Unsupervised Object Detection and Tracking with Informed ML

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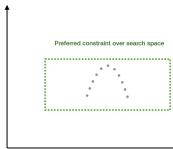
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proposed solution

If prior knowledge informs us that outputs of f^* have unique properties, we may use them for training instead of direct labels.



Experiment

Tracking an object in free fall

- 1. Record Data Set
- 2. Automatic Labeling
- 3. Supervised Training
 - 3.1. Supervised Training on single Image
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1.Record Data

Data Preparation

- 1. record slow-motion(120fps) HD videos of free fall of tennis ball in front of the white wall, Number of Videos: 59
- 2. extract image sequence with $\Delta t = 0.1s$ from the video, Image size : 360x640 Number of Images : 610

Example



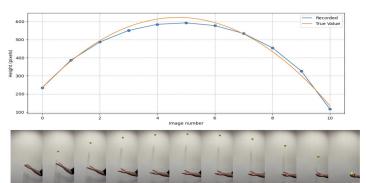
2. Auto Labeling

Creating a true label data set of heights for step 3 and for measuring the accuracy of models later on

$$y_i = y_0 + v_0(i\Delta t) + a(i\Delta t)^2$$

 $\Delta y = v_0(0.1) + a(0.1)^2 \rightarrow v_0 = \frac{\Delta y - a(0.1)^2}{0.1}(1)$

Height of ball vs. Time



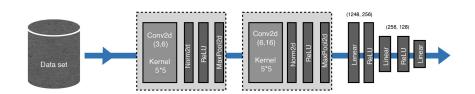
3.1. Supervised Training on single Image

1. Create Data Set & Data Loader

Including: 1- true label acquired in the last step and 2- resized images (3*64*36). Batch size 16, implemented in Pycharm.

2. Model Architecture

Model consists of two Blocks of Convolution Network/ RELU/ MaxPool followed by 2 Fully connected Linear/ RELU layers and finally a linear layer



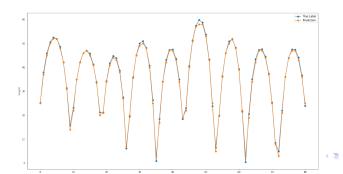
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3. Result:

The model performed poorly in regression task (1 output) with 62.18% accuracy on the test set.

However, accuracy had noticeable improvement for the classification task (64 outputs): 98.41%

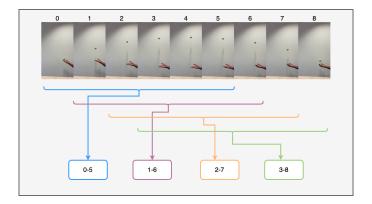
 $\mathsf{Accuracy} = 1 - (\mathit{MAE}(\mathit{targets}, \mathit{prediction})) / (\mathit{Mean}(\mathit{targets}))$



3.2. Supervised Training on Image Sequence

1. Transform Data Set

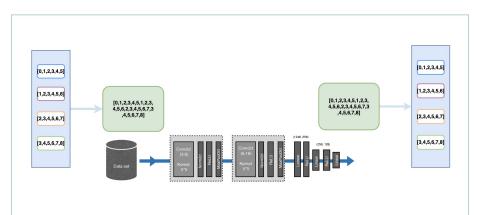
transformed the data from a single image to a sequence of images from the same throw with a specific length: 6 list of labels stored for each image sequence



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2. adjustments

Model architecture is based on the paper instruction as before Implementation modified to work on image sequence as data

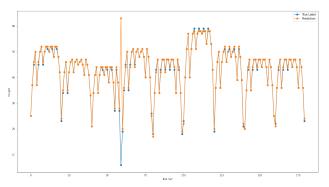


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3. Results

Supervised sequence training shows accuracy of 96.27%

- $1. \ \, \mathsf{Accuracy} = 1 \tfrac{\mathit{MAE}(\mathit{targets},\mathit{prediction})}{\mathit{Mean}(\mathit{targets})}$
- 2. Mean absolute error = 1.5



4. Unsupervised Training with Informed ML

1. Loss Function

The loss function is based on the regression formula of free fall parabola

$$\mathbf{y}_{i} = y_{0} + v_{0}(i\Delta t) + a(i\Delta t)^{2}$$

$$\hat{\mathbf{y}} = \mathbf{a} + \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{A}^{T}\mathbf{A})^{-1}\mathbf{A}^{T}(f(\mathbf{x}) - \mathbf{a})$$

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} \Delta t & 1\\ 2\Delta t & 1\\ 3\Delta t & 1\\ \vdots & \vdots\\ N\Delta t & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{a} = [a\Delta t^{2}, a(2\Delta t)^{2}, \dots, \tilde{a}(N\Delta t)^{2}]$$

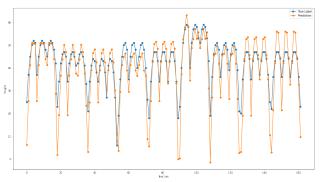
$$g(\mathbf{x}, f(\mathbf{x})) = g(f(\mathbf{x})) = \sum_{i=1}^{N} |\hat{\mathbf{y}}_{i} - f(\mathbf{x})_{i}|$$

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2. Results

Unsupervised sequence training model is more unstable than before

- 1. Best accuracy is 88.6% but over multiple runs the average is 80-82%
- 2. Best mean absolute error = 5.6

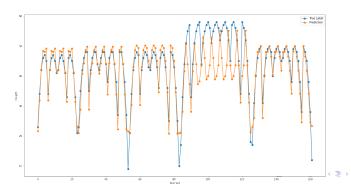


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2. Results

After adding constant C (height of initial image in a throw) based on the instructions of the paper result improved

- 1. The best accuracy is 90.74% on the test set
- 2. Best mean absolute error = 4.02



Lessons Learned

- 1. Supervised object tracking classification models have better performance than regression (single or sequence input)
- **2.** The larger the sequence length the higher the information model gets from each instance. However, it means fewer data as data size from each throw is equal to: len(throw) len(sequence) + 1
- **3.** When we record our data the distance from the camera is essential to be fixed because it affects the gravitational pull (meter-to-pixel ratio)
- **4.** Model performance improves when provided with a piece of information (height of the initial image in a throw) because the information our loss function provides is the relation of points in a sequence and not actual height, so adjusting $y_0 = 0$ make information of the loss function more relevant.

Future Work

- 1. Adding noise to the existing data base
- 2. Follow the same protocol on images with objects in the background instead of white wall
- **3.** Investigate the effectiveness of this approach on other forms of movement rather than free fall

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