Abstract: In recent years, image recognition related applications has become very popular especially after Google popularized the technology with Google Goggles in 2010. Image recognition is used in many new technologies such as self-driving cars, e-commerce e.g. searching and buying similar apparel based on a snapshot. However, several challenges remain if we want highly accurate image recognition anywhere anytime using mobile devices. Traditional object recognition algorithms operate robustly only in controlled environments but exhibit high variation in accuracy for more generic mobile environments. Some key reasons are (i) visual domain shift, e.g., changes in image resolution, lighting, background, viewpoint often causes performance degradation, (ii) hard to predict all objects to be recognized. We will present an adaptive mobile object recognition framework (joint research with IBM researchers) which allows deep learning techniques to be used successfully in mobile environments. In addition, the images involved in some application scenarios are sensitive e.g. homeland security related applications and hence a secure image retrieval system needs to be designed. Thus, we will also describe how to design such a secure mobile image retrieval system.

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