1. What is Yolo?

Yolo is an algorithm that uses convolutional neural networks for object detection.

So what's great about object detection? In comparison to recognition algorithms, a detection algorithm does not only predict class labels, but detects locations of objects as well.



2. Dependencies

To build Yolo we're going to need Tensorflow (deep learning), NumPy (numerical computation) and Pillow (image processing) libraries. Also we're going to use seaborn's color palette for bounding boxes colors. Finally, let's import IPython function display() to display images in the notebook.

```
import tensorflow as tf
import numpy as np
from PIL import Image, ImageDraw, ImageFont
from IPython.display import display
from seaborn import color_palette
import cv2
```

3. Model hyperparameters

Next, we define some configurations for Yolo.

_MODEL_SIZE refers to the input size of the model.

Let's look at other parameters step-by-step.

Batch normalization

Almost every convolutional layer in Yolo has batch normalization after it. It helps the model train faster and reduces variance between units (and total variance as well). Batch normalization is defined as follows.

```
Input: Values of x over a mini-batch: \mathcal{B} = \{x_{1...m}\};

Parameters to be learned: \gamma, \beta

Output: \{y_i = \mathrm{BN}_{\gamma,\beta}(x_i)\}

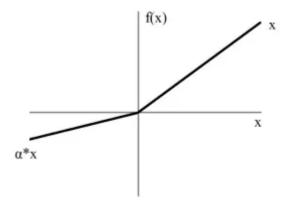
\mu_{\mathcal{B}} \leftarrow \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m x_i \qquad // \text{mini-batch mean}
\sigma_{\mathcal{B}}^2 \leftarrow \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m (x_i - \mu_{\mathcal{B}})^2 \qquad // \text{mini-batch variance}
\widehat{x}_i \leftarrow \frac{x_i - \mu_{\mathcal{B}}}{\sqrt{\sigma_{\mathcal{B}}^2 + \epsilon}} \qquad // \text{normalize}
y_i \leftarrow \gamma \widehat{x}_i + \beta \equiv \mathrm{BN}_{\gamma,\beta}(x_i) \qquad // \text{scale and shift}
```

_BATCH_NORM_EPSILON refers to epsilon in this formula, whereas _BATCH_NORM_DECAY refers to momentum, which is used for computing moving average and variance. We use them in forward propagation during inference (after training).

```
moving_average = momentum * moving_average + (1 - momentum) * current_average
```

Leaky ReLU

Leaky ReLU is a slight modification of ReLU activation function. The idea behind Leaky ReLU is to prevent so-called "neuron dying" when a large number of activations become 0.



_LEAKY_RELU refers to alpha.

Anchors

Anchors are sort of bounding box priors, that were calculated on the COCO dataset using k-means clustering. We are going to predict the width and height of the box as offsets from cluster centroids. The center coordinates of the box relative to the location of filter application are predicted using a sigmoid function.

$$egin{aligned} b_x &= \sigma(t_x) + c_x \ b_y &= \sigma(t_y) + c_y \ b_w &= p_w e^{t_w} \ b_h &= p_h e^{t_h} \end{aligned}$$

Where b_x and b_y are the center coordinates of the box, b_w and b_h are the width and height of the box, c_x and c_y are the location of filter application and t_i are predicted during regression.

4. Model definition

I refered to the official ResNet implementation in Tensorflow in terms of how to arange the code.

Batch norm and fixed padding

It's useful to define batch_norm function since the model uses batch norms with shared parameters heavily. Also, same as ResNet, Yolo uses convolution with fixed padding, which means that padding is defined only by the size of the kernel.

```
In []: def batch_norm(inputs, training, data_format):
    """Performs a batch normalization using a standard set of parameters."""
    return tf.layers.batch_normalization(
        inputs=inputs, axis=1 if data_format == 'channels_first' else 3,
        momentum=_BATCH_NORM_DECAY, epsilon=_BATCH_NORM_EPSILON,
        scale=True, training=training)

def fixed_padding(inputs, kernel_size, data_format):
    """ResNet implementation of fixed padding.

Pads the input along the spatial dimensions independently of input size.

Args:
    inputs: Tensor input to be padded.
```

```
kernel size: The kernel to be used in the conv2d or max pool2d.
        data format: The input format.
    Returns:
        A tensor with the same format as the input.
    pad total = kernel size - 1
    pad beg = pad total // 2
    pad end = pad total - pad beg
    if data format == 'channels first':
        padded inputs = tf.pad(inputs, [[0, 0], [0, 0],
                                        [pad_beg, pad_end],
                                        [pad beg, pad end]])
    else:
        padded inputs = tf.pad(inputs, [[0, 0], [pad beg, pad end],
                                        [pad beg, pad end], [0, 0]])
    return padded inputs
def conv2d_fixed_padding(inputs, filters, kernel_size, data_format, strides=1):
    """Strided 2-D convolution with explicit padding."""
   if strides > 1:
        inputs = fixed padding(inputs, kernel size, data format)
    return tf.layers.conv2d(
        inputs=inputs, filters=filters, kernel size=kernel size,
        strides=strides, padding=('SAME' if strides == 1 else 'VALID'),
        use bias=False, data format=data format)
```

Feature extraction: Darknet-53

For feature extraction Yolo uses Darknet-53 neural net pretrained on ImageNet. Same as ResNet, Darknet-53 has shortcut (residual) connections, which help information from earlier layers flow further. We omit the last 3 layers (Avgpool, Connected and Softmax) since we only need the features.

```
inputs = tf.nn.leaky relu(inputs, alpha= LEAKY RELU)
    inputs = conv2d fixed padding(
        inputs, filters=2 * filters, kernel size=3, strides=strides,
        data format=data format)
    inputs = batch norm(inputs, training=training, data format=data format)
    inputs = tf.nn.leaky relu(inputs, alpha= LEAKY RELU)
   inputs += shortcut
    return inputs
def darknet53(inputs, training, data format):
    """Creates Darknet53 model for feature extraction."""
    inputs = conv2d_fixed_padding(inputs, filters=32, kernel_size=3,
                                  data format=data format)
    inputs = batch norm(inputs, training=training, data format=data format)
    inputs = tf.nn.leaky relu(inputs, alpha= LEAKY RELU)
    inputs = conv2d fixed padding(inputs, filters=64, kernel size=3,
                                  strides=2, data format=data format)
    inputs = batch norm(inputs, training=training, data format=data format)
    inputs = tf.nn.leaky relu(inputs, alpha= LEAKY RELU)
    inputs = darknet53 residual block(inputs, filters=32, training=training,
                                      data format=data format)
    inputs = conv2d fixed padding(inputs, filters=128, kernel size=3,
                                  strides=2, data_format=data_format)
    inputs = batch norm(inputs, training=training, data format=data format)
    inputs = tf.nn.leaky relu(inputs, alpha= LEAKY RELU)
   for _ in range(2):
        inputs = darknet53 residual block(inputs, filters=64,
                                          training=training,
                                          data format=data format)
    inputs = conv2d fixed padding(inputs, filters=256, kernel size=3,
                                  strides=2, data format=data format)
    inputs = batch norm(inputs, training=training, data format=data format)
    inputs = tf.nn.leaky relu(inputs, alpha= LEAKY RELU)
    for in range(8):
        inputs = darknet53 residual block(inputs, filters=128,
                                          training=training,
                                          data format=data format)
```

```
route1 = inputs
inputs = conv2d fixed padding(inputs, filters=512, kernel size=3,
                              strides=2, data format=data format)
inputs = batch norm(inputs, training=training, data format=data format)
inputs = tf.nn.leaky relu(inputs, alpha= LEAKY RELU)
for in range(8):
    inputs = darknet53 residual block(inputs, filters=256,
                                      training=training,
                                      data format=data format)
route2 = inputs
inputs = conv2d fixed padding(inputs, filters=1024, kernel size=3,
                              strides=2, data format=data format)
inputs = batch norm(inputs, training=training, data format=data format)
inputs = tf.nn.leaky_relu(inputs, alpha=_LEAKY_RELU)
for in range(4):
    inputs = darknet53 residual block(inputs, filters=512,
                                      training=training,
                                      data format=data format)
return route1, route2, inputs
```

Convolution layers

Yolo has a large number of convolutional layers. It's useful to group them in blocks.

```
inputs = batch norm(inputs, training=training, data format=data format)
inputs = tf.nn.leaky relu(inputs, alpha= LEAKY RELU)
inputs = conv2d fixed padding(inputs, filters=2 * filters, kernel size=3,
                              data format=data format)
inputs = batch norm(inputs, training=training, data format=data format)
inputs = tf.nn.leaky relu(inputs, alpha= LEAKY RELU)
inputs = conv2d fixed padding(inputs, filters=filters, kernel size=1,
                              data format=data format)
inputs = batch norm(inputs, training=training, data format=data format)
inputs = tf.nn.leaky relu(inputs, alpha= LEAKY RELU)
route = inputs
inputs = conv2d_fixed_padding(inputs, filters=2 * filters, kernel_size=3,
                              data format=data format)
inputs = batch_norm(inputs, training=training, data_format=data_format)
inputs = tf.nn.leaky relu(inputs, alpha= LEAKY RELU)
return route, inputs
```

Detection layers

Yolo has 3 detection layers, that detect on 3 different scales using respective anchors. For each cell in the feature map the detection layer predicts n_anchors * (5 + n_classes) values using 1x1 convolution. For each scale we have n_anchors = 3 . 5 + n_classes means that respectively to each of 3 anchors we are going to predict 4 coordinates of the box, its confidence score (the probability of containing an object) and class probabilities.

```
In []: def yolo_layer(inputs, n_classes, anchors, img_size, data_format):
    """Creates Yolo final detection layer.

Detects boxes with respect to anchors.

Args:
    inputs: Tensor input.
    n_classes: Number of labels.
    anchors: A list of anchor sizes.
    img_size: The input size of the model.
    data_format: The input format.

Returns:
    Tensor output.
```

```
n anchors = len(anchors)
inputs = tf.layers.conv2d(inputs, filters=n anchors * (5 + n classes),
                          kernel size=1, strides=1, use bias=True,
                          data format=data format)
shape = inputs.get shape().as list()
grid shape = shape[2:4] if data format == 'channels first' else shape[1:3]
if data format == 'channels first':
    inputs = tf.transpose(inputs, [0, 2, 3, 1])
inputs = tf.reshape(inputs, [-1, n_anchors * grid_shape[0] * grid_shape[1],
                             5 + n classes])
strides = (img size[0] // grid shape[0], img size[1] // grid shape[1])
box centers, box shapes, confidence, classes = \
    tf.split(inputs, [2, 2, 1, n_classes], axis=-1)
x = tf.range(grid_shape[0], dtype=tf.float32)
y = tf.range(grid shape[1], dtype=tf.float32)
x offset, y offset = tf.meshgrid(x, y)
x offset = tf.reshape(x offset, (-1, 1))
y offset = tf.reshape(y offset, (-1, 1))
x y offset = tf.concat([x offset, y offset], axis=-1)
x y offset = tf.tile(x y offset, [1, n anchors])
x y offset = tf.reshape(x y offset, [1, -1, 2])
box_centers = tf.nn.sigmoid(box_centers)
box centers = (box centers + x y offset) * strides
anchors = tf.tile(anchors, [grid shape[0] * grid shape[1], 1])
box shapes = tf.exp(box shapes) * tf.to float(anchors)
confidence = tf.nn.sigmoid(confidence)
classes = tf.nn.sigmoid(classes)
inputs = tf.concat([box centers, box shapes,
                    confidence, classes], axis=-1)
return inputs
```

Upsample layer

In order to concatenate with shortcut outputs from Darknet-53 before applying detection on a different scale, we are going to upsample the feature map using nearest neighbor interpolation.

```
In []: def upsample(inputs, out_shape, data_format):
    """Upsamples to `out_shape` using nearest neighbor interpolation."""
    if data_format == 'channels_first':
        inputs = tf.transpose(inputs, [0, 2, 3, 1])
        new_height = out_shape[3]
        new_width = out_shape[2]
    else:
        new_height = out_shape[2]
        new_width = out_shape[1]

    inputs = tf.image.resize_nearest_neighbor(inputs, (new_height, new_width))

    if data_format == 'channels_first':
        inputs = tf.transpose(inputs, [0, 3, 1, 2])

    return inputs
```

Non-max suppression

The model is going to produce a lot of boxes, so we need a way to discard the boxes with low confidence scores. Also, to avoid having multiple boxes for one object, we will discard the boxes with high overlap as well using non-max suppression for each class.

```
confidence threshold):
"""Performs non-max suppression separately for each class.
Args:
    inputs: Tensor input.
    n classes: Number of classes.
    max output size: Max number of boxes to be selected for each class.
    iou threshold: Threshold for the IOU.
    confidence_threshold: Threshold for the confidence score.
Returns:
    A list containing class-to-boxes dictionaries
        for each sample in the batch.
batch = tf.unstack(inputs)
boxes dicts = []
for boxes in batch:
    boxes = tf.boolean mask(boxes, boxes[:, 4] > confidence threshold)
    classes = tf.argmax(boxes[:, 5:], axis=-1)
    classes = tf.expand dims(tf.to float(classes), axis=-1)
    boxes = tf.concat([boxes[:, :5], classes], axis=-1)
    boxes dict = dict()
    for cls in range(n classes):
        mask = tf.equal(boxes[:, 5], cls)
        mask shape = mask.get shape()
        if mask shape.ndims != 0:
            class boxes = tf.boolean mask(boxes, mask)
            boxes coords, boxes conf scores, = tf.split(class boxes,
                                                           [4, 1, -1],
                                                          axis=-1
            boxes conf scores = tf.reshape(boxes conf scores, [-1])
            indices = tf.image.non max suppression(boxes coords,
                                                   boxes conf scores,
                                                   max output size,
                                                   iou threshold)
            class boxes = tf.gather(class boxes, indices)
            boxes_dict[cls] = class_boxes[:, :5]
    boxes dicts.append(boxes dict)
return boxes dicts
```

Final model class

Finally, let's define the model class using all of the layers described previously.

```
class Yolo v3:
    """Yolo v3 model class."""
    def init (self, n classes, model size, max output size, iou threshold,
                 confidence threshold, data format=None):
        """Creates the model.
        Args:
            n classes: Number of class labels.
            model size: The input size of the model.
            max_output_size: Max number of boxes to be selected for each class.
            iou threshold: Threshold for the IOU.
            confidence threshold: Threshold for the confidence score.
            data format: The input format.
        Returns:
            None.
        .....
        if not data_format:
            if tf.test.is built with cuda():
                data format = 'channels first'
            else:
                data format = 'channels last'
        self.n classes = n classes
        self.model size = model size
        self.max output size = max output size
        self.iou threshold = iou threshold
        self.confidence threshold = confidence threshold
        self.data format = data format
    def __call__(self, inputs, training):
        """Add operations to detect boxes for a batch of input images.
        Args:
            inputs: A Tensor representing a batch of input images.
            training: A boolean, whether to use in training or inference mode.
        Returns:
            A list containing class-to-boxes dictionaries
                for each sample in the batch.
        with tf.variable_scope('yolo_v3_model'):
            if self.data format == 'channels first':
                inputs = tf.transpose(inputs, [0, 3, 1, 2])
```

```
inputs = inputs / 255
route1, route2, inputs = darknet53(inputs, training=training,
                                   data format=self.data format)
route, inputs = yolo convolution block(
   inputs, filters=512, training=training,
    data format=self.data format)
detect1 = yolo layer(inputs, n classes=self.n classes,
                     anchors = ANCHORS[6:9],
                     img size=self.model size,
                     data format=self.data format)
inputs = conv2d fixed padding(route, filters=256, kernel size=1,
                              data format=self.data format)
inputs = batch_norm(inputs, training=training,
                    data format=self.data format)
inputs = tf.nn.leaky_relu(inputs, alpha=_LEAKY_RELU)
upsample size = route2.get shape().as list()
inputs = upsample(inputs, out shape=upsample size,
                  data format=self.data format)
axis = 1 if self.data format == 'channels first' else 3
inputs = tf.concat([inputs, route2], axis=axis)
route, inputs = yolo convolution block(
   inputs, filters=256, training=training,
    data format=self.data format)
detect2 = yolo layer(inputs, n classes=self.n classes,
                     anchors= ANCHORS[3:6],
                     img size=self.model size,
                     data format=self.data format)
inputs = conv2d fixed padding(route, filters=128, kernel size=1,
                              data format=self.data format)
inputs = batch norm(inputs, training=training,
                    data format=self.data format)
inputs = tf.nn.leaky_relu(inputs, alpha=_LEAKY_RELU)
upsample size = route1.get shape().as list()
inputs = upsample(inputs, out shape=upsample size,
                  data format=self.data format)
inputs = tf.concat([inputs, route1], axis=axis)
route, inputs = yolo convolution block(
   inputs, filters=128, training=training,
    data_format=self.data_format)
detect3 = yolo layer(inputs, n classes=self.n classes,
                     anchors = ANCHORS[0:3],
```

5. Utility functions

Here are some utility functions that will help us load images as NumPy arrays, load class names from the official file and draw the predicted boxes.

```
def load images(img names, model size):
In [ ]:
             """Loads images in a 4D array.
             Args:
                 img names: A list of images names.
                 model size: The input size of the model.
                 data format: A format for the array returned
                     ('channels first' or 'channels last').
             Returns:
                 A 4D NumPy array.
             imgs = []
             for img name in img names:
                 img = Image.open(img name)
                 img = img.resize(size=model size)
                 img = np.array(img, dtype=np.float32)
                 img = np.expand_dims(img, axis=0)
                 imgs.append(img)
             imgs = np.concatenate(imgs)
```

```
return imgs
def load class names(file name):
    """Returns a list of class names read from `file name`."""
    with open(file name, 'r') as f:
        class names = f.read().splitlines()
   return class names
def draw boxes(img names, boxes dicts, class names, model size):
    """Draws detected boxes.
   Args:
        img names: A list of input images names.
        boxes dict: A class-to-boxes dictionary.
        class names: A class names list.
        model size: The input size of the model.
    Returns:
        None.
    colors = ((np.array(color palette("hls", 80)) * 255)).astype(np.uint8)
   for num, img_name, boxes_dict in zip(range(len(img_names)), img_names,
                                         boxes dicts):
        img = Image.open(img name)
        draw = ImageDraw.Draw(img)
        font = ImageFont.truetype(font='../input/futur.ttf',
                                  size=(img.size[0] + img.size[1]) // 100)
        resize factor = \
            (img.size[0] / model size[0], img.size[1] / model size[1])
        for cls in range(len(class names)):
            boxes = boxes dict[cls]
            if np.size(boxes) != 0:
                color = colors[cls]
                for box in boxes:
                    xy, confidence = box[:4], box[4]
                    xy = [xy[i] * resize factor[i % 2] for i in range(4)]
                    x0, y0 = xy[0], xy[1]
                    thickness = (img.size[0] + img.size[1]) // 200
                    for t in np.linspace(0, 1, thickness):
                        xy[0], xy[1] = xy[0] + t, xy[1] + t
                        xy[2], xy[3] = xy[2] - t, xy[3] - t
                        draw.rectangle(xy, outline=tuple(color))
                   text = '{} {:.1f}%'.format(class_names[cls],
                                               confidence * 100)
```

6. Converting weights to Tensorflow format

Now it's time to load the official weights. We are going to iterate through the file and gradually create tf.assign operations.

```
In [ ]:
         def load weights(variables, file name):
             """Reshapes and loads official pretrained Yolo weights.
             Args:
                 variables: A list of tf. Variable to be assigned.
                 file name: A name of a file containing weights.
             Returns:
                 A list of assign operations.
             with open(file name, "rb") as f:
                 # Skip first 5 values containing irrelevant info
                 np.fromfile(f, dtype=np.int32, count=5)
                 weights = np.fromfile(f, dtype=np.float32)
                 assign ops = []
                 ptr = 0
                 # Load weights for Darknet part.
                 # Each convolution layer has batch normalization.
                 for i in range(52):
                     conv var = variables[5 * i]
                     gamma, beta, mean, variance = variables[5 * i + 1:5 * i + 5]
                     batch_norm_vars = [beta, gamma, mean, variance]
                     for var in batch_norm_vars:
                         shape = var.shape.as list()
                         num params = np.prod(shape)
                         var weights = weights[ptr:ptr + num params].reshape(shape)
                         ptr += num params
```

```
assign ops.append(tf.assign(var, var weights))
    shape = conv var.shape.as list()
   num params = np.prod(shape)
   var weights = weights[ptr:ptr + num params].reshape(
        (shape[3], shape[2], shape[0], shape[1]))
   var weights = np.transpose(var weights, (2, 3, 1, 0))
   ptr += num params
   assign_ops.append(tf.assign(conv_var, var_weights))
# Loading weights for Yolo part.
# 7th, 15th and 23rd convolution layer has biases and no batch norm.
ranges = [range(0, 6), range(6, 13), range(13, 20)]
unnormalized = [6, 13, 20]
for j in range(3):
   for i in ranges[j]:
       current = 52 * 5 + 5 * i + j * 2
        conv var = variables[current]
       gamma, beta, mean, variance = \
            variables[current + 1:current + 5]
        batch norm vars = [beta, gamma, mean, variance]
       for var in batch norm vars:
            shape = var.shape.as list()
           num params = np.prod(shape)
           var weights = weights[ptr:ptr + num params].reshape(shape)
           ptr += num params
            assign_ops.append(tf.assign(var, var_weights))
        shape = conv var.shape.as list()
        num params = np.prod(shape)
       var weights = weights[ptr:ptr + num params].reshape(
            (shape[3], shape[2], shape[0], shape[1]))
       var_weights = np.transpose(var_weights, (2, 3, 1, 0))
       ptr += num params
       assign ops.append(tf.assign(conv var, var weights))
   bias = variables[52 * 5 + unnormalized[j] * 5 + j * 2 + 1]
   shape = bias.shape.as list()
   num params = np.prod(shape)
   var weights = weights[ptr:ptr + num params].reshape(shape)
   ptr += num params
   assign ops.append(tf.assign(bias, var weights))
   conv var = variables[52 * 5 + unnormalized[j] * 5 + j * 2]
   shape = conv var.shape.as list()
```

7. Running the model

Now we can run the model using some sample images.

Sample images

```
img_names = ['../input/dog.jpg', '../input/office.jpg']
for img in img_names: display(Image.open(img))
```

Detections

Testing the model with IoU (Interception over Union ratio used in non-max suppression) threshold and confidence threshold both set to 0.5.

```
assign_ops = load_weights(model_vars, '../input/yolov3.weights')
with tf.Session() as sess:
    sess.run(assign_ops)
    detection_result = sess.run(detections, feed_dict={inputs: batch})
draw_boxes(img_names, detection_result, class_names, _MODEL_SIZE)
```

8. Video processingre is an example of applying Yolo to a video I found on YouTube. (A Street Walk in Shinjuku, Tokyo, Japan)

```
In [ ]: from IPython.display import Image
    with open('../input/detections.gif','rb') as f:
        display(Image(data=f.read(), format='png'))
```

9. To-Do list

Training

10. Acknowledgements

- Yolo v3 official paper
- A Tensorflow Slim implementation
- ResNet official implementation
- DeviceHive video analysis repo
- A Street Walk in Shinjuku, Tokyo, Japan