

Sematic Segmentation using Resource Efficient Deep Learning

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Introduction

Semantic segmentation

Divide an input image into different regions which contain a desired object or background.



Figure 1: Left: Input image; Right: Segmentation result.

Applications

- a Autonomous cars
- b Robotics



(a) Street scene [1]



(b) Indoor scene [2]

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Dataset

Objects in the dataset

- ▶ First row from left: distance_tube, m20, bearing, axis, r20, m30, m20_100, motor, bearing_box_ax16, bearing_box_ax01, f20_20_B, f20_20_G.
- ▶ Second row from left: em_01, s40_40_B, s40_40_G, em_02, container_box_red, container_box_blue.



Figure 3: 18 objects in the dataset.

Annotation process

MATLAB ImageLabeler

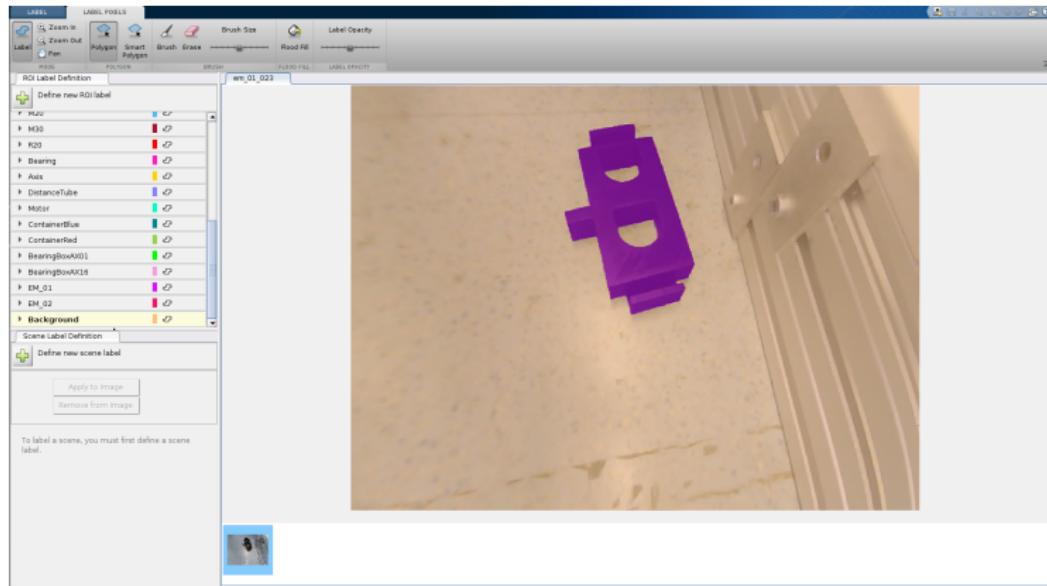


Figure 4: A sample object being labeled in ImageLabeler.

Motivation

- ▶ For an image containing 1 desired object, roughly 4 minutes was spent for manual annotation.
- ▶ Capturing diverse real-world variations is time consuming.

Process

- ▶ Collect RGB intensity values of objects using manual annotation.
- ▶ Create a list of all the collected objects.
- ▶ For an artificial image, select a background image and random objects from the list of objects.
- ▶ Place the selected objects at random locations and at random scales.
- ▶ Correspondingly generate semantic labels and object detection labels.

Artificial image generation

Sample result



Figure 5: Sample results produced by the artificial image generation algorithm.

Dataset variants

Motivation

- ▶ Inability to distinguish size.



(a) m20 [4] (b) m30 [4]

Figure 6: m30 is larger than m20

- ▶ Inability to distinguish shape.



(a) ax16

(b) ax01

(c) ax16

(d) ax01

Figure 7: Bearing_box ax16 and ax01 are distinguishable in a viewpoint from the side ((a), (b)) but are indistinguishable in a viewpoint from the top ((c), (d)).

Dataset variants

Number of classes

Variant	Number of classes including background
atWork_full	19
atWork_size_invariant	15
atWork_similar_shapes	13
atWork_binary	2

Table 1: Number of classes in dataset variants.

Number of images

	Training	Validation	Test
Real Images	396	72	69
Artificial Images	7104	870	870
Total Images	7500	942	939

Table 2: Number of images in the dataset.

Dataset analysis

- ▶ Percentage of pixels of an object = $\frac{NP_o}{NP_s}$.
 NP_o = Number of pixels occupied by the object in the training set.
 NP_s = Total number of pixels in the training set.

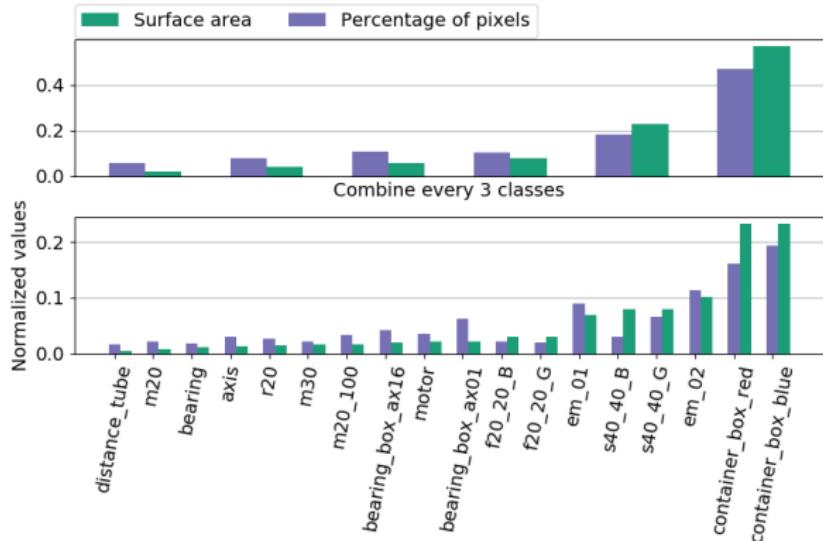


Figure 8: Percentage of pixels vs corresponding real-world surface area

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Local and Global context

- ▶ Two different objects are similar in local context.
- ▶ Global context required to classify pixels.

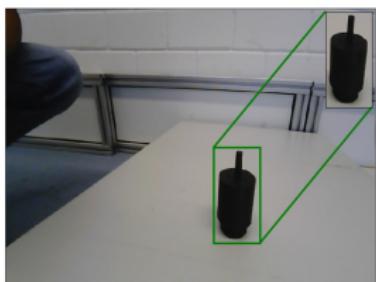
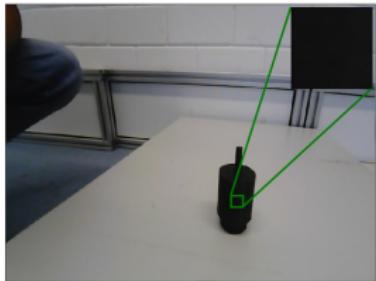
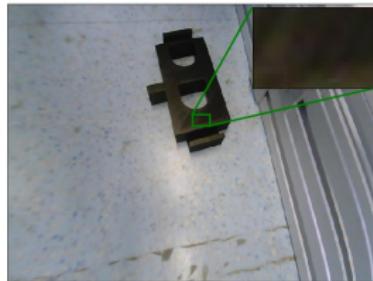


Figure 9: Row 1: local context, row 2: global context.

Atrous convolution and ASPP

- ▶ Increasing the atrous rate increases the receptive field.
- ▶ Atrous spatial pyramid pooling (ASPP) on the same input feature map to gather different contexts.

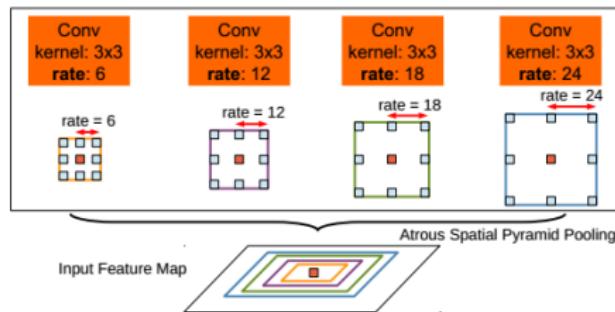


Figure 10: Atrous spatial pyramid pooling (ASPP) and atrous convolution [5].

Architecture of DeepLabv3+

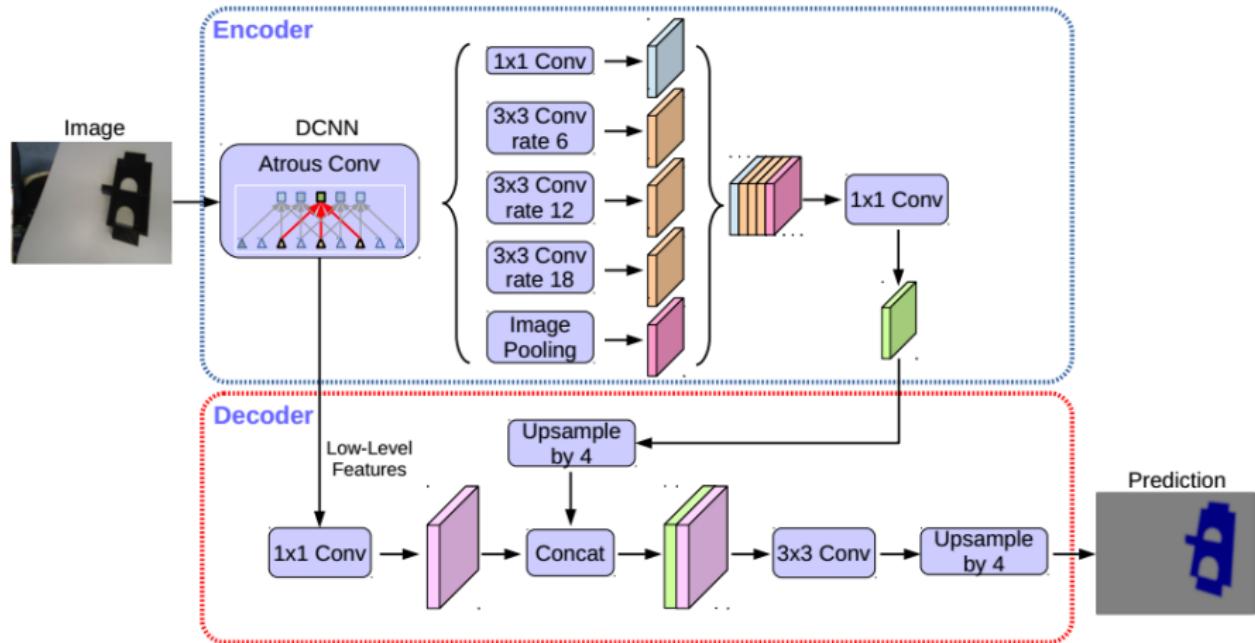


Figure 11: An illustration of DeepLabv3+ architecture. The encoder extracts features at different scales and the decoder refines object boundary delineation [6].

Depthwise seperable convolutions

- ▶ First depthwise convolution, then pointwise convolution.
- ▶ Row 2 to row 5: depthwise convolution, 6th row: pointwise convolution.

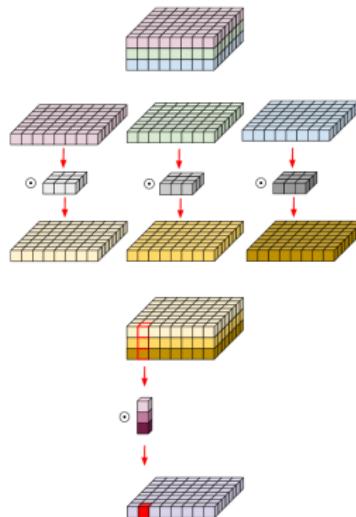


Figure 12: Depthwise seperable convolution [7].

MobileNetv2 and Xception

- ▶ Both MobileNetv2 and Xception use depthwise separable convolutions.
- ▶ Module: An arrangement of separable convolutions and pooling operations.
- ▶ The two networks use different modules.
- ▶ Differ in the number of trainable parameters.
- ▶ DeepLabv3+ with MobileNetv2 has 2.11 Million trainable parameters and with Xception has 41.05 Million trainable parameters.
- ▶ With the Xception encoder, DeepLabv3+ has a higher learning capacity.

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Comparing encoders

- ▶ Per class IOU = $\frac{\text{ground_truth} \cap \text{prediction}}{\text{ground_truth} \cup \text{prediction}}$
- ▶ mIOU = mean of all class IOUs.
- ▶ DeepLabv3+ with Xception encoder achieves higher mIOU on all four dataset variants.

Dataset variant	mIOU in %	
	MobileNetv2	Xception
atWork_full	77.47	89.63
atWork_size_invariant	83.10	92.47
atWork_similar_shapes	82.10	90.71
atWork_binary	96.06	98.68

Table 3: This table lists the mIOU obtained by DeepLabv3+ with MobileNetv2 and Xception encoders on 4 dataset variants.

Comparing dataset variants

- ▶ Background/foreground segmentation leads to the highest mIOU.
- ▶ Treating all objects as different classes leads to the lowest mIOU.
- ▶ Combining objects similar in shape, size or color improves mIOU.

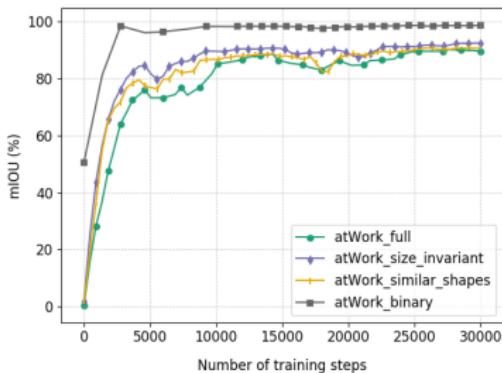


Figure 13: mIoU (%) vs Number of training steps
DeepLabv3+ with Xception encoder on all dataset variants

Comparing individual classes

- ▶ 9.88 % of pixels belonging to m30 is classified as m20.
- ▶ 9.97 % of pixels belonging to bearing box ax16 is classified as bearing box ax01 [Slide 11].

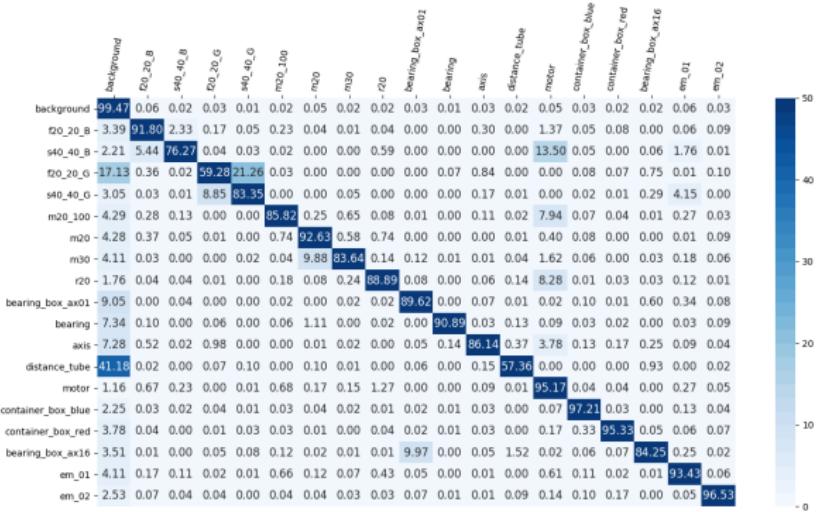


Figure 14: Confusion matrix on atWork_full dataset variant by DeepLabv3+ with MobileNetv2 encoder.

Comparing individual classes

- ▶ Class IOU shows an increasing trend with increase in Percentage of pixels.
- ▶ Percentage of pixels is shown to increase with surface area [Slide 13].
- ▶ DeepLabv3+ tends to learn larger objects first.

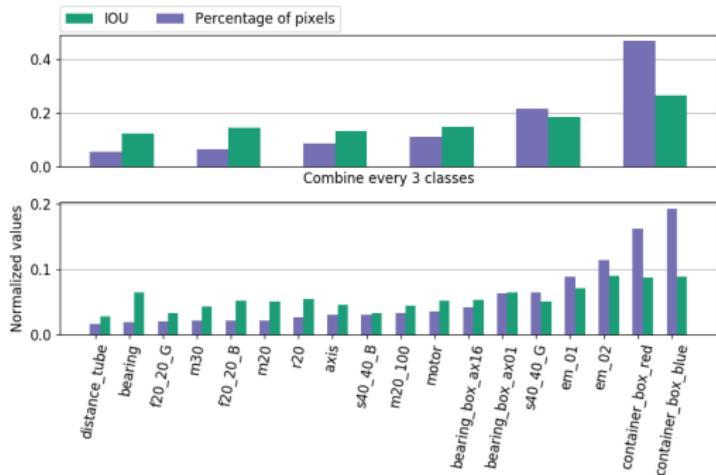


Figure 15: Individual class IOUs achieved by DeepLabv3+ with MobileNetv2 encoder is plotted with the percentage of pixels.

Quantizing the inference graph

- ▶ Common operations such as convolution and pooling are replaced by quantized equivalents.
- ▶ The inputs to quantized operations are converted to 8 bit.
- ▶ With MobileNetv2 encoder, 67 % drop in occupied disk memory is achieved.
Drop in mIOU is around 9 %.
- ▶ With Xception encoder, 73 % drop in occupied disk memory is achieved.
Drop in mIOU is around 2 %.

Quantizing the inference graph

Encoder	mIOU (%)	Number of parameters	FLOPS	Disk memory (MB)
MobileNetv2	84.66	2.11M	6.41B	8.7
MobileNetv2-8	75.17	2.11M	328.87M	2.8
Xception	92.42	41.05M	126.27B	165.6
Xception-8	90.4	41.05M	1.94B	44.7

Table 4: This table summarizes the average mIOU across all four dataset variants, number of parameters, and floating point operations (FLOPS) of both the quantized and full precision encoders of DeepLabv3+. "M" denotes million and "B" denotes billion.

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Contributions

- ▶ Artificial image generation algorithm.
- ▶ Segmentation dataset with 18 atWork objects.
- ▶ Evaluation of DeepLabv3+ with resource efficient encoders MobileNetv2 and Xception.

Future work

- ▶ Model interpretability.
- ▶ Architecture search.
- ▶ Fusion of 2D image data with point cloud information.

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<https://github.com/hardikvasa/google-images-download/>
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- ▶ HBRS latex beamer template. URL:
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Questions?