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Concept generalization in visual representation learning

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Project page: <https://europe.naverlabs.com/cog-benchmark>

Learning general-purpose visual representations



Train a model on ImageNet-1K^[1]

Model



Transfer the learned representations to downstream datasets^[2,3]

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DTD



CIFAR10/100



FGVC Aircraft



Places205



MS-COCO



Pascal VOC 2007



SUN397



Oxford-IIIT Pets



Birdsnap



Food-101



Stanford Cars



NYU-v2



Oxford 102 Flowers

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[1] Russakovsky et al. "ImageNet Large Scale Visual Recognition Challenge", IJCV 2015

[2] Goyal et al. "Scaling and Benchmarking Self-Supervised Visual Representation Learning", ICCV 2019

[3] Kornblith et al. "Do Better ImageNet Models Transfer Better?", CVPR 2019

Concept generalization: *Transferring representations across concepts*

cats



*Train a model on **seen** concepts*

Model



*Transfer the learned representations to **unseen** concepts*



dogs



takins



cabbage worms



Sea squirts

Concept generalization: *Transferring representations across concepts*

cats



Train a model on seen concepts

Model

No systematic approach for evaluating concept generalization due to
unknown semantic similarity between ImageNet-1K and other datasets

dogs



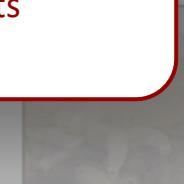
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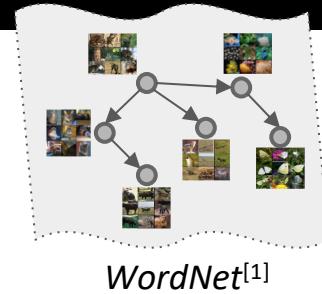
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Our ImageNet-CoG Benchmark

A benchmark tailored for concept generalization, built on full ImageNet^[2]



Seen and unseen concepts are in the same concept ontology^[1] where semantic similarity between concepts is defined by linguists

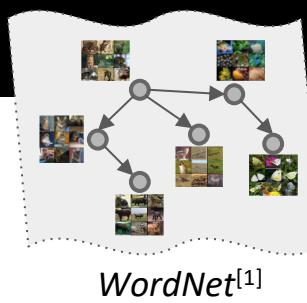
[1] Miller. et al. “WordNet: A Lexical Database for English”. ACM-Comm 1995

[2] Deng et al. “Imagenet: A large-scale hierarchical image database.” CVPR, 2009



Creating ImageNet-CoG

1) Measure the **semantic distance between concepts** using Lin similarity [2]



Tiger cat



European wildcat Toy Manchester



Takin



Cabbageworm



Sea squirt

Increasing semantic distance to **tiger cat** class



[1] Miller. et al. "WordNet: A Lexical Database for English". ACM-Comm 1995

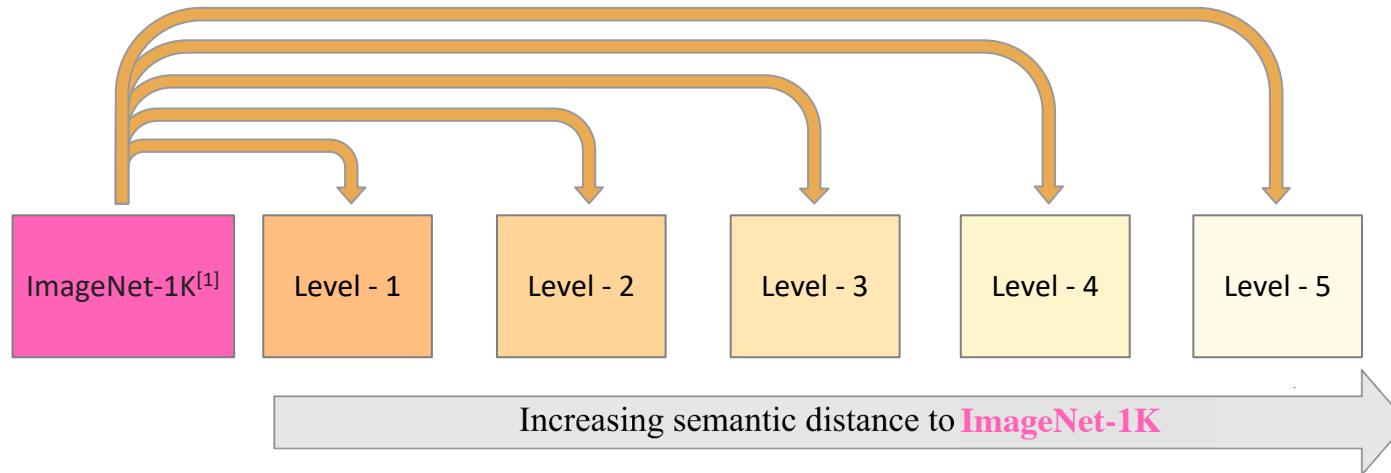
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Creating ImageNet-CoG

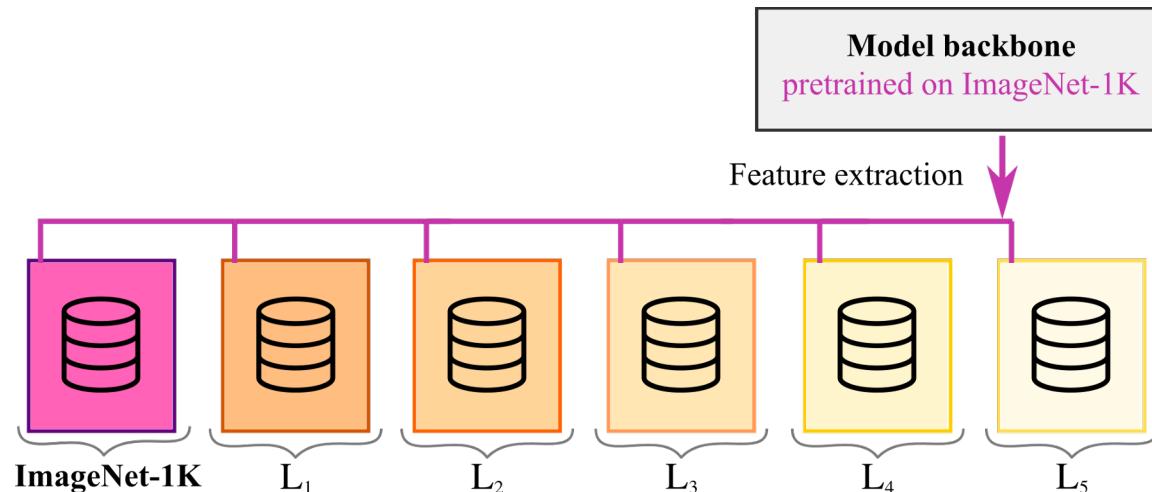
- 1) Measure the **semantic distance between concepts** using Lin similarity
- 2) Generalize the semantic distance to **sets of concepts**, and create **levels**





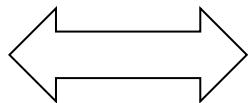
Evaluation protocol for ImageNet-CoG

- 1) Extract image features for all the concepts
- 2) Train linear classifiers on each level separately



Evaluations with 31 representation learning methods

Baseline:
Supervised ResNet50 in torchvision



*Compare against
4 groups of methods*

Architecture:

10 CNN, Transformer or NAS models

Self-supervision:

10 self-supervised models

Regularization:

6 models trained with regularization techniques

Data:

4 models pre-trained with additional data

A subset of our experiments (*come to our poster for more!*)

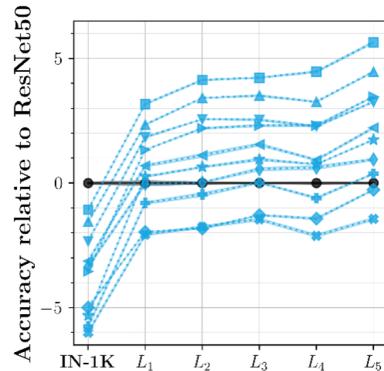
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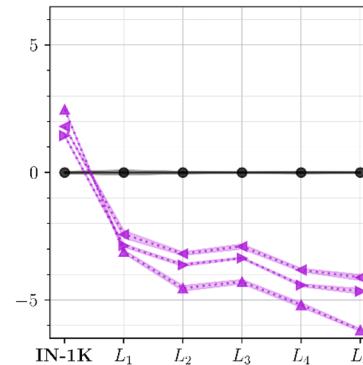
2) Self-supervised models generalize well

3) Label-based regularization models might be overfitting

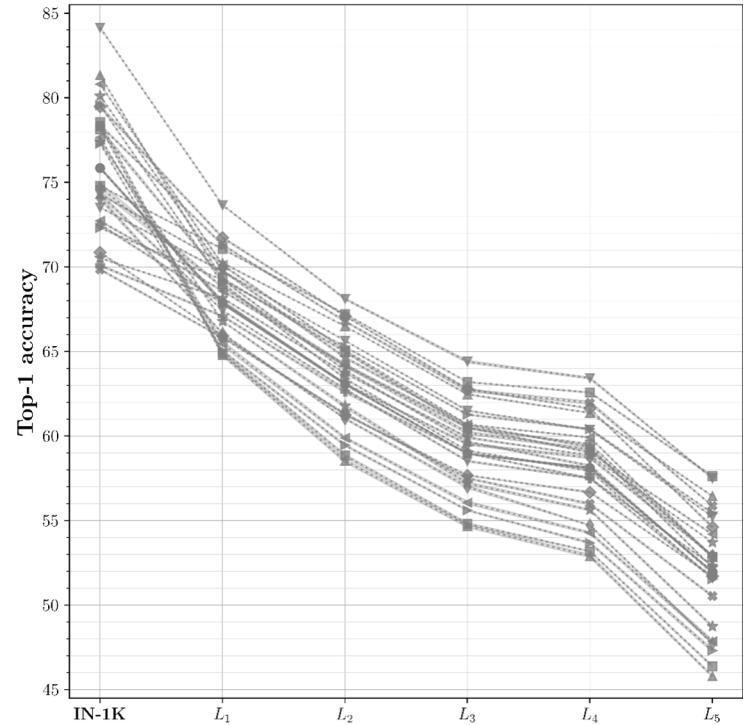
*Baseline vs.
Self-supervised models*



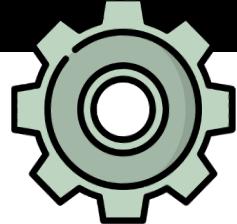
*Baseline vs.
Regularization techniques*



1) Performance of **all 31 models**
monotonically decreases from ImageNet-1K to Level-5



Conclusion



- We proposed the ImageNet-CoG benchmark
 - ◆ Enables measuring concept generalization in a controlled way
 - ◆ Seen concepts ⇒ ImageNet-1K concepts
 - ◆ Unseen concepts ⇒ Sampled from the full ImageNet-21K dataset
 - 5 Levels ⇒ Increasingly challenging transfer datasets
- Try your own method
 - ◆ Can be used out-of-the-box for ImageNet-1K pretrained models
- 31 models already evaluated on ImageNet-CoG
 - ◆ Interesting insights on popular state-of-the-art methods

*Please come to our poster to discuss
Session-8 → Oct. 13 Wednesday 9:00-10:00 AM EDT
Oct. 15 Friday 4:00-6:00 PM EDT*

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