Training Dense Object Nets: A Novel Approach

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Abstract

We present a novel framework for mining dense visual object descriptors produced
by Dense Object Nets (DON) without explicitly training DON. DON's dense visual
object descriptors are robust to changes in viewpoint and configuration. However,
training DON requires image pairs with correspondence mapping, which can be
computationally expensive and limit the dimensionality and robustness of the de-
scriptors, limiting object generalization. To overcome this, we propose a synthetic
augmentation data generation procedure and a novel deep learning architecture
that produces denser visual descriptors while consuming fewer computational re-
sources. Furthermore, our framework does not require image-pair correspondence
mapping and demonstrates its one of the applications as a robot-grasping pipeline.
Experiments show that our approach produces descriptors as robust as DON.

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`\citet{hasselmo} investigated\dots`

produces

Hasselmo, et al. (1995) investigated...

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[1]Sample of the first footnote.
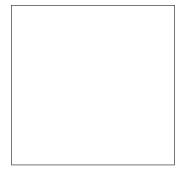[2]As in this example.

Figure 1: Sample figure caption.

Table 1: Sample table title

	Part		
Name	Description	Size (μm)
Dendrite	Input terminal	$\sim$100
Axon	Output terminal	$\sim$10
Soma	Cell body	up to 10^6

Place one line space before the table title, one line space after the table title, and one line space after the table. The table title must be lower case (except for first word and proper nouns); tables are numbered consecutively.

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This package was used to typeset Table 1.

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- `xfig` "patterned" shapes are implemented with bitmap fonts. Use "solid" shapes instead.

- The `\bbold` package almost always uses bitmap fonts. You should use the equivalent AMS Fonts:

```
\usepackage{amsfonts}
```

followed by, e.g., \mathbb{R}, \mathbb{N}, or \mathbb{C} for $\mathbb{R}$, $\mathbb{N}$ or $\mathbb{C}$. You can also use the following workaround for reals, natural and complex:

```
\newcommand{\RR}{I\!\!R} %real numbers
\newcommand{\Nat}{I\!\!N} %natural numbers
\newcommand{\CC}{I\!\!\!\!C} %complex numbers
```

Note that `amsfonts` is automatically loaded by the `amssymb` package.

If your file contains type 3 fonts or non embedded TrueType fonts, we will ask you to fix it.

6.1 Margins in LaTeX

Most of the margin problems come from figures positioned by hand using \special or other commands. We suggest using the command \includegraphics from the graphicx package. Always specify the figure width as a multiple of the line width as in the example below:

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\usepackage[pdftex]{graphicx} ...
\includegraphics[width=0.8\linewidth]{myfile.pdf}
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See Section 4.4 in the graphics bundle documentation (http://mirrors.ctan.org/macros/latex/required/graphics/grfguide.pdf)

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[1] Alexander, J.A. & Mozer, M.C. (1995) Template-based algorithms for connectionist rule extraction. In G. Tesauro, D.S. Touretzky and T.K. Leen (eds.), *Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems 7*, pp. 609–616. Cambridge, MA: MIT Press.

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[3] Hasselmo, M.E., Schnell, E. & Barkai, E. (1995) Dynamics of learning and recall at excitatory recurrent synapses and cholinergic modulation in rat hippocampal region CA3. *Journal of Neuroscience* **15**(7):5249-5262.