

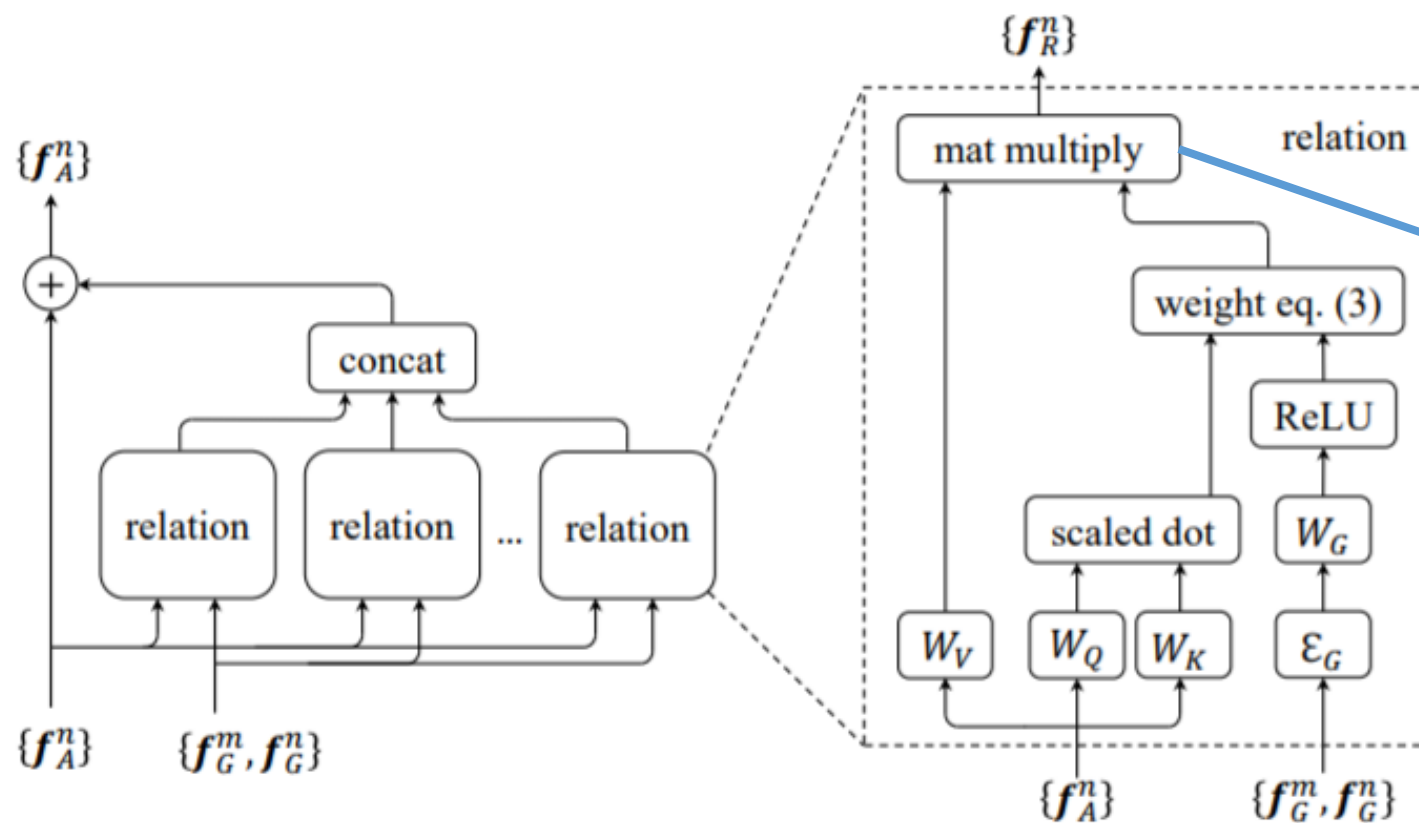
Relation Networks for Object Detection

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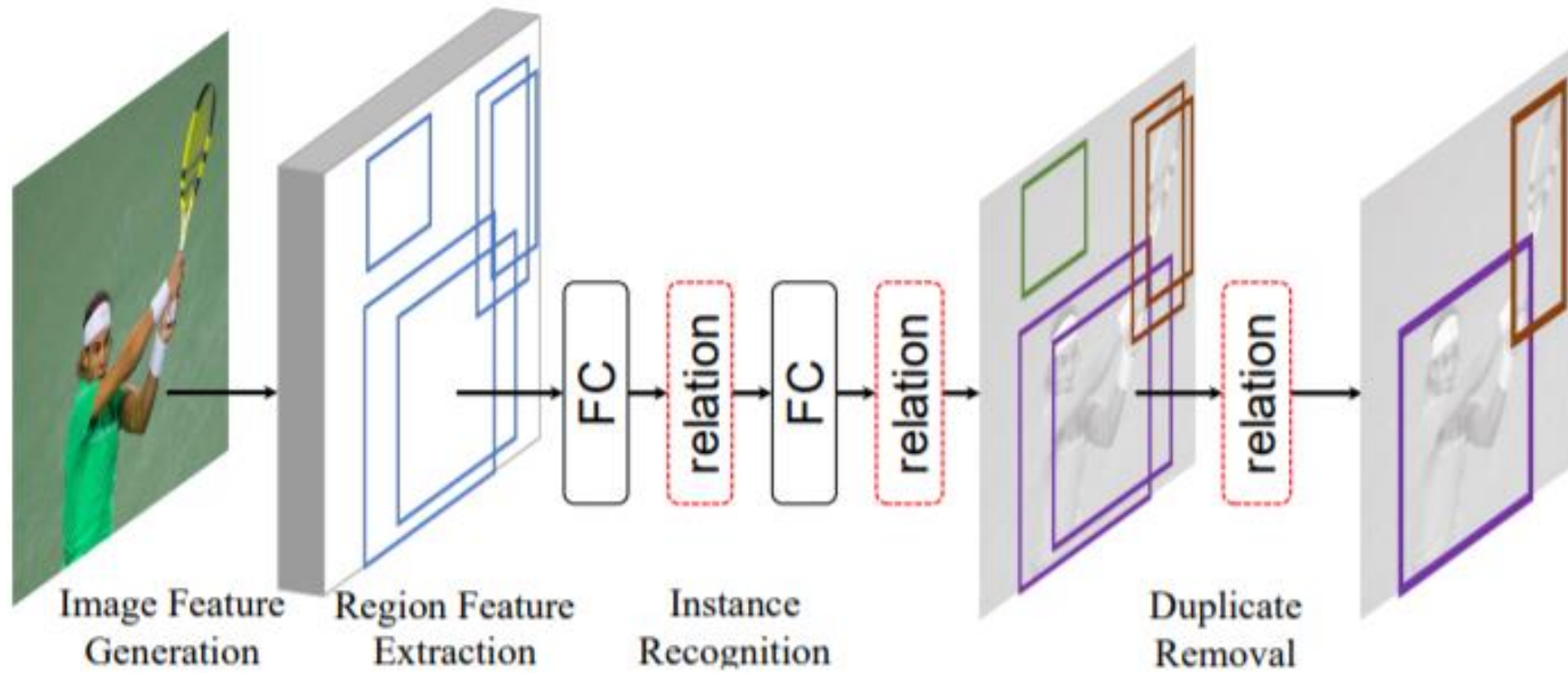
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Object Relation Module



$$\mathbf{f}_R(n) = \sum_m \omega^{mn} \cdot (W_V \cdot \mathbf{f}_A^m).$$

Object relation module (illustrated as red dashed boxes) can be conveniently adopted to improve both instance recognition and duplicate removal steps, resulting in an end-to-end object detector.



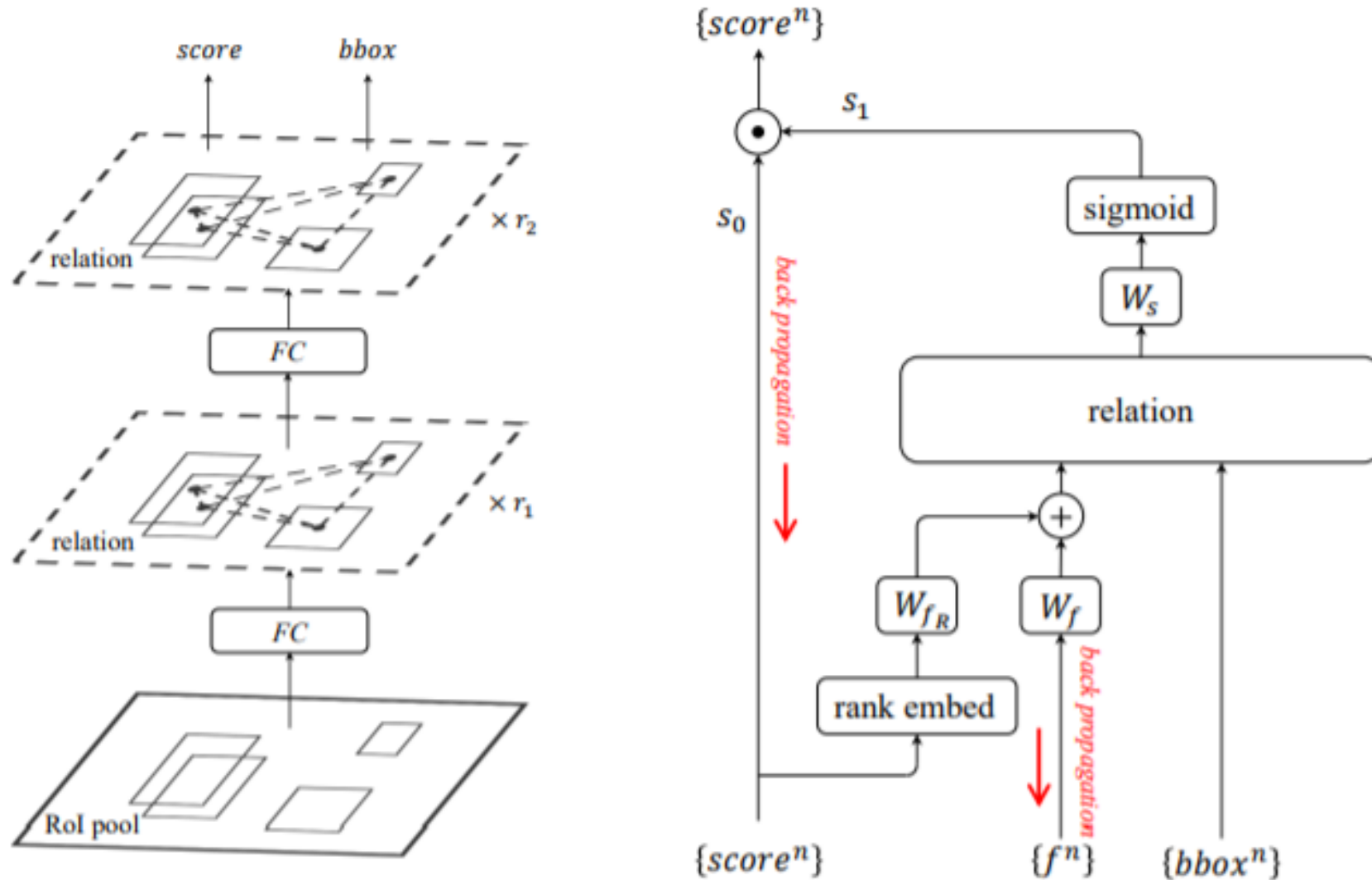
- 1 : generates full image features
- 2 : generates regional features
- 3 : performs instance recognition
- 4 : performs duplicate removal

Instance Recognition

$$\begin{aligned}
 RoI_Feat_n & \xrightarrow{FC} 1024 \\
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 & \xrightarrow{LINEAR} (score_n, bbox_n)
 \end{aligned}$$

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 \{RoI_Feat_n\}_{n=1}^N & \xrightarrow{FC} 1024 \cdot N \xrightarrow{\{RM\}^{r1}} 1024 \cdot N \\
 & \xrightarrow{FC} 1024 \cdot N \xrightarrow{\{RM\}^{r2}} 1024 \cdot N \\
 & \xrightarrow{LINEAR} \{(score_n, bbox_n)\}_{n=1}^N
 \end{aligned}$$

Duplicate Remove



Experiments

1 Ablation study on relation module structure and parameter

2fc baseline	<i>(a): usage of geometric feature</i>			<i>(b): number of relations N_r</i>						<i>(c): number of relation modules $\{r_1, r_2\}$</i>				
	none	unary	ours*	1	2	4	8	16*	32	$\{1, 0\}$	$\{0, 1\}$	$\{1, 1\}^*$	$\{2, 2\}$	$\{4, 4\}$
29.6	30.3	31.1	31.9	30.5	30.6	31.3	31.7	31.9	31.7	31.7	31.4	31.9	32.5	32.8

Table 1. Ablation study of relation module structure and parameters (* for default). mAP@all is reported.

2 relation module improve the instance recognition performance

head	mAP	mAP ₅₀	mAP ₇₅	# params	# FLOPS
(a) 2fc (1024)	29.6	50.9	30.1	38.0M	80.2B
(b) 2fc (1432)	29.7	50.3	30.2	44.1M	82.0B
(c) 3fc (1024)	29.0	49.4	29.6	39.0M	80.5B
(d) 2fc+res $\{r_1, r_2\}=\{1, 1\}$	29.9	50.6	30.5	44.0M	82.1B
(e) 2fc (1024) + global	29.6	50.3	30.8	38.2M	82.2B
(f) 2fc+RM $\{r_1, r_2\}=\{1, 1\}$	31.9	53.7	33.1	44.0M	82.6B
(g) 2fc+res $\{r_1, r_2\}=\{2, 2\}$	29.8	50.5	30.5	50.0M	84.0B
(h) 2fc+RM $\{r_1, r_2\}=\{2, 2\}$	32.5	54.0	33.8	50.0M	84.9B

Table 2. Comparison of various heads with similar complexity.

NMS	ours	rank f_R	appearance f	geometric $bbox$
	$\{f_R, f, bbox\}$	<i>none</i> s_0	<i>none</i>	<i>none</i> <i>unary</i>
29.6	30.3	26.6 28.3	29.9	28.1 28.2

Table 3. Ablation study of input features for duplicate removal network (*none* indicates without such feature).

4 What is learnt in relation module



Figure 4. Representative examples with high relation weights in Eq. (3). The reference object n is blue. The other objects contributing a high weight (shown on the top-left) are yellow.