

Web Image Search Using Attribute Assisted Re-Ranking Model

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ABSTRACT

The massive growth of digital images over the web, required the best image retrieval techniques that can improve the retrieval accuracy of the images. Hence research focus has been shifted from designing of sophisticated algorithms that can reduce the semantic gap between visual features and the richness of human semantics. Hence many image re-ranking technique has been proposed to enhance the text based image results by taking the advantage of visual information contained in the images. But this earlier techniques are based on the low level visual features. Hence the semantic attributes and low level features are exploited simultaneously by using hypergraph re-ranking method. A hypergraph model the relationship between the images by as per its relevance score to order the images. Its simple belief is that visually analogous images should have related ranking scores. This modelling connection among more close samples will be able to domain the robust semantic similarity and thus expedite the great ranking performance.

Keyword: - Search, Hypergraph, Attribute-assisted, image re-ranking.

1. -INTRODUCTION

Digital images are extensively used in architecture, fashion, face recognition, finger print recognition and biometrics etc. Henceforth, well-organized image searching and retrieval are essential. Efficient image searching, surfing and retrieval tools are required by users from various domains, including remote sensing, fashion, crime prevention, publishing, medicine, architecture, etc. Solution to this, many all-purpose purpose image retrieval systems have been established. The former image retrieval systems were text based. Images were characterized by using keywords. Manually entering keywords for images on a large web based database can be inefficient, expensive and may not capture every keyword that describes the image. [7] Many image search engines such as Google and Bing have relied on matching textual information of the images against the user query. [1] But text based image retrieval shows the incapability to map associated text to appropriate image contents.

To solve this issue visual re-ranking technique has been proposed to enhance the text based image results by taking the advantage of visual information contained in the images. The existing visual re-ranking methods can be typically categorized into three categories as the clustering based, classification based and graph based methods. [1] Classification based methods used the visual characteristics to refine the images, Where in clustering based methods intelligent clustering algorithms to tried to search the image by grouping the visual closeness. However graph based techniques have been offered recently and received increasing attentions. But it is purely based on low level visual features while generally do not consider any semantics relationship among initial ranked lists.

As more and more images being generated in digital form around the world, it is important to deal with a problem how to mine the semantic content of images and then retrieve these images effectively. Humans tend to interpret images using high-level concepts they are able to identify keywords, abstract objects or events presented in the image. Though, for a computer the image content is a matrix of pixels, which can be summarized by low-level texture, color or shape features. The absence of relationship between the high-level concepts that a user requires and the low-level attribute that image retrieval systems compromise is the semantic gap. [7]

Hence semantic attributes have received tremendous attention recently, due to their effectiveness in major applications of image processing like object recognition, etc. Semantic features could be color, texture, texture, material, or part of objects such as "round", "red", "wheel" etc. As a type of intermediate-level descriptor, an attribute has semantic significance as opposed to low-level visual features, but it is stress-free to model compared to a full object, e.g., "bike". Thus, attributes are projected to narrow down the semantic gap between low-level visual attributes and high-level semantic meanings. Hence, attribute-based visual descriptor has accomplished noble

performance in assisting the task of image classification. Using multimodal features can guarantee that the valuable features for diverse queries are contained. Therefore, all these superiorities drive us to exploit semantic attributes for image depiction in the duty of web image search re-ranking.

1.1 MOTIVATION

The semantic attributes plays very important role in image processing, where their effectiveness was demonstrated in broad applications, including face verification, object recognition, fine-grained visual categorization, classification with humans-in-the-loop and image search. Semantic features could be color, shape, texture, material, or part of objects, such as “rectangle,” “metal,” “blue,” “leg” and “bat” etc. As a type of intermediate-level descriptor, an attribute has semantic significance as opposed to low-level visual features, however it is relaxed to model compared to a full object, e.g., “bicycle”. Thus, attributes are projected to narrow down the semantic gap between low-level visual attributes and high-level semantic meanings. [7] They define image areas that are common within an object group but rare outer of it. Hence, attribute-based visual descriptor has accomplished noble performance in assisting the task if image classification. So in this research work trying to exploit both the semantic attributes as well as visual attributes to boost web image search results.

2. RELATED WORK

To increase the act of searching images visual search re-ranking is very respectable option. In this section, existing visual search re-ranking methodologies are explicated alongside with semantic attributes and hypergraph learning. To increase the correctness of the text-based image search ranking, visual re-ranking has been projected to refine the search outcome after the text-based image search engine by including the information taken by the visual contents.

2.1 TEXT BASE SEARCH

When user pass the query into search engine it get linked images with high opinion to that query in resulting image set. The search engines existing today uses various image search algorithm. Basically they are text based. That mean the resulting image set cover only the images which have name matching to that query. All this take place in text based algorithm in which ASCII standards select the ranking of characters. In database there are many images related to our query so their grade is important to get perfect result. To rank the text based search, algorithm uses the ASCII values. As per grade of ASCII value image names of resultant images are graded. The main benefit of text based searching is that, it helps to get all that images from database having the name identical to our query. But disadvantage is that, it unable to concentrate on image hold. The resultant image set contain the images which not linked to our search of attention, only the image name is matching to query that why they are in resultant image set. In short, text based search cannot check content of images.

2.2 CONTENT BASED IMAGE SEARCH

It is designed to work more with actual pieces of the image. More or less types use images as samples, some take several pieces of color info, etc. Different types are there which includes, Object-based, Region-based, Feedback-based, and Example-based.

2.2.1 REGION-BASED IMAGE RETRIEVAL

It is low-level content-based searching. It can understand portions of images. This works with low-level images. This can partition image and search only one portion or part of an image. But this cant suit with objects. High-detail images are impossible.

2.2.2 OBJECT-BASED IMAGE RETRIEVAL

It can be working with pieces of an image, like Region-based Image IR. It can interpret images including high-detail. High feature images are cool to search. It can use pre-defined shapes to get images for the query. Implementation is very powerful. User-interface also does not fit representative search ideas of ease.

2.2.3 EXAMPLE-BASED IMAGE IR

In this users provide an example image, or portion of an image, that the system uses as a base for the search. The system then catches images that are analogous to the base image. Easy for the user until the user realizes that the picture they want to look nothing like the one they consume. It can be modest input for the user.

2.2.4 FEEDBACK-BASED IMAGE IR

This is slightly time overwhelming for the user. System demonstrates user a mockup of pictures and requests for assessment from the user. Using these scores, system re-queries and recurrences until the right image is found. Any image can be found with sufficient response. It may take an extensive time to catch the image that the user needs.

2.3 VISUAL RE-RANKING

Visual Re-ranking technique is used to improve the text based web image search results by retaking the visual information contained in the images. The current visual re-ranking methods can be typically categorized into three types as the classification based, clustering based and graph based methods (Fig-1). Classification based methods used the binary classification based methods, where the classification problem aiming to find whether the each search result of images are relevant or not. Along with this it uses the Pseudo Relevance Feedback (PRF) technique to train the classifiers. [10] But in many real world scenarios, illustrative examples found via PRF for the training dataset are very strident and might not be suitable for building effective classifiers. Where in clustering based methods intelligent clustering algorithms tried to search the image by grouping the visual closeness. However graph based methods have been proposed recently and received increasing attentions. But it is purely based on low level visual features while generally do not consider any semantics relationship among initial ranked lists.

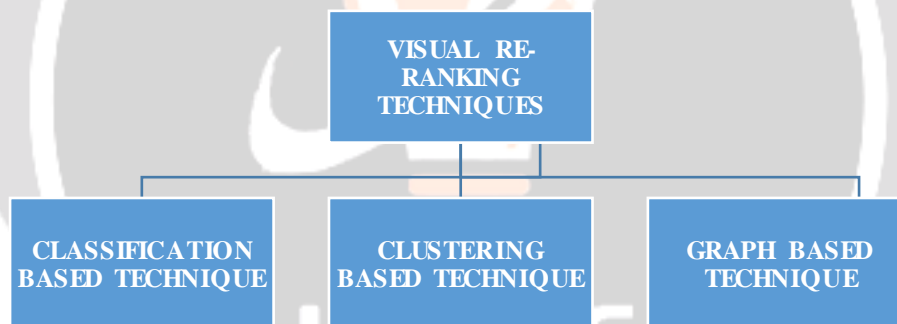


Fig -1: Classification Techniques

Graph based methods are recently getting most attention and more effective than other two techniques. It's the collection of nodes and edges. But all the earlier graph based re-ranking algorithms consider the low level visual features of an image without consideration of any high level semantic concepts. Hence the necessity of proposing the new system which can bridge this semantic gap by exploiting the stronger relationship between semantic attributes and low level features of an image by using Hypergraph technique. [9]

2.4 SEMANTIC ATTRIBUTES

An attribute is a certain visual property of an image. In general, image features can be either global or local. The global features define the visual content of the entire image, while local features define the areas or objects (i.e. a small collection of pixels) of the image content. The benefit of global feature extraction is its high speed for both take out features and calculating similarity. Though, global attributes are frequently too inflexible to represent an image. Specifically, they can be hypersensitive to location and hence flop to recognize vital visual characteristics. Local-feature approaches provide somewhat improved retrieval efficiency than global features. They represent images with multiple points in a feature space in disparity to single point global feature representations. These attribute features assists text based image search results to re-rank the results and boost the image retrieval process.

2.5 HYPERGRAPH LEARNING

A hypergraph learning is used to model the relationship between images by mixing low-level visual attributes and attribute features. A visual-attribute combined hypergraph learning method to concurrently explore two information sources. Visual representation and semantic description are concurrently exploited in a combined model called hypergraph. The collection of attribute features could be conducted at the same time through the process of hypergraph learning such that the effects of semantic attributes could be further employed and incorporated in the re-ranking framework. A hypergraph is remodeled to perfect the relationship of all the images, in which respective vertex denotes an image and a hyper edge represents an attribute and a hyper edge connects to multiple vertices. [1] The benefit of hypergraph can be concise that not only consider the pairwise relationship among two vertices, but also higher order relationship among three or more vertices containing grouping information. Hypergraph is then used to build the relationship between images by incorporating low-level attributes and attribute features. It is able to link more than two vertices.

3. COMPARISON OF EXISTING VISUAL RE-RANKING METHODS

Method	Contents	Disadvantages
Classification Based Method	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Active in image retrieval. 2. Use Binary classification to identify whether the image is relevant or not. 3. Ranking model is learned with Pseudo Relevance Feedback 	In many real scenarios, training examples obtained via PRF are very noisy and might not be adequate for training effective classifier.
Clustering Based Method	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Worked on key observation that wealth of visual characteristics can be shared by relevant images. 2. Initial text based search results are grouped by visual closeness. 	Performance is not guaranteed when visual patterns are not clear or queries that return highly diverse results.
Graph Based Method	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Recently increased attention and prove as very effective. 2. Use random graph on similarity graph and reorders the images according to the visual similarities. 3. Final result list is generated via sorting the images based on graph node weights. 	It is purely based on the low level features and do not consider any semantic relationship among ranked list.

4. ATTRIBUTE ASSISTED HYPERGRAPH RE-RANKING MODEL

Attribute-assisted hypergraph learning method is used to reorder the ranked images which returned from search engine based on textual query. Different from the typical hypergraph, it presents not only whether a vertex belongs to a hyperedge, but also the prediction score that is affiliated to a specific. The weight is combined into graph building as tradeoff parameters among various features. This modified hypergraph is thus able to improve re-ranking performance by mining visual feature as well as attribute information.

Fig. 2 shows the flowchart of our attribute assisted re-ranking technique. After a query “baby” is fired, an initial result is achieved via a text-based search engine. It is detected that text-based search frequently yields unreliable results. Some visually analogous images are distributed in the result while other unrelated results are filled between them, such as “dog” and “disney baby”. Based on the returned images, both visual features and attribute features are extracted. In particular, the attribute feature of each image consists of the responses from the binary classifiers for all the attributes. These classifiers are learned offline. Visual representation and semantic description are simultaneously exploited in a unified model called hypergraph.

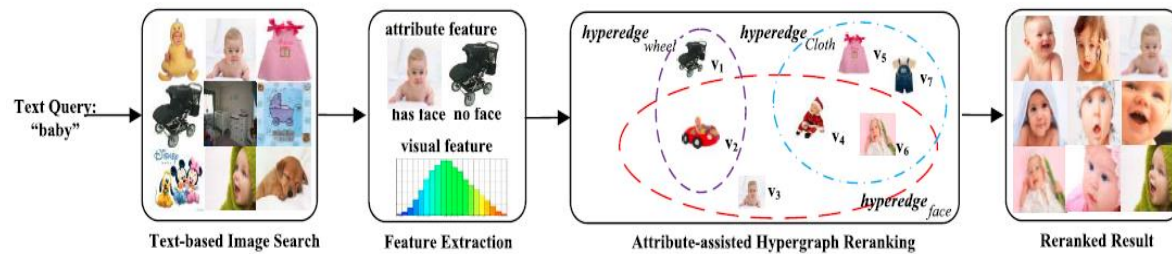


Fig. 2 Flowchart of attribute assisted re-ranking model

Hypergraph is reconstructed to model the relationship of all the images, in which each vertex denotes an image and a hyperedge represents an attribute and a hyperedge joins to several vertices. The weight of each edge based on the visual and attribute similarities of images which belongs to the edge. [1] The relevance scores of images are learned based on the hypergraph. The advantage of hypergraph can be summarized that not only does it take into account pairwise relationship between two vertices, but also higher order relationship among three or more vertices containing grouping information. Essentially, modeling relationship among more close samples will be able to preserve the stronger semantic similarity and thus facilitate ranking performance. Finally, the re-ranked list of the images set with respect to relevance scores in descending order.

5. CONCLUSION

Image search re-ranking has been studied for several years and various approaches have been developed recently to boost the performance of text-based image search engine for general queries. This paper serves as an attempt to include the attributes in re-ranking framework. It is observe that semantic attributes are projected to narrow down the semantic gap between low-level visual features and high level semantic meanings. Motivated by that, a novel attribute-assisted retrieval model for re-ranking images is proposed. Based on the classifiers for all the predefined attributes, each image is represented by an attribute feature consisting of the responses from these classifiers. A hypergraph can be the effective approach to model the relationship between images by integrating low-level visual features and semantic attribute features. Hypergraph ranking performed to re-order the images, which is also constructed to model the relationship of all images.

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