

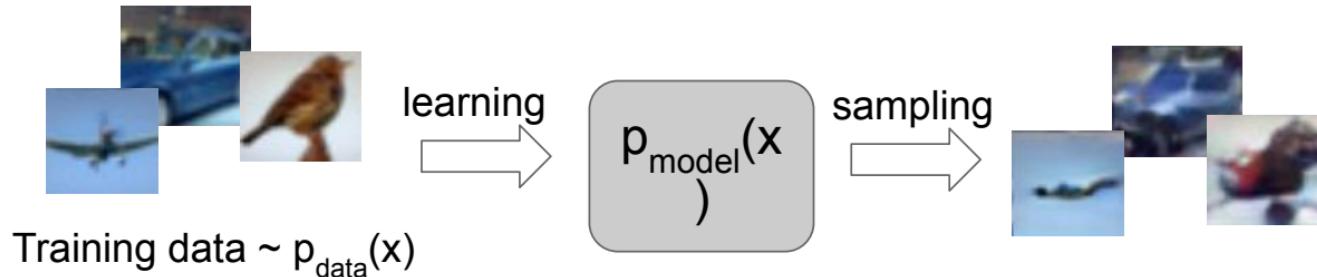
Lecture 14: Self-Supervised Learning

Administrative

- Assignment 3 due in two weeks 5/25
- Midterm grade is out
- Regrade request:
 - Gradescope regrade **only for mistakes according to the current rubric**
 - Teaching team will discuss concerns in MC & T/F next Monday

Last Lecture: Generative Modeling

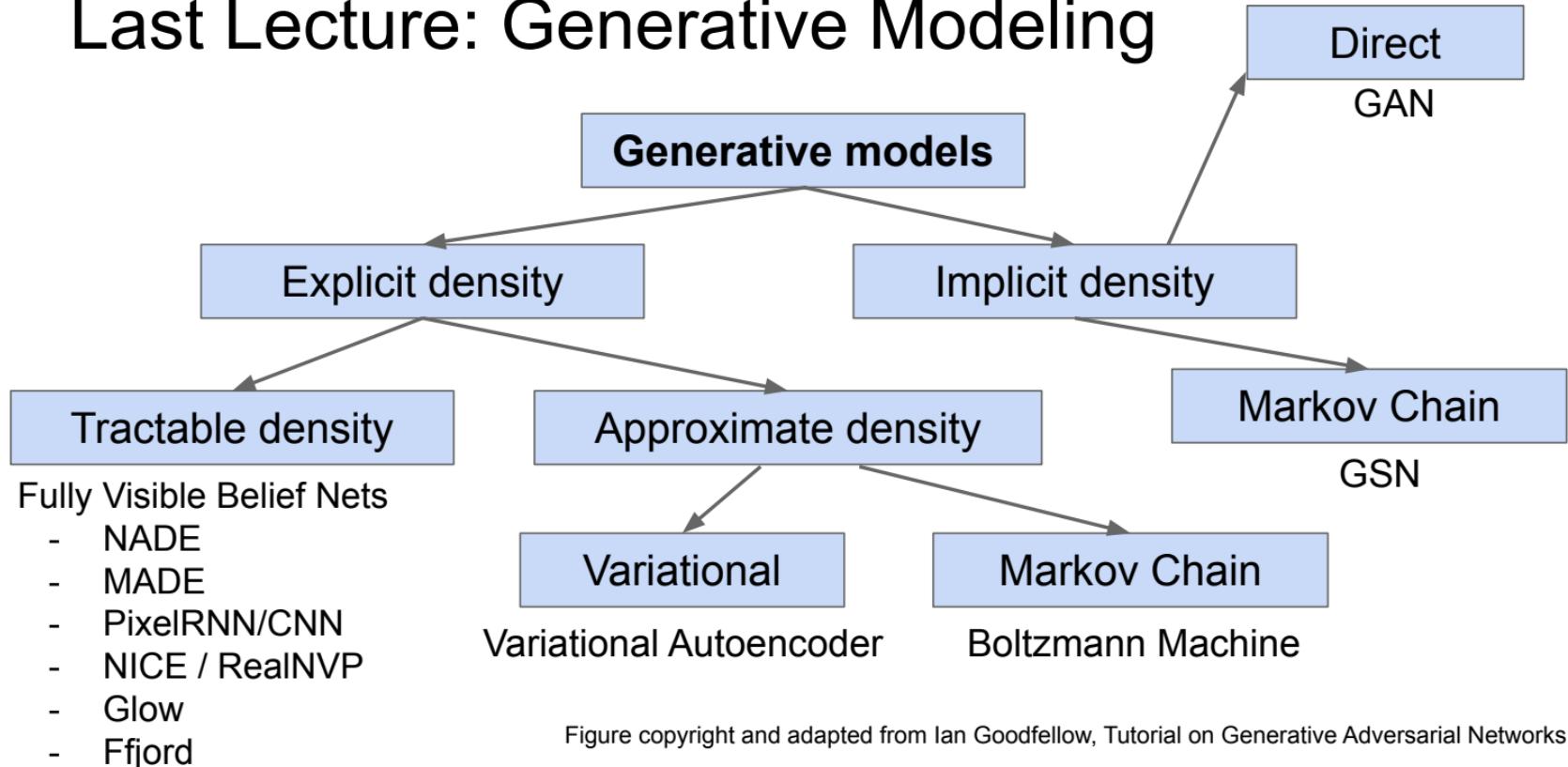
Given training data, generate new samples from same distribution



Objectives:

1. Learn $p_{\text{model}}(x)$ that approximates $p_{\text{data}}(x)$
2. Sampling new x from $p_{\text{model}}(x)$

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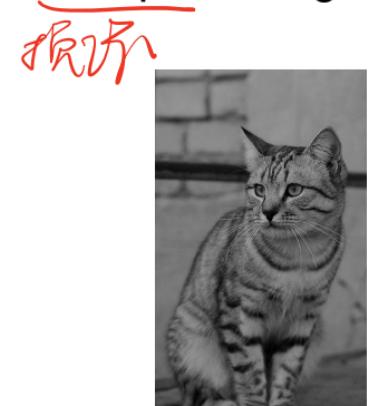
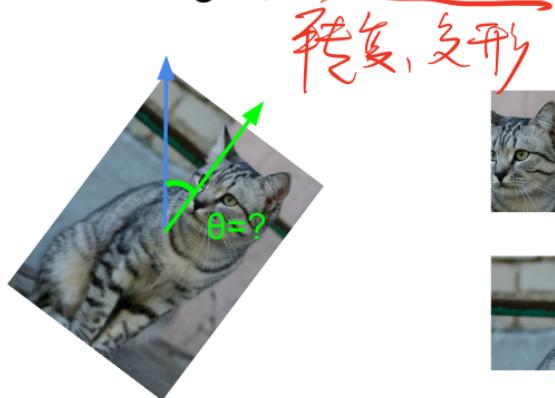
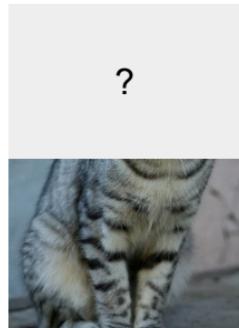


Generative vs. Self-supervised Learning

- Both aim to learn from data without manual label annotation.
- Generative learning aims to model **data distribution** $p_{\text{data}}(x)$, e.g., generating realistic images.
- Self-supervised learning methods solve “pretext” tasks that produce **good features** for downstream tasks.
 - Learn with supervised learning objectives, e.g., classification, regression.
 - Labels of these pretext tasks are generated *automatically*

Self-supervised pretext tasks

Example: learn to predict image transformations / complete corrupted images



1. Solving the pretext tasks allow the model to learn good features.
2. We can automatically generate labels for the pretext tasks.

Generative vs. Self-supervised Learning



Left: Drawing of a dollar bill from memory. Right: Drawing subsequently made with a dollar bill present. Image source: [Epstein, 2016](#)

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Learning to generate pixel-level details is often unnecessary; learn high-level semantic features with pretext tasks instead

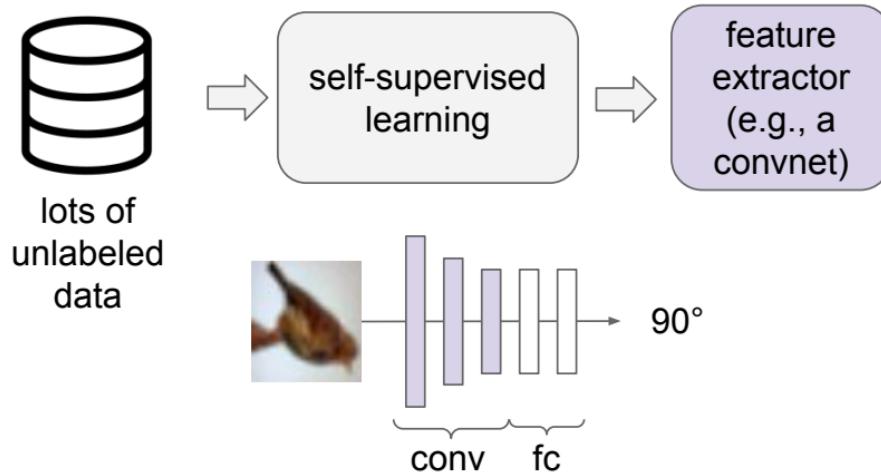
Source: [Anand, 2020](#)

How to evaluate a self-supervised learning method?

We usually don't care about the performance of the self-supervised learning task, e.g., we don't care if the model learns to predict image rotation perfectly.

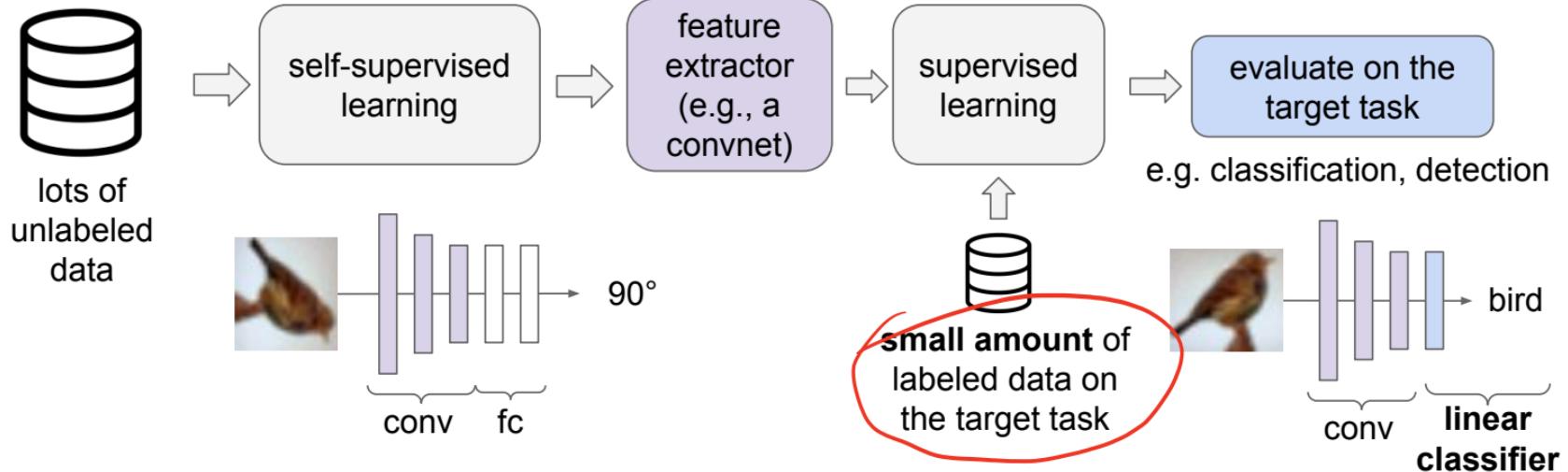
Evaluate the learned feature encoders on downstream *target tasks*

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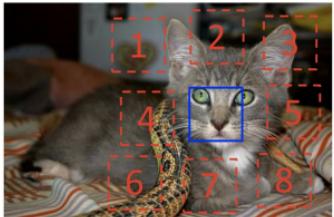
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2. Attach a shallow network on the feature extractor; train the shallow ~~shallow~~ network on the target task with small amount of labeled data

Broader picture

Today's lecture

computer vision



Doersch et al., 2015

robot / reinforcement learning



Dense Object Net (Florence and Manuelli et al., 2018)

language modeling

Language Models are Few-Shot Learners

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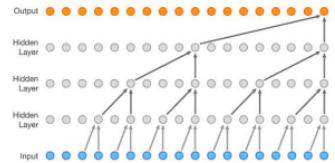
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Abstract

Recent work has demonstrated substantial gains on many NLP tasks and benchmarks by pre-training on a large corpus of text followed by fine-tuning on a specific task. While typically task-agnostic in architecture, this method still requires task-specific fine-tuned datasets of thousands or tens of thousands of examples. In this paper, however, we show that we can perform a new paradigm: learning only a few examples or from simple instructions – something which current NLP systems still largely struggle to do. Here we show that scaling up language models greatly improves task-agnostic, few-shot performance, sometimes even reaching competitiveness with prior state-of-the-art fine-tuned models. We introduce GPT-3, a language model trained on a massive dataset of 570GB of text, with 175 billion parameters, 10x more than any previous non-sparse language model, and test its performance in the few-shot setting. For all tasks, GPT-3 is applied without any gradient updates or fine-tuning, with task and few-shot demonstrations provided purely via text interaction with the model. GPT-3 achieves state-of-the-art on many NLP downstream tasks, including translation, question answering, and cloze tasks, as well as several tasks that require on-the-fly reasoning or domain adaptation, such as unscrambling words, using a novel word in a sentence, or performing 3-dimensional arithmetic. At the same time, it also exhibits some interesting behaviors. GPT-3 does not learn to single-task on some datasets where GPT-3 faces methodological issues related to training on large web corpora. Finally, we find that GPT-3 can generate samples of news articles which human evaluators have difficulty distinguishing from articles written by humans. We discuss broader societal impacts of this finding and of GPT-3 in general.

GPT3 (Brown, Mann, Ryder, Subbiah et al., 2020)

speech synthesis



Wavenet (van den Oord et al., 2016)

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Today's Agenda

神经网络的前置任务

Pretext tasks from image transformations

- Rotation, inpainting, rearrangement, coloring

Contrastive representation learning

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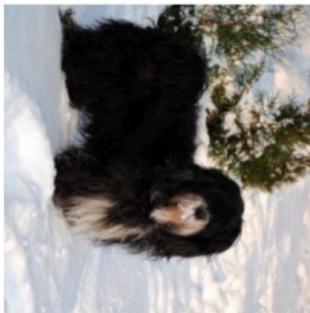
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Pretext task: predict rotations



90° rotation



270° rotation



180° rotation



0° rotation



270° rotation

假设, 猜想

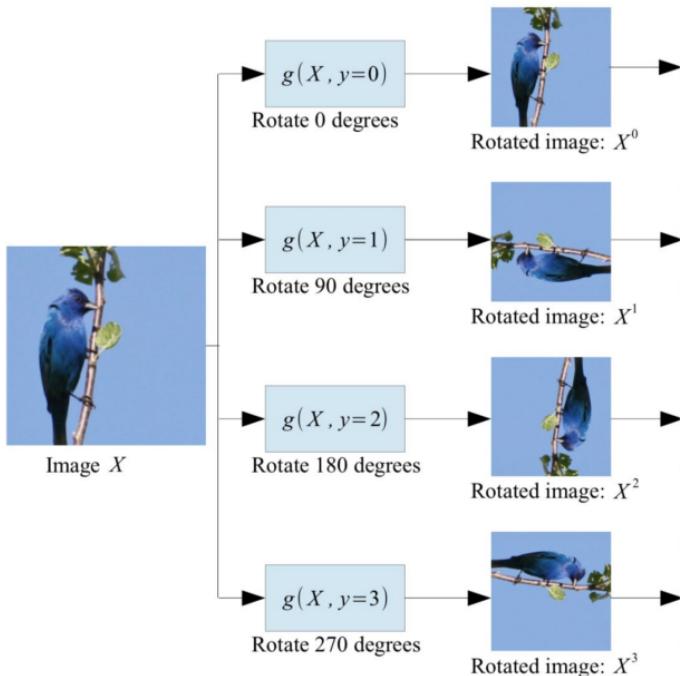
Hypothesis: a model could recognize the correct rotation of an object only if it has the “visual commonsense” of what the object should look like unperturbed.

常识, 直觉

视觉常识

(Image source: [Gidaris et al. 2018](#))

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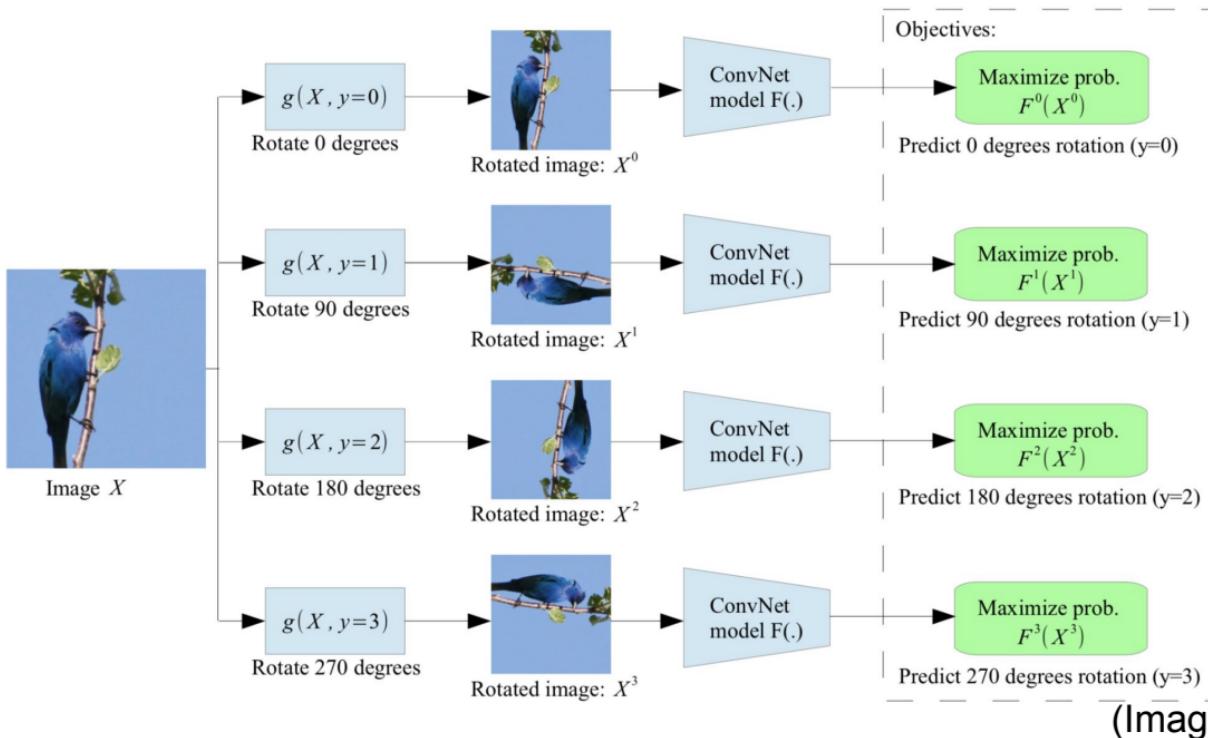


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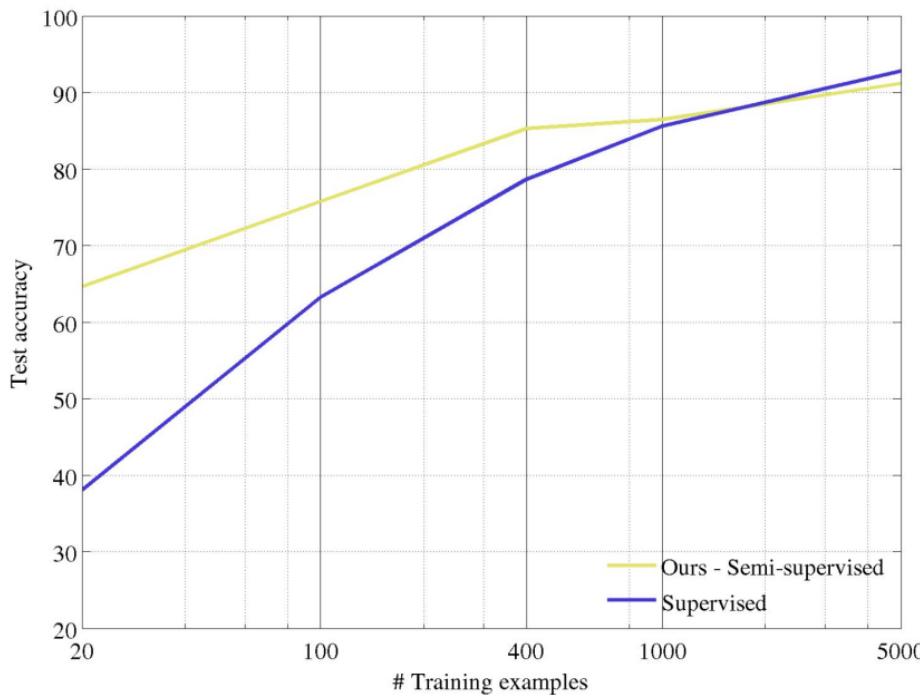


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Evaluation on semi-supervised learning



Self-supervised learning on
CIFAR10 (entire training set).

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Freeze conv1 + conv2
Learn **conv3 + linear** layers
with subset of labeled
CIFAR10 data (classification).

(Image source: [Gidaris et al. 2018](#))

Transfer learned features to supervised learning

	Classification (%mAP)	Detection (%mAP)	Segmentation (%mIoU)	
Trained layers	fc6-8	all	all	all
ImageNet labels	78.9	79.9	56.8	48.0
Random		53.3	43.4	19.8
Random rescaled Krähenbühl et al. (2015)	39.2	56.6	45.6	32.6
Egomotion (Agrawal et al., 2015)	31.0	54.2	43.9	
Context Encoders (Pathak et al., 2016b)	34.6	56.5	44.5	29.7
Tracking (Wang & Gupta, 2015)	55.6	63.1	47.4	
Context (Doersch et al., 2015)	55.1	65.3	51.1	
Colorization (Zhang et al., 2016a)	61.5	65.6	46.9	35.6
BIGAN (Donahue et al., 2016)	52.3	60.1	46.9	34.9
Jigsaw Puzzles (Noroozi & Favaro, 2016)	-	67.6	53.2	37.6
NAT (Bojanowski & Joulin, 2017)	56.7	65.3	49.4	
Split-Brain (Zhang et al., 2016b)	63.0	67.1	46.7	36.0
ColorProxy (Larsson et al., 2017)		65.9		38.4
Counting (Noroozi et al., 2017)	-	67.7	51.4	36.6
(Ours) RotNet	70.87	72.97	54.4	39.1

Self-supervised learning with rotation prediction

Pretrained with full
ImageNet supervision

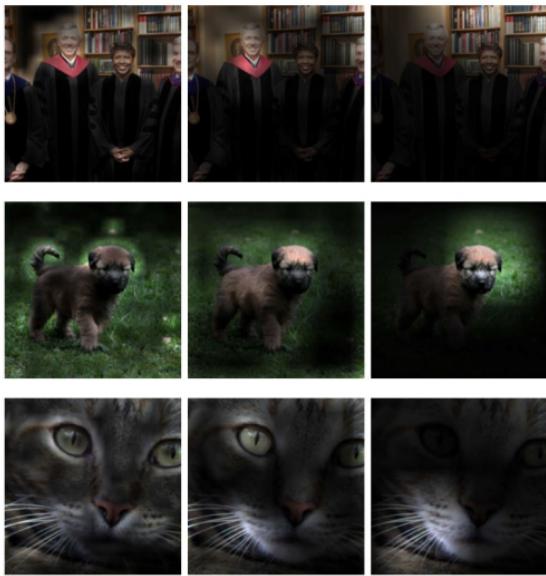
No pretraining

Self-supervised learning on
ImageNet (entire training
set) with AlexNet.

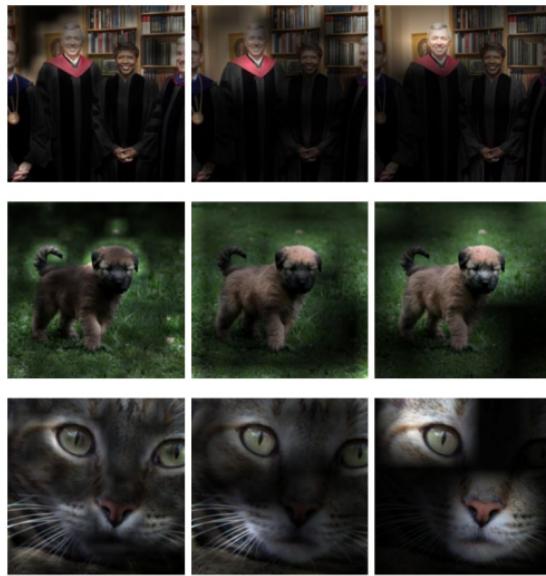
Finetune on labeled data
from **Pascal VOC 2007**.

source: [Gidaris et al. 2018](#)

Visualize learned visual attentions



(a) Attention maps of supervised model

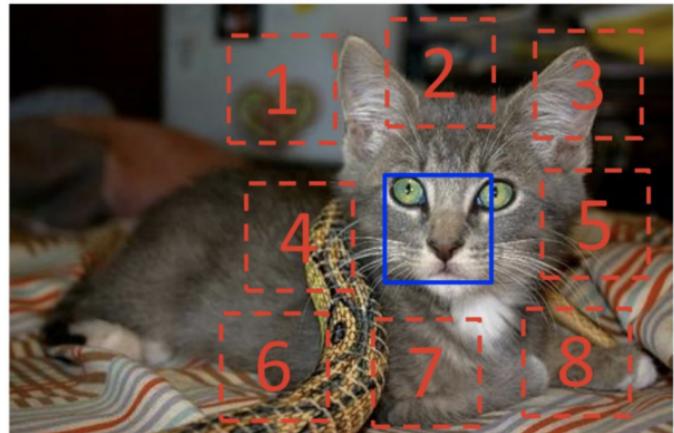


(b) Attention maps of our self-supervised model

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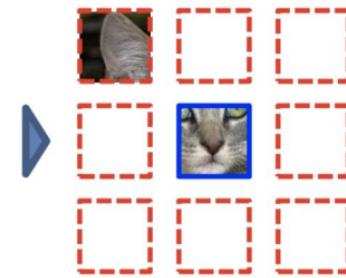
Pretext task: predict relative patch locations

预测小块的位图



$$X = (\text{[cat eye]}, \text{[ear]}); Y = 3$$

Example:



Question 1:



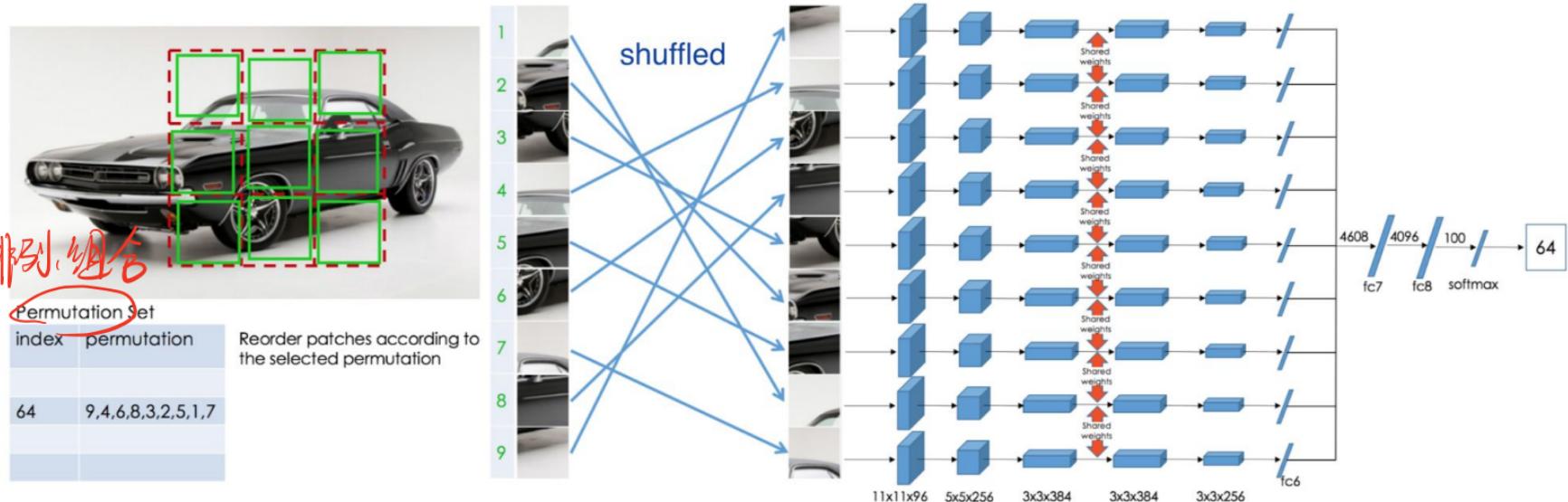
Question 2:



(Image source: [Doersch et al., 2015](#))

~~Pretext~~

Pretext task: solving “jigsaw puzzles”



(Image source: [Noroozi & Favaro, 2016](#))

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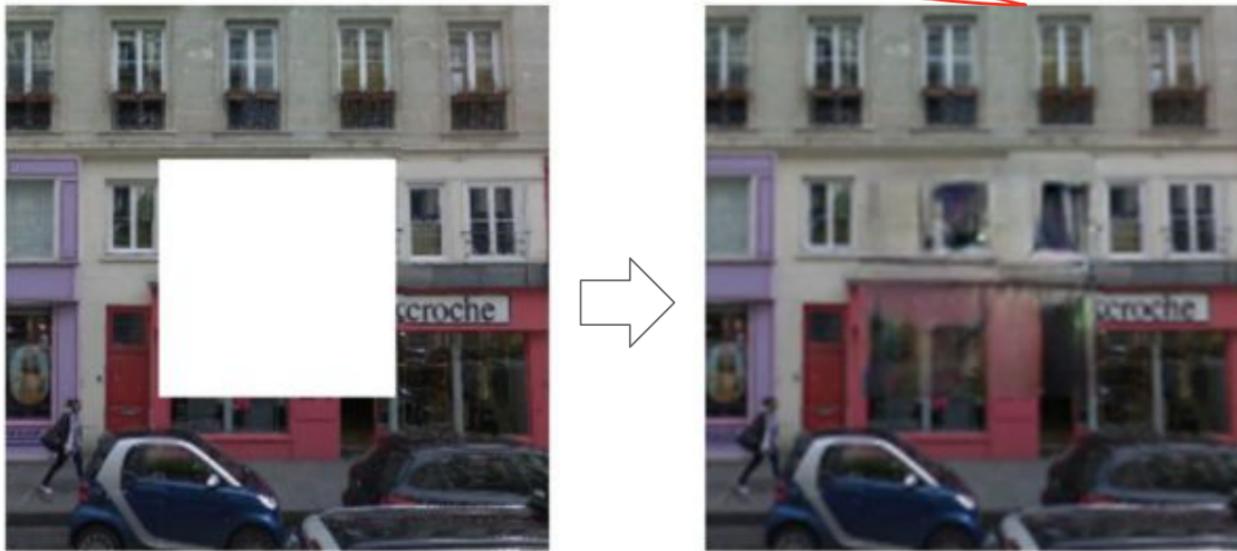
Table 1: Results on PASCAL VOC 2007 Detection and Classification. The results of the other methods are taken from Pathak *et al.* [30].

Method	Pretraining time	Supervision	Classification	Detection	Segmentation
Krizhevsky <i>et al.</i> [25]	3 days	1000 class labels	78.2%	56.8%	48.0%
Wang and Gupta[39]	1 week	motion	58.4%	44.0%	-
Doersch <i>et al.</i> [10]	4 weeks	context	55.3%	46.6%	-
Pathak <i>et al.</i> [30]	14 hours	context	56.5%	44.5%	29.7%
Ours	2.5 days	context	67.6%	53.2%	37.6%

“Ours” is feature learned from solving image Jigsaw puzzles (Noroozi & Favaro, 2016). Doersch et al. is the method with relative patch location

(source: [Noroozi & Favaro, 2016](#))

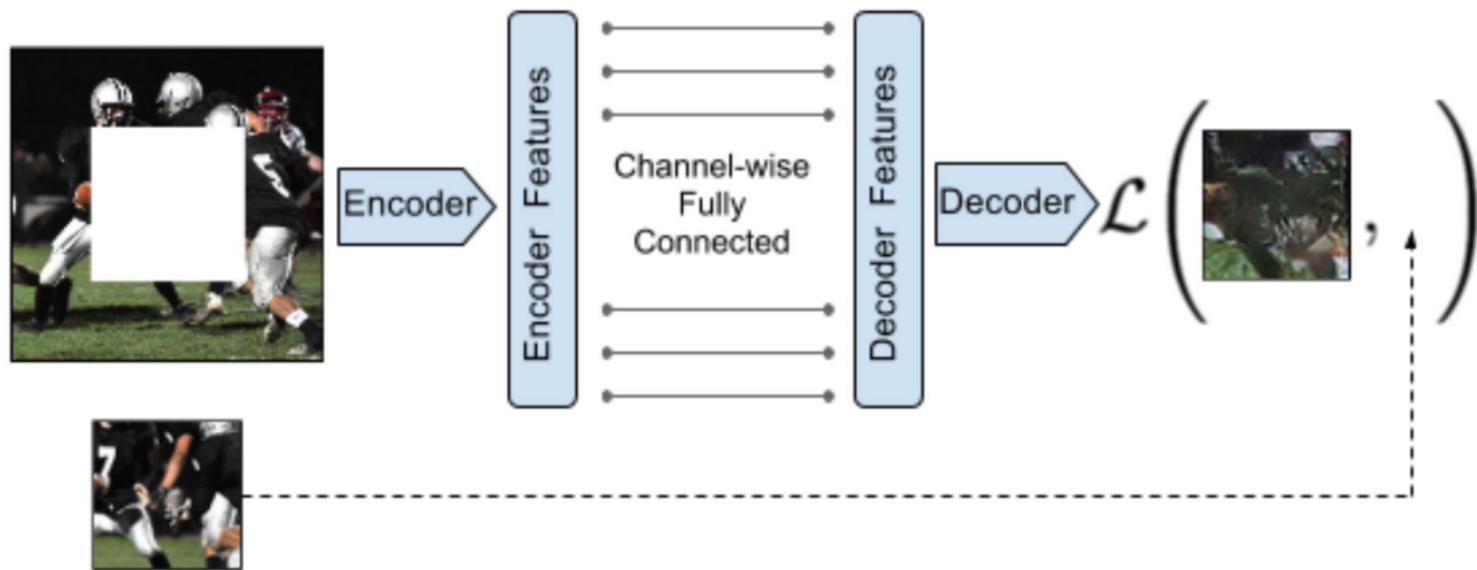
Pretext task: predict missing pixels (inpainting)



Context Encoders: Feature Learning by Inpainting (Pathak et al., 2016)

Source: [Pathak et al., 2016](#)

Learning to inpaint by reconstruction



Learning to reconstruct the missing pixels

Source: [Pathak et al., 2016](#)

Inpainting evaluation



Input (context)



reconstruction

Source: [Pathak et al., 2016](#)

Learning to inpaint by reconstruction

Loss = reconstruction + adversarial learning

$$L(x) = L_{recon}(x) + L_{adv}(x)$$

$$L_{recon}(x) = \left\| M * (x - F_\theta((1 - M) * x)) \right\|_2^2$$

$$L_{adv} = \max_D \mathbb{E}[\log(D(x))] + \log(1 - D(F((1 - M) * x)))]$$

Adversarial loss between “real” images and *inpainted images*

Source: [Pathak et al., 2016](#)

Inpainting evaluation



Input (context)

reconstruction

adversarial

recon + adv

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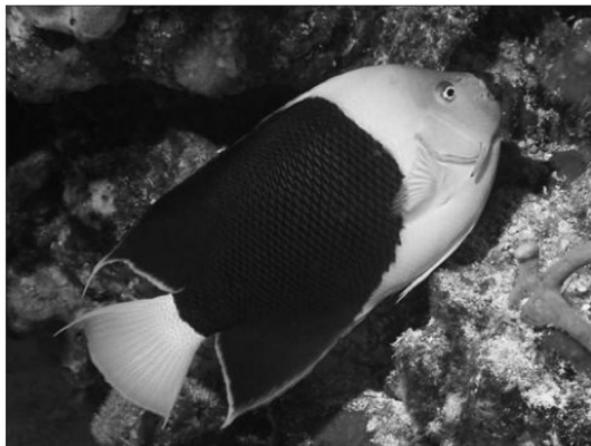
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Self-supervised learning on ImageNet training set, transfer to classification (Pascal VOC 2007), detection (Pascal VOC 2007), and semantic segmentation (Pascal VOC 2012)

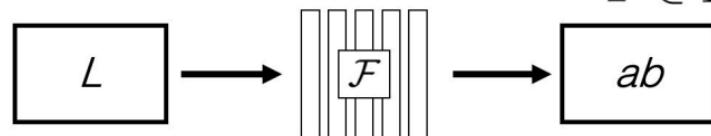
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Pretext task: image coloring



Grayscale image: L channel

$$\mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{R}^{H \times W \times 1}$$

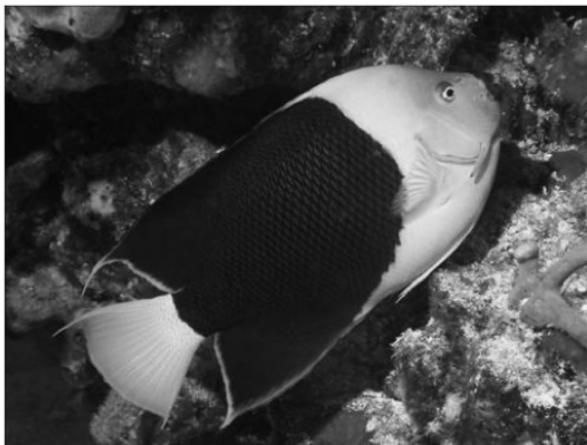


Color information: ab channels

$$\hat{\mathbf{Y}} \in \mathbb{R}^{H \times W \times 2}$$

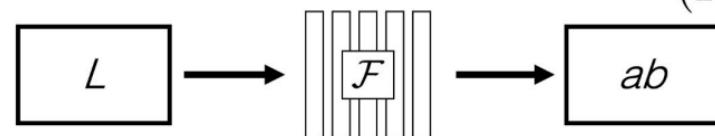
Source: Richard Zhang / Phillip Isola 5

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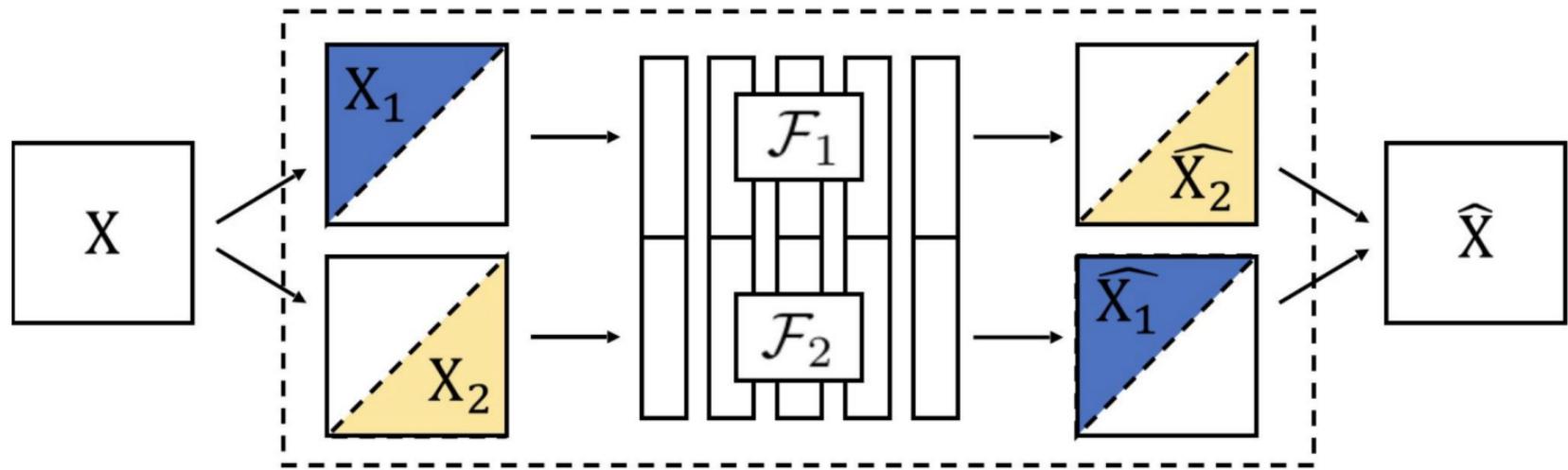


Concatenate (L, ab) channels
 $(\mathbf{X}, \widehat{\mathbf{Y}})$

Source: Richard Zhang / Phillip Isola

Learning features from colorization: Split-brain Autoencoder

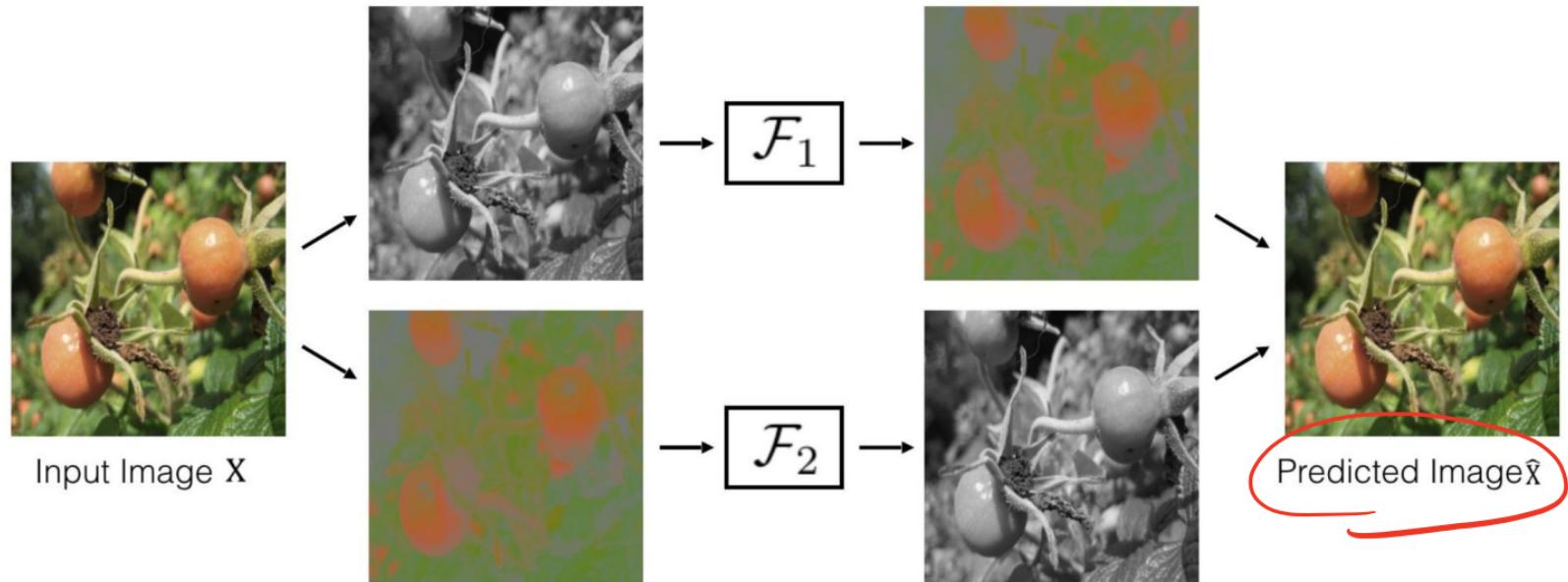
Idea: cross-channel predictions



Split-Brain Autoencoder

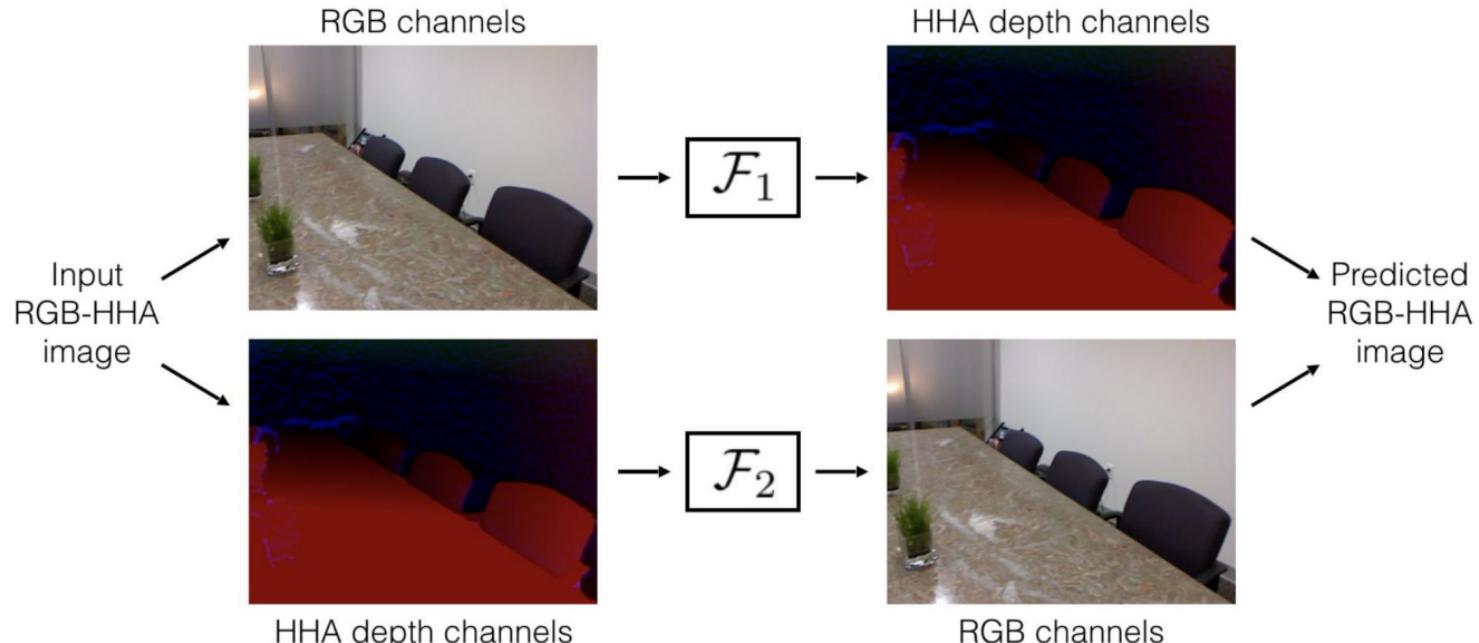
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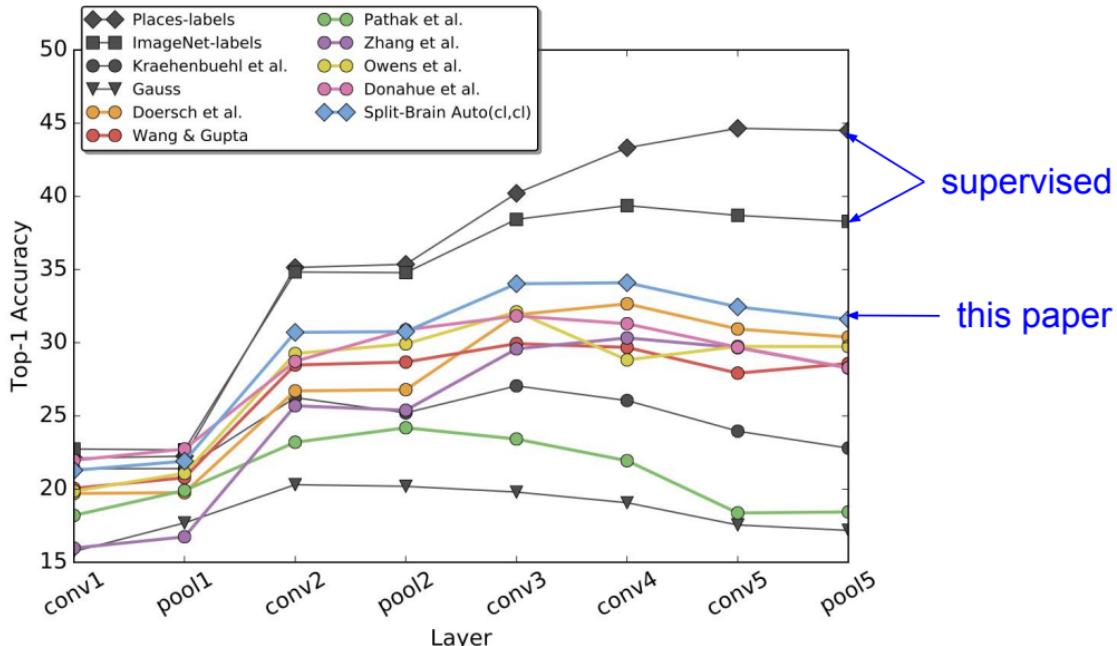
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Transfer learned features to supervised learning



Self-supervised learning on **ImageNet** (entire training set).

Use concatenated features from F_1 and F_2

Labeled data is from the **Places** (Zhou 2016).

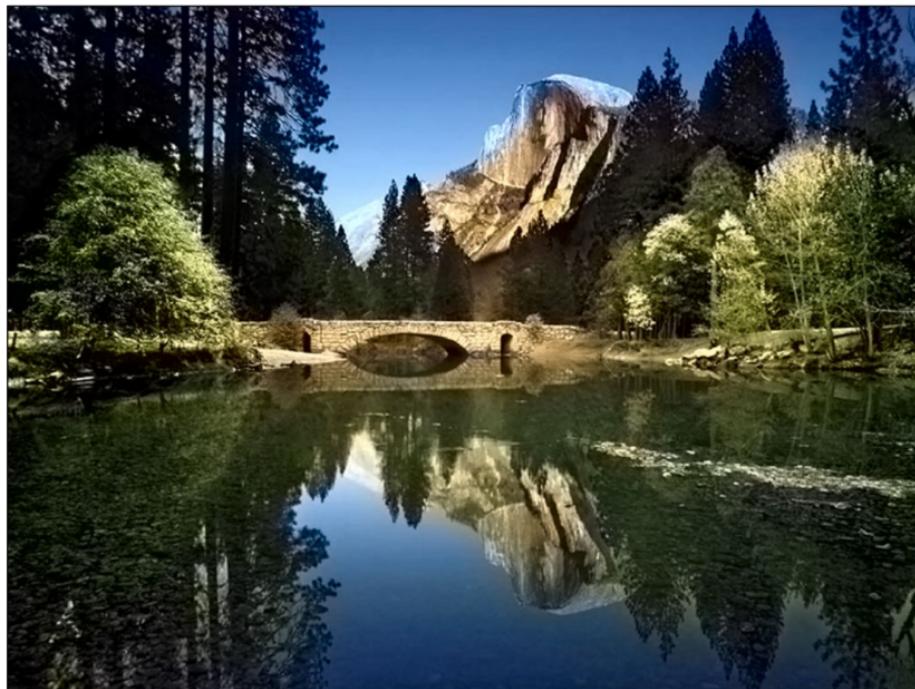
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Pretext task: image coloring



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Pretext task: video coloring

Idea: model the *temporal coherence* of colors in videos

reference frame



$t = 0$

how should I color these frames?



$t = 1$



$t = 2$



$t = 3$

...

Source: [Vondrick et al., 2018](#)

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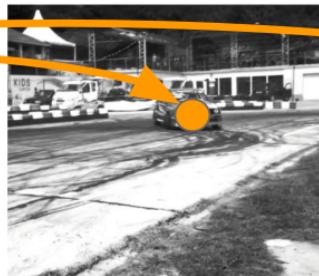
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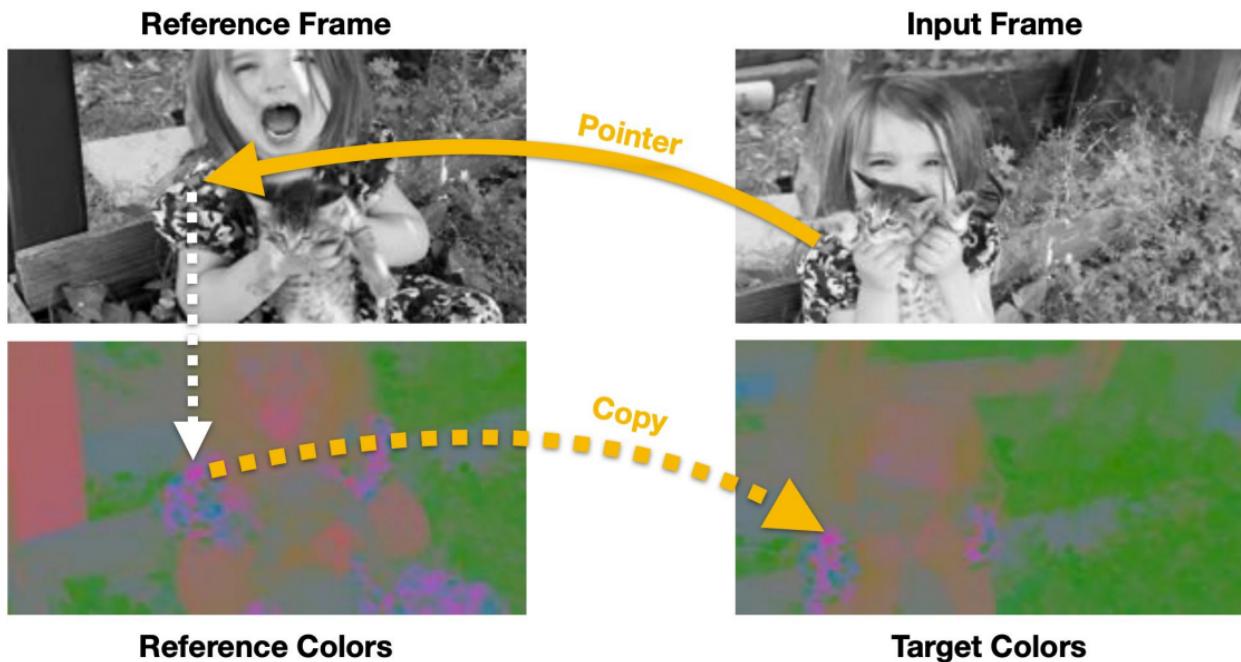
Should be the same color!



Hypothesis: learning to color video frames should allow model to learn to track regions or objects without labels!

Source: Vondrick et al., 2018

Learning to color videos



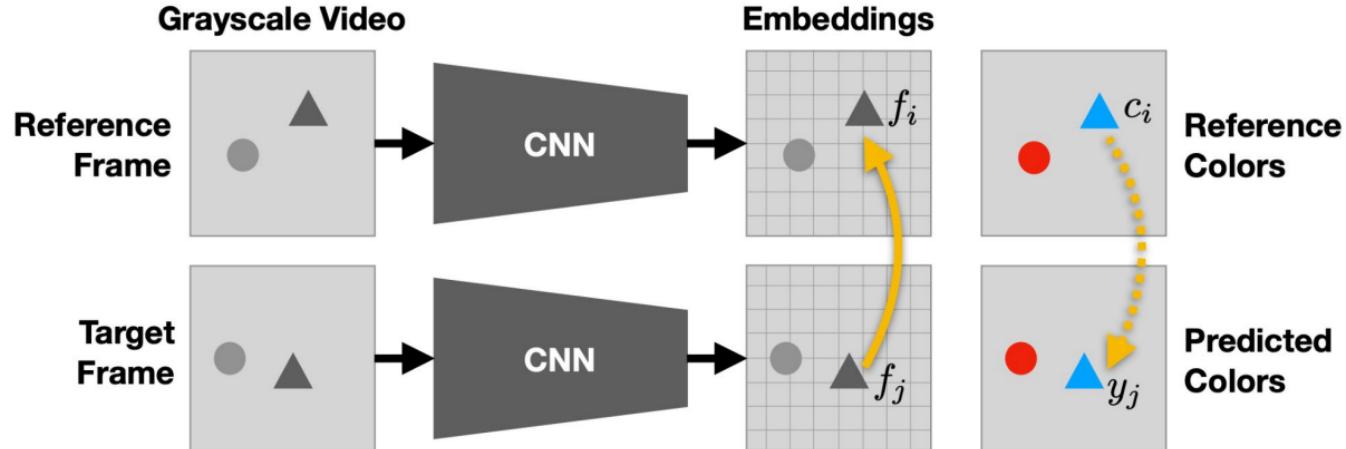
Learning objective:

Establish mappings between reference and target frames in a learned feature space.

Use the mapping as “pointers” to copy the correct color (LAB).

Source: [Vondrick et al., 2018](#)

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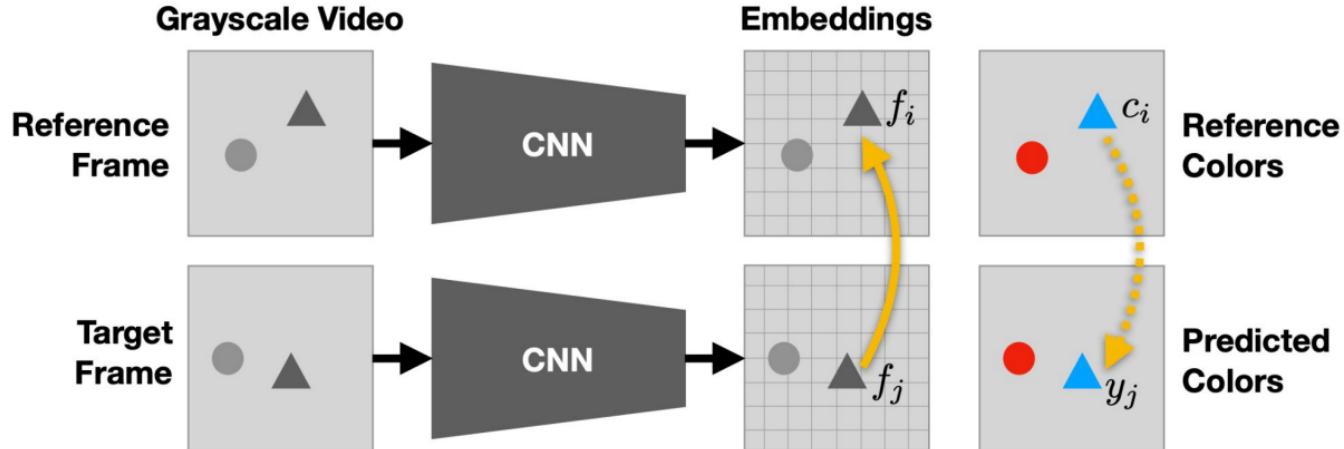


attention map on the
reference frame

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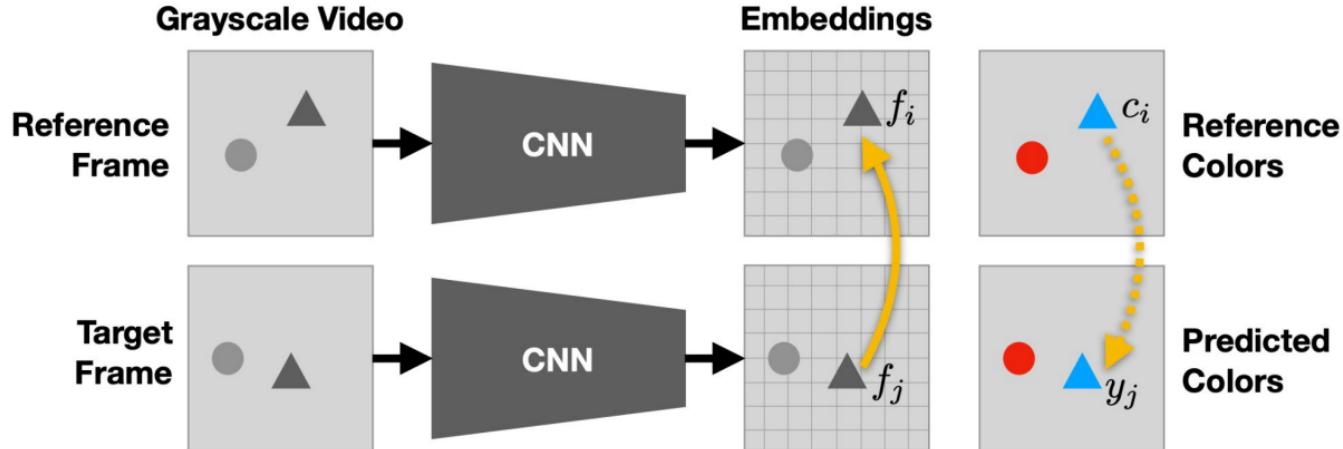
predicted color = weighted
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loss between predicted color
and ground truth color

$$A_{ij} = \frac{\exp(f_i^T f_j)}{\sum_k \exp(f_k^T f_j)}$$

$$y_j = \sum_i A_{ij} c_i$$

$$\min_{\theta} \sum_j \mathcal{L}(y_j, c_j)$$

Source: [Vondrick et al., 2018](#)

Colorizing videos (qualitative)

reference frame



target frames (gray)



predicted color



Source: [Google AI blog post](#)

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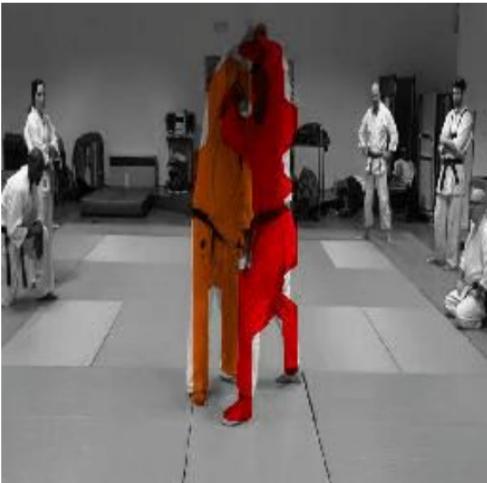
predicted color



Source: [Google AI blog post](#)

Tracking emerges from colorization

Propagate segmentation masks using learned attention



Source: [Google AI blog post](#)

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Propagate pose keypoints using learned attention



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- Problems: 1) coming up with individual pretext tasks is ~~tedious~~, and 2) the learned representations may not be general.

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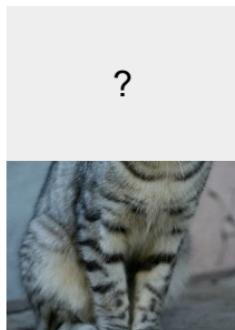
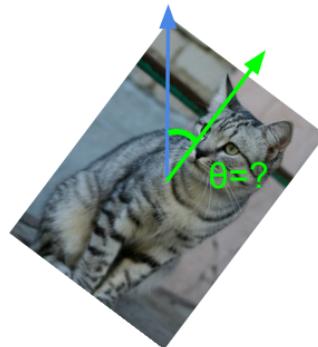


image completion



rotation prediction



“jigsaw puzzle”

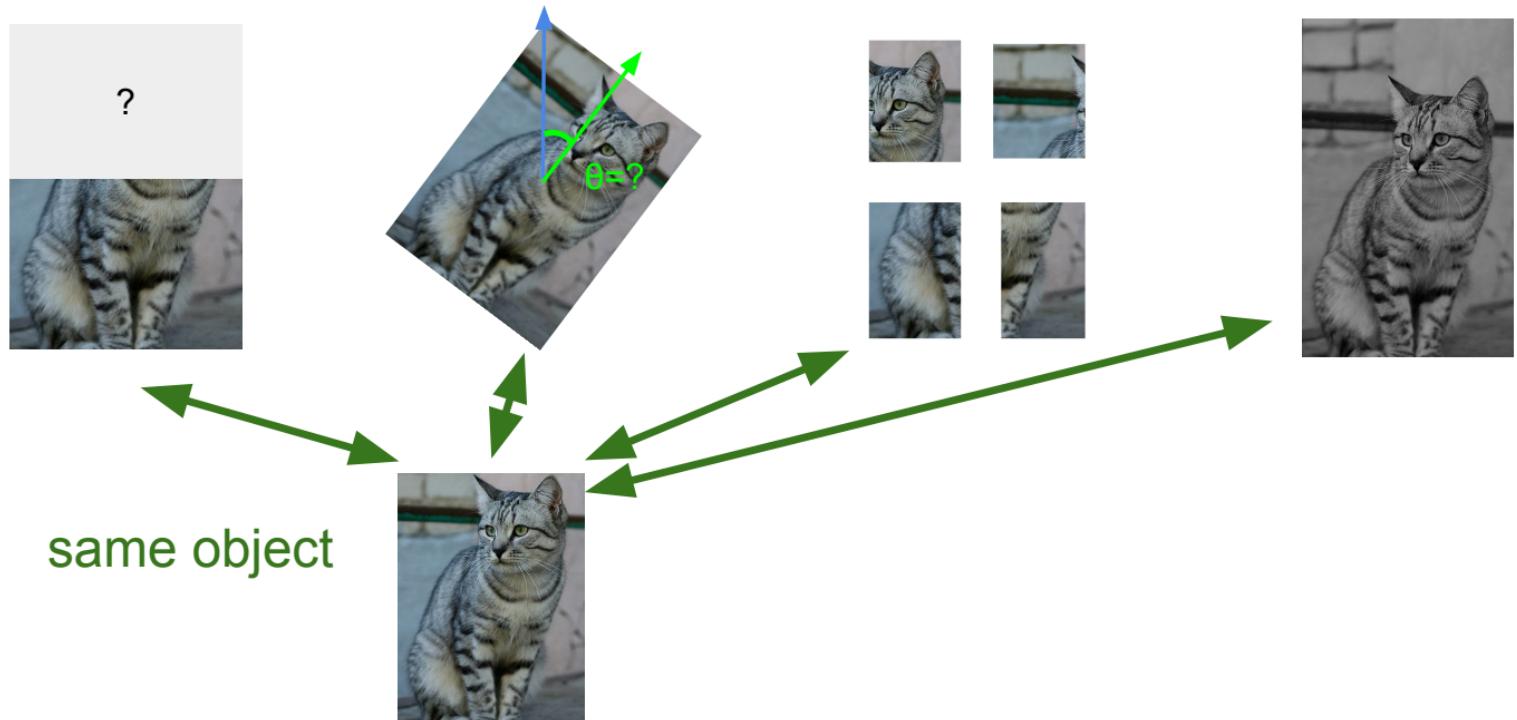


colorization

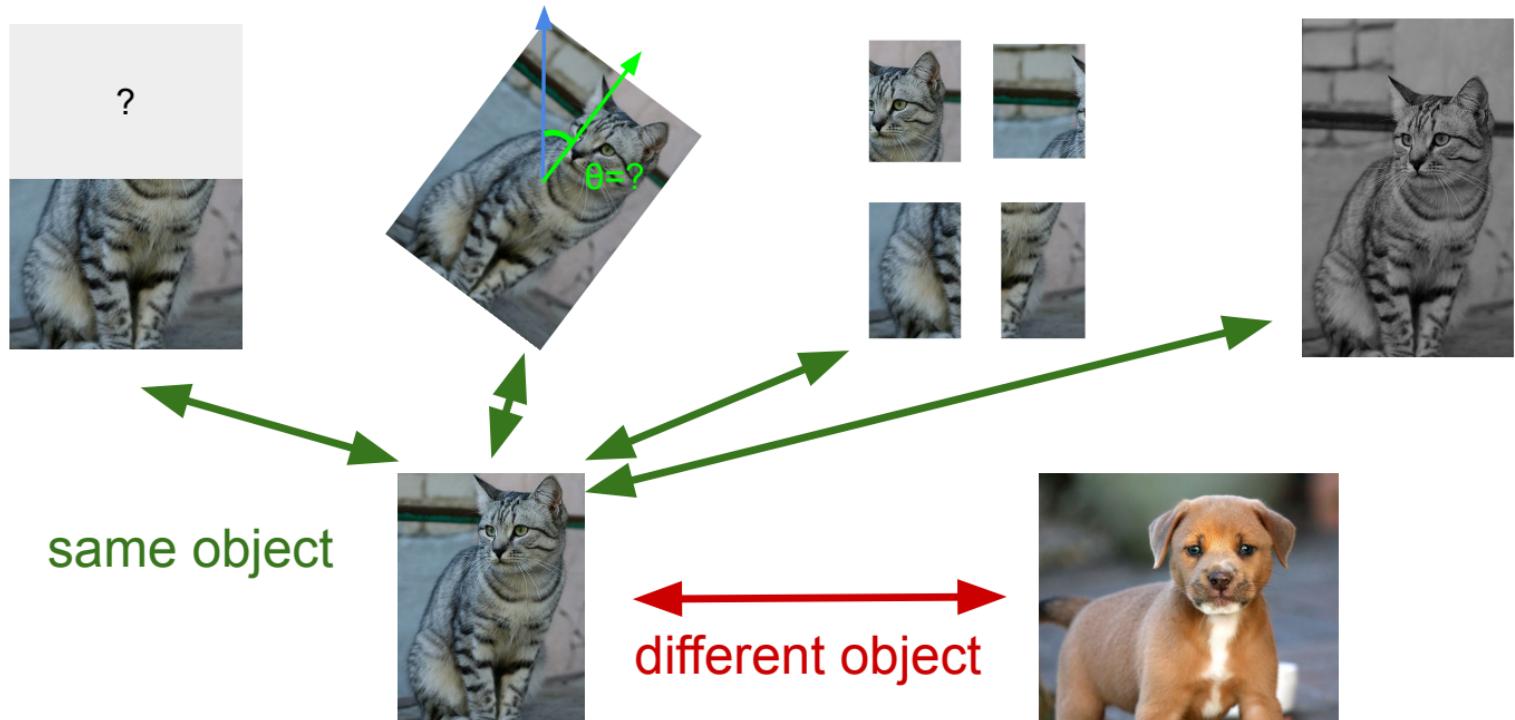
Learned representations may be tied to a specific pretext task!

Can we come up with a more general pretext task?

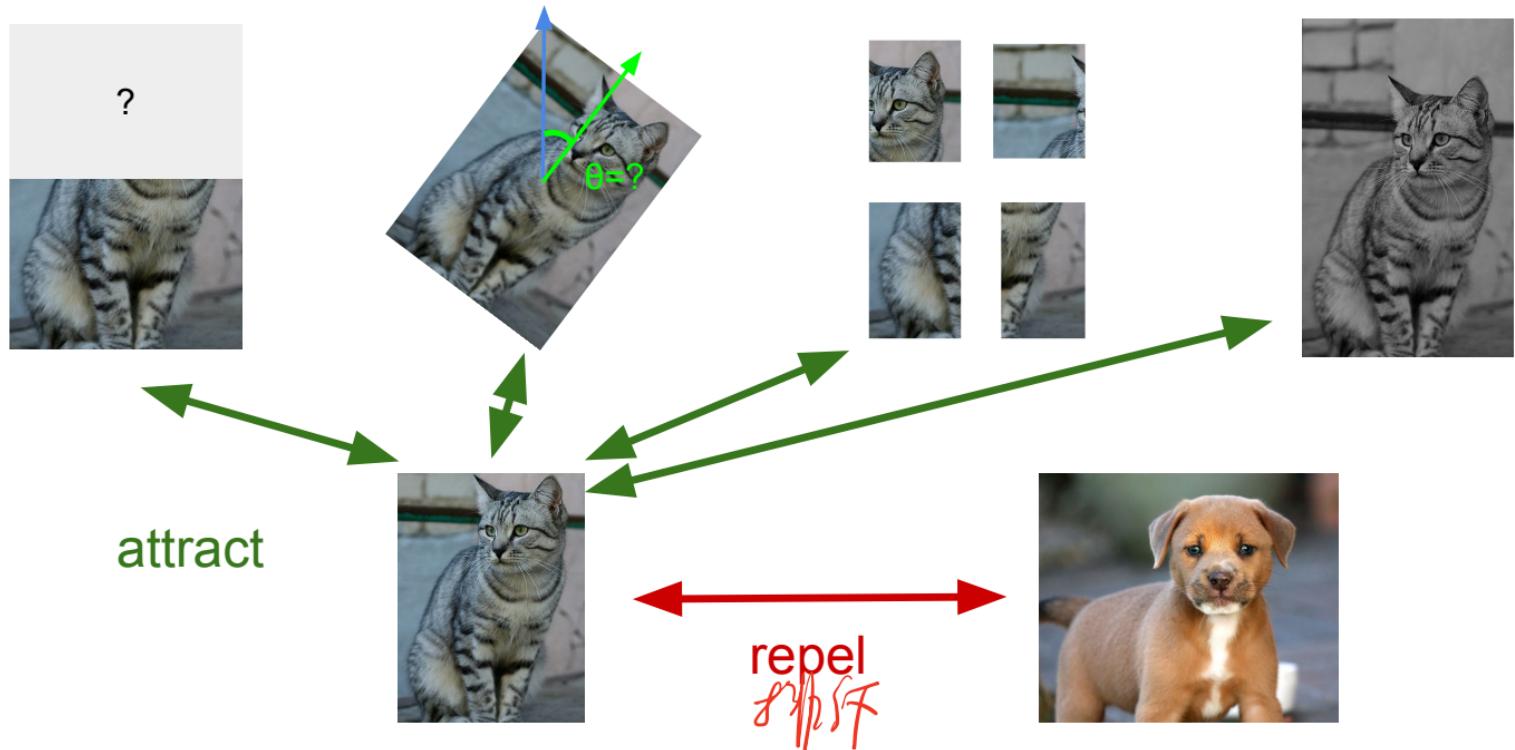
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Contrastive Representation Learning



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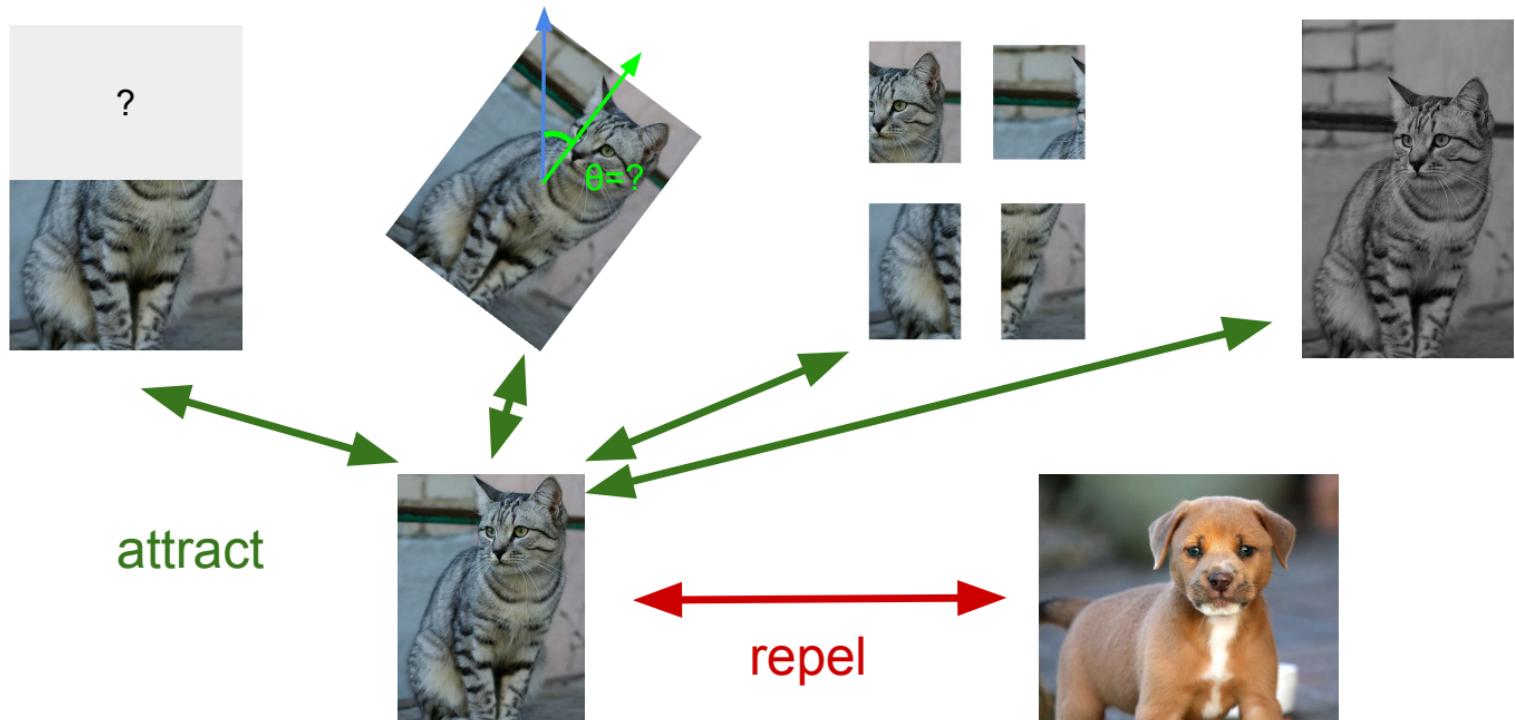
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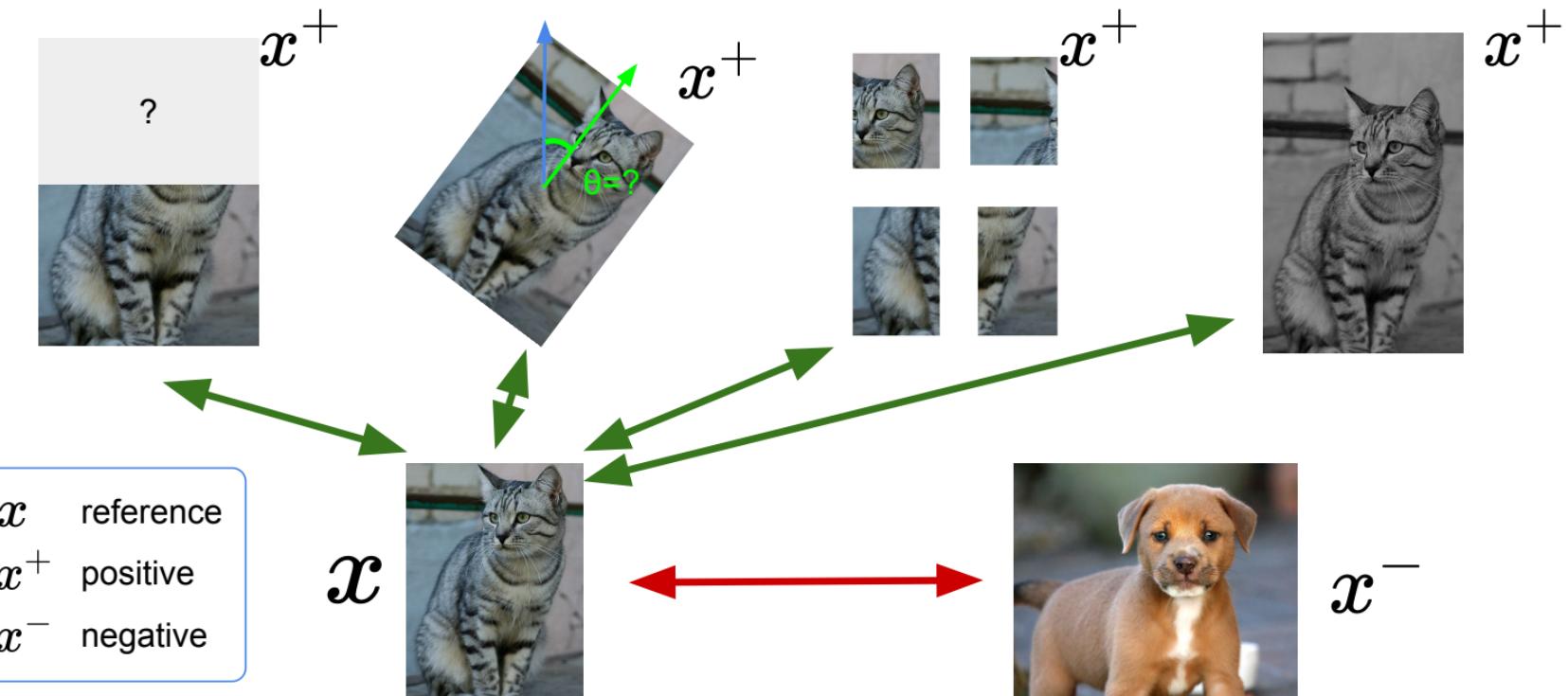
Contrastive representation learning

- Intuition and formulation
- Instance contrastive learning: SimCLR and MOCO
- Sequence contrastive learning: CPC

Contrastive Representation Learning



Contrastive Representation Learning



A formulation of contrastive learning

What we want:

$$\text{score}(f(x), f(x^+)) \gg \text{score}(f(x), f(x^-))$$

x : reference sample; x^+ positive sample; x^- negative sample

Given a chosen score function, we aim to learn an encoder function f that yields high score for positive pairs (x, x^+) and low scores for negative pairs (x, x^-) .

A formulation of contrastive learning

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Cross entropy loss for a N-way softmax classifier!

I.e., learn to find the positive sample from the N samples

Softmax Loss

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Commonly known as the InfoNCE loss ([van den Oord et al., 2018](#))

A *lower bound* on the mutual information between $f(x)$ and $f(x^+)$

$$MI[f(x), f(x^+)] - \log(N) \geq -L$$

The larger the negative sample size (N), the tighter the bound

Detailed derivation: [Poole et al., 2019](#)

SimCLR: A Simple Framework for Contrastive Learning

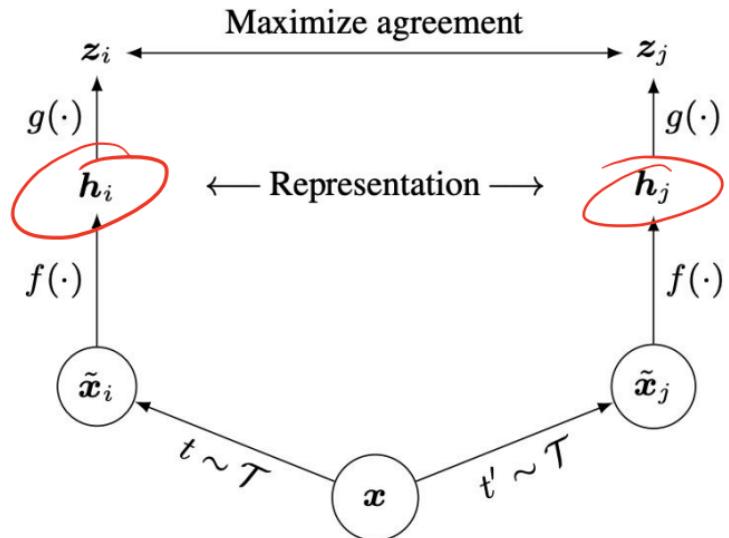
Cosine similarity as the score function:

$$s(u, v) = \frac{u^T v}{\|u\| \|v\|}$$

~~g(x)~~ Use a projection network $g(\cdot)$ to project features to a space where contrastive learning is applied

Generate positive samples through data augmentation:

- random cropping, random color distortion, and random blur.



Source: [Chen et al., 2020](#)

SimCLR: generating positive samples from data augmentation



(a) Original



(b) Crop and resize



(c) Crop, resize (and flip)



(d) Color distort. (drop)



(e) Color distort. (jitter)



(f) Rotate $\{90^\circ, 180^\circ, 270^\circ\}$



(g) Cutout



(h) Gaussian noise



(i) Gaussian blur



(j) Sobel filtering

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SimCLR

Generate a positive pair
by sampling data
augmentation functions

Algorithm 1 SimCLR's main learning algorithm.

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Iterate through and
use each of the $2N$
sample as reference,
compute average loss

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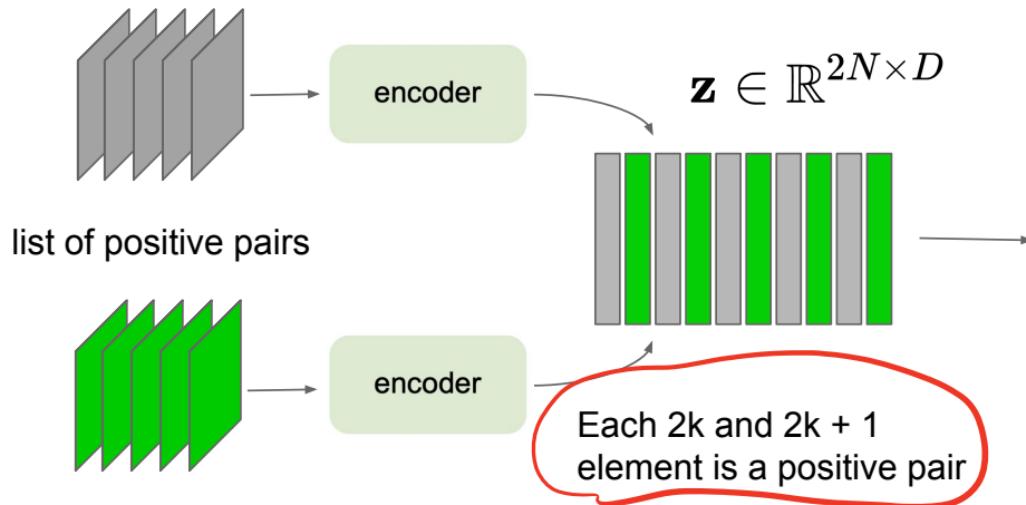
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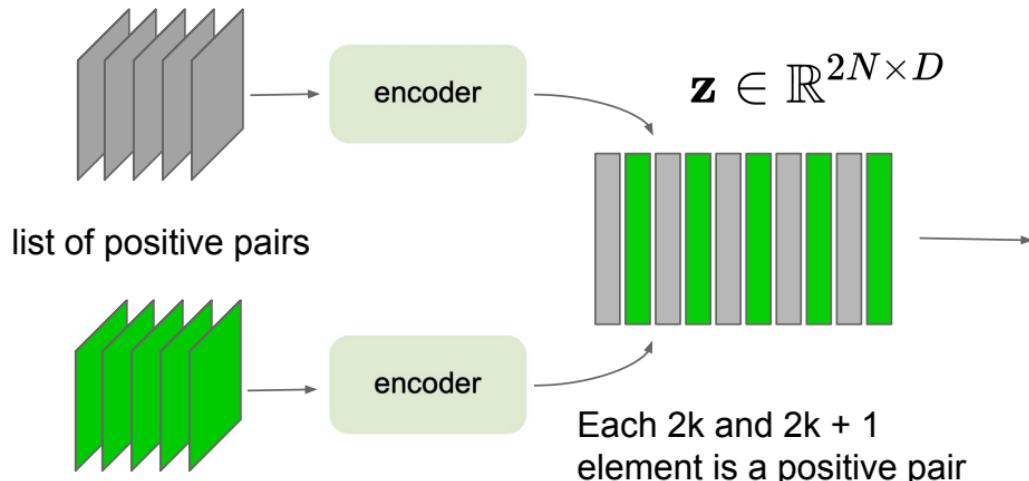
A large grid representing the affinity matrix, with dimensions labeled $2N$ on both the horizontal and vertical axes. The grid consists of a 2D array of empty cells.

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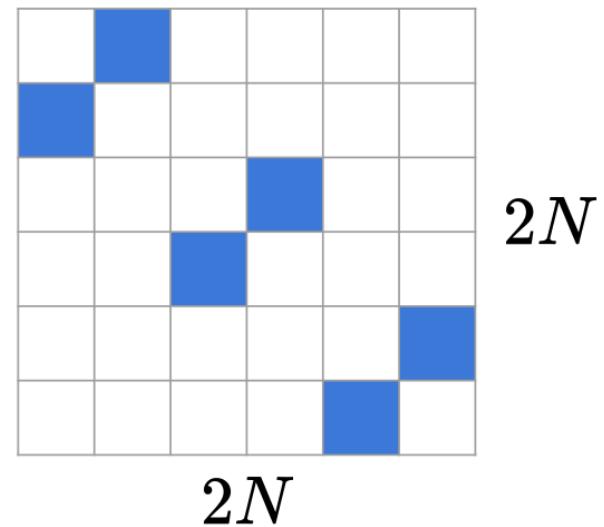
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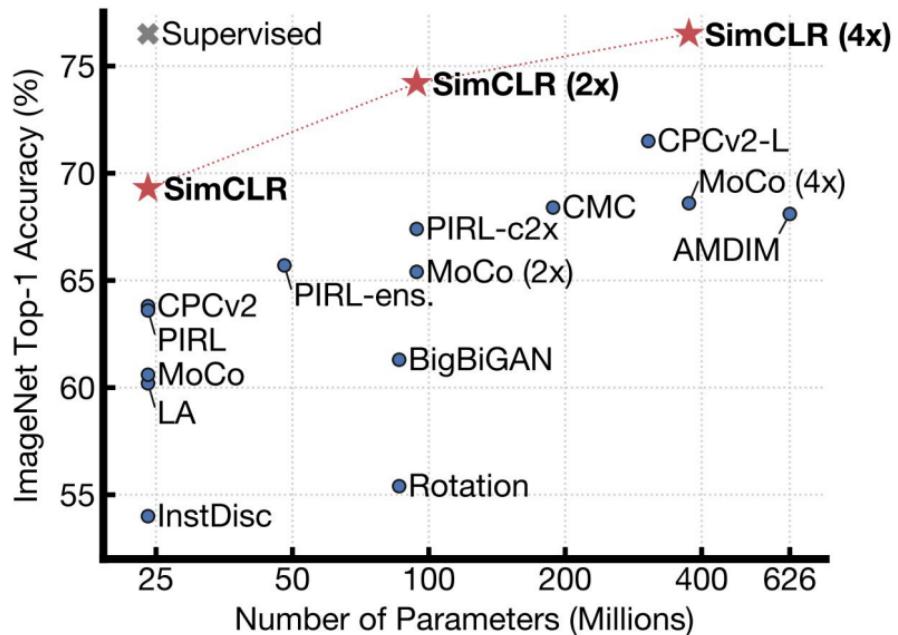
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“Affinity matrix”



= classification label for each row

Training linear classifier on SimCLR features



Train feature encoder on **ImageNet** (entire training set) using SimCLR.

Freeze feature encoder, train a linear classifier on top with labeled data.

Source: [Chen et al., 2020](#)

Semi-supervised learning on SimCLR features

Method	Architecture	Label fraction		
		1%	10%	Top 5
Supervised baseline	ResNet-50	48.4	80.4	
<i>Methods using other label-propagation:</i>				
Pseudo-label	ResNet-50	51.6	82.4	
VAT+Entropy Min.	ResNet-50	47.0	83.4	
UDA (w. RandAug)	ResNet-50	-	88.5	
FixMatch (w. RandAug)	ResNet-50	-	89.1	
S4L (Rot+VAT+En. M.)	ResNet-50 (4×)	-	91.2	
<i>Methods using representation learning only:</i>				
InstDisc	ResNet-50	39.2	77.4	
BigBiGAN	RevNet-50 (4×)	55.2	78.8	
PIRL	ResNet-50	57.2	83.8	
CPC v2	ResNet-161(*)	77.9	91.2	
SimCLR (ours)	ResNet-50	75.5	87.8	
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SimCLR (ours)	ResNet-50 (4×)	85.8	92.6	

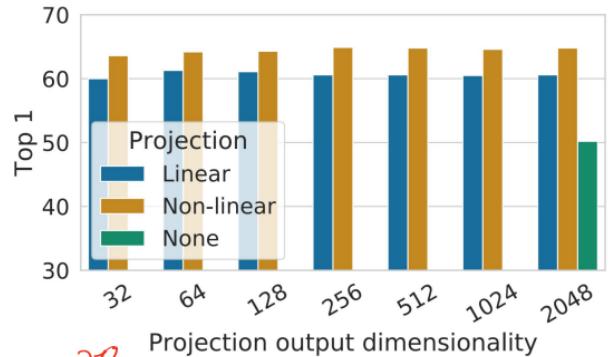
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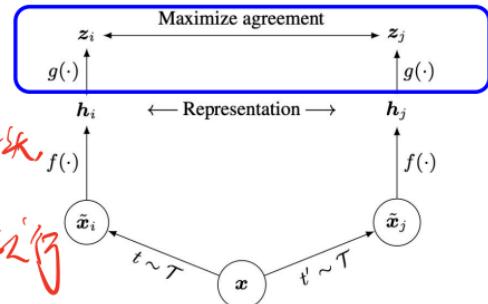
Finetune the encoder with 1% /
10% of labeled data on ImageNet.

Source: [Chen et al., 2020](#)

SimCLR design choices: projection head



对齐学习的困难
如何保证
特征的不变性
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Linear / non-linear projection heads improve representation learning.

A possible explanation:

- contrastive learning objective may discard useful information for downstream tasks
- representation space \mathbf{z} is trained to be invariant to data transformation.
- by leveraging the projection head $g(\cdot)$, more information can be preserved in the \mathbf{h} representation space

Source: [Chen et al., 2020](#)

SimCLR design choices: large batch size

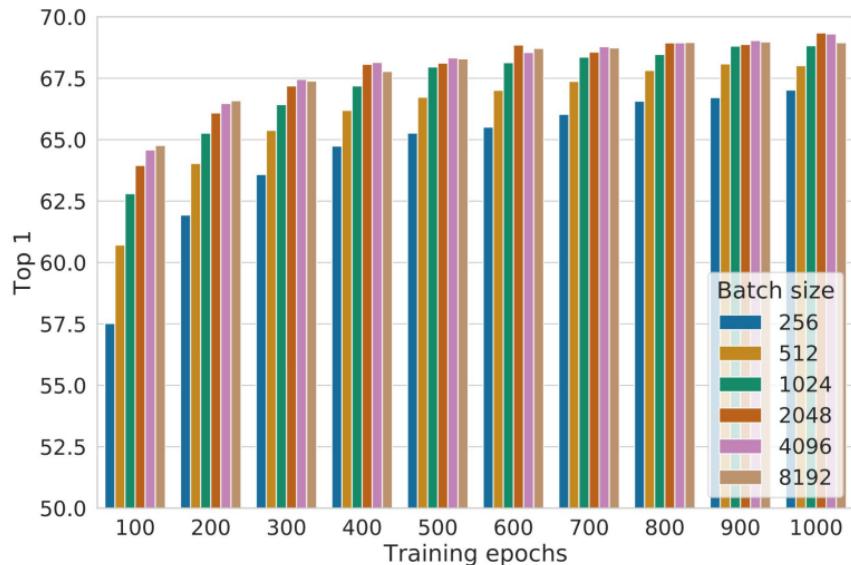


Figure 9. Linear evaluation models (ResNet-50) trained with different batch size and epochs. Each bar is a single run from scratch.¹⁰

Large training batch size is crucial for SimCLR!

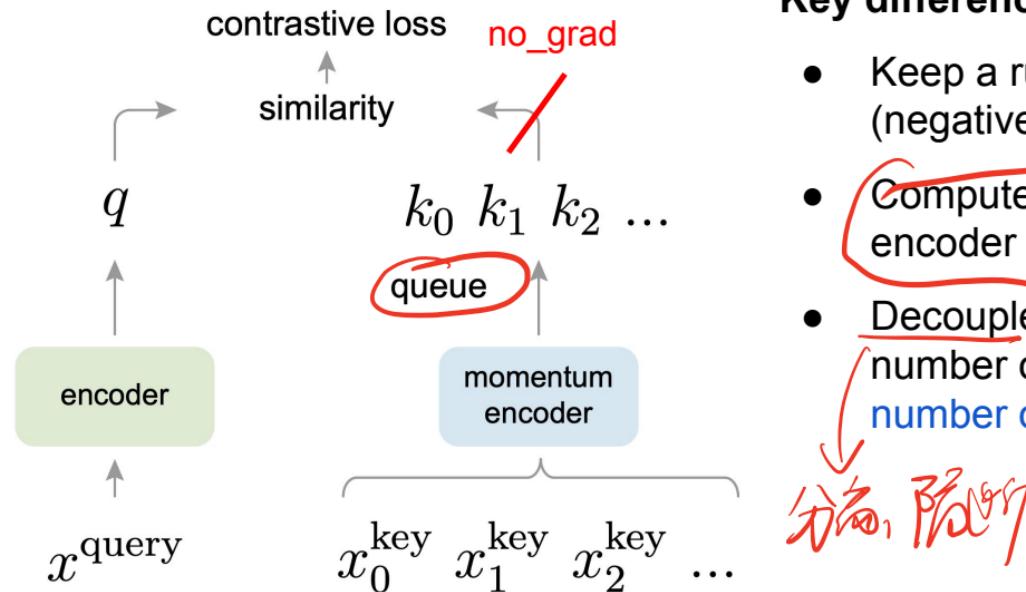
至关重要

Large batch size causes large memory footprint during backpropagation:
requires distributed training on TPUs
(ImageNet experiments)

内存占用

Source: [Chen et al., 2020](#)

Momentum Contrastive Learning (MoCo)



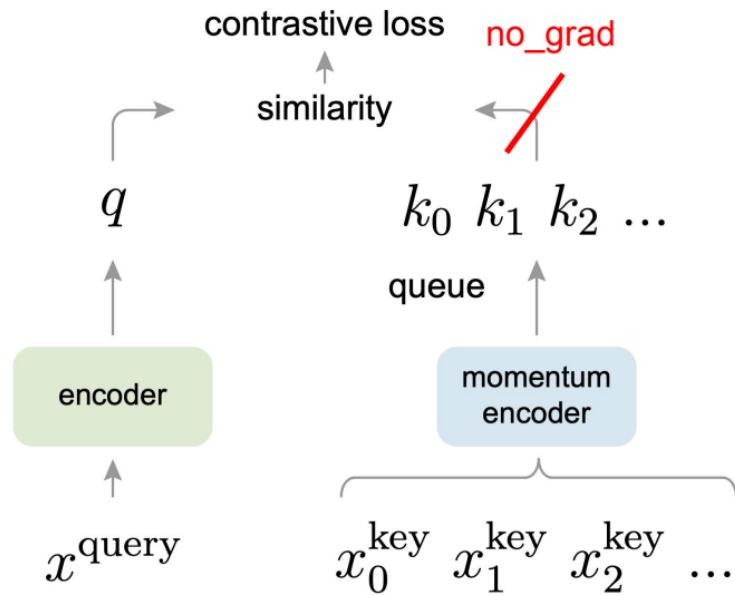
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- The key encoder is **slowly progressing** through the momentum update rules:

$$\theta_k \leftarrow m\theta_k + (1 - m)\theta_q$$

Source: [He et al., 2020](#)

MoCo

Generate a positive pair
by sampling data
augmentation functions

No gradient through
the positive sample

Update the FIFO
negative sample queue

Algorithm 1 Pseudocode of MoCo in a PyTorch-like style.

```
# f_q, f_k: encoder networks for query and key
# queue: dictionary as a queue of K keys (CxK)
# m: momentum
# t: temperature

f_k.params = f_q.params # initialize
for x in loader: # load a minibatch x with N samples
    x_q = aug(x) # a randomly augmented version
    x_k = aug(x) # another randomly augmented version

    q = f_q.forward(x_q) # queries: NxC
    k = f_k.forward(x_k) # keys: NxC
    k = k.detach() # no gradient to keys

    # positive logits: Nx1
    l_pos = bmm(q.view(N,1,C), k.view(N,C,1))

    # negative logits: NxK
    l_neg = mm(q.view(N,C), queue.view(C,K))

    # logits: Nx(1+K)
    logits = cat([l_pos, l_neg], dim=1)

    # contrastive loss, Eqn.(1)
    labels = zeros(N) # positives are the 0-th
    loss = CrossEntropyLoss(logits/t, labels)

    # SGD update: query network
    loss.backward()
    update(f_q.params)

    # momentum update: key network
    f_k.params = m*f_k.params+(1-m)*f_q.params

    # update dictionary
    enqueue(queue, k) # enqueue the current minibatch
    dequeue(queue) # dequeue the earliest minibatch
```

bmm: batch matrix multiplication; mm: matrix multiplication; cat: concatenation.

Use the running
queue of keys as the
negative samples

InfoNCE loss

Update f_k through
momentum

Source: [He et al., 2020](#)

“MoCo V2”

Improved Baselines with Momentum Contrastive Learning

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A hybrid of ideas from SimCLR and MoCo:

- **From SimCLR:** non-linear projection head and strong data augmentation.
- **From MoCo:** momentum-updated queues that allow training on a large number of negative samples (no TPU required!).

Source: [Chen et al., 2020](#)

MoCo vs. SimCLR vs. MoCo V2

Key takeaways:

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case	unsup. pre-train				ImageNet acc.	VOC detection		
	MLP	aug+	cos	epochs		AP ₅₀	AP	AP ₇₅
supervised					76.5	81.3	53.5	58.8
MoCo v1				200	60.6	81.5	55.9	62.6
(a)	✓			200	66.2	82.0	56.4	62.6
(b)		✓		200	63.4	82.2	56.8	63.2
(c)	✓	✓		200	67.3	82.5	57.2	63.9
(d)	✓	✓	✓	200	67.5	82.4	57.0	63.6
(e)	✓	✓	✓	800	71.1	82.5	57.4	64.0

Table 1. **Ablation of MoCo baselines**, evaluated by ResNet-50 for (i) ImageNet linear classification, and (ii) fine-tuning VOC object detection (mean of 5 trials). “MLP”: with an MLP head; “aug+”: with extra blur augmentation; “cos”: cosine learning rate schedule.

Source: [Chen et al., 2020](#)

MoCo vs. SimCLR vs. MoCo V2

case	MLP	aug+	cos	unsup. pre-train epochs	batch	ImageNet acc.
MoCo v1 [6]				200	256	60.6
SimCLR [2]	✓	✓	✓	200	256	61.9
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MoCo v2	✓	✓	✓	200	256	67.5
<i>results of longer unsupervised training follow:</i>						
SimCLR [2]	✓	✓	✓	1000	4096	69.3
MoCo v2	✓	✓	✓	800	256	71.1

Table 2. **MoCo vs. SimCLR**: ImageNet linear classifier accuracy (**ResNet-50, 1-crop 224×224**), trained on features from unsupervised pre-training. “aug+” in SimCLR includes blur and stronger color distortion. SimCLR ablations are from Fig. 9 in [2] (we thank the authors for providing the numerical results).

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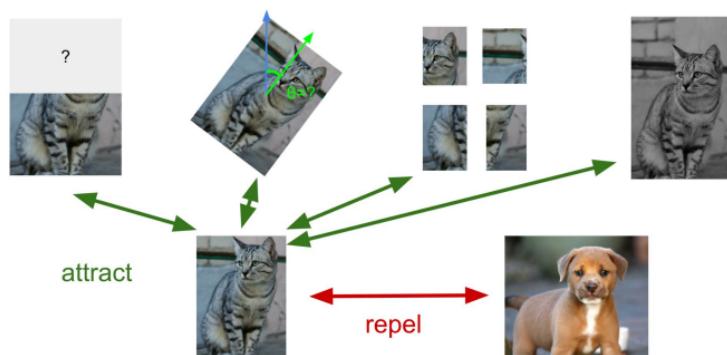
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- ... all with much smaller memory footprint! (“end-to-end” means SimCLR here)

mechanism	batch	memory / GPU	time / 200-ep.
MoCo	256	5.0G	53 hrs
end-to-end	256	7.4G	65 hrs
end-to-end	4096	93.0G [†]	n/a

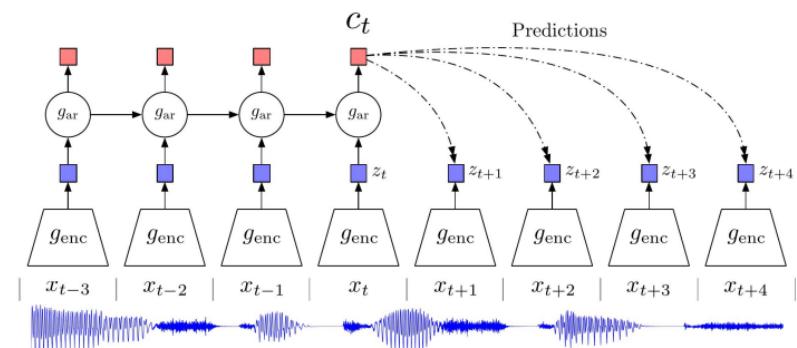
Table 3. **Memory and time cost** in 8 V100 16G GPUs, implemented in PyTorch. [†]: based on our estimation.

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Instance vs. Sequence Contrastive Learning



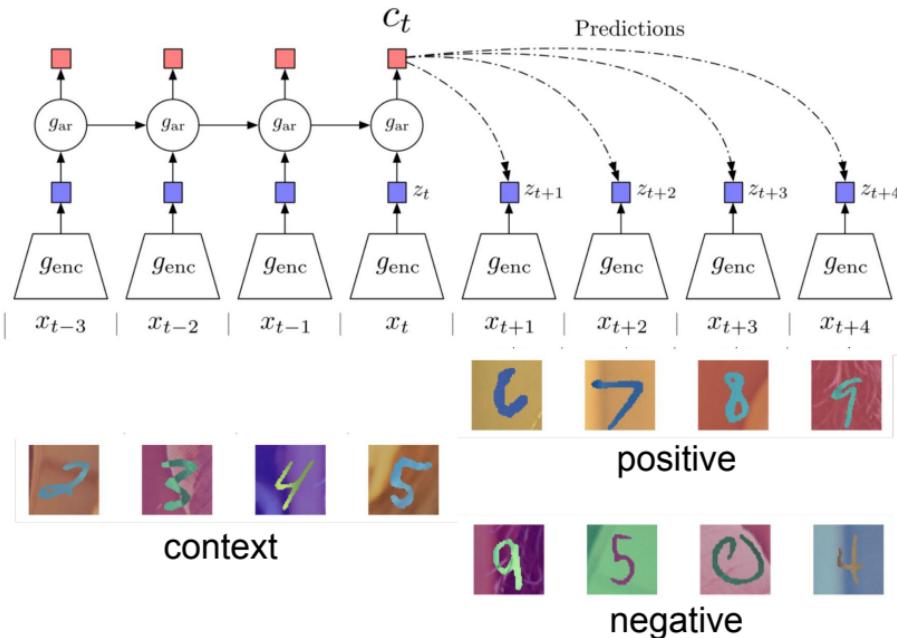
Instance-level contrastive learning:
contrastive learning based on
positive & negative instances.
Examples: SimCLR, MoCo



Source: [van den Oord et al., 2018](#)

Sequence-level contrastive learning:
contrastive learning based on
sequential / temporal orders.
Example: **Contrastive Predictive Coding (CPC)**

Contrastive Predictive Coding (CPC)



Contrastive: contrast between “right” and “wrong” sequences using contrastive learning.

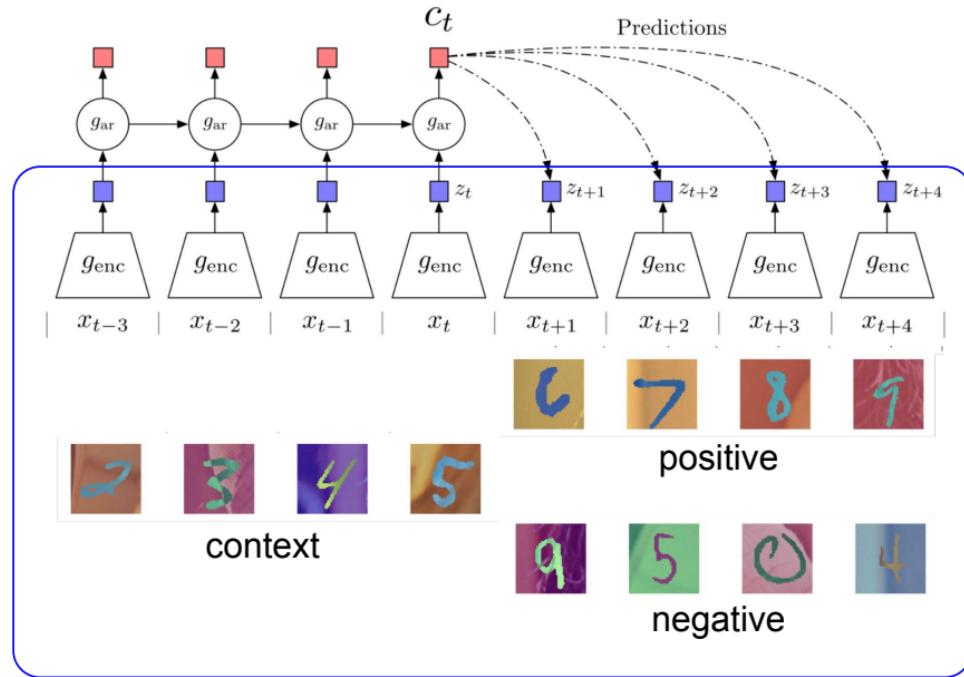
Predictive: the model has to predict future patterns given the current context.

Coding: the model learns useful feature vectors, or “code”, for downstream tasks, similar to other self-supervised methods.

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Contrastive Predictive Coding (CPC)

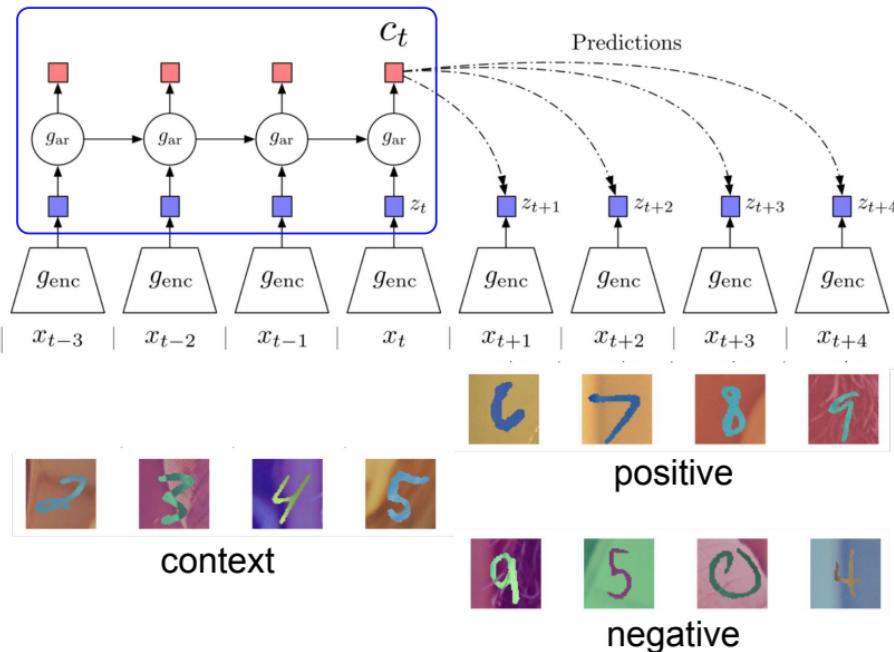


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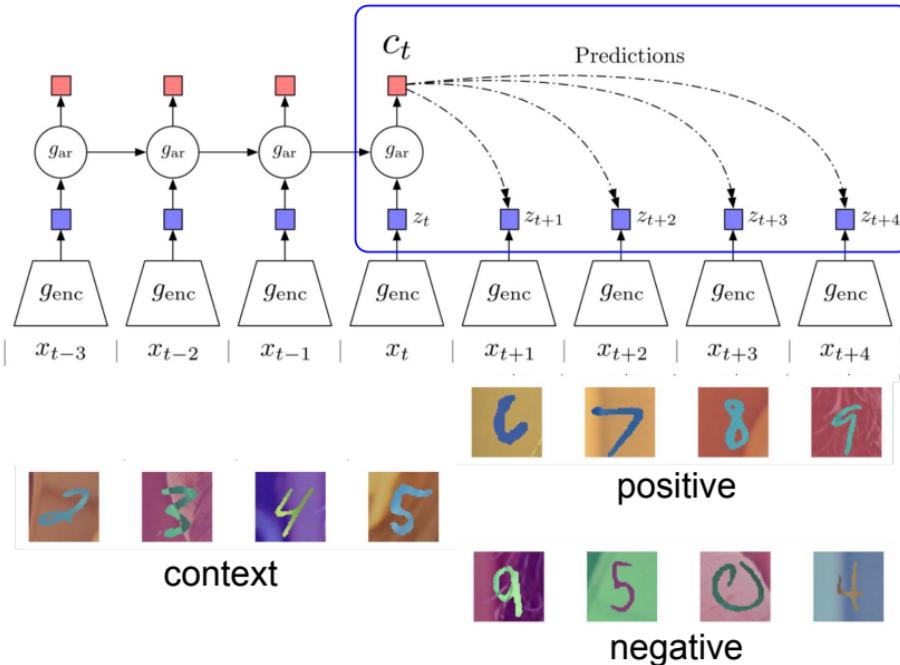


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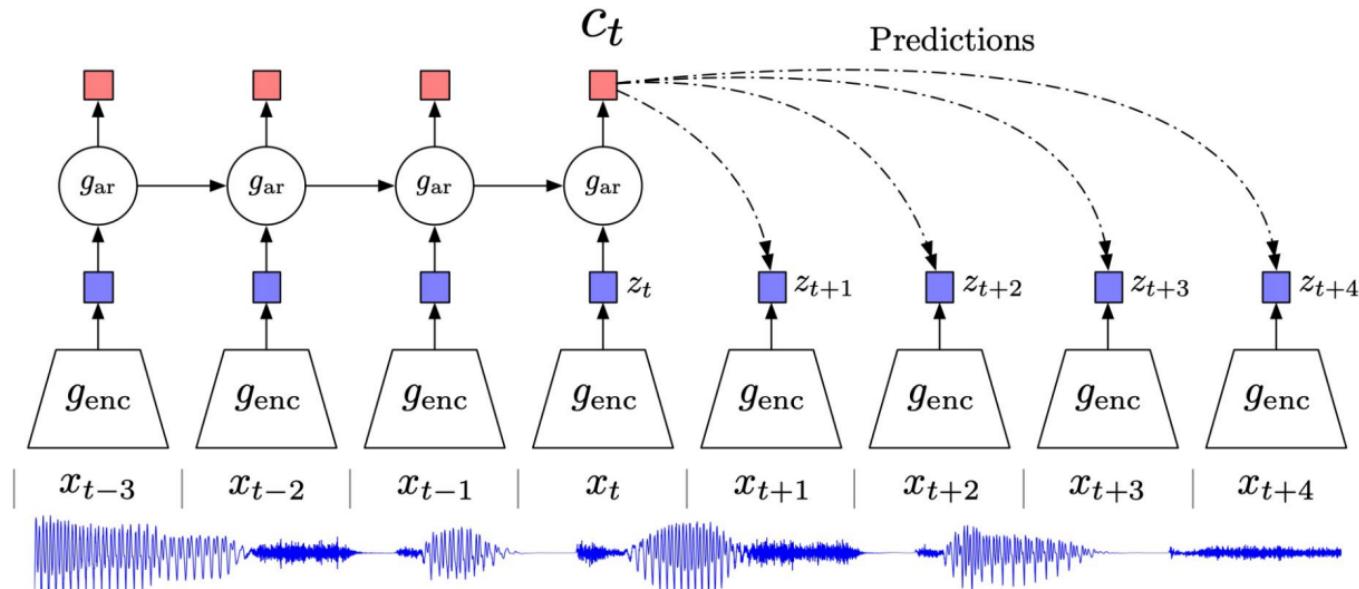
$$s_k(z_{t+k}, c_t) = z_{t+k}^T W_k c_t$$

, where W_k is a trainable matrix.

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CPC example: modeling audio sequences



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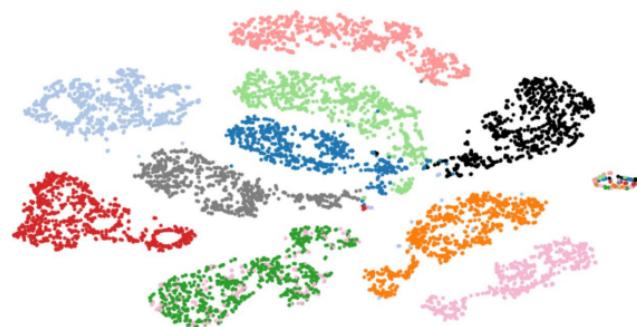


Figure 2: t-SNE visualization of audio (speech) representations for a subset of 10 speakers (out of 251). Every color represents a different speaker.

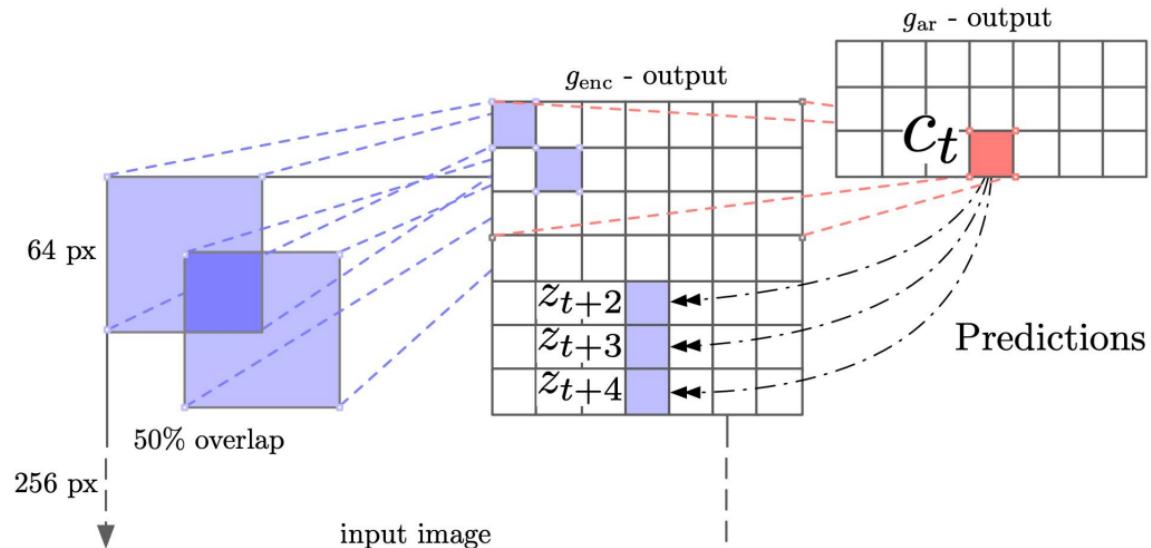
Method	ACC
Phone classification	
Random initialization	27.6
MFCC features	39.7
CPC	64.6
Supervised	74.6
Speaker classification	
Random initialization	1.87
MFCC features	17.6
CPC	97.4
Supervised	98.5

Linear classification on trained representations (LibriSpeech dataset)

Source: [van den Oord et al., 2018](#)

CPC example: modeling visual context

Idea: split image into patches, model rows of patches from top to bottom as a sequence. I.e., use top rows as context to predict bottom rows.



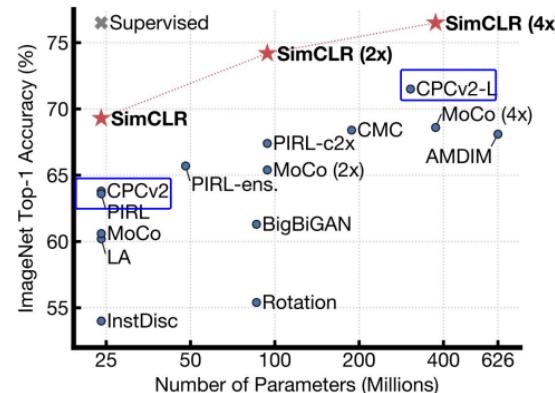
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CPC example: modeling visual context

Method	Top-1 ACC
Using AlexNet conv5	
Video [28]	29.8
Relative Position [11]	30.4
BiGan [35]	34.8
Colorization [10]	35.2
Jigsaw [29] *	38.1
Using ResNet-V2	
Motion Segmentation [36]	27.6
Exemplar [36]	31.5
Relative Position [36]	36.2
Colorization [36]	39.6
CPC	48.7

Table 3: ImageNet top-1 unsupervised classification results. *Jigsaw is not directly comparable to the other AlexNet results because of architectural differences.

- Compares favorably with other pretext task-based self-supervised learning method.
- Doesn't do as well compared to newer instance-based contrastive learning methods on image feature learning.



Source: [van den Oord et al., 2018](#),

Summary: Contrastive Representation Learning

A general formulation for contrastive learning:

$$\text{score}(f(x), f(x^+)) \gg \text{score}(f(x), f(x^-))$$

InfoNCE loss: N-way classification among positive and negative samples

$$L = -\mathbb{E}_X \left[\log \frac{\exp(s(f(x), f(x^+)))}{\exp(s(f(x), f(x^+))) + \sum_{j=1}^{N-1} \exp(s(f(x), f(x_j^-)))} \right]$$

Commonly known as the InfoNCE loss ([van den Oord et al., 2018](#))

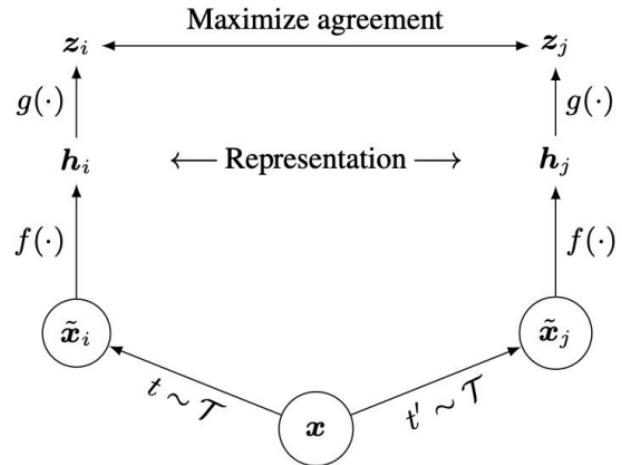
A *lower bound* on the mutual information between $f(x)$ and $f(x^+)$

$$MI[f(x), f(x^+)] - \log(N) \geq -L$$

Summary: Contrastive Representation Learning

SimCLR: a simple framework for contrastive representation learning

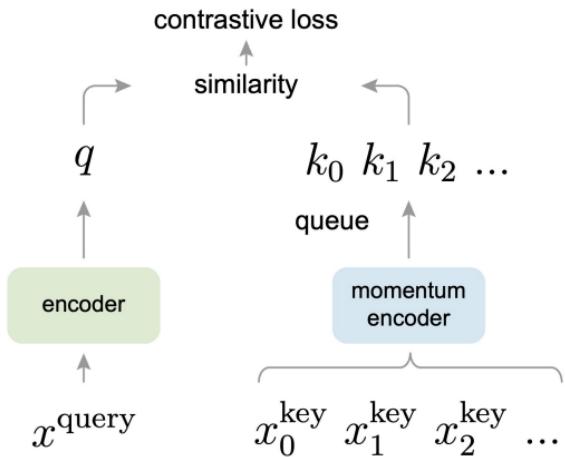
- **Key ideas:** non-linear projection head to allow flexible representation learning
- Simple to implement, effective in learning visual representation
- Requires large training batch size to be effective; large memory footprint



Summary: Contrastive Representation Learning

MoCo (v1, v2): contrastive learning using momentum sample encoder

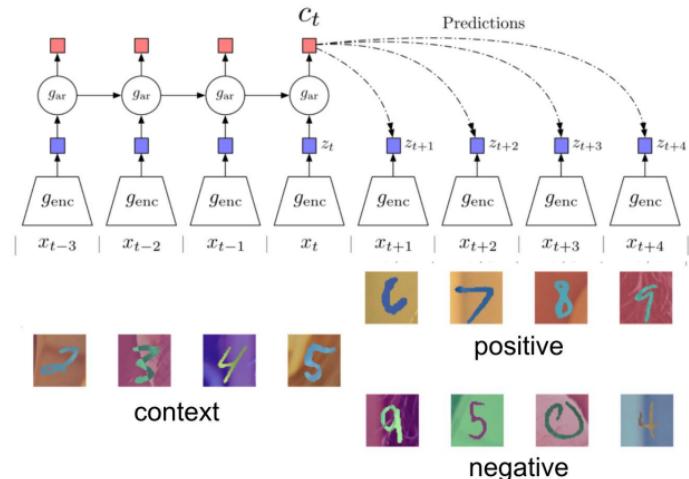
- Decouples negative sample size from minibatch size; allows large batch training without TPU
- MoCo-v2 combines the key ideas from SimCLR, i.e., nonlinear projection head, strong data augmentation, with momentum contrastive learning



Summary: Contrastive Representation Learning

CPC: sequence-level contrastive learning

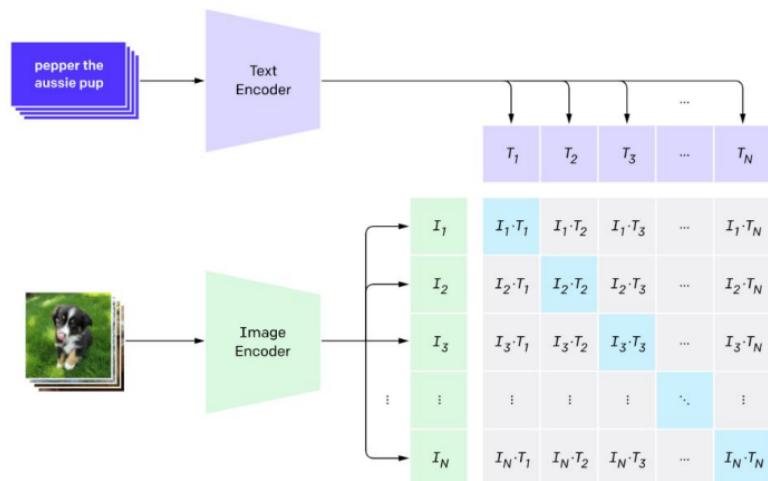
- Contrast “right” sequence with “wrong” sequence.
- InfoNCE loss with a time-dependent score function.
- Can be applied to a variety of learning problems, but not as effective in learning image representations compared to instance-level methods.



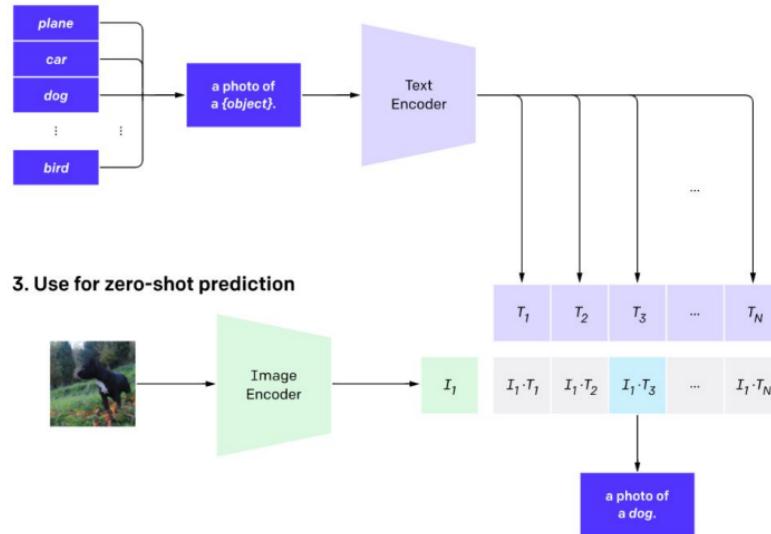
Other examples

Contrastive learning between image and natural language sentences

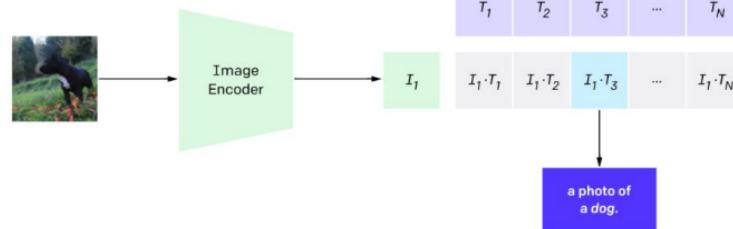
1. Contrastive pre-training



2. Create dataset classifier from label text



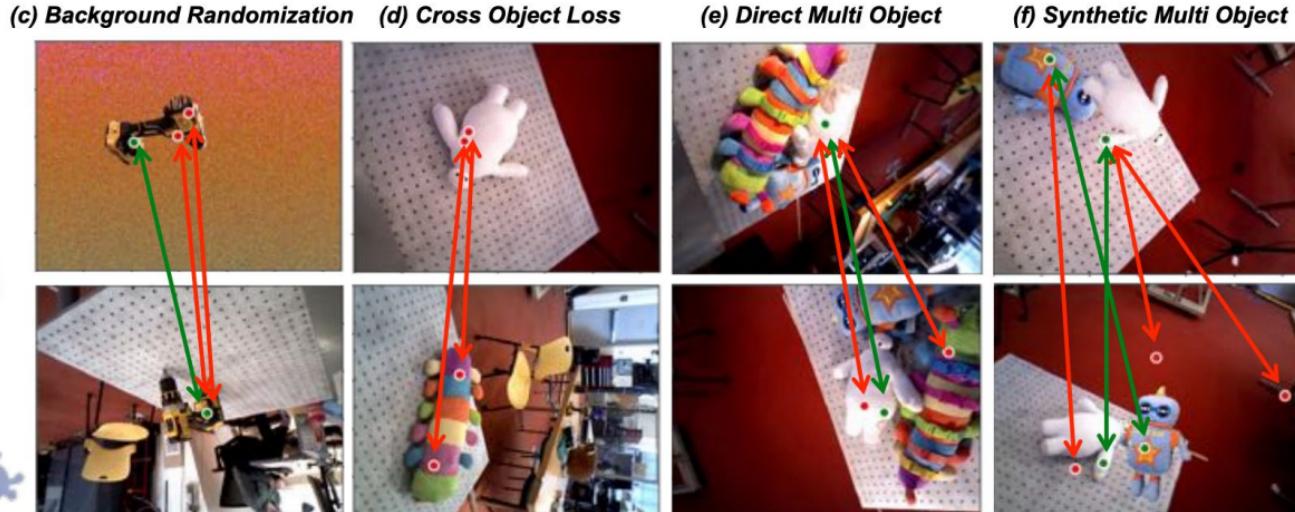
3. Use for zero-shot prediction



CLIP (*Contrastive Language–Image Pre-training*) Radford *et al.*, 2021

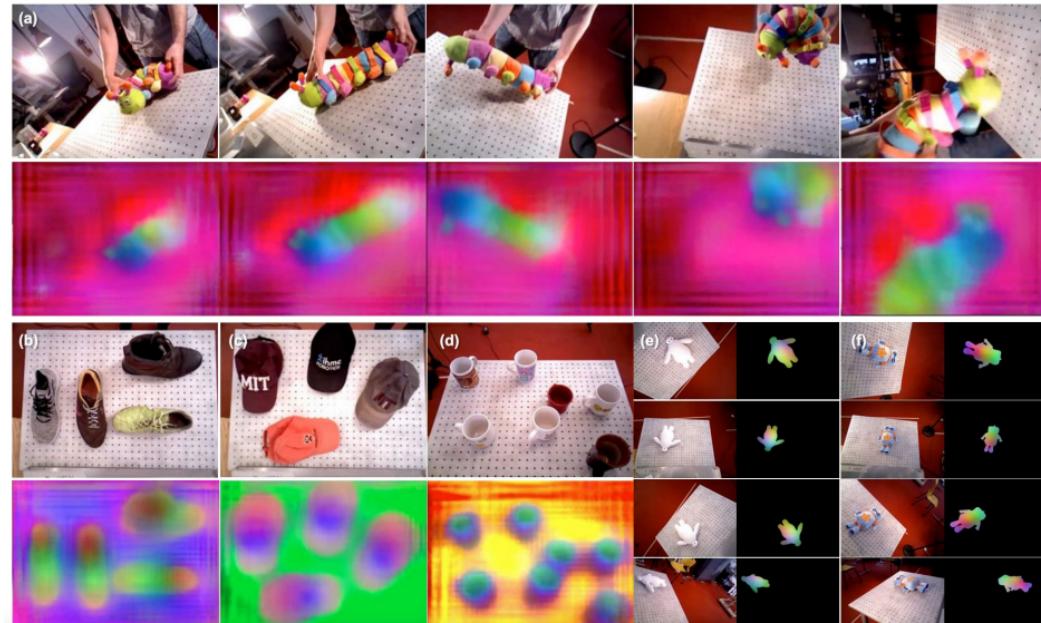
Other examples

Contrastive learning on pixel-wise feature descriptors



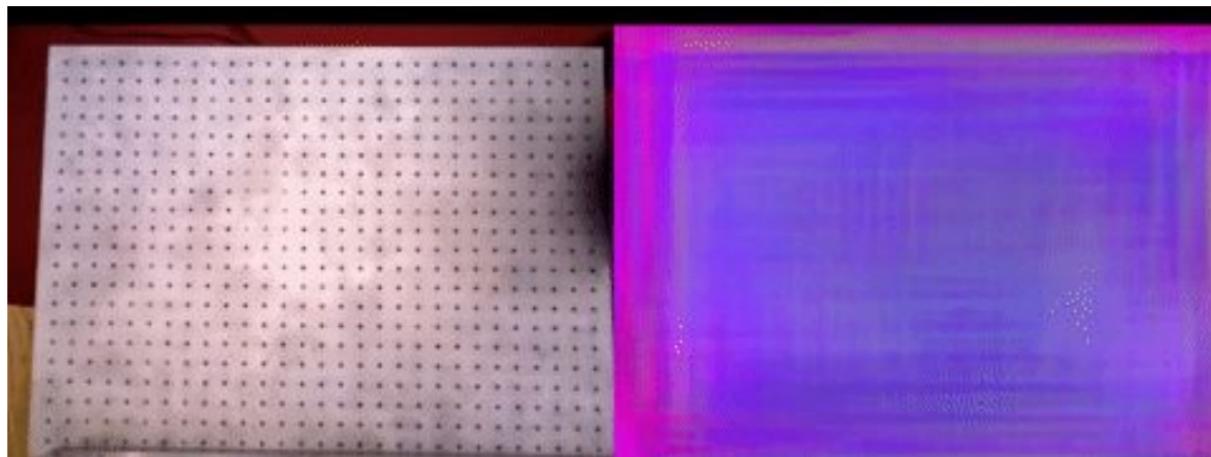
Dense Object Net, Florence et al., 2018

Other examples



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Next time: **Low-Level Vision**

Today's Agenda

Pretext tasks from image transformations

- Rotation, inpainting, rearrangement, coloring

Contrastive representation learning

- Intuition and formulation
- Instance contrastive learning: SimCLR and MOCO
- Sequence contrastive learning: CPC

Frontier:

- Contrastive Language Image Pre-training (CLIP)

Frontier: Contrastive Language–Image Pre-training (CLIP)

Self-Supervised Learning

General idea: pretend there is a part of the data you don't know and train the neural network to predict that.

Y. LeCun

Self-Supervised Learning

- ▶ Predict any part of the input from any other part.
- ▶ Predict the future from the past.
- ▶ Predict the future from the recent past.
- ▶ Predict the past from the present.
- ▶ Predict the top from the bottom.
- ▶ Predict the occluded from the visible
- ▶ Pretend there is a part of the input you don't know and predict that.

The diagram illustrates four types of self-supervised learning tasks using 3D bars representing data volumes. The vertical axis is labeled 'Time →' at the top and '← Past Present Future →' at the bottom. The horizontal axis is labeled 'Visible ← Occluded →'. The four bars represent different visibility conditions:

- Bar 1: All visible (top half pink). Task: Predict the top from the bottom.
- Bar 2: Recent past visible (bottom half pink). Task: Predict the future from the recent past.
- Bar 3: Present visible (middle half pink). Task: Predict the past from the present.
- Bar 4: Future visible (top half pink). Task: Predict the future from the past.

“The Cake of Learning”



How Much Information is the Machine Given during Learning?

Y. LeCun

- ▶ “Pure” Reinforcement Learning (**cherry**)
 - ▶ The machine predicts a scalar reward given once in a while.
 - ▶ **A few bits for some samples**
- ▶ Supervised Learning (**icing**)
 - ▶ The machine predicts a category or a few numbers for each input
 - ▶ Predicting human-supplied data
 - ▶ **10→10,000 bits per sample**



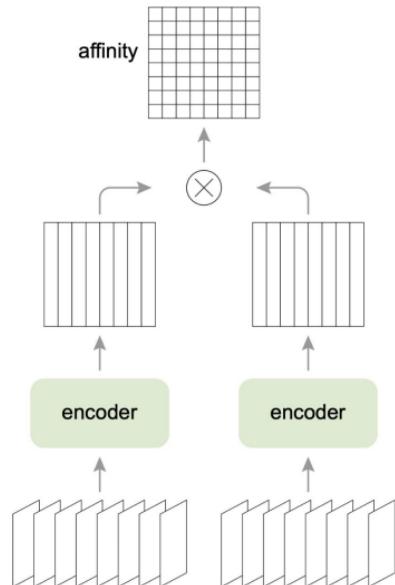
- ▶ Self-Supervised Learning (**cake génoise**)
 - ▶ The machine predicts any part of its input for any observed part.
 - ▶ **Predicts future frames in videos**
 - ▶ **Millions of bits per sample**

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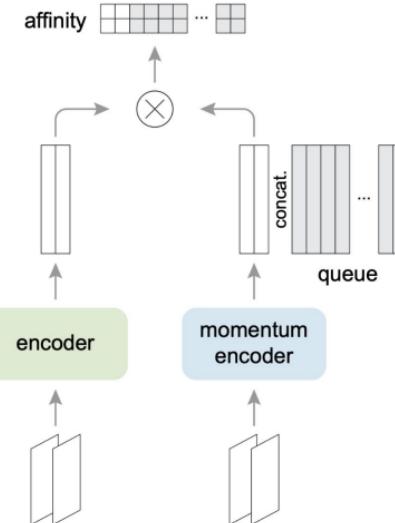
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Source: Lecun 2019 Keynote at ISSCC

Can we do better?



SimCLR



**Momentum Contrast
(MoCo)**

Source: [Chen et al., 2020b](#)