

Deep learning a gyakorlatban Python és Lua alapon

Airbus Ship Detection Challenge

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Abstract

English Abstract:

This project focuses on detecting ships in satellite images and generating segmentation masks to highlight their exact locations. Using a simplified Mask R-CNN architecture with a ResNet50 backbone for feature extraction, the model generates binary masks that outline the ships. The implementation covers data preparation, visualization, model training, and evaluation, leveraging transfer learning to ensure robust performance. While the current results are promising, further refinements, including higher-resolution masks and data augmentation, are planned to improve accuracy and segmentation quality.

Magyar Kivonat:

Ez a projekt műholdképek elemzésére és a hajók pontos helyét kiemelő szegmentációs maszkok létrehozására összpontosít. Egy egyszerűsített Mask R-CNN architektúrát használunk, amelyben a ResNet50 backbone biztosítja a jellemzők kinyerését, és bináris maszkokat generál a hajók körvonalazására. Az implementáció magában foglalja az adatok előkészítését, vizualizációját, a modell betanítását és kiértékelését, miközben a transfer learning módszert alkalmazza a megbízható teljesítmény érdekében. Az eddigi eredmények ígéretesek, de a pontosság és a szegmentáció minőségének javítása érdekében további fejlesztések – például nagyobb felbontású maszkok és adataugmentáció – vannak tervben.

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1 Introduction

This project is from a kaggle competition [2], titled the *Airbus Ship Detection Challenge*, aims to detect ships in satellite imagery and generate segmentation masks to identify their exact locations. The dataset includes diverse scenarios, such as images with no ships or multiple ships of varying sizes. Our project implements a simplified Mask R-CNN architecture, focusing on binary segmentation tasks.

2 Related Work and Existing Solutions

Detecting objects in satellite imagery is a well-studied problem in computer vision. The Mask R-CNN framework is widely recognized for its versatility in object detection and segmentation. By tailoring the architecture to binary segmentation tasks, this project simplifies the model to focus on ship detection, avoiding the complexity of bounding box regression.

Existing solutions for the Airbus Ship Detection challenge emphasize the use of data augmentation techniques such as rotation, flipping, and scaling to improve model robustness. Many participants employ pre-trained networks, like ResNet and EfficientNet, to leverage learned features. Hyperparameter tuning, experimenting with various model architectures, and applying ensemble methods, where multiple models are combined, are also effective strategies for enhancing detection accuracy. These solutions aim to improve the model's generalization and performance on unseen data. [3]

3 System Design: Network Architecture

3.a Overview

Layer (type)	Output Shape	Param #
input_image (InputLayer)	(None, 384, 384, 3)	0
functional_3 (Functional)	[(None, 96, 96, 256), (None, 48, 48, 512), (None, 24, 24, 1024)]	8,589,184
conv2d_3 (Conv2D)	(None, 24, 24, 256)	2,359,552
conv2d_transpose_8 (Conv2DTranspose)	(None, 48, 48, 256)	590,080
conv2d_transpose_9 (Conv2DTranspose)	(None, 96, 96, 256)	590,080
conv2d_transpose_10 (Conv2DTranspose)	(None, 192, 192, 256)	590,080
conv2d_transpose_11 (Conv2DTranspose)	(None, 384, 384, 256)	590,080
mask_output (Conv2D)	(None, 384, 384, 1)	257

Total params: 13,309,313 (50.77 MB)

Trainable params: 13,278,721 (50.65 MB)

Non-trainable params: 30,592 (119.50 KB)

Figure 1: Caption

The neural network uses a simplified Mask R-CNN design for binary segmentation. The primary components are:

- **Backbone:** ResNet50, a pre-trained convolutional neural network, extracts high-level features from the input images.
- **Mask Head:** Convolutional and transpose convolution layers process features to generate binary masks outlining ships.

3.b Key Features of the Approach

- **Simplification:** Focuses solely on mask generation, for pictures with lowered resolution.
- **Efficiency:** Leverages transfer learning with ResNet50 for robust feature extraction.
- **Scalability:** Predictions could be enhanced by further data processing and by elevating model resolution.

4 Implementation

The implementation is centered around the *deepl_bp.ipynb* Jupyter Notebook. It integrates the Kaggle API for data downloading and provides a streamlined workflow for model training and evaluation. The notebook also demonstrates mask predictions overlaid on satellite images [1].

5 Data Acquisition and Preparation

5.a Dataset Source

The dataset is sourced from Kaggle and includes around 200 thousand satellite images with corresponding segmentation masks encoded in Run-Length Encoding (RLE).

5.b Preprocessing Steps

- Decoding RLE masks into binary masks.
- Balancing the dataset by controlling the proportion of images with and without ships. (7:3 ship no ship ratio) In the end with this around a 100 thousand images were used for the training.

6 Training Process

6.a Configuration

The model employs a binary cross-entropy loss function with the Adam optimizer. Training and validation datasets are split to ensure balanced evaluation. (1. figure shows the model parameters)

6.b Challenges

The long training time per epoch (2 hours) presents challenges in observing the learning curve. This makes the hyper-parameter optimization process difficult, so we will implement this on a smaller dataset for the final draft and then insert those parameters in the final model.

7 Evaluation: Metrics, Errors, and Hyperparameter Optimization

The ResNet50 backbone ensures robust feature extraction, reducing computational burden, and leveraging pre-trained weights for better performance on limited training data.

The model generates binary masks highlighting ship locations. Current results indicate that the masks require refinement for even more precise boundary alignment. In any case with the binary cross-entropy loss function on our resolution, we have achieved an accuracy of 0.9985 and loss of 0.0043 on training dataset. Of course this is not the same as the kagle evaluation metric, there our model would achieve a worse result, thanks to the lower resolution bounding boxes. Still, all in all, the model can detect ships really well, with a crude outline as can be seen on the picture below from the validation dataset.

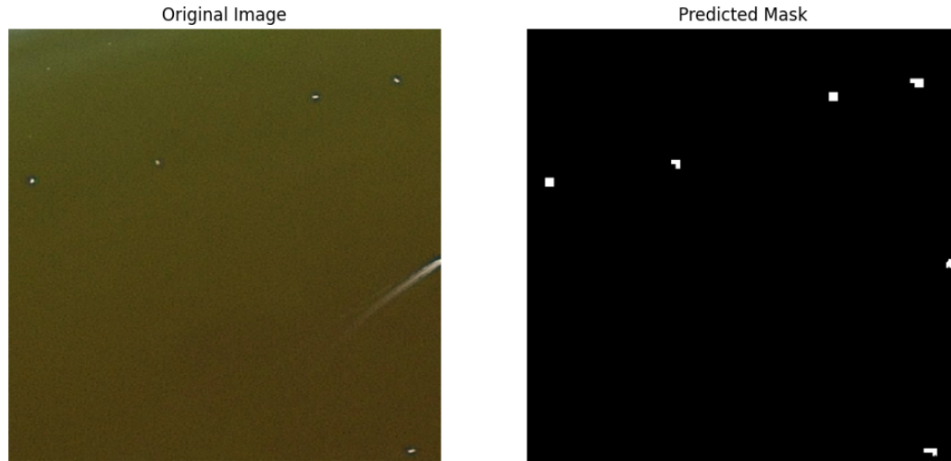


Figure 2: Caption

8 Future Work and Conclusion

8.a Planned Improvements Till the Final Deadline

- Implementing hyper-parameter optimization on a smaller dataset.
- Implementing higher-resolution ship detection.
- Evaluate the model based on more metrics.
- Enhancing the documentation.

8.b Summary

The project demonstrates the power of transfer learning and a simplified Mask R-CNN model for ship detection. Although the results are promising, further refinements are required to enhance accuracy and mask precision. Large language models were used for code completion and for English translation during the documentation.

References

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