

Metric learning: Knowledge transfer, data augmentation, and attention

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context

- representation learning for instance-level tasks like visual localization often reduces to metric learning
- ideas addressed most commonly in classification, less so in metric learning
 - knowledge transfer (from teacher to student models)
 - data augmentation (mixup)
 - attention (channel/spatial, local/global)

knowledge transfer

asymmetric metric learning for knowledge transfer

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paper

<https://arxiv.org/abs/2006.16331>

code

https://github.com/budnikm/asymmetric_metric_learning

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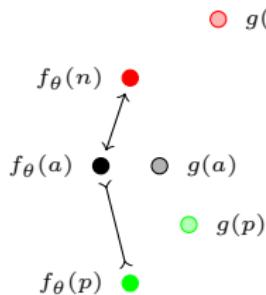
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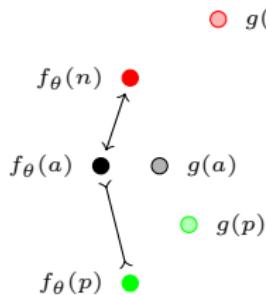
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- positive pairs of examples mutually attracted and negative pairs are repulsed in student space

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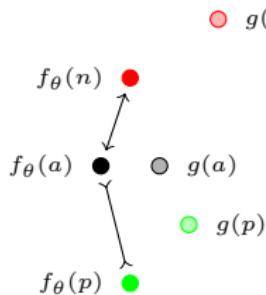


symmetric

- labels used, teacher not used (f_θ : student, g : teacher)
- **contrastive** $\ell_C(a; \theta)$: **independently**, positive examples p close to anchor a , negative n farther from a by margin m in student space

$$\sum_{p \in P(a)} -s_\theta(a, p) + \sum_{n \in N(a)} [s_\theta(a, n) - m]_+$$

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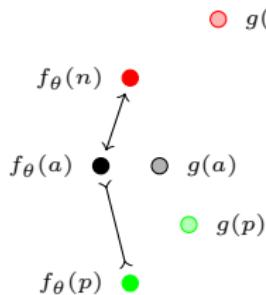


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- triplet $\ell_T(a; \theta)$: positive examples p closer to the anchor a than negative n by margin m in student space

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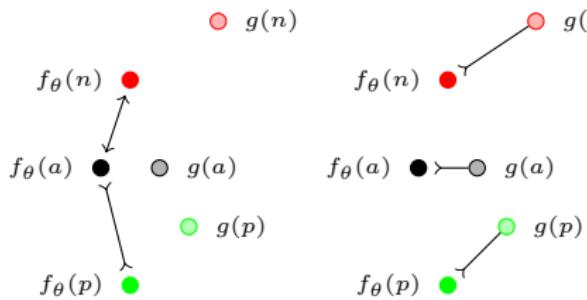


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- multi-similarity $\ell_{\text{MS}}(a; \theta)$: positives p (negatives n) **farthest** from (nearest to) anchor a receive the **greatest** relative weight

$$\frac{1}{\alpha} \log \left(1 + \sum_{p \in P(a)} e^{-\alpha(s_\theta(a,p) - m)} \right) + \frac{1}{\beta} \log \left(1 + \sum_{n \in N(a)} e^{\beta(s_\theta(a,n) - m)} \right)$$

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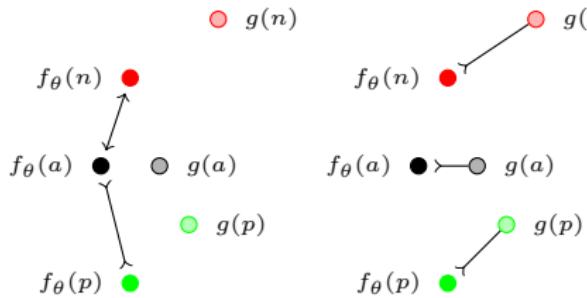


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regression

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- examples in **student space** attracted to corresponding examples in **teacher space**

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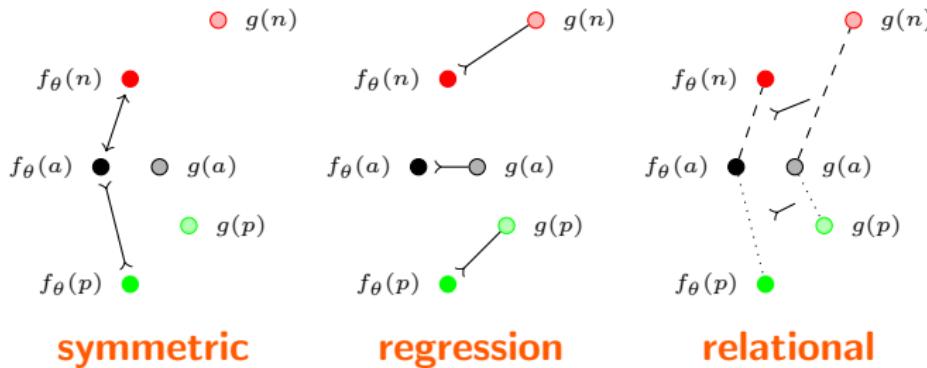
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- **regression** $\ell_R(a; \theta)$: representations of **same example** a by two models f_θ, g close to each other, where g is fixed

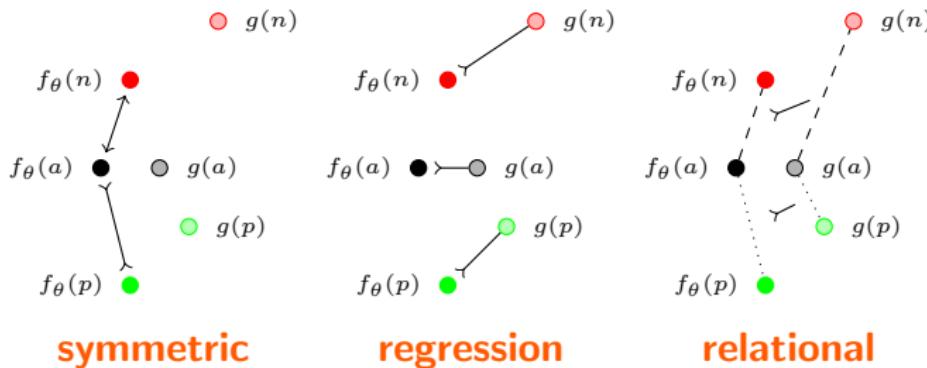
$$-s_\theta^{\text{asym}}(a, a) = -\text{sim}(f_\theta(a), g(a))$$

metric learning and knowledge transfer



- labels not used, teacher used
- pairwise / groupwise relations like **distances**, **angles** or **ranks** encouraged to be **compatible in both spaces**

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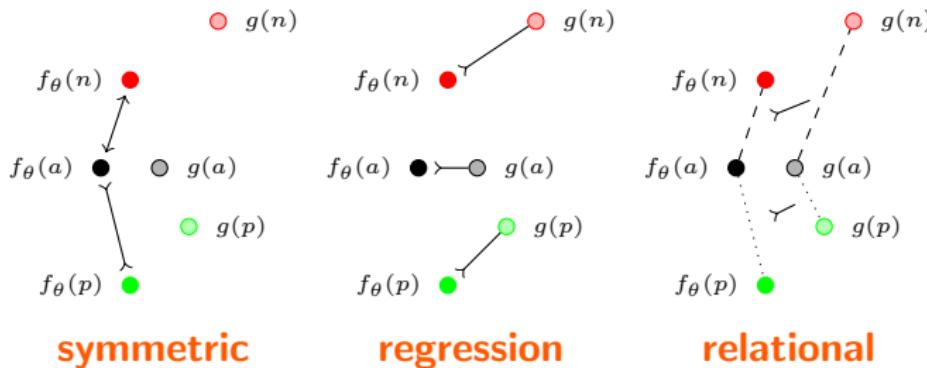


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- relational distillation $\ell_{\text{RKD}}(a; \theta)$: measurements $\psi(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{x}, \dots)$ of same examples (a, x, \dots) by two models f_θ, g close to each other

$$\sum_{(x, \dots) \in U(a)^n} -\text{sim}(\psi(f_\theta(a), f_\theta(x), \dots), \psi(g(a), g(x), \dots))$$

e.g. **distance** $\|\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{x}\|$, **angle** $\text{sim}(\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{a} - \mathbf{y})$; **regression** $\psi(\mathbf{a}) := \mathbf{a}$

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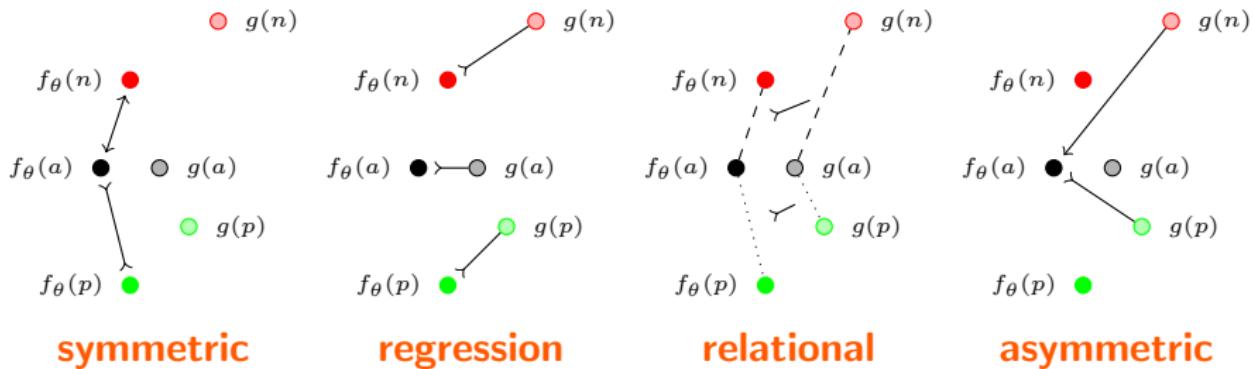
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relational

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- **DarkRank** $\ell_{\text{DR}}(a; \theta)$: examples $y \in V(a, x)$ mapped **farther** from anchor a than x in **teacher space** do the same in **student space**:

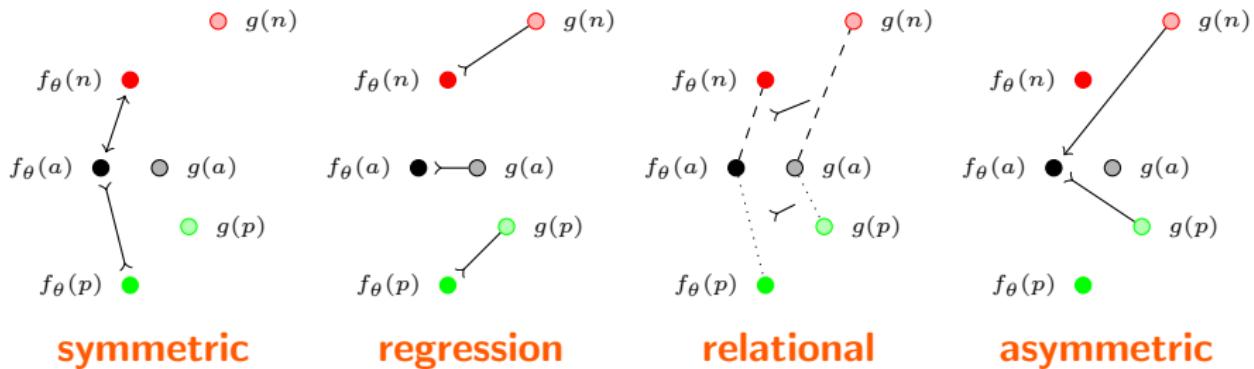
$$-\sum_{x \in U(a)} \left(s_\theta^{\text{sym}}(a, x) - \log \sum_{y \in V(a, x)} e^{s_\theta^{\text{sym}}(a, y)} \right)$$

metric learning and knowledge transfer



- both labels and teacher used
- anchors in student space attracted to positives and repulsed from negatives in teacher space

metric learning and knowledge transfer



- both labels and teacher used (f_θ : student, g : teacher)
 - **Asymmetric Metric Learning (AML)**: simply use

$$s_\theta^{\text{asym}}(a, x) := \text{sim}(f_\theta(a), g(x))$$

with **any** supervised metric learning loss like ℓ_C , ℓ_T , ℓ_{MS}

best loss functions

- regression (**Reg**)

$$\ell_R(a; \theta) := -s_\theta^{\text{asym}}(a, a) = -\text{sim}(f_\theta(a), g(a))$$

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$$- s_\theta(a, a)$$

test set: revisited Oxford and Paris



- 11 + 11 landmarks, 70 + 70 queries, 5k + 6k images, easy/hard
- 1M distractor images
- performance measured by mAP: positive ranked first

Radenovic, Iscen, Tolias, Avrithis, Chum. CVPR 2018. Revisiting Oxford and Paris: Large-Scale Image Retrieval Benchmarking.
Budnik and Avrithis. CVPR 2021. Asymmetric Metric Learning for Knowledge Transfer.

training set: SfM120k (positives)



- camera position (closest to query)
- number of inliers (co-observed 3D points with query)
- according to SIFT descriptors

training set: SfM120k (negatives)



- k -nearest neighbors from non-matching clusters
- at most one image per cluster
- according to learned descriptors

network models

NETWORK	TEACHER	d	GFLOPS	PARAM(M)
ResNet101		2048	42.85	42.50
EfficientNet-B3		1536	5.36	10.70
	ResNet101	2048	6.26	13.84

- **teacher:** ResNet101 (**RN101**)
- **student:** EfficientNet-B3 (**EN-B3**), dimensions d adapted to teacher
- $7\times$ less FLOPS
- $3\times$ less parameters

symmetric testing

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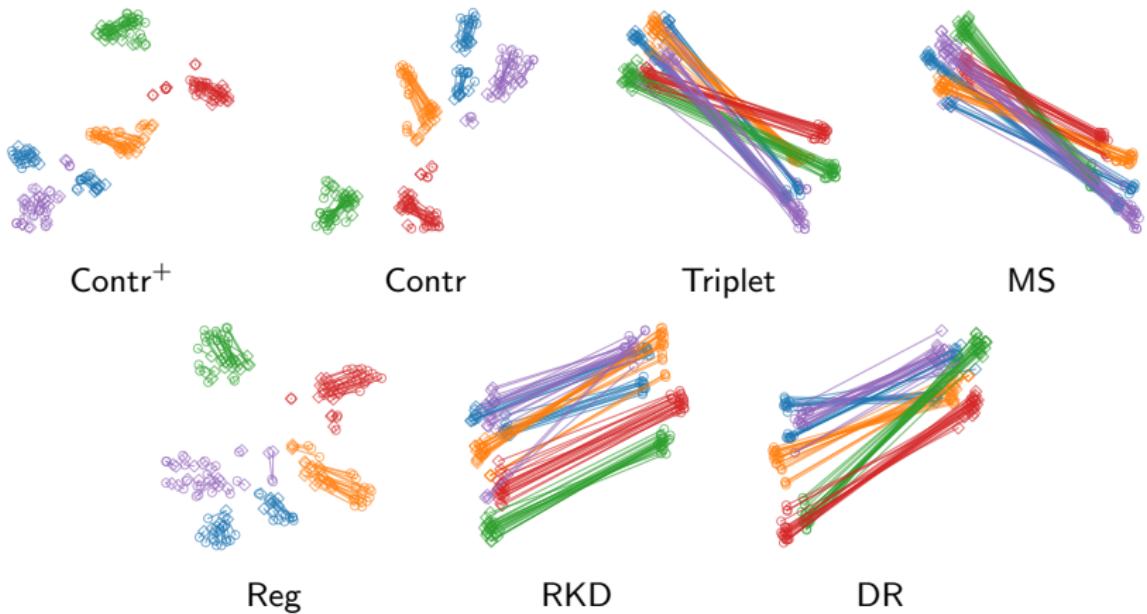
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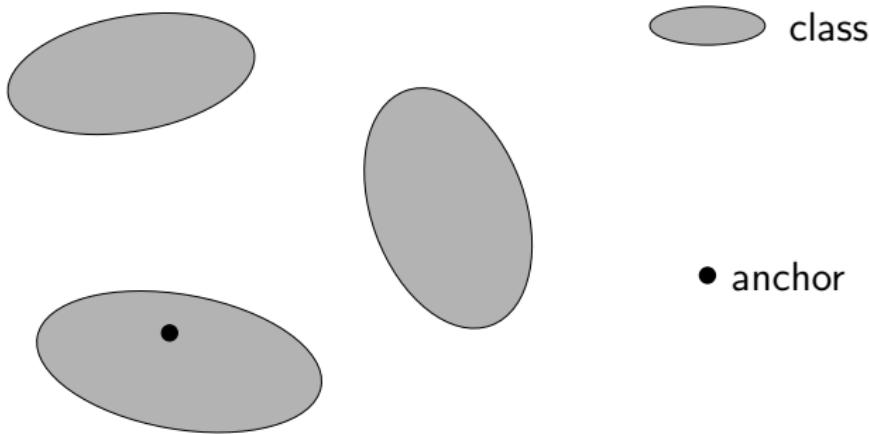
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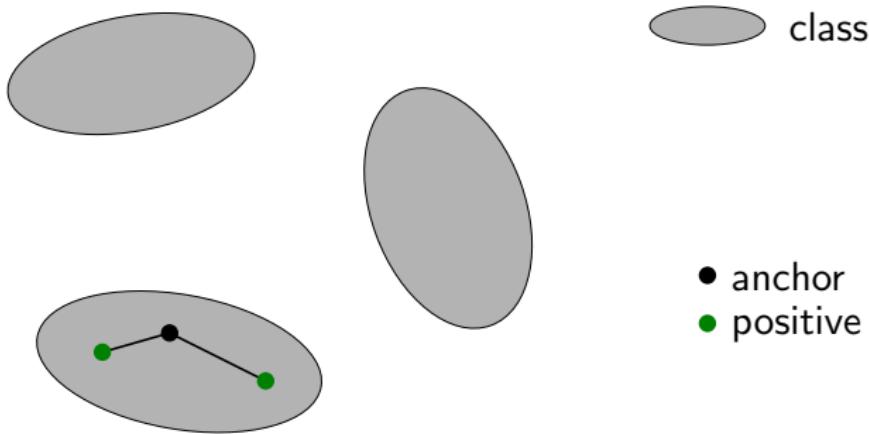
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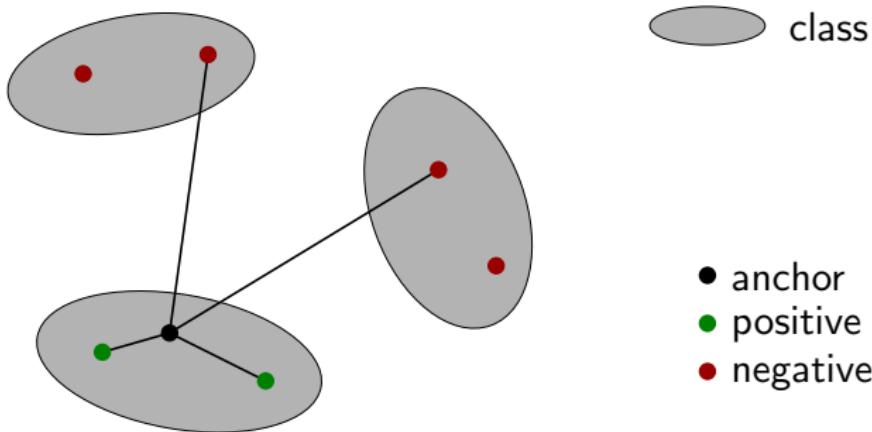


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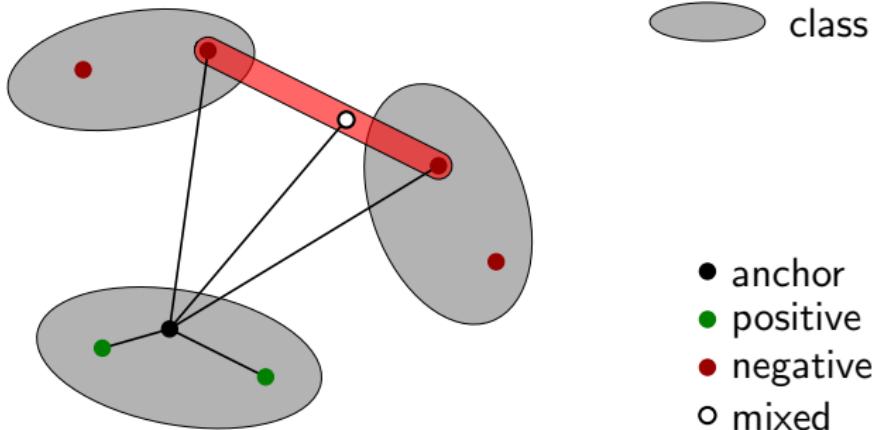
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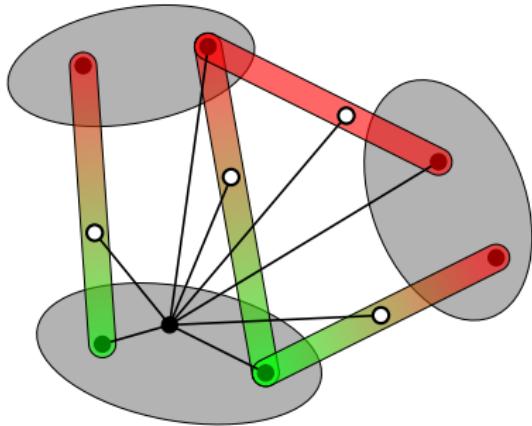
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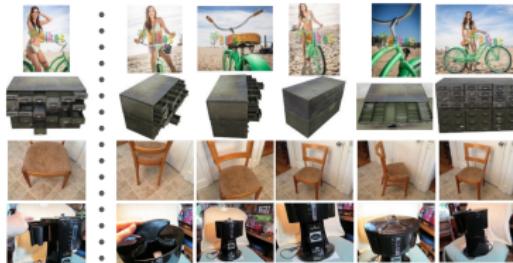
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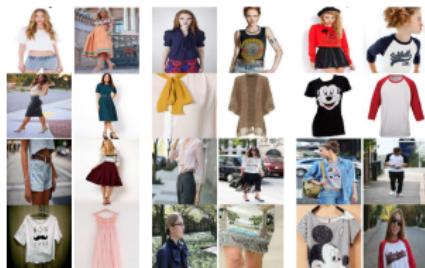
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R@k results with ResNet-50, $d = 512$

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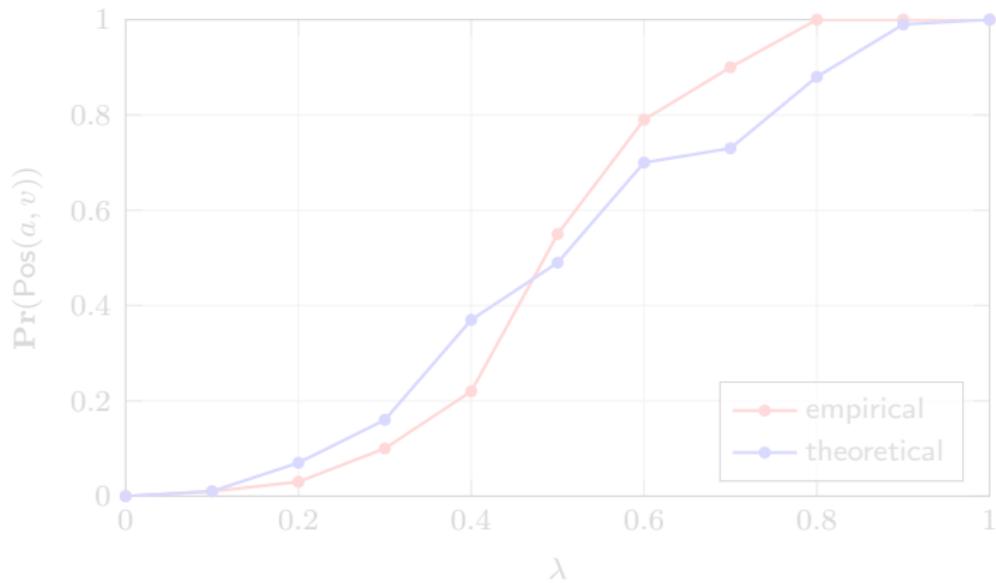
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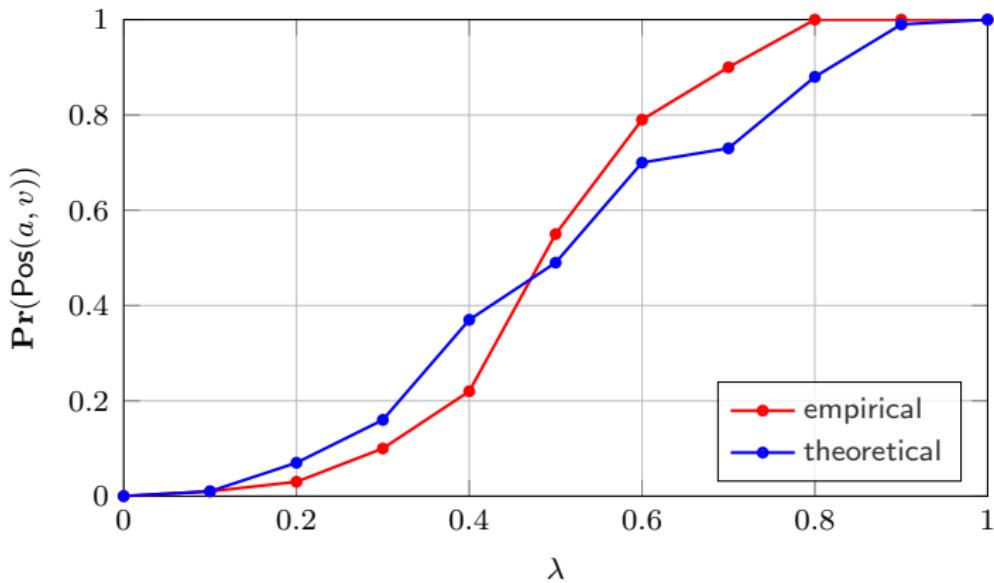
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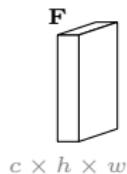
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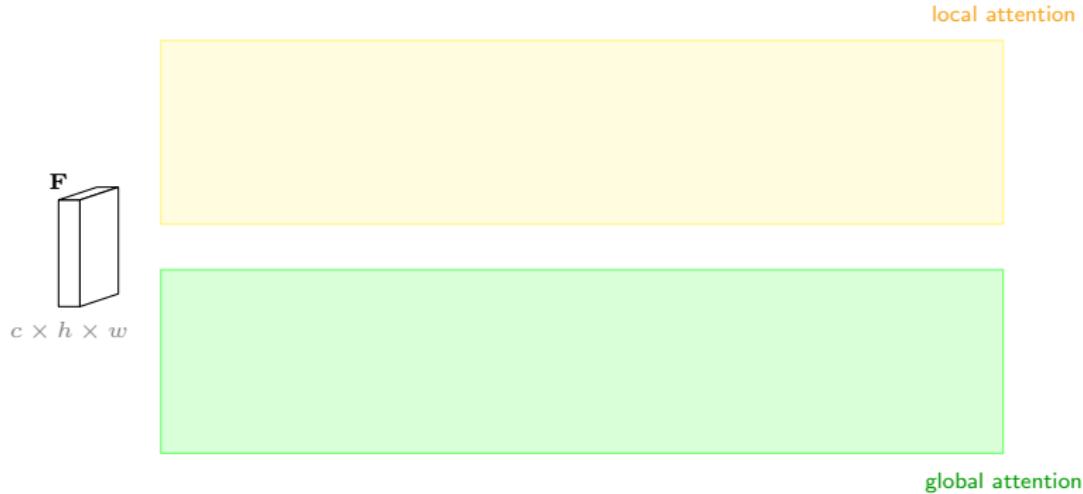
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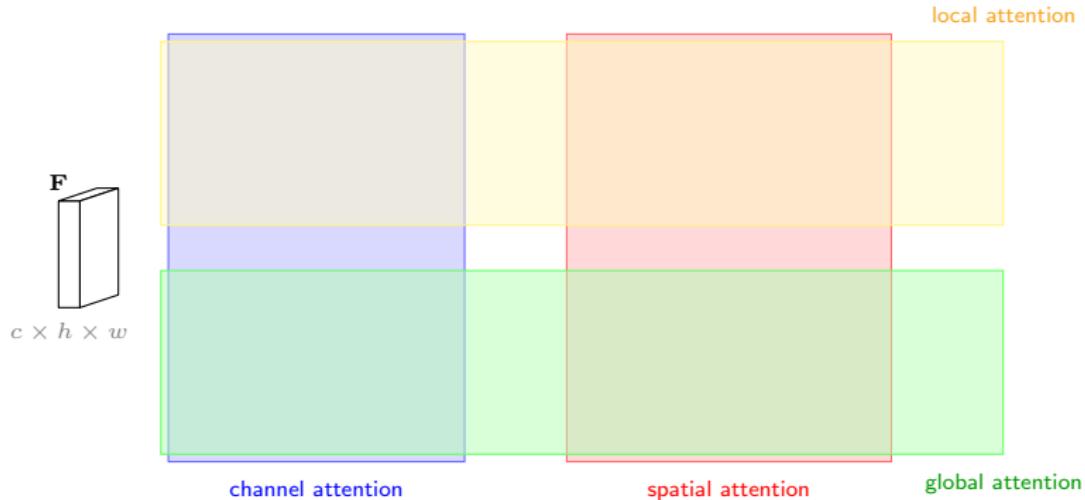


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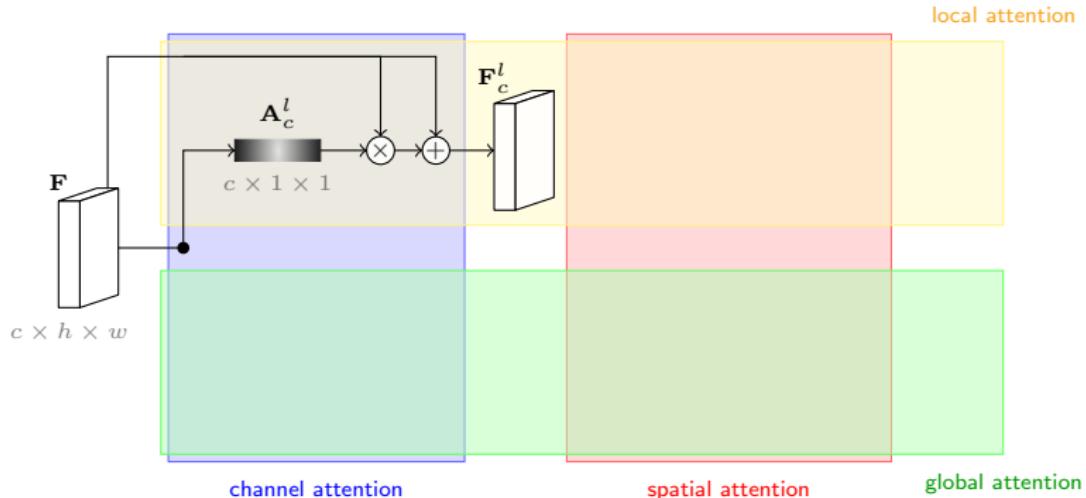
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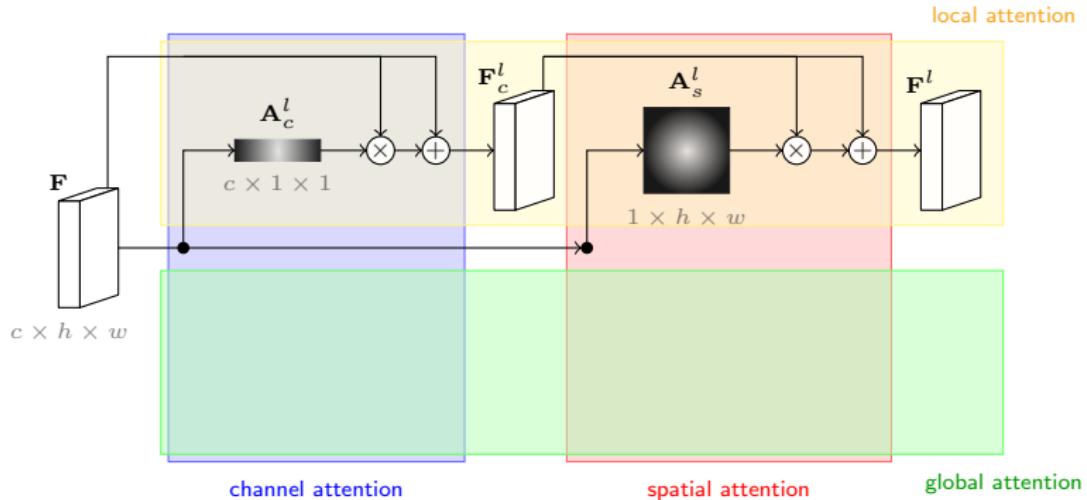
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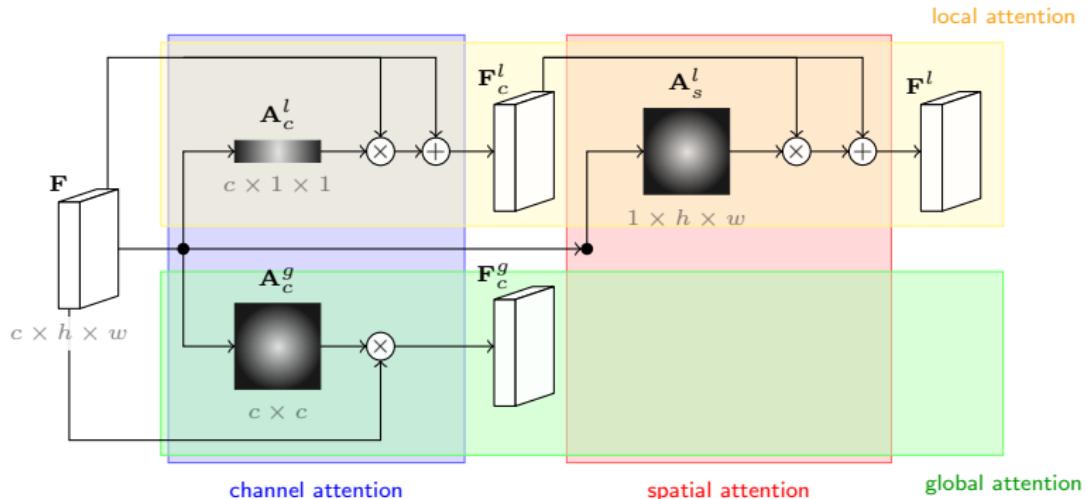


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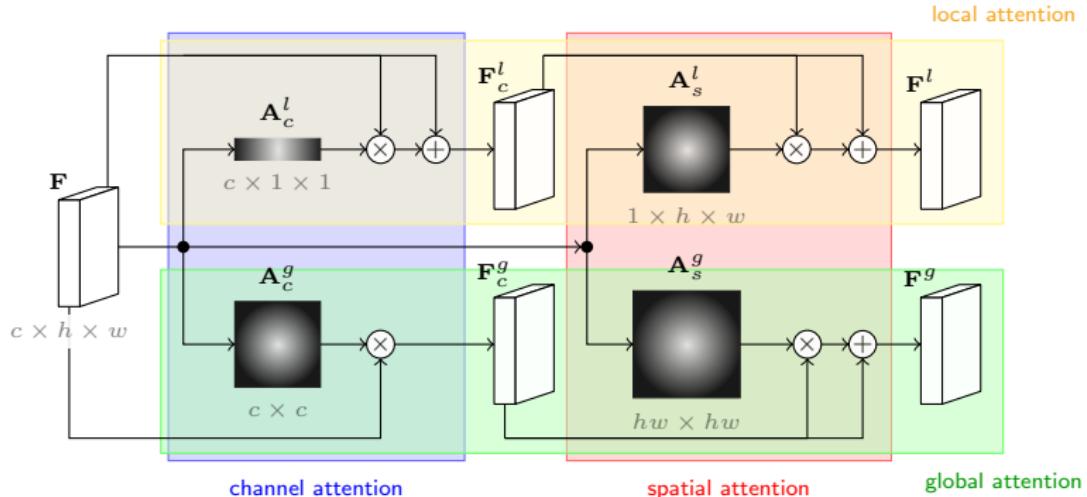
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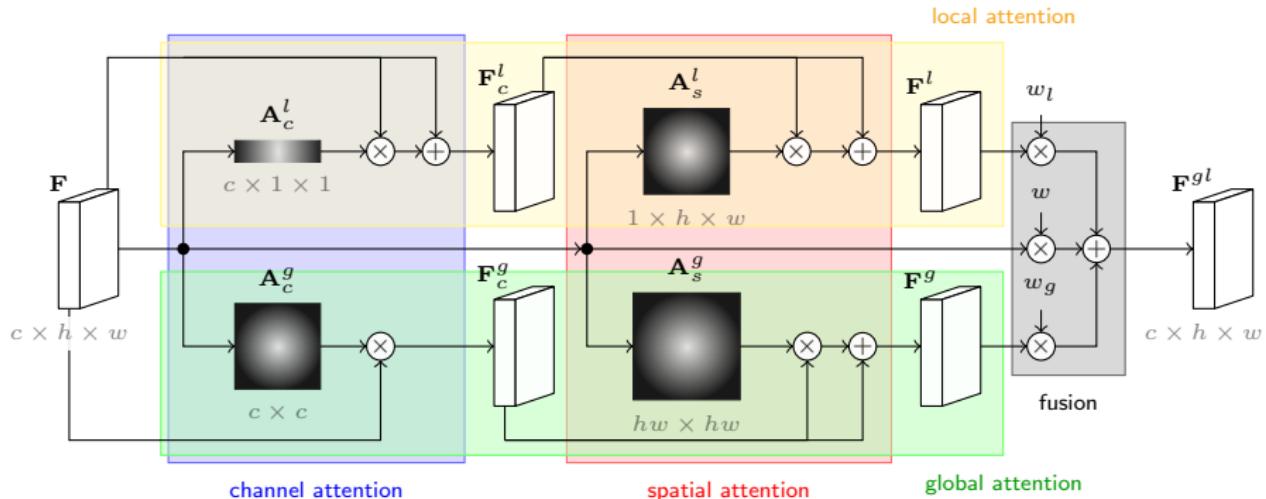


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