

Combine Meta-Learning With Feature Alignment for Cross-Domain Heterogeneous Hyperspectral Image Classification

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Abstract—The scarcity of labeled samples results in the challenge of small sample size in hyperspectral image (HSI) classification. Transfer learning offers hope for solving this problem. In cross-domain transfer learning, the source domain boasts abundant labeled training samples, whereas the target domain comprises only limited labeled training samples. Leveraging the information from the source domain can benefit the classification of the target domain. However, inconsistencies in land-cover classes between source and target domains may hinder knowledge transfer between domains. Fortunately, few-shot learning (FSL) provides an effective solution to this challenge. In recent years, meta-learning has gained widespread attention as a mainstream approach within FSL. This article proposes a novel method for cross-domain heterogeneous HSI classification, called cross-domain meta-learning with feature alignment (CD-MFA). CD-MFA enhances the generalization performance of the inner-loop optimization by incorporating task-adaptive loss function. The adaptive weighting strategy (AWS) is used in the outer-loop optimization to balance the classification losses of the source and target domains to learn more discriminative features. Additionally, by aligning the features of the source and target domains under the guidance of the Gaussian prior, the impact of domain shift can be mitigated. It is worth noting that CD-MFA is trained concurrently on both the source and target domains so that the two domains are well bound, thereby enhancing the effectiveness of knowledge transfer. Experimental results on four publicly available HSI datasets validate the effectiveness of CD-MFA.

Index Terms—Adaptive weighting strategy (AWS), cross-domain heterogeneous hyperspectral image (HSI) classification, meta-learning, task-adaptive loss function.

NOMENCLATURE

Abbreviation	Expansion
$p_s(T)$ and $p_t(T)$	Source and target task distributions.
α	Learning rate of the inner-loop optimization.

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β	Learning rate of the outer-loop optimization.
γ and η	Affine transformation parameters in the inner-loop optimization.
θ	Base learner parameters.
ϕ	Meta-learnable loss function parameters.
ψ	Meta-learner parameters.
$\mathcal{DS}_i^S$ and $\mathcal{DT}_i^S$	Source and target domain support sets.
$\mathcal{DS}_i^Q$ and $\mathcal{DT}_i^Q$	Source and target domain query sets.
$\mathbf{x}_i^s$ and $\mathbf{x}_i^t$	Source and target domain support set samples.
$\mathbf{x}_i^q$ and $\mathbf{x}_i^t$	Source and target domain query set samples.
ξ	Hyperparameter for balancing classification and FA losses.
$\mathcal{L}_{\text{cls}}^s$ and $\mathcal{L}_{\text{cls}}^t$	Cross-entropy loss.
$\mathcal{L}_{\text{da}}^s$ and $\mathcal{L}_{\text{da}}^t$	KL divergence.

I. INTRODUCTION

HYPERSPECTRAL images (HSIs) are 3-D data cubes that encapsulate both spatial and spectral information. Due to the wealth of spatial and spectral information, HSI has become widely employed in classification tasks [1], [2], [3], [4], [5]. In past years, traditional machine learning methods have been extensively applied to HSI classification [6], [7]. In comparison to traditional machine learning methods, deep learning approaches can automatically extract deep abstract features conducive to classification tasks from input data, thereby achieving heightened classification accuracy. Consequently, deep learning is introduced into HSI classification, yielding superior results [8], [9], [10], [11]. Nonetheless, a notable drawback is the reliance of most deep learning-based approaches on a large number of training samples. Simultaneously, accurately labeling the newly collected HSI proves to be a considerable difficulty, leading to a small-sample-size problem in HSI classification. Effectively addressing the utilization of limited labeled samples for HSI classification has become a primary research focus.

Transfer learning enables the transference of knowledge learned from the source domain rich in labeled samples to the target domain with limited labeled samples [12], [13], [14], [15], [16]. This process serves to enhance the classification accuracy of the target domain. This is referred to as cross-domain HSI classification. Therefore, transfer

learning emerges as an effective strategy for mitigating the small-sample-size problem in HSI classification [17]. Liu et al. [18] proposed an unsupervised domain adaptation network based on class-wise adversarial learning. This approach produces domain-invariant features by employing adversarial learning between the feature extractor and multiple domain discriminators. Furthermore, to enhance feature alignment (FA) performance, a probability-prediction-based maximum mean discrepancy (MMD) method is incorporated into the adversarial adaptation network. Ning et al. [19] proposed an instance-to-instance contrastive learning framework based on category matching (CLCM). This approach draws upon category information within the feature space and employs a sample from the source domain as an anchor to find its cross-domain positive and negative matching samples. Simultaneously, contrastive learning is implemented by bringing positive matching pairs closer together and pushing negative matching pairs farther apart in the two domains, thereby mitigating domain shift. Wang et al. [20] proposed a cross-scene classification model based on feature learning (CSCFL) for HSI classification. In this approach, unsupervised domain adaptation technology is applied to mitigate domain shift. Additionally, it incorporates depth-separable convolution to enhance the model's ability to capture fine spatial features.

The effectiveness of these transfer learning approaches relies on the premise that the source and target domains are imaged by the same sensor, meaning both domains have identical feature dimensions. This is referred to as homogeneous transfer learning [21], [22]. However, in most cases, the source and target domains are imaged by different sensors, resulting in different feature dimensions, which need to be processed by heterogeneous transfer learning [23], [24]. Zhong et al. [25] proposed a cross-domain deep transfer learning approach based on spectral feature adaptation (SFA) for HSI classification. This approach employs the joint probability distribution adaptation technique to alleviate the domain shift between the source and target domains. Additionally, to comprehensively extract discriminant features from HSI, a multiscale spectral-spatial unified network is designed. Wang et al. [26] proposed an HSI classification approach based on an unsupervised heterogeneous domain adaptation CycleGan (UHDAC). In this method, the features of the source and target domains are constrained through two-way adversarial transfer, allowing for the alignment of the distributions of the extracted features. Simultaneously, the Coral loss function is applied to address the challenge of insufficient mapping relationship constraints caused by the low consistency in data structure between the source and target domains. Zhong et al. [27] proposed a cross-domain HSI classification approach. The approach leverages multiscale convolutional sparse decomposition (MCS) to acquire transferable features for classification. Additionally, it incorporates a structure-preserved distribution alignment (SPDA) model to effectively transfer discriminant knowledge.

While these methods have demonstrated effectiveness in cross-domain HSI classification, most existing transfer learning methods' success relies on the assumption that the source and target domains share the same classes. These approaches encounter challenges when classes present in the target domain

are absent in the source domain. Fortunately, few-shot learning (FSL) can leverage a limited number of training samples to identify unseen classes in the target domain. As a mainstream method in FSL, meta-learning holds promise in addressing this challenge. Unlike traditional deep learning methods, meta-learning utilizes tasks comprised of support sets and query sets as the foundational units of training. This enables the model to acquire the capacity to learn how to learn. In the cross-domain HSI classification task, meta-learning distills the general knowledge of few-shot classification by simulating scenarios of the few-shot classification. Consequently, the problem of inconsistent classes between the source and target domains can be mitigated through the application of meta-learning. Cheng et al. [28] proposed a cross-domain HSI classification approach with causal meta-transfer learning (CMTL). CMTL employs a mask transformer to identify non-causal factors unrelated to classes, achieving the separation of causal and noncausal factors through the imposition of a causal constraint. Concurrently, to ensure a robust causal association between causal factors and classification tasks, the method introduces a causal association module (CAM). Li et al. [29] integrated model-agnostic meta-learning (MAML) with cutout data augmentation, introducing an approach termed MAML and regularization fine-tuning FSL (MRFS). This approach is applied to address the challenge posed by the difficulty in utilizing transfer learning for cross-domain HSI classification, stemming from the disparity in ground object categories between the two datasets. Hu et al. [30] proposed a dual-adjustment mode-based cross-domain meta-learning (DMCM) approach. DMCM employs a dual-adjustment model incorporating intracorection (IC) and interalignment (IA) learning strategies. IC is dedicated to the precise generation of class prototypes, while the adoption of the IA learning strategy facilitates mitigating the impact of domain shift.

The optimization-based meta-learning methods can quickly learn new tasks through the optimization process [31]. Therefore, this article proposes a novel optimization-based meta-learning method for cross-domain HSI classification, called cross-domain meta-learning with FA (CD-MFA). CD-MFA incorporates the task-adaptive loss function during inner-loop optimization to improve the model's generalization performance. Then, to alleviate the impact of domain shift, we align the features of both the source and target domains, guided by the Gaussian prior. Additionally, the adaptive weighting strategy (AWS) is employed to effectively balance source and target domain classification losses during the outer-loop optimization process. CD-MFA can be characterized as bi-level optimization. 1) Inner-loop optimization is dedicated to optimizing the base learner, enabling it to adapt to new tasks with limited samples. 2) Outer-loop optimization is to balance source and target domain classification losses via the AWS. The balanced classification loss and FA loss are then used to train the model to achieve better generalization performance. Notably, CD-MFA is trained simultaneously on both the source and target domains, effectively binding the two domains together and thereby improving the effectiveness of knowledge transfer. The main contributions of this work are as follows.

- 1) Unlike many existing cross-domain HSI classification algorithms, CD-MFA allows the source and target domains to have different land-cover classes. This is a more common scenario in practical applications.
- 2) The task-adaptive loss function is employed in inner-loop optimization to enhance the model's generalization performance. Concurrently, the AWS effectively balances source and target domain classification losses in the outer-loop optimization, making it convenient for learning more discriminative features.
- 3) By aligning the features of the source and target domains under the guidance of the Gaussian prior, the impact of domain shift is mitigated.

The subsequent sections of this article are structured as follows. Section II provides an introduction to the fundamentals of domain adaptation and meta-learning. Following that, Section III introduces the CD-MFA algorithm. Section IV shows and analyzes the experimental results from four publicly available HSI datasets. Lastly, Section V serves as the conclusion of this article.

II. RELATED WORKS

This work integrates domain adaptation and meta-learning, both of which are briefly elucidated in this section.

A. Domain Adaptation

The goal of domain adaptation technology is to address the issue of disparate data distributions between the source and target domains. Traditional domain adaptation methods can be categorized into three main groups: instance-based, feature-based, and classifier-based domain adaptation methods [32]. Through the adjustment of the marginal distribution of either the source or target samples, instance-based domain adaptation methods can effectively align the distributions of both the source and target domains. Zhou et al. [33] proposed a transfer learning algorithm for remote sensing image classification based on extreme learning machines with weighted least squares. This method transfers prior knowledge from historical images to the target model by adjusting historical and target samples using different weighting strategies. The feature-based domain adaptation methods transform data from source and target domains into a new feature space. Its objective is to minimize the distribution disparity between the data from these domains within the new feature space during the process of optimization. Zhu and Ma [34] aligned the two domains by shifting the target domain samples toward the source domain to align the class centroids of the two domains. Due to their powerful modeling capabilities [35], graphs are also employed to model correlations between source and target domains in feature-based adaptation. Ye et al. [22] introduced a graph loss to enforce FA across the two domains. The classifier-based domain adaptation methods adapt the classifier trained in the source domain to better suit the target domain. Zhong and Zhang [36] introduced an iterative training sample updating (ITSU) method based on posterior spatial feature extraction. The method iteratively generates training samples from the target domain, ultimately yielding a classifier with enhanced

performance in the target domain. Deep learning techniques excel at automatically extracting deep abstract features from data. In recent years, deep domain adaptation has emerged as a prominent research focus and has found extensive application. Deep domain adaptation methods can be categorized into two main types: discrepancy-based and adversarial-based domain adaptation methods [32]. By integrating adaptation layers into the network, the discrepancy-based domain adaptation methods ensure consistency in the feature distribution between the source and target domains. Zhu et al. [37] proposed a local MMD (LMMD) to quantify the discrepancy between related subdomains within the same category across various domains. Adversarial-based domain adaptation methods aim to minimize the distribution discrepancy between domains through adversarial learning, thereby acquiring transferable and domain-invariant features. Wang et al. [38] aligned the distributions between the two domains by employing domain adversarial learning techniques simultaneously in both the source and target domains.

Although the existing domain adaptation methods have achieved remarkable results, most of them assume that the source and target domains share the same land-cover classes. When the source and target domains contain different classes, directly aligning their distributions becomes challenging. To overcome this challenge, we improve classification accuracy in the target domain by aligning the features of the source and target domains under the guidance of the Gaussian prior.

B. Meta-Learning

The objective of meta-learning is to equip models with the capability to learn how to learn. Unlike traditional deep learning methods, meta-learning methods are trained on tasks consisting of support sets and query sets. Meta-learning methods can be categorized into three main groups: metric-based, model-based, and optimization-based meta-learning methods [31]. Metric-based meta-learning methods predict the labels of query set samples by considering the distances between query set samples and support set samples in an embedded space. Snell et al. [39] proposed employing prototypical networks to address few-shot classification challenges. This method conducts classification by calculating the distance of a sample to the prototype representations of each class within a metric space. Model-based meta-learning methods rely upon an adaptive internal state. Munkhdalai and Yu [40] proposed a meta-learning method called meta networks. This method utilizes loss gradients as meta information, achieving better results. Most of the optimization-based meta-learning methods treat it as a bi-level optimization problem. Inner-loop optimization allows the base learner to adapt to new tasks with a small number of samples, while outer-loop optimization aims to enhance the model's performance. Finn et al. [41] proposed an optimization-based meta-learning method called MAML. In this method, a weight initialization is learned, serving as an effective starting point for executing a few update steps on a new task with a limited number of training samples to achieve good generalization performance.

In this article, we employ the task-adaptive loss function in inner-loop optimization to improve the generalization

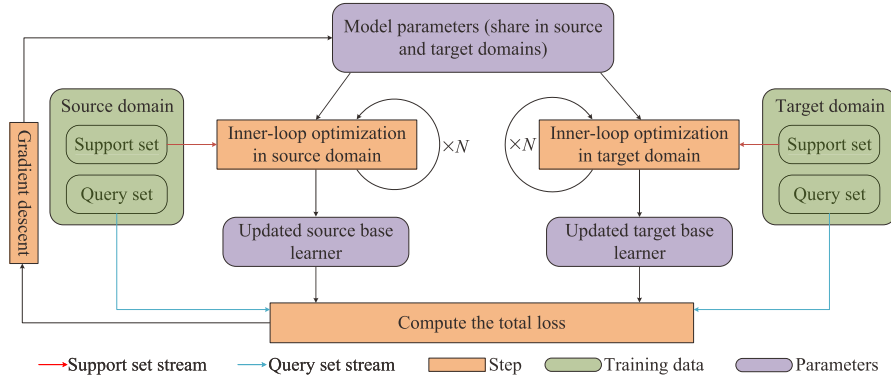


Fig. 1. Flowchart of our proposed CD-MFA.

performance of the model. Simultaneously, the AWS is utilized to balance source and target domain classification losses in outer-loop optimization.

III. PROPOSED CD-MFA ALGORITHM

Meta-learning is the predominant method in FSL, aimed at solving the problem of less-than-ideal classification when the source and target domain classes are inconsistent. The CD-MFA method proposed in this article is an optimization-based meta-learning method. CD-MFA is trained through bi-level optimization.

- 1) Inner-loop optimization is used to adjust the base learner, enabling it to adapt to new tasks with limited samples.
- 2) Outer-loop optimization is utilized to train the model. The flowchart and algorithm framework proposed for CD-MFA are depicted in Figs. 1 and 2.

As shown in Fig. 1, the training process of CD-MFA is as follows.

- 1) The inner-loop optimizations are performed in the source and target domains, respectively, and the base learners are updated.
- 2) The total loss is computed based on the updated base learners in the source and target domains.
- 3) Gradient descent is applied to train the model.

By utilizing the updated base learners from the source and target domains to compute the total loss and perform gradient descent for updating model parameters, the two domains are bound to facilitate effective knowledge transfer.

By integrating the task-adaptive loss function into inner-loop optimization, CD-MFA enhances the adaptive ability of inner-loop optimization, thereby enhancing model generalization performance. In the outer-loop optimization, the features of the source and the target domains are aligned with the guidance of the Gaussian prior. Additionally, the AWS is employed to balance source and target domain classification losses, facilitating the learning of more discriminant features.

As illustrated in Fig. 2, our approach aims to leverage both spectral and spatial information present in HSIs effectively. Our base learner is structured into two branches. The first branch employs 1-D convolutional operations to extract spectral features, while the second branch employs 2-D convolutional operations to extract spatial features. A fully

connected (FC) layer is then employed to fuse the extracted spectral and spatial features.

A. Meta-Learning With Task-Adaptive Loss Function

In optimization-based meta-learning methods, the objective of inner-loop optimization is to optimize the base learner, allowing it to adapt to new tasks. Similar to MAML, the inner-loop optimization at the n th step is represented as

$$\theta_{i,n+1} = \theta_{i,n} - \alpha \nabla_{\theta_{i,n}} \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{D}_i^S; \theta_{i,n}) \quad (1)$$

where $\mathcal{D}_i^S$ denotes the support set, α denotes the learning rate of the inner-loop optimization, and θ denotes the parameters of the base learner.

Inspired by Baik et al. [42], CD-MFA improves the inner-loop optimization process by integrating the task-adaptive loss function to enhance the model's generalization performance. The detailed computation process of task-adaptive loss is shown in Fig. 3(a). This loss function is generated from a small neural network with parameters ϕ . For convenience, we refer to it as a meta-learnable loss function. The inner-loop optimization at step n is formulated as follows:

$$\theta_{i,n+1} = \theta_{i,n} - \alpha \nabla_{\theta_{i,n}} \mathcal{L}_{\phi_{i,n}}(\tau_{i,n}) \quad (2)$$

where $\tau_{i,n}$ represents the task state of inner-loop optimization at step n . To ensure the task-adaptive ability of the meta-learnable loss function, it is common practice to utilize gradient descent to update the parameters of the meta-learnable loss function. However, the implementation of gradient descent often leads to a substantial computational burden [42]. In order to reduce the computational burden and ensure the adaptive ability of the meta-learnable loss function, we use an affine transformation to dynamically change the parameters ϕ of the meta-learnable loss function

$$\phi' = \gamma \phi + \eta \quad (3)$$

where γ and η are generated by the meta-learner, as illustrated in Fig. 4. With the affine transformation, the detailed computation process of task-adaptive loss is shown in Fig. 3(b).

As both the meta-learnable loss function and the meta-learner are constructed using neural networks, during the n th step of inner-loop optimization for a given task T_i (comprising the support set $\mathcal{D}_i^S$ and the query set $\mathcal{D}_i^Q$), its input

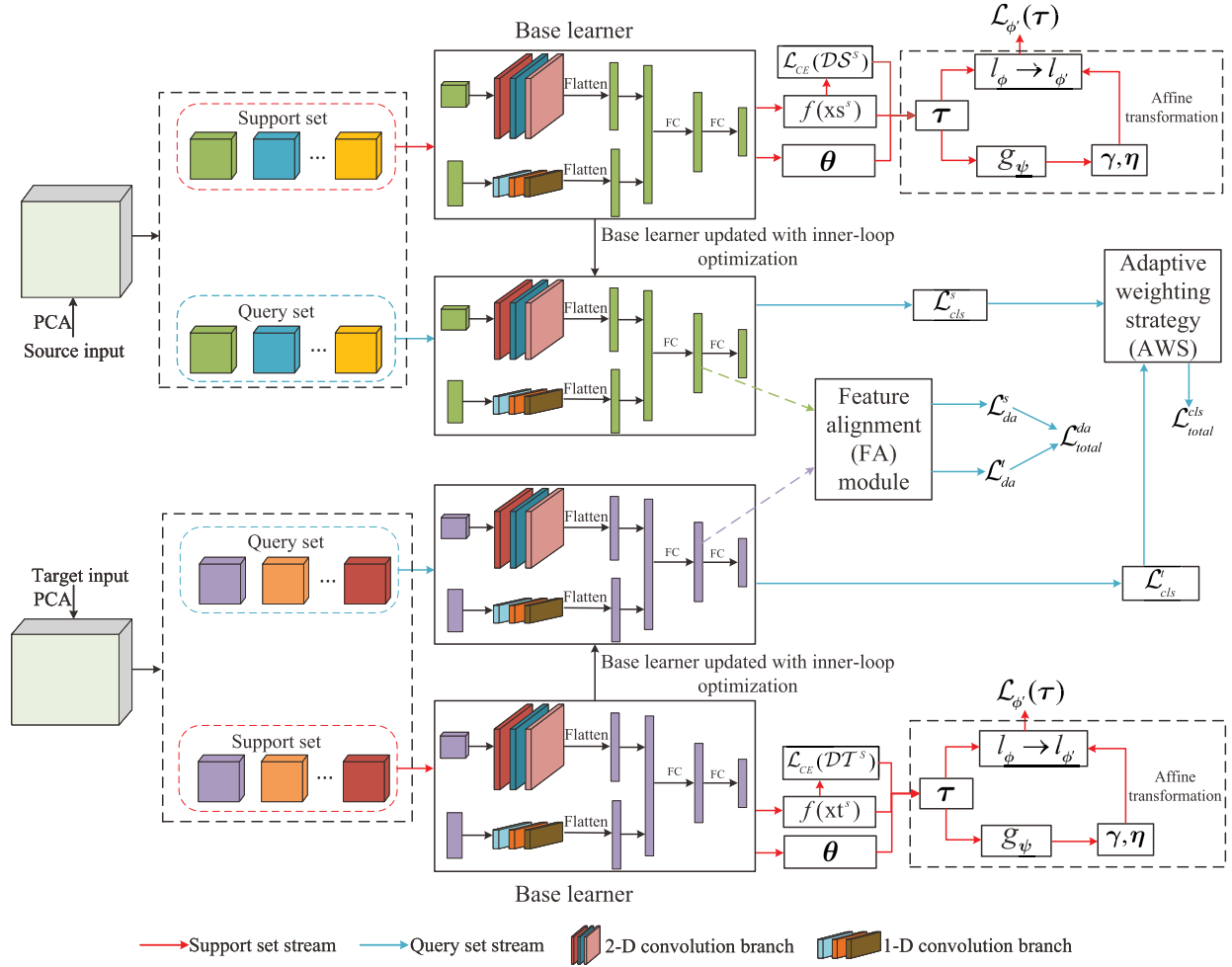


Fig. 2. Framework of our proposed CD-MFA.

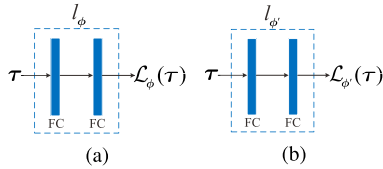
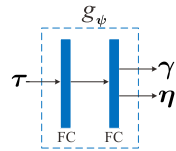


Fig. 3. Detailed computation process of task-adaptive loss. (a) Without affine transformation. (b) With affine transformation.

Fig. 4. Detailed computation process of affine transformation parameters γ and η .

may encompass not only the loss information $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{D}_i^s)$ of the support set but also task-specific details, like the parameters $\theta_{i,n}$ of the base learner and the output value $f(\mathbf{x}_i^s)$ of the support set samples $\mathbf{x}_i^s$ after passing through the base learner. The task state $\tau_{i,n}$ is represented as follows:

$$\tau_{i,n} = [\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{D}_i^s), \theta_{i,n}, f(\mathbf{x}_i^s)]. \quad (4)$$

It aims to enhance the inner-loop optimization process by incorporating the task-adaptive loss function, thereby bolstering the adaptive abilities of the inner-loop optimization and enhancing the model's generalization performance.

B. Source and Target Meta-Learning

After completing the inner-loop optimization, the query set samples need to be employed to assess the optimized base learner. The source domain classification loss $\mathcal{L}_{cls}^s(\mathcal{DS}_i^Q)$ can be determined using the source domain query set $\mathcal{DS}_i^Q$. Likewise, the target domain classification loss $\mathcal{L}_{cls}^t(\mathcal{DT}_i^Q)$ can be computed from the target domain query set $\mathcal{DT}_i^Q$. In cross-domain HSI classification, the land-cover classes of the source and target domains are different. Although some land-cover classes may be shared between them, the class conditional distributions of the two domains vary, resulting in variations in the optimization objectives for the classification losses of each domain. The total classification loss in this method is composed of the classification losses from both the source and target domains. If the classification loss of the source domain is significantly larger than that of the target domain, the classification loss from the target domain may be overlooked during training, leading to poor model performance.

in the target domain. Conversely, if the classification loss of the target domain is much higher than that of the source domain, knowledge transfer from the source domain to the target domain becomes extremely difficult. Thus, maintaining an appropriate balance between these objectives is essential.

A conventional method involves linearly weighting source and target classification losses

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{total}} = \lambda_1 \mathcal{L}_{\text{cls}}^s + \lambda_2 \mathcal{L}_{\text{cls}}^t. \quad (5)$$

However, manually adjusting these weight hyperparameters demands considerable manpower and time. Inspired by Cipolla et al. [43], CD-MFA utilize an adaptive multitask loss function based on Gaussian likelihood maximization to automatically determine the weights of source and target classification losses, which is named AWS.

Given input $\mathbf{x}$, let the output of a neural network with parameter $\mathbf{W}$ be denoted as $f^{\mathbf{W}}(\mathbf{x})$. We compress a scaled version of the model output using a softmax function as follows:

$$p(\mathbf{y}|f^{\mathbf{W}}(\mathbf{x}), \sigma) = \text{Softmax}\left(\frac{1}{\sigma^2} f^{\mathbf{W}}(\mathbf{x})\right) \quad (6)$$

where $\mathbf{y}$ denotes the ground truth, σ is a positive number, and $f^{\mathbf{W}}(\mathbf{x})$ is scaled using σ^2 . The number σ is adjustable through learning. The log likelihood of this output can be formulated as

$$\log p(\mathbf{y}|f^{\mathbf{W}}(\mathbf{x}), \sigma) = \frac{1}{\sigma^2} f_c^{\mathbf{W}}(\mathbf{x}) - \log \sum_c \exp\left(\frac{1}{\sigma^2} f_c^{\mathbf{W}}(\mathbf{x})\right) \quad (7)$$

where $f_c^{\mathbf{W}}(\mathbf{x})$ represents the c th element of $f^{\mathbf{W}}(\mathbf{x})$. There are two discrete outputs, denoted as $\mathbf{y}_1$, and $\mathbf{y}_2$, modeled with softmax likelihoods, respectively. The joint loss $\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{W}, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$ is [43]

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}(\mathbf{W}, \sigma_1, \sigma_2) &= -\log p(\mathbf{y}_1|f^{\mathbf{W}}(\mathbf{x}), \sigma_1) - \log p(\mathbf{y}_2|f^{\mathbf{W}}(\mathbf{x}), \sigma_2) \\ &\approx \frac{1}{\sigma_1^2} \mathcal{L}_1(\mathbf{W}) + \frac{1}{\sigma_2^2} \mathcal{L}_2(\mathbf{W}) + \log \sigma_1 + \log \sigma_2. \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

As same as [43], we define $\lambda_j = \log \sigma_j^2 (j = 1, 2)$. Let $\mathcal{L}_1 = \mathcal{L}_{\text{cls}}^s$, $\mathcal{L}_2 = \mathcal{L}_{\text{cls}}^t$. The total classification loss in the outer-loop optimization can be expressed as follows:

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{total}}^{\text{cls}} = \exp(-\lambda_1) \mathcal{L}_{\text{cls}}^s + \exp(-\lambda_2) \mathcal{L}_{\text{cls}}^t + \lambda_1/2 + \lambda_2/2. \quad (9)$$

By incorporating the AWS into the outer-loop optimization process, source and target classification losses can be effectively balanced and significantly reduce the search time for weight hyperparameters.

C. Feature Alignment

In cross-domain HSI classification, the source and target domains are collected by different sensors. Although applying principal component analysis (PCA) can equalize the feature dimensions between the source and target domains, it cannot ensure consistency in their feature distributions. Therefore, it is necessary to design an FA module to align the features between the source and target domains, to reduce the

impact of distribution discrepancies on classification performance. Inspired by Lei et al. [44] and Leng et al. [45], Kullback–Leibler (KL) divergence is used to measure the discrepancy between two distributions. Due to the inconsistency in land-cover classes between the source and target domains, directly aligning the features is challenging. Therefore, we introduce the Gaussian prior in the feature space. By aligning the features from both domains to the Gaussian prior, the source and target domain features are indirectly aligned, effectively mitigating the effects of domain shift.

In the FA module, KL divergence is utilized to align the features of the source and target domains with the constructed Gaussian prior, respectively,

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{da}}^s(\mathcal{DS}_i^Q) = \frac{1}{\text{CM}} \sum_{q=1}^{\text{CM}} \text{Softmax}(\mathbf{z}) \log \frac{\text{Softmax}(\mathbf{z})}{\text{Softmax}(f^s(\mathbf{x}_i^q))} \quad (10)$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{da}}^t(\mathcal{DT}_i^Q) = \frac{1}{\text{CM}} \sum_{q=1}^{\text{CM}} \text{Softmax}(\mathbf{z}) \log \frac{\text{Softmax}(\mathbf{z})}{\text{Softmax}(f^t(\mathbf{x}_i^q))} \quad (11)$$

$$f^s(\mathbf{x}_i^q) = \text{FC}(\text{Concat}(f_{2-D}^s(\mathbf{x}_i^q), f_{1-D}^s(\mathbf{x}_i^q))) \quad (12)$$

$$f^t(\mathbf{x}_i^q) = \text{FC}(\text{Concat}(f_{2-D}^t(\mathbf{x}_i^q), f_{1-D}^t(\mathbf{x}_i^q))) \quad (13)$$

where $\mathbf{x}_i^q$ and $\mathbf{x}_i^q$ represent samples in the source domain query set $\mathcal{DS}_i^Q$ and target domain query set $\mathcal{DT}_i^Q$, respectively. $f_{2-D}^s(\cdot)$ and $f_{2-D}^t(\cdot)$ represent the 2-D convolutional branch of the base learner updated after inner-loop optimization in the source and target domains, respectively. $f_{1-D}^s(\cdot)$ and $f_{1-D}^t(\cdot)$ represent the 1-D convolutional branch of the base learner updated after inner-loop optimization in the source and target domains, respectively. $\mathbf{z} \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$ represents the constructed Gaussian prior used for FA. It is worth noting that the FA module uses query set samples; hence, there are rich samples.

In the outer-loop optimization, the FA loss is expressed as

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{total}}^{\text{da}} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{da}}^s + \mathcal{L}_{\text{da}}^t. \quad (14)$$

Then, the total loss for the CD-MFA is defined as

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{total}} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{total}}^{\text{cls}} + \xi \mathcal{L}_{\text{total}}^{\text{da}} \quad (15)$$

where ξ denotes the hyperparameter used to balance the classification and FA losses.

Lastly, the gradient descent method is applied to update the model parameters in the outer-loop optimization

$$(\theta, \phi, \psi, \lambda) \leftarrow (\theta, \phi, \psi, \lambda) - \beta \nabla_{\theta, \phi, \psi, \lambda} \sum_{T_i^s, T_i^t} \mathcal{L}_{\text{total}}. \quad (16)$$

The detailed training process for CD-MFA and the inner-loop optimization process are described in Algorithms 1 and 2, respectively.

D. Implementation Details

According to (3), we apply an affine transformation to dynamically change the meta-learnable loss function's parameters. Nevertheless, as γ and η are produced by a neural network, their value range is unpredictable, potentially impacting the stability of model training. To enhance model stability

Algorithm 1 CD-MFA Algorithm

Input: Task distribution $p_s(T), p_t(T)$, hyperparameters ξ, α, β
Learning rates α, β

Output: The parameters of the optimized model

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1: Initialize  $\theta, \phi, \psi, \lambda$ 
2: while not done do
3:   Sample batch of tasks  $T_i^s \sim p_s(T), T_i^t \sim p_t(T)$ 
4:   for each task  $T_i^s$  do
5:     Data set  $\mathcal{DS}_i^s, \mathcal{DS}_i^Q$  from  $T_i^s$ 
6:     for  $n$  in number of inner-loop updates  $N$  do
7:       Adapt  $\theta_{i,n+1}^s \leftarrow \theta_{i,n}$  using Algorithm 2
8:     end for
9:     Compute the  $\mathcal{L}_{cls}^s(\mathcal{DS}_i^Q)$  on the  $\mathcal{DS}_i^Q$ 
10:    Compute the  $\mathcal{L}_{da}^s(\mathcal{DS}_i^Q)$  using (10)
11:  end for
12:  for each task  $T_i^t$  do
13:    Data set  $\mathcal{DT}_i^s, \mathcal{DT}_i^Q$  from  $T_i^t$ 
14:    for  $n$  in number of inner-loop updates  $N$  do
15:      Adapt  $\theta_{i,n+1}^t \leftarrow \theta_{i,n}$  using Algorithm 2
16:    end for
17:    Compute the  $\mathcal{L}_{cls}^t(\mathcal{DT}_i^Q)$  on the  $\mathcal{DT}_i^Q$ 
18:    Compute the  $\mathcal{L}_{da}^t(\mathcal{DT}_i^Q)$  using (11)
19:  end for
20:  Compute the  $\mathcal{L}_{total}^{cls}$  and  $\mathcal{L}_{total}^{da}$  using (9) and (14)
21:  Compute the total loss:  $\mathcal{L}_{total} = \mathcal{L}_{total}^{cls} + \xi \mathcal{L}_{total}^{da}$ 
22:  Gradient descent is performed to update the weights:
     $(\theta, \phi, \psi, \lambda) \leftarrow (\theta, \phi, \psi, \lambda) - \beta \nabla_{\theta, \phi, \psi, \lambda} \sum_{T_i^s, T_i^t} \mathcal{L}_{total}$ 
23: end while

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Algorithm 2 Inner-Loop Optimization Algorithm

Input: Parameters $\theta_{i,n}, \phi_{i,n}, \psi_{i,n}$ of the f, l, g , Data set $\mathcal{D}_i^s$

Output: The parameters of the optimized base learner

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1: Compute the  $\mathcal{L}_{CE}(\mathcal{D}_i^s)$  on the  $\mathcal{D}_i^s$ 
2: Compute the task state:  $\tau_{i,n} = [\mathcal{L}_{CE}(\mathcal{D}_i^s), \theta_{i,n}, f(\mathbf{x}_i^s)]$ 
3: Compute the affine transformation parameters:
    $\gamma_{i,n}, \eta_{i,n} = g(\tau_{i,n})$ 
4: Adapt the loss function parameters:
    $\phi'_{i,n} = \gamma_{i,n} \phi_{i,n} + \eta_{i,n}$ 
5: Compute task-adaptive loss:  $\mathcal{L}_{\phi'_{i,n}}(\tau_{i,n})$ 
6: Gradient descent is performed to adapt  $f$ :
    $\theta_{i,n+1} = \theta_{i,n} - \alpha \nabla_{\theta_{i,n}} \mathcal{L}_{\phi'_{i,n}}(\tau_{i,n})$ 

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during training, we introduce two learnable parameters, γ_0 and η_0 , initialized to 0

$$\phi' = (1 + \gamma_0 \gamma) \phi + \eta_0 \eta. \quad (17)$$

IV. EXPERIMENTS

A. Experimental Datasets

To validate the performance of CD-MFA, we conducted experiments utilizing four public HSI datasets: Chikusei [46], Indian Pines (IP), University of Pavia (UP), and Salinas (SA) datasets. The Chikusei dataset is chosen as the source domain dataset, while the IP, UP, and SA datasets are selected as the target domain datasets.

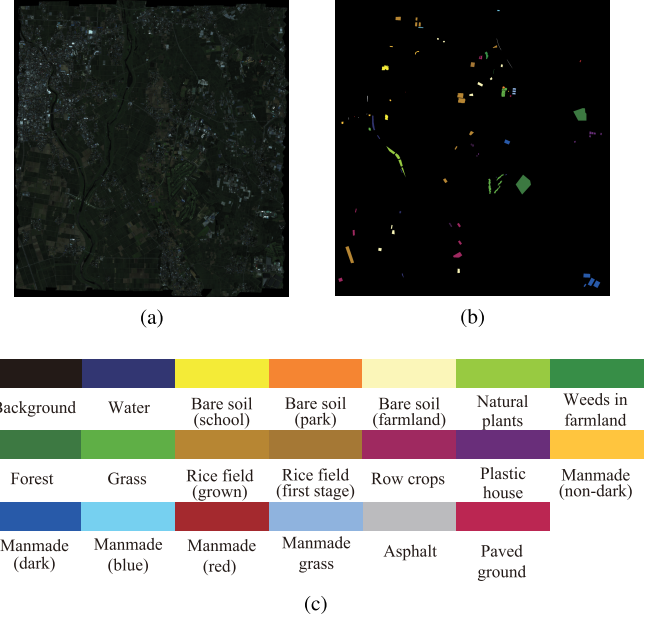


Fig. 5. Chikusei dataset. (a) False-color image with bands 29, 39, and 49. (b) Ground-truth map. (c) Color coding.

TABLE I
LAND-COVER CLASSES AND NUMBER OF SAMPLES IN CHIKUSEI DATASET

Class	Name	Samples
1	Water	2845
2	Bare soil (school)	2859
3	Bare soil (park)	286
4	Bare soil (farmland)	4852
5	Natural plants	4297
6	Weeds in farmland	1108
7	Forest	20516
8	Grass	6515
9	Rice field (grown)	13369
10	Rice field (first stage)	1268
11	Row crops	5961
12	Plastic house	2193
13	Manmade (non-dark)	1220
14	Manmade (dark)	7664
15	Manmade (blue)	431
16	Manmade (red)	222
17	Manmade grass	1040
18	Asphalt	801
19	Paved ground	145
Total		77592

1) *Source Domain*: The Chikusei dataset was captured in Chikusei, Ibaraki, Japan, by a Headwall Hyperspec-VNIR-C imaging sensor. The Chikusei dataset comprises 128 spectral bands, ranging from 363 to 1018 nm, with a total of 2517×2335 pixels, each with a spatial resolution of 2.5 m. It contains 19 unique land-cover classes. Table I displays the land-cover classes and their respective number of samples in the Chikusei dataset, while Fig. 5 shows the false-color images and ground-truth maps.

2) *Target Domain*: The IP dataset was collected by an AVIRIS sensor in 1992 from Northwest Indiana. It comprises 200 spectral bands ranging from 400 to 2500 nm. It consists 145×145 pixels, offering a spatial resolution of 20 m, and encompasses 16 unique land-cover classes. Table II describes

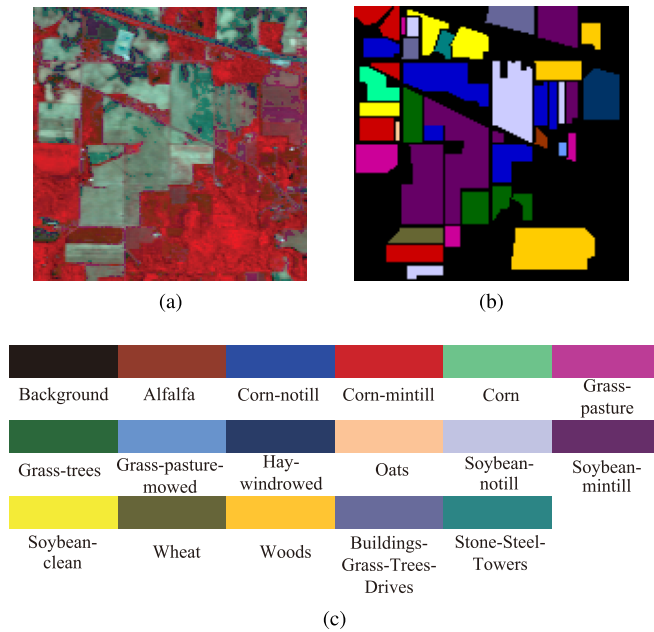


Fig. 6. IP dataset. (a) False-color image with bands 19, 29, and 39. (b) Ground-truth map. (c) Color coding.

TABLE II

LAND-COVER CLASSES AND NUMBER OF SAMPLES IN IP DATASET

Class	Name	Samples
1	Alfalfa	46
2	Corn-notill	1428
3	Corn-mintill	830
4	Corn	237
5	Grass-pasture	483
6	Grass-trees	730
7	Grass-pasture-mowed	28
8	Hay-windrowed	478
9	Oats	20
10	Soybean-notill	972
11	Soybean-mintill	2455
12	Soybean-clean	593
13	Wheat	205
14	Woods	1265
15	Buildings-Grass-Trees-Drives	386
16	Stone-Steel-Towers	93
	Total	10249

the land-cover classes with their corresponding sample numbers in the IP dataset. The false-color image and ground-truth map are presented in Fig. 6.

The UP dataset was acquired using a ROSIS sensor. It comprises 103 spectral bands, ranging from 430 to 860 nm. It consists of 610×340 pixels with a spatial resolution of 1.3 m. There are nine unique land-cover classes within this dataset. Table III shows the land-cover classes of the UP dataset and their corresponding sample numbers. The false-color image and ground-truth map are shown in Fig. 7.

The SA dataset was captured by the AVIRIS sensor in Salinas Valley, CA, USA. The SA dataset comprises 204 spectral bands ranging from 400 to 2500 nm. It consists of 512×217 pixels, each with a spatial resolution of 3.7 m. It includes 16 unique land-cover classes. Table IV shows the land-cover classes of the SA dataset and their corresponding

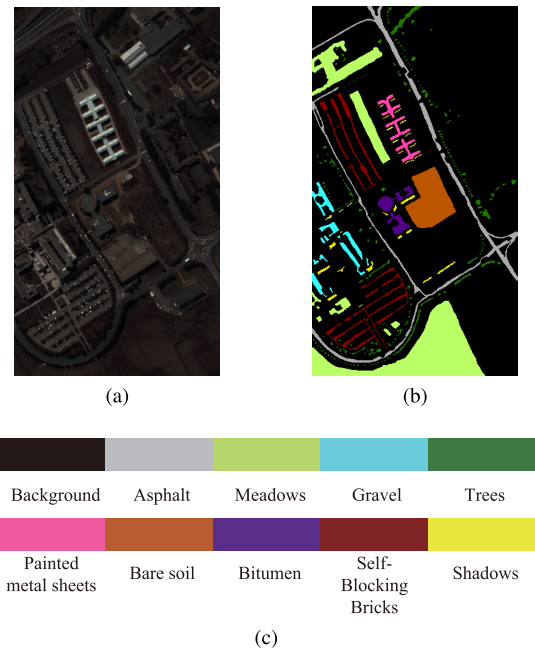


Fig. 7. UP dataset. (a) False-color image with bands 10, 20, and 30. (b) Ground-truth map. (c) Color coding.

TABLE III

LAND-COVER CLASSES AND NUMBER OF SAMPLES IN UP DATASET

Class	Name	Samples
1	Asphalt	6631
2	Meadows	18649
3	Gravel	2099
4	Trees	3064
5	Painted metal sheets	1345
6	Bare Soil	5029
7	Bitumen	1330
8	Self-Blocking Bricks	3682
9	Shadows	947
	Total	42776

TABLE IV

LAND-COVER CLASSES AND NUMBER OF SAMPLES IN SALINAS DATASET

Class	Name	Samples
1	Brocoli_green_weeds_1	2009
2	Brocoli_green_weeds_2	3726
3	Fallow	1976
4	Fallow_rough_plow	1394
5	Fallow_smooth	2678
6	Stubble	3959
7	Celery	3579
8	Grapes_untrained	11271
9	Soil_vinyard_develop	6203
10	Corn_senesced_green_weeds	3278
11	Lettuce_roumaine_4wk	1068
12	Lettuce_roumaine_5wk	1927
13	Lettuce_roumaine_6wk	916
14	Lettuce_roumaine_7wk	1070
15	Vinyard_untrained	7268
16	Vinyard_vertical_trellis	1807
	Total	54129

number of samples. Fig. 8 shows the false-color image and ground-truth map.

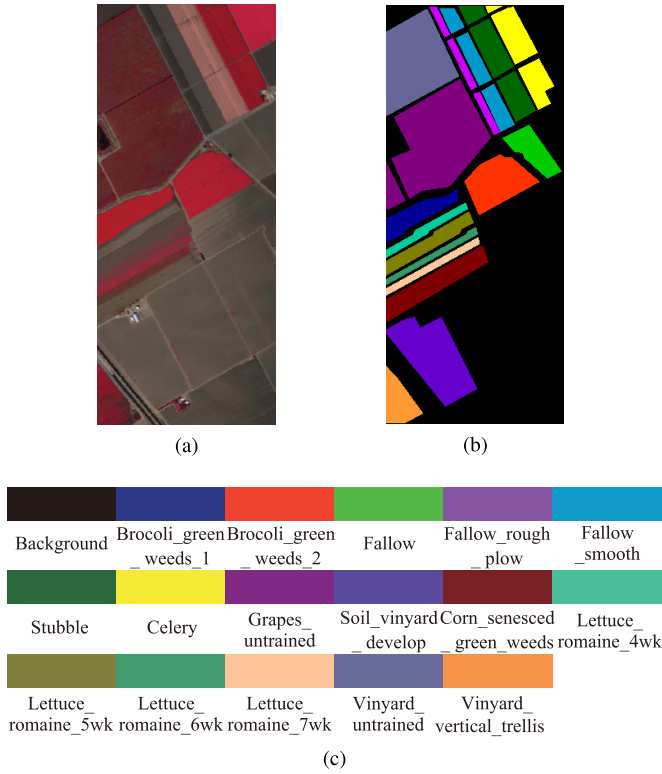


Fig. 8. Salinas dataset. (a) False-color image with bands 19, 29, and 39. (b) Ground-truth map. (c) Color coding.

B. Experimental Settings

To validate the efficacy of our proposed method, we compared CD-MFA with the following seven methods.

- 1) *Support vector machine (SVM)*: SVM utilizes raw spectral features to classify HSI. Within SVM, we designate the penalty parameters as $C \in \{0.001, 0.01, \dots, 100\}$ and the parameters of the radial basis function (RBF) kernel as $R \in \{1, 2, 4, 8, 16, 32, 64\}$.
- 2) *Hybrid spectral convolutional neural network (HybridSN)* [47]: HybridSN is a hybrid model combining 3-D and 2-D convolutional neural networks (CNNs) for single-scene HSI classification. The method fully utilizes the spatial and spectral information by combining 3-D and 2-D CNNs. Even with limited training data, this method shows good performance.
- 3) *Deep cross-domain FSL (DCFSL)* [48]: DCFSL is a method aimed at addressing cross-domain FSL challenges in HSI classification. It employs a conditional adversarial domain adaptation strategy to mitigate domain shift and conducts FSL in both the source and target domains. This approach enables the acquisition of transferable knowledge from the source domain while simultaneously learning a discriminative embedding space in the target domain. Compared to traditional FSL methods, DCFSL has a better performance.
- 4) *Graph information aggregation cross-domain FSL (Gia-CFSL)* [49]: Gia-CFSL addresses cross-domain HSI classification challenges by fusing FSL and domain adaptation. To achieve domain alignment, Gia-CFSL

designs an intradomain distribution extraction block (IDE-block) and a cross-domain similarity aware block (CSA-block).

- 5) *Refined prototypical contrastive learning network for FSL (RPCL-FSL)* [50]: RPCL-FSL addresses the issue of prototype instability by applying triple constraints on the prototypes of support set samples and introduces a fusion training strategy to mitigate domain shift.
- 6) *Feature disentanglement FSL (FDFSL)* [51]: By decoupling diverse feature components for FSL, FDFSL effectively suppresses meta-knowledge biased toward the source domain and facilitates the learning of target domain-specific information. Furthermore, this method proposes a self-distillation-based feature constraint strategy to prevent the model from overfitting to domain alignment tasks.
- 7) *Graph convolution contrast FSL (GCC-FSL)* [52]: GCC-FSL proposes a positive and negative pairs module to align the data distributions of the source and target domains. Additionally, this method introduces a graph convolution contrast module, which not only enhances the ability of feature expression but also further mitigates the domain shift problem.

For the single-domain algorithms (SVM and HybridSN methods), only training samples from the target domain are utilized because the algorithm's training class must be the same as that of the test. In cross-domain algorithms (DCFSL, Gia-CFSL, RPCL-FSL, FDFSL, GCC-FSL, and CD-MFA methods), transferable knowledge is learned from source domain samples to aid in target domain classification. From the source domain, we randomly select 200 labeled samples from each class for training. To ensure fair comparison, five labeled samples are randomly chosen from each class in the target domain as training samples. The remaining samples in the target domain are used as testing samples. Subsequently, in deep learning methods, Gaussian random noise is uniformly applied as the data augmentation method for the target domain training samples [48], [49].

In cross-domain HSI classification, the source and target domains exhibit heterogeneous features. To address this issue, CD-MFA employs PCA to preprocess the HSI data. We retain the first 100 principal components of the spectral dimension to ensure consistency between the source and target domains.

Unlike the training methods of traditional deep learning, CD-MFA employs episodic training. Each episode during the training phase is a C -way K -shot task. C denotes the number of classes in the target domain. $K = 1$ signifies the number of samples per class in the support sets $\mathcal{DS}_i^S$ and $\mathcal{DT}_i^S$. Furthermore, the number of samples for each class in the query sets $\mathcal{DS}_i^Q$ and $\mathcal{DT}_i^Q$ is $M = 19$. We perform $N = 5$ updates for the inner-loop optimization, and the number of training iterations is 1000. Additionally, the patch size is set to 9×9 . The learning rate of the inner-loop optimization α is set to 0.05. The initial learning rate of the outer-loop optimization β_1 for the base learner, the meta-learnable loss function, and the meta-learner is set to 0.005, while the initial learning rate of the outer-loop optimization β_2 for AWS is set to 0.01.

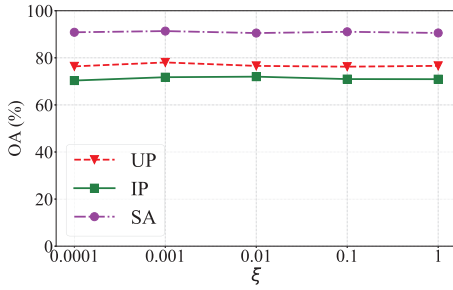


Fig. 9. Impact of hyperparameter ξ on the OA of the UP, IP, and SA datasets.

TABLE V
OA, AA, AND κ OF EACH ALGORITHM ON IP DATASET

Method	OA (%)	AA (%)	κ ($\times 100$)
SVM	41.90	50.44	35.48
HybridSN	53.25	71.91	48.71
DCFSL	63.75	75.82	59.34
Gia-CFSL	64.21	74.74	59.78
RPCL-FSL	64.23	76.50	59.86
FDFSL	64.55	76.83	60.42
GCC-FSL	64.02	75.02	59.55
CD-MFA	72.00	83.30	68.64

To evaluate the classification performance of all methods, we employed three quality indicators: the overall accuracy (OA), the average accuracy (AA), and the kappa coefficient (κ). The experimental results are derived from the average of ten independent runs to eliminate the influence of random sampling.

C. Experiments of Hyperparameter Settings

In CD-MFA, the hyperparameter ξ is crucial for balancing classification and FA losses, thus requiring an in-depth discussion. We set $\xi \in \{0.0001, 0.001, 0.01, 0.1, 1\}$. To evaluate the effect of the hyperparameter ξ on model performance, we use OA to assess the performance of CD-MFA on the UP, IP, and SA datasets. The experimental results are displayed in Fig. 9. As shown in Fig. 9, the experimental results on the three datasets are insensitive to changes in the hyperparameter ξ , demonstrating the robustness of CD-MFA to varying hyperparameter ξ settings. On the UP dataset, the best performance is obtained when the hyperparameter is set to $\xi = 0.001$. On the IP dataset, the best performance is obtained when the hyperparameter is set to $\xi = 0.01$. On the SA dataset, the best performance is obtained when the hyperparameter is set to $\xi = 0.001$.

D. Comparison With Different Algorithms

After delving into the significant hyperparameters within CD-MFA, a comparison of the performance of different algorithms ensues. Table V illustrates the results of all algorithms on the IP dataset. Based on the analysis of the classification results depicted in Table V, the following summary is drawn.

- 1) The experimental results in Table V demonstrate that the performance of the cross-domain classification methods (DCFSL, Gia-CFSL, RPCL-FSL, FDFSL, GCC-FSL,

TABLE VI
OA, AA, AND κ OF EACH ALGORITHM ON UP DATASET

Method	OA (%)	AA (%)	κ ($\times 100$)
SVM	56.29	56.16	45.95
HybridSN	50.74	59.64	40.80
DCFSL	76.19	79.73	69.71
Gia-CFSL	77.40	80.75	71.23
RPCL-FSL	75.09	80.59	68.59
FDFSL	76.98	84.26	71.12
GCC-FSL	76.50	81.23	70.13
CD-MFA	78.04	82.58	71.99

and CD-MFA) exceeds that of the single-domain classification methods (SVM and HybridSN). This indicates that transferring knowledge from the source domain to the target domain effectively enhances the classification performance in the target domain.

- 2) The performance of CD-MFA surpasses that of DCFSL, Gia-CFSL, RPCL-FSL, FDFSL, and GCC-FSL, highlighting the advantages of CD-MFA. The advantages of CD-MFA can be summarized in two aspects: on the one hand, the introduction of the task-adaptive loss function into the inner-loop optimization improves the optimization process and subsequently enhances the model's generalization performance. On the other hand, in the outer-loop optimization, the AWS is used to balance the classification losses of the source and target domains, while the FA module is employed to reduce domain shift, thereby improving the model's classification performance.
- 3) Of all the algorithms, CD-MFA achieves the best classification performance, demonstrating its effectiveness.

After analyzing the classification results of the IP dataset, the classification results of the UP dataset are analyzed, with classification results shown in Table VI. The summary is as follows.

- 1) Observing the experimental results in Table VI, we find that the classification accuracy of the cross-domain classification methods (DCFSL, Gia-CFSL, RPCL-FSL, FDFSL, GCC-FSL, and CD-MFA) remains superior to that of the single-domain classification methods (SVM and HybridSN), demonstrating the effectiveness of transfer learning in addressing small-size-sample problem.
- 2) Compared to DCFSL, Gia-CFSL, FDFSL, GCC-FSL, and RPCL-FSL, CD-MFA achieves higher OA, underscoring that CD-MFA enhances the model's generalization performance through a task-adaptive loss function. In the outer-loop optimization, AWS effectively balances the classification loss between the two domains, while the FA module efficiently aligns the features of the source and target domains.
- 3) Compared to other methods, CD-MFA demonstrates superior OA, further highlighting its advantages.

Finally, the experimental results on the SA dataset are analyzed. The classification results of different algorithms on the SA dataset are shown in Table VII. The summary is as follows.

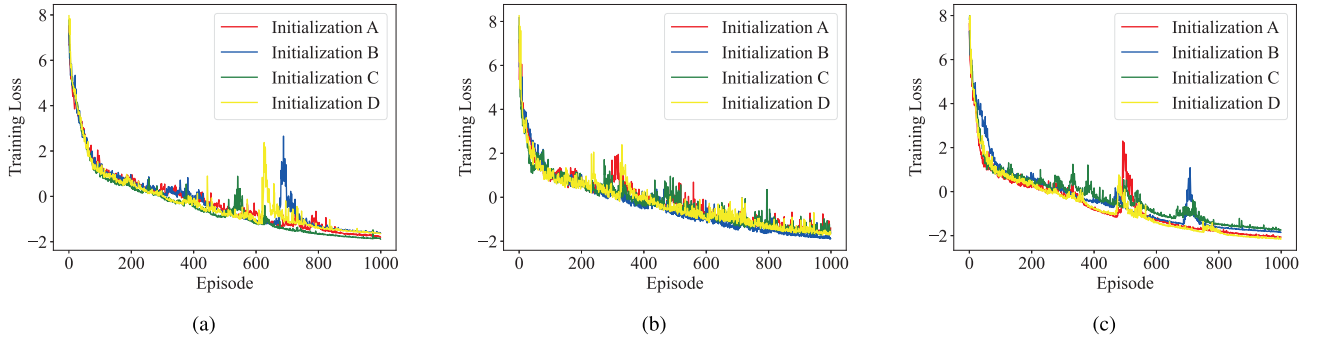


Fig. 10. Training loss curves across different random seeds. (a) IP dataset. (b) UP dataset. (c) SA dataset.

TABLE VII
OA, AA, AND κ OF EACH ALGORITHM ON SA DATASET

Method	OA (%)	AA (%)	$\kappa (\times 100)$
SVM	76.02	84.21	73.58
HybridSN	80.89	90.02	79.03
DCFSL	89.30	93.84	88.12
Gia-CFSL	88.46	92.31	87.18
RPCL-FSL	88.16	92.89	86.84
FDFSL	90.04	94.02	88.94
GCC-FSL	88.11	92.32	86.79
CD-MFA	91.36	95.62	90.39

- 1) According to Table VII, similar to the experimental results from the IP and UP datasets, the cross-domain classification methods (DCFSL, Gia-CFSL, RPCL-FSL, FDFSL, GCC-FSL, and CD-MFA) continue to outperform the single-domain classification methods (SVM and HybridSN) on the SA dataset. This further emphasizes the effectiveness of transfer learning.
- 2) As shown in Table VII, CD-MFA exhibits superior classification performance compared to DCFSL, Gia-CFSL, RPCL-FSL, FDFSL, and GCC-FSL, further demonstrating the effectiveness of the task-adaptive loss function, AWS, and FA module in CD-MFA.
- 3) The classification performance of the CD-MFA proposed in this article surpasses that of other comparison algorithms, demonstrating the effectiveness of combining meta-learning and transfer learning for cross-domain heterogeneous HSI classification.

E. Ablation Study

We conducted an ablation study on the three key components of CD-MFA: task-adaptive loss function, AWS, and FA module. The experiment is performed on the UP, IP, and SA datasets, with OA as the evaluation metric. We used a model with the cross-entropy loss in the inner-loop optimization as the baseline. This baseline is a cross-domain meta-learning model for HSI classification. Additionally, in this baseline model, the task-adaptive loss function is not comprised of inner-loop optimization, while the FA module and AWS are not comprised of the outer-loop optimization. Table VIII presents the experimental results from four ablation studies. Based on the experimental results, the specific analysis is as follows.

TABLE VIII
ABLATION STUDY

#	Baseline	Task-adaptive loss function	AWS	FA module	OA (%)		
					UP	IP	SA
1	✓				73.57	68.06	89.50
2	✓	✓			76.45	70.81	90.73
3	✓	✓	✓		77.70	71.72	91.01
4	✓	✓	✓	✓	78.04	72.00	91.36

- 1) *Effects on task-adaptive loss function:* Table VIII shows that incorporating the task-adaptive loss function results in OA increases of 2.88%, 2.75%, and 1.23% on the UP, IP, and SA datasets, respectively. These results indicate that the task-adaptive loss function improves the inner-loop optimization process, thereby enhancing the model's generalization performance.
- 2) *Effects on AWS:* Observing the experimental results in Table VIII shows that AWS improves performance on the UP, IP, and SA datasets by 1.05%, 0.91%, and 0.28%, respectively, compared to the approach without AWS. It is demonstrated that the AWS effectively balances the classification losses between the source and target domains, thereby facilitating the learning of more discriminative features and improving the model's classification performance.
- 3) *Effects on FA module:* As shown in Table VIII, the FA module performs well on the three datasets, with OA increasing by 0.34%, 0.28%, and 0.35% on the UP, IP, and SA datasets, respectively. This indicates that the FA module can effectively align the features of the source and target domains, thereby reducing the impact of domain shift on classification performance.

F. Training Stability Analysis

To evaluate the training stability of the proposed CD-MFA, we plotted the training loss curves under four different random seeds, each corresponding to a distinct initialization. As illustrated in Fig. 10, the total loss fluctuates during training due to differences in task difficulties, yet it demonstrates a consistent overall decreasing trend across all four initializations on various datasets. This behavior indicates that the proposed CD-MFA exhibits robust training stability.

TABLE IX
COMPUTATIONAL TIME (SECONDS) AND PARAMETERS (MILLION) OF DIFFERENT METHODS

Method	IP Dataset			UP Dataset			SA Dataset		
	Training Time (s)	Inference Time (s)	Parameters (M)	Training Time (s)	Inference Time (s)	Parameters (M)	Training Time (s)	Inference Time (s)	Parameters (M)
SVM	0.09	0.01	-	0.15	0.02	-	0.47	0.03	-
HybridSN	407.27	0.43	1.69	237.86	2.56	1.69	407.77	2.04	1.69
DCFSL	1450.85	0.89	4.36	1027.72	3.12	4.35	1501.32	4.76	4.36
Gia-CFSL	3094.98	0.91	1.46	2174.36	3.30	1.44	3249.91	5.11	1.46
RPCL-FSL	414.34	0.90	0.32	298.80	3.15	0.31	475.34	4.76	0.32
FDFSL	896.18	1.84	0.56	715.94	9.34	0.55	1064.66	17.52	0.55
GCC-FSL	4032.23	0.98	0.91	2003.28	3.44	0.89	4163.26	5.45	0.91
CD-MFA	1101.36	0.32	2.33	884.44	1.44	2.32	1108.38	1.88	2.33

G. Comparison on Computational Complexity

We record the computational complexity of the comparison methods, including SVM, HybridSN, DCFSL, Gia-CFSL, RPCL-FSL, FDFSL, GCC-FSL, and our proposed CD-MFA. The training time, the inference time, and the number of parameters for all compared methods are listed in Table IX. The results indicate that the training time of the cross-domain classification methods (DCFSL, Gia-CFSL, RPCL-FSL, FDFSL, GCC-FSL, and CD-MFA) is longer than that of the single-domain classification methods (SVM and HybridSN). This is because the cross-domain method requires training samples from the source domain. Compared with RPCL-FSL and FDFSL, CD-MFA requires more training time and involves more parameters due to the need for multiple inner-loop optimizations, but it remains within an acceptable range. Besides, it is worth noting that the inference time of our proposed method is faster than other methods, proving the feasibility of CD-MFA in practical applications.

V. CONCLUSION AND FUTURE WORK

This article proposes a novel heterogeneous cross-domain HSI classification algorithm called CD-MFA. CD-MFA comprises two main components: 1) inner-loop optimization aims to enable the base learner to adapt effectively to new tasks with limited samples and 2) outer-loop optimization focuses on training the model. The advantages of CD-MFA are as follows.

- 1) CD-MFA employs the task-adaptive loss function to enhance the model's generalization performance in the inner-loop optimization.
- 2) During the outer-loop optimization process, the AWS is employed to balance the classification losses between the source and target domains, which facilitates knowledge transfer and learning more discriminative features.
- 3) Additionally, the FA module is utilized to align the features of the source and target domains, thereby mitigating the impact of domain shift on classification performance. Our experiments conducted on four publicly available HSI datasets demonstrate that CD-MFA exhibits better performance in heterogeneous cross-domain HSI classification.

Although CD-MFA exhibits strong cross-domain transfer performance, there is nevertheless potential for further enhancement. In its current inner-loop design, there is no

alignment between the two domains. Future research could focus on integrating domain adaptation techniques into the inner-loop optimization process to promote better domain alignment and enhance overall classification performance.

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