

Object recognition on satellite images using deep learning

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Beginning

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- Computer science at the university of applied science Rapperswil
- Origin aim: Recognize crosswalks on satellite images
 - Improve pedestrian navigation
- Start: Summer 2015

Agenda

- Where do we get the training data?
- How do we recognize objects?
- Big amount of data
- Pushing data back to the crowd



First, who knows **OpenStreepMap**?



OpenStreetMap

- A collaborative project to create a free map of the world. "The wikipedia for maps"
- Largest open geospatial vector database of the world
- For maps visualizations (base maps), analysis, POIs, routing, geocoding...
- Provides massive data
- Possibility to generate datasets automatically



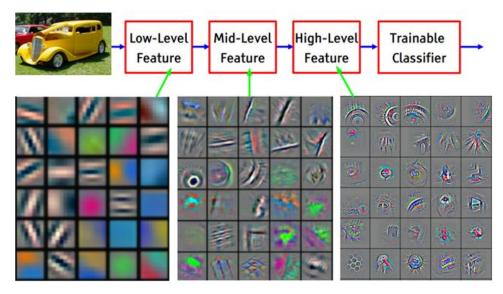
Crosswalks



Non-crosswalks

Image recognition

- Convolutional Neural Network
- Pretrained InceptionV3
- Fine-tuned on our own data (40'000 images)
- Tensorflow
- 90% true positive, 5% false positive



Convolutional Neural Network

Core detection process (for crosswalks)



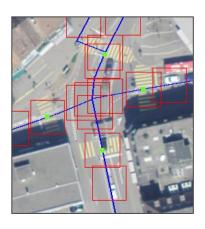
1. Get orthophotos



2. Load OSM streets



3. Walk along the streets



4. Detect the objects



BIG data

Example for Switzerland

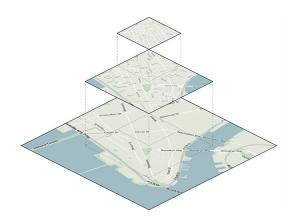
Zoom level 19

50x50px image

Total

Process time

- → 41'285 km²
- → 1px equals 0.3m
- → 225m²
- → 183'488'889 images
- → Over 4 days (Titan X)



Conclusion:

- Build to be parallelized on a unlimited amount of machines
- Reduce computational cost with intelligent data selection (streets only)

MapRoulette

http://www.maproulette.org/

Current status

- 15'000 newly detected crosswalks
- Detect other objects
 - Roundabouts
 - Sidewalks
 - Swimming pools
 - Photovoltaic
 - Football fields
 - Tennis courts
 - ..



Roundabout detection

Questions?



OSMDeepOD on Github

https://github.com/geometalab/OSMDeepOD

OSMDeepOD-Visualize on Github

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OpenStreetMap - Geodata provider

https://www.openstreetmap.org

MapRoulette - Gamified data insertion in OSM

http://www.maproulette.org

Zebrastreifen Safari - Overview of all crosswalks in OSM

http://zebrastreifen-safari.osm.ch

Severin Bühler on Twitter

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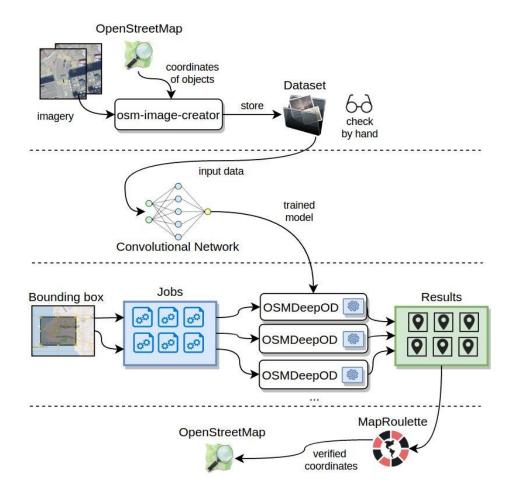
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Convolutional Neural Network course

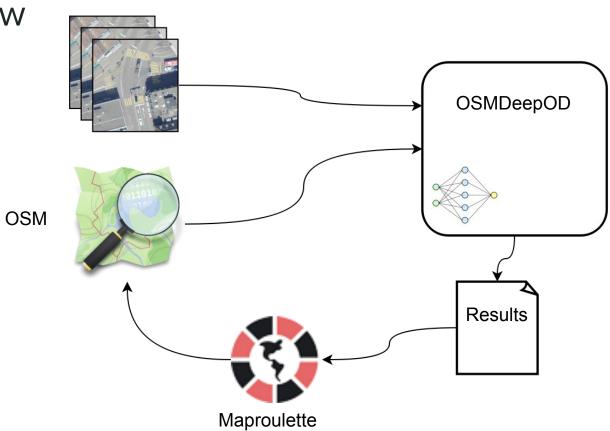
http://cs231n.github.io

Process



Dataflow

Images



Streets

