Semantic Segmentation for Self-Driving Cars using U-net.

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Abstract

Self-driving cars are composed of three navigation subsystems: finding lanes, understanding the city landscape, and geographic positioning. This project introduces the semantic segmentation technology for understanding urban scenes that has a variety of implementation methods in recent years and proposes a new method for fast and accurate semantic segmentation. The architecture of the model was developed using Unet. This method of implementation provides an accuracy of about 99.42%.[1]

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Introduction

The purpose of this project is to develop a model with the highest semantic segmentation accuracy for autonomous vehicles. The data set we used contains data images and labeled semantic segments from CARLA, a self-driving car simulator. Udacity Challenge. This data set can be used to train machine learning algorithms to determine the semantic segmentation of cars, roads, etc. in images. The data contains 5 groups of 1000 images and corresponding labels. The data set contains RGB sets and corresponding semantic segments. ... This data set is trained in our model based on the Unet architecture. Over the years, several deep neural network architectures for semantic segmentation have been discovered, but in addition to efficiency, running time is the most important factor. Emphasize that real-time performance is often required because semantic markup is usually only used as a preliminary step for other time-sensitive tasks. With this in mind, we decided to adopt the UNet architecture.[2]

Literature Review

Semantic segmentation, also known as pixel-based classification, is an important task. We assign each pixel in the image to a specific class. In GIS, segmentation can be used to classify land cover or extract streets or buildings from satellite imagery. The purpose of semantic segmentation is the same as that of traditional remote sensing image classification, which is usually achieved by traditional machine learning methods such as random forest and maximum likelihood classifier. Like image classification, semantic segmentation has two inputs: a bitmap containing multiple bands and a label image containing a label for each pixel.

Unet was invented and first used for biomedical image segmentation. Its architecture can be broadly seen as an encoder network and then a decoder network. Compared with classification, the bottom line of the deep

web is the only important thing. Semantic segmentation requires not only pixel-level differentiation, but also a mechanism to project the differentiation obtained at different stages of the encoder into the pixel space. The encoder is the first half in the architecture diagram (Figure 2). It usually is a pre-trained classification network like VGG/ ResNet where you apply convolution blocks followed by a max-pool down-sampling to encode the input image into feature representations at multiple different levels.[3]

• The decoder is the second half of the architecture. The purpose is to semantically project the discriminative parameters (lowest resolution) learned from the internal encoder (highest resolution) to facilitate dense classification. Regular folding operation.

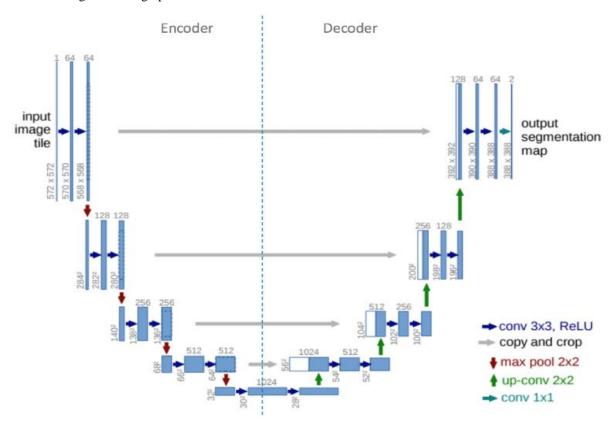


Figure 2. U-net architecture. Blue boxes represent multi-channel feature maps, while boxes represent copied feature maps. The arrows of different colors represent different operations.

Up-Sampling on CNN may be new to those familiar with object detection and classification architectures, but the idea is very simple. Intuition tells us that we want to restore the compressed feature map to the original size of the input image, thereby increasing the size of the object. Up-sampling is also called transposed convolution, bottom-up convolution, or deconvolution. There are several forms of higher sampling, such as B. nearest neighbor, bilinear interpolation, and convolution from the simplest to the most complex. More information can be found in the "Guide to Deep Learning Convolution Arithmetic" mentioned at the beginning.

In particular, we want to enlarge it to the same size as the corresponding link block on the left. You can see the gray and green arrows where we merge the two function cards. The main contribution of UNet in this regard is that when we up-sample the network, we also combine the higher resolution feature map of the encoder network with the up-sampling function to better understand the representation based on the following convolution. Since up-sampling rarely occurs, we need a good preview of the previous steps to better represent the position.

Therefore, unlike classification, the only important point is the final result of a very deep network. Semantic segmentation requires not only pixel-level differentiation, but also a mechanism for projecting the salient features obtained at different levels of the encoder. Pixel space.[4]

Building and Training the Model and Testing Accuracy

Data Preprocessing

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In [10]: image paths = []
         imseg_paths = []
         for x in ['dataA', 'dataB', 'dataC', 'dataD', 'dataE']:
             image_path_dir = 'content/' + x + '/' + x + '/' + 'CameraRGB'
imseg_path_dir = 'content/' + x + '/' + x + '/' + 'CameraSeg'
             for dirname, , filenames in os.walk(image path dir):
                 for filename in filenames:
                     image_path = image_path_dir + '/' + filename
                     image paths.append(image path)
                     imseg_path = imseg_path_dir + '/' + filename
                     imseg_paths.append(imseg_path)
         num images = len(image paths)
         print("Total number of images = ", num images)
         Total number of images = 5000
In [11]: def read image(path):
           image = cv2.imread(path)
             image = image_resize(image)
            return np.arrav(image)
         def read imseg(path):
            imseg = np.array(cv2.imread(path))
            imseg = image resize(imseg)
            imseg = np.array([max(imseg[i, j]) for i in range(imseg.shape[0]) for j in range(imseg.shape[1])]).reshape(imseg.shape[0], imseg.
         shape[1])
            return imseq
         def image_resize(image):
            height, width = (224, 224)
            return np.array(cv2.resize(image, (width, height), cv2.INTER_AREA))
         def imseg2roadseg(imseg):
            height, width = imseg.shape
             imseg_road = np.zeros((height, width, 1), dtype=np.int8)
             imseg road[np.where(imseg==7)[0], np.where(imseg==7)[1]] = 1
             return np.array(imseg_road)
         def pipeline(X_path, y_path):
             image BGR = read image(X path)
             imseg = read imseg(y path)
             imseg_road = imseg2roadseg(imseg)
             return image_BGR, imseg_road
In [12]: def read data(image paths, imseq paths):
            height, width = (224, 224)
             images = np.zeros((len(image_paths), height, width, 3), dtype=np.int16)
             imsegs_road = np.zeros((len(image_paths), height, width, 1), dtype=np.int8)
             for index in tqdm(range(len(image_paths))):
                X path, y path = image paths[index], imseg paths[index]
                 images[index], imsegs_road[index] = pipeline(X_path, y_path)
             return images, imsegs_road
         X, y = read_data(image_paths,imseg_paths)
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Sample Image Visualization

Training images = 3825 Validation images= 675 Test images = 500

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In [13]: from random import randint
            index = randint(0,len(image_paths))
            height, width = (224, 224)
            segment = 7
           image = read_image(image_paths[index])
imseg = read_imseg(imseg_paths[index])
imseg_road = imseg2roadseg(imseg)
           print(image.shape)
           print(imseg.shape)
           print(imseg_road.shape)
            fig, axes = plt.subplots(1, 3, figsize=(30,20))
            axes[0].imshow(image)
            axes[0].set_title('RGB Image')
axes[1].imshow(imseg)
            axes[1].set_title('Segmented image')
            axes[2].imshow(imseg road.reshape(height,width))
            axes[2].set_title('Segmented road image')
            (224, 224, 3)
            (224, 224)
            (224, 224, 1)
Out[13]: Text(0.5, 1.0, 'Segmented road image')
In [14]: from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split
            X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(X, y, test_size=0.1, shuffle =True, random_state=42)
X_train, X_val, y_train, y_val = train_test_split(X_train, y_train, test_size=0.15, shuffle =True, random_state=42)
            print("Training images = ", len(X\_train), "Validation images = ", len(X\_val), "Test images = ", len(X\_test))
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Implementation of Unet, using Keras

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In [15]: from tensorflow.keras.models import Model, load_model
          from tensorflow.keras.layers import Input
          from tensorflow.keras.layers import Dropout, Lambda
          from tensorflow.keras.layers import Conv2D, Conv2DTranspose, BatchNormalization
          from tensorflow.keras.layers import MaxPooling2D
          from tensorflow.keras.layers import concatenate
          from tensorflow.keras.callbacks import EarlyStopping, ModelCheckpoint
          from tensorflow.keras import backend as K
In [16]: def encoder_block(input, filters):
            c = Conv2D(filters, (3, 3), activation='relu', kernel_initializer='he_normal', padding='same') (input)
c = BatchNormalization()(c)
            c = Dropout(0.1) (c)
            c = Conv2D(filters, (3, 3), activation='relu', kernel_initializer='he_normal', padding='same') (c)
            c = BatchNormalization()(c)
            p = MaxPooling2D((2, 2)) (c)
            return p, c
In [17]: def bridge_block(input, filters):
            c = Conv2D(filters, (3, 3), activation='relu', kernel_initializer='he_normal', padding='same') (input)
c = BatchNormalization()(c)
            c = Dropout(0.3) (c)
            c = Conv2D(filters, (3, 3), activation='relu', kernel_initializer='he_normal', padding='same') (c)
            c = BatchNormalization()(c)
            return c
In [18]: def decoder_block(input, filters, skip_features):
            u = Conv2DTranspose(filters/2, (2, 2), strides=(2, 2), padding='same') (input)
            u = concatenate([u, skip_features])
c = Conv2D(filters, (3, 3), activation='relu', kernel_initializer='he_normal', padding='same') (u)
c = BatchNormalization()(c)
            c = Dropout(0.2) (c)
            c = Conv2D(filters, (3, 3), activation='relu', kernel_initializer='he_normal', padding='same') (c)
            c = BatchNormalization()(c)
            return c
In [19]: # Build U-Net model
          def unet_model(image_shape):
  inputs = Input((image_shape))
  s = Lambda(lambda x: x / 255) (inputs)
             # Encoder
            p1, c1 = encoder_block(s, 32)
p2, c2 = encoder_block(p1, 64)
            p3, c3 = encoder_block(p2, 128)
            p4, c4 = encoder_block(p3, 256)
             # Bridge
            c5 = bridge_block(p4, 512)
             # Decoder
            c6 = decoder_block(c5, 256, c4)
c7 = decoder_block(c6, 128, c3)
            c8 = decoder_block(c7, 64, c2)
            c9 = decoder_block(c8, 32, c1)
            outputs = Conv2D(1, (1, 1), activation='sigmoid') (c9)
            model = Model(inputs=[inputs], outputs=[outputs])
            return model
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In [20]: from tensorflow.keras.models import Model
    image shape = (224, 224, 3)
    num_classes = 1
    model = unet_model(image_shape)

#compile the model
model.compile(optimizer='Adam', loss='binary_crossentropy', metrics=['accuracy'])
model.summary()
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Model: "model"

Layer (type)	Output Shape	Param #	Connected to
input_1 (InputLayer)	[(None, 224, 224, 3)	0	
lambda (Lambda)	(None, 224, 224, 3)	0	input_1[0][0]
conv2d (Conv2D)	(None, 224, 224, 32)	896	lambda[0][0]
batch_normalization (BatchNorma	(None, 224, 224, 32)	128	conv2d[0][0]
dropout (Dropout)	(None, 224, 224, 32)	0	batch_normalization[0][0]
conv2d_1 (Conv2D)	(None, 224, 224, 32)	9248	dropout[0][0]
batch_normalization_1 (BatchNor	(None, 224, 224, 32)	128	conv2d_1[0][0]
max_pooling2d (MaxPooling2D)	(None, 112, 112, 32)	0	batch_normalization_1[0][0]
conv2d_2 (Conv2D)	(None, 112, 112, 64)	18496	max_pooling2d[0][0]
batch_normalization_2 (BatchNor	(None, 112, 112, 64)	256	conv2d_2[0][0]
dropout_1 (Dropout)	(None, 112, 112, 64)	0	batch_normalization_2[0][0]
conv2d_3 (Conv2D)	(None, 112, 112, 64)	36928	dropout_1[0][0]
batch_normalization_3 (BatchNor	(None, 112, 112, 64)	256	conv2d_3[0][0]
max_pooling2d_1 (MaxPooling2D)	(None, 56, 56, 64)	0	batch_normalization_3[0][0]
conv2d_4 (Conv2D)	(None, 56, 56, 128)	73856	max_pooling2d_1[0][0]
batch_normalization_4 (BatchNor	(None, 56, 56, 128)	512	conv2d_4[0][0]
dropout_2 (Dropout)	(None, 56, 56, 128)	0	batch_normalization_4[0][0]
conv2d_5 (Conv2D)	(None, 56, 56, 128)	147584	dropout_2[0][0]
batch_normalization_5 (BatchNor	(None, 56, 56, 128)	512	conv2d_5[0][0]
max_pooling2d_2 (MaxPooling2D)	(None, 28, 28, 128)	0	batch_normalization_5[0][0]
conv2d_6 (Conv2D)	(None, 28, 28, 256)	295168	max_pooling2d_2[0][0]
batch_normalization_6 (BatchNor	(None, 28, 28, 256)	1024	conv2d_6[0][0]

dropout_3 (Dropout)	(None, 28, 28, 256)	0	batch_normalization_6[0][0]
conv2d_7 (Conv2D)	(None, 28, 28, 256)	590080	dropout_3[0][0]
batch_normalization_7 (BatchNor	(None, 28, 28, 256)	1024	conv2d_7[0][0]
max_pooling2d_3 (MaxPooling2D)	(None, 14, 14, 256)	0	batch_normalization_7[0][0]
conv2d_8 (Conv2D)	(None, 14, 14, 512)	1180160	max_pooling2d_3[0][0]
batch_normalization_8 (BatchNor	(None, 14, 14, 512)	2048	conv2d_8[0][0]
dropout_4 (Dropout)	(None, 14, 14, 512)	0	batch_normalization_8[0][0]
conv2d_9 (Conv2D)	(None, 14, 14, 512)	2359808	dropout_4[0][0]
batch_normalization_9 (BatchNor	(None, 14, 14, 512)	2048	conv2d_9[0][0]
conv2d_transpose (Conv2DTranspo	(None, 28, 28, 128)	262272	batch_normalization_9[0][0]
concatenate (Concatenate)	(None, 28, 28, 384)	0	conv2d_transpose[0][0]
conv2d 10 (Conv2D)	(None, 28, 28, 256)	994002	batch_normalization_7[0][0]
			concatenate[0][0]
batch_normalization_10 (BatchNo		1024	conv2d_10[0][0]
dropout_5 (Dropout)	(None, 28, 28, 256)	0	batch_normalization_10[0][0]
conv2d_11 (Conv2D)	(None, 28, 28, 256)	590080	dropout_5[0][0]
batch_normalization_11 (BatchNo	(None, 28, 28, 256)	1024	conv2d_11[0][0]
conv2d_transpose_1 (Conv2DTrans	(None, 56, 56, 64)	65600	batch_normalization_11[0][0]
concatenate_1 (Concatenate)	(None, 56, 56, 192)	0	conv2d_transpose_1[0][0] batch_normalization_5[0][0]
conv2d_12 (Conv2D)	(None, 56, 56, 128)	221312	concatenate_1[0][0]
batch_normalization_12 (BatchNo	(None, 56, 56, 128)	512	conv2d_12[0][0]
dropout_6 (Dropout)	(None, 56, 56, 128)	0	batch_normalization_12[0][0]
conv2d_13 (Conv2D)	(None, 56, 56, 128)	147584	dropout_6[0][0]
batch_normalization_13 (BatchNo	(None, 56, 56, 128)	512	conv2d_13[0][0]
conv2d_transpose_2 (Conv2DTrans	(None, 112, 112, 32)	16416	batch_normalization_13[0][0]
concatenate_2 (Concatenate)	(None, 112, 112, 96)	0	conv2d_transpose_2[0][0] batch_normalization_3[0][0]
conv2d_14 (Conv2D)	(None, 112, 112, 64)	55360	concatenate_2[0][0]
batch_normalization_14 (BatchNo	(None, 112, 112, 64)	256	conv2d_14[0][0]
dropout_7 (Dropout)	(None, 112, 112, 64)	0	batch_normalization_14[0][0]
conv2d_15 (Conv2D)	(None, 112, 112, 64)	36928	dropout_7[0][0]
batch_normalization_15 (BatchNo	(None, 112, 112, 64)	256	conv2d_15[0][0]
conv2d_transpose_3 (Conv2DTrans	(None, 224, 224, 16)	4112	batch_normalization_15[0][0]
concatenate_3 (Concatenate)	(None, 224, 224, 48)	0	conv2d_transpose_3[0][0] batch_normalization_1[0][0]
conv2d_16 (Conv2D)	(None, 224, 224, 32)	13856	concatenate_3[0][0]
batch_normalization_16 (BatchNo	(None, 224, 224, 32)	128	conv2d_16[0][0]
dropout_8 (Dropout)	(None, 224, 224, 32)	0	batch_normalization_16[0][0]
conv2d_17 (Conv2D)	(None, 224, 224, 32)	9248	dropout_8[0][0]
batch_normalization_17 (BatchNo	(None, 224, 224, 32)	128	conv2d_17[0][0]
conv2d_18 (Conv2D)	(None, 224, 224, 1)		batch_normalization_17[0][0]
Total params: 7,031,793		=======	
Trainable params: 7,031,793			

Total params: 7,031,793 Trainable params: 7,025,905 Non-trainable params: 5,888

Training Unet Model

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In [22]: results = model.fit(x=X_train, y=y_train, validation_split=0.1, batch_size=16, epochs=50, verbose=1, callbacks=[earlystopper, checkpo
    Epoch 00001: val_loss improved from inf to 2.81176, saving model to unet_model_road_seg_checkpoint.h5
    Epoch 00002: val_loss improved from 2.81176 to 0.05374, saving model to unet_model_road_seg_checkpoint.h5
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          Epoch 00003: val_loss did not improve from 0.05374
          Epoch 00004: val_loss improved from 0.05374 to 0.02798, saving model to unet_model_road_seg_checkpoint.h5
    Epoch 00005: val_loss improved from 0.02798 to 0.02562, saving model to unet_model_road_seg_checkpoint.h5
    Epoch 00006: val_loss did not improve from 0.02562
    Epoch 00007: val_loss improved from 0.02562 to 0.02327, saving model to unet_model_road_seg_checkpoint.h5
    Epoch 00008: val loss improved from 0.02327 to 0.02279, saving model to unet model road seg_checkpoint.h5
    Epoch 00009: val_loss improved from 0.02279 to 0.02220, saving model to unet_model_road_seg_checkpoint.h5
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    Epoch 00010: val_loss improved from 0.02220 to 0.02126, saving model to unet_model_road_seg_checkpoint.h5
    Epoch 00011: val_loss improved from 0.02126 to 0.02061, saving model to unet_model_road_seg_checkpoint.h5
    Epoch 00012: val_loss improved from 0.02061 to 0.02021, saving model to unet_model_road_seg_checkpoint.h5
    Epoch 00013: val loss improved from 0.02021 to 0.01985, saving model to unet model road seg checkpoint.h5
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    Epoch 00014: val_loss did not improve from 0.01985
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    Epoch 00015: val_loss did not improve from 0.01985
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    Epoch 00016: val_loss did not improve from 0.01985
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    Epoch 00017: val_loss did not improve from 0.01985
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    Epoch 00018: val_loss did not improve from 0.01985
Epoch 00018: early stopping
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Visualizing Training Results

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In [23]: plt.figure(figsize=(15,5))
             plt.subplot(1,2,1)
             plt.plot(results.history['accuracy'], 'o-', label='train accuracy')
plt.plot(results.history['val_accuracy'], 'o-', label = 'validation accuracy')
             plt.ylabel('Accuracy')
             plt.grid(True)
             plt.legend(loc='lower right')
             plt.subplot(1,2,2)
             plt.plot(results.history['loss'], 'o-', label='train loss')
plt.plot(results.history['val_loss'], 'o-', label='validation loss')
             plt.xlabel('Epoch')
plt.ylabel('Loss')
             plt.grid(True)
             plt.legend(loc='upper right')
             plt.show()
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Testing Unet Model

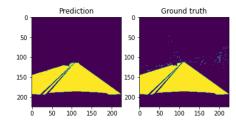
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In [24]: score = model.evaluate(X_test, y_test, verbose=2, batch_size=16)
32/32 - 3s - loss: 0.0214 - accuracy: 0.9942
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Predicting An Image

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In [25]: NUMBER = 0

X_test_cast = X_test.astype(float)
y_pred = model.predict(X_test_cast, batch_size=16)
my_preds = y_pred[0].flatten()
my_preds = np.array([1 if i >= 0.5 else 0 for i in my_preds])
fig, ax = plt.subplots(nrows=1, ncols=2)
ax[0].imshow(my_preds.reshape(224, 224))
ax[0].set_title('Prediction')
ax[1].imshow(y_test[NUMBER].reshape(224, 224))
ax[1].set_title('Ground truth')
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Out[25]: Text(0.5, 1.0, 'Ground truth')



Discussion

The sensitivity of the project is necessary to have good concomitant precision and precision and high fps. However, since this project has not been applied for a period of time and completely relies on the static data set available on the Internet, the model achieved an accuracy of 99.42%, a loss of 2.14%. This shows that the model is economical, which is needed for this type of work. [5]

Conclusion

In summary, it should be noted that the model we created can be considered valid and implemented in a real-time scene for segmentation. The accuracy rate is very high, which is a good indicator, it will not deteriorate too much in real-time scenes. In fact, this project can be considered successful and effective.

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