Deep Learning for Face Analysis

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01 Introduction

Deep Learning

Deep learning (deep neural networks) is a subset of *representation learning.* It can extract more abstract and more discriminative features than hand-crafted features. DL has been widely used in many fields (especially AI-complete tasks like CV, NLP, and Speech).

Face Analysis

To recognize facial attributes (such as gender, race, beauty, age, expression, and etc.) from a portrait image. It has been widely used among SNS and short video platforms (like TikTok).

02 Research Achievements

Facial Attributes Analysis

- Transferring Rich Deep Features for Facial Beauty Prediction

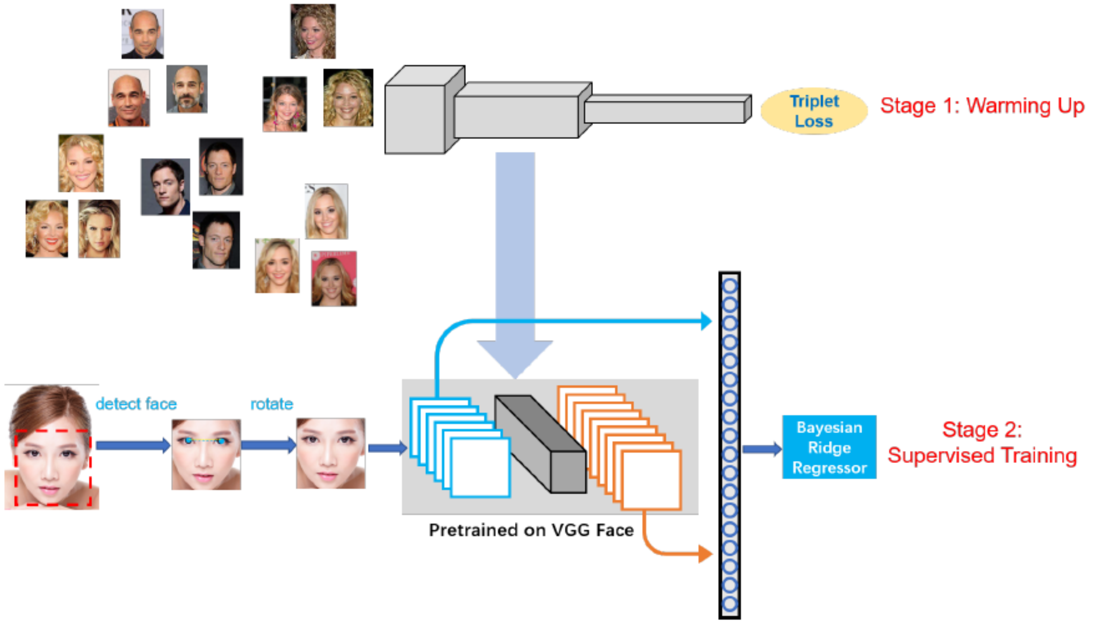

Fig. 1. Pipeline of our proposed method. We firstly train a face verification task on VGG Face dataset to obtain facial beauty representation. Then the face is detected, rotated and then fed into the pre-trained model, we concatenate both low level and high-level features for more informative facial representation, and flatten them into feature vectors for the input of Bayesian ridge regression.

$$E(W') = \sum_{(a,p,n)\in T} max\{0, \alpha - ||x_a - x_n||_2^2 + ||x_a - x_p||_2^2\}, \quad x_i = W' \frac{\phi(l_i)}{||\phi(l_i)||_2}$$

Table 3. Performance comparison with other methods. Our method achieves state-of-the-art performance on the SCUT-FBP dataset. The best performance is highlighted in bold.

Method	PC
Combined Features+Gaussian Reg [3]	0.6482
CNN-based [3]	0.8187
Liu et al. [23]	0.6938
KFME [25]	0.7988
RegionScatNet [26]	0.83
PI-CNN [11]	0.87
Ours	**0.8742**

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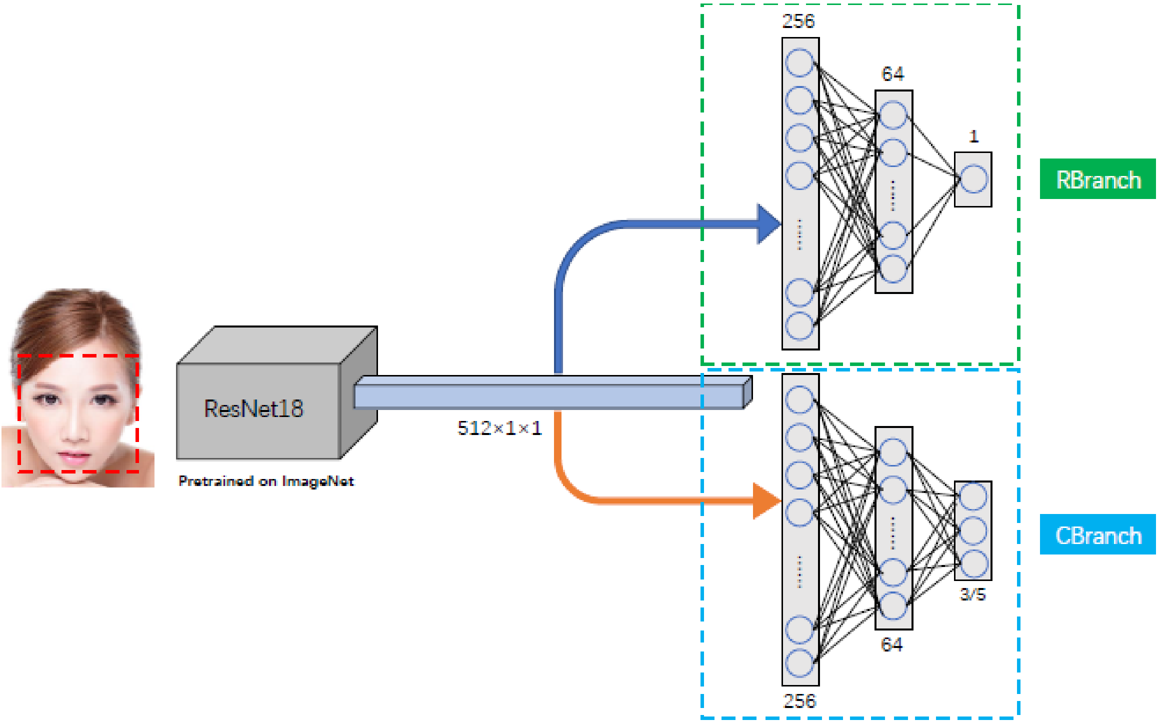
- CRNet: Classification and Regression Neural Network for Facial Beauty Prediction (Pacific Rim Conference on Multimedia 2018)



$$\mathcal{L}_c = -\frac{1}{M}\sum_{i=1}^{M} y_i \cdot log\hat{y}_i$$

$$\mathcal{L}_r = \frac{1}{M}\sum_{i=1}^{M} (y_i - \hat{y}_i)^2$$

$$\mathcal{L} = \theta_c \cdot \mathcal{L}_c + \theta_r \cdot \mathcal{L}_r$$

Table 3. Performance comparision with baseline models on ECCV HotOrNot dataset

Method	PC
Multiscale Model [5]	0.458
S. Wang et al. [12]	0.437
CRNet	**0.482**

Performance comparison with recent baseline models on ECCV HotOrNot dataset. To the best of our knowledge, CRNet achieves the best performance.

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- Hierarchical Multi-Task Network for Race, Gender and Facial Attractiveness Recognition

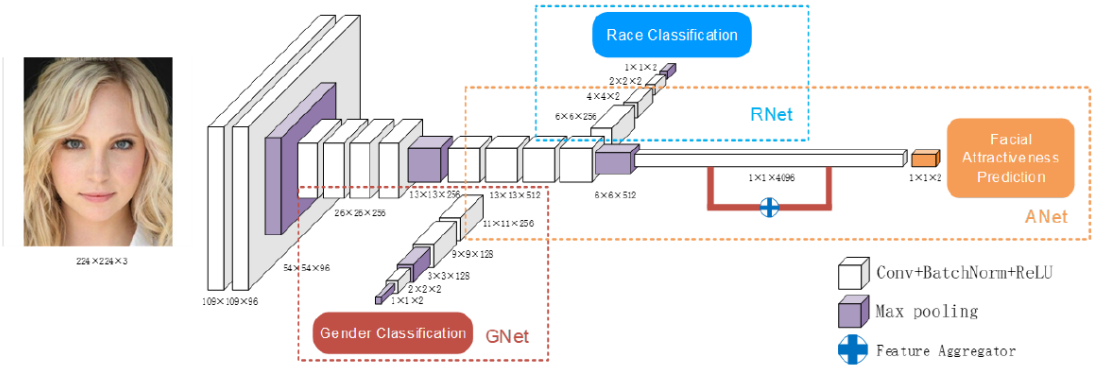

Fig. 1: Overall architecture of HMT-Net. The portrait image is resized to 224 × 224 pixels with RGB channels, and then fed into HMT-Net. RNet and GNet are used to recognize the race and gender, respectively. ANet is utilized to predict the facial attractiveness score. The parameters in low layers can be shared among three sub-networks (GNet, RNet and ANet). All the layers are fully convolutional, and all three branched layers are trained jointly.

$$f_{avg} = \frac{1}{\mathcal{C}} \sum_{i=1}^{\mathcal{C}} fm_i, \quad fm_i, f_{avg} \in \mathbb{R}^{w \times h \times c} \qquad (1)$$

$$f_{concat} = fm_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes fm_{\mathcal{C}}, \quad f_{concat} \in \mathbb{R}^{w \times h \times c \times \mathcal{C}} \qquad (2)$$

$$Loss_g = -g log(\hat{g}) - (1-g) log(1-\hat{g})$$

$$Loss_r = -\sum_i r_i log(\hat{r}_i)$$

$$\boxed{Loss_a = \begin{cases} \sum_i log(cosh(a_i - \hat{a}_i)) & if |a_i - \hat{a}_i| \le \delta \\ \sum_i \delta |a_i - \hat{a}_i| - \frac{1}{2}\delta^2 & otherwise \end{cases}}$$

$$Loss_{all} = \sum_{t \in \{g,r,a\}} \alpha_t Loss_t$$

Table 7: Comparison with other state-of-the-art models on [11]. PC is used as the performance metric as defined in [11].

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RegionScatNet [5]	0.83
PI-CNN [6]	0.87
CRNet [25]	0.8723
Transferred HMT-Net (Ours)	**0.8977**

Facial Attributes Analysis

- Multi-Task Tree Convolutional Neural Network for Facial Expression Recognition and Face Analysis

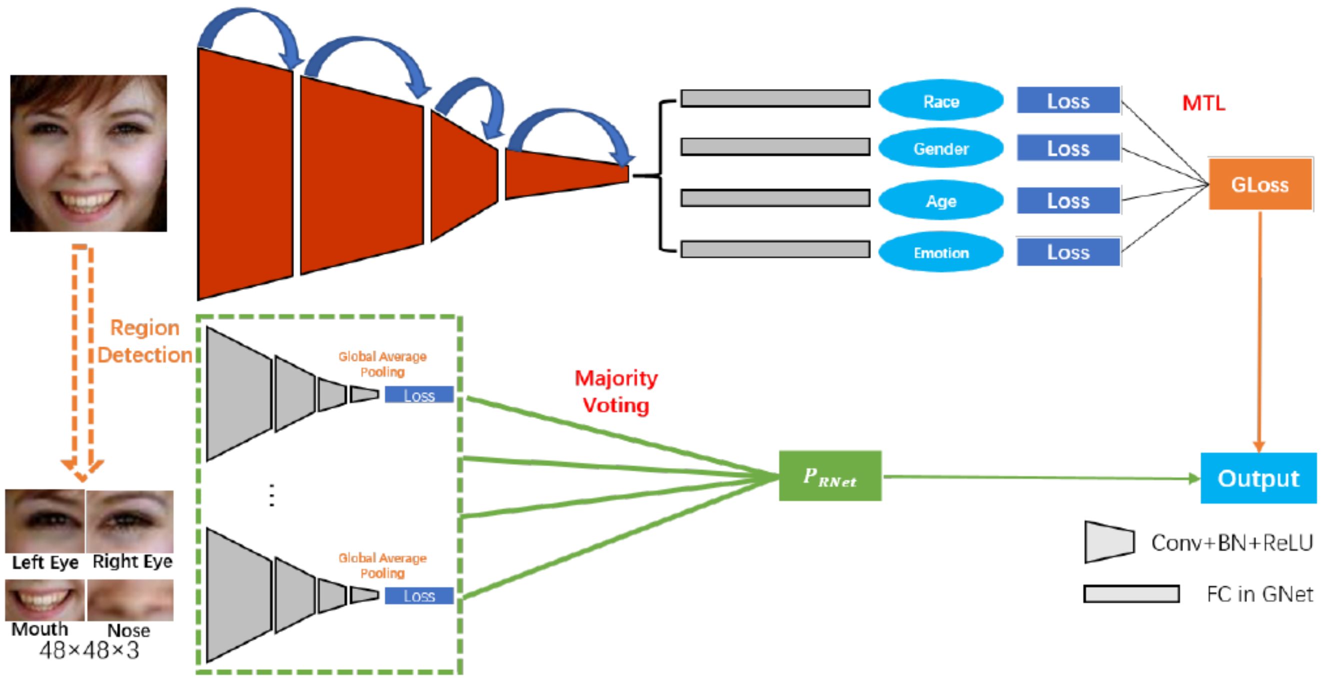

Figure 1: Overall architecture of TreeCNN. The facial part regions (left eye, right eye, nose and mouth) are detected and fed into a light-weighted *Region Network (RNet)* to obtain region information. The whole face is fed into a multi-task *Global Network (GNet)* to obtain global information. *GNet* follows an multi-task learning fashion, which indicates that *GNet* can perform FER and three additional face related recognition tasks (age estimation, gender recognition and race recognition) simultaneously. *RNet* follows an ensemble fashion, and the output is decided by majority voting.

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Table 2: Performance comparison on RAF-DB [21] basic expressions with other state-of-the-art models and commercial APIs. TreeCNN outperforms other methods and achieves state-of-the-art performance.

Methods	Anger	Disgust	Fear	Happiness	Sadness	Surprise	Neutral	**Average**
Face++ API [3]	48.89	17.24	24.19	77.39	45.69	30.14	55.16	42.66
baseline VGG [27]	68.52	27.50	35.13	85.32	64.85	66.32	59.88	58.22
baseDCNN [21]	70.99	52.50	50.00	92.91	77.82	79.64	83.09	72.42
DLP-CNN [21]	71.60	52.15	62.16	92.83	80.13	81.16	80.29	74.20
Wen et al. [30]	68.52	53.13	54.05	93.08	78.45	79.63	83.24	72.87
Kuo et al. [19]	74.47	67.57	46.88	82.28	57.95	84.57	59.12	67.55
MRE-CNN [5]	83.95	57.50	60.81	88.78	79.92	86.02	80.15	76.73
Kervadec et al. [14]	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	71.7
TreeCNN (Ours)	76.54	53.13	55.41	92.07	77.41	82.07	**85.44**	74.58

Web Data Mining

- Data-driven Approach for Quality Evaluation on Knowledge Sharing Platform

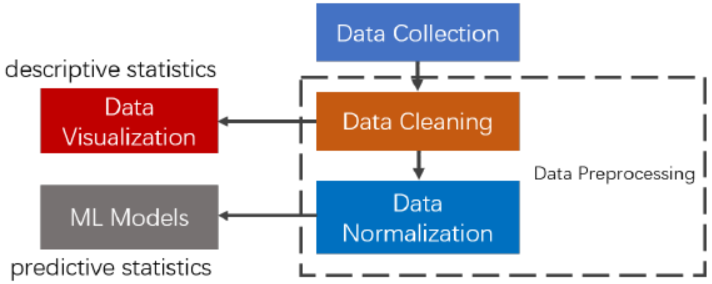

Fig. 1: The architecture of our data-driven method. The records are crawled from Zhihu Live official website and stored in MongoDB. Data preprocessing methods include cleaning and data normalization to make the dataset satisfy our target problem. We make detailed data analysis and predictive analysis.

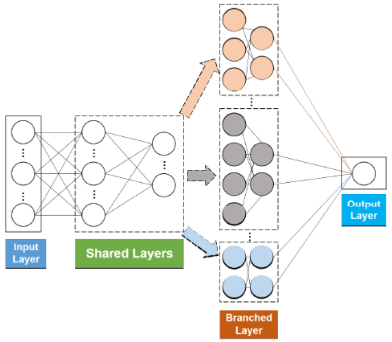

Fig. 2: Overall architecture of multi-branched deep neural network (MTB-DNN). It includes 4 parts: an input layer for receiving raw data; shared layers for general feature extraction through stacked layers and non-linear transformation; branched layers for specific feature extraction; and the output layer with one neuron. The output of the last shared layer is fed into different branches. These branches are trained jointly.

Table 7: Performance comparison with baseline regression models.

Regressor	MAE	RMSE
Ridged Regression	0.309 ± 0.01015554	0.41716 ± 0.015474592
Lasso Regression	0.35038 ± 0.016164065	0.46916 ± 0.032221778
KNN Regression	0.32328 ± 0.006829129	$0.43888 \pm \mathbf{0.006319968}$
SVR (RBF)	0.31022 ± 0.011957508	0.43322 ± 0.022196892
SVR (Linear)	$0.30134 \pm \mathbf{0.005944998}$	0.424 ± 0.016474374
SVR (Poly)	0.29974 ± 0.009122938	0.4208 ± 0.013073255
MLP	0.32024 ± 0.015835814	0.43496 ± 0.017316842
MTB-DNN	$\mathbf{0.29954} \pm 0.012644485$	$\mathbf{0.40114} \pm 0.011662461$

Experimental results between different regression algorithms. The architecture of MLP is 15-16-8-8-1, where each number represents the number of neurons in each layer. We try three kinds of kernels (RBF kernel, linear kernel, and poly kernel) with SVM regression. The best results are given in bold style.

03 XCloud: From Research to Production

MTCNN + FaceNet + L2 Distance + Django + MySQL

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XCloud

- Embrace Python (Django + PyTorch)
- Better Network Architecture
  (30× Faster, 408ms/Per Image on PC)
- Bridge the Gap Between Research and Production
- Permanently Free for Research
- Current Partners (PKU, HKU)

04 Future Works

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- Generative Adversarial Network (GAN) has aroused much attention. We are working at applying GAN to Facial Attributes Analysis with Multi-Task fashion.
- Apply Deep Learning to Medical Image Processing.

Thanks!

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