

Image and Video Processing

Convolutional Networks for Image Processing (Part II)

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Example Conv. Network



- Alex Net
- Each convolutional layer has:
 - 2D convolution
 - Activation (eg. ReLU)
 - Pooling or subsampling

Krizhevsky, Alex, Ilya Sutskever, and Geoffrey E. Hinton. "Imagenet classification with deep convolutional neural networks." *Advances in neural information processing systems*. 2012.

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Training with Gradient Descent

- Given training data: $(x_i, y_i), i = 1, ..., N$
- Learn parameters: $\theta = (W_H, b_H, W_o, b_o)$ (assuming a MLP with one hidden layer)
 - Weights and biases for hidden and output layers
 - W_H are filter kernels in conv. layer
- Neural network training (like all training): Minimize loss function

$$\hat{\theta} = \arg\min_{\theta} L(\theta), \qquad L(\theta) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} L_i(\theta, \mathbf{x}_i, y_i)$$

- $L_i(\theta, \mathbf{x}_i, y_i)$ = loss on sample *i* for parameter θ

• Standard gradient descent:

$$\theta^{k+1} = \theta^k - \alpha \nabla L(\theta^k) = \theta^k - \alpha \sum_{i=1}^N \nabla L_i(\theta^k, \mathbf{x}_i, y_i)$$

- Each iteration requires computing *N* loss functions and gradients
- But, gradient computation is expensive when data size N large

Stochastic Gradient Descent



- In each step:
 - Select random small "mini-batch"
 - Evaluate gradient on mini-batch

• For
$$t = 1$$
 to N_{steps}

- Select random minibatch $I \subset \{1, ..., N\}$
- Compute gradient approximation:

$$g^{t} = \frac{1}{|I|} \sum_{i \in I} \nabla L(x_{i}, y_{i}, \theta)$$

- Update parameters:
$$\theta^{t+1} = \theta^t - \alpha^t g^t$$

Backpropagation: layer i



From Fergus: https://cs.nyu.edu/~fergus/teaching/vision/2_neural_nets.pdf

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Tensor gradient

- Generally, you may take gradient of a variable of dimension $N, y = [y_1, y_2, ..., y_N]$ with respect to a variable of dimension $M, x = [x_1, x_2, ..., x_M]$
- $\frac{\delta y}{\delta x} = \left[\frac{\delta y_n}{\delta x_m}\right]$ (a *N*×*M* matrix)
- Previous example if it is a fully connected layer:
 - C is the loss function, a scalar
 - x_i may have dimension N_i , x_{i-1} may have dimension N_{i-1} , w_i may have dimension $N_{i-1}N_i$
- Previous example if it is a convolution layer:
 - x_i may contain L_i feature maps of spatial dimension $M_i \times N_i$, x_{i-1} may contain L_{i-1} feature maps of spatial dimension $M_{i-1} \times N_{i-1}$, w_i would correspond to multichannel filters with dimension $L_i L_{i-1} R_{i-1} C_{i-1}$ for filter size of $R_{i-1} \times C_{i-1}$

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Receptive Field

- Receptive field of the first layer is the filter size
- Receptive field (w.r.t. input image) of a deeper layer depends on all previous layers' filter size and strides

- Correspondence between a feature map pixel and an image pixel is not unique
- Map a feature map pixel to the center of the receptive field on the image in the SPP-net paper

Kaiming He, Xiangyu Zhang, Shaoqing Ren, & Jian Sun. "Spatial Pyramid Pooling in Deep Convolutional Networks for Visual Recognition". ECCV 2014.

From Fergus: https://cs.nyu.edu/~fergus/teaching/vision/3_convnets.pdf

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Receptive Field

3x3 Conv without stride



Receptive field = The number of pixels in the input image that affects one pixel at the output at (also called perceptive field)

> A large receptive field is desired to use global information for decision making.

With stride 2 (or stride 1 followed by max pool), we can reach a receptive field of 15 with 3 layers. Without stride, it will take 7 Layers! The two networks have the same number of parameters





Dilated Convolution

- Large receptive field is important to incorporate global information
- How to increase the receptive field
 - Larger filter
 - More layers of small filters
 - Strided conv.
 - Dilated conv.

Figure from Fergus: https://cs.nyu.edu/~fergus/teaching/vision/3_convnets.pdf

Dilated Conv in 1D



Figure from https://i.stack.imgur.com/RmJSu.png

Multiscale processing while maintaining original resolution! Used for speech waveform generation (WaveNet).

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Dilated Conv. In 2D



Figure 1: Systematic dilation supports exponential expansion of the receptive field without loss of resolution or coverage. (a) F_1 is produced from F_0 by a 1-dilated convolution; each element in F_1 has a receptive field of 3×3 . (b) F_2 is produced from F_1 by a 2-dilated convolution; each element in F_2 has a receptive field of 7×7 . (c) F_3 is produced from F_2 by a 4-dilated convolution; each element in F_3 has a receptive field of 15×15 . The number of parameters associated with each layer is identical. The receptive field grows exponentially while the number of parameters grows linearly.

Yu, Fisher, and Vladlen Koltun. "Multi-scale context aggregation by dilated convolutions." *arXiv preprint arXiv:1511.07122* (2015). Multiscale processing while maintaining original resolution!

Good for dense prediction: image to image

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Some Important Extensions

- Residual connections
- Dense connections

Residual Connections (ResNET)

- Really, really deep convnets don't train well
 - Gradient of final loss does not propagate back to earlier layers (vanishing of gradients)
- Key idea: introduce "pass through" into each layer for back propagation
 64-d
 Layer
 Layer



Figure 5. A deeper residual function \mathcal{F} for ImageNet. Left: a building block (on 56×56 feature maps) as in Fig. 3 for ResNet-34. Right: a "bottleneck" building block for ResNet-50/101/152.

He, Kaiming, Xiangyu Zhang, Shaoqing Ren, and Jian Sun. "Deep residual learning for image recognition." In *Proceedings of the IEEE conference on computer vision and pattern recognition*, pp. 770-778. 2016. http://openaccess.thecvf.com/content_cvpr_2016/papers/He_Deep_Residual_Learning_CVPR_2016_paper.pdf

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Benefit of residual connection



W/o residual layer: deeper networks perform worse even for the training data.

W/ residual layer: deeper networks perform better!

Using shortcut 2 is theoretically optimal **Demystifying ResNet** https://arxiv.org/abs/1611.01186

Revolution of Depth



From: http://cs231n.stanford.edu/slides/2016/winter1516_lecture8.pdf

A variation of residual connection: Concatenation (DenseNet)



- Feature maps of all preceding layers are concatenated and used as input for the current layer.
- Facilitate gradient back propagation, as with residual connection
- Strengthen feature
 forward propagation
 and reuse

Figure 1: A 5-layer dense block with a growth rate of k = 4. Each layer takes all preceding feature-maps as input.

From: Huang, Gao, Zhuang Liu, Laurens Van Der Maaten, and Kilian Q. Weinberger. "Densely connected convolutional networks." In *Proceedings of the IEEE conference on computer vision and pattern recognition*, pp. 4700-4708. 2017.

Stacking Dense Blocks



Figure 2: A deep DenseNet with three dense blocks. The layers between two adjacent blocks are referred to as transition layers and change feature-map sizes via convolution and pooling.

Use bottleneck layer (1x1 conv) to reduce the number of feature maps between blocks

 Can use fewer layers to achieve same performance as ResNET

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- What is the benefit of dilated convolution?
- What is the benefit of residual connection?
- What is dense connection?



- What is the benefit of dilated convolution?
 - Obtain large receptive field w/o downsampling
- What is the benefit of residual connection?
 - Enable gradient backpropagation
 - Each layer learn the residual from the previous layer
 - Critical for deep networks
- What is dense connection?
 - Use multiple skip connections, also facilitate gradient backpropagation
 - Concatenating output from past layers instead of using addition
 - Enable feature reuse

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Well-Known Models

ImageNet Large Scale Visual Recognition Challenge (ILSVRC) winners



http://cs231n.stanford.edu/slides/2018/cs231n_2018_lecture09.pdf

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Performance vs. Complexity



An Analysis of Deep Neural Network Models for Practical Applications, 2017.

http://cs231n.stanford.edu/slides/2018/cs231n_2018_lecture09.pdf

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- For image classification or other applications, training from scratch takes tremendous resources and requires a lot of training data
- Instead, can refine the VGG or other well trained networks
- Can use VGG convolutional layers, and retrain only the fully connected layers (possibly some later convolutional layers) for different classification problems.
- Or can use VGG conv layers as the "initial model" and further refine.
- Deep learning platforms allow you to download public pretrained models, and set certain layers as "frozen", only update parameters in other layers
 - PyTorch: <u>https://github.com/pytorch/vision</u>
 - TensorFlow: https://github.com/tensorflow/models

VGG16

- From the Visual Geometry Group
 - Oxford, UK
- Won ImageNet
 ILSVRC-2014
- Remains a very good network
- Lower layers are often used as feature extraction layers for other tasks



Model	top-5 classification error on ILSVRC-2012 (%)	
	validation set	test set
16-layer	7.5%	7.4%
19-layer	7.5%	7.3%
model fusion	7.1%	7.0%
http://www.robots.ox.ac.uk/~vgg/research/very_deep/		

K. Simonyan, A. Zisserman

Very Deep Convolutional Networks for Large-Scale Image Recognition arXiv technical report, 2014

Transfer Learning

Transfer Learning with CNNs

1. Train on Imagenet





From http://cs231n.stanford.edu/slides/2018/cs231n_2018_lecture07.pdf

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ECE-GY 6123: Image and Video Processing

Donahue et al, "DeCAF: A Deep Convolutional Activation Feature for Generic Visual Recognition", ICML 2014

Razavian et al, "CNN Features Off-the-Shelf: An Astounding Baseline for Recognition", CVPR Workshops

2014



• What does transfer learning mean?

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- What does transfer learning mean?
 - Take a popular well trained model for a different task but with the same type of input (e.g. images)
 - Reuse some of the feature extraction layers, only train the fully connected layers
 - Or also refine some of the convolution layers for feature extraction, depending on available training samples

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Beyond Image Classification ...



From: http://cs231n.stanford.edu/slides/2018/cs231n_2018_lecture11.pdf

Image to Image Autoencoder

- Denoising and other applications
- Upsampling through learnable filters

Autoencoder

- CNN is not limited for classification!
- When all the layers are convolution, the output can have the same shape as the input (speech->speech, image->image)
- Autoencoder= Encoder+Decoder
- Encoder: image-> features
- Decoder: features -> image
- Fully convolutional network (FCN)



From http://warp.whoi.edu/content/images/2017/08/caearch_shallow.png

Can be applied at the whole image level, or (overlapped) block level. Output size could be bigger or smaller than the input image

How to perform upsampling?

- Using default upsampling filter (nearest, linear)
- Learn the interpolation filter (transposed convolution or deconvolution)
 - First generate zerofilled image (inserting zeros between known samples)
 - Then apply the filter



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Also known as "Deconvolution" (not a proper name!)

How to perform upsampling?

- Up-sampling by factor of S
 - First generate zero-filled image (inserting S-1 zeros between known samples for upsample by a factor of S). Then apply the interpolation filter (ideally low pass filter with cutoff at 1/(2S))
 - Nyquist filter: Keep the known values intact: h[0]=1, h[kS]=0
 - Example filters for S=2:
 - Linear: [1/2, 1, 1/2]
 - Cubic filter: [-1/8, 0, 5/8, 1, 5/8, 0, 1/8]
 - In 2D: row by row, then column by column. Equivalent 2D filter: H^T H
- Can also learn the interpolation filters as network parameters, no guarantee on satisfying the Nyquist condition
- In deep learning, this is known as "Transposed convolution" (first insert zero, then convolve")


Autoencoder for image denoising

- Input: noisy image; Output= denoised image
- Need pairs of clean and noisy images as training samples, normalized to range (0,1)
- Following from a simple network (with only three conv layers in encoder with stride 2 after each, and two conv layers in decoder with upsampling)



Better image denoising networks:

Zhang, Kai, Wangmeng Zuo, Yunjin Chen, Deyu Meng, and Lei Zhang. "Beyond a gaussian denoiser: Residual learning of deep cnn for image denoising." *IEEE Transactions on Image Processing* 26, no. 7 (2017): 3142-3155.

Image Denoising / Super Resolution: DnCNN

- Best performing denoising networks do not use downsampling, to keep the image details. Just use many convolution layers. Learn the residual from the noise-free image.
 - Can also be used for super-resolution, starting with a linearly interpolated image



Figure from Zhang, Kai, et al. "Beyond a gaussian denoiser: Residual learning of deep cnn for image denoising." *IEEE transactions on image processing* 26.7 (2017): 3142-3155. [DnCNN]

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Sample Denoising Results



Noise added

Denoised by DnCNN (fine textures are lost) Original

Figure from https://github.com/cszn/DnCNN

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Sample PyTorch implementation for denoising (no down sampling or upsampling no residual connection)

```
import torch
 2 import torch.nn as nn
 4 class DenoiserCNN(nn.Module):
       # small DnCNN Architecture, 4 conv layers
 5
       def __init__(self, nc, nf):
           super(self, DenoiserCNN).__init__()
           self.main = nn.Sequential(
               nn.Conv2d(nc, nf, 3, pad=1, bias=False),
10
11
               nn.BatchNorm2d(nf),
12
               nn.ReLU(inplace=True),
13
               nn.Conv2d(nf, nf, 3, pad=1, bias=False),
14
               nn.BatchNorm2d(nf),
15
               nn.ReLU(inplace=True).
16
17
               nn.Conv2d(nf, nf, 3, pad=1, bias=False),
18
               nn.BatchNorm2d(nf),
19
               nn.ReLU(inplace=True)
20
21
22
               nn.Conv2d(nf, nc, 3, pad=1, bias=False),
23
24
25
       def forward(self, x):
           return self.main(x)
26
27
```

Applications of autoencoders

- Output type = input type:
 - Denoising
 - Image completion (filling missing parts)
 - Super resolution
 - For unsupervised learning: to learn features that can represent an image with reduced dimension
 - For compression: use the quantized latent features to represent an image
- Output type ≠ input type
 - Segmentation
 - Visual Saliency detection
- Autoencoder loss depends on the underlying application
 - Using adversarial loss can help to make the output have the same distribution as the target output (beyond this class)



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- What is an auto-encoder?
- What is the benefit of using down sampling in the encoder?
- How do we upsample in the decoder?

Pop Quizzes

- What is a fully convolutional network (FCN)? What are they used for?
 - Only convolutional layers
 - Used for mapping an input image to an output image
- What is an auto-encoder?
 - Encoder generate multi-channel downsampled features
 - Decoder reconstruct an image by upsample the features and additional convolution
 - Down-sampling / Up-sampling is not necessary
- What is the benefit of using down sampling in the encoder?
 - Enlarge receptive field with fewer layers to enable more efficient gathering of global information
 - Produce more compact latent features
- How do we upsample in the decoder?
 - Using transposed convolution (insert zeros, than filter), with fixed or learnable interpolation filters

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Semantic Segmentation



Each pixel is classified into one object class. Same type of object has the same color

From http://cs231n.stanford.edu/slides/2018/cs231n_2018_lecture11.pdf

Loss function for segmentation

- Semantic segmentation:
 - Label each pixel as one of the classes
 - Treat as multi-class classification at each pixel
 - Generate multiple segmentation maps as output, one probability map for each class. The probabilities for all classes at each pixel sum to 1
 - Loss:
 - Sum of categorical cross entropy over all pixels for each image, and over all training images
 - DICE = Intersection over union (Non-differentiable)
 - Soft DICE: defined in terms of predicted probability

DICE Loss for Evaluating Binary Segmentation



• DICE = $\frac{\text{area of } A \cap B}{\text{area of } A \cup B}$ (Intersection over union or IoU, evaluating after thresholding the probability, non-differentiable)

• Soft DICE =
$$\frac{2 \sum_{i} p_{i} g_{i}}{\sum_{i} p_{i}^{2} + \sum_{i} g_{i}^{2}}$$
 (differentiable)

- (numerator ~ intersection, denominator ~ union)
- maximize Soft DICE. Loss = Soft DICE
- Overcomes the difficulty of using cross entropy loss when the

foreground object is much smaller than the background

Multi-resolution auto encoder: U-Net



From: https://lmb.informatik.uni-freiburg.de/research/funded_projects/bioss_deeplearning/unet.png

Ronneberger, O., Fischer, P., & Brox, T. (2015, October). U-net: Convolutional networks for biomedical image segmentation. In *International Conference on Medical image computing and computer-assisted intervention* (pp. 234-241). Springer, Cham. https://lmb.informatik.uni-freiburg.de/people/ronneber/u-net/. Watch the video!

V-Net for Volumetric Image Segmentation



Milletari, Fausto, Nassir Navab, and Seyed-Ahmad Ahmadi. "V-net: Fully convolutional neural networks for volumetric medical image segmentation." *2016 Fourth International Conference on 3D Vision (3DV)*. IEEE, 2016. https://arxiv.org/pdf/1606.04797.pdf

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Work at NYU Video Lab: Segmentation of High Frequency Ultrasound Images of Mouse Embryos

- Mouse embryo development is a good animal model for studying human brain development.
- High frequency ultrasound (HFU) can image embryos in vivo.
 But image quality is poor and pose of the embryo varies greatly.
- Accurate segmentation of the brain ventricles (BVs) and embryo body from 3D HFU image is essential for assessing the development of mouse embryos and impact of gene mutation.



Joint work with Riverside Research and NYU SOM. Supported by NIH R01. Video lab students: Ziming Qiu (PhD 2022), Tongda Xu, Jack Langerman, Nitin Nair



- The variety of body posture, orientation and image contrast.
- The class imbalance between foreground and background.
- Presence of missing boundaries and motion artifacts.



Deep-learning based segmentation

- Low resolution coarse segmentation to localize regions of interest for both BV and Body.
- □ Full resolution refined segmentation in each detected region of interest.
- □ Jointly trained end to end.



Fig. 2: Diagram of overall pipeline.





Table 1: The Dice Similarity Coefficient (DSC) and inferencetime averaged over 46 test volumes for different methods.

Results Methods	BV DSC	Body DSC	Inference Time *
Benchmark	0.904 [7]	0.932 [8]	102.36s
Initial Segmenta-	0.818	0.918	0.006s
tion			
Refinement w/o	0.878	0.922	0.08s
Auto-Context Input			
Refinement w/	0.894	0.924	0.09s
Auto-Context Input			
Refinement	0.906	0.934	0.09s
End-to-end			

Tongda Xu*, Ziming Qiu*, William Das, Chuiyu Wang, Jack Langerman, Nitin Nair, Orlando Aristizabal, Jonathan Mamou, Daniel H. Turnbull, Jeffrey A. Ketterling, Yao Wang, "Deep Mouse: An End-to-end Auto-context Refinement Framework for Brain Ventricle & Body Segmentation in Embryonic Mice Ultrasound Volumes," in 2020 IEEE 17th ISBI 2020, * equal contribution.



- What loss functions to use for segmentation
- How does U-Net differ from the generic auto-encoder
- Why are the benefits of U-Net structure?

Pop Quizzes

- What loss functions to use for segmentation
 - Treat as classification problem at each pixel, sum the Cross entropy at all pixels
 - Soft DICE: similar to intersection over union
- How does U-NET differ from the generic auto-encoder
 - Has skip connection
 - Skip connection ensures high resolution information are preserved
- What are the Benefits of U-Net structure?
 - Multi-resolution processing to ensure both global and local information are considered
 - Can be used for all image to image tasks, beyond segmentation

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Object Localization and Classification



From: Ren, Shaoqing, Kaiming He, Ross Girshick, and Jian Sun. "Faster r-cnn: Towards real-time object detection with region proposal networks." In Advances in neural information processing systems, pp. 91-99. 2015.

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Faster R-CNN

- A backbone network generate features
- A region proposal network (RPN) goes through each location in the feature maps, examines multiple anchor boxes and classify it as Object or not and furthermore predict deviation of the actual object box location and size from the anchor
- Overlapping proposals go through non-maximum suppression to select boxes with high "object-like" score
- Features in remaining boxes further go through a classification and regression layer (Post-RPN), to classify the object and further refine the box location and size



Figure from Ren, Shaoqing, Kaiming He, Ross Girshick, and Jian Sun. "Faster r-cnn: Towards real-time object detection with region proposal networks." In *Advances in neural information processing systems*, pp. 91-99. 2015.

Region Proposal Network



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Training of Faster R-CNN



Ren et al, "Faster R-CNN: Towards Real-Time Object Detection with Region Proposal Networks", NIPS 2 Figure copyright 2015, Ross Girshick; reproduced with permission

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Sample Results











Figure from Ren, Shaoqing, Kaiming He, Ross Girshick, and Jian Sun. "Faster r-cnn: Towards real-time object detection with region proposal networks." In Advances in neural information processing systems, pp. 91-99. 2015.

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Do we really need the second stage? Classification Bounding-box Faster R-CNN: regression loss loss Make CNN do proposals! Classification Bounding-box Rol pooling Faster R-CNN is a loss regression oss Two-stage object detector proposals First stage: Run once per image Backbone network Region Proposal Network Region proposal network feature map Second stage: Run once per region Crop features: Rol pool / align Predict object class CNN Prediction bbox offset

From: http://cs231n.stanford.edu/slides/2020/lecture_12.pdf

Single Stage Object Detectors: YOLO / SSD / RetinaNet



Input image 3 x H x W

Redmon et al, "You Only Look Once: Unified, Real-Time Object Detection", CVPR 2016 Liu et al, "SSD: Single-Shot MultiBox Detector", ECCV 2016 Lin et al, "Focal Loss for Dense Object Detection", ICCV 2017 Divide image into grid 7 x 7

Image a set of **base boxes** centered at each grid cell Here B = 3 Within each grid cell:

- Regress from each of the B base boxes to a final box with 5 numbers:
 - (dx, dy, dh, dw, confidence)
- Predict scores for each of C classes (including background as a class)
- Looks a lot like RPN, but category-specific!

Output: 7 x 7 x (5 * B + C)

From: http://cs231n.stanford.edu/slides/2020/lecture_12.pdf

- Redmon, Joseph, Santosh Divvala, Ross Girshick, and Ali Farhadi. "You only look once: Unified, real-time object detection." In *Proceedings of the IEEE conference on computer vision and pattern recognition*, pp. 779-788. 2016.
- Liu, Wei, Dragomir Anguelov, Dumitru Erhan, Christian Szegedy, Scott Reed, Cheng-Yang Fu, and Alexander C. Berg. "SSD: Single shot multibox detector." In *European conference on computer vision*, pp. 21-37. Springer, Cham, 2016. In *Proceedings of the IEEE conference on computer vision and pattern recognition*, pp. 779-788. 2016.

Multiresolution for Object Detection



Feature pyramid enables detection of objects of various sizes: Coarse resolution good for detecting large objects, fine resolution good for detecting small objects

Figure from Lin, Tsung-Yi, et al. "Feature pyramid networks for object detection." *Proceedings of the IEEE conference on computer vision and pattern recognition*. 2017.

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YOLO v3 Using Feature Pyramid Network





An efficient model widely adopted in practice!

Figure from https://towardsdatascience.com/yolo-v3-explained-

ff5b850390f#:~:text=YOLO%2DV3%20Architecture.at%20a%20different%20spatial%20compression, Source: Uri Almog

Redmon, J., Farhadi, A.: Yolov3: An incremental improvement. arXiv preprint 628 arXiv:1804.02767 (2018)

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Anchor-Free Object Detection: CenterNet

- No anchors
- No non-maximum suppression
- Duan, Kaiwen, et al. "Centernet: Keypoint triplets for object detection." *Proceedings of the IEEE/CVF international conference on computer vision*. 2019.



Object Detection: Lost of Variables ...

Backbone Network VGG16 ResNet-101 Inception V2 Inception V3 Inception ResNet MobileNet

"Meta-Architecture"

Two-stage: Faster R-CNN Single-stage: YOLO / SSD Hybrid: R-FCN

Image Size # Region Proposals Takeaways

Faster R-CNN is slower but more accurate

SSD is much faster but not as accurate

Bigger / Deeper backbones work better

Huang et al, "Speed/accuracy trade-offs for modern convolutional object detectors", CVPR 2017 Zou et al, "Object Detection in 20 Years: A Survey", arXiv 2019

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Work at NYU Video Lab: Robust Vehicle Tracking at Urban Intersections

- Vehicle detection and tracking at very congested urban intersections
 - Traffic accidence analysis based on vehicle trajectory data
 - Joint project with NYU Center for Urban Science + Progress (CUSP)
- Challenges
 - Low resolution NYC Dept of Transportation surveillance videos
 - Severe occlusion in dense traffic
 - Vanishing point (non-bird eye view) viewing angles
 - Shadows and illumination changes
- Developing a deep learning network that can simultaneously detect and track a video object
 - Detect bounding tubes that cover moving objects in short video segments
 - Extension of faster region-CNN, which detects bounding boxes in individual frames
- Video Lab Student: Chenge Li (Ph.D. 2019)

TrackNet Model Overview



Chenge Li, Gregory Dobler, Xin Feng, Yao Wang "TrackNet: TrackNet: Simultaneous Detection and Tracking of Multiple Objects", https://arxiv.org/abs/1902.01466

original anchor tube location and shape

Sample Results: Snap Shot



Sample Results: Video



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Semantic vs. Instance Segmentation



Semantic segmentation: Each pixel is labeled into one object class. The two cows have the same color!

Instance segmentation: Each instance of the same type of object is given a different color!

Image From: He, Kaiming, Georgia Gkioxari, Piotr Dollár, and Ross Girshick. "Mask r-cnn." In *Proceedings of the IEEE international conference on computer vision*, pp. 2961-2969. 2017. https://arxiv.org/pdf/1703.06870.pdf

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Mask R-CNN: Running a segmentation network for each detected object



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Mask-RCNN: Sample Results



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Mask RCNN: Also estimate the human pose



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Pop Quizzes

- How does faster R-CNN work?
- How does YOLO work?
- How does instance segmentation work?
- How does feature pyramid work?

Pop Quizzes (w/ Answers)

- How does faster R-CNN work?
 - Backbone: Generate features
 - Region proposal network: for each possible location, evaluate multiple possible proposals by regressing the box shape and classify between object/non-object
 - Region refinement and classification: for each proposal with high object scores, further refine location and classify among many object classes
- How does YOLO /SSD work?
 - One pass: for each possible location and box shape, directly classify and regress the box shape
 - Less accurate but much faster
- How does instance segmentation work (Mask-RCNN)?
 - Further apply segmentation on each detected object region
- How does feature pyramid work?
 - Use features from the current resolution and upsampled features from the lower resolution for object detection at each resolution
 - Combine results from all resolutions using non-maximum suppression

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What is going on inside ConvNet?



- What filters are used in each layer?
- What features are extracted after each layer?
- What regions/features the network uses to make classification decisions?

First layer: Visualize Filters



AlexNet: 64 x 3 x 11 x 11

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Since first layer input is 3 color channels, we can visualize the filters in color.

The filters in different networks are similar: extract edges in different directions and other basic patterns, different color transitions.

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Filters at other layers?

- Much harder to interpret
- Multi-channel input
- Instead look at what features / patterns generate high response in each output channel at each layer

Features Detected at Intermediate Layers

Maximally Activating Patches





Pick a layer and a channel; e.g. conv5 is 128 x 13 x 13, pick channel 17/128

Run many images through the network, record values of chosen channel

Visualize image patches that correspond to maximal activations

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Springenberg et al, "Striving for Simplicity: The All Convolutional Net", ICLR Workshop 2015 Figure copyright Jost Tobias Springenberg, Alexey Dosovitskiy, Thomas Brox, Martin Riedmiller, 201 reproduced with permission.

Different row corresponds to different feature channels

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Which pixels contribute to the classification decision?

- Described by a saliency map
- How to derive the saliency map?

Which pixels matter: Saliency via Occlusion

Mask part of the image before feeding to CNN, check how much predicted probabilities change









Zeiler and Fergus, "Visualizing and Understanding Convolutional Networks", ECCV 2014

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African elephant, Loxodonta africana











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Negative change indicates this pixel is very important for recognizing the class

Very slow: has to run the model with one pixel occluded at a time, for all pixels

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Saliency by Computing Gradients with Respect to Input (Backprop to input)



Compute the gradient of the predicted class score (unnormalized) for each class with respect to each input pixel and each color. Take the absolute value and max over gradients over RGB channels. Average over all test images.

Generally, the results are noisy.

Simonyan, Vedaldi, and Zisserman, "Deep Inside Convolutional Networks: Visualising Image Classification Models and Saliency Maps", ICLR Workshop 2014.

Saliency via Guided Backprop



Only gradients that are positive and where the features are positive are backpropagated!

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Figure 3: Visualization of patterns learned by the layer conv6 (top) and layer conv9 (bottom) of the network trained on ImageNet. Each row corresponds to one filter. The visualization using "guided backpropagation" is based on the top 10 image patches activating this filter taken from the ImageNet dataset. Note that image sizes are not preserved (in order to save space).

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Saliency vis Class Activation Map (CAM)



Figure 2. Class Activation Mapping: the predicted class score is mapped back to the previous convolutional layer to generate the class activation maps (CAMs). The CAM highlights the class-specific discriminative regions.

From: Zhou, Bolei, Aditya Khosla, Agata Lapedriza, Aude Oliva, and Antonio Torralba. "Learning deep features for discriminative localization." In *Proceedings of the IEEE conference on computer vision and pattern recognition*, pp. 2921-2929. 2016. <u>https://www.cvfoundation.org/openaccess/content_cvpr_2016/papers/Zhou_Learning_Deep_Features_CVPR_2016_paper.pdf</u> Only applicable for the global average pooling of feature maps before one fully connected layer. Yao Wang, 2022 ECE-GY 6123: Image and Video Processing

Sample Class Activation Maps (CAM)



Figure 3. The CAMs of two classes from ILSVRC [21]. The maps highlight the discriminative image regions used for image classification, the head of the animal for *briard* and the plates in *barbell*.

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Grad-CAM, Guided Grad-CAM



Figure 2: Grad-CAM overview: Given an image and a class of interest (*e.g.*, 'tiger cat' or any other type of differentiable output) as input, we forward propagate the image through the CNN part of the model and then through task-specific computations to obtain a raw score for the category. The gradients are set to zero for all classes except the desired class (tiger cat), which is set to 1. This signal is then backpropagated to the rectified convolutional feature maps of interest, which we combine to compute the coarse Grad-CAM localization (blue heatmap) which represents where the model has to look to make the particular decision. Finally, we pointwise multiply the heatmap with guided backpropagation to get Guided Grad-CAM visualizations which are both high-resolution and concept-specific.

Selvaraju, Ramprasaath R., Michael Cogswell, Abhishek Das, Ramakrishna Vedantam, Devi Parikh, and Dhruv Batra. "Gradcam: Visual explanations from deep networks via gradient-based localization." In *Proceedings of the IEEE international conference on computer vision*, pp. 618-626. 2017. <u>https://openaccess.thecvf.com/content_ICCV_2017/papers/Selvaraju_Grad-CAM_Visual_Explanations_ICCV_2017_paper.pdf</u> Applicable to more general architectures. CAM is a special case of Grad-CAM.

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(j)Guided Grad-CAM 'Dog' (k) Occlusion map for 'Dog' (l)ResNet Grad-CAM 'Dog'

Figure 1: (a) Original image with a cat and a dog. (b-f) Support for the cat category according to various visualizations for VGG-16 and ResNet. (b) Guided Backpropagation [42] highlights all contributing features. (c, f) Grad-CAM (Ours): localizes class-discriminative regions, (d) Combining (b) and (c) gives Guided Grad-CAM, which gives high resolution class-discriminative visualizations. Interestingly, the localizations achieved by our Grad-CAM technique, (c) are very similar to results from occlusion sensitivity (e) while being orders of magnitude cheaper to compute. (f, l) are Grad-CAM visualizations for ResNet-18 layer. Note that in (c, f, i, l), red regions corresponds to high score for class, while in (e, k), blue corresponds to evidence for the class. Figure best viewed in color.

(i) Grad-CAM 'Dog'

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(g) Original Image

(h) Guided Backprop 'Dog'

Pop Quizes

- What is saliency map?
- What are different methods for visualizing saliency maps and their pros/cons?

Pop Quizzes

- What is saliency map?
 - A map indicating the contribution of different pixels for the classification/regression results (what part of the image leads to the classification label or regression value?)
- What are different methods for generating saliency maps and their pros/cons
 - Occlusion (too slow!)
 - Back prop gradient with respect to the input image (noisy!)
 - Guided back prop: Back prop gradient only if the gradient is positive and the activation is positive (less noisy but not very class specific)
 - Class activation map (CAM) (very good in locating the object, but only work for certain network architecture)
 - Guided Grad CAM (more general than CAM, most promising)



- Some important extensions of conv. layers
 - Residual connection
 - Dense connection
 - Dilated convolution
- Popular classification models and transfer learning
- Image to image autoencoder for denoising
 - Upsampling: learnable interpolation filters
- Semantic Segmentation using Multiresolution Autoencoder (U-Net)
 - Combine features at multiple resolutions
- Object detection and classification (faster R-CNN, YOLO)
 - Simultaneous region detection and labeling, two pass vs. single pass
- Instance segmentation
 - Detecting regions corresponding to different objects, followed by segmentation of detected objects
- Interpretation of trained models
 - Interpretation of filters and features at different layers
 - Saliency maps for classification

What you should know?

• Be able to answer all the quizzes

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Written Assignment (1)

- 1. Consider the following "very simple" segmentation network. Assuming we use SOFT Dice as the loss function.
- 1) Define the SOFT DICE loss function mathematically
- 2) Let the j-th feature map for the i-th input image after Layer 1 (before output) be described by $z_{i,j}(m,n)$. The filters in Layer 2 are denoted by $h_j(m,n)$ and the biases by *b*, where *j* is the index of the input feature map. Express the output $\hat{y}_i(m,n)$ as a function of $z_{i,j}(m,n), h_j(m,n), b$.
- 3) Derive the gradients with respect to the filter weights $h_i(m, n)$ and bias *b* of the last layer.



Written Assignment (2)

2. Consider a network with 3 convolutional layers. 1) Suppose each layer uses 3x3 filters without dilation, what is the receptive field size of each output pixel? 2) Suppose the first layer uses 3x3 filter without dilation, and the second and the third layer each uses 3x3 filters with a dilation rate of 2. What is the receptive field of each output pixel? 3) Now suppose each layer uses 3x3 filters without dilation, but there is a 2x2 downsampling after each layer layer. What is the receptive field? Discuss the pros and cons of these methods.

3. Why does the skip connection facilitates gradient backpropagation?

4. Why does U-Net helps to exploit both global and local information in its decision? In the final out layer, the input consists of skipped connection from a high resolution layer and upsampled signals from a lower layer. Which one brings global information, which one brings local information?