

Domain Shift Quantification using Activations

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Introduction and Motivation

- Domain adaptation is very popular many proposed approaches
- BUT: no little knowledge about what happens in the networks under shift
- AND: for evaluation often only mIoU is utilized which makes it difficult to assess complex methods

Results I:



Figure 4: Domain Shift Score for noise augmentation (© CARIAD SE)

Approach



Figure 1: Domain Shift Quantification using Activations

Proposal: Quantify the domain shift between two domains in the activation space of a deep neural network using a distance metric. Possible Applications:

- Active Learning
- Out-of-Distribution (OoD) Detection
- Performance Assessment (like mIoU)
- Domain Adaptation





Channel 1 (HXW)

Measures	Noise30	Noise50	Noise70	Noise90
$M_{AVG-MSE}$	20.51	37.34	59.39	81.49
M _{AVG-Wass}	8.77	14.50	21.02	27.02
M_{FD}	4671.30	8199.21	12326.91	17015.25
M_{IMSE}	89.89	119.48	148.86	176.20
$M_{SVD-MSE}$	1.17E-07	1.26E-07	1.43E-07	1.53E-07
M _{SVD-Wass}	1.02E-04	1.24E-04	1.25E-04	1.26E-04

- Utilizing augmentations to generate controlled domain shifts to validate the domain shift measurement
- Layer-dependent domain shift is observed
- metrics perform as expected with increasing domain shift; dimensionality reduction using SVD does not perform well



Figure 5: Synthia->Cityscapes (© CARIAD SE)

- Layer-wise changing domain shift
- Zick-zack pattern
- Peaks in the early layers

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Figure 2: Element-wise Domain Shift Quantification

Activation Distribution



Figure 3: Activation Histogram for layer1.0.conv3 (© CARIAD SE)

Early Layers: many multi-modal Gaussians Deep Layers: more uni-modal Gaussians

Results II: Evaluation of adaptation methods

Approaches	mIOU	M _{AVG-MSE}	M _{AVG-Wass}	M _{FD}	M _{IMSE}
DPL _{DUAL}	54.2	0.03	0.03	3.33	0.62
DPL	53.9	0.04	0.04	5.12	0.68
PCEDA	53.6	0.09	0.07	14.06	1.18
FDA	52.5	0.04	0.05	7.03	1.42
BDL	51.4	0.06	0.05	8.66	0.88
LSR	48.1	0.02	0.03	3.07	0.48
AdaptSegNet	45.9	0.04	0.04	7.32	0.84

Figure 6: Domain Shift Score for UDA approaches (© CARIAD SE)

- High mIoU does not correspond to low domain shift score as expected
- Consistently missing correlation across all evaluted metrics; no clear pattern observable → more approaches for better insight into complex UDA approaches

Conclusions

- Complex, layer-dependent network bevahiour
- Domain shift results contradict the mIoU measurements
- Overall: foundational work for insights into network behaviour under domain shift → future work to explain



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