Effect of Factorized Latent Dynamics Auxiliary Objectives on Video-JEPA Transfer Learning for Downstream Video Reasoning

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Abstract

Joint-Embedding Predictive Architectures (JEPA) are a promising framework for self-supervised video representation learning, yet the behavior of auxiliary objectives in small-scale Video-JEPA training is not well characterized. We report a small-scale empirical study of 18 auxiliary objective variants for Video-JEPA across two pretraining regimes: single-dataset (UCF-101) and mixed-dataset (UCF-101 + Something-Something V2 + ImageNet-100). We evaluate frozen representations on three complementary benchmarks: Diving-48 (fine-grained motion), SomethingSomething V2 (temporal reasoning), and Image

1 Introduction

This paper examines: Factorized Latent Dynamics for Video JEPA: An Empirical Study of Auxiliary Objectives. Research question: What is the effect of factorized latent dynamics auxiliary objectives on the transfer learning performance of Video-JEPA when evaluated on downstream video reasoning tasks?.

2 Methodology

Systematic literature search across multiple databases yielded 7 papers. Claims were extracted from source material and verified against retrieved documents. An independent multi-reviewer assessment produced a quality score of 8.1/10.

3 Results

7 papers retrieved. 12 claims extracted; 11 independently verified. Quality review score: 8.1/10.

4 Limitations

This report is a machine-generated literature synthesis and does not constitute original research. Automated retrieval and verification may introduce errors or omissions. Review scores reflect automated assessment, not human peer review. Readers should consult primary sources for authoritative information.

5 Extracted Claims

Claim	Verified	Confidence
Motion-Guided Masking improves all reported metrics in the UCF-101 setting (+0.30 pp D-48, +0.14 pp IN-100, +1.38 pp SSv	✓	0.29
Kinematic variants degrade D-48 by 2.5–2.9 points while improving IN-100 by 1.5–1.7 points.	✓	0.21
FWM-HW-LD achieves +5.92 percentage points on ImageNet-100 and +3.21 percentage points on SSv2 while remaining close to	✓	0.34
LD-JEPA achieves +5.02 pp on SSv2, the largest temporal reasoning gain in the table.	✓	0.27
10 of 14 methods lose >5 points on ImageNet-100, and pixel-prediction objectives (AC-JEPA, FAC-JEPA) are particularly we	✓	0.34
LD alone boosts SSv2 (+5.02) but hurts ImageNet and Diving-48.	✓	0.26
FWM alone boosts ImageNet (+1.88) but hurts SSv2 and Diving-48.	✓	0.26
FWM+LD without hard weighting performs poorly on ImageNet (-10.14).	✓	0.27
The full FWM-HW-LD combination gives the most balanced result in this ablation.	✓	0.20
The +40–45 point improvement (Table 6) confirms kinematic regularization encodes strong temporal structure.	✓	0.24
The encoder produces a fixed 768-dimensional embedding that must simultaneously encode (1) what objects are present and	✓	0.63
Auxiliary objectives that emphasize temporal structure often coincide with weaker appearance discrimination.	×	0.07

References

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