
GraphAdapter: Tuning Vision-Language Models With Dual Knowledge Graph (Supplementary Materials)

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1 Sec. 1 validates the applicability of our GraphAdapter by introducing it to the state-of-the-art adapter-
2 style tuning methods, including CaFo [15] and TaskRes* [14].

3 Sec. 2 provides more experimental details on Few-shot Learning for our GraphAdapter.

4 Sec. 3 describes more details about datasets and implementation.

5 Sec. 4 visualizes the textual graph nodes used for classification before and after utilizing our
6 GraphAdapter.

7 Sec. 5 makes a comprehensive analysis of the possible broader impacts.

8 1 Applicability

9 To validate the applicability of our GraphAdapter, we select two state-of-the-art adapter-style works,
10 including CaFo [15] and TaskRes* [14]. Here, CaFo [15] incorporates diverse prior knowledge from
11 large pre-trained vision and language models, including DINO’s vision-contrastive knowledge, GPT-
12 3’s language-generative knowledge, and DALLE’s generative capability. The adapting strategy of
13 CaFo [15] is from the Tip-Adapter [16]. The TaskRes* denotes the enhanced version of TaskRes [14],
14 which exploits the enhanced base classifier instead of the original classifier from CLIP [11].

15 For CaFo [15], we directly incorporate our GraphAdapter into the textual classifier. For TaskRes* [14],
16 we replace the task residual with our proposed GraphAdapter and maintain its enhanced textual
17 branch from CLIP. The experimental results on ImageNet [3] are shown in Table 1. We can observe
18 that our GraphAdapter can consistently increase the performance of CaFo [15] and TaskRes* [14]
19 on few-shot learning with all 1-/2-/4-/8-/16-shots settings. Particularly, on the 16-shot setting, ours
20 improves CaFo [15] by 0.51%, and TaskRes* by 1.15%, which validates the powerful applicability of
21 our GraphAdapter. *Overall, our GraphAdapter is complementary to these prior-augmented methods,
22 and can obtain better performance by integrating ours into them.*

Table 1: The experiments for the applicability of our GraphAdapter. For Cafo [15], we incorporate our GraphAdapter into the textual classifier. Notably, the TaskRes* exploits the enhanced base classifier. Therefore, TaskRes* + Ours denotes that TaskRes* replace the task residual with our proposed GraphAdapter.

Methods	1-shot	2-shot	4-shot	8-shot	16-shot
CaFo [15]	63.80	64.34	65.64	66.86	68.79
+Ours	63.81	64.97	66.17	67.68	69.30
TaskRes*[14]	61.43	62.17	62.93	64.03	64.75
+Ours	61.73	62.53	63.47	64.57	65.80

23 2 More Experimental Results

24 We present the numerical results of “Figure 3 in the main text” as Table 2. We compare our
 25 GraphAdapter with the state-of-the-art works, including the prompt-based method CoOp [17], and
 26 adapter-style methods, *i.e.*, CLIP-Adapter [5], Tip-Adapter-F [16], and TaskRes [14]. Here, the
 27 performance of Tip-Adapter-F is reproduced by [14], which aims to ensure a fair comparison with
 28 CoOp [17]. From the table, we can find that on the 16-shot few-shot learning, our GraphAdapter
 29 outperforms all previous works except for UCF101 [12] where its performance is comparable. Depart
 30 from that, for the average accuracy of 11 benchmark datasets in the 1-/2-/4-/8-/16-shot few-shot
 31 learning, our GraphAdapter surpasses previous works with a consistent improvement of 0.57% to
 32 0.76%. We also make the analysis for the Error Bars by providing the standard deviation (Std) of our
 33 experimental results in Table 2.

Table 2: A numerical comparison between our GraphAdapter and the state-of-the-art methods.

Methods	Setting	Caltech101	DTD	EuroSAT	FGVCAircraft	Flowers102	Food101	ImageNet	OxfordPets	StanfordCars	SUN397	UCF101	Avg.
Zero-shot CLIP [11]	1-shot	86.29	42.32	37.56	17.28	66.14	77.31	58.18	85.77	55.61	58.52	61.46	58.77
CoOp [17]		87.53	44.39	50.63	9.64	68.12	74.32	57.15	85.89	55.59	60.29	61.92	59.59
CLIP-Adapter [5]		88.60	45.80	61.40	17.49	73.49	76.82	61.20	85.99	55.13	61.30	62.20	62.67
Tip-Adapter-F [16]		88.80	50.49	50.34	19.01	81.17	76.22	60.88	86.04	56.78	61.23	66.19	63.38
TaskRes [14]		88.80	50.17	61.27	21.20	78.77	74.03	61.43	83.50	58.77	61.93	64.57	64.04
Ours (w/ Std)		88.90 (±0.22)	51.77 (±1.48)	63.30 (±1.96)	20.93 (±0.25)	79.98 (±0.90)	75.43 (±0.14)	61.50 (±0.09)	84.40 (±1.02)	59.70 (±0.45)	61.93 (±0.26)	64.93 (±0.59)	64.80 (±0.34)
Zero-shot CLIP [11]	2-shot	86.29	42.32	37.56	17.28	66.14	77.31	58.18	85.77	55.61	58.52	61.46	58.77
CoOp [17]		87.93	45.15	61.50	18.68	77.51	72.49	57.81	82.64	58.28	59.48	64.09	62.32
CLIP-Adapter [5]		89.37	51.48	63.90	20.10	81.61	77.22	61.52	86.73	58.74	63.29	67.12	65.55
Tip-Adapter-F [16]		89.61	55.32	64.76	21.76	85.40	77.05	61.57	86.06	61.13	63.19	68.99	66.80
TaskRes [14]		90.13	54.53	65.77	23.07	85.63	75.30	62.17	84.43	62.77	64.33	69.10	67.02
Ours (w/ Std)		90.20 (±0.22)	55.75 (±1.56)	67.27 (±1.57)	23.80 (±0.65)	85.63 (±0.25)	76.27 (±0.12)	62.32 (±0.17)	86.30 (±0.99)	63.23 (±0.12)	64.60 (±0.33)	69.47 (±0.42)	67.71 (±0.31)
Zero-shot CLIP [11]	4-shot	86.29	42.32	37.56	17.28	66.14	77.31	58.18	85.77	55.61	58.52	61.46	58.77
CoOp [17]		89.55	53.49	70.18	21.87	86.20	73.33	59.99	86.70	62.62	63.47	67.03	66.77
CLIP-Adapter [5]		89.98	56.86	73.38	22.59	87.17	77.92	61.84	87.46	62.45	65.96	69.05	68.61
Tip-Adapter-F [16]		90.87	60.25	69.66	26.39	89.53	77.46	62.62	86.46	64.86	65.88	72.71	69.70
TaskRes [14]		90.63	59.50	72.97	24.83	89.50	76.23	62.93	86.27	66.50	66.67	69.70	69.61
Ours (w/ Std)		90.97 (±0.05)	59.63 (±0.39)	75.20 (±1.37)	26.97 (±0.29)	89.90 (±0.19)	76.77 (±0.26)	63.12 (±0.19)	86.57 (±1.47)	66.53 (±0.29)	66.70 (±0.28)	71.47 (±0.16)	70.35 (±0.27)
Zero-shot CLIP [11]	8-shot	86.29	42.32	37.56	17.28	66.14	77.31	58.18	85.77	55.61	58.52	61.46	58.77
CoOp [17]		90.21	59.97	76.73	26.13	91.18	71.82	61.56	85.32	68.43	65.52	71.94	69.89
CLIP-Adapter [5]		91.40	61.00	77.93	26.25	91.72	78.04	62.68	87.65	67.89	67.50	73.30	71.40
Tip-Adapter-F [16]		91.70	62.93	79.33	30.62	91.00	77.90	64.15	88.28	69.51	69.23	74.76	72.67
TaskRes [14]		92.23	64.23	78.07	29.50	94.30	76.90	64.03	87.07	70.57	68.70	74.77	72.76
Ours (w/ Std)		92.45 (±0.38)	64.50 (±0.34)	80.17 (±1.87)	31.37 (±0.40)	94.07 (±0.12)	77.73 (±0.19)	64.23 (±0.08)	87.63 (±0.26)	70.53 (±0.12)	68.97 (±0.12)	75.73 (±0.45)	73.40 (±0.29)
Zero-shot CLIP [11]	16-shot	86.29	42.32	37.56	17.28	66.14	77.31	58.18	85.77	55.61	58.52	61.46	58.77
CoOp [17]		91.83	63.58	83.53	31.26	94.51	74.67	62.95	87.01	73.36	69.26	75.71	73.42
CLIP-Adapter [5]		92.49	65.96	84.43	32.10	93.90	78.25	63.59	87.84	74.01	69.55	76.76	74.44
Tip-Adapter-F [16]		92.63	66.94	84.94	35.86	94.23	78.11	65.44	88.18	75.75	71.00	79.03	75.65
TaskRes [14]		92.90	67.57	82.57	33.73	96.10	78.23	64.75	88.10	74.93	70.30	76.87	75.10
Ours (w/ Std)		93.33 (±0.08)	67.57 (±0.09)	85.27 (±0.29)	36.87 (±0.50)	96.23 (±0.16)	78.63 (±0.08)	65.70 (±0.08)	88.57 (±0.51)	76.23 (±0.17)	71.20 (±0.08)	78.80 (±0.26)	76.22 (±0.11)

34 3 More Dataset and Implementation Details

35 **More Dataset Details.** In this paper, we follow previous works, *e.g.*, CoOp [17], CLIP-Adapter [5],
 36 TaskRes [14], and Tip-Adapter [16], and exploit the prompts in Table 3 for the tuning and testing.

37 **More Implementation Details.** Our experimental results are achieved by running the algorithm
 38 three times with different seeds for each setting. The training and inference are implemented with a
 39 single NVIDIA GeForce RTX 3090. In the implementation of GraphAdapter for the ImageNet [3],
 40 we decouple the sub-graph with 1000 nodes for each modality into four graphs with 256 nodes to
 41 alleviate the computational cost.

42 4 Visualization of Graph Nodes

43 To demonstrate how our GraphAdapter works for the adapter-style tuning for VLMs, we visualize
 44 the graph nodes for textual features before and after the GraphAdapter. As shown in Figure 1, we

Table 3: The number of classes and the used prompt templet for each dataset.

Datasets	# Classes	Prompt Templet
Caltech101 [4]	100	“a photo of a [class].”
DTD [2]	47	“[class] texture.”
EuroSAT [6]	10	“a centered satellite photo of [class].”
FGVCAircraft [8]	100	“a photo of a [class], a type of aircraft.”
Flowers102 [9]	102	“a photo of a [class], a type of flower.”
Food101 [1]	101	“a photo of a [class], a type of food.”
OxfordPets [10]	37	“a photo of a [class], a type of pet.”
StanfordCars [7]	196	“a photo of a [class].”
SUN397 [13]	397	“a photo of a [class].”
UCF101 [12]	101	“a photo of a person doing [class].”
ImageNet [3]	1000	Ensemble of 7 selected templates, including “itap of a [class].”, “a bad photo of the [class].”, “a origami [class].”, “a photo of the large [class].”, “a [class] in a video game.”, “art of the [class].” and “a photo of the small [class].”

45 randomly sampled 20 classes from ImageNet [3] and utilize the t-SNE to visualize the distribution
 46 of each node corresponding to the textual fracture for classification. We can observe that with our
 47 GraphAdapter, the nodes of different classes move in directions that lead to much larger inter-class
 48 distances, thereby improving the performance of adapter-style tuning for VLMs.

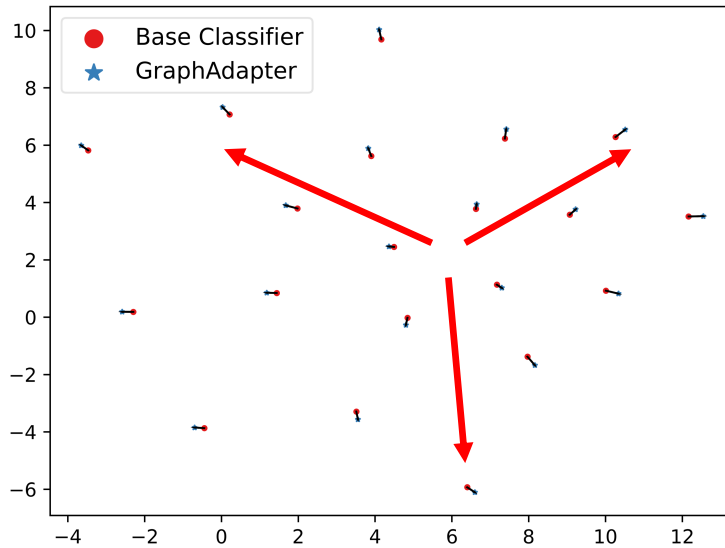


Figure 1: Visualization of the variance of the graph nodes before and after GraphAdapter. Each node represents the representation of one class. We randomly sampled 20 classes from ImageNet for better visualization. The nodes move toward the direction that leads to much larger inter-class distances after GraphAdapter. The red arrows denote the directions.

49 5 Broader Impacts

50 The adapter-style tuning of VLMs aims to efficiently finetune the VLMs for downstream tasks by
 51 optimizing a few parameters in the low-data regime. The possible broader impact of our GraphAdapter
 52 stems from the tuning of VLMs itself, which has a heavy dependency on the pre-trained VLMs. The
 53 utilization of our GraphAdapter should follow the privacy and safety of datasets and pre-trained
 54 models.

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