# **Multi-View Missing Data Completion**

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Abstract—A growing number of multi-view data arises naturally in many scenarios, including medical diagnosis, webpage classification, and multimedia analysis. A challenge in learning from multi-view data is that not all instances are fully represented in all views, resulting in missing view data. In this paper, we focus on feature-level completion for missing view of multi-view data. Aiming at capturing both semantic complementarity and identical distribution among different views, an Isomorphic Linear Correlation Analysis (ILCA) method is proposed to linearly map multi-view data to a feature-isomorphic subspace through learning a set of excellent isomorphic features, thereby unfolding the shared information from different views. Meanwhile, we assume that missing view obeys normal distribution. Then, the missing view data matrix can be modeled as a low-rank component plus a sparse contribution. Thus, to accomplish missing view completion, an Identical Distribution Pursuit Completion (IDPC) model based on the learned features is proposed, in which the identical distribution constraint of missing view to the other available one in the feature-isomorphic subspace is fully exploited. Comprehensive experiments on several multi-view datasets demonstrate that our proposed framework yields promising results.

Index Terms—Multi-view learning, missing view, feature-level completion, sparse learning, trace norm, optimization

### **1** INTRODUCTION

**7** ITH the increase of data modality in representing realworld objects, more and more multi-view data become available in various fields, including medical diagnosis, webpage classification, and multimedia analysis. These data have multiple views that generally correspond to distinct sets of feature representations for the same set of underlying objects. A challenge in learning from multi-view data is that not all instances are fully represented in all views, resulting in missing view data. The missing view problem in multi-view learning is different from the missing data problem in mono-view learning, as the missing of a view results in the missing of all attributes in the same view. For example, in the Alzheimer's Disease Neuroimaging Initiative (ADNI) [1] database, many data only have Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) measurement, yet lack Positron Emission Tomography (PET) scan, resulting in a scenario shown in Fig. 1.

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More notably, since each view of multi-view data may contain some common and consistent information, multiview learning can be employed to reduce the noise, as well as to learn the correlations between different views to obtain higher-level information [2], [3], [4], [5], [6], [7]. Nevertheless, missing view data are directly discarded in general, resulting in a severe loss of available information. Furthermore, to the best of our knowledge, little efforts have focused on recovering missing view of multi-view data. Consequently, the above-mentioned applications face great challenge in the real world. To bridge this gap, our work aims to develop an effective feature-level completion method for missing view of multi-view data.

Nevertheless, missing view completion of multi-view data is highly challenging. First of all, since different views (forms, modalities, or sources) span heterogeneous lowlevel feature spaces, there is no explicit correspondence among the heterogeneous representations from different views. For example, as shown in Fig. 2, the co-occurring image and text in a web page convey the same semantic concept from the perspectives of vision and writing, respectively, so it is not straightforward to directly measure the relationship between heterogeneous representations. Thus, there is a need to build a feature-isomorphic subspace to capture the semantic complementarity among different views. Note that the feature-isomorphic subspace refers to the mappings of heterogeneous representations from different views into a common feature space, in which the same dimension and attributes are used to represent the same semantic concept.

Meanwhile, for the multi-view data in the featureisomorphic subspace, it can be assumed as illustrated in Fig. 3 that they are under both semantic complementarity and identical distribution constraints. The complementarity constraint refers to the semantic complementarity among

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Fig. 1. Missing view and incomplete data. Large chunks of missing view data are marked by the orange dotted line in Fig. 1a. The hollow red solid-line wireframes represent the location of the missing values in the incomplete data in the mono-view setting in Fig. 1b.

different views that makes much more the consistent information from different views fully contained in the isomorphic representations of multi-view data. Note that the consistent information is the commonality among the heterogeneous representations from different views. Unlike the semantic complementarity constraint, the identical distribution constraint takes high distributive similarity among different views which can group the samples of the same class from the same view together while keeping the instances from different categories away from each other simultaneously. Hence, another issue we need further to deal with for completing missing view of multi-view data is to recover missing view under both semantic complementarity and identical distribution constraints.

## 1.1 Main Contributions

In this work, we develop a set of methods and algorithms to address the above challenges. The key contributions of this work are highlighted as follows:

• A general feature-level framework for completing missing view to obtain the complex representations for multi-view data is proposed. In this framework, a feature-isomorphic subspace is learned to build a bridge between multiple heterogeneous low-level feature spaces.



(a) The digit 7 in different forms.



(b) The co-occurring text and image modalities.



(c) The MRI measurement and PET scan of brain.

Fig. 2. The cases of multi-view data.

- To build a feature-isomorphic subspace to capture both semantic complementarity and identical distribution among different views, we propose a novel Isomorphic Linear Correlation Analysis (ILCA) model with maximum neighbourhood criterion and orthogonal constraints, unfolding the shared information from different views. The maximum neighbourhood criterion in ILCA takes charge of highly correlating the learned features with the class, and the correlations among the features can be removed by the orthogonal constraints. Thus, multiple heterogeneous low-level feature spaces are linearly projected into a feature-isomorphic subspace through a set of learned excellent isomorphic features.
- A new Identical Distribution Pursuit Completion (IDPC) method based on the learned features is proposed to recover missing view of multi-view data, in which the identical distribution constraint of missing view to the other available one in the feature-isomorphic subspace is fully exploited. Consequently, the feature-level completion of missing view is accomplished while noisy information is repressed in the recovered missing view representations of multi-view data.



Fig. 3. Semantic complementarity and identical distribution restraints on multi-view data.



Fig. 4. The proposed framework for completing missing view of multi-view data.

• Extensive experiments on four multi-view datasets are conducted to demonstrate the effectiveness of the proposed framework.

#### 1.2 Organization

The remainder of this paper is organized as follows: We present a general feature-level framework for completing missing view to obtain the integrated representations for multi-view data in Section 2.1. In Section 2.2, a novel Isomorphic Linear Correlation Analysis model is developed for correlating different views through learning a set of excellent isomorphic features. We build a new Identical Distribution Pursuit Completion model to recover missing view of multi-view data under both semantic complementarity and identical distribution restraints in Section 2.3. Furthermore, Section 3 provides an efficient algorithm to solve the proposed framework and analyzes the computational complexities and convergence rates of the proposed algorithms. Section 4 gives a broad overview of some related work. Experimental results and analyses are reported in Section 5. Section 6 concludes this paper.

#### 1.3 Notations

Here we establish some notations to be used throughout this paper. Assume  $V_x$  and  $V_y$  are two different views. Let the data matrices  $X_E = [x_1, \ldots, x_{n_1}]^T \in \mathbb{R}^{n_1 \times d_x}$  and  $Y_E = [y_1, \ldots, y_{n_1}]^T \in \mathbb{R}^{n_1 \times d_y}$  be two sets of existing heterogeneous representations from the  $V_x$  and  $V_y$ , respectively, where  $x_i \in \mathbb{R}^{d_x}$  is the *i*th sample from  $V_x$ ,  $y_i \in \mathbb{R}^{d_y}$  is the *i*th sample from  $V_y$ ,  $n_1$  is the number of available samples, and  $d_x$  and  $d_y$  are the dimensionalities of the heterogeneous low-level feature spaces  $V_x$  and  $V_y$ . Note that for  $i = 1, ..., n_1, (x_i, y_i)$ represents the *i*th couple of heterogeneous representations. We assume that both  $\{x_i\}_{i=1}^{n_1}$  and  $\{y_i\}_{i=1}^{n_1}$  are centered, i.e.,  $\sum_{i=1}^{n_1} x_i = 0$  and  $\sum_{i=1}^{n_1} y_i = 0$ . Let the data matrix  $X_M =$  $[x_{n_1+1},\ldots,x_{n_1+n_2}]^T \in \mathbb{R}^{n_2 \times d_x}$  be a set of missing representations from the  $V_x$  and the data matrix  $Y_M = [y_{n_1+1}, \ldots, y_{n_2+1}]$  $y_{n_1+n_2}]^T \in \mathbb{R}^{n_2 \times d_y}$  be a set of existing heterogeneous representations from the  $V_y$  corresponding to the missing representations  $X_M$ .

We use  $||A||_* = \sum_{i=1}^r \sigma_i$  to denote the trace (nuclear) norm of a matrix  $A = [a_{ij}] \in \mathbb{R}^{p \times q}$ , where r = rank(A)denotes the rank of A and  $\{\sigma_i\}_{i=1}^r$  is the set of singular values of A in a non-increasing order.  $||A||_F = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^p \sum_{j=1}^q a_{ij}^2}$  is the Frobenius norm of *A*. If *A* is a square matrix, then let  $tr(A) = \sum_{i=1}^{p} a_{ii}$  be the trace of *A*. For two matrices *A* and *B*,  $\langle A, B \rangle = tr(A^TB)$  denotes the matrix inner product. For a vector  $b \in \mathbb{R}^p$ , let  $||b||_2 = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^{p} b_i^2}$  be the  $\ell_2$ -norm of *b*.

Additionally, let |H| be the number of elements in the set H;  $\forall f(C)$  denotes the gradient of any smooth function  $f(\cdot)$  at the point C; for  $w \in \mathbb{R}^p$ , we denote by diag(w) the diagonal matrix having the components of the vector w on the diagonal; let D be a set of representations, mean(D) denotes the average value of D.  $I_k \in \mathbb{R}^k$  is an identity matrix.

## 2 THE PROPOSED FORMULATION

We propose a general feature-level framework to complete missing view of multi-view data. A graphical illustration of the proposed formulation is given in Fig. 4 to facilitate the understanding the proposed formulations and algorithms significantly.

#### 2.1 Overview of the Proposed Formulations

We provide an overview of the proposed formulations by using the example in Fig. 4. In this example, a set of multiview data consists of the views MRI and PET. However, the MRI view is missing, such as all attributes in the representations  $x_5$ ,  $x_6$ ,  $x_7$ , and  $x_8$  are totally absent.

To recover missing view of multi-view data, a featureisomorphic subspace is learned by ILCA model to build a bridge between multiple heterogeneous low-level feature spaces in the proposed framework, in which the same dimension and attributes are used to represent the same semantic concept. Specifically, to fully exploit both semantic complementarity and similar distributions among different views as shown in Fig. 3, multiple linear transformations Aand B are learned using the existing multi-view data  $X_E$ and  $Y_E$  to eliminate the heterogeneity across them. Thus, a feature-isomorphic subspace is obtained by a set of learned excellent isomorphic features, in which the correlated representations from different views are coupled together to capture the commonality among the heterogeneous representations from different views. Consequently, some maximum neighbourhoods are established among different categories, such as the maximum neighbourhoods of Class 1 and Class 2 in Fig. 4. We can measure the correlation among the multi-view data in the feature-isomorphic subspace directly. For example, the second co-occurring samples  $x_2$  and  $y_2$  are projected to the feature-isomorphic subspace to eliminate the heterogeneity across them through the linear transformations A and B. In addition, the samples of the same class from the same view can be grouped together while keeping the instances from different categories away from each other simultaneously in the feature-isomorphic subspace. For instance, the heterogeneous representations of the co-occurring samples  $(x_1, y_1)$ and  $(x_3, y_3)$  take high distributive similarity.

Furthermore, we assume that missing view representations obey normal distribution. Then, the expectation naturally corresponds to between-class differences, and the variance represents within-class differences. The rank is used to capture the between-class differences, and the sparsity to mine the within-class differences. Consequently, the missing view matrix  $X_M$  is composed of a low-rank matrix  $L_M$  and a sparse matrix  $S_M$ . According to this completion assumption, the missing view of multi-view data  $X_M$  is recovered by IDPC model through exploiting both semantic complementarity and similar distributions among different views learned by ILCA model.

Moreover, some noisy information is inevitably involved in the recovered missing view representations in the process of completion. These factors may seriously affect the performance of the recovered representations. To eliminate the noises effectively, a data distribution constraint induced by a mean matrix H is introduced to push the recovered representations into the neighbourhood centered on the mean of the samples of the same class. The i-the row vector of H is the mean values of the existing samples  $Y_E$  with the same class label. For instance, the mean of the representations  $y_1$ and  $y_3$  forms the row vector  $h_1$  because  $y_1$  and  $y_3$  belong to Class 1. Meanwhile, the recovered representation  $x_5$  and  $x_7$ from the missing view MRI are pushed into the neighbourhood centered on the mean  $h_1$  of the samples of the same class from the view PET, and coupled together with the corresponding representation  $y_5$  and  $y_7$  from the view PET in the feature-isomorphic subspace.

With the complementary information from the featureisomorphic subspace, the recovered representations of different classes as displayed in Fig. 4 will be more likely to be linearly separable in the feature-isomorphic subspace.

#### 2.2 Isomorphic Linear Correlation Analysis

In the following, a novel ILCA model is developed for capturing both semantic complementarity and identical distribution among different views through learning a set of excellent isomorphic features. Our work is motivated by a few prior studies. Recently, Hall [8] have pointed out that discriminative feature set contains features that are highly correlated with the class, yet uncorrelated to each other. Furthermore, Jin et al [9] have shown that the orthogonal constraints on a matrix can be used to effectively remove the correlations among different features. Following the above-mentioned theoretical results [8], [9], we propose a novel ILCA model with maximum neighbourhood criterion and orthogonal constraints to linearly map multiple heterogeneous low-level feature spaces to a feature-isomorphic subspace. Meanwhile, the correlated representations from different views are coupled together to capture both semantic complementarity and identical distribution among different views.

Specifically, let  $S_X$  and  $S_Y$  be the sets of sample pairs from the same class in views  $V_x$  and  $V_y$ , respectively, and  $\mathcal{D}_X$  and  $\mathcal{D}_Y$  are the sets of sample pairs from different categories in views  $V_x$  and  $V_y$ , respectively. Then the withinclass scatter matrices can be expressed as follows:

$$J_{\mathcal{S}} = \sum_{\forall (x_i, x_j) \in \mathcal{S}_X} (x_i - x_j) (x_i - x_j)^T,$$
(1)

$$R_{\mathcal{S}} = \sum_{\forall (y_i, y_j) \in \mathcal{S}_Y} (y_i - y_j) (y_i - y_j)^T.$$
<sup>(2)</sup>

Meanwhile, the between-class scatter matrices are defined as follows:

$$J_{\mathcal{D}} = \sum_{\forall (x_i, x_j) \in \mathcal{D}_X} (x_i - x_j) (x_i - x_j)^T,$$
(3)

$$R_{\mathcal{D}} = \sum_{\forall (y_i, y_j) \in \mathcal{D}_Y} (y_i - y_j) (y_i - y_j)^T.$$
(4)

Based on the above definitions, we propose the following optimization problem:

$$\Psi_{1}: \begin{array}{l} \min_{A,B} \parallel X_{E}A - Y_{E}B \parallel_{F}^{2} -\alpha(tr(A^{T}J_{\mathcal{D}}A) + tr(B^{T}R_{\mathcal{D}}B)) \\ +\beta(tr(A^{T}J_{\mathcal{S}}A) + tr(B^{T}R_{\mathcal{S}}B)) \\ s.t. \quad A^{T}A = I_{k} \quad and \quad B^{T}B = I_{k}, \end{array}$$

$$(5)$$

where  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{d_x \times k}$ ,  $B \in \mathbb{R}^{d_y \times k}$ ,  $k \in \{1, \dots, \min(d_x, d_y)\}$  is the dimensionality of the feature-isomorphic subspace,  $tr(A^T J_{\mathcal{D}} A) + tr(B^T R_{\mathcal{D}} B)$  is a between-class penalty, and  $tr(A^T J_{\mathcal{S}} A) + tr(B^T R_{\mathcal{S}} B)$  is a within-class compactness, and  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are two trade-off parameters. The motivation of introducing the orthogonal constraints in Eq. (5) is to effectively remove the correlations among different features in the same view. Additionally, a maximum neighbourhood criterion is added into the model  $\Psi_1$  to learn the identical distribution among different views. The maximum neighbourhood criterion refers to the trace difference consisting of within-class compactness and between-class penalty. It can be used to group the samples of the same class from the same view together while keeping the instances from different categories away from each other simultaneously. Consequently, a maximum neighbourhood is established between different categories.

Furthermore, Yang et al. have pointed out in [10] through extensive experiments that the classification accuracy is increased significantly by the complex vectors induced by Parallel Feature Fusion Strategy (PFFS) and also demonstrate that the complex vectors are more effective than the union vectors induced by classical Serial Feature Fusion Strategy (SFFS). On the other hand, since the increase of dimension is avoided in PFFS, much computational time is saved. Moreover, it has been proved in [11] that the recognition rate of feature fusion representations is far higher than that of each single feature representations. Therefore, based on above-mentioned theoretical supports [10], [11], the PFFS is utilized to establish the common representations. The details are as follows: for the *i*th pair of heterogeneous



Fig. 5. Parallel and serial feature fusion strategy.

representations  $(x_i, y_i)$ , we can obtain their own Isomorphic Correlated Representations (ICR) with the optimal  $A^*$  and  $B^*$  by

$$\mu_{x_i} = A^{*T} x_i \quad and \quad \mu_{y_i} = B^{*T} y_i.$$
 (6)

Consequently, we can obtain a Complex Representations (CR)  $\mu_i$  in the feature-isomorphic subspace based on  $\mu_{x_i}$  and  $\mu_{y_i}$ :

$$\mu_i = (\mu_{x_i} + \mu_{y_i})/2. \tag{7}$$

As shown in Fig. 5, the union vectors are always high dimensional and contain much redundant information and some conflicting information which are unfavorable for recognition. However, the favorable discriminatory information is retained and at the same time the unfavorable redundant or conflicting information is eliminated in the CR.

In Section 3.1, an efficient algorithm is proposed to solve the problem  $\Psi_1$ .

#### 2.3 Identical Distribution Pursuit Completion

In this section, we propose a new feature-level missing view completion method, known as IDPC model, to recover missing view of multi-view data. Our method is built on the basis of both semantic complementarity and identical distribution among different views learned in the proposed model  $\Psi_1$ . Some previous studies inspire our work. Following the idea behind the robust PCA, we assume that missing view obeys normal distribution. Then, the expectation naturally corresponds to between-class differences, and the variance represents within-class differences. In [12], [13], it has been justified that the rank is a powerful tool to capture between-class differences information in the matrix case. In addition, it has been proved in [14] that the sparse representations can effectively uncover the within-class differences of data. Therefore, we suppose that the missing view data can be represented as in Fig. 6, where the matrix  $X_M$  in the view  $V_x$  can be modeled as a low-rank part  $L_M$  plus a sparse contribution  $S_M$ . Then the low-rank component  $L_M$  naturally corresponds to the between-class differences, and the sparse component  $S_M$  captures the within-class differences. Thus, to recover missing view of multi-view data, it is essential to impose the low-rank and sparse constraints on the recovered missing view representations.

Recently, Candès and Recht [15], Recht et al [16], and Candès and Tao [17] have shown that the trace norm of a matrix can be used to approximate the rank of the matrix. In addition, Wright et al. [14] have shown that the sparse representations computed by  $\ell_1$ -minimization can effectively



Fig. 6. The composition of missing view data.

uncover the identifying characteristics of data. Moreover, some noisy information is usually included in the recovered missing view representations when capturing underlying information. These factors may seriously affect the performance of the representations. Therefore, it is necessary to eliminate the noisy components in the recovered missing view representations. Recently, Weinberger et al [18] have shown that the data distribution induced by distance metric can eliminate noise to a large extent.

In view of the above-mentioned theoretical results [12], [13], [14], [15], [16], [17], [18], we propose a novel IDPC method that incorporates trace norm constraint,  $\ell_1$ -norm regularization, and data distribution constraint. By exploiting both semantic complementarity and identical distribution among different views, missing view of multi-view data are recovered by the proposed IDPC method while noisy information is effectively suppressed.

Specifically, we have built a feature-isomorphic subspace to capture both semantic complementarity and identical distribution among different views through learning a set of excellent isomorphic features. Let  $(A^*, B^*)$  be the optimal solutions of the problem  $\Psi_1$ . Then the proposed approach can be formulated as follows:

$$\begin{array}{ll}
\min_{L_M,S_M} & \| (L_M + S_M) A^* - Y_M B^* \|_F^2 + \gamma \|S_M\|_1 \\
\Omega_1 : s.t. & \| (L_M + S_M) A^* - H B^* \|_F^2 \le \pi \quad and \\
\| L_M \|_* \le \varepsilon,
\end{array} \tag{8}$$

where  $L_M$  and  $S_M$  denote the between-class and withinclass differences of the missing view representations  $X_{M_{\ell}}$ respectively,  $\gamma$  is a trade off,  $\pi$  is a distance metric parameter, and  $\varepsilon$  is a pre-specified positive parameter to control the amount of information carried by the recovered missing view representations. The matrix  $H = [h_1, \ldots, h_{n_2}]^T \in$  $\mathbb{R}^{n_2 imes d_y}$  imposes a data distribution constraint in order to ensure the recovered missing view representations  $L_M$ +  $S_M = X_M$  having identical distribution with the existing view representations  $Y_E$ , thereby eliminating noise to a large extent. Let the nearest neighbor  $y_{NN}^i$  of the *i*th sample from the  $Y_M$  be contained in the  $Y_E$ . Each row  $h_i^T$  in the matrix H consists of the mean values of the existing samples  $Y_E$  with the same class label corresponding to the  $y_{NN}^i$ . Specifically, let  $\mathcal{C}_X^t$  and  $\mathcal{C}_Y^t$  be the sample sets of th class from the view  $V_x$  and  $V_y$  respectively. We define

$$D_t = \{ y_j | y_j \in Y_E \land y_j \in C_Y^t \land y_{NN}^i \in C_Y^t \}, \tag{9}$$

$$D^{i} = \bigcup_{t} D_{t}, \tag{10}$$

$$h_i = mean(D^i), \tag{11}$$

where  $D^i$  is the sample sets of the same class as the  $y_{NN}^i$  in the  $Y_E$ .

The motivation of introducing the first item in the objective function in Eq. (8) is to make the recovered representations carrying much more semantically complementary information by the learned linear transformations by ILCA model. In addition, the trace norm constraint imposed on the between-class differences  $L_M$  will bring about the recovered representations linear separable as much as possible in the feature-isomorphic subspace. Moreover, much more identifying characteristics are involved in the recovered representations by adding the  $\ell_1$ -norm regularization on the within-class differences  $S_M$ . Furthermore, to eliminate the noises at the greatest extent involved in the recovered representations, the data distribution constraint (the first constraint in Eq. (8)) composed of the maximum neighbourhood criterion learned by ILCA is introduced to pull the recovered representations into the neighbourhood of the mean value of the samples of the same class as the center. Thereby, the distribution of the recovered representations is identical with the instances of the same category in the feature-isomorphic subspace.

Thus, the proposed IDPC model is different from the existing matrix completion methods because of the full consideration of both semantic complementarity and identical distribution among different views. To the best of our knowledge, no existing efforts have focused on this type of completion.

Note that solving the problem  $\Omega_1$  in Eq. (8) directly is a challenging task for two main reasons. First, it is difficult to seek the solution that satisfies the data distribution constraint. Second, the trace norm constraints are not smooth, which makes it even more difficult to compute the optimum. Thus, we propose to use Lagrangian duality to augment the objective function with a weighted sum of the data distribution constraint to obtain a solvable convex problem  $\Omega_2$  as follows:

$$\Omega_{2}: \begin{array}{l} \min_{L_{M},S_{M}} & \| (L_{M}+S_{M})A^{*}-Y_{M}B^{*} \|_{F}^{2}+\gamma \|S_{M}\|_{1} \\ + \eta(\|(L_{M}+S_{M})A^{*}-HB^{*}\|_{F}^{2}-\pi) \\ \text{s.t.} & \|L_{M}\|_{*} \leq \varepsilon. \end{array}$$
(12)

Section 3.2 presents an efficient algorithm to compute the optimum for the problem  $\Omega_2$ .

## 3 EFFICIENT ALGORITHMS FOR THE PROPOSED FORMULATIONS

In this section, we develop efficient algorithms to solve the proposed formulations. Specifically, an iterative algorithm for solving the ILCA model  $\Psi_1$  in Section 2.2 is presented in the Section 3.1. Additionally, we show in Section 3.2 how to solve the IDPC model  $\Omega_2$  proposed in Section 2.3. Furthermore, the computational complexities of the proposed algorithms are analyzed in Section 3.3.

#### 3.1 An Efficient Solver for $\Psi_1$

For notational simplicity, we denote the optimization problem  $\Psi_1$  by

$$\min_{Z \in \mathcal{C}} \quad f(Z), \tag{13}$$

where  $f(\cdot) = \|\cdot\|_F^2 - \alpha tr(\cdot) + \beta tr(\cdot)$  is a smooth objective function,  $Z = \begin{bmatrix} A & B \end{bmatrix}$  represents the optimization variables, and C is a closed domain set with respect to each variable A and B

$$\mathcal{C} = \{ Z | A^T A = I_k, B^T B = I_k \}.$$

$$(14)$$

Obviously, the non-convex optimization problem in Eq. (13) is generally difficult to optimize due to the orthogonal constraints. However, Guo and Xiao have pointed out in [19] that Gradient Descent Method with Curvilinear Search (GDMCS) in [20] can effectively solve non-convex optimization problem for a local optimal solution as long as the Armijo-Wolfe conditions are satisfied.

Furthermore, since the objective function in Eq. (13) is smooth, the gradient of the objective function with respect to A, B can be easily computed, respectively. Accordingly, it is appropriate to use the gradient descent method to solve the problem  $\Psi_1$  in Eq. (13).

Algorithm 1. Isomorphic Linear Correlation Analysis (ILCA)

Inp	<b>put:</b> $f(\cdot), Z = [A \ B], \epsilon > 0, 0 < \mu < 1, 0 < \rho_1 < \rho_2 < 1.$
Ou	tput: $Z^*$ .
1:	Compute $[A] = Schmidt(A)$ .
2:	Compute $[B] = Schmidt(B)$ .
3:	for $i = 1$ to $m$
4:	Compute $G_1$ and $G_2$ according to Eqs. (15), (16).
5:	if $\ G_1\ _F^2 + \ G_2\ _F^2 \leq \epsilon$ then stop and exit.
6:	Compute $F_1$ and $F_2$ using Eqs. (17), (18).
7:	Compute $f'_{\tau}(Q_1(0), Q_2(0))$ via Eq. (24).
8:	Set $\tau = 1$ .
9:	for $step = 1$ to $max - step$
10:	Compute $Q_1(\tau)$ and $Q_2(\tau)$ using Eqs. (19), (20).
11:	Compute $f'_{\tau}(Q_1(\tau), Q_2(\tau))$ via Eq. (23).
12:	if Armijo-Wolfe conditions in Eqs. (21), (22) are
	satisfied then break.
13:	Set $\tau = \mu \tau$ .
14:	end-for
15:	if $step > max - step$ then stop and exit.
16:	Update $A = Q_1(\tau)$ and $B = Q_2(\tau)$ .
17:	end-for
18:	Set $Z^* = [A \ B]$ .

In each iteration of the gradient descent procedure, given the current feasible point (A, B), the gradients can be computed as follows:

$$G_1 = \nabla_A f(A, B) = 2X_E^T X_E - 2X_E^T Y_E B$$
  
-  $\alpha (J_D + J_D^T) A + \beta (J_S + J_S^T) A,$  (15)

$$G_2 = \nabla_B f(A, B) = 2Y_E^T Y_E - 2Y_E^T X_E A - \alpha (R_D + R_D^T) B + \beta (R_S + R_S^T) B.$$
(16)

We then compute two skew-symmetric matrices

$$F_1 = G_1 A^T - A G_1^T, (17)$$

$$F_2 = G_2 B^T - B G_2^T. (18)$$

It is easy to see  $F_1^T = -F_1$  and  $F_2^T = -F_2$ . The next new point can be searched as a curvilinear function of a step size variable  $\tau$ , such that

$$Q_2(\tau) = (I + \tau F_2/2)^{-1} (1 - \tau F_2/2)B.$$
 (20)

It is easy to verify that  $Q_1(\tau)^T Q_1(\tau) = I$  and  $Q_2(\tau)^T Q_2(\tau) = I$ for all  $\tau \in \mathbb{R}$ . Thus we can stay in the feasible region along the curve defined by  $\tau$ . Moreover,  $dQ_1(0)/d\tau$  and  $dQ_2(0)/d\tau$ are equal to the projections of  $(-G_1)$  and  $(-G_2)$  onto the tangent space C at the current point (A, B). Hence  $\{Q_1(\tau), Q_2(\tau)\}_{(\tau \geq 0)}$  is a descent path in the close neighborhood of the current point. We thus apply a similar strategy as the standard backtracking line search to find a proper step size  $\tau$  using curvilinear search, while guaranteeing the iterations to converge to a stationary point. We determine a proper step size  $\tau$  as one satisfying the following Armijo-Wolfe conditions [20]

$$f(Q_1(\tau), Q_2(\tau)) \le f(Q_1(0), Q_2(0)) + \rho_1 \tau f'_{\tau}(Q_1(0), Q_2(0)),$$
 (21)

$$f'_{\tau}(Q_1(\tau), Q_2(\tau)) \ge \rho_2 f'_{\tau}(Q_1(0), Q_2(0)).$$
 (22)

Here  $f_{\tau}^{'}(Q_{1}(\tau),Q_{2}(\tau))$  is the derivative of f with respect to  $\tau$ ,

$$f'_{\tau}(Q_{1}(\tau), Q_{2}(\tau)) = -tr((\nabla_{A}f(Q_{1}(\tau), Q_{2}(\tau)))^{T} \left(I + \frac{\tau}{2}F_{1}\right)^{-1}F_{1}\left(\frac{A + Q_{1}(\tau)}{2}\right) - tr((\nabla_{B}f(Q_{1}(\tau), Q_{2}(\tau)))^{T} \left(I + \frac{\tau}{2}F_{2}\right)^{-1}F_{2}\left(\frac{B + Q_{2}(\tau)}{2}\right).$$

Therefore,

$$f'_{\tau}(Q_1(0), Q_2(0)) = -tr(G_1^T(G_1A^T - AG_1^T)A) - tr(G_2^T(G_2B^T - BG_2^T)B) = -\frac{\|F_1\|_F^2}{2} - \frac{\|F_2\|_F^2}{2}.$$
(24)

The overall algorithm is given in Algorithm 1, where the function  $Schmidt(\cdot)$  [21] denotes the GramSchmidt process.

#### 3.2 An Efficient Solver for $\Omega_2$

This section provides an efficient algorithm to solve the model  $\Omega_2$  proposed in Section 2.3. Similarly, the optimization problem  $\Omega_2$  can be simplified as

$$\min_{\Theta \in \mathcal{Q}} \quad F(\Theta) = w(\Theta) + \gamma g(\Theta), \tag{25}$$

where  $w(\cdot) = \|\cdot\|_F^2$  is a smooth function,  $g(\cdot) = \|\cdot\|_1$  is an undifferentiable function,  $\Theta = [L_{\Theta} \ S_{\Theta}]$  represents the optimization variables, and Q is a closed and convex domain set defined as

$$\mathcal{Q} = \{ \Theta | \| L_{\Theta} \|_* \le \varepsilon \}.$$
(26)

Obviously, the optimization problem in Eq. (25) is nonconvex. However, Ando and Zhang have testified in [22] that the alternating optimization method can effectively solve non-convex problem. They have also pointed out that this method usually did not lead to serious problems since given the local optimal solution of one variable, the solution of other variables would still be globally optimal.

## Algorithm 2. Identical Distribution Pursuit Completion (IDPC)

**Input:**  $F(\cdot)$ ,  $w(\cdot)$ ,  $g(\cdot)$ ,  $\Theta_0 = [L_{\Theta_0} \ S_{\Theta_0}]$ ,  $\gamma, \varepsilon > 0$ ,  $\mu > 0$ ,  $\rho > 0$ ,  $\tau_1 > 0, \eta_1 > 0, t = 1, q = 1.$ **Output:**  $\Theta^*$ . 1: Set  $L_{\Theta_1} = L_{\Theta_0}$  and  $S_{\Theta_1} = S_{\Theta_0}$ . 2: for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, m$  do Fix S and approximately solve for L. 3: 4: Define  $F_{\tau,L_P}(L_{\Theta}) = w(L_P) + \langle \forall w(L_P), L_{\Theta} - L_P \rangle$  $+\tau \|L_{\Theta}-L_P\|_F^2/2+\gamma g(L_{\Theta}).$ 5: for  $j = 1, 2, \dots, h_1$  do Set  $\alpha_i = (t - 1)/t$ . 6: 7: Compute  $L_P = (1 + \alpha_i)L_{\Theta_i} - \alpha_i L_{\Theta_{i-1}}$ . 8: Compute  $\forall L_P w(L_P)$ . 9: While (true) Compute  $\tilde{L_P} = L_P - \nabla_{L_P} w(L_P) / \tau_i$ . 10: 11: Compute  $[L_{\Theta_{i+1}}] = EPTNC(L_P, \varepsilon).$ 12: if  $F(L_{\Theta_{i+1}}) \leq F_{\tau_i, L_P}(L_{\Theta_{i+1}})$ , then break; 13: else Update  $\tau_i = \tau_i \times 2$ . 14: end-if 15: end-while  $16 \cdot$ Update  $t = (1 + \sqrt{1 + 4t^2})/2$ ,  $\tau_{i+1} = \tau_i$ . 17: end-for 18: Fix *L* and approximately solve for *S*. 19: Define  $F_{\tau,S_P}(S_{\Theta}) = w(S_P) + \langle \forall w(S_P), S_{\Theta} - S_P \rangle$  $+\eta \|S_{\Theta} - S_P\|_F^2 / 2 + \gamma g(S_{\Theta}).$ for  $k = 1, 2, \dots, h_2$  do 20: 21: Set  $\beta_k = (q - 1)/q$ . Compute  $S_P = (1 + \beta_k) L_{\Theta_i} - \beta_k S_{\Theta_{i-1}}$ . 22: 23: Compute  $\bigtriangledown_{S_P} w(S_P)$ . 24: While (true) 25: Compute  $S_P = S_P - \nabla_{S_P} w(S_P) / \eta_i$ . Compute  $[S_{\Theta_{i+1}}] = STO(\widehat{S_P}, \mu, \rho).$ 26: 27: if  $F(S_{\Theta_{i+1}}) \leq F_{\eta_i,S_P}(S_{\Theta_{i+1}})$ , then break; 28: else Update  $\eta_i = \eta_i \times 2$ . 29: end-if 30: end-while 31: Update  $q = (1 + \sqrt{1 + 4q^2})/2, \eta_{i+1} = \eta_i$ . 32: end-for 33: end-for 34: Set  $\Theta^* = \begin{bmatrix} L_{\Theta_{i+1}} & S_{\Theta_{i+1}} \end{bmatrix}$ .

APG belongs to the first-order gradient schemes and its global convergence rate is optimal among all first-order methods [24], [25], which will construct a searching point sequence  $\{S_i\}$  to update a solution point sequence  $\{Z_i\}$ . Note that, in the APG algorithm, the Euclidean projection of a given point p onto the convex set  $\mathcal{G} = \{\theta | \|\theta\|_* \leq m\}$  can be defined by:

$$proj_{\mathcal{G}}(s) = \arg \min_{\theta \in \mathcal{G}} \|\theta - s\|_F^2/2,$$
 (27)

where m is a pre-specified positive constant. The projection procedure can be solved efficiently via Efficient Projection on Trace Norm Constraints (EPTNC) [26].

TABLE 1 Computational Complexity

Method	Computational Complexity
ILCA	$O((4k^2 \sum_{i=1}^{v} d_i) * m)$
IDPC	$O((d_x n_2^2 h_1 + d_x n_2^2 h_2) * m)$

EPTNC is an efficient gradient-related projection method which can formulate the problem in Eq. (27) as a simple singular optimization by projecting a vector onto a simplex. It is widely applied in approaching a sparse solution in sparse feature learning when the number of examples and the dimension are large. Then we can use the EPTNC algorithm to solve Eq. (27). The details of this procedure are given in the supplementary material, which can be found on the Computer Society Digital Library at http://doi. ieeecomputersociety.org/10.1109/TKDE.2018.2791607.

In the APG algorithm, the unconstrained optimization associated with the non-differentiable function  $g(\cdot)$  can be defined as

$$\theta_* = \arg \min_{\rho} \quad \mu \|\theta\|_1 + \rho \|\theta - s\|_F^2, \tag{28}$$

where  $\mu$  and  $\rho$  are two pre-specified positive parameters.

Soft thresholding Operator (STO) [27] is a very popular tool to solve a non-smooth regular convex function. This operator is a proximal mapping of the  $\ell_1$ -norm to yield sparse representations. Since the  $\ell_1$ -norm is separable, the operator exerts influence on each element separately in a vector or matrix when it is used in a vector or matrix. Because of the widespread application of  $\ell_1$  penalties, the property of soft thresholding operator to efficiently find the sparse solution to the problem in Eq. (28) becomes very useful. Then we can use the STO algorithm to solve Eq. (28), and the details are given in the supplementary material, available online.

Finally, when applying the APG method for solving the problem in Eq. (25), the Euclidean projection  $\Theta = [L_{\Theta} \ S_{\Theta}]$  of a given point  $P = [L_P \ S_P]$  onto the set Q is defined by

$$proj_{\mathcal{Q}}(P) = \arg \min_{\Theta \in \mathcal{Q}} \|\Theta - P\|_F^2/2.$$
 (29)

By combining APG, EPTNC, and STO, we can solve the problem in Eq. (25), and the details are given in Algorithm 2.

#### 3.3 Analysis of Computational Complexity

In this section, we will discuss the Computational Complexities (CC) of the proposed ILCA and IDPC algorithms.

Obviously, because  $k \in \{1, \ldots, \min(d_1, \ldots, d_i)\}$  ( $d_i$  denotes the dimensionalities of the view  $V_i$ ), the computational cost O((1+k)k/2) of the function  $Schmidt(\cdot)$  [21] is relatively small. Consequently, the computational cost of ILCA algorithm depends mostly on the cost for computing the value of the algorithm GDMCS. Wen and Yin have proved in [20] the computational complexity of GDMCS as  $O(4dk^2)$  where dand k are the dimensionalities of the low-level feature space and feature-isomorphic subspace, respectively. Thus, the dominating computational complexity of ILCA algorithm is  $O((4k^2 \sum_{i=1}^{v} d_i) * m)$  (v is the number of views, and m is the number of iteration). Additionally, as shown in Algorithm 2, the main computational complexity for IDPC is involved with the solving of the functions  $EPTNC(\cdot)$  [26] and  $STO(\cdot)$  [27], respectively. These two functions will consume most computational time to calculate the Singular Value Decomposition (SVD) [28] of approximate solution. Accordingly, the computational complexities of EPTNC and STO are  $O(d_x n_2^2)$ . Therefore, IDPC has the computational complexity of  $O((d_x n_2^2 h_1 + d_x n_2^2 h_2)*$ m) ( $h_1$  and  $h_2$  are the number of iteration).

The dominating CCs of the proposed ILCA and IDPC algorithms are listed in the Table 1.

We can see from Table 1 that the computational cost of ILCA largely depends the dimensionalities of the low-level feature spaces, since the dimensionality k of the featureisomorphic subspace is usually small. Besides, with the increase in the number of missing multi-view data, the computational time of IDPC will rise continuously.

## **4 RELATED WORK**

Our proposed work is related to some prior methods for mining the correlation between different views in multiview learning and some matrix completion methods for mono-view data completion.

#### 4.1 Existing Isomorphic Methods

To eliminate the heterogeneity across different views, many techniques have been proposed recently, including dimensionality reduction [29], [30], kernel methods [31], [32], and subspace learning [19], [33], [34].

#### 4.1.1 Dimensionality Reduction

CCA (Canonical Correlation Analysis) [29], [35], [36] and OPLS (Orthogonal Partial Least Squares) [30] are two classical statistical analysis techniques for modeling correlation between sets of observed variables. They both compute low-dimensional embedding of sets of variables simultaneously. The main difference of them is that CCA maximizes the correlation between variables in the embedded space, while OPLS maximizes their covariance. When one of views is the predictors induced from class label, it has been shown that CCA is equivalent to Linear Discriminant Analysis (LDA) [29]. Additionally, Multi-view CCA (MCCA) (>2 views) [37] is also a classical algorithm, which the label representation is used as the third view. However, Bach and Jordan [38] also have proved that that LDA is only equivalent to CCA in the two-variable case on the condition that their own generalized eigenvalue problems are equivalent. Therefore, three-view CCA or MCCA (>2 views) is not equivalent to LDA.

#### 4.1.2 Kernel Methods

Kernel CCA (KCCA) offers an alternative solution for CCA by implicitly mapping multi-view data into a feature-isomorphic subspace. Recently, Hardoon et al. [31] proposed a general method using KCCA to learn a semantic representation of web images and their associated texts. Moreover, Andrew et al. presented a Deep CCA (DCCA) in [32] to learn complex nonlinear transformations of two associated views. Unlike KCCA, DCCA does not require an inner product, which provides a flexible nonlinear alternative to KCCA.

## 4.1.3 Subspace Learning

Recently, some subspace learning methods have been proposed for multi-view classification. Guo [33] developed a convex subspace representation learning approach for general multi-view clustering. In [34], a large margin classifier was constructed by integrating the nature of the multi-view setting into the transfer learning framework and imposing the consistencies among multiple views. A subspace coregularized multi-view learning method was presented in [19] to project input data into a low-dimensional subspace.

## 4.2 Matrix Completion Methods

The completion of missing data in the mono-view setting can generally be formulated as a matrix completion problem. A number of studies have introduced various Matrix Completion (MC) algorithms to complete the matrix with incomplete data. The existing MC methods involve nuclear norm [27], [39], [40], [41], [42], [43], [44], statistical analysis [45], K-nearest neighbor [46], and Singular Value Decomposition [28], which have gained promising performance in some applications.

## 4.2.1 Nuclear Norm

Most of the existing MC approaches are based on the nuclear norm. Cai et al. [27] introduces a Singular Value Thresholding (SVT) algorithm to approximate the incomplete data matrix with a matrix with minimum nuclear norm among all matrices obeying a set of convex constraints. In [39], Toh and Yun proposed a Nuclear Normregularized Least Squares (NNLS) method to solve an unconstrained nonsmooth convex optimization problem. A MC algorithm, called Truncated Nuclear Norm Regularization (TNNR) was developed in [40] by minimizing the truncated nuclear norm. Marjanovic and Solo constructed a  $\ell_p$ penalized least squares problem for MC in [41]. They used the  $l_p$  Accelerated Projected Gradient ( $\ell_p$ APG) [23] algorithm to solve the problem. Robust Principal Component Analysis (RPCA) [42] completed matrix by minimizing a weighted combination of the nuclear norm and the  $\ell_1$  norm. Xiao and Guo [43] proposed a cross-language MC method to produce a complete parallel document-term matrix for all documents in two languages. A robust transfer PCA method was presented in [44] for recovering low-rank matrix from a heavily corrupted observation matrix by leveraging related uncorrupted auxiliary data.

## 4.2.2 Other Related Approaches

In [45], Schneider proposed a statistical analysis algorithm, called Expectation Maximization (EM), to impute missing values by estimating the mean and the covariance matrix of an incomplete dataset. Based on the Euclidean distance between samples, K-Nearest Neighbor [46] method can be used to impute missing value by replacing the missing value in the data matrix with the corresponding value from the nearest column. SVD [28] is a standard MC method based on low-rank approximation. It first provide some initial guesses (such as 0) to the missing data values, and then

decompose the filled-in matrix to obtain a low-rank approximation. Next, it update the missing values as their corresponding values in the low-rank estimation until convergence. In [47], [48], Xiang et al. proposed a incomplete Source and Feature Selection (iSFS) model to complete the block-wise missing data in multi-source problem. Srivastava and Salakhutdinov [49] proposed a Multimodal Deep Boltzmann Machines (MDBM) model to fill in missing modalities by sampling from the conditional distributions over them given the observed ones.

## 5 EXPERIMENTAL STUDY

In this section, we evaluate and analyze the effectiveness of the proposed formulations and algorithms for missing view completion of multi-view data.

## 5.1 Datasets

Our experiments are conducted on five publicly available multi-view datasets, namely, UCI Multiple Features (UCI MFeat) [50], Alzheimer's Disease Neuroimaging Initiative [1], Wikipedia [3], Corel 5K [51], and MIR Flickr [52]. Due to limited space, the details of the datasets are provided in the supplementary material, available online.

## 5.2 Experimental Setup

Note that all the data are normalized to unit length. Each dataset is randomly separated into a training set and a test set. The training samples account for 80 percent of each original dataset, and the remaining ones act as the test data. Such a partition of each dataset is repeated five times and the average performance is reported. In the training set and test set, 10 percent of multi-view data have missing view.

Some key parameters of all the methods in our experiments are tuned using the 5-fold cross-validation based on the AUC (area under the receiver operating characteristic curve) on the training set. For each time, one-fold data set is used for testing while the other folds are used for training. The training set can be split further into training part and validation part for parameter tuning. The final classification accuracy is the average of the accuracies across all 5 crossvalidation folds. Particularly, the LIBSVM classifier serves as the benchmark for the tasks of classification in the experiments.

We use the AUC and Mean Reconstruction Error (MRE) score to evaluate the proposed framework. The MRE is defined as  $\Sigma_i ||x_i - x'_i||/n$  (x' is the recovered multi-view instance), which is a commonly used criterion in matrix completion.

## 5.3 Evaluation on Single and Integrated View

To evaluate the ability of the proposed ILCA model for capturing both semantic complementarity and identical distribution among different views, we compare the complex representations  $\mu$  as given in Eq. (7) with the original expressions of either single view.

For the proposed ILCA model, the dimensionality k of the feature-isomorphic subspace is specified by  $min(d_x, d_y)$  and the trade-off parameters  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are tuned on the sets  $\{10^i | i = -2, -1, 0, 1, 2\}$ .

Clearly, it can be observed from Table 2 that the CR  $\mu$  as given in Eq. (7) outperforms the original expressions of

TABLE 2 Classification Performance of Single and Integrated Views in Terms of AUC

Dataset	Representations				
UCI MFeat	fou	zer	CR		
	0.9015	0.9285	0.9536		
ADNI	MRI	PET	CR		
	0.5492	0.6803	0.7213		
Wikipedia	Image	Text	CR		
	0.5886	0.7822	0.8254		

either single view. This observation verifies the effectiveness of ILCA for capturing the semantic complementarity among different views.

## 5.4 Comparison of CCA, OPLS, LDA, and ILCA

The purpose of comparing the proposed ILCA model and CCA [29], OPLS [30], and LDA [53] is to show the importance of mining the identical distribution among different views. Here, the dimensionality k of the feature-isomorphic subspace is specified by  $min(d_x, d_y)$  for both OPLS and CCA. For LDA, we set the dimensionality k of the lowdimensional subspace to the number of class labels.

Due to their inherent limitations, OPLS and CCA can only project the multi-view data into a low-dimensional space according to Eq. (7) without the full consideration of identical distribution among different views. Therefore, the feature-isomorphic spaces learned by OPLS and CCA may contain much more noise, which groups the instances from different categories together while keeping the samples of the same

class away from each other simultaneously. Additionally, since LDA is originally developed for handling monoview problems, it can only learn some limited distributional information among different views.

The proposed ILCA model linearly maps multiple heterogeneous low-level feature spaces to a feature-isomorphic one using orthogonal constraints and maximum neighbourhood criterion. As shown in Table 3, the superiority of ILCA over CCA, OPLS, and LDA in the classification performance is quite clear. For example, nearly 20 percent gain is achieved for the ADNI dataset. It means that ILCA can learn the identical distribution among different views more effectively than CCA, OPLS, and LDA.

## 5.5 Analysis of Explicit and Implicit Projection

Here we analyze the explicit and implicit projections. As mentioned above, CCA may not extract useful descriptors

TABLE 3 Classification Performance of CCA, OPLS, LDA, and ILCA in Terms of AUC

Dataset	Method						
Dataset	CCA	OPLS	LDA	ILCA			
UCI MFeat ADNI Wikipedia	0.9314 0.4590 0.7158	0.9026 0.5574 0.7144	0.9229 0.6380 0.7646	0.9536 0.7213 0.8339			

TABLE 4 Classification Performance of MCCA, KCCA, DCCA, and ILCA in Terms of AUC

Dataset	Method						
Dutuset	MCCA	KCCA	DCCA	ILCA			
UCI MFeat ADNI Wikipedia	0.6187 0.5451 0.6482	0.6371 0.5738 0.8096	0.8494 0.5393 0.8196	0.9536 0.7213 0.8339			

of data due to its inherent limitation [31]. KCCA [31] and DCCA [32] offer an alternative solution by nonlinearly mapping the multi-view data into a feature-isomorphic subspace. However, unlike KCCA and DCCA, our proposed ILCA model adopts explicit projecting method with orthogonal constraints and maximum neighbourhood criterion. Thus, ILCA could potentially learn better linear feature set than KCCA and DCCA. Although MCCA [37] uses label information as the third view, it computes low-dimensional embedding  $(p \leq min(d_x, d_y, q), q)$  is the number of class label.) of sets of variables simultaneously in the same way as CCA. Obviously, because q is relatively small, i.e.,  $q \ll d_x, d_y$ , the dimensionality of the shared feature space obtained by MCCA is much smaller than one of the featurehomogeneous space learned by CCA, leading to the loss of a great deal of information.

To confirm this viewpoint, ILCA, MCCA, KCCA, and DCCA are compared in classification performance. For MCCA,  $p = min(d_x, d_y, q)$  (*q* is the number of class label). For KCCA [31] and DCCA [32], we tune the dimensionality *k* of the feature-isomorphic subspace on the candidate set  $\{i \times 200 | i = 1, 2, 3, ..., 10\}$ , and Gaussian kernel is used in KCCA.

We can see from Table 4 that it is very difficult for KCCA and DCCA to capture much complementary information without orthogonal constraints and maximum neighbourhood criterion as in ILCA, although they all can map the multi-view data into a feature-isomorphic subspace. This observation indicates that the linear features learned by ILCA are superior to the nonlinear features obtained by KCCA and DCCA.

Moreover, as shown in Table 4, it is very difficult for MCCA to capture much complementary information, although the label representations are used as the third view. This observation indicates that it is not very helpful to using directly the label information as a single view in MCCA.

## 5.6 Comparison of Completion Algorithms

Similar to SVT [27], NNLS [39], TNNR [40],  $\ell_p$ APG [41], RPCA [42], the proposed IDPC model is also a completion method based on the trace norm. But the major difference of IDPC with the other models lies in that it fully takes into account the identical distribution among different views. In addition, though kNN [46] and EM [45] use the mean value to replace missing value, some complementary information will be lost due to the lack of consideration of the semantic complementarity among different views. Moreover, though iSFS [47], [48] handles both feature-level and source-level analysis and MDBM [49] can be used to fill-in missing modalities given the observed ones, they still does not

TABLE 5
Classification Performance of Completion Algorithms in Terms of AUC

Detect	Method									
Dataset	SVT	RPCA	kNN	EM	TNNR	NNLS	$\ell_p APG$	iSFS	MDBM	IDPC
UCI MFeat ADNI Wikipedia MIR Flickr	0.9067 0.6721 0.7675 0.7538	0.9161 0.6823 0.7148 0.7412	0.9147 0.6393 0.7916 0.7765	0.9044 0.6885 0.7905 0.8005	0.8896 0.6557 0.7148 0.7368	0.9161 0.6691 0.7984 0.7927	0.8998 0.7049 0.7246 0.7385	0.9234 0.6829 0.8019 0.8187	0.9128 0.7259 0.7998 0.8360	0.9456 0.7526 0.8218 0.8558

address the identical distribution among different views. So the proposed IDPC model might be more favorable to complete missing view than the compared methods.

To validate this point, we first use the existing multiview data to construct an incomplete matrix, in which the missing values refer to missing view of multi-view data and then apply SVT, NNLS, TNNR,  $\ell_p$ APG, RPCA, iSFS, MDBM, kNN, and EM to complete missing view. Then DCCA is applied to project the recovered multi-view data into a feature-isomorphic subspace to obtain the CR  $\mu$  according to Eq. (7).

For our proposed framework, ILCA is performed first before IDPC is carried out. For the proposed IDPC model, the distance metric parameter  $\pi$  is set to the number of missing data, the trade off  $\gamma$  and the nonnegative constraint parameter  $\varepsilon$  are selected from the set  $\{10^i | i = -2, -1, 0, 1, 2\}$ . The parameter settings in the compared methods are the same as in their original literatures. The dimension k of the feature-isomorphic subspace in DCCA and ILCA are specified by the best values selected out by the experiment in Section 5.5.

It can be observed from Table 5 that IDPC shows an obvious advantage over the other methods. This comparison shows that, in contrast to the compared approaches, IDPC is highly effective on recovering missing view of multi-view data because it fully exploits both semantic complementarity and identical distribution among different views.

#### 5.7 Comparison in Different Missing Rates

To test the performance of the proposed IDPC in different missing rates, we further compare the classification performances and reconstruction errors of IDPC with other completion methods such as iSFS [47], [48], RPCA [42], kNN [46], and MDBM [49] in the larger MIR Flickr dataset. We tune the missing rates on the set {10%, 15%, 20%, 25%}.



We can see from Fig. 7a that IDPC is superior to other completion methods in classification performance. This observation further confirms that IDPC can effectively recover the missing view of multi-view data. Nevertheless, with the increasing of missing rate, the performance of IDPC will degrade. Thus, IDPC also has some limitations that it need a certain number of existing samples to complete missing view.

Moreover, it can be observed from Fig. 7b that the reconstruction effect of IDPC is better than other completion methods. This is a strong proof that some complementary information will be lost for other completion methods due to the lack of consideration of the semantic complementarity among different views. However, with the increasing in missing rate, IDPC takes less obvious advantage over other completion methods. This once again shows that IDPC is based on a certain number of existing samples.

#### 5.8 Analysis of Convergence Rate

In order to investigate the convergence behaviors of the proposed ILCA and IDPC, we plot the objective values of these two methods in different iterations on the UCI MFeat, ADNI, and Wikipedia datasets in Fig. 8.

We can observe that ILCA and IDPC converge very fast, especially at early iterations. This is consistent with our theoretical results in Section 3.3 and confirms that the proposed methods in Algorithms 1 and 2 can reach the local optimal objective value rapidly.

#### 5.9 Evaluation of Multi-Pass Performance

The so-called multi-pass performance refers to the repetitive and alternate performing of ILCA and IDPC to improve the performance of multi-view learning. To verify the effect of multi-pass ILCA+IDPC, we compare the classification performance of ILCA, IDPC, and CCA in different times of



Fig. 7. Comparison in different missing rates.



Fig. 8. Analysis of convergence rate.

repetition. The experiment is performed on the COREL 5K dataset, in which the dataset is separated into a training set (50 percent of COREL 5K data), a validation set (30 percent of COREL 5K data), and a test set (20 percent of COREL 5K data). All the multi-view data in the validation set completely lack the representations from the DenseHue view, and 10 percent of multi-view data have missing DenseHue view in the test set.

The training samples are used by the ILCA model in Eq. (5) first to learn two optimal linear transformations  $A^*$  and  $B^*$ . Then the missing DenseHue view in the validation set is recovered by IDPC model in Eq. (8) based the learned linear transformations  $A^*$  and  $B^*$ . Furthermore, the training set and validation set are incorporated into a bigger set to train the ILCA model once again, and then the learned results are used to validate the classification performances of ILCA and IDPC in the test set. This process will be repeated six times. For CCA, the classification performance is verified in the completed test set recovered by IDPC in each repetition.

It can be shown from Fig. 9 that the classification performance of CCA rises up constantly with the increase of the number of repetition. This indicates that the recovered missing view in turn indeed improve the performance of multiview learning, since the proposed framework enhances the qualities multi-view representations and increases the number of multi-view samples. Additionally, we also see from Fig. 9 that ILCA and IDPC can benefit from each other through multiple repetitive and alternate learning, and the procedure converges to a good level. Therefore, this procedure can be utilized to obtain better recovered results.



Fig. 9. Comparison of multi-pass performance.



5.10 Parameter Sensitivity of ILCA and IDPC

Due to limited space, the details are given in the supplementary material, available online.

## 6 CONCLUSION

In this paper, we have investigated the missing view problem in multi-view data. We developed a general featurelevel framework to recover missing view to obtain CR for multi-view data. Within this framework, a feature-isomorphic subspace is learned by the proposed ILCA model to unfold the shared information from different views. We assume that missing view obeys normal distribution. Then, the expectation naturally corresponds to between-class differences, and the variance represents within-class differences. Therefore, the missing view data matrix can be modeled as a low-rank component plus a sparse contribution. Furthermore, we also proposed a IDPC model to recover missing view of multi-view data on the basis of the identical distribution constraint of missing view to the other available one in the feature-isomorphic subspace. Practically, the proposed ILCA and IDPC in our framework can be easily extended to multi-view cases. In addition, they are so flexible that either algorithm combined with other existing algorithms can be applied to solve the missing view problem in multi-view data.

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