Informative and Consistent Correspondence Mining for Cross-Domain Weakly Supervised Object Detection

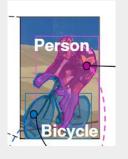
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PURPOSE



Domain Adaptation by Weakly supervision



Tag: Person, Bicycle

Source Domain (real-world)

Fully Annotated: class, bounding-box

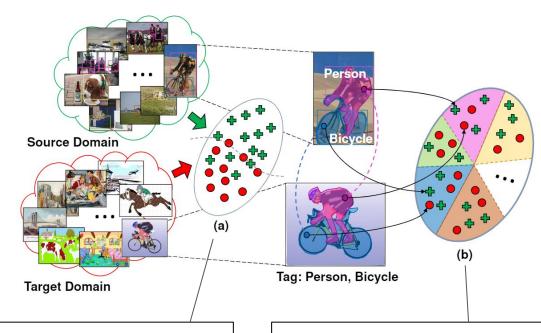
(e.g. Pascal-VOC 2007 / 2012)

Target Domain (unreal)

Partially Annotated: presence of classes

(e.g. Clipart1k, Watercolor2k, Comic2k)

Introduction



(a) Conventional approaches (Domain-level)

- <u>Project images</u> from different domains into a <u>unified feature space.</u>
- Adversarially train discriminative classifier not to easily separate them.

(b) Our approach (Pixel-level)

- Explicitly establish <u>pixel-wise correspondence</u> among the semantic regions of cross-domain.
- Form semantic clusters in feature space for well explanation of source domain's region annotation.

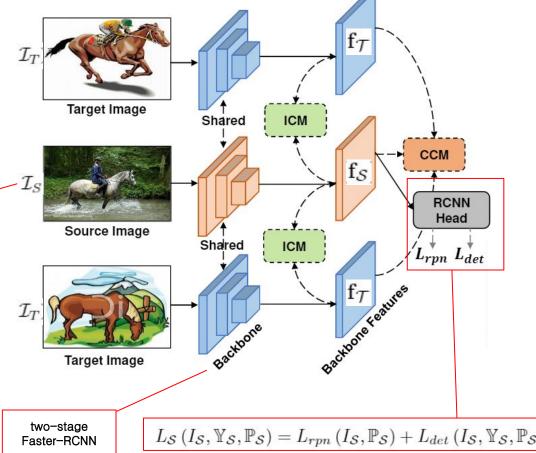
Overview: RCNN Head (for Source Image)

Semantic label

 $\mathbb{Y}_{\mathcal{S}} = \{ \mathbf{y}_{\mathcal{B}} \in \{0,1\}^{1 \times (|\mathbb{C}|+1)} | \mathcal{B} \in \mathbb{B} \}$

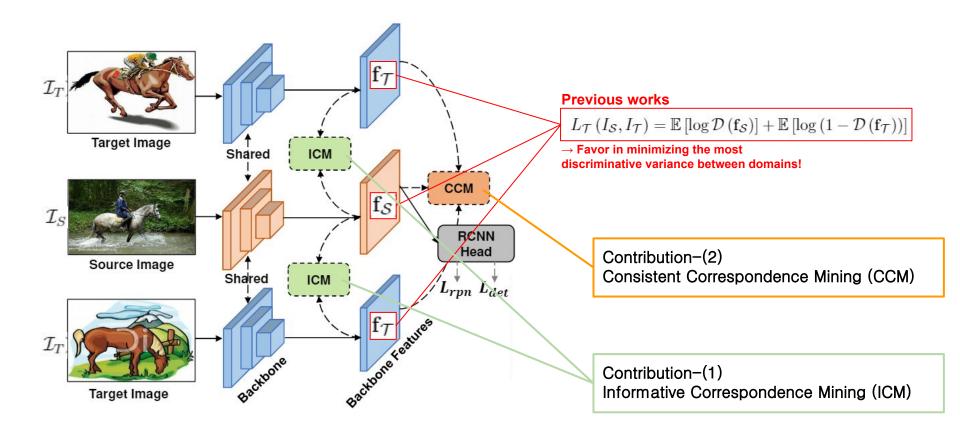
Bounding-box coordinates

$$\mathbb{P}_{\mathcal{S}} = \{ \mathbf{p}_{\mathcal{B}} \in \mathbb{R}^{1 \times 4} | \mathcal{B} \in \mathbb{B} \}$$

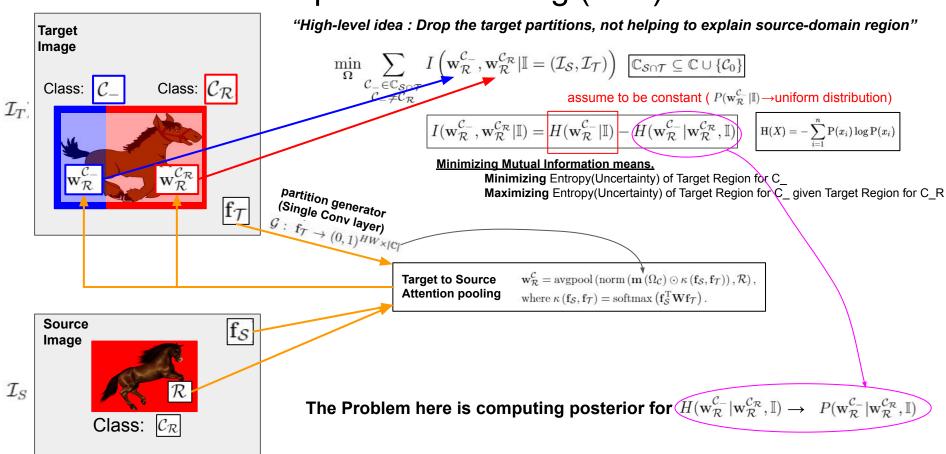


 $L_{\mathcal{S}}(I_{\mathcal{S}}, \mathbb{Y}_{\mathcal{S}}, \mathbb{P}_{\mathcal{S}}) = L_{rpn}(I_{\mathcal{S}}, \mathbb{P}_{\mathcal{S}}) + L_{det}(I_{\mathcal{S}}, \mathbb{Y}_{\mathcal{S}}, \mathbb{P}_{\mathcal{S}})$

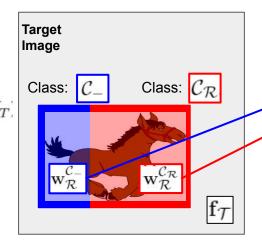
Overview: Contribution Points (Source-target DA)



Informative Correspondence Mining (ICM) - 1/4



Informative Correspondence Mining (ICM) - 2/4



Solution: Variational approximation!

$$P(\mathbf{w}_{\mathcal{R}}^{\mathcal{C}_{-}}|\mathbf{w}_{\mathcal{R}}^{\mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{R}}}, \mathbb{I}) \approx Q(\mathbf{w}_{\mathcal{R}}^{\mathcal{C}_{-}}|\mathbf{w}_{\mathcal{R}}^{\mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{R}}}, \mathbb{I}) = \int P(\mathbf{a}_{\mathcal{R}}|\mathbf{w}_{\mathcal{R}}^{\mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{R}}}, \mathbb{I})P(\mathbf{w}_{\mathcal{R}}^{\mathcal{C}_{-}}|\mathbf{a}_{\mathcal{R}}, \mathbb{I})d\mathbf{a}_{\mathcal{R}},$$
(1)

Since
$$P\left(\mathbf{a}|\mathbf{w}_{\mathcal{R}}^{\mathcal{C}_{+}}, \mathbb{I}\right) = \frac{P\left(\mathbf{w}_{\mathcal{R}}^{\mathcal{C}_{+}}|\mathbf{a}, \mathbb{I}\right)P\left(\mathbf{a}|\mathbb{I}\right)}{P\left(\mathbf{w}_{\mathcal{R}}^{\mathcal{C}_{+}}|\mathbb{I}\right)}$$
 is delta distribution,

by marginalizing
$$\mathbf{a}_{\mathcal{R}}$$
, (1) $\rightarrow Q\left(\mathbf{w}_{\mathcal{R}}^{\mathcal{C}_{-}}|\mathbf{w}_{\mathcal{R}}^{\mathcal{C}^{+}},\mathbb{I}\right) = P\left(\mathbf{a}_{\mathcal{R}}|\mathbf{w}_{\mathcal{R}}^{\mathcal{C}_{-}},\mathbb{I}\right)P\left(\mathbf{w}_{\mathcal{R}}^{\mathcal{C}_{-}}|\mathbb{I}\right)$
s.t. $\mathbf{a}_{\mathcal{R}} = \arg\max_{\mathbf{a}} P\left(\mathbf{a}|\mathbf{w}_{\mathcal{R}}^{\mathcal{C}_{+}},\mathbb{I}\right)$. (2)

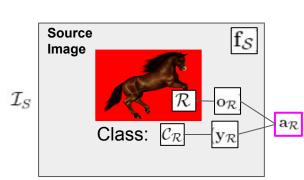
by rule of conditional entropy,

$$H\left(\mathbf{w}_{\mathcal{R}}^{\mathcal{C}_{-}}|\mathbf{w}_{\mathcal{R}}^{\mathcal{C}_{+}},\mathbb{I}\right) \approx H_{Q}\left(\mathbf{w}_{\mathcal{R}}^{\mathcal{C}_{-}}|\mathbf{w}_{\mathcal{R}}^{\mathcal{C}_{+}},\mathbb{I}\right)$$

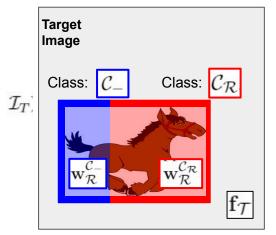
$$= H_{Q}\left(\mathbf{a}_{\mathcal{R}}|\mathbf{w}_{\mathcal{R}}^{\mathcal{C}_{-}},\mathbb{I}\right) + H_{Q}\left(\mathbf{w}_{\mathcal{R}}^{\mathcal{C}_{-}}|\mathbb{I}\right) - H_{Q}\left(\mathbf{a}_{\mathcal{R}}|\mathbb{I}\right), \tag{3}$$

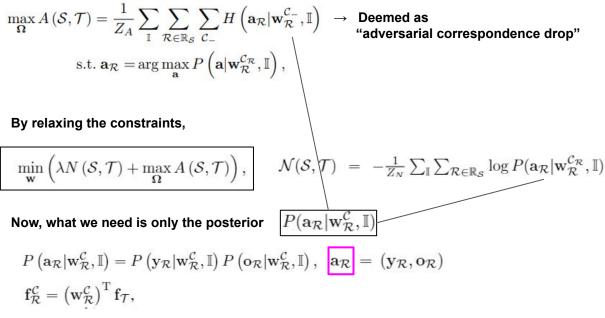
Since that $H\left(\mathbf{w}_{\mathcal{R}}^{\mathcal{C}_{-}}|\mathbb{I}\right)$ and $H\left(\mathbf{a}_{\mathcal{R}}|\mathbb{I}\right)$ are constants.

$$\min_{\Omega} \sum_{\substack{\mathcal{C}_{-} \in \mathbb{C}_{\mathcal{S} \cap \mathcal{T}} \\ \mathcal{C}_{-} \neq \mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{R}}}} I\left(\mathbf{w}_{\mathcal{R}}^{\mathcal{C}_{-}} | \mathbf{w}_{\mathcal{R}}^{\mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{R}}} \right) \mathbb{I} = (\mathcal{I}_{\mathcal{S}}, \mathcal{I}_{\mathcal{T}})\right) \qquad \underbrace{\mathbf{Approximation}}_{\Omega} \max_{\mathbf{A}} A\left(\mathcal{S}, \mathcal{T}\right) = \frac{1}{Z_{A}} \sum_{\mathbb{I}} \sum_{\mathcal{R} \in \mathbb{R}_{\mathcal{S}}} \sum_{\mathcal{C}_{-}} H\left(\mathbf{a}_{\mathcal{R}} | \mathbf{w}_{\mathcal{R}}^{\mathcal{C}_{-}} | \mathbb{I}\right) \\ \text{s.t. } \mathbf{a}_{\mathcal{R}} = \arg\max_{\mathbf{a}} P\left(\mathbf{a} | \mathbf{w}_{\mathcal{R}}^{\mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{R}}} | \mathbb{I}\right),$$



Informative Correspondence Mining (ICM) - 3/4





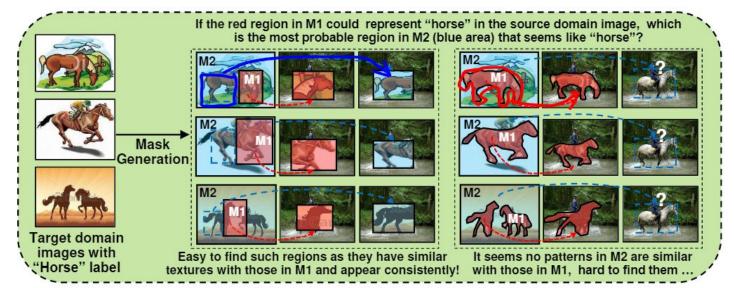
Source Image $f_{\mathcal{S}}$ \mathcal{R} $o_{\mathcal{R}}$ $o_{\mathcal{R}}$ $o_{\mathcal{R}}$ $o_{\mathcal{R}}$ $o_{\mathcal{R}}$

by using 2 separate FC layer,

$$P\left(\mathbf{y}_{\mathcal{R}}^{\mathcal{C}}|\mathbf{w}_{\mathcal{R}}^{\mathcal{C}}, \mathbb{I}\right) \sim \operatorname{softmax}\left(\mathbf{y}_{\mathcal{R}}^{\mathcal{C}}, \mathcal{F}_{c}\left(\mathbf{f}_{\mathcal{R}}^{\mathcal{C}}\right)\right),$$

$$P\left(\mathbf{o}_{\mathcal{R}}^{\mathcal{C}}|\mathbf{w}_{\mathcal{R}}^{\mathcal{C}}, \mathbb{I}\right) \sim \exp\left(-\frac{\|\mathbf{o}_{\mathcal{R}}^{\mathcal{C}} - \mathcal{F}_{o}\left(\mathbf{f}_{\mathcal{R}}^{\mathcal{C}}\right)\|_{1}}{\sigma_{o}^{2}}\right).$$

Informative Correspondence Mining (ICM) - 4/4

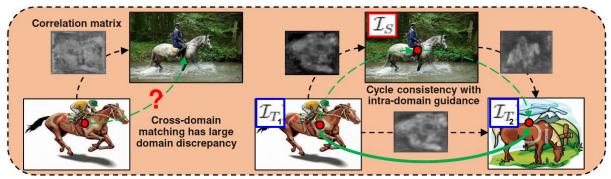


Informative Correspondence Mining (ICM)

By doing this procedure, the model adversarially drops the information on the target image to make the correspondence searching harder.

Consistent Correspondence Mining (CCM) - 1/2

"High-level idea: intra-intra ($A \rightarrow A$) domain matching should be equal to intra-inter-intra ($A \rightarrow B \rightarrow A$) domain matching"



Consistent Correspondence Mining (CCM)

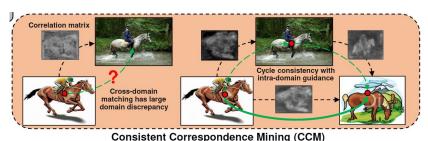
$$C\left(\mathcal{S}, \mathcal{T}\right) = \frac{1}{Z_C} \sum_{\mathbb{J}} \mathbf{R}_{\mathbb{J}} \|\mathbf{K}_{\mathcal{T}_1 \leftarrow \mathcal{T}_2} - \mathbf{K}_{\mathcal{T}_1 \leftarrow \mathcal{S}} \mathbf{K}_{\mathcal{S} \leftarrow \mathcal{T}_2} \|_{2}^{2},$$

$$\mathbb{J} = \left(\mathcal{I}_{\mathcal{S}}, \mathcal{I}_{\mathcal{T}_1}, \mathcal{I}_{\mathcal{T}_2}\right) \left[\mathbf{K}_{\mathcal{B} \leftarrow \mathcal{A}} = \kappa(\mathbf{f}_{\mathcal{A}}, \mathbf{f}_{\mathcal{B}}) \mathbf{f}_{\mathcal{B}}\right] \left[\kappa(\mathbf{f}_{\mathcal{S}}, \mathbf{f}_{\mathcal{T}}) = \operatorname{softmax}\left(\mathbf{f}_{\mathcal{S}}^{\mathrm{T}} \mathbf{W} \mathbf{f}_{\mathcal{T}}\right)\right]$$

 $R_{I\!\!I}$ is HxW matrix quantifies "transferability" \rightarrow

 $\mathcal{I}_{\mathcal{T}_1}$ and $\mathcal{I}_{\mathcal{T}_2}$ share a class that is absent in $\mathcal{I}_{\mathcal{S}}$, we cannot expect to reconstruct the warping $\mathcal{T}_1 \leftarrow \mathcal{T}_2$ faithfully everywhere using the immediate warpings $\mathcal{T}_1 \leftarrow \mathcal{S}$ and $\mathcal{S} \leftarrow \mathcal{T}_2$.

Consistent Correspondence Mining (CCM) - 2/2



For $\mathcal{B} \leftarrow \mathcal{A} \mid \mathcal{B}$ is assumed as source image

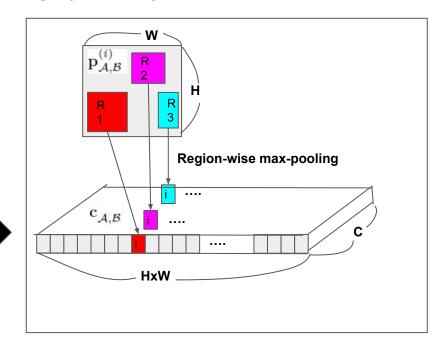
$$\mathbf{p}_{\mathcal{A},\mathcal{B}}^{(i)} = \operatorname{softmax}((\mathbf{f}_{\mathcal{A}}^{(i)})^{\mathrm{T}}\mathbf{W}\mathbf{f}_{\mathcal{B}}) \xrightarrow[\text{max-pooling}]{\mathsf{Region-wise}} \mathbf{c}_{\mathcal{A},\mathcal{B}}^{(i)} \in (0,1)^{1\times (|\mathbb{C}|+1)}$$

Transferability $\mathcal{B} \leftarrow \mathcal{A} : r_{\mathcal{A},\mathcal{B}}^{(i)} = \exp(-H(\mathbf{c}_{\mathcal{A},\mathcal{B}}^{(i)}))$

if $\mathbf{f}_{\mathcal{A}}^{(i)}$ is a confident match, $\mathbf{c}_{\mathcal{A}}^{(i)}$ tends to have peaks, leading to low uncertainty (high transferability).

 $\begin{array}{ll} \text{Accumulated} \\ \text{Transferability} \ \, \mathcal{T}_1 \leftarrow \mathcal{T}_2 \ \, : & \mathbf{R}_{\mathbb{J}} = \mathbf{r}_{\mathcal{T}_1,\mathcal{S}} \odot \left(\mathbf{K}_{\mathcal{T}_1 \leftarrow \mathcal{T}_2} \mathbf{r}_{\mathcal{T}_2,\mathcal{S}} \right) \\ & \text{Detached when training due to} \end{array}$

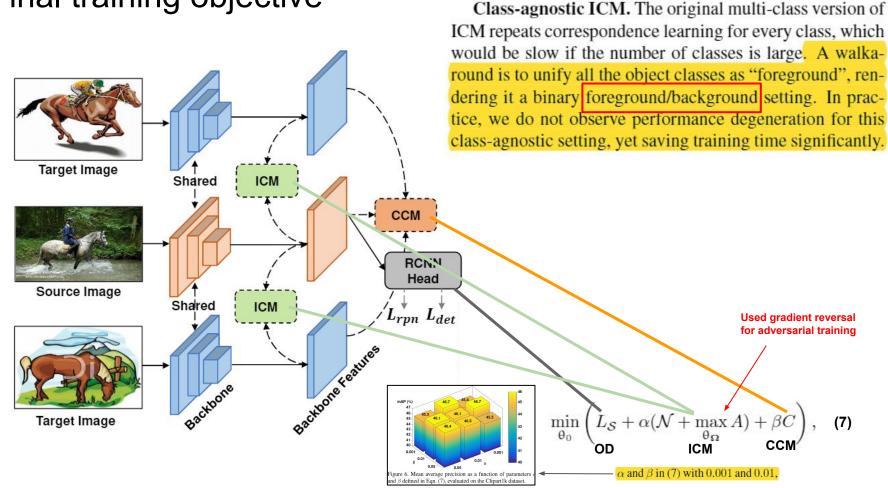
gradient instability



$$C\left(\mathcal{S},\mathcal{T}\right) = \frac{1}{Z_{C}} \sum_{\mathbb{I}} \mathbf{R}_{\mathbb{J}} \left\| \mathbf{K}_{\mathcal{T}_{1} \leftarrow \mathcal{T}_{2}} - \mathbf{K}_{\mathcal{T}_{1} \leftarrow \mathcal{S}} \mathbf{K}_{\mathcal{S} \leftarrow \mathcal{T}_{2}} \right\|_{2}^{2},$$

Minimizing intra-domain attention-sum with intra-domain attention-sum through inter-domain (Weighted by transferability)

Final training objective

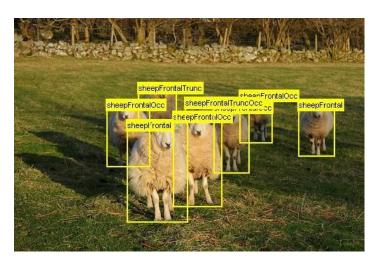


Datasets

Source domain: Pascal-VOC 2007 / 2012 (16551 real-world photo, 20 classes)

Target domain: Clipart1k (20 classes), Watercolor2k (6 classes), Comic2k (6 classes)

→ 1000 for each train/eval split















Pascal-VOC

(a) Clipart1k

(b) Watercolor2k

(c) Comic2k

Experimental results

WS : Weakly Supervised → w/o Domain Adaptation

UDA : Unsupervised Domain Adaptation → Assumed unlabeled target

CDWS : Cross-Domain Weakly Supervised \rightarrow Assumed weakly labeled target

Table 1. Average Precisions (AP) and mean AP on Clipart1k. Bold highlights the top place while underline the second place.

Method	aero	bike	bird	boat	bottle	bus	car	cat	chair	cow	table	dog	horse	mbike	person	plant	sheep	sofa	train	tv	mAP
Source only	35.6	52.5	24.3	23.0	20.0	43.9	32.8	10.7	30.6	11.7	13.8	6	36.8	45.9	48.7	41.9	16.5	7.3	22.9	32	27.8
WL Group	→ p (erforr	nance	e degr	adatio	n ma	y due	to st	yle div	/ersit	y of ta	rget (domaiı	n							
WSDDN [1]	1.6	3.6	0.6	2.3	0.1	11.7	4.5	0.0	3.2	0.1	2.8	2.3	0.9	0.1	14.4	16.0	4.5	0.7	1.2	18.3	4.4
CLNet [17]	3.2	22.3	2.2	0.7	4.6	4.8	17.5	0.2	4.8	1.6	6.4	0.6	4.7	0.6	12.5	13.1	14.1	4.1	8.0	29.7	7.8
EDRN [34]	2.7	13.5	1.2	4.2	1.8	10.3	25.7	0.4	8.4	0.3	3.2	2.7	1.1	0.7	29.4	17.2	5.2	1.6	2.9	19.1	7.6
PCL [37]	3.4	10.6	2.3	1.7	5.2	3.4	23.3	1.2	5.6	0.4	7.8	3.7	5.6	0.3	24.5	19.7	11.9	3.6	9.2	25.4	8.4
UDA Group	→ pe	rform	nance	degra	adatio	n may	due	to ina	accura	ite ps	eudo l	abels	5								
ADDA [38]	20.1	50.2	20.5	23.6	11.4	40.5	34.9	2.3	39.7	22.3	27.1	10.4	31.7	53.6	46.6	32.1	18.0	21.1	23.6	18.3	27.4
SWDA [32]	26.2	48.5	32.6	33.7	38.5	54.3	37.1	18.6	34.8	58.3	17.0	12.5	33.8	65.5	61.6	52.0	9.3	24.9	54.1	49.1	38.1
STABR [19]	28.0	64.5	23.9	19.0	21.9	64.3	43.5	16.4	42.2	25.9	30.5	7.9	25.5	67.6	54.5	36.4	10.3	31.2	57.4	43.5	35.7
HTD [2]	<u>33.6</u>	58.9	<u>34.0</u>	23.4	45.6	57.0	39.8	12.0	39.7	51.3	21.1	<u>20.1</u>	<u>39.1</u>	<u>72.8</u>	<u>63.0</u>	43.1	<u>19.3</u>	<u>30.1</u>	<u>50.2</u>	51.8	<u>40.3</u>
CDWS Group																					
CDWSDA [15]	32.0	40.9	29.5	29.3	32.0	84.7	38.2	12.4	24.3	54.8	24.7	15.4	36.1	72.1	51.0	41.9	19.0	18.5	47.2	21.4	36.3
Proposed	39.8	66.7	37.2	42.5	43.3	48.1	48.1	21.3	46.5	73.0	29.0	29.8	57.3	78.6	67.8	48.7	46.3	19.3	42.8	48.5	46.7

Minor poputation categories: train, tv

Experimental results

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Table 2. Average Precisions (AP) and mean AP on Watercolor2k. Bold highlights the top place while underline the second place.

Method	bike	bird	car	cat	dog	person	mAP
Source only	68.8	46.8	37.2	32.7	21.3	60.7	44.6
WL Group							
WSDDN [1]	1.5	26.0	14.6	0.4	0.5	33.3	12.7
CLNet [17]	4.5	27.9	19.6	14.3	6.4	31.4	17.4
EDRN [34]	5.2	29.3	15.3	1.4	0.9	34.9	14.5
PCL [37]	6.7	28.8	20.2	9.5	5.4	27.4	16.3
UDA Group							
ADDA [38]	79.9	49.5	39.5	35.3	29.4	65.1	49.8
SWDA [32]	82.3	55.9	46.5	32.7	35.5	66.7	53.3
STABR [19]	75.6	45.8	49.3	34.1	30.3	64.1	49.4
HTD [2]	69.2	<u>49.5</u>	<u>49.5</u>	34.9	30.8	61.2	49.2
CDWS Group							
CDWSDA [15]	68.6	46.6	37.7	35.2	36.0	62.5	47.8
Proposed	86.6	64.2	52.6	32.4	41.2	67.4	57.4

Table 3. Average Precisions (AP) and mean AP on Comic2k. Bold highlights the top place while underline the second place.

Method	bike	bird	car	cat	dog	person	mAP
Source only	28.8	13.5	18.6	14.8	15.9	33.9	20.9
WL Group							
WSDDN [1]	1.5	0.1	11.9	6.9	1.4	12.1	5.6
CLNet [17]	0.0	0.0	2.0	4.7	1.2	14.9	3.8
EDRN [34]	1.6	0.5	13.2	7.2	2.5	13.2	6.4
PCL [37]	1.2	0.4	8.9	2.9	2.3	15.6	5.2
UDA Group							
ADDA [38]	39.5	9.8	17.2	12.7	20.4	43.3	23.8
SWDA [32]	30.3	19.6	28.8	15.2	24.9	46.9	27.6
STABR [19]	50.6	13.6	31.0	7.5	16.4	41.4	26.8
HTD [2]	35.4	14.8	26.6	13.7	26.9	40.0	26.2
CDWS Group							
CDWSDA [15]	47.0	21.1	30.1	29.0	29.6	40.6	32.9
Proposed	50.6	23.3	35.4	32.3	33.8	47.1	37.1

Experimental results

Good at multiple objects

Good at cluttered scene



Figure 3. Representative results generated by different approaches (visualized in different rows). Best viewed with zoom in.

Ablation study

$$\max_{\mathbf{\Omega}} A\left(\mathcal{S}, \mathcal{T}\right) = \frac{1}{Z_A} \sum_{\mathbb{I}} \sum_{\mathcal{R} \in \mathbb{R}_{\mathcal{S}}} \sum_{\mathcal{C}_{-}} H\left(\mathbf{a}_{\mathcal{R}} | \mathbf{w}_{\mathcal{R}}^{\mathcal{C}_{-}}, \mathbb{I}\right) \quad \rightarrow \quad \text{Deemed as} \quad \text{``adversarial correspondence drop''}$$

s.t.
$$\mathbf{a}_{\mathcal{R}} = \arg \max_{\mathbf{a}} P\left(\mathbf{a} | \mathbf{w}_{\mathcal{R}}^{\mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{R}}}, \mathbb{I}\right),$$

Table 4. Contributions to the final mAP by different component evaluated on the Clipart1k dataset.



Source	w/o adv.	ICM full	w/o reg.	ССМ	mAP	
1					27.8	→ demonstrating the advantage of pixel-wise knowledge transfer.
1	/				44.3	 → demonstrating the advantage of pixer wise knowledge transfer. → demonstrating adversarial mask generation effectiveness. (Full ICM
1		1			45.0	o definitions trading adversarial mask generation effectiveness. (I directive
1	/			1	45.7	
1			1	1	45.5	
1		1		1	46.7	→ demonstrating CCM effectiveness (Full ICM + CCM)

→ demonstrating objection position regression in ICM is beneficial for domain adaptation.

Analysis of error reduction

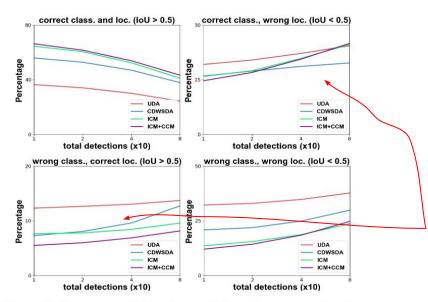


Figure 4. Percentage of detections within each type as a function of the number of detections. Top-left: detections with correct classification and localization. Top-right: classification is correct, but localization is weak (0.1 < IoU < 0.5). Bottom-left: wrong classification, but correct localization (IoU with at least one object exceeds 0.5). Bottom-right: detections with wrong labels and localization (IoU < 0.1). Note that higher percentage is preferred for only the top-left figure, as it counts for true positive detections.

because ICM does not have pseudo labeling process that may introduce undesired labeling noise. (?????)



Visualizing the effect of ICM and CCM

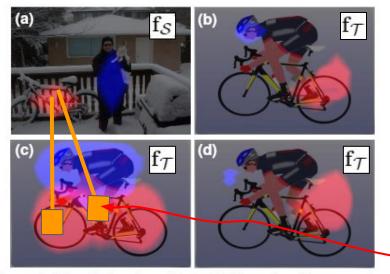


Figure 5. Visualizing the effect of Informative Correspondence Mining (ICM) and Consistent Correspondence Mining (CCM). (a) Seeds on the source domain image, weighted with a spatial Gaussian. (b) (c) (d): Visualization of the distribution of matched regions, corresponding to: (b) with naive ICM, but without adversarial masking; (c) the full ICM module; (d) without CCM.

 $\kappa\left(\mathbf{f}_{\mathcal{S}},\mathbf{f}_{\mathcal{T}}\right) = \operatorname{softmax}\left(\mathbf{f}_{\mathcal{S}}^{\mathrm{T}}\mathbf{W}\mathbf{f}_{\mathcal{T}}\right) \to \mathsf{HW}\ \mathsf{x}\ \mathsf{HW}$ (matched position) seeds are weighted by spatial Gaussian

Accumulated predicted bounding-box with 1 matched position's target feature as input to RCNN head

