

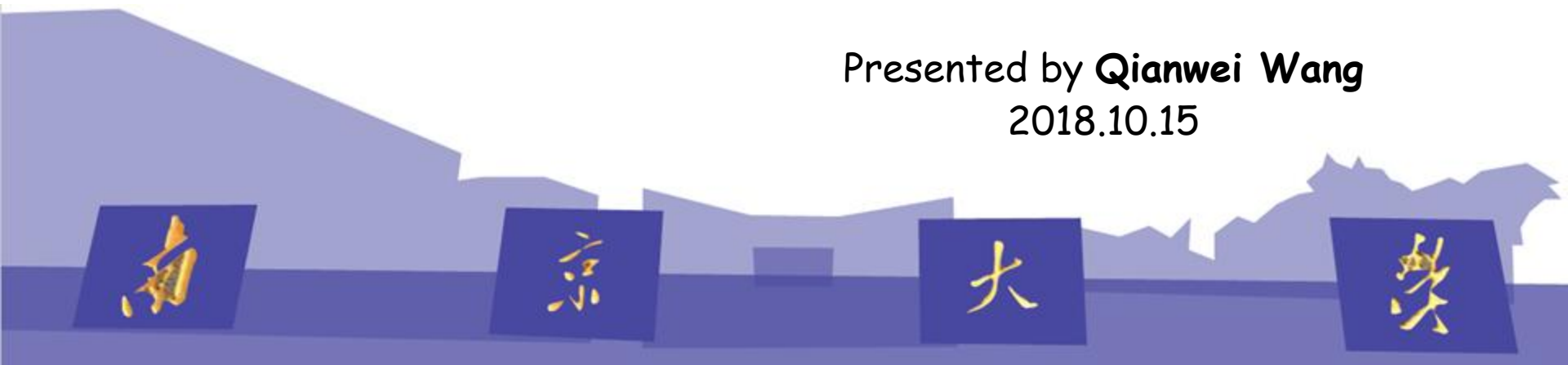
# Attention-based Deep Multiple Instance Learning

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# Background

- Multiple Instance Learning (MIL)
  - The training set is composed of labeled *bags* each consists of many unlabeled instances, and the goal is to predict unseen bags.

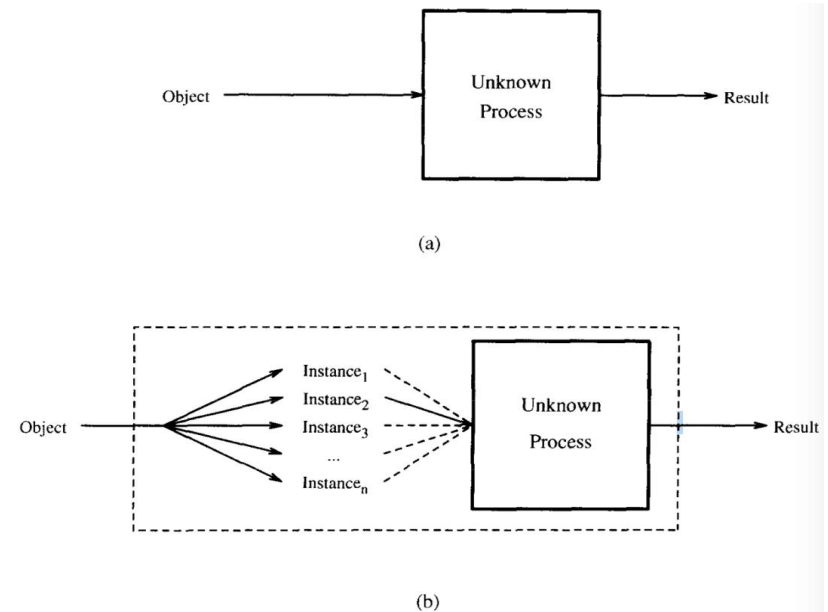
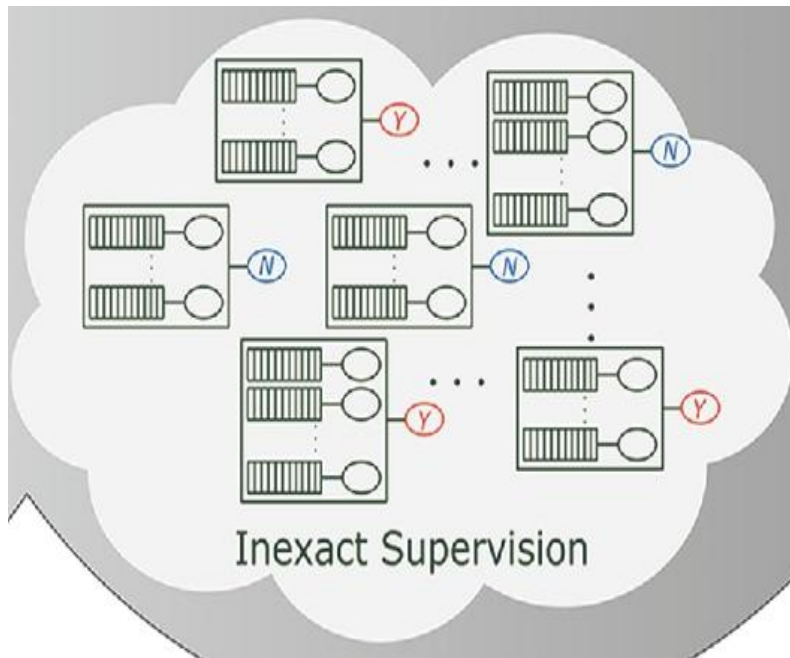


Fig. 1. Supervised learning: (a) usual situation and (b) multiple instance situation.

# Proposed Method

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- Multi-instance Learning In this Paper:
  - Binary classification;
  - Neither dependency nor ordering among instances.

# Three-step Approach of MIL

Neither dependency nor ordering among instances



A **permutation-invariant** scoring function  $S(X) \in [0, 1]$

**Theorem 1.** *A scoring function for a set of instances  $X$ ,  $S(X) \in \mathbb{R}$ , is a symmetric function (i.e., permutation-invariant to the elements in  $X$ ), if and only if it can be decomposed in the following form:*

$$S(X) = g\left(\sum_{\mathbf{x} \in X} f(\mathbf{x})\right), \quad (3)$$

*where  $f$  and  $g$  are suitable transformations.*

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$$f + \sigma + g = \text{MIL algorithm}$$

instance-level classifier + max-pooling + identity function = instance-level MIL algorithm

low-dimensional embedding + mean-pooling + bag-level classifier = embedding-level MIL algorithm

# MIL with Neural Networks

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$$\begin{array}{c} f \\ \swarrow \\ \text{Neural Networks} \end{array} + \sigma + \begin{array}{c} g \\ \searrow \\ \text{Neural Networks} \end{array} = \text{MIL algorithm}$$

Advantages: (i) flexible , (ii) can be trained end-to-end



# Attention-based MIL Pooling

- Why Attention?
  - Previous pooling: pre-defined, non-trainable;
  - Seek for a flexible and *interpretable* pooling method.
- Attention Mechanism

$$\mathbf{z} = \sum_{k=1}^K a_k \mathbf{h}_k, \quad (7)$$

where:

$$a_k = \frac{\exp\{\mathbf{w}^\top \tanh(\mathbf{V}\mathbf{h}_k^\top)\}}{\sum_{j=1}^K \exp\{\mathbf{w}^\top \tanh(\mathbf{V}\mathbf{h}_j^\top)\}}, \quad (8)$$

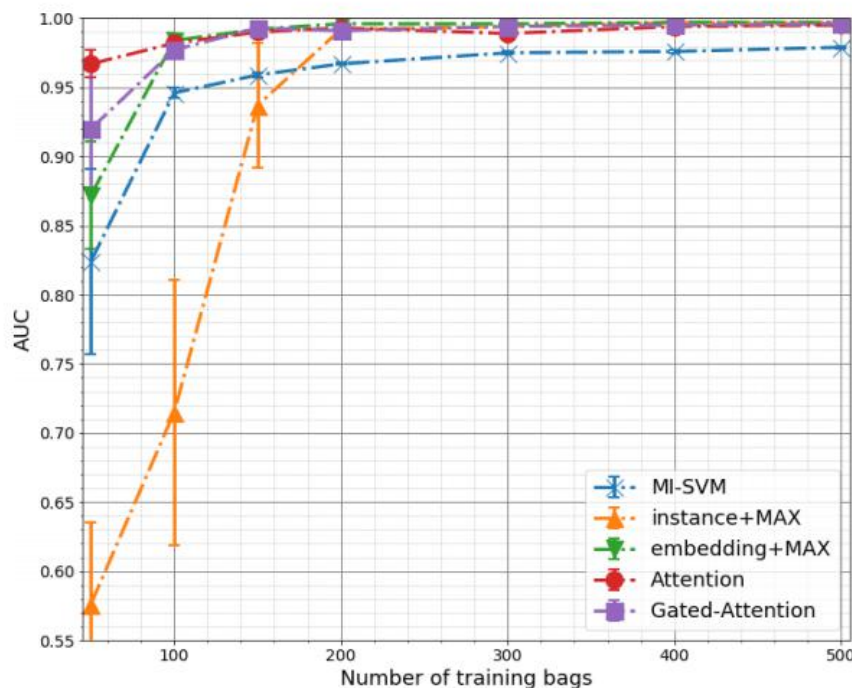
# Experiments

- Classical MIL Datasets

	METHOD	MUSK1	MUSK2	FOX	TIGER	ELEPHANT
Classical MIL method	mi-SVM [1]	0.874±N/A	0.836±N/A	0.582±N/A	0.784±N/A	0.822±N/A
	MI-SVM [1]	0.779±N/A	0.843±N/A	0.578±N/A	0.840±N/A	0.843±N/A
	MI-Kernel [2]	<b>0.880</b> ±0.031	<b>0.893</b> ±0.015	<b>0.603</b> ±0.028	0.842±0.010	0.843±0.016
	EM-DD [3]	0.849±0.044	<b>0.869</b> ±0.048	<b>0.609</b> ±0.045	0.730±0.043	0.771±0.043
	mi-Graph [4]	<b>0.889</b> ±0.033	<b>0.903</b> ±0.039	<b>0.620</b> ±0.044	<b>0.860</b> ±0.037	<b>0.869</b> ±0.035
	miVLAD [5]	<b>0.871</b> ±0.043	<b>0.872</b> ±0.042	<b>0.620</b> ±0.044	0.811±0.039	<b>0.850</b> ±0.036
	miFV [5]	<b>0.909</b> ±0.040	<b>0.884</b> ±0.042	<b>0.621</b> ±0.049	0.813±0.037	<b>0.852</b> ±0.036
Deep MIL in (Wang et al.)	mi-Net [6]	<b>0.889</b> ±0.039	<b>0.858</b> ±0.049	<b>0.613</b> ±0.035	0.824±0.034	<b>0.858</b> ±0.037
	MI-Net [6]	<b>0.887</b> ±0.041	<b>0.859</b> ±0.046	<b>0.622</b> ±0.038	<b>0.830</b> ±0.032	<b>0.862</b> ±0.034
	MI-Net with DS [6]	<b>0.894</b> ±0.042	<b>0.874</b> ±0.043	<b>0.630</b> ±0.037	<b>0.845</b> ±0.039	<b>0.872</b> ±0.032
	MI-Net with RC [6]	<b>0.898</b> ±0.043	<b>0.873</b> ±0.044	<b>0.619</b> ±0.047	<b>0.836</b> ±0.037	<b>0.857</b> ±0.040
Proposed method	Attention	<b>0.892</b> ±0.040	<b>0.858</b> ±0.048	<b>0.615</b> ±0.043	<b>0.839</b> ±0.022	<b>0.868</b> ±0.022
	Gated-Attention	<b>0.900</b> ±0.050	<b>0.863</b> ±0.042	<b>0.603</b> ±0.029	<b>0.845</b> ±0.018	<b>0.857</b> ±0.027

# Experiments

- MNIST-bags
  - Constructed by sample images from MNIST as instances
  - A bag is positive if it contains one or more '9'



# Experiments

- MNIST-bags

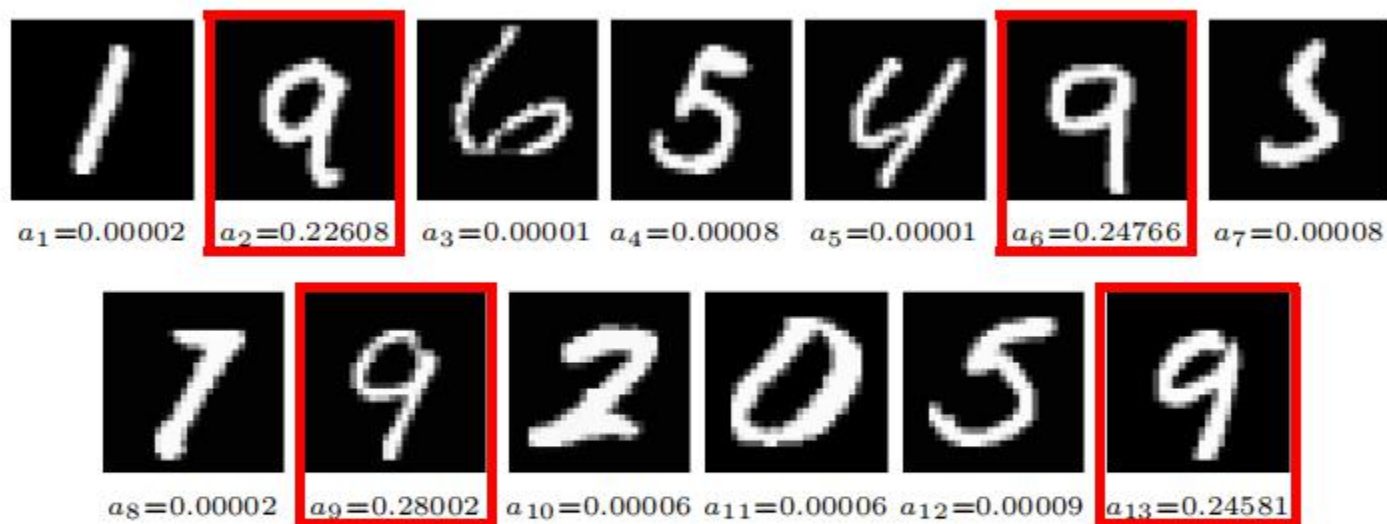


Figure 4. Example of attention weights for a positive bag.

# Experiments

- Real-world Dataset
  - Divide every image into 32 x 32 patches.

Table 2. Results on BREAST CANCER. Experiments were run 5 times and an average ( $\pm$  a standard error of the mean) is reported.

METHOD	ACCURACY	PRECISION	RECALL	F-SCORE	AUC
Instance+max	0.614 $\pm$ 0.020	0.585 $\pm$ 0.03	0.477 $\pm$ 0.087	0.506 $\pm$ 0.054	0.612 $\pm$ 0.026
Instance+mean	0.672 $\pm$ 0.026	0.672 $\pm$ 0.034	0.515 $\pm$ 0.056	0.577 $\pm$ 0.049	0.719 $\pm$ 0.019
Embedding+max	0.607 $\pm$ 0.015	0.558 $\pm$ 0.013	0.546 $\pm$ 0.070	0.543 $\pm$ 0.042	0.650 $\pm$ 0.013
Embedding+mean	<b>0.741</b> $\pm$ 0.023	<b>0.741</b> $\pm$ 0.023	0.654 $\pm$ 0.054	0.689 $\pm$ 0.034	<b>0.796</b> $\pm$ 0.012
Attention	<b>0.745</b> $\pm$ 0.018	0.718 $\pm$ 0.021	<b>0.715</b> $\pm$ 0.046	<b>0.712</b> $\pm$ 0.025	0.775 $\pm$ 0.016
Gated-Attention	<b>0.755</b> $\pm$ 0.016	<b>0.728</b> $\pm$ 0.016	<b>0.731</b> $\pm$ 0.042	<b>0.725</b> $\pm$ 0.023	<b>0.799</b> $\pm$ 0.020

# Conclusion

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- General three-step approach for MIL
- Flexible and interpretable MIL model using neural networks and attention-based pooling

Q & A

Thanks !