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ABSTRACT

Human action recognition (HAR) plays an increasingly important role in surveillance, robot learning, and human-computer interaction. However, there are many challenges and issues involved in achieving reliable and high-performance results. Among these challenges, view-invariant in an uncontrolled dataset where several cameras are placed at different locations received the most attention from researchers. One of the primary concerns for the uncontrolled dataset is the large difference between data distributions at the source (training) and target (testing) views. Such difference causes the data shift problem to occur and hence, decreases the performance of the HAR system. This issue has been explicitly discussed as an openview HAR problem which aims to reduce the correlation between the source and the target views particularly when labelled data in unavailable in the target view. In addressing the issue, this thesis presents an unsupervised domain-adaptation model for the open-view HAR. Specifically, the proposed Balanced Weighted Unified Discriminant and Distribution Alignment (BW-UDDA) model has managed to handle datasets with significant variances across views. BW-UDDA balances and aligns marginal and conditional distribution features by projecting them into a lowdimensional subspace. This is to create more coordinated feature representations before feeding these features into an optimal classifier. Technically, BW-UDDA exploits two different unsupervised domain adaptation enhancement models, namely Balanced Weighted Joint Geometrical and Statistical Alignment (BW-JGSA) and Unified Discriminant and Distribution Alignment (UDDA). The BW-JGSA balances the marginal and conditional distributions in the nonparametric Maximum Mean Discrepancy (MMD) measurements on two disjointed embedded matrices. For the UDDA, two-dimensionality reduction techniques, namely linear discriminant analysis (LDA) and locality sensitivity discriminant analysis (LSDA), are incorporated to create features with global and local discriminant properties for the domain adaptation process. The enhancement models were evaluated on public image and digit datasets (Office, Caltech-256, USPS, MNIST and COIL20), while the BW-UDDA was assessed using the multi-camera action dataset (MCAD). Both enhancement models outperformed other state-of-the-art methods with average accuracies: 50.61% (object dataset) and 69.95% (digit dataset) for BW-JGSA, and 59.95% (object dataset) and 80.72% (digit dataset) for UDDA, respectively. BW-UDDA for open-view HAR was tested using two types of cross-view evaluations. The average accuracy of the first and second evaluations using the MCAD dataset outperformed the state-of-the-art with 13.38% and 61.45% higher accuracy, respectively. The BW-UDDA was also tested on a controlled multi-camera HAR dataset, the Inria Xmas Motion Acquisition Sequences (IXMAS), with an accuracy of 90.91% using the second type of cross-view evaluation. These results on MCAD and IXMAS confirmed the superiority of the proposed model for the open-view HAR.

ABSTRAK

Pengecaman tindakan manusia (HAR) memainkan peranan yang semakin penting dalam pengawasan, pembelajaran robot dan interaksi manusia-komputer. Walau bagaimanapun, terdapat banyak kekangan dan isu yang dihadapi untuk mencapai keputusan yang boleh disandarkan dan berprestasi tinggi. Antara cabaran yang mendapat perhatian penyelidik adalah isu paparan berbilang dalam set data tidak terkawal menggunakan beberapa kamera di lokasi berbeza. Salah satu masalah utama bagi set data tidak terkawal ialah perbezaan besar di antara taburan data pandangan sumber (latihan) dan sasaran (ujian). Perbezaan ini menyebabkan timbulnya masalah peralihan data, dan sekaligus menjejaskan prestasi sistem HAR. Isu ini telah dibincangkan secara khusus di bawah masalah paparan terbuka HAR, iaitu kes di mana korelasi antara paparan sumber dan sasaran dikurangkan, serta ketidaksediaan data berlabel dalam paparan sasaran. Dalam menangani isu ini, tesis ini membentangkan model penyesuaian domain yang tidak diselia untuk paparan terbuka HAR. Secara khusus, model Penjajaran Diskriminasi dan Pengagihan Bersepadu Wajaran Seimbang (BW-UDDA) mampu mengendalikan set data dengan perbezaan ketara merentas paparan. Pada asasnya, BW-UDDA akan mengimbangi dan menjajarkan ciri taburan marginal dan bersyarat dengan memindahkannya ke dalam subruang dimensi rendah. Ini untuk mencipta perwakilan ciri yang lebih diselaraskan sebelum memasukkan ciri ke dalam pengelasan optimum. Secara teknikal, BW-UDDA mengeksploitasi dua model penyesuaian domain tanpa pengawasan yang dipertingkatkan, dikenali sebagai Penjajaran Geometri dan Statistik Berwajaran Seimbang (BW-JGSA) dan Penjajaran Diskriminasi dan Pengagihan Bersatu (UDDA). BW-JGSA mengimbangi taburan marginal dan bersyarat dalam pengiraan Percanggahan Min Maksimum (MMD) pada dua matriks adaptasi yang tidak bergabung. Untuk UDDA, teknik pengurangan dua dimensi, iaitu analisis diskriminasi linear (LDA) dan analisis diskriminasi kepekaan lokaliti (LSDA), digabungkan untuk mencipta ciri dengan sifat diskriminasi global dan tempatan semasa proses penjajaran domain. Penilaian model BW-JGSA dan UDDA telah dijalankan pada set data imej awam dan digit (Office, Caltech-256, USPS, MNIST dan COIL20), manakala penilaian BW-UDDA dilakukan menggunakan set data tindakan berbilang kamera (MCAD). Kedua-dua model peningkatan mengatasi prestasi teknik semasa lain dengan ketepatan purata: 50.61% (set objek) dan 69.95% (set digit) untuk BW-JGSA, dan 59.95% (set objek) dan 80.72% (set digit) untuk UDDA. Bagi BW-UDDA untuk paparan terbuka HAR dinilai berdasarkan dua jenis penilaian pandangan silang. Ketepatan purata bagi penilaian pertama dan kedua dalam set data MCAD mengatasi prestasi teknik semasa dengan ketepatan lebih tinggi iaitu 13.38% dan 61.45%. BW- UDDA juga telah diuji pada set data HAR berbilang kamera terkawal, Inria Xmas Motion Acquisition Sequences (IXMAS), dengan ketepatan 90.91% menggunakan penilaian pandangan silang jenis kedua. Keputusan mengenai MCAD dan IXMAS ini mengesahkan keunggulan model yang dicadangkan untuk paparan terbuka HAR.

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LIST OF SYMBOLS

$P_s(x, y)$	-	Source Domain Distribution
$P_t(x, y)$	-	Target Domain Distribution
$\beta(x)$	-	Reweighting Factor
D _{MMD}	-	MMD Operation in Domain
${\mathcal H}$	-	Reproducing Kernel Hilbert Space (RKHS)
R	-	Risk Minimization
$\beta(x)$	-	Reweighting Factor for Instance Reweighting
$l(x, y, \theta)$	-	Loss Function for Instance Reweighting
<i>L</i> _c	-	Cross-Entropy Loss
\tilde{L}_{D}	-	Domain Discriminator Loss
\hat{C}_s, \hat{C}_T	-	Source and Target Covariances
$\hat{\mathcal{C}}_{ar{s}}$	-	Covariance of the transformed source features
D	-	Domain
D_s , D_t	-	Source and Target Domain
C_s, C_t	-	Learning Class for Source and Target Domains
X	-	Feature Space
P(x)	-	Marginal Distribution
Y	-	Label Space
P(y x)	-	Conditional Distribution
$n_s n_t$	-	Number Of Samples in Source and Target Domains
μ	-	Balanced Weighted Factor
G	-	Nearest-Neighbor Graph
S_w, S_b	-	Within-Class-Scatter Matrix, Between-Class-Scatter-
		Matrix
L_w, L_b	-	Laplacian Matrix of G
$P_s(x_s), P_t(x_t)$	-	Marginal Distributions Source and Target
		Domain/View

$P_s(y_s x_s), P_t(y_t x_t)$	-	Conditional Distributions Source and Target
		Domain/View
$\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \lambda, \eta, \zeta$	-	Parameters for Domain Adaptation Objective
		Function
$L_{ss}, L_{tt},$	-	Marginal Distributions in MMD Computation
L _{st} , L _{ts}		
$L_{ss}^{(c)}$, $L_{tt}^{(c)}$	-	Conditional Distributions in MMD Computation
$L_{st}^{(c)}$, $L_{ts}^{(c)}$		
σ_s^2 , σ_t^2	-	Variance of the source and target domains
$\sigma_{sL}^2, \sigma_{sG}^2$	-	Variance of the local and global source domain
f(A), f(A, B), f(W)	-	Objective function of unsupervised domain adaptation
G_w, G_b	-	Within-Class Subgraph and Between-Class Subgraph
Ĺ	-	Graph Laplacian Matrix for Manifold Regularization
\mathcal{A}	-	Coefficient Vector for Element Z
$x_{\rm s}, x_{\rm t}$	-	Source and Target Domains Input Features Data
y_{s}, y_{t}	-	Source and Target Domains Input Labels
\widehat{M}, M	-	MMD Matrix with and without Balanced Weighted
		Factor
W _{ij}	-	Weight Matrix of G
R_f	-	Manifold Regularization
Z_s , Z_t	-	New Representation of Source and Target
		Domains/Views
Ź	-	Low-Dimensional Data for LDA/LSDA
А, В	-	Adaptation Matrices
S_t, H_t	-	Covariance Matrix, Centering Matrix
\widehat{D}	-	Diagonal Matrix for Manifold Regularization
$\hat{f}(Z)$	-	Theorem Representation for Manifold Regularization
θ	-	Diagonal Domain Indicator Matrix for Manifold
		Regularization
$K(Z_i, Z)$	-	Kernel Function for Manifold Regularization
Т	-	Number of Iteration

Κ	-	Kernel Matrix
Ĺ	-	Lagrange Function
Tr	-	Trace of Matrix
Ι	-	Identity Matrix
ω	-	Dense Optical Flow
\widetilde{M}	-	Median Filtering
d	-	Subspace Dimension
$\ell_{2,1}$	-	$\ell_{2,1}$ norm

LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

HAR	-	Human action recognition
CCTV	-	Closed-circuit television
FOV	-	Field of view
KTH	-	Kungliga Tekniska Högskolan
IXMAS	-	INRIA Xmas Motion Acquisition Sequences
USPS	-	United States Postal Service
MNIST	-	Modified National Institute of Standards and Technology
COIL	-	Columbia Object Image Library
MCAD	-	Multi-camera Action dataset
RGB	-	Red-Green-Blue
STV	-	Space-time volumes
STIP	-	Spatio-temporal interest point
iDT	-	Improved dense trajectory
MEI	-	Motion energy image
MHI	-	Motion history image
SURF	-	Speeded-Up-Robust-Features
RANSAC	-	Random-Sample-Consensus
HOF	-	Histogram of Optical Flow
HOG	-	Histogram of Oriented Gradient
BoVW	-	Bag-of-Visual-Word
FV	-	Fisher Vector
DBN	-	Deep Belief Networks
DBMs	-	Deep Boltzmann Machines
RBMs	-	Restricted Boltzmann Machines
DNN	-	Deep Neural Networks
RNN	-	Recurrent Neural Networks
CNN	-	Convolutional Neural Networks
DSL	-	Deep Sequential Learning
LSTM	-	Long Short-Term Memory

LRCN	-	Long-Term Recurrent Convolutional Networks
RNN	-	Recurrent Neural Networks
РМК	-	Pyramid Match Kernel
HMM	-	Hidden Markov Model
SSM	-	Self-Similarity Matrix
MTL	-	Multi-task Learning
HOF3D	-	Histogram of 3-Dimensiona Optical Flow
3D-DCFF	-	3-Dimensional Distance Classifier Correlation Filter
K-NN	-	K-Nearest Neighbor
SVM	-	Support Vector Machine
HOMID	-	Histograms of Motion Intensity and Direction
BoBW	-	Bag of Bilingual Words
EM	-	Expectation-Maximization
LLR	-	Likelihood Ratio
MMC		Maximum Margin Clustering
HTDCC	-	Heterogeneous Transfer Discriminant Analysis of
		Canonical Correlation
SAM	-	Sample Affinity Matrix
SAM JSRDA	-	Sample Affinity Matrix Joint Sparse Representation and Distribution Adaptation
SAM JSRDA R-NKTM	- -	Sample Affinity Matrix Joint Sparse Representation and Distribution Adaptation Robust Non-Linear Knowledge Transfer Models
SAM JSRDA R-NKTM NIXMAS	- - -	Sample Affinity Matrix Joint Sparse Representation and Distribution Adaptation Robust Non-Linear Knowledge Transfer Models Newer INRIA Xmas Motion Acquisition Sequences
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TCA	-	Transfer component analysis
TJM	-	Transfer joint matching
JDA	-	Joint distribution adaptation
BDA	-	Balanced distribution adaptation
JPDA	-	Joint probability distribution adaptation
CORAL	-	Correlation alignment
SA	-	Subspace alignment
SDA	-	Subspace distribution alignment
PCA	-	Principal component analysis
SGF	-	Sampling geodesic flow
GFK	-	Geodesic flow kernel
GSL	-	Guide subspace learning
GTH	-	Guide transfer hashing
JGSA	-	Joint geometrical and statistical alignment
MEDA	-	Manifold embedded distribution alignment
CMD	-	Central moment discrepancy
GAN	-	Generative adversarial nets
ADDA	-	Adversarial discriminative domain adaptation
LDA	-	Linear discriminant analysis
BW-UDDA	-	Balanced Weighted Unified Discriminant and Distribution
		Alignment
BW-JGSA	-	Balanced Weighted Joint Geometrical and Statistical
		Alignment
UDDA	-	Unified Discriminant and Distribution Alignment
LSDA	-	Locality-Sensitive Discriminant Analysis
RKHS	-	Reproducing Kernel Hilbert Space

CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background

Human action recognition (HAR), or human activity recognition, has been a popular research area particularly in computer vision, and man-machine interaction. According to Vishkarma *et al.* in [1], HAR can be interpreted as an activity performed by an actor, combined with multiple gestures, and is part of the high-level vision of human motion to understand human behavior. The action can also be considered as a sequence of primitive movements to fulfill a function or simple purpose [2]. Several examples of action include 'walking,' 'running,' 'punching,' 'waving,' and 'kicking.' Figure 1.1 shows some samples of human actions from the *Kungliga Tekniska Högskolan* (KTH) action dataset [3]. The most common application for human action recognition is intelligent video security surveillance in public places like airports, subway stations, hospitals, or areas where closed-circuit television (CCTV) is required. Additionally, HAR is useful in applications such as human-computer interaction, robot learning, entertainment, sports analysis, intelligent driver assistance systems, animation industries, and content-based video search [4]–[6].

From the perspective of human vision, it is easy for humans to understand the action and intention of an actor. A human can easily detect and recognize an action of an actor, such as waving or kicking, with high confidence. However, using human resources to monitor human actions is extremely expensive in a wide range of HAR applications. As a result, many researchers have attempted to create an automated system that mimics the visual capability of humans in understanding and describing human actions. Needless to say, this is not the most straightforward task due to the many challenges and issues involved, such as background complexity, inter and intra-class variations, noise, occlusions, poor resolution, real-time processing, and view-invariant [7]. This research focuses on view-invariant cases to recognize human action from different view angles. The challenge here is that the movement of the actor's body or posture of the human's body has changed across the views.



Figure 1.1 Example images from the KTH dataset [3]

In recent years, researchers for human action recognition have begun to move from studying using a single camera to multi-cameras. However, recognizing human actions automatically using multi-cameras is more complex than a single camera. For example, a different viewpoint of a camera may result in a diverse background, camera motion, a field of view, lighting condition, and occlusions. The current state-of-the-art approach is still far behind the human vision capability since most works are evaluated using a controlled environment dataset, making human action in multi-cameras still an ill-posed and unsolved complex problem.

From a multi-camera perspective, there are two types of conditions; scene condition and camera condition. Scene condition consists of elements that influence the recognition process, such as similar backgrounds, simultaneous action recorded for each view, and similar actors. The camera condition refers to the properties of a particular camera and its orientation that influence the recognition process, such as pixel resolution, camera position, and field of view (FOV). In most controlled environment datasets, the camera position is the only variable that changes between

the source (training) view and the target (testing) view. However, in an uncontrolled environment that closely resembles real-world applications, other factors that can affect accuracy need to be considered, such as different backgrounds, different recording times, different camera resolutions, and different camera positions. Multi-camera scenario that specifically studies uncontrolled environment and condition is known as the open-view human action recognition [8] or the open-view HAR.

From literature [8], open-view HAR can be defined with the following characteristics; (1) Applicable only for multi-camera datasets or within cameras, (2) The correlation between cameras is minimized so that the dataset closely resembles the real-world environment. Thus, differences in parameters such as the illumination, camera type, background scene, and split action recorded are allowed, and (3) No labeled data is available in the target view.

The open-view HAR is more challenging than the conventional multicameras cases because the source view and target view are different. There are two main differences: (1) The previous work in multi-cameras considered an equal distribution of features between the training and the testing samples due to the assumption that both the source view and target view are highly similar. While, in the open-view HAR, this similarity can vary and causes the distribution difference across views not to be equally distributed, particularly when the view difference is large [9]. This will cause a standard classifier that has been trained in the source view not being robust enough in the target view due to the data bias, which is known as the distribution shift problem [8]. Hence, it is important to minimize the feature distribution shift between the source and the target view to mitigate large classification errors. (2) In minimizing the distribution shift between the source and the target view, the discrimination between classes also needs to be preserved. The preservation of the data discrimination will ensure that the feature from the same classes move closer to one another while those of different classes move farther away. Consequently, neglecting the preservation of data discrimination in minimizing the distribution shift will contribute to misclassification

problems. Therefore, to handle the open-view cases, it is vital to minimize the distribution shift and preserve the data discrimination between classes.

The distribution shift issue is discussed in unsupervised domain adaptation as a sub-topic of transfer learning, a sub-discipline of machine learning. The theory of unsupervised domain adaptation describes the scenario in which the model trained in the source domain is used in a different (but related) target domain [10]. The domain adaptation process can minimize the feature distribution shift by projecting the source and target domains into a low-dimensional subspace. Figure 1.2 illustrates the unsupervised domain adaptation function in a low-dimensional subspace. The source and the target domains have a distribution shift resulting in poor accuracy performance if directly classified. The source and the target domains will be transformed into new representations in the common subspace using the adaptation matrix. The goal is to optimize the adaptation matrix to optimize the classification accuracy.



Figure 1.2 Illustration for unsupervised domain adaptation [11]. The triangles and circles denote two different classes. Before being classified by a linear classifier, both source and target view spaces will be projected and aligned as closely as possible to form a new representation in a common subspace

1.2 Problem Statement

There are two kinds of distributions in probability distribution: marginal and conditional. Most of the existing domain adaptation methods adapt either the marginal distribution, conditional distribution, or both. Recent work in [12], [14] shows that considering both distributions could perform better. However, both distributions are treated by concatenating them with a similar weight. In the openview case, different views require different marginal and conditional weights. For instance, the marginal distributions should be more dominant if the view/domain from the source and the target are dissimilar. Whereas if the view/domain from the source and the target are more related, the conditional distributions are more dominant [14]. Furthermore, because of significant differences in open-view human action recognition, there is a possibility that a common subspace may not exist. Thus, to optimize the adaptation matrix in an unsupervised domain adaptation model, the process shall consider balancing the weights of both marginal and conditional distributions while minimizing the distance between the sample mean of the source and the target domains. In addition, the adaptation process shall consider that there is a possibility that no common subspace exists because of significant differences between views/domains.

The other issue is the preservation of data discrimination while projecting the source and target view into a new representation. It involves minimizing the distance between feature data of similar classes and maximizing the distance between feature data of different categories. In the unsupervised domain adaptation model, the labeled data is only available in the source domain, synchronizing with open-view human action recognition properties. Thus, the availability of existing labels in the source domain can be exploited to improve the class variance. Consequently, it is assumed that enhancing the class variance in the source domain can optimize the adaptation matrix.

Synergy in resolving the above two issues is believed have the potential to improve the performance of the current unsupervised domain adaptation methodology. Therefore, the idea is not only to improve existing unsupervised domain adaptation methods but also to exploit both solutions and implement them into the open-view human action recognition. Such a proposed model will lead to a better that action classification accuracy for open-view human action recognition.

1.3 Objectives of the Study

This thesis aims to implement an unsupervised domain adaptation approach in solving the open-view human action recognition challenges. Following the problem statement discussed in Section 1.2, the objectives are broken down as follows:

- 1. To develop the unsupervised domain adaptation enhancement model that optimizes the adaptation matrix by balancing marginal and conditional distribution weights. This model should work even if there is a possibility of unified subspaces not existing because of significant differences between the source and the target domains.
- 2. To develop the unsupervised domain adaptation enhancement model that optimizes the adaptation matrix by improving the source domain's class variance while maintaining the source and target domains' discriminatory feature properties.
- 3. To design a dedicated unsupervised domain adaptation model for open-view human action recognition by exploiting the enhancement models proposed in objectives one and two above.

1.4 Scope of the Study

The scope of the study is limited to the following conditions:

- 1. The unsupervised domain adaptation enhancement models will be first evaluated using selected five public image datasets. These datasets are Office [15], Caltech-256 [16], USPS [17], MNIST [18], and COIL- 20 [19].
- 2. The HAR datasets used for this research for the dedicated unsupervised domain adaptation model are confined to (1) MCAD dataset [20] as the primary evaluation for open-view cases. According to Section 1.1, MCAD meets the criteria for open-view cases. MCAD datasets are recorded with both day and night actions to set the dataset to be uncontrolled and suited for open-view cases. (2) IXMAS dataset [21] as a well-known controlled multi-camera HAR dataset. IXMAS will be used as a validation dataset to prove that the model proposed is equivalent to other methods.
- 3. The human action recognition datasets above contain a single actor with no other moving object involved, such as a vehicle or animal. The input modality used is from an RGB camera only. In addition, low-level features are extracted based on handcrafted learning, not deep learning. The illumination is fixed to day time only.
- 4. The performance will be measured primarily in terms of accuracy of human actions recognition only, not in real-time. Due to the different validation approaches between multi-camera and open-view human action recognition, the comparison method with the state-of-the-art for enhancement and dedicated models is limited only to the unsupervised domain adaptation approaches.
- 5. Simulations and experiments were all conducted using MATLAB software. Nevertheless, some packages are applied to Ubuntu using C and C++ to extract low-level features. All experiments were run on a PC with an Intel Core i7 CPU (6 cores) and 20GB RAM.

1.5 Contributions

This study has three significant contributions, which can be summarized as follows:

- 1. The enhancement of an unsupervised domain adaptation model balances the weight of marginal and conditional distributions in the distribution distance computation, consequently optimizing the adaptation matrix between source and target domains during the adaptation process.
- 2. The enhancement of an unsupervised domain adaptation model improves the source domain's class variance while maintaining the source and target domains' discriminatory feature properties.
- 3. The development of a dedicated unsupervised domain adaptation model to improve human action recognition in open-view cases. This dedicated model is based on exploiting the first and second contributions above.

1.6 Organizations of Thesis

This thesis consists of five chapters. There is a brief introduction to HAR in Chapter one, including definition, applications, importance in the computer vision field, and challenges faced, along with problem statements that will introduce the issues to be discussed, objectives that will be drawn from the problem statement, scopes that will make the thesis relevant to the study constraints, research contributions from the studies, and organization of the thesis. Chapter two discusses the literature review that supports the thesis's objectives and direction. This chapter has three sub-topics: (1) the HAR approach based on single-camera approaches, (2) the HAR based on multi-cameras approaches, and (3) domain adaptation development, the basic concept, and related works. Towards the end of the chapter, a summary of the proposed human action recognition and domain adaptation work is presented. Chapter three highlights the proposed methodology for the open-view HAR case, starting with low-level feature extraction and descriptor, details of unsupervised domain adaptation block as a primary focus, and linear classifier involved. Chapter four discusses experiments conducted in this research to prove its contribution, the results obtained, and a comprehensive analysis. This chapter also discusses the datasets used and comparisons with other methods. Chapter five concludes and summarizes the entire chapter along with suggestions for future work.

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