CS 484/684 Computational Vision

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Homework Assignment #5 - Supervised Deep Learning for Segmentation ¶

This assignment will test your understanding of applying deep learning by having you apply (fully supervised) deep learning to semantic segmentation, a well studied problem in computer vision.

You can get most of the work done using only CPU, however, the use of GPU will be helpful in later parts. Programming and debugging everything upto and including problem 5c should be fine on CPU. You will notice the benefit of GPU mostly in later parts (d-h) of problem 5, but they are mainly implemented and test your code written and debugged earlier. If you do not have a GPU readily accessible to you, we recommend that you use Google Colaboratory to get access to a GPU. Once you are satisfied with your code upto and including 5(c), simply upload this Jupyter Notebook to Google Colaboratory to run the tests in later parts of Problem 5.

Proficiency with PyTorch is required. Working through the PyTorch tutorials will make this assignment significantly easier. https://pytorch.org/tutorials/)

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In [2]: conda install pytorch torchvision -c pytorch
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All requested packages already installed.

Note: you may need to restart the kernel to use updated packages.

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In [3]: # Python Libraries
        import random
        import math
        import numbers
        import platform
        import copy
        # Importing essential libraries for basic image manipulations.
        import numpy as np
        import PIL
        from PIL import Image, ImageOps
        import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
        from tqdm import tqdm
        # We import some of the main PyTorch and TorchVision libraries used for HW4.
        # Detailed installation instructions are here: https://pytorch.org/get-started/locally/
        # That web site should help you to select the right 'conda install' command to be run in 'Anaconda Pr
        ompt'.
        # In particular, select the right version of CUDA. Note that prior to installing PyTorch, you should
        # install the latest driver for your GPU and CUDA (9.2 or 10.1), assuming your GPU supports it.
        # For more information about pytorch refer to
        # https://pytorch.org/docs/stable/nn.functional.html
        # https://pytorch.org/docs/stable/data.html.
        # and https://pytorch.org/docs/stable/torchvision/transforms.html
        import torch
        import torch.nn.functional as F
        from torch import nn
        from torch.utils.data import DataLoader
        import torchvision.transforms as transforms
        import torchvision.transforms.functional as tF
        # We provide our own implementation of torchvision.datasets.voc (containing popular "Pascal" dataset)
        # that allows us to easily create single-image datasets
        from lib.voc import VOCSegmentation
        # Note class labels used in Pascal dataset:
                background,
        # 1-20: aeroplane, bicycle, bird, boat, bottle, bus, car, cat, chair, cow, diningtable, dog, horse, m
        otorbike,
                person, pottedplant, sheep, sofa, train, TV monitor
        # 255: "void", which means class for pixel is undefined
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In [4]: | pip install -U numpy>=1.16.0

Note: you may need to restart the kernel to use updated packages.

In [5]: pip install chainercv

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Note: you may need to restart the kernel to use updated packages.

In [6]: # ChainerCV is a library similar to TorchVision, created and maintained by Preferred Networks.

Chainer, the base library, inspired and led to the creation of PyTorch!

Although Chainer and PyTorch are different, there are some nice functionalities in ChainerCV

that are useful, so we include it as an excersice on learning other libraries.

To install ChainerCV, normally it suffices to run "pip install chainercv" inside "Anaconda Prompt".

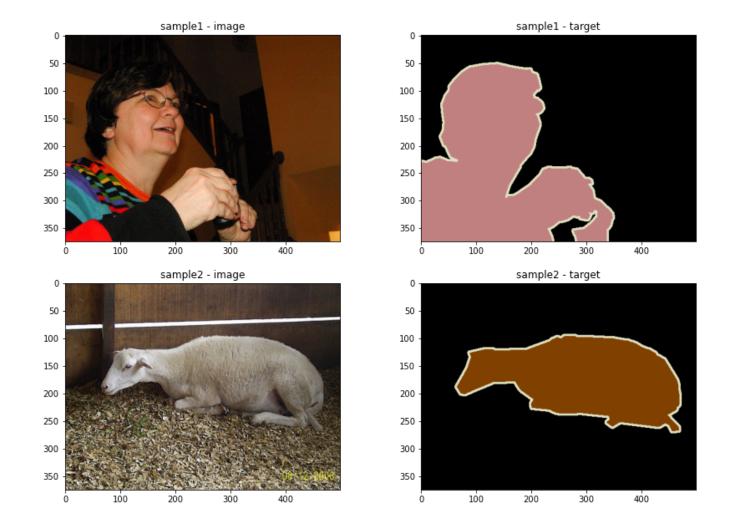
For more detailed installation instructions, see https://chainercv.readthedocs.io/en/stable/instal 1.html

For other information about ChainerCV library, refer to https://chainercv.readthedocs.io/en/stable/

from chainercv.evaluations import eval semantic segmentation

from chainercy.datasets import VOCSemanticSegmentationDataset

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In [234]: # Below we will use a sample image-target pair from VOC training dataset to test your joint transform
          # Running this block will automatically download the PASCAL VOC Dataset (3.7GB) to DATASET PATH if "d
          ownload = True".
          # The code below creates subdirectory "datasets" in the same location as the notebook file, but
          # you can modify DATASET PATH to download the dataset to any custom directory. Download takes a few m
          inutes.
          # On subsequent runs you may save time by setting "download = False" (the default value of this flag)
          DATASET PATH = 'datasets'
          # Here, we obtain and visualize one sample (img, target) pair from VOC training dataset and one from
           validation dataset.
          # Note that operator [...] extracts the sample corresponding to the specified index.
          # Also, note the parameter download = True. Set this to False after you download to save time on late
          r runs.
          sample1 = VOCSegmentation(DATASET PATH, image set='train', download = False)[200]
          sample2 = VOCSegmentation(DATASET PATH, image set='val')[20]
          # We demonstrate two different (equivalent) ways to access image and target inside the samples.
          img1, target1 = sample1
          img2 = sample2[0]
          target2 = sample2[1]
          fig = plt.figure(figsize=(14,10))
          ax1 = fig.add subplot(2,2,1)
          plt.title('sample1 - image')
          ax1.imshow(img1)
          ax2 = fig.add subplot(2,2,2)
          plt.title('sample1 - target')
          ax2.imshow(target1)
          ax3 = fig.add subplot(2,2,3)
          plt.title('sample2 - image')
          ax3.imshow(img2)
          ax4 = fig.add subplot(2,2,4)
          plt.title('sample2 - target')
          ax4.imshow(target2)
          print(img1.size)
          print(type(target1))
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(500, 375)
<class 'PIL.PngImagePlugin.PngImageFile'>

Implement a set of "Joint Transform" functions to perform data augmentation in your dataset.

Neural networks are typically applied to transformed images. There are several important reasons for this:

- 1. The image data should is in certain required format (i.e. consistent spacial resolution to batch). The images should also be normalized and converted to the "tensor" data format expected by pytorch libraries.
- 2. Some transforms are used to perform randomized image domain transformations with the purpose of "data augmentation".

In this exercise, you will implement a set of different transform functions to do both of these things. Note that unlike classification nets, training semantic segmentation networks requires that some of the transforms are applied to both image and the corresponding "target" (Ground Truth segmentation mask). We refer to such transforms and their compositions as "Joint". In general, your Transform classes should take as the input both the image and the target, and return a tuple of the transformed input image and target. Be sure to use critical thinking to determine if you can apply the same transform function to both the input and the output.

For this problem you may use any of the torchvision.transforms.functional functions. For inspiration, refer to:

https://pytorch.org/tutorials/beginner/data_loading_tutorial.html (https://pytorch.org/tutorials/beginner/data_loading_tutorial.html)

https://putarch.org/docs/stable/tarchyision/transforms.html#module_tarchyision.transforms.functional

Example 1

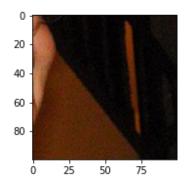
This class takes a img, target pair, and then transform the pair such that they are in Torch.Tensor() format.

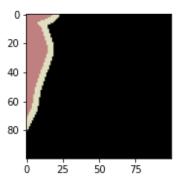
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In [303]: class JointToTensor(object):
    def __call__(self, img, target):
        return tF.to_tensor(img), torch.from_numpy(np.array(target.convert('P'), dtype=np.int32)).lon
g()
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In [304]: # Check the transform by passing the image-target sample.
          JointToTensor()(*sample1)
Out[304]: (tensor([[[0.0431, 0.0510, 0.0353, ..., 0.3137, 0.3725, 0.3490],
                     [0.0196, 0.0431, 0.0235, \dots, 0.3294, 0.3569, 0.3294],
                     [0.0392, 0.0510, 0.0471, \ldots, 0.3412, 0.3765, 0.3608],
                     . . . ,
                     [0.9412, 0.9961, 1.0000, \ldots, 0.9647, 0.9686, 0.9725],
                     [1.0000, 0.9686, 0.9961, \dots, 0.9608, 0.9647, 0.9686],
                     [1.0000, 0.9490, 1.0000, \ldots, 0.9725, 0.9725, 0.9843]],
                    [0.0392, 0.0471, 0.0196, ..., 0.1176, 0.1765, 0.1647],
                    [0.0157, 0.0392, 0.0078, \ldots, 0.1294, 0.1608, 0.1333],
                     [0.0353, 0.0471, 0.0314, \ldots, 0.1294, 0.1765, 0.1608],
                     . . . ,
                     [0.0157, 0.0667, 0.0706, \ldots, 0.6549, 0.6588, 0.6588],
                     [0.0784, 0.0431, 0.0667, \ldots, 0.6510, 0.6510, 0.6549],
                     [0.0745, 0.0235, 0.0784, \ldots, 0.6627, 0.6627, 0.6706]],
                    [0.0314, 0.0392, 0.0157, \dots, 0.0118, 0.0706, 0.0549],
                     [0.0078, 0.0314, 0.0039, \ldots, 0.0235, 0.0549, 0.0275],
                     [0.0275, 0.0392, 0.0275, \ldots, 0.0275, 0.0706, 0.0549],
                     . . . ,
                     [0.0549, 0.0980, 0.0941, \ldots, 0.2824, 0.2863, 0.2863],
                     [0.1176, 0.0824, 0.0980, \ldots, 0.2784, 0.2784, 0.2824],
                     [0.1216, 0.0627, 0.1098, \dots, 0.2902, 0.2902, 0.2980]]]),
           tensor([[ 0, 0, 0, ..., 0, 0],
                    [0, 0, 0, \dots, 0, 0, 0],
                    [0, 0, 0, \dots, 0, 0],
                    . . . ,
                    [15, 15, 15, \ldots, 0, 0, 0],
                    [15, 15, 15, \ldots, 0, 0, 0],
                    [15, 15, 15, \ldots, 0, 0, 0]]))
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Example 2:

This class implements CenterCrop that takes an img, target pair, and then apply a crop about the center of the image such that the output resolution is size × size.





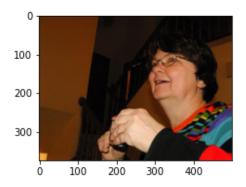
Out[305]: <matplotlib.image.AxesImage at 0x7f9010ca8610>

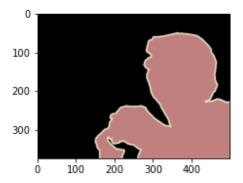
(a) Implement RandomFlip

This class should take a img, target pair and then apply a horizontal flip across the vertical axis at random.

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In [310]: class RandomFlip(object):
    def __call__(self, im, target):
        # we use a random number between 0 and 1 to decide if we should flip
        p = 0.5
        if random.uniform(0, 1) < 0.5:
            return (tF.hflip(im), tF.hflip(target))
        else:
            return (im,target)

# show result
im, target = RandomFlip()(*sample1)
fig = plt.figure(figsize=(12,6))
ax1 = fig.add_subplot(2,2,1)
ax1.imshow(im)
ax2 = fig.add_subplot(2,2,2)
ax2.imshow(target)</pre>
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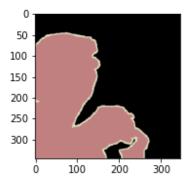
Out[310]: <matplotlib.image.AxesImage at 0x7f901168f1c0>

(b) Implement RandomResizeCrop

This class should take a img, target pair and then resize the images by a random scale between [minimum_scale, maximum_scale], crop a random location of the image by $min(size, image_height, image_width)$ (where the size is passed in as an integer in the constructor), and then resize to $size \times size$ (again, the size passed in). The crop box should fit within the image.

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In [311]: class RandomResizeCorp(object):
              def init (self, minimum scale, maximum scale, size):
                  self.min scale = minimum scale
                  self.max scale = maximum scale
                  self.size = size
              def call (self, im, target):
                  # use function to get a random scale between self.min scale and self.max scale
                  scale = np.random.uniform(self.min scale, self.max scale)
                  # calculate the new size of the im after applying the scale
                  new hight = int(scale * im.size[1])
                  new width = int(scale * im.size[0])
                  # resize the image
                  im = tF.resize(im, (new hight, new width))
                  target = tF.resize(target, (new hight, new width))
                  # calculate the crop size using min(size, image height, image width)
                  crop size = min(self.size, new width, new hight)
                  # select a random crop location
                  # from 0 to width - crop or height - crop(to let crop fit in im)
                  crop y = random.randint(0, new hight - crop size)
                  crop x = random.randint(0, new width - crop size)
                  # tF.resized crop(img, top, left, height, width, size)
                  # note that top is the vertical component, left is the horizontal component
                  return (tF.resized crop(im, crop y, crop x, crop size, crop size, self.size),
                          tF.resized crop(target, crop y, crop x, crop size, crop size, self.size))
          # show result
          im, target = RandomResizeCorp(0.75, 1.5, 345)(*sample1)
          fig = plt.figure(figsize=(12,6))
          ax1 = fig.add subplot(2,2,1)
          ax1.imshow(im)
          ax2 = fig.add subplot(2,2,2)
          ax2.imshow(target)
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Out[311]: <matplotlib.image.AxesImage at 0x7f901993ff40>

(c) Implement Normalize

This class should take a img, target pair and then normalize the images by subtracting the mean and dividing variance.

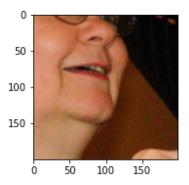
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Out[312]: (tensor([[-1.9295, -1.8953, -1.9638, ..., -0.7479, -0.4911, -0.5938],
                    [-2.0323, -1.9295, -2.0152, ..., -0.6794, -0.5596, -0.6794],
                    [-1.9467, -1.8953, -1.9124, \ldots, -0.6281, -0.4739, -0.5424],
                    [1.9920, 2.2318, 2.2489, \ldots, 2.0948, 2.1119, 2.1290],
                    [2.2489, 2.1119, 2.2318, \ldots, 2.0777, 2.0948, 2.1119],
                    [2.2489, 2.0263, 2.2489, \ldots, 2.1290, 2.1290, 2.1804]],
                   [-1.8606, -1.8256, -1.9482, \ldots, -1.5105, -1.2479, -1.3004],
                    [-1.9657, -1.8606, -2.0007, \ldots, -1.4580, -1.3179, -1.4405],
                    [-1.8782, -1.8256, -1.8957, \ldots, -1.4580, -1.2479, -1.3179],
                    . . . ,
                    [-1.9657, -1.7381, -1.7206, \ldots, 0.8880, 0.9055,
                                                                        0.90551,
                    [-1.6856, -1.8431, -1.7381, \ldots, 0.8704, 0.8704]
                                                                        0.88801,
                    [-1.7031, -1.9307, -1.6856, \ldots, 0.9230, 0.9230, 0.9580]],
                   [-1.6650, -1.6302, -1.7347, \ldots, -1.7522, -1.4907, -1.5604],
                    [-1.7696, -1.6650, -1.7870, \ldots, -1.6999, -1.5604, -1.6824],
                    [-1.6824, -1.6302, -1.6824, \ldots, -1.6824, -1.4907, -1.5604],
                    . . . ,
                    [-1.5604, -1.3687, -1.3861, ..., -0.5495, -0.5321, -0.5321],
                    [-1.2816, -1.4384, -1.3687, \ldots, -0.5670, -0.5670, -0.5495],
                    [-1.2641, -1.5256, -1.3164, ..., -0.5147, -0.5147, -0.4798]
           tensor([[ 0, 0, 0, ..., 0, 0],
                   [0, 0, 0, \dots, 0, 0],
                   [0, 0, 0, \dots, 0, 0],
                   [15, 15, 15, \ldots, 0, 0, 0],
                   [15, 15, 15, \ldots, 0, 0, 0],
                   [15, 15, 15, \ldots, 0, 0, 0]]))
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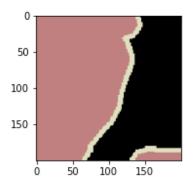
(d) Compose the transforms together:

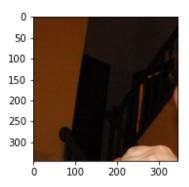
Use JointCompose (fully implemented below) to compose the implemented transforms together in some random order. Verify the output makes sense and visualize it.

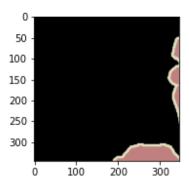
```
In [313]: # This class composes transofrmations from a given list of image transforms (expected in the argumen
          t). Such compositions
          # will be applied to the dataset during training. This cell is fully implemented.
          class JointCompose(object):
              def init (self, transforms):
                  params:
                     transforms (list) : list of transforms
                  self.transforms = transforms
              # We override the call function such that this class can be
              # called as a function i.e. JointCompose(transforms)(img, target)
              # Such classes are known as "functors"
              def call (self, img, target):
                  params:
                      img (PIL.Image) : input image
                      target (PIL.Image) : ground truth label
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                  assert img.size == target.size
                  for t in self.transforms:
                      img, target = t(img, target)
                  return img, target
```

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In [316]: # Student Answer:
          # First example use JointCenterCrop and RandomResizeCorp
          # in this example, the image should not flip
          trans1 = [RandomResizeCorp(0.75, 1.5, 600), JointCenterCrop(200)]
          im01, target01 = JointCompose(trans1)(*sample1)
          fig = plt.figure(figsize=(12,6))
          ax1 = fig.add subplot(2,2,1)
          ax1.imshow(im01)
          ax2 = fig.add subplot(2,2,2)
          ax2.imshow(target01)
          # Second example: use RandomResizeCorp and RandomFlip
          trans2 = [RandomResizeCorp(0.75, 1.5, 345), RandomFlip()]
          im02, target02 = JointCompose(trans2)(*sample1)
          fig = plt.figure(figsize=(12,6))
          ax1 = fig.add subplot(2,2,1)
          ax1.imshow(im02)
          ax2 = fig.add subplot(2,2,2)
          ax2.imshow(target02)
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Out[316]: <matplotlib.image.AxesImage at 0x7f901f67afa0>

- (e) Compose the transforms together: use JointCompose to compose the implemented transforms for:
- 1. A sanity dataset that will contain 1 single image. Your objective is to overfit on this 1 image, so choose your transforms and parameters accordingly.
- 2. A training dataset that will contain the training images. The goal here is to generalize to the validation set, which is unseen.
- 3. A validation dataset that will contain the validation images. The goal here is to measure the 'true' performance.

This code below will then apply train_joint_transform to the entire dataset.

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In [318]: # Apply the Joint-Compose transformations above to create three datasets and the
          # corresponding Data-Loaders.
          # This cell is fully implemented.
          # This single image data(sub)set can help to better understand and to debug the network training proc
          # Optional integer parameter 'sanity check' specifies the index of the image-target pair and creates
           a single image dataset.
          # Note that we use the same image (index=200) as used for sample1.
          sanity data = VOCSegmentation(
              DATASET PATH,
              image set = 'train',
              transforms = sanity joint transform,
              sanity check = 200
          # This is a standard VOC data(sub)set used for training semantic segmentation networks
          train data = VOCSegmentation(
              DATASET PATH,
              image set = 'train',
              transforms = train joint transform
          )
          # This is a standard VOC data(sub)set used for validating semantic segmentation networks
          val data = VOCSegmentation(
              DATASET PATH,
              image set='val',
              transforms = val joint transform
          # Increase TRAIN BATCH SIZE if you are using GPU to speed up training.
          # When batch size changes, the learning rate may also need to be adjusted.
          # Note that batch size maybe limited by your GPU memory, so adjust if you get "run out of GPU memory"
          error.
          TRAIN BATCH SIZE = 4
          # If you are NOT using Windows, set NUM WORKERS to anything you want, e.g. NUM WORKERS = 4,
          # but Windows has issues with multi-process dataloaders, so NUM WORKERS must be 0 for Windows.
          NUM WORKERS = 0
          sanity loader = DataLoader(sanity data, batch size=1, num workers=NUM WORKERS, shuffle=False)
          train loader = DataLoader(train data, batch size=TRAIN BATCH SIZE, num workers=NUM WORKERS, shuffle=T
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val_loader = DataLoader(val_data, batch_size=1, num_workers=NUM_WORKERS, shuffle=False)
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(a) Implement encoder/decoder segmentation CNN using PyTorch.

You must follow the general network architecture specified in the image below. Note that since convolutional layers are the main building blocks in common network architectures for image analysis, the corresponding blocks are typically unlabeled in the network diagrams. The network should have 5 (pre-trained) convolutional layers (residual blocks) from "resnet" in the encoder part, two upsampling layers, and one skip connection. For the layer before the final upsampling layer, lightly experiment with some combination of Conv, ReLU, BatchNorm, and/or other layers to see how it affects performance.



You should choose specific parameters for all layers, but the overall structure should be restricted to what is shown in the illustration above. For inspiration, you can refer to papers in the citation section of the following link to DeepLab (e.g. specific parameters for each layer): http://liangchiehchen.com/projects/DeepLab.html (http://liangchiehchen.com/projects/DeepLab.html). The first two papers in the citation section are particularly relevant.

In your implementation, you can use a base model of choice (you can use torchvision.models as a starting point), but we suggest that you learn the properties of each base model and choose one according to the computational resources available to you.

Note: do not apply any post-processing (such as DenseCRF) to the output of your net.

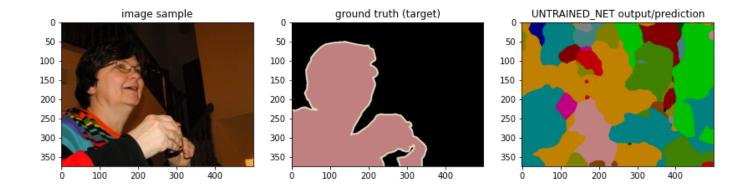
```
In [319]: import torchvision.models as models
          class MyNet(nn.Module):
              def init (self, num classes, criterion=None):
                  super(MyNet, self). init ()
                  self.num class = num classes
                  self.criterion = criterion
                  # we use ResNet34 for our model
                  # ResNet-34 model from "Deep Residual Learning for Image Recognition".
                  self.used net = models.resnet34(pretrained=True,progress=True)
                  # torch.nn.Conv2d(in channels, out channels, kernel size, stride=1)
                  # some cov and bn layers
                  # conv layers
                  # kernel size is 7*7, stride is 3
                  # note: 576 is 512(size of resnet34) + 64(size after applying layers in resnet34)
                  # we use 576 since we need to apply concat
                  self.conv1 = nn.Conv2d(576, 250, 7, stride=3, dilation=1)
                  #self.conv1 = nn.Conv2d(512, 250, 7, stride=3, dilation=1)
                  self.conv2 = nn.Conv2d(250, self.num_class, 1, stride=1,dilation=1)
                  # Normalization Layer
                  self.bn2d = nn.BatchNorm2d(250)
              # note both upsampling, we use bilinear mode
              def forward(self, inp, gts=None):
                  original shape = inp.shape
                  # use the resnet
                  inp = self.used net.conv1(inp)
                  inp = self.used net.bn1(inp)
                  inp = self.used net.relu(inp)
                  inp = self.used net.maxpool(inp)
                  # get the copy of inp(used later in concatention)
                  original inp = inp;
                  # get the shape of inp before applying layers (used in the first upsampling)
                  inp shape = inp.shape
                  # use the layers of used net
                  inp = self.used net.layer1(inp)
                  inp = self.used net.layer2(inp)
                  inp = self.used net.layer3(inp)
                  inp = self.used net.layer4(inp)
                  # do the first upsampling
                  # upsample so that we can apply concatention
                  upsample1 = nn.UpsamplingBilinear2d((inp shape[2],inp shape[3]))
```

```
inp = upsample1(inp)
# do concatention
inp = torch.cat((original_inp,inp),1)
# applying some layers of conv, relu and bn
inp = self.conv1(inp)
inp = F.relu(inp)
inp = self.bn2d(inp)
inp = self.conv2(inp)
inp = F.relu(inp)
# upsample for decoder using bininear interpolation
# this time, we upsample to the original size
inp = F.interpolate(inp, size = (original_shape[2], original_shape[3]),
                    mode = 'bilinear')
# update the final result
lfinal = inp
# the given code (donot modify)
if self.training:
    # Return the loss if in training mode
    return self.criterion(lfinal, gts)
else:
    # Return the actual prediction otherwise
    return lfinal
```

(b) Create UNTRAINED_NET and run on a sample image

```
In [320]: untrained_net = MyNet(21).eval()
    sample_img, sample_target = JointNormalize(*norm)(*JointToTensor()(*sample1))
    untrained_output = untrained_net.forward(sample_img[None])

fig = plt.figure(figsize=(14,10))
    ax = fig.add_subplot(1,3,1)
    plt.title('image sample')
    ax.imshow(sample1[0])
    ax = fig.add_subplot(1,3,2)
    plt.title('ground truth (target)')
    ax.imshow(sample1[1])
    ax = fig.add_subplot(1,3,3)
    plt.title('UNTRAINED_NET output/prediction')
    ax.imshow(colorize mask(torch.argmax(untrained output, dim=1).numpy()[0]))
```



(a) Implement the loss function (Cross Entropy Loss). Do not use already implemented versions of this loss function.

Feel free to use functions like F.log softmax and F.nll loss (if you want to, or you can just implement the math).

(b) Compare against the existing CrossEntropyLoss function on your sample output from your neural network.

```
In [322]: criterion = nn.CrossEntropyLoss(ignore_index=255)
    print(criterion(untrained_output, sample_target[None]))
    my_criterion = MyCrossEntropyLoss(ignore_index=255)
    print(my_criterion(untrained_output, sample_target[None]))
```

```
tensor(3.0670, grad_fn=<NllLoss2DBackward>)
tensor(3.0670, grad_fn=<NllLoss2DBackward>)
```

(a) Use standard function eval_semantic_segmentation (already imported from chainerCV) to compute "mean intersection over union" for the output of UNTRAINED_NET on sample1 (untrained_output) using the target for sample1. Read documentations for function eval_semantic_segmentation to properly set its input parameters.

```
In [323]: # Write code to propely compute 'pred' and 'gts' as arguments for function 'eval semantic segemntatio
          n'
          # note that at the begining we define img1, target1 = sample1
          #img1, target1 = sample1
          print(untrained output.shape)
          # Note class labels used in Pascal dataset:
          # 0:
                  background,
          # 1-20: aeroplane, bicycle, bird, boat, bottle, bus, car, cat, chair, cow,
                  diningtable, dog, horse, motorbike,
                  person, pottedplant, sheep, sofa, train, TV monitor
          # 255: "void", which means class for pixel is undefined
          labels = {
              0: 'background',
              1: 'aeroplane',
              2: 'bicycle',
              3: 'bird',
              4: 'boat',
              5: 'bottle',
              6: 'bus',
              7: 'cat',
              8: 'car',
              9: 'chair',
              10: 'cow',
              11: 'diningtable',
              12: 'dog',
              13: 'horse',
              14: 'motorbike',
              15: 'person',
              16: 'pottedplant',
              17: 'sheep',
              18: 'sofa',
              19: 'train',
              20: 'TV monitor',
              255: "void"
          }
          # calculate the predict labels and gt labels
          # 1. predict labels
          pred = torch.argmax(untrained output, dim=1).numpy()[0]
          # 2. qt labels
```

```
# calculate the same in Q5(c)
gts = torch.from_numpy(np.array(sample1[1].convert('P'), dtype=np.int32)).long().numpy()
gts[gts == 255] = -1
conf = eval_semantic_segmentation(pred[None], gts[None])
print("mIoU for the sample image / ground truth pair: {}".format(conf['miou']))
torch.Size([1, 21, 375, 500])
mIoU for the sample image / ground truth pair: 0.009401026708788052
```

(b) Write the validation loop.

```
In [324]: def validate(val loader, net):
              iou arr = []
              net.eval()
              val loss = 0
              with torch.no grad():
                   for i, data in enumerate(val loader):
                       inputs, masks = data
                       if USE GPU:
                           # use GPU
                           inputs = inputs.cuda()
                           masks = masks.cuda()
                           net = net.cuda()
                       else:
                           # use CPU
                           inputs = inputs.cpu()
                           masks = masks.cpu()
                           net = net.cpu()
                       # Write me
                       # same as in Classification Notebook CS484 UW.ipynb
                       output = net(inputs)
                      val loss += MyCrossEntropyLoss(ignore index=255)(output,masks)
                       preds = torch.argmax(output, dim = 1).numpy()
                       gts = torch.from numpy(np.array(masks, dtype = np.int32)).long().numpy()
                       gts[gts == 255] = -1
                       # Hint: make sure the range of values of the ground truth is what you expect
                       conf = eval semantic segmentation(preds, gts)
                       iou arr.append(conf['miou'])
               return val loss, (sum(iou arr) / len(iou arr))
```

(c) Run the validation loop for UNTRAINED_NET against the sanity validation dataset.

```
In [325]: %%time
    print("mIoU over the sanity dataset:{}".format(validate(sanity_loader, untrained_net)[1]))

mIoU over the sanity dataset:0.009401026708788052
    CPU times: user 1.08 s, sys: 122 ms, total: 1.21 s
    Wall time: 1.1 s
```

Problem 5

(a) Define an optimizer to train the given loss function.

Feel free to choose your optimizer of choice from https://pytorch.org/docs/stable/optim.html). Feel free to choose your optimizer of choice from https://pytorch.org/docs/stable/optim.html).

(b) Write the training loop to train the network.

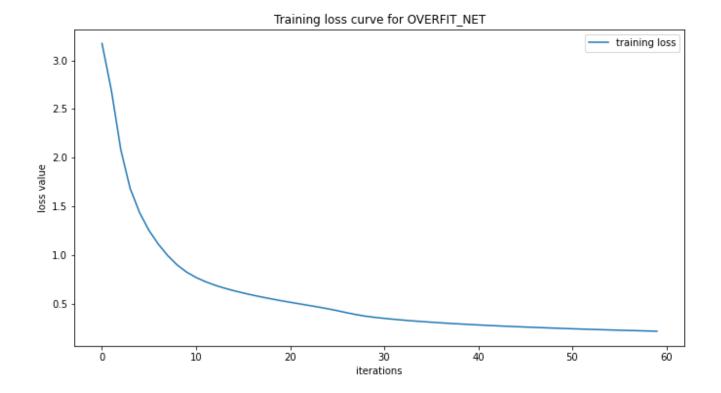
```
In [327]: | def train(train_loader, net, optimizer, loss graph):
              for i, data in enumerate(train loader):
                   inputs, masks = data
                  if USE GPU:
                       inputs = inputs.cuda()
                      net = net.cuda()
                      mask = mask.cuda()
                  # Write me
                  # same as in Classification Notebook CS484 UW.ipynb
                  optimizer.zero grad()
                  main loss = net(inputs, gts=masks)
                  loss graph.append(main loss.item())
                  main loss.backward()
                  optimizer.step()
                  # loss graph.append() Populate this list to graph the loss
              return main loss
```

(c) Create OVERFIT_NET and train it on the single image dataset.

Single image training is helpful for debugging and hyper-parameter tuning (e.g. learning rate, etc.) as it is fast even on a single CPU. In particular, you can work with a single image until your loss function is consistently decreasing during training loop and the network starts producing a reasonable output for this training image. Training on a single image also teaches about overfitting, particualrly when comparing it with more thorough forms of network training.

```
In [328]: | %%time
          %matplotlib notebook
          # The whole training on a single image (20-40 epochs) should take only a minute or two on a CPU (and
           a few seconds on GPU).
          # Below we create a (deep) copy of untrained net and train it on a single training image (leading to
           gross overfitting).
          # Later, we will create a separate (deep) copy of untrained net to be trained on full training datase
          # NOTE: Normally, one can create a new net via declaration new net = MyNet(21). But, randomization of
          weights when new nets
          # are declared that way creates *different* untrained nets. This notebook compares different versions
          of network training.
          # For this comparison to be direct and fair, it is better to train (deep) copies of the exact same un
          trained net.
          overfit net = copy.deepcopy(untrained net)
          # set loss function for the net
          overfit net.criterion = nn.CrossEntropyLoss(ignore index=255)
          # You can change the number of EPOCHS
          EPOCH = 60
          # switch to train mode (original untrained net was set to eval mode)
          overfit net.train()
          optimizer = get optimizer(overfit net)
          print("Starting Training...")
          loss graph = []
          fig = plt.figure(figsize=(12,6))
          plt.subplots adjust(bottom=0.2, right=0.85, top=0.95)
          ax = fig.add subplot(1,1,1)
          for e in range(EPOCH):
              loss = train(sanity loader, overfit net, optimizer, loss graph)
              ax.clear()
              ax.set xlabel('iterations')
              ax.set ylabel('loss value')
              ax.set title('Training loss curve for OVERFIT NET')
```

```
ax.plot(loss_graph, label='training loss')
ax.legend(loc='upper right')
fig.canvas.draw()
print("Epoch: {} Loss: {}".format(e, loss))
%matplotlib inline
```



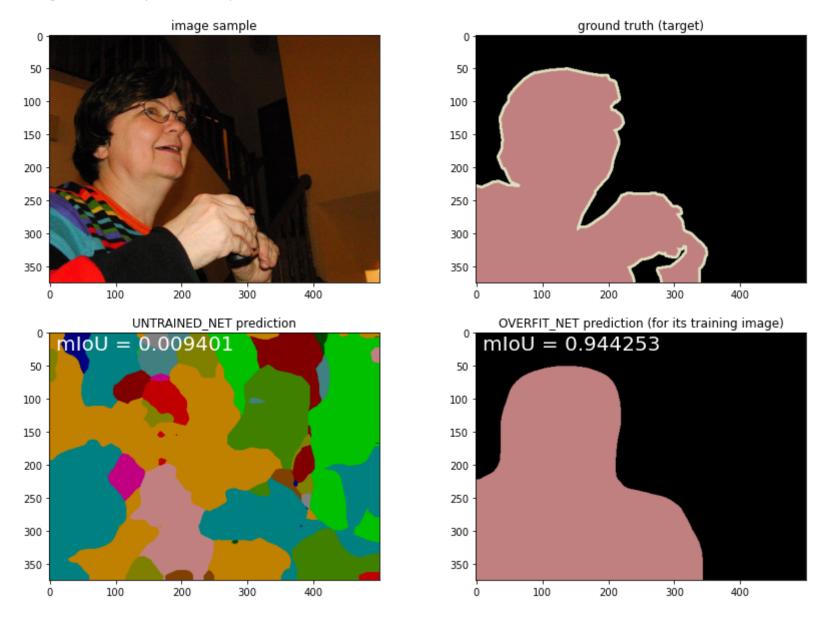
```
Epoch: 0 Loss: 3.1733756065368652
Epoch: 1 Loss: 2.6907355785369873
Epoch: 2 Loss: 2.0817627906799316
Epoch: 3 Loss: 1.6824922561645508
Epoch: 4 Loss: 1.4351547956466675
Epoch: 5 Loss: 1.2521353960037231
Epoch: 6 Loss: 1.1106537580490112
Epoch: 7 Loss: 0.9932776689529419
Epoch: 8 Loss: 0.8978433012962341
Epoch: 9 Loss: 0.8248823285102844
Epoch: 10 Loss: 0.769737184047699
Epoch: 11 Loss: 0.7267917394638062
Epoch: 12 Loss: 0.6909821629524231
Epoch: 13 Loss: 0.6608249545097351
Epoch: 14 Loss: 0.6344200968742371
Epoch: 15 Loss: 0.6107886433601379
Epoch: 16 Loss: 0.589042067527771
Epoch: 17 Loss: 0.5689800977706909
Epoch: 18 Loss: 0.5502417683601379
Epoch: 19 Loss: 0.5321215391159058
Epoch: 20 Loss: 0.5151316523551941
Epoch: 21 Loss: 0.4989590644836426
Epoch: 22 Loss: 0.4823892116546631
Epoch: 23 Loss: 0.46586501598358154
Epoch: 24 Loss: 0.44832929968833923
Epoch: 25 Loss: 0.4290023148059845
Epoch: 26 Loss: 0.40822023153305054
Epoch: 27 Loss: 0.38912713527679443
Epoch: 28 Loss: 0.37254148721694946
Epoch: 29 Loss: 0.36018481850624084
Epoch: 30 Loss: 0.3498188257217407
Epoch: 31 Loss: 0.34047365188598633
Epoch: 32 Loss: 0.3319617509841919
Epoch: 33 Loss: 0.32418569922447205
Epoch: 34 Loss: 0.31704211235046387
Epoch: 35 Loss: 0.3103388249874115
Epoch: 36 Loss: 0.3040645122528076
Epoch: 37 Loss: 0.2981868088245392
Epoch: 38 Loss: 0.29262739419937134
Epoch: 39 Loss: 0.2873102128505707
Epoch: 40 Loss: 0.28230491280555725
Epoch: 41 Loss: 0.2775735557079315
Epoch: 42 Loss: 0.27311018109321594
```

```
Epoch: 43 Loss: 0.2688719928264618
Epoch: 44 Loss: 0.26479098200798035
Epoch: 45 Loss: 0.2608250081539154
Epoch: 46 Loss: 0.2569998502731323
Epoch: 47 Loss: 0.25335195660591125
Epoch: 48 Loss: 0.24979938566684723
Epoch: 49 Loss: 0.24638037383556366
Epoch: 50 Loss: 0.24310088157653809
Epoch: 51 Loss: 0.23995885252952576
Epoch: 52 Loss: 0.23689556121826172
Epoch: 53 Loss: 0.23388046026229858
Epoch: 54 Loss: 0.2309613674879074
Epoch: 55 Loss: 0.228174090385437
Epoch: 56 Loss: 0.22547639906406403
Epoch: 57 Loss: 0.22288623452186584
Epoch: 58 Loss: 0.22036488354206085
Epoch: 59 Loss: 0.2178536057472229
CPU times: user 3min 39s, sys: 21.4 s, total: 4min
Wall time: 3min 40s
```

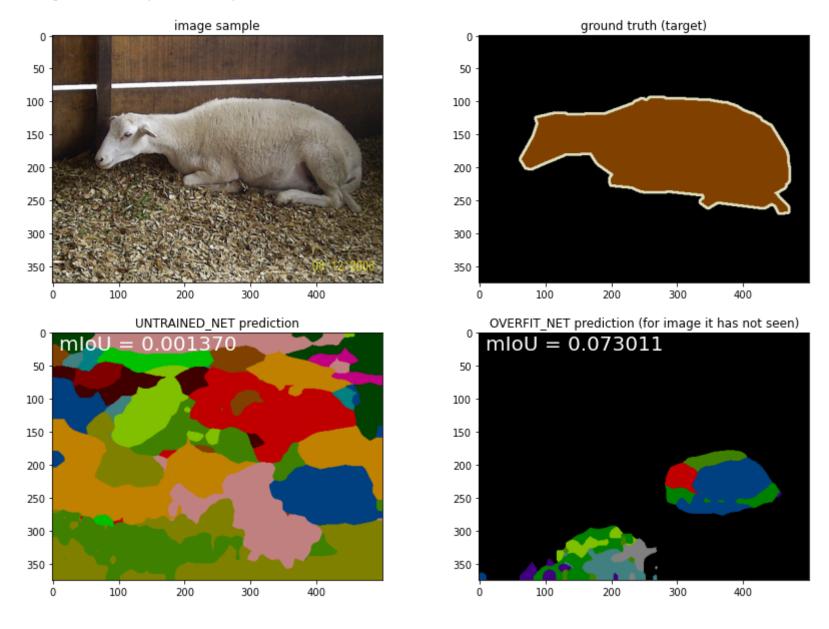
Qualitative and quantitative evaluation of predictions (untrained vs overfit nets) - fully implemented.

```
In [329]: # switch back to evaluation mode
          overfit net.eval()
          sample img, sample target = JointNormalize(*norm)(*JointToTensor()(*sample1))
          if USE GPU:
              sample img = sample img.cuda()
          sample output 0 = overfit net.forward(sample img[None])
          sample output U = untrained net.forward(sample img[None])
          # computing mIOU (quantitative measure of accuracy for network predictions)
          if USE GPU:
              pred 0 = torch.argmax(sample output 0, dim=1).cpu().numpy()[0]
              pred U = torch.argmax(sample output U, dim=1).cpu().numpy()[0]
          else:
              pred 0 = torch.argmax(sample output 0, dim=1).numpy()[0]
              pred U = torch.argmax(sample output U, dim=1).numpy()[0]
          gts = torch.from numpy(np.array(sample1[1].convert('P'), dtype=np.int32)).long().numpy()
          gts[gts == 255] = -1
          conf 0 = eval semantic segmentation(pred O[None], gts[None])
          conf U = eval semantic segmentation(pred U[None], gts[None])
          fig = plt.figure(figsize=(14,10))
          ax1 = fig.add subplot(2,2,1)
          plt.title('image sample')
          ax1.imshow(sample1[0])
          ax2 = fig.add subplot(2,2,2)
          plt.title('ground truth (target)')
          ax2.imshow(sample1[1])
          ax3 = fig.add subplot(2,2,3)
          plt.title('UNTRAINED NET prediction')
          ax3.text(10, 25, 'mIoU = {: >8.6f}'.format(conf U['miou']), fontsize=20, color='white')
          ax3.imshow(colorize mask(torch.argmax(sample output U, dim=1).cpu().numpy()[0]))
          ax4 = fig.add subplot(2,2,4)
          plt.title('OVERFIT NET prediction (for its training image)')
          ax4.text(10, 25, 'mIoU = {: >8.6f}'.format(conf 0['miou']), fontsize=20, color='white')
          ax4.imshow(colorize mask(torch.argmax(sample output O, dim=1).cpu().numpy()[0]))
```

Out[329]: <matplotlib.image.AxesImage at 0x7f901d6ccdf0>



```
In [330]: sample img, sample_target = JointNormalize(*norm)(*JointToTensor()(*sample2))
          if USE GPU:
              sample img = sample img.cuda()
          sample output 0 = overfit net.forward(sample img[None])
          sample output U = untrained_net.forward(sample_img[None])
          # computing mIOU (quantitative measure of accuracy for network predictions)
          if USE GPU:
              pred 0 = torch.argmax(sample output 0, dim=1).cpu().numpy()[0]
              pred U = torch.argmax(sample output U, dim=1).cpu().numpy()[0]
          else:
              pred 0 = torch.argmax(sample output 0, dim=1).numpy()[0]
              pred U = torch.argmax(sample output U, dim=1).numpy()[0]
          gts = torch.from numpy(np.array(sample2[1].convert('P'), dtype=np.int32)).long().numpy()
          gts[gts == 255] = -1
          conf 0 = eval semantic segmentation(pred O[None], gts[None])
          conf U = eval semantic segmentation(pred_U[None], gts[None])
          fig = plt.figure(figsize=(14,10))
          ax1 = fig.add subplot(2,2,1)
          plt.title('image sample')
          ax1.imshow(sample2[0])
          ax2 = fig.add subplot(2,2,2)
          plt.title('ground truth (target)')
          ax2.imshow(sample2[1])
          ax3 = fig.add subplot(2,2,3)
          plt.title('UNTRAINED NET prediction')
          ax3.text(10, 25, 'mIoU = {: >8.6f}'.format(conf U['miou']), fontsize=20, color='white')
          ax3.imshow(colorize mask(torch.argmax(sample output U, dim=1).cpu().numpy()[0]))
          ax4 = fig.add subplot(2,2,4)
          plt.title('OVERFIT NET prediction (for image it has not seen)')
          ax4.text(10, 25, 'mIoU = {: >8.6f}'.format(conf 0['miou']), fontsize=20, color='white')
          ax4.imshow(colorize mask(torch.argmax(sample output 0, dim=1).cpu().numpy()[0]))
```



Run the validation loop for OVERFIT_NET against the sanity dataset (an image it was trained on) - fully implemented

```
In [331]: %%time
    print("mIoU for OVERFIT_NET over its training image:{}".format(validate(sanity_loader, overfit_net)[1
    ]))

mIoU for OVERFIT_NET over its training image:0.9442527581761997
    CPU times: user 1.26 s, sys: 156 ms, total: 1.42 s
Wall time: 1.68 s
```

WARNING: For the remaining part of the assignment (below) it is advisable to switch to GPU mode as running each validation and training loop on the whole training set takes over an hour on CPU (there are several such loops below). Note that GPU mode is helpful only if you have a sufficiently good NVIDIA gpu (not older than 2-3 years) and cuda installed on your computer. If you do not have a sufficiently good graphics card available, you can still finish the remaining part in CPU mode (takes a few hours), as the cells below are mostly implemented and test your code written and debugged in the earlier parts above. You can also switch to Google Colaboratory to run the remaining parts below.

You can use validation-data experiments below to tune your hyper-parameters. Normally, validation data is used exactly for this purpose. For actual competitions, testing data is not public and you can not tune hyper-parameters on in.

(d) Evaluate UNTRAINED_NET and OVERFIT_NET on validation dataset.

Run the validation loop for UNTRAINED_NET against the validation dataset:

```
In [332]: %%time
# This will be slow on CPU (around 1 hour or more). On GPU it should take only a few minutes (depending on your GPU).
print("mIoU for UNTRAINED_NET over the entire dataset:{}".format(validate(val_loader, untrained_net)[
1]))

mIoU for UNTRAINED_NET over the entire dataset:0.0027920566160010477
    CPU times: user 25min 30s, sys: 3min, total: 28min 31s
Wall time: 26min 54s
```

Run the validation loop for OVERFIT_NET against the validation dataset (it has not seen):

```
In [333]:  # This will be slow on CPU (around 1 hour or more). On GPU it should take only a few minutes (depending on your GPU).

print("mIoU for OVERFIT_NET over the validation dataset:{}".format(validate(val_loader, overfit_net)[1]))

mIoU for OVERFIT_NET over the validation dataset:0.08192394698794468

CPU times: user 24min 47s, sys: 2min 51s, total: 27min 38s

Wall time: 25min 13s
```

(e) Explain in a few sentences the quantitative results observed in (c) and (d):

Student answer:\ Part(C):\ For untrained net, since we do not train the net, the mloU for both image1 and image2 are very low\ For overfit net, since we train this net completely on image1, we can notice that the mloU for image one fits very well. Also, since we train this net on image1, the mloU for image2 does not fit well

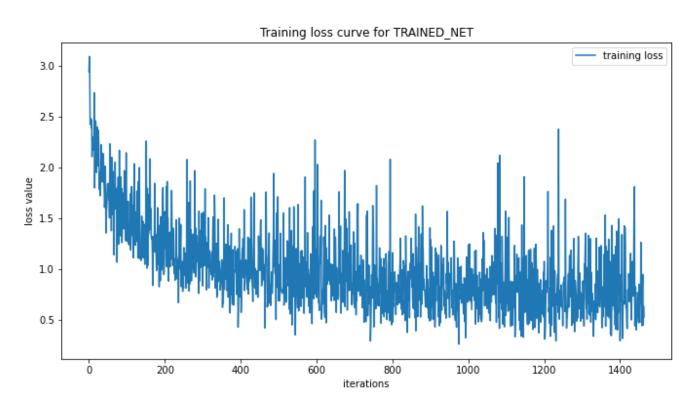
Part(D):\ For untrained net, since we do not do any training, the mloU over entire dataset is very low.\ For overfit net, since we only train it on image1, it only fit well on image one. This lead to the result that the mloU for overfit net cannot behave well on the data it has not seen.

(f) Create TRAINED_NET and train it on the full training dataset:

```
In [334]: | %%time
          %matplotlib notebook
          # This training will be very slow on a CPU (>1hour per epoch). Ideally, this should be run in GPU mod
          e (USE GPU=True)
          # taking only a few minutes per epoch (depending on your GPU and batch size). Thus, before proceeding
          with this excercise,
          # it is highly advisable that you first finish debugging your net code. In particular, make sure that
          OVERFIT NET behaves
          # reasonably, e.g. its loss monotonically decreases during training and its output is OK (for the ima
          ge it was trained on).
          # Below we create another (deep) copy of untrained net. Unlike OVERFIT NET it will be trained on a fu
          11 training dataset.
          trained net = copy.deepcopy(untrained net)
          # set loss function for the net
          trained net.criterion = nn.CrossEntropyLoss(ignore_index=255)
          # You can change the number of EPOCHS below. Since each epoch for TRAINED NET iterates over all train
          ing dataset images,
          # the number of required epochs could be smaller compared to OFERFIT NET where each epoch iterates ov
          er one-image-dataset)
          EPOCH = 4
          # switch to train mode (original untrained net was set to eval mode)
          trained net.train()
          optimizer = get optimizer(trained net)
          print("Starting Training...")
          loss graph = []
          fig = plt.figure(figsize=(12,6))
          plt.subplots adjust(bottom=0.2, right=0.85, top=0.95)
          ax = fig.add subplot(1,1,1)
          for e in range(EPOCH):
              loss = train(train loader, trained net, optimizer, loss graph)
              ax.clear()
              ax.set xlabel('iterations')
```

```
ax.set_ylabel('loss value')
ax.set_title('Training loss curve for TRAINED_NET')
ax.plot(loss_graph, label='training loss')
ax.legend(loc='upper right')
fig.canvas.draw()
print("Epoch: {} Loss: {}".format(e, loss))
%matplotlib inline
```

Starting Training...



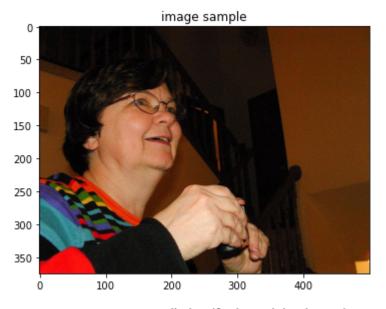
Epoch: 0 Loss: 0.806950569152832 Epoch: 1 Loss: 1.0074036121368408 Epoch: 2 Loss: 0.9855901002883911 Epoch: 3 Loss: 0.529554545879364

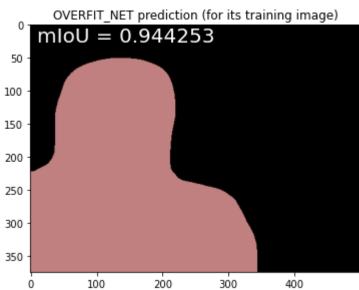
CPU times: user 2h 31min 6s, sys: 13min 19s, total: 2h 44min 25s

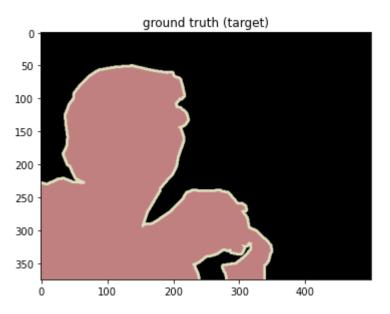
Wall time: 4h 47min 31s

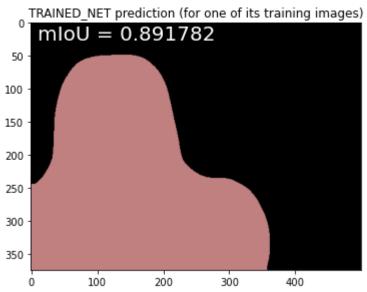
Qualitative and quantitative evaluation of predictions (OVERFIT_NET vs TRAINED_NET):	

```
In [335]: # switch back to evaluation mode
          trained net.eval()
          sample img, sample target = JointNormalize(*norm)(*JointToTensor()(*sample1))
          if USE GPU:
              sample img = sample img.cuda()
          sample output 0 = overfit net.forward(sample img[None])
          sample output T = trained net.forward(sample img[None])
          # computing mIOU (quantitative measure of accuracy for network predictions)
          pred T = torch.argmax(sample output T, dim=1).cpu().numpy()[0]
          pred 0 = torch.argmax(sample output 0, dim=1).cpu().numpy()[0]
          gts = torch.from_numpy(np.array(sample1[1].convert('P'), dtype=np.int32)).long().numpy()
          gts[gts == 255] = -1
          conf T = eval semantic segmentation(pred T[None], gts[None])
          conf 0 = eval semantic segmentation(pred 0[None], gts[None])
          fig = plt.figure(figsize=(14,10))
          ax1 = fig.add subplot(2,2,1)
          plt.title('image sample')
          ax1.imshow(sample1[0])
          ax2 = fig.add subplot(2,2,2)
          plt.title('ground truth (target)')
          ax2.imshow(sample1[1])
          ax3 = fig.add subplot(2,2,3)
          plt.title('OVERFIT NET prediction (for its training image)')
          ax3.text(10, 25, 'mIoU = {: >8.6f}'.format(conf 0['miou']), fontsize=20, color='white')
          ax3.imshow(colorize mask(torch.argmax(sample output O, dim=1).cpu().numpy()[0]))
          ax4 = fig.add subplot(2,2,4)
          plt.title('TRAINED NET prediction (for one of its training images)')
          ax4.text(10, 25, 'mIoU = {: >8.6f}'.format(conf T['miou']), fontsize=20, color='white')
          ax4.imshow(colorize mask(torch.argmax(sample output T, dim=1).cpu().numpy()[0]))
```

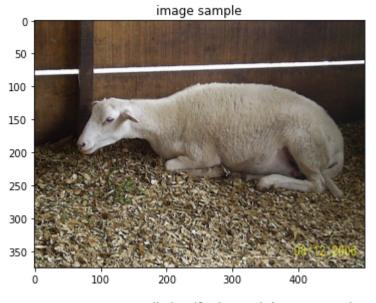


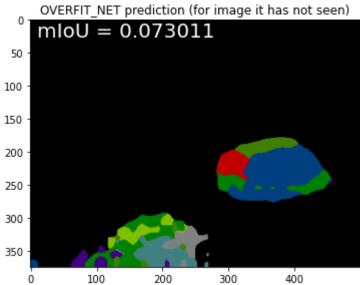


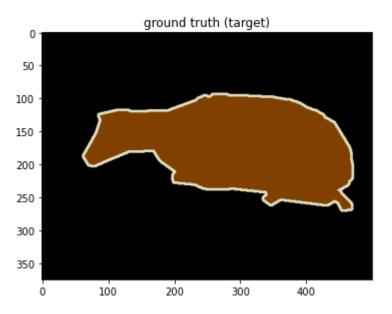


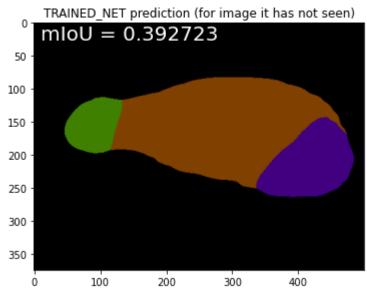


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In [336]: sample img, sample_target = JointNormalize(*norm)(*JointToTensor()(*sample2))
          if USE GPU:
              sample img = sample img.cuda()
          sample output 0 = overfit net.forward(sample img[None])
          sample output T = trained net.forward(sample img[None])
          # computing mIOU (quantitative measure of accuracy for network predictions)
          pred 0 = torch.argmax(sample output 0, dim=1).cpu().numpy()[0]
          pred T = torch.argmax(sample output T, dim=1).cpu().numpy()[0]
          gts = torch.from numpy(np.array(sample2[1].convert('P'), dtype=np.int32)).long().numpy()
          gts[gts == 255] = -1
          conf 0 = eval semantic segmentation(pred O[None], gts[None])
          conf T = eval semantic segmentation(pred T[None], gts[None])
          fig = plt.figure(figsize=(14,10))
          ax1 = fig.add subplot(2,2,1)
          plt.title('image sample')
          ax1.imshow(sample2[0])
          ax2 = fig.add subplot(2,2,2)
          plt.title('ground truth (target)')
          ax2.imshow(sample2[1])
          ax3 = fig.add subplot(2,2,3)
          plt.title('OVERFIT NET prediction (for image it has not seen)')
          ax3.text(10, 25, 'mIoU = {: >8.6f}'.format(conf 0['miou']), fontsize=20, color='white')
          ax3.imshow(colorize mask(torch.argmax(sample output 0, dim=1).cpu().numpy()[0]))
          ax4 = fig.add subplot(2,2,4)
          plt.title('TRAINED NET prediction (for image it has not seen)')
          ax4.text(10, 25, 'mIoU = {: >8.6f}'.format(conf T['miou']), fontsize=20, color='white')
          ax4.imshow(colorize mask(torch.argmax(sample output T, dim=1).cpu().numpy()[0]))
```









(h) Evaluate TRAINED_NET on validation dataset.

Run the validation loop for TRAINED_NET against the validation dataset (it has not seen):

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In [337]: %%time

# This will be slow on CPU (around 1 hour). On GPU it should take only a few minutes (depending on yo ur GPU).

print("mIoU for TRAINED_NET over the validation dataset:{}".format(validate(val_loader, trained_net)[
1]))

mIoU for TRAINED_NET over the validation dataset:0.49457657380386366

CPU times: user 24min 46s, sys: 2min 53s, total: 27min 39s

Wall time: 44min 22s
```

Problem 6

For the network that you implemented, write a paragraph or two about limitations / bottlenecks about the work. What could be improved? What seems to be some obvious issues with the existing works?

The limitation is the parameters. We use the parameters of kernel size and sampling rate in paper "DeepLab: Semantic Image Segmentation with Deep Convolutional Nets, Atrous Convolution, and Fully Connected CRFs". The model used in this paper is VGG-16, but we use model resnet-34. The parameters works ok, but may not make the best performance.\ The obvious issue is that the resnet model we use requires a long time for training, which makes it practically infeasible for some applications.