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## Label Propagation with Augmented Anchors: A Simple Semi-Supervised Learning baseline for Unsupervised Domain Adaptation

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### A Proof of Proposition 1

*Proof.* For any  $\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_j \in X$ , we define the boolean value  $P(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_j) := TRUE$  iff there exists a sequence of instances  $(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_{t_1}, \mathbf{x}_{t_2}, \dots, \mathbf{x}_{t_m}, \mathbf{x}_j)$  such that the product of their pair-wise similarities:  $\mathbf{a}_{it_1} \cdot \mathbf{a}_{t_1t_2} \cdot \dots \cdot \mathbf{a}_{t_mj} \neq 0$ . Then under the assumption made in Proposition 1, minimizing Equation (7) results in  $\hat{y}_i = \hat{y}_j$  for those with  $P(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_j) = TRUE$ , and  $\hat{y}_i = y_i$  for all  $\mathbf{x}_i \in X_L$ , therefore we have

$$Acc = \frac{|\{\mathbf{x}_i \in X_U : \exists \mathbf{x}_j \in X_L, P(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_j)\}|}{u}. \quad (\text{A.1})$$

Obviously, enhancing the zero-valued similarity  $\mathbf{a}_{mn}$  between a data instance  $\mathbf{x}_m$  (labeled or unlabeled) and a labeled instance  $\mathbf{x}_n \in X_L$ , where  $y_m = y_n$ , to a positive number leads to non-decreasing value of  $|\{\mathbf{x}_i \in X_U : \exists \mathbf{x}_j \in X_L, P(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_j)\}|$ , and therefore non-decreasing value of  $Acc$ . In particular, if  $\mathbf{x}_m \in X_U$  and originally  $P(\mathbf{x}_m, \mathbf{x}_j) = FALSE, \forall \mathbf{x}_j \in X_L$ , the prediction of  $\mathbf{x}_m$  changes from original  $\hat{y}_m (\neq y_m)$  to  $y_n (= y_m)$  and thus the value of  $Acc$  increases.  $\square$

### B Analysis

**Hyper-parameter  $\alpha$**  We investigate different values of  $\alpha$  (of Equ. (7)) in A<sup>2</sup>LP. As illustrated in Table A1, the results are stable under a wide range of  $\alpha$  (i.e., 0.1~0.75).

**Practical Efficiency** To make the proposed methods applicable to datasets with large numbers of instances, we improve the dominating computations of our methods by adopting the NN-Descent [1] to construct the  $k$ -nearest neighbor graph (6) and the conjugate gradient [2, 3] to acquire the label predictions  $\mathbf{F}^*$  (11). As illustrated in Table A2, the NN-Descent [1] accelerates the brute-force

| Values of $\alpha$            | 0.1  | 0.25 | 0.4  | 0.5  | 0.6  | 0.75 | 0.9  | 2.0  |
|-------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Acc. (%) of A <sup>2</sup> LP | 95.7 | 96.2 | 96.2 | 96.0 | 96.0 | 95.8 | 94.3 | 16.8 |

Table A1: Results of A<sup>2</sup>LP with different values of  $\alpha$  on the  $\mathbf{P} \rightarrow \mathbf{C}$  task of the ImageCLEF-DA dataset.

implementation of affinity matrix at a factor of 20, and the conjugate gradient-based solution (11) accelerates the closed-form solution (7) at a factor of  $> 20$  on the VisDA-2017-Small task of 24K instances, while the classification results drop negligibly (in fact no drop at the precision level of 0.1%).

Table A2: An illustration of the wall-clock time of the (a) graph construction (6) and (b) prediction solution (7) with different implementations on the VisDA-2017-Small task of 24K instances based on the Intel Xeon E5-2630 V4 CPU of 2.20GHz.

| Methods           | Acc. (%) | Time (s) | Methods                  | Acc. (%) | Time (s) |
|-------------------|----------|----------|--------------------------|----------|----------|
| Brute-force impl. | 79.3     | 182      | Closed-form solution (7) | 79.3     | 51.2     |
| NN-Descent [1]    | 79.3     | 9.0      | CG [2, 3] (11)           | 79.3     | 2.4      |

(a) Graph construction (6)

(b) Predictions solution (7)

## C Full Results of VisDA-2017

The full classification results on the VisDA-2017 dataset are illustrated in Table A3.

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Table A3: Full classification results on the VisDA-2017 dataset for unsupervised domain adaptation (UDA).

| Methods                             | aero.       | bike        | bus         | car         | horse       | knife       | moto.       | person      | plant       | sktb.       | train       | truck       | Avg.        |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Results based on a 50-layer ResNet  |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |
| LP                                  | 91.4        | 81.4        | 73.3        | 71.8        | 94.7        | 60.8        | 87.4        | 62.2        | 87.8        | 19.1        | 86.2        | 20.9        | 69.8        |
| A <sup>2</sup> LP                   | 95.5        | 82.8        | 77.9        | 70.0        | 95.2        | 95.9        | 86.6        | 65.3        | 87.4        | 42.8        | 86.4        | 53.1        | 78.7        |
| MSTN (reproduced)                   | 86.9        | 73.2        | 76.8        | 67.2        | 80.7        | 78.8        | 71.9        | 65.1        | 74.8        | 76.2        | 85.6        | 25.6        | 71.9        |
| empowered by A <sup>2</sup> LP      | 96.1        | 83.5        | 78.3        | 70.8        | 95.7        | 96.3        | 87.1        | 66.4        | 87.4        | 76.4        | 86.7        | 53.8        | 81.5        |
| CAN (reproduced)                    | 94.5        | 85.4        | <b>81.9</b> | <b>72.3</b> | 96.7        | 94.9        | 88.3        | 78.4        | <b>96.3</b> | 94.7        | 86.2        | 57.3        | 85.6        |
| empowered by A <sup>2</sup> LP      | <b>96.3</b> | <b>86.2</b> | 81.4        | 71.7        | <b>97.1</b> | <b>96.8</b> | <b>89.7</b> | <b>79.1</b> | 96.1        | <b>95.4</b> | <b>88.6</b> | <b>59.1</b> | <b>86.5</b> |
| Results based on a 101-layer ResNet |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |
| LP                                  | 89.6        | 80.6        | 65.4        | 72.9        | 92.7        | 74.0        | 84.2        | 72.8        | 87.9        | 48.4        | 84.6        | 33.0        | 73.9        |
| A <sup>2</sup> LP                   | 96.0        | 82.9        | 82.2        | 68.9        | 95.8        | 96.0        | 87.8        | 66.5        | 89.6        | 85.2        | 88.4        | 53.2        | 82.7        |
| MSTN (reproduced)                   | 90.5        | 73.0        | 70.2        | 58.9        | 84.9        | 77.0        | 84.5        | 79.3        | 89.6        | 69.6        | 89.4        | 36.0        | 75.2        |
| empowered by A <sup>2</sup> LP      | 96.4        | 84.1        | 82.4        | 70.1        | 96.1        | 96.6        | 88.2        | 67.7        | 91.5        | 87.5        | <b>89.9</b> | 54.0        | 83.7        |
| CAN (reproduced)                    | 97.0        | <b>87.2</b> | 82.5        | <b>74.3</b> | 97.8        | 96.2        | <b>90.8</b> | 80.7        | 96.6        | 96.3        | 87.5        | 59.9        | 87.2        |
| empowered by A <sup>2</sup> LP      | <b>97.5</b> | 86.9        | <b>83.1</b> | 74.2        | <b>98.0</b> | <b>97.4</b> | 90.5        | <b>80.9</b> | <b>96.9</b> | <b>96.5</b> | 89.0        | <b>60.1</b> | <b>87.6</b> |