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OBJECT CATEGORIZATION USING CLASSEMES AND METACLASS

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Abstract: This paper describes new descriptor for images which allows the construction of efficient and compact classifiers with good accuracy on object category recognition. The descriptors are the classifier that produces the features of each image. The descriptor is the output of a large number of weakly trained object category classifiers on the image. Unlike other attributes and hand defined classes, our features are learned automatically. We first train the classifier using dataset. Then by learning basis classes which gives us features information we are getting good accuracy. All methods are thoroughly evaluated on object classification datasets using a multitude of feature descriptors. The advantage of this descriptor is that it allows object-category queries to be made against image databases using efficient classifiers (efficient at test time). This paper also describes meta-classes which partitions the classes into subsets. In training phase we use support vector machine classifier. The advantage of classemes using classifier is that training and testing can be done efficiently. We provide insight of when combination methods can be expected to work and how the benefit of complementary features can be exploited most efficiently.

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INTRODUCTION

Over the last decade the accuracy of object categorization systems has dramatically improved. All proposed systems have focused on a scenario of recognition involves a fixed set of categories, known before the creation of the database; the second, is that there are no constraints on the learning and testing time of the object classifiers. In this paper we consider the problem of designing a system that enables accurate real-time recognition of arbitrary categories in gigantic image collections, where the classes are not defined in advance. Categorization is the process in which objects are recognized, differentiated, and understood. Categorization implies that objects are grouped into categories, usually for some specific purpose. In training examples of an object category, we want to recognize a-priori unknown instance of that category and assign the correct category label. In order to transfer this capability to new domains, we aim to learn solely from example images.

As demonstrated in recent literature on object categorization [1], these nonlinearities are critical to achieve good categorization accuracy with low-level features. Probabilistic method of SVM introduced by Luis Gonzalez[2], Support Vector Machines (SVMs) are learning machines which implement the structural risk minimization inductive principle to obtain good generalization on a limited number of learning patterns. Probabilistic outputs according to the method introduced by Sollich are considered in a multi-classification ensemble architecture with several learning machines working in parallel.

The other method is the use of attributes [3], [4] which are fully-supervised classifiers trained to recognize certain properties in the image such as “has beak”, “near water”. While attributes have been used as features for recognition. The description consists of arbitrary semantic attributes, like shape, color or even geographic information [13].

1. PROPOSED METHOD

1.1 Classemes

The gigantic image collection is stored in memory for efficient testing which can be compacted by binary codes. Classifier learned from these new images can be run efficiently against the large database. The main objective of this project is the design of a compact image descriptor enabling efficient object class recognition. Our work has focused on methods to retain high recognition accuracy even with linear classifiers. It is divided into three categories. The first category involves the mapping of higher dimensional feature spaces which approximates kernel distances [5][6], To learn about thousands of objects from millions of images, we need a model

with a large learning capacity. The second category involves use of huge number of features in order to be able to keep large data sets in memory with such representations; the vectors must be stored in compressed form and then decompressed on the fly “one at a time” during training and testing. The Third category includes measuring the likelihood that an image belongs to a particular Flickr group using a trained classifier [7] [8]. Our approach is based on Clasemes which was first introduced in [8] and uses large image collection. Simple classifiers such as linear SVMs can approach state-of-the art accuracy, satisfying the requirements listed above. We represent image x in C dimensional vector $P(x)$ hence P_c evaluate on x :

$$P(X) = \{P_1(X) \\ P_C(X)\}$$

The classifiers $h_1 \dots C$ (the basis classifiers) are learned during an offline stage from a large labeled data set of images. The database DS represents our general visual knowledge-base; it should be very large and ideally include all possible visual concepts of the world.

1.2 Clasemes Learning

For each category, a set of training images are selected by issuing a query of an image. One of all classifier is trained for each category. The output images are realistic which gives similarity of trained image. The training images are converted to clasemes vectors, and then any classifier can be trained. We first train our basis classifier on low level representation by texture, shape and visual clues of color distribution and spatial transformation of the image.[3]. The basis classifier must be evaluate as faster[9]. Finite dimensional feature maps for additive kernels. Obtain compact and simple representations that are efficient in both training and testing, have excellent performance, and have a satisfactory theoretical support.

2.3 Metaclass

To use clasemes classification, several strategies were implemented: multiclass SVMs, neural networks, decision forests and a nearest-neighbor classifier. Metaclass should produce similar outputs on images of the same object category and to capture properties of the image. Our method is based on the algorithm of label tree in which number of classes are large. We adopt the label embedded tree [10] [12] training procedure from this prior work, but use it to learn meta-classes. We provide below a review of the label tree algorithm, contextualized for our objective. Let X_l be the set of distinct class labels in the training set X .

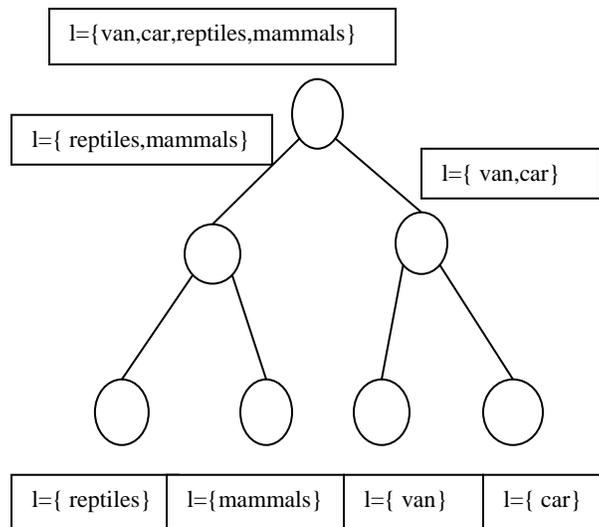


Fig 1: Metaclass label tree and Learning classifier for each metaclass

H_3 :{Van ,Car} Vs {Reptiles, Mammals}

H_2 :{Reptiles} Vs { Mammals}

H_1 :{Van} Vs { Car}

The label tree is generated in a top-down fashion starting from the root of the tree. Each node has associated a set of object class labels. Let us now consider a node with label set I . We need to describe its subset. The two subsets define a partition of the label set of the main set I . If we denote m_m and m_n the label set of two subsets, then we need $m_m \cup m_n = I$ and $m_m \cap m_n = \phi$. Ideally we want to choose the partition $\{m_m, m_n\}$ so that a binary classifier $h(m_m, m_n)(X)$ trained to distinguish these two metaclass makes as few mistakes as possible. Instead, we can use the confusion matrix of one-vs-the-rest classifiers learned for the individual object classes to determine a good partition of intuitively. The final meta-class descriptor is defined as the concatenation of all meta-class classifiers learned in the creation of the tree. To extract low-level features, In our experiment, SVM is used for comparison. SVM is used for training. It is effective for learning with small sampling in high-dimensional spaces. The objective in SVM [14] is to find a decision plane that maximizes the interclass margin that are useful for categorization. Datasets available for prediction tasks are growing over time, resulting in increasing scale in all their measurable dimensions. [11]. Other label tree learning methods described [12][13]. Here we use the label tree training procedure to learn meta classes.

2. EXPERIMENTS AND RESULT

2.1 Dataset

Caltech 256[16]: Database for object categorization containing approximately 30k images which is sub portioned into several categories. These datasets represent a lighting conditions, poses backgrounds, image sizes. In Caltech-256, each category has 80 images. Images from each category are downloaded from google, picsearch. Duplicates will be removed by detecting pixel similarity between images. We select N train and N test images from each class to train and test the classifier. Performance of each class C which are correctly classified as belonging to class C.

2.2 Image Search

While a few scene types (“beach,” “mountain”) can be well described by the statistics of low-level features, models for more complex and subtle categories (“nursery,” “laundromat”) should capture the appearance and spatial configuration of key scene elements – without being told what these elements might be or where they might be located. we are given a set of images containing instances from the same category (“horse,” “bus”) and told to build a model for that category without knowing exactly where these instances are. Scene recognition approaches based on low-level appearance information work poorly on categories that are characterized not by global perceptual characteristics. We train a binary LSVM classifier for each class using images from all the other classes as negative data. At test time, we label the test image with the class getting the highest response.

Query image



Output Images



Fig 3. Experimental results of scene recognition

Table 2

Object categorization Results Comparison on database

Database	Accuracy
Caltech	54.2
MIT	48.8

3. CONCLUSION

In this paper we have presented image descriptors, which measure the closeness of visual concepts called basis classes. The images are trained and tested efficiently during offline. These descriptors are useful for high level object recognition. By using the noisy training data from web image search in a novel way: to train “category-like” classifiers, the descriptor is essentially given access to knowledge about what humans consider “similar” when they search for images on the web. We tested our classifier using benchmark: caltech256, Scene recognition. The databases also contains number of images.

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