

Towards Realistic Evaluation of OOD-Generalization in DML

CVPR Tutorial: Deep Visual Similarity and Metric Learning

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Learn **representation** $\phi(x)$ which reflects **semantic similarity** $d(\phi(x_i), \phi(x_j))$ within training distribution $\mathcal{X}_{\text{train}}$







Encoder fs.a. ResNet50, Inception-BN



Class 2

Input space (Images)



Embedding space $\Phi=\mathbb{S}^D=\{z\in\mathbb{R}^D\colon \|z\|_2^2=1\}\;.$

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In practice:

- Only consider a **single** data split ($\mathcal{X}_{train}, \mathcal{X}_{test}$) for evaluation
- random, fixed problem difficulty
- Hyperparameter overfitting

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- **Iterative Class Swapping**

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(1) $\mathcal{X}_{\text{train}}$ default training data, $\mathcal{X}_{\text{test}}$ default test data (2) Identify classes $C_{\text{train}} \subset \mathcal{X}_{\text{train}}$ and $C_{\text{test}} \subset \mathcal{X}_{\text{test}}$ whose exchange will increase FID. $C_{\text{train}}^* = \arg \max \|\mu_{C_{\text{train}}} - \mu_{\mathcal{X}_{\text{train}}}\|_2 - \|\mu_{C_{\text{train}}} - \mu_{\mathcal{X}_{\text{test}}}\|_2$ $C_{\text{train}} \in \mathcal{X}_{\text{train}}$ $C_{\text{test}}^* = \underset{C_{\text{test}} \in \mathcal{X}_{\text{test}}}{\arg \max} \|\mu_{C_{\text{test}}} - \mu_{\mathcal{X}_{\text{test}}}\|_2 - \|\mu_{C_{\text{test}}} - \mu_{\mathcal{X}_{\text{train}}}\|_2$ (1) Swap classes C_{train} and C_{test} between $\mathcal{X}_{\text{train}}$ and $\mathcal{X}_{\text{test}}$.

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$$\mathcal{X}_{train}$$
 training data after swapping, \mathcal{X}_{test} test data after swapping.
(2) Identify class $C_{train} \subset \mathcal{X}_{train}$ closest to test distribution \mathcal{X}_{test} and vice versal
 $C_{train}^* = \underset{C_{train} \in \mathcal{X}_{train}}{\arg \max} \|\mu_{C_{train}} - \mu_{\mathcal{X}_{test}}\|_2$
 $C_{test}^* = \underset{C_{test} \in \mathcal{X}_{test}}{\arg \max} \|\mu_{C_{test}} - \mu_{\mathcal{X}_{train}}\|_2$
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Difficulty (FID)



Procedures is also applicable to other fields and domains!

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Benchmark learning concepts:

- performance monotonically decreases
- S2SD most robust too OOD shifts
- proxy-learning seems to lacks behind on SOP



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Generic representations for DML:

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- only explicit adaptation to training data closer to test distributions provides reliable generalization



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Introducing Few-shot Learning to DML:

- even few examples of unseen test distribution yield consistent improvement of OOD generalization.
- gains across all evaluated DML methods



Questions?