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6.869: Advances in Computer Vision

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Lecture 21 Object recognition II

Object model

• Voting



• Invariance: search strategy

Here, invariance in translation and scale is achieved by the search strategy: the classifier is evaluated at all locations (by translating the image) and at all scales (by scaling the image in small steps).

The search cost can be reduced using a cascade.

Feature











Thresholded



Weak 'detector' Produces many false alarms.

Feature



Thresholded output



Strong classifier at iteration 1





Feature output



Thresholded output



Strong classifier







Second weak 'detector' Produces a different set of false alarms.



at iteration 2





Strong classifier at iteration 200





Maximal suppression





Detect local maximum of the response. We are only allowed detecting each object once. The rest will be considered false alarms.

This post-processing stage can have a very strong impact in the final performance.

Evaluation



- ROC
- Precision-recall

ROC and Precision-Recall



Plots from PASCAL competition

Rapid Object Detection Using a Boosted Cascade of Simple Features

Paul Viola Michael J. Jones Mitsubishi Electric Research Laboratories (MERL) Cambridge, MA

Most of this work was done at Compaq CRL before the authors moved to MERL

Manuscript available on web:

What is novel about this approach?

- Feature set (... is huge about 16,000,000 features)
- Efficient feature selection using AdaBoost
- New image representation: Integral Image
- Cascaded Classifier for rapid detection

– Hierarchy of Attentional Filters

What is new is the combination of these ideas. This yields the fastest known face detector for gray scale images.

Image Features

"Rectangle filters" Similar to Haar wavelets

Differences between sums of pixels in adjacent rectangles



$$h_t(x) = \begin{cases} +1 & \text{if } f_t(x) > \theta_t \\ -1 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

160,000×100 = 16,000,000 Unique Features

Integral Image

• Define the Integral Image

$$I'(x, y) = \sum_{\substack{x' \le x \\ y' \le y}} I(x', y')$$

• Any rectangular sum can be computed in constant time:

$$D = 1 + 4 - (2 + 3)$$

= A + (A + B + C + D) - (A + C + A + B)
= D

• Rectangle features can be computed as differences between rectangles





Huge "Library" of Filters



Example Classifier for Face Detection

A classifier with 200 rectangle features was learned using AdaBoost

95% correct detection on test set with 1 in 14084 false positives.

Not quite competitive. Need to add more features, but then that slows it down.





ROC curve for 200 feature classifier Viola and Jones, Robust object detection using a boosted cascade of simple features, CVPR 2001

Fast and accurate classifier using a cascade

Fleuret and Geman 2001, Viola and Jones 2001

Given a nested set of classifier hypothesis classes



Cascaded Classifier



- A 1 feature classifier achieves 100% detection rate and about 50% false positive rate.
- A 5 feature classifier achieves 100% detection rate and 40% false positive rate (20% cumulative)
 – using data from previous stage.
- A 20 feature classifier achieve 100% detection rate with 10% false positive rate (2% cumulative)

A Real-time Face Detection System

Training faces: 4916 face images (24 x 24 pixels) plus vertical flips for a total of 9832 faces

Training non-faces: 350 million sub-windows from 9500 non-face images

Final detector: 38 layer cascaded classifier The number of features per layer was 1, 10, 25, 25, 50, 50, 50, 75, 100, ..., 200, ...

Final classifier contains 6061 features.





Speed of Face Detector

Speed is proportional to the average number of features computed per sub-window.

On the MIT+CMU test set, an average of 9 features out of a total of 6061 are computed per sub-window.

On a 700 Mhz Pentium III, a 384x288 pixel image takes about 0.067 seconds to process (15 fps).

Roughly 15 times faster than Rowley-Baluja-Kanade and 600 times faster than Schneiderman-Kanade.

Output of Face Detector on Test Images













Fleuret and Geman 2001

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Cascade of classifiers

• Perhaps, enough efficiency can overcome combinatorics...

Edge based descriptors

Edge based descriptors



Gavrila, Philomin, ICCV 1999

Papageorgiou & Poggio (2000)

wavelets in 2D



Segmentation / Detection Backprojected Maximum

Opelt, Pinz, Zisserman, ECCV 2006

Edges and chamfer distance



Edges and chamfer distance







Template

Gavrila, Philomin, ICCV 1999

Chamfer distance



Chamfer distance

Edges





Distance transform



DT(E) = Function that assigns to each pixel the distance to the nearest edge.

Using the distance transform, the Chamfer distance can be written as a convolution

Edges and chamfer distance





Distance transform



Edges

Distance transform



Edges

1	0	1	2	3	4	3	2
1	0	1	2	3	3	2	1
1	0	1	2	3	2	1	0
1	0	0	1	2	1	0	1
2	1	1	2	1	0	1	2
3	2	2	2	1	0	1	2
4	3	3	2	1	0	1	2
5	4	4	3	2	1	0	1

Distance transform (with Manhattan distance)

Efficient computation of DT

P = set of edge pixels.

Two pass O(n) algorithm for 1D L₁ norm

- 1. <u>Initialize</u>: For all j $D[j] \leftarrow 1_P[j]$ // 0 if j is in P, infinity otherwise
- 2. <u>Forward</u>: For j from 1 up to n-1 D[j] ← min(D[j],D[j-1]+1)



3. <u>Backward</u>: For j from n-2 down to 0 01 $D[j] \leftarrow min(D[j],D[j+1]+1)$





Chamfer distance



E = edge map of the image
REAL-TIME OBJECT DETECTION FOR "SMART" VEHICLES

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To deal with multiple appearances...



Issues

Global templates are sensitive to:

- Partial occlusions
- Non-rigid deformations

Constellation of local edge fragments





Building a Fragment Dictionary



(~1000 fragments)

Matching Features

Canny Distance

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- Gaussian weighted oriented chamfer matching
 - aligns features to image





Opelt, Pinz, Zisserman, ECCV 2006

J. Shotton, A. Blake, R. Cipolla. PAMI 2008.

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 $v(F_m, E|c)$ feature **match score** at optimal position $r(F_m, E|c)$ optimal **position**

Location Sensitive Classification

- Feature match scores make detection simple
- Detection uses a boosted classification function K(c):

$$K(\mathbf{c}) = \sum_{m=1}^{M} a_m \delta(v(F_m, E|\mathbf{c}) > \theta_m) + b_m$$

М	number of features	
F _m	feature m	
E	canny edge map	
С	object centroid	

θ _m	weak learner threshold
a _m	weak learner confidence
b _m	weak learner confidence
δ	0-1 indicator function

Object Detection

- Evaluate *K*(**c**) for all **c** gives a classification map
 - confidence as function of ____ position





map

Globally thresholded local maxima give final detections



Training Data



Boosting as Feature Selection

1. Fragment Selection



1000 random fragments

50 discriminative fragments

- 2. Model Parameter Estimation Select σ , λ for each feature
- 3. Weak-Learner Estimation Select θ , *a*, *b* for each feature

Contour Results



























Contour Results



Histograms of oriented gradients

Histograms of oriented gradients

SIFT, D. Lowe, ICCV 1999





Keypoint descriptor

Shape context

Belongie, Malik, Puzicha, NIPS 2000



Image features:

Histograms of oriented gradients (HOG)



Bin gradients from 8x8 pixel neighborhoods into 9 orientations



(Dalal & Triggs CVPR 05)

Source: Deva Ramanan

Histograms of Oriented Gradients for Human Detection

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SVM

A Support Vector Machine (SVM) learns a classifier with the form:

$$H(x) = \sum_{m=1}^{M} a_m y_m k(x, x_m)$$

Where $\{x_m, y_m\}$, for $m = 1 \dots M$, are the training data with x_m being the input feature vector and $y_m = +1, -1$ the class label. $k(x, x_m)$ is the kernel and it can be any symmetric function satisfying the Mercer Theorem.

The classification is obtained by thresholding the value of H(x).

There is a large number of possible kernels, each yielding a different family of decision boundaries:

- Linear kernel: $k(x, x_m) = x^T x_m$
- Radial basis function: $k(x, x_m) = exp(-|x x_m|^2/\sigma^2)$.
- Histogram intersection: k(x,x_m) = sum_i(min(x(i), x_m(i)))



Scanning-window templates Dalal and Triggs CVPR05 (HOG)

Papageorgiou and Poggio ICIP99 (wavelets)



w = weights for orientation and spatial bins



 $w \cdot x > 0$

Train with a linear classifier (perceptron, logistic regression, SVMs...)

Source: Deva Ramanan

How to interpret positive and negative weights?

w•x > 0

 $(W_{pos} - W_{neg}) \cdot x > 0$

 $W_{pos} \cdot X > W_{neg} \cdot X$

Pedestrian template



Pedestrian background template

w_{pos},w_{neg} = weighted average of positive, negative support vectors Right approach is to compete pedestrian, pillar, doorway... models Background class is hard to model - easier to penalize particular vertical edges

Source: Deva Ramanan

Histograms of oriented gradients Dalal & Trigs, 2006





Figure 3. The performance of selected detectors on (left) MIT and (right) INRIA data sets. See the text for details.

Constellation models



Source: short course on object recognition. Fergus, Fei-fei, Torralba

Representation

- Object as set of parts
 - Generative representation
- Model:
 - Relative locations between parts
 - Appearance of part
- Issues:
 - How to model location
 - How to represent appearance
 - Sparse or dense (pixels or regions)
 - How to handle occlusion/clutter



History of Parts and Structure approaches

• Fischler & Elschlager 1973

- Yuille '91
- Brunelli & Poggio '93
- Lades, v.d. Malsburg et al. '93
- Cootes, Lanitis, Taylor et al. '95
- Amit & Geman '95, '99
- Perona et al. '95, '96, '98, '00, '03, '04, '05
- Felzenszwalb & Huttenlocher '00, '04
- Crandall & Huttenlocher '05, '06
- Leibe & Schiele '03, '04
- Many papers since 2000



The Representation and Matching of Pictorial Structures

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Abstract—The primary problem dealt with in this paper is the following. Given some description of a visual object, find that object in an actual photograph. Part of the solution to this problem is the specification of a descriptive scheme, and a metric on which to base the decision of "goodness" of matching or detection.

We offer a combined descriptive scheme and decision metric which is general, intuitively satisfying, and which has led to promising experimental results. We also present an algorithm which takes the above descriptions, together with a matrix representing the intensities of the actual photograph, and then finds the described object in the matrix. The algorithm uses a procedure similar to dynamic programming in order to cut down on the vast amount of computation otherwise necessary.

One desirable feature of the approach is its generality. A new programming system does not need to be written for every new description; instead, one just specifies descriptions in terms of a certain set of primitives and parameters.

There are many areas of application: scene analysis and description, map matching for navigation and guidance, optical tracking,

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The authors are with the Lockheed Palo Alto Research Laboratory, Lockheed Missiles & Space Company, Inc., Palo Alto, Calif. 94304. stereo compilation, and image change detection. In fact, the ability to describe, match, and register scenes is basic for almost any image processing task.

Index Terms-Dynamic programming, heuristic optimization,

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Noisy picture (sensed scene) as used in experiment.

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Sparse representation

- + Computationally tractable (10⁵ pixels \rightarrow 10¹ -- 10² parts)
- + Generative representation of class
- + Avoid modeling global variability
- + Success in specific object recognition





- Throw away most image information
- Parts need to be distinctive to separate from other classes

Region operators

- Local maxima of interest operator function
- Can give scale/orientation invariance





The correspondence problem

- Model with P parts
- Image with N possible assignments for each part
- Consider mapping to be 1-1



Different connectivity structures



from Sparse Flexible Models of Local Features Gustavo Carneiro and David Lowe, ECCV 2006

How much does shape help?

- Crandall, Felzenszwalb, Huttenlocher CVPR'05
- Shape variance increases with increasing model complexity
- Do get some benefit from shape



Some class-specific graphs

- Articulated motion
 - People
 - Animals
- **Special parameterisations** - Limb angles



Dense layout of parts

Layout CRF: Winn & Shotton, CVPR '06


How to model location?

- Explicit: Probability density functions
- Implicit: Voting scheme
- Invariance
 - Translation
 - Scaling
 - Similarity/affine
 - Viewpoint

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Explicit shape model

- Cartesian
 - E.g. Gaussian distribution
 - Parameters of model, μ and Σ



- Independence corresponds to zeros in Σ
- Burl et al. '96, Weber et al. '00, Fergus et al. '03

- Polar
 - Convenient for invariance to rotation

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Mikolajczyk et al., CVPR '06

Implicit shape model

- Use Hough space voting to find object
- Leibe and Schiele '03,'05

Learning

- Learn appearance codebook
 - Cluster over interest points on training images
- Learn spatial distributions
 - Match codebook to training images
 - Record matching positions on object
 - Centroid is given







Deformable Template Matching

Berg, Berg and Malik CVPR 2005









- Formulate problem as Integer Quadratic Programming
- O(N^P) in general
- Use approximations that allow P=50 and N=2550 in <2 secs



Multiple view points



Hoiem, Rother, Winn, 3D LayoutCRF for Multi-View Object Class Recognition and Segmentation, CVPR '07



Thomas, Ferrari, Leibe, Tuytelaars, Schiele, and L. Van Gool. Towards Multi-View Object Class Detection, CVPR 06

Representation of appearance

- Needs to handle intra-class variation
 - Task is no longer matching of descriptors
 - Implicit variation (VQ to get discrete appearance)
 - Explicit model of appearance (e.g. Gaussians in SIFT space)
 - Dependency structure
 - Often assume each part's appearance is independent
 - Common to assume independence with location



Representation of appearance

- Invariance needs to match that of shape model
- Insensitive to small shifts in translation/scale
 - Compensate for jitter of features
 - e.g. SIFT

- Illumination invariance
 - Normalize out

Appearance representation







Decision trees

[Lepetit and Fua CVPR 2005]



Background clutter

- Explicit model
 - Generative model for clutter as well as foreground object
- Use a sub-window
 - At correct position, no clutter is present



Demo Web Page



Demo (2)







Demo (3)





Demo (4)



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0.2

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0.8

0.6 Recall





Image: 19 Best match score: -8.6935



Object Detection with Discriminatively Trained Part Based Models

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Abstract—We describe an object detection system based on mixtures of multiscale deformable part models. Our system is able to represent highly variable object classes and achieves state-of-the-art results in the PASCAL object detection challenges. While deformable part models have become quite popular, their value had not been demonstrated on difficult benchmarks such as the PASCAL datasets. Our system relies on new methods for discriminative training with partially labeled data. We combine a margin-sensitive approach for data-mining hard negative examples with a formalism we call *latent SVM*. A latent SVM is a reformulation of MI-SVM in terms of latent variables. A latent SVM is semi-convex and the training problem becomes convex once latent information is specified for the positive examples. This leads to an iterative training algorithm that alternates between fixing latent values for positive examples and optimizing the latent SVM objective function.

Index Terms—Object Recognition, Deformable Models, Pictorial Structures, Discriminative Training, Latent SVM

PASCAL Visual Object Challenge





5000 testing images

20 everyday object categories

aeroplane bike bird boat bottle bus car cat chair cow table dog horse motorbike person plant sheep sofa train tv

5 years of PASCAL people detection





1% to 45% in 5 years

Discriminative mixtures of star models 2007-2010 Felzenszwalb, McAllester, Ramanan *CVPR* 2008 Felzenszwalb, Girshick, McAllester, and Ramanan *PAMI* 2009

Deformable part models



Model encodes local appearance + pairwise geometry







x = image $z_i = (x_i, y_i)$ $z = \{z_1, z_2...\}$



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E = relational graph



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Score is linear in local templates wi and spring parameters wij

 $score(x,z) = w \cdot \Phi(x,z)$

Inference: max score(x,z)

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Star model: the location of the root filter is the anchor point Given the root location, all part locations are independent

Classification



 $f_w(x) > 0$



Latent-variable classification



 $f_w(x)=w \cdot \Phi(x)$



 $f_w(x) > 0$



 $f_w(x) = \max_Z S(x,z)$

 $= \max_{z} w \cdot \Phi(x, z)$



Latent SVMs



Given positive and negative training windows {xn}

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L(*w*) is "almost" convex

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L(w) is convex if we fix latent values for positives

Coordinate descent

1) Given positive part locations, learn w with a convex program

$$w = \underset{w}{\operatorname{argmin}} L(w) \quad \text{with fixed} \quad \{z_n : n \in \operatorname{pos}\}$$

2) Given w, estimate part locations on positives

$$z_n = \operatorname*{argmax}_{z} w \cdot \Phi(x_n, z) \quad \forall n \in \mathrm{pos}$$

The above steps perform coordinate descent on a joint loss

Treat ground-truth labels as partially latent



Allows for "cleaning up" of noisy labels (in blue) during iterative learning

Initialization

Learn root filter with SVM Initialize part filters to regions in root filter with lots of energy



Example models





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False positive due to imprecise bounding box





Other tricks:

•Mining hard negative examples

•Noisy annotations

horse









sofa









bottle











cat









