

Extended Bag-of-Words Formalism for Image Classification

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Image Classification: Why do we care?



Web Search



Mobile Search



Visual Search



Surveillance



Medical Diagnosis



Robot Vision



**Pornography
Detection**



Biometric Security



**Sociology
Research**

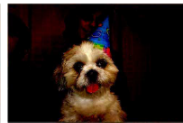
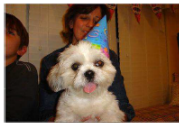


Huge amount of image is available

Why image classification is a hard problem?



Viewpoint changes



Illumination variations



Occlusion



Background clutter



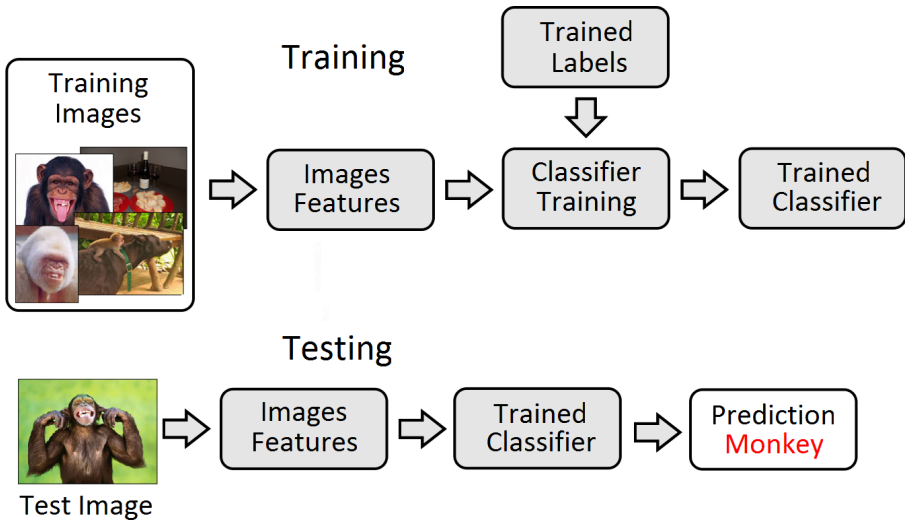
Inter-class similarity



Intra-class diversity

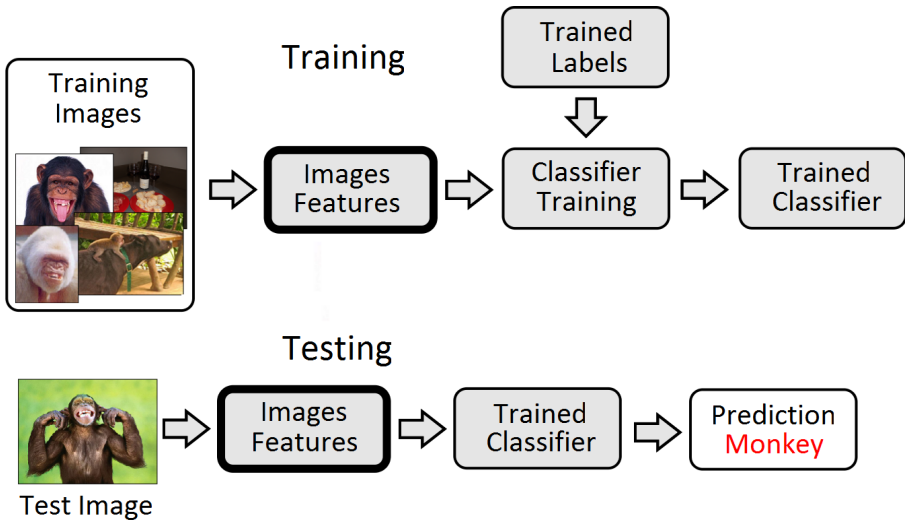
Much diversity in the data

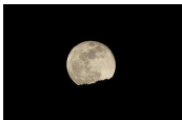
How do we classify images?



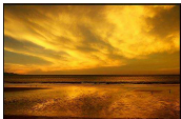
Given an image dataset,
how to represent their visual content information
for a classification task?







night scenes



sunset scenes



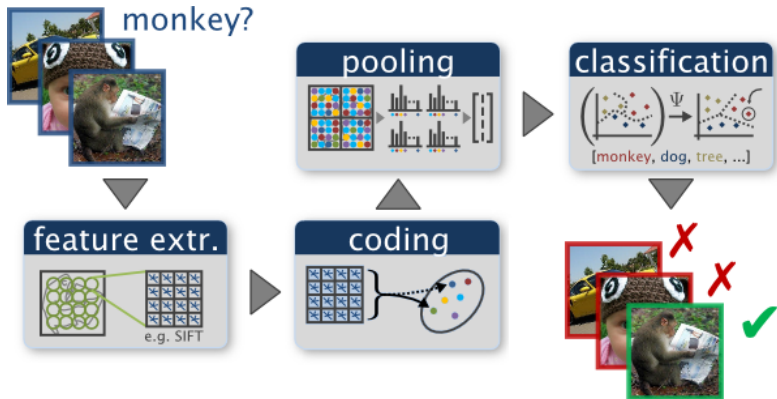
young people



old people

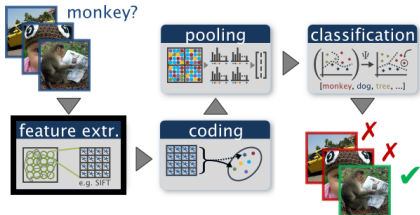
Bag-of-Visual-Words (**BoW**)

[Sivic and Zisserman, 2003; Csurka et al., 2004]



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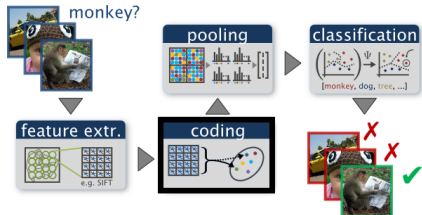
Low-level Visual Feature Extraction



- **Patch detection:** interest points, dense sampling, ...
- **Feature extraction:** SIFT [Lowe, 2004], SURF [Bay et al., 2008], ...

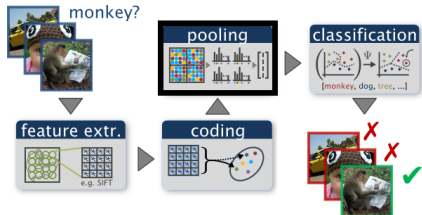
Visual Codebook

Coding step

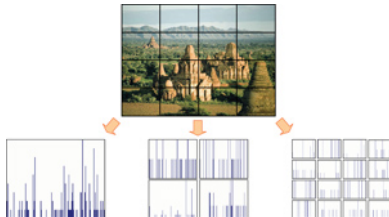


- **Visual codebook learning:** random, unsupervised (e.g., k -means, GMM), supervised [Perronnin et al., 2006; Goh et al., 2012], ...
- **Coding:** hard-assignment, soft-assignment [van Gemert et al., 2008, 2010], sparse coding [Yang et al., 2009; Boureau et al., 2010], ...
- **Feature coding based on the vector difference:** VLAD [Jégou et al., 2010], SVC [Zhou et al., 2010], VLAT [Picard et al., 2011], ...

Pooling step

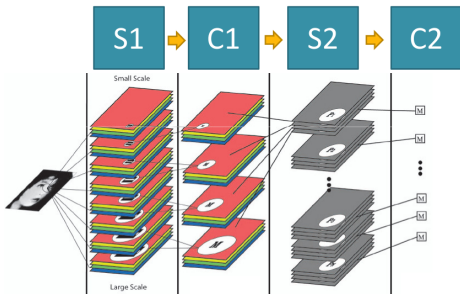


- **Pooling:** sum/average-pooling, max-pooling [Yang et al., 2009], ...
- **Spatial pooling:** spatial pyramid matching [Lazebnik et al., 2006], [Jia et al., 2012], ...



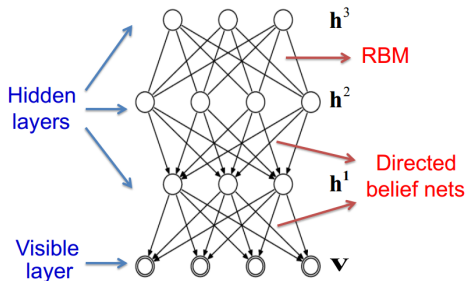
Spatial Pyramid Matching

Other Approaches



Biologically-inspired Models

[Fukushima and Miyake, 1982; LeCun et al., 1990; Riesenhuber and Poggio, 1999; Serre et al., 2007; Thériault et al., 2012]



Deep Learning Models

[Hinton and Salakhutdinov, 2006; Ranzato et al., 2007; Bengio, 2009]

BossaNova Representation



Coding & Pooling Matrix Representation

$$\mathbf{H} = \begin{matrix} & \mathbf{x}_1 & \dots & \mathbf{x}_j & \dots & \mathbf{x}_N \\ \mathbf{c}_1 & \left[\begin{array}{cccccc} \alpha_{1,1} & \dots & \alpha_{1,j} & \dots & \alpha_{1,N} \\ \vdots & & \vdots & & \vdots \\ \mathbf{c}_m & \alpha_{m,1} & \dots & \alpha_{m,j} & \dots & \alpha_{m,N} \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots & & \vdots \\ \mathbf{c}_M & \alpha_{M,1} & \dots & \alpha_{M,j} & \dots & \alpha_{M,N} \end{array} \right. & & & & & \end{matrix}$$

Notations:

$\mathcal{X} = \{\mathbf{x}_j\}, j \in \{1, \dots, N\}$: set of local descriptors (e.g., SIFT)

$\mathcal{C} = \{\mathbf{c}_m\}, m \in \{1, \dots, M\}$: visual codebook

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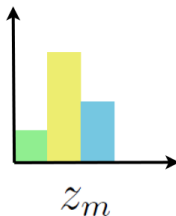
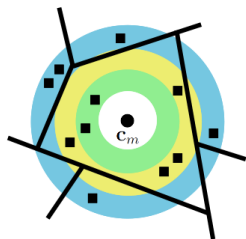
BoW representation: $\mathbf{z} = [z_1, z_2, \dots, z_M]^T$

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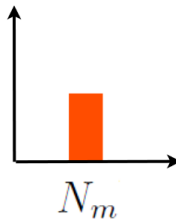
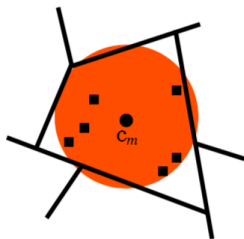
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Our Pooling Illustration



Our Pooling



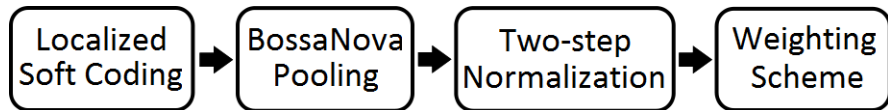
BoW Pooling

Our Pooling Formalism

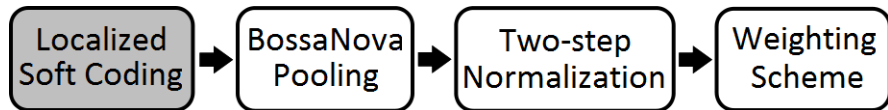
$$\begin{aligned}g : \mathbb{R}^N &\longrightarrow \mathbb{R}^B \\ \alpha_{\mathbf{m}} &\longrightarrow g(\alpha_{\mathbf{m}}) = z_{\mathbf{m}} \\ z_{\mathbf{m},b} &= \text{card} \left(\mathbf{x}_j \mid \alpha_{\mathbf{m},j} \in \left[\frac{b}{B}; \frac{b+1}{B} \right] \right) \\ &\quad \frac{b}{B} \geq \alpha_{\mathbf{m}}^{\min} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{b+1}{B} \leq \alpha_{\mathbf{m}}^{\max}\end{aligned}$$

B denotes the number of bins of each histogram $z_{\mathbf{m}}$, and $[\alpha_{\mathbf{m}}^{\min}; \alpha_{\mathbf{m}}^{\max}]$ limits the range of distances

BossaNova Representation



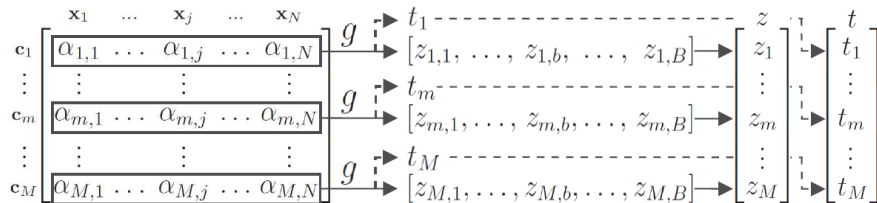
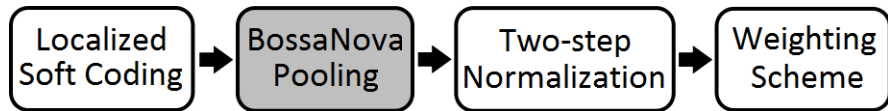
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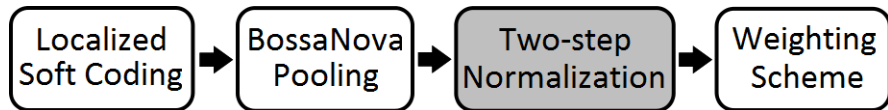
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$$\alpha_{m,j} = \frac{\exp^{-\beta_m d_2(\mathbf{x}_j, \mathbf{c}_m)}}{\sum_{m'=1}^K \exp^{-\beta_m d_2(\mathbf{x}_j, \mathbf{c}_{m'})}}$$

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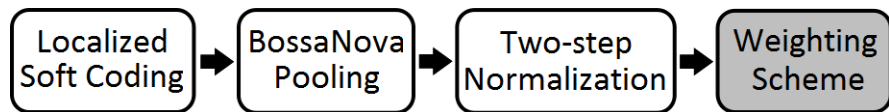


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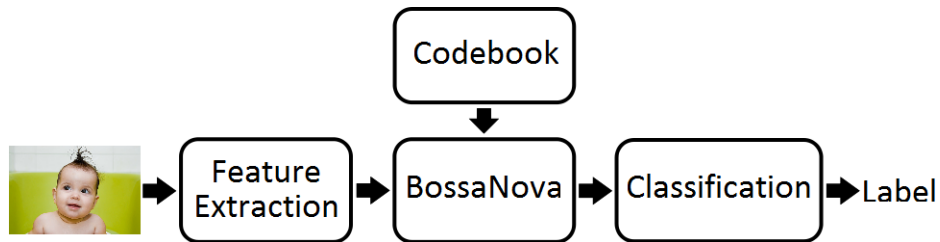
$$\begin{array}{l} \text{PN} \rightarrow \begin{array}{l} z_{m,b} = \sqrt{z_{m,b}} \\ t_m = \sqrt{t_m} \end{array} \\ \& \\ \ell_2\text{-norm} \rightarrow \begin{array}{l} z = z / \|z\|_2 \\ t = t / \|t\|_2 \end{array} \end{array}$$

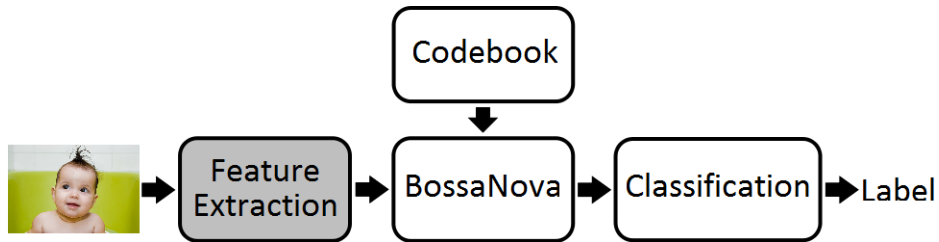
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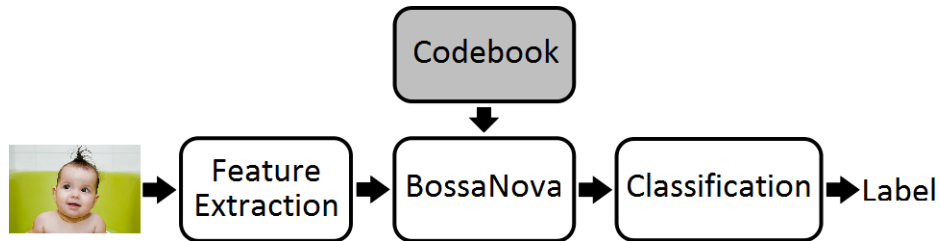
BossaNova Scheme



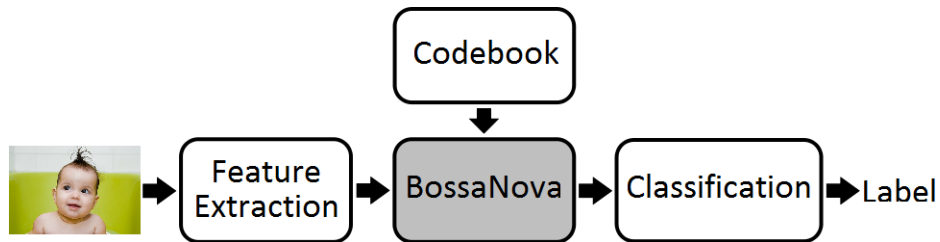


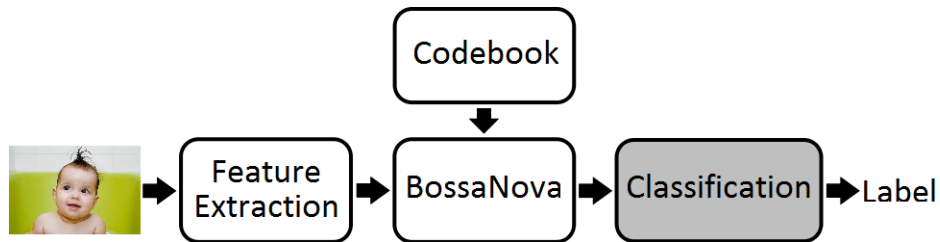
- **SIFT descriptors** on a dense spatial grid at multiple scales
- Dimensionality reduction by applying **PCA** (128 \rightarrow 64)

- k -means algorithm



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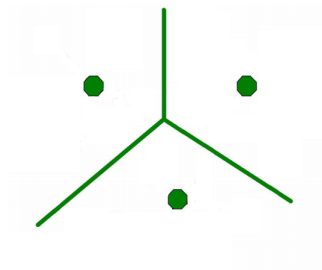


- **SVM classifiers** are applied by using a **nonlinear Gauss- l_2 kernel**

BossaNova as a Generative Formalism

Let us consider the underlying distribution of the local features x as a mixture of several (basic) distribution functions $p_k(x)$:

$$p(x|\theta) = p_\theta(x) = \sum_{k=1}^K w_k p_k(x) \quad (1)$$



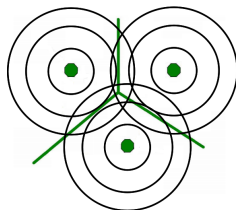
BossaNova: a mixture of B constant non overlapping radius-based functions $p_b(x|k)$ between α_k^{min} and α_k^{max} to each visual word c_k :

$$p_k(x) = \sum_{b=1}^B w_{(b,k)} p_b(x|k) \quad (2)$$

$$p_b(x|k) = \mathbb{I}_{\alpha_k^{min} + (b-1)\Delta_k \leq \|x-c_k\| \leq \alpha_k^{min} + b\Delta_k}$$

Combining with global mixtures, **the generative model is**:

$$p(x|\theta) = p_\theta(x) = \sum_{k=1}^K w_k \left(\sum_{b=1}^B w_{(b,k)} p_b(x|k) \right)$$



Fisher kernel from our generative model:

Fisher Representation [Jaakkola and Haussler, 1998; Perronnin and Dance, 2007]: log-likelihood of $p(x|\theta)$.

The resulting scores are:

$$g(\alpha_k, X) = \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T \gamma_k(x_t) - w_k \quad (3)$$

$$g(\beta_{(b,k)}, X) = \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T (\gamma_{(b,k)}(x_t) - w_{(b,k)}) \gamma_k(x_t) \quad (4)$$

The Fisher score is easy to compute for the (Fisher) BossaNova model.

Experimental Results

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Experimental Results – Datasets

- **MIRFLICKR:** 25,000 images, 38 class



- **ImageCLEF 2011 Photo Annotation:** 18,000 images, 99 class



- **PASCAL VOC 2007:** 9,963 images, 20 class



- **15-Scenes:** 4,485 images, 15 class



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- **ANOVA**: to measure the relative impact of each improvement
 - Weight: 3% of the BossaNova performance
 - Soft: 48% of the BossaNova performance
 - Norm: 31% of the BossaNova performance
 - Weight-Soft: 9% of the BossaNova performance

Experimental Results – BOSSA to BossaNova

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3	No	Yes	No	55.8 ± 0.5	3 \leftrightarrow 1 \checkmark
4	No	No	Yes	55.6 ± 0.4	4 \leftrightarrow 1 \checkmark
5	Yes	No	Yes	55.9 ± 0.4	5 \leftrightarrow 1 \checkmark , 5 \leftrightarrow 4 \checkmark
6	Yes	Yes	No	56.4 ± 0.4	6 \leftrightarrow 1 \checkmark , 6 \leftrightarrow 4 \checkmark
7	No	Yes	Yes	58.1 ± 0.4	7 \leftrightarrow 1 \checkmark , 7 \leftrightarrow 4 \checkmark
8	Yes	Yes	Yes	58.8 ± 0.4	8 \leftrightarrow 1 \checkmark , 8 \leftrightarrow 7 \checkmark

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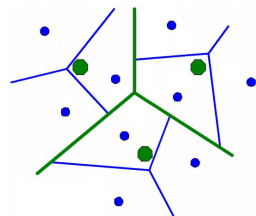
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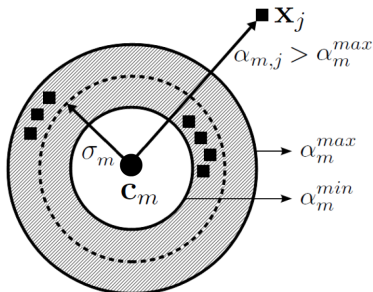


Minimum Distance α_m^{min} (using $M = 4096$, $B = 2$)

Range of distances	mAP
$\lambda_{min} = 0.0$, $\lambda_{max} = 2.0$	54.4
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$$\alpha_m^{min} = \lambda_{min} \cdot \sigma_m$$

$$\alpha_m^{max} = \lambda_{max} \cdot \sigma_m$$



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- Datasets:
MIRFLICKR, ImageCLEF 2011, PASCAL VOC 2007, 15-Scenes
- Implemented methods:
Bag-of-Words (BoW), Fisher Vector (FV),
BOSSA, BossaNova (BN)



Experimental Results – Comparison of State-of-the-Art

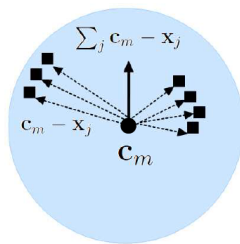
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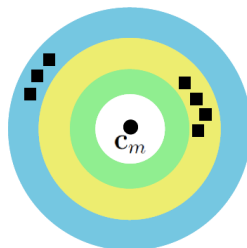
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BossaNova & Fisher Vector: Pooling Complementarity



Fisher Vector
(average-pooling)



BossaNova
(our pooling)

Combination: Linear kernel combination or Late fusion

$$K_{BN+FV} = \varphi \cdot K_{BN} + (1 - \varphi) \cdot K_{FV}$$

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Experimental Results – PASCAL VOC 2007

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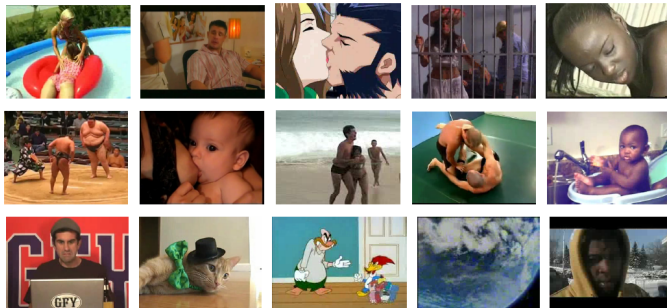
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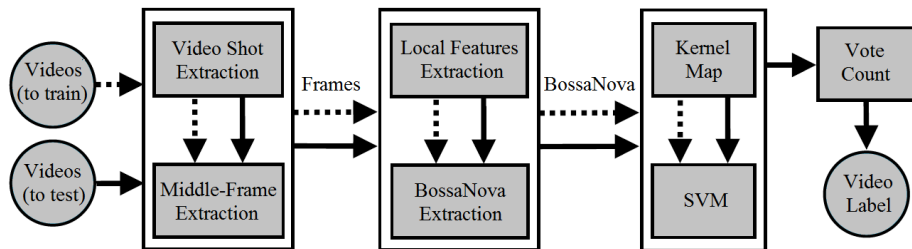
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 - Number of bins B
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(1000 categories and 1.2 million training images)
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Workshop

- **Workshop for Women in Machine Learning (WiML):** Theory, Applications, Experiences. Granada, Spain, December 2011. Poster presentation — BOSSA: extended BoW formalism for image classification.

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