Map Synchronization: from Object Correspondences to Neural Networks



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Computer Science Department

• 45 tenured or tenure-track faculties

• Plan to grow to 60 faculties in 5 years

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Maps between Sets



Maps between objects



Dense correspondences between images pixels/mesh vertices

Sparse correspondences between features points/parts/segments

Application in information propagation



Texture transfer [Chen et al. 12]



Morphing [Zhang et al. 08]



Deformation transfer [Sumner and Popovic 04]

Application in information propagation





Protein-protein interaction network alignment [Kolar et al. 08] Nonparametric Scene Parsing [Liu et al. 11]

Application in 3D Reconstruction



input depth map

Multiview Stereo [Furukawa and Hernandez 15] Dynamic geometry reconstruction [Li et al. 15]

Neural networks are maps

• Approximate any function given sufficient data





Monocular reconstruction





Semantic scene completion [Song et al. 17]

MarrNet [Wu et al. 17]

Space of images

Space of 3D models

Image Captioning



(playing (0.6 [court (0.51)] [standing (0.59)] [skis (0.58)] [street (0.52)] a group of people standing next to each other ople stand outside a large ad for gap featuring a young boy



[street (0.53)] [holding (0.55)] [group (0.63 [snow (0.91)] [skis (0.74)] [player (0.54)] [people (0.85)] [men (0.57)] [sking (0.51)] [skateboard (0.89)] [riding (0.75)] [tennis (0.74)] [trick (0.53)] [skate (0.52)] [woman (0.52)] [man (0.86)] [down (0.61)] a group of people riding skis down a snow covered slope a guy on a skate board on the side of a ramp



ane (0.57)] (plane (0.58)] (kites (0.5 flying (0.93)] [man (0.57)] [beach (0. sky (0.61)] [kite (0.74)] [field (0.75)] (0.84)] [wave (0.61)] a couple of people flying kites in a field people in a field flying different styles of kites



arked (0.72)] [bench (0.63)] [truck (0.70)] [red [grass (0.65)] [track (0.69)] [car (0.59)] [yellow (0.57)] [field (0.80)] [engine (0.56)] [down (0.54)] [tracks (0.94)] a train traveling down train tracks near a field a red train is coming down the tracks



(0.65) [borner (0.66)] [street (0.79)] [old (0.50)] [bench (0.81)] [bolding (0.75)] [standing (0.57)] [basebal (0.55)] [white (0.82)] [sitting (0.65)] [people (0.79)] [photo (0.53)] nan (0.72)] [water [black (0.84)] [kitchen (0.54)] [man (0.7 a black and white photo of a fire hydrant

ceace, and wrise photo of a fire hydrant courtyard full of poles pigeons and garbage cans also has benches on either side of it one of which shows the back of a large person facin in the direction of the elegents.



orse (0.53)] [bear (0.71)] [elephant (0.99)] rown (0.68)] [baby (7)] [laying (0.61)] man (0.57)] [standing (0.79)] [field (0.65)] 71)] [dirt (0.65)] [r AF (0 501) a baby elephant standing next to each other on a field elephants are playing together in a shallow watering hole



(snow (0.86)] [mountain (0.59)] [m (0.81)] [white (0.64)] [people (0.50)] [hicknah (0.53)] [standing (0.51)] [white (0.5 [people (0.51)] [dog (0.60)] [cows (0.55)] [sheep (0.97)] [black (0.84)] [grass (0.64)] [horse (0.60)] | [bear (0.81)]

a black bear standing on top of a grass covered field a couple of sheep standing up on a small hill



[dog (0.65)] a dog sitting on top of a car a cat is lying on the hood of a black car



street (0.89) [truck (0.76)] [road (0.58)] [fire (0.95)] [hydraut (0.91) [sitting (0.53)] [black (0.57)] [red (0.53)] [parking (0.69)] [parking (0.682)] [sign (0.78)] a fire hydrant on the side of a road two signs with arrows pointing to each other for detour



a man doing a trick on a skateboard



table (0.74)] [open (0.71)] [sitting (0.61)] omputer (0.94)] [keyboard (0.68)] [computers (0.65)]

two computers are shown together on a desk



a skateboarder is is mid air performing a stunt an open laptop computer sitting on top of a desk a boy is playing with a baseball bat





Space of natural language descriptions

Map Computation is Difficult

Joint Map Computation (Map Synchronization)

Ambiguities in assembling pieces



Resolving ambiguities by looking at additional pieces



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Matching through intermediate objects --- map propagation



Multi-lingual translation

[Johnson et al. 16]



Matching through intermediate objects --- map propagation



Pair-wise maps usually contain sufficient information



Network of approximately correct blended intrinsic maps

Map synchronization problem



Identify correct maps among a (sparse) network of maps

A natural constraint on maps is that they should be consistent along cycles



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Literature on utilizing the cycle-consistency constraint

• Spanning tree optimization [Huber et al. 01, Huang et al. 06, Cho et al. 08, Crandel et al. 11, Huang et al. 12]

• Sampling inconsistent cycles [Zach et al. 10, Nyugen et al. 11, Zhou et al. 15]

Compressive sensing view of map synchronization



Cycle-consistency



Compressible







Noisy observations

Input maps

Map synchronization as constrained matrix optimization



Noisy measurements of matrix blocks

Example: permutation synchronization

Objective function:

Constraints:

[Huang et al. 13]

$$\begin{split} & \text{minimize} \sum_{(i,j) \in \mathcal{G}} \|X_{ij}^{\text{input}} - X_{ij}\|_{1} \\ & \text{Observation graph} \\ & X \succeq 0 \longleftarrow \text{cycle-consistency} \\ & X_{ii} = I_m, \quad 1 \leq i \leq n \\ & X_{ij}\mathbf{1} = \mathbf{1}, X_{ij}^T\mathbf{1} = \mathbf{1}, \quad 1 \leq i < j \leq n \\ & 0 \leq X \leq 1 \end{split}$$

Robust recovery for maps



Recovery if In some reduced space

spectral-gap(
$$X^{\text{ground-truth}}$$
) $\geq c \|X^{\text{noise}}\|$

[Huang and Guibas 13, Wang and Singer 13, Bandeira et al. 14, Chen et al. 14, Zhou et al. 15, Chen and Candes 16, Shen et al. 16, Bajaj et al. 18,....]

Joint Map and Symmetry Synchronization

[Y. Sun, Z. Liang, X. Huang, Q. Huang. ECCV 2018]

Symmetric objects are ubiquitous





[Ranson and Stockley 10]



[André et al. 07] Biological/chemical objects

Daily objects
Multiple plausible self-maps and pair-wise maps



No separation in the standard formulation



 $O(\sqrt{n})$

Symmetry detection first?

• Symmetry detection is difficult, particularly in the presence of partial observations





Dome of the Rock

Two correlated problems

Symmetry detection improves matching



[Tevs and Huang et al. 14]

Better symmetry detection through information aggregation



Using the product operator - lifting



Linear programming or semidefinite programming relaxations for MAP inference [Wainwright and Jordan 08, Kumar et al. 09, Huang et el. 14,....]

Properties of lifting

• Proposition: If the orbit size is equal to the group size, then we can recover G from Q







Low-rank representation

• Define

 $\mathcal{F}: \mathbb{R}^{m_1^2 \times m_2^2} \to \mathbb{R}^{m_1 m_2 \times m_1 m_2}$

 $\mathcal{F}(A)_{i_1m_2+i_2,j_1m_2+j_2} = A_{i_1m_1+j_1,i_2m_2+j_2}, \quad \begin{array}{l} 0 \le i_1, j_1 \le m_1 - 1, \\ 0 \le i_2, j_2 \le m_2 - 1. \end{array}$

• Then

$$\mathcal{F}(Q) = \sum_{P \in \mathcal{G}} \operatorname{vec}(P) \cdot \operatorname{vec}(P)^T$$
Low-rank

Observation induces a linear constraint



Low-rank factorization

Low-rank factorization



Low-rank matrix recovery



- Spectral initialization
- Alternating minimization
- Greedy rounding

Stool dataset





































Trash Container Dataset





Similar but non-identical objects

























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Quantitative Evaluations

Joint map and symmetry synchronization improves symmetry detection



Quantitative Evaluations

- Joint map and symmetry synchronization improves mapping
 - With respect to the closest map (not correspondence)



Learning Transformation Synchronization

[X. Huang, Z. Liang, X. Zhou, X. Yao, L. Guibas, Q.H., CVPR' 2019]

Hand-crafted objective function

[Candes et al. 11]



 $\|\mathbf{A}\|_*$: nuclear norm, sum of singular values of \mathbf{A} ; surrogate for rank (\mathbf{A}) .

 $\|\mathbf{E}\|_1$: l_1 -norm, sum of absolute values of elements of \mathbf{E} ; surrogate for $\|\mathbf{E}\|_0$.

3D scene reconstruction from depth scans

[Dai et al. 17]



- Similar noise sources
 - Scanning noise, frame rate, and symmetry structures

Reweighted least square synchronization

Rotation:

 $\underset{R_i \in SO(3), 1 \leq i \leq n}{\text{minimize}} \sum_{(i,j) \in \mathcal{E}} w_{ij} \| R_{ij} R_i - R_j \|_{\mathcal{F}}^2$

Solved by the first 3 eigenvectors of a Connection Laplacian

$$L_{ij} := \begin{cases} \sum_{j \in \mathcal{N}(i)} w_{ij} I_3 & i = j \\ -w_{ij} R_{ij}^T & (i,j) \in \mathcal{E} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Translation:

$$\underset{\boldsymbol{t}_{i},1\leq i\leq n}{\text{minimize}} \sum_{(i,j)\in\mathcal{E}} w_{ij} \|R_{ij}\boldsymbol{t}_{i} + \boldsymbol{t}_{ij} - \boldsymbol{t}_{j}\|^{2}$$

Linear system:

$$t^{\star} = L^+ b$$

Where

$$oldsymbol{b}_i := -\sum_{j \in \mathcal{N}(i)} w_{ij} R_{ij}^T oldsymbol{t}_{ij}$$

Robust recovery under a constant fraction of adversarial noise if $w_{ij} = \rho(\|R_{ij}R_i^{(k)} - R_j^{(k)}\|)$ where $\rho(x) = \frac{\epsilon^2}{\epsilon^2 + x^2}$

Network design



Weighting module



Qualitative results



Qualitative results



Quantitative results



Redwood dataset

Limitations of low-rank approaches



	I_m	X_{12}	•••	X_{1n}
X =	X_{21}	I_m		: : :
21 —	•	•	·	$X_{n-1,n}$
	X_{n1}	•••	$X_{n,n-1}$	I_m

Matrix representations

Neural networks

Directed maps

Undirected maps

Path-Invariant Map Networks

[Z. Zhang, Z. Liang, L. Wu, X. Zhou, Q. H, CVPR 2019' Oral]

Benefits of Joint of Learning of Neural Networks

 Leverage additional training data

- Fuse patterns learned under individual representations
- Utilize unlabeled data



Challenges

- Cannot represent neural networks as matrices
- Need to regularization constraint for directed maps
- Need a concise representation



From cycle-consistency to pathinvariance



Definition Let $\mathcal{G}_{path}(u, v)$ collect all paths in \mathcal{G} that connect u to v. We define the set of all possible path pairs of \mathcal{G} as

$$\mathcal{G}_{\text{pair}} = \bigcup_{u,v \in \mathcal{V}} \{(p,q) | p, q \in \mathcal{G}_{\text{path}}(u,v) \}.$$

We say \mathcal{F} *is path-invariant if*

$$f_p = f_q, \qquad \forall (p,q) \in \mathcal{G}_{\text{pair}}.$$

Path-invariance basis





Can induce the path-invariance property of the entire graph

Path-invariance provides a regularization for training neural networks



Main result

- Theorem: Given a directed graph with n vertices and m edges, there exists a path-invariance basis with size at most O(nm)
- Main idea for the proof
 - A directed graph is a directed acyclic graph (DAG) of strongly connected components
 - Use a vertex order to construct a path-invariance basis for DAG

Cycle-basis

[Kavitha et al. 09]





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Cycle basis/Cycle-consistency basis/Pathinvariance basis

- Undirected cycle basis generalizes to cycleconsistency basis
 - Size: #edges #vertices + #components
- It is an open question whether other bases generalize
- The minimum size of a path-invariance basis is an open problem

Semantic segmentation on ScanNet



	PCI	PCII	PCIII	VOLI	VOLII
100% Label (Isolated)	84.2	83.3	83.4	81.9	81.5
8% Label (Isolated)	79.2	78.3	78.4	78.7	77.4
8% Label + 92% Unlabel (Joint)	81.7	81.7	81.4	81.1	78.7
30% Label (Isolated)	80.8	81.9	81.2	80.3	79.5

Application in learning image flows





Comparisons on computing object correspondences



Concluding remarks

- Map synchronization is a powerful tool for computing highquality maps across a data collection
- The interplay between cycle-consistency/path-invariance and low-rank representations is important
- Many open questions:
 - Path-invariance basis
 - Theoretical guarantees of optimizing path-invariant map networks
 - Uncertainty quantification

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Questions?