Classification of agricultural land use by ensemble of convolutional neural networks

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Introduction

What is the correct temporal and spatial resolution for precision agriculture?

Google image

EuroSat (Sentinel-2)

10 land use and land cover classes including 27,000 images

Helber P, Bischke B, Dengel A, Borth D. Eurosat: A novel dataset and deep learning benchmark for land use and land cover classification. arXiv preprint arXiv:1709.00029. 2017 Aug 31.

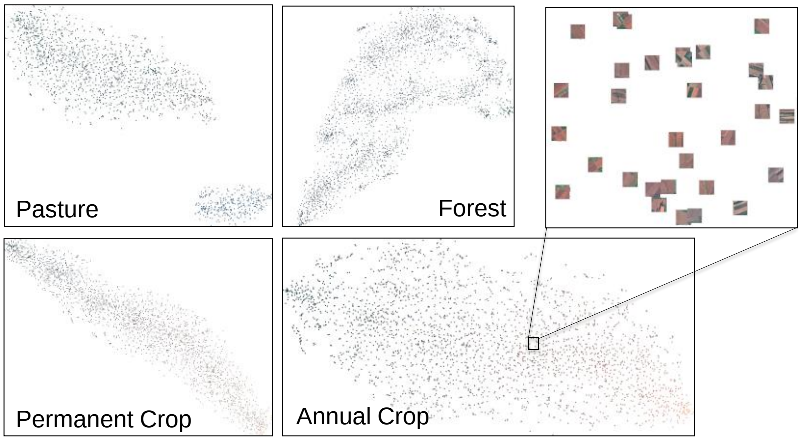
Goals is evolution of land use

However, they only verified single band or RGB classification accuracy

Helber et al. (2017) used a ResNet-50-based convolutional neural network.

t-SNE clustering

The dataset images show diverse distributions over the RGB bands



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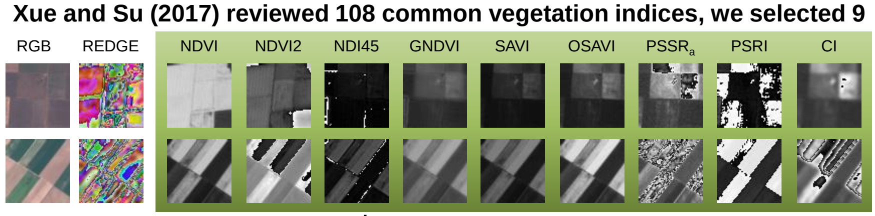
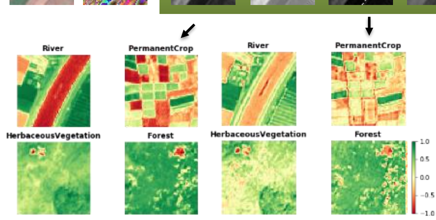
Vegetation Indices

Xue and Su (2017) reviewed 108 common vegetation indices, we selected 9



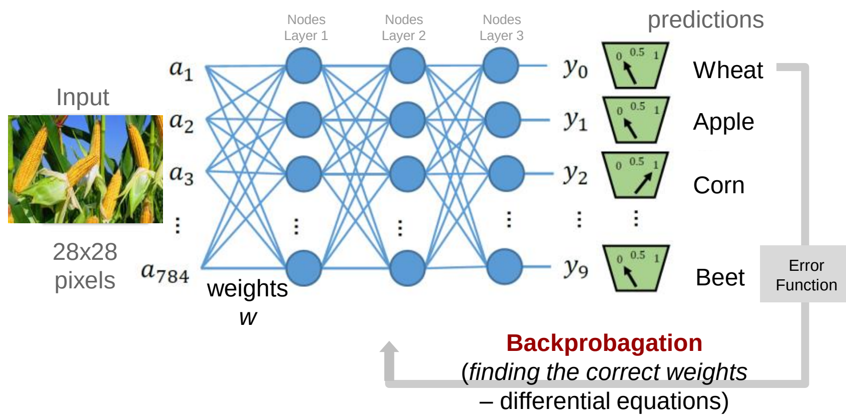


	Sentinel-2 bands formulas	References
NDVI	(B7-B4)/(B7+B4)	Rouse et al. 1973
NDVI2	(B8A-B4)/(B8A+B4)	Datt, 1999
NDI45	(B5-B4)/(B5+B4)	Delegido et al. 2011
GNDVI	(B7-B3)/(B7+B3)	Gitelson et al. 1996
SAVI	(B8-B4)/(B8+B4+0.5)*1.5	Huete, 1998
OSAVI	1.16*(B8-B4)/(B8+B4+0.61)	Rondeaux et al. 1996
PSSRa	B7/B4	Blackburn 1998
PSRI	(B4-B2)/B6	Merzlyak et al. 1999
CI	(B7/B5)-1	Gitelson et al. 2003

Xue J, Su B. Significant remote sensing vegetation indices: a review of developments and applications. J of Sensors 2017.

Deep Learning

Simple model of a deep neural network



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Convulational neural networks

Each layer "learn" a different representation of the data

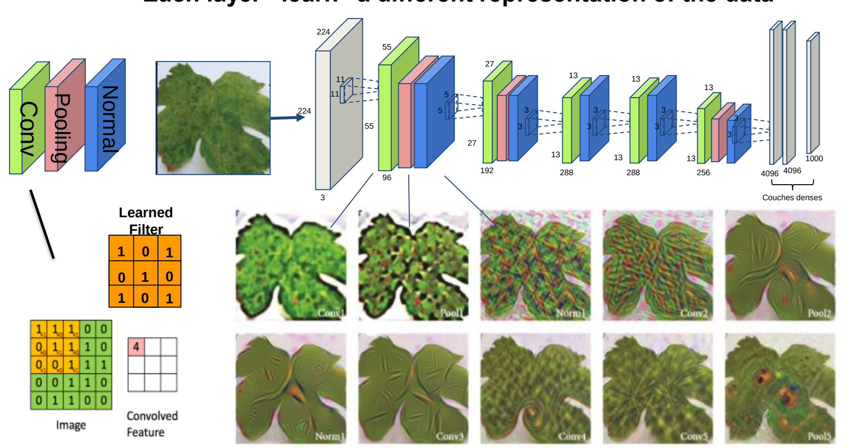
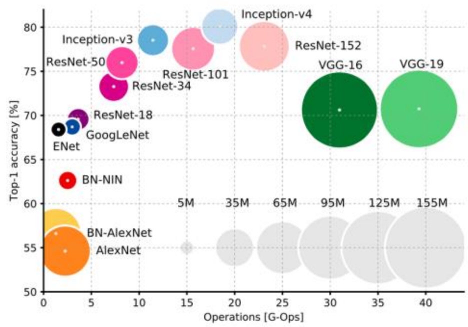


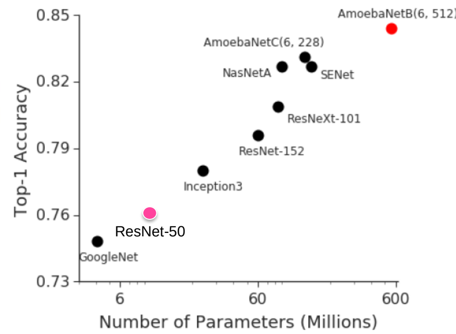
Fig. 2. Visualization of the output layers images after each processing step of the CaffeNet CNN (i.e. convolution, pooling, normalization) at a plant disease identification problem based on leaf images.
Source: Sladojevic et al. (2016).

Kamilaris, A., & Prenafeta-Boldú, F. X. (2018). Deep learning in agriculture: A survey. *Computers and Electronics in Agriculture*, *147*, 70-90

ResNet architecture vs others

Trade-off between accuracy and number of parameters





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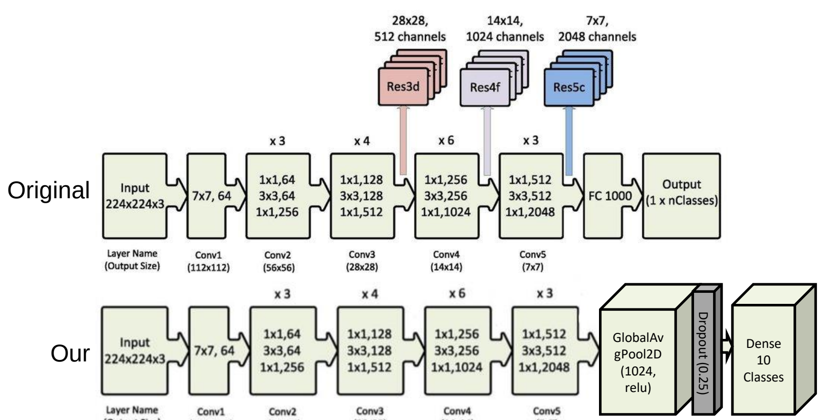
ResNet-50 convolutional network

We use transfer learning and added some final layers



Keras 2.2.4 implementation

Singh A, Kisku DR. Detection of Rare Genetic Diseases using Facial 2D Images with Transfer Learning. In2018 8th International Symposium on Embedded Computing and System Design (ISED) 2019 May 2 (pp. 26-30). IEEE.

Experimental conditions

	Training	Validation	Test
Original article (Helber et al. 2017)	80%	20%	
Our	70%	15%	15%
	18900, 10 classes	4050	4050 images

~25 min for each indices with GTX 1050 Ti.

Epochs 1-10: Learning rate: 0.01
Epochs 11-30: Learning rate: 0.0001
Total params: 25,696,138
Total Trainable params: **25,643,018**
Total Non-trainable params: 53,120
API: Keras v2.2.4 with Tensorflow
ResNet-50 on ImageNet with RMSProp
Some image transformations and dropout

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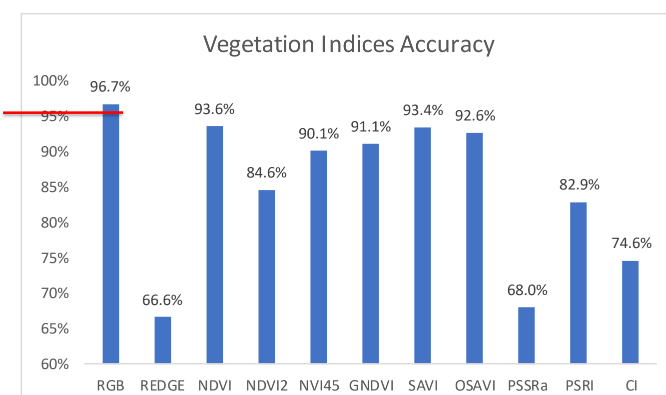
Results for convolutional networks

We achieve higher classification accuracy than original article for RGB bands

95.32%
Original
70/30*



*98.57% for 80/20 training/test with ResNet-50.

Results for some Vegetation Indices

Some classes should have multi-labels

RGB

True label \ Predicted label	AnnualCrop	Forest	Herbaceous	Highway	Industrial	Pasture	PermanentCrop	Residential	River	SeaLake
AnnualCrop	429	0	0	0	0	4	2	0	0	4
Forest	2	440	1	0	0	3	0	0	1	0
Herbaceous	2	2	426	0	0	3	2	0	1	0
Highway	1	3	3	348	8	1	2	1	7	0
Industrial	2	0	0	5	371	0	1	1	0	0
Pasture	5	0	3	1	0	253	2	0	3	1
PermanentCrop	**16**	0	**32**	4	1	1	328	0	0	0
Residential	0	0	1	0	10	0	0	419	0	0
River	3	1	0	**17**	2	0	0	0	397	0
SeaLake	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	472

GNDVI

True label \ Predicted label	AnnualCrop	Forest	Herbaceous	Highway	Industrial	Pasture	PermanentCrop	Residential	River	SeaLake
AnnualCrop	415	0	1	2	0	13	6	0	1	1
Forest	2	429	0	0	0	16	0	0	0	0
Herbaceous	4	13	383	1	1	21	9	3	1	0
Highway	6	1	3	339	7	3	2	9	4	0
Industrial	2	0	0	0	362	0	1	15	0	0
Pasture	6	4	1	0	0	255	1	0	0	1
PermanentCrop	15	1	20	0	2	10	329	5	0	0
Residential	0	0	1	0	13	0	0	416	0	0
River	4	1	0	18	3	4	0	0	390	0
SeaLake	1	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	470

Highway

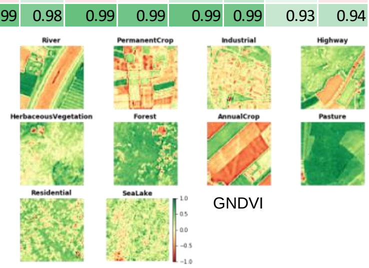

Highway


River


Results for every classes

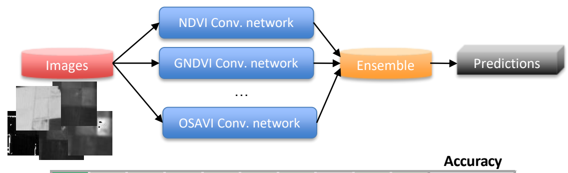
Some vegetation indices have higher accuracy for some classes

	RGB	REDGE	NDVI	NDVI2	NDI45	GNDVI	SAVI	OSAVI	PSSRa	PSRI	CI
AnnualCrop	0.98	0.79	0.96	0.92	0.90	0.95	0.91	0.94	0.73	0.89	0.81
Forest	0.98	0.75	0.95	0.91	0.99	0.96	0.96	0.97	0.73	0.92	0.70
Herbaceous	0.98	0.62	0.95	0.86	0.80	0.88	0.82	0.96	0.59	0.81	0.70
Highway	0.93	0.42	0.92	0.80	0.84	0.91	0.96	0.95	0.50	0.62	0.70
Industrial	0.98	0.64	0.94	0.89	0.95	0.95	0.94	0.95	0.92	0.77	0.78
Pasture	0.94	0.32	0.80	0.83	0.81	0.95	0.77	0.85	0.31	0.70	0.54
PermanentCrop	0.86	0.42	0.90	0.72	0.85	0.86	0.83	0.77	0.57	0.74	0.42
Residential	0.97	0.71	0.98	0.88	0.97	0.97	0.97	0.98	0.58	0.88	0.87
River	0.95	0.79	0.93	0.80	0.87	0.93	0.94	0.91	0.80	0.95	0.88
SeaLake	1.00	0.99	0.98	0.99	0.99	0.99	0.99	0.93	0.94	0.90	0.97



GNDVI

Ensemble of convolutional networks



True label / Predicted label

True label \ Predicted label	AnnualCrop	Forest	Herbaceous	Highway	Industrial	Pasture	PermanentCrop	Residential	River	SeaLake	Accuracy
AnnualCrop	2866	22	10	20	3	30	27	0	4	17	98.17%
Forest	0	2899	14	2	0	13	3	4	0	65	99.03%
Herbaceous	10	261	2601	12	9	34	40	25	3	5	98.03%
Highway	7	1	2	2467	7	0	1	1	14	0	98.44%
Industrial	2	0	1	20	2450	0	0	22	5	0	98.92%
Pasture	15	102	25	32	5	1627	138	3	5	48	91.40%
PermanentCrop	44	5	90	19	11	7	2310	14	0	0	90.48%
Residential	0	1	1	5	23	0	2	2968	0	0	99.50%
River	2	0	1	54	3	1	0	0	2432	7	96.96%
SeaLake	3	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	17	2976	96.17%

*RGB and Rededge convolutional network not included, over the whole dataset of 27,000 images.

Selection of 3 vegetation indices

Using 3 Vegetation Indices improved the overall classification accuracy by **10.7%** (OSAVI, NDVI, GNDVI) and **18.3%** (NDVI, NDVI2, NDI45) over RGB classification

	OSAVI NDVI GNDVI	NDVI NDVI2 NDI45	All	RGB
AnnualCrop	0.982	**0.986**	0.956	0.977
Forest	**0.990**	0.982	0.966	0.984
HerbaceousVegetation	**0.980**	0.978	0.867	0.977
Highway	**0.984**	0.973	0.987	0.930
Industrial	**0.989**	0.980	0.980	0.976
Pasture	0.914	0.928	0.814	**0.944**
PermanentCrop	0.905	**0.962**	0.924	0.859
Residential	**0.995**	**0.997**	0.989	0.974
River	0.970	**0.975**	0.973	0.945
SeaLake	0.962	0.986	0.992	**0.996**

Conclusions

- The Eurosat sentinel-2 dataset is a good starting point for transfer learning in agriculture.
- Using an ensemble of convolutional neural networks improve the overall accuracy of classification for single class data.
- A similar dataset of Canadian's crops at different phenological states and multi-labels would be useful.
- Prospectively, we are now investigating more Vegetation Indices and new resolution imagery generated by MAPIR and MicaSense.

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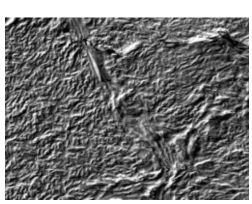

Also applying Deep Learning at mapping some cell structure…

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