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Multimodal Machine Learning

Lecture 10.1: Fusion, co-learning and new trends

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Lecture Schedule

Classes	Tuesday Lectures	Thursday Lectures
Week 7 10/13 & 10/15	 Alignment and translation Neural Module networks Connectionist temporal classification 	 Probabilistic graphical models Dynamic Bayesian networks Coupled and factor HMMs
Week 8 10/20 & 10/22	 Discriminative graphical models Conditional random fields Continuous and fully-connected CRFs 	 Neural Generative Models Variational auto-encoder Generative adversarial networks
Week 9 10/27 & 10/29	 Reinforcement learning Markov decision process Q learning and policy gradients 	 Multimodal RL Deep Q learning Multimodal applications
Week 10 11/3 & 11/5	 Fusion and co-learning Multi-kernel learning and fusion Few shot learning and co-learning 	 New research directions Recent approaches in multimodal ML
Week 11	Mid-term project assignment (live working s	essions instead of lectures)
11, 10 0 11, 12		Midterm project assignment

Midterm project assignment Presentations due Friday 11/13 Reports due Sunday 11/15 Peer feedback due Sunday 11/22



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Classes	Tuesday Lectures	Thursday Lectures
Week 12 11/17 & 11/19	 Embodied Language Grounding Connecting Language to Action Guest lecture: Yonatan Bisk 	 Multimodal language acquisition Learning from multimodal data Guest lecture: Graham Neubig
Week 13 11/24 & 11/26	Thanksgiving week (no lectures)	
Week 14 12/1 & 12/3	 Learning to connect text and images Discourse approaches, text & images Guest lecture: Malihe Alikhani 	Bias and fairnessComputational ethicsGuest lecture: Yulia Tsvetkov
Week 15	Final project assignment (live working sessions	s instead of lectures)
12/8 & 12/10		Final project assignment Presentations due Friday 12/11 Reports due Sunday 12/13



Tuesday (11/10) 3pm-6pm: Live office hours with LP

- Signup on Calendly for meeting timeslot (see next slide)
- Use the same Zoom link (waiting room will be activated)

Thursday (11/12) : No lecture

Friday (11/13) 8pm: deadline for presentations

- Submit on Gradescope (slides) and Box (video)
- Sunday (11/15) 8pm: deadline for reports
 - Submit on Gradescope

Sunday (10/9) 8pm: Deadline for student feedback

No reading assignment for Week 11

Reading assignment for Week 12 (starting Monday 11/16)



Signup Sheet for LP's Office Hours

Tuesday (11/10) 3pm-6pm

Sign-up using Calendly:

https://calendly.com/morency/student-meetings

- One meeting per team
- Each meeting 10mins (-ish)
- Same Zoom link as lectures
 - Waiting room will be activated







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Lecture Objectives

- Quick recap: multimodal fusion
- Model-agnostic fusion
 - Multimodal fusion architecture search
- Fusion and kernel function
 - Transformers through the lens for kernel
 - Multiple Kernel Learning
- Co-learning
 - Paired and weakly-paired data
- Research trends in Multimodal ML pape
 - Few-shot and weakly supervised learning
 - Multi-lingual multimodal grounding



Quick Recap: Multimodal Fusion



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Process of joining information

Multimodal fusion

- from two or more modalities to perform a prediction
- Examples
 - Audio-visual speech recognition
 - Audio-visual emotion recognition
 - Multimodal biometrics
 - Speaker identification and diarization
 - Visual/Media Question answering



(a) get-out-car

(a) answer-phone

(a) fight-person









Fusion – Probabilistic Graphical Models





Graphical Model: Learning Multimodal Structure

Modality-private structure

• Internal grouping of observations

Modality-shared structure

Interaction and synchrony





Graphical Model: Learning Multimodal Structure

Modality-private structure

Internal grouping of observations

Modality-shared structure

Interaction and synchrony



$$p(y|\mathbf{x}^{A}, \mathbf{x}^{V}; \boldsymbol{\theta}) = \sum_{\mathbf{h}^{A}, \mathbf{h}^{V}} p(y, \mathbf{h}^{A}, \mathbf{h}^{V} | \mathbf{x}^{A}, \mathbf{x}^{V}; \boldsymbol{\theta})$$

Approximate inference using loopy-belief



Multimodal Fusion

"Model-agnostic" fusion:

- Early and late fusion
- Fusion architecture search

Intermediate fusion (aka model-based):

- Neural Networks
- Graphical models
- Kernel Methods







Model-free Fusion

Model-agnostic approaches – early fusion



- Easy to implement just concatenate the features
- Exploit dependencies between features
- Can end up very high dimensional
- More difficult to use if features have different granularities



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- Train a unimodal predictor and a multimodal fusion one
- Requires multiple training stages
- Do not model low level interactions between modalities

What should be the Fusion Mechanism for multi-layer neural classifiers?

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Late Fusion on Multi-Layer Unimodal Classifiers

Unimodal classifier 1

Unimodal classifier 2



What layer(s) should we fuse?



Trying all combinations may be computationally expensive...



Proposed solution: Explore the search space with Sequential Model-Based Optimization

- Start with simpler models first (all L=1 models) and iteratively increase the complexity (L=2, L=3,...)
- Use a surrogate function to predict performance of unseen architectures

e.g., the performance of all the L=1 models should give us an idea of how well the L=2 models will perform

"Perez-Rua, Vielzeuf, Pateux, Baccouche, Frederic Jurie, MFAS: Multimodal Fusion Architecture Search, CVPR 2019





Multimodal Fusion Architecture Search (MFAS)

Basic building block: a "fusion layer" unit



With three hyper-parameters: a) Layer index for modality 1 b) Layer index for modality 2 c) Activation/fusion function

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Multimodal Fusion Architecture Search (MFAS)

Dataset: Audio-Visual MNIST

Example of discovered fusion architecture with MFAS:



Memory-Based Fusion



> This model can also be trained end-to-end.

[Zadeh et al., Memory Fusion Network for Multi-view Sequential Learning, AAAI 2018]



Local Fusion and Kernel Functions



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Recap: Self-Attention



Recap: Transformer Self-Attention



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Transformer Self-Attention







Scale dot-product attention:

$$\alpha = softmax \left(\frac{x_q W_q(x_k W_k)}{\sqrt{d_k}}\right)$$

This attention function is a similarity function. This is related to kernel function...



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A kernel function: Acts as a similarity metric between data points

$$K(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_j) = \phi(\mathbf{x}_i)^T \phi(\mathbf{x}_j) = \langle \phi(\mathbf{x}_i), \phi(\mathbf{x}_j) \rangle$$
, where $\phi: D \to Z$

- Kernel function performs an inner product in feature map space ϕ
- Inner product (a generalization of the dot product) is often denoted as (.,.) in SVM papers
- $x \in \mathbb{R}^{D}$ (but not necessarily), but $\phi(x)$ can be in any space same, higher, lower or even in an infinite dimensional space



Non-linearly separable data



- Want to map our data to a linearly separable space
- Instead of x, want $\phi(x)$, in a separable space ($\phi(x)$ is a feature map)

What if $\phi(x)$ is much higher dimensional? We do not want to learn more parameters and mapping could become very expensive



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Radial Basis Function Kernel (RBF)

Arguably the most popular kernel function (for Support Vector Machine)

$$K(x_i, x_j) = \exp -\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \left\| x_i - x_j \right\|^2$$

 $\phi(x) = ?$

 It is infinite dimensional and fairly involved, no easy way to actually perform the mapping to this space, but we know what an inner product looks like in it

$$\sigma = ?$$

- a hyperparameter
- With a really low sigma the model becomes close to a KNN approach (potentially very expensive)





Some other kernels

Other kernels exist

- Histogram Intersection Kernel
 - good for histogram features
- String kernels
 - specifically for text and sentence features
- Proximity distribution kernel
- (Spatial) pyramid matching kernel





Kernel CCA

If we remember CCA it used only inner products in definitions when dealing with data, that means we can again use kernels

$$(w_1^*, w_2^*) = \underset{w_1, w_2}{\operatorname{argmax}} \frac{w_1' \Sigma_{12} w_2}{\sqrt{w_1' \Sigma_{11} w_1 w_2' \Sigma_{22} w_2}} = \underset{w_1' \Sigma_{11} w_1 = w_2' \Sigma_{22} w_2 = 1}{\operatorname{argmax}} w_1' \Sigma_{12} w_2$$

We can now map into a high-dimensional non-linear space instead

$$(\alpha_1^*, \alpha_2^*) = \underset{\alpha_1, \alpha_2}{\operatorname{argmax}} \frac{\alpha_1' K_1 K_2 \alpha_2}{\sqrt{(\alpha_1' K_1^2 \alpha_2) (\alpha_1' K_2^2 \alpha_2)}} = \underset{\alpha_1' K_1^2 \alpha_1 = \alpha_2' K_2^2 \alpha_2 = 1}{\operatorname{argmax}} \alpha_1' K_1 K_2 \alpha_2,$$

[Lai et al. 2000]





Scale dot-product attention:

$$\boldsymbol{\alpha} = softmax \left(\frac{\boldsymbol{x}_{\boldsymbol{q}} \boldsymbol{W}_{\boldsymbol{q}} (\boldsymbol{x}_{\boldsymbol{k}} \boldsymbol{W}_{\boldsymbol{k}})^T}{\sqrt{d_k}}\right)$$

How can you interpret it as a kernel similarity function?







Scale dot-product attention:

$$\alpha = softmax \begin{pmatrix} x_q W_q(x_k) \\ \sqrt{d_k} \end{pmatrix}$$

Kernel-formulated attention:

$$\boldsymbol{\alpha} = \frac{k(\boldsymbol{x}_{\boldsymbol{q}}, \boldsymbol{x}_{\boldsymbol{k}})}{\sum_{\{\boldsymbol{x}_{\boldsymbol{k}}'\}} k(\boldsymbol{x}_{\boldsymbol{q}}, \boldsymbol{x}_{\boldsymbol{k}}')}$$

What is the impact of the kernel function?

Tsai et al., Transformer Dissection: An Unified Understanding for Transformer's Attention via the Lens of Kernel, EMNLP 2019





What is the impact of the kernel function?

	Type	Karnal Form	NMT (BLEU [†])		
	Туре	Kerner Form	Asym. $(W_q \neq W_k)$	Sym. $(W_q = W_k)$	
	Linear	$\langle f_a W_q, f_b W_k \rangle$	not converge	not converge	
	Polynomial	$\left(\left\langle f_a W_q, f_b W_k \right\rangle\right)^2$	32.72	32.43	
Conventional	-> Exponential	$\exp\!\left(\frac{\langle f_a W_q, f_b W_k \rangle}{\sqrt{d_k}}\right)$	33.98	33.78	
	RBF	$\exp\left(-\frac{\ f_a W_q - f_b W_k\ ^2}{\sqrt{d_k}}\right)$	34.26	34.14	

What is the best way to integrate the position embedding?

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Multiple Kernel Learning



- Instead of providing a single kernel and validating which one works optimize in a family of kernels (or different families for different modalities)
- Works well for unimodal and multimodal data, very little adaptation is needed



MKL in Unimodal Case

- Pick a family of kernels and learn which kernels are important for the classification case
- For example a set of RBF and polynomial kernels







MKL in Multimodal/Multiview Case

- Pick a family of kernels for each modality and learn which kernels are important for the classification case
- Does not need to be different modalities, often we use different views of the same modality (HOG, SIFT, etc.)







Co-Learning



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Co-Learning - The 5th Multimodal Challenge

Definition: Transfer knowledge between modalities, including their representations and predictive models.



Co-learning Example with Paired Data

Learn vector representations for text using visual co-occurrences

Four types of co-occurrences:

- (a) Object Attribute
- (b) Attribute Attribute
- (c) Context
- (d) Object-Hypernym



Region	Object Words	Attribute Words
	man, person, adult, mammal	muscular, smiling
	woman, person, adult, mammal	lean, smiling
	table, tablecloth, furniture	striped, oval
	rice, carbohydrates, food	white, grainy, cooked
	salad, roughage, food	leafy, chopped, healthy, red, green
	glass, glassware, utensil	clear, transparent, reflective, tall
	plate, crockery, utensil	ceramic, white, round, circular
	fork, cutlery, utensil	metallic, shiny, reflective
	spoon, cutlery, utensil	serving, metallic, shiny, reflective

ViCo: Word Embeddings from Visual Co-occurrences



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Word Pair	ViCo	Obj-Attr	Attr-Attr	Obj-Hyp	Context	GloVe
crouch / squat	0.61	0.74	0.72	0.18	0.25	0.05
sweet / dessert	0.66	0.78	0.76	0.56	0.79	0.43
man / male	0.71	0.98	0.8	0.38	1	0.34
purple / violet	0.75	0.93	1	0.24	0.03	0.52
hosiery / sock	0.52	0.27	0.18	0.87	0.07	0.23
aeroplane / aircraft	0.73	0.43	0.07	0.87	0.75	0.43
bench / pew	0.63	0.67	0.09	0.79	-0.14	0.1
keyboard / mouse	0.19	0.63	0.19	0.09	0.95	0.52
laptop / desk	0.39	0.23	0.24	0.1	0.94	0.28
window / door	0.59	0.46	0.35	0.53	0.93	0.67
hair / blonde	0.16	0.56	0.32	-0.15	0.17	0.51
thigh / ankle	0.09	0.19	0.03	0.01	0.39	0.74
garlic / onion	0.36	-0.03	0.3	0.37	0.56	0.77
driver / car	0.27	0.16	0.26	0.12	0.53	0.71
girl / boy	0.41	0.38	0.22	0.44	0.74	0.83

Relatedness through Co-occurrences

Since ViCo is learned from multiple types of co-occurrences, it is hypothesized to provide a richer sense of relatedness

Learned using a multi-task Log-Bilinear Model



ViCo: Word Embeddings from Visual Co-occurrences

ViCO leads to more homogenous clusters compared to GloVe







Another Example of Co-Learning with Paired Data: Multimodal Cyclic Translation



Paul Pu Liang*, Hai Pham*, et al., "Found in Translation: Learning Robust Joint Representations by Cyclic Translations Between Modalities", AAAI 2019





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Goal: Learn better visual representations...

... by taking advantage of large-scale video+language resources



it's turning into a much thicker mixture



The biggest mistake is not kneading it enough







Weakly Paired Data

Data point: "a short 3.2 seconds video clip (32 frames at 10 FPS) together with a small number of words (not exceeding 16)"



How to handle this misalignment? Multi-instance learning! How to do it self-supervised? Contrastive learning!





Multiple Instance Learning Noise Contrastive Estimation

Objective

Given video x and text y from a positive set P_i and a negative set N_i , maximize the positive / total score ratio

$$\max_{f,g} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \log \left(\frac{\sum\limits_{(x,y)\in\mathcal{P}_i} e^{f(x)^{\top}g(y)}}{\sum\limits_{(x,y)\in\mathcal{P}_i} e^{f(x)^{\top}g(y)} + \sum\limits_{(x',y')\sim\mathcal{N}_i} e^{f(x')^{\top}g(y')}} \right)$$

Note: Doing so requires maximizing $f(x)^{\top}g(y)$ for only positive examples

1. Using sets of positive and negative examples to ~wash out the misaligned text

2. Ideally, we would maximize all positives over all possible negatives (intractable)





Experiments – HowTo100M Dataset







Research Trend: Few-Shot Learning and Weakly Supervised



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Few-Shot Learning in RL Environment

Discovery phase:

- Explore environment and when the agent sees an object, a description is provided to it.
 Instruction phase:
- Given an instruction, e.g. "Pick up a dax",+1.0 reward if picked up correct object

One-shot: never seen "theble"

- "Fast-mapping"
- Key idea: Dual-coding Episodic Memory architecture (a slow one and a fast one)

Hill et al., Grounded Language Learning Fast and Slow. arXiv 2020











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Grounded Language Learning

Generalization to new objects and new instructions.



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Phrase grounding is a task that studies the mapping from textual phrases to regions of an image. **But limited labeled data...**

Supervised
phrase-object annotationsWeakly-supervised
image-caption annotationsImage-caption annotationImage-caption annotationsImage-caption annotationImage-caption annotationImag

General solution: leverage more caption-image datasets, which can then be used as a form of weak supervision

MAF: Multimodal Alignment Framework for Weakly-Supervised Phrase Grounding, EMNLP 2020





Multimodal Alignment Framework



Specific solution:

Enhance visual representations of objects (e.g., man) by "shifting" it based on the caption phrases.

Fine-grained visual representations

How?

Contrastive learning!

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Multimodal Alignment Framework



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MAF: Multimodal Alignment Framework for Weakly-Supervised Phrase Grounding

Method	Vis. Features	Acc. (%)	UB
Supervised			
GroundeR (Rohrbach et al., 2016)	VGG _{det}	47.81	77.90
CCA (Plummer et al., 2015)	VGG _{det}	50.89	85.12
BAN (Kim et al., 2018)	ResNet-101	69.69	87.45
visualBERT (Li et al., 2019)	ResNet-101	71.33	87.45
DDPN (Yu et al., 2018)	ResNet-101	73.30	-
CGN (Liu et al., 2020)	ResNet-101	76.74	-
Weakly-Supervised			
GroundeR (Rohrbach et al., 2016)	VGG _{det}	28.93	77.90
Link (Yeh et al., 2018)	YOLO _{det}	36.93	-
KAC (Chen et al., 2018)	VGG _{det}	38.71	-
MAF (Ours)	VGG _{det}	44.39	86.29
MAF (Ours)	ResNet-101	61.43	86.29

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