# Leveraging Cross-Domain Video Similarity for Fine-Tuning Surgical Models Using Pretrained Hiera

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## **Objective**

Leverage pretrained action recognition vision models to classify surgical tasks such as suturing techniques.

### **Motivation**

- Surgical analysis via machine learning requires large amounts of data to train new models.
- Limited surgical videos, especially open surgery.
- Possibility of using pretrained vision transformers while fine-tuning on a smaller surgical dataset.





One-Handed Half-Hitch (Slip) Knot

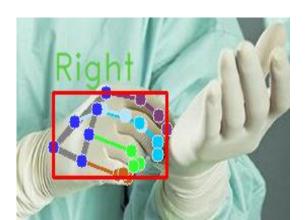
# **Current Approaches**

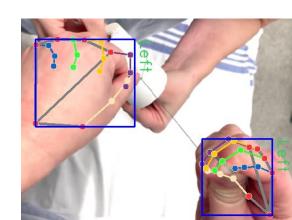
#### **MediaPipe Hand Landmark Detection**

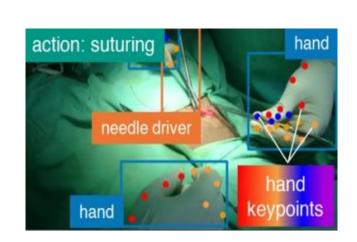
- Developed by google
- Trained on 30k real-world images.
- Detects 21 key hand-knuckle coordinates.

#### **Annotated Videos of Surgery (AVOS)**

• AVOS's dataset is already annotated with relevant United Medical Language System (UMLS) tags and spatial and temporal annotations.







MediaPipe Failure Cases

AVOS sample frame

# Preprocessing

#### **Frame Subtraction**

Camera Mounted Background always static

Foreground pixel intensity changes drastically between frames

 $\Delta I_t = |I_t - I_{t-1}| \quad \forall t \in [1, T]$ 

where T = total number of frames and  $\Delta I_t$  is the change in pixel intensity from the current frame  $(I_t)$  to the prior  $(I_{t-1})$   $\Delta I_t$  is higher for foreground values





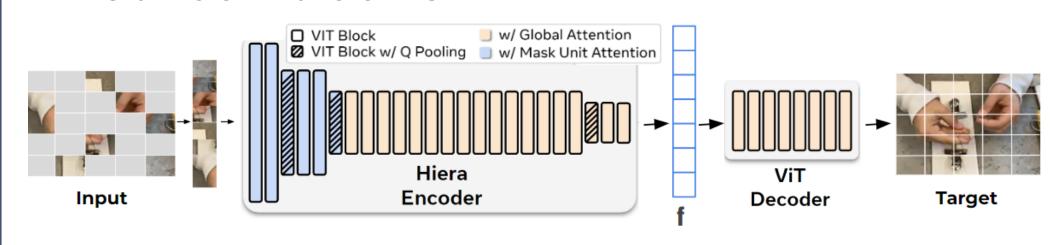


 $I_{t-1}$ 

 $\Delta I_t$ 

### Methodology

#### **Hiera Vision Transformer**



- Removes 'bells and whistles' in vision transformers.
- 2.4x faster on images and 5.1x faster on video than MViTv and is more accurate.

**Cosine Similarity** 

$$\cos(\theta_{ij}) = \frac{f_i \cdot f_j}{|f_i||f_j|}$$

### **Dataset**

Recorded 28 short shoe tying videos (13 tying and 15 untying), 10 short cooking clips from YouTube, and one sample One Handed Half-Hitch (Slip) Knot suturing video.

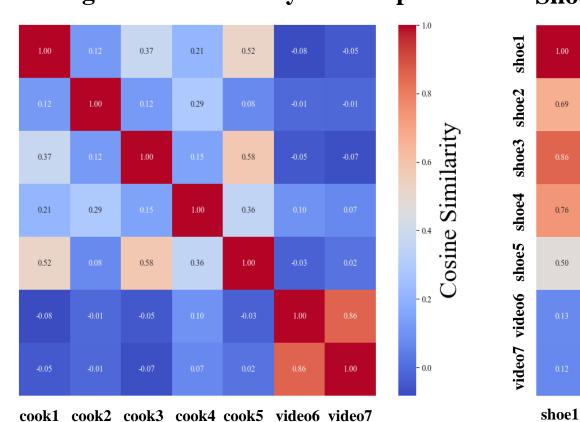
### **Results**

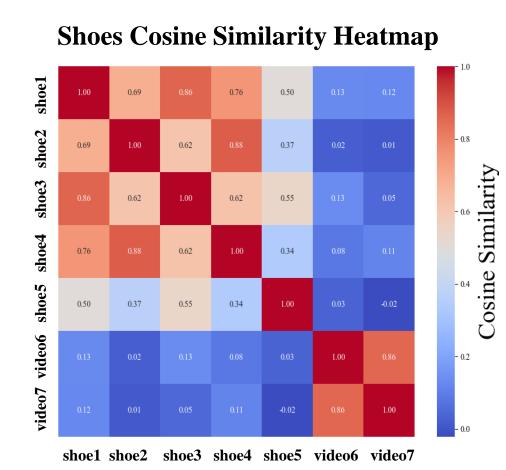
#### **Hiera Common Classifications**

Dataset	Predictions
Shoes	Tying a knot (not on a tie), Folding laundry, Wrapping a present
Cooking	Making a sandwich, Making a cake, Cooking eggs
Suturing	Making jewelry

### **Cosine Similarity Results**

**Cooking Cosine Similarity Heatmap** 

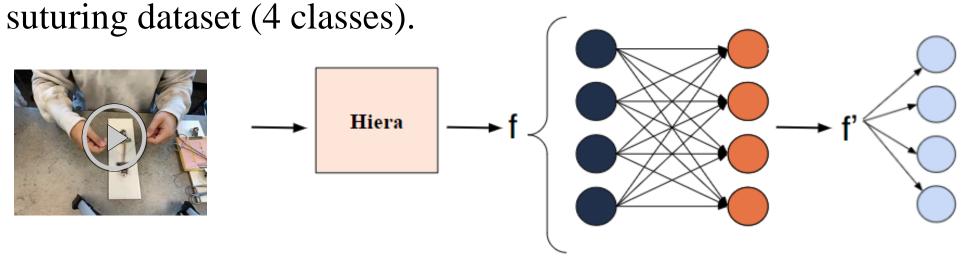




Heatmap: video 6 and 7 are suturing video clips.

### **Next Steps**

Apply feature extraction and similarity analysis to the entire suturing dataset (4 classes)



Apply contrastive learning

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