

Detection of Wheezes and Breathing Phases using Deep Convolutional Neural Networks

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Abstract

A Fully Homomorphic Encryption (FHE) scheme allows you to perform an arbitrary number of computation on encrypted data without decrypting it first. This is a very useful feature as it allows us to perform computations on data without knowing the data itself. Computations on sensitive data can be done in an untrusted environment without compromising privacy. Even though this may sound like the holy grail of cryptography which could solve the worlds IT problems when it comes to security and trust, it have some issues. Unfortunately Fully Homomorphic Encryption(FHE) libraries are very limited in Python. In this paper we have implemented a Python API based of a FHE C++ library called HElib and we will take a look at potential usages and limitations to the library.

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Introduction

When dealing with sensitive data we need to make sure that the data is secure. This means, if the data is leaked due to a security breach, error in the system or any other reasons, we need to make sure the data are unrecognizable for anyone who is not authorized. This is commonly solved by using an encryption algorithm to encrypt the data, making it unreadable to anyone who do not know the private key used during the encryption. As more and more businesses and organizations are moving away from having their own dedicated server to renting server space in large server parks, like a cloud, security are becoming a bigger concern than ever before. Traditionally businesses and organizations would have their own private server which would handle computation and storing of the data. The only people having direct access to the server would be authorized personnel hired by the business or the organization. Meaning the only real threat from a potential attacker would come from outside the business/organization, as any attacks from inside the business/organization would be met with prosecution and lawsuit.

As the trend of cloud services have exploded in the last years this have changed. We no longer have control over the physical location of the server, and we now have to trust the cloud service to uphold access control agreed upon. When storing data on cloud servers we are faced with not only the same security threats as on the private server, but also additional threats specific for cloud computing, like side channel attacks[12], virtualization vulnerabilities and abuse of cloud services. Cloud administrators or unauthorized users might access the data and obtain sensitive information for various motivations. Because of the increased threat when storing data in a cloud environment the data need to be encrypted at all times with our own encryption key, as even the cloud service cannot be trusted.

If we use the cloud service to only store data, then this is pretty simple, but what if we want to do some computation on the data stored? One way to do this is to encrypt the sensitive data and store this on the cloud. To perform a computation the data would be downloaded to a private server and decrypted. The computation is performed and the data is encrypted and uploaded back to the cloud. The problem with this approach, it's inefficient, especially when a lot of computation is done and it also requires a private server to perform the computation. Another approach is to use a Homomorphic Encryption(HE) scheme which enables us to perform computation on encrypted data without decrypting it first. This means, we can perform computation on ciphertexts generating an encrypted result which, when decrypted, matches the result of operations performed on the plaintext. By using Homomorphic Encryption we can perform the computation without ever exposing the data which means we can ensure that the data is secure at all times during the computation.

Why do we want Homomorphic Encryption? As shown in the previous example it allows us to do computation on our data without ever exposing the data during the computation. This essentially means that we can now export the computation work to a third party like a cloud service. We no longer have to pay for expensive servers to perform heavy computations, we can export the job an external server which is much cheaper in term of power consumption, server maintenance and bandwidth cost. This also allows us to pay for exactly the amount of storage and computational power needed, which can dynamically increased when needed. But is also have other benefits like hospital record can be examined without compromising patient privacy and financial data can be analyzed without opening it up to theft.

If Homomorphic Encryption is so great why are not everyone using it already? Even though there are many benefits which comes with using Homomorphic Encryption, there are some issues. First of all, performance. The first Fully Homomorphic Encryption scheme by Craig Gentry[1] was taking 100 trillion times as long to perform computations on encrypted data than plaintext computation. In this paper we will take a look at a FHE library called HElib which is an open source library in C++. With Boost Python we have created a Python API of this library and will use this to see how far the FHE schemes have come and look at practical usages and/or which challenges still remain for FHE schemes.

Background

This chapter describes relevant technical background and relevant work. We will first define the field of machine learning, and then describe the methods that have been used in this thesis. We will explain feature extraction for audio signals using spectrograms. We will also describe recent relevant work that uses the same machine learning methods and feature extractions methods as in this thesis.

2.1 Machine learning

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$$\text{Recall} = \frac{TP}{TP + FN}$$

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Precision

2.2 Deep learning

2.2.1 Convolutional neural network

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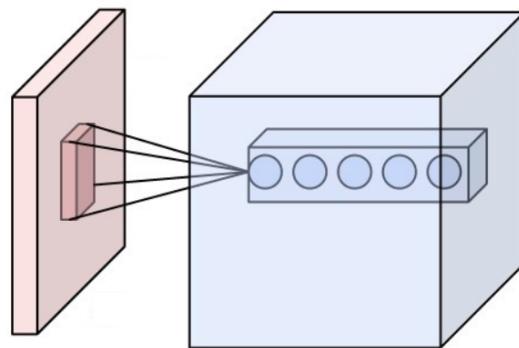


Figure 2.1: Illustration of the convolutional layer . The red box is the input, and blue box is the result. The width and height of the input is preserved, but since the convolutional filter has 32 filters, the depth of the output volume is 32 pixels.

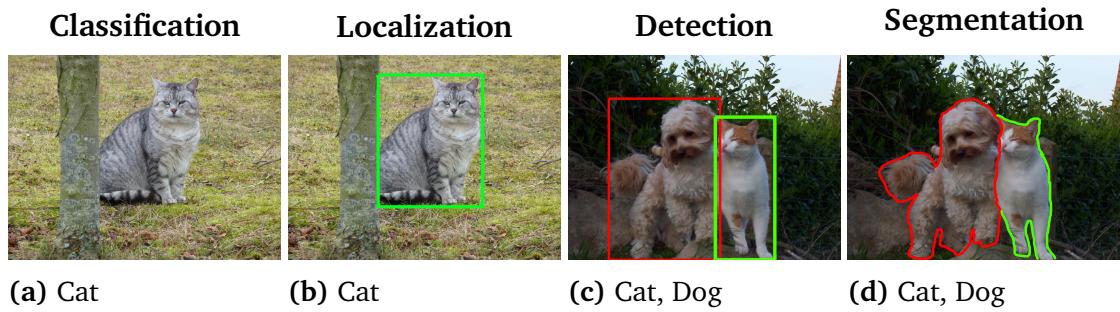


Figure 2.2: Vizualisation of four different image recognition tasks

2.3 Classification vs. detection

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Approach

This chapter outlines the methodology and actions used to create the Python API of a Homomorphic Encryption Library. We will also take a look at how we can test the Python API to measure the difference in performance between the C++ library and the Python library. We will explain the approach of choosing a Python wrapper for the C++ code. And we will look at how we can determine possible usages and limitations of the library.

3.1 Objectives

The main objective of this thesis is to create a Fully Homomorphic Encryption API in Python and measure the performance to get a sense of how far we have come in the development and implementation of FHE schemes. The Python API will be based an already existing C++ library called HElib. The Python API need to support a majority of the existing functions of HElib to classify it as a FHE API. Ideally the Python API should not be significantly slower than the C++ library in terms of compilation time and performance. Lastly we want to use the performance measurements of the API to find scenarios which a Python FHE can be useful.

The thesis work is structured into the following three stages

1. A design stage
2. An implementation stage
3. Measurement, analysis and comparison stage

3.2 Design Stage

In the design stage we will plan the necessary steps to implement a solution which satisfies the objectives mentioned above. As we have number of different objectives the design stage is divided into several steps which is outlined below.

1. Explore and choose a C++ wrapper for python
2. Create a model of the API
3. Find a suitable model for testing the API

3.2.1 C++ wrapper for Python

In the first task of the design stage we will examine different C++ wrappers to find one that is suitable to wrap the HElib library to python. This includes examining the HElib library to see how it is built. We need to find out if this is a shared/private library and also look at the code to see if there is any special object types. As the HElib library is built on the NTL mathematical library the chances are great that there will be some non standard objects. Finding a wrapper which supports the different object types including user defined object types are important to be able to wrap the code properly.

3.2.2 Create a model for the API

There are currently few options when it comes to FHE libraries in Python. When the Python API is created it is important that the API is well explained and the potential usages to be shown. As of today the HElib library are not easily understood as to how to use it properly. This means it is even more important that the API is well documented with examples making it usable for anyone easily. There will also almost certain be differences between the API and the currently existing library as C++ and Python does not handle all objects and types the same way.

Design

In this chapter we will display the results of the tasks outlined in the approach section.

4.1 C++ wrapper for Python

When it comes to wrapping C++ code to python there are many options to chose from, like Boost, SWIG, cTypes and manual wrapping. We wanted a wrapper which would satisfy all the requirements to wrap the code in terms of user defined objects and types. But satisfying these requirements alone is not enough, it needs to be fast in terms of compiling and execution time and it needs to be simple. The first option considered was SWIG. SWIG was considered as the first option because of it's simplicity. It is a software development tool for building scripting language interfaces largely automatically. When using SWIG we ran into a problem. Even though it did wrap a some parts of the code automatically, a converter for all the user defined objects and types had to be created. As the HElib library is big and we do not need the majority of the functions in conjunction with a lot of user defined types and objects made the automation aspect of the software rather useless.

Discussion

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Conclusion

6.1 Future Work

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Appendices

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