

Learning Graph-Based Priors for Generalized Zero-Shot Learning

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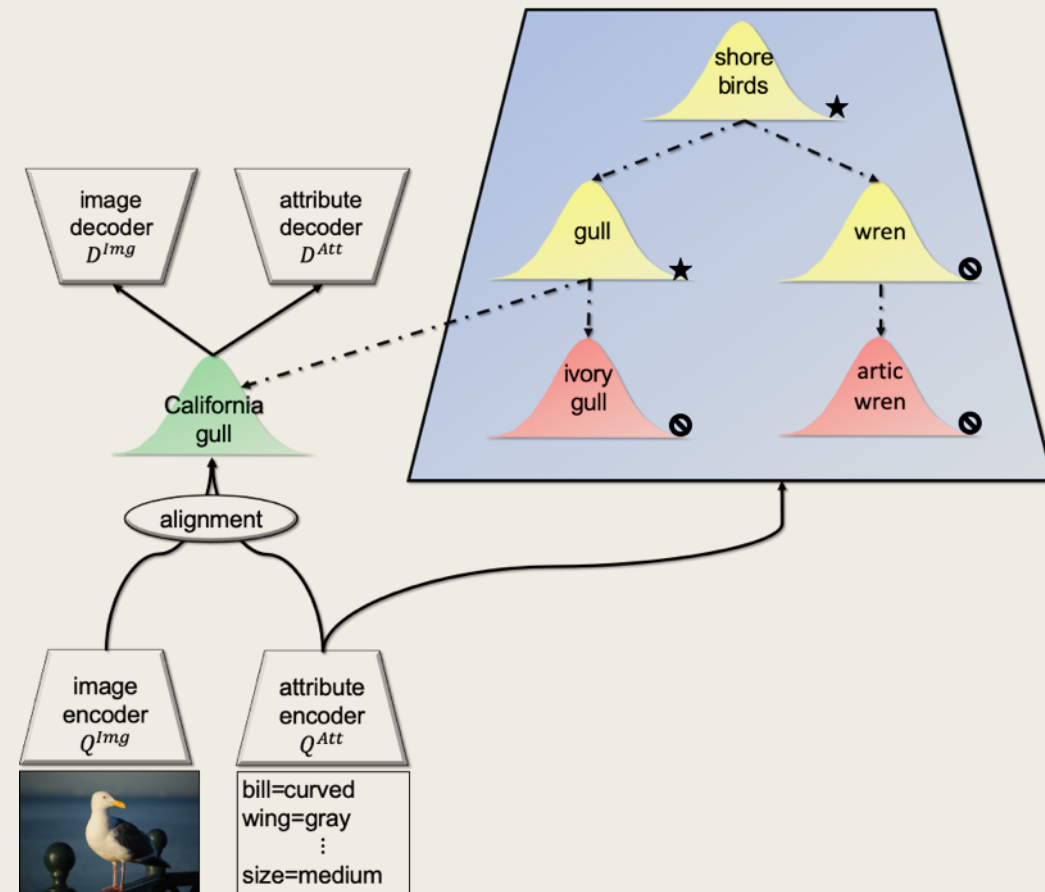
Background and Approach

- Recent approaches to GZSL learn a pair of aligned VAEs, one for each data modality
- A classifier can then be trained using generated latent samples
- We would like to imbue this shared latent space with known graphical information
- We achieve this by embedding each node in the graph as a Gaussian distribution, trained via:

$$L_m(\mathbf{c}_i, \mathbf{c}_{pos}, \mathbf{c}_{neg}) = \max\left(0, m + D_{KL}(\mathbf{c}_i || \mathbf{c}_{pos}) - D_{KL}(\mathbf{c}_i || \mathbf{c}_{neg})\right)$$

- We then treat this set of embeddings as a prior for an aligned VAE model, replacing the $\mathcal{N}(0, 1)$ prior with:

$$L_m(Q^M(\mathbf{x}^M), \mathbf{c}_{pos}, \mathbf{c}_{neg}) \text{ for } M \in \{Img, Att\}$$



Results and Future Work

- We saw improved results on two benchmarks over strong baselines (CUB and SUN)
- Qualitatively, the shared latent space respects the graph structure
- Future work includes investigating datasets which have a more general graph structure, potentially with multiple relations
- Also would like to investigate embedding into a hyperbolic space since many types of graphs can be more efficiently embedded there

