Lecture 6: From SOTA Models to Transfer Learning across Tasks



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Outline

1: Communications and Recap 2: SOTA Deep Models 3: Transfer Learning across Tasks Segmentation



Communications

Practicum 2:



Recap

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Transfer Learning To The Rescue

- Train on a big "**source**" data set, with a big model, on one particular downstream tasks (say classification). Do it once and save the parameters. This is called a **pre-trained model**.
- Use these parameters for other smaller "**target** " datasets, say, for classification on new images (possibly different **domain**, or training distribution), or for image segmentation on old images(new **task**), or new images (new task and new domain).
- Less helpful if you have a large target dataset with many labels.
- Will fail if source domain (where you trained big model) has nothing in common with target domain (that you want to train on smaller data set).







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SOTA Deep Models: Initial Ideas

- The first piece of research proposing something similar to a Convolutional Neural Network was authored by Kunihiko Fukushima in 1980 and was called the NeoCognitron¹.
- Inspired by discoveries on visual cortex of mammals.
- End of the 80's: several papers advanced the field
 - **Backpropagation** published Yann LeCun in 1985 (independently by other researchers as well)
 - TDNN by Waiber et al., 1989 **Convolutional-like** network trained with backprop.
 - Backpropagation applied to handwritten zip code recognition by LeCun et al., 1989



SOTA Deep Models: Le Net

 In 1998 LeCun publishes one of his most recognized papers describing a "modern" CNN architecture for document recognition, called LeNet². Not his first iteration, this was indeed LeNet-5.



² LeCun, Yann, et al. "Gradient-based learning applied to document recognition." *Proceedings of the IEEE* 86.11 (1998): 2278-2324.



SOTA Deep Models: AlexNet

- Developed by Alex Krizhevsky, Ilya Sutskever and Geoffrey Hinton at Utoronto in 2012. More than 25000 citations.
- Destroyed the competition in the 2012 ImageNet Large Scale Visual Recognition Challenge. Showed benefits of CNNs and kickstarted AI revolution.
- Main contributions:
 - Trained on ImageNet with data augmentation.
 - Increased depth of model, GPU training (5/6 days).
 - Smart optimizer and Dropout layers.
 - ReLU activation!

SOTA Deep Models: AlexNet <cont>



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https://papers.nips.cc/paper/4824-imagenet-classification-with-deep-convolutionalneural-networks.pdf

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SOTA Deep Models: AlexNet <cont>

- Trained on 1.2 million high-resolution (227x227x3) images in the ImageNet 2012 contest;
- 1000 different classes, NN with 60 million parameters to optimize (~ 255 MB).



SOTA Deep Models: ZFNet

- Introduced by Matthew Zeiler and Rob Fergus from NYU, won ILSVRC 2013 with 11.2% error rate. Decreased sizes of filters.
- Paper presented a visualization technique named Deconvolutional Network, which helps to examine different feature activations and their relation to the input space. Trained for 12 days.





SOTA Deep Models: VGG16

- Introduced by **Simonyan and Zisserman** in 2014
- Simplicity and depth as main points
- Uses 3x3 filters exclusively and 2x2 MaxPool layers with stride 2
- Showed that two 3x3 filters have an effective receptive field of 5x5
- As spatial size decreases, depth increases
- Trained for 2/3 weeks
- Still used as of today







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- The motivation behind inception networks is to use **more than a single type of convolution layer at each layer**.
- Use 1 x 1, 3 x 3, 5 x5 convolutional layers, and max-pooling layers in parallel.
- All modules use same convolution.



- Use 1 x 1 convolutions that reduce the size of the channel dimension.
- The number of channels can vary from the input to the output.





• The inception network is formed by concatenating other inception modules.





• It includes several auxiliary softmax output units to t to combat the vanishing gradient It includes several auxiliary softmax output units to t to combat the vanishing gradient problem while providing regularization.



• Auxiliary networks are not used during prediction.

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SOTA Deep Models: MobileNet

- Presented by **Howard et al.** (Google), 2017; •
- The MobileNet model is based on **depthwise separable convolutions (DW)**
- DW factorize a standard convolution into a depthwise convolution and a 1×1 convolution called a pointwise convolution.



https://arxiv.org/pdf/1704.04861.pdf

Fig. Left: Standard convolutional layer with batchnorm and ReLU. Right Depthwise Separable convolutions with Depthwise and pointwise layers followed by batchbnorm and ReLU

Depth-Wise Separable Convolution (DW)

MobileNet <cont>

Standard Convolution

Filters and combines inputs into a new set of outputs in one step



MACs: (5x5)x3x256x(12x12) ~ **2.8M** Parameters: (5x5x3)x256 + 256 ~ **20K**

Depth-Wise Separable Convolution (DW)



Input: 8x8x3 Filter: 1x1x3x256

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[°] **Output:** 8x8x256 (no padding)

MACs: $(5x5)x3x(12x12) + 3x256x(8x8) \sim 60K$ Parameters: $(5x5x3 + 3) + (1x1x3x256+256) \sim 1K$

SOTA Deep Models: MobileNet <cont>



Table 1. MobileNet Body Architecture		
Type / Stride	Filter Shape	Input Size
Conv / s2	$3 \times 3 \times 3 \times 32$	$224\times224\times3$
Conv dw / s1	$3 \times 3 \times 32$ dw	$112\times112\times32$
Conv / s1	$1 \times 1 \times 32 \times 64$	$112\times112\times32$
Conv dw / s2	$3 \times 3 \times 64$ dw	$112\times112\times64$
Conv / s1	$1\times1\times64\times128$	$56 \times 56 \times 64$
Conv dw / s1	$3 \times 3 \times 128$ dw	$56\times 56\times 128$
Conv / s1	$1\times1\times128\times128$	$56\times 56\times 128$
Conv dw / s2	3 imes 3 imes 128 dw	$56 \times 56 \times 128$
Conv / s1	$1\times1\times128\times256$	$28 \times 28 \times 128$
Conv dw / s1	$3 \times 3 \times 256 \text{ dw}$	$28\times28\times256$
Conv / s1	$1\times1\times256\times256$	$28\times28\times256$
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Conv dw / s2	$3 \times 3 \times 512 \text{ dw}$	$14\times14\times512$
Conv / s1	$1\times1\times512\times1024$	$7 \times 7 \times 512$
Conv dw / s2	$3 \times 3 \times 1024 \text{ dw}$	$7 \times 7 \times 1024$
Conv / s1	$1\times1\times1024\times1024$	$7 \times 7 \times 1024$
Avg Pool / s1	Pool 7×7	$7 \times 7 \times 1024$
FC / s1	1024×1000	$1 \times 1 \times 1024$
Softmax / s1	Classifier	$1 \times 1 \times 1000$



Pavlo Mobile Nets: Efficient Convolutional Neural Networks for Mobile Vision Applications (arXiv.1704.04861)24







SOTA Deep Models: ResNet





SOTA Deep Models: ResNet



- Presented by He et al. (Microsoft), 2015. Won ILSVRC 2015 in multiple categories.
- Main idea: residual block that allows for extremely deep networks.
- It is easier to **optimize the residual mapping** than the original one. Furthermore, **residual block can decide to "shut itself down**" if needed.



SOTA Deep Models: ResNet <cont>

• Network structure a) without and b) with "Residual Block"



Original idea in Highway Networks: https://arxiv.org/pdf/1505.00387.pdf



SOTA Deep Models: ResNet <cont>

- The residual network stacks blocks sequentially (fig. a);
- The network become deeper without increasing the training time (fig. b).



SOTA Deep Models: ResNet <cont>



Networks comparison: ResNet34 (top), ResNet34 "Without Residual Blocks" (middle), VGG-19 (bottom).

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SOTA Deep Models: DenseNets

- Motivation: to allow maximum information (and gradient) flow to connect every layer directly with each other.
- Connect every layer directly with each other.

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- DenseNets **concatenates** outputs from the previous layers instead of using the summation.
- DenseNets layers are very narrow (e.g. 12 filters), and they just add a small set of new feature-maps.



- DenseNets do not sum the output feature maps of the layer with the incoming feature maps but **concatenate** them:
- $a^{[l]} = g([a^{[0]}, a^{[1]}, \dots, a^{[l-1]}])$
- Dimensions of the feature maps remains constant within a block, but the number of filters changes between them → growth rate:
- $k^{[l]} = k^{[0]} + k(l-1)$



https://towardsdatascience.com/review-densenet-image-classification-b6631a8ef803

SOTA Deep Models: DenseNets





SOTA Deep Models and Beyond

- MobileNetV2 and V3 (<u>https://arxiv.org/abs/1801.04381</u>, <u>https://arxiv.org/abs/1905.02244</u>)
- Inception-Resnet, v1 and v2 (<u>https://arxiv.org/abs/1602.07261</u>)
- Wide-Resnet (<u>https://arxiv.org/abs/1605.07146</u>)
- Xception (<u>https://arxiv.org/pdf/1610.02357v2.pdf</u>)
- ResNeXt (<u>https://arxiv.org/pdf/1611.05431</u>)
- ShuffleNet, v1 and v2 (<u>https://arxiv.org/abs/1707.01083</u>)
- Squeeze and Excitation Nets (<u>https://arxiv.org/abs/1709.01507</u>)
- Deep Pyramidal Residual Networks (<u>https://arxiv.org/pdf/1610.02915.pdf</u>)
- FractalNet (<u>https://arxiv.org/pdf/1605.07648.pdf</u>)

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Tasks

Classification



Object Detection



Semantic Segmentation



Instance Segmentation



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Tasks: Image Classification: Fully-Connected CNN

- Fundamental to computer vision given a set of labels {dog, cat, human, ...};
- Predict the most likely class.





Tasks: From Classification to Classification + Localization

- Localization demands to compute where 1 object is present in an image;
- Limitation: only 1 object (also non-overlapping);
- Typically implemented using a bounding box (x, y, w, h).



Output: Regular Image Classification



Tasks: From Classification + Localization to Object Detection

• Classification and Localization extended to multiple objects



Youtube 'YOLO in New York" by Joseph Redmon (creator of YOLO)





Tasks: From Classification to Semantic Segmentation

- Image Classification: assigning a single label to the entire picture
- Semantic segmentation: assigning a semantically meaningful label to every pixel in the image



Person Bicycle Background

Long, Shelhamer et al. "Fully Convolutional Networks for Semantic Segmentation", CVPR 2015 : Cited by 14480



Why Object Detection and Semantic Segmentation

Computer vision:

- Autonomous vehicles
- Biomedical Imaging detecting cancer, diseases
- Video surveillance:
 - Counting people
 - Tracking people
- Aerial surveillance
- Geo Sensing: tracking wildfire, glaciers, via satellite

Note:

- Efficiency/inference-time is important!
- How many frames/sec. can we predict?
- Must for real-time segmentation & detection.



Why Object Detection and Semantic Segmentation



Youtube: "Tensorflow DeepLab v3 Xception Cityscapes"(<u>link</u>)





How to measure quality in detection and segmentation?

- Pixel Accuracy:
 - Percent of pixels in your image that are classified correctly
 - Our model has 95% accuracy! Great!



Image from Vlad Shmyhlo in article: Image Segmentation: Kaggle experience in TDS

• Problem with accuracy: unbalanced data!

How do we measure accuracy?

- **Pixel Accuracy**: Percent of pixels in your image that are classified correctly
- IOU: Intersection-Over-Union (Jaccard Index): Overlap / Union
- DICE: Coefficient (F1 Score): 2 x Overlap / Total number of pixels
- **mAP:** Mean Average Precision: AUC of Precision-Recall curve standard (0.5 is high)



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Object detection: let's classify and locate

- Object detection is just classification and localization combined:
 - Classification using standard CNN;
 - Localization using regression problem for predicting box coordinates
 - Combining loss from Classification (Softmax) and Regression (L2)



Sliding Windows, from single to multiple objects

- Might work for single object, but not for multiple objects
- Each image containing "x" objects: needs "x" number of classification and localization outputs
- Solution for multiple objects:
 - Crop the image "in a smart way"
 - Apply the CNN to each crop
- Can we just use sliding windows?
 - Problem: Need for applying CNN to huge number of locations, scales, bbox aspect ratios: very computationally expensive;
 - Solution: Region Proposals methods to find object-like regions.





Dog: (x, y, w, h)



Adapted from Fei-Fei Li & Justin Johnson & Serena Yeung Stanford CS231n 2019 "Convolutional Neural Networks for Visual Recognition" Lecture 12 Slide 37 Uijlings et al, Selective Search for Object Recognition" IJCV 2013 <u>link</u>



Object detection: Region Proposal Networks!

- **Problem:** Need for applying CNN to huge number of locations, scales, bbox aspect ratios, very computationally expensive!
- **Solution:** Region Proposals methods to find object-like regions:
- Selective Search Algorithm: returns boxes that are likely to contain objects:
 - Use hierarchical segmentation;
 - Start with small superpixels;
 - Merge based on similarity.
- **Output:** Where are object like regions?
 - No classification yet.





- R-CNN = Region-based CNN
- Correct BBox by Bbox regressor (dx,dy,dw,dh)
- Forward each region through CNN
- Resize proposed Rol (224x224)
- Region of Interest (RoI) from selective search region proposal (approx 2k)
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- Problem: need to do 2k independent forward passes for each image! ('slow' R-CNN)
- Even inference is slow: 47s/image with VGG16 [Simonyan & Zisserman, ICLR 15]
- Solution: can we process (CNN forward pass) the image before cropping generates 2k regions?



Fast R-CNN



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- Fast R-CNN much faster than R-CNN; ۲
- Runtime dominated by region proposals; is an iterative method ('like selective search'); ٠
- Solution: can we make CNN do proposals! ۲



Training Time (Hours)



Test Time (Seconds)

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- Faster R-CNN: make CNN to do proposals! (single forward, not iterative selective search)
- CNN Region Proposal Network (RPN): predicting region proposals from features
- Otherwise same as Fast R-CNN: crop and classify
- End-to-end quadruple loss:
 - RPN classify object / not object
 - RPN regress box coordinates
 - Final classification score (object classes)
 - Final box coordinates
- Test-time seconds per image:



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- Previously we said: "Multiple objects? Thus Need for Region Proposal Networks!"
- Faster R-CNN is a two-stage object detector
 - **Stage 1:** backbone network + RPN (once/image)
 - Stage 2: crop predict object & bbox (once/region)
- What is our RPN again?
- RPN runs prediction on many many anchor boxes:
 - Loss 1: Tells is does the anchor bbox contain an object
 - Loss 2: For the top 300 boxes its adjusts the box
- What is the difference between our 2 classification losses?
 - one is classifying **object** (i.e. object/not object) green box
 - one is classifying specific **categories** (e.g. dog) pink box
 - Do we really need two stages?





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Single-Stage Detection without Region Proposals: YOLO, SSD

- Within each of the NxN grid regress over each
 B base boxes, predict: (x,y,h,w, confidence = 5)
- Predict C category specific class scores
 - Output : N x N x S (5 B + C)
- YOLOv3 (Joseph Redmon):
 - predicts at 3 scales, S = 3
 - predicts 3 boxes at each scale, B=3
 - Darknet-53 as feature extractor (similar to ResNet 152, and 2x faster!)



Input image 3 x H x W



Divide image into grid 7 x 7

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

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



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So our output shouldn't be a class prediction (C numbers) but a picture (C x w x h)

- Can we have a network for each pixel location?
- Sliding window inputs of patches predicting the class of the pixel in the center?
- Many forward passes! Not reusing overlapping patches and features.



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Fully-Convolutional Networks

- Semantic segmentation: assigning a semantically meaningful label to every pixel in the image
- So our output shouldn't be a classification prediction (C numbers) but a picture (C x w x h)
 - Maybe we can have a network for each pixel location? Many (w times h) networks!
 - Sliding window inputs of patches predicting the class of the pixel in the center? Many forward passes! Overlapping features not used.
- Solution: FCN = Fully-Convolutional Networks! (not fully-connected)
 - 1 network 1 prediction would be a lot better
 - Why convolutions? every pixel is very much influenced by its neighborhood



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Fig: top, Image Classification (FC), bottom, Image Segmentation (FCN)



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Fully-Convolutional Networks

- FCN: design a network as a bunch of conv layers to make predictions for all pixels all at once.
 - Encoder (= Localization): downsample through convolutions. Reduces number of params (bottleneck), can make network deeper
 - **Decoder** (= Segmentation): **upsampled** through **transposed convolutions**
 - Loss: cross-entropy loss on every pixel.
- Contribution:
 - Popularize the use of end-to-end CNNs for semantic segmentation;
 - Re-purpose imagenet pretrained networks for segmentation = Transfer Learning
 - Upsample using transposed layers.
- Negative:
 - upsampling = loss of information during pooling;
 - 224x224 image downsampled to 20x20 back upsampled to 224x224.



SegNet

- The indices from max pooling down sampling are transferred to the decoder:
 pooling indices
- Improves fine segmentation resolution, we want "pixel-perfect";
- More efficient since no transposed convolutions to learn.







U-NET: long skip connections

- The U-Net is an encoder decoder using:
 - **location information** from the down sampling path of the encoder;
 - **contextual information** in the up sampling path by the "concatenating" long-skip connections.



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