MuTri: Multi-view Tri-alignment for OCT to OCTA 3D Image Translation



Figure 6. Visualization results of translated OCTA projection maps on OCTA2024 dataset. From left to right: 2D OCT ground truth project maps, 2D OCTA ground truth project maps, the translated 2D OCTA projection maps from TransPro, and our MuTri.

To understand Eq. (7), we start from the mutual information perspective to prove that minimizing \mathcal{L}_{ConKD} is equal to minimizing the upper bound of the mutual information $I(\mathbf{P}, \mathbf{Q})$) between the quantized student and teacher features from codebook \mathbb{T} and \mathbb{S} . Specifically, given the positive pair $(\mathbf{Q}_{(i,j)},\mathbf{P}_{(i,j)})$ and negative pairs $\{(\mathbf{Q}_{(\mathbf{i},\mathbf{j})}, \mathbf{P}_{(\mathbf{m},\mathbf{n})})\}_{m=1,n=1,\text{and}(m,n)\neq(i,j)}^{\underline{W}, \underline{H}, \underline{S}}$, we have the joint distribution $\mu(\mathbf{Q}, \mathbf{P})$ and the product of marginals $\mu(\mathbf{Q})\mu(\mathbf{P})$. And then, an indicator variable \mathcal{V} is exploited to identify a pair (\mathbf{Q}, \mathbf{P}) sampled from the joint distribution $q(\mathbf{Q}, \mathbf{P} | \mathcal{V} = 1) = \mu(\mathbf{Q}, \mathbf{P})$ or product of marginals $q(\mathbf{Q}, \mathbf{P}|\mathcal{V} = 0) = \mu(\mathbf{Q})\mu(\mathbf{P}),$

where $\mathcal{V} = 1$ indicates the positive pair $(\mathbf{Q}_{(\mathbf{i},\mathbf{j})}, \mathbf{P}_{(\mathbf{i},\mathbf{j})})$ and $\mathcal{V} = 0$ indicates a negative pair sampled from $\{(\mathbf{Q}_{(\mathbf{i},\mathbf{j})}, \mathbf{P}_{(\mathbf{m},\mathbf{n})})\}_{m=1,n=1,\mathrm{and}(m,n)\neq(i,j)}^{\frac{W}{S},\frac{H}{S}}$, i.e., $(\mathbf{Q}_{(\mathbf{i},\mathbf{j})}, \mathbf{P}_{(\mathbf{i},\mathbf{j})}) \sim \mu(\mathbf{Q}, \mathbf{P})$, $\{(\mathbf{Q}_{(\mathbf{i},\mathbf{j})}, \mathbf{P}_{(\mathbf{m},\mathbf{n})})\}_{m=1,n=1,\mathrm{and}(m,n)\neq(i,j)}^{\frac{W}{S},\frac{H}{S}} \sim \mu(\mathbf{Q})\mu(\mathbf{P})$. For our contrastive-enhanced knowledge distillation loss, we have one positive pair for every $(\frac{W}{S} * \frac{H}{S} - 1)$ negative pairs

pairs.

$$q(\mathcal{V}=1) = \frac{1}{\frac{W}{S} * \frac{H}{S}}, q(\mathcal{V}=0) = \frac{\frac{W}{S} * \frac{H}{S} - 1}{\frac{W}{S} * \frac{H}{S}}.$$
 (12)

The class posterior of the pair (\mathbf{Q}, \mathbf{P}) belonging to the positive case (\mathcal{V} = 1) can be derived by Bayes' Theorem:

$$q(\mathcal{V} = 1 | (\mathbf{Q}, \mathbf{P}))$$

$$= \frac{q(\mathbf{Q}, \mathbf{P} | \mathcal{V} = 1) q(\mathcal{V} = 1)}{q(\mathbf{Q}, \mathbf{P} | \mathcal{V} = 0) q(\mathcal{V} = 0) + q(\mathbf{Q}, \mathbf{P} | \mathcal{V} = 1) q(\mathcal{V} = 1)}$$

$$= \frac{\mu(\mathbf{Q}, \mathbf{P})}{\mu(\mathbf{Q}, \mathbf{P}) + \left(\frac{W}{S} * \frac{H}{S} - 1\right) \mu(\mathbf{Q}) \mu(\mathbf{P})}.$$
(13)

Herein, we consider the log class posterior with the following derivation:

$$\log q \left(\mathcal{V} = 1 \right| \left(\mathbf{Q}, \mathbf{P} \right) \right)$$

$$= \log \frac{\mu \left(\mathbf{Q}, \mathbf{P} \right)}{\mu \left(\mathbf{Q}, \mathbf{P} \right) + \left(\frac{W}{S} * \frac{H}{S} - 1 \right) \mu \left(\mathbf{Q} \right) \mu \left(\mathbf{P} \right)}$$

$$= -\log \left(1 + \left(\frac{W}{S} * \frac{H}{S} - 1 \right) \frac{\mu \left(\mathbf{Q} \right) \mu \left(\mathbf{P} \right)}{\mu \left(\mathbf{Q}, \mathbf{P} \right)} \right)$$

$$\leq \log \frac{\mu \left(\mathbf{Q}, \mathbf{P} \right)}{\mu \left(\mathbf{Q} \right) \mu \left(\mathbf{P} \right)} - \log \left(\frac{W}{S} * \frac{H}{S} - 1 \right)$$
(14)

Now, we are allowed to connect it to the mutual information by considering all cases over the above log class posterior with respect to positive and negative pairs:

$$\mathbb{E}_{q((\mathbf{Q},\mathbf{P})|\mathcal{V}=1)} \log q \left(\mathcal{V}=1 \mid (\mathbf{Q},\mathbf{P})\right) \\
\leq \mathbb{E}_{\mu(\mathbf{Q},\mathbf{P})} \log \frac{\mu(\mathbf{Q},\mathbf{P})}{\mu(\mathbf{Q})\mu(\mathbf{P})} - \log \left(\frac{W}{S} * \frac{H}{S} - 1\right) \quad (15) \\
= I(\mathbf{Q},\mathbf{P}) - \log \left(\frac{W}{S} * \frac{H}{S} - 1\right)$$

Therefore, we have

$$I(\mathbf{P}, \mathbf{Q}) \ge \log(\frac{W}{S} \cdot \frac{H}{S} - 1) - \mathbb{E}_{q((\mathbf{Q}, \mathbf{P})|\mathcal{V}=1)} \mathcal{L}_{\text{OCT}}$$
(16)

Herein, minimizing \mathcal{L}_{OCT} will contribute to maximizing the lower bound on the mutual information between contrastive embedding pairs, to maximize the mutual information $I(\mathbf{Q}, \mathbf{P})$.