# Supplementary Material: Self-Supervised Learning of Domain Invariant Features for Depth Estimation

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## A. Training stages and loss functions

In this section, we describe the style transfer stage, the depth estimation stage, and relevant loss functions in more details. Please also see Section 3 in our main paper.

#### A.1. Style transfer stage

In this stage, we aim to train the image-to-image translation networks  $G_{S \to T}$  and  $G_{T \to S}$ .  $G_{S \to T}$  learns a mapping between the synthetic (*i.e.* source) and realistic (*i.e.* target) domain.  $G_{T \to S}$  learns a mapping in the opposite direction. Previous work [17, 16] has shown that the depth supervision can help to improve the quality of style transfer compared to the standalone training of the translation networks. Although the effect of the depth supervision seems minor based on our experiment as shown in Table 7, we adopt it for all experiments and jointly train the image-to-image translation networks  $G_{S \to T}$  and  $G_{T \to S}$ , and the image-to-depth task network F with synthetic depth labels. Here, based on previous work [17, 2], we adopt six loss functions: adversarial loss  $L_{adv}$ , cycle consistency loss  $L_{cycle}$ , identity mapping loss  $L_{identity}$  (or reconstruction loss in [17]), task loss  $L_{task}$ , smooth loss  $L_{smooth}$ , and cross domain consistency loss  $L_{crdoco}$ . These losses are described in the following.

Adversarial loss We utilize adversarial training for the image translation. Following CycleGAN [18], we employ two generators  $G_{S \to T}$  and  $G_{T \to S}$ , and two discriminators  $D_s$  and  $D_t$  for the source and target domains, respectively.  $G_{S \to T}$  tries to learn the mapping from the source to the target domain, *i.e.*  $G_{S \to T} : I_S \to I_{S \to T}$ , such that the data distribution of the translated images from the source domain  $I_{S \to T}$  is indistinguishable from that of the target domain  $I_T$ . Then,  $D_T$  aims to distinguish between the images in the target domain  $I_S \to T$ . Thus, using the technique of a least-square loss [11] for stable training, we define adversarial loss [7]

in the target domain as

$$L_{adv}(G_{S \to T}, D_T, X_S, X_T)$$
  
=  $\mathbb{E}_{I_T \sim X_T}[(D_T(I_T) - 1)^2]$   
+  $\mathbb{E}_{I_S \sim X_S}[(D_T(G_{S \to T}(I_S)))^2].$  (3)

Similarly, the adversarial loss for the mapping function  $G_{T\to S}$  :  $I_T \to I_{T\to S}$  is introduced as  $L_{adv}(G_{T\to S}, D_S, X_T, X_S)$ . Please note that as a result of the bidirectional adversarial training, we obtain two labeled types of images  $I_S$  and  $I_{S\to T}$ , and two unlabeled types of images  $I_T$  and  $I_{T\to S}$  as shown in Fig 2 in our main paper.

**Cycle consistency loss**  $L_{cycle}$ . Generally, training  $G_{S \to T}$  and  $G_{T \to S}$  with only the adversarial loss are highly underconstrained. To further regularize the translation network, we use a cycle consistency loss [18, 15]. This loss function is based on the idea that when images are translated from one domain to another, followed by an inverse translation, the reconstructed images should be the same as the original, *i.e.*  $G_{T \to S}(G_{S \to T}(I_S)) \approx I_S$  and  $G_{S \to T}(G_{T \to S}(I_T)) \approx I_T$ . Therefore, we define the cycle consistency loss as

$$L_{cycle}(G_{S \to T}, G_{T \to S}, X_S, X_T)$$
  
=  $\mathbb{E}_{I_S \sim X_S}[\|G_{T \to S}(G_{S \to T}(I_S))) - I_S\|_1]$  (4)  
+  $\mathbb{E}_{I_T \sim X_T}[\|G_{S \to T}(G_{T \to S}(I_T)) - I_T\|_1].$ 

**Identity mapping loss**  $L_{identity}$ . In addition to  $L_{cycle}$ , we also use an identity mapping loss [18, 13] to regularize the training of  $G_{S \to T}$  and  $G_{T \to S}$ . Note that in [17], this loss function is named as 'reconstruction loss'. The identity mapping loss encourages  $G_{S \to T}$  and  $G_{T \to S}$  to preserve image styles when the input images already belong to the translation-target domain, *i.e.*  $G_{S \to T}(I_T) \approx I_T$  and

Method	Lower is better				Higher is better		
	Abs Rel	Sq Rel	RMSE	RMSE log	$\delta < 1.25$	$\delta < 1.25^2$	$\delta < 1.25^3$
No depth supervision	0.174	1.490	5.751	0.244	0.766	0.910	0.964
depth supervision	0.174	1.439	5.701	0.241	0.770	0.914	0.967

Table 7: Ablation studies on the effect of the depth supervision in the style transfer stage using CrDoCo\* [2] on KITTI [5].

Method	Lower is better				Higher is better		
	Abs Rel	Sq Rel	RMSE	RMSE log	$\delta < 1.25$	$\delta < 1.25^2$	$\delta < 1.25^3$
$\lambda_{crdoco} = 10.0$	0.178	1.269	5.845	0.245	0.742	0.910	0.970
$\lambda_{crdoco} = 1.0$	0.168	1.228	5.498	0.235	0.771	0.921	0.973
w/o $\lambda_{crdoco}$	0.176	1.443	5.676	0.240	0.768	0.917	0.971

Table 8: Ablation studies with the different number of  $\lambda_{crdoco}$  on KITTI [5].

 $G_{T \rightarrow S}(I_S) \approx I_S$ . Specifically, we define the identity mapping loss as

$$L_{identity}(G_{S \to T}, G_{T \to S}, X_S, X_T) = \mathbb{E}_{I_S \sim X_S}[\|G_{T \to S}(I_S)) - I_S\|_1] \qquad (5)$$
$$+ \mathbb{E}_{I_T \sim X_T}[\|G_{S \to T}(I_T) - I_T\|_1].$$

**Task loss**  $L_{task}$ . To train the image-to-depth task network F, we provide supervision to F using synthetic ground truth depth maps  $I_{S,lab}$ . Specifically, we pass the two labeled types of images  $I_S$  and  $I_{S \to T}$  to F to obtain corresponding depth maps  $P_S = F(I_S)$  and  $P_{S \to T} = F(I_{S \to T})$  as shown in Fig 1 in our main paper. Since these depth maps should have the same label  $I_{S,lab}$ , we define the task loss as

$$L_{task}(G_{S \to T}, F, X_S) = \mathbb{E}_{I_S \sim X_S}[\|F(I_S) - I_{S,lab}\|_1] + \mathbb{E}_{I_S \sim X_S}[\|F(G_{S \to T}(I_S)) - I_{S,lab}\|_1].$$
(6)

**Smooth loss**  $L_{smooth}$ . Following previous works [17, 4, 6, 8, 9, 16, 2] we utilize a a smooth loss to guide a more reasonable depth estimation using the unlabeled images  $I_T$  and  $I_{S \to T}$ . Specifically, we use a robust penalty with an edge-aware term for  $I_T$  as

$$L_{smooth}(F, X_T) = \mathbb{E}_{I_T \sim X_T}[|\partial_x F(I_T)|e^{-|\partial_x I_T|}] + \mathbb{E}_{I_T \sim X_T}[|\partial_y F(I_T)|e^{-|\partial_y I_T|}].$$
(7)

Similarly, the smooth loss for  $I_{S \to T}$  is introduced, *i.e.*  $L_{smooth}(F, X_{S \to T})$ .

**Cross domain consistency loss**  $L_{crdoco}$ . Following the previous work [2], we also introduce a cross domain consistency loss to enforce the consistency between the depth predictions of the two unlabeled types of images  $P_T = F(I_T)$ 

and  $P_{T \to S} = F(I_{T \to S})$ . More specifically, we define the cross domain consistency loss as

$$L_{crdoco}(G_{T \to S}, F, X_T) = \mathbb{E}_{I_T \sim X_T}[\|F(I_T) - F(G_{T \to S}(I_T))\|_1].$$
(8)

**Full objective.** The overall objective function in the style transfer stage is defined as

$$L_{style\_transfer} = L_{adv} + \lambda_{cycle} \cdot L_{cycle} + \lambda_{identity} \cdot L_{identity} + \lambda_{identity} \cdot L_{identity} + \lambda_{task} \cdot L_{task} + \lambda_{smooth} \cdot L_{smooth} + \lambda_{crdoco} \cdot L_{crdoco},$$

$$(9)$$

where each  $\lambda$  controls the relative importance of each objective. Then, we optimize the following min-max problem in the style transfer stage:

$$F^* = \arg\min_{F} \min_{\substack{G_{S \to T} \\ G_{T \to S} \\ D_T}} \max_{\substack{D_S, \\ D_T}} L_{style\_transfer}.$$
 (10)

In later stages, we leverage  $G_{S \to T}$  and  $G_{T \to S}$  pretrained in this style transfer stage.

#### A.2. Depth estimation stage

As the last stage in our UDA framework, we fine-tune the image-to-depth task network F trained in the SSRL stage, by using both synthetic and real-world datasets as shown in Fig 2 in our main paper. The network architecture in this stage is similar to that in the style transfer stage but the weights of the image-to-image translation networks  $G_{S \to T}$  and  $G_{T \to S}$  are fixed for faster training. Specifically, We train F, *i.e.* both  $F_{enc}$  and  $F_{dec}$ , by minimizing the follow-



Successful case Failure case Failure case Figure 4: Qualitative results for successful and failure cases on KITTI [5].

ing objectives:

$$L_{depth\_estimation} = \lambda_{task} \cdot L_{task} + \lambda_{smooth} \cdot L_{smooth} + \lambda_{crdoco} \cdot L_{crdoco},$$
(11)

where each  $\lambda$  controls the relative importance of each objective.

#### **B.** Training detail

In this section, we provide more details of our hyperparameter setting and training strategy.

#### **B.1.** Hyper-parameters

As mentioned in Section 5 in our main paper, we set the relative weights of the different loss functions based on previous works and our experiments. Specifically, we follow [18] to set  $\lambda_{cycle} = 10$  for our bidirectional imageto-image translation network. Also, similar to [17], we set  $\lambda_{identity} = 100, \lambda_{task} = 100, \lambda_{smooth} = 0.1$ . Lastly, we set  $\lambda_{crdoco} = 1$  based on our ablation study as in Table 8.

#### **B.2. Encoder with ImageNet initialization**

As mentioned in Section 5 in our main paper, we leverage EfficientNet-B5 [14] pre-trained on ImageNet [3] as the encoder  $F_{enc}$  of the task network F. EfficientNet-B5 mainly consists of 9 stages and each stage yields feature maps with a different number of channel and resolution sizes. To build the encoder-decoder architecture, we remove its last dense layer. Note that we follow previous works [1, 10, 17, 2] to utilize skip connections [12].

During optimization, we utilize differential learning rates for the encoder  $F_{enc}$  based on the stage as shown in Table 9. More specifically. we use relatively lower learning rates for the initial few stages since these stages are already good at extracting general information, such as edges,

Stage	Output channels	Learning rate	
1	48	$\ln / 10^3$	
2	24	$\ln / 10^3$	
3	40	$\ln / 10^3$	
4	64	$\ln / 10^3$	
	128	$-1r/10^2$	
6	176	$\ln / 10^2$	
	304	$\frac{1}{10^{1}}$	
8	512	$\ln / 10^{1}$	
9	2048	$\ln 10^{1}$	

Table 9: Details of differential learning rates applied to EfficientNet-B5 [14] pre-trained on ImageNet [3] as the encoder  $F_{enc}$  of the task network F. Note that we set a base learning rate lr = 0.0004 for F as mentioned in Section 5 in our main paper.

through ImageNet initialization. By contrast, the last few stages are trained with relatively higher learning rates to enable  $F_{enc}$  to adopt to our depth estimation task. Note that we train our comparison methods using our task network F together with the ImageNet initialization and the differential learning rates for a fair comparison. Please refer to our implementation code for more details.

#### C. Additional qualitative result

We provide additional qualitative results in Fig 4, highlighting relatively successful and failure cases. From the successful cases, our method is better at estimating consistent depth values on objects' surfaces than comparable methods [17, 2]. It is also worth analyzing the failure cases for future research. As a common trend, current UDA methods including our method fail to handle reflective surfaces (or overexposed white regions) in images. We suspect that this is because the larger surfaces with such a uniform color do not provide useful information for depth estimation. One possible solution would be an introduction of an attention mechanism to utilize global information between pixels.

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