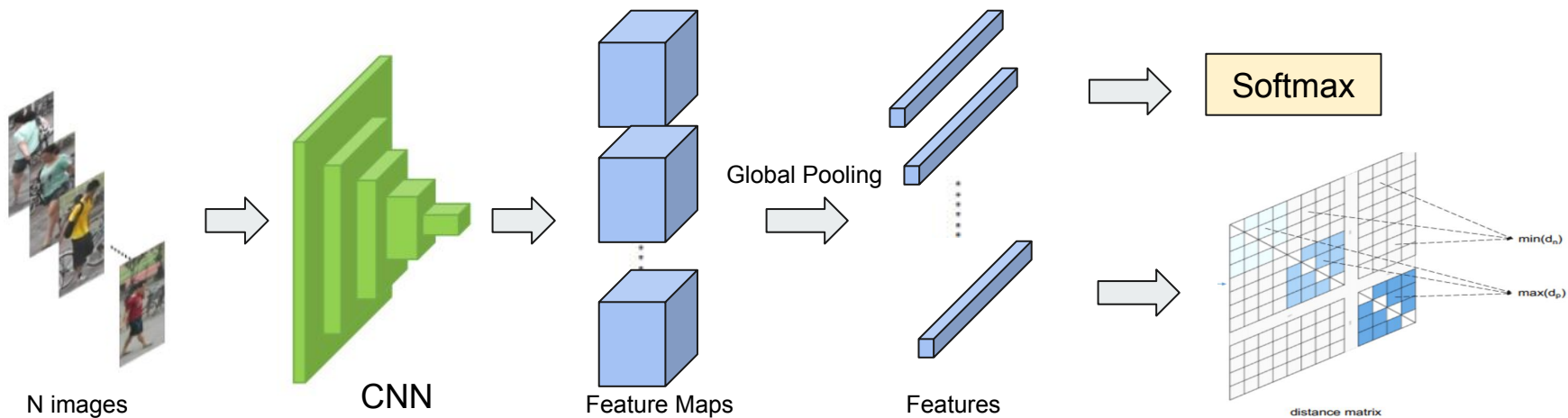
Re-Identification: Baseline

- Train ReID Model by Triplet Loss with Hard Mining



Re-Identification: Baseline

- Combining Triplet Loss and Classification





Re-Identification: Baseline

- Bottleneck is important in Classification
- Hard mining is important in Triplet Loss
- Triplet Loss usually achieves higher accuracy than classification in the same dataset
- However, Classification is more robust among different datasets
- After all, Classification with triplet loss always achieves better performance

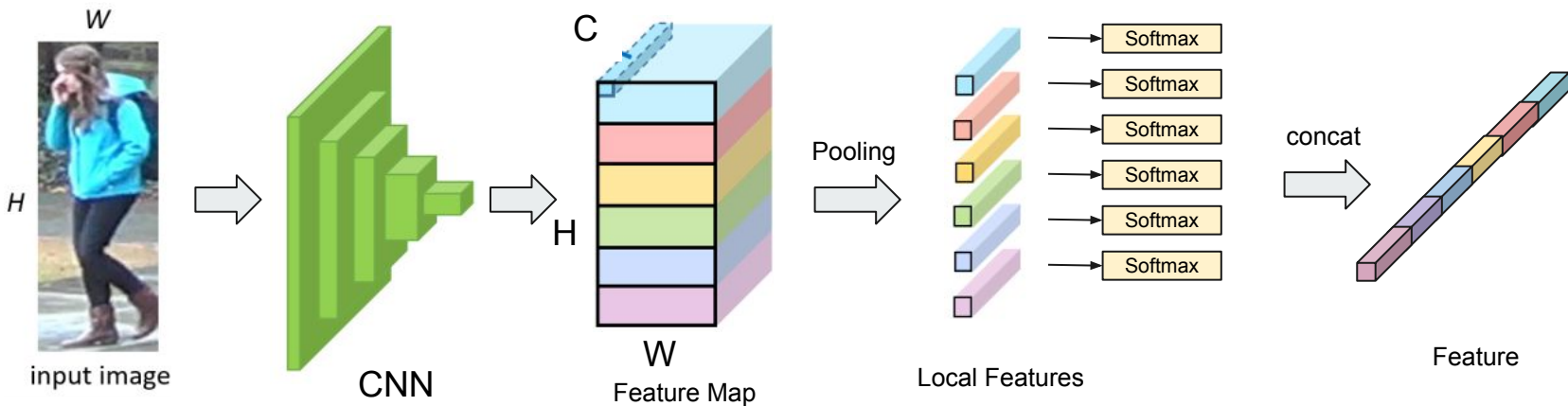


Re-Identification: Baseline

- Disadvantage
 - Only global information is obtained
 - Local similarity plays a key role to decide the identity
- Motivations
 - Person is highly structured
 - In different views, the order of horizontal division keeps the same.

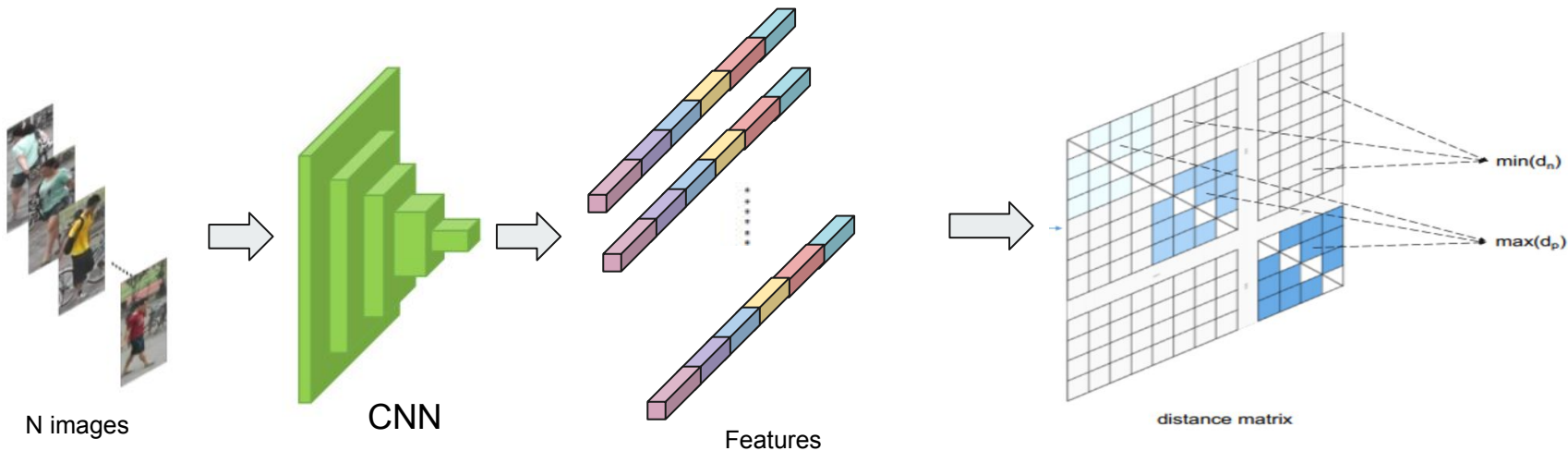
Re-Identification: Part-based Model

- Divide Feature Map to obtain local features
- Concat local features to obtain final feature



Re-Identification: Part-based Model

- Triplet Loss for global features

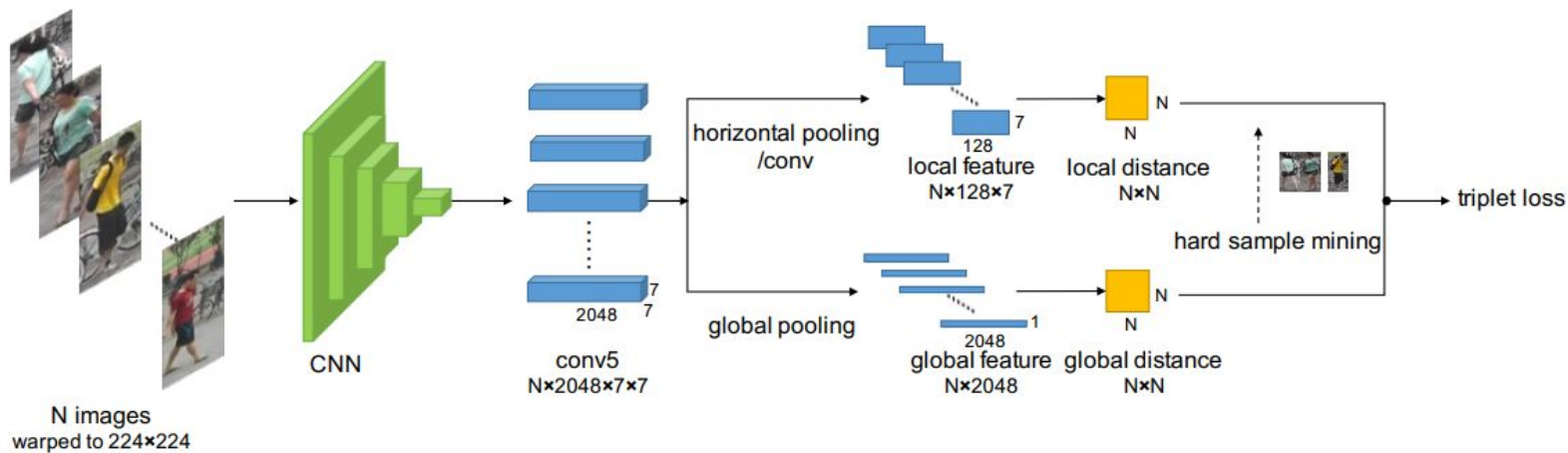




Re-Identification: Part-based Model

- Classification for the local features
 - Triplet Loss is not suitable here
- Triplet Loss with hard mining for the global feature is helpful
- Disadvantage
 - Alignment is rigid
 - Suffer from misalignment and incompleteness
- Motivation
 - Automatic alignment

Re-Identification: AlignedReID

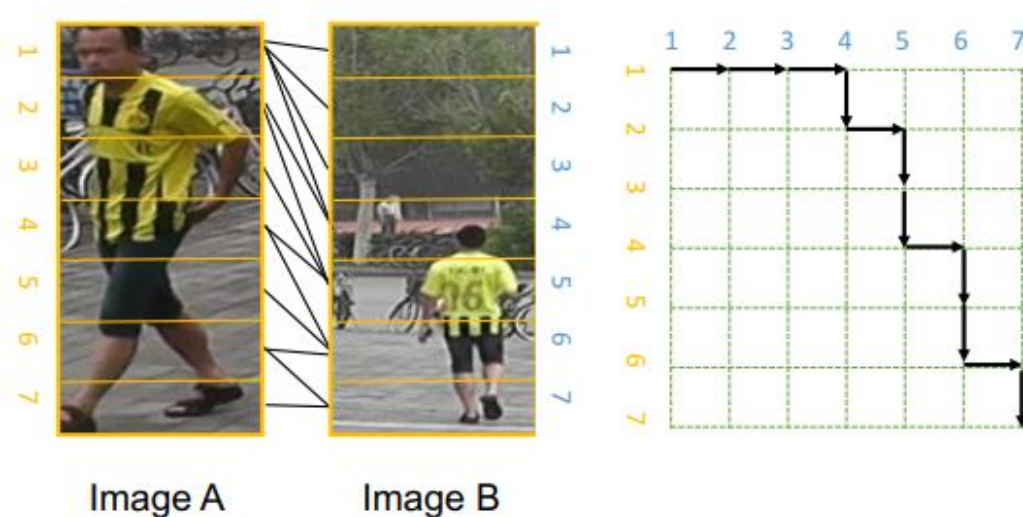


Re-Identification: AlignedReID

- Distance matrix of local features

$$d_{i,j} = \frac{e^{\|f_i - g_j\|_2} - 1}{e^{\|f_i - g_j\|_2} + 1}$$

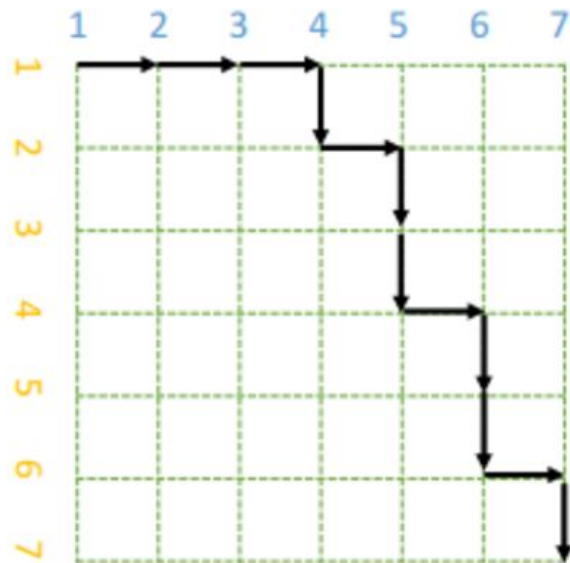
- The alignment is the one with minimum total distance



Re-Identification: AlignedReID

- Find the shortest path by dynamic programming

$$S_{i,j} = \begin{cases} d_{i,j} & i = 1, j = 1 \\ S_{i-1,j} + d_{i,j} & i \neq 1, j = 1 \\ S_{i,j-1} + d_{i,j} & i = 1, j \neq 1 \\ \min(S_{i-1,j}, S_{i,j-1}) + d_{i,j} & i \neq 1, j \neq 1 \end{cases}$$

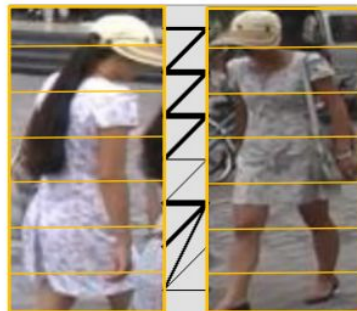


Re-Identification: AlignedReID

- Robust to inaccurate detection, occlusion
- Discriminative to similar appearance



(a)



(b)



(c)



(d)

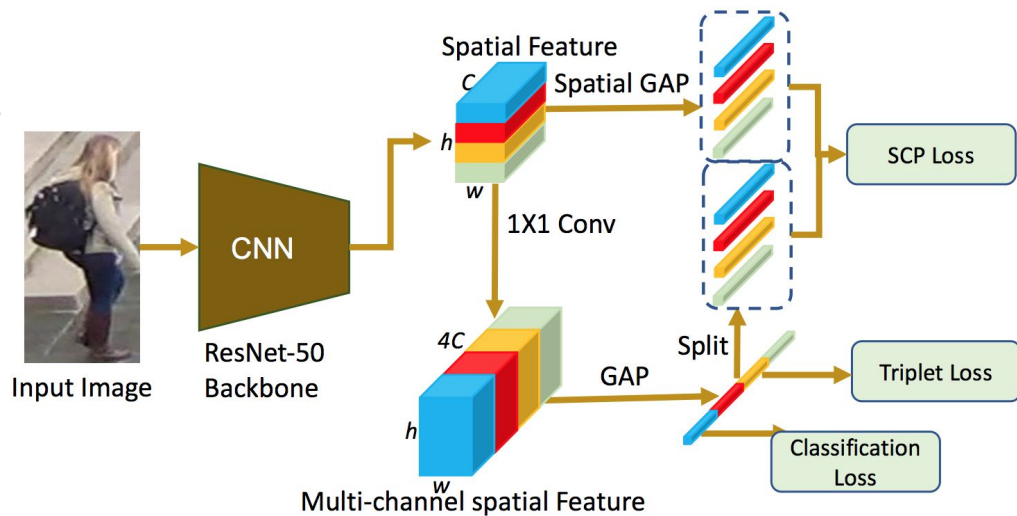


Re-Identification: AlignedReID

- Mismatched parts have little contribution during back-propagation
- Local features help to learn a better global feature
- Disadvantage
 - Local features are obtained from small receptive field
 - Channels in the global feature has no relationship with spatial locality
- Motivation
 - Build spatial-channel relationship
 - Benefit for partial person re-identification

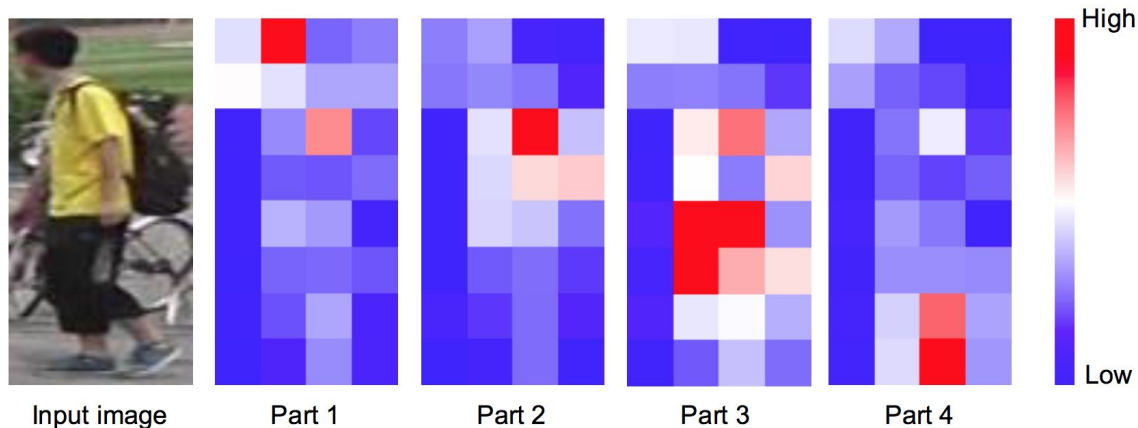
Re-Identification: Spatial-Channel Parallelism

- Local features obtained from local spatial part.
- Global feature obtained from the whole feature map.
- Each part of the global feature is related to a local feature.
- The relationship is implemented by adding their L2 distance in the loss function



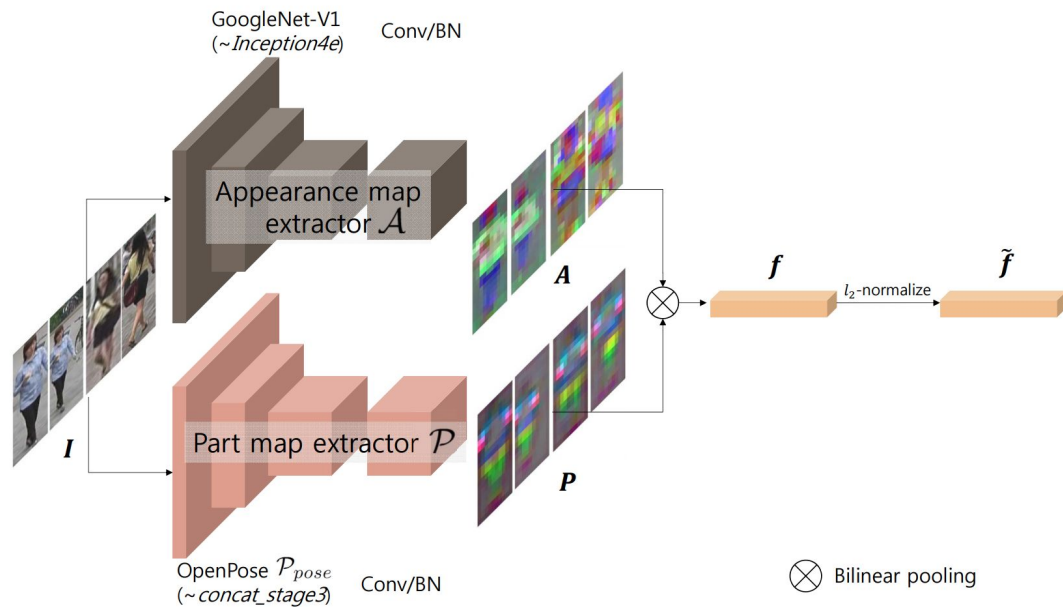
Re-Identification: Spatial-Channel Parallelism

- The learned global feature shows the relationship of their channels to the corresponding spatial parts.
- Disadvantage
 - Only horizontal mapping
- Motivation
 - Apply Pose Estimation



Re-Identification: ReID with Skeleton

- One branch is extracted reid feature map
- The other branch is extracted pose estimation
- The feature is obtained by the bilinear pooling of these two branches
- Pose estimation branch is pre-trained, then finetune in the reid training process



Re-Identification: ReID with Skeleton

- The reid feature maps show the similarity between color or texture, regardless of parts
- The pose estimation maps show the similarity between body parts, regardless of appearance similarity



(a) Appearance features

(b) Part features

Re-Identification: ReID with Skeleton

- Similar color shows the similarity in appearance or locality
- Robust to body deformation and inaccurate detection
- Disadvantage
 - Extra training data is needed
 - Bilinear pooling is consuming
 - Accuracy is not high enough
- Motivations
 - Better pose estimation
 - Skeleton keypoints are not necessary
 - Body Segmentation may be better





Summary

- Re-Identification can be considered as a kind of metric learning
 - Better trained together with classification
 - Triplet Loss, or its improvements, usually works well
 - Hard sample mining is critical
- End-to-end learning with structure prior is more powerful than a “blind” end-to-end learning
 - Local Feature with alignment can significantly improve the accuracy
 - The alignment can be helped by pose estimation
 - However pose estimation is not always dependable
 - The alignment can be learned automatically
- Relationship with Human Attributes
 - ReID provides more discriminative details than human attributes