# IMAGE SEGMENTATION BY SUPERPIXELS

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## Abstract:

In this paper, we study different options to improve the performance of a deep learning convolutional neural network

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# 1 Introduction

# 1.1 Segmentation

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Figure 1: An image and its segmented image

### Motivation

# 1.2 Superpixels

What it is piche

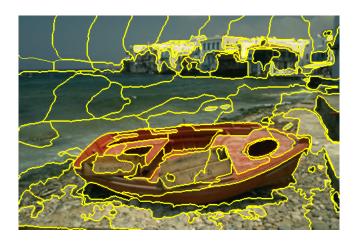


Figure 2: Partition d'une image en superpixels

**Applications & Motivation** démarrer une segmentation fournir un support sur lequel faire de la classification (couleur/texture moyenne, etc)

# 1.3 Ce qu'est une bonne superpixelsegmentation

### 1.3.1 Metrics

cf article https://arxiv.org/pdf/1612.01601.pdf let  $S=S_{j_{j=1}}^{K}$  and  $G=G_{i}$  be partitions of the same image  $I:x_{n}\mapsto I(x_{n}),\ 1\leq n\leq N$  S is a segmented image G is the ground truth

**Boundary Recall** - most commonly used metric to assess boundary adherence. - Let TP(G, S) be the number of true positive boundary pixels and FN(G, S) be the number of false negative boundary pixels in the segmented image S.

$$Rec(G, S) = \frac{TP(G, S)}{TP(G, S) + FN(G, S)}$$

#### **Undersegmentation Error**

Compactness - evaluates the compactness of the superpixels.

$$CO(G, S) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{S_j} |S_j| \frac{4\pi A(S_j)}{P(S_j)}$$

- the CO operator computes how close the area  $A(S_j)$  of each superpixel  $S_j$  is from a circle with same perimeter  $P(S_j)$ .

#### 1.3.2 Autres algorithmes

#### SLIC

metrics Here are the previously defined metrics of some well-known superpixel segmentation algorithms.

Algorithm	BR	UE	СО
SLIC			
Reference			

**Table 1:** Metrics for different superpixel segmentation algorithms

We use the ?? alorithm as a reference to evaluate the performances of our model.

### 1.4 Motivations/ambitions

Difficultés que l'on cherche à résoudre

Pas de vraie approche DL pour segmentation avec superpixels

Ambitions améliorer les métriques

# 2 Dataset generation

## 2.1 COCO dataset

#### 2.1.1 The COCO dataset

COCO dataset

## 2.1.2 Characteristics

max, min pixels, etc graphes pour décrire les données

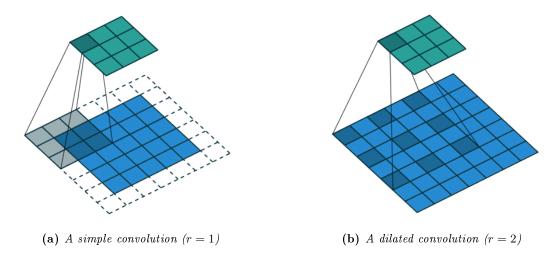


Figure 3: Illustration of two types of convolutions

#### 2.2 Eikonal

### 2.3 Notre utilisation de eikonal

en plus réutilisé derrière sur image qui sort du réseau faire un petit résumé

# 3 The model

## 3.1 Approach

description générale de l'approche (NN puis eikonal)

## 3.2 Network architecture

### 3.2.1 Layers definitions

**Dilated convolution** We consider a layer  $L = (L_j)_{j \in [\![1,w]\!]}$ , w being the number of feature maps  $L_j$  of L. We also consider  $K = (K_{i,j})_{i,j}$ , each  $K_{i,j}$  being a  $3 \times 3$  convolutional kernel. The dilated convolution operation of  $K_{i,j}$  on  $L_j$  is denoted by  $L_j *_r K_{i,j}$ , r being the dilation parameter. The output C(x) of a pixel x is:

$$C(x) := (L_j *_r K_{i,j})(x)$$

$$= \sum_{a+rb=x} L_j(a) K_{i,j}(b)$$

$$= \sum_b L_j(x-rb) K_{i,j}(b)$$

and we recognize the simple convolution when r=1.

A dilated convolution enables the network getting larger receptive fields while preserving the input resolution  $^{1}$ 

 $<sup>^{1}</sup>$  ref?

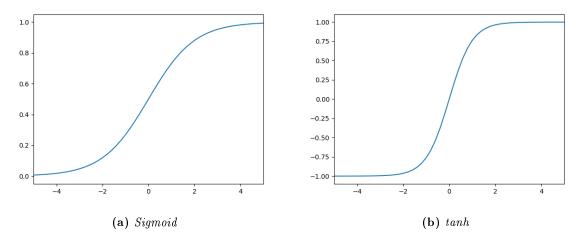


Figure 4: Illustration of two bounded rectifiers

Adaptative Batch Normalization (ABN) As we have seen in (2.1.2), page 4, we need to normalize the data. We define the adaptative normalization function  $\Psi$  as:

$$\Psi(x) = a \ x + b \ BN(x),$$

where BN is the classic batch normalization<sup>2</sup>, defined as:

$$BN(x) = \frac{x - E[x]}{\sqrt{Var[x] + \epsilon}} * \gamma + \beta.$$

As such,  $\Psi$  combines identity mapping and batch normalization. a, b,  $\gamma$  and  $\beta$  are learned parameters<sup>3</sup> by backpropagation. It allows the model to adapt to each dataset, choosing whether or not giving a big importance to the identity term and the normalization term.

**Leaky rectifier (LReLU)** In order to let our neural network model complex patterns in the data, we have to add a non-linear property to the model. It often is an activation function, such as a sigmoid or a tanh (Figure 4).

The problem with these activation functions is that they are bounded and their gradient is very low on the edges. Because we want are going to manipulate high scalar values, we have to use an unbounded activation function, such as ReLU,  $\Phi(x) = \max(0, x)$  (Figure 5a). But the issue with ReLU is that all the negative values become zero immediately, which decreases the ability of our model to train from the data. Hence the implementation of a *leaky rectifier*, LReLU:

$$\Phi(x) = \max(\alpha x, x)$$
, with  $0 < \alpha < 1$ .

By implementing a Leaky Rectifier, we are able to take into account the negative valued pixels.

#### 3.2.2 Chen

Context Aggregation Network (CAN) <sup>4</sup> blabla sur le RGB en entrée, RGB en sortie I -> f(I)

 $<sup>^2</sup>$  reference ?

 $<sup>^3\</sup>mathrm{ref}: \mathtt{https://pytorch.org/docs/stable/\_modules/torch/nn/modules/batchnorm.html}$ 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup>reference

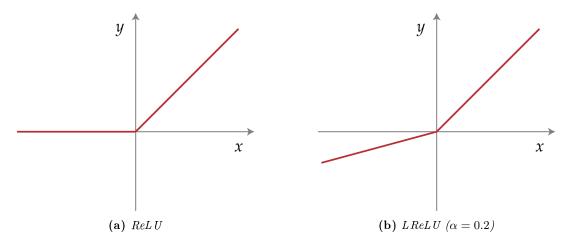


Figure 5: Illustration of two unbounded rectifiers

$\overline{}$ input $I$	$\longrightarrow$	$L^1$	$\longrightarrow$	 $\longrightarrow$	$L^s$	$\longrightarrow$	 $\longrightarrow$	output $(L^d)$
$m \times n \times 3$		$m \times n \times w_1$			$m \times n \times w_s$			$m \times n \times 3$

Table 2: Layers

Architecture of a block Each block  $L_s$  is made of 3 layers:

- 1. A dilated convolution,  $r_s = 2^s$
- 2. An adaptative batch normalization
- 3. A leaky rectifier (ReLU)

so that the content of an intermediate layer  $L^s$  can be computed from the content of the previous layer  $L^{s-1}$ :

$$L_{i}^{s} = \Phi\left(\Psi^{s}\left(b_{i}^{s} + \sum_{j} L_{j}^{s-1} *_{r_{s}} K_{i,j}^{s}\right)\right). \tag{1}$$

where  $\dots$  is  $\dots$  and

$$L_j^{s-1} *_{r_s} K_{i,j}^s = \sum_{a+r_s b = x} L_j^{s-1}(a) K_{i,j}^s(b)$$
 (2)

because of 3.2.1, page 5.

Layer	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Convolution	$3 \times 3$						
Dilation	1						
Batch Normalization	Yes						
LReLU	Yes						

Table 3: Chen

$lr_0$	$\operatorname{decay}$ ?	saturation?	d	TV?
0.001	No	No	7	No
0.01	No	No	7	No
0.01	$\times 0.5$ every 2 epochs	$10^{-4}$	7	No
0.001	$\times 0.5$ every 2 epochs	$10^{-4}$	7	No

Table 4: Runs for learning rate tuning

3.2.3 UNet

3.2.4 Chen + UNet

3.3 Total Variation (TV) Loss

3.3.1 MSE

$$L_{MSE} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N} |\hat{f}(I)_i - f(I)_i|^2$$

3.3.2 TV

Formula

$$L_{TV} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N} |\hat{f}(I)_i - f(I)_i|^2 + \frac{1}{N}$$

Why

## 3.4 Implementation

The network was implemented with PyTorch<sup>5</sup> and we used GPU acceleration [...] (pytorch), se renseigner (section assez courante) GPU acceleration code sur github

# 4 Expérience et résultats

### 4.1 Hyperparameters

petit bilan des valeurs choisies évolution des paramètres a et b?

#### 4.1.1 Learning rate

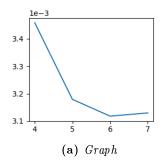
Constant value entrainement (lr, alpha) -> courbes de loss, et loss qui sature (cluster) d'où changement de lr au cours des epochs

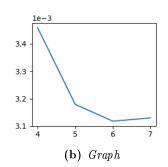
#### Non constant value

#### 4.1.2 Network size d

- Learning rate initialisé à 0.01, divisé par 2 toutes les 2 époques, saturation à 1e-4 - Pas de régularisation TV CONCLUSION des run 3 à 5: Il est préférable de laisser d=7. Entre d=6 et d=7, l'amélioration semble relativement faible. bon intermédiaire entre temps de calcul et performances

 $<sup>^5\</sup>mathrm{Repository}$  can be found at https://github.com/theodumont/superpixels-segmentation.





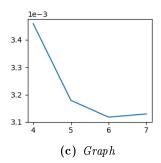


Figure 6: Tuning of learning rate

d	4	5	6	7	8			
$loss \times 10^3$   3.46   3.18   3.12   3.13   ???								
(a) Loss values on validation set								

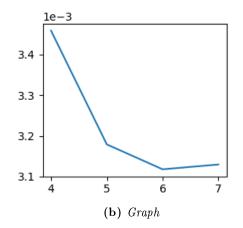


Figure 7: Tuning of network size

### 4.1.3 Number of epochs

nb epochs: on le sélectionne en prenant le minimum de la validation loss

### 4.1.4 TV regularization

# 4.1.5 Runs

tableaux et graphes

# 4.2 Results on dataset

image originale -> CNN -> résultat du filtre dans eikonal -> superpixels sans couleurs + couleur moyenne pour chaque spp de l'image originale cf results/images

# 5 Conclusion/Discussion

On a présenté un nouveau...

On a prouvé...

Il reste à faire...

relire tous les mails pour avoir toutes les infos sur performances etc

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