Compositional models

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Deformable models

- Can take us a long way...
- But not all the way







Structure variation

• Object in rich categories have variable structure



- These are NOT deformations
- There is always something you never saw before
- Mixture of deformable models? too many combined choices
- Bag of words? not enough structure
- Non-parametric? doesn't generalize

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Object detection grammars

• Pictorial structure model with variable structure

- Stochastic context-free grammar
 - Generates tree-structured model
 - Springs connect symbols along derivation tree
 - Appearance model associated with each terminal



- person -> face, trunk, arms, lower-part
- face -> hat, eyes, nose, mouth
- face -> eyes, nose, mouth
- hat -> baseball-cap
- hat -> sombrero
- lower-part -> shoe, shoe, legs
- lower-part -> bare-foot, bare-foot, legs
- legs -> pants
- legs -> skirt

Person detection grammar



- Instantiation includes a variable number of parts
 - 1,...,k and occluder if k < 6
- Parts can translate relative to each other
- Parts have subtypes
- Parts have deformable sub-parts (not shown)
- Beats all other methods on PASCAL 2010 (49.5 AP)

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Building the model

• Type in any non-recursive grammar

$$\begin{array}{cccc} Q(\omega) & \xrightarrow{s_{k}} & \left\{ Y_{1}(\omega \oplus \delta_{1}), \dots, Y_{k}(\omega \oplus \delta_{k}), O(\omega \oplus \delta_{k+1}) \right\} \\ Q(\omega) & \xrightarrow{s_{0}} & \left\{ Y_{1}(\omega \oplus \delta_{1}), \dots, Y_{6}(\omega \oplus \delta_{6}) \right\} \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{cccc} Y_{p}(\omega) & \xrightarrow{0} & \left\{ Y_{p,t}(\omega) \right\} \\ O(\omega) & \stackrel{0}{\longrightarrow} & \left\{ O_{t}(\omega) \right\} & O_{t}(\omega) & \xrightarrow{\alpha_{t} \cdot \phi(\delta)} & \left\{ A_{t}(\omega \oplus \delta) \right\} \end{array}$$

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$$W_{p,t,r,u}(\omega) & \xrightarrow{\alpha_{p,t,r,u} \cdot \phi(\delta)} & \left\{ A_{p,t,r,u}(\omega \oplus \delta) \right\} \end{array}$$

- Train parameters from bounding box annotations
 - Production costs
 - Deformation models
 - HOG filters for terminals



Curve(a,b) + Curve(b,c) --> Curve(a,c)



Figure 20: An example where the most salient curve goes over locations with essentially no local evidence for a the curve at those locations.

Shapes / Regions

Samples from stochastic context-free shape grammar



"Matching" to images (samples from posterior)



Processing pipeline



- Vision system have multiple processing stages
- Compositional model: each stage builds structures by grouping structures from previous stages
 - Single parsing problem
 - Avoids intermediate decisions (high-level information influences low-level interpretations)

Computation

- Context-free or Context-sensitive?
- Even context-free models lead to hard parsing problem
 - Too many constituents!

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- String of length n have O(n²) substrings
- Images with n pixels have O(2ⁿ) regions



Alternative parsing problems

- 1. Whole image parsing
 - Explains every pixel exactly once
 - Hard
- 2. Find light derivations within an image
 - Expansion of start symbol into terminals
 - Explains part of the image
 - May explain the same pixel more then once
 - Efficient





Computation

- Bottom-up
 - Repeated grouping structures (KLD / A*LD)
- Top-down
 - Repeated refining with backtracking (AO*)
- Bottom-up + Top-down
 - Bottom-up computation guided by top-down influence
 - Coarse derivations provide heuristic guidance for finding finer structures (HA*LD)

Coarse-to-fine

- Model abstraction $f: S_i \rightarrow S_{i+1}$
 - lower resolution
 - coarsen labels
 horse --> animal --> piecewise smooth object
- Coarse computation guides finer computation



Challenges

- Whole image parsing (with context-free grammars)
 - Restrict possible constituents
 - LP relaxation
 - DDMCMC
- Learn object grammars from weakly labeled data
 - PASCAL VOC
- Build a complete processing pipeline unifying segmentation and recognition