Glaucoma Diagnosis

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Optical Coherence Tomography & Artificial Intelligence for Glaucomatous Optic Neuropathy



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- Intraocular pressure (IOP) is the major risk factor for glaucoma
- ... but glaucoma can also occur at normal levels of IOP (normal tension glaucoma)









Perimetry **Retinal Sensitivity**

Pachymetry Corneal Thickness

OCT **RNFL** Thickness







Current Glaucoma Diagnosis:

- Lengthy process
- Expensive
- Not automated + Subjective
- Not scalable



Fundus images are easy and cheap to collect



Damaged Optic Nerve

Vertical Cup/Disk Ratio (VCDR)



- Vertical Cup/Disk Ratio: straightforward automated diagnosis
- Very low diagnosis power for glaucoma

Deep Learning for Fundus Images Analysis



- Deep-Learning approaches: better than Vertical Cup/Disk Ratio
- ... but fundus images are intrinsically of limited use: low diagnosis power
- ... a robust glaucoma diagnosis needs to exploit 3D imaging modalities

Optical Coherence Tomography (OCT)





Few seconds scan



Imaging of the Optic Nerve Head

Optical Coherence Tomography (OCT)



- Exponential growth of OCT market
- Democratization of the use of OCT









Diagonal Scans (view from above)



1 slice



- Retinal Fiber Neural Layer (RNFL) Thickness: current gold standard
- Very limited information exploited
- Low predictive power

Standard OCT Technology

Low Visibility of Deep Tissues







Standard Convolutional Network



- Only a few thousands training examples available
- Complex structure (more than MNIST!)
- CNN trained from scratch: very **poor generalization abilities**

Standard Data-Augmentation



Limited gain in predictive power



- Leverage networks trained on millions of images (eg. Imagenet)
- Very low level filters (e.g. edge detectors) are somehow useful
- ... but non-medical images are ultimately not very relevant for glaucoma diagnosis



- Bayesian Regularization
- Helps mitigate overfitting
- Data efficiency: crucial in data-scarce settings



- How would you teach a 4th grader about art?
- Would you show him a few thousands paintings and let him figure it all out?

Deep Residual Unet (DRUnet)

Recurrent DRUnet

Teach the network how to locate landmark points

Dimension Reduction: Variational Autoencoder

Conclusion:

- Deep-Learning in data-scarce (eg. medical) settings:
 - Many challenges and a few solutions
 - Incorporating prior expert knowledge is crucial
 - Intrinsic dimensionality is often not very high
 - Finding good representations is (as always) crucial
- What about Glaucoma diagnosis:
 - Current automated diagnosis have low predictive power
 - Deep Learning is a potential game-changer



Thanks!

Any questions?



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