### Model Uncertainty for Unsupervised Domain Adaptation





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### Motivation

• Deep neural networks (DNNs) have shown great successes for the data that have similar distributions to the training data (*source*).





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• But the DNN model sufficiently trained on a source domain often doesn't work well on some *target* domains.





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• Domain Adaptation (DA) addresses this *domain shift* by adapting a model trained on a source domain to a target domain.







• We presume that domain shift occurs when target samples are out of the source domain distribution  $(\mathcal{D}_S)$ .







• The predictive uncertainty of the model (*model uncertainty*) should be measured 'high' at the target samples outside  $D_S$ .







• If the model uncertainty can be quantified and reduced properly, we expect a DNN model learns domain-invariant feature representations.





### **Unsupervised Domain Adaptation**

- Unsupervised Domain Adaptation (UDA) assumes:
  - ① Fully-labeled source data  $(X_s, Y_s) \sim \mathcal{D}_s$
  - ② Unlabeled target data  $X_t \sim \mathcal{D}_T$
  - 3 Both domains share a label space :  $y \in \{1, ..., K\}$
- The goal of UDA is to build a classifier that correctly predicts  $y_t$  of a new target sample  $x_t$  drawn from  $\mathcal{D}_T$ .





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- ② For binary classification  $h(x) \in \{0,1\}$ ,  $1(h(x) \neq h'(x)) = (h(x) - h'(x))^2$ .



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# **Derivation of Our Method**

• Hence,

$$d_{\mathcal{H} \triangle \mathcal{H}}(\mathcal{D}_S, \mathcal{D}_T) \approx 2 \sup_{h,h' \in \mathcal{H}} \mathbb{E}_{x \sim \mathcal{D}_T} \left[ \left( h(x) - h'(x) \right)^2 \right].$$

• We argue, by narrowing our attention to the set of h that minimizes  $\epsilon_s$ , we can achieve the same goal as the supremum of expectation:

$$\sup_{h,h'\in\mathcal{H}}\mathbb{E}_{x\sim\mathcal{D}_T}\Big[\Big(h(x)-h'(x)\Big)^2\Big].$$



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"the predictive variance of a hypothesis (model uncertainty)"

### Model Preliminaries



• We formulate the UDA problem under the shared latent space framework.



### Proposed Method (MUDA)

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- From the previous derivation, the problem is minimizing  $d_{\mathcal{H} \triangle \mathcal{H}} \rightarrow$  minimizing the model uncertainty on target samples.
- Now our objectives are

1 to find *F* that minimizes the model uncertainty :  $\min_{F} \mathbb{E}_{x \sim \mathcal{D}_{T}} \mathbb{E}_{h \sim \mathcal{D}_{H}} \Big[ \Big( h(x) - \mathbb{E}_{h \sim \mathcal{D}_{H}} [h(x)] \Big)^{2} \Big]$ 

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We perform *M* stochastic forward passes via MC dropout [2] to obtain  $\{\hat{y}_1, \dots, \hat{y}_M\}$  that lead to the estimation :

$$\hat{\sigma}_{MC}^{2} = \text{diag}(\frac{1}{M}\sum_{m=1}^{M}\hat{y}_{m}\,\hat{y}_{m}^{\mathrm{T}} - \bar{y}_{MC}\bar{y}_{MC}^{\mathrm{T}})$$
  
where  $\bar{y}_{MC} = \frac{1}{M}\sum_{m=1}^{M}\hat{y}_{m}$ 

### → Model uncertainty loss $\mathcal{L}_{div}(\mathcal{D}_T) \coloneqq \|\hat{\sigma}_{MC}\|$

[2] Y. Gal et al., "Dropout as a Bayesian approximation: Representing model uncertainty in deep learning", In ICML 2016

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(2) to keep minimizing the source error  $\epsilon_S$  :

We use cross entropy loss for classification.

→ Classification loss  $\mathcal{L}_{cls}(\mathcal{D}_S) \coloneqq -\mathbb{E}_{(x_s, y_s) \sim \mathcal{D}_S}[y_s^T \log \mathcal{C}(F(x_s))]$ 

 $\min_{F,C} \epsilon_S(h)$ 





Algorithm 1 Learning algorithm for MUDA

**Input:** Source domain data and the corresponding labels  $(X_s, Y_s)$  sampled from  $\mathcal{D}_S$  and target domain data  $X_t$  sampled from  $\mathcal{D}_T$  without labels

**Output:** Trained weights of feature extractor network F, task-specific classifier network C

- 1: Learning initial weights of C and F with  $\mathcal{L}_{cls}$  (13)
- 2: Enable Monte Carlo dropout of C and F if available
- 3: for each training iteration do
- 4: Sample data from  $\mathcal{D}_S$  and  $\mathcal{D}_T$
- 5: Update C with  $\mathcal{L}_{cls}$  (14)
- 6: Update F with  $\mathcal{L}_{cls} + \mathcal{L}_{div}$  (15)
- 7: **end for**

### Proof of Concept





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Snapshots from the previous video clip





## Results: Digits & Traffic Signs datasets

	0 1 0	Table 1. Average accuracy from 10 random experiments								
MINIST	1 / 1 0	SOURCE	SVHN	SYNSIG	MNIST	MNIST*	USPS			
SVHN	1 7728	TARGET	MNIST	GTSRB	USPS	USPS*	MNIST			
	L L 600	Source Only	67.1	85.1	76.7	79.4	63.4			
USPS	41022	DANN[2]	71.1	88.7	77.1 <sup>1.8</sup>	85.1	$73.0^{0.2}$			
	/ / 0 ~	ADDA[4]	$76.0^{1.8}$	-	$89.4^{0.2}$	-	$90.1^{0.8}$			
SYNSIG GTSRB	A - 20	MCDDA[7]	$96.2^{0.4}$	94.4 <sup>0.3</sup>	$94.2^{0.7}$	96.5 <sup>0.3</sup>	94.1 <sup>0.3</sup>			
		CADA[11]	$90.9^{0.2}$	-	96.4 <sup>0.1</sup>	-	<b>97.0</b> <sup>0.1</sup>			
		GPDA[8]	$98.2^{0.1}$	$96.2^{0.2}$	$96.5^{0.2}$	$98.1^{0.1}$	96.4 <sup>0.1</sup>			
		Ours	<b>99.1</b> <sup>0.4</sup>	<b>98.6</b> <sup>0.5</sup>	<b>97.9</b> <sup>0.2</sup>	<b>98.5</b> <sup>0.1</sup>	96.7 <sup>0.4</sup>			
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#### "MUDA shows superior performances to others"

- Small sized images : 28 x 28, 32 x 32, or 40 x 40
- Three conv layers for *F* & two FC layers for *C* are used.

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\* Transductive setting

### **Qualitative Analysis**



- The embeddings of the learned features are depicted by t-SNE.
- MUDA significantly reduces divergence between domains and makes target samples more discriminative on the feature space.



- Red & blue dots represent the source & target samples, respectively (a, b).
- SYNSIG (source) to GTSRB (target) setting is analyzed.

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### Results: Office-31 dataset



Amazon (A)



DSLR (D)



Webcam (W)



Table 2. Average accuracy from 10 random experiments

Ours	88.2	<b>98.7</b>	99.8	90.0	71.2	69.0	86.1
GPDA [8]	83.9	97.3	100.0	85.5	72.3	68.8	84.6
MADA [19]	90.0	97.4	99.6	87.8	70.3	66.4	85. <i>3</i>
JAN [18]	85.4	97.4	<i>99.8</i>	84.7	68.6	70.0	84.3
ADDA [4]	86.2	96.2	98.4	77.8	69.5	68.9	82.8
DANN [2]	82.0	96.9	99.1	79.7	68.2	67.4	82.2
Source Only	68.4	96.7	99.3	68.9	62.5	60.7	76.1
PROTOCOL	A→W	D→W	W→D	A→D	D→A	W→A	Avg.

#### "MUDA performs best or second best in all settings."

- Large sized images : 224 x 224 (4,562 images with 31 classes)
- ResNet-50 is employed for F & three FC layers are used for C.

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#### Table 3. Per-category average accuracy from 10 random experiments

Method	plane	bicycle	bus	car	horse	knife	mcycle	person	plant	sktboard	train	truck	Average
Source Only	55.1	53.3	61.9	59.1	80.6	17.9	79.7	31.2	81.0	26.5	73.5	8.5	52.4
DAN [ * ]	87.1	63.0	76.5	42.0	90.3	42.9	85.9	53.1	49.7	36.3	85.8	20.7	61.1
DANN [2]	81.9	77.7	82.8	44.3	81.2	29.5	65.1	28.6	51.9	54.6	82.8	7.8	57.4
MCDDA [7]	87.0	60.9	83.7	64.0	88.9	<b>79.6</b>	84.7	76.9	88.6	40.3	83.0	25.8	71.9
GPDA [8]	83.0	74.3	80.4	66.0	87.6	75.3	83.8	73.1	90.1	57.3	80.2	37.9	73.3
Ours	92.2	79.5	80.8	70.2	91.9	78.5	90.8	81.9	93.0	62.5	88.7	31.9	78.5



Source

Target

- 152K synthetic images (source) to 55K real images (target) with 12 categories
- ResNet-101 is employed for F & three FC layers are used for C.

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\* Long et al., *In ICML*, 2015

### Qualitative Analysis (preliminary)

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- The saliency map for a prediction is analyzed using Grad-CAM.
- MUDA makes the model highlight the semantically meaningful regions properly thus generate robust decision boundary.



\* The most discriminative regions are emphasized by deep red color, and the least relevant regions by deep blue color.

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### Conclusion

- We have presented that MUDA outperforms state-of-the-art methods via novel interpretation of the divergence between domains using the predictive uncertainty of model.
- We also devised an efficient method for computing model uncertainty using MC dropout.
- Model uncertainty is a useful surrogate to tackle domain shift. By minimizing it on the feature space, we can shrink the classifier hypothesis to contain only consistent classifiers on target domain.

# Thanks for your attention!



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