# MulT: An End-to-End Multitask Learning Transformer

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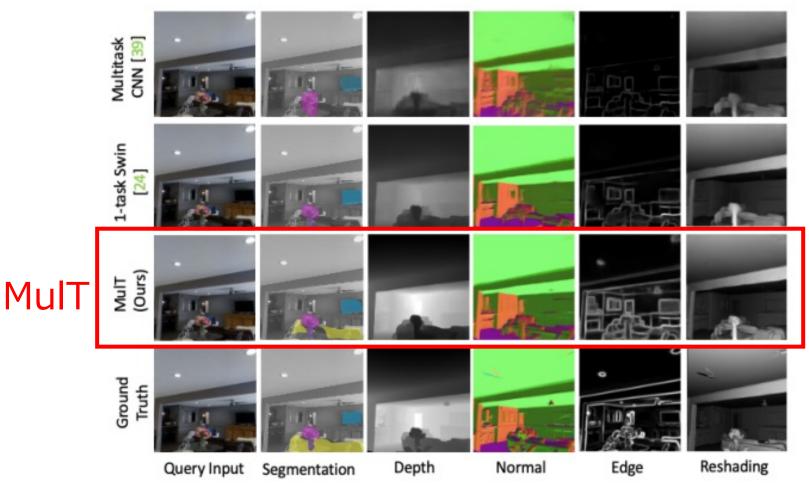
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# What will be possible?



"End-to-End Multitask LearningTransformer"

Can perform multiple tasks with high accuracy

e.g.
Segmentation, Depth Estimation,
Normal Surace Estimation,
Extract edge, Reshading

# Background

Transformer has applied for **Computer Vision** 

NLP

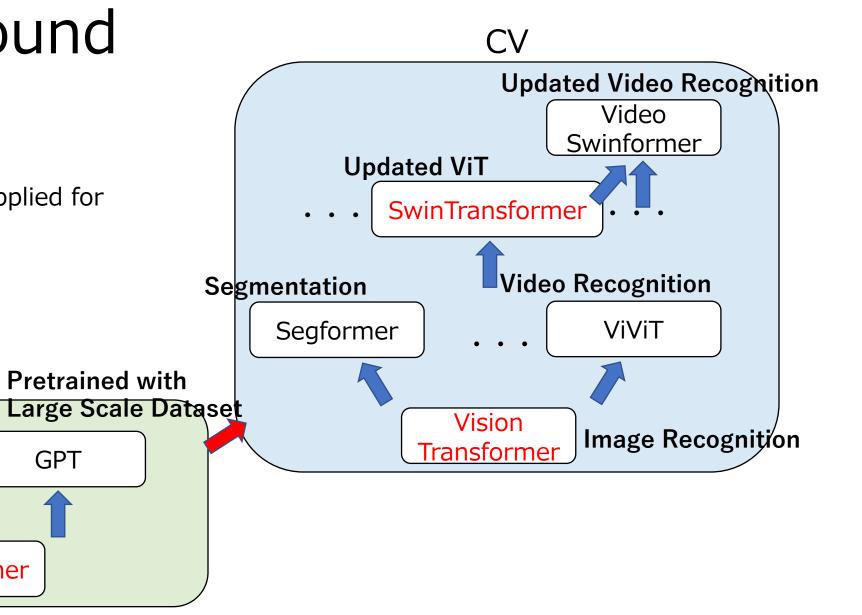
**Transformer** 

**GPT** 

**BERT** 

Machine

**Translation** 



# Background: Swin Transformer

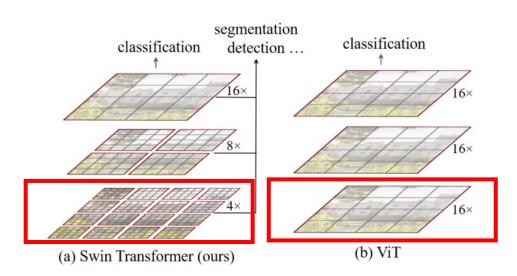
- Swin Transformer: Hierarchical Vision Transformer using Shifted Windows
- Ze Liu, Yutong Lin, Yue Cao, Han Hu, Yixuan Wei, Zheng Zhang, Stephen Lin, Baining Guo
- ICCV2021 Best Paper, URL: https://github.com/microsoft/Swin-Transformer  $\frac{H}{8} \times \frac{W}{8} \times 2C$   $\frac{H}{16} \times \frac{W}{16} \times 4C$   $\frac{H}{32} \times \frac{W}{32} \times 8C$  $\frac{H}{4} \times \frac{W}{4} \times 48$  $\frac{H}{4} \times \frac{W}{4} \times C$ Stage 2 Stage 3 Stage 4 Stage 1 Embedding  $H \times W \times 3$ Swin Swin Swin Swin Transformer Block Block Block Block 1.1

- Key Points
  - ✓ Shift Window-based Multi head self-attention

(a) Architecture

✓ Patch Merging

## Window-based Multi head self-attention



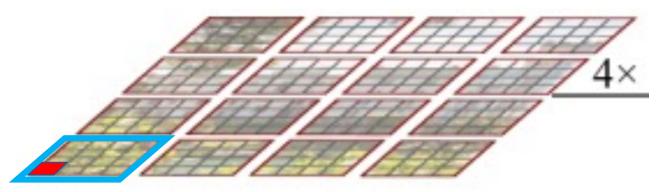
Patch: 4x4x3 Patch: 16x16x3

Output each stage

$$H \times W \times 3 \rightarrow \frac{H}{4} \times \frac{W}{4} \times 48$$

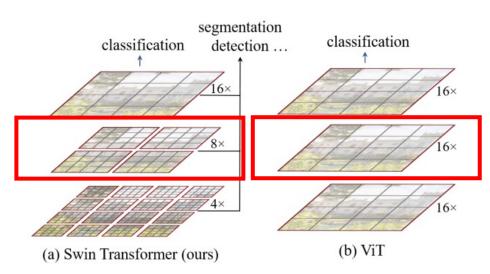


ViT: Patch and Window to perform self-attention



Swin: Patch and Window to perform self-attention

## Window-based Multi head self-attention



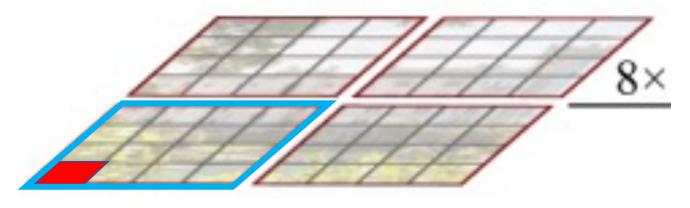
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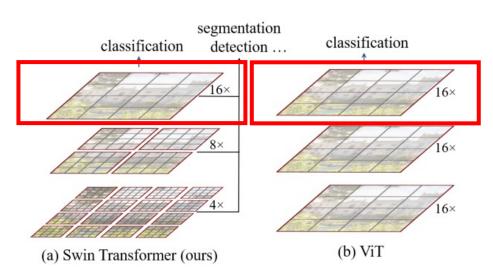


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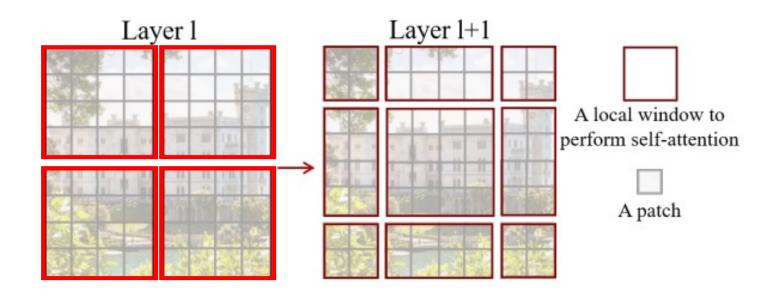


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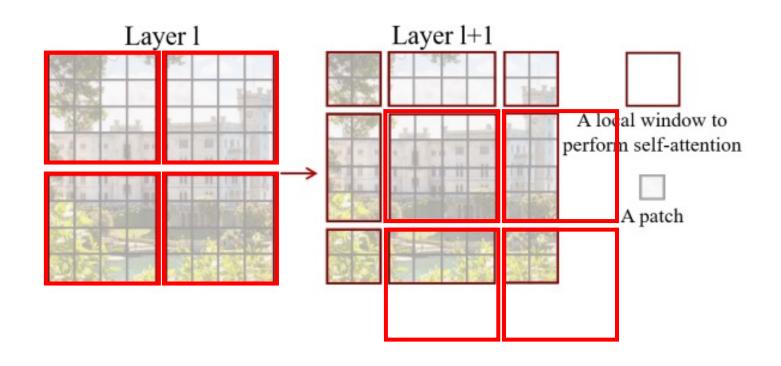


Swin: Patch and Window to perform self-attention

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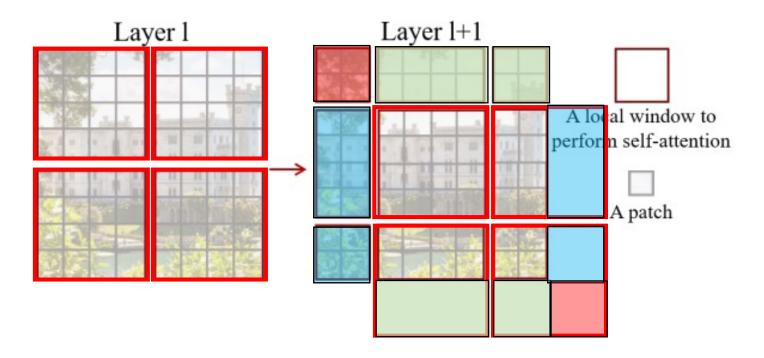


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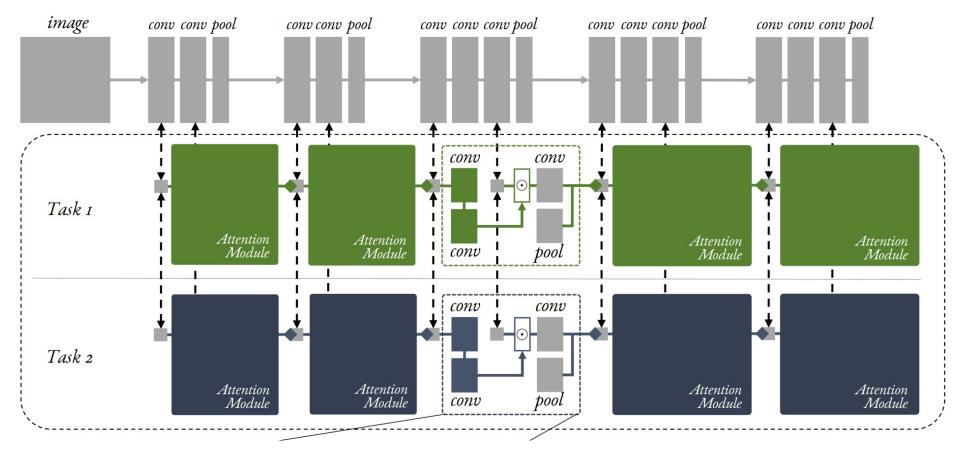
### Cyclic shift



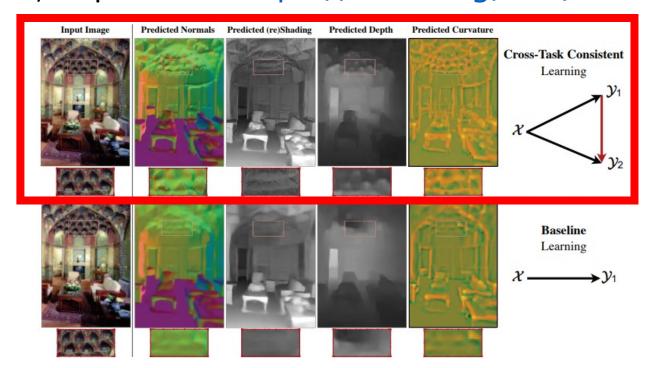
The overflow area created when shifting is moved as shown in the figure.

### Related Work "Multitask Learning" in Computer Vision

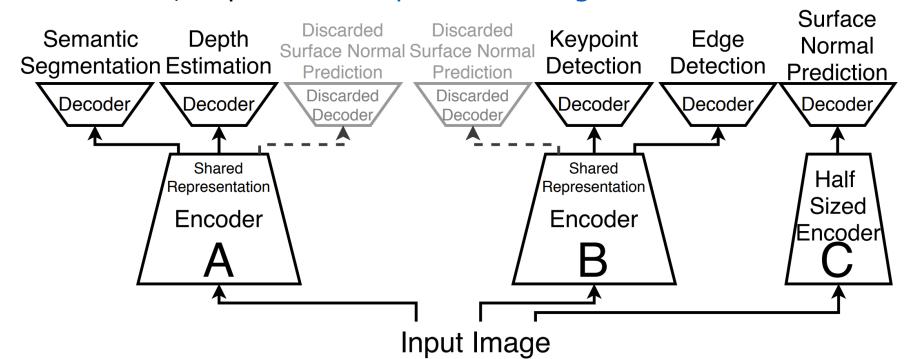
- End-to-End Multi-Task Learning with Attention
  - Shikun Liu, Edward Johns, Andrew J. Davison
  - CVPR2019, PaperURL: <a href="https://arxiv.org/abs/1803.10704">https://arxiv.org/abs/1803.10704</a>



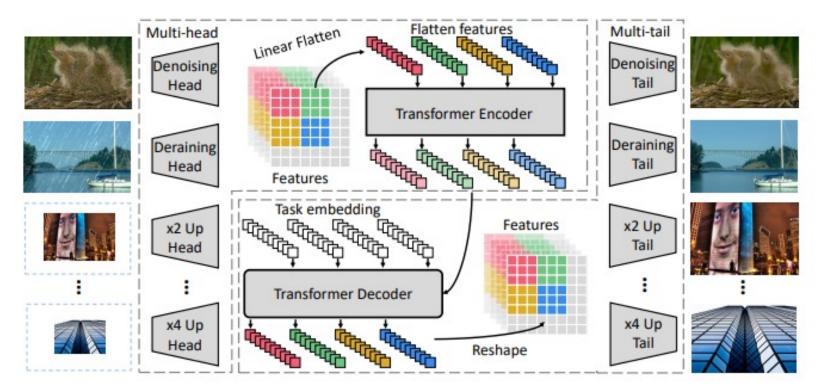
- Robust Learning Through Cross-Task Consistency
  - Amir Zamir, Alexander Sax, Teresa Yeo, Oğuzhan Kar, Nikhil Cheerla, Rohan Suri, Zhangjie Cao, Jitendra Malik, Leonidas Guibas
  - CVPR2020, PaperURL: <a href="https://arxiv.org/abs/2006.04096">https://arxiv.org/abs/2006.04096</a>



- Which Tasks Should Be Learned Together in Multi-task Learning?
  - Trevor Standley, Amir R. Zamir, Dawn Chen, Leonidas Guibas,
  - Jitendra Malik, Silvio Savarese
  - ICML2020, PaperURL: <a href="https://arxiv.org/abs/1905.07553">https://arxiv.org/abs/1905.07553</a>

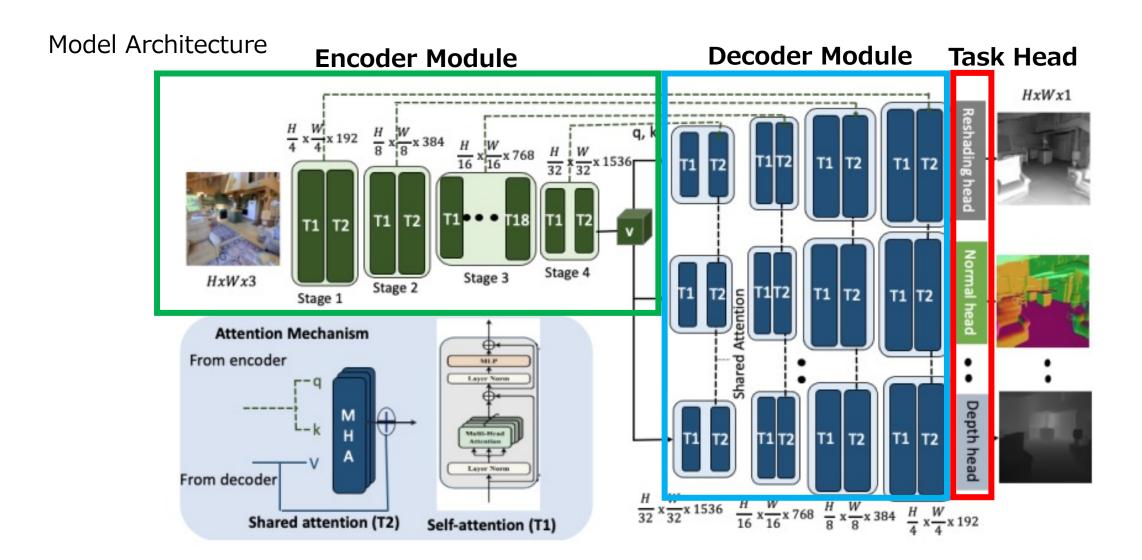


- Pre-Trained Image Processing Transformer
  - Hanting Chen, Yunhe Wang, Tianyu Guo, Chang Xu, Yiping Deng, Zhenhua Liu, Siwei Ma, Chunjing Xu, Chao Xu, Wen Gao
  - CVPR2021, URL: GitHub dongyan007/Pretrained-IPT-main-master

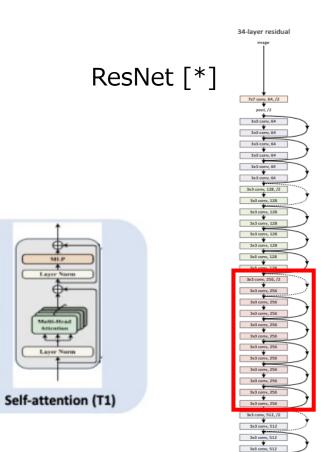


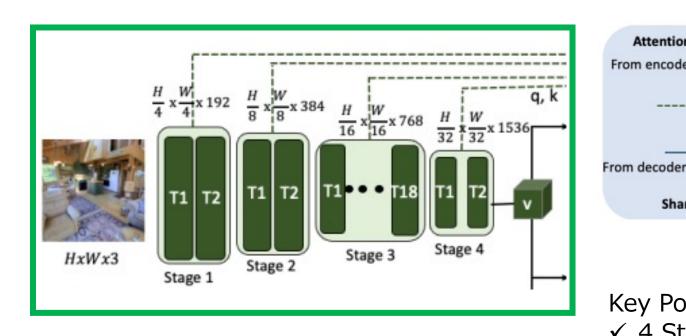
- In previous studies, multitasking was trained with CNNbase and Transformer was not used.
- In addition, although multitask learning models with Transformer existed, they did not reflect the dependencies among tasks.
- Therefore, in this study, they attempted to improve the accuracy of multitask learning by introducing a shared attention mechanism.

# MulT: A Multitask Learning Transformer



## Encoder Module







**Attention Mechanism** 

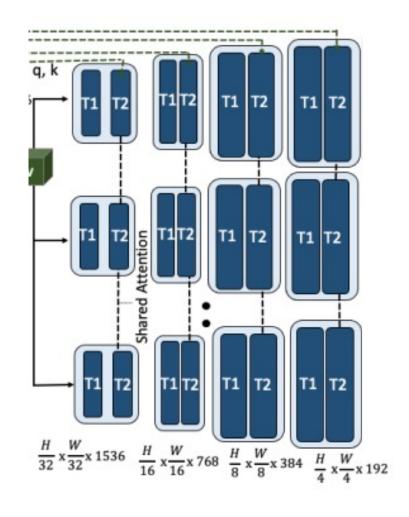
Shared attention (T2)

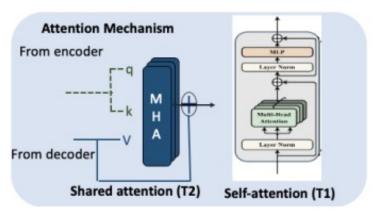
From encoder

- ✓ 4 Stage and Calculations at different resolutions
- √ q,k obtained at each stage are sent to the decoder

<sup>[\*]</sup> Deep Residual Learning for Image Recognition, Kaiming He, Xiangyu Zhang, Shaoqing Ren, Jian Sun, CVPR2016

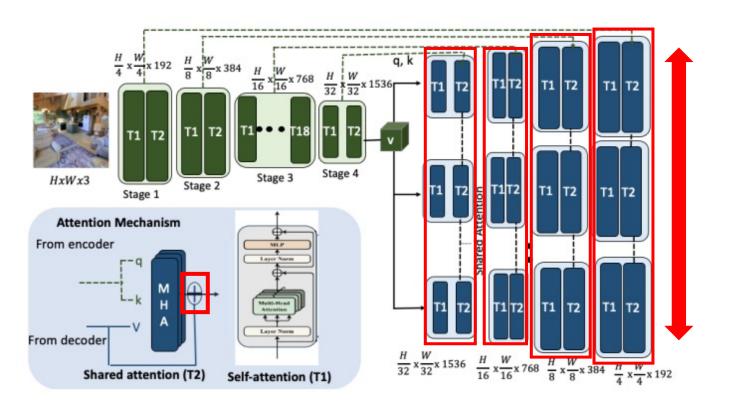
### Decoder Module





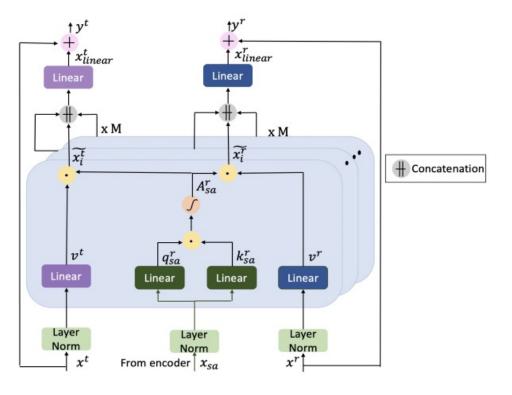
### **Key Points**

- ✓ 4 Stage and Calculations at different resolutions
- ✓ The feature map sent by skip-connection from the encoder matches the shape at the decoder.
- ✓ Shared Attention → Next Slide



#### **Shared Attention**

✓ The same resolution features can be shared.



# x M # Concatenation Linear

### Legend

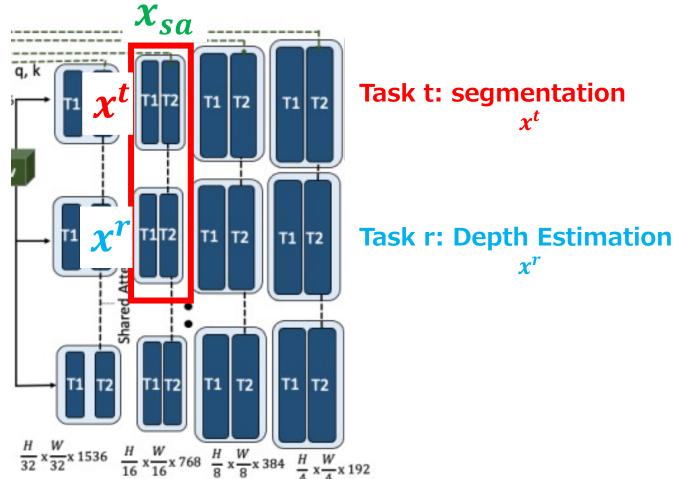
 $x^t$ : upsampled output of the previous stage  $x_{sa}$ : output of the encoding stage operating at the same resoluti t: task  $q_{sa}^r$ : query from  $x_{sa}$  by using the liner layer  $k_{sa}^r$ : key from  $x_{sa}$  by using the liner layer r: one paticular task  $v^t$ : computed by  $x^t$  for task t  $C^r$ : number of channels  $B^r$ : relative position bias  $\tilde{x}^t = A_{sa}^r v^t$ : self – attention head  $head_i^t(\tilde{x}_i^t, W_i^t) = \tilde{x}_i^t \cdot W_i^t$  $W_i^t$ : learnt attention weight for task t and  $\tilde{x}_i^t$  is the i th channel  $i^{th}$ : instance of the self – attention, which is repeated M times  $x_{linear}^t$ : linearly projecting the output of MHA<sup>t</sup>(.,.)  $y^{t}$ : last output

$$A_{sa}^{r} = softmax \left( \frac{q_{sa}^{r} \cdot k_{sa}^{r}}{\sqrt{C_{qkv}^{r}}} + B^{r} \right)$$

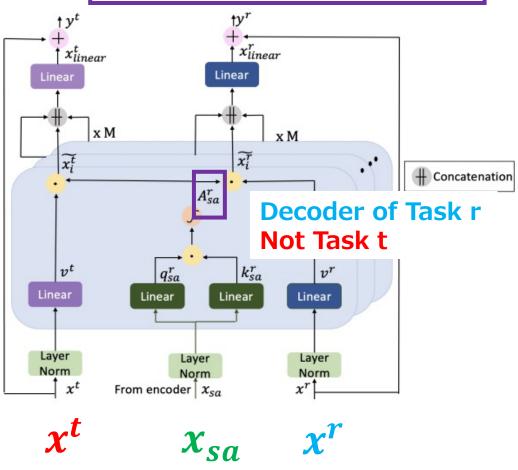
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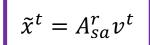
$$x_{linear}^{t} = MHA^{t}(.,.),$$

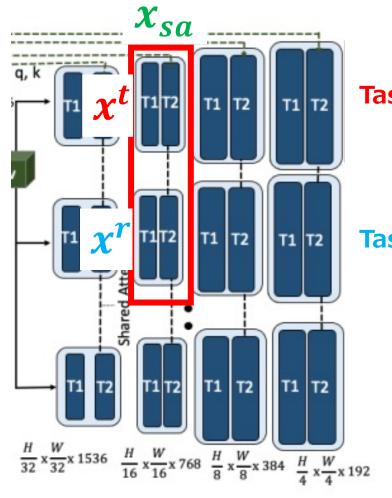
$$y^{t} = x^{t} + x_{linear}^{t}$$



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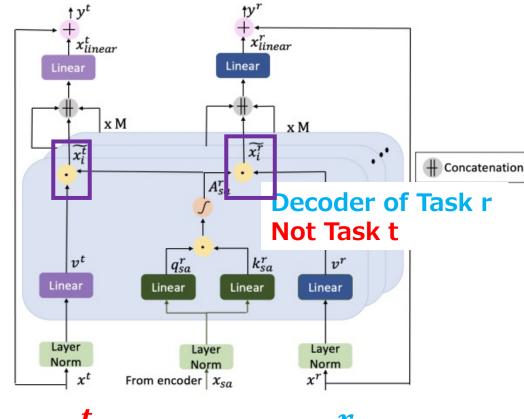






Task t: segmentation  $r^t$ 

Task r: Depth Estimation  $x^r$ 



 $c^{oldsymbol{t}}$ 

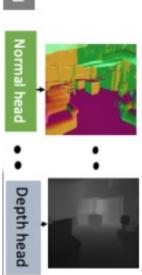
 $x_{so}$ 

 $\boldsymbol{x}^{1}$ 

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### Task Heads and Loss





- ✓ The output from the Transformer decoder is input to task-specific heads, with each class head containing one linear layer that outputs a map of HxWx1.
- ✓ Losses also appear to be set up as task-specific losses to jointly train a single network.

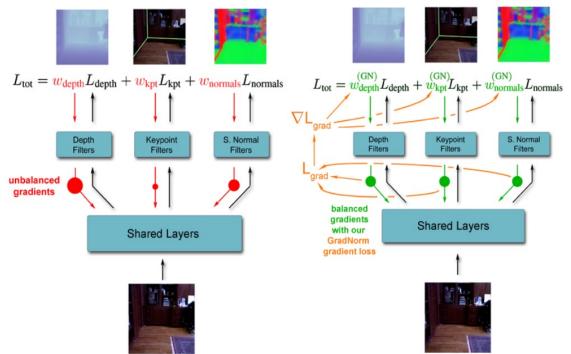
e.g.

Segmentation: cross entropy, Depth estimation: rotation loss, Others: L1 loss (MAE).

✓ The entire model is computed with all weighted losses using the GradNorm method.

### Loss

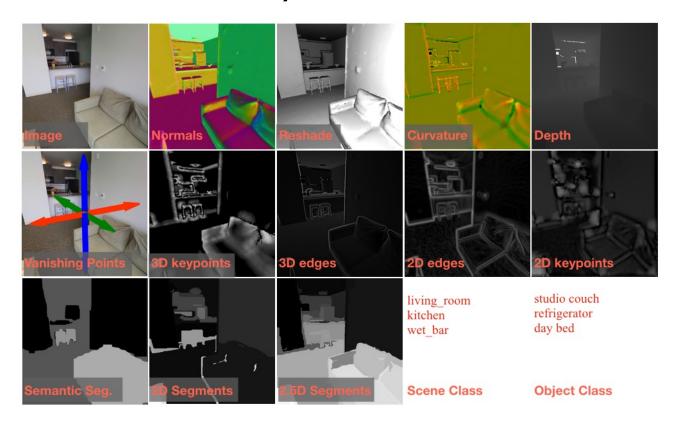
- GradNorm:
  - GradNorm: Gradient Normalization for Adaptive Loss Balancing in Deep Multitask Networks,
  - ICLR2018,
  - Zhao Chen, Vijay Badrinarayanan, Chen-Yu Lee, Andrew Rabinovich



- ✓ Weighted Loss
- ✓ Balanced Gradients

# Experiment Details: Training Datasets

• Taskonomy [URL: <a href="https://github.com/StanfordVL/taskonomy/tree/master/data">https://github.com/StanfordVL/taskonomy/tree/master/data</a>]



Data: over 4.5 million images from

over 500 buildings

Annotation: 15 tasks/image

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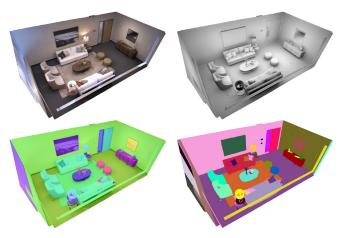
• Replica: <a href="https://github.com/facebookresearch/Replica-Dataset">https://github.com/facebookresearch/Replica-Dataset</a>

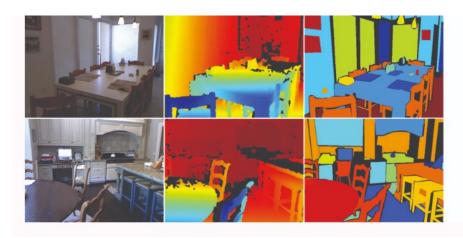
High resolution 1227 images and Ground Truth This dataset can evaluate more detail

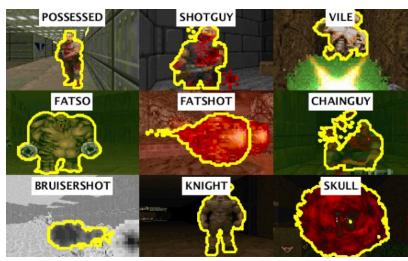
• NYU: <a href="https://cs.nyu.edu/~silberman/datasets/nyu\_depth\_v2.html">https://cs.nyu.edu/~silberman/datasets/nyu\_depth\_v2.html</a>
1449 images of 464 different rooms

CocoDoom: <a href="https://www.robots.ox.ac.uk/~vgg/research/researchdoom/cocodoom/">https://www.robots.ox.ac.uk/~vgg/research/researchdoom/cocodoom/</a>

synthetic images from the Doom video games







# Experiment Details: Training

- Train 6 tasks at the same time
  - Framework : PyTorch
  - Device: Nvidia V100-SXM2-32GBGPU
  - Batch size: 32
  - Lr: 5e-5
  - Scheduler : warmup cosine
  - Optimizer: weighted adam
  - Loss: CrossEntropy(S), RotationLoss(D), MAE(N,K,E,R)

S: Segmentation,

D: Depth Estimation,

N: Surface Normals,

K: 2D keypoints,

E: 2D texture edges,

### Results: Relative Performance

| Relative Performance On |        |               |               |        |                  |               |  |
|-------------------------|--------|---------------|---------------|--------|------------------|---------------|--|
|                         | S      | $\mathcal{D}$ | $\mathcal{N}$ |        | $\boldsymbol{E}$ | $\mathcal{R}$ |  |
| $\mathcal{S}$           | -      | +3.83%        | -1.42%        | -1.33% | +33.9%           | -0.80%        |  |
| $\mathcal{D}$           | +4.83% | -             | +2.77%        | -1.92% | +35.2%           | +3.93%        |  |
| $\mathcal{N}$           | +11.3% | +8.35%        | -             | +91.2% | +77.1%           | +9.09%        |  |
| K                       | +5.11% | +0.57%        | -6.88%        | -      | +70.1%           | +0.21%        |  |
| $\boldsymbol{E}$        | +6.09% | +4.33%        | -0.73%        | +4.75% | -                | +5.11%        |  |
| $\mathcal{R}$           | +8.61% | +4.45%        | +5.91%        | +1.95% | +33.9%           | -             |  |

### MulT(multi-task) vs Swin(single)

Row: Another task used for training

Columns: Tasks to be tested

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# Quantitative Results

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|                     | Relative Performance On |         |           |           |           |  |
|---------------------|-------------------------|---------|-----------|-----------|-----------|--|
|                     | AutoEnc                 | Normals | Occ Edges | Reshading | Curvature |  |
|                     | 1-0                     | -3.23%  | -2.66%    | 0.10%     | -1.39%    |  |
| ➢ Normals           | 19.31%                  | _       | 3.16%     | 4.60%     | 1.95%     |  |
| Occ Edges           | 35 83%                  | -0.25%  | -         | 1.15%     | 0.84%     |  |
| Occ Edges Reshading | -24.46%                 | 3.71%   | 3.16%     | _         | 1.88%     |  |
| Princ Curv          | 10.69%                  | 2.61%   | 2.46%     | 3.15%     | -         |  |
|                     | 10.34%                  | 0.71%   | 1.53%     | 2.25%     | 0.82%     |  |

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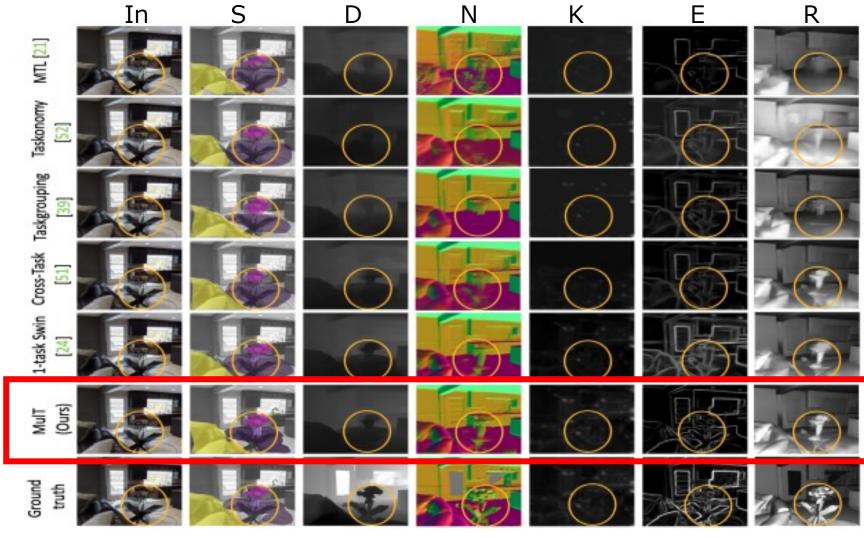
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|---------------------------|-------------------------|--------|---------|-----------|---------|---------|--|
|                           | SemSeg                  | Depth  | Normals | Keypoints | Edges   | Average |  |
| <b>∃</b> SemSeg           | _                       | 1.91%  | -6.00%  | -9.91%    | -21.93% | -8.98%  |  |
| Depth                     | -12.63%                 | _      | 2.95%   | 1.44%     | -9.70%  | -4.48%  |  |
| Normals                   | 8.32%                   | 15.38% | -       | -1.35%    | 52.08%  | 18.61%  |  |
| Normals  Keypoints  Edges | -5.84%                  | -7.21% | -2.26%  | -         | 55.63%  | 10.08%  |  |
| Edges Edges               | -5.62%                  | 6.02%  | -4.16%  | -5.02%    | _       | -2.20%  |  |
|                           | -3.95%                  | 4.03%  | -2.37%  | -3.71%    | 19.02%  | 2.6%    |  |
|                           |                         |        |         |           |         |         |  |

# Qualitative Results



In: Input image,

S: Segmentation,

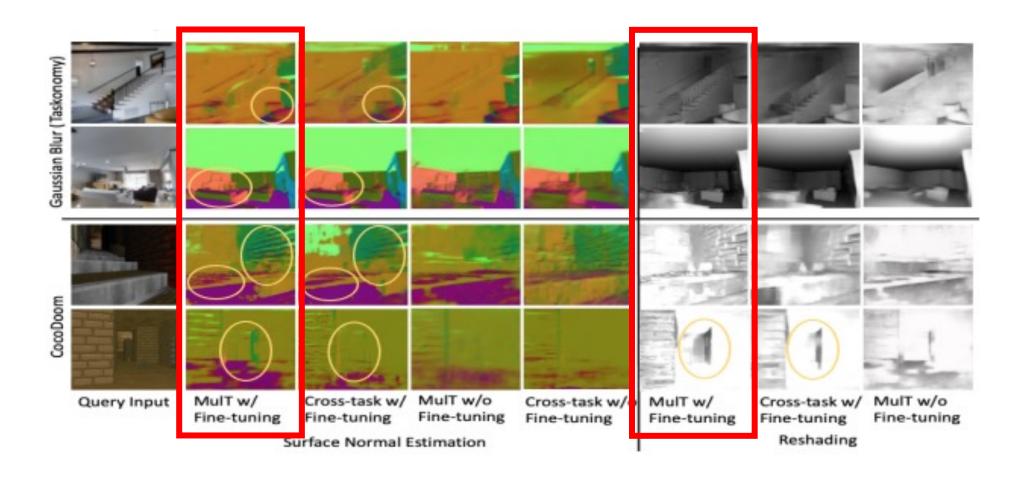
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## Generalization To New Domains



### Conclution

- This study proposed a single encoder-decoder model with Transformer tuned for multiple tasks.
- This model is able to solve six tasks simultaneously, and by sharing parameters, it demonstrated superior results for each task in a more compact manner.
- Furthermore, MulT outperforms CNN-based multitasking models and performs well not only on the original domain, but also on unknown domains.

### Future Work

- Data dependency
  - Especially MulT is data intensive architecture
  - Require Large amount of data
- Paired data
  - Generalize for other tasks.
  - e.g. Non-surpervised learning
- Extend the combination of local and global attention to a more flexible mechanism.

# For My Research

- I am about to work on a multi-task model that image synthesis and regression/classification.
- I chose this paper because I think it is meaningful to be able to do multiple tasks endo to end with a single model.
- Unfortunately, the code has not been updated, but I think that if I could replace the head part at the end for my task, I would be able to get good results with multitasking.