

# DM2C: Deep Mixed-Modal Clustering

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# Why multiple modalities?



Ubiquitous multi-modal data

- The related information among multiple modalities helps us to understand the data.

## Supervised Learning under Multiple Modalities

- Supervision comes from **class labels** and **modality pairing**.
  - Modality pairing: a sample in modality A and another sample in modality B represent the same instance.
- Manual annotations: expensive and laborious. When involving multiple modalities, the labeling is even more complicated than that for single modal data.
- We turn to unsupervised learning under multiple modalities since it works without data labels.

# Mixed-modal Setting: Fully-unsupervised Learning

- Traditional unsupervised multi-modal learning still requires **extra pairing information** among modalities for feature alignment.
  - E.g.*, partial modality pairing, ‘must/cannot link’ constraints, co-occurrence frequency...
- Mixed-modal data**: each instance is represented in only one modality.

Multi-modal data							
$\mathcal{D}_A$	$\mathbf{x}_1^{(a)}$	$\mathbf{x}_2^{(a)}$	$\mathbf{x}_3^{(a)}$	...	$\mathbf{x}_{n-2}^{(a)}$	$\mathbf{x}_{n-1}^{(a)}$	$\mathbf{x}_n^{(a)}$
$\mathcal{D}_B$	$\mathbf{x}_1^{(b)}$	$\mathbf{x}_2^{(b)}$	$\mathbf{x}_3^{(b)}$	...	$\mathbf{x}_{n-2}^{(b)}$	$\mathbf{x}_{n-1}^{(b)}$	$\mathbf{x}_n^{(b)}$

Mixed-modal data							
$\mathcal{D}_A$	$\mathbf{x}_1^{(a)}$	-	-	...	$\mathbf{x}_{n_a-1}^{(a)}$	-	$\mathbf{x}_{n_a}^{(a)}$
$\mathcal{D}_B$	-	$\mathbf{x}_1^{(b)}$	$\mathbf{x}_2^{(b)}$	...	-	$\mathbf{x}_{n_b}^{(b)}$	-

**Figure 1:** Examples of multi-modal and mixed-modal data with two modalities.

# Mixed-modal Clustering: The Goal

Multi-modal data							
$\mathcal{D}_A$	$\mathbf{x}_1^{(a)}$	$\mathbf{x}_2^{(a)}$	$\mathbf{x}_3^{(a)}$	...	$\mathbf{x}_{n-2}^{(a)}$	$\mathbf{x}_{n-1}^{(a)}$	$\mathbf{x}_n^{(a)}$
$\mathcal{D}_B$	$\mathbf{x}_1^{(b)}$	$\mathbf{x}_2^{(b)}$	$\mathbf{x}_3^{(b)}$	...	$\mathbf{x}_{n-2}^{(b)}$	$\mathbf{x}_{n-1}^{(b)}$	$\mathbf{x}_n^{(b)}$

Mixed-modal data							
$\mathcal{D}_A$	$\mathbf{x}_1^{(a)}$	-	-	...	$\mathbf{x}_{n_a-1}^{(a)}$	-	$\mathbf{x}_{n_a}^{(a)}$
$\mathcal{D}_B$	-	$\mathbf{x}_1^{(b)}$	$\mathbf{x}_2^{(b)}$	...	-	$\mathbf{x}_{n_b}^{(b)}$	-

- Dataset  $\mathcal{D} = \{\mathbf{x}_i\}_{i=1}^n$  mixed from two modalities.
- $\mathcal{D} \rightarrow \{\mathbf{x}_i^{(a)}\}_{i=1}^{n_a} \cup \{\mathbf{x}_j^{(b)}\}_{j=1}^{n_b}$ , where  $n = n_a + n_b$ .
- **Mixed-modal clustering** aims at learning unified representations for the modalities and then grouping the samples into  $k$  categories.

# How to Learn Unified Representations?

## Choice 1: learn a joint semantic space for all the modalities

- hard to find the correlation among all the modalities when pairing information is not available

## Choice 2: learn the translation across the modalities

- easy to obtain the cross-modal mappings under the guidance of *cycle-consistency*
- modality unifying: transforming all the samples into a specific modality space

# Framework: Overview

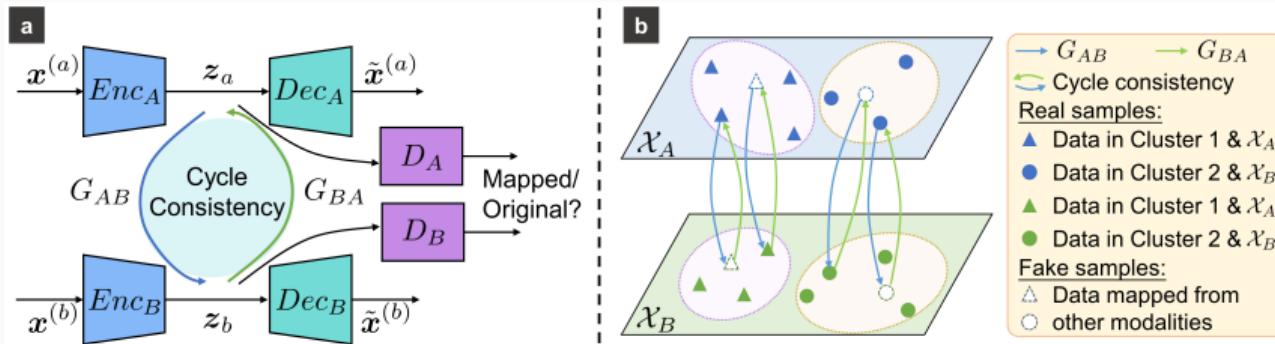
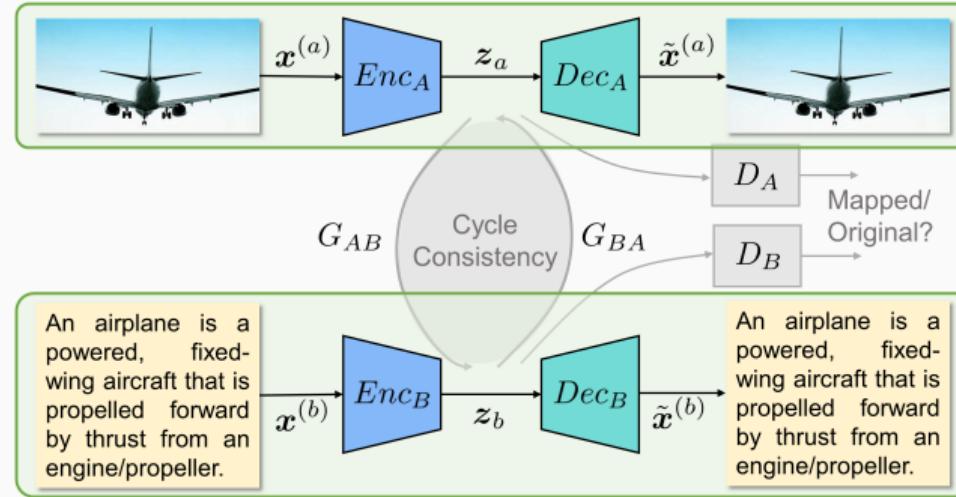


Figure 2: Overview of the proposed method.

## Modules

- **Modality-specific auto-encoders:** to learn latent representations for each modality.
- **Cross-modal generators:** to learn mappings across modalities with unpaired data.
- **Discriminators:** to distinguish whether a sample is mapped from other modality spaces.

# Framework: Module I

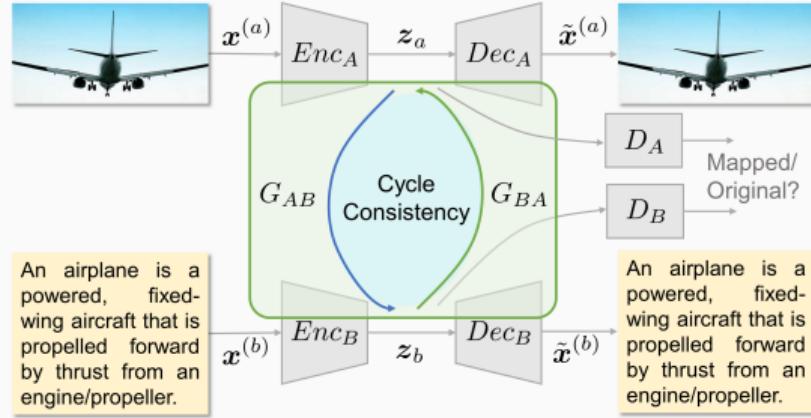


## Modality-specific auto-encoders

Latent representations for each modality are learned by single-modal data reconstruction:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}_{\text{rec}}^A(\Theta_{AE_A}) &= \|\mathbf{x}_i^{(a)} - Dec_A(Enc_A(\mathbf{x}_i^{(a)}))\|_2^2, \\ \mathcal{L}_{\text{rec}}^B(\Theta_{AE_B}) &= \|\mathbf{x}_i^{(b)} - Dec_B(Enc_B(\mathbf{x}_i^{(b)}))\|_2^2.\end{aligned}\tag{1}$$

# Framework: Module II



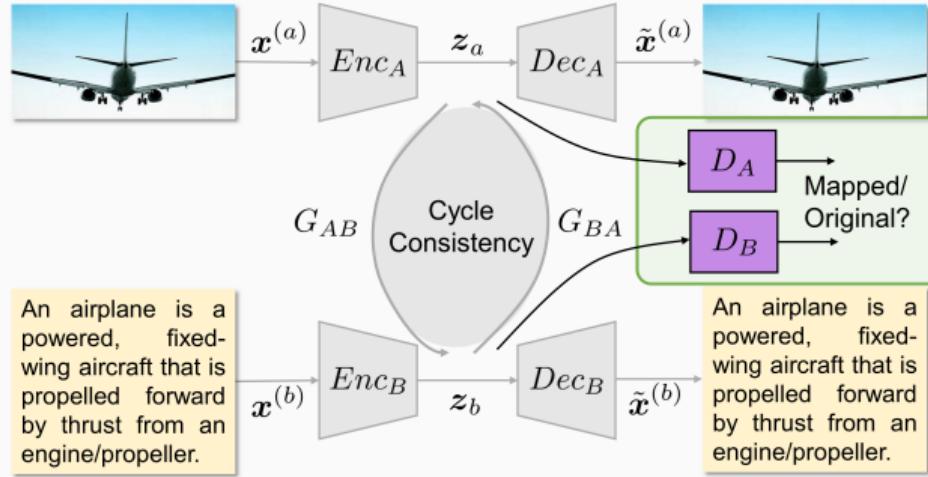
## Cross-modal generators

Mappings across modalities are constrained by *cycle-consistency*:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}_{\text{cyc}}^{\text{A}}(\Theta_{G_{AB}}, \Theta_{G_{BA}}) &= \mathbb{E}_{z_a \sim \mathcal{X}_A} [\|z_a - G_{BA}(G_{AB}(z_a))\|_1], \\ \mathcal{L}_{\text{cyc}}^{\text{B}}(\Theta_{G_{AB}}, \Theta_{G_{BA}}) &= \mathbb{E}_{z_b \sim \mathcal{X}_B} [\|z_b - G_{AB}(G_{BA}(z_b))\|_1].\end{aligned}\tag{2}$$

Generators: produce fake samples that are transformed from other modalities rather than originally lying in a specific modality space.

# Framework: Module III



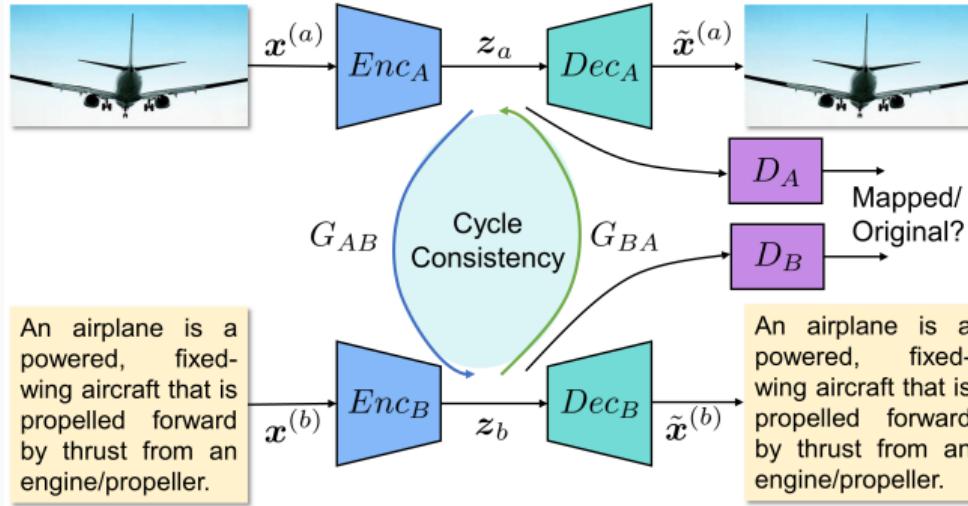
## Discriminators

Discriminators: distinguish whether a sample is mapped from other modality spaces.

Games between generators and discriminators:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}_{\text{adv}}^A(\Theta_{G_{BA}}, \Theta_{D_A}) &= \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{z}_a \sim \mathcal{X}_A}[D_A(\mathbf{z}_a)] - \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{z}_b \sim \mathcal{X}_B}[D_A(G_{BA}(\mathbf{z}_b))], \\ \mathcal{L}_{\text{adv}}^B(\Theta_{G_{AB}}, \Theta_{D_B}) &= \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{z}_b \sim \mathcal{X}_B}[D_B(\mathbf{z}_b)] - \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{z}_a \sim \mathcal{X}_A}[D_B(G_{AB}(\mathbf{z}_a))].\end{aligned}\tag{3}$$

# Framework: Objective Function



## Objective Function

$$\min_{\Theta_{G_{AB}}, \Theta_{G_{BA}}, \Theta_{AE_A}, \Theta_{AE_B}} \max_{\Theta_{D_A}, \Theta_{D_B}} \mathcal{L}_{\text{adv}}^A + \mathcal{L}_{\text{adv}}^B + \lambda_1(\mathcal{L}_{\text{cyc}}^A + \mathcal{L}_{\text{cyc}}^B) + \lambda_2(\mathcal{L}_{\text{rec}}^A + \mathcal{L}_{\text{rec}}^B) \quad (4)$$

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**Motivation**  
Traditional multi-modal learning requires extra pairing information among modalities for feature alignment.

Table 1: Types of learning under multiple modalities

Type	Supervision	
	Class Label	Modality Pairing
Supervised Multi-modal Learning	✓	✓
Unsupervised Multi-modal Learning	✗	✓
Unsupervised Mixed-modal Learning	✗	✗

**Mixed-modal Clustering**  
**Mixed-modal:** Each instance is represented in only one modality.  
Dataset  $\mathcal{D}$   $\mathcal{D}_A = \{\mathbf{x}_i^{(a)}\}_{i=1}^{n_a}$  and  $\mathcal{D}_B = \{\mathbf{x}_i^{(b)}\}_{i=1}^{n_b}$

**Multi-modal data**  
 $\mathcal{D}_A$ :   
 $\mathcal{D}_B$ :   
 pairing information

**Mixed-modal data**  
 $\mathcal{D}_A$ :   
 $\mathcal{D}_B$ :   
 hard for feature alignment

**Goal:** learning unified representations for the modalities, then grouping the samples into  $k$  categories.

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**Modality unifying**  

learn the cross-modal translation

- easy to obtain via cycle-consistency
- unifying: transforming all the samples into a modality specific space

**Framework**

## Results

**Dataset statistics**

Dataset	Modal.1	Modal.2	Training samples	Test samples	Categ.
Wikipedia	image	text (article)	1910	256	10
NUS-WIDE-10K	image	text (tag)	7500	2500	10

**Performance comparisons on Wikipedia**

Algorithm	Accuracy	ARI	NMI	F-score	Purity
k-means	0.2291	0.0166	0.1003	<b>0.1857</b>	0.2301
DKM	0.2173	0.0108	0.1170	0.1729	0.2429
DCN	0.2215	0.0137	<b>0.1172</b>	0.1688	0.2465
IDEC	0.2158	0.0375	0.0849	0.1645	0.2606
IMSAT	<b>0.2521</b>	<b>0.0573</b>	0.1093	0.1738	<b>0.2720</b>
Ours	<b>0.2720</b>	<b>0.0558</b>	<b>0.1543</b>	<b>0.1878</b>	<b>0.3075</b>

**Performance comparisons on NUS-WIDE-10K**

Algorithm	Accuracy	ARI	NMI	F-score	Purity
k-means	0.2744	0.0044	0.0469	0.3000	0.5208
DKM	0.2932	0.0130	0.0116	0.2901	0.5036
DCN	0.3036	<b>0.0144</b>	<b>0.0512</b>	0.2949	<b>0.5296</b>
IDEC	0.3045	0.0006	0.0802	0.3048	0.5036
IMSAT	<b>0.3080</b>	0.0038	0.0064	<b>0.4822</b>	0.5036
Ours	<b>0.3300</b>	<b>0.0710</b>	<b>0.0951</b>	<b>0.3043</b>	<b>0.5492</b>