# Self-ensembling for visual domain adaptation

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#### "Self-Ensembling for Visual Domain Adaptation"

https://arxiv.org/abs/1706.05208 (v2)

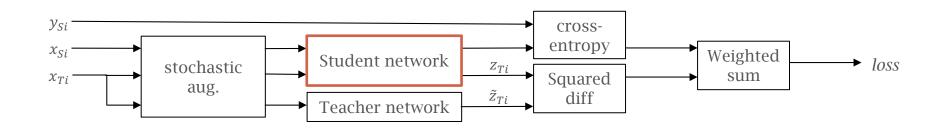
#### Model

#### Self-ensembling developed for semisupervised learning in [Laine17]

#### Further developed in [Tarvainen17] (mean teacher model)

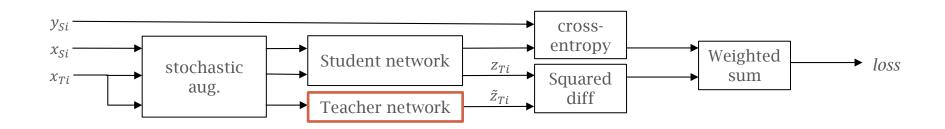
#### Mean-teacher model

#### Standard classifier DNN



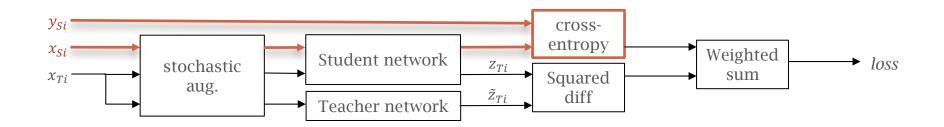
#### Mean-teacher model

# Weights of teacher network are exponential moving average of student network

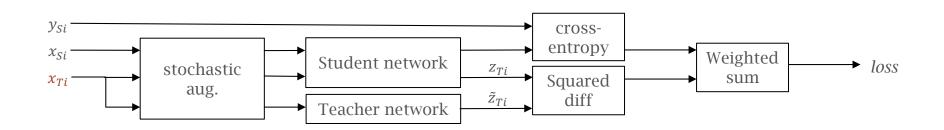


#### Source domain sample:

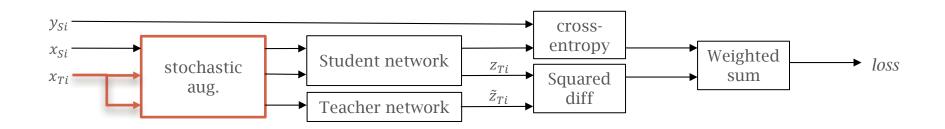
#### Traditional supervised cross-entropy loss (with data augmentation)



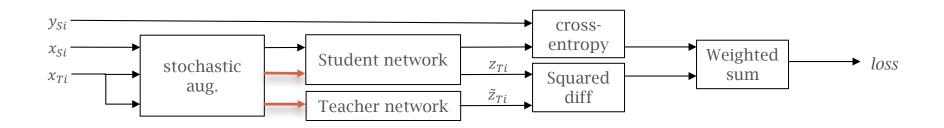
#### one sample



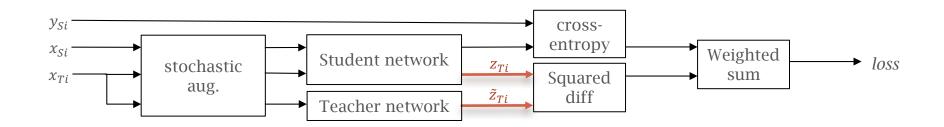
#### augment twice, differently each time (gaussian noise, translation, flip)



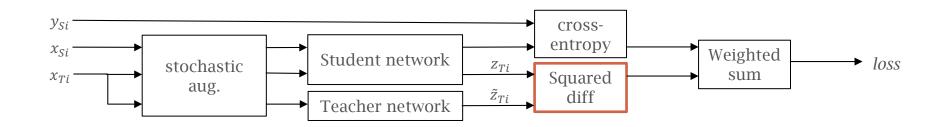
#### One path through student network Second through teacher (different dropout)



#### Result: two predicted probability vectors



#### Self-ensembling loss: train network to learn to make them the same (squared difference)



# Self-ensembling performs label propagation over unsupervised samples

# Model so far may handle simple domain adaptation tasks...

# Our adaptations for domain adaptation

#### Separate source and target batches

Per training iteration, process source and target mini-batches separately

Each gets its own batch norm stats, bit like AdaBN [Li16]

#### **Confidence thresholding**

# If confidence of teacher predictions <96.8%, mask self-ensembling loss for that sample to 0

#### **MORE Data augmentation**

#### VisDA model

Random crops, rotation, scale, h-flip Intensity/brightness scaling, colour offset, colour rotation, desaturation

#### **MORE Data augmentation**

Our small image benchmarks:

 $\begin{bmatrix} 1 + \mathcal{N}(0, 0.1) & \mathcal{N}(0, 0.1) \\ \mathcal{N}(0, 0.1) & 1 + \mathcal{N}(0, 0.1) \end{bmatrix}$ 

#### **Class balancing**

Binary-cross-entropy loss between target domain predictions (averaged over sample dimension) and uniform probability vector

#### **Class balancing**

Otherwise in unbalanced datasets one class is re-inforced more than the others

Classifier separates source domain from target and assigns all target domain samples to most populous class

#### Works with randomly initialised nets

#### e.g. for small image benchmarks

#### Works with pre-trained nets

#### e.g. the ResNet 152 we used for VisDA $\ensuremath{\textcircled{}}$

#### VisDA-17 Results

#### Images from VisDA-17

#### Training set



#### Validation set









Labeled

Unlabeled

#### Model

#### Fine-tuned ResNet-152

### Remove classification layer (after global pooling)

Replace with two fully-connected layers

#### Notes

#### **Test set augmentation**

Predictions were computed by augmenting each test sample 16x and averaging predictions

Gained 1-2% MCA on validation set

#### Notes

#### 5 network ensemble

#### Predictions of 5 independent training runs were averaged

#### Gained us ~0.5% MCA on test set

VALIDATION	Acc	TEST	Acc
Resnet-50	82.8	Resnet-50	
Resnet-152		Resnet-152	

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	Plane	Bike	Bus	Car	Horse	Knife
Val	96.3	87.9	84.7	55.7	95.9	95.2
Test	96.9	92.4	92.0	97.2	95.2	98.8

	MCycle	Person	Plant	Skbrd	Train	Truck	MEAN
Val	88.6	77.4	93.3	92.8	87.5	38.2	82.8
Test	86.3	75.3	97.7	93.3	94.5	93.3	92.8

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#### Validation set

### Lots of confusion between car and truck

#### Much less so on test set

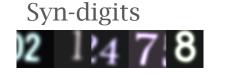
#### Small image results

#### $MNIST \leftrightarrow USPS$



Model	USPS $\rightarrow$ MNIST	$MNIST \rightarrow USPS$
Sup. on SRC	91.97	96.25
SBADA-GAN [Russo17]	97.60	95.04
OURS	99.54	98.26
Sup. On TGT	99.62	97.83

### Syn-digits $\rightarrow$ SVHN





Model	Syn-digits → SVHN
Sup. on SRC	86.96
ATT [Saito17]	93.1
OURS	96.00
Sup. On TGT	95.55

### Syn-signs $\rightarrow$ GTSRB





Model	Syn-signs → GTSRB
Sup. on SRC	96.72
ATT [Saito17]	96.2
OURS	98.32
Sup. On TGT	98.54

### SVHN (greyscale\*) $\rightarrow$ MNIST

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Model	SVHN → MNIST
Sup. on SRC	73.00
ATT [Saito17]	76.14
OURS	99.22
Sup. On TGT	99.66

#### \* [Ghiffary16]

### MNIST $\rightarrow$ SVHN (greyscale)

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$O_l$	0	9	3	8



Model	$MNIST \rightarrow SVHN$
Sup. on SRC	28.78
SBADA-GAN [Russo17]	61.08
OURS	41.98
Sup. on TGT	96.68

### MNIST $\rightarrow$ SVHN (greyscale)

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$O_l$	0	9	3	8



Model	$MNIST \rightarrow SVHN$
Sup. on SRC (aug)	64.82
SBADA-GAN [Russo17]	61.08
OURS	96.6
Sup. on TGT (aug)	97.3

### Conclusions

## Our approach has produced good results

### It won VisDA 🙂

## Promising avenue for domain adaptation: two components...

# STEP 1. Align source and target distributions

Pre-trained net, data augmentation, ...

Prior work in the field (e.g. CORAL, AdaBN) does this!

### **STEP 2. refine correspondence**

### Self-ensembling is well suited to this

**THANK YOU!** 

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