TTIC 31230, Fundamentals of Deep Learning

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Contrastive Predictive Coding

Maximizing Mutual Information

We consider the distribution on x, y, z_x and z_y defined by drawing $\langle x, y \rangle \sim \mathrm{Pop}$, $z_x \sim P_\Phi(z_x|x)$ and $z_y \sim P_\Phi(z_y|y)$.

We are interested in optimizing $P_\Phi(z_x|x)$ and $P_\Phi(z_y|y)$ under the following objective.

$$\Phi^* = \operatorname*{argmax}_\Phi \; I_{\mathrm{Pop},\Phi}(z_x, z_y) - \beta(H_{\mathrm{Pop},\Phi}(z_x) + H_{\mathrm{Pop},\Phi}(z_y))$$

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We would like to maximize a lower bound on this objective.

We can replace the unconditional entropies with cross-entropy upper bounds.

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It turns out that we can give a lower bound on the mutual information term using **noise contrastive estimation**.

A Contrastive Lower Bound

We now give a contrastive lower bound for general mutual information $I(z, w)$ given only the ability to sample from the joint distribution on z and w.

For $N \geq 2$ let $c_{z,w}$ be the density defined by drawing pairs $(z_1, w_1), \ldots (z_n, w_n)$ from the population and then constructing the tuple $(i, z_1, \ldots, z_N, w)$ where i is drawn uniformly from 1 to N and $w = w_i$ is the value of w paired with z_i.

A Constrastive Lower Bound

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\begin{aligned}
\Phi^* &= \operatorname*{argmin}_\Phi \; E_{(i,z_1\ldots,z_N,w)\sim c_{z,w}} \; -\ln P_\Phi(i|z_1,\ldots,z_n,w) \\
&= \operatorname*{argmin}_\Phi \; \mathcal{L}(\Phi) \\
P_\Phi(i|x_1,\ldots x_n,w) &= \operatorname*{softmax}_i \; s_\Phi(x_i,w) \quad \text{(required)} \\
I(z,w) &\geq \ln N - \mathcal{L}(\Phi)
\end{aligned}
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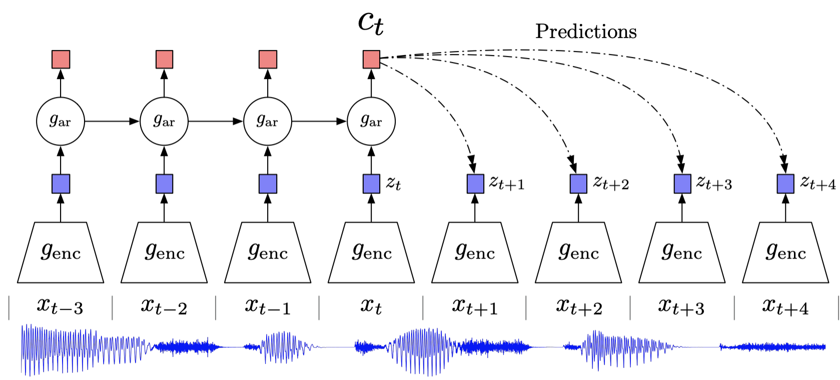
See Chen et al., On Variational Bounds of Mutual Information, May 2019.

Contrastive Predictive Coding for Speech



van den Oord et al., 2018

We seek to train an auto-regressive g_{ar} and encoder g_{env} by

$$g^*_{ar}, g^*_{enc} = \operatorname*{argmax}_{g_{ar}, g_{enc}} E_t \sum_{k=1}^{K} I(c_t, z_{t+k})$$

The training maximizes the contrastive lower bound on $I(c_t, z_{t+k})$

Contrastive Predictive Coding for Images

(SimCLR:) A Simple Framework for Contrastive Learning of Visual Representations, Chen et al., Feb. 2020 (self-supervised leader as of February, 2020).

They construct a distribution on pairs $\langle x, y \rangle$ defined by drawing an image from ImageNet and then drawing x and y as random "augmentations" (modifications) of the image.

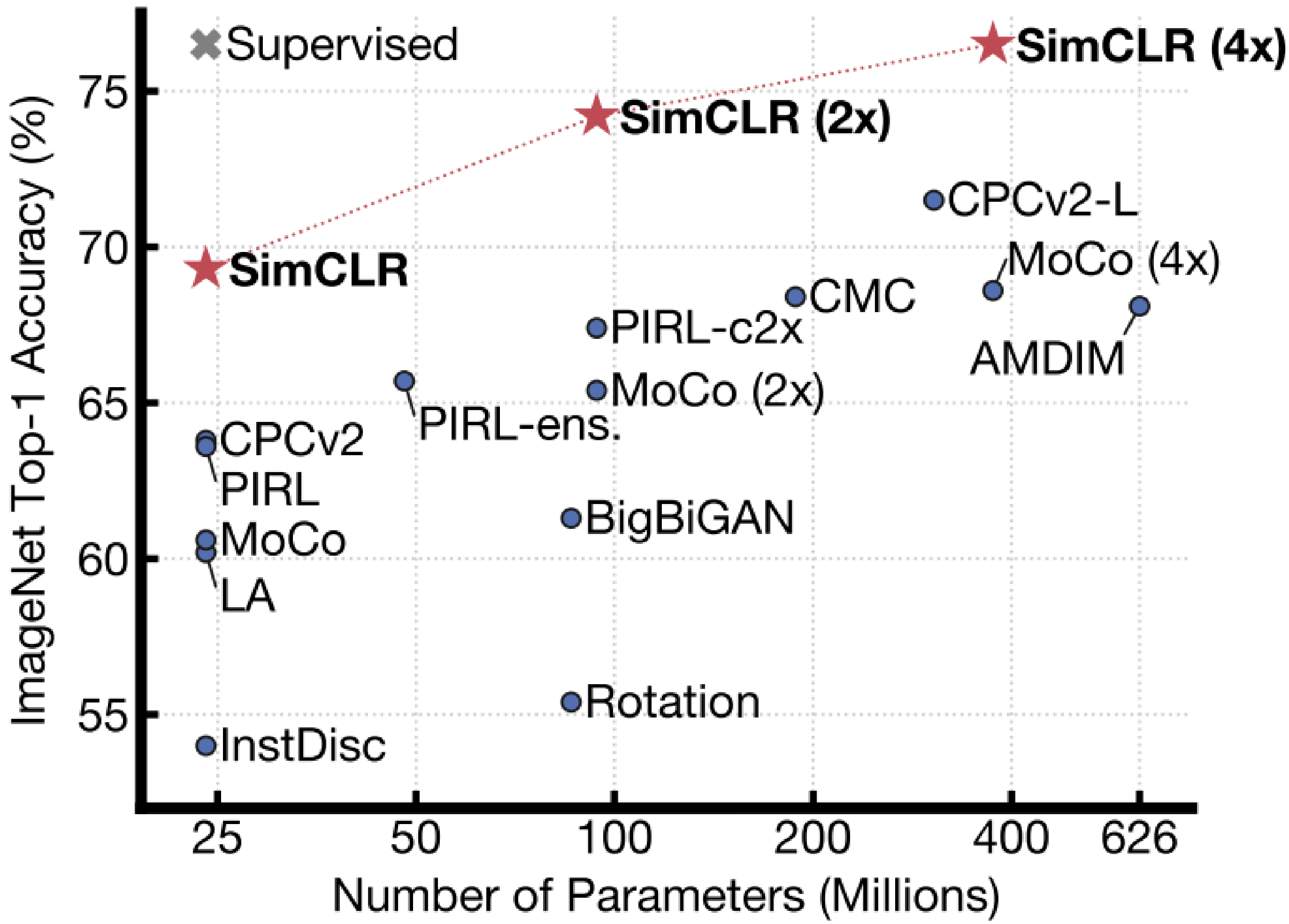
The training maximizes the contrastive lower bound on $I(x, y)$.

Contrastive Predictive Coding for Images

A resulting feature map z_Φ on images is extracted from this training.

The feature map z_Φ is tested by using a linear classifier for ImageNet based on these features.

SimCLR



Supervised
SimCLR (4x)
SimCLR (2x)
CPCv2-L
SimCLR
MoCo (4x)
CMC
PIRL-c2x
AMDIM
MoCo (2x)
PIRL-ens.
CPCv2
PIRL
BigBiGAN
MoCo
LA
Rotation
InstDisc
75
70
65
60
55
25
50
100
200
400
626
ImageNet Top-1 Accuracy (%)
Number of Parameters (Millions)

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