

Deep Learning for Remote Sensing Tutorial



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- Successful for sequence learning in natural language processing, speech recognition, etc.

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In the next hour, we will get insight on:

- Motivation for Deep Learning on Raster Imagery
- Semantic Segmentation Fully-conv. Networks
- Multi-modal Classification
- Object Detection
- Change Detection and Multi-temporal Analysis
- Classif. of Hyperspectral Data
- Deep Learning on SAR Data
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Lots of common application in everyone's life:



Facebook's facial recognition



Gary Chavez added a photo you might ... be in. about a minute ago · 🚢





Google Translate... images

Painting like Monet!

Figure: Applications of Deep Learning

Deep Learning on Raster Imagery

So... what can we do in remote sensing?



Figure: Can we understand and translate images to cartography?

Data Evolution	Feature Extraction	Classification					
resol. –	Pixel-based						
	filtering	Manual modeling, thresholding					
resol. + 🚆	Textures,						
mt	local features	Distribution estimates (GMMs, etc.)					
data + b, 'uoitni		Learning-based classifiers (SVMs, en- semble methods: random forests, boost- ing): high-dimensional, non-linear, complex					
resol. ++ 💈	Complex features						
-	(object modeling)	active learning, latentSVM					
data ++ 🛛 🚽	Patchs of pixels,						
▼	filter banks	Deep neural networks (RBM, RCNN)					

Figure: An history of classification in remote sensing

- In some specific cases, standard machine learning approaches or sensor-based heuristics are well enough...
- but Convolutional Neural Networks make good generic classifiers



Figure: Benchmarking old-school vs. deep learning methods (Campos-Taberner et al., 2016)

Simple Deep Learning Baseline

3D	Algorithm	Imp.	Build.	Low	Tree	Car	Clutter	Boat	Water	Overall	Cohen
		surf.		veg.						acc. %	κ
*	Expert	58.97	63.87	74.55					92.39	ø	ø
	RGB/SVM	53.89	53.53	50.32	32.97	24.02	13.75	12.12	98.52	60.77	0.52
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*	RGBdI/SVM	60.86	69.01	57.12	38.12	11.59	20.49	15.04	94.42	63.83	0.56
	HOG32/SVM	28.94	43.17	48.77	27.32	30.24	17.39	12.61	88.02	52.45	0.41
	HOG16/SVM	39.52	38.45	35.65	29.99	21.93	16.13	13.52	80.02	49.4	0.36
	HSV/SVM	71.60	46.97	68.38	0.12	0.00	13.71	0.00	92.14	70.16	0.60
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	SOM							51.45		ø	ø
	DtMM					48.46				ø	ø
_	RGB OverFeat/SVM	55.86	63.34	59.48	64.44	36.03	28.31	41.51	92.07	67.97	0.59
	RGB Caffe/SVM	62.32	62.66	63.23	60.84	31.34	32.49	46.57	95.61	71.06	0.63
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*	RGBd VGG/SVM	66.02	74.26	65.04	66.94	32.04	44.96	50.61	96.31	74.77	0.67
*	RGBd ⁺ VGG/SVM	67.66	72.70	68.38	78.77	33.92	45.6	56.10	96.50	76.56	0.70
*	RGBd ⁺ trained AlexNet	79.10	75.60	78.00	79.50	50.80	63.40	44.80	98.20	83.32	0.78

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Fully-Convolutional Networks

Remote Sensing processing:



- Extract patches from the image using a sliding window with overlap
- Train on images with ground-truth
- Apply on test patches (average several predictions on overlapping pixels)
- Classification: 1 image (or local patch in remote sensing) \longrightarrow 1 label
- Segmentation: 1 pixel \longrightarrow 1 label
- Image = structured pixel ensemble







horse: 0.98 person: 0.01 car: 0.005 dog: 0.003 cat: 0.001 apple : 0.0





Fully-convolutional AlexNet for semantic segmentation (Long et al., 2015)



Figure: Fully-convolutional networks (FCNs)

Fully-Convolutional Networks



- SegNet: A deep convolutional Encoder-Decoder architecture for Image Segmentation (Bandrinarayanan et al., 2016)
- And today: U-Net (Ronneberger et al., 2015), Hourglass (Newell et al. 2016))



Figure: SegNet semantic segmentation (Audebert et al., 2017a)

How to automatically generate maps from aerial imagery?

- Non-standard (yet complimentary) imagery: multispectral, LiDAR...
- Auxiliary data: existing open-source maps (OpenStreetMap, etc.)


How to automatically generate maps from aerial imagery?

- Dual-stream networks which translate data to representations (coding)...
- Fusion and decoding from representations to maps





Figure: Multimodal semantic segmentation results (Audebert et al., 2017a)

• Sensor-based information helps!

Multi-modal Semantic Segmentation

How to automatically generate maps from aerial imagery using auxiliary maps?

- Incorporate information to guide the process, FuseNet: (Hazirbas et al., 2016)
- Faster training and better results!



Figure: Joint learning of RGB imagery and OSM (Audebert et al., 2017b)

Multi-modal Semantic Segmentation



Figure: RGB+OSM semantic segmentation results (Audebert et al., 2017b)

Any generic detection network (e.g. Faster-RCNN) can be fine-tuned to fit user's needs, e.g.:

- mapping and monitoring marine turtles from UAVs in environmental surveys
- detecting accessibility signs to map related parking lots
- detect and map buried networks from geophysical data (ground-penetrating radar)



Turtle detection WIPSEA



Accessibility mapping (Nassar & Lefèvre, 2019)



Buried network detection (Pham & Lefèvre, 2018)

How to extend semantic analysis to multi-temporal data ?

- detect changes
- monitor activity in high-revisit rate acquisitions
- focus on specific changes (urban, agriculture, vehicles, industrial activity...)



Date 1





Date 2

Change map

Change detection

How to extend semantic analysis to multitemporal data ?

- As before, simply concatenating images...
- Or with siamese networks, i.e. dual stream nets which share weights.



Figure: CNN / FCN architectures for change detection. (Daudt et al., 2018)



Figure: Semantic change detection. (Daudt et al., 2019)

Semantic change detection:

- Joint multi-task learning of semantics and differences with FCNs
- Prediction of land cover and change maps



Siamese networks can work with very different inputs! (e.g. ground vs aerial imagery)



Figure: Multiview change detection (Lefèvre et al. 2017)

Recurrent Neural Networks



Figure: Multi-Temporal Land Cover Classification with Recurrent Auto-encoders (Russwurm & Köner, 2018)

Classification of Hyperspectral Data

How to extend semantic analysis to hyperspectral imaging (HSI) data ?

- RGB to 100+ bands, image to data cube;
- finer spectral description, out-of-visible;
- lower resolution but finer class discrimination (materials, stressed or healthy vegetation...)



Figure: Hyperspectral data cube: Houston (Texas, USA) - IEEE GRSS IADF TC's Data Fusion Contest 2018

Classification of Hyperspectral Data

CNN architectures adapted to HSI classification:

- 1D CNN: spectrum classification
- 1D RNN: spectral sequence classification



Figure: CNN 1D

CNN architectures adapted to HSI classification:

- Spatial-spectral, 2D+1D approaches
- Reduce to RGB-like data + 2D CNN
- PCA or supervised reduction : alternate 2D and 1D convolutions



Figure: CNN 2D+1D (Lee et al., 2016)

CNN architectures adapted to HSI classification:

• End-to-end 3D pattern recognition: apply learnable (w, h, B) filters on the hypercube



Figure: CNN 3D (Audebert et al, 2019)

HSI classification with CNNs:



Figure: Comparison of HSI classifications with various CNNs (Audebert et al, 2019)

How to extend deep learning processing to SAR data ?

- Specific physics, different from optical images: intensity + phase;
- High resolution, "cloud-free" images;
- Presence of "speckle" and changing appearance depending on the angle of view.



Figure: SAR image examples

Despeckling:

- Inspired by denoising Denoising Auto-Encoders (Vincent et al., 2010);
- Auto-encoder learn to reconstruct the image from itself
- Denoising / despeckling autoencoders learn to reconstruct the image from the image with added speckle



Figure: Despeckling auto-encoder (Chierchia et al., 2017)

Classification of SAR Data

- Usually straightforward (but do they miss something?);
- Complex valued CNN for processing intensity + phase images (Haensch & Hellwich, 2010) (Zhang et al., 2010)



Figure: SAR classification (Zhang et al., 2017) and (Zhu et al., 2017)

Object characterization for SAR Data

Similarly to optical imagery, SAR imagery can be exploited in many ways, e.g.

• ship analysis from Sentinel-1: detection, length estimation, classification



Figure: Dechesne et al., 2019

Good reads:

- Deep Learning for Remote Sensing Data: A Technical Tutorial on the State of the Art, *Zhang, Zhang and Du*, IEEE Geosci. and Rem. Sens. Mag, 6 (2) June 2016
- Deep learning in remote sensing: A comprehensive review and list of resources, *Zhu, Tuia, Mou, Xia, Zhang, Xu, and Fraundorfer*, IEEE Geosci. and Rem. Sens. Mag, 5 (4) Dec. 2017
- Deep Learning for Classification of Hyperspectral Data: A Comparative Review, Audebert, Le Saux and Lefèvre, IEEE Geosci. and Rem. Sens. Mag., 7 (2) June 2019

Toolbox:

- DeepNetsForEO (https://github.com/nshaud/DeepNetsForEO): python code for semantic segmentation of aerial / satellite imagery
- DeepHyperX (https://github.com/nshaud/DeepHyperX): python toolbox for classification of hyperspectral imagery (spectral, spatial-spectral and 3D convolutions)

Public datasets:

- ISPRS datasets: semantic labeling, reconstruction → https://www.isprs.org/data/
- IEEE GRSS Data Fusion Contests: http://www.grss-ieee.org/community/ technical-committees/data-fusion/data-fusion-contest/
- IEEE GRSS: hyperspectral datasets with standard train/test splits (DFC2018, Pavia, Indian Pines) → http://dase.grss-ieee.org/
- INRIA Aerial Semantic labeling dataset: buildings ~>> https://project.inria.fr/aerialimagelabeling/
- XView: objects in aerial images ~> http://xviewdataset.org/
- DOTA: Detecting Objects in Aerial images ~~
 https://captain-whu.github.io/DOTA/dataset.html

Practical session: objectives



Figure: Let's practice: semantic segmentation of Earth-observation data!

We will:

- load data and perform data augmentation;
- define a network model
- train the network on colab's GPU
- test the net on some test images and evaluate results

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	Semantic segmentation of aerial images with deep networks		
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The original code for this notebook is the DeepNetsForEO repository.

Link (in 2 clicks): https://blesaux.github.io/teaching/DL4RS



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