



3D Convolutional Neural Network with Multi-Model Framework for Action Recognition

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Motivation

- Home Security



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- Public Security & Service
 - public agency
 - financial service
 - manufacturer
 - retailer
- Intelligent Analysis
 - big data
 - trends out of data



Action Recognition

- Identifying the activity people doing in videos.
- Capturing both the spatial and temporal information of the activity.



Playing basketball



Doing push-up

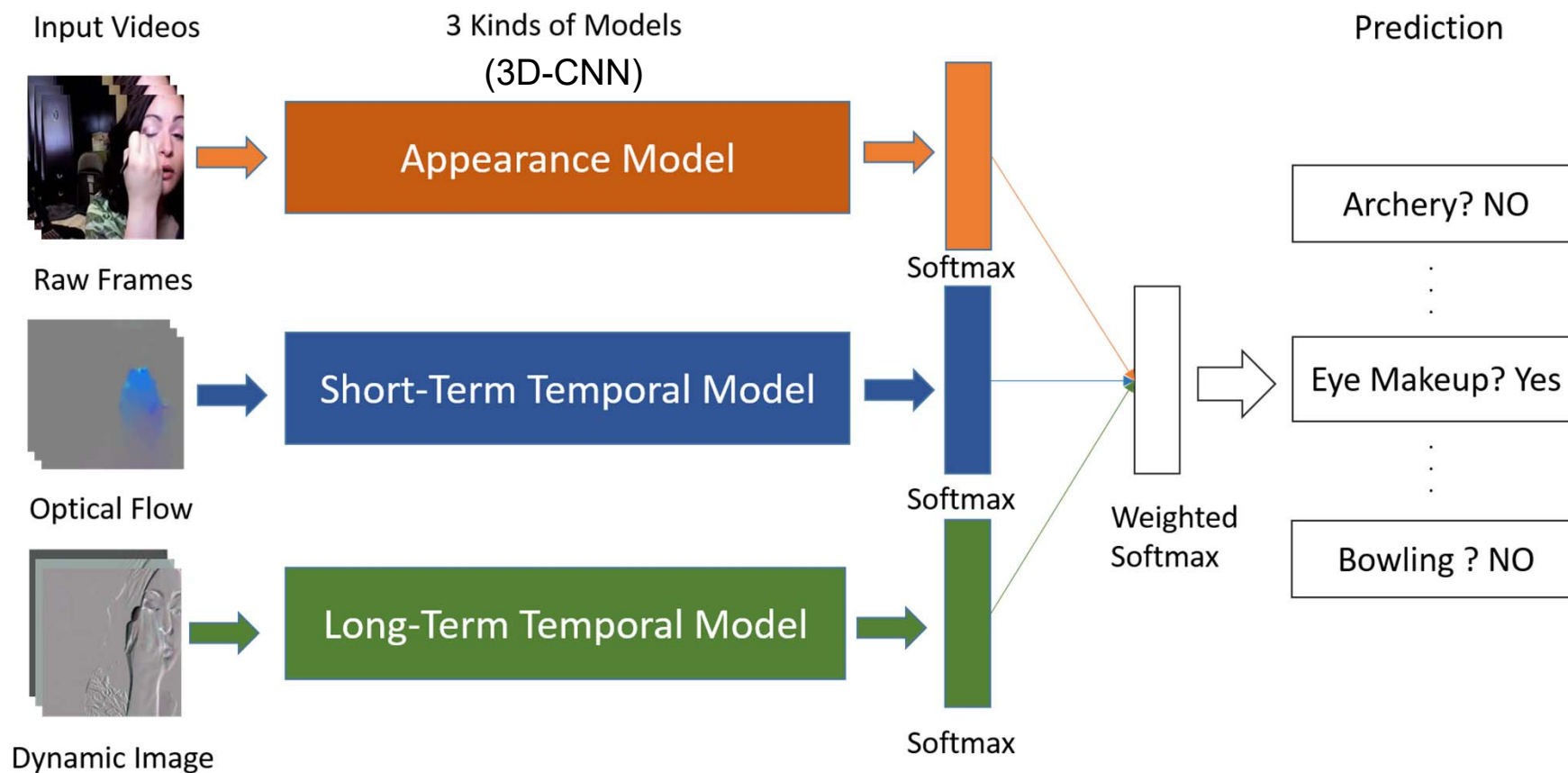


Playing baseball

Existing Algorithms

- **Hand-designed feature-based**
Extracting features by hand-designed algorithms.
Applying classifiers to the extracted features.
- **2D CNN-based**
Treating a video as a set of frames.
Applying 2D-CNN in each frame.
- **3D CNN-based**
Dividing each video into small clips with fixed length.
Applying 3D-CNN in each clip.
- **LSTM-based**
Treating the whole video as frame sequence.
Handle videos with variable lengths.

Our Framework



Appearance Model

- The network is an 11-layer 3D-CNN.
- The input of the appearance model is 16 consecutive RGB frames.
- The network captures the appearance information from these clips.

Short-Term Temporal Model

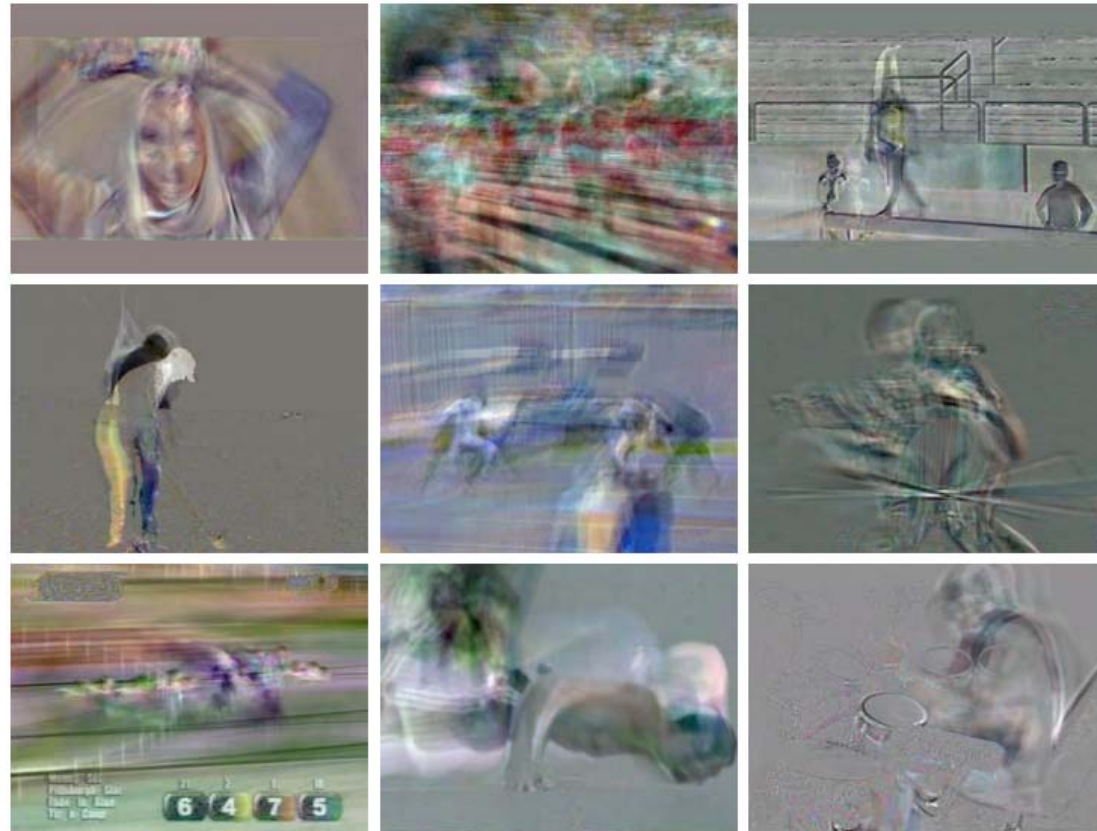
- The network is an 11-layer 3D-CNN.
- The input is 16 consecutive optical flow images. Optical flow is calculated by the method [Brox et al. 2004].
- Optical flow captures the motion between frames and boundary of moving objects.

T. Brox, A. Bruhn, N. Papenberg, and J. Weickert, "High accuracy optical flow estimation based on a theory for warping," ECCV'04.

Long-Term Temporal Model

- The network is an 11-layer 3D-CNN.
- The input of the long-term temporal model is 16 dynamic images (generated from the whole video).
- The network captures the long-term temporal information from the whole video.

Dynamic Image Examples



The figure is from [Bilen et al.]

Fernando et al., "Modeling video evolution for action recognition," CVPR 2015.

Bilen et al., "Dynamic image networks for action recognition," CVPR 2016.

Dynamic Image

- Applied a ranking machine with approximate rank pooling.
- Directly applying approximate rank pooling on the raw image pixels of a video.
- The parameters of the frames can be pre-computed, which makes the computation of dynamic image very efficient.

Dynamic Image Generation

- $\rho(I_1, \dots, I_T, \varphi) = \sum_{t=1}^T \alpha_t \varphi(I_t)$. --- approximate rank pooling
- $\alpha_t = 2(T - t + 1) - (T + 1)(H_T - H_{t-1})$.
- $H_t = \sum_{t=1}^t 1/t$. -- the t -th Harmonic number
- $\varphi(I_t)$ is the pixels for the t^{th} frame, T is the length of the video.

Dynamic Image actually is the linear combination of the frames.

Bilen et al., "Dynamic image networks for action recognition," CVPR 2016.

Datasets

- UCF101
 - 13K videos (10K training, 3K testing).
 - 101 categories.
 - Frame rate: 30FPS.
- HMDB51
 - 7K videos (5K training, 2K testing).
 - 51 categories.
 - Frame rate: 25FPS.

Experimental Results

| Input | UCF101 | HMDB51 |
|---------------------------|--------|--------|
| RGB with 3D CNN [7] | 82.5 | 50 |
| OF with 3D CNN | 78.2 | 48.9 |
| DI with 2D CNN [11] | 70.9 | 35.8 |
| DI with 3D CNN | 78.4 | 46.8 |
| RGB + DI with 2D CNN [11] | 76.9 | 42.8 |
| RGB + DI with 3D CNN | 85.8 | 53.6 |
| RGB + OF with 3D CNN | 87.6 | 56 |
| RGB + OF + DI with 3D CNN | 88.6 | 57.9 |

[7] Tran et al. Learning Spatiotemporal Features with 3D Convolutional Networks, ICCV 2015.

[11] Bilen et al. Dynamic Image Networks for Action Recognition, CVPR 2016.

Efficiency of Dynamic Image

- The computation of dynamic image is very efficient.
- The computation of dynamic Image needs less memory than others forms.

| Generated Data | Time | Memory |
|-----------------------|--------------|----------------|
| Dynamic Image 16 | 0.348s/Video | 16 frame/Video |
| Dynamic Image 32 | 0.382s/Video | 32 frame/Video |
| Optical Flow | 140s/Video | 99 frame/Video |

Summary

- We proposed a new framework for action recognition by combining multiple feature models.
- We compressed a video into 16 frame dynamic images. The dynamic image preserves the overall temporal information.
- The computation of dynamic image is very efficient for real-time applications.

Thank You & Questions!