Image and video compression with deep neural networks (and other works)

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- Neural image/video compression: a walkthrough
- Our work on neural image/video compression
- Briefly: other works

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 Image compression
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The visual communication problem





Error

Developing traditional image/video codecs



... for practical applications



Transform coding pipeline



Example: block-based transform coding (e.g. JPEG, MPEG-2, H.264)



Neural image codecs

- Coding tools and syntax are parametric and learned

- Encoders/decoders and probability models are deep neural networks



Typical pipeline

Compressive autoencoder (CAE) [Theis2017, Balle2017] (autoencoder+quantization+entropy coding)



Typical pipeline

Observation 1:

- Entropy coding is reversible: bypass it
- Entropy is a tight lower bound to the rate: use as approximation Observation 2:
- Quantization (i.e. rounding) introduces a uniform error



Architecture (training)

Use differentiable proxies for end-to-end training



Training data $\mathcal{X}^{\mathrm{tr}}$

<u>Balle et al. End-to-end Optimized Image Compression</u>, ICLR 2017 <u>Theis et al., Lossy Image Compression with Compressive Autoencoders</u>, ICLR 2017

Autoencoder architecture



Simple entropy model



More complex entropy models

E.g. hyperprior [Balle 2018]



Balle et al. Variational image compression with a scale hyperprior ICLR 2018

Reducing decoding cost: shallow decoders



Method	Computational complexity (KMAC)						Syn. param	BD rate
	f	f_h	enc. tot.	g	g_h	dec. tot.	count (Mil.)	savings (%) \uparrow
He 2022 ELIC [20]	255.42	6.73	262.15	255.42	126.57	381.99	7.34	26.98
Minnen 2020 CHARM [30]	93.79	5.90	99.70	93.79	256.51	350.30	4.18	20.02
Wang 2023 EVC [41]	263.25	1.86	265.11	257.94	34.82	292.76	3.38	22.56
Minnen 2018 Hyperprior [29]	93.79	6.73	100.52	93.79	15.18	108.97	3.43	3.30
Ballé 2017 Factorized Prior [2]	81.63	0.00	81.63	81.63	0.00	81.63	3.39	-32.93
2-layer syn. + SGA (proposed)	255.42	6.73	262.15	5.34	15.18	20.52	1.30	4.67
2-layer syn. (proposed)	255.42	6.73	262.15	5.34	15.18	20.52	1.30	-5.19
JPEG-like syn. (proposed)	255.42	6.73	262.15	1.22	15.18	16.39	0.31	-20.95

Yang and Mandt, Asymmetrically-powered Neural Image Compression with Shallow Decoders ICCV 2023

Perception vs distortion



Downsampling (25%)

Upsampling (bicubic 4x)





Note: lossy (lost information can't be recovered)



Perception vs distortion

Is (MSE/PSNR) distortion a good quality metric?

Bicubic SRResNet (MSE) SRGAN PNSR 21.59 dB PNSR 23.53 dB PNSR 21.15 dB

Original

















Perception vs distortion



Perception-distortion in image superresolution methods



Slide adapted from Y. Blau

Perception distortion tradeoff



The Perception-Distortion Tradeoff, CVPR 2018

Perception vs distortion in (lossy) compression?







Rate-distortion-perception tradeoff



Rethinking Lossy Compression: The Rate-Distortion-Perception Tradeoff, ICML 2019

Optimizing for perception: generative lossy compression

Optimize perception using a discriminator and adversarial loss The decoder acts as generator of a conditional GAN



Training data

Generative lossy compression Original (768x512 pixels – 1.18 MB)



Generative lossy compression JPEG (8 kB)



Generative lossy compression HiFiC (7 kB)



Generative lossy compression



Other learned-based image compression approaches

Implicit representations (e.g. COIN, COIN++)



Diffusion models

Neural collages (fractal compression)



Dupont et al. COIN: COmpression with Implicit Neural representations arxiv 2021 Dupont et al. COIN++: Neural Compression Across Modalities TMLR 2022 Yang et al. Lossy Image Compression with Conditional Diffusion Models arxiv 2022 Poli et al., Self-Similarity Priors: Neural Collages as Differentiable Fractal Representations NeurIPS 2022

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From transform coding to neural image coding



Traditional video compression (motion-compensated transform coding)

Current frame



Neural video compression

Idea: replace modules by trainable neural networks

Current frame



Motion-compensated neural video compression



Lu et al. DVC: An End-To-End Deep Video Compression Framework CVPR 2019

Predictive feature coding

Exploit temporal redundancy directly in the latent space - More flexible, since it is not constrained by the characteristics of pixel space



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Conditional entropy model

Condition on previous feature to exploit temporal redundancy for entropy modeling

Examples: [Liu2020], STEM [Sun2021] of frame **features** (i.e. conditional)


Conditional video compression

Condition on a contextual feature to exploit temporal redundancy



Conditional video compression

Why residual coding is suboptimal compared to conditional coding?

- Let's consider we want to encode x_t given context \tilde{x}_t ,
- We are interested in estimating $p(x_t | \tilde{x}_t)$
- Residual coding is a particular case of conditional coding $p(x_t | \tilde{x}_t) = p(x_t \tilde{x}_t)$
- i.e. substraction is a particular fixed (not learnable) operation to predict x_t - Residual entropy is higher than conditional entropy, so less compressible

i.e. $H(x_t - \tilde{x}_t) \ge H(x_t | \tilde{x}_t)$

- \tilde{x}_t doesn't need to be a frame, could be a more flexible learned context



Li et al. Deep Contextual Video Compression NeurIPS 2021

Conditional video compression

Input frame x_t

Previous decoded frame \hat{x}_{t-1}







Motion vector \hat{m}_t



High frequency in x_t



Reduction of reconstruction error

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: high frequency region in background

(): high frequency region in foreground

: new content region

Li et al. Deep Contextual Video Compression NeurIPS 2021

Richer contextual models

Multi-scale temporal contexts [DCVC-TCM]



DCVC-TCM: <u>Sheng et al. Temporal</u> <u>Context Mining for Learned Video</u> <u>Compression</u> arxiv 2021/TMM 2023

DCVC-HEM: <u>Li et al. Deep Contextual</u> <u>Video Compression</u> ACM Multimedia 2022

DCVC-DC: <u>Li et al. Neural Video</u> <u>Compression with Diverse Contexts</u> arxiv 2023





Current SOTA in video compression



*HM, VTM, ECM use their best compression ratio configurations for low delay

Li et al. Neural Video Compression with Diverse Contexts arxiv 2023

Current SOTA in video compression



Note: Tested on NVIDIA 2080TI with using 1080p as input.

Li et al. Neural Video Compression with Diverse Contexts arxiv 2023

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Practical image/video compression



Rate-distortion tradeoff λ in NIC



Problems: total memory, total training time





[SPL2020] <u>Variable Rate Deep Image Compression with Modulated Autoencoder</u>, Signal Processing Letters 2020 [CVPR2021] <u>Slimmable compressive autoencoders for practical imaga compression</u>, CVPR 2021 [CLIC2021] <u>DANICE: Domain adaptation without forgetting in neural image compression</u>, CLIC 2021 at CVPR 2021

Variable rate with modulated autoencoders

Objective: one single model for multiple λ



MAE: modulated autoencoder [Choi2014]

Model capacity and rate-distortion



Slimmable compressive autoencoders for practical image compression, CVPR 2021

Slimmable compressive autoencoder

Approach: slim the network to the minimal capacity for a given λ



- Minimize rate
- Minimize distortion
- Variable rate
- Lower memory
- Lower computation
- Lower latency

(for low-mid rates)

Slimmable compressive autoencoders for practical image compression, CVPR 2021

Slimmable layers in SlimCAE

 $W\in [W_1, W_2, W_3]$ SlimConv SlimIGDN SlimConv SlimIGDN SlimConv SlimIGDN SlimGDN SlimConv SlimGDN SlimConv SlimGDN SlimConv

SlimCAE



<u>Slimmable compressive autoencoders for practical image compression</u>, CVPR 2021

Slimmable layers in SlimCAE



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Problem: extremely expensive!

models



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Problem: we need the optimal λs to train the SlimCAE

models Problem: extremely expensive!

Slimmable compressive autoencoders for practical image compression, CVPR 2021



Directly train one model!

w=192

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Problem: extremely expensive!

models

Performance comparison



Visualizing some parameters

Encoder (first conv layer)

Decoder (last conv layer)



Slimmable compressive autoencoders for practical image compression, CVPR 2021

Extending SlimCAE to video



Slimmable video codec, CLIC 2022 at CVPR 2022

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Slimmable video codec, CLIC 2022 at CVPR 2022



RD performance

Memory footprint

Slimmable video codec, CLIC 2022 at CVPR 2022



<u>Slimmable video codec</u>, CLIC 2022 at CVPR 2022

Is neural image compression practical?



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Rate-distortion optimality of learned codecs

Learned codecs are only optimal in the domain of the training data



Domain Adaptation in Neural Image ComprEssion (DANICE)

Learned codecs can be **customized with user content** to specific domains Problem: usually **not enough custom data**; training is **expensive** Solution: **transfer pre-trained codecs**



Backward incompatibility with legacy bitstreams: catastrophic forgetting

Misalignment between encoding-decoding latent spaces (i.e. bitstream syntax incompatible)



Rate-distortion forgetting



Codec adaptation without forgetting (CAwF)

Freeze source codec, and learn target codec as an enhancement layer Drawback: adds additional parameters



Codec adaptation without forgetting (CAwF)

CelebA→Cityscapes (source domain)



Codec adaptation artifacts

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Data collection for onboard perception



Distributed Learning and Inference with Compressed Images, IEEE Trans. Image Processing 2021

Data collection for onboard perception



Distortion

The higher the compression rate the more images we can collect

Distributed Learning and Inference with Compressed Images, IEEE Trans. Image Processing 2021

Distributed data collection



Distributed Learning and Inference with Compressed Images, IEEE Trans. Image Processing 2021
Distributed data collection



Training images vs test images

Training (compressed)

Test (original)



codec: mean-scale hyperprior

Training images vs test images



Training (compressed)

Test (original)





Training images vs test images





Training (compressed) Test (original)



Configuration CO: compressed/original



Observation 1: training and test distributions are different (covariate shift) Observation 2: training images have less information than test images (loss of information)

Training/test configurations



Effect on downstream task



Proposed approach: dataset restoration



Training images vs test images al (test) Compressed Rest Original (test) Restored Ε LISER 7.77 22564

Effect on downstream task



Why does it work?

- Alleviates the covariate shift
- Keeps useful information for segmentation (e.g. texture)

Experiments. Rate-distortion

Dataset: Cityscapes. Codecs: BPG (traditional), MSH (neural)



Experiments. Segmentation

Dataset: Cityscapes. Codecs: BPG (traditional), MSH (neural)



Semantic preprocessor for VCM



Semantic preprocessor for image compression for machines, ICASSP 2023

Task-switchable preprocessor for VCM



Submitted to CSVT

Task-switchable preprocessor for VCM



	COCO Dateset			
Method	Det	I-seg	P-seg	
vs Codec-only	-48.98%	-50.07%	-50.54%	
vs Pre-anchor	-36.54%	-28.75%	-35.19%	
	BDD100k Dateset			
Method	Det	I-seg	P-seg	
vs Codec-only	-30.30%	-74.46%	-29.47%	
vs Pre-anchor	-25.37%	-60.69%	-17.37%	

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Burst perception-distortion tradeoff

Scenario: burst image restoration Motivation

- How temporal information affects the restored image quality?
- How perception, distortion and their tradeoff change with multiple images



Burst perception-distortion tradeoff

Experimental setting (denoising+superresolution)



Burst Perception-Distortion Tradeoff: Analysis and Evaluation, ICASSP 2023

Burst perception-distortion tradeoff



- E.g. Accurate flow estimation





Perfect alignment: the more frames the better

Case 2 (misaligned bursts):

- E.g. Alignment errors, or errors in flow estimation



Imperfect alignment: more frames can be harmful (depending on the shake and noise levels)

Burst Perception-Distortion Tradeoff: Analysis and Evaluation, ICASSP 2023

Video quality enhancement and artifact removal



Our specific contribution:

- Use deformable convolutions for multiframe alignment
- QP-conditional quality enhancement network

Dai et al., Deformable Convolutional Networks, ICCV 2017 DCNGAN: A deformable convolution-based GAN with QP adaptation for perceptual quality enhancement of compressed video, ICASSP 2022

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Slimmable semantic segmentation



SlimSeg: Slimmable Semantic Segmentation with Boundary Supervision ACM Multimedia 2022

Slimmable semantic segmentation



Network	Width	Indep mIoU	endent Param	Slimma mIoU	ble Param	FLOPs
SFNet ResNet50	×1.0 ×0.75 ×0.5 ×0.25	78.3 77.3 76.3 73.2	31.20 17.57 7.82 1.97	78.4 (0.1↑) 77.9 (0.6↑) 77.4 (1.1↑) 74.4 (1.2↑)	31.29	607.9 343.4 153.9 39.4
SFNet ResNet18	×1.0 ×0.75 ×0.5 ×0.25	75.0 74.0 71.4 65.5	12.87 7.24 3.22 0.79	75.6 (0.6↑) 74.8 (0.8↑) 72.5 (1.1↑) 67.3 (1.8↑)	12.89	243.4 137.4 61.5 15.7

SlimSeg: Slimmable Semantic Segmentation with Boundary Supervision ACM Multimedia 2022

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Continual learning in humans (a.k.a. lifelong/sequential/incremental learning)

- Reuse of past knowledge (i.e. knowledge transfer, transfer learning)
- · Learn new skills for new tasks



...and forgetting



Transfer learning and continual learning



Transfer learning and continual learning (now with GANs for image generation)

Transfer+adaptation (generation)



Continual learning (generation)



Memory Replay GANs (NeurIPS 2018)

Sequential learning for image generation





Unsupervised domain adaptation (UDA)



(Source-aware) UDA



Source-free domain adaptation



Source-free domain adaptation



Generalized source-free domain adaptation



Source-free domain adaptation

Method (Synthesis \rightarrow Real)	Source-free	Per-class
ResNet-101 [9]	×	52.4
ADR [30]	×	73.5
CDAN [22]	×	73.9
CDAN+BSP [5]	×	75.9
SWD [17]	×	76.4
MDD [49]	×	74.6
IA [11]	×	75.8
DMRL [42]	×	75.5
MCC [12]	×	78.8
DANCE [29]	×	70.4
DANCE [29]	\checkmark	70.2
SHOT [20]	\checkmark	82.9
3C-GAN [18]	\checkmark	81.6
Ours	\checkmark	85.4

Results on VisDA-C with ResNet101 as backbone

State-of-the-art target performance, compared to relative methods Slide credit: Shiqi Yang

Generalized Source-free Domain Adaptation, ICCV 2021

Generalized source-free domain adaptation

Results on VisDA-C under G-SFDA with ResNet101 as backbone

		Avg.		
	Source-free	S/T	H	
Source model		99.6 /48.1	64.9	
SHOT [20]	\checkmark	75.7/82.2	78.8	
Ours	\checkmark	90.4/ 85.0	87.6	

■ State-of-the-art H over source/target performance compared to SHOT

Slide credit: Shiqi Yang

Generalized Source-free Domain Adaptation, ICCV 2021
Premise: We already have the source-pretrained model

t-SNE visualization



Observation 1:Target features from source pretrained model already form some clusters**Motivation** 1:We can adopt neighborhood clustering for target adaptation

Slide credit: Shiqi Yang

Reciprocal nearest neighbors (example K=2)







Are they reciprocal?



0 and 2 are RNNs

 $0 \implies 12$ $1 \implies 45$ 0 and 1 are not RNNs



Observation 2:Reciprocal neighbors are more likely to have the correct predicted labelMotivation 2:We should assign higher credit to reciprocal neighbors.

Slide credit: Shiqi Yang

Method



Method overview:
$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{n_t} \sum_{x_i \in \mathcal{D}_t} \sum_{x_j \in \operatorname{Neigh}(x_i)} \frac{D_{sim}(p_i, p_j)}{D_{dis}(x_i, x_j)}$$

Slide credit: Shiqi Yang

Exploiting neighborhood structure. Results

• Results on Office-Home with ResNet50 as backbone

Method	SF	Ar→Cl	Ar→Pr	Ar→Rw	Cl→Ar	Cl→Pr	Cl→Rw	Pr→Ar	Pr→Cl	Pr→Rw	Rw→Ar	Rw→Cl	Rw→P	r Avg
MCD [35]	X	48.9	68.3	74.6	61.3	67.6	68.8	57.0	47.1	75.1	69.1	52.2	79.6	64.1
CDAN [24]	X	50.7	70.6	76.0	57.6	70.0	70.0	57.4	50.9	77.3	70.9	56.7	81.6	65.8
SAFN [52]	X	52.0	71.7	76.3	64.2	69.9	71.9	63.7	51.4	77.1	70.9	57.1	81.5	67.3
Symnets [58]	X	47.7	72.9	78.5	64.2	71.3	74.2	64.2	48.8	79.5	74.5	52.6	82.7	67.6
MDD [59]	X	54.9	73.7	77.8	60.0	71.4	71.8	61.2	53.6	78.1	72.5	60.2	82.3	68.1
TADA [47]	X	53.1	72.3	77.2	59.1	71.2	72.1	59.7	53.1	78.4	72.4	60.0	82.9	67.6
BNM [4]	X	52.3	73.9	80.0	63.3	72.9	74.9	61.7	49.5	79.7	70.5	53.6	82.2	67.9
BDG [53]	X	51.5	73.4	78.7	65.3	71.5	73.7	65.1	49.7	81.1	74.6	55.1	84.8	68.7
SRDC [42]	X	52.3	76.3	81.0	69.5	76.2	78.0	68.7	53.8	81.7	76.3	57.1	85.0	71.3
RSDA-MSTN [10]	X	53.2	77.7	81.3	66.4	74.0	76.5	67.9	53.0	82.0	75.8	57.8	85.4	70.9
SHOT [21]	 Image: A start of the start of	57.1	78.1	81.5	68.0	78.2	78.1	67.4	54.9	82.2	73.3	58.8	84.3	71.8
NRC	1	57.7	80.3	82.0	68.1	79.8	78.6	65.3	56.4	83.0	71.0	58.6	85.6	72.2

Results on VisDA-C with ResNet101 as backbone

Method	SF	plane	bcycl	bus	car	horse	knife	mcycl	person	plant	sktbrd	train	truck	Per-class
ADR [34]	X	94.2	48.5	84.0	72.9	90.1	74.2	92.6	72.5	80.8	61.8	82.2	28.8	73.5
CDAN [24]	X	85.2	66.9	83.0	50.8	84.2	74.9	88.1	74.5	83.4	76.0	81.9	38.0	73.9
CDAN+BSP [2]	X	92.4	61.0	81.0	57.5	89.0	80.6	90.1	77.0	84.2	77.9	82.1	38.4	75.9
SAFN [52]	X	93.6	61.3	84.1	70.6	94.1	79.0	91.8	79.6	89.9	55.6	89.0	24.4	76.1
SWD [19]	X	90.8	82.5	81.7	70.5	91.7	69.5	86.3	77.5	87.4	63.6	85.6	29.2	76.4
MDD [59]	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	74.6
DMRL [49]	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	75.5
MCC [15]	X	88.7	80.3	80.5	71.5	90.1	93.2	85.0	71.6	89.4	73.8	85.0	36.9	78.8
STAR [26]	X	95.0	84.0	84.6	73.0	91.6	91.8	85.9	78.4	94.4	84.7	87.0	42.2	82.7
RWOT [51]	X	95.1	80.3	83.7	90.0	92.4	68.0	92.5	82.2	87.9	78.4	90.4	68.2	84.0
3C-GAN [20]	1	94.8	73.4	68.8	74.8	93.1	95.4	88.6	84.7	89.1	84.7	83.5	48.1	81.6
SHOT [21]	1	94.3	88.5	80.1	57.3	93.1	94.9	80.7	80.3	91.5	89.1	86.3	58.2	82.9
NRC	1	96.8	91.3	82.4	62.4	96.2	95.9	86.1	80.6	94.8	94.1	90.4	59.7	85.9

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