UNet Segmentation Update

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Status as of Aug. 2019

- Pre-processing
 - Obtained aligned DAPI and H&E cores
 - Currently using the cores from 20190116_TMA-2_IF_40x
 - Scaled DAPI and H&E images to 20x
 - Percentile thresholded the DAPI images at 90%
 - Cropped 324 256x256 tiles from the center of each core
 - Split dataset into train (90%) and test (10%)
- Created Jupyter notebook for training a UNet, including:
 - Splitting up the train set for k-fold cross validation (k=5)
 - A UNet instance with default parameters
 - Matplotlib plots for assessing model performance
- Goal: be able to hand this notebook over to someone else to be able to tune parameters and optimize the model

Known Issues as of Aug. 2019

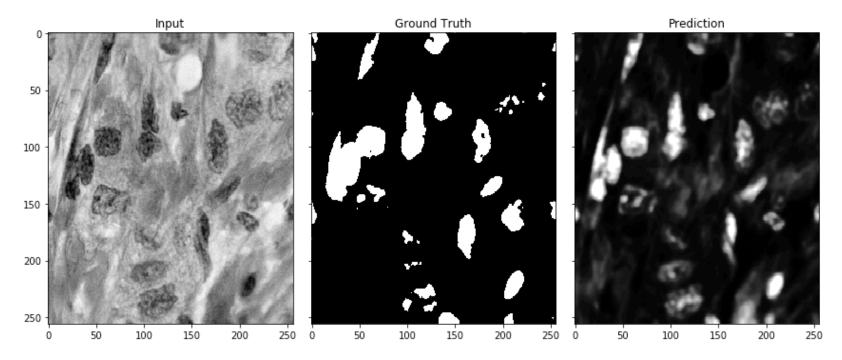
- Max value of prediction is 0.5, but should be [0, 1)
- Final output should be binary, but it isn't
- Measures of training performance (accuracy, loss) not optimal
- Potential pre-processing problems
 - Focus issues
 - Thresholding issues

Problem: Non-binary output, max prediction value is 0.5

Error Rate: 11.21826171875

CPU times: user 14.6 s, sys: 5.4 s, total: 20 s

Wall time: 1.07 s

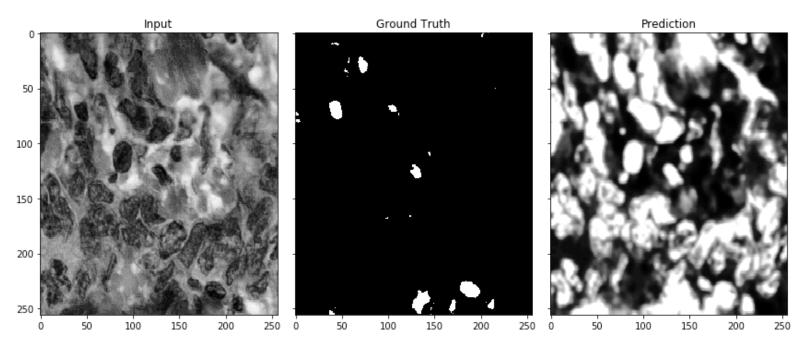


Problem: Thresholding

Error Rate: 1.69219970703125

CPU times: user 15.1 s, sys: 4.88 s, total: 20 s

Wall time: 1.03 s

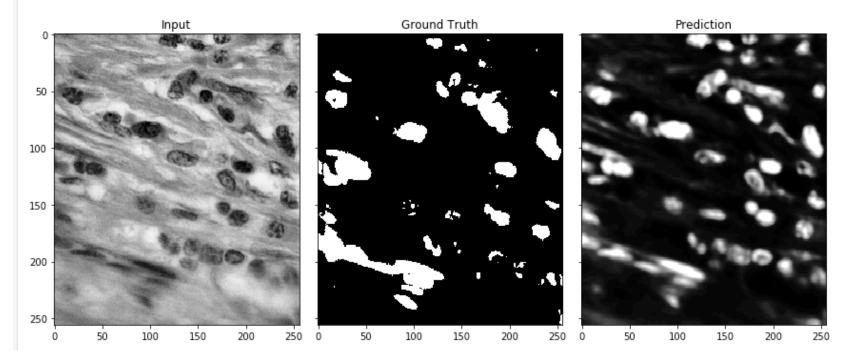


Problem: Focus issues

Error Rate: 11.5264892578125

CPU times: user 15.1 s, sys: 4.97 s, total: 20.1 s

Wall time: 967 ms

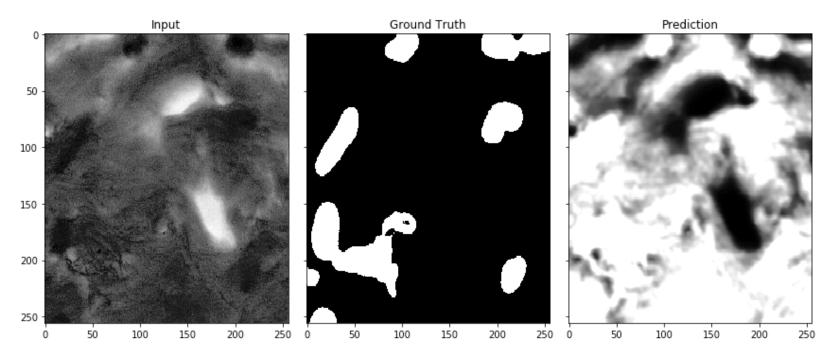


Problem: Output is logically wrong

Error Rate: 14.1326904296875

CPU times: user 15.6 s, sys: 4.12 s, total: 19.7 s

Wall time: 1.01 s



- 0.5 Prediction Ceiling
- Non-binary Predictions
- Loss Function Experimentation
- Additional Diagnostics for later Model Eval/Tuning

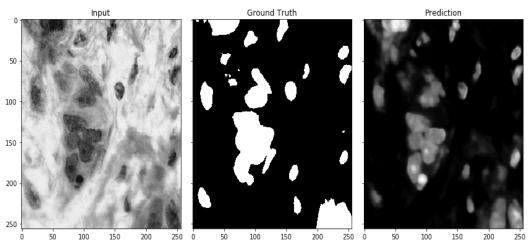
- 0.5 prediction ceiling:
 - Removal of the normalization operation in the softmax layer yields predictions in desired [0,1) interval.
 - Max predictions of ~0.96 in a prior model using Adam optimizer on the base model.

- Continuous valued predictions:
 - Investigation of loss function:
 - Tried Dice coefficient loss, but model yielded pure prediction masks (all black). This was expected as DC Loss is known to be vulnerable to the exploding gradient problem.
 - Model uses Weighted Cross Entropy to approximate the Paper's Learnable Distance-to-nearest-cell Cross Entropy function. Weight parameters will need tuning once predictions are binarized.
 - Prediction layer thresholding:
 - Applied 0.5 thresholding directly to the unet pixel_wise_softmax predictions. Predictions still returned continuous values but with max predictions at ~0.85

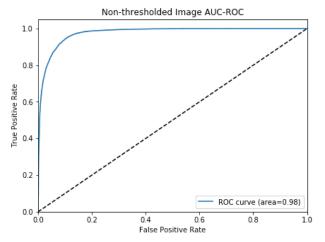
• Added additional sklearn diagnostics to evaluate models and hyperparameters.

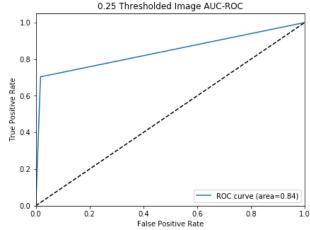
Error Rate: 15.64788818359375

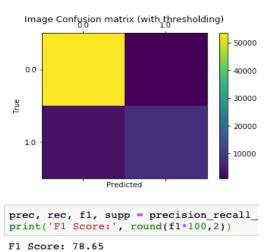
CPU times: user 14.5 s, sys: 3.29 s, total: 17.8 s
Wall time: 1.17 s



- Output is logically correct, but out of focus.
 Continuous valued predictions is main obstacle to mask resolution and is throwing off diagnostics. The ROC should be non-smooth.
 Confusion matrix and F1 is done using post-hoc thresholding.
- Thesholding predictions at 0.25 reduces performance significantly. Thresholded predictions show the model is significantly better at predicting negative class than negative class (with empty class weightings).
 0.5 thresholding worsens performance.







- In progress/next:
- Investigating the continuous valued predictions issue
- Experiment with Class Weightings