Part-based Pseudo Label Refinement for Unsupervised Person Re-identification

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Project Guidelines: Project Topics

● **Any topics related to the course theme are okay**

● **You can find topics by browsing recent papers**

Expectations

● **Mid-term project presentation**

- **Introduce problems and explain why it is important**
- **Give an overall idea on the related work**
- **Explain what problems those existing techniques have**
- **(Optional) explain how you can address those problems**
- **Explain roles of each member**

Expectations

● **Final-term project presentation**

- **Cover all the materials that you talked for your mid-term project**
- **Present your ideas that can address problems of those state-ofthe-art techniques**
- **Give your qualitatively (or intuitive) reasons how your ideas address them**
- **Also, explain expected benefits and drawbacks of your approach**
- **(Optional) backup your claims with quantitative results collected by some implementations**
- **Explain roles of each members**

A few more comments

- **Start to implement a paper, if you don't have any clear ideas**
	- **While you implement it, you may get ideas about improving it**

Class Objectives

- Person Re-identification
- Unsupervised Approaches
- Part-based Pseudo Label Refinement for Unsupervised Person Re-ID (CVPR 2022)

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Person Re-identification (Person Re-ID)

- Person re-ID aims to **retrieve a person corresponding to a given query** across disjoint camera views or different time stamps.
- Applications: Surveillance system, Finding a missing person, etc.

Fig. 1: The flow of designing a practical person Re-ID system, including five main steps: 1) Raw Data Collection, (2) Bounding Box Generation, 3) Training Data Annotation, 4) Model Training and 5) Pedestrian Retrieval.

Person Re-identification (Person Re-ID)

Fig. Percentage of person re-ID papers on top conferences over the years. Numbers above the markers indicate the number of re-ID papers.

14. CVPR2023 • Person re-identification 1) "Diverse Embedding Expansion Network and Low-Light Cross-Modality Benchmark for Visible-Infrared Person Re-Identification" [paper] 2) "PHA: Patch-Wise High-Frequency Augmentation for Transformer-Based Person Re-Identification" [paper] 3) "Shape-Erased Feature Learning for Visible-Infrared Person Re-Identification" [paper] 4) "TranSG: Transformer-Based Skeleton Graph Prototype Contrastive Learning With Structure-Trajectory Prompted Reconstruction for Person Re-Identification" [paper] 5) "PartMix: Regularization Strategy To Learn Part Discovery for Visible-Infrared Person Re-Identification" [paper] 6) "Event-Guided Person Re-Identification via Sparse-Dense Complementary Learning" [paper] 7) "Clothing-Change Feature Augmentation for Person Re-Identification" [paper]

Awesome Person Re-identification (Person ReID), github

Zheng et al. Person Re-identification: Past, Present and Future. In arXiv 2016. https://github.com/bismex/Awesome-person-re-identification.

Person Search

- Task to detect the person of interest from the entire image
- We need to detect for the target person from a gallery of whole scene images before doing a re-ID

(b) Person search: finding from whole scene images

(a) Person re-id: matching with manually cropped pedestrians

Credit: Joint detection and identification feature learning for Person Search (CVPR 20)

Datasets

- The dataset scale (both #image and #ID) has increased rapidly.
- The camera number is greatly increased to approximate the large-scale camera network in practical scenarios.

Ye et al. Deep Learning for Person Re-identification: A Survey and Outlook. In TPAMI 2021.
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Evaluation Metrics

- mean Average Precision (mAP)
- Cumulative Matching Characteristics (CMC-*k*, Rank-*k* matching accuracy); the probability that a correct match appears in the top-*k* retrieved results.

Image Ack; Analyzing the Leading Causes of Traffic Fatalities Using XGBoost and Grid-Based Analysis: A City Management Perspective, IEEE Access.

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Image Ack; https://medium.com/swlh/rank-aware-recsys-evaluation-metrics¹²191bba16832

Challenges in Person Re-ID

- Challenges by different camera views and time stamps.
	- o Variance of viewpoints, illumination, pose, etc.
	- o Occlusions.
	- o Low resolutions.
- Large intra-variation & Small inter-variation

True match False match

Challenges in Person Re-ID

- Long-tail problem.
	- o In person re-ID, all datasets suffer from the insufficient training set.
	- o Long-tail distribution training sets can yield unstable convergence and overfitting to head distributions.
	- o MNIST 10 class/ 5000 per class, CIFAR 100 class/500 per class.

Zheng et al. Unlabeled Samples Generated by GAN Improve the Person Re-identification Baseline in vitro. In ICCV 2017.

General Protocol of Person Re-ID

• Person re-identification pipeline.

Feature Representation Learning for Person Re-ID

- Most studies focus on **learning discriminative representation for person retrieval.**
- Recently, deep neural networks (DNN) have provided powerful descriptors.

Fig. 2: Four different feature learning strategies. a) Global Feature, learning a global representation for each person image in § 2.1.1; b) Local Feature, learning part-aggregated local features in § 2.1.2; c) Auxiliary Feature, learning the feature representation using auxiliary information, e.g., attributes [62], [63] in § 2.1.3 and d) Video Feature, learning the video representation using multiple image frames and temporal information $[64]$, $[65]$ in $\S 2.1.4$.

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Identification loss

Unsupervised Person Re-identification

Recent techniques for unsupervised approaches

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General Protocol of Person Re-ID

• Deep convolutional neural network (DCNN) brings impressive improvements in person re-ID fields.

Problems in DCNN

- Require many **training data with labels.**
- Challenges in identity annotation.
	- o illumination changes.
	- o Low resolution.
	- o **Occlusions.**

Camera view Person Detection Identity Annotation

Problems in DCNN

- The real-world scenario of person re-ID is an open set problem.
- New people (= new class) will appear from the camera views.

Problem Setting

- Goal: Learn discriminative features for person retrieval **without ID labels.**
- Protocol: Training on target domain w/o labels \rightarrow Testing on target domain.
- Challenges: Poor pseudo-supervision from unlabeled data.

Pseudo Label-based Approaches

• Most recent studies **utilize pseudo-labels to train a re-ID model.**

- o K-nearest neighbor search; regard k-NN as the same class.
- o Clustering; regard each cluster as a class
- Clustering-based approaches have shown state-of-the-art results.

Pseudo Label-based Approaches

- In early studies of this field focus on **how to obtain pseudo-labels.**
- Nowadays, most methods utilize **DBSCAN** clustering with **re-ranked distances** (performed by k-NN neighboring, etc.).

Pseudo Label-based Approaches

- **DBSCAN (Density-Based Spatial Clustering of Applications with Noise)**
	- o **Red; core point (when minPts = 4) that are closed to other nearby points**
	- o **Yellow; not core points, but are reachable from A (belong to the same cluster)**
	- o **Blue; neither a core point nor directly-reachable from A (not in the cluster)**

Pseudo Label Refinement

- Key idea: Re-ID performance \propto Quality of pseudo-labels.
- There are inevitable noised in pseudo-labels (noisy label problem), and some studies utilize predictions of an auxiliary network to refine labels (to avoid bias due to noise)

Ge et al. Mutual Mean-Teaching: Pseudo Label Refinery for Unsupervised Domain Adaptation on Person Re-identification. In ICLR 2020.

Cluster-based Contrastive Learning

- Key idea: Utilize clustering results for contrastive learning which is demonstrated its effectiveness in various unsupervised (self-supervised) tasks.
- Apply a contrastive learning in cluster-level

SimCLR

[Chen et al, Asimple framework for contrastive learning of visual representations, ICML'20]

Maximizing the agreement of representations under data transformation, using a contrastive loss in the latent/feature space.

Figure 2. A framework for contrastive representation learning. Two separate stochastic data augmentations $t, t' \sim \mathcal{T}$ are applied to each example to obtain two correlated views. A base encoder network $f(\cdot)$ with a projection head $g(\cdot)$ is trained to maximize agreement in *latent representations* via a contrastive loss.

Semi-supervised learning

SimCLR as an example: strong semi-supervised learners, outperforms AlexNet with 100X fewerlabels.

Label fraction Method Architecture 1% 10% Top 5 Methods using other label-propagation: Pseudo-label ResNet₅₀ 82.4 51.6 47.0 83.4 VAT+Entropy Min. ResNet₅₀ UDA (w. RandAug) ResNet₅₀ 88.5 \sim FixMatch (w. RandAug) ResNet₅₀ 89.1 \sim S4L (Rot+VAT+En. M.) ResNet50 $(4x)$ 91.2 물건 Methods using representation learning only: 77.4 **InstDisc** ResNet₅₀ 39.2 55.2 78.8 BigBiGAN RevNet-50 $(4\times)$ $ResNet-50$ 57.2 83.8 **PIRL** $CPCv2$ $ResNet-161(*)$ 77.9 91.2 87.8 $ResNet-50$ 75.5 **Ours Ours** ResNet-50 $(2\times)$ 83.0 91.2 ResNet-50 $(4\times)$ 85.8 92.6 Ours

Table 7. ImageNet accuracy of models trained with few labels.

SimCLR component: data augmentation

We use random crop and color distortion for augmentation.

Examples of augmentation applied to the left most images:

SimCLR component: encoder

f(x) is the base network that computes internal representation.

We can use (unconstrained) ResNet in this work. However, it can be other networks.

SimCLR component: projection head

g(h) is a projection network that project representation to a latent space.

We use a MLP (with non-linearity).

SimCLR component: contrastive loss

Maximize agreement using a contrastive task:

Given {x_k} where two different examples x_i and x_j are a positive pair, identify x_j in {x_k}_{k!=i} for x_i.

Loss function:

Let
$$
\text{sim}(\boldsymbol{u}, \boldsymbol{v}) = \boldsymbol{u}^{\top} \boldsymbol{v} / \|\boldsymbol{u}\| \|\boldsymbol{v}\|
$$

$$
\ell_{i,j} = -\log \frac{\exp(\sin(z_i, z_j) / \tau)}{\sum_{k=1}^{2N} \mathbb{1}_{[k \neq i]} \exp(\sin(z_i, z_k) / \tau)}
$$

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Unsupervised Person Re-identification

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Clustering

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Using complementary relationship naïvely can result in unreliable information!

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$$
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- $C_i(g, p_n) \uparrow : g$ and p_n are highly correlated around the data $i =$ reliable
- $C_i(g, p_n)$ \downarrow : g and p_n are not correlated around the data $i =$ unreliable

Agreement-Aware Label Smoothing (AALS)

• Smooths pseudo-labels according to a cross agreement score of each part

$$
\tilde{y}_i^{p_n} = C_i(g, p_n) * y_i + (1 - C_i(g, p_n)) * u
$$

pseudo-label uniform distribution

- Cross agreement $C_i \uparrow$: prediction should be close to pseudo-label
- Cross agreement $C_i \downarrow$: prediction should be close to uniform distribution

Agreement-Aware Label Smoothing (AALS)

• Calibrates the predictions of part features leading to reliable part feature learning

Vanilla label smoothing and a settlement of the AALS

Part-Guided Label Refinement (PGLR)

• Refines pseudo-labels by aggregating predictions of part features with different weights depending on each cross agreement score

$$
\tilde{y}_i^g = \beta y_i + (1 - \beta) \sum_{n=1}^{N_p} w_i^{p_n} q_i^{p_n}, \text{ where } w_i^{p_n} = \frac{\exp(c_i(g, p_n))}{\sum_k \exp(c_i(g, p_k))}
$$
\nensemble weight prediction of *n*-th part feature

 \cdot β : weighting parameter

Part-Guided Label Refinement (PGLR)

• Global features learn from the ensembled part predictions with rich fine-grained information without additional teacher networks

• Ablation Study

o Effectiveness of AALS and PGLR

• Comparison with State-of-the-Arts

• Analysis of Cross Agreement Score

(a) Original image

(b) Soft masked image by the cross agreement score

(c) Color jet bar of the cross agreement score

- Effect of Agreement-Aware Label Smoothing
	- t-SNE visualization of the topmost part feature space

Meaningless parts are not overfitted to meaningful clusters

- Analysis of Part-Guided Label Refinement
	- (a) Original image
	- (b) Without PGLR
	- (c) With PGLR

Summary

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Project Page: https://sgvr.kaist.ac.kr/~yoonki/PPLR/

