

# Pre-processing for UAV Based Wildfire Detection

## A Loss U-net enhanced GAN for Image Restoration

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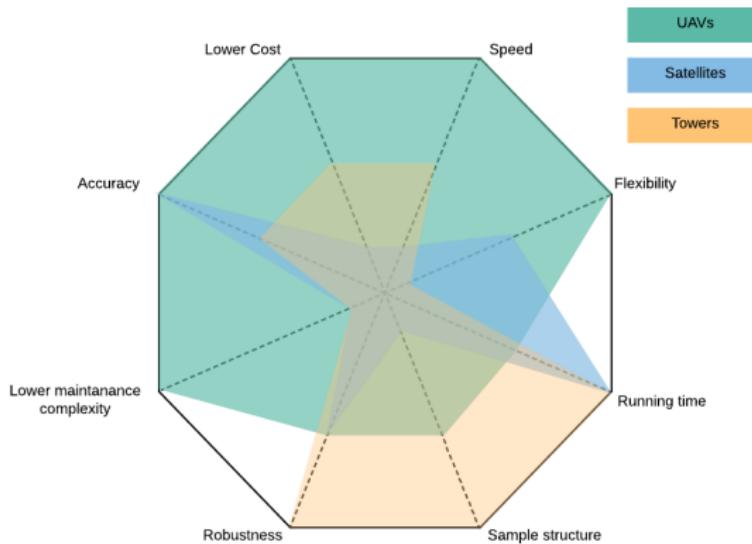
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# Introduction



Qualitative compare the performance of UAV, satellite and surveillance tower in forest protection

Unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) wildfire application advantages:

- Lower maintenance complexity
- Lower cost
- Higher speed
- Higher flexibility

## Introduction

The recorded images are always distorted or of finite resolution (Kulkarni, 1990).

$$y = Hf + n \quad (1)$$

where the original image  $f$  is of support  $N \times N$  ( $f$ : vector  $N^2 \times 1 \Rightarrow H$  could be a  $N^2 \times N^2$  matrix  $\Rightarrow$  Gaussian denoising:  $H = I$ ).

Find an  $\hat{f}$  which could minimize the norm:

$$\|y - H\hat{f}\| \quad (2)$$

$$(H^T H)\hat{f} = H^T y \quad (3)$$

Generalized inverse filter (Dabov, 2007)

Methods in recent year:

Feature learning methods  $\Rightarrow$  Deep neural networks (DNNs).

Problems: Too big model; Works only for one aspect (blurring, noise).

- To sharp the images and de-noise the frame.
  - \* Generative adversarial network (GAN) (Goodfellow, 2014).
- To capture the main features of the sequences, frames.
  - \* Perceptual loss network (Justin, 2016).

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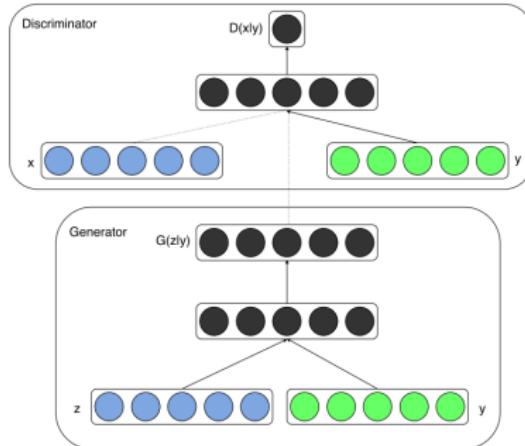
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## Loss U-net enhanced GAN model

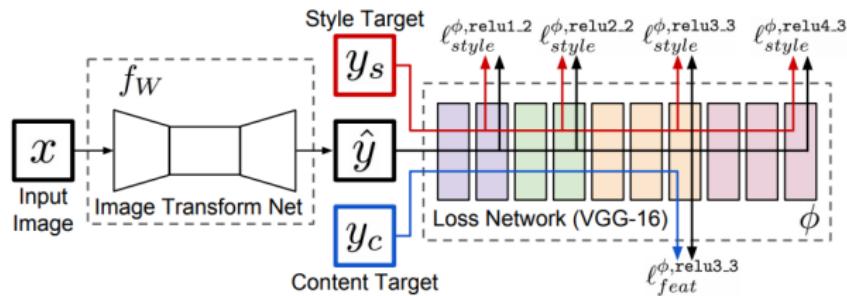


Conditional adversarial network

(Goodfellow, 2014)

Conditional adversarial network is more likely fitting the situation where there is a special training demand, like the black white images to colored images.

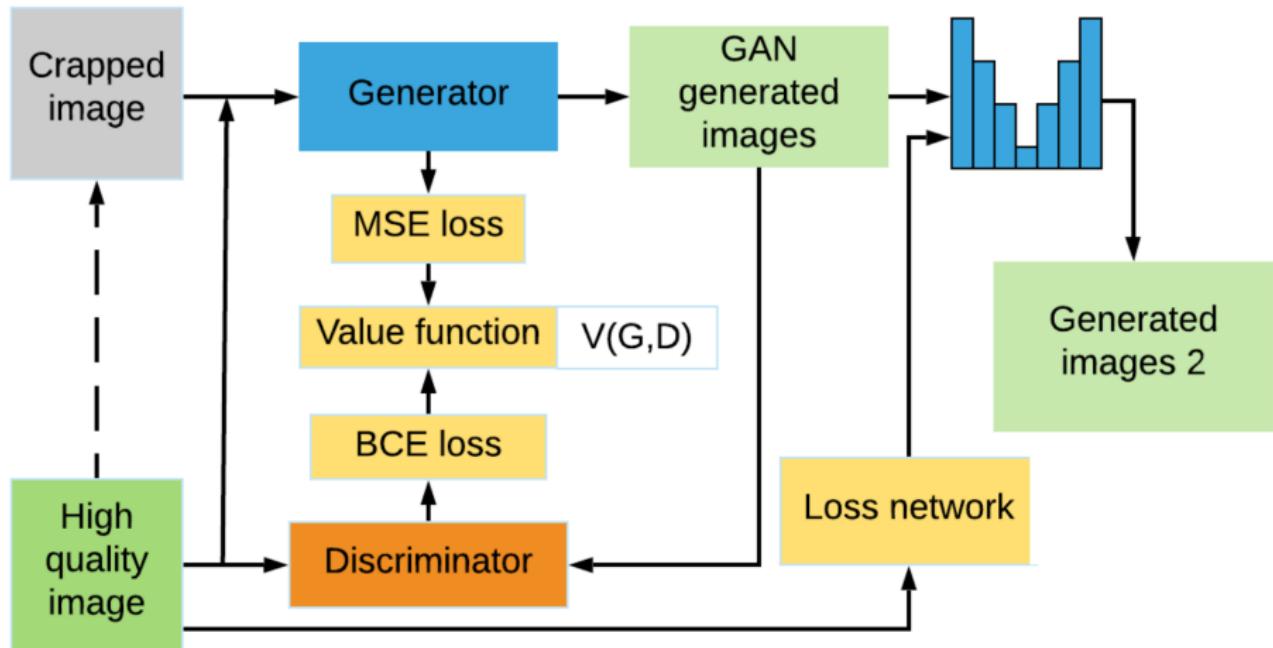
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Perceptual loss transfer model(Justin, 2016)

- Image transform net: encoder-decoder
- Loss network: reconstruction feature loss

## Loss U-net enhanced GAN model



Loss U-net enhanced GAN brief block chart

- VGG-16 is still chosen to be a loss network to simplify the problem, other models also will work.

Value function  $V(G, D)$ : balance the loss of generator ( $G$ ) and the discriminator ( $D$ ) (Goodfellow, 2014).

$$\min_G \max_D V(G, D) = \mathbf{E}_{x \sim p_{data}}[\log D(x)] + \mathbf{E}_{z \sim p_z}[\log(1 - D(G(z)))] \quad (4)$$

Mean squared error loss for generator:

$$\text{MSE}(y, \hat{y}) = \frac{\sum_{i=0}^N (y_i - \hat{y}_i)^2}{N} \quad (5)$$

Binary cross entropy (BCE) loss for discriminator:

$$\text{BCE}(y, p) = \begin{cases} -\log(p) & \text{if } y = 1 \\ -\log(1 - p) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (6)$$

where  $y \in \pm 1$  specifies ground truth class,  $p \in [0, 1]$  is the probability of the estimation of the discriminator model from the label  $y = 1$ .

- The loss network  $\Phi$  defines loss functions  $l_1 \dots l_k$ .
- Every loss computes a scalar value  $l_i(\hat{y}, y_i)$ .
- The U-net does the work  $\hat{y} = f_W(\hat{y}_{middle})$ .

To minimize a weighted combination loss through stochastic gradient descent:

$$W^* = \arg \min_W E_{\hat{y}_{middle}, y_i} \left[ \sum_{i=1} \lambda_i l_i(f_W(\hat{y}_{middle}, y_i)) \right] \quad (7)$$

- The U-net encourages images but not only for the pixels.
- Assume  $j$  is a convolutional layer,  $\Phi_j(\hat{y}_{middle})$ :  $C_j \times H_j \times W_j$ .

Squared, normalized Euclidean distance between feature representation:

$$l_{feat}^{\Phi, j}(\hat{y}, y) = \frac{1}{C_j H_j W_j} \|\Phi_j(\hat{y}) - \Phi_j(y)\|_2^2 \quad (8)$$

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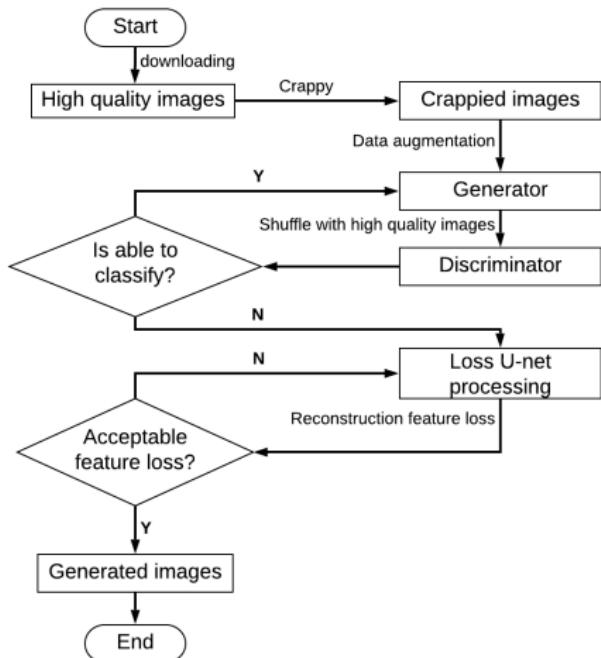
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Using fastai API on GCP

- Google cloud platform supports computation online.
- Fastai API: a higher level API based on pytorch.(Howard, 2020)

Loss U-net enhanced GAN for image restoration

programming work flow chart

## Training and testing

```
class crappifier(object):
    def __init__(self, path_lr, path_hr):
        self.path_lr = path_lr
        self.path_hr = path_hr

    def __call__(self, fn, i):
        dest = self.path_lr/fn.relative_to(self.path_hr)
        dest.parent.mkdir(parents=True, exist_ok=True)
        img = PIL.Image.open(fn)
        targ_sz = resize_to(img, 96, use_min=True)
        img = img.resize(targ_sz, resample=PIL.Image.BILINEAR).convert('RGB')
        w,h = img.size
        q = random.randint(10,90)
        ImageDraw.Draw(img).text((random.randint(0,w//2),random.randint(0,h//2)), str(q), fill=(255,255,255))
        img.save(dest, quality=q)
```

```
def get_data(bs,size):
    data = (src.label_from_func(lambda x: path_hr/x.name)
            .transform(get_transforms(max_zoom=1.05, flip_vert=True, max_lighting=0.1, max_warp=0.), size=size, tfm_y=True)
            .databunch(bs=bs).normalize(imagenet_stats, do_y=True)) # imagenet_stats to pre_train

    data.c = 3
    return data
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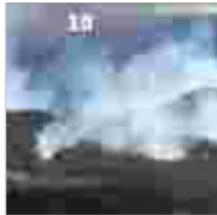
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- Random location number water mark.
  - Smaller number, lower quality.
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- Imagenet pre-train (not good enough)
  - Data augmentation:  
src.transform

Crappy and transform augmentation result

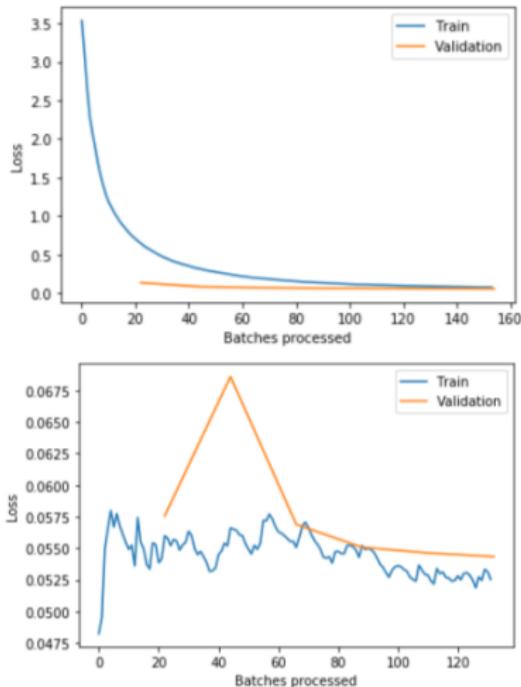
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- Only freezed encoder part.
- Left: crapped images.
- Middle: generated images.
- Right: target images.

One epoch U-net generator performance

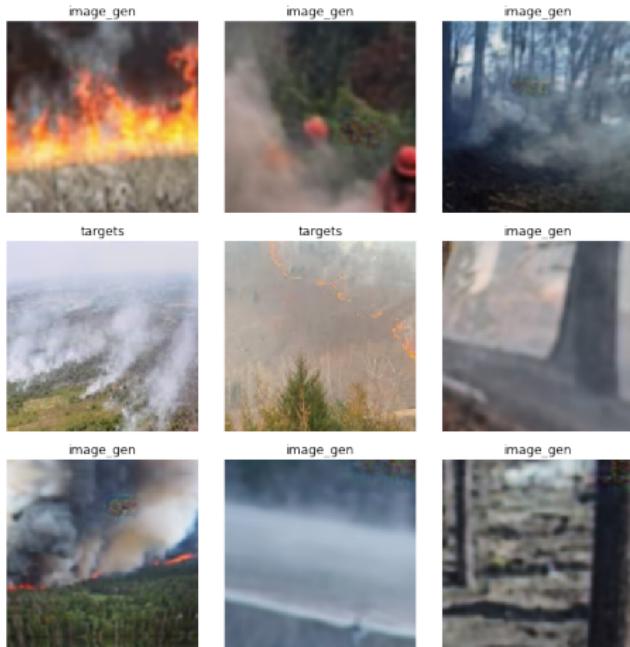
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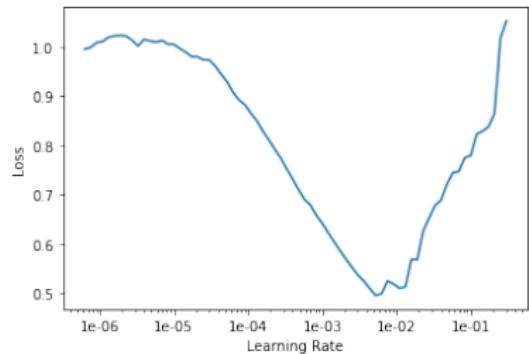
U-net generator loss performance

- Encoder: training set loss performs good, validation set loss is low at beginning.
- Encoder-Decoder: jumping out of a local optimum. Simulated fire annealing.

# Training and testing



A data batch to train the discriminator



Finding a learning rate for discriminator

- Locating the lowest point and go back 10 times.
- Max slope point.

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GAN generated output.

- The de-noising and robustness performed okay, but the objects are not sharped enough.

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Loss U-net GAN generated results compare with perceptual loss network results

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- This scheme nearly removed the entire number mark(Acceptable robustness and de-noising ability).
- Compression results showed a better performance for big scaled scenery images.
- Still lack enough data, a new kind of data set needs to be fund.
- Hard to identify the edge of non-rigid body items like smoke.



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