

Dual Relation Semi-supervised Multi-label Learning

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Multi-label Learning:

Background:

One object can be described by tens or hundreds of descriptions (e.g., color, shape, texture and category). It is critical and practical to predict all the labels from a single instance.

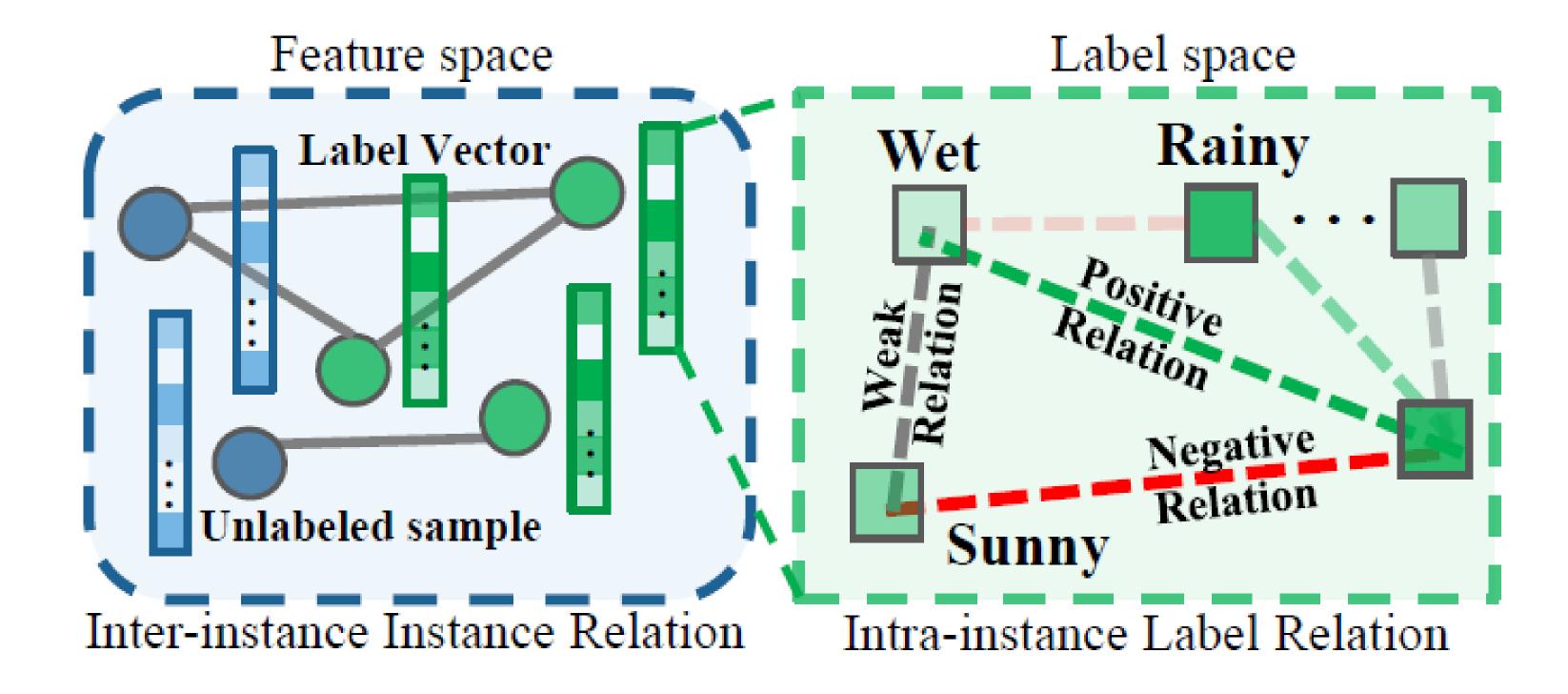
Input: an instance

Output: multiple predicted labels



Challenges:

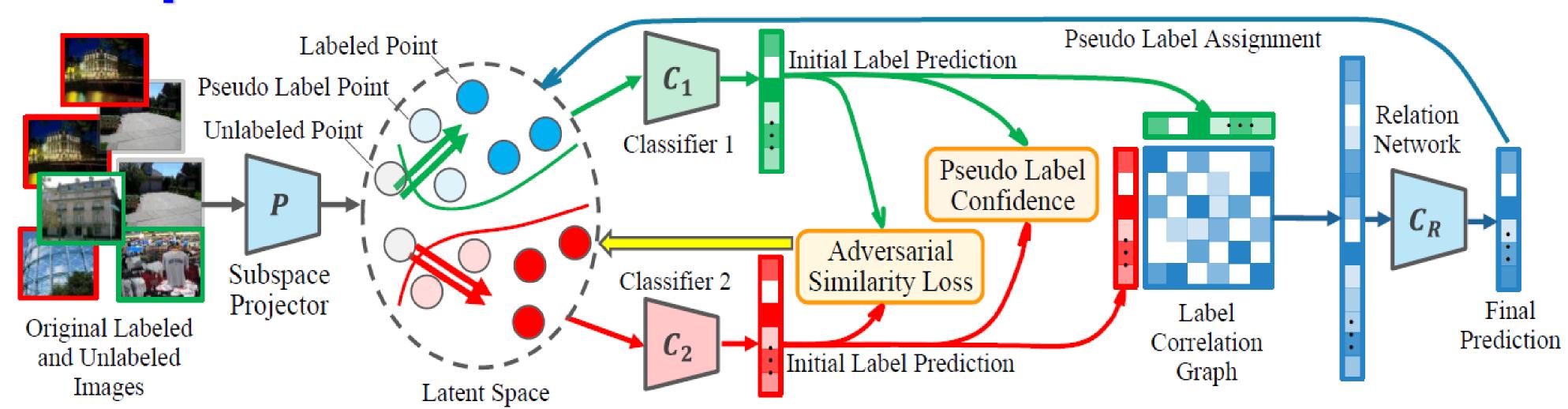
- Long-tail label distribution. The labels followed a long-tail distribution characteristic, which means some labels (e.g., *man-made*) are always show up while some labels are rarely be assigned (e.g., *fire*).
- Distribution gaps between training and testing sets.
 The training sets cannot cover the entire feature space of testing.
- Label correlation is crucial for high accurate label prediction, while this knowledge is difficult, expensive, and challenging to obtain.



Insights:

- Semi-supervised multi-label learning for multi-label prediction. Unlabeled samples are explored associated with labeled samples.
- The label-level correlation of each instance is important. Meanwhile, the label correlations residing inside both labeled and unlabeled samples could also provide crucial information. To this end, we want to explore the label correlations in unlabeled samples.

Proposed Method:



• Two classifiers structure is deployed to align the distribution differences between labeled and unlabeled samples.

$$L_C(X_l, Y_l) = \frac{1}{2} [\|C_1(Z_l) - Y_l\|_F^2 + \|C_2(Z_l) - Y_l\|_F^2]$$

$$\min_{C_1, C_2} -L_{DA}(X_u) + \lambda L_C(X_l, Y_l) \qquad L_{DA}(X_u) = d(C_1(Z_u), C_2(Z_u))$$

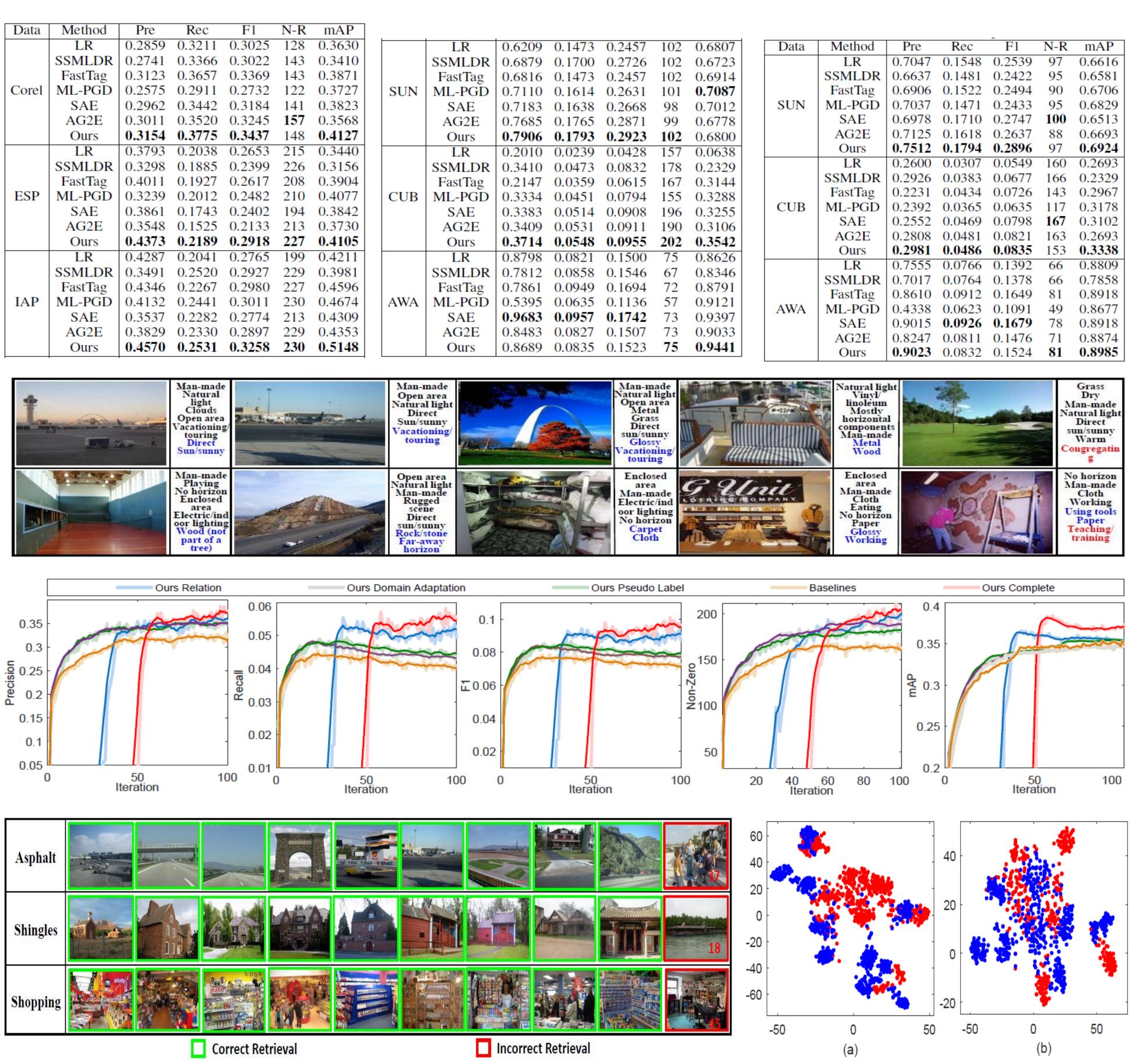
$$d(f_1, f_2) = \frac{1}{d_l} \sum_{k=1}^{d_l} |f_{1k} - f_{2k}|$$

- Pseudo label is gradually assigned to unlabeled samples
- Label correlations are explored by relation networks

$$L_R = \sum_{i=1}^n \|y_i - C_R(C_1(P(x_i)) \cdot C_2(P(x_i))^\top)\|_2^2 \quad \min_{P, C_1, C_2, C_R} \frac{\alpha}{2} L_C + (1 - \alpha) L_R$$

Experiments:

- > Six datasets are used: MAD, Keck and Weizmann datasets.
- > One is set as dictionary and another one is set as target dataset.



Conclusion:

We proposed a novel Dual Relation Semi-supervised Multi-label Learning approach. Unlabeled samples are utilized to improve model robustness. The label correlations from both labeled and unlabeled samples are explored.