

# Supplementary Material for Semantics-Preserving Locality Embedding for Zero-Shot Learning

We now provide technical details on the derivations of our proposed zero-shot learning (ZSL) algorithms. Recall that the inductive ZSL problem can be expressed as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{\mathbf{A}_S, \mathbf{A}_F} \quad & E_C(\mathbf{A}_S, \mathbf{A}_F) + \lambda_1 E_S(\mathbf{A}_F) + \lambda_2 \Omega(\mathbf{A}_F, \mathbf{A}_S) \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & \mathbf{Z}\mathbf{H}\mathbf{Z}^\top = \mathbf{I}. \end{aligned} \quad (\text{i})$$

where  $\mathbf{Z} = [\mathbf{A}_F^\top \mathbf{X}, \mathbf{A}_S^\top \mathbf{S}] \in \mathbb{R}^{d_k \times (N+C)}$  indicates the concentrated projected data matrix,  $\mathbf{S} = [\mathbf{s}_1, \mathbf{s}_2, \dots, \mathbf{s}_C] \in \mathbb{R}^{d_s \times C}$ , and  $\mathbf{I}$  is the identity matrix. To solve the minimization problem of (i), we define  $\tilde{\mathbf{X}} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{X} & \mathbf{0}_{d_F \times C} \\ \mathbf{0}_{d_S \times N} & \mathbf{S} \end{pmatrix}$  and an augment transformation matrix  $\mathbf{A} = [\mathbf{A}_F; \mathbf{A}_S]$  with  $\mathbf{Z} = \mathbf{A}^\top \tilde{\mathbf{X}}$ . In order to derive the formula more aesthetically, we now treat  $\mathbf{s}_i$  belongs to class  $i$ . As suggested in [1],

$$E_C(\mathbf{A}_S, \mathbf{A}_F) = \sum_{j=1}^C \|\mathbf{A}_S^\top \mathbf{s}_j - \frac{1}{N_j} \sum_{i=1}^{N_j} \mathbf{A}_F^\top \mathbf{x}_i^j\|^2 \quad (\text{ii})$$

can be rewritten in the following concise form:

$$E_C(\mathbf{A}_S, \mathbf{A}_F) = \text{tr}(\mathbf{A}^\top \tilde{\mathbf{X}} \mathbf{M} \tilde{\mathbf{X}}^\top \mathbf{A}), \quad (\text{iii})$$

where  $\text{tr}(\cdot)$  denotes the trace sum, and the each entry in the matrix  $\mathbf{M}$  is defined as follows:

$$\mathbf{M}_{ij} = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{N_c N_c} & \text{if } i, j \leq N \text{ and } y_i = y_j = c \\ 1 & \text{if } i, j > N \text{ and } i = j \\ -\frac{1}{N_c} & \text{if } \begin{cases} i \leq N, j > N \\ i > N, j \leq N \end{cases} \text{ and } y_i = y_j = c \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases} \quad (\text{iv})$$

Similarly,

$$E_S(\mathbf{A}_F) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^C \left\{ \frac{1}{N_j^2} \sum_{i=1}^{N_j} \sum_{k=1}^{N_j} \|\mathbf{A}_F^\top \mathbf{x}_i^j - \mathbf{A}_F^\top \mathbf{x}_k^j\|^2 \right\} \quad (\text{v})$$

can also be written in a trace norm form as follows:

$$E_S(\mathbf{A}_S, \mathbf{A}_F) = \text{tr}(\mathbf{A}^\top \tilde{\mathbf{X}} \mathbf{L} \tilde{\mathbf{X}}^\top \mathbf{A}), \quad (\text{vi})$$

where  $\frac{1}{N_j^2}$  is for normalization,  $\mathbf{L} = \mathbf{D} - \mathbf{W}$ , and  $\mathbf{D}$  is a diagonal matrix with  $(\mathbf{D})_{ii} = \sum_j \mathbf{W}_{ij}$  and  $\mathbf{W}$  is the affinity matrix defined as:

$$\mathbf{W}_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } i, j \leq N \text{ and } y_i = y_j \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases} \quad (\text{vii})$$

By combining the above terms, we convert the whole formula (i) as:

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{\mathbf{A}=[\mathbf{A}_S; \mathbf{A}_F]} \quad & \text{tr}(\mathbf{A}^\top \tilde{\mathbf{X}} (\mathbf{M} + \lambda_1 \mathbf{L}) \tilde{\mathbf{X}}^\top \mathbf{A}) + \lambda_2 (\|\mathbf{A}_S\|^2 + \|\mathbf{A}_F\|^2) \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & \mathbf{A}^\top \tilde{\mathbf{X}} \mathbf{H} \tilde{\mathbf{X}}^\top \mathbf{A} = \mathbf{I}, \end{aligned} \quad (\text{viii})$$

where we use the Frobenius norm as the regularizer. Now, the transformation  $\mathbf{A}$  can be derived by solving the  $d_k$  smallest eigenvectors of the following generalized eigenvalue decomposition problem:

$$(\tilde{\mathbf{X}} (\mathbf{M} + \lambda_1 \mathbf{L}) \tilde{\mathbf{X}}^\top + \lambda_2 \mathbf{I}) \mathbf{A} = \Phi \tilde{\mathbf{X}} \mathbf{H} \tilde{\mathbf{X}}^\top \mathbf{A}. \quad (\text{ix})$$

Similarly, the transductive version of our ZSL can also be solved by:

$$(\hat{\mathbf{X}} (\hat{\mathbf{M}} + \lambda_1 \hat{\mathbf{L}}) \hat{\mathbf{X}}^\top + \lambda_2 \mathbf{I}) \mathbf{A} = \Phi \hat{\mathbf{X}} \hat{\mathbf{H}} \hat{\mathbf{X}}^\top \mathbf{A}, \quad (\text{x})$$

where  $\hat{\mathbf{X}} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{X} & \mathbf{X}^U & \mathbf{0}_{d_F \times C} & \mathbf{0}_{d_F \times C^U} \\ \mathbf{0}_{d_S \times N} & \mathbf{0}_{d_S \times N^U} & \mathbf{S} & \mathbf{S}^U \end{pmatrix}$ .

Note that  $\hat{\mathbf{M}}$  and  $\hat{\mathbf{L}}$  can be computed with pseudo labels as in (iv) and (vii), respectively.

## References

- [1] Mingsheng Long, Jianmin Wang, Guiguang Ding, Jiguang Sun, and Philip S Yu. Transfer feature learning with joint distribution adaptation. In *ICCV*, 2013.

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