Disentangling Content and Pose with an Adversarial loss

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Generative adversarial network framework:



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Adversarial losses to shape representations:



Part I: Disentangling content and pose with an adversarial loss Denton and Birodkar. *Unsupervised Learning of Disentangled Representations from Video*. NIPS, 2017

Part II: Survey of adversarial losses in feature space

Disentangled Representation Net (DrNet)

Disentangling auto-encoder that factorizes image sequences into temporally constant (content) and temporally varying (pose) components

Time varying information: Pose of body



Time invariant information: Lighting, background, identity, clothing

DrNet: two seperate encoders





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I2 similarity loss on temporally nearby content vectors



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Should not be able to distinguish which video clip a pose vector comes from







Train pose encoder to produce pose vectors that make the discriminator **maximally uncertain** about the content of the video

Scene discriminator held fixed, only used to compute gradients for pose encoder



 $\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{reconstruction}(E_c, E_p, D) + \alpha \mathcal{L}_{similarity}(E_c) + \beta (\mathcal{L}_{adversarial}(E_p) + \mathcal{L}_{adversarial}(C))$





SUNCG dataset: rotating objects

- 280 chair models, 5 elevations, large variability
- Video sequence: camera rotates around chair





S. Song, F. Yu, A. Zeng, A. X. Chang, M. Savva, and T. Funkhouser. Semantic scene comp

Image synthesis by analogy



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Interpolation in pose space



Video prediction

• A representation that factorizes into temporally constant and temporally varying components is particularly useful for video prediction

 Instead of modeling how the entire scene changes, only need to predict the temporally varying component

• **Prediction** done entirely in latent **pose space**













Train LSTM to predict future **pose** vectors



Don't have to worry about content vectors they are fixed across time by design

Test time: generating a video sequence

Content vector from any past frame

Feed predicted pose vectors back into model



Decoder maps back to pixels:



DrNet video prediction takeaways:

- Prediction done entirely in latent pose space
 - Generated images never fed recursively back into the model
- Small errors in pixel predictions don't propagate through time



Moving MNIST: generating forever...

- Trained model to condition on 5 frames and generate 10 frames into the future
- Can unroll model indefinitely Green box: Ground truth input (t = 1, ... 5) Red box: generated frames (t = 6, ..., 500)
 - Content vector fixed across time helps deal with occlusions
 - Digits colored differently so content/pose factorization exists


KTH dataset

• Simple dataset of real-world videos

- Six actions
- Fairly uniform backgrounds



C. Schuldt, I. Laptev, and B. Caputo. Recognizing human actions: A local svm approach. In Pattern Recognition, 2004. ICPR 2004. Proceedings of the 17th International Conference on, volume 3, pages 32–36. IEEE, 2004.

Baseline: MCNet (Villegas et al. 2017)



Motion-content net separately models motion and content in video sequences

Trained with combined MSE + GAN loss

[Villegas et al. Decomposing motion and content for natural video sequence prediction. In ICLR, 2017.]



Ground truth future

Conditioning Frames



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[1] Villegas et al. Decomposing motion and content for natural video sequence prediction. In ICLR, 2017.

t=32 t=35 t=38 t=41 t=44 t=47 t=50 t=60 t=70 t=80 t=100 t=90

DrNet



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KTH nearest neighbours



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• This adversarial disentangling technique is very general

- Could apply to other datasets where weak labeling is available
 - Only need grouped data temporal coherence of videos gives us 'labels' for free



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Labelled examples from **source domain**, few or no labels from **target domain**

Source domain



Target domain





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Target domain





Adversarial loss can be used to learn domain invariant features, allowing source classifier to transfer to target domain

Gradient reversal [*Ganin and Lempitsky, 2015*]

Label flip [Tzeng et al. 2017]

Uniform target [Tzeng et al. 2015]



Learning fair representations

- Closely related to problem of domain adaptation
 - source/transfer domain vs. demographic groups
- Different formulations of adversarial objectives achieve different notions of fairness
 - Edwards & Storkey, 2016
 - Beutel et al. 2017
 - Zhang et al. 2018
 - Madras et al. 2018



Independent components



Kim and Mnih. Disentangling by Factorising. ICML, 2018

- Discriminate marginal distribution vs. product of marginals: $q(z_1, ..., z_n)$ vs. $\prod q(z_i)$
- Earlier work on discrete code setting by Schmidhuber (1992)

Prior distributions of generative models



Adversarial autoencoders:

Match aggregate approx posterior q(z) [Makhzani et al. 2016]

Adversarial variational bayes: Match approx posterior q(z|x)[Mescheder et al. 2017]

Adversarial feature learning:

GAN loss in image space and latent space [Dumoulin et al. 2017; Donahue et al. 2017]



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Thanks!