Vehicle Detection from Aerial Footage Using YOLOv5 Models

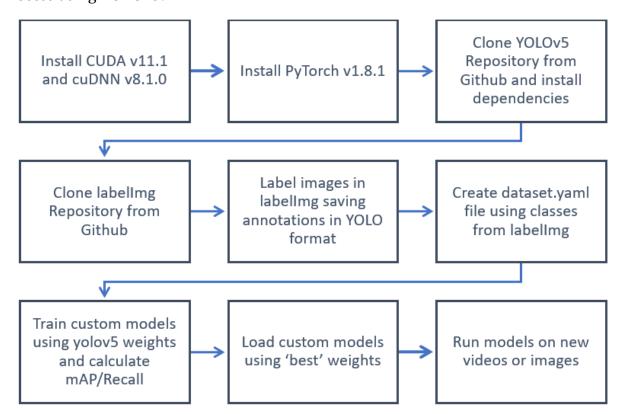
Description

YOLO (*You Only Look Once*) is an algorithm that employs convolutional neural networks (CNN) to detect objects in real-time. This algorithm is popular because of its speed and accuracy. YOLOv5 is the latest version of YOLO that utilizes the PyTorch framework and is pretrained on the COCO dataset. There are four different models to choose from for custom training – yolov5s (small), yolov5m (medium), yolov5l (large), and yolov5x (extra-large).

For this project, the yolov5s, yolov5m, and yolov5l models were trained using image snips from drone footage of UWF's campus after hurricane Sally. These images were hand labeled in labelImg using the labels – 'car', 'truck', and 'suv'.

Flow Chart

Process using YOLOv5:



Install CUDA v11.1 and cuDNN v8.1.0

Install versions of CUDA and cuDNN that are compatible with PyTorch.

Install PyTorch v1.8.1

YOLOv5 requires PyTorch >= 1.7

Clone YOLOv5 Repository from Github and install dependencies

Clone the YOLOv5 repository from 'https://github.com/ultralytics/yolov5' and install all dependencies using 'cd yolov5 & pip install -r requirements.txt'

Clone labelImg Repository from Github

Clone labelImg repository from 'https://github.com/tzutalin/labelImg'.

Label images in labelImg saving annotations in YOLO format

Open labelImg and point the directory to image folder. Change annotation format to YOLO before saving labels, otherwise YOLOv5 will not work. 15 images were annotated for this project.

Create dataset.yaml file using classes from labelImg

LabelImg populates a 'classes.txt' file based on selected YOLO model (yolov5s). To train a custom model a YAML file must be created containing these class labels. Create a file names dataset.yaml in the same location YOLOv5 was cloned.

Train custom model using yolov5 weights and calculate mAP/ Recall

Train each model using selected weights in the Anaconda Prompt – 'python train.py --img 320 --batch 16 --epochs 500 --data dataset.yaml --weights yolov5s.pt --workers 2'. For the medium and large YOLOv5 weights, use yolov5m.pt and yolov5l.pt, in place of yolov5s.pt. Calculate mAP and Recall from generated confusion matrix.

The mean average precision is the proportion of detections that were correct,

$$\frac{TP}{TP + FP}$$

The average recall is the proportion of the actual objects that were captured,

$$\frac{TP}{TP + FN}$$

Load custom model using 'best' weights

model = torch.hub.load('ultralytics/yolov5', 'custom', path=' yolov5/runs/train/exp5/weights/best.pt', force_reload=True)

Run model on new video or images

Import media using OpenCV – run model (See code).

Results and Analysis

Below are the Confusion Matrices, Training Batch images, and Validation Batch images with Predictions generated by the custom trained models described above.

YOLOv5s (Small)

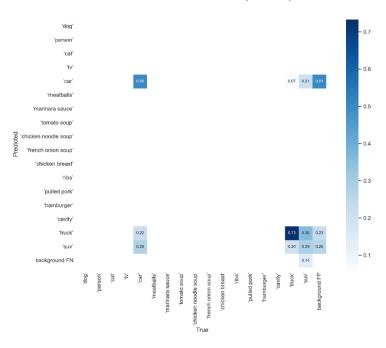


Figure 1: yolov5s Confusion Matrix



Figure 2: yolov5s Batch Images – Training (left) and Validation with Predictions (Right)

YOLOv5m (Medium)

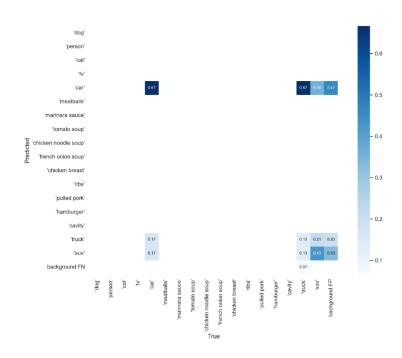


Figure 3: yolov5m Confusion Matrix



Figure 4: yolov5m Batch Images – Training (left) and Validation with Predictions (Right)

YOLOv5l (Large)

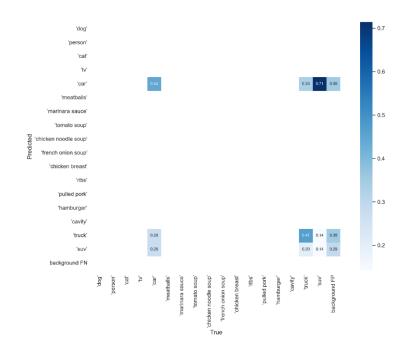


Figure 5: yolov5l Confusion Matrix

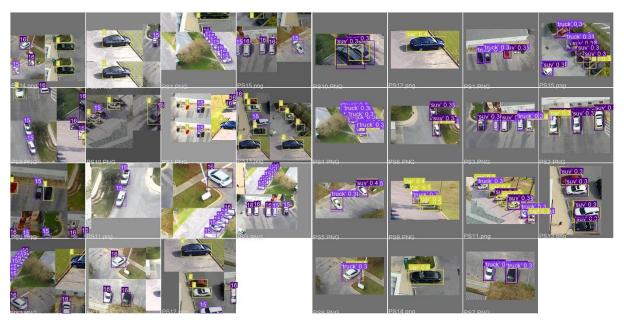


Figure 6: yolov5l Batch Images – Training (left) and Validation with Predictions (Right)

The Confusion Matrices were utilized to calculate the mean average precision (mAP) and average recalls of each model.

Model	Mean Average Precision (mAP)	Average Recall
yolov5s	60%	92%
yolov5m	55%	95%
yolov5l	51%	100%

Figure 7: mAP and Average Recall Table

As the models get larger, the mAP decreases (less vehicles are correctly classified), while the average recall increases (more vehicles are identified in total regardless of precision).

In Project 2, yolov5s was trained on the same data using 500 epochs, which resulted in a mAP of 65% and average Recall of 96%. For the sake of processing time, the models in the table above (Figure 7) were trained using 250 epochs for Project 3.

The mAP here is overall similar to the pre-trained Haar Cascade Classifier used in Project 1 (62%), but on average YOLOv5 was able to identify 70% more of the vehicles present (Cascade recall = 26%). This difference was not surprising since the YOLO models were trained using custom images/labels from the drone footage.

Code

Python/PyCharm/Anaconda Prompt used

```
import numpy as np
while cap.isOpened():
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YAML Code – dataset.yaml

```
path: ../data # dataset root dir
train: images
val: images

# Classes
nc: 17 # number of classes
names: [ 'dog', 'person', 'cat', 'tv', 'car', 'meatballs', 'marinara sauce', 'tomato soup', 'chicken noodle soup', 'french onion soup', 'chicken breast', 'ribs', 'pulled pork', 'hamburger', 'cavity', 'truck', 'suv' ] # class names
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References

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- YOLO Algorithm Background <u>https://www.section.io/engineering-education/introduction-to-yolo-algorithm-for-object-detection/</u>
- YOLOv5 Tutorial <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tFNJGim3FXw</u>
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