

A Dense Depth and Foreground images dataset of Stray Animals (some name XYZ)

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Abstract

Custom Dataset of Stray Animals for Monocular Depth Estimation and Segmentation (MODES) Dataset creation.

This work experimentally produces a dataset of size 4M records, where each record is a combination of 4 images from a very limited input. The input taken to generate this dataset are 100 background images and 100 foreground images.

How this dataset is unique and differs from the existing ones? Firstly, It is a dedicated dataset for stray animals. and Secondly, the large volume of data recorded: 40,00,000 tuples where each tuple is composed of a RGB image, a depth image, and a mask of the animal.

limitation lacking ground truth

Depth and foreground prediction.

This paper presents a model to establish the baseline as the start point to develop more recognition algorithms. The XYZ dataset is publicly available at¹.

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1 Introduction

Objectives :

1. Building a custom dataset for Monocular Depth Estimation and Segmentation simultaneously specific to stray animals.
2. Linking this dataset to a model.

What is depth ? - A depth image is an image channel in which each pixel relates to a distance between the image plane and the corresponding object in the RGB image

RGBD image is a combination of a RGB image and its corresponding depth image. we introduce XYZ, a dataset that contains millions of depth and foreground images of stray animals derived from few hundreds of images. XYZ is the first dataset which has stray animals. The dataset is available for download atlink... This is an RGBDM dataset that pair images with depth and

¹datasetwebsite

mask. The datasets which involve depth cannot be created using crowd source annotation, instead they rely on 3D range sensors. This XYZ is experimentally created with the help of existing depth predictors and foreground creators.

XYZ can also be used for autonomous driving

Depth information is integral to many problems in robotics, including mapping, localization and obstacle avoidance for terrestrial and aerial vehicles, and in computer vision, including augmented and virtual reality[5]. The reason for using existing depth predictors for the creation of new dataset - depth sensors and monocular cameras are expensive. we used existing accurate depth predictor [reference]

if we can come up with limitations of existing rgb-d datasets... then we can write This paper present the XYZ dataset in an effort to address the aforementioned limitations of existing RGBD datasets.

Figure 3 represents a few representative examples from XYZ

The most important feature of XYZ is



Figure (1) Sample Record which contains the background image, a cow overlaid on top of background, its mask and depth images

2 Related Work

[*** sentences need to be reframed with the help of Abhinav sir A variety of RGBD datasets in which images are paired with corresponding depth maps(D) have been proposed through the years. Available RGBD datasets kitti dataset [1], the Synthia dataset [2], Make3D dataset [3], NYU dataset [4]

It is the best known RGBD dataset collected using a vehicle equipped with a sparse Velodyne VLP-64 LiDAR scanner and RGB cameras, and features street scenes in and around the German city of Karlsruhe. Primary application of this dataset involves perception tasks in the context of self-driving.

Synthia is a street scene dataset with depth maps of synthetic data, requiring domain adaptation to apply to real world settings.

Cityscapes [reference] provides a dataset of street scenes, albeit with more diversity than KITTI.

Sintel [reference] is another synthetic dataset which includes outdoor scenes.

Megadepth [reference] is a large-scale dataset of outdoor internet images, with depth maps reconstructed using structure-from-motion techniques, but also lacking in ground truth depth and scale.

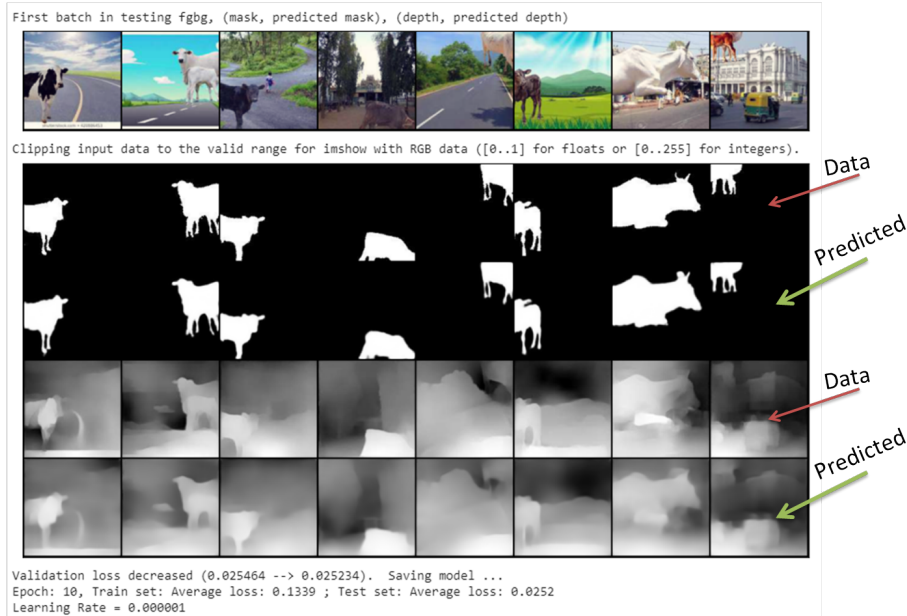


Figure (2) Sample Record which contains the background image, a cow overlaid on top of background, its mask and depth images



Figure (3) Sample Record which contains the background image, a cow overlaid on top of background, its mask and depth images

Make3D [reference] provides RGB and depth information for outdoor scenes

The NYUv2 dataset [reference] is widely used for monocular depth estimation in indoor environments. The data was collected with a Kinect RGBD camera, which provides sparse and noisy depth returns. These returns are generally inpainted and smoothed before they are used for monocular depth estimation tasks. As a result, while the dataset includes sufficient samples to

train modern machine learning pipelines, the “ground-truth” depth does not necessarily correspond to true scene depth. ***]

3 The XYZ dataset

we designed the dataset with the following objectives... 1. dataset which dedicatedly include stray animals, as animals move without any restrictions in the small cities of India. 2. self driving cars should be able to identify animals 3. dataset should provide accurate dense depth maps. 4. dataset should provide foreground images

3.1 Data Acquisition

The Related work says that the depth measurement took place with variety of devices like kinects, structure light cameras, and LiDAR etc. This work mainly focusing on the generation of huge dataset with limited availability of scene images and foreground images. This work generates foreground images and masks using GIMP [7] software and depth maps by using the model proposed by Ibraheem Alhashim et al. in their paper titled ”High Quality Monocular Depth Estimation via Transfer Learning” [6] and the source code is available at ². The main source images for the dataset are 100 scene images, and 100 images of objects. We are referring scene images here as background images. They consists of the locations where stray animals usually move like streets, main roads, front view of shops, markets, railway tracks, landscapes etc. A maximal random crop of 448x448 without affecting the image aspect is done on background images. The object picked for this custom dataset creation is stray animals (mostly cows/bull/calf etc.). We have taken care to include single animals, group of animals, front, back and side poses of animals, all age group animals, and many coloured cows. Figure shows few of the sample background and foreground images used for the creation of this dataset. From these 100 selected foreground objects, we have created 200 transparent objects. Several tools like Photoshop’s magic wand, lasso tool, online resources to remove backgrounds³, were used to create transparent foreground images. These 100 images are flipped horizontally to get 200 foreground images.

3.2 Data Curation and Processing

To create the main dataset we used the selected 100 background images and the 200 foreground images. The entire procedure followed to create the dataset is represented in the form of algorithm.

²<https://github.com/ialhashim/DenseDepth/blob/master/DenseDepth.ipynb>

³<https://www.remove.bg/>

Algorithm 1: Generate_Dataset($[bg_images]$, $[fg_images]$)

Result: creates 3 folders with fg_bg, mask and depth each having 400K images

```
bg_count := length(bg_images list) ;
fg_count := length(fg_images list) ;
for i ← 1 to bg_count by 1 do
    for i ← 1 to fg_count by 1 do
        for i ← 1 to 20 by 1 do
            randomly pick a center point on image (two numbers in
                range 0 to 447 for x, y) ;
            randomly pick a scale between .3 and .6 indicating how much
                square area should fg overlap on bg ;
            resize the fg to scale and place it on top of bg centered at x,
                y calculated ;
            save it at 224x224 resolution in a zip folder ;
            calculate mask by setting a binary image to transparency
                channel of fg image, with transparent = 0 and non
                transparent=1 ;
            save mask at 224x224 resolution ;
            add 448x448 image to numpy array for depth calculation ;
        end
    end
    ; // Overlaying of all foreground images on a single
    background image is completed.
    run depth model on 4K images;
    save depth images of 224x224 in zipfolder ;
end
```

3.2.1 fg_bg images

To generate fg_bg images, the foreground image is overlaid on background images randomly for 20 times.

3.2.2 masks of fg_bg images

fg_bg image is obtained by overlaying the foreground image on the background images. To generate 4K images from a single background image, we overlaid a fg image 20 times on the same background image at random locations. To do this a random center point (x, y) in the range 0 to 447 and a random scale in between 0.3 to 0.6 to indicate how much square area should foreground overlap on background are picked. Next the foreground image is resized to scale and placed on top of the background image centered at (x, y) . Save this overlaid image with 224X224 resolution. As the number of foreground images are 200, the total number of overlaid images per background becomes 4000. By repeating the same procedure for all the 100 background images, the total number of fg on

bg images becomes 400000. A set of sample images after overlaying foreground on background are shown in Fig.

3.2.3 depth maps of fg_bg images

We used nyu.h5 model for depth calculation from dense depth paper. This model requires input images to be of 448x448 resolution and produces 224x224 size depth image. A set of sample depth images are shown in fig.

3.2.4 Directory Structure

3.3 Data Statistics

Every image (fgbg, mask, depth) in the dataset are of size 224 X 224. The distribution of fgbg, mask and depth values for XYZ dataset are shown in fig. The dataset has 400000 records. A train-test-split of (70-30) gives a training set size of 280000 and 120000. A sample record in the dataset contains paths to all the images as shown below.

(`./data/bgimages/bgimg099.jpg`, `./data/out2/images/fgbg392483.jpg`, `./data/out2/masks/mask392483.jp`
`./data/out2/depth/fgbg392483.jpg`)

4 Experiments

In this section, we provide a baseline for monocular depth estimation and segmentation on the XYZ dataset. The state-of-the-art models for image segmentation are variants of U-Net and fully convolutional networks (FCN)[8]. long skip connections are used to skip features from the contracting path to the expanding path in order to recover spatial information lost during downsampling [9]. Short skip connections can be used to build deep FCNs. By using both long and short skip connections we proposed a model following U-Net architecture. This model has one encoder and two decoders, each meant for mask and depth prediction.

4.1 Model

We have designed a model with one encoder and two decoders with skip connections. The architecture is shown in Fig 4. The total no. of parameters of this model are 5,525,568. We have trained this model on the entire XYZ dataset from scratch. During training the network is trained with the batch size of 64 for 10 epochs using SGD optimizer [10]. We have used OneCycleLR scheduler [11] with a maximum Learning rate of 0.1. This made the initial learning rate as 0.0099. The Deep Convolutional Neural Networks encoder is fed with a image (224 X 224) and the first decoder outputs a mask image and second decoder outputs a depth image. To reduce overfitting[12], this work employed Random Rotation, Random Grayscale, Color Jitter, random horizontal flips and random channel swaps for data augmentation.

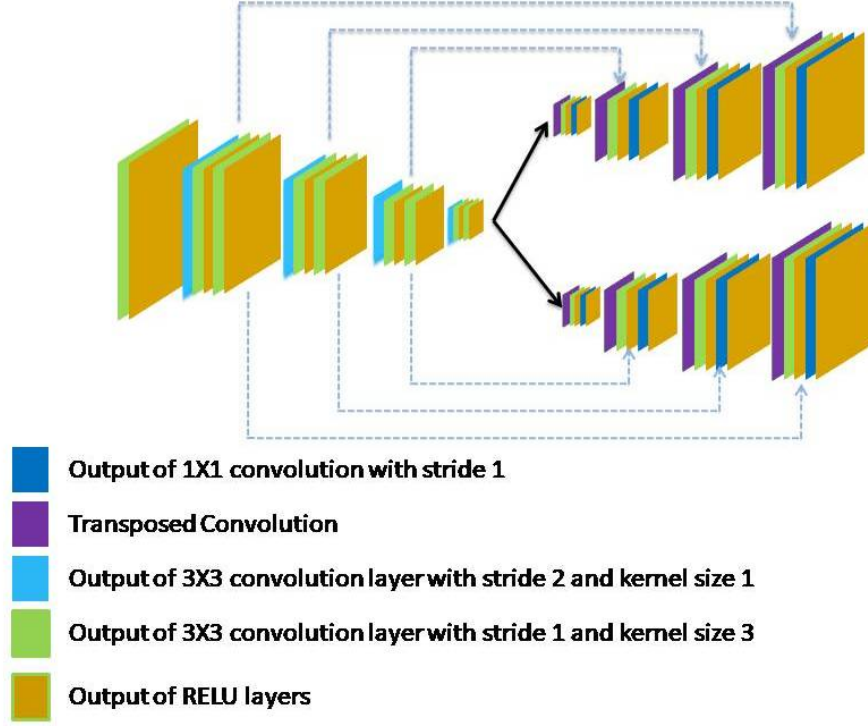


Figure (4) Network Architecture

The Loss is calculated with the help of L1 loss and Structural Similarity (SSIM) at both the decoders. We have also employed regularization for weight penalty.

For training our network with two decoders, we defined the same loss function L between y and \hat{y} as the weighted sum of two loss function values.

$$L(y, \hat{y}) = \lambda L_{term1}(y, \hat{y}) + (1 - \lambda) L_{term2}(y, \hat{y}) \quad (1)$$

The first loss term $L_{term1}(y, \hat{y})$ is the point-wise L1 loss defined on mask values at the first decoder and on depth values at the second decoder.

$$L_{term1}(y, \hat{y}) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{x=1}^n |y_i - \hat{y}_i| \quad (2)$$

we have also used weight decay... do we need to add it in the form of equation???????????

The second loss term $L_{term2}(y, \hat{y})$ uses a commonly used metric for image reconstruction task i.e., SSIM. Many recent too depth prediction CNNs employed this metric. The loss term is redefined as shown in equation as SSIM has an upper bound of one.

$$L_{term1}(y, \hat{y}) = \frac{1 - SSIM(y, \hat{y})}{2} \quad (3)$$

Different weight parameters λ were tried and we have ended with a value $\lambda = 0.84$. The final loss function is as follows.

$$L(y, \hat{y}) = 0.84 * L_{term1}(y, \hat{y}) + 0.16 * L_{term2}(y, \hat{y}) \quad (4)$$

4.2 Evaluation

4.3 Analysis

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5 Conclusion

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