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"chunk": "selecting the most informative emails in real time. Another application of online active learning in the field of IT has been recently presented by Zhang et al (2020a). They analyzed the scenario of network protocol identification and proposed a method (presented in Section 3.2) to select the most representative instances on the fly and adapt the model to dynamic data distributions. Stream of emails Receive an email Query label? Filter Classify email Update filter Yes No Fig. 13 Low-cost active spam filtering (Sculley, 2007). Computer vision is another interesting area where online active learning can be applied. Deep learning models require a large amount of annotated data, making manual annotation of thousands of images one of the most challenging aspects of model development. However, it is important to note that the most effective deep active learning methods proposed so far are not easily adaptable to a stream-based setting. Many of these methods involve clustering or measuring pairwise similarity among image embeddings (Sener and Savarese, 2017; Agarwal et al, 2020; Ash et al, 2019; Citovsky et al, 2021; Prabhu et al, 2020), which cannot be easily done in a single-pass manner. As a result, most online applications of active learning in computer vision rely on the use of traditional models with uncertainty-based sampling. Narr et al (2016) analyze the stream-based active learning problem for the classification of 3D objects. They used a mondrian forest classifier (Lakshminarayanan et al, 2014), which is an efficient alternative of random forest for the online learning scenario, and selected images with high classification uncertainty to be labeled. Rožanec et al (2022) used online active learning to reduce the data labeling effort while performing vision-based process monitoring. Initially, features are extracted from the images using a pre-trained ResNet-18 model (He et al, 2015) and then, using the mutual information criterion (Kraskov et al, 2004), only  $\sqrt{n}$  features (Hua et al, 2005) are retained to fit an online classifier, where  $n$  is the total number of observations in the training set. The authors combine a simple active learning strategy based on model uncertainty with five streaming classification algorithms, including Hoeffding tree (Hulten et al, 2001), Hoeffding adaptive tree (Bifet and Gavalda, 2009), stochastic gradient tree (Gouk et al, 2019), streaming logistic regression, and streaming k-nearest neighbors. Recently, Saran et al (2023) proposed a novel approach to streaming active learning with deep neural networks. Given a neural network with  $f$  with parameters  $\theta$ , last-layer parameters  $\theta_L$ , and the cross-entropy function  $\ell$ , they compute the gradient representation of the data point  $x_t$ , which is given by  $g(x_t) = \partial \theta_L \ell(f(x_t; \theta), y_t)$  (46) where  $y_t = \arg\max f(x_t; \theta)$ . Then, the data points to be included in the batch for training the model are chosen by using a probability  $p_t$  proportional to the contribution of the current example to the covariance matrix of the examples collected so far, as in  $p_t \propto \det(b\Sigma_t + g(x_t)g(x_t)^T)$  (47) where  $b\Sigma_t$  is the covariance matrix of the data points that have been selected to be included in the",

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