# Image Annotation by Exploiting Image Metadata

Image annotation/tagging

### 1. Some differences

- 1. Introduce the neighborhoods of related images using Jaccard similarities
- 2. Use a deep neural network to blend visual information from the images and its neighbors
- 3. Allow the vocabulary of metadata changes between training and testing.

### 2. Model

- 1. What is Metadata ?: three types of image metadata are user tags, image photo-sets, and image groups
- 2. How to generate candidate neighborhoods?: Vocabulary T, a subset  $t_x \subseteq T$ . each type of metadata has different means of T and  $t_x$ . For tags, T is the set of all possible user tags and  $t_x$  are the tags for image x; for groups (and sets), T is the set of all groups (sets), and  $t_x$  are the groups (sets) to which x belongs. For sets and groups, we use the entire vocabulary T. Compute the distance between images using the Jaccard similarity between image metadata.

$$d(x, x') = 1 - \frac{|t_x \cap t_{x'}|}{|t_x \cup t_{x'}|}$$

3. How to use the neighborhoods?:

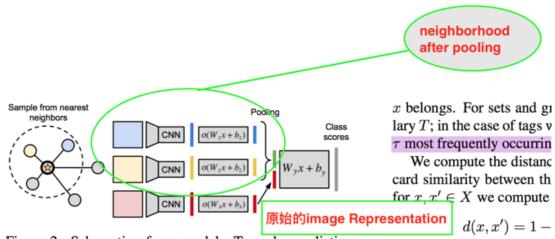


Figure 2: Schematic of our model. To make predictions for an image, we sample several of its nearest neighbors to form a *neighborhood* and we use a CNN to extract visual features. We compute hidden state representations for the image and its neighbors, then operate on the concatenation of these two representations to compute class scores.

To prevent an image from hoods, we set d(x, x) = 0

Generating candidate n hyperparameters, namely the rank M, the type of metal and the tag vocabulary size

For an image  $x \in X$  and neighborhood  $z \in Z_x$ , we average these scores over all neighborhoods for x,

$$s(x; w) \frac{1}{Z_x} \sum_{z \in Z_x} f(x, z; w)$$

We choose a loss and optimize

$$w^* = arg \min_{w} \sum_{(x,y) \in D} l(s(x; w), y)$$

In practice:, The set  $Z_x$  may be large, so for computational efficiency we approximate s(x; w) by sampling from  $Z_x$ . During training, we draw a single sample during each forward pass and at test time we use ten samples.

4. How to generate the image's label?: present a fully-connected two layer neural network applied to features from the image and its neighborhood, Schematic as above. There are several matrices parameterized by W<sub>x</sub> ∈ R<sup>dxh</sup>. b<sub>x</sub> ∈ R<sup>h</sup>, W<sub>z</sub> ∈ R<sup>dxh</sup>, b<sub>z</sub> ∈ R<sup>h</sup>. We use following equations to generate the final score.

$$v_x = \delta(W_x \phi(x) + b_x)$$

$$v_z = \max_{i=1,\dots,m} (\delta(W_x \phi(z_i) + b_z))$$

$$f(x, w; z) = W_y[v_x, v_z] + b_y$$

PS, the y = w \* x + b is a kind of affine transform.

5. Which kind of Loss in the model?: Our loss function  $\mathcal{L}$  is a sum of

independent one-vs-all logistic calssifiers. Other popular Loss for multitagging is multilabel ranking losses.

### 3. The model's resilience

- 1. our model could be applied in cases where some types of metadata are unavailable during testing.
- 2. We see that the performance of our model degrades as we decrease the overlap between the training and testing tags; however even in the case of 0% overlap our model is able to outperform both the visual-only model

## 4. Some details

- The best results computes neighborhoods using tags with a vocab- ulary size of τ = 5000, neighborhood size m = 3 and max-rank M = 6 and Preliminary experiments at combining all types of metadata did not show improvements over us- ing tags alone
- 2. We apply L2 regularization to the matrices  $W_x, W_z$ , and  $W_y$  and apply dropout with p = 0.5 to the hidden layers  $h_x$  and  $h_z$
- 3. For all experiments we use a learning rate of  $1 \times 10^{-4}$ , L2 regularization strength  $3 \times 10^{-3}$  and hidden dimension h = 500; these values were chosen using grid search.
- Our image feature function φ returns the activations of the last fullyconnected layer of the BLVC Reference CaffeNet
- 5. some results better than only visual

