

Convolutional neural networks for classification of transmission electron microscopy imagery

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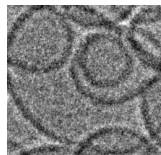
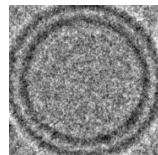
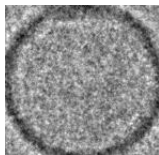
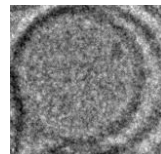
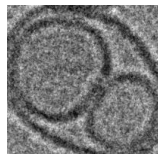
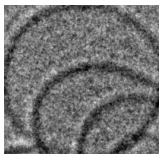
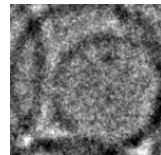
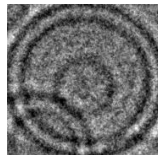
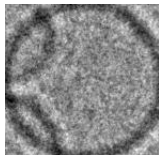
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- Discuss Deep Learning software:
 - ▶ OS availability
 - ▶ Licenses
 - ▶ Performance
 - ▶ Community support

Problem description: Lamellarity

Determine structure of a liposome according to the number of lamellae.

There are 14169 EM images and three classes:

- Unilamellar
12368, 87.29%
- Multilamellar
1717, 12.12%
- Uncertain
84, 0.5%



Unilamellar

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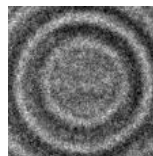
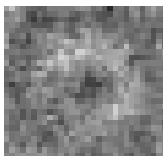
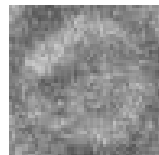
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Problem description: Encapsulation

Determine presence of a liposomal encapsulation.

There are 24918 EM images and three classes:

- Full
24255, 97.34%
- Empty
161, 2.01%
- Uncertain
502, 0.65%



Full

Empty

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The data set of image features

Definition

In computer vision and image processing, a feature is a piece of information which is relevant for solving the computational task related to a certain application. Features may be specific structures in the image such as points, edges or objects. Features may also be the result of a general neighborhood operation or feature detection applied to the image.

- Maximum width
- Diameter
- Length
- Histogram
- Image Moments
- Radial Density Profile
- Edge Density Profile
- Signal to noise

Convolutional neural networks

Definition

The Class Imbalance Problem

Lamellarity and Encapsulation data sets are imbalanced and it is a problem!

How to mitigate the class imbalance problem?

- Oversampling
- Undersampling
- SMOTE (Synthetic Minority Oversampling Technique)
- Artificial data
- Higher penalties for misclassification of minority classes

Definition

Regularization is any modification we make to a learning algorithm that is intended to reduce its generalization error but not its training error

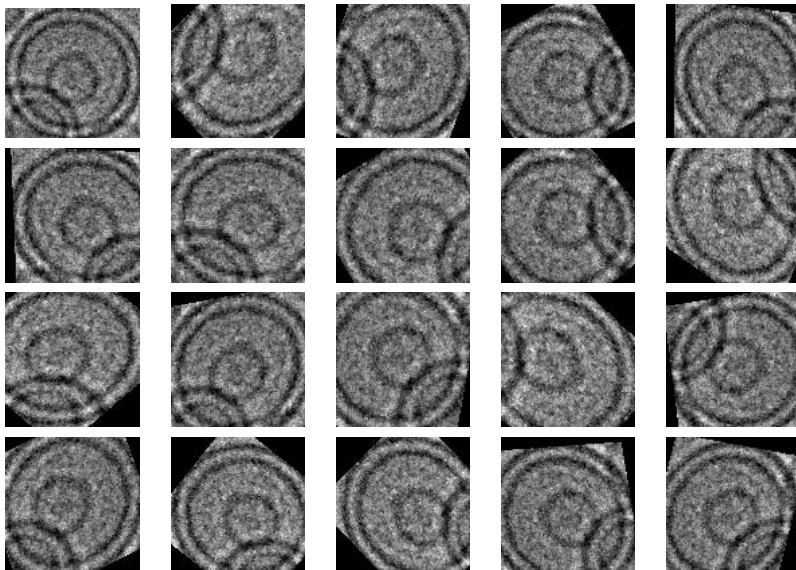
- Weight decay
- Noise injection: label smoothing
- Dropout
- Early stopping
- Data augmentation

Data augmentation techniques

Data augmentation introduces additional diversity in the training set by applying different transformations to the existing examples.

- Rotation in the range $[-180, 180]$ degrees with spline interpolation
- Shear transformation in the range $[0, 0.2]$
- Vertical shift in the range $[-10, 10]$ percent of total height
- Horizontal shift in the range $[-10, 10]$ percent of total width
- Zoom in the range $[0.8, 1.0]$ which means zoom by a maximum 20%
- Horizontal flip
- Vertical flip

Data augmentation example



The Accuracy Paradox

Models with a given accuracy may have greater predictive power than models with higher accuracy.

Confusion matrix

	Predicted True	Predicted False
Actual True	True Positive	False Negative
Actual False	False Positive	True Negative

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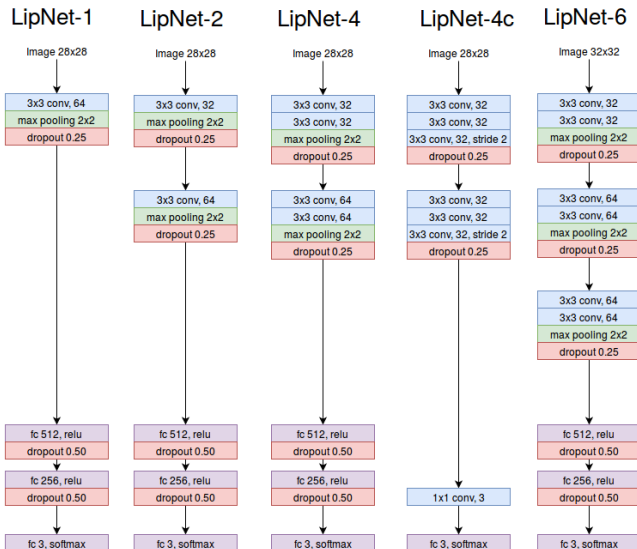
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F_1 score

It is a harmonic mean of TPR and TNR

Network architectures



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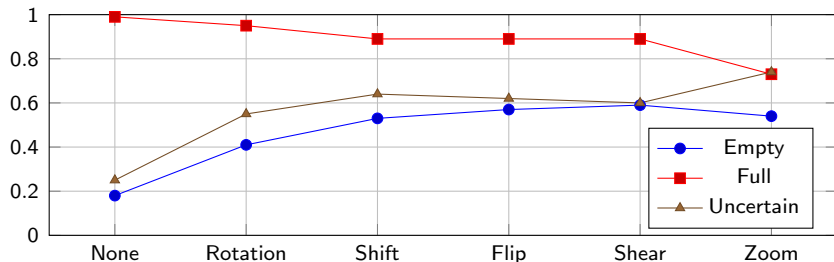
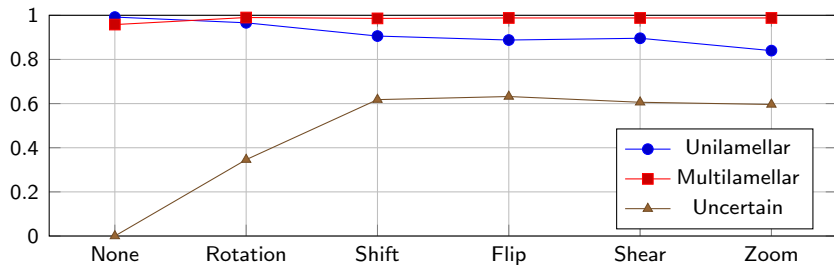
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- The Lamellarity Problem: **LipNet-4** is the best
- The Encapsulation Problem: There is no clear leader. **LipNet-2** is selected for the final experiment. LipNet-6 performed worst.

Effect of the data augmentation



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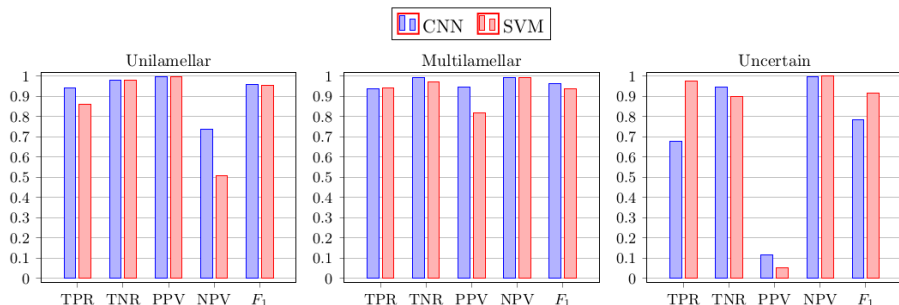
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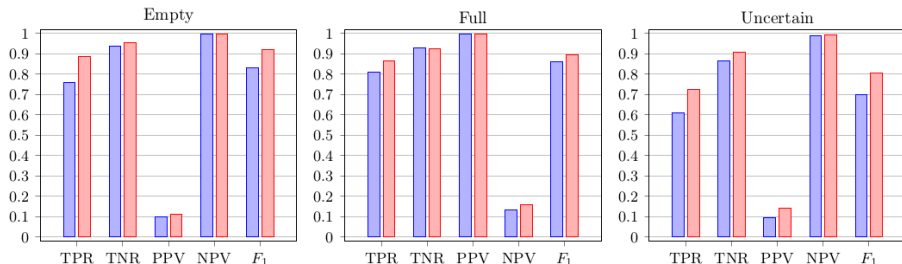
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CNN vs SVM: Lamellarity



- CNN is better in predicting *unilamellar* and *multilamellar*.
- More false negative *unilamellar* by SVM than CNN.
- More false positive *multilamellar* by SVM than by CNN.
- SVM is better in predicting *uncertain*.
- Many false positive predictions of *uncertain*, mainly *unilamellar* is confused with *uncertain*.

CNN vs SVM: Encapsulation



- SVM is slightly better than CNN.
- Poor precision for *empty* and *uncertain* because some *full* are falsely classified.
- Low NPV for *full*, it is a direct consequence of the previous item.
- Precision of *full* and NPV of *empty* and *uncertain* are almost 1, so hardly any false positive of *empty*.
- Both classifiers underestimate the number of *full*.

Popularity of deep learning software as of October 2016

