Deep Learning for Visual Recognition

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Context

Big Data: Images & Videos everywhere



BBC: 2.4M videos



Facebook: 140B images



100M monitoring cameras

- Obvious need to access, organize, search, or classify these data: Visual Recognition
- Huge number of applications: mobile visual search, robotics, autonomous driving, augmented reality, medical imaging *etc*
- Leading track in major CV conferences during the last decade







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Visual Recognition: Perceiving Visual World

- Scene categorization
- Object localization
- Context & Attribute recognition
- Rough 3D layout, depth ordering
- Rich description of scene, language, *e.g.* sentences



Image: A math a math

Visual Recognition

Challenge: filling the semantic gap



What we perceive *vs* What a computer sees













- Illumination variations
- View-point variations
- Deformable objects
- intra-class variance

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Visual Recognition History: Trends and methods in the last four decades

 80's: training Convolutionnal Neural Networks (CNN) with back-propagation ⇒ postal code reading [LBD⁺89]



- 90's: golden age of kernel methods, NN = black box
- 2000's: BoW + SVM : state-of-the-art CV



Visual Recognition History: Trends and methods in the last four decades

• Deep learning revival: unsupervised learning (DBN) [HOT06]



• 2012: CNN outstanding success in ImageNet [KSH12]

Rank	Name	Error rate	Description	
1	U. Toronto	0.15315	Deep learning	
2	U. Tokyo	0.26172	Hand-crafted	
3	U. Oxford	0.26979	features and	
4	Xerox/INRIA	0.27058	Bottleneck.	

- Huge number of labeled images (10⁶ images)
- GPU implementation for training

Deep Learning since 2012

More & more data (Facebook 10^9 images / day), larger & larger networks

VGG, 16/19 layers, 2014



GoogleNet, 22 layers, 2014



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Deep Learning since 2012

Transferring Representations learned from ImageNet



- Extract layer ⇒ fixed-size vector: "Deep Features" (DF)
- Now state-of-the-art for any visual recognition task

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MatConvNet: MatLab toolbox for CNN processing

- Developed by Oxford team (Vedaldi, Lenc), http://www.vlfeat.org/matconvnet/
- Using it for processing & training (chain) feedforward CNNs
 - Efficient CNN implementation far from trivial



Forward run of a network

- Wide range of available pre-trained networks: VGG, Googlenet, ResNet
- Fast execution : easy-to-use GPU implementation
- Input: image, output: one ImageNet class

[bestScore , bestClass] = max(scores) ;

```
run matlab/vl_setupnn
% Load the (online available) CNN
net = load('imagenet-vgg-m.mat');
% Load and normalize image
im = single(imread('peppers.png'));
im = imresize(im, net.meta.normalization.imageSize(1:2));
im = im-net.meta.normalization.averageImage;
% Run the CNN
res = vl_simplenn(net, im);
% Scores for the 1,000 ImageNet classes
scores = squeeze(gather(res(end).x));
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bell pepper (ImageNet class #735), score 0.924

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• Transfer: CNN as a feature extractor

```
% Load the (online available) CNN
% Load and normalize image, Run the CNN
res = vl_simplenn(net, im);
% Extract features
features = squeeze(gather(res(20).x)) ;
% Learn / test an SVM on these features
```



• Design your own network: architecture

```
% Convolution
net.layers{1} = struct('type', 'conv',
'weights', {0.01*randn(5,5,1,20,'single'),
zeros(1,20,'single')}, 'stride',1,'pad',0);
```



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- Design your own block: custom layer functions
 - Custom layer: one Matlab file with forward/backward functions

```
function out = vl_negReLU(x,dzdy,opts)
if nargin <= 1 || isempty(dzdy)
out = x.*(x>0) + 0.2*x.*(x<0);
else
out = dzdy .* ((x>0) + 0.2.*(x<0));
end</pre>
```

• Training a CNN model

Efficient implementation, Optimized for GPU Use GPU = boolean option

```
opts.gpus = 1;
stats = cnn_train(net, imdb, @get_batch_function, opts);
```



model	batch sz.	CPU	GPU	CuDNN
AlexNet	256	22.1	192.4	264.1
VGG-F	256	21.4	211.4	289.7
VGG-M	128	7.8	116.5	136.6
VGG-S	128	7.4	96.2	110.1
VGG-VD-16	24	1.7	18.4	20.0
VGG-VD-19	24	1.5	15.7	16.5

Table 1.1: ImageNet training speed (images/s).

MatConvNet: a use case [CTC⁺15]

- Context: fine-grained recognition on low-resolution images
 - Varying image size
 - 6667 training images
- Evaluated frameworks:
 - Pre-trained deep features + SVM
 - Custom network learned from scratch on small images



Method	Accuracy		
CNNM $(1^{st} fc)$ CNNM $(2^{nd} fc)$	32.7% 27.2%		
Our LRCNN	44.8%		

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Deep Learning since 2012

Breakthroughs with CNNs

- Deep learning, DF: very powerful intermediate representations
 - Semantic relationship wrt various categories, e.g. 10³ ImageNet
 - Open the way to unreachable applications: image captioning, visual question answering, image generation, *etc*



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Breakthroughs with CNNs

Modern data & annotations

- Privileged information (PI) = additional example-specific information only available during training
- Goal: benefit from this additional data to improve the classifier



Breakthroughs with CNNs

Privileged information (PI)

- SVM+ [VV09] / Margin Transfer [SQL14]: (PI) \Leftrightarrow difficulty level
- Curriculum learning [BLCW09]: start easy / increase difficulty
- \Rightarrow Our deep+: end-to-end training of a deep CNN with (PI)



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Open Issues in Deep Learning for Visual Recognition

- Deep CNNs: breakthrough, large scale data and Transfer \Rightarrow solved problem ?
- Limited invariance (conv layers): OK for centered objects, KO for "natural" photos





• Weakly Supervised Learning of deep CNNs [DTC16, DTC15], region localization



Open Issues in Deep Learning for Visual Recognition

- Architecture, compression, learning formulation (unsupervised training)
- Formal understanding: model [BM13], optimization [HV15, DPG⁺14], over-fitting

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