

Object Detection and Depth Estimation for Drone Camera Images

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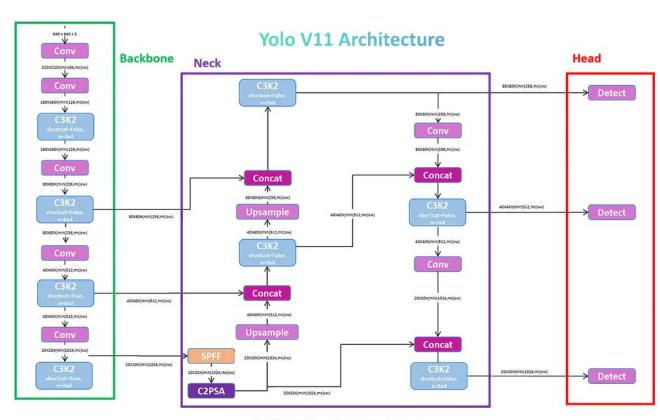
Object Detection Using Yolo V11

You only look once



YoloV11 - Model

- Real Time Detection Model
- A single neural network is applied to a whole image
 - Single Neural network = You Only Look Once
 - This network will internally subdivide the image then predict the bounding boxes per region
- Many Pretrained models are provided which speeds up the training purposes
 - We used the yolo11m pretrained model



YOLOv11 Model Architecture

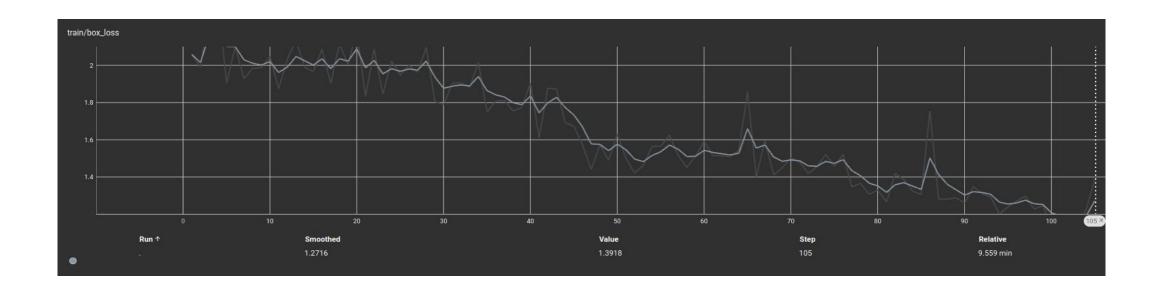
Training Data

- Images from the Syndrone dataset were used
 - Town01 RGB data at heights of 20, 50 and 80 meters
- Each image needed to be annotated
 - Used the label-studio applet
 - Categories used: Car, Bus, Motorcycle, Bicycle, Truck



Training

- Dataset was loaded and pointed the trainer to the images and the bounding boxes
 - The training set was 100 labeled images with 400-500 labeled objects



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Results and Discussion





- The model was able to generally accurately identify the types of vehicles in each scene
 - o The inaccuracies could be mitigated with an increase in the training data size

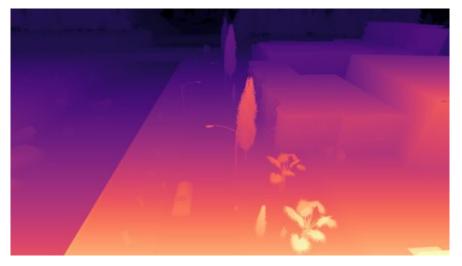
Dense Prediction Transformer for Syndrone Dataset

Monocular Depth Prediction

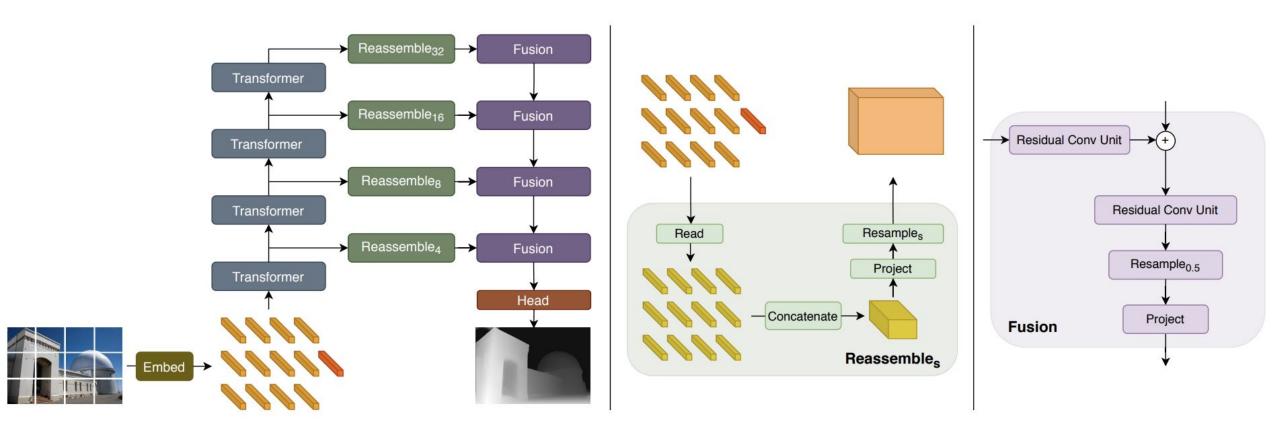
Overview

- Fine tuned monocular depth estimation models proposed in R. Ranftl, et. al, "Vision Transformers for Dense Prediction", 2021
 - https://arxiv.org/pdf/2103.13413
- Supervised approach on dataset provided by G. Rizzoli, et. al, "SynDrone - Multi-modal UAV Dataset for Urban Scenarios", 2023
 - https://github.com/LTTM/Syndrone/tree/main





Model Overview - DPT Large



Training - DPT Large

- Eigen Loss function proposed in Eigen et al. "Depth Map Prediction from a Single Image using a Multi-Scale Deep Network" 2014.
 - Computes the scale invariant MSE loss
 - https://arxiv.org/pdf/1406.2283
- Robust regression (Huber loss) was used to calibrate pretrained model outputs to our dataset (m=2.52e-5 b=3.33e-5).

```
def eigen_loss(outputs, truths, lam=0.5):
    # Input: output and truth values (1/distance)
    outputs_d = 1 / (outputs + 10**-4.5)
    truths_d = 1 / (truths + 10**-4.5)

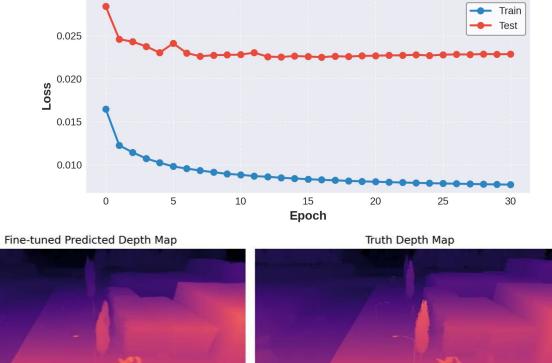
# Scale-Invariant MSE + L2
    d = torch.log(outputs_d) - torch.log(truths_d)
    n = d.numel()
    scale_invariant_MSE = torch.sum(d**2) / n - lam*(torch.sum(d)/n)**2

return scale_invariant_MSE
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Hyper Parameter	Value
Initial Learning Rate	1e-5
LR Gamma (Exponential Decay)	0.93
Batch Size (Memory Constraint)	1
Epochs	30

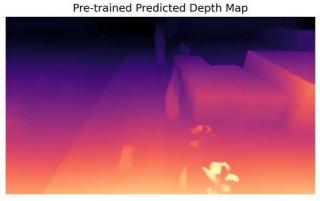
Results - DPT Large

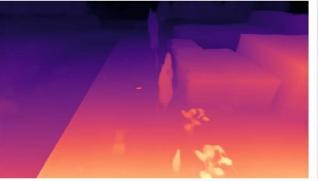
- Achieved an improved depth prediction model on unseen testing data
- Optimal model at epoch 16



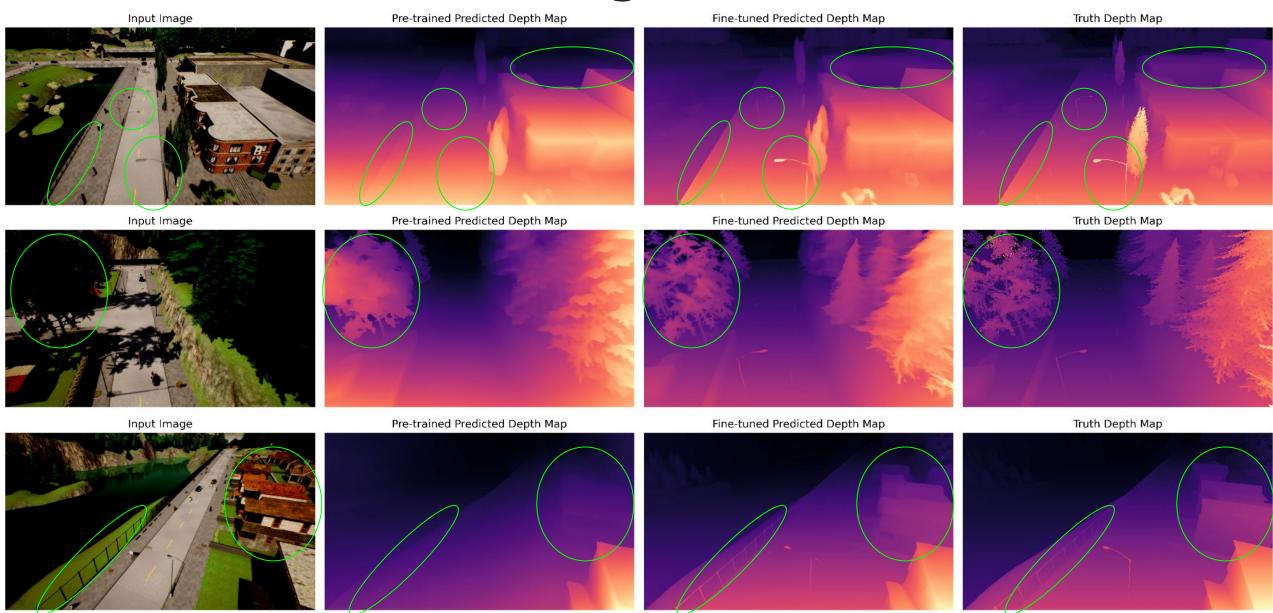
Loss vs Epoch dpt_large fine tuned







Results Cont - DPT Large



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