Deep Learning: Towards Deeper Understanding	**8 Feb, 2018**
Mini-Project 1. Feature Extraction and Transfer Learning	
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1 Mini-Project Requirement and Datasets

This project as a warm-up aims to explore feature extractions using existing networks, such as pre-trained deep neural networks and scattering nets, in image classifications with traditional machine learning methods.

1. Pick up ONE (or more if you like) favourite dataset below to work. If you would like to work on a different problem outside the candidates we proposed, please email course instructor about your proposal.

2. Team work: we encourage you to form small team, up to FOUR persons per group, to work on the same problem. Each team just submit ONE report, *with a clear remark on each person's contribution*. The report can be in the format of either Python (Jupyter) Notebooks with a detailed documentation (preferred format), a *technical report within 8 pages*, e.g. NIPS conference style

    https://nips.cc/Conferences/2016/PaperInformation/StyleFiles

    or of a *poster*, e.g.

    https://github.com/yuany-pku/2017_math6380/blob/master/project1/DongLoXia_
    poster.pptx

3. In the report, show your proposed scientific questions to explore and main results with a careful analysis supporting the results toward answering your problems. Remember: scientific analysis and reasoning are more important than merely the performance tables. Separate source codes may be submitted through email as a zip file, GitHub link, or as an appendix if it is not large.

4. Submit your report by email or paper version no later than the deadline, to the following address (deeplearning.math@gmail.com) with Title: Math 6380O: Project 1.

2 Challenge

The basic challenge is

- Feature extraction by scattering net with known invariants;

- Feature extraction by pre-trained deep neural networks, e.g. VGG19, and resnet18, etc.;

- Visualize these features using classical unsupervised learning methods, e.g. PCA/MDS, Manifold Learning, t-SNE, etc.;

- Image classifications using traditional supervised learning methods based on the features extracted, e.g. LDA, logistic regression, SVM, random forests, etc.;

- *Train the last layer or fine-tune the deep neural networks in your choice;

- Compare the results you obtained and give your own analysis on explaining the phenomena.

Below are two candidate datasets. Challenge marked by * above is only optional.

2.1 MNIST dataset – a Warmup

Yann LeCun's website contains original MNIST dataset of 60,000 training images and 10,000 test images.

`http://yann.lecun.com/exdb/mnist/`

There are various ways to download and parse MNIST files. For example, Python users may refer to the following website:

`https://github.com/datapythonista/mnist`

or MXNET tutorial on mnist

`https://mxnet.incubator.apache.org/tutorials/python/mnist.html`

2.2 Identification of Raphael's paintings from the forgeries

The following data, provided by Prof. Yang WANG from HKUST,

`https://drive.google.com/folderview?id=0B-yDtwSjhaSCZ2FqN3AxQ3NJNTA&usp=sharing`

contains a 28 digital paintings of Raphael or forgeries. Note that there are both jpeg and tiff files, so be careful with the bit depth in digitization. The following file

`https://docs.google.com/document/d/1tMaaSIrYwNFZZ2cEJdx1DfFscIfERd5Dp2U7K1ekjTI/edit`

contains the labels of such paintings, which are

1 Maybe Raphael - Disputed

2 Raphael

3 Raphael

4 Raphael

5 Raphael

6 Raphael

7 Maybe Raphael - Disputed

8 Raphael

9 Raphael

10 Maybe Raphael - Disputed

11 Not Raphael

12 Not Raphael

13 Not Raphael

14 Not Raphael

15 Not Raphael

16 Not Raphael

17 Not Raphael

18 Not Raphael

19 Not Raphael

20 My Drawing (Raphael?)

21 Raphael

22 Raphael

23 Maybe Raphael - Disputed

24 Raphael

25 Maybe Raphael - Disputed

26 Maybe Raphael - Disputed

27 Raphael

28 Raphael

There are some pictures whose names are ended with alphabet like A's, which are irrelevant for the project.

The challenge of Raphael dataset is: can you exploit the known Raphael vs. Not Raphael data to predict the identity of those 6 disputed paintings (maybe Raphael)? Textures in these drawings may disclose the behaviour movements of artist in his work. One preliminary study in this project can be: *take all the known Raphael and Non-Raphael drawings and use leave-one-out test to predict the identity of the left out image; you may break the images into many small patches and use the known identity as its class.*

The following student poster report seems a good exploration

`https://github.com/yuany-pku/2017_CSIC5011/blob/master/project3/05.GuHuangSun_poster.pdf`

The following paper by Haixia Liu, Raymond Chan, and me studies Van Gogh's paintings which might be a reference for you:

`http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.acha.2015.11.005`