ConceptHash: Interpretable Fine-Grained Hashing via Concept Discovery

Supplementary Material



Figure 1. Two adapters are added after the multi-head self-attention layer (MSA) and the feedforward network (MLP). LN denotes layer normalization for each block of a standard vision transformer.

A. Implementation of adapter

To increase training efficiency, we add adapters to the vision transformer instead of fine-tuning all parameters. We adopt the architecture in AdaptFormer [3] and define our adapter as:

$$adapter(z) = s \cdot W_{up} \cdot GELU(W_{down} \cdot LN(z)), \quad (1)$$

where LN is a layer normalization layer [1], $W_{\text{down}} \in \mathbb{R}^{D_{\text{down}} \times D}$ is the weights of down projection and $W_{\text{up}} \in \mathbb{R}^{D \times D_{\text{down}}}$ is the weights of up projection, GELU is the nonlinear activation function [6], and $s \in \mathbb{R}$ is a learnable scaling factor. D_{down} is set as 384.

We added two adapters for each block of the vision transformer, one after multi-head self-attention (MSA) layer and one after feedforward network (MLP). The output of l-th block of the vision transformer is computed as:

$$\begin{split} \hat{Z}^{(l)} &= \text{MSA}(\text{LN}(Z^{(l-1)})), \\ \hat{\hat{Z}}^{(l)} &= \text{adapter}(\hat{Z}^{(l)}) + \hat{Z}^{(l)} + Z^{(l-1)}, \\ \tilde{Z}^{(l)} &= \text{MLP}(\text{LN}(\hat{\hat{Z}}^{(l)})), \\ Z^{(l)} &= \text{adapter}(\tilde{Z}^{(l)}) + \tilde{Z}^{(l)} + \hat{\hat{Z}}^{(l)}. \end{split}$$
(2)

Table 1. Performance (mean average precision) of retrieval by family species on CUB-200-2011.

	CUB-200-2011		
Methods	16	32	64
ITQ [5]	20.00	23.46	27.09
HashNet [2]	24.40	35.62	38.13
DTSH [11]	36.96	37.81	39.49
GreedyHash [10]	44.46	55.62	60.98
CSQ [13]	31.62	34.47	35.25
DPN [4]	34.09	36.28	36.84
OrthoHash [7]	34.16	36.95	37.61
A ² -Net [12]	45.62	50.93	52.95
SEMICON [9]	43.10	53.24	56.80
ConceptHash (Ours)	60.54	63.44	67.20

See Fig. 1 for the detail of the computational graph. The way we insert the adapters is also similar to [8].

B. Retrieval on family species

In this section, we evaluate the methods by replacing the fine-grained labels with family labels in order to assess the semantic ability of the hash codes. The CUB-200-2011 dataset is chosen as the benchmark. Table 1 presents two key observations: (i) Our ConceptHash outperforms previous methods by a significant margin, highlighting the effectiveness of our approach. This result underscores the superiority of our methods in capturing the semantic information encoded within the hash codes. (ii) Random-center-based hashing methods like CSQ [13] perform worse than older hashing methods such as DTSH [11], even though they outperform them in fine-grained retrieval (Table 1 in the main paper). A likely explanation is that the training objective of random-center-based hashing primarily focuses on learning to generate the fixed target hash codes, thereby ignoring the semantic relationships (such as family information) between the fine-grained classes.

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