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Overview on remote sensing image scene classification using deep learning

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Abstract---Now a days, deep learning is becoming very famous due to its power of learning. Deep learning has been applied for remote sensing image analysis tasks including scene classification. Remote sensing has seen an enormous increase in the enhancement of digital images captured from satellites that cover almost all angle of the surface of the earth. This growth in data has forced the community of the remote sensing to apply deep learning algorithms to solve different remote sensing tasks. Convolutional neural networks have obtained huge success in the field of scene classification. The current best scene classification approaches are still far from achieving the human's ability to classify scene types with a few labelled samples. This study provides a systematic survey of deep learning methods for remote sensing image scene classification by covering more than 9 papers. In this paper, we provide a brief discussion on Convolutional neural networks. Here we also discussed few-shot learning algorithm to overcome the gap between the current understanding level of machine and human-level performance.

Keywords---Deep learning, Convolutional Neural Network, Few-shot learning, Training sets.

Introduction

Deep learning is a branch of machine learning which in turn is a branch of an artificial intelligent. It is implemented with the help of Neural Networks, and the idea behind the motivation of Neural Network is the biological neurons, which is nothing but a brain cell. Remote Sensing is a technique used to collect data about

the earth without taking physical sample of the earth's surface. This technology is used in numerous fields like geography, hydrology, ecology, oceanography, glaciology, geology, etc.

In this section, we provided a brief discussion on Convolutional neural networks. The rest of the paper is organized as follows. Literature review section, discusses the systematic literature survey on deep learning methods for remote sensing image scene classification by covering 9 research papers. A brief introduction and working of few-shot learning with example is provided in Proposed word. Finally, we conclude this article in Conclusion.

Deep learning models:

1. Deep belief networks (DBNs)
2. Auto-encoders
3. Stacked auto-encoders
4. Convolutional neural networks (CNNs)
5. Generative adversarial networks (GANs)
6. Recurrent neural networks (RNNs)

Convolutional Neural Networks:

Convolutional neural networks, also known as CNNs, are a special form of neural network designed for processing data that has a known grid-like representation, for example image data, which can be considered a two-dimension (2D) grid of pixels. CNNs are a kind of multilayer network with learning ability that consists of convolutional layers, pooling layers, and fully connected layers.

Convolutional layers:

These layers are used for feature extraction from images.

Pooling layers: These layers are to execute a max or average operation over a small area of each input feature map, pooling layers are applied between two successive convolutional layers.

Fully connected layers:

These layers are usually appeared in the top layer of CNNs, which can summarize the features extracted from the bottom layers.

Softmax layer: The SoftMax classifier is used to normalize the fully connected layer output between 0 and 1. It is basically used to identify the output with highest probability.

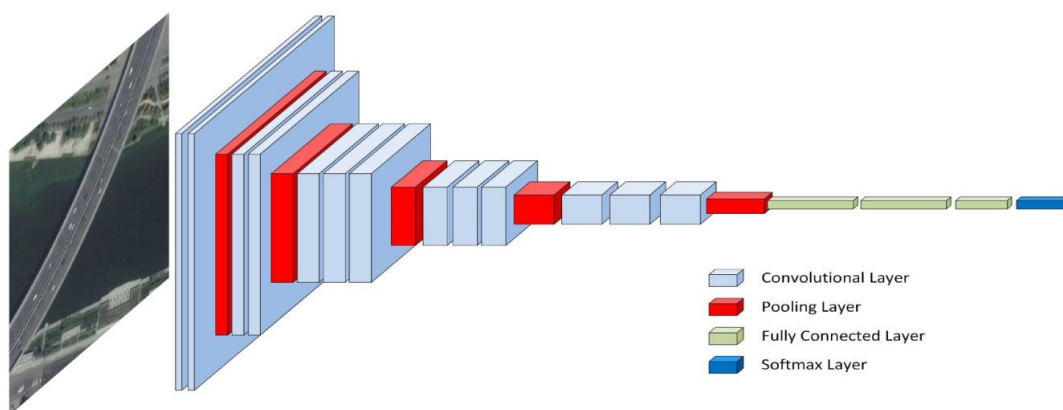


Fig 1: Convolutional Neural Network

Literature review

LazharKheliftetal.intheyear2020introducedthefundamentals of deep learning methods which are frequentlyadopted for change detection. This paper concentrates on deeplearningchangedetectionapproachesforremotesensingimagesbyprovidingagen eraloverviewoftheexistingmethods[1].

Intheyearof2020,GongChenget al.discussedthechallenges,Methods,Benchmarks,andOpportunitiesforRemoteSen singImageSceneClassification.Inthispaper,authorsweresurveyedthreekindsofdeep learning-basedmethodsindetailandintroducedthemainstreamsceneclassification benchmarks[2].

Hamid Ghanbariet al.in 2021, they discussedameta-analysisof416peerreviewedjournalarticles,summarizesConvolutional Neural Networks advancements, and its currentstatus underremotesensingapplications[4].

Lei Ma et al.in 2019,authorscovernearly every applicationandtechnologyinthe fieldofremotesensingusingdeeplearning.Themajor Deeplearningconcepts pertinenttoremo te-sensingareintroduced[5].

DanfengHonget al.in2020,theyshowdifferentfusionstrategies as well as how to train deep networks and build thenetwork architecture. Specifically, five fusion architectures areintroduced and developed, further being unified in our MDLframework [3]

Gong Cheng et al.in 2016,introduced adeep convolutionalneuralnetwork(CNN)basedscene classificationmethod,whichadopted theexistinghigh-capacityCNNmodelstoextractmorericherhigh-levelimagerepresentationfeatures[7].

Gong Cheng et al. in 2019, they have tackled the problem of HRSS scene classification using a small pool of unlabelled images and only a few labelled images per category, namely, few-shot scene classification (FSSC), which is more challenging than common scene classification task [6].

Fengpenget al. in 2020, A key region or location capturing method called key filterbank (KFB), This method can combine with different CNN models to improve the performance of HRSS imagery scene classification [8].

DalaAlajaji, et al. in 2019, explained the deep few-shot learning method for classification of Remote Sensing image under the N-way few-shot learning scenario. The proposed method used on prototypical deep neural networks which was combined with pre-trained convolutional neural network [9].

M.E. Paoletti, et al. in the year of 2017, the authors present a new convolutional neural networks architecture for the classification of hyperspectral images. The proposed CNN is a 3-D network that uses both spectral and spatial information. The results indicate that the proposed network performs accurately and efficiently when compared with other traditional Artificial neural networks [16].

In the year 2017, Xingrui Yu et al., introduced a basic data augmentation operation to address the fundamental data limitation problem in applying deep learning for remote sensing image processing. To improve the remote sensing scene classification performance of Convolutional neural networks, the author has described how to use data augmentation [14].

QingWanget al. in the year of 2018, introduced a faster region-based convolutional neural networks (Faster R-CNN) for the detection of high-resolution remote sensing image change. Faster R-CNN method Achieve higher accuracy and kappacoeficient [17].

Table 1
Literature Review

S.no	Authors	Title	Focus of paper
1	Lazhar Khelif, Max, Mignotte.	Deep Learning for Change Detection in Remote Sensing Images: Comprehensive Review and Meta-Analysis.	In this paper, the authors have introduced the fundamentals of deep learning methods which are frequently adopted for change detection.
2	Gong Cheng, Xingxing Xi, Junwei Han, Lei Guo, Gui-Song Xia.	Remote Sensing Image Scene Classification Meets Deep Learning: Challenges, Methods, Benchmarks, and Opportunities.	In this paper, authors discussed the challenges, Methods, Benchmarks, and Opportunities for Remote Sensing Image Scene Classification.
3	Hamid Ghanbari, Masoud Mahdianpari, Saeid Homayouni, Fariba Mohamadmamaneh.	A Meta-Analysis of Convolutional Neural Networks for Remote Sensing Applications.	In this paper, author discussed a meta-analysis of 416 peer reviewed journal articles, summarizes Convolutional Neural Network advancements, and its current status under remote sensing application.
4	Lei Ma, Yu Liu, Xueliang Zhang, Yuanxin Ye, Gao Fei Yin, Brian Alan Johnson.	Deep learning in remote sensing applications: A meta-analysis and review.	In this paper, authors cover nearly every application and technology in the field of remote sensing using deep learning.
5	Danfeng Hong, Lianru Gao, Naoto Yokoya, Jing Yao, Jocelyn Chanussot, Qian Du and Bing Zhang.	<u>More Diverse Means Better: Multimodal Deep Learning Meets Remote Sensing Imagery Classification</u> .	It shows different fusion strategies as well as how to train deep networks and build the network architecture. Specifically, five fusion architectures are introduced and developed, further being unified in our MDL framework.
6	Gong Cheng, Chengchen Ma, Peicheng Zhou, Xiwen Yao, Junwei Han.	Scene Classification of High-Resolution Remote Sensing Image Using Convolutional Neural Networks.	In this paper authors introduced a deep convolutional neural network (CNN) based scene classification method, which adopted the existing high-capacity CNN models to extract richer high-level image representation features.
7	Gong Cheng, Xingxing Xi, Junwei Han, Lei Guo, Gui-Song Xia.	Scene classification of high-resolution remote sensing images via self-placed deep learning.	Tackling the problem of HRSS scene classification using a small pool of unlabeled images and only a few labelled images per category, namely, few-shot scene classification (FSSC), which is more challenging than common scene classification task.
8	Fengpeng Li, Ruyi Feng, Wei Han, and Lizhe Wang.	High-Resolution Remote Sensing Image Scene Classification via Key Filter Bank Based on Convolutional Neural Network.	A key region or location capturing method called key filter bank (KFB), This method can combine with different CNN models to improve the performance of HRSS imagery scene classification.
9	Dala Alajaji, Haikel S. Alhichri, Nassim Ammour, Naif Alajlan.	Few-Shot learning for Remote Sensing Scene Classification.	In this paper, authors explained the deep few-shot learning method for classification of Remote Sensing scenes.

Proposed Work

This paper proposed to use few-shot learning method for scene classification. Few-shot learning is a meta-learning. This model has learned the similarity and difference between objects. The idea is to train a function that predicts similarity. The major goal is not to let the model recognize the images in the training set and then generalize to the test set instead, the goal is to learn. The proposed model shown in figure 2, which is further explained in the example.

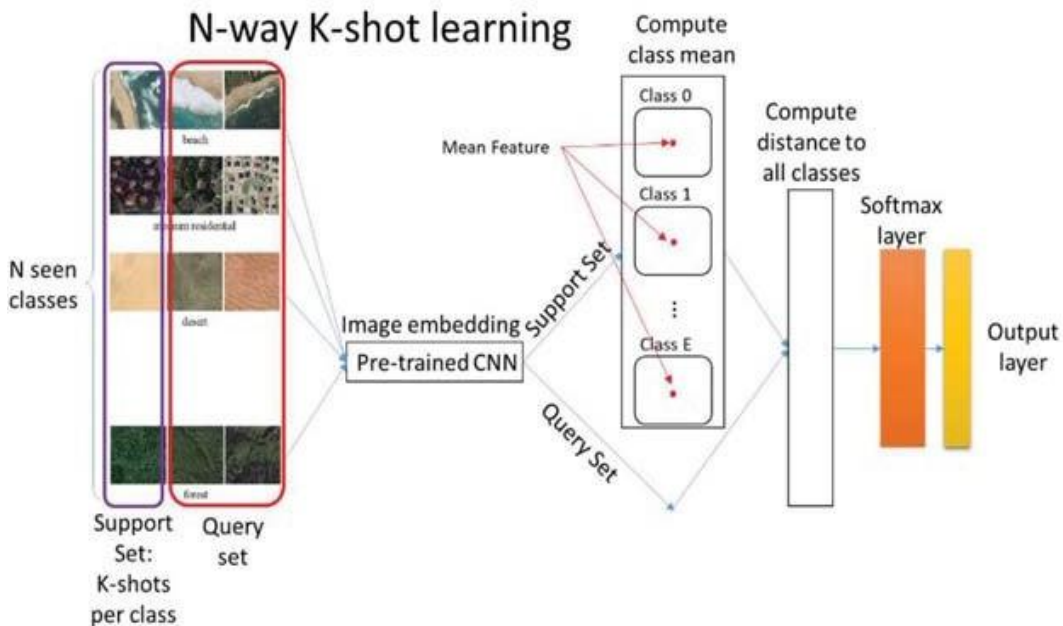


Fig2: WorkFlowofthemodel

For example, the training set (Fig 3.) does not have a football field class, so the model does not know that the query sample (Fig 4.). We need to provide the model with more information. We can show the cards to the model. Every card has an image and a name. This set of cards is known as a support set (Fig 5).

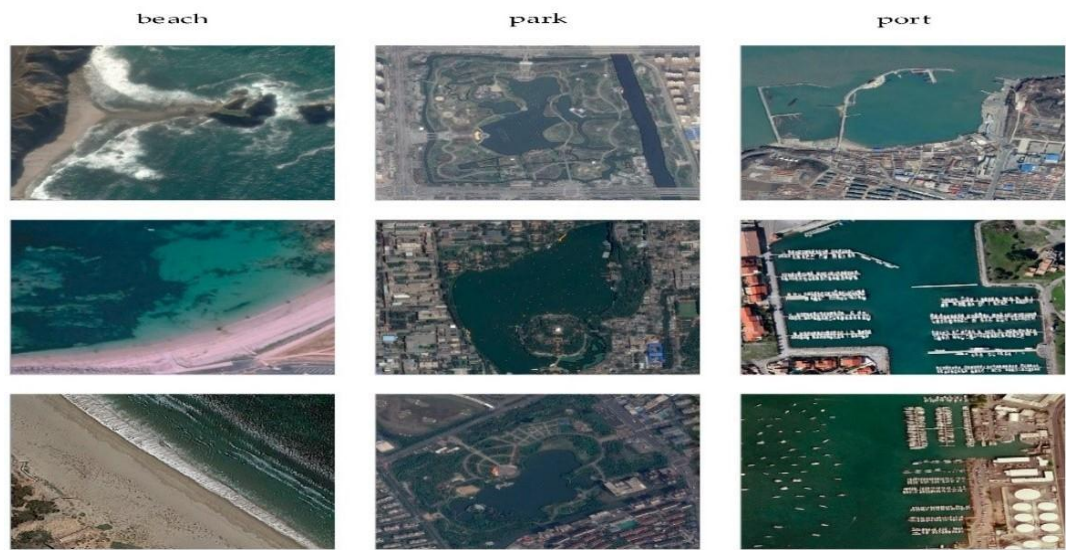


Fig3: Trainingsetsample

By comparing the query with the cards, the model finds the query most similar to the football field. So, the model predicts that the query is a football field.



Fig4: Querysample

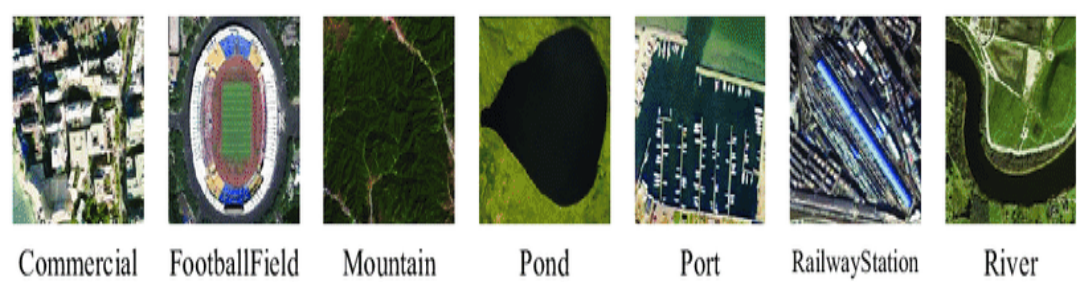


Fig5: Supportset

Terminologies of few-Shot learning

Wayandshotareterminologiesoffew-shotlearning are:

- K-way:thesupportsethaskclasses.
- N-shot:everyclasshasnsamples.
- Infig.6,Kis6,Nis3.Therefore6-way3-shot.



Fig6: Supportset

Similarity function

- Thebasicideaoffew-shotlearningistotrainafunctionthatpredictssimilarity.
- Similarityfunctioncanbedenotedbysim(x,x')(figure7).
- $\text{sim}(x_1, x_2) = 1, \text{sim}(x_2, x_3) = 0, \text{sim}(x_1, x_3) = 0$ (figure7).
- First,learnasimilarityfunctionfromalarge-scaletraining dataset.
- Similarityfunctioncanbeusedaftertrainingformaking predictionforunseenqueries.



Fig7: Example of similarity function

Conclusions

After doing a literature survey, we conclude that there is a need of exploring few-shot/zero-shot learning approach for scene classification. In this paper, we present the classification of remote sensing image under the N-way few-shot learning scenario. Convolutional neural networks (CNNs) have obtained huge success in the field of scene classification. The future work includes the solution for few-shot learning scenarios as supposed to one-shot only.

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