

ClusterNet: unsupervised generic feature learning for fast interactive satellite image segmentation



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Introduction Remote Sensing Data





- Aerial Images
 - high spatial resolution
 - expensive; a little of data
- Satellite Images
 - low spatial resolution
 - > Cheap; a lot of data

Introduction Application

- Disaster Monitoring
- Estimating Urban Areas
- Autonomous Driving
- Agriculture planning
- Optimizing solar panel energy

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Others



Introduction Task

Automatically segment objects of interest (in our case trees) on satellite images preserving their geometric structure.







Introduction Challenges

- □ Complicated Objects
- Low resolution
- Difference in data distribution
- □ No ground-truth
- □ Bad ground-truth

Related Work Supervised U-Net*



Advantages:

> State of the art performance

Disadvantages:

- Requires a lot of ground-truth
- Segments only the objects labeled by the ground-truth

* Olaf Ronneberger, Philipp Fischer, Thomas Brox. "U-Net: Convolutional Net-works for Biomedical Image Segmentation." In: arXiv:1505.04597 (2015).



Related Work Unsupervised K-Means





- No ground-truth required
- Segments any object



Disadvantages:

- Low performance
- Confuses different objects ≻ similar in color (trees grass)
- Doesn't account the geometric structure of an object
- Object class is unknown \triangleright

Proposed Method ClusterNet





Apply K-Means Clustering to the highdimensional features produced by the last convolutional layer with 64 filters. The model is saved after every epoch, then the best one is picked.

Conference on Computer Vision (2018).

Proposed Method Output

The output is a mask where every pixel is assigned to one of the possible clusters (a hyper-parameter chosen by user)







Proposed Method Classes from Clusters

Draw Positive/Negative Strokes to identify foreground and background. Clusters which overlap will be splited which makes the process interative.





Proposed Method Dataset & Evaluation

Data: LuxCarta sattelite images of 9 cities worldwide with 50 cm/pixel spatial resolution (721 patches for training, 24 patches for testing).

Evaluation: Dice similarity coefficient (DSC):

 $DSC = \frac{2|Prediction \cdot GroundTruth|}{|Prediction|^2 + |GroundTruth|^2}$



Proposed Method Results





Performance is growing, hence training on pseudolabels helps learning spatial information

Performance after the first epoch is close to the performance of K-Means applied to 3 channels

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Proposed Method Results

ClusterNet 66% Dice

Ground Truth



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Proposed Method Comparison

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	Dice	Accuracy
ClusterNet	0.66	0.86
Supervised U-Net	0.61	0.84
K-Means Clustering	0.48	0.76
SVM	0.18	0.69
SVM + GraphCut	0.19	0.71
SuperPixel GraphCut	0.37	0.68

Future Work

Different clustering techniques

Pretraining with Autoencoders

Multitask Learning(clustering + autoencoders)

Experiments on Data with higher spatial resolution

Thank You for Attention

