

Feedback — XVIII. Application: Photo OCR

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Question 1

Suppose you are running a sliding window detector to find text in images. Your input images are 1000x1000 pixels. You will run your sliding windows detector at two scales, 10x10 and 20x20 (i.e., you will run your classifier on lots of 10x10 patches to decide if they contain text or not; and also on lots of 20x20 patches), and you will "step" your detector by 2 pixels each time. About how many times will you end up running your classifier on a single 1000x1000 test set image?

Your Answer	Score	Explanation
<input type="radio"/> 250,000		
<input type="radio"/> 100,000		
<input checked="" type="radio"/> 500,000	✓ 1.00	With a stride of 2, you will run your classifier approximately 500 times for each dimension. Since you run the classifier twice (at two scales), you will run it $2 * 500 * 500 = 500,000$ times.
<input type="radio"/> 1,000,000		
Total	1.00 / 1.00	

Question 2

Suppose that you just joined a product team that has been developing a machine learning

application, using $m = 1,000$ training examples. You discover that you have the option of hiring additional personnel to help collect and label data. You estimate that you would have to pay each of the labellers \$10 per hour, and that each labeller can label 4 examples per minute. About how much will it cost to hire labellers to label 10,000 new training examples?

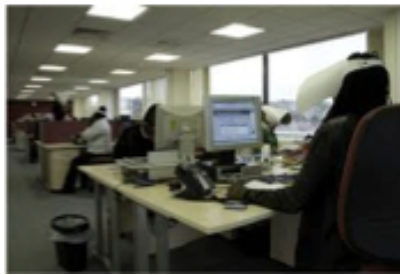
Your Answer	Score	Explanation
<input type="radio"/> \$10,000		
<input type="radio"/> \$250		
<input type="radio"/> \$600		
<input checked="" type="radio"/> \$400	1.00	On labeller can label $4 \times 60 = 240$ examples in one hour. It will thus take him $10,000/240 \approx 40$ hours to complete 10,000 examples. At \$10 an hour, this is \$400.
Total	1.00 / 1.00	

Question 3

Suppose you are building an object classifier, that takes as input an image, and recognizes that image as either containing a car ($y = 1$) or not ($y = 0$). For example, here are a positive example and a negative example:



Positive example ($y = 1$)

Negative example ($y = 0$)

After carefully analyzing the performance of your algorithm, you conclude that you need more positive ($y = 1$) training examples. Which of the following might be a good way to get additional positive examples?

Your Answer	Score	Explanation
<input type="radio"/> Take a few images from your training set, and add random, gaussian noise to every pixel.		
<input type="radio"/> Take a training example and set a random subset of its pixel to 0 to generate a new example.		
<input type="radio"/> Make two copies of each image in the training set; this immediately doubles your training set size.		
<input checked="" type="radio"/> Mirror your training images across the vertical axis (so that a left-facing car now becomes a right-facing one).	✓ 1.00	A mirrored example is different from the original but equally likely to occur, so mirroring is a good way to generate new data.
Total	1.00 / 1.00	

Question 4

Suppose you have a PhotoOCR system, where you have the following pipeline:



You have decided to perform a ceiling analysis on this system, and find the following:

Component	Accuracy
Overall System	70%
Text Detection	72%
Character Segmentation	82%
Character Recognition	100%

Which of the following statements are true?

Your Answer	Score	Explanation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If the text detection system was trained using gradient descent, running gradient descent for more iterations is unlikely to help much.	✓ 0.25	Plugging in ground truth text detection improved the overall system by only 2%, so even if you could improve text detection performance with more gradient descent iterations, this would have minimal impact on the overall system performance.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Performing the ceiling analysis shown here requires that we have ground-truth labels for the text detection, character segmentation and the character recognition systems.	✓ 0.25	At each step, we provide the system with the ground-truth output of the previous step in the pipeline. This requires ground truth for every step of the pipeline.
<input type="checkbox"/> The most promising component to work on is the text detection system, since it has the lowest performance	✓ 0.25	Text detection is the least promising component, as ground truth text detection improves overall system performance by only 2% over the baseline.

(72%) and thus the biggest potential gain.

<input type="checkbox"/> We should dedicate significant effort to collecting additional training data for the text detection system.	✓	0.25	A perfect text detection system improves overall performance by only 2%, so collecting additional data for that system is not a good investment of time.
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Question 5

What are the benefits of performing a ceiling analysis? Check all that apply.

Your Answer	Score	Explanation
<input type="checkbox"/> A ceiling analysis helps us to decide what is the most promising learning algorithm (e.g., logistic regression vs. a neural network vs. an SVM) to apply to a specific component of a machine learning pipeline.	✓ 0.25	A ceiling analysis works with different components of a pipeline under a fixed algorithm setup.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> It gives us information about which components, if improved, are most likely to have a significant impact on the performance of the final system.	✓ 0.25	The ceiling analysis gives us this information by comparing the baseline overall system performance with ground truth results from each component of the pipeline.
<input type="checkbox"/> It is a way of providing additional training data to the algorithm.	✓ 0.25	Ceiling analysis works with the data already present.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> It can help indicate that	✓ 0.25	An unpromising component will have little effect on

certain components of a system might not be worth a significant amount of work improving, because even if it had perfect performance its impact on the overall system may be small.

overall performance when it is replaced with ground truth.

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