Object Identification in Starlight Images

1. Introduction

Working on object identification in starlight images using yolov7 engine. The dataset used is xView dataset available on Kaggle. It has 846 train images and 281 images for validation. It also contains a .geojson file containing all the label information of every image.

2. Data Cleaning and Pre-processing

First, we loaded all the images in a separate working folder. We convert them to 'L.' 'L' is a single channel image - normally interpreted as greyscale. It means that is just stores the Luminance. It is very compact, but only stores a greyscale, not colour.

We load the geojson file and try to convert it to labels readable for yolov7 engine.

```
f = open('/kaggle/input/xview-dataset/train_labels/xView_train.geojson')
# returns JSON object as
# a dictionary
data = json.load(f)
classes_dict = {
    'small_vehicle':[17,18,36],
    'medium_vehicle':[20,34,37],
    'large_vehicle':[21,23,25,26,27,28,32,60,62,63,64,65,66,25],
    'bus':[19],
    'double_trailer_truck':[],
    'container':[91,35,57],
    'heavy_equipment':[56,53,59,61,29],
    'pylon':[93],
    'small_aircraft':[12,15,11],
    'large_aircraft':[11,13],
    'small_vessel':[41,42,47],
    'medium_vessel':[44,50,40],
    'large_vessel':[45,49,51,52]
```

In this we are creating a dictionary where all the labels of an image are stored together. The points are normalized and negative labels are dealt with.

```
from tqdm import tqdm
 import cv2
 import os
 jsons_1 = \{\}
 imag = list()
 for i in tqdm(data['features']):
     catagory_num = i['properties']['type_id']
      class_mafat = get_class(catagory_num)
     if class_mafat != 'err':
         points = i['properties']['bounds_imcoords']
          img_id = i['properties']['image_id']
         if ima id not in imag:
             if(os.path.exists('/kaggle/input/xview-dataset/train_images/train_images/' + img_id) == 0):
                 continue
                 imag.append(img_id)
                 img = cv2.imread("/kaggle/input/xview-dataset/train_images/train_images/"+ img_id)
                 num_rows, num_cols = img.shape[:2]
         new_json = {
              'pixels':create_points(points, num_rows, num_cols),
              'type': classes_dict1.get(class_mafat)
          if img_id not in jsons_1.keys():
             jsons_1[img_id] = []
          jsons_1[img_id].append(new_json)
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Now we save those labels in different text files with their corresponding image name as the file name.

```
for i in tqdm(jsons_1.keys()):
    path = 'labels/' + i.split('.')[0] + '.txt'
    f = open(path, "w")
    for k in jsons_1[i]:
        f.write(str(k['type']) + ' ' + k['pixels'] +'\n')
    f.close()
```

3. Preparing yaml file

Now, yolov7 needs input in a different manner. For yolov7, a .yaml is created with all the basic information like the path to train and validation images and the number of classes and the name of those classes.

```
data_yaml = dict(
    train = '/kaggle/working/images',
    val = '.../val-img',
    nc = 13,
    names= ['small_vehicle', 'medium_vehicle', 'large_vehicle', 'bus', 'double_trailer_truck', 'container', 'heav')

# Note that I am creating the file in the yolov5/data/ directory.
with open('data3.yaml', 'w') as outfile:
    yaml.dump(data_yaml, outfile, default_flow_style=True)
```

4. Training the Model

Yolov7 requires a good level GPU for training. Due to limited resources, I have taken image size to be 256 and the number of epochs to 5. Weights are initialized to 'yolov7-tiny.pt.'

5. Issues with training

This was one of the most messiest dataset I have worked on. Labels file is not proper and requires a lot of pre-processing to come into effect. Also labels for all the images are not provided. Out of 846, labels for only 729 images are provided and labels for validation images are not provided. These issues factor in with the accuracy of the model which comes out to be very low.

6. Detection and Prediction

One of the image is taken as a test image and labels are predicted and objects are detected. But due to low accuracy, results aren't good and here is the predicted image.

```
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

# read an image
img = cv2.imread("/kaggle/working/yolov7/runs/detect/exp2/100.tif")

# write it in a new format
plt.imshow(img)
```

[33]: <matplotlib.image.AxesImage at 0x7f2ace655790>

