

mean Average Precision

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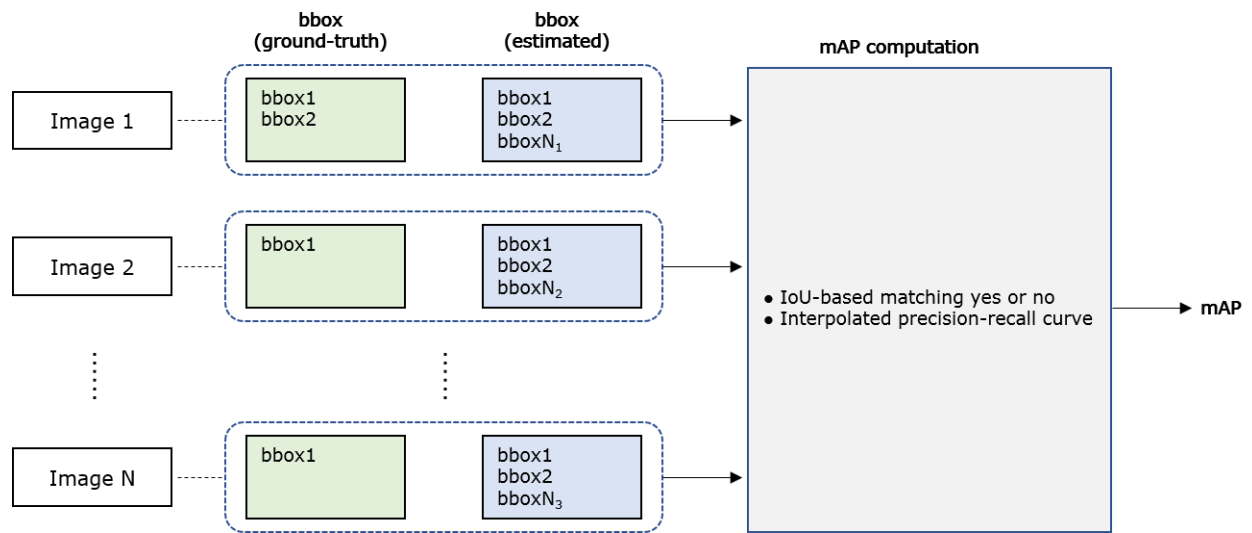
□ Note that

- An object detector produces a bounding box with a confidence score that represents its confidence about being an object.
- IoU, object category should be considered.

□ Procedure for computing mAP

- For all the testing images, gather all the bounding boxes (produced by an object detector with zero detection threshold for a confidence score), where each box has a confidence score. We will call the detection threshold *confidence threshold*.
- With ground-truth bounding boxes, choose true positive bounding boxes among the produced bounding boxes.
 - Q. How can we deal with bounding boxes overlapped with one certain ground-truth bounding boxes?
 - [4] says that "If multiple detections of the same object are detected, it counts the first one as positive while the rest as negatives."
 - Does it mean that the rest are just gone?
- Sort the produced bounding boxes according to the confidence score.
- Draw precision-recall curve, while varying the confidence threshold.
- Obtain the interpolated precision-recall curve, where the recall is [0.0, 1.0] with step 0.1.
 - Q. Why do we use the interpolated precision-recall curve?
 - In order to reduce wiggles in the curve.
- Compute average precision(AP) for one certain object category, by averaging the precisions at each 0.1 steps of recall, i.e., [0.0, 0.1, ..., 1.0].
- Compute mean AP from APs for all object category.

□ Software module



Reference

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Code

□ mAP (mean Average Precision)

<https://github.com/Cartucho/mAP>

□ Code linked in [2]

https://github.com/penny4860/object-detector/blob/master/object_detector/evaluate.py

□ Code linked in [6]

<https://gist.github.com/tarlen5/008809c3decf19313de216b9208f3734>