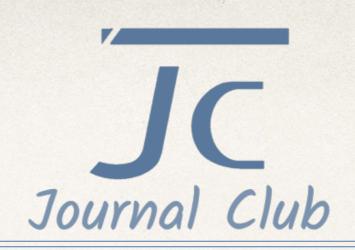


Semantic-Preserving BoW Models and Applications

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Background

BoW deals with an image:

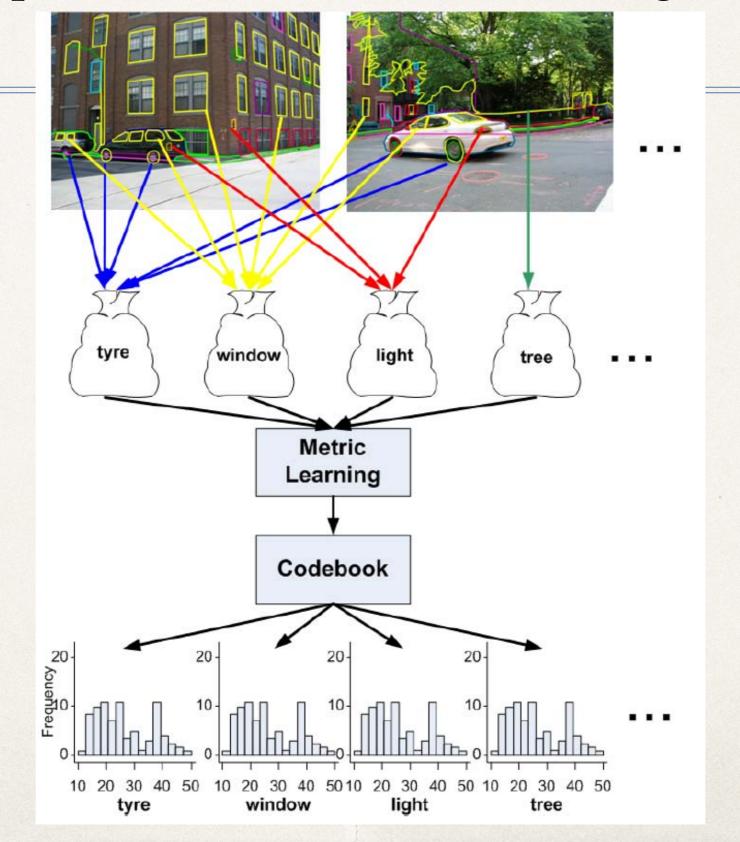
- Interest point detector (e.g. Difference of Gaussians) to detect salient patches/regions in the image.
- Feature descriptor (e.g. SIFT) to represent the local patches/regions as numerical feature vectors.
- To generate a codebook by converting the patches to "codewords", e.g. applying k-means clustering and defining codewords based on the centers of the clusters.

Drawbacks of BoW:

- Ignorance of spatial information
- Semantics of objects is considerably lost



Semantic Gap ->a distance metric learning method





Data descriptions

Training data:

MIT label testbed of images (495 objects, 185 images, 400000 features)
 VOC2006

Side information:

- considering pairwise feature instance xi1, xi2,
- zi1 and zi2 are binary indicators to indicate whether a feature instance is located at the object region or the background region in the image.
- yi shows if both xi1 and xi2 are on the same semantic parts of objects

The basic Principle of metric learning:

$$d(x_{i1}, x_{i2}) = \sqrt{(x_{i1} - x_{i2})^{\top} A(x_{i1} - x_{i2})}$$
 (1)

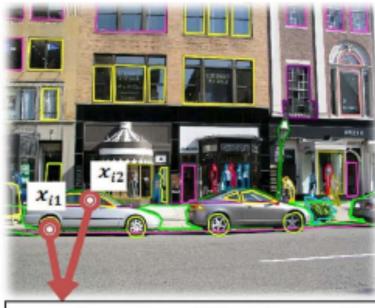
- A. The distances between visual feature vectors of the same semantics should be minimized.
- B. Distances between feature vectors of different semantics should be maximized.



 x_{i1} on the object: $z_{i1} = 1$ x_{i2} not on the object: $z_{i2} = 0$

 x_{i1} and x_{i2} are on different semantic objects: $y_i = -1$

(c)



 x_{i1} and x_{i2} are on different semantic parts (tyre and window): $y_i = -1$ (b)

 x_{i1} x_{i2}

 x_{i1} and x_{i2} are on the same semantic part (tyre): $y_i = 1$

(d)

Fig. 2. Illustration of side information between objects and feature instances.

1. The distance metric estimation

$$\min_{A \succeq 0, b} \qquad \sum_{i} z_{i1} z_{i2} \xi_{i} + \frac{\lambda}{2} tr(AA^{\top}) \tag{2}$$

$$s.t. \qquad y_{i} (\|x_{i1} - x_{i2}\|_{A} - b) \leq \xi_{i}, \xi_{i} \geq 0, i = 1, \dots, n (3)$$

$$\|A\| = 1/\sqrt{\lambda} \tag{4}$$

- Mahanalobis distance between two features under metric A
- Matrix:

$$X_1 = [x_{11}, x_{21}, \cdots, x_{n1}]^{\top} \quad X_2 = [x_{12}, x_{22}, \cdots, x_{n2}]^{\top}$$
 $Z_1 = \operatorname{diag}(z_{11}, z_{21}, \cdots, z_{n1}) \quad Z_2 = \operatorname{diag}(z_{12}, z_{22}, \cdots, z_{n2})$
 $Y = \operatorname{diag}[y_1, \cdots, y_n]$

A gradient search algorithm



Algorithm 1 The Semantics-Preserving Metric Learning (SPML) algorithm

INPUT:

- SIFT feature matrix: $X \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times d}$
- pairwise constraint $(x_{i1}, x_{i2}, z_{i1}, z_{i2}, y_i)$, where x_{i1} is the i_1^{th} SIFT feature, z_{i1} indicate whether the location of feature x_{i1} is on the semantic object, and constraints $y_i = \{+1, 0, -1\}$ represents feature x_{i1} and x_{i2} are on the same semantic part of the object, not known, or on different semantic parts.
- regularization parameter λ
- learning rate parameter γ

PROCEDURE:

- 1: initialize metric and threshold: A = I, $b = b_0$
- 2: set iteration step t = 1;
- 3: repeat
- (1) update the learning rate:

$$\gamma = \gamma/t$$
, t = t + 1

(2) update the subset of training instances: 5:

$$\mathcal{S}_{t}^{+} = \{(x_{i1}, x_{i2}, y_{i}) | (1 + y_{i}) | ||x_{i1} - x_{i2}||_{A}^{2} > 1\}
\mathcal{S}_{t}^{-} = \{(x_{i1}, x_{i2}, y_{i}) | (1 - y_{i}) ||x_{i1} - x_{i2}||_{A}^{2} < 1\}
\mathcal{S}_{t} = \mathcal{S}_{t}^{+} \bigcup \mathcal{S}_{t}^{-}$$

(3) compute the gradients w.r.t. A

$$\nabla_A \mathcal{L} \leftarrow Z_1 Z_2 (\lambda A + D_X^\top Y^\top D_X),$$

$$D_X = X_1 - X_2,$$

(4) compute the gradients w.r.t. b

$$\nabla_b \mathcal{L} \leftarrow \operatorname{tr}(Z_1 Z_2 Y)$$

(5) update metric and threshold: 8:

$$A_{t+1} \leftarrow A_t - \frac{\gamma}{t} \nabla_A \mathcal{L}, \qquad b_{t+1} \leftarrow b_t - \frac{\gamma}{t} \nabla_b \mathcal{L}$$

(6) project A back to the PSD cone: 9:

$$A_{t+1} = \sum_{i=1}^{d} \lambda_i \phi_i \phi_i^{\top}$$

$$A_{t+1} \leftarrow \sum_{i} \max(0, \lambda_i) \phi_i \phi_i^{\top}$$

 $A_{t+1} \leftarrow \sum_{i} \max(0, \lambda_i) \phi_i \phi_i^{\mathsf{T}}$ (7) normalize A_{t+1} to satisfy $||A_{t+1}|| = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda}}$: 10:

$$A_{t+1} \leftarrow \frac{1/\sqrt{\lambda}}{\|A_{t+1}\|} A_{t+1}$$

11: until convergence

OUTPUT:

• feature metric A, threshold variable b



2. Codebook Generation

1. Codebook size assignment (Lmax=2500)

The number of codes -> visual complexity of an object category -> the diversity of its associated features

The generative probability of *xj* from the object *Ci* word-bag:

$$p(x_j|C_i) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} \exp^{-\frac{\|x_j - \hat{x}\|_A^2}{2\sigma^2}} \qquad \hat{x} = \frac{1}{n_{C_i}} \sum_{x_j \in C_i} x_j$$

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Information entropy:

$$H(C_i) = -\sum_{x_j \in C_i} p(x_j|C_i) \log p(x_j|C_i)$$

The number of codes or words:

$$L_{C_i} = \lfloor L_{max} \times \frac{H(C_i)}{\log n_{C_i}} \rfloor$$

2. Codebook generation



Algorithm 2 Codebook Generation Algorithm

INPUT:

- features and their object labels $\{(x,y), x \in \mathcal{X}, y \in \mathcal{C}\}$
- optimized distance metric A
- codebook size assigned for each object L_{C_i} , $i = 1, \dots, M$
- the number of clusters for clustering $K > \max_i L_{C_i}$

PROCEDURE:

- 1: initialize the number of visual words L=0
- 2: **for** i = 1 : M **do**
- 3: clustering features of the *i*-th object $X_i = \{(x, C) | C = C_i\}$ into K clusters

$$[c_{ij}, r_{ij}] = kmeans(X_i, K)$$

4: calculate the size of each cluster:

$$S_{ij} = \sum_{x} \delta(\|x - c_{ij}\|_A, r_{ij})$$

5: sort clusters by their sizes

$$c_{ij} \leftarrow sort(c_{ij}, S_{ij})$$
 $r_{ij} \leftarrow sort(r_{ij}, S_{ij})$

- 6: adopt top L_{C_i} largest clusters as visual words for the category $w_{L+j} = c_{ij}, r_{L+j} = r_{ij}, j = 1, \dots, L_{C_i}$
- 7: update the number of visual words $L = L + L_{C_i}$
- 8: end for

OUTPUT:

• the centers of visual words w_k and their range radius r_k , $k = 1, \dots, L_{max}$



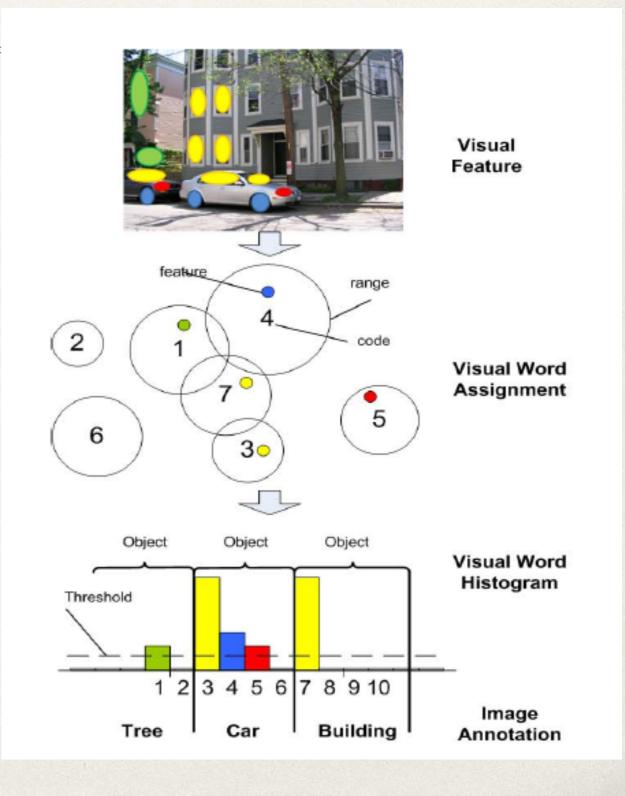
3. Visual word Histogram

- Difference from traditional BoW methods:
 - Traditional BoW assigns a feature to its closest visual words (a cluster).
 - In SPBoW, a feature can be assigned to multiple visual words in different objects.
- Visual word Histogram:

$$\pi(x,k) = \begin{cases} 1, & \|x - w_k\|_A < r_k; \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

$$f_I(k) = \sum_{x \in I} \pi(x, k)$$

$$h_I(w_k) = \frac{f_I(k)}{\sum_{v=1}^{L_{max}} f_I(v)}$$



Application (Object Classification)

- ❖ Assuming that we are given a set of labeled image regions. Our goal is to automatically annotate a novel image *I*
 - Generative models

Probability of a visual word wk appearing in an object Ci, calculated based on the training set:

$$p(w_k|C_i) = \frac{\sum_{\{x|C(x)=C_i\}} \pi(x,k) + 1}{\sum_k \sum_{\{x|C(x)=C_i\}} \pi(x,k) + V}$$

The likelihood of object category Ci appearing in image I can be calculated by a Naive Bayes model:

$$p(C_i|I) \propto p(I|C_i)p(C_i) \propto p(C_i) \prod_k p(w_k|C_i)^{f_I(k)}$$
 (12)

The top N ranked categories are used to annotate the image



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We are given a set of training images (or image regions) and their semantic categories $\{I_j, C(I_j)\}_j$, j is 1 to Ntr. Each image has visual word histogram $\mathbf{h}_I = [h_I(w_1), h_I(w_2), \cdots, h_I(w_{L_{max}})]$, Which is a Lmax-dimensional vector.

A multi-class classification task, based on the visual word histogram.

Using a binary SVM classifier to get the weight vector, w and b, for the *i*th category.

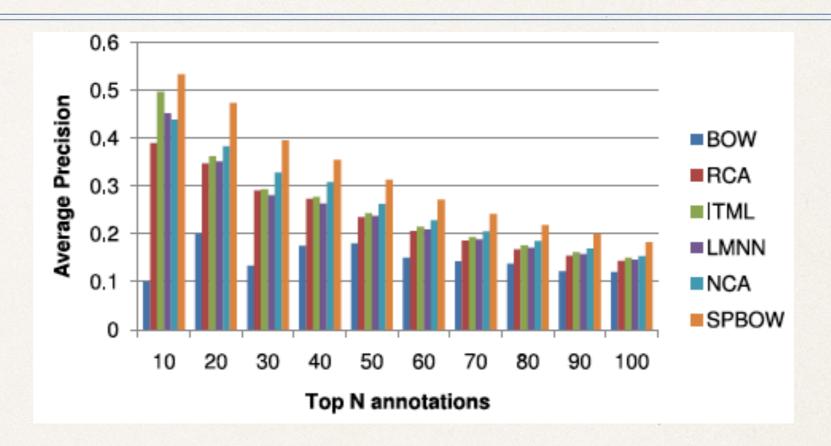
$$\min_{\omega,b} \frac{1}{2} \|\omega\|^2 + C \sum_{j} \xi_j$$

$$s.t. \quad y_j(i)(\omega \cdot \mathbf{h}_{I_j} - b) \ge 1 - \xi_j, \xi \ge 0, 1 \le j \le N_{tr}$$

A novel test image will be classified by all of the binary SVM classifiers, in which a positive output indicates that a specific object is detected on the image.

Results and Discussion

Average Precision~top N annotation



- Other influences: Number of constraints, codebook size and object categories (<10, Precision>90%)
- Codebook Generation:

Method	BoW	RCA	ITML	LMNN	NCA	SPBoW
Time Cost (s)	121	3	96	1759	457	8



* Thank You

Appendix

True Positive, False Positive, true negative, false negative

Precision其实就是在识别出来的图片中, True positives所占的比率:

P=Tp/(Tp+Fp)

其中的(True positives + False positives)也就是系统一共识别出来多少照片。

在这一例子中, True positives为3, False positives为1, 所以Precision值是 3/(3+1)=0.75。

意味着在识别出的结果中,飞机的图片占75%。

Recall 是被正确识别出来的飞机个数与测试集中所有飞机的个数的比值:

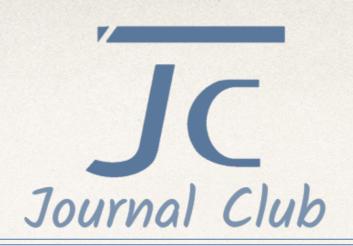
R=Tp/(Tp+Fn)

Recall的分母是(True positives + False negatives),这两个值的和,可以理解为一共有多少张飞机的照片。

在这一例子中, True positives为3, False negatives为2,那么Recall值是 3/(3+2)=0.6。

意味着在所有的飞机图片中,60%的飞机被正确的识别成飞机。





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