Leverage Interactive Affinity for Affordance Learning (Supplementary Material)

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A. Dataset

In this section, we describe more details of the dataset collection, annotation, and the process of dividing **Seen** / **Unseen**, as well as provide more statistical analysis.

A.1. Collection Details

Since AGD20K [16] contains a large number of exocentric images of human-object interaction and egocentric images corresponding to interacting objects, it is available to provide pairs of interactive images and non-interactive images for our Contact-driven Affordance Learning (CAL) dataset. On the other hand, the PADv2 [30] dataset contains 39 affordance categories, covering a total of 103 object categories, from which we considered collecting a large number of data to enrich the CAL dataset further. Specifically, we choose 23 affordance categories frequently occurring daily. And then, we retrieve the corresponding images from the above two datasets according to the affordance categories and guarantee that the number of interactive and non-interactive images is approximately equivalent. As a result, we obtain 2,689 interactive images and 2,569 noninteractive images. The interactive and non-interactive image examples are shown in Fig. 1 and Fig. 2, respectively.

Although the dataset contains a small number of images, the input is determined by interactive and non-interactive image pairs. The combination of two images provides a multitude of variations (the trainset can combine a total of 170K pairs). Besides, affordance is not a particularly difficult property for humans to understand, making it easy to scale the number of images. The number of input pairs will increase exponentially with the number of images.

A.2. Annotation Details

We also assign object labels to the interactive and noninteractive images according to their object categories. Due to affordance means the "action possibilities" on objects, and it is relatively simple for a human with normal cognitive abilities to perceive. Following Gebru et al [8], we employ 10 random volunteers from the laboratory, ensuring that 3 volunteers annotated each image. We establish the following rules before labeling: (1) Only annotate the tools as the dataset focuses on labeling interactions with tools. The passive interaction of objects (such as the "cut" involves hand contact with vegetables) will be considered in future work. (2) Label the contact regions of "Hands", "Feet" etc. (3) Ignore the differences between the left & right in hands and feet. (4) The points are marked more intensively for regions where interaction is more frequent. During dataset processing, we select the average of all annotated for broadly similar regions and the majority of annotated for controversial

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Figure 1. Interactive image examples. Some examples of interactive images and annotations from the CAL dataset.



Figure 2. Non-interactive image examples. Some examples of non-interactive images and annotations from the CAL dataset.

regions. For the different body part contact regions in the interactive image and the corresponding affordance regions in the non-interactive image, we refer to previous works on affordance/saliency dataset annotation [1, 2, 7, 12] and use the heatmap representation for annotation. Compared to assigning an accurate label to each pixel, heatmap annotation is more descriptive of "action possibilities" (*i.e.* affordance). During the mask generation process, we apply Gaussian blur to all points and normalize them to obtain the corresponding heatmap. Some images and annotations are shown in Fig. 1 and Fig. 2.

A.3. Dataset Division

To comprehensively evaluate the performance of different affordance learning methods and their ability to generalize to unseen interactions/objects, two different divisions, *i.e.*, Seen and Unseen, are provided. The affordance categories of the training and test sets in Seen overlap, and we split the interactive and non-interactive images according to 7 : 3, respectively. Then we randomly pair the interactive and non-interactive images in the test set as input and obtain 4, 484 pairs of inputs during testing. For the **Unseen** setting, we choose the categories of "Brush with", "Cut", "Drink with", "Lie on", "Lift" and "Stick" as the test set and the remaining ones as the training set, ensuring that the test set corresponds to human-object interactions covering all body parts. Similarly to Seen setting, we randomly select pairs of interactive and non-interactive images belonging to the same affordance category, resulting in a total of 3,297 testing input pairs.

B. Benchmark

B.1. Metrics

Most affordance learning methods [4, 15, 18, 20] segment precise affordance regions. Thus the metrics they employ are not suitable for evaluating the accuracy of the heatmap of objects' interactable regions. Referring to previous works related to predicting heatmap [2, 7, 13, 16, 19], we choose **KLD** [2], **SIM** [25] and **NSS** [21] to evaluate the quality of the predicted heatmap in terms of distribution differences, similarity, and correlation.

- Kullback-Leibler Divergence (KLD) [2] measures the distribution difference between the prediction (P) and the ground truth (Q). It is computed as follows:

$$KLD\left(P,Q^{D}\right) = \sum_{i} Q_{i}^{D}log\left(\epsilon + \frac{Q_{i}^{D}}{\epsilon + P_{i}}\right), \quad (1)$$

where ϵ is a regularization constant.

- Similarity (SIM) [25] measures the similarity between the prediction map (P) and the ground truth map (Q^D) .

Table 1. The dimensions, domains of definition, and meanings of the symbols used in the proposed approach.

	Dimensions	Domains	Meanings	
I_{in}	$3 \times 224 \times 224$	[-1,1]	Interactive image	
I_{non}	$3 \times 224 \times 224$	[-1,1]	Non-interactive image	
P	17×2	[0,1]	Human pose	
X_{in_i}	$c_i \times h_i \times w_i$	$[-\infty, +\infty]$	Interactive feature	
X_{non_i}	$c_i \times h_i \times w_i$	$[-\infty, +\infty]$	Non-interactive feature	
$oldsymbol{X}^i_c$	$c \times l$	$[-\infty, +\infty]$	Cross-branch tokens	
X^m_{in}/X^m_{non}	$c \times hw$	$\left[-\infty,+\infty\right]$	The IFE module outputs	
$oldsymbol{\hat{F}}_{in}/oldsymbol{\hat{F}}_{non}$	$c' \times h_1 \times w_1$	$[-\infty, +\infty]$	High resolution features	
$oldsymbol{D}_{in}$	$N_{cls} \times h_1 \times w_1$	[0, 1]	Contact region prediction	
X_P	$17 \times c'$	$\left \left[-\infty, +\infty \right] \right $	Pose feature	
$oldsymbol{H}_j$	$c' \times h_1 \times w_1$	$[-\infty, +\infty]$	Contact region feature	
$ar{m{H}}_j$	$c' \times h_1 \times w_1$	$\left \left[-\infty,+\infty\right]\right $	Interactive affinity	
$\vec{D_{non}}$	$N_{cls} \times h_1 \times w_1$	[0,1]	Non-interaction prediction	

It is computed as follows:

$$SIM\left(P,Q^{D}\right) = \sum_{i} \min\left(P_{i},Q_{i}^{D}\right),\qquad(2)$$

where $\sum_{i} P_i = \sum_{i} Q_i^D = 1.$

- Normalized Scanpath Saliency (NSS) [21] measures the correspondence between the prediction map (P) and the ground truth (Q^D) . It is computed as follows:

$$NSS\left(P,Q^{D}\right) = \frac{1}{N}\sum_{i}\hat{P}\times Q_{i}^{D},\qquad(3)$$

where $N = \sum_{i} Q_{i}^{D}$, $\hat{P} = \frac{P - \mu(P)}{\sigma(P)}$. $\mu(P)$ and $\sigma(P)$ are the mean and standard deviation of P, respectively.

B.2. Comparison Methods

To demonstrate the superiority of our model, we select three segmentation models (PSPNet [31], DLabV3+ [3], SegFormer [27]), three human pose estimation models (HRNet [24], ViTPose [28], HRFormer [29]), and one few-shot segmentation model (HSNet [17]) for comparison. Firstly, the task can be considered a segmentation problem for predicting the different interaction regions; therefore, we choose semantic segmentation models. Secondly, human pose keypoints can suppress the effects of diverse interactions and occlusion to obtain a better interactive affinity. The precise prediction of human pose keypoints can more accurately perceive the characteristics of the body part interaction region. Therefore, this paper chooses the human pose estimation models as a comparison. Thirdly, The closest input setting to this task is the few-shot segmentation, and we choose the advanced model for a fairer comparison.

B.3. Implementation Details

We input both interactive and non-interactive images into the network for training for the segmentation and human



Figure 3. **Different Classes.** We measure the KLD, SIM, and NSS metrics for each affordance category, with darker colors representing higher performance. The left and right represent the results at the **Seen** and **Unseen** settings, respectively.

Table 2. The influence of m. We investigate the impact of the hyper-parameter m (*i.e.* the number of layers in the IFE block) in the IFE module on model performance.

	m=?	$KLD\downarrow$	SIM \uparrow	NSS ↑
Seen	1	1.275	0.731	3.517
	2	0.965	0.756	3.723
	3	1.024	0.743	3.702
	4	1.126	0.734	3.654
	5	1.217	0.729	3.594
Unseen	1	4.403	0.411	2.127
	2	2.823	0.430	2.303
	3	3.101	0.416	2.176
	4	3.471	0.399	2.066
	5	5.181	0.384	1.935

pose estimation models. In the testing process, we only input non-interactive images to predict the corresponding affordance regions. All models are trained with the default parameters, and the input images are 224×224 , using the same data augmentation. The final output is fed through a Sigmoid activation function, and the loss is calculated using a binary cross-entropy loss. For the few-shot segmentation model, we take the interactive image along with a body part contact region as a group of inputs for the support branch (*i.e.*each pair of interactive and non-interactive image pairs corresponds to N_{cls} groups of inputs) and predict the corresponding interactive regions in the non-interactive images.

Table 3. The influence of l. We investigate the impact of the hyper-parameter l (*i.e.* the number of cross-branch tokens) in the IFE module on model performance.

	l=?	$KLD\downarrow$	SIM ↑	NSS ↑
Seen	2	1.938	0.676	3.434
	4	1.252	0.731	3.585
	8	1.150	0.742	3.653
	16	0.965	0.756	3.723
	32	1.164	0.735	3.671
Unseen	2	5.060	0.396	2.079
	4	4.216	0.409	2.134
	8	3.045	0.409	2.181
	16	2.823	0.430	2.303
	32	3.972	0.418	2.208

Furthermore, Table 1 shows the dimensions, definition domains, and meanings of the corresponding symbols in the method proposed in this paper.

C. Experiments

C.1. Different Classes

We explore the performance of different methods on different affordance classes. Fig. 3 shows their results on each category in the KLD, SIM, and NSS metrics, in which darker colors indicate that the model performs better on individual categories. In the **Seen** setting, our method outperforms all other methods in most metrics, while in the



Figure 4. Different Views.

Unseen setting, the results are either best or second best in most metrics.

C.2. Different Hyper-parameters

Table 2 and Table 3 show the impact of the hyperparameters m and l in the IFE module on the model's performance, where l = 16 and m = 2 are the default settings in the paper. The influence at the **Unseen** setting is slightly more apparent, where the number of cross-branch tokens greatly affects the model performance.

C.3. Different Views

Our dataset contains interactive and non-interactive images from different views, enabling the trained model to adapt to viewpoint changes. Besides, the IFE module can establish contextual links between different body contact regions, which helps the model counteract the effects of viewpoint changes. The non-interactive images from different viewpoints are shown in the figure, indicating the robustness under viewpoint changes. Further, we will collect a test set containing different views of the same object to evaluate the model's robustness to viewpoint changes.

C.4. More Visualization Results

Fig. 5 and Fig. 6 show the prediction results of all methods in the **Seen** and **Unseen** settings, respectively.

E. Potential Applications

• Human-Object Interaction. Our method is able to predict the interactive affinity of each body part and object local regions from the human-object interaction images, which can facilitate the network to establish the connection between different body parts [6,9] and

infer the corresponding interactions, as well as reducing the interference of redundant negative pairs to improve the accuracy of prediction. [14, 26].

• **AR/VR** Furthermore, our method can be used in AR/VR [5, 23], *i.e.*, for humans in different physical scenes, our method is able to extract the body parts corresponding contact regions during their interactions with the environment and jointly map them to a common scene rendered by the VR device, facilitating the device to generate scenes with human interactions in the virtual world [10, 11, 22].

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Figure 5. Visualization results. Prediction results for each model under the Seen setting.

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