

Enhanced Spectrum Sensing Techniques for 5G New Radio (NR) and Long-Term Evolution (LTE) Utilizing Unet++ Deep Learning Network

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Abstract—The 5G New Radio (NR) technology emerged in several recent years that is the latest generation in wireless communication technology. The 5G New Radio offers significantly higher the peak data range, high-frequency, and low-latency comparing to Long-Term Evolution (LTE). Both of them can be distinguished by the frequency range of spectrum extraction. In the recent year, the deep learning network domain introduced various cutting-edge approaches to tackle image processing in several applications such as the medical identify, spectrum sensing in signal processing, and automotive industry that utilize image segmentation techniques. In this paper, we propose the cutting-edge deep learning network base on Unet++ to enhance spectrum sensing for 5G New Radio (NR) and Long-Term Evolution (LTE) that incorporated by Unet++ and attention gate. In detail, we replaced traditional convolution by group convolution to reduce dramatically parameters of own network, around 50 percentage comparing with original Unet++ network, attention gates are applied into each skip connection to focus on the essential segmentation region in the small image. We utilize the spectrum of 5G NR and LTE dataset which were generated by MatLab 5G toolbox to evaluate own network, compare with other DeepLabv3++ and original Unet models. The accuracy of own network reached at XXX% that is higher than DeepLabv3++, Unet, Unet++ by xx%, yy%, zz%. Our implementation and pre-trained model are available at: Spectrum sensing base on deep learning Github project

Index Terms—spectrum sensing, 5G New Radio (5G NR), Long-Term Evolution (LTE), Unet, unet++, deep learning network, attention gate, group convolution, semantic image segmentation, signal processing

I. INTRODUCTION

The 5G New Radio (NR) is the next generation of cellular network technologies, it provides the high transmission data range and fast transmission in kinds of different frequencies that include low-bandwidth, middle-bandwidth, and high-bandwidth [7]. In particular, low-bandwidth and middle-bandwidth are popular in many countries, 3400 to 3800 MHz in Europe, 3300 to 4990 MHz in China, 3600 MHz to 4900 MHz in Japan, 3400 MHz to 3700 MHz in Korea, and 3700 MHz to 4200 MHz in United States. The 5G NR offers the long range of frequencies than fourth Long-Term Evolution (LTE), 5G NR offers a broader spectrum range, spanning from below 1GHz up to 52.6GHz, whereas LTE typically operates within the 3.5GHz to 5GHz range.

In contemporary times, the demand for wireless communication network by utilizing the limited spectrum resource increased dramatically in the recent year, it requires a fast recognition for kinds of wireless radio to apply into minimal electronic devices. In the last decade, several solutions had been proposed to discriminate the type of spectrum in wireless communication network. The paper "Intelligent Spectrum Sensing with ConvNet for 5G and LTE Signals Identification" [1] introduced a innovative methodology that utilizing deep learning network which is ConvNet built by incorporating DeepLabv3+ (an efficient encode-decoder architecture for pixel-level classification) and ResNet18 (as a backbone network for feature extraction). As the result, it reached outstanding results with global accuracy 75% and 95% at signal-to-noise ratio 40db and 60db respectively [1], comparing to global accuracy 78% and 97% at signal-to-noise ratio 40db and 60db, respectively that using the enhance DeepLabV3+, which was showed by "Accurate Spectrum Sensing with Improved DeepLabV3+ for 5G-LTE Signals Identification" [2].

In the recent year, The deep learning network industry witnessed the development process of semantic segmentation, numerous robust encoder-decoder deep learning network was introduced for semantic segmentation domain that opened opportunities in image processing field, high precision together with light weight that have ability adapt to minimal electronic devices, contributing to numerous applications related to Biomedical Image Segmentation [5], signal processing [1] [2], and medical Identification. To begin with a light weight semantic image segmentation deep learning network, Unet convolution network for Biomedical image segmentation was presented by Computer Science Department and BIOS Center for Biological Signaling Studies, University of Freiburg, Germany in 2015 [5]. Unet was built by multiple scale convolution networks including two path encoder and decoder from high-scale to small-scale image and small-scale image to high-scale image connected to encoder path and decoder path respectively. In 2020, Unet++ is a redesigning skip connection to exploit multiple scales features in image segmentation that was presented by Zongwei Zhou [6]. Unet++ offered a higher accuracy than traditional Unet network by utilizing

skip connection in each layer, the space between layers was replaced by deep convolution blocks that aim increase features extraction in the output of the network. However, these lead to increase the size of the network dramatically, the total parameters of Unet++ increased approximately fourth times comparing to traditional Unet network. [6].

In this paper, we presented innovative methodologies to enhance Unet++ deep learning network to tackle spectrum sensing 5G New Radio (NR) and Long-Term Evolution (LTE) base on received spectrum in frequency domain by the discrete Fourier transform. To begin with, we utilize group convolutions [9] to reduce dramatically size of the network, it not only has vital role in reducing the total of parameters but also retain a robust accuracy. On the other hand, attention mechanism was introduce in "Attention Is All You Need" [4], which created a renovation in the deep learning domain in general and semantic image segmentation in specific. In particular, Attention mechanism focus on the mainly regions in the image where need to discriminate segment of objects. Therefore, attention blocks have a light weight which plays a vital role for development deep learning network in compact power devices, especially in signal processing where numerous applications were deployed in smartphones, laptops, and others to discriminate the type of received signals that requires minimum computing performance. Thank to attention mechanism, the attention gate mechanism was introduced in "Attention U-Net: Learning Where to Look for the Pancreas" [3] by Biomedical Image Analysis Group, Imperial College London, London, UK in 2008, which enhances the discriminated ability of Unet network. In detail, attention gates adapted to skip connection in each layer of Unet network, it filter the features propagated through the skip connections [3]. The achievement of attention gates is focusing on extracted features in the same size at the corresponding layer, incorporating skip connections and lower layers by concatenation. As the result, this method showed effectively semantic image segmentation in classification and regression tasks [3]. Finally, we utilized incorporated attention gates and group convolution to reduce the size of the Unet++ network and rise the accuracy through attention gates that adapted to skip connection layers to tackle spectrum sensing for the 5G New Radio (NR) and the Long-term Evolution (LTE) base on received spectrum signals. Our objectives present a new innovative deep learning network base on Unet++ architecture that has a minimal parameters comparing to previous Unet [5], Unet++ [6], DeepLabV3+ [2], and Convenet [1] deep learning network.

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