### **Pin the Memory: Learning to Generalize Semantic Segmentation**

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Hello everyone. My name is Jin Kim from Yonsei University. Today, I'm going to talk about 'Pin the Memory:



Learning to Generalize Semantic Segmentation.'



## **INTRODUCTION**



Most approaches are trained under the assumption that training and testing data are sampled from the same distribution. However they often fail to infer accurate predictions for arbitrary target domain dataset because of the domain shift.

## INTRODUCTION





### **Randomization Based**

**Normalization Based**<br>[1] Pan et al. "Two at once: Enhancing learning and generalization capacities via ibn-net." ECCV'18.

[2] Choi et al. "Robustnet: Improving domain generalization in urban-scene segmentation via instance selective whitening." CVPR'21.

[3] Yue et al. "Domain randomization and pyramid consistency: Simulation-to-real generalization without accessing target domain data." *CVPR'*19.

[4] Huang et al. "Fsdr: Frequency space domain randomization for domain generalization." *CVPR'21*.

To overcome this problem, Some DG methods heuristically define domain-biased information as style and erase. Other methods explicitly augment the style information.

### SEMANTIC MEMORY



Despite their efforts, the existing method is still different from the human method that leverage semantic memory.

## INTRODUCTION



- We propose a novel **memory-guided meta-learning framework** to capture and memorize **co-occurrent categorical knowledge** across domains.
- To this end, we **split source domain datasets** into meta-training and meta-testing sets to **explicitly mimic domain shift**, allowing the network to store and invoke memory corresponding to **domainagnostic prototypes of class patterns**.
- We introduce a **memory divergence loss** and a **feature cohesion loss** which boost discriminative power of memory and make more domain-invariant representations, respectively.

In this work, we propose a novel memory-guided meta-learning framework to capture and memorize co-occurrent categorical knowledge across domains.

### OVERALL PROCEDURE



The overall training procedure is as follows. As preliminary step, we initialize our memory module with mean feature vector for each class in the source datasets.

 $\mathcal{M}^* \leftarrow \textbf{update}(\mathcal{M}, \mathcal{X}_{\text{mtr}}^t; \text{copy}(\{\Theta\}_{E,U}^*)$ 

 $\{\Theta\}_{E,U,D,G} \leftarrow \{\Theta\}_{E,U,D,G}^*$ 

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### OVERALL PROCEDURE



Then, we randomly split the available source domains S into meta-train domains Smtr and meta-test domains Smte at every iteration step. Note that the meta-train mimic the training, and the meta-test mimic the inference.

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Our memory stores domain-agnostic prototype vectors for each class. Memory update and read operate on the feature map from the encoder.

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We update the memory by performing an masked average pooling for each class.

We read the memory by computing a memory weight matrix via cosine similarity and normalize it with the gumbel softmax function.

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Then, the memory-guided feature map R is obtained by fusing the original feature map F and weighted memory feature. The 1 by 1 convolution is to match the channel dimension.

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Every iteration consists of a meta training step and a meta testing step. The meta training steps are as follows.

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Given an input image Xmtr in Smtr domain, the encoder computes a feature map and augments it by using the memory M through the reading operation. We calculate a per-pixel cross-entropy loss, Lseg.

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We also calculate a feature cohesion loss Lcoh to encourage semantic features to be locally assembled based on each memory item and a memory divergence loss Ldiv to increase the distance between memory items, as well as maximizes the decision margin.

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Note that we calculate the reading loss before memory update so that the segmentation mask information does not affect the segmentation loss. Consequently, the updated network parameters are obtained. We denote these parameters with prime.

### OVERALL PROCEDURE



**Algorithm 1: Overall Training Procedure** 

Initialize  $\{\Theta\}_{E,U,D,G}$  and M at  $t=0$ while  $t < T$  do Randomly split  $\mathbb S$  into  $\mathbb S_{\text{mtr}}$  and  $\mathbb S_{\text{mte}}$ Meta-training: Sample batch  $\mathcal{X}_{\text{mtr}}^t = {\{\mathcal{X}_{\text{mtr}}^b\}}_{b=1}^B$  from  $\mathbb{S}_{\text{mtr}}$ Compute  $\mathcal{L}_{\text{read}}$  with  $(\mathcal{X}_{\text{mtr}}^t, \mathcal{M}, \{\Theta\}_{E,D})$  $\hat{\mathcal{M}} \leftarrow \textbf{update}(\mathcal{M}, \mathcal{X}_{\text{mtr}}^t; \{\Theta\}_{E,U})$ Compute  $\mathcal{L}_{update}$  with  $(\hat{\mathcal{M}}, \Theta_G)$ Update  $\{\Theta\}_{E,U,D}^{\prime},\Theta_{G}^{*}$  from  $\{\Theta\}_{E,U,D,G}$  in (9)

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We perform meta testing step using the temporarily updated network parameters in the meta training step.

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The goal of meta-testing in our method is to not only virtually simulate testing the networks on new data statistics but also characterize learning to update categorical memory to work well across the domains.

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However in the true inference time, we will just reuse the trained memory without updating memory. So we obtain the memory once again with meta-train data, not meta-test data.

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Lastly, Guided by updated memory Mʹ, the network parameters are updated with the reading loss for the image Xmte from meta-test domain Smte.

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Since this memory Mʹ is used to segment meta-test data Xmte, this novel step allows the memory updating network's parameters ΘU to receive the second-order gradient feedback on whether the updated memory Mʹ is applicable on different domains.

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Also, the effectiveness of the memory divergence loss for the updating network U can be tested within the meta-testing process And by freezing the encoder's parameter Θʹ E, we can avoid unstable meta-learning caused by the asynchronous gradient update between the encoder and the other networks.

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Finally, Using the second order optimized network parameters, we initialize the memory M∗ that will be used in the next training iteration step.

## SEMANTIC SEGMENTATION DATASETS

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• DeepLab V3+ with ResNet50, DeepLab V2 with ResNet101

## EVALUATION PROTOCOLS

• Single-Source DG :  $G \rightarrow C$ , B, M • Multi-Source DG : 1.  $G + S \rightarrow C$ , B, M 2.  $G + S + I \rightarrow C$ , B, M

We conduct the experiments on six different datasets to prove the generalization ability of our method. Synthia and gta5 datasets are synthetic datasets, and the rest are real datasets.

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We measured the domain generalization performance by setting the training and testing datasets differently.

### MULTI-SOURCE DG ON SEMANTIC SEGMENTATION



Table 1. Source  $(G+S) \rightarrow$  Target  $(C, B, M)$ : Mean IoU(%) and per-class IoU(%) comparison of other SOTA DG methods for semantic segmentation. We report the mIoU improvement as red text. The networks are DeepLabV3+ with ResNet50 and results with  $\dagger$  are from [14].

This is Mean IoU(%) and per-class IoU(%) comparison table of other SOTA DG methods for semantic segmentation. Source domains were gta5 and synthia. Our approach consistently outperformed the other models by a large margin on all real-world datasets.

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Table 2. Source  $(G+S+I) \rightarrow Target(C, B, M)$ : Mean IoU(%) com- Table 4. Source  $(G+S) \rightarrow Target(C, B)$ : Mean IoU(%) comparison parison of other state-of-the-art DG methods, where all networks are trained with two synthetic (GTAV, Synthia) and one real (IDD) datasets. All methods adopt DeepLabV3+ with ResNet50.

of other multi-source UDA methods. The segmentation models are all DeepLabV2 with ResNet101. Results with  $\dagger$  are from [71].

Even when three source domains was used, our model achieved SOTA. Also, compared to UDA methods using target domain information, comparable performance was achieved.

### SINGLE-SOURCE DG ON SEMANTIC SEGMENTATION



Table 12. Source  $(G) \rightarrow$  Target  $(C, B, M)$ : Mean IoU(%) comparison of other SOTA methods using various segmentation models and backbones. MLDG [36] is re-implemented. Results with  $\dagger$  are from  $[14]$ .

Although it did not come out well for all domains in the single source DG setting, we confirmed that our method gave comparable performance.

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