

Gravitational Lens Finding for Dark Matter Substructure Pipeline

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Project Description

- Name: [Gravitational Lens Finding for Dark Matter Substructure Pipeline](#)
- Description: Strong gravitational lensing is a promising probe of the substructure of dark matter to better understand its underlying nature. Deep learning methods have the potential to accurately identify images containing substructure, and differentiate [WIMP](#) particle dark matter from other well motivated models, including vortex substructure of dark matter condensates and superfluids.
- Goal:
 - **Extension** : The project will focus on the further development of DeepLense pipeline to incorporate SOTA vision models into the pipeline.
 - **Focus**: The focus of this project is using SOTA vision models along with other Linear Networks to augment the performance of DeepLense algorithms with mock survey data.
 - **Expected Result**: A joint vision + linear network model for DeepLense training and inferencing.

About Me

I am a highly motivated graduate student currently pursuing a Master's degree in Data Science at the University of Auckland. I have 2.5+ years of working experience as a Machine Learning Engineer. Along with Python, PyTorch, Scikit-Learn, Pandas and other frameworks, I also have experience with ONNX which is a crucial framework for optimizing models for runtime inferencing.

Previously I haven't participated in any Google Competitions but I have tried my hands on some **Kaggle competitions** and currently I hold a **Kaggle Notebook Expert** rank and slowly moving myself to the Master title. You can see my Kaggle profile in [here](#). I am currently in my final year of my Master now and working on my dissertation that involves latest SOTA models in Natural Language Processing and Natural Language Entailment.

Homework

- Installed necessary libraries for developing the pipeline.
- Study the latest models tried and tested in the [DeepLense](#) pipeline.
- Accomplished the qualification task posted by mentor in [here](#)
 - Converted the image to be processable for the latest SOTA vision model.
 - Implemented a classification algorithm using **Efficient Net** (for the images) and a **Shallow Neural Network** (for the survey data) for classifying dark matter images into substructure and no-substructure.
 - Added different data augmentation into the pipeline to cover possible edge cases and increase training data size.

Plan

- Given an image I , the pipeline will first process the image using the function $f(I) \rightarrow I'$ which will produce the new processed image I' . suitable for the vision transformer model m .
- The new image I' will undergo several augmentation $A(I)$ to cover almost all edge cases and increasing training data size.
- The final set of images will then be batched into batches $B = [b_1, b_2, \dots]$ and then passed into the vision model $m(B)$.
- The mock surveys m_s are passed onto a different network S .
- The final model m' is trained on the combined representation of mock-surveys and images to classify if the images are from lenses or not.

Timeline

Official overview

- **May 4th** - accepted GSoC contributor projects announced
- **May 4th-28th** - Community Bonding Period | GSoC contributors get to know mentors, read documentation, get up to speed to begin working on their projects
- **May 29th - July 13th** - Coding officially begins!
- **July 14th** - Midterm evaluation deadline (standard coding period)
- **July 14th - August 21st** - Work Period | GSoC contributors work on their project with guidance from Mentors

- **August 21st - 28th** - Final week: GSoC contributors submit their final work product and their final mentor evaluation (standard coding period)

Details

- **Before May 4th**
 - get familiar with the DeepLens pipeline.
 - get familiar with Dark Matter Physics in the angle of Computer Science.
- **May 4th - 28th**
 - Engage with my mentors and community.
 - Find various other methods are suitable for progressing the project.
 - Clarify the DeepLens pipeline in details.
- **May 29th - July 13th**
 - Implement the image processing tools.
 - Look for additional data collection techniques (especially for the minority classes).
 - Add baseline model to the pipeline.
 - Check for data errors and try rectify them.
- **July 14th - August 21st**
 - Implement the standard model in the pipeline.
 - Run different cross-validation technique to obtain unbiased error estimates and compare results with previously published models.
 - Run a different angle on the approach - adapt anomaly detection algorithm on the data and compare its performance to supervised models.
 - Optimize the model for run time inferencing.
- **August 21st - 28th**
 - Final code quality checks
 - Dev documentation
 - Prepare for final evaluation.

Why me

I like working on challenging Data Science problems and try to implement the best possible model for the task. I believe that my skills and my previous work-experience along with my enthusiasm for this domain combined will make a strong candidate for this program. I am looking forward to engaging with the mentors and the community and delivering high-quality work.