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IMPLEMENTING EFFICIENT SEARCH TECHNIQUES FOR RETRIEVING FACIAL IMAGES

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ABSTRACT

This paper investigates a framework of search-based face annotation by mining weakly labeled facial pictures that are freely offered on world Wide internet (WWW). One difficult drawback for search-based face annotation theme is a way to effectively perform annotation by exploiting the list of most similar facial pictures and their weak labels that are usually clamorous and incomplete. To tackle this drawback, we have a tendency to propose an efficient unsupervised label refinement (ULR) approach for processing the labels of internet facial pictures exploitation machine learning techniques. We have a tendency to formulate the training drawback as a plan convex improvement and develop effective improvement algorithms to resolve the large-scale learning task expeditiously. To more speed up the planned theme, we have a tendency to additionally propose a clustering-based approximation algorithmic program which might improve the scalability significantly.

INTRODUCTION

A large portion of photos shared by users on the web on human facial images a number of these facial pictures is labeled with names, however several of them aren't labeled properly. This method is handled by auto face annotation technique that aims to annotate facial pictures mechanically. Auto face annotation will be useful to several real world applications. For instance on-line pic sharing sites (eg: Face book) can mechanically annotate users uploaded pics to facilitate on-line photo search. It may be utilized in new video domain to observe necessary persons appeared within the videos. Classical face annotation approaches are typically treated as an extended face recognition problem. Firstly long and expensive to gather an oversized quantity of human-labeled training facial images. Second, it\'s sometimes troublesome to generalize the models once new training information or new persons are added, within which an intensive training method is usually needed. Last however not least,the annotation/recognition performance often scales poorly when the amount of persons/classes is extremely massive. Recently, some rising studies have tried to explore a promising search-based annotation paradigm for facial image annotation by mining the world Wide net (WWW), wherever a huge range of feeble labeled facial pictures are freely available. Rather than training specific classification models by the regular model-based face annotation approaches, the search-based face annotation (SBFA) paradigm aims to tackle the automatic face annotation task by exploiting content-based image retrieval

- We propose an economical clustering-based approximation algorithmic program for large-scale label refinement problem.
- We conducted an in depth set of experiments, in which encouraging results were obtained.

Related Work

Our work is closely associated with many teams of groups work. The primary group of connected work is on the topics of face recognition and verification that are classical analysis issues in pc vision and pattern recognition and are extensively studied for several years. Recent years have determined some rising benchmark studies of free face detection and verification techniques on facial images that are collected from the net, like the LFW benchmark studies. Some recent study had additionally tried to increase classical face recognition techniques for face annotation tasks. Comprehensive reviews on face recognition and verification topics are often found in some survey papers and books. The second cluster is regarding the studies of generic image annotation. Given restricted

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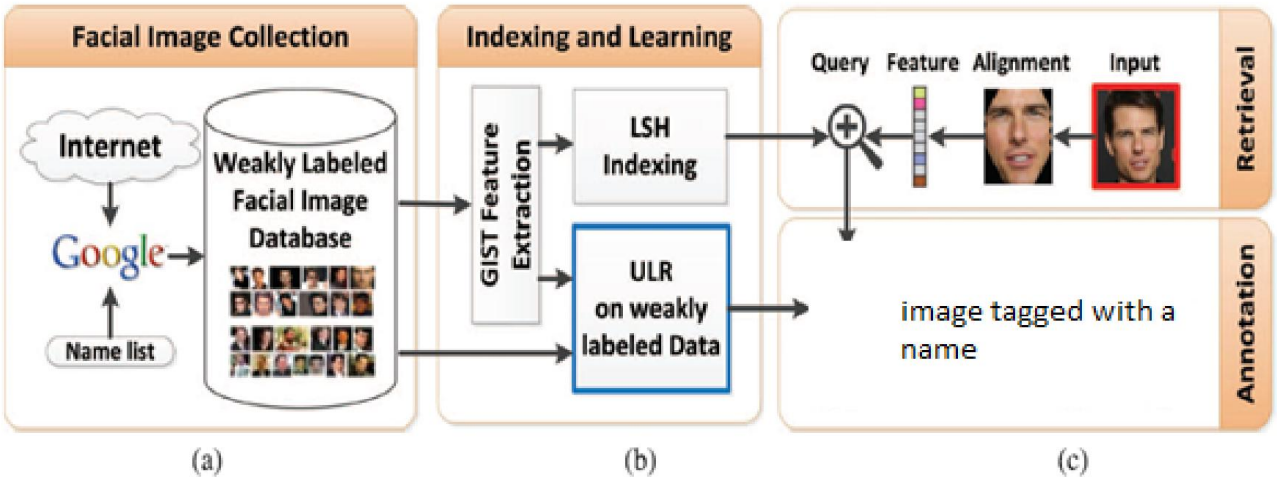

Fig. 1. The system flow of the projected search-based face annotation theme. (a) We tend to collect decrepit labelled facial images from www victimization net search engines. (b) We tend to preprocess the crawled net facial images, together with face detection, face alignment, and feature extraction for the detected faces; then, we tend to apply LSH to index the extracted high-dimensional facial expression. we tend to apply the planned ULR technique to refine the raw weak labels together with the proposed clustering-based approximation algorithms for improving the quantifiability. (c) We tend to look for the query facial imageto retrieve the topKsimilar images and use their associated names for voting toward auto annotation.

training data, semi-supervised learning strategies have additionally been used for image annotation. Though semi-supervised learning approaches may leverage each labeled and unlabeled information, it remains fairly time-consuming and expensive to gather enough well-labeled training data to attain sensible performance in large-scale situations. Recently, the search-based image annotation paradigm has attracted a lot of and a lot of attention. However, most of those works were targeted on the classification, search, and have extraction techniques. in contrast to these existing works, we tend to propose a completely unique unsupervised label refinement scheme that\'s centered on optimizing the label quality of facial images towards the search-based face annotation task. The third cluster is regarding face annotation on personal/family/ social photos. many studies have chiefly targeted on the annotation task on personal photos, which regularly contain wealthy discourse clues, like personal/family names, social context, geotags, timestamps so on.

The amount of persons/ classes is sometimes quite little, creating such annotation tasks less difficult. These techniques sometimes accomplish fairly correct annotation results, during which some techniques are with success deployed in business applications, for instance, Apple I Photo, Google Picasa, Microsoft simple Album and Face book face auto tagging answer. The fourth cluster is concerning the studies of face annotation in mining weakly tagged facial images on the web. Some studies contemplate a person\'s name because the input query, and mainly aim to refine the text-based search results by exploiting visual consistency of facial images. Proposed a graph-based model for locating the densest sub-graph because the most connected result. On the opposite hand, the generative approach just like the Gaussian mixture model was additionally been adopted to the name-based search scheme and achieved comparable results. Our work is totally different from the higher than previous works.

The system flow of the proposed framework of search-based face annotation that consists of the subsequent steps:

1. Facial image data collection;
2. Face detection and facial feature extraction;
3. High-dimensional facial feature indexing;
4. Learning to refine weakly labeled data;
5. Similar face retrieval; and
6. Face annotation by majority selection on the similar faces with the refined labels.

GROUP1: Face recognition and verification
GROUP2: Model based face annotation
GROUP3: Auto image annotation
GROUP4: Mining web facial images

The first four steps are typically conducted before the test part of a face annotation task, whereas the last two steps are conducted throughout the test part of a face annotation task, which typically ought to be done terribly with efficiency. We tend to in briefdescribe every step below. the primary step is that the data assortment of facial images as shown in Fig. 1a, within which we tend to crawled a group of facial images from the World Wide Web by an existing net computer program (i.e., Google) consistent with a reputation list that contains the names of persons to be collected. Because the output of this crawl method, we tend to shall acquire a group of facial images, every of them are related to some human names. Given the nature of net images, these facial images are usually noisy, that do not continuously correspond to the proper human name. Thus, we tend to call such kind of net facial images with noisy names as weakly labeled facial image data. The second step is to preprocess net facial images to extract face connected info, as well as face detection and alignment, facial region extraction, and facial feature Illustration. For face detection and alignment, we tend to adopt the unsupervised face alignment technique. For facial feature illustration, we tend to

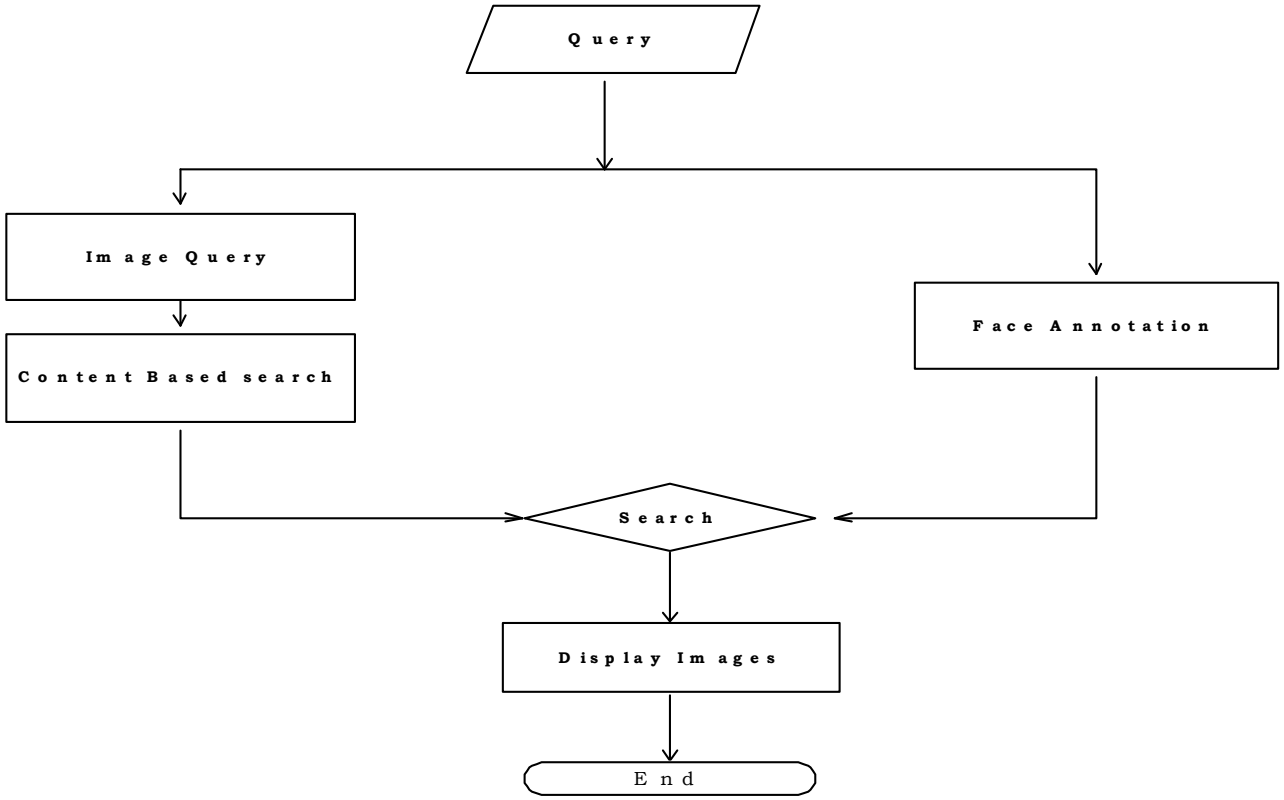

Fig 2: Data Flow Diagram

extract the GIST texture options to represent the extracted faces. As a result, every face is often represented by a d-dimensional feature vector. The third step is to index the extracted options of the faces by applying some economical high-dimensional categorization technique to facilitate the task of comparable face retrieval within the consequent step. In our approach, we tend to adopt the locality sensitive hashing (LSH), a really widespread and effective high-dimensional categorization technique. Besides the categorization step, another key step of the framework is to interact an unsupervised learning scheme to reinforce the label quality of the weakly labeled facial images. This method is extremely necessary to the complete search based annotation framework since the label quality plays a important factor in the ultimate annotation performance. All the above are the processes before annotation a query facial image. Next, we tend to describe the method of face annotation throughout the test part. Especially, given a query facial image for annotation, we tend to conduct consequent step. In our approach, we tend to adopt the locality sensitive hashing (LSH), a really widespread and effective high-dimensional categorization technique. Besides the categorization step, another key step of the framework is to interact an unsupervised learning scheme to reinforce the label quality of the weakly labeled facial images. This method is extremely necessary to the complete search based annotation framework since the label quality plays a important factor in the ultimate annotation performance. All the above are the processes before annotation a query facial image. Next, we tend to describe the method of face annotation throughout the test part. Especially, given a query facial image for annotation, we tend to initial conduct an identical face retrieval method to search for a set of most similar faces (typically top K similar an identical face retrieval method to search for a set of most similar faces (typically top K similar face examples) from the antecedently indexed facial information. With the set of top K similar face examples retrieved from the information, subsequent step is to annotate the facial image with a label (or a set of labels) by using a majority selection approach that mixes the set of labels related to these top K similar face examples. During this paper, we tend to focus our attention on one key step of the above framework, i.e., the unsupervised learning method to refine labels of the weakly labeled facial images. Illustration for face detection and alignment, we tend to adopt the unsupervised face alignment technique. For facial feature illustration, we tend to extract the GIST texture options to represent the extracted faces. As a result, every face is often represented by a d-dimensional feature vector. The third step is to index the extracted options of the faces by applying some economical high-dimensional categorization technique to facilitate the task of comparable face retrieval within the face examples) from the antecedently indexed facial information. With the set of top K similar face examples retrieved from the information, subsequent step is to annotate the facial image with a label (or a set of labels) by using a majority selection approach that mixes the set of labels related to these top K similar face examples. During this paper, we tend to focus our attention on one key step of the above framework, i.e., the unsupervised learning method to refine labels of the weakly labeled facial images.

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