

Homework: Large Scale Applications of Machine Learning using Remote Sensing for Building Agriculture Solutions

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This homework includes questions from all **3** parts of the training series. You might want to record your answers on a sheet of paper or word document before submitting them here. You will not be able to save your answers and return to complete this form at a later time.

To receive a certificate of completion, you must have attended all **3** parts and have completed this homework by **April 1, 2024**. We are aware of registration technical difficulties for Session A and will account for this with certificates. Once you submit the homework, you will receive an email with a copy of your responses.

A free Databricks Community Edition account is needed to complete this homework assignment. Please follow [these instructions](#) provided on the training webpage before attempting the homework.

Once you click submit, you can click "View Score" to see how you did.

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Part 1: Data Preparation of Imagery for Large-Scale ML Modeling

For Part 1 homework questions, participants will need to run all of the files in Part 1 from the [data folder](#), including the Part-1_CDL-Acquisition.py, Part-2_Sentinel-2_Acquisition.py, Part-3_Final_Step_Processing.py, and Final_CDL_S2_Data_Quality_Checks.py files.

Instructions for setting up the Databricks Community Edition environment to run these files can be found in the [Databricks Setup Instructions](#). The entirety of this homework should take approximately 30 minutes to 1 hour to complete.

✓ CDL-related questions (Part-1_CDL-Acquisition.py)

*1/1

Which crop type is the most represented (by % area) across all years in the training dataset? (Hint: output of cmd 32):

- ☐ Woody Wetlands
- ☐ Peanuts
- ☐ Corn
- ☒ Soybeans
- ☐ DbI Crop Winter Wheat/Soybeans
- ☐ Rice
- ☐ Cotton



✓ Given that each pixel (or row) of the dataset is a 30m x 30m (900m², or 0.09 hectares) area, what is the total size in hectares of corn planted in 2019 in the training data? (Hint: output of cmd 32):

*1/1

- ☐ 1032
- ☒ 708
- ☐ 311
- ☐ 129



✓ For the [dense] test dataset, what are the 5 largest land covers (see cmd *1/1 16 output)?

- ☒ Cotton, Rice, Soybeans, Corn, Fallow
- ☐ Woods, Cotton, Rice, Soybeans, Corn
- ☐ Rice, Winter Wheat, Soybeans, Fallow, Cotton
- ☐ Developed Area, Soybeans, Cotton, Rice, Fallow



✓ What URL do we use to retrieve CDL data from an API in the code? * 1/1

- ☐ https://www.nass.usda.gov/Research_and_Science/Cropland/docs/CDL_codes_names_colors.xlsx
- ☐ <https://CDL.gov>
- ☐ https://www.nass.usda.gov/Research_and_Science/Cropland/sarsfaqs2.php
- ☒ <https://nassgeodata.gmu.edu/axis2/services/CDLService/GetCDLFile>



✗ Sentinel-2 related questions (Part-2_Sentinel-2_Acquisition.py & Part-3_Final_Step_Processing.py - NOTE: these notebooks will take a long time to run all the way through. These questions do not require the entire notebooks to be run in their entirety. Investigating the code should be sufficient.): *0/1

Some areas of the US receive more coverage than others (higher geometric revisit frequency) due to adjacent orbit path overlap. Given there are two Sentinel-2 satellites with nominal revisit frequencies of 5 days, what is the **nominal** maximum possible visits across both Sentinel-2 satellites for any area of the US in a **10-day period** based on [figure 2 on the Sentinel 2 Revisit and Coverage page](#)?

- ☐ 10
- ☐ 6
- ☐ 4
- ☒ 2

✗

Correct answer

- ☒ 4

Feedback

In the US the nominal revisit time per satellite is 2 per 5 days, so in a 10 day period the nominal maximum possible visits across both satellites is $2 \times 2 = 4$.

✓ What is the source of our Sentinel-2 data used in the demo? * 1/1

- ☒ AWS Open Data Registry
- ☐ Google Earth Engine
- ☐ SentinelHub
- ☐ Planetary Computer

✓



✓ What library and function do we use to sample the Sentinel-2 geotiffs? * 1/1

- ☒ rasterio sample
- ☐ shapely sample
- ☐ pyproj sample
- ☐ geopandas sample



✓ How many classes does the Sentinel-2 scene classification layer have? * 1/1

- ☐ 6
- ☐ 8
- ☐ 10
- ☒ 12



✓ **Quality Check Related Questions** *1/1
(Final_CDL_S2_Data_Quality_Checks.py):

What is the primary DataBricks function we use to interactively view tables and subsequently create plots?

- ☐ Show
- ☐ Visualize
- ☒ Display
- ☐ Plot



✓ What composite band index do we use to view the data as a time series and ensure our data is processed correctly? *1/1

☐ SWIR

☒ NDVI



☐ NDMI

☐ NDWI

✓ How do we read a parquet table in as a PySpark dataframe into DataBricks? *1/1

☒ spark.read.parquet



☐ pandas.read_parquet

☐ Dask.dataframe.read_parquet

Part 2: Data Loaders for Training ML Models on Irregularly-Spaced Time-Series of Imagery

For Part 2 homework questions, participants will need to run all of the files in Part 2 from the [data folder](#), including the Part2_tensorflow_dataloader.py file, with the associated data provided in the s2_final.zip and s2_dense_test_final.zip files. After unzipping this file in the code, the data is extracted and stored as train_val_data.parquet. Instructions for setting up the Databricks Community Edition environment to run these files is shown above.



✓ How many Rice pixels are contained in the train_val_data.parquet dataset *1/1
for the year 2020? Hint: `df.groupby('CDL', 'year').count().display()`

☐ 9315

☒ 10882



☐ 8534

☐ 25179

✓ Which labels have only 1 pixel in the train_val_data.parquet dataset? Hint: *1/1
`df.groupby('CDL').count().orderBy('count', ascending=False).display()`
(select all that apply)

☐ Potatoes

☒ Dry Beans



☒ Alfalfa



☒ Cantaloupes



☒ DbI Crop WinWht/Cotton



☐ Aquaculture



✓ How many bbox partitions are included in the train_val_data.parquet? *1/1
Hint: you can view how the parquet file is partitioned by doing %sh ls /tmp/train_val_data.parquet/.

- ☐ 2
- ☐ 5
- ☒ 7
- ☐ 50
- ☐ 100



✓ How many pixels-timeseries or locations (lat/lon combinations) are in the train_val_data.parquet for the year 2019? Hint: df.groupby('year').count().display() *1/1

- ☐ 80238
- ☐ 63
- ☐ 102942
- ☒ 80617



✓ What are the average number of images taken for the year 2020 in the train_val_data.parquet? Hint: df.groupby('year').mean().display() *1/1

- ☒ 141
- ☐ 125
- ☐ 77
- ☐ 365



✓ What is the shape of a single training batch if the DAYS_IN_SERIES is changed from 120 to 100? *1/1

☒ (1028, 21, 12)



☐ (1028, 28, 12)

☐ (1028, 18, 12)

☐ (1028, 20, 12)

✓ What is the shape of a single training batch if the DAYS_PER_BUCKET is changed from 5 to 10? *1/1

☐ (1028, 50, 12)

☐ (1028, 5, 12)

☐ (1028, 12, 12)

☒ (1028, 13, 12)



✓ What is the shape of a single training batch if the BATCH_SIZE is changed from 1028 to 512? *1/1

☐ (512, 20, 12)

☐ (1028, 20, 12)

☒ (512, 25, 12)



☐ (1028, 25, 12)



✓ How many “No Crop Growing” Labels are in the training dataset? Hint: use the `np.histogram` on the `tf.argmax(all_labels)` from the label histogram to find this. *1/1

☒ 28877



☐ 4408

☐ 14401

☐ 970

✓ How many “Cultivated” labels are in the training dataset? Hint: use the `np.histogram` on the `tf.argmax(all_labels)` from the label histogram to find this *1/1

☐ 28877

☐ 4408

☐ 14401

☒ 970



Part 3: Training & Testing ML Models for Irregularly-Spaced Time Series of Imagery

For Part 3 homework questions, participants will need to run all of the files in Part 3 from the [data folder](#), including the `Part3_model_training_and_evaluation.py` file, with the associated data provided in the `s2_final.zip` and `s2_dense_test_final.zip` files. After unzipping this file in the code, the data is extracted and stored as `train_val_data.parquet`. Additionally some questions will be asked about the model’s results stored in the provided `model_120days_results.parquet` file. The model that generated these results is stored in the provided `model_120days.keras` file. Instructions for setting up the Databricks Community Edition environment to run these files is shown above.



✓ Dropout helps prevent overfitting (is a regularization parameter). Hint: see [*1/1 tensorflow docs](#).

☒ True



☐ False

✓ With a kernel_size of 5 and DAYS_PER_BUCKET set to 5 how large is the window for the Conv1D in days? *1/1

☐ 10 days

☒ 25 days



☐ 20 days

☐ 1 day

✓ What was the accuracy of the model on 2019-5-30? Hint: look at the code from the results time-series (cmd 48). *1/1

☒ 67.29%



☐ 69.59%

☐ 82.38%

☐ 75.67%



✓ Which optimizers are available in the `tf.keras.optimizers` module? Hint: [keras docs](#) **(select all that apply)** *1/1

- ☒ Adam ✓
- ☒ SGD ✓
- ☒ Adagrad ✓
- ☒ AdamW ✓
- ☒ Lion ✓

✓ How many times did the model misclassify Rice as Cotton in the `model_120days_results.parquet` file? (Hint: to see raw prediction counts look at the “normalize” parameter of the [sklearn.metrics.confusion_matrix](#) page). *1/1

- ☐ 22
- ☐ 11000
- ☒ 50 ✓
- ☐ 160



✓ How many times did the model correctly classify the “Cultivated” class in the model_120days_results.parquet file? (Hint: to see raw prediction counts look at the “normalize” parameter of the [sklearn.metrics.confusion_matrix](#) page). *1/1

- ☐ 0
- ☐ 50
- ☒ 1
- ☐ 910



✓ What is the **micro** f1 score of the model throughout the entire year. Hint: see [sklearn.metrics.f1_score](#) and the “average” parameter. *1/1

- ☒ 75%
- ☐ 81%
- ☐ 62%
- ☐ 89%



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