Unsupervised vs. Transfer Learning for Multimodal One-Shot Matching of Speech and Images

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- ▷ Idealised experiments show the promise of unsupervised learning.

» **References**

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