# Adaptive Subspaces for Few-Shot Learning

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#### Motivation

- Formulate FSL as generating dynamic classifier
  - Learning a universal feature extractor
  - Learning to generate a classifier dynamically from limited data.

#### Method

- Generate subspace from limited data
- Singularity Vector Decomposition

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#### **FSL** review

$$p(c|\mathbf{q}) = \frac{\exp(\mathbf{W}_c^{\top} f_{\Theta}(\mathbf{q}))}{\sum_{c'} \exp(\mathbf{W}_{c'}^{\top} f_{\Theta}(\mathbf{q}))} = \frac{\exp(d_c(\mathbf{q}))}{\sum_{c'} \exp(d_{c'}(\mathbf{q}))},$$
(a)
(b)
(c)
(d)

Figure 2: Various classifiers for few-shot classification. (a) Matching networks create pairwise classifiers. (b) Prototypical networks create mean classifiers based on the sample in the same class. (c) Relation networks produce non-linear classifiers. (d) Our proposed method creates classifiers using subspaces.

### Subspace for few-shot

A subspace Z is represented by a basis. This paper try to generate the basis

$$\mathbb{R}^{D \times n} \ni \boldsymbol{B}_i = [\boldsymbol{b}_1, \cdots, \boldsymbol{b}_n]; n \leq D$$

A basis for a class can be compute by matrix decomposition (e.g.SVD)

$$oldsymbol{B}_i^ op oldsymbol{B}_i = \mathbf{I}_n$$

#### Generate subspace

Sample representation

$$oldsymbol{ ilde{X}}_c \ = \ [f_{\Theta,}(oldsymbol{x}_{c,1}) - oldsymbol{\mu}_c, \cdots, f_{\Theta}(oldsymbol{x}_{c,K}) - oldsymbol{\mu}_c]$$

where 
$$oldsymbol{\mu}_c = rac{1}{K} \sum_{oldsymbol{x}_i \in oldsymbol{X}_c} f_{\Theta}(oldsymbol{x}_i)$$
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Class representation as a subspace Pc from Xc by SVD

# Subspace classifier

Given a query instance q, distance to subspace is

$$d_c(\boldsymbol{q}) = -\|(\mathbf{I} - \boldsymbol{M}_c)(f_{\Theta}(\boldsymbol{q}) - \boldsymbol{\mu}_c)\|^2$$

Distance distribution

$$p_{c,q} = p(c|\mathbf{q}) = \frac{\exp(d_c(\mathbf{q}))}{\sum_{c'} \exp(d_{c'}(\mathbf{q}))}$$

# Discriminative Deep Subspace Network

Maximize subspace distance using Grassmannian geometry

$$\delta_p^2\left(oldsymbol{P}_i, oldsymbol{P}_j
ight) = \left\|oldsymbol{P}_i oldsymbol{P}_i^ op - oldsymbol{P}_j oldsymbol{P}_j^ op 
ight\|_F^2 = 2n - 2\|oldsymbol{P}_i^ op oldsymbol{P}_j^ op oldsymbol{P}_i^ op$$

Final loss function

$$-rac{1}{NM}\sum_{c}\log(p_{c,q}) + \lambda\sum_{i
eq j}\|oldsymbol{P}_i^{ op}oldsymbol{P}_j\|_F^2.$$

#### Mean refinement

Make use of unsupervised data

$$m{ ilde{\mu}_c} = rac{Km{\mu}_c + \sum_i m_i f_{\Theta}(m{r_i})}{K + \sum_i m_i}$$

Where

$$m_i = rac{\exp(-\|f_{\Theta}(m{r}_i) - m{\mu}_c)\|^2)}{\sum_{c'} \exp(-\|f_{\Theta}(m{r}_i) - m{\mu}_{c'})\|^2)}$$

# **Algorithm**

# **Input:** Each episode $\mathcal{T}_i$ with S and Q

**Algorithm 1** Train Deep Subspace Networks

1:  $\Theta_0 \leftarrow$  random initialization 2: for t in  $\{\mathcal{T}_1, ..., \mathcal{T}_{N_T}\}$  do

3: **for** 
$$k = \{1, ..., N\}$$
 **do**

 $X_c \leftarrow S_c$ 4:

Calculate the average of the class 5:

Calculate mean refinement (MR) using Eq. 6 6:

Subtract  $X_c$  with an offset 7:  $[\mathcal{U}, \Sigma, \mathcal{V}^{\top}] \leftarrow \text{Decompose}(\tilde{\boldsymbol{X}}_c)$ 8:

 $\boldsymbol{P}_c \leftarrow \text{Truncate } \mathcal{U}_{1,...,n}$ 9: for q in Q do

10: Compute  $d_c(\mathbf{q})$  using Eq. 2 11:

end for 12:

end for 13:

14:

15:

Compute final loss  $\mathcal{L}_t$  using Eq. 5

Update  $\Theta$  using  $\nabla \mathcal{L}_t$ 

16: **end for** 

#### Result

Model	Backbone	1-shot	5-shot
Matching Nets [4]	Conv-4	$43.56\pm0.84$	$55.31 \pm 0.73$
MAML [7]	Conv-4	$48.70 \pm 1.84$	$63.11 \pm 0.92$
Reptile [48]	Conv-4	$49.97 \pm 0.32$	$65.99 \pm 0.58$
R2-D2 [49]	Conv-4	$48.70 \pm 0.60$	$65.50 \pm 0.60$
Prototypical Nets [20]	Conv-4	$44.53 \pm 0.76$	$65.77 \pm 0.66$
Relation Nets [14]	Conv-4	$50.44 \pm 0.82$	$65.32 \pm 0.70$
DSN	Conv-4	$\textbf{51.78} \pm \textbf{0.96}$	$\textbf{68.99} \pm \textbf{0.69}$
DSN-MR	Conv-4	$55.88 \pm 0.90$	$\textbf{70.50} \pm \textbf{0.68}$