

IMAGES AND RECIPES

Retrieval in the cooking context

Friday 16th April, 2018

Micael Carvalho*, Rémi Cadène*,
David Picard, Laure Soulier, and Matthieu Cord
Sorbonne Université

An extended version of this work will appear at SIGIR 2018

Why this work?

- Cooking is a fundamental human activity
- Machine learning is evolving fast: data and technique

What do we do?

- Artificial intelligence-oriented approach for cooking
- We find recipes from pictures, and pictures from recipes

Task 1: Image to Recipe retrieval

Query Image**Retrieved Recipe****Ingredients**

sushi rice
salmon
avocado
cream cheese
nori

Instructions

1. Make 2 bowls of sushi rice.
2. Slice the salmon into 24 ultra-thin slices, and cut the avocado and cream cheese into long, thin strips.
3. Place a small bowl-worth of sushi rice on plastic wrap and spread it out to the size of a nori sheet.
...
4. Cut the rolls while wiping the knife with a wet cloth between each cut.
5. Shown in the photo on the left is avocado, and to the right is mini cucumber.

Query Image**Retrieved Recipe****Ingredients**

butter
olive oil
sweet onions
portabella
mushrooms
celery
carrot
garlic cloves
...

Instructions

1. Melt 1 tablespoon butter with 1/2 tablespoon olive oil in saucepan over medium heat.
2. Add onions and saute, stirring every few minutes, until they are caramelized, about 15-20 minutes.
...
3. (If soup is too thick, thin with a little more hot broth).
4. Season to suit your taste with salt and freshly-cracked black pepper.
5. Serve in deep bowls, garnished with a sprinkle of minced, fresh parsley.

Task 2: Recipe to Image retrieval

Query Recipe

Ingredients	Instructions
butter	1. Heat butter in 2 qt saucepan over low heat until melted
garlic cloves	2. Add garlic.
all - purpose flour	3. Stir in flour and salt.
kosher salt	4. Cook, stirring constantly until bubbly.
milk	5. Remove from heat and stir in milk and broth.
chicken broth	...
mozzarella cheese	6. Cook uncovered at 350F 20-30 minutes until nice and bubbly.
parmesan cheese	7. Let stand 10 minutes before cutting.
onion	
...	



Retrieved Image



Query Recipe

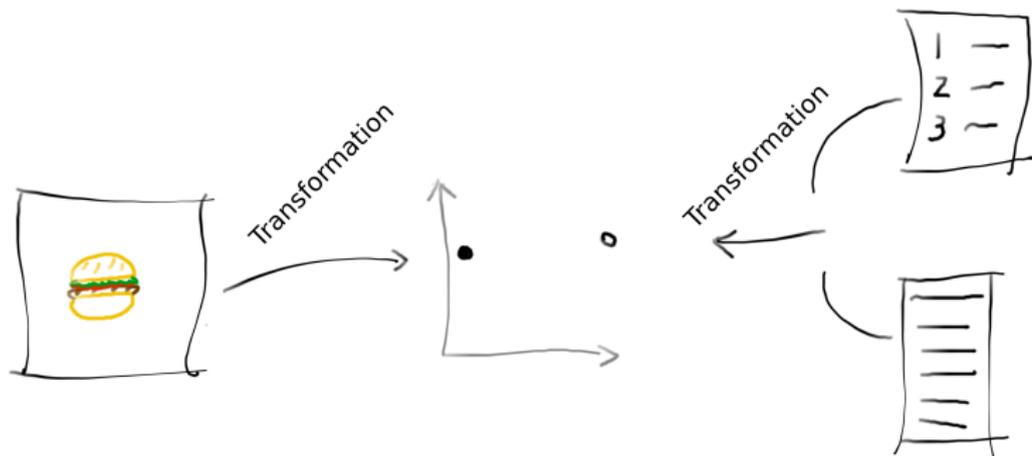
Ingredients	Instructions
dashi stock	1. Transfer dashi to a small soup pot over medium-low heat.
hot water	2. Meanwhile, stir together hot water and miso until miso is dissolved.
miso	3. Pour watery miso mixture into the pot.
firm tofu	4. Add cubed tofu.
green onion	5. Bring the pot to a simmer.
	6. To serve, sprinkle sliced green onions and a pinch of katsuobushi on top.



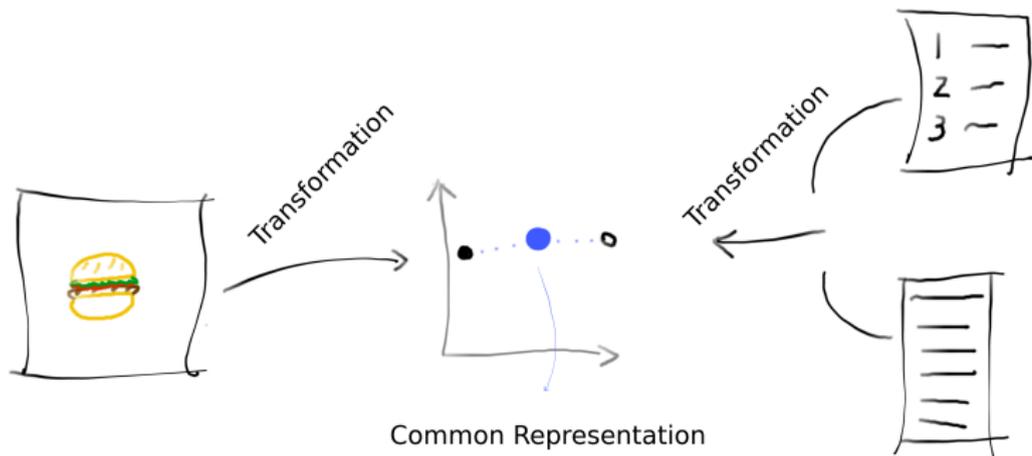
Retrieved Image



How to tackle these tasks?



What can we do with these points?

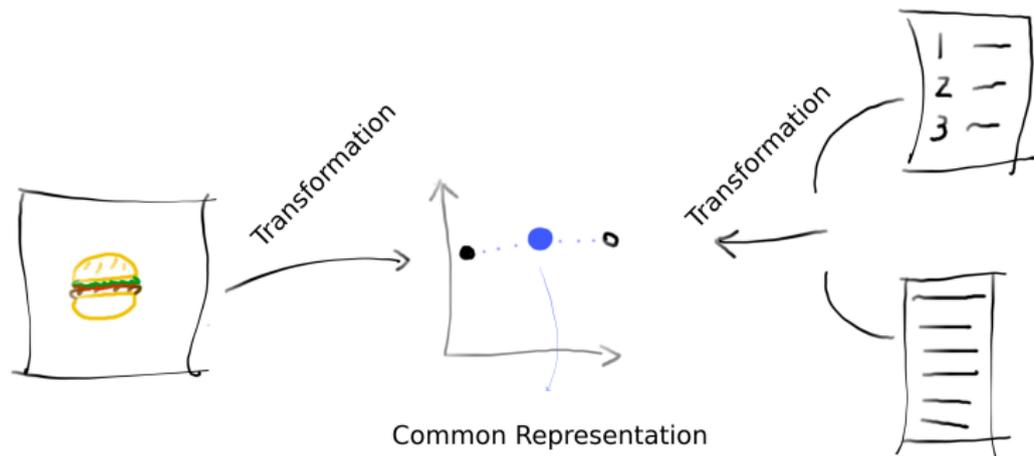


Dataset composed of pairs image-recipe

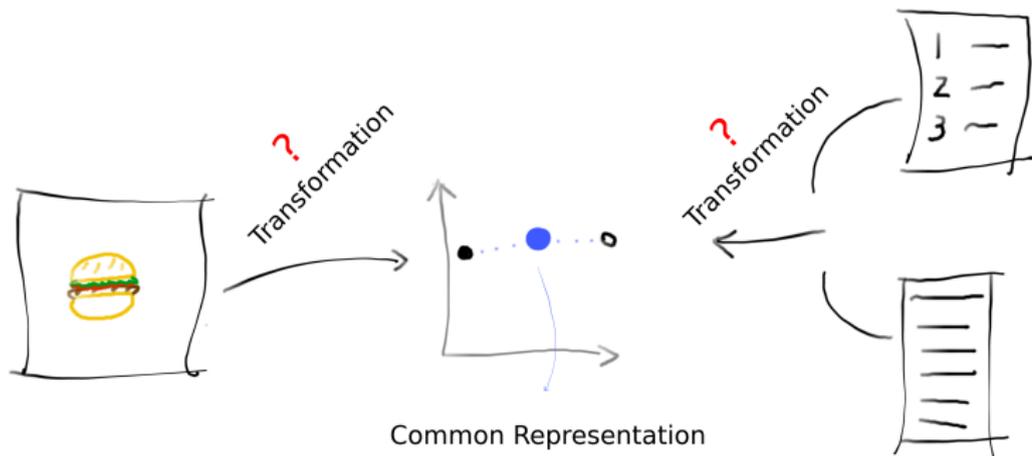
	ingr (ingredients)	instr (cooking instructions)	image
Pizza	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1) <i>pizza dough</i>2) <i>hummus</i>3) <i>arugula</i>4) <i>cherry / grape tomatoes</i>5) <i>pitted greek olives</i>6) <i>crumbled feta cheese</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1) <i>Cut the dough into two 8-ounce sized pieces.</i>2) <i>Roll the ends under to create round balls.</i>3) <i>Then using a well-floured rolling pin, roll the dough out into 12-inch circles.</i>4) <i>Place the dough circles on sheets of parchment paper.</i>	
Pecan Pie	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1) <i>unsalted butter</i>2) <i>eggs</i>3) <i>condensed milk</i>4) <i>sugar</i>5) <i>vanilla extract</i>6) <i>chopped pecans</i>7) <i>chocolate chips</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1) <i>Preheat the oven to 375 degrees F.</i>2) <i>In a large bowl, whisk together the melted butter and eggs until combined.</i>3) <i>Whisk in the sweetened condensed milk, sugar, vanilla, pecans, chocolate chips, butterscotch chips, and coconut.</i>	

Crawled from recipe websites by Salvador et al., CVPR 2018

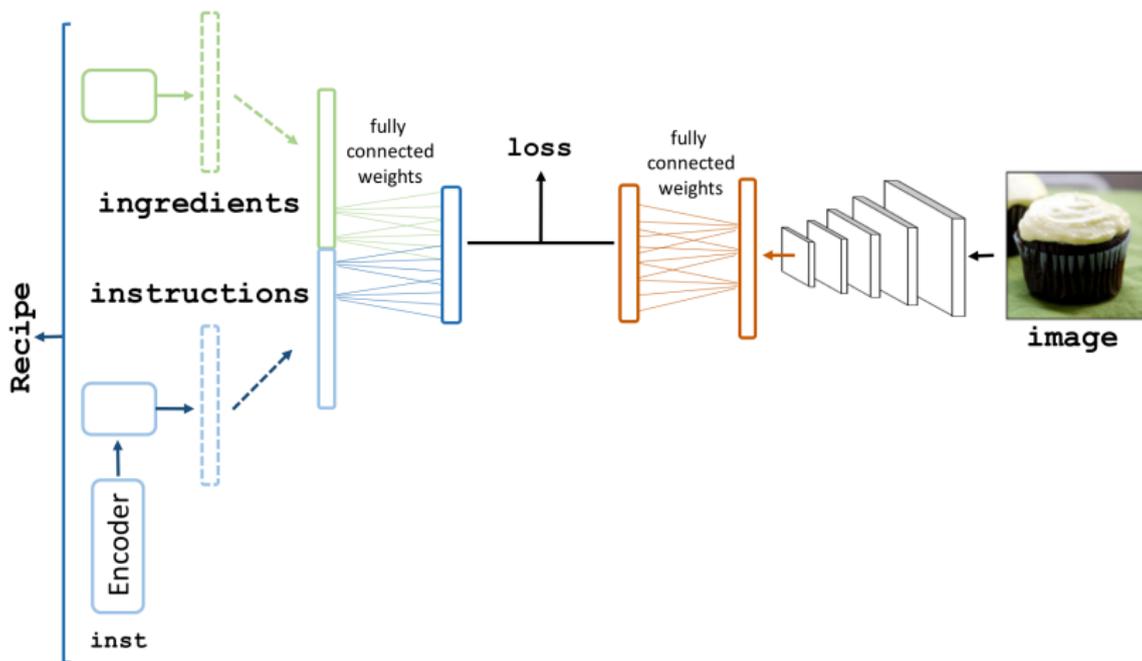
Back to the common representation



Transformation? Artificial Neural Networks



How does it look like?



Challenge – part 1

Challenge: What is the distance between... ?

1275



1317

It's *easier* to find distances between numbers than between images

Challenge – part 1

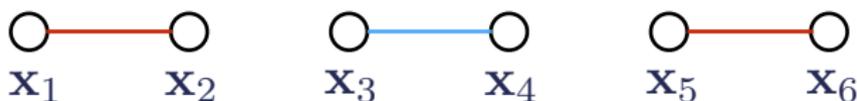
Challenge: What is the distance between... ?



VS



Pairwise/contrastive



Trained on the paired data $\{(x_i, x_j, y_{i,j})\}$, with the cost function

$$y_{i,j}D_{i,j}^2 + (1 - y_{i,j})[\alpha - D_{i,j}]_+^2$$

$$y_{i,j} \in \{0, 1\}, \quad D_{i,j} = \|f(x_i) - f(x_j)\|_2, \quad [\cdot]_+ = \max(0, \cdot)$$

[😊] Approaches positive pairs and distances negative pairs by α ;

[😞] Forces positive examples to have distance 0;

[😞] (...) Other problems, lets just agree it's *not optimal*.

Challenge – part 2

Challenge: What is the distance between... ?



VS



Challenge – part 2

Challenge: What is the distance between... ?



VS



Challenge – part 2

Challenge: What is the distance between... ?



Triplet

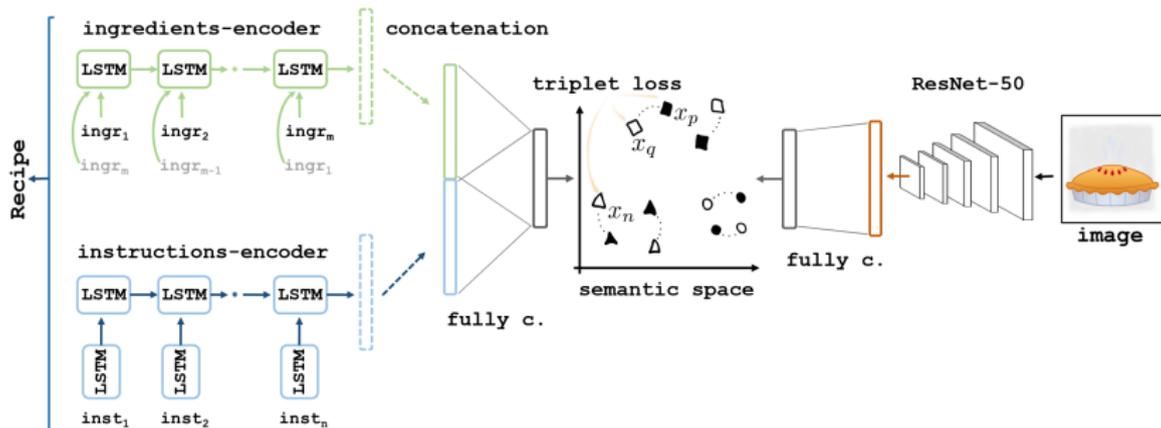


Trained on $\{(x_a, x_p, x_n)\}$, with the cost function

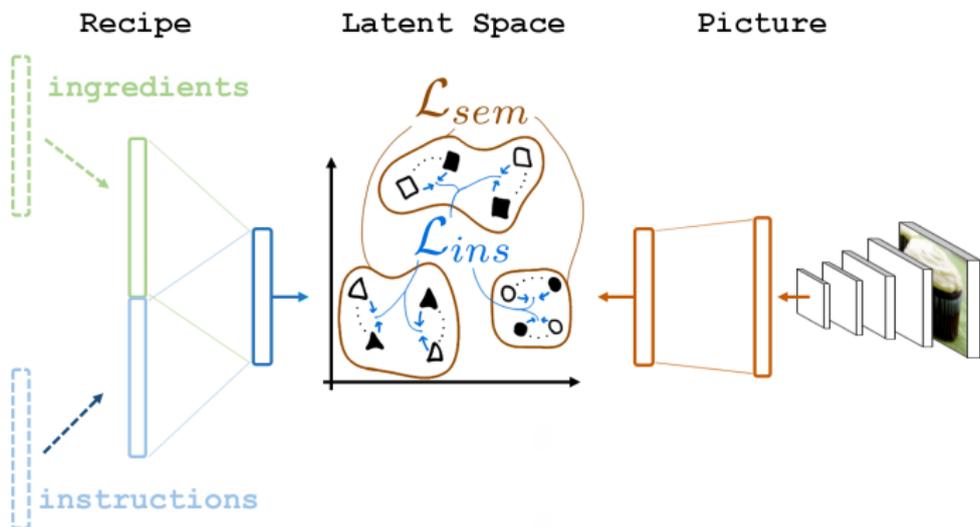
$$[D_{ia,ip}^2 - D_{ia,in}^2 + \alpha]_+$$

- 😊 Approaches positive examples and distances negative examples;
- 😊 Pushes away *the negative example* and closer *the positive example* if the negative one is inside $D_{ia,ip}^2 + \alpha$;

Constructing latent semantic spaces



Adding semantic information



Semantic-based loss \mathcal{L}_{sem} added to organize the feature space. It is used to train the parameters of the network

Experiments

Dataset composed of pairs image-recipe

	ingr (ingredients)	instr (cooking instructions)	image
Pizza	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1) <i>pizza dough</i>2) <i>hummus</i>3) <i>arugula</i>4) <i>cherry / grape tomatoes</i>5) <i>pitted greek olives</i>6) <i>crumbled feta cheese</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1) <i>Cut the dough into two 8-ounce sized pieces.</i>2) <i>Roll the ends under to create round balls.</i>3) <i>Then using a well-floured rolling pin, roll the dough out into 12-inch circles.</i>4) <i>Place the dough circles on sheets of parchment paper.</i>	
Pecan Pie	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1) <i>unsalted butter</i>2) <i>eggs</i>3) <i>condensed milk</i>4) <i>sugar</i>5) <i>vanilla extract</i>6) <i>chopped pecans</i>7) <i>chocolate chips</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1) <i>Preheat the oven to 375 degrees F.</i>2) <i>In a large bowl, whisk together the melted butter and eggs until combined.</i>3) <i>Whisk in the sweetened condensed milk, sugar, vanilla, pecans, chocolate chips, butterscotch chips, and coconut.</i>	

Crawled from recipe websites by Salvador et al., CVPR 2018

Nearly 1 million recipes, about 800,000 images

Quality of semantic space

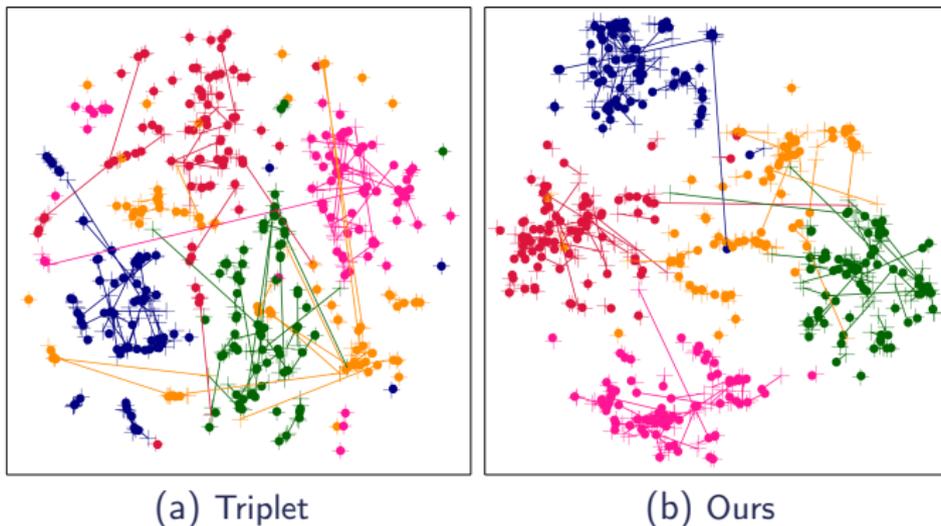


Figure 1: **t-SNE visualization**. Image (resp. Recipe) points are denoted with the + (resp. ●) symbol. Matching pairs are connected with a trace. Blue points are associated to the cupcake class, orange to hamburger, pink to green beans, green to pork chops, and red to pizza.

Measuring the retrieval effectiveness

	im2recipe @ 1k			recipe2im @ 1k		
	MedR	R@1	R@10	MedR	R@1	R@10
CCA [1]	15.7	14.0	43.0	24.8	9.0	35.0
PWC [1]	5.2	24.0	65.0	5.1	25.0	65.0
PWC++ (pairwise, ours)	3.3 ± 0.4	25.8 ± 1.6	67.1 ± 1.4	3.5 ± 0.5	24.8 ± 1.1	67.1 ± 1.2
Ours	1.0 ± 0.1	39.8 ± 1.8	77.4 ± 1.1	1.0 ± 0.1	40.2 ± 1.6	78.7 ± 1.3

Table 1: **State-of-the-art comparison.** MedR means Median Rank (lower is better). R@K means Recall at K (between 0% & 100%, higher is better). Mean and std values over 10 bags of 1k pairs each are reported

[1] Salvador et al., "[Learning Cross-modal Embeddings for Cooking Recipes and Food Images](#)," CVPR'17.

Qualitative analysis – Query

Crunchy Onion Potato Bake

Ingredients

Milk, Water, Butter, Mashed potatoes, Corn, Cheddar cheese, French-fried onions

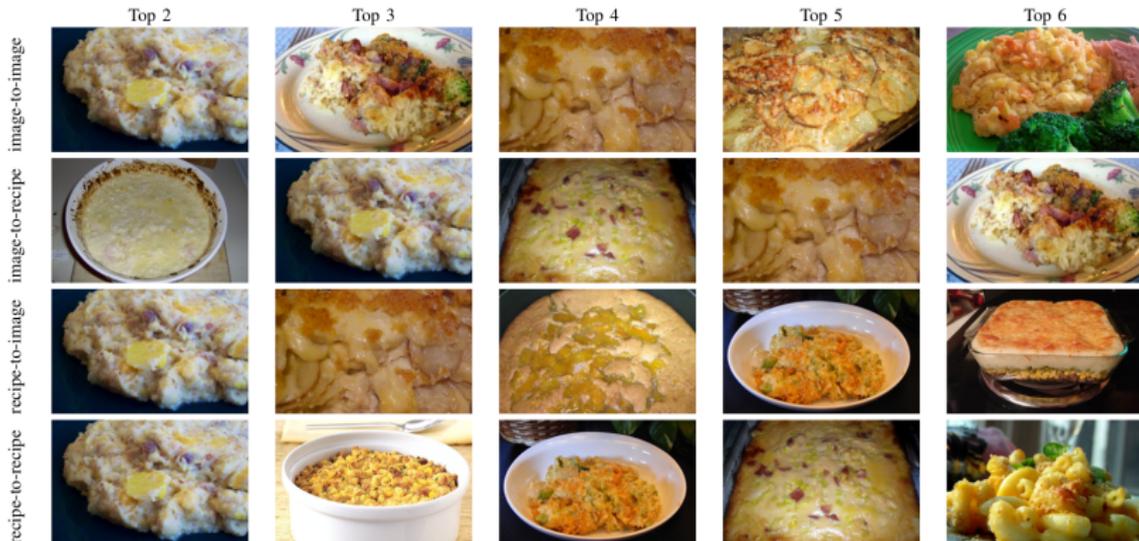
Cooking instructions

Preheat oven to 350 degrees Fahrenheit. Spray pan with non stick cooking spray. Heat milk, water and butter to boiling; stir in contents of both pouches of potatoes; let stand one minute. Stir in corn. Spoon half the potato mixture in pan. Sprinkle half each of cheese and onions; top with remaining potatoes. Sprinkle with remaining cheese and onions. Bake 10 to 15 minutes until cheese is melted. Enjoy !

Image



Qualitative analysis – Top retrieved items for the query



Qualitative analysis – Looking for ingredients

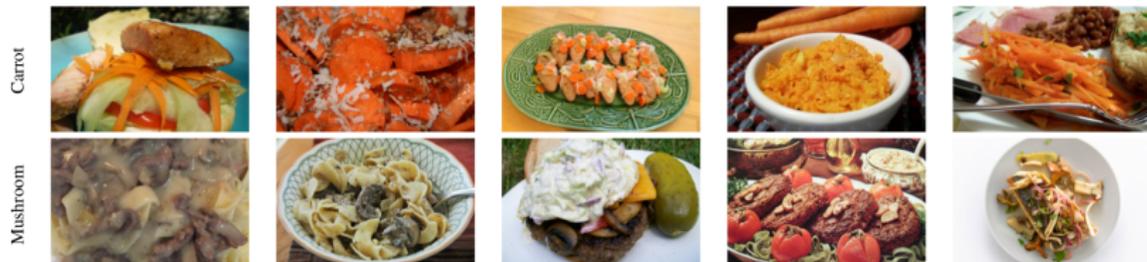


TABLE V

EXAMPLES OF IMAGES IN THE TOP 20 WHEN SEARCHING FOR THE INGREDIENT *Carrot* (TOP ROW) OR *Mushroom* (BOTTOM ROW).

Qualitative analysis – Looking for ingredients on pizza

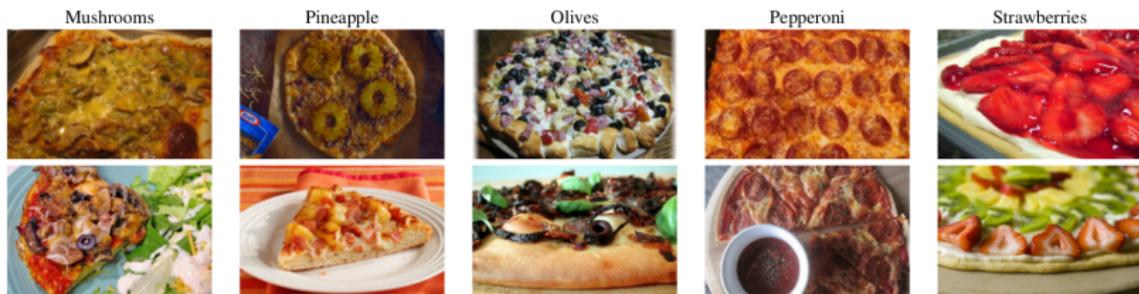
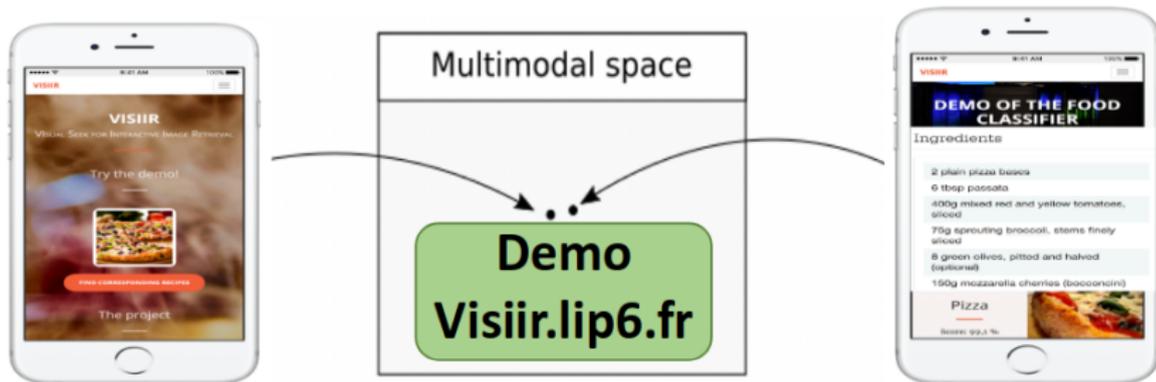


TABLE VI

EXAMPLES OF IMAGES IN THE TOP 20 RESULTS WHEN SEARCHING FOR A SPECIFIC INGREDIENT WITHIN THE CLASS *Pizza*.

Try one of our demos



Thank you

Micael Carvalho*, Rémi Cadène*,
David Picard, Laure Soulier, and Matthieu Cord

micael.carvalho@lip6.fr

micaelcarvalho.com

Laboratoire d'Informatique de Paris 6; Sorbonne Université, Paris, France