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A Low-Complexity Approach for Domain Adaptation

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Effect of Domain Switch



Source domain performance



Cityscapes

Target domain performance



BDD

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Domain Adaptation





- Source Domain: Data with annotation for training present
- Target Domain: No annotations present

A Low-Complexity Domain Adaptation Approach





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Generalizing Source Only Training





- Strong data augmentation
 - Cropping, Color Jitter and gaussian blurring
- Sampling: Zhu et. al.: "Improving semantic segmentation via video propagation and label relaxation" 2019
 - Crops are generated with an uniform class distribution
 - > More weight to seldom classes but no overfitting due to strong augmentation
 - \succ Less weight to often classes less overfitting on the simple synthetic data

Generalizing Source Only Training





- When trained on GTA5 and tested on Cityscapes
 - With random cropping and horizontal flipping: 25.5% mIoU
 - With additional color Jitter and gaussian blurring: 38.8% mIoU
 - When additionally 50% of the epoch is sampled uniform: 41.4% mIoU
 - When additionally 100% of the epoch is sampled uniform: 44.5% mIoU

Semantic Self-Supervision

- Goal: Source and target domain class distribution alignment in pre-logit feature space
- Approach: Cluster pre-logit feature space to "class prototypes"
- However: For target domain the corresponding feature representation is not known
- Assumption: The closest class prototype is the correct one



Semantic Self-Supervision









Determine class centroids on source domain

Compute cosine similarity between target representations and class centroids Minimize the entropy in the similarity matrix

• Clustering is inspired by K. Saito et. al. "Universal Domain Adaptation through Self Supervision" 2020

Self-Training







Threshold $\frac{\log(K)}{16}$







Domain Adaptation

- Half of the batch from labeled source domain and half from the target domain
- We apply our clustering loss here, as well
- > Observation: The self-supervision improves the self-training









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- Step4: Repeat the process

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The Iterative Process (GTA5 to Cityscapes)

- Synergy between self-training and self-supervision
 - The self-training converges after 4 iterations
 - Additional semantic clustering: Improvement for 15 steps
 - Also the gradient is steeper
- Interpretation:
 - The self-training aligns the class distributions
 - Aligned class distributions lead to an improved clustering
 - The improved clustering achieves better pseudo labels
 - Better pseudo labels again lead to an improved clustering
 - > Synergistic effect





Quantitative Evaluation: GTA5 to Cityscapes

- Our model is low in complexity compared to state of the art
- State of the art combines different loss functions and stages
- E.g. ProDA e.g. has got:
 - Three training stages
 - Combines: Self Training, Self Supervision, adversarial training ...
 - High complexity comes with need for finetuning
- > Our model is low in complexity



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Approach	MIoU
Source DLv2	36.6%
AdapSeg	41.4%
CyCada	42.7%
CLAN	43.2%
APODA	45.9%
PatchAlign	46.5%
ADVENT	45.5%
BDL	48.5%
CBST	45.9%
MRKLD	47.1%
FADA	50.1%
CAG UDA	50.2%
SegUncertainty	50.3%
CLST	51.6%
SAC	53.8%
Coarse2Fine	56.1%
<u>ProDA</u>	<u>57.5%</u>
Source aug	38.8%
Self-Training	49.2%
<u>Ours</u>	<u>56.3%</u>

Qualitative Results



Before Domain Adaptation

After Domain Adaptation



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