Scene Separation & Data Selection: Temporal Segmentation Algorithm for Real-time Video Stream Analysis

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Outline

Introduction

- The problem (Background & What we want to achieve)
- Our motivation (Why not neural networks?)

Remark

Scene separation is a problem in which we want to separate a video stream into different scenes. **A scene** is defined as a group of similar-looking frames that are temporally adjacent to each other.

The problem

- **Background**: real-time video stream interpretation, including video semantics / video accessibility / surveillance footage auto-interpretation, etc.
- **Difficulties**: algorithms do not see video as a continuous stream of images, but as discrete frames.

Figure 1: Video semantics.

The problem

- **The traditional approach**: 3D CNNs (CNN models with the additional temporal dimension)
- **What's missing**: hard to control when the video is very long or it is of indefinite length (like live streaming).

Example

It would be hard to pick up sudden moves in long videos because the longer the video, the worse the temporal resolution. (like a very tiny object in a very massive picture in 2D CNNs)

Our motivation

Why not neural networks?

- **Neural networks are relatively slow**: the inference time of a lot of NNs makes them difficult to be used in real-time video analysis.
- And the 2SDS algorithm is fully capable of handling simple scene separation tasks.