



Shared Space Transfer Learning for analyzing multi-site fMRI data

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- Multi-site fMRI analysis
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Task-based fMRI analysis

functional Magnetic Resonance Imaging (fMRI) machine



Subject



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fMRI scan









Algebraic Representation



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Representational (or Vector) Space



• The brain image for *s*-th subject in *d*-th site: $\mathbf{X}^{(d,s)} \in \mathbb{R}^{T_d \times V}$

Functional Alignment single-site

Subject

Subject S_d









Pattern vector trajectories for 2 subjects in a 2-voxel representation space















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Subject 1

Subject 2

Single-site functional alignment for multi-subject fMRI

➤ Generating the common space for each site:

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- Let d=1...D be the number of sites
- $s=1...S_d$ is the number of subjects in *d-th* site
- Let $t = \tilde{I} \dots T_d$ be the number of time point in *d*-th site
- v=1...V is the number of voxel
- We let *k* << *V* be the number of components
- The brain image for *s*-th subject in *d*-th site: $\mathbf{X}^{(d,s)} \in \mathbb{R}^{T_d \times V}$
- The mapping matrix for *s*-th subject in *d*-th site: $\mathbf{R}^{(d,s)} \in \mathbb{R}^{V \times k}$
- The common space for *d*-th site: $\mathbf{G}^{(d,S_d)} \in \mathbb{R}^{T_d \times k}$

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• By these assumptions, we can rewrite the objective function only based on the common space:

$$\operatorname*{arg\,min}_{\mathbf{R}^{(d,s)},\mathbf{G}^{(d,S_d)}} \sum_{s=1}^{S_d} \left\| \mathbf{G}^{(d,S_d)} - \mathbf{X}^{(d,s)} \mathbf{R}^{(d,s)} \right\|_F^2 \approx \operatorname*{arg\,max}_{\mathbf{G}^{(d,S_d)}} \left(\operatorname{tr} \left(\left(\mathbf{G}^{(d,S_d)} \right)^\top \sum_{s=1}^{S_d} \mathbf{P}^{(d,s)} \mathbf{G}^{(d,S_d)} \right) \right)$$

• We can calculate the common space by solving an *eigendecomposition* problem

Multi-site fMRI analysis Our SSTL algorithm

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- Shared Space Transfer Learning (SSTL)
 - A novel **Transfer Learning (TL)** approach for multi-site fMRI analysis
 - It can functionally **align homogeneous multi-site** fMRI datasets
 - It **IS NOT LIMITED** to overlapped datasets (*i.e.*, share some subjects)
 - It can improve the **prediction performance** in every site.











Generating the Global Shared Space (training phase)

• We denote a concatenated version of all common spaces in the training set as follows:

$$\mathbf{G} \hspace{0.1 cm} = \hspace{0.1 cm} \left[egin{array}{c} \mathbf{G}^{(1,S_{1})} \ \mathbf{G}^{(2,S_{2})} \ dots \ \mathbf{G}^{(\widetilde{D},S_{\widetilde{D}})} \end{array}
ight]$$

• We use linear Karhunen–Loeve transformation (KLT) for learning the global shared space:

$$\widetilde{\mathcal{J}}_{G}(\mathbf{G}) = \underset{\mathbf{W}}{\operatorname{arg\,min}} \left\| \mathbf{G} - \mathbf{G} \mathbf{W} \mathbf{W}^{\top} \right\|_{F}^{2},$$

subject to $\mathbf{W}^{\top} \mathbf{W} = \mathbf{I}_{k}$

SSTL: Algorithm

SSTL: Objective Functions

STEP 1: Generating the common space for *each site:*

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- $X^{(d,s)}$ denotes the **neural responses** for *s-th* subject in *d-th* site
- $R^{(d,s)}$ denotes the **mapping matrices** for *s*-*th* subject in *d*-*th* site
- $G^{(d,sd)}$ denotes **the common space** for *d-th* site
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- G denotes the concatenated version of all common spaces in the training set
- W is the global shared space

SSTL: Algorithm

Algorithm 1 Shared Space Transfer Learning (SSTL)

Input:

Training set $[\mathbf{X}^{(d,s)}]_{d=1...\widetilde{D},s=1...S_d}$, Training labels $[\mathbf{y}^{(d,s)}]_{d=1...\widetilde{D},s=1...S_d}$, Testing set $[\mathbf{X}^{(d,s)}]_{d=1...\widehat{D},s=1...S_d}$, Testing labels $[\mathbf{y}^{(d,s)}]_{d=1...\widehat{D},s=1...S_d}$, Regularized parameter ϵ , Number of features k.

Output:

Classification Model Π , Site-specific common features $[\mathbf{G}^{(d,S_d)}]_{d=1...\widetilde{D}+\widehat{D}}$, Global shared space transformation \mathbf{W} , and the model evaluation (accuracy, precision, etc.).

Method:

Common Phase — must run for each dataset separately

01. $D = \widetilde{D} + \widehat{D}$ 02. Initialize $\mathbf{G}^{(d,0)} = \{0\}^{T_d \times k}$ and $\widetilde{\Sigma}^{(d,0)} = \operatorname{diag}(\{0\}^k)$ for $d = 1 \dots D$. 03. Generate $\mathbf{G}^{(d,S_d)}$ and $\mathbf{R}^{(d,s)}$ for $d = 1 \dots D$ and $s = 1 \dots S_d$ by using (1) to (8). **# Training Phase** 04. Concatenate $\mathbf{G} = [\mathbf{G}^{(d,S_d)}]_{d=1\dots\widetilde{D}}$ based on (9). 05. Calculate the second moment $\mathbf{C} = \frac{1}{T-1} \left(\mathbf{G} - \mathbf{1}_T \mu^T \right)^T \left(\mathbf{G} - \mathbf{1}_T \mu^T \right)$ based on (12). 06. Calculate \mathbf{W} as eigenvectors of \mathbf{C} . 07. Train a classification model $\mathbf{\Pi} \left([\mathbf{X}^{(d,s)} \mathbf{R}^{(d,s)} \mathbf{W}]_{d=1\dots\widetilde{D},s=1\dots S_d}, [\mathbf{y}^{(d,s)}]_{d=1\dots\widetilde{D},s=1\dots S_d} \right)$. **# Testing Phase** 08. Predict based on model $[\widehat{\mathbf{p}}^{(d,s)}]_{d=1\dots\widetilde{D},s=1\dots S_d} = \mathbf{\Pi} \left([\mathbf{X}^{(d,s)} \mathbf{R}^{(d,s)} \mathbf{W}]_{d=1\dots\widetilde{D},s=1\dots S_d} \right)$. 09. Evaluate accuracy of the model $-i.e., [\widehat{\mathbf{p}}^{(d,s)}]_{d=1\dots\widetilde{D},s=1\dots S_d}$ vs. $[\mathbf{y}^{(d,s)}]_{d=1\dots\widetilde{D},s=1\dots S_d}$.

Empirical Studies

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 - Methods based on general TL algorithms:
 - Maximum independence domain adaptation (MIDA)
 - Side Information Dependence Regularization (SIDeR)

Scheme of experiments: Datasets

ID	Title (Open NEURO ID)	Туре	S_d	#1	T_d	#2	#3
А	Stop signal with spoken pseudo word naming (DS007)	Decision	20	4	149	B, C	B, C, D
В	Stop signal with spoken letter naming (DS007)	Decision	20	4	112	A, C	A, C, D
С	Stop signal with manual response (DS007)	Decision	20	4	211	A, B	A, B, D
D	Conditional stop signal (DS008)	Decision	13	4	317		A, B, C
E	Simon task (DS101)	Simon	21	2	302		F
F	Flanker task (DS102)	Flanker	26	2	292		E
G	Integration of sweet taste – study 1 (DS229)	Flavour	15	6	580	Н	Н
Η	Integration of sweet taste – study 3 (DS231)	Flavour	9	6	650	G	G

 S_d is the number of subject; #1 is the number of stimulus categories; T_d is the number of time points per subjects; #2 lists the other datasets that overlap with this dataset; #3 lists the other datasets whose neural responses can be transferred to this dataset.

Multi-site classification analysis for pairs of datasets that overlap



Multi-site classification analysis for sets of datasets that do not overlap



Visualizing transferred neural responses



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Runtime



• SSTL uses a single-iteration optimization approach

Future Works

Conclusion

- We propose the Shared Space Transfer Learning (SSTL) as a novel transfer learning (TL) technique that can be used for homogeneous multi-site fMRI analysis.
- Our comprehensive experiments confirmed that SSTL achieves superior performance to other state-of-the-art TL analysis methods.
- We anticipate that SSTL's multi-view technique for transfer learning will have strong practical applications in neuroscience --- such as functional alignment of multi-site fMRI data, perhaps of movie stimuli.



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