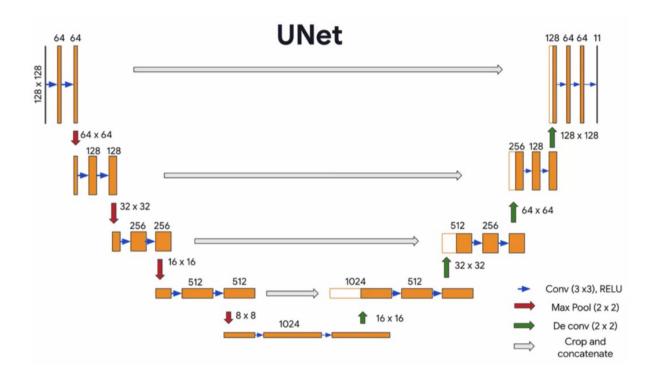
What is a U-Net?

When you ask a computer vision engineer about *image segmentation*, it's likely that the term U-Net will be mentioned somewhere in their explanation.

The U-Net, which is named after its shape, is a convolutional architecture originally proposed by Ronneberger et al. (2015) for use in the biomedical sciences. More specifically, it is used for cell segmentation, and worked really well compared to approaches previously used in the field.

U-Nets are composed of three component groups:

- 1. **A contracting path**. Visible to the left in the image below, groups of convolutions and pooling layers are used to downsample the image, sometimes even halving it in size. The contracting path learns a hierarchy of features at varying levels of granularity.
- 2. **An expansive path**. To the right, you see groups of upsampling layers (whether simple interpolation layers or transposed convolutions) that upsample the resolution of the input image. In other words, from the contracted input, the network tries to construct a higher-resolution output.
- 3. **Skip connections**. Besides having the lower-level feature maps as input to the upsampling process, U-Net also receives information from the contracting path's same-level layer. This is to mitigate the information bottleneck present at the lowest layer in the U, effectively 'dropping' the signal from higher-level features if not used through skip connections.



Code Begins

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Dependencies

```
import os
import tensorflow
from tensorflow.keras.layers import Conv2D, MaxPool2D,
Conv2DTranspose, Input, Activation, Concatenate, CenterCrop
from tensorflow.keras import Model
from tensorflow.keras.initializers import HeNormal
from tensorflow.keras.optimizers import schedules, Adam
from tensorflow.keras.losses import SparseCategoricalCrossentropy
from tensorflow.keras.callbacks import TensorBoard
from tensorflow.keras.utils import plot_model
```

```
import tensorflow_datasets as tfds
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
```

Structure:

Building a U-Net model can be grouped into three separate tasks, besides specifying model imports:

- 1. Defining the configuration of your U-Net model, so that it can be reused throughout your code.
- 2. Defining the building blocks of your U-Net.
- 3. Defining the process functions to train and evaluate your U-Net model.

U-Net configuration definition

Here's a simpler explanation of the U-Net configuration parameters with examples:

1. Data Splitting

- data_train_prc = 80:80% of data is used for training. Example: If you have 100 images, 80 will be for training.
- data_val_prc = 90:10% is for validation (from 80% to 90%).

 Example: From the remaining 20 images, 10 (90-80) are for validation.
- data_test_prc = 100:10% is for testing (from 90% to 100%). Example: The last 10 images are for testing.

2. U-Net Structure

- num_filters_start = 64: The first layer starts with 64 filters (feature detectors). Example: Like using 64 small brushes to pick up basic edges/colors in an image.
- num_unet_blocks = 3: The U-Net has 3 down-sampling and 3 up-sampling blocks. Example: Think of shrinking the image 3 times (down) and then expanding it back 3 times (up).
- num_filters_end = 3: The final output has 3 filters (e.g., for 3 classes like background, object, edge).
 Example: The network assigns each pixel to 1 of 3 categories.

3. Image & Mask Sizes

- input_width = 100, input_height = 100: Input images are resized to 100x100 pixels.
 - Example: All images are adjusted to this size before processing.
- mask_width = 60, mask_height = 60: Masks (output labels) are 60x60 pixels. Example: The network predicts labels for a smaller central region.

4. Training Setup

• batch_size = 50: 50 images are processed together in one step.

Example: Instead of 1-by-1, the network learns from 50 images at once.

- num_epochs = 50: The entire dataset is passed through the network 50 times. Example: The network sees all images 50 times to improve slowly.
- loss = SparseCategoricalCrossentropy: Measures how bad the predictions are. Example: Penalizes wrong pixel classifications (e.g., calling a "cat" pixel "dog").
- optimizer = Adam: Adjusts the model to reduce loss.

 Example: Like a smart GPS correcting its route to reach the destination faster.

5. Learning Rate (How Fast the Model Learns)

- lr_schedule_values = [3e-4, 1e-4, 1e-5, 1e-6]: Learning rates change during training.
 - Example: Starts fast (0.0003), then slows down (0.000001) to fine-tune.
- lr_schedule_percentages = [0.2, 0.5, 0.8]: Rate changes at 20%, 50%, and 80% of training.
 - Example: After 10 epochs (20% of 50), the rate drops from 3e-4 to 1e-4.

6. Class Weights

• class_weights = [1.0, 1.0, 2.0]: Makes the network focus more on class 3 (e.g., rare objects).

Example: If "tumor pixels" are rare, give them double weight to avoid ignoring them.

7. Others

- dataset path: Where your images/masks are stored (e.g., /data folder).
- metrics = ['accuracy']: Tracks % of correctly predicted pixels.
- initializer = HeNormal(): Sets how initial random weights are chosen (helps training start well).

Simple U-Net Workflow Example

- 1. **Input**: 100x100 RGB image (3 channels).
- 2. Process:
 - Shrink image 3 times (down-sample) while detecting features (64 → more filters).
 - Expand back 3 times (up-sample) to 60x60 mask.
- 3. **Output**: 60x60 mask where each pixel is labeled as 1 of 3 classes.
- 4. Training:
 - 50 images per batch, 50 epochs.
 - Learning rate starts high, drops later.
 - Mistakes on class 3 (e.g., tumors) are penalized twice as much.

```
def configuration():
  ''' U-NET CONFIGURATION '''
  return dict(
    data train prc = 80,
    data val prc = 90,
    data_test_prc = 100,
    num filters start = 64,
    num unet blocks = 3,
    num filters end = 3,
    input width = 100,
    input height = 100,
    mask width = 60,
    mask height = 60,
    input dim = 3,
    optimizer = Adam,
    loss = SparseCategoricalCrossentropy,
    initializer = HeNormal(),
    batch size = 50,
    buffer size = 50,
    num epochs = 50,
    metrics = ['accuracy'],
    dataset path = os.path.join(os.getcwd(), 'data'),
    class weights = tensorflow.constant([1.0, 1.0, 2.0]),
    validation sub splits = 5,
    Ir schedule percentages = [0.2, 0.5, 0.8],
    lr schedule values = [3e-4, 1e-4, 1e-5, 1e-6],
    lr schedule class = schedules.PiecewiseConstantDecay
```

U-Net building block

Recall that a U-Net is composed of a **contracting path**, which itself is built from **convolutional blocks**, and an **expansive path** built from **upsampling blocks**.

At each individual level (except for the last level in the contractive path, which is connected to the head of the expansive path) the **output** of a convolutional block is connected to an **upsampling block** via a **skip connection**.

The Convolution Block

```
x = Conv2D(filters, (3, 3),
kernel_initializer=config.get("initializer"))(x)
x = Activation("relu")(x)

# Second Conv segment
x = Conv2D(filters, (3, 3),
kernel_initializer=config.get("initializer"))(x)
x = Activation("relu")(x)

# Keep Conv output for skip input
skip_input = x

# Apply pooling if not last block
if not last_block:
    x = MaxPool2D((2, 2), strides=(2, 2))(x)

return x, skip_input
```

Contracting path and skip connections

Let's create another function called contracting_path.

In it, you will construct the convolutional block that belong to the contracting path.

Per your code above, these convolutional blocks will **perform feature learning** at their level of hierarchy and subsequently perform max pooling to make the Tensors ready for the next convolutional block.

And you will need to take this into account when creating your contracting path.

This is why you will use the utility function compute_number_of_filters to compute the number of filters used within each convolutional block.

Given the starting number of 64, that will be 64, 128 and 256 for the 3-block U-Net that you are building

This utility function is actually really simple:

you take the number of filters in your first convolutional block (which, per your model configuration is 64) and multiply it with 2^level.

For example, at the third level (with index = 2) your convolutional block has $64 \times 2^2 = 256$ filters.

```
def compute_number_of_filters(block_number):
    Compute the number of filters for a specific
    U-Net block given its position in the contracting path.
    return configuration().get("num_filters_start") * (2 ** block_number)
```

```
print(compute number of filters(0))
64
config = configuration()
for index in range(config.get("num_unet_blocks")):
  print(index)
0
1
num filters = [compute number of filters(index) for index in
range(config.get("num unet blocks"))]
print(num filters)
[64, 128, 256]
def contracting path(x):
 U-Net contracting path.
 Initializes multiple convolutional blocks for
 downsampling.
  config = configuration()
  num_filters = [compute_number_of_filters(index) for index in
range(config.get("num_unet_blocks"))]
  skip inputs = []
 # Pass input x through all convolutional blocks and
  # add skip input Tensor to skip inputs if not last block
  for index, block num filters in enumerate(num filters):
    last block = index == len(num filters) - 1
    x, skip input = conv block(x, block num filters, last block)
    if not last block:
      skip inputs.append(skip input)
  return x, skip inputs
```

Visualize Contraction

Assumptions

1. **Input**: A single image of size $100 \times 100 \times 3$ (width=100, height=100, RGB channels=3).

- 2. Configuration (from configuration()):
 - num_unet_blocks = 3 (3 downsampling blocks).
 - num_filters_start = 64 (first block starts with 64 filters).

Step-by-Step Dry Run

1. Compute Number of Filters for Each Block

The function compute_number_of_filters(block_number) calculates filters for each block as:

- Block 0: $64 * (2^0) = 64$ filters
- Block 1: $64 * (2^1) = 128$ filters
- **Block 2**: 64 * (2^2) = 256 filters

So, num filters = [64, 128, 256].

2. Contracting Path Execution

We process the input through 3 blocks:

Block O (First Block)

- Input: x = (100, 100, 3) (original image).
- Operations:
 - a. First Conv2D: Applies 64 filters of size $3x3 \rightarrow \text{Output shape: } (100, 100, 64)$.
 - b. **ReLU Activation**: No shape change.
 - Second Conv2D: Another 3x3 conv with 64 filters → Output shape: (100, 100, 64).
 - d. **ReLU Activation**: No shape change.
- **Skip Connection**: Saves this output (skip input = (100, 100, 64)) for later.
- MaxPooling: Since this is not the last block, we downsample with MaxPool2D(strides=2) → Output shape: (50, 50, 64).
- Result: x is now (50, 50, 64) (passed to next block).

Block 1 (Second Block)

- Input: x = (50, 50, 64).
- Operations:
 - a. First Conv2D: 128 filters \rightarrow Output shape: (50, 50, 128).
 - b. **ReLU Activation**: No change.
 - c. **Second Conv2D**: Another 3x3 conv \rightarrow Output shape: (50, 50, 128).
 - d. **ReLU Activation**: No change.
- Skip Connection: Saves (50, 50, 128).
- MaxPooling: Downsamples again → Output shape: (25, 25, 128).

• **Result**: x is now (25, 25, 128).

Block 2 (Last Block)

- Input: x = (25, 25, 128).
- Operations:
 - a. First Conv2D: 256 filters \rightarrow Output shape: (25, 25, 256).
 - b. **ReLU Activation**: No change.
 - c. **Second Conv2D**: Another 3x3 conv \rightarrow Output shape: (25, 25, 256).
 - d. **ReLU Activation**: No change.
- Skip Connection: Not saved (because last block = True).
- MaxPooling: Not applied (because it's the last block).
- **Result**: Final x = (25, 25, 256).

3. Outputs of Contracting Path

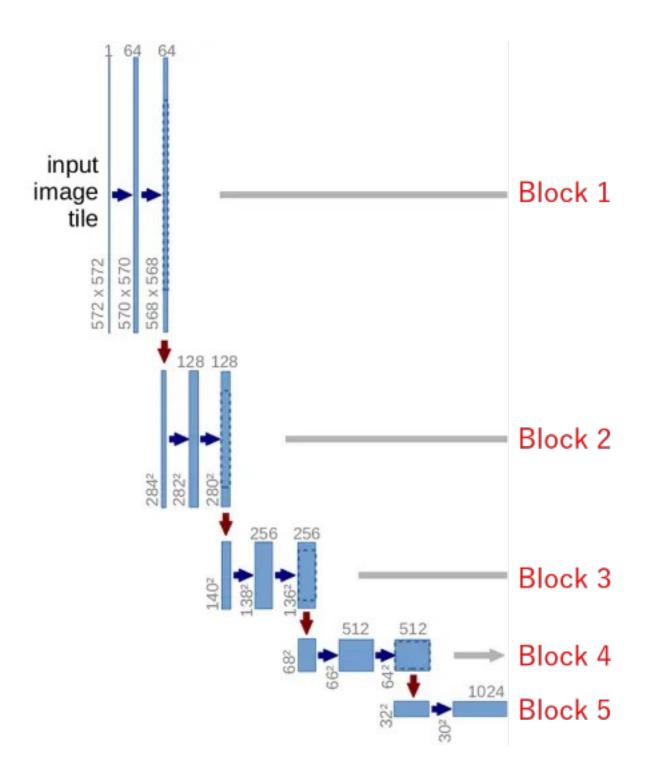
- Final x: (25, 25, 256) (bottleneck features, passed to expanding path).
- Skip Inputs:
 - skip inputs[0] = (100, 100, 64) (from Block 0).
 - skip inputs[1] = (50, 50, 128) (from Block 1).

Key Takeaways

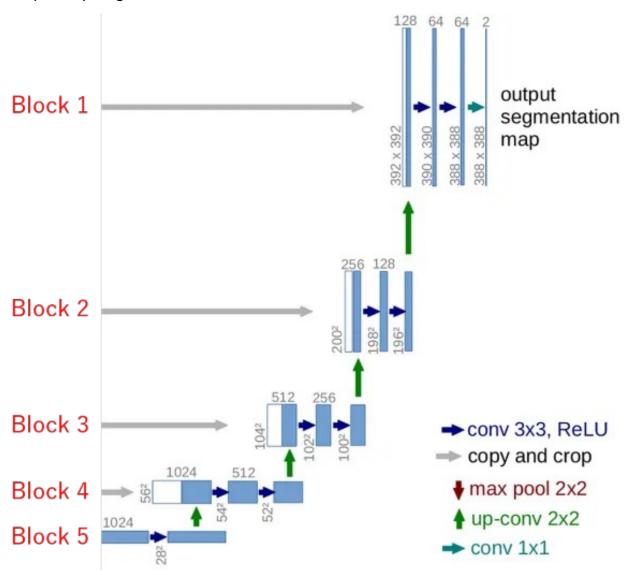
- 1. **Filter Growth**: Each block doubles the filters $(64 \rightarrow 128 \rightarrow 256)$.
- 2. **Downsampling**: Image shrinks by half each time ($100 \times 100 \rightarrow 50 \times 50 \rightarrow 25 \times 25$).
- 3. **Skip Connections**: Saves intermediate outputs to help the expanding path (U-Net's key idea).
- 4. Last Block: No pooling (we've reached the bottleneck).

Visualization

(Skip connections are saved for the expanding path.)



The upsampling block



It's time to discuss the following important detail — the crop that is applied to the skip connection

Every step in the expansive path consists of an upsampling of the feature map followed by a $2x^2$ convolution ("up-convolution") that

- 1. halves the number of feature channels,
- 2. a concatenation with the correspondingly cropped feature map from the contracting path, and
- 3. two 3x3 convolutions, each followed by a ReLU.



To make this crop, you use TensorFlow's CenterCrop layer to take a center crop from the skip input using the target width and height as specified by the upsampled Tensor.

Then, you use the Concatenate layer to concatenate the cropped skip input with the upsampled Tensor, after which you can **proceed with processing the whole**.

Finally, at the last layer, you apply an 1x1 convolution (preserving the width and height dimensions) that outputs a Tensor with C for the third dimension.

C, here, represents the desired number of classes — something we have in our model configuration as num filters end, and, indeed, that is three classes for today's dataset!:)

```
def upconv block(x, filters, skip input, last block=False):
 U-Net upsampling block.
  Used for upsampling in the expansive path.
  config = configuration()
 # Perform upsampling
  x = Conv2DTranspose(filters//2, (2, 2), strides=(2, 2),
kernel initializer=config.get("initializer"))(x)
  shp = x.shape
 # Crop the skip input, keep the center
  cropped skip input = CenterCrop(height=x.shape[1], width=x.shape[2])
(skip_input)
 # Concatenate skip input with x
  concat input = Concatenate(axis=-1)([cropped_skip_input, x])
 # First Conv segment
 x = Conv2D(filters//2, (3, 3),
kernel initializer=config.get("initializer"))(concat input)
 x = Activation("relu")(x)
 # Second Conv segment
  x = Conv2D(filters//2, (3, 3),
kernel initializer=config.get("initializer"))(x)
```

```
x = Activation("relu")(x)

# Prepare output if last block
if last_block:
    x = Conv2D(config.get("num_filters_end"), (1, 1),
kernel_initializer=config.get("initializer"))(x)

return x
```

Expansive path using skip connections

As with the contracting path, you will also need to compose the upsampling layers in your expansive path.

Similarly to the contracting path, you will also compute the number of filters for the blocks in your expansive path. This time, however, you start counting at the end — i.e., at the number of blocks minus one, because you are working down from a high number of filters to a low number of filters.

Then, you iterate over the number of filters, compute whether it's the last block and compute the *level* to take the skip input from, and pass the Tensor through your upsampling block.

```
num filters = [compute number of filters(index) for index in
range(configuration().get("num unet blocks")-1, 0, -1)]
num filters
[256, 128]
def expansive_path(x, skip_inputs):
 U-Net expansive path.
 Initializes multiple upsampling blocks for upsampling.
 num filters = [compute number of filters(index) for index in
range(configuration().get("num unet blocks")-1, 0, -1)]
 skip max index = len(skip_inputs) - 1
 for index, block num filters in enumerate(num filters):
  skip index = skip max index - index
  last block = index == len(num filters)-1
  x = upconv block(x, block num filters, skip inputs[skip index],
last block)
 return x
```

Visualize Expansion

Recap of Where We Left Off

From the **contracting path**, we had:

- Final x (bottleneck features): (25, 25, 256)
- Skip connections:
 - skip_inputs[0]: (100, 100, 64) from Block 0
 - skip_inputs[1]: (50, 50, 128) from Block 1

Configuration Used

```
num_unet_blocks = 3
num_filters_start = 64
num_filters_end = 3
```

So:

- Filters in reverse order: num_filters = [64*(2^2), 64*(2^1)] = [256, 128]
- We'll do (num_unet_blocks 1) = 2 upsampling blocks

Step-by-Step Expanding Path Dry Run

☐ Upsampling Block 0

- Input x: (25, 25, 256) (bottleneck features)
- **Skip Input**: skip_inputs[1] = (50, 50, 128)
- Filters: block num filters = 256
- Last Block?: No

[] Inside upconv_block(x, 256, skip_input, last_block=False)

1. Conv2DTranspose (upsampling):

- Filters = 256 // 2 = 128
- Output shape: (50, 50, 128)

2. CenterCrop skip input:

Already shape (50, 50, 128) → no change

3. Concatenate:

```
• x: (50, 50, 128)
```

• skip: (50, 50, 128) → After concat: (50, 50, 256)

4. Conv2D (128 filters) \rightarrow (50, 50, 128)

5. ReLU

6. Conv2D (128 filters) \rightarrow (50, 50, 128)

7. ReLU

[] Final x after block 0 = (50, 50, 128)

Upsampling Block 1 (Last Block)

- Input x: (50, 50, 128)
- **Skip Input**: skip_inputs[0] = (100, 100, 64)
- Filters: block num filters = 128

[] Inside upconv_block(x, 128, skip_input, last_block=True)

1. Conv2DTranspose:

- Filters = 128 // 2 = 64
- Output shape: (100, 100, 64)

2. CenterCrop skip input:

• Already (100, 100, 64) → no change

3. Concatenate:

- x: (100, 100, 64)
- skip: (100, 100, 64)
 → After concat: (100, 100, 128)
- 4. Conv2D (64 filters) \rightarrow (100, 100, 64)
- 5. ReLU
- 6. Conv2D (64 filters) \rightarrow (100, 100, 64)
- 7. ReLU
- ∏ 8. Final Conv2D (1×1, 3 filters) (since num filters end = 3)
- → Output shape: (100, 100, 3) Final segmentation mask

[] Final Output of Expanding Path

- Shape: (100, 100, 3)
- This is a **pixel-wise classification mask** (e.g., 3 classes per pixel)

[] Full Visualization (Expansion)

U-Net builder

```
def build_unet():
    config = configuration()
    input_shape = (config.get("input_height"),
    config.get("input_width"), config.get("input_dim"))

#input layer
    input_data = Input(shape=input_shape)

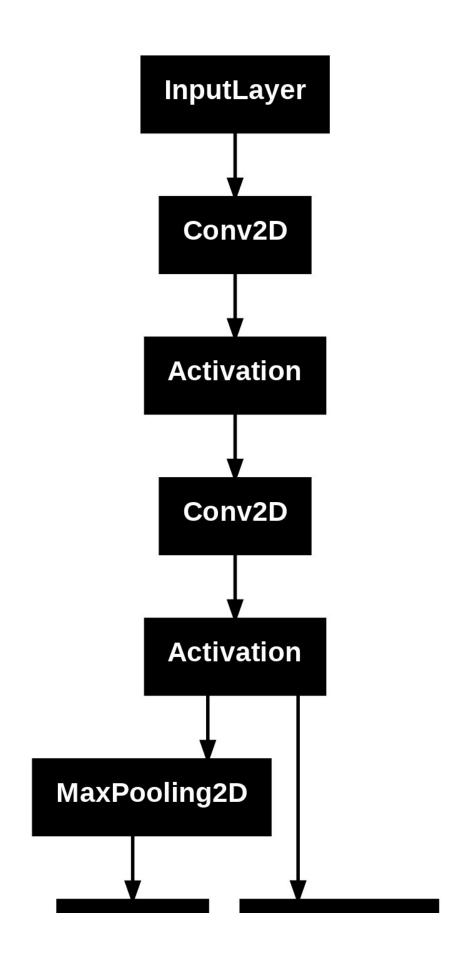
#contracting path
    contracted_data, skip_inputs = contracting_path(input_data)

#expansive path
    expanded_data = expansive_path(contracted_data, skip_inputs)

#model
    model = Model(input_data, expanded_data, name="U-Net")
    return model

model = build_unet()

plot_model(model)
```



U-Net training process functions

- Initializing the model.
- Loading the dataset.
- Data preprocessing.
- Training callbacks.
- Data visualization.

```
def init model(steps per epoch):
 Initialize a U-Net model.
  config = configuration()
 model = build unet()
 # Retrieve compilation input
 loss_init = config.get("loss")(from_logits=True)
 metrics = config.get("metrics")
  num epochs = config.get("num epochs")
  # Construct LR schedule
  boundaries = [int(num_epochs * percentage * steps_per_epoch) for
percentage in config.get("lr schedule percentages")]
  lr_schedule = config.get("lr_schedule_class")(boundaries,
config.get("lr schedule values"))
 # Init optimizer
  optimizer init = config.get("optimizer")(learning rate =
lr schedule)
 # Compile the model
 model.compile(loss=loss init, optimizer=optimizer init,
metrics=metrics)
 # Plot the model
  plot model(model, to file="unet.png")
 # Print model summary
 model.summary()
  return model
def load dataset():
  ''' Return dataset with info. '''
  config = configuration()
 # Retrieve percentages
 train = config.get("data train prc")
 val = config.get("data val prc")
  test = config.get("data_test_prc")
```

```
# Redefine splits over full dataset
  splits = [f'train[:{train}%]+test[:{train}%]', f'train[{train}%:
{val}%]+test[{train}%:{val}%]', f'train[{val}%:{test}%]+test[{val}%:
{test}%]']
  # Return data
  return tfds.load('oxford iiit pet', split=splits,
data dir=configuration().get("dataset path"), with info=True)
def normalize sample(input image, input mask):
  ''' Normalize input image and mask class. '''
  input image = tensorflow.cast(input image, tensorflow.float32) /
255.0
 # Bring classes into range [0, 2]
  input mask -= 1
  return input image, input mask
def preprocess sample(data sample):
  ''' Resize and normalize dataset samples. '''
  config = configuration()
 # Resize image
  input image = tensorflow.image.resize(data sample['image'],
(config.get("input width"), config.get("input height")))
 # Resize mask
  input mask =
tensorflow.image.resize(data sample['segmentation mask'],
(config.get("mask width"), config.get("mask height")))
  # Normalize input image and mask
  input image, input mask = normalize sample(input image, input mask)
  return input image, input mask
def data augmentation(inputs, labels):
  ''' Perform data augmentation. '''
 # Use the same seed for deterministic randomness over both inputs
and labels.
  seed = 36
 # Feed data through layers
  inputs = tensorflow.image.random flip left right(inputs, seed=seed)
  inputs = tensorflow.image.random_flip_up_down(inputs, seed=seed)
  labels = tensorflow.image.random flip left right(labels, seed=seed)
  labels = tensorflow.image.random flip up down(labels, seed=seed)
  return inputs, labels
```

∏ What is a Mask?

In semantic segmentation, a **mask** is like a label image — but instead of saying "this image is a cat," it **tells you what class every pixel belongs to**.

Think of it as:

- Original image: a photo of a pet (e.g., a cat)
- Mask: a grayscale image where each pixel has a class ID:
 - 0 for background
 - 1 for pet
 - 2 for pet border

Example:

Original Image

Corresponding Mask

[Cat photo]

[Grayscale mask]

Pixels = RGB values

Pixels = class IDs (0,1,2)

In code, the **mask** is just a 2D tensor like:

```
[
[0, 0, 0, 0],
[0, 1, 1, 0],
[0, 0, 0, 0],
[0, 0, 0, 0],
]
```

What Does the Dataset Look Like?

You're using tfds.load('oxford_iiit_pet', ...). TensorFlow Datasets handles the heavy lifting.

For each sample, you get a dictionary like this:

```
{
  'image': <Tensor: shape=(H, W, 3), dtype=uint8>, # the RGB pet
image
  'segmentation_mask': <Tensor: shape=(H, W, 1), dtype=int64> #
pixel-wise labels
}
```

Each pair: (image, mask) — is one training example.

☐ How U-Net Trains and Predicts

U-Net is a **fully convolutional neural network** that:

- 1. **Takes the input image** (e.g., 128x128x3).
- 2. Passes it through an **encoder** that downsamples it (extracts features).
- 3. Then through a **decoder** that upsamples it back to the original size.
- 4. **Outputs a mask** same size as input but each pixel contains **class probabilities**.

☐ Training Steps:

- 1. image is input to U-Net.
- 2. U-Net outputs a **predicted mask**: a (H, W, C) tensor, where C = number of classes.
- 3. Ground truth mask is used to compute loss (like sparse categorical crossentropy).
- 4. You may use **sample weights** (like your function does) to prioritize learning on specific pixels.
- 5. Model updates weights via backpropagation.

U-Net Output Example:

Say your input image is 128x128x3.

The U-Net outputs:

128x128x3 — where 3 is the number of classes (background, pet, border)

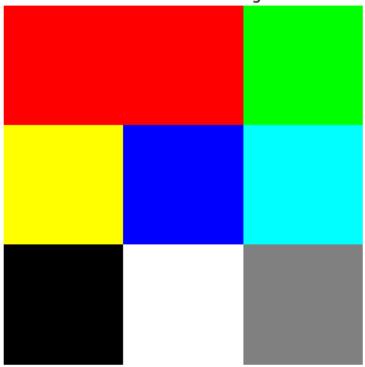
For a single pixel, the output might look like:

```
[0.85, 0.10, 0.05] # 85% background, 10% pet, 5% border
```

The model predicts the class with the highest probability at each pixel.

```
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import tensorflow as tf
image = tf.constant([
                                    [0, 255, 0]],
                   [255, 0, 0],
  [[255, 0, 0],
  [[255, 255, 0],
                   [0, 0, 255],
                                    [0, 255, 255]],
                   [255, 255, 255],[128, 128, 128]]
  [[0, 0, 0],
], dtype=tf.int32)
plt.imshow(image.numpy())
plt.title("Visualized RGB Image")
plt.axis('off')
plt.show()
```

Visualized RGB Image



```
mask = tf.constant([
    [0, 0, 1],
    [1, 2, 2],
    [0, 0, 1]
], dtype=tf.int32)

class_weights = tf.constant([0.1, 0.3, 0.6])

#Resize & Normalize
image = tf.cast(image, tf.float32) / 255.0
```

Now pixel values are in [0, 1].

```
#Compute Sample Weights
weights = tf.gather(class_weights, indices=mask)
```

Each pixel in mask is replaced by corresponding weight

```
# Example

predicted_mask = tf.constant([
    [[0.9, 0.05, 0.05], [0.8, 0.1, 0.1], [0.1, 0.8, 0.1]],
    [[0.1, 0.7, 0.2], [0.1, 0.1, 0.8], [0.05, 0.2, 0.75]],
    [[0.7, 0.2, 0.1], [0.8, 0.15, 0.05], [0.2, 0.6, 0.2]]
])
```

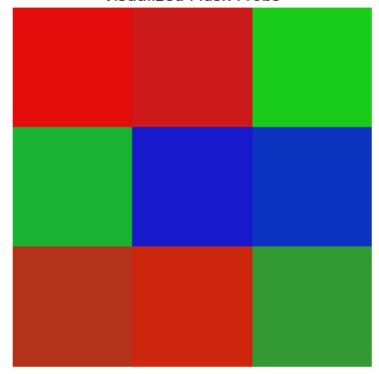
Each pixel has a softmax probability over 3 classes.

```
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import tensorflow as tf

predicted_mask = tf.constant([
    [[0.9, 0.05, 0.05], [0.8, 0.1, 0.1], [0.1, 0.8, 0.1]],
    [[0.1, 0.7, 0.2], [0.1, 0.1, 0.8], [0.05, 0.2, 0.75]],
    [[0.7, 0.2, 0.1], [0.8, 0.15, 0.05], [0.2, 0.6, 0.2]]
])

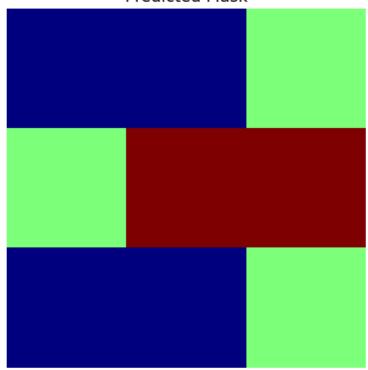
plt.imshow(predicted_mask.numpy())
plt.title("Visualized Mask Probs")
plt.axis('off')
plt.show()
```

Visualized Mask Probs



Improves over TRAINING

Predicted Mask



```
def compute_sample_weights(image, mask):
    ''' Compute sample weights for the image given class. '''

# Compute relative weight of class
    class_weights = configuration().get("class_weights")
    class_weights = class_weights/tensorflow.reduce_sum(class_weights)

# Compute same-shaped Tensor as mask with sample weights per mask
element.
    sample_weights =
```

```
tensorflow.gather(class weights,indices=tensorflow.cast(mask,
tensorflow.int32))
  return image, mask, sample weights
def preprocess dataset(data, dataset type, dataset info):
 ''' Fully preprocess dataset given dataset type. '''
 config = configuration()
 batch size = config.get("batch size")
 buffer size = config.get("buffer size")
# Preprocess data given dataset type.
if dataset_type == "train" or dataset_type == "val":
 # 1. Perform preprocessing
 # 2. Cache dataset for improved performance
 # 3. Shuffle dataset
 # 4. Generate batches
 # 5. Repeat
 # 6. Perform data augmentation
 # 7. Add sample weights
 # 8. Prefetch new data before it being necessary.
  return (data
        .map(preprocess sample)
        .cache()
        .shuffle(buffer size)
        .batch(batch size)
        .repeat()
        .map(data augmentation)
        .map(compute sample weights)
        .prefetch(buffer size=tensorflow.data.AUTOTUNE))
 else:
 # 1. Perform preprocessing
 # 2. Generate batches
  return (data
      .map(preprocess sample)
      .batch(batch size))
def training callbacks():
 ''' Retrieve initialized callbacks for model.fit '''
 return [
 TensorBoard(
    log_dir=os.path.join(os.getcwd(), "unet_logs"),
    histogram freq=1,
    write images=True
 )
 1
def probs to mask(probs):
 ''' Convert Softmax output into mask. '''
```

```
pred mask = tensorflow.argmax(probs, axis=2)
 return pred mask
def generate plot(img input, mask truth, mask probs):
  ''' Generate a plot of input, truthy mask and probability mask.
  fig, axs = plt.subplots(1, 4)
  fig.set size inches(16, 6)
 # Plot the input image
  axs[0].imshow(img input)
  axs[0].set_title("Input image")
 # Plot the truthy mask
  axs[1].imshow(mask truth)
  axs[1].set title("True mask")
 # Plot the predicted mask
  predicted mask = probs to mask(mask probs)
  axs[2].imshow(predicted mask)
  axs[2].set title("Predicted mask")
 # Plot the overlay
  config = configuration()
  img input resized = tensorflow.image.resize(img input,
(config.get("mask width"), config.get("mask height")))
  axs[3].imshow(img input resized)
  axs[3].imshow(predicted mask, alpha=0.5)
  axs[3].set title("Overlay")
  # Show the plot
  plt.show()
```

Training Initiation

```
# Load config
config = configuration()
batch_size = config.get("batch_size")
validation_sub_splits = config.get("validation_sub_splits")
num_epochs = config.get("num_epochs")

# Load data
(training_data, validation_data, testing_data), info = load_dataset()

# Make training data ready for model.fit and model.evaluate
train_batches = preprocess_dataset(training_data, "train", info)
val_batches = preprocess_dataset(validation_data, "val", info)
test_batches = preprocess_dataset(testing_data, "test", info)

WARNING:absl:Variant folder /content/data/oxford_iiit_pet/4.0.0 has no
dataset_info.json
```

```
Downloading and preparing dataset Unknown size (download: Unknown
size, generated: Unknown size, total: Unknown size) to
/content/data/oxford iiit pet/4.0.0...
{"model id": "68859f5307454f689d7c32fb012f5e4f", "version major": 2, "vers
ion minor":0}
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ion minor":0}
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ion minor":0}
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ion minor":0}
{"model id": "e6796a0dbc24498e90a0acc78ad6ebe6", "version major": 2, "vers
ion minor":0}
{"model id":"24d271a58c344511bbeee4b95d73305a","version major":2,"vers
ion minor":0}
{"model id": "c98a5b6a016e41ea814a659b2ae68aa9", "version major": 2, "vers
ion minor":0}
Dataset oxford iiit pet downloaded and prepared to
/content/data/oxford iiit pet/4.0.0. Subsequent calls will reuse this
data.
for sample in train batches.take(1):
    if len(sample) == 3:
        image batch, mask_batch, weight_batch = sample
    else:
        image batch, mask batch = sample
    # Use the first image and mask from the batch
    image = image batch[0]
    mask = mask batch[0]
    print("Image shape:", image.shape) # e.g., (128, 128, 3)
    print("Mask shape:", mask.shape) # e.g., (128, 128, 1) or (128,
128)
    # Visualize
    plt.figure(figsize=(8, 4))
    plt.subplot(1, 2, 1)
    plt.imshow(image.numpy())
    plt.title("Input Image")
```

```
plt.axis("off")
    plt.subplot(1, 2, 2)
    plt.imshow(tf.squeeze(mask).numpy(), cmap="jet")
    plt.title("Segmentation Mask")
    plt.axis("off")
    plt.show()
Image shape: (100, 100, 3)
Mask shape: (60, 60, 1)
```

Input Image



Segmentation Mask

```
# Compute data-dependent variables
train num samples =
tensorflow.data.experimental.cardinality(training data).numpy()
val num samples =
tensorflow.data.experimental.cardinality(validation data).numpy()
steps_per_epoch = train_num_samples // batch_size
val_steps_per_epoch = val_num_samples // batch size //
validation sub splits
# Initialize model
model = init model(steps per epoch)
# Train the model
model.fit(
 train batches,
 epochs=num epochs,
  batch size=batch size,
  steps per epoch=steps per epoch,
```

```
verbose=1,
 validation steps=val steps per epoch,
 callbacks=training_callbacks(),
 validation data=val batches
)
# Test the model
score = model.evaluate(test batches, verbose=0)
print(f'Test loss: {score[0]} / Test accuracy: {score[1]}')
Model: "U-Net"
                     Output Shape | Param # | Connected to
 Layer (type)
 input_layer_2
                     | (None, 100, 100, |
 (InputLayer)
                     3)
 conv2d 22 (Conv2D)
                     | (None, 98, 98, |
                                              1,792
input layer 2[0]... |
                      64)
 activation_20
                     (None, 98, 98,
                                                  0 | conv2d_22[0]
[0]
 (Activation)
                     64)
 conv2d_23 (Conv2D)
                                             36,928
                     (None, 96, 96,
activation 20[0]...
                     64)
                     None, 96, 96,
 activation 21
                                                  0 | conv2d 23[0]
 (Activation)
                     64)
max pooling2d 4
                     | (None, 48, 48,
activation 21[0]...
```

(MaxPooling2D)	64)		
conv2d_24 (Conv2D) max_pooling2d_4[(None, 46, 46, 128)	73,856	
activation_22 [0] (Activation)	(None, 46, 46, 128)	0	conv2d_24[0]
conv2d_25 (Conv2D) activation_22[0]	(None, 44, 44, 128)	147,584	
activation_23 [0] (Activation)	(None, 44, 44, 128)	0	conv2d_25[0]
max_pooling2d_5 activation_23[0] (MaxPooling2D)	(None, 22, 22,	0	
conv2d_26 (Conv2D) max_pooling2d_5[(None, 20, 20, 256)	295,168	
activation_24 [0] (Activation)	(None, 20, 20, 256)	0	conv2d_26[0]
conv2d_27 (Conv2D) activation_24[0]	(None, 18, 18, 256)	590,080	

activation_25 [0] (Activation)	(None, 18, 18, 256)	0	conv2d_27[0]
center_crop_4 activation_23[0] (CenterCrop)	(None, 36, 36,	0	
conv2d_transpose_4 activation_25[0] (Conv2DTranspose)	(None, 36, 36, 128)	131,200	
concatenate_4 center_crop_4[0] (Concatenate) conv2d_transpose	(None, 36, 36, 256)	0	
conv2d_28 (Conv2D) concatenate_4[0]	(None, 34, 34,	295,040 	
activation_26 [0] (Activation)	(None, 34, 34,	0	conv2d_28[0]
conv2d_29 (Conv2D) activation_26[0]	(None, 32, 32,	147,584	
activation_27 [0] (Activation)	(None, 32, 32,	0	conv2d_29[0]

activation 21[0]	(None, 64, 64, 64)	0			
conv2d_transpose_5 activation_27[0] (Conv2DTranspose)	(None, 64, 64,	32,832			
concatenate_5 center_crop_5[0] (Concatenate) conv2d_transpose	(None, 64, 64, 128)	0			
conv2d_30 (Conv2D) concatenate_5[0]	(None, 62, 62, 64)	73,792			
activation_28 [0] (Activation)	(None, 62, 62,	0	conv2d_30[0]		
conv2d_31 (Conv2D) activation_28[0]	(None, 60, 60,	36,928			
activation_29 [0] (Activation)	(None, 60, 60,	0	conv2d_31[0]		
 conv2d_32 (Conv2D) activation_29[0]	(None, 60, 60, 3)	195			
Total params: 1,862,979 (7.11 MB)					

```
Trainable params: 1,862,979 (7.11 MB)
Non-trainable params: 0 (0.00 B)
Epoch 1/50
117/117
            27s 177ms/step - accuracy: 0.5427 - loss:
0.2917 - val accuracy: 0.5989 - val loss: 0.2652
0.2688 - val accuracy: 0.5953 - val loss: 0.2610
0.2582 - val accuracy: 0.6500 - val_loss: 0.2461
Epoch 4/50
117/117 ———— 20s 169ms/step - accuracy: 0.6477 - loss:
0.2478 - val accuracy: 0.6664 - val loss: 0.2426
Epoch 5/50
0.2378 - val accuracy: 0.6783 - val loss: 0.2332
Epoch 6/50
             ———— 19s 160ms/step - accuracy: 0.6805 - loss:
117/117 —
0.2329 - val accuracy: 0.6893 - val loss: 0.2293
Epoch 7/50

21s 176ms/step - accuracy: 0.6948 - loss:
0.2257 - val_accuracy: 0.6854 - val_loss: 0.2244
0.2229 - val accuracy: 0.7132 - val loss: 0.2149
0.2187 - val accuracy: 0.7075 - val loss: 0.2133
Epoch 10/50 ______ 21s 181ms/step - accuracy: 0.7090 - loss:
0.2161 - val accuracy: 0.7220 - val_loss: 0.2084
Epoch 11/50
            20s 170ms/step - accuracy: 0.7175 - loss:
117/117 ——
0.2106 - val_accuracy: 0.7168 - val_loss: 0.2075
Epoch 12/50
             ______ 20s 175ms/step - accuracy: 0.7207 - loss:
117/117 ——
0.2081 - val_accuracy: 0.7138 - val_loss: 0.2114
0.2060 - val_accuracy: 0.7157 - val_loss: 0.2083
0.2055 - val accuracy: 0.7265 - val_loss: 0.2047
0.2041 - val_accuracy: 0.7232 - val_loss: 0.2071
Epoch 16/50
```

```
20s 170ms/step - accuracy: 0.7288 - loss:
0.2027 - val_accuracy: 0.7262 - val loss: 0.2049
Epoch 17/50
               ———— 19s 165ms/step - accuracy: 0.7301 - loss:
117/117 ——
0.2012 - val accuracy: 0.7262 - val loss: 0.2025
Epoch 18/50

21s 176ms/step - accuracy: 0.7310 - loss:
0.2003 - val accuracy: 0.7168 - val_loss: 0.2084
0.1997 - val accuracy: 0.7189 - val loss: 0.2078
Epoch 20/50 117/117 19s 164ms/step - accuracy: 0.7326 - loss:
0.1996 - val accuracy: 0.7218 - val loss: 0.2058
Epoch 21/50
             ______ 21s 176ms/step - accuracy: 0.7363 - loss:
117/117 ——
0.1965 - val_accuracy: 0.7162 - val_loss: 0.2121
Epoch 22/50
                20s 175ms/step - accuracy: 0.7357 - loss:
0.1967 - val accuracy: 0.7135 - val loss: 0.2097
Epoch 23/50
              21s 178ms/step - accuracy: 0.7394 - loss:
117/117 ——
0.1944 - val accuracy: 0.7173 - val loss: 0.2094
0.1965 - val accuracy: 0.7250 - val loss: 0.1994
0.1929 - val accuracy: 0.7212 - val loss: 0.2032
Epoch 26/50 20s 167ms/step - accuracy: 0.7462 - loss:
0.1903 - val accuracy: 0.7199 - val loss: 0.2045
Epoch 27/50
117/117 ———— 20s 172ms/step - accuracy: 0.7462 - loss:
0.1891 - val accuracy: 0.7278 - val loss: 0.2006
Epoch 28/50
               _____ 19s 165ms/step - accuracy: 0.7471 - loss:
117/117 —
0.1879 - val accuracy: 0.7342 - val loss: 0.1967
0.1882 - val accuracy: 0.7195 - val loss: 0.2065
Epoch 30/50 40s 341ms/step - accuracy: 0.7469 - loss:
0.1883 - val accuracy: 0.7310 - val loss: 0.1998
0.1885 - val accuracy: 0.7266 - val loss: 0.2011
Epoch 32/50
           40s 342ms/step - accuracy: 0.7466 - loss:
117/117 -
```

```
0.1883 - val accuracy: 0.7369 - val loss: 0.1956
Epoch 33/50
              ______ 19s 163ms/step - accuracy: 0.7466 - loss:
117/117 ———
0.1883 - val accuracy: 0.7226 - val loss: 0.2042
Epoch 34/50
               20s 173ms/step - accuracy: 0.7468 - loss:
117/117 ——
0.1885 - val accuracy: 0.7310 - val loss: 0.1993
Epoch 35/50
                 ______ 20s 170ms/step - accuracy: 0.7472 - loss:
117/117 —
0.1878 - val accuracy: 0.7304 - val loss: 0.1983
Epoch 36/50 20s 168ms/step - accuracy: 0.7475 - loss:
0.1877 - val accuracy: 0.7260 - val loss: 0.2041
Epoch 37/50 _______ 20s 167ms/step - accuracy: 0.7484 - loss:
0.1873 - val accuracy: 0.7222 - val loss: 0.2038
Epoch 38/50 _______ 20s 168ms/step - accuracy: 0.7477 - loss:
0.1877 - val accuracy: 0.7207 - val_loss: 0.2038
Epoch 39/50
0.1866 - val accuracy: 0.7228 - val loss: 0.2024
Epoch 40/50
                 _____ 20s 171ms/step - accuracy: 0.7488 - loss:
117/117 ——
0.1866 - val accuracy: 0.7241 - val loss: 0.2012
Epoch 41/50
                21s 176ms/step - accuracy: 0.7505 - loss:
117/117 ----
0.1862 - val accuracy: 0.7247 - val loss: 0.2027
Epoch 42/50 ______ 20s 171ms/step - accuracy: 0.7488 - loss:
0.1871 - val accuracy: 0.7310 - val loss: 0.1981
0.1873 - val accuracy: 0.7280 - val loss: 0.2012
Epoch 44/50 117/117 19s 164ms/step - accuracy: 0.7479 - loss:
0.1871 - val accuracy: 0.7287 - val loss: 0.2012
Epoch 45/50
0.1868 - val accuracy: 0.7274 - val loss: 0.2004
Epoch 46/50
                  ———— 19s 164ms/step - accuracy: 0.7490 - loss:
117/117 ——
0.1865 - val_accuracy: 0.7279 - val_loss: 0.2027
Epoch 47/50
                  ———— 21s 176ms/step - accuracy: 0.7491 - loss:
117/117 —
0.1864 - val_accuracy: 0.7317 - val_loss: 0.1996
0.1865 - val accuracy: 0.7286 - val loss: 0.2001
```

```
Epoch 49/50
                          20s 174ms/step - accuracy: 0.7489 - loss:
117/117 -
0.1866 - val accuracy: 0.7265 - val loss: 0.1997
Epoch 50/50
117/117 —
                         — 19s 164ms/step - accuracy: 0.7491 - loss:
0.1864 - val_accuracy: 0.7320 - val_loss: 0.2000
Test loss: 0.6552404761314392 / Test accuracy: 0.7270237803459167
for images, masks in test batches.take(1):
  # Generate prediction for each image
  predicted_masks = model.predict(images)
  # Plot each image and masks in batch
  for index, (image, mask) in enumerate(zip(images, masks)):
    generate plot(image, mask, predicted masks[index])
    if index > 4:
      break
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                         7s 3s/step
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