Automatically Finding Relevant Images



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scenario

- autonomous robot exploring unknown space
- remotely-situated human teammate





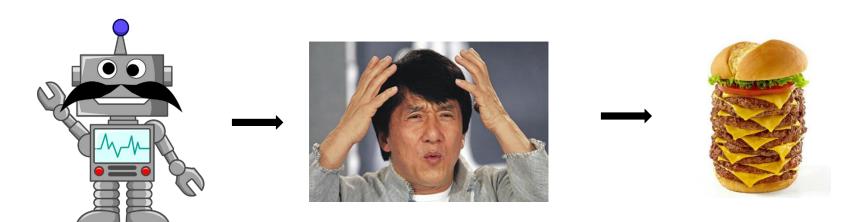






scenario

- low-bandwidth: robot-human communication link can only transmit text and single images
- script: robot provides text summary, human asks question, robot provides image as answer



r: i went into a room and saw a
hamburger on a table

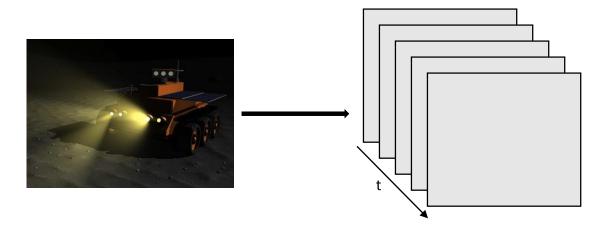
h: did the hamburger have cheese?

problem formulation

pose this problem as one of supervised machine learning

$$\{(x_i,y_i)\} \xrightarrow{\text{find } f} y = f(x)$$

- data
 - images from robot exploration ...



problem formulation

• ... questions about these images ...

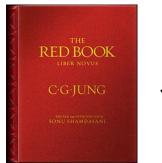


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h: what is the title of the red book?

• **labels:** indicate whether or not each image is *relevant* to the question

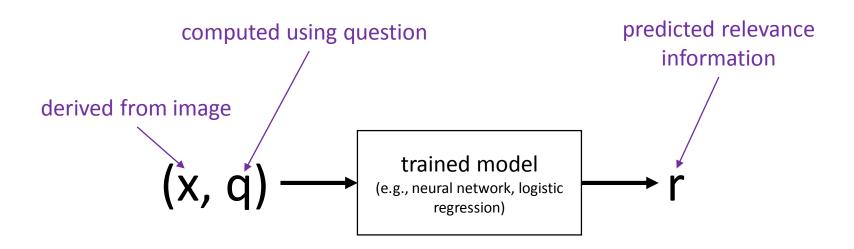






problem formulation

model



tasks

make robotic exploration gather useful data:







same object; multiple views

pan-tilt-zoom camera control



tasks

object detection



• object tracking, with pan-tilt-zoom

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