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Semantic Segmentation on MRI-Data with U-Net

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Background

- Semantic segmentation on 3D MRI scans of brain tumors for **diagnosing** and **locating** the tumor and its sub-regions.
- Because of the highly heterogeneous appearance and shape of brain tumors in MRI scans

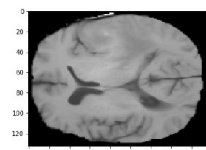
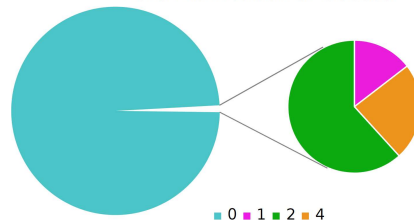
➔ Segmentation is a big challenge in medical image analysis

BraTS'19-Data

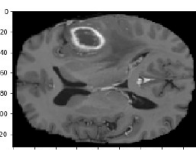
4 different MRIs from the same Subject and Slice:

- (a) native (T1)
- (b) post-contrast T1-weighted (T1Gd)
- (c) T2-weighted (T2)
- (d) T2 Fluid Attenuated Inversion Recovery (FLAIR)

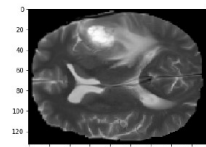
Data Distribution of Classes



(a) T1-native



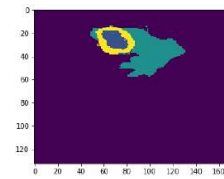
(b) T1Gd



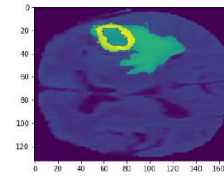
(c) T2-weighted



(d) FLAIR



segmentation GT



GT overlay with FLAIR

- 4 different MRIs are used as **Channels**
- Size of Volume: 240 x 240 x 155
- 1 Slice per Input
- Size of Dataset: 155 x #Subject = 35 805
- train : val : test split 56% 14% 30%

Methods

U-Net architecture

- consists of three parts
- encoder
 - decoder
 - bottleneck section.

Cross-Entropy Loss:

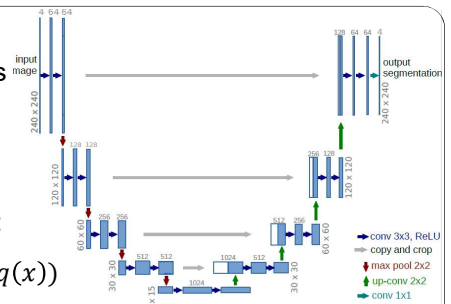
$$L(p, q) = \sum p(x) \log(q(x))$$

Metric:

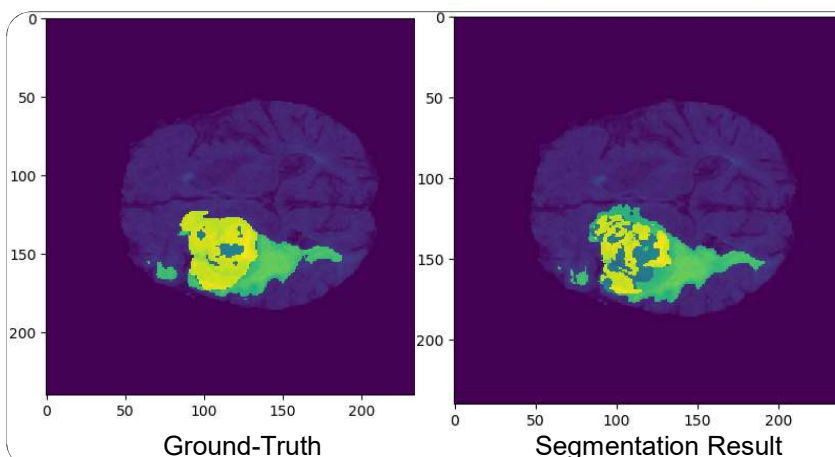
$$IoU = \frac{SR \cap GT}{SR \cup GT}$$

Network did not converge with SGD.

➔ Best results with **Adam** Optimizer



Results



Ground-Truth

Segmentation Result

The network was trained for 100 epochs

- Train accuracy saturated
- Train loss reached plateau

IoU*			
Back ground	Class 1 (gray-blue)	Class 2 (green)	Class 4 (yellow)
0.998	0.550	0.695	0.683
Mean IoU*		0.799	
Mean Acc*		0.731	

* IoU and accuracy are from testing

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Code available on <https://github.com/AmbomBee/DeepVision>