

Zero deforestation mission

Data Science Pyteam

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Introduction

- Data science has gained popularity in the last decades due to the fact that it can be applied in multiples topics, e.g. medical sciences, earth sciences, business, etc.
- Despite this there are still a multitude of fields and topics that could benefit from the use of machine learning.
- One of these is the challenge that we were set today - image classification of different types of land use in South East Asia. Land use that has come about after mass deforestation, which has a devastating impact on local and indigenous peoples but also the world as a whole.



Fig 1: Places where data images where taken

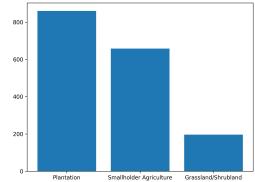
Dataset exploration

- As described in every medium article you must visualise the data first.
- So we investigated the different types of satellite images and their corresponding labels. (Fig 2)
- We were able to see the daunting task ahead of us as some of the images seemed very similar
- We also investigated the size of the dataset and the value counts for the different classifications. (Fig 3)
- Future research would have been into image augmentation, to be able to run the model over a much larger dataset, buy augmenting the data that we already had.



Fig 2: Satellite images with different types of classification

Fig 3: Number of images per classification.



Model Results

- The model results were a mixed bag for us. Our F-score and accuracy plots (Fig 4) were encouraging, considering the size of the dataset and the similarity between the satellite images we were pleased with this.
- However we were getting some disparaging results when predicting the labels in the test data.
 Often seeing all data being classified as Plantation or Smallholder Agriculture and very little
 Grassland/Shrubland.
- This may have been a sign that we were overfitting the data. Another point of future investigation along with the augmentation of the images

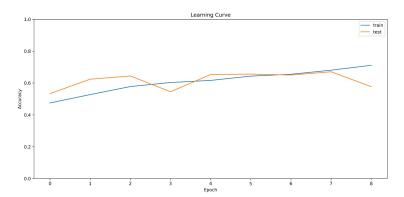


Fig 4: Accuracy plot for our model.