BA & MA Topics

Fachgebiet Visual Analytics
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(1) Analysis of Student Drawings

Science teaching often uses multiple modalities
- Text describing processes and relationships
- Images showing structure or processes

**Objective of the student project**
- based on a dataset of drawings generated by students in class (physics or chemistry)
- develop methods for automatic
  - clustering of drawings representing similar level of conceptual understanding
  - automatic grading

**Prior knowledge**: Image analysis, computer vision  
**Skills**: python, OpenCV, (pytorch, tensorflow)  
**Type of work**: Master thesis, (Lab)  
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Problem

- Answering questions related to historical photos is difficult as not only visual (objects), but also contextual information (time, place, persons, purpose) are required.

Possible Task

- Create a dataset for the VQA task on historical images
- Crawl images from different sources (Flickr, Wikimedia, ...)
- Generate question-answer (QA) pairs from image captions
- Evaluate different question generation (QG) methods

Prior knowledge: Deep Learning, Computer Vision

Skills: Python, Pytorch or Tensorflow

Type of work: Master Thesis, (Lab)

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"Martin Luther King’s ‘I have a dream’ speech in Memorial Park, Washington (1963)."
Identification of Narrative Patterns in News Videos

Given a **corpus of news videos** from state and alternative media:

- **Extract a selection of features** from
  - Video (e.g., age, gender, emotion, text and action recognition)
  - Text from video via OCR (e.g., named entities)
  - Speech (e.g., named entity recognition, sentiment)
  - Audio (e.g., voice emotion, music style/genre)

- **Combine them to identify narrative patterns** [Wu et al. 2018]

- **Compare narrative patterns** in state and alternative media

**Prior knowledge:** Computer science, deep learning  
**Skills:** python, (pytorch), (tensorflow)  
**Type of work:** Master thesis, (Bachelor thesis), (Lab)  
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Features:  
Video: war, anchor, medium shot, ...  
Text (OCR): “Krieg”, “Ukraine”, “Russland”, ...  
Audio: tagesschau tune, emotion: neutral, ...  
Speech: greeting, anchor name, “Krieg”, ...

**Narrative Patterns:**  
- Identification of event, time, and location  
- Authoritative voice (news report in studio)  
- ...

Named Entity Linking in Scientific Videos

- TIB AV-Portal contains thousands of scientific videos
- **Problem:** Topics within the videos are unknown

- Given: Transcripts from speech and text overlay
- Extract concepts of six core domains (e.g., mathematics)
- Link concepts to knowledge bases (e.g., Wikidata, GND)
- Fine-tune models for named entity recognition and linking

**Prior knowledge:** Natural Language Processing, Knowledge Graphs
**Skills:** python, (pytorch, tensorflow)
**Type of work:** Master thesis, (Lab)
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Multimodal Hate Speech Detection for Videos

Possible tasks
- Detect offensive languages or content in videos
- Analyse social media for hate speech
- Incorporate text, images, videos

Is this right for you?
- Master Thesis
- Skills: Python, Natural Language Processing, Computer Vision, Neural Networks

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Objective of the student project
- Extend a given framework
  - for other team sports (currently soccer)
  - for temporal consistent predictions

Prior knowledge: Passed Deep Learning course; ideally basics in camera calibration
Skills: PyTorch
Type of work: Master Thesis, Lab
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Further Reading: https://www.soccer-net.org/tasks/calibration
3D Sports Field Registration (Camera Calibration) - 2

- **Data:**
  - 2D/3D player trajectories in world space are known
  - Tracked players (bounding boxes or pose) in video

- **Idea / Task:** Jointly learn
  - (1) the assignment between tracked players and player trajectories
  - (2) camera parameters

**Prior knowledge:** Passed Deep Learning course; ideally basics in camera calibration

**Skills:** PyTorch

**Type of work:** Master Thesis

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Event Detection in News Images

Possible tasks
- Given an image as input estimate the event represented in the image
- Incorporate news body text to estimate the event represented in the image

Prior knowledge: Deep Learning, Computer Vision, Natural Language Processing
Skills: Python, PyTorch
Type of work: Master Thesis, Lab

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Geolocation Estimation using Auxiliary Information

Possible tasks

- Extend existing models for geolocation estimation of images using auxiliary information, such as: Temperature, Precipitation, Population, and GDP to name but a few
- Experiment the explainability of the proposed model for the geolocation estimation

Prior knowledge: Deep Learning, Computer Vision
Skills: Python, PyTorch
Type of work: Master Thesis, (Lab)

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Draft classification in artworks

Possible task
- Classification and retrieval of drafts in art collections
- Application of style transfer for data generation
- Contrastive learning to match draft and image

Prior knowledge: Deep Learning, Computer Vision

Skills: Python, Tensorflow or PyTorch
Type of work: Master Thesis, Bachelor Thesis, Lab

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Image-text relationship in art literature

Possible task
- Pre-processing of scanned books and essays
- Training of a multi modal embedding for image and text from art history

Prior knowledge: Deep Learning, Computer Vision

Skills: Python, Tensorflow or PyTorch

Type of work: Master Thesis, Bachelor Thesis, Lab

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Knowledge graph for art documents

Possible task
- Knowledge discovery based on feature representation of images
- Model a knowledge graph from meta and text information
- Evaluation of graph based retrieval methods

Prior knowledge: Deep Learning, Computer Vision

Skills: Python, Tensorflow or PyTorch

Type of work: Master Thesis, Bachelor Thesis, Lab

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Pace Analysis of Educational Videos

The speed at which the information is presented to the student in educational videos can affect their learning by overloading their processing capacity

**Possible tasks**
- Analyze instructor’s pace (speech rate, syllable duration, pauses)
- Analyze slides’s pace (was the presentation of a slide too slow or too fast?)

**Is this right for you?**
- Master Thesis
- Skills: Python, Natural Language Processing, Computer Vision

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People learn better when the instructor use informal language instead of third-person constructions

**Possible tasks**

- Extract automatically features that represent the attempt of the instructor to connect with the learner: e.g. humor, praise, self-disclosure, asking questions, enthusiasm, inclusive language

**Is this right for you?**

- Master Thesis
- Skills: Python, Natural Language Processing, Computer Vision

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Patents Similarity Ranking using Multimodal Features

**Problem:** Investigating multimodal features like visual (patent images) and text (caption, keywords) in similarity ranking.

**Possible tasks:**

1. **Learn to rank:** Giving relevant and non relevant document features to different machine learning models and highlight the best contribution of particular feature combination.
2. **Detection ambiguous record:** Using similarity to detect records which are visually or textually similar but belong to different category or class, this will help to eradicate or avoid in learning.

**Prior knowledge:** Computer Vision, Machine Learning

**Skills:** Python, PyTorch

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**Explore more:** [Deep learning for patent analysis](#)

[Multimodal approach for patent analysis](#)

**Example** of an Image and caption from a patent document:

“FIG. 1 is a side view of an electrically-driven mining vehicle according to a first embodiment.”
Clustering Patent Image Types

**Problem:** Having large dataset of patent images without image type labels then use clustering algorithms to segregate images into different classes.

**Possible tasks:**

1. **Clustering based on multimodal features:** In this task visual embeddings and textual embeddings form pretrained models will be used to cluster patent images into different classes. Data set can be enhanced using variational autoencoder to improve clustering results. (last part of this task is advance and recommended for Master student only)

**Prior knowledge:** Computer Vision, Machine Learning

**Skills:** Python, PyTorch

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**Explore more:** Deep learning for patent analysis
                   Image clustering

**Example:** Images from same class (technical)
Temporal Segmentation of Instructional Videos based on Multimodal similarities

**Problem:** Divide instructional or educational videos into different temporal segments and give it a possible title from keywords that will indicate which subtopic is under discussion.

**Possible tasks:**

1. **Computing similarity in time span:** An instructional or educational video has visual frames, subtitles, and audio which can give us multimodal features and similarities between these features can lead us to club data in a time span which can represent a temporal segment and keywords which can be collected from frames using OCR (optical character recognition), subtitles, and audio using ASR (automatic speech recognition).

**Prior knowledge:** Computer Vision, Machine Learning

**Skills:** Python, PyTorch

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**Explore more:** Lecture Video Segmentation from Extracted Speech Content

**Example:** Temporal divided tutorial (Learn python)
How Videos are changing Human Mood and Personality?

Problem
- Classification of visuals spans that have positive or negative effects on personality.
- Short term mood swing due to video segments via all modalities.

Possible tasks
1. Mood classification for short video extractions from movies (What kind of content videos contain i.e. Sadness, Surprise, Fear, Anger), considering AMIGOS dataset [1]
2. Identify the shot span from a given video for target mood or personality classes

Prior knowledge: Computer Vision, Deep Learning
Skills: Python, PyTorch
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[1] AMIGOS dataset source
Categorizing and Linking Equations in Learning Material

Context
Automated analysis of learning material contents can be used for enriching their metadata which in turn could be used to improve reliant search systems. Equations are a key piece of learning material especially in physics and chemistry. Categorizing equations and linking symbols in equations to surrounding entities would be a useful feature for these use cases.

Problem
- Classify MathJAX equation descriptions from popular learning repositories: Leifi{Physik/Chemie} as definitions or illustrations.
- Link symbols to entities in the surrounding text.

Prior Knowledge: Seq-Seq models, Python

Skills: Python, PyTorch, SkLearn, NLTK

Type of work: Master, Bachelor

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**Problem:** News representation is key to accurate news recommendation. In this project, the goal is to incorporate heterogeneous information and different modalities in news for better news recommendation.

**Possible Tasks:**

1. **For labor:** Implementing and analyzing an existing framework on a dataset for news recommendation.
2. **Bachelor/Master thesis:** Develop a new model possibly incorporating image-text relations and user characteristics to achieve state-of-the-art performance.

**Skills:** python, deep learning frameworks like pytorch, Machine learning, computer vision, natural language Processing

**Further Reading:**
https://arxiv.org/pdf/2104.07407.pdf,
https://arxiv.org/abs/1906.08595

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**Problem:** In recent years, there has been a keen interest in developing large vision-language models by training in self-supervised fashion on millions (billions) of image-text pairs. But, many questions still remain unanswered: Do they understand context? What happens with small manipulations to either modalities?

**Possible Tasks:**

1. **For labor:** Fine-tuning and evaluating the models on a different downstream task which requires additional context.
2. **Bachelor/Master thesis:** Develop manipulation (on language or images) methods to create a dataset that causes failures or exposes weakness of the pre-trained models. An idea can be to use generative models to create images or text that change the prediction.

**Skills:** python, deep learning frameworks like pytorch, Machine learning, computer vision, natural language Processing

**Further Reading:** [https://arxiv.org/abs/2112.07566](https://arxiv.org/abs/2112.07566)

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Incorporating context or auxiliary information in Vision-language models

Problem: In recent years, there has been a keen interest in developing large vision-language models by training in self-supervised fashion on millions (billions) of image-text pairs. But, is it possible that all possible information is encoded through un-constrained training? What kind of auxiliary inputs or information can we add to learn better multimodal representation?

Possible Tasks:
1. **For labor:** Investigate ways (better evaluations/tasks?) to find weaknesses in large vision-language pre-trained models.
2. **Bachelor/Master thesis:** Develop a method to inject a new input(s) or auxiliary information during training or fine-tuning a vision-language model

Skills: python, deep learning frameworks like pytorch, Machine learning, computer vision, natural language Processing


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Multimodal fake news detection in social media

Problem

- Given an multimodal social media post, the goal is to detect whether this post is fake or real

Possible tasks

- Develop a method for incorporating multimodal input and related evidence for detecting the misinformation
- Extend existing datasets with retrieved related evidence which helps for validation task.

Prior knowledge: computer science, deep learning
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