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# Multi-Label Supervised Contrastive Learning

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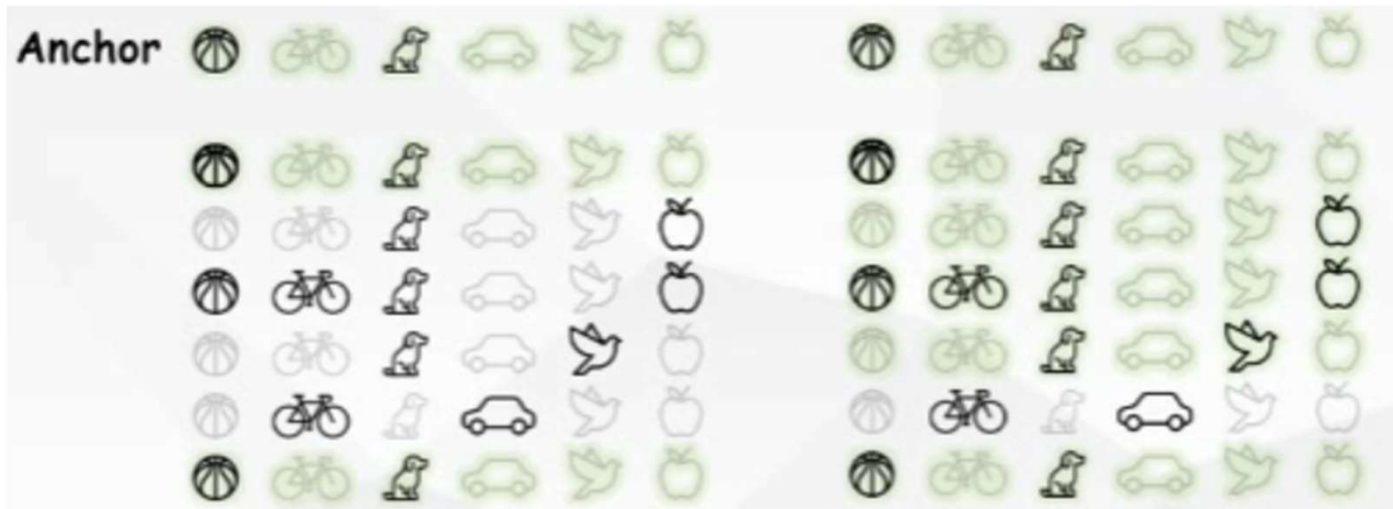
# Introduction: Multi-label

- SupCon:
  - same-label as positives
  - succeed in single-label classification
- Challenge: how to find positives



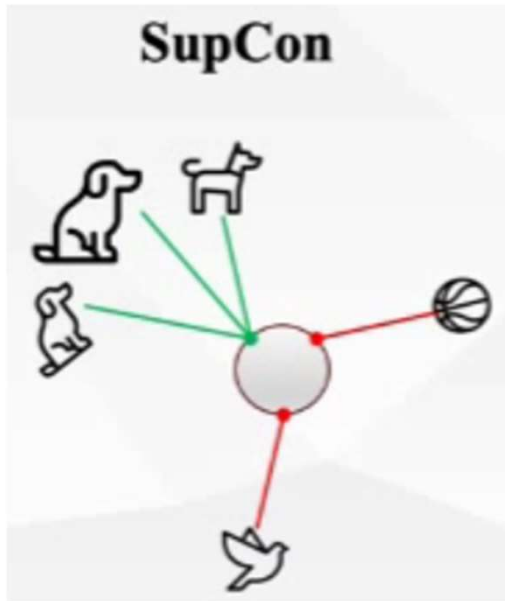
# Introduction: Apply SupCon – All and Any

- All : Exactly same label
- Any : Overlapped label



# Method: SupCon

- SupCon :  $\mathcal{L}_{\text{supcon}}^{(i)} = \frac{-1}{|\mathcal{P}^{(i)}|} \sum_{p \in \mathcal{P}^{(i)}} \log \frac{e^{s_p^{(i)}/\tau}}{\sum_{a \in \mathcal{A}^{(i)}} e^{s_a^{(i)}/\tau}} \quad s_j^{(i)} = \mathbf{z}_q^{(i)} \cdot \mathbf{z}_k^{(j)}$
- Pushing towards “class” representation



$$\nabla_{\mathbf{z}_q^{(i)}} \mathcal{L}_{\text{supcon}}^{(i)} = \bar{\mathbf{z}} + \hat{\mathbf{z}}$$

$$\bar{\mathbf{z}} = \frac{-1}{\tau} \cdot \frac{1}{|\mathcal{P}^{(i)}|} \sum_{p \in \mathcal{P}^{(i)}} \mathbf{z}_k^{(p)}$$

$$\hat{\mathbf{z}} = \sum_{a \in \mathcal{A}^{(i)}} \frac{1}{\tau} \cdot \frac{e^{s_a^{(i)}/\tau}}{C} \cdot \mathbf{z}_k^{(a)}$$

# Method: MulSupCon

Anchor



$$\nabla_{\oplus} = \frac{z^{(1)} + z^{(3)} + z^{(6)}}{3}$$

$$\nabla_{\otimes} = \frac{z^{(1)} + z^{(2)} + z^{(3)} + z^{(4)} + z^{(6)}}{5}$$

$$\nabla = \frac{\nabla_{\oplus} + \nabla_{\otimes}}{2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla_{z_q^{(i)}} \mathcal{L}^{(i)} &= \sum_{y_j^{(i)} \in \mathbf{y}^{(i)}} \frac{-1}{\tau} \frac{1}{|\mathcal{P}_j^{(i)}|} \sum_{p \in \mathcal{P}_j^{(i)}} z_k^{(p)} \\ &\quad + |\mathbf{y}^{(i)}| \sum_{a \in \mathcal{A}^{(i)}} \frac{1}{\tau} \cdot \frac{e^{s_a^{(i)}/\tau}}{C} \cdot z_k^{(a)} \\ &= \sum_{y_j^{(i)} \in \mathbf{y}^{(i)}} \bar{z}_j + |\mathbf{y}^{(i)}| \cdot \hat{z}, \\ \bar{z}_j &= \frac{-1}{\tau} \frac{1}{|\mathcal{P}_j^{(i)}|} \sum_{p \in \mathcal{P}_j^{(i)}} z_k^{(p)} \end{aligned}$$

- MulSupcon:

$$\mathcal{L}^{(i)} = \frac{1}{|\mathbf{y}^{(i)}|} \sum_{y_j^{(i)} \in \mathbf{y}^{(i)}} \frac{-1}{|\mathcal{P}_j^{(i)}|} \sum_{p \in \mathcal{P}_j^{(i)}} \log \frac{e^{s_p^{(i)}/\tau}}{\sum_{a \in \mathcal{A}^{(i)}} e^{s_a^{(i)}/\tau}}$$

Positive set for each label j:

$$\mathcal{P}_j^{(i)} = \{m | \forall m, y_j^{(i)} \in \mathbf{y}^{(m)}\}$$

- Pushing towards average "class" representation

# Experimental results



Metric	example-F1					
Dataset	media	yeast	scene	bkms	deli	nus
LaMP	-	0.624	0.728	0.389	0.372	0.376
MPVAE	-	0.648	0.751	0.382	0.373	0.468
ASL	-	0.613	0.770	0.373	0.359	0.468
RBCC	-	0.605	0.758	-	-	0.466
C-GMVAE	0.623 <sup>†</sup>	0.656	0.777	0.392	0.381	0.481
Ours	<b>0.627</b>	<b>0.659</b>	<b>0.787</b>	<b>0.394</b>	<b>0.386</b>	<b>0.484</b>

Table 2: Comparison with existing approaches, The example-F1 is shown, <sup>†</sup> means we run the official C-GMVAE codes with our data splits

# Experimental results



Method	mAP	Hamming Accuracy	example-F1	Macro-F1	Micro-F1	precision@1
ALL	0.636	0.979	0.676	0.607	0.664	0.897
ANY	0.564	0.977	0.639	0.547	0.623	0.883
Ours	<b>0.672</b>	<b>0.980</b>	<b>0.700</b>	<b>0.636</b>	<b>0.688</b>	<b>0.916</b>

Table 5: Linear probe results of ALL, ANY, and MulSupCon (ours) method on MS-COCO dataset

# Experimental results



Dataset	Method	mAP	HA	example-F1	Macro-F1	Micro-F1	precision@1
MS-COCO	BCE	<u>0.694</u>	<u>0.981</u>	<u>0.724</u>	<u>0.654</u>	<u>0.706</u>	<u>0.921</u>
	linear	0.672	0.980	0.700	0.636	0.688	0.916
	finetune	<b>0.708</b>	<b>0.982</b>	<b>0.736</b>	<b>0.662</b>	<b>0.714</b>	<b>0.930</b>
NUS-WIDE	BCE	<u>0.524</u>	<u>0.984</u>	<u>0.707</u>	<u>0.505</u>	<u>0.722</u>	<u>0.821</u>
	linear	<u>0.552</u>	<u>0.984</u>	<u>0.701</u>	<u>0.553</u>	<u>0.721</u>	<u>0.822</u>
	finetune	<b>0.566</b>	<u>0.984</u>	<b>0.714</b>	<b>0.557</b>	<b>0.728</b>	<b>0.825</b>
Objects365	BCE	<u>0.180</u>	<u>0.983</u>	<u>0.361</u>	<u>0.133</u>	<u>0.432</u>	<u>0.716</u>
	linear	<u>0.297</u>	<u>0.984</u>	<u>0.441</u>	<u>0.288</u>	<u>0.479</u>	<u>0.784</u>
	finetune	<b>0.333</b>	<b>0.984</b>	<b>0.467</b>	<b>0.311</b>	<b>0.509</b>	<b>0.802</b>
MIRFLICKR	BCE	<u>0.696</u>	<u>0.921</u>	<u>0.710</u>	<u>0.641</u>	<u>0.731</u>	<u>0.889</u>
	linear	0.694	0.920	0.705	0.637	0.727	0.888
	finetune	<b>0.711</b>	<b>0.926</b>	<b>0.729</b>	<b>0.658</b>	<b>0.754</b>	<b>0.895</b>
PASCAL	BCE	<u>0.673</u>	<u>0.962</u>	<u>0.684</u>	<u>0.628</u>	<u>0.692</u>	<u>0.769</u>
	linear	<u>0.694</u>	<u>0.962</u>	<u>0.680</u>	<u>0.644</u>	<u>0.697</u>	<u>0.778</u>
	finetune	<b>0.726</b>	<b>0.965</b>	<b>0.716</b>	<b>0.670</b>	<b>0.726</b>	<b>0.802</b>

Table 6: Comparison of linear probing and finetuning results with BCE on 5 image datasets

# Experimental results



(a) Model pretrained on MS-COCO

Dataset	Method	mAP	HA	example-F1	Macro-F1	Micro-F1	precision@1
PASCAL	BCE	<b>0.865</b>	<b>0.979</b>	<b>0.838</b>	<b>0.809</b>	<b>0.842</b>	<b>0.916</b>
	Ours	0.853	0.977	0.818	0.792	0.824	0.907
MIRFLICKR	BCE	0.656	0.911	0.673	0.613	0.700	0.873
	Ours	<b>0.722</b>	<b>0.923</b>	<b>0.716</b>	<b>0.668</b>	<b>0.741</b>	<b>0.899</b>

(b) Model pretrained on NUS-WIDE

PASCAL	BCE	0.661	0.964	0.713	0.624	0.713	0.801
	Ours	<b>0.750</b>	<b>0.969</b>	<b>0.749</b>	<b>0.693</b>	<b>0.760</b>	<b>0.853</b>
MIRFLICKR	BCE	0.716	0.922	0.716	0.662	0.740	0.897
	Ours	<b>0.750</b>	<b>0.927</b>	<b>0.736</b>	<b>0.691</b>	<b>0.758</b>	<b>0.906</b>

Table 7: Transfer to PASCAL and MIRFLICKR datasets.

# Experimental results



Linear probing results with and without the weight in MulSupCon

Dataset	Weight	mAP	HA	example-F1	Macro-F1	Micro-F1	precision@1
MS-COCO	Yes	0.663	0.980	0.697	0.630	0.683	0.914
	No	<b>0.672</b>	0.980	<b>0.700</b>	<b>0.636</b>	<b>0.688</b>	<b>0.916</b>
PASCAL	Yes	0.693	0.962	0.676	0.640	0.695	0.772
	No	<b>0.694</b>	0.962	<b>0.680</b>	<b>0.644</b>	<b>0.697</b>	<b>0.778</b>
MIRFLICKR	Yes	0.689	0.919	0.703	0.634	0.725	0.884
	No	<b>0.694</b>	<b>0.920</b>	<b>0.705</b>	<b>0.637</b>	<b>0.727</b>	<b>0.888</b>

Table 8: Ablation study results

# Conclusion



- MulSupCon achieves a competitive results when compared to SOTA.
- MulSupCon outperforms BCE to a large extent.
- MulSupCon can generalize well.
- Ablation studies to demonstrate the effectiveness of the weights.



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