

Laboratory 15: TensorFlow semantic image segmentation

In this laboratory exercise, you will train a variant of reduced FireNet (Gupta et al. 2023) with an attached modified DeepLabv3+ (Chen et al. 2018) semantic segmentation module to discern land cover¹ from high-resolution (50 cm/pixel) RGB satellite images of the French Hautes-Alpes.

The data are a reprocessed subset of Guérin et al. (2021; <https://github.com/koechslin/swin-transformer-semantic-segmentation>) with the images cut into smaller tiles (each 1,000×1,000 pixel image became 49 128×128 pixel images), the tiles filtered to remove those with more than 1% missing data, and the building and road classes merged into a single anthropogenic class. In total there are 6,650 images: 4,602 (69.2%) training, 1,024 (15.4%) validation, and 1,024 (15.4%) testing. The classes are not particularly well-balanced: the largest class, by area, is dense forest—it occupies 25.5× more area than the smallest class (anthropogenic)².

Tasks

- (1) Create a working environment to build and train the model.
 - (a) Make a working project directory by typing `mkdir alps && cd alps` in the terminal.
 - (b) Download the segmented data archive by typing `for k in {0..6}; do wget 'https://github.com/dpl10/phytoinformatics2023/raw/main/IGN-data'$k'.tar'; done` in the terminal. Answer question (1).
 - (c) Extract the archive by typing `tar -x -M -fIGN-data{0..6}.tar` in the terminal. Three .tfr files should be output.
 - (d) Download the model script by typing `wget https://raw.githubusercontent.com/dpl10/phytoinformatics2023/main/deeplabFirenet.py` in the terminal.
 - (e) Download the training and testing scripts by typing `TYPES=('test' 'train'); for TYPE in "${TYPES[@]}; do wget 'https://github.com/dpl10/phytoinformatics2023/raw/main/$TYPE'Segmentation.py'; done` in the terminal.
 - (f) Make the scripts executable by typing `chmod +x *.py` in the terminal.
- (2) Start the Docker instance created for Laboratory 14 by typing `docker run -u $(id -u):$(id -g) --rm -it -v "$PWD:/tmp" -w /tmp tensorflow:2.12.0` in the terminal.
- (3) Construct a randomly initialized DeepLabv3+FireNet model by typing `./deeplabFirenet.py -a 6 -f selu -i 128 -o deepFire.h5 -r 1234567890` in the terminal. Answer question (2).
- (4) View the untrained model in netron using the graphical interface or a web browser (<https://netron.app>).
- (5) Make a directory to save the training result by typing `mkdir denovo` in the terminal.
- (6) Train the model by typing `time ./trainSegmentation.py -a 6 -b 64 -c -e 48 -f ce+clr+a -i 128 -l 0.01 -m deepFire.h5 -o denovo -r 1234567890 -t IGN-train.tfr -v IGN-validation.tfr` in the terminal. Depending upon your computer, this step will take between 1 minute and 3 hours. Answer question (3).

¹ classes: unknown (0), dense forest (1), sparse forest (2), moor (3), herbaceous formation (4), and anthropogenic (5)

² pixel area: (0) 14,219; (1) 45,008,122; (2) 35,484,201; (3) 17,608,687; (4) 9,074,259; (5) 1,764,112

- (7) Evaluate the best-trained model by typing `./testSegmentation.py -a 6 -b 64 -c -i 128 -m $(ls -ltr denovo/*/best-model.h5 | awk '{print $9}' | tail -1) -t IGN-test.tfr` in the terminal. Answer question (4).
- (8) Close the Docker image by typing `exit` in the terminal.

Questions (<https://forms.gle/s64em7v5UQ7xG5zX6>)

- (1) For task (1)(b), explain what each part of the command does.
- (2) For task (3):
- (a) How many parameters does this model have?
 - (b) How many parameters are trainable?
 - (c) What is the size of the output layer?
- (3) For task (6):
- (a) Explain what each part of the command does.
 - (b) How long (real time == wall clock time) did it take to train the model?
 - (c) What was the model's accuracy and mean IoU on the validation dataset?
 - (d) Did the model overfit during training?
- (4) For task (7):
- (a) What was the model's accuracy and mean IoU on the test dataset?
 - (b) Is this very different from the corresponding values on the validation dataset?
 - (c) Would the model benefit from additional epochs of training?

Literature cited

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