Similarity Learning with CNN's

Example: Face classification

- Classify who is in a picture
 - Each person is a class





Kennedy



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Issues

- What do we do when we have a new class?
 - Classifier needs to retrain
 - Instead try to learn similarity use





Solution - Siamese networks

- Instead of having single network
- Separate network for each image a share the final layers
- Distance metric, cos, dot product
 - or KNN search

Signature Verification using a Siamese Time Delay Neural Network, Bromley et al., NIPS 1994



Objective, Contrastive Loss

- Positives
 - $|| f_1 f_2 || < c$
- Negatives
 - $|| f_1 f_2 || > c$

Contrastive Loss

- Collapse positives
 - $\bullet \quad \parallel f_i f_j \parallel$
- Separate negatives
 - $max(c || f_i f_j ||, 0)$





Chopra, S., Hadsell, R. and LeCun, Y., 2005, June. Learning a similarity metric discriminatively, with application to face verification. In *Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition, 2005. CVPR 2005. IEEE Computer Society Conference on* (Vol. 1, pp. 539-546). IEEE.

Margin based loss

- Collapse positives
 - $max(||f_i f_j|| c, 0)$
- Separate negatives
 - $max(c || f_i f_j ||, 0)$

Sampling Matters in Deep Embedding Learning, Wu et al., ICCV 2017

Problem: need to fix thresholds



Embedding learning, Triplet Loss

- Distances
 - Absolute distances don't matter at inference
 - KNN cares about relative distance
- Objective

$$max(0, || f_i - f_j || - || f_j - f_k || + \alpha)$$

- Positive pair *i*, *j*
- Negative pair *i*, *k*
- Harder to train need to consider all triplets
- Distorts the embedding space
 - Learning a distance metric from relative comparisons, Schultz and Joachims, NIPS 2003
 - Distance metric learning for large margin nearest neighbor classification, Weinberger and Saul, JMLR 2009







Sampling

- How do we select positives and negatives?
- All pairs, all triplets =, Bad idea
- very slow
 - Pairs $O(N^2)$
 - Triples $O(N^3)$
- Use sampling



Random pairs / triples?

- Random positives
 - Fast
 - Good gradient
- Random negatives
 - Far apart, Small loss, Small gradient
 - Pick one negative
 - Closed to each positive



Hard, Semi-hard negatives

- Too noisy
 - No meaningful gradient direction
- Too hard
 - Stronger gradient than positives

- Semi-hard negatives
- Fine one negatives
 - at same distance as a positive



Applications Matching and Similarity Learning

- Previously features and distance metric have been learned independently
- Use the convolutional descriptors with Nearest neighbor matching with Euclidean distance

P. Fischer, A. Dosovitskiy, and T. Brox. Descriptor matching with convolutional neural networks: a comparison to SIFT.

- Goal: learn descriptors and how to compare patches jointly
- Applications 2D-3D matching, pose estimation, recognition, retrieval)
- Training database that contains set of matching patches and nonmatching patches



Zagoruyko, S. and Komodakis, N., 2015. Learning to compare image patches via convolutional neural networks. CVPR 2015

Siamese Networks

Different way to compare positive and negative examples Inputs are embedded together – weights are shared Inputs are embedded independently then merged



Spatial Pyramid Pool Layer to be able To handle patches of different sizes

Zagoruyko, S. and Komodakis, N., Learning to compare image patches via convolutional neural networks, CVPR 2015

Loss Functions

Loss = \sum loss of positive pairs – \sum loss of negative pairs

- Make distance between positive examples small and negative examples large Patch embedding
- Different Loss for positive pairs $L(x_p, x_q) = ||x_p x_q||^2$
- Different Loss for negative pairs (hinge loss)

$$L(x_n, x_q) = \max(0, m^2 - ||x_p - x_q||^2)$$

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• Contrastive Loss $y = \{0, 1\}$

$$L(x_p, x_q, y) = (1 - y) \cdot \max(0, m^2 - ||x_p - x_q||^2) + y ||x_p - x_q||^2$$

Combination of positive and negative loss

Network weight regulariztaion

 $\min_{w} \frac{\lambda}{2} \|w\|_{2} + \sum_{i=1}^{N} \max(0, 1 - y_{i}o_{i}^{net})$ Network output

Triplet networks

• Triplet networks – allows ranking of the examples, positive and negative patches in one go

L(A, B, C) = max(0, m + D(A, B) - D(A, C))



$$\boldsymbol{D}(f(A), f(B)) < \boldsymbol{D}(f(A), f(C))$$

We can use different loss functions for the two types of input pairs.

- Typical positive pair (x_p, x_q) loss: $L(x_p, x_q) = ||x_p x_q||^2$
- Typical negative pair (x_n, x_q) loss :

 $L(x_n, x_q) = max(0, m^2 - ||x_n - x_q||^2)$ (Hinge Loss)



(Euclidian Loss)

Bell, S. and Bala, K., 2015. Learning visual similarity for product design with convolutional neural networks. *ACM Transactions on Graphics (TOG)*, *34*(4), p.98.

Applications



Vo, N.N. and Hays, J., 2016, October. Localizing and orienting street views using overhead imagery. In European Conference on Computer Vision (pp. 494-509).

Applications

- Learning discriminative patches from multiple views
- Training data generated from multiple views
- Matching Aerial views to ground level views



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• Query image – determine correct match



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Classification CNN:



- L(A, B, l) = LogLossSoftMax(f(I), l)
 - I = concatenation(A, B) f = AlexNet $l = \{0, 1\}, label$

Siamese-like CNN:



L(A, B, l) = l * D + (1 - l) * max(0, m - D)

$$D = ||f(A) - f(B)||_2$$

m = margin parameter

Siamese-classification hybrid network: $A \xrightarrow[B]{conv} fc - fc$

$$L(A, B, l) = LogLossSoftMax(f_{fc}(I_{conv}), l)$$

 $I_{conv} = concatenation(f_{conv}(A), f_{conv}(B))$





L(A, B, C) = max(0, m + D(A, B) - D(A, C))

(A, B) is a match pair (A, C) is a non-match pair

Matching accuracy

Test set	Denver	Detroit	Seattle
Siamese	85.6	83.2	82.9
Triplet	88.8	86.8	86.4

Siamese-like CNN:



Triplet network CNN:



Observation 1:

• Triplet network outperforms the Siamese by a large margin

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Siamese-like CNN:

Triplet network CNN:





Distance-based logistic (DBL) loss: $p(A,B) = \frac{1 + exp(-m)}{1 + exp(D-m)}$

L(A, B, l) = LogLoss (p(A, B), l)

Observation 2:

• Distance-based logistic (DBL) Nets significantly outperform the original network.



Learning Correspondences

Simo-Serra, E., Trulls, E., Ferraz, L., Kokkinos, I., Fua, P. and Moreno-Noguer, F., 2015. Discriminative learning of deep convolutional feature point descriptors. In *Proceedings of the IEEE International Conference on Computer Vision* (pp. 118-



Cross modal embeddings



Wang, L., Li, Y. and Lazebnik, S., 2016. Learning deep structure-preserving image-text embeddings. In *Proceedings of the IEEE Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition* (pp. 5005-5013).

Person Re-indentification problem



Viewpoint Change

Illumination Variation



Partial Occlusion

Subramaniam, A., Chatterjee, M. and Mittal, A., 2016. Deep Neural Networks with Inexact Matching for Person Re-Identification. In *Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems* (pp. 2667-2675).



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Homography Estimation

 Some supervisory signal is easily attainable – matches gathered by SFM and data augmentation techniques



Unsupervised Deep Homography: A Fast and Robust Homography Estimation Model Ty Nguyen*, Steven W. Chen*, Shreyas S. Shivakumar, Camillo J. Taylor, Vijay Kuma