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Knowledge Extraction and Inference Based on Visual Understanding of Cooking Contents

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This dissertation focuses on analyzing cooking content for the ultimate goal of automatic robotic manipulation. For a robot to perform a cooking task, it will need to both have an understanding of the scene and utilize prior knowledge. We will explore two main sub-problems: knowledge extraction and inference, and visual understanding of the scene in this dissertation. Visual understanding of a scene, requires computer vision based algorithms which can visually infer information from a single image or video. Although great advances has been achieved by the emergence of deep learning, state-of-the art algorithms in this area have limitations. To attempt to overcome this lack of performance, we propose to use structured knowledge representations combined with state of the art deep learning techniques for visual understanding of cooking videos. Besides objects, and motions, we recognize that states of objects are important in interpreting the scene and introduce the state identification challenge in cooking applications and collect a dataset for research in the area of ingredient state analysis. We look into the problem of simultaneous knowledge extraction from a single image and extracting information about ingredients, their states, the inter-connection between different objects in the scene and the motion-object interconnections. This problem requires an algorithm that can model the correlation of various concepts in a single image simultaneously. We propose to incorporate auto-regressive self-attention based mechanisms to extract knowledge from a single image. We show that the knowledge acquired from a single image can be used for calorie estimation and suggest that it can be utilized for robotic manipulation in the future.

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