



Corona-Net

Fighting COVID-19 With Computer Vision

1. Self Intro

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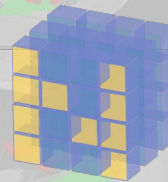
2. Background

- Inspired by doctors from Wuhan on TV
- Inspired by Johns Hopkins University's (Center for Systems Science and Engineering (CSSE)) COVID-19 Dashboard
- Relevant to previous work on brain tumour boundary

resection for lower grade glioma

3. Technologies Used

- Language: Python with NumPy library
- AI library: PyTorch
- Image processing libraries: Albumentations, Torchvision, Scikit-image, Matplotlib



NumPy

matplotlib

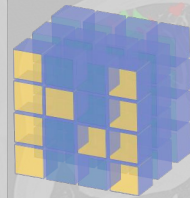
PyTorch



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Python with NumPy

- Speed: dynamically typed
- NumPy: parallelism & vectorisation
- NumPy: better support for matrices & tensors & operations
- Easy to prototype with, elegant syntax
- Powerful libraries



NumPy

What to use for Image Processing?

- Matplotlib vs. Scikit-image vs. Torchvision vs. Albumentations
- Matplotlib: General purpose
- Scikit-image: Advanced algorithms
- Torchvision: Tight integration with PyTorch
- Albumentations: Biomedical Imaging

matplotlib



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Why PyTorch?

- More research / academia support
- Better customisation ability
- Similar to NumPy
- Dynamism e.g. Dynamic computation graphs

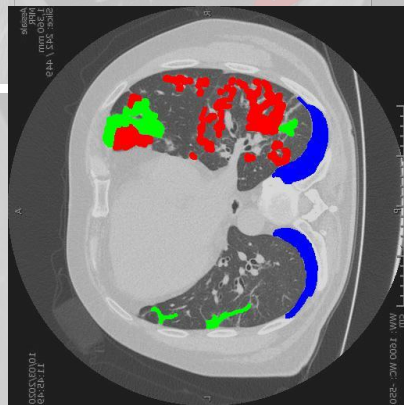
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4. Data & Augmentation

- COVID-19 CT segmentation dataset
 - <http://medicalsegmentation.com/covid19/>
- COVID-19 image data collection
 - <https://github.com/ieee8023/covid-chestxray-dataset>

Challenge: Dataset size

- 100 CT scan slices taken from > 40 patients with COVID-19.
- Mask-labelled data by expert radiologist:
 - 3 symptoms: ground glass (red), consolidation (green), pleural effusion (blue)

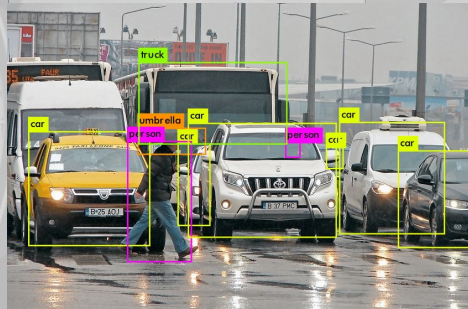
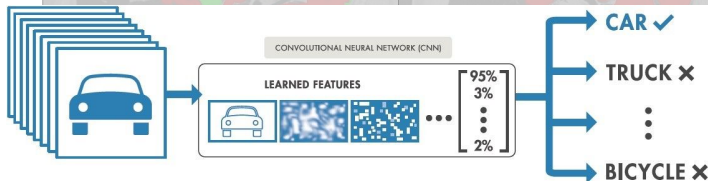


Data & Augmentation

- Train-test split of 80-20 images
- Augment 80 → 1920 via:
 - Random rotations → rotational invariance (Torchvision)
 - Random cropping → shift invariance (Torchvision)
 - Normalisation → grey value invariance (Torchvision)
 - Elastic Transformations & Scale shift → model human tissue (Albumentations)

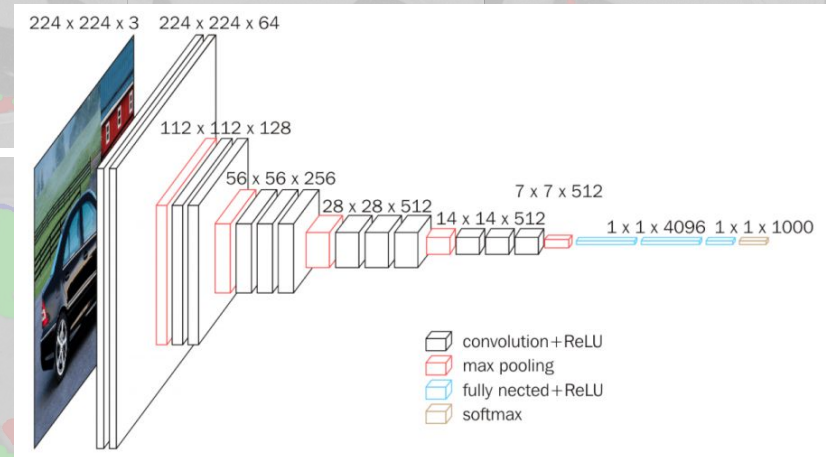
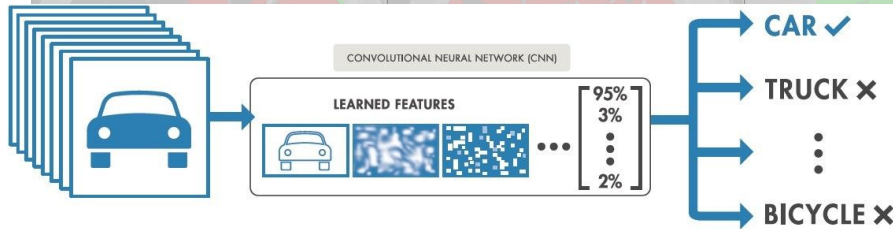
5. Model Architecture

- For multi-label segmentation
- Classification vs. detection vs. segmentation
- Classification: Input image \rightarrow output class label
- Detection: Input image \rightarrow output bounding box & class label
- Segmentation: Input image \rightarrow output image mask



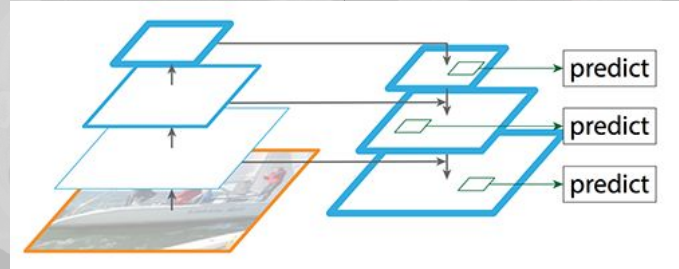
Classification

- Input image \rightarrow output class label (FC layer)
- Can use vanilla Convolutional Neural Networks
- Deep CNNs: accuracy saturation & degradation problem
 - Residual Networks
 - Feature Pyramid Networks



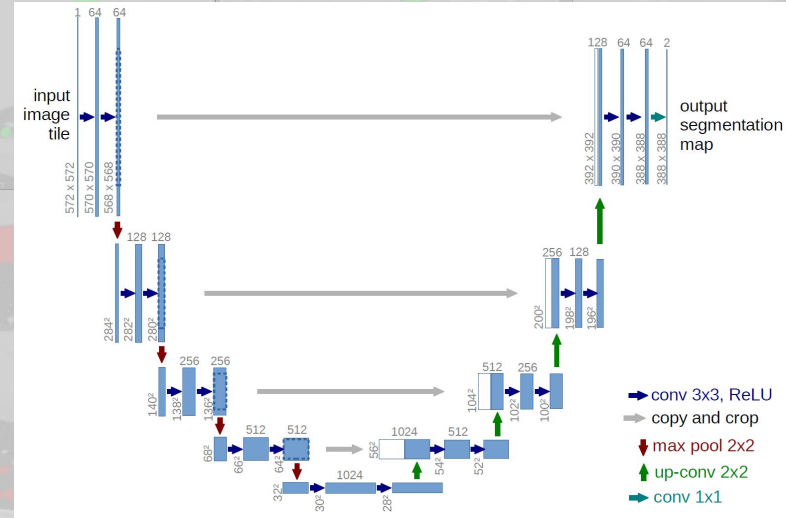
Classification

- ResNets: Shortcut connections
 - Relieves pressure from added deep layers when identity mapping
- FPNs: lateral, top-down connections
 - Fuses feature maps at different scales
 - Each feature map retains local & global information



Fully Convolutional Networks

- Used in Corona-Net
- Encoder-decoder network



- Learns convolutional filter directly not function
- U-Net: FCN for biomedical imaging with symmetrical upsampling & downsampling paths, SOTA

6. Code

- <https://github.com/chinglamchoi/Corona-Net>

- Binary & Multi-class segmentation
- Loss: Binary Cross Entropy with logits
- Evaluation metrics

$$Dice = \frac{2|A \cap B|}{|A| + |B|}$$

- Dice Loss

- Rand Loss

$$RI = \frac{a + d}{\binom{n}{2}}, RE = 1 - RI$$

Where a denotes pixels with labels in agreement with the ground truth,
 d denotes pixels with labels in disagreement with the ground truth,
 n denotes the total pixels in each segmentation mask. (5)

7. Results

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1. Binary Segmentation

Dice Coefficient	Rand Loss	Optimiser	Learning Rate
0.5641	0.2167	Adam	1e-02
0.7068	0.1421	Adam	1e-03
0.7434	0.1347	Adam	1e-04
0.4745	0.1591	Adam	1e-05

2. Multi-Class Segmentation

Dice Coefficient	Rand Loss	Optimiser	Learning Rate
0.5160	0.2490	Adam	1e-02
0.5900	0.2114	Adam	1e-03
0.6160	0.1985	Adam	1e-04
0.5001	0.2565	Adam	1e-05

8. Future Development

- Weakly-supervised segmentation
- Using Global Average Pooling & Object Region Mining
- Further training with larger datasets
- Use hard negative mining / focal loss

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Thank you!

