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# Transfer Learning based Activity Recognition via Domain Adaptation

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This project is based on the following papers:

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Activity recognition aims to seek the **profound high-level knowledge** about human activity through **low-level signals**, like:

- Motion sensor (accelerometer, gyroscope ...)
- Ambient sensor (microphone, light, camera ...)
- Context sensor (Wi-Fi, Bluetooth ...)
- Medical equipment (EMG ...)

For example:

- SmartGPA [WHH<sup>+</sup>15], StudentLife [WCC<sup>+</sup>14]
- ContextSense [CCW<sup>+</sup>13], DoppleSleep [RAR<sup>+</sup>15]
- Sound detect [RAZ<sup>+</sup>14], safety test [JBR<sup>+</sup>15]



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## Traditional ML Assumptions

- Training and testing samples must be in the **same** feature distributions.
- Training samples must be **enough**.

## TL conditions

- Source and target domains do **not** need to be in the same distributions.
- **Less** training samples, even **none**.
- Example: getting labeled samples is time-consuming and expensive.

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## Common Definition

- Wikipedia: research problem in machine learning that focuses on storing knowledge gained while solving one problem and applying it to a **different** but **related** problem [wik].

## Proceedings

- Data mining: ACM SIGKDD, IEEE ICDM, PKDD
- Machine learning: ICML, AAAI, IJCAI, NIPS, ECML
- Applications: ACM SIGIR, CVPR, ACL, IEEE TKDE

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## Basic notations

- Domain:  $\mathbf{D} = (\mathbf{X}, P(X))$ ,  $\mathbf{X}$ : feature space,  $P(X)$ : marginal distribution where  $\mathbf{X} = \{X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n\}$
- Task:  $\mathbf{T} = (Y, f(\cdot))$ ,  $Y$ : label space,  $f(\cdot)$ : objective predictive function.

## Transfer learning

- Source domain:  $\mathbf{D}_S = \{\mathbf{X}_S, P(X_S)\}$
- Source task:  $\mathbf{T}_S = \{Y_S, f_S(\cdot)\}$
- Target domain:  $\mathbf{D}_T = \{\mathbf{X}_T, P(X_T)\}$
- Target task:  $\mathbf{T}_T = \{Y_T, f_T(\cdot)\}$
- Goal:  $\min \epsilon(f_T(\mathbf{X}_T), Y_T)$

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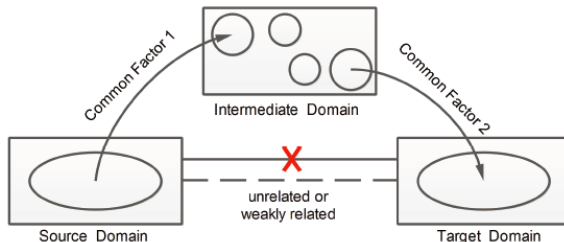
## Problem Definition

Given:

- Labeled  $\mathbf{D}_{src} = \{\mathbf{X}_{src}, P(X_{src})\}$  with  $Y = \{y_{src}\}$
- Unlabeled  $\mathbf{D}_{tar} = \{\mathbf{X}_{tar}\}$

Task:

- Predict labels for  $\mathbf{X}_{tar}$





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The algorithm involves two steps:

- 1 Domain adaptation: brings two domains on the same feature space
  - Two domains must be close enough
  - No loss of structural information
- 2 Train a model on the new feature set



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## Maximum Mean Discrepancy Embedding

$$\text{dist}(\mathbf{X}'_{src}, \mathbf{X}'_{tar}) = \left\| \frac{1}{n_1} \sum_{i=1}^{n_1} \phi(x'_{src_i}) - \frac{1}{n_2} \sum_{i=1}^{n_2} \phi(x'_{tar_i}) \right\|_{\mathcal{H}}$$

## Using Kernel Matrix

$$\text{dist}(\mathbf{X}'_{src}, \mathbf{X}'_{tar}) = \text{trace}(KL)$$

$$K = \begin{bmatrix} K_{S,S} & K_{S,T} \\ K_{T,S} & K_{T,T} \end{bmatrix}, L = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{n_1^2} & x_i, x_j \in \mathbf{X}_{src} \\ \frac{1}{n_2^2} & x_i, x_j \in \mathbf{X}_{tar} \\ -\frac{1}{n_1 n_2} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

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## Problem Induction

$$\begin{aligned} \min \quad & \text{trace}(KL) - \lambda \text{trace}(K) \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & K_{ii} + K_{jj} - 2K_{ij} + 2\epsilon = d_{ij}^2 \\ & K\mathbf{1} = -\epsilon\mathbf{1} \end{aligned}$$

- This is an **semidefinite program**, can be solved using standard SDP solvers.
- We used CVXPY: <http://cvxpy.com/>



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## Semidefinite Programming

SDP is probably the most exciting development in mathematical programming in the last ten years.

### Standard Form of SDP

$$\begin{aligned} \min \quad & C \bullet X \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & A_i \bullet X = b_i, i = 1, \dots, m, \\ & X \succeq 0 \end{aligned}$$

where

$$C \bullet X := \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n C_{ij} X_{ij} = \text{trace}(CX)$$

$$LP \in QP \in QCQP \in SDP \in CP.$$

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## SDP Induction (Our Work)

$$\begin{aligned} \min \quad & \text{trace}((L - \lambda I)K) \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & A^{(m)} \bullet K = D_{ij} \end{aligned}$$

where

$$A^{(m)} = \begin{cases} A_{ii}^{(m)} = A_{jj}^{(m)} = 1 \\ A_{ij}^{(m)} = A_{ji}^{(m)} = -1 \end{cases}$$

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Solving such an SDP problem is very expensive.  
In fact, it's  $O(n_1 + n_2)^{6.5}$ .

## Transfer Component Analysis

$$\begin{aligned} \min_W \quad & \text{tr}(W^T K L K W) + \mu \text{tr}(W^T W) \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & W^T K H K W = I_m \end{aligned}$$

where  $H = I_{n_1+n_2} - (\frac{1}{n_1+n_2})\mathbf{1}\mathbf{1}^T$ , and  $W = K^{-1/2}\widetilde{W}$   
where  $\widetilde{W} \in \mathbb{R}^{(n_1+n_2) \times m}$  transforms the empirical kernel  
map features to an  $m$ -dimensional space.

TCA takes only  $O(m(n_1 + n_2))$  time when  $m$ -dimensional  
eigenvectors are to be extracted.



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After obtaining  $K$ :

- Apply PCA to  $K$  to get new representations  $\{x'_{src_i}\}$  and  $\{x'_{tar_i}\}$
- Learn a classifier or regressor  $f : x'_{src_i} \rightarrow y_{src_i}$
- Use  $f$  to predict the labels of  $\mathbf{D}_{tar}$ , as  $y_{tar_i} = f(x'_{tar_i})$
- Use harmonic functions to predict new data  $\mathbf{D}_{tar}^{new}$

Here we choose  $f$  to be a **random forest** classifier.



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## Dataset

We use UCI ADL(activity of daily living) [AB10] dataset to perform evaluation using MATLAB.

8 persons	19 activites	3 sensors	5 body parts
45 columns	3 axis	25 Hz	5 min/act

## Experiments

We performed 3 kinds of experiments:

- Basic classification without transfer
- P2P: Same feature space, different person
- S2S: Varied feature space, same person



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## Feature Extraction

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Before feature extraction, we integrate the 3 axis as 1 for every sensor using  $a = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}$ .

- **5s:** We use sliding window (5s) to perform feature extraction on time and frequency domains [fea].
- **405 features:** For every sensor, we extracted 27 features, that's 405 features in total.
- **30 features:** We applied PCA to perform dimensionality reduction:  $405 \rightarrow 30$  [AB10].

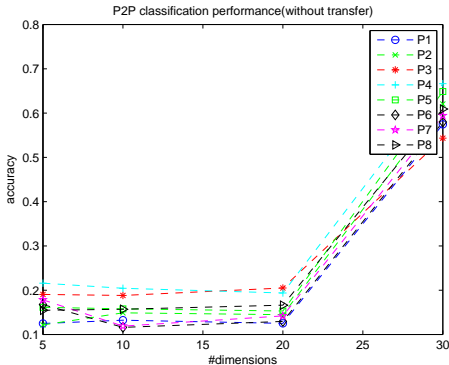


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## Basic classification without transfer

This experiment involves no transfer.

Train a model on person  $i$ , and test on the others.



- Apply classification directly leads to poor performance.
- The performance decreases with dimensions.

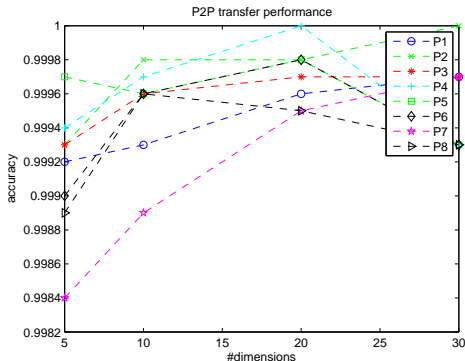
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## Results of person to person transfer

We split the target domain into 2 parts:

- Unlabeled part: to perform TCA and to test
- Out-of-sample part: only to test

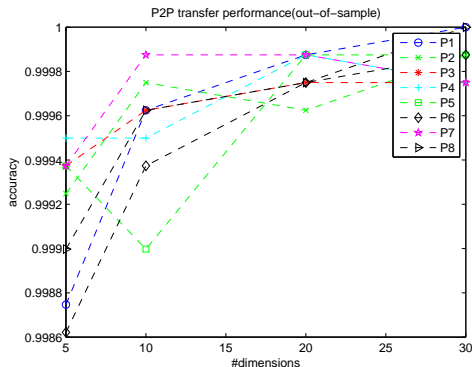
Result tested on the unlabeled data:



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Result tested on the out-of-sample data:



- Transfer works. No subject to dimensions.
- For new data (out-of-sample), transfer still works.



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## Results of sensor to sensor transfer

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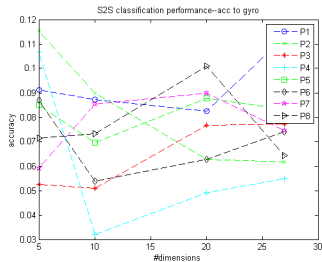
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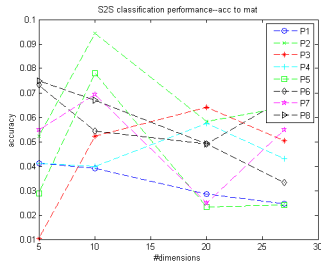
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For torso part, transfer from sensor  $i$  to sensor  $j$ .  
Same as P2P, we split the unlabeled data into 2 sets.  
Result tested on the unlabeled data:



(a) Unlabeled:a-g



(b) Unlabeled:a-m



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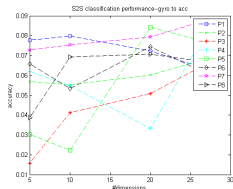
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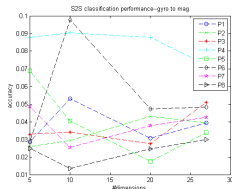
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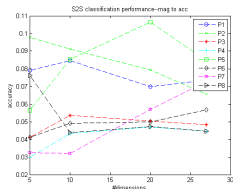
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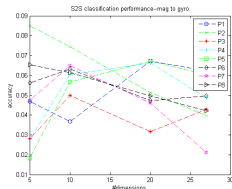
(c) Unlabeled:g-a



(d) Unlabeled:g-m



(e) Unlabeled:m-a



(f) Unlabeled:m-g

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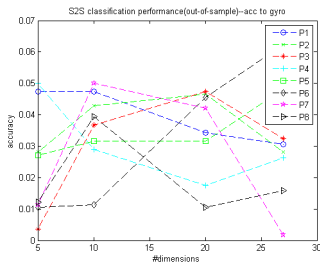
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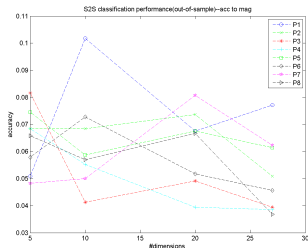
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## Testing results on out-of-sample data:



(g) OOS:a-g



(h) OOS:a-m



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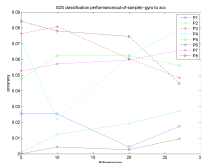
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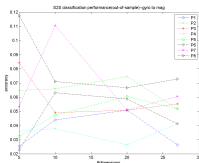
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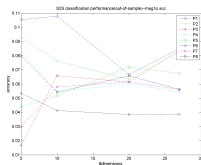
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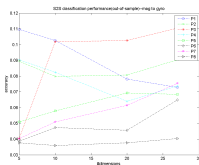
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(j) OOS:g-m



(k) OOS:m-a



(l) OOS:m-g



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- Basic classification experiment:
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  - The performance decreases with dimensions.
- P2P transfer (w/o) experiment:
  - Transfer works. No subject to dimensions.
  - For new data (out-of-sample), transfer still works.
- S2S transfer experiment:
  - Poor performance for S2S.
  - Still need some sensor specified info.



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TCA based activity recognition does achieve some good results, but:

### Pros

- Generate reliable results for different feature spaces.
- A new way of dimensionality reduction.

### Cons

- Lack theoretical support.
- Cannot generalize for new emerging data.
- Poor performance for low dimensional data.



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## People

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- *Sinno Jialin Pan*: <http://ntu.edu.sg/home/sinnopan/>
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## Survey

- A survey on Transfer Learning [PY10].
- Transfer learning for activity recognition: A survey [CFK13].
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## Book Sharing

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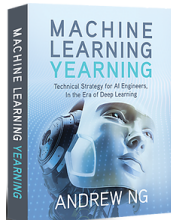
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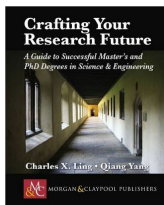
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