



2024 Spring Pattern Recognition Homework 4 Announcement

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Homework 4

- Deadline: **23:59, Jun. 12th (Wed), 2024**
- **Kaggle and Report (70%):** Participat in the **Kaggle competition** and write reports.
 - Competition (50%): Get good score.
 - Report (20%): Description and implementation related to your method.
- **Handwritten Questions (30%):** Answer questions about deep learning.
 - Answer the questions in the report.
 - You **must use the template** and in **digital-typed** (no handwritten scan)
 - In English

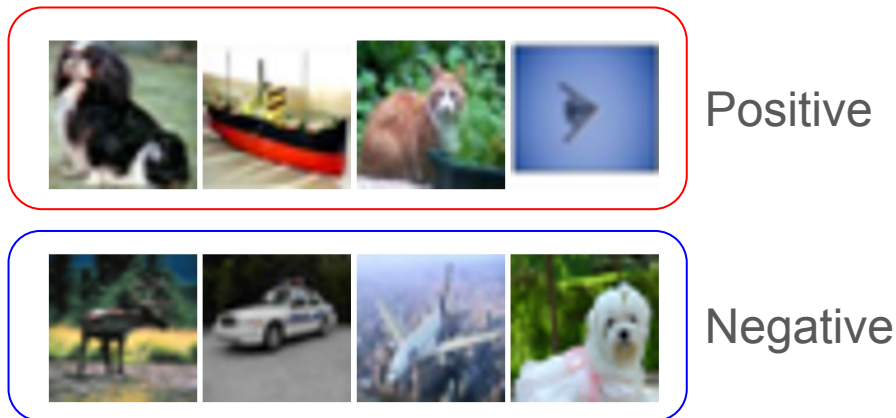
Links

- [Questions and Report template](#)
- [Link to Kaggle](#)

Convolutional Neural Networks for Bag Classification

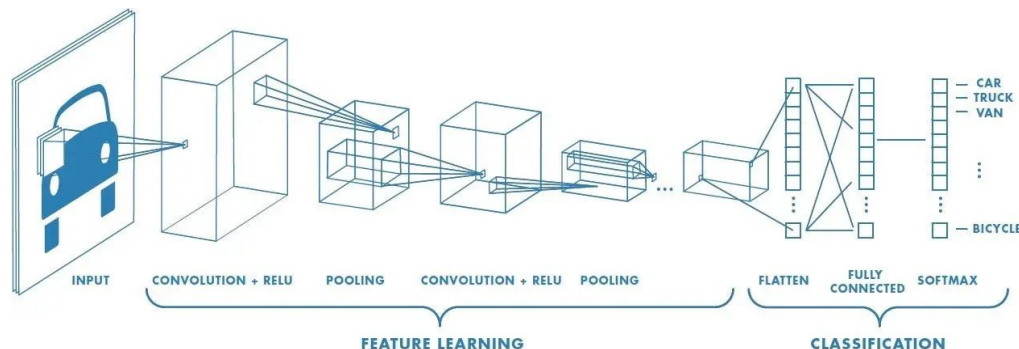
We hide some target image inside a bag (sequence) of image, FIND IT OUT!

- Positive if a bag contains at least one target, otherwise negative.



Hint

- Multiple Instance Learning
 - Extract features from images first then classify.



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nycu-ml-pattern-recognition-hw4

In this homework, you're going to train a classifier to classify a bag of images is either positive or negative.



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Overview

HW4 - Classify a bag of images to either negative or positive.

Some target images are hidden in the bag.

For those bags that have target images, they will be labeled as positive. Otherwise, they will be labeled as negative.

Try to implement methods to classify these bags.

NOTE:

Each bag contains N images, the size of each image is $(128 \times 128 \times 3)$.

Do forget to rename the team name to your [STUDENT_ID]

Start

21 minutes ago

Close

25 days to go

Competition Host

Sean



Prizes & Awards

Kudos

Does not award Points or Medals

Participation

0 Entrants

0 Participants

0 Teams

0 Submissions


Tags

Accuracy Score

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 **Dataset Description**

The dataset contains two parts

1. Train
2. Test

For the training set, the label is as its folder name

```
-- class_0 = 0 (or negative)
```

```
-- class_1 = 1 (or positive)
```

Each `.pkl` file contains 256 images, the shape of each image is 128×128 with RGB color space.

Here is the sample code to read file

```
import pickle

with open('abc.pkl', 'rb') as f:
    data = pickle.load(f)
```


Files
500 files

Size
6.29 GB


Type
pkl


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released (2 directories)

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Data Explorer
6.29 GB

 released

Summary
 500 files

 **Download All**

Set the Team Name

- You must set your team name as your **student ID**.



Your Team

Everyone that competes in a Competition does so as a team - even if you're competing by yourself. [Learn more](#).

General

TEAM NAME

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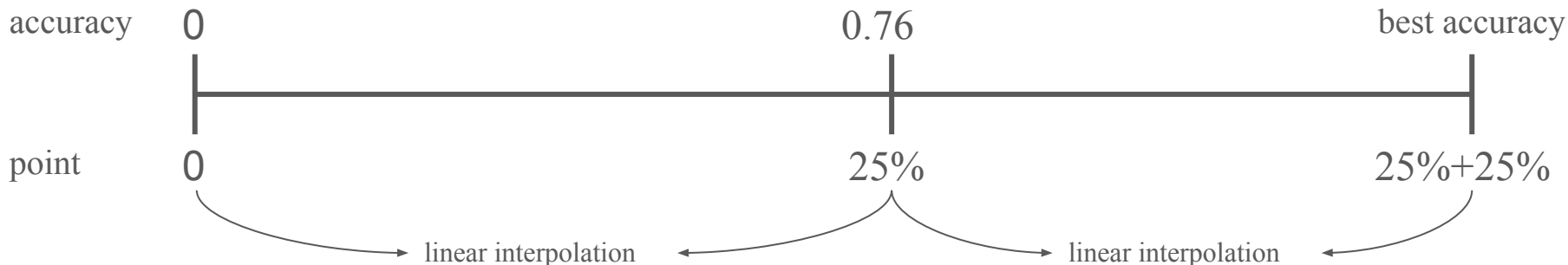
This name will appear on your team's leaderboard position.

Competition Rules

- You are allowed to use any open-source resources/libraries but you must specify them in the report.
 - model architecture (ex: ResNet, ViT, etc.)
 - pre-trained weights (ex: ImageNet)
- **The only rule is that you have to train (finetune) your model by yourself!**

Grading Criteria – Performance (50%)

- Public leaderboard
 - For you as a reference (similar distribution to the private)
- Private leaderboard
 - (25%) Baseline: **accuracy ≥ 0.76 (Weak baseline)**
 - (25%) Compete with your classmates
 - Tie rule: less submissions rank first



Grading Criteria – Report (20%)

- Implementation details (10%)
 - Model architecture & hyperparameters (5%)
 - Training strategy (5%)
- Experimental results (10%)
 - Evaluation metrics and learning curve (5%)
 - [Ablation Study](#) (5%)
 - To prevent submission counts that affect final rank, you can run ablations on individual validation set split from training set by yourself.

Numpy & PyTorch

- Numpy Tutorial: [Link](#)
- PyTorch Tutorial: [Link](#)
 - Free to use any modules and functions

Environment

- Python version: 3.9 or higher
- If you have a GPU
 - [Conda](#)
 - [Miniconda](#)
 - [virtualenv](#)
 - ...
- If you don't have a GPU
 - [Google Colab](#)

Handwritten Questions (30%)

2-1 (10%)

Why Sigmoid or Tanh is not preferred to be used as the activation function in the hidden layer of the neural network? Please answer in detail.

2-2 (10%)

What is overfitting? Please provide at least three techniques with explanation to overcome this issue.

Handwritten Questions (30%)

2-3 (10%)

Given a valid kernel $k_1(x, x')$, prove that the following proposed functions are or are not valid kernels. If one is not a valid kernel, give an example of $k(x, x')$ that the corresponding K is not positive semidefinite and show its eigenvalues.

- a. $k(x, x') = k_1(x, x') + \|x\|^2$
- b. $k(x, x') = k_1(x, x') - 1$
- c. $k(x, x') = k_1(x, x') + \exp(x^T x')$
- d. $k(x, x') = \exp(k_1(x, x')) - 1$

(reference: page 15 of 6.kernel_method.pdf)

Report

- Please follow the report template format. (-5pts if not use the template)
- [Link](#)

Submission

- Compress your code and report into a **.zip file** and submit it to E3.
- Report should be written in English. (-5 pts if not English)
- <STUDENT ID>_HW4.zip
 - [YOUR CODE] (Make sure it is well-organized and can be executed)
 - Training code, Inference code, README, etc (README should contains how to setup your env and run the code)
 - Model weights: <STUDENT ID>_weight.txt (which contains a link to your google drive & ensure the permission is granted)
 - <STUDENT ID>_HW4.pdf (NO .doc, .docx or others format)
- Don't put the data (e.g. train.csv / test.csv) and model weights into submission file
 - -10 pts if you put the wrong things into zip file

Kaggle Submission Reproduction

- Your inference file should be able to reproduce your kaggle submission.
- You will load the model in your inference file (with the model weights you provide) and then generate your kaggle submission file.
- For python file (inference.py)
 - It will be checked on our lab's servers. (NVidia 2080Ti, cuda 11.3)
 - Please provide a **environment setup instruction** which can help us quickly rebuild your environment and accurately reproduce your results.
- For jupyter notebook file (inference.ipynb)
 - It will be checked on [Google Colab](#).
 - Please include the necessary **pip install instructions** in the first cell.

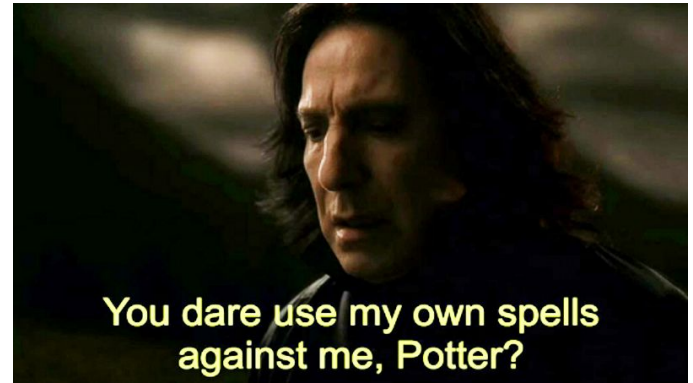
Other rules

- **Late Policy**: **No Delay allowed** this time. (delayed, a.k.a. submission closed)
 - **You will get 0 pts on HW4**
- **No Plagiarism**: You should complete the assignment by yourself. Students engaged in plagiarism will be penalized heavily. Super serious penalty.
 - Opt for the assignment or failed this course, etc
 - Report to academic integrity office



AI-Assistant

- Not recommended but no forbidden
- **Copy-and-Paste answers from the AI-Assiant will be seen as Plagiarism**
 - However, you can have your own answer first then rephrase it by AI-Assiant.
- Some questions might be parts of final exam, make sure you understand the concept



FAQs

- If you have other questions, ask on **E3 forum** first! We will reply as soon as possible.
 - If the E3 discussion area still have issues, feel free to write email to TAs (And remember to cc all TAs).

Have Fun!

Machine learning
students at the
beginning of a project

vs.

Machine learning
students at the end of
a project

