Multi-Modal 2D+3D Semantic Segmentation for UXB Dataset

Python Script: train_multimodal_fusion_ce.py

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Overview

This script performs joint training of a **2D+3D** semantic segmentation model on the **UXB** dataset, which includes aerial 2D TPI images and 3D LAS point-clouds. The training pipeline incorporates class-weighted losses, early fusion in the 3D space, and a custom sampler to balance minority class representation.

1 Dataset Structure

- Each sample is stored under pair_XXXX/ directories.
- Each pair contains:
 - 2D image: tpi_100m_*.png
 - 2D mask: uxb_msk_pl_st_*.png
 - 3D point-cloud: *.las

2 Model Architecture

- 2D branch:
 - Backbone: SegFormer-B0 (nvidia/segformer-b0-finetuned-ade-512-512)
 - Head: 1x1 convolution for segmentation
- 3D branch:
 - Backbone: MONAI Swin UNETR-large (feature_size=96)
- Fusion:
 - Feature fusion: mean spatial encoding of 2D features expanded across 3D volume
 - Fusion layers: Conv3D \rightarrow ReLU \rightarrow Conv3D (output NUM_CLASSES)

3 Loss Functions

Both branches use class-weighted Cross Entropy Loss:

Class Weights
$$(2D/3D) = [0.05, 0.45, 0.50]$$

Heavier weight is placed on minority classes (Plazuela and Structure).

4 Training Schedule

• Warm-up: 2-stage schedule for head and encoder learning rates

• Epochs: up to 100

• Early stopping: after 10 epochs with no validation improvement

• Optimizer: AdamW with weight decay

• Batch size: 1 (due to high memory from 3D volumes)

Learning Rate Schedule

• head_lr: linearly increases from LR_WARMUP to LR_MAIN

• enc_lr: frozen at 0 during warm-up; then gradually increases

5 Sampling Strategy

BalancedSampler ensures $\sim 70\%$ of training samples contain minority class voxels (label 1 or 2 in 3D). It computes voxel distributions during initialization.

6 Metrics

Evaluated using:

- Global accuracy
- Per-class accuracy
- Precision, Recall, F1-score
- IoU per class

7 Evaluation & Output

- Best Weights: saved to FusedSwinCrossEntropy_tpi_clr_swin_best.pth
- Inference Output:
 - pred_XXXX.npy: predicted voxel grid
 - pred_XXXX.las: LAS file with updated classification field

8 Key Implementation Modules

Dataset

- Processes both 2D and 3D data
- Converts LAS point-clouds into voxel grids using spatial normalization

• Remaps class labels using:

```
LABEL_MAP_2D = \{0: 0, 76: 1, 150: 2\}
LABEL_MAP_3D = \{2: 0, 27: 1, 6: 2\}
```

Model

The model implements:

- SegFormer 2D segmentation head
- Swin UNETR 3D segmentation
- Feature fusion between 2D latent space and 3D volume features

Training Loop

Each epoch:

- Adjusts learning rates per schedule
- Unfreezes encoder weights after warm-up
- Computes combined 2D + 3D cross-entropy loss
- Saves best model based on validation loss
- Triggers early stopping if no improvement

Inference

- Loads predict split
- Generates class predictions on voxel grid
- Maps voxel predictions back to LAS file and saves

9 Usage Instructions

- 1. Place your dataset under: Old_data_2d+3d/uxb_tpi_clr_with_masks_paired/
- 2. Structure:

```
train/
test/
predict/
   pair_XXXX/
   *.png
   *.las
```

3. Run the script:

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python train_multimodal_fusion_ce.py
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4. Monitor console logs for training stats, early stopping, and inference output paths

10 Requirements

- Python 3.8+
- torch, transformers, monai, laspy, PIL, numpy

11 Conclusion

This implementation fuses 2D and 3D data for robust semantic segmentation on archaeological UXB data. With a modular architecture, balanced sampling, and fine-grained metric tracking, it offers a reproducible baseline for multimodal fusion in geospatial analysis.