# Hierarchical Image Classification over Visual Tree

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**Inter-Object Visual Correlations rather than independency** 

### 1. Problems to be addressed

- Large-Scale Visual Recognition: Challenges
- We need to learn large amounts of classifiers for large-scale visual recognition!
- Some object classes and image concepts are visually-related and hard to be discriminated!
- Some object classes and image concepts may have huge inner-concept visual diversity!

### 1. Problems to be addressed

- Large-Scale Visual Recognition: Challenges
  - Huge inner-concept visual diversity
     ---simple models may not work, but using complex models may overlap with others!
  - Huge inter-concept visual similarity
    - ---training complexity will increase for distinguishing visually-related concepts!
  - Huge computational cost

---thousands of inter-related classifiers should be trained jointly!

### 1. Problems to be addressed

### Large-Scale Visual Recognition

- How to leverage social images for classifier training?
- How to leverage inter-class correlations for dictionary learning & classifier training?
- How to deal with inter-level error propagation?



### Visual Feature Extraction



### Synonymous Concepts: Visual Similarity



(a) Auto







(b) Automobile





(c) Car

### Synonymous Concepts: Visual Similarity



# Ambiguous Concept: Visual Diversity



(a) Bank Office





(b) River Bank



(c) Cloud Bank

## Ambiguous Concept: Visual Diversity





**Decision function:** 

$$f(x) = R^2 - \sum_{i,j}^N \alpha_i \alpha_j \kappa(x_i, x_j) + 2 \sum_j^N \alpha_j \kappa(x_j, x) - \kappa(x, x)$$

# Junk Image Filtering



### Junk Image Filtering



Most text terms are weakly related or even irrelevant to web images in the same webpage



### Text-Image Alignment for Web Image Indexing



Image & Phrase List

### WWW2010, PR2014

### **Informative Image Extraction**



### Webpage Segmentation Surrounding Text Extraction

### **Classic Airplanes**

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and see how much classic airplanes have progressed over the last 100 years.

Each and every one of these

Visual-based algorithm

precise but expensive

[Cai et al. MSR-TR'03]

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### Webpage Segmentation

Surrounding Text Extraction



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### Text-Image Alignment for Web Image Indexing

Cluster No.: 3598, 10 duplicates



Phrase list 1: sterilization equipment, water, sterilizer, china mainland
Phrase list 2: autoclave, sterilizer, water, china mainland, manufacturer
Phrase list 3: retort, heating, sterilizer, water, china mainland, manufacturer
Phrase list 4: sterilizer, water, china mainland, manufacturer
Phrase list 5: sterilization equipment, water, sterilizer, china mainland, manufacturer

Aggregation: sterilizer, sterilization equipment, water, retort, manufacturer, ....

#### Cluster No.: 6244, 13 duplicates



Phrase list 1: cimarron, roper, saddle, roper saddle, horse, ... Phrase list 2: cimarron, roper, saddle, roper saddle,... Phrase list 3: saddle, roper, roper saddle, horse, sale Phrase list 4: roper saddle, saddle, cimarron, horse

Aggregation: saddle, roper, roper saddle, cimarron, ....

#### Cluster No.: 16263, 33 duplicates



Phrase list 1: face, area, drive stick, rule safety Phrase list 2: face, grip, play tennis, tennis racket Phrase list 3: face, , tennis racket, maintenance Phrase list 4: face, shaver, tennis preparation tip,.

Aggregation: face, shaver, gillete, ....

#### Cluster No.: 29906, 8 duplicates



Phrase list 1: pisa feb, pisa, leaning tower, location, photo Phrase list 2: pisa, leaning tower, location, photo Phrase list 3: pisa, location, leaning tower, photo Phrase list 4: pisa, leaning tower, photo.... Aggregation: pisa, learning tower, pisa feb, location, ....

#### Cluster No.: 35950, 27 duplicates



Phrase list 1: venture snowmobile, indonesia Phrase list 2: venture snowmobile, arctic, snowmobile, ... Phrase list 3: venture snowmobile, snowmobile Phrase list 4: venture snowmobile, snowmobile manufacture Aggregation: venture snowmobile, snowmobile, ....

### **Near-duplicates share similar semantics!**

### WWW2010, PR2014

### Text-Image Alignment for Web Image Indexing



(b) Pre@20, top 20 images are evaluated.



(c) Pre@30, top 30 images are evaluated.

WWW2010, PR2014

### Duplicate Detection



### **Duplicates may mislead classifier training tools!**

### **CVPR2012**

# Duplicate Detection





### **Automatic Tag-Instance Alignment**

### ACM MM 2010



Image Tags: Bush Tree Grass Horse



**CVPR 2012** 



(b) Multiple Image Instances

### Missing Tag Prediction



Image Segmentation & Instance-Tag Alignment



Object Co-Occurrence Contexts for Missing Object Tag Prediction



# 3. Visual Concept Network ACM MM2009 Why we need visual concept network? ---concept ontology, object co-occurrence network, .... **Common space:** classifier training & concept detection ---visual feature space rather than label space or concept space We need to characterize inter-concept visual correlations rather than others!

### **Inter-related learning task determination**



concept pair	$\gamma$	concept pair	$\gamma$	concept pair	$\gamma$	concept pair	$\gamma$
urbanroad-streetview	0.99	cat-dog	0.81	kerb-saucer	0.28	tweezer-corn	0.19
frisbee-pizza	0.80	dolphin-cruiser	0.73	fridge-vest	0.29	journal-grape	0.19
moped-bus	0.75	habor-outview	0.71	stick-cupboard	0.29	sheep-greatwall	0.26
monkey-humanface	0.71	guitar-violin	0.71	mushroom-moon	0.32	whistle-watermelon	0.28
lightbulb-firework	0.69	mango-broccoli	0.69	cannon-ruler	0.41	snake-ipod	0.31
porcupine-lion	0.68	bridge-warship	0.68	tombstone-crab	0.42	helicopter-city	0.63
doorway-street	0.65	statue-building	0.68	pylon-highway	0.61	LCD-container	0.65
windmill-bigben	0.63	cat-lion	0.66	beermug-bar	0.62	sailboat-cruiser	0.66

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sky			0.62	0.60	0.44	0.38	0.44	0.32	0.44	0.38	0.46	0.46	0.43	0.51
cloud	36	0.62		0.62	0.45	0.38	0.45	0.33	0.46	0.39	0.47	0.46	0.44	0.52
wave	57	0.60	0.62		0.44	0.36	0.44	0.30	0.44	0.36	0.47	0.46	0.44	0.53
maillot		0.44	0.45	0.44		0.59	0.62	0.57	0.61	0.56	0.58	0.60	0.55	0.60
pajama	*	0.38	0.38	0.36	0.59		0.62	0.59	0.61	0.57	0.58	0.60	0.54	0.58
short pants	R	0.44	0.45	0.44	0.62	0.62		0.61	0.65	0.60	0.61	0.63	0.57	0.62
oilskin		0.32	0.33	0.30	0.57	0.59	0.61		0.58	0.56	0.54	0.58	0.51	0.53
pullover		0.44	0.46	0.44	0.61	0.61	0.65	0.58		0.62	0.59	0.62	0.55	0.63
stole		0.38	0.39	0.36	0.56	0.57	0.60	0.56	0.62		0.52	0.55	0.48	0.56
bookcase		0.46	0.47	0.47	0.58	0.58	0.61	0.54	0.59	0.52		0.78	0.69	0.70
china cabinet		0.46	0.46	0.46	0.60	0.60	0.63	0.58	0.62	0.55	0.78		0.70	0.71
medicine chest		0.43	0.44	0.44	0.55	0.54	0.57	0.51	0.55	0.48	0.69	0.70		0.64
mailbox		0.51	0.52	0.53	0.60	0.58	0.62	0.53	0.63	0.56	0.70	0.71	0.64	





### Label Tree for Efficient Classification



Number of dot products needed in the label tree: 1 + 1 = 2

Number of dot product needed in a flat approach: 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 = 4

It is a fire truck!

Label 1: cat Label 3: dog

Label 2: mini van Label 4: fire truck

[Bengio et al. NIPS'2010]

### **Construction of Label Tree**



### Visual Similarity Matrix



Result is based on ImageNet data set of 1000 categories



### 4. Visual Tree Construction: Hierarchical Clustering



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The leaf nodes are not shown.




# 4. Visual Tree Construction: Hierarchical Clustering blue false... Callto ... tree lupine Texas blue. alvi-alv cream-of-

#### Bag-of-Words (BoW)



5. Joint Dictionary Learning for Discriminative Image Representation

 To distinguish visually-similar categories, dictionaries with strong discrimination is critical

Joint dictionary learning





#### IEEE Trans. IP 2011, IEEE Trans. PAMI 2014, PR 2013

#### Inference Model Selection for Classifier Training

$$f_{C_j}(x) = W_j^{tr} \Phi_j(x) + \sum_{C_t \in \Theta_j} \gamma_t \cdot V_t^{tr} \Phi_t(x), \qquad \sum_{C_t \in \Theta_j} \gamma_t = 1$$

If the given image concept  $C_j$  is visually-related with the image concept  $C_t$  (i.e.,  $C_j$  is linked with  $C_t$  on the visual concept network),  $V_t \neq 0$ . If the given image concept  $C_j$  is visually-irrelevant with the image concept  $C_t$  (i.e.,  $C_j$  is not linked with  $C_t$  on the visual concept network),  $V_t = 0$ .

$$J = \frac{1}{2} (\|W_j\|^2 + \sum_{t=1}^{|\Theta_j|} \lambda_t \|V_t\|^2) + \rho_0 \sum_{t=1}^{|\Theta_j|} \sum_{i=1}^{n_j} \xi_{ti} + \sum_{t=1}^{|\Theta_j|} \rho_t \sum_{i=1}^{n_t} \eta_{ti}$$

#### Inference Model Selection for Classifier Training







#### **Hierarchical Organization**



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#### Hierarchical Classification Scheme





#### 8. Interactive Classifier Assessment



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#### 8. Interactive Classifier Assessment







(b)



water (b)

road































(c)













# Hierarchical Deep Multi-Task Learning (HD-MTL) over Visual Tree HD-MTL



# 2. Multi-Level Deep Feature Extraction GoogleNet

### 2. Multi-Level Deep Feature Extraction

#### Deep CNNs for Feature Extraction





#### Feature Subset Selection

$$F_{best}^c = max \left\{ \Phi_t^c = \frac{1}{\sum_{i=1}^M \sum_{j=1}^M \kappa^t(i,j)}, \quad F_t \in \mathbb{F} \right\}$$

#### Node Partitioning

$$\min\left\{\psi(c,B) = \sum_{l=1}^{B} \frac{\sum_{i \in G_l} \sum_{j \in G_l} \kappa_t(i,j)}{\sum_{i \in G_l} \sum_{j \in G_l} \kappa_t(i,j)}\right\}$$



Result is based on ImageNet data set of 1000 categories







#### 4. Visual Tree Construction: Large-Scale Object Classes



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#### 4. Visual Tree Construction: Large-Scale Object Classes




#### 4. Visual Tree for CalTech101





#### 4. Visual Tree for ImageNet 10K



#### 4. Visual Tree Construction



#### 4. Visual Tree Construction



#### 4. Visual Tree Construction



## Deep Multi-Task Learning



## Deep Multi-Task Learning

$$\min\left\{C\sum_{l=1}^{R}\sum_{j=1}^{B}\xi_{j}^{l}+\delta_{1}Tr\left(WW^{T}\right)+\frac{\delta_{2}}{2}Tr\left(WLW^{T}\right)\right\}$$

subject to:

$$\forall_{l=1}^{R} \forall_{j=1}^{B} : y_{j}^{l} (W_{j}^{T} \cdot x_{j}^{l} + b) \ge 1 - \xi_{j}^{l}, \ \xi_{j}^{l} \ge 0$$

## Deep Multi-Task Learning

$$\min\left\{\sum_{j=1}^{B}\sum_{l=1}^{R}\beta_{l}^{j}-\frac{1}{2\delta_{1}}\beta^{T}Y\Re\left(\Re+\frac{\delta_{2}}{\delta_{1}}\Re\left(L\bigotimes I\right)\Re\right)^{-1}\Re Y\beta\right\}$$

subject to:

$$\forall_{l=1}^R \forall_{j=1}^B: \quad \sum_{l=1}^R \beta_l^j \cdot y_l^j = 0, \quad 0 \leq \beta_l^j \leq 1$$

# 5. Hierarchical Deep Multi-Task Learning Deep Multi-Task Learning $\alpha^* = \frac{1}{2\delta_1} \left( \Re + \frac{\delta_2}{\delta_1} \left( \Re \left( L \bigotimes I \right) \Re \right)^{-1} \Re Y \beta^* \right)$

**Multi-Task Classifiers at Sibling Leaf Nodes** 

$$\forall_{j=1}^{B}: f_{c_{j}}^{1}(x) \mid_{F_{c_{j}}^{1}} = \sum_{l=1}^{R} \alpha_{j}^{l*} \kappa(x_{j}^{l}, x) + b_{j}^{*}, \ c_{j} \in c_{h}$$



#### Hierarchical Deep Multi-Task Learning



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$$\min\left\{C\sum_{m=1}^{R}\sum_{h=1}^{B}\xi_{j}^{m}+\gamma_{1}Tr\left(WW^{T}\right)+\frac{\gamma_{2}}{2}Tr\left(WLW^{T}\right)\right\}$$

subject to:

$$\forall_{m=1}^{R} \forall_{h=1}^{B} : y_{h}^{m} (W_{h}^{T} \cdot x_{h}^{m} + b) \ge 1 - \xi_{h}^{m}, \ \xi_{h}^{m} \ge 0, \ c_{h} \in c_{k}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \forall_{h=1}^{B} : & f_{c_{h}}^{l+1}(x) \mid_{F_{c_{h}}^{l+1}} - f_{c_{j}}^{l}(x) \mid_{F_{c_{j}}^{l}} \ge 0 \\ \forall_{h=1}^{B} : & f_{c_{h}}^{l+1}(x) \mid_{F_{c_{h}}^{l+1}} = \sum_{j=1}^{B} \eta_{j} f_{c_{j}}^{l}(x) \mid_{F_{c_{j}}^{l}} \end{aligned}$$

#### Hierarchical Deep Multi-Task Learning



#### Back Propagation

- Errors from High-Level Node
  - Node classifier for itself
  - Node Classifiers for lower-level nodes which treat it as their ancestors
  - Weights of deep networks
  - Errors from Leaf Node
    - Node classifier for itself
    - Weights of deep networks

#### Impacts of Feature Subset Selection



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## Impacts of Soft Prediction



### Impacts of Deep Multi-Task Learning



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#### Impacts of Visual Tree



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## **Prediction Confidence Enhancement**



#### Impacts of Deep Multi-Task Learning



#### Impacts of Deep Multi-Task Learning





#### Semantic Interpretation