Masking bits and boxing entities to detect objects

Mask R-CNN: A fast deep neural network for Recognition and Localization of objects

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Motivation



Autonomous vehicles

Robotics

Open Street Map

Smart video surveillance

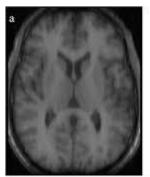
Tracking objects

Facial detection and recognition

Medical imaging

OCR, and many more





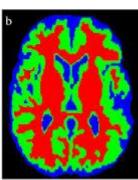


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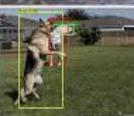












Uses of Object Detection (Image Courtesy - Google)

Motivation (continued)

Common issues with current methods

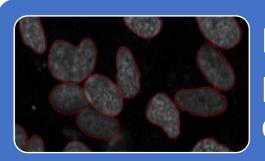
Current state of the art algorithms for Object detection output the anchor boxes for objects.

Bounding/anchor boxes give a general idea where the object is and not the exact pixels for the object.

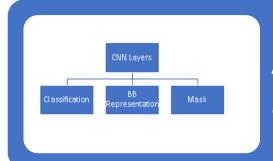
Decades of extensive research and still we don't have a state of the art algorithm for image segmentation, which precisely demonstrates how difficult the problem is.

In image segmentation we don't have the control over environment which makes it hard. Thus it is still an open area of research.

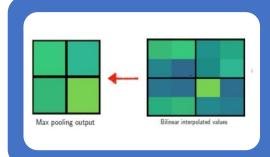
Key Insights



Each pixel can be the part of the object or not. Thus the problem can be seen as classifying each pixel into a predefined class without differentiating object instances.

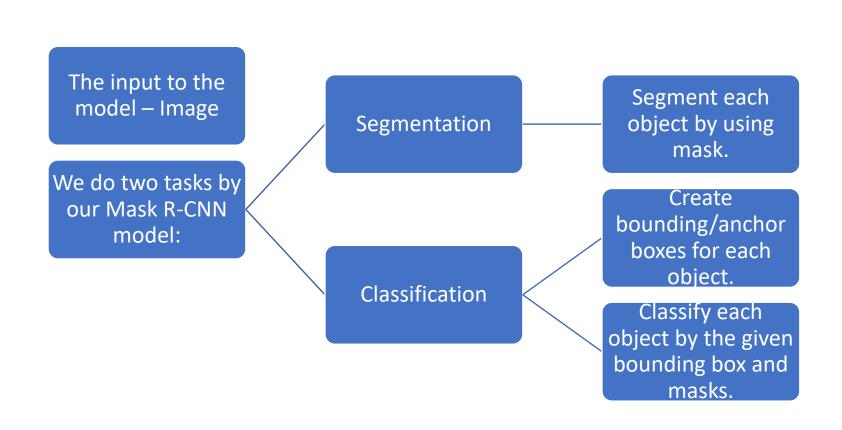


Added a branch for predicting an object mask in parallel and using it for classification.



We have use RolAlign layer, which helped to increase the accuracy by a relative amount of 10% to 50%.

Image segmentation as a Classification Problem





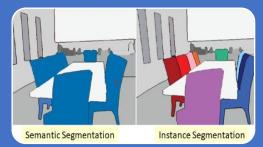
What is Instance Segmentation?



Combines object detection and semantic segmentation.



Classifying objects, localizing by bounding/anchor boxes and classifying each pixel.



Each object of the same class/different class will be classified as a different colored object in the final output. (Helps to distinguish objects of same class)

Proposed Approach for Mask R-CNN

Using ResNet as tail and body and using new head. (Backbone)

Using RolAlign in place of other forms of pooling to eliminate the harsh quantization.

Adding a branch for creating segmentation masks

Using the computed masks to classify each pixel for different objects

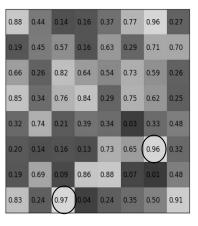
RolAlign

What is RolAlign

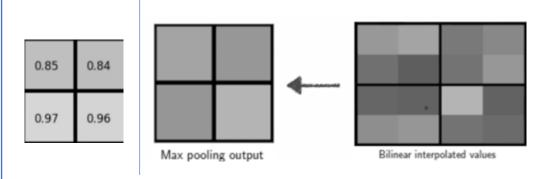
- RolAlign is the proposed layer which removes the harsh quantization of RolPool.
- It aligns extracted strong features with input to the layer.

Why do we use RolAlign

- Improves the mask accuracy by 10% to 50% relatively.
- As we can see in the images on right two high values (the circled values) caused high bias when we used MaxPool only, while RoIAlign normalizes the effect of outliers.
- If we use average pool the extremes will still cause problems. We can see RolAlign as a middle ground solution between MaxPool and Average Pool.
- It does not break pixel-to-pixel translation equivariance.



Input to both the algorithms



Output without RolAlign & output with RolAlign

Network Architecture

(how conversion to classification is addressed)

Tail and body of the network

• In the proposed network we have used the Residual Network Structure for the tail and body of the network.

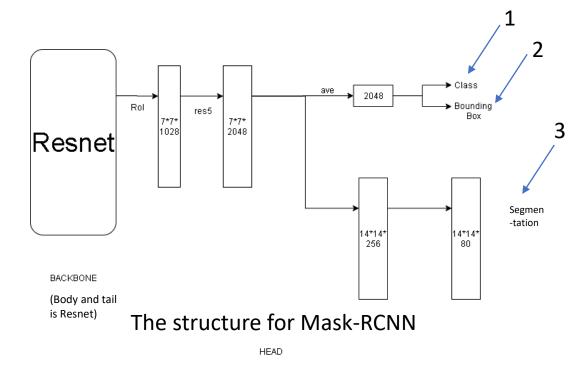
Head of the network

- The output of ResNet is first passed through a RoIAlign layer and then through a CNN block.
- The upper branch is used to find the class and the bounding/anchor box for the object.
- The lower branch is used for the Image Segmentation.

Network Architecture (Continued)

Heads for the network

- In the case of proposed algorithm we have 3 parallel heads:-
 - 1. Classification head
 - 2. Bounding box reg head
 - 3. Mask Head



Advantages of using the proposed architecture

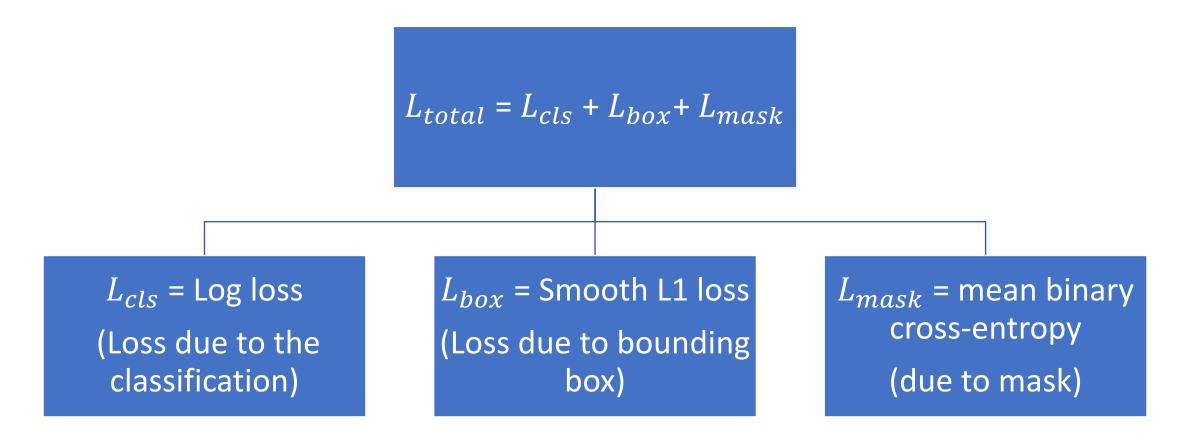
Due to the structure of ResNet it is easy to implement and trains very fast.

By using the RoIAlign layer we create scale invariant features which helps to improve the accuracy.

Using ResNet/FPN helps us to get strong spatially localized features to create strong anchor boxes and find the masks on each object.

We used the single stage approach to reduce the time complexity

Loss Function for training



This loss will then be used to update the parameters for the network

Step by Step Algorithmic Approach

Anchor sorting and filtering

Find the anchor boxes and segregate them into +ve and -ve boxes.



Bounding/Anchor Box Refinement

Refine the anchor boxes and find the final bounding/anchor box.



Mask Generation

Generate the mask and place them onto the objects in the image.



Weight Histograms

This tool is used to see and debug the algorithm



Composing the different pieces into a final result

Then we impose the bounding boxes and masks on the image

Experimentation Details

Dataset Used to train the model:- Coco Dataset

- 123,287 images and 886,284 instances.
- 80 thing classes, 91 stuff classes and 1 class 'unlabeled'.
- For testing we used some generic images which contained people, vehicles, umbrella and many more things.

Details about the output images

- Anchor boxes are represented as dashed line.
- Segmented images are highlighted with different colors for different objects.
- The name of the object and its probability is mentioned on the top left corner of the bounding box.

Demo Results









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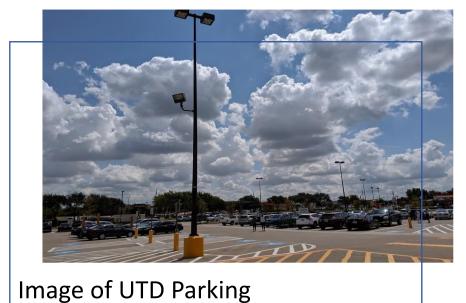
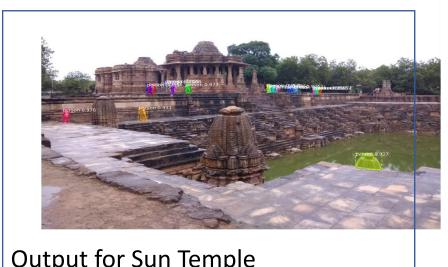


Image of Sun Temple Modera, India





Output for Sun Temple

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Ablation	Mask AP		Box AP			
	AP - 50	AP – 75	AP - 50	AP – 75		
Max Pooling	46.5	21.6	52.7	26.9		
RolAlign	51.8	32.1	55.3	36.4		
	+5.3	+10.5	+2.6	+9.5		

 Here as we can see that using the RolAlign layer gives huge improvements in the values.

	backbone	AP ^{bb}	$\mathrm{AP_{50}^{bb}}$	$\mathrm{AP^{bb}_{75}}$	AP^bb_S	$\mathrm{AP}^{\mathrm{bb}}_{M}$	$\mathrm{AP}^{\mathrm{bb}}_{L}$
Faster R-CNN+++ [15]	ResNet-101-C4	34.9	55.7	37.4	15.6	38.7	50.9
Faster R-CNN w FPN [22]	ResNet-101-FPN	36.2	59.1	39.0	18.2	39.0	48.2
Faster R-CNN by G-RMI [17]	Inception-ResNet-v2 [32]	34.7	55.5	36.7	13.5	38.1	52.0
Faster R-CNN w TDM [31]	Inception-ResNet-v2-TDM	36.8	57.7	39.2	16.2	39.8	52.1
Faster R-CNN, RoIAlign	ResNet-101-FPN	37.3	59.6	40.3	19.8	40.2	48.8
Mask R-CNN	ResNet-101-FPN	38.2	60.3	41.7	20.1	41.1	50.2
Mask R-CNN	ResNeXt-101-FPN	39.8	62.3	43.4	22.1	43.2	51.2

- The Mask R-CNN algorithm gives the best results in 5 out of 6 cases.
- The use of RolAlign and an extra head has helped to increase the accuracy this much.
- We can also see that using RolAlign in Faster R-CNN also gives better results, which indeed proves that RolAlign is a factor in improving the performance.

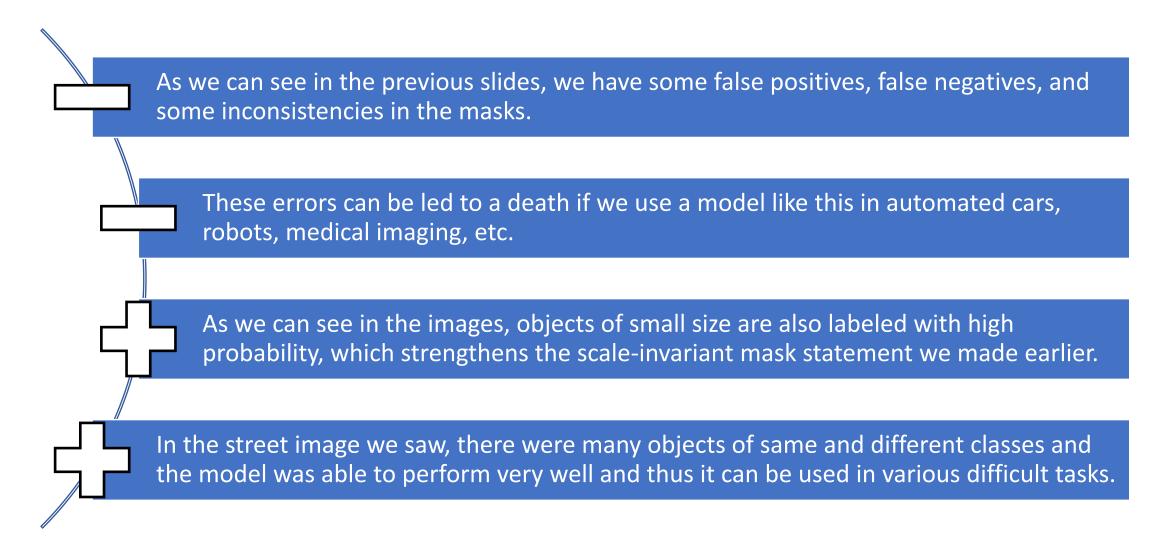
Failure cases (recognition)



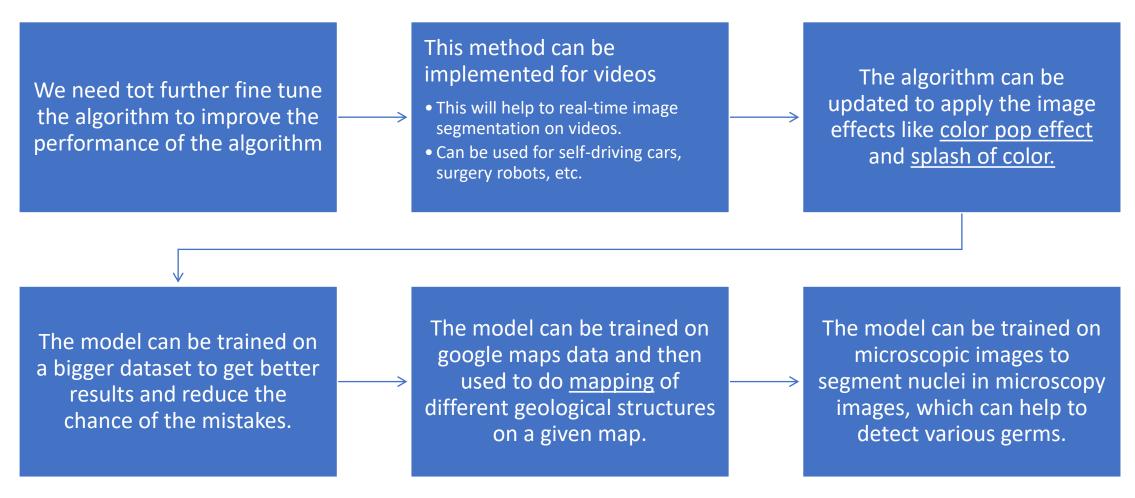
Failure Cases (detection/segmentation)



Observations



Future plans



Thus we can say that everything depends on what we give as the input to the algorithm. And the same structure can be use for different applications

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