YOHO model for Audio Segmentation and Sound Event Detection

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Audio Segmentation and Sound Event Detection

The goal of automatic sound event detection (SED) methods is to recognize what is happening in an audio signal and when it is happening[1]. In practice, the goal is to recognize at what temporal instances different sounds are active within an audio signal. An example of sound event detection is presented below.

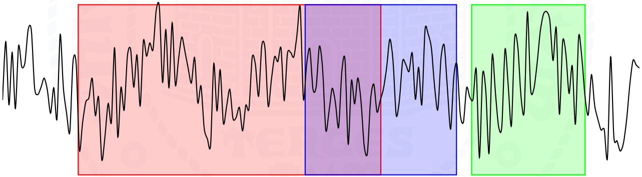

Figure 1: Event Detection in an audio track.

[1] Annamaria Mesaros et al. "Sound Event Detection: A tutorial". In: *IEEE Signal Processing Magazine* 38 (2021), pp. 67–83. URL: https://api.semanticscholar.org/CorpusID:235795366.

Datasets

Common datasets for Audio Segmentation and Sound Event Detection problems are:

- **TUT Sound Event Detection**: primarily consists of street recordings with traffic and other activity, with audio examples of 2.56 s and a total size of approximately 1.5 h. It has six unique audio classes – Brakes Squeaking, Car, Children, Large Vehicle, People Speaking, and People Walking;
- **Urban-SED**: purely synthetic dataset, with audio example of 10 s and a total size of about 30 h. It has ten unique audio classes – Air Conditioner, Car Horn, Children Playing, Dog Bark, Drilling, Engine Idling, Gun Shot, Jackhammer, Siren, and Street Music.

The first dataset is too small to train a Neural Network model and requires use of augmentation techniques (we used **SpecAugment**[2]).

[2] Daniel S. Park et al. "SpecAugment: A Simple Data Augmentation Method for Automatic Speech Recognition". In: *Interspeech 2019*. 2019, pp. 2613–2617. DOI: 10.21437/Interspeech.2019-2680.

Metrics

A popular toolbox for Sound Event Detection models evaluation is **SED Eval**[3].

$$\text{Precision} = \frac{\text{TP}}{\text{TP} + \text{FP}} \qquad \text{Recall} = \frac{\text{TP}}{\text{TP} + \text{FN}}$$

$$\text{F}_1\text{-score} = 2 \times \frac{\text{Precision} \times \text{Recall}}{\text{Precision} + \text{Recall}}$$

where TP, FP and FN are respectively (for each audio segment):

- the ground truth and system output both indicate an event to be active;
- the ground truth indicates an event to be inactive, but the system as active;
- the ground truth indicates an event to be active, but the system as inactive.

[3] Annamaria Mesaros, Toni Heittola, and Tuomas Virtanen. “Metrics for Polyphonic Sound Event Detection”. In: *Applied Sciences* 6.6 (2016). ISSN: 2076-3417. DOI: 10.3390/app6060162. URL: https://www.mdpi.com/2076-3417/6/6/162.

YOHO model

Presented in 2021, **YOHO**[4] is a lightweight real-time algorithm for *audio segmentation* and *sound event detection*:

- it aims to detect acoustic classes and their temporal boundaries by treating the problem as a regression task;

[4] Satvik Venkatesh, David Moffat, and Eduardo Reck Miranda. "You Only Hear Once: A YOLO-like Algorithm for Audio Segmentation and Sound Event Detection". In: *Applied Sciences* 12.7 (Mar. 2022), p. 3293. ISSN: 2076-3417. DOI: 10.3390/app12073293. URL: http://dx.doi.org/10.3390/app12073293.

Input shape

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Network Architecture

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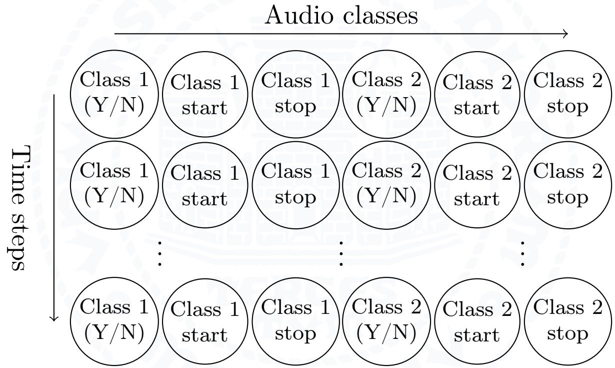
Output shape



Class 1 (Y/N)	Class 1 start	Class 1 stop	Class 2 (Y/N)	Class 2 start	Class 2 stop
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Figure 2: The YOHO output shape.

Loss Function

$$\mathcal{L}_c(\hat{y}, y) = \begin{cases} (\hat{y}_1 - y_1)^2 + & \\ (\hat{y}_2 - y_2)^2 + (\hat{y}_3 - y_3)^2 & \text{if } y_1 = 1 \\ (\hat{y}_1 - y_1)^2, & \text{if } y_1 = 0 \end{cases}$$

where y and $\hat{y}$ are the ground-truth and predictions respectively. $y_1 = 1$ if the acoustic class is present and $y_1 = 0$ if the class is absent. y_2 and y_3, which are the start and endpoints for each acoustic class are considered only if $y = 1$. In other words, $(\hat{y}_1 - y_1)^2$ corresponds to **the classification loss** and $(\hat{y}_2 - y_2)^2 + (\hat{y}_3 - y_3)^2$ corresponds to **the regression loss**.

Other Details

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Implementation challenges

Starting from the original paper, we implemented the system using PyTorch[5], writing the code keeping in mind that it had to be **clear** and permit **reproducible tests**.

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$ python3 -m yoho.train --help
usage: train.py [-h] [--name NAME] [--epochs EPOCHS] [--batch-size BATCH_SIZE] [--cosine-annealing]
[--autocast] [--spec-augment]

options:
  -h, --help            show this help message and exit
  --name NAME           The name of the model
  --epochs EPOCHS       The number of epochs to train the model
  --batch-size BATCH_SIZE
                        The batch size for training the model
  --cosine-annealing    Use cosine annealing learning rate scheduler
  --autocast            Use autocast to reduce memory usage
  --spec-augment        Augment the training data using SpecAugment
```

Listing 1: Training script parameters

We used ORFEO[6] computational resources for the trainings of the models.

[5] All the code is available at `https://github.com/enstit/YOHO24`.

[6] `https://www.areasciencepark.it/piattaforme-tecnologiche/data-center-orfeo/`

Training results

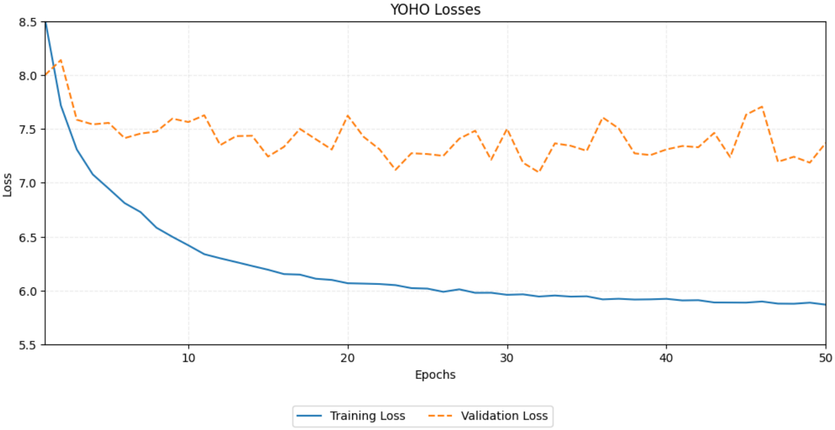

Figure 3: Training and validation loss for YOHO model on UrbanSED dataset.

Conclusions

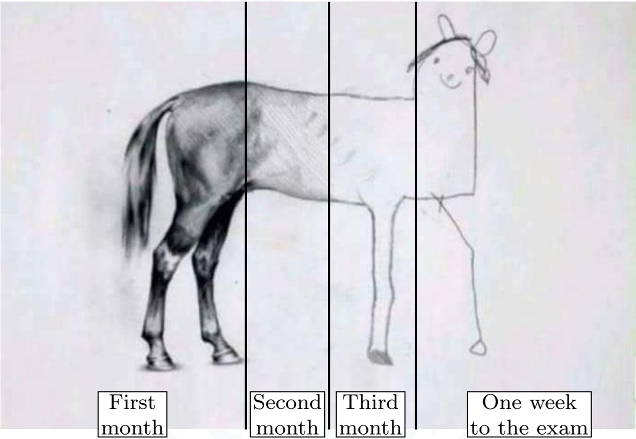

Figure 4: The roadmap of our journey.

Conclusions

But, after all...

It's all about the journey, not the destination.

Thank you for your attention.