

LiDAR-UDA: Self-ensembling Through Time for Unsupervised LiDAR Domain Adaptation

Supplementary Materials

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1. LiDAR Intensity

Source	Target (no DA)	source model	Intensity Used	mIoU (%) \uparrow
KITTI	KITTI	MinkowskiNet	✓ ✗	66.72 60.24
		SalsaNext	✓ ✗	58.49 55.81
	USL	MinkowskiNet	✓ ✗	38.56 41.51
		SalsaNext	✓ ✗	23.62 36.95

Table 1. Generalization performance of MinkowskiNet and SalsaNext trained with and without intensity values as input. We train the source models on SemanticKITTI (KITTI) and evaluate their performance on SemanticUSL (USL). Dropping intensity leads to significantly improved generalization performance on the target domain.

Although LiDAR intensity provides additional information for distinguishing geometrically similar objects, we find each LiDAR sensor has significantly different intensity ranges and distribution from others. While prior works apply various techniques to utilize the intensity as an additional input [2, 4], we view intensity matching to remain a non-trivial problem on its own. As we show in Table 1, using intensity results in degraded generalization performance of the source model - an average drop of 8.1% mIoU between MinkowskiNet and SalsaNext.

Furthermore, as our framework *re-introduces* intensity of the target domain as an additional input during the student model training, the proposed LiDAR-UDA method is still able to utilize the intensity information of the target domain in a transferable manner.

2. Classwise mIoU Analysis on SemantickITTI and nuScenes

We present classwise mIoU results of our method and the source model for the SemanticKITTI \leftrightarrow nuScenes DA scenario in Table 2. Our method achieves significant im-

provements over the source model in most classes, indicating its robust generalization capability. For example, in SemanticKITTI \rightarrow nuScenes, our method improves over the source model by 36.06% IoU in Pedestrian and 21.21% IoU in Bus classes. In nuScenes \rightarrow SemanticKITTI, our method improves by 31.92% IoU in Drivable and 28.21% IoU in Car classes.

3. LAM Analysis: Weight Distributions

To gain better insight of the weighting dynamics behind LAM, we collected statistics of the weights predicted by LAM in the SemanticKITTI \rightarrow nuScenes experiment on various slices of the target dataset, visualized as histograms in Figures 1 to 3.

- **Temporal offset:** Figure 1 shows weight histograms for different temporal distances from the current frame t . We find that points with a shorter temporal distance to t (3rd histogram) have relatively higher weights.
- **Distance from Sensor:** Figure 2 shows that LAM favors points closer to the sensor origin in their corresponding LiDAR scan (first row), giving them higher weights. This matches the intuition because the model’s accuracy typically decreases for objects farther away from the sensor due to the sparsity of LiDAR point cloud. To illustrate the significance of this feature, we point out that the aggregated point cloud combines 36 seconds of LiDAR data so if the vehicle speed is as low as 10 miles per hour, the distance variation of points within an ϵ -ball to their sensor location can exceed 150 meters.
- **Distance from center:** Figure 3 reports on the distance from the center of ϵ -ball ($\|\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{p}'\|_2$), which shows only a slight decay in the assigned weights as the distance increases, suggesting that LAM depends more on other factors.

Our analysis provides a limited view of predicted weights within each slice, and we overall observe that LAM does not solely rely on only one of the input features above but the combination of all input features to make predictions.

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Source	Target	Method	Drivable	Sidewalk	Terrain	Pedestrian	Vegetation	Bicycle	Bus	Car	Motorcycle	Truck	mIoU	
KITTI	KITTI	Source	87.66	68.75	65.17	18.63	90.12	0.31	15.53	90.17	3.70	17.99	45.80	
	NUS	Source	79.19	32.22	21.72	4.72	73.97	0.07	4.46	55.32	3.35	2.46	27.75	
		SqueezeSegV2* [4]	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10.10
		SWD* [3]	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	27.70
		Complete & Label [5]	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	31.60
		Graph Matching [1]	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	37.30
LiDAR-UDA (Ours)	87.44	42.31	47.88	40.78	83.22	0.85	25.67	73.48	15.86	0.90	41.84			
NUS	NUS	Source	91.44	52.3	58.33	48.05	86.42	3.00	24.23	80.39	28.88	34.18	50.72	
	KITTI	Source	33.77	2.81	30.05	12.56	80.94	0.45	4.95	57.98	4.40	3.82	23.17	
		SqueezeSegV2* [4]	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13.40
		SWD* [3]	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	24.50
		Complete & Label [5]	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	33.70
		LiDAR-UDA (Ours)	65.69	6.07	54.05	16.49	85.65	0.00	3.15	86.19	13.87	9.30	34.04	

Table 2. Classwise mIoU (%) of methods on KITTI to Nuscenes and nuScenes to KITTI adaptation scenarios.

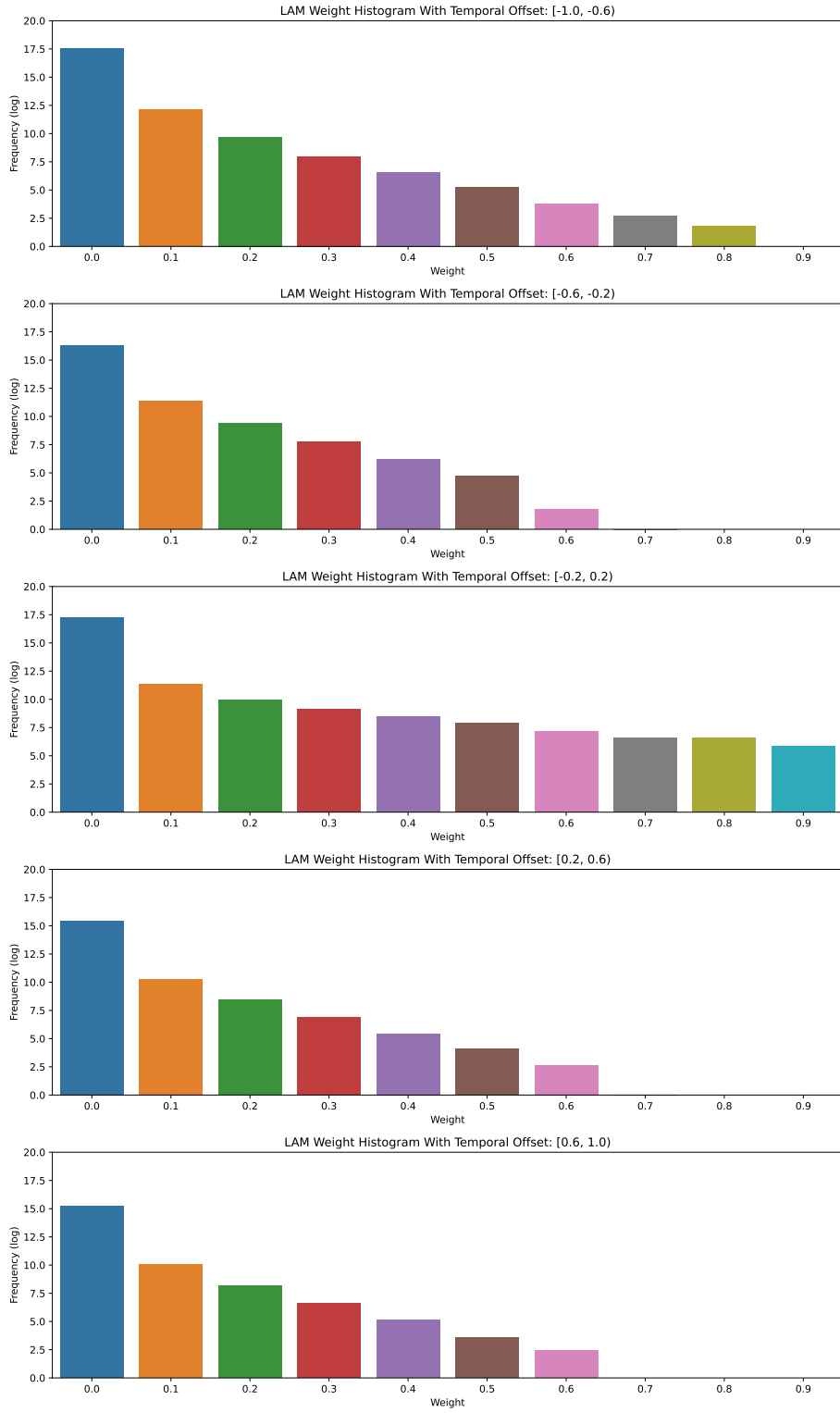


Figure 1. Histogram visualization of LAM weights applied to \mathcal{B}_ϵ neighbors based on their temporal distance of current frame t normalized between $(-1, +1)$.

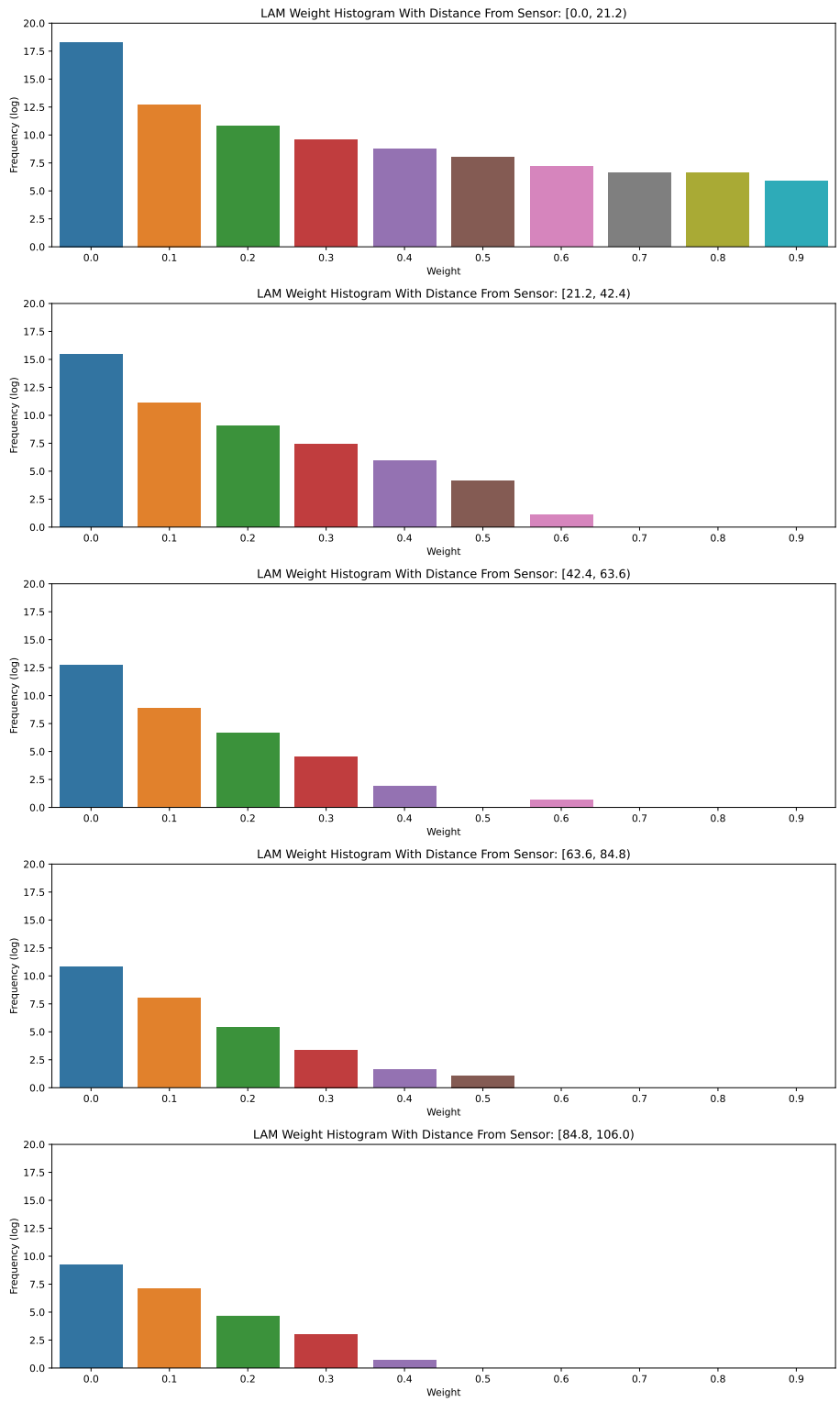


Figure 2. Histogram visualization of LAM weights applied to \mathcal{B}_ϵ neighbors based their distance to the sensor location in their corresponding LiDAR scan.

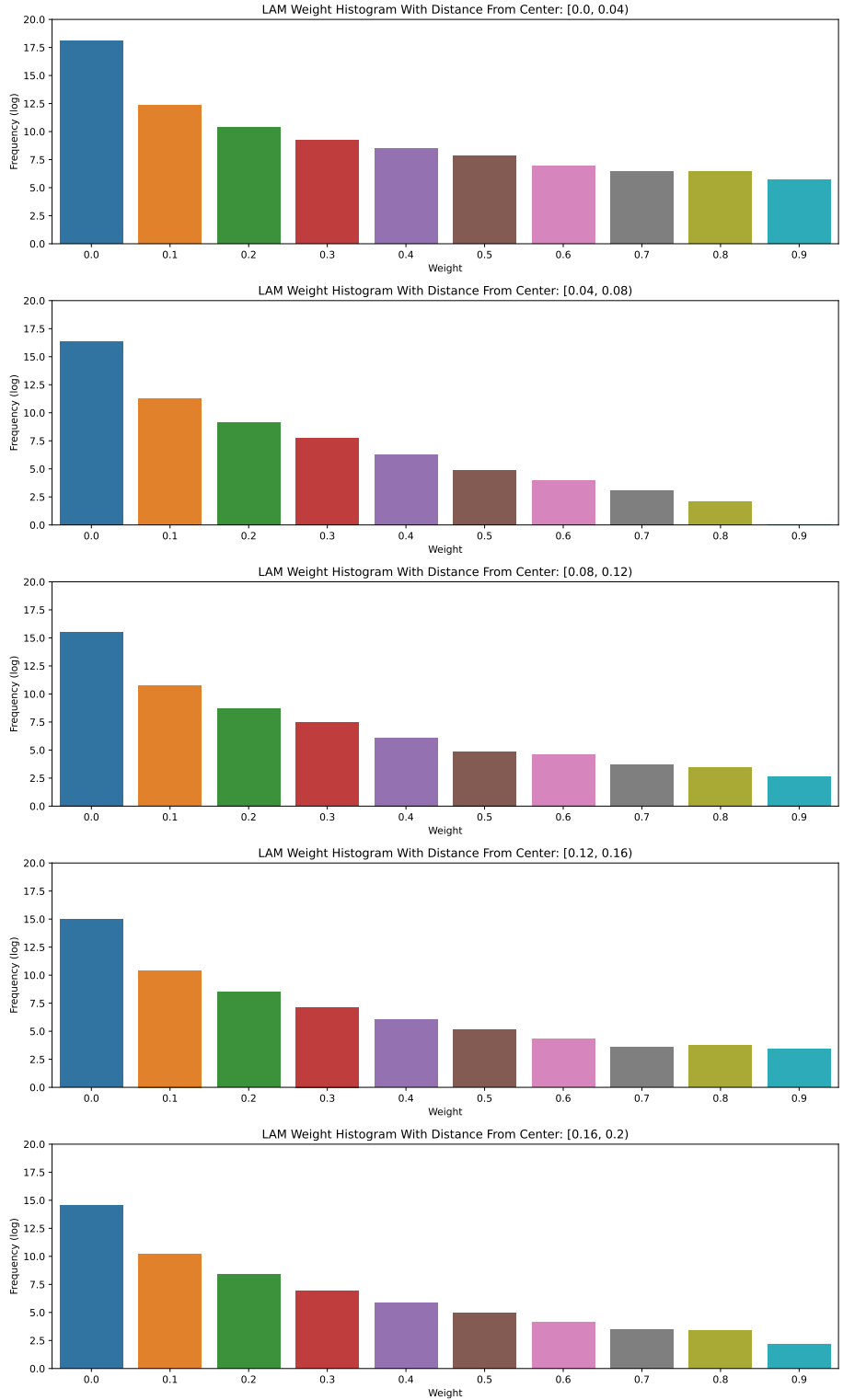


Figure 3. Histogram visualization of LAM weights applied to \mathcal{B}_ϵ neighbors based on their distance.

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