Scaling-Up Deep Learning For Autonomous Vehicles

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One of our top Goals

Industry grade Deep Learning to take AV Perception DNN into production, tested in multiple locations and conditions.



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Deep Learning PerceptionDistance Detection

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High-quality system

No failures in Millions of miles Quality-driven AV Perception

The Challenge of Scale



Self-driving cars requires tremendously large datasets for training and testing

DL for Autonomous Driving

The Challenge of Scale

Data Collection fleet => 100 cars 2000h of data collected per car, per year Assuming 5 2MP cameras per car, radar data, etc. => 1 TB / h / car Grand total of 200 PB collected per year! Only 1/1000 likely to be used for training (curated, labeled data)



DL for Autonomous Vehicles

The Challenge of Scale

Large Datasets:

12.1 years training a ResNet50-like network on Pascal

1.5 years on DGX1 w/ Volta

With 8 DGX1s, and 1/10th of that training data, can train in 1 week



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DL for Autonomous Driving

The Challenge of Scale

Robustness / Reliable:

Tested around the world under multiple conditions

Need to show 0 failures in > 1M miles, covering 1000s of Conditions...







Talk Road Map

- Creating the Right Datasets
 - Active Learning
 - Domain Adaptation
- Improving Network Accuracy / Efficiency via overparameterization
 - Joint Training and pruning
 - Exploiting linear redundancies to train small networks.

Creating the right datasets is the cornerstone of (supervised) machine learning.

Creating the Right Datasets



Some Samples Are Much More Informative Than Others

1. How do we find the most informative unlabeled data to build the right datasets the fastest?

2. How do we build training datasets that are 1/1000 the size for the same result?



Active Learning needs uncertainty

Bayesian Deep Networks (BNN)

Bayesian networks are the principled way to model uncertainty. However, they are computationally demanding:

- Training: Intractable without approximations.
- Testing: distributions need ~100 forward passes (varying the model)



Bayesian Deep Networks (BNN)

A common (cheaper) approach consists of using ensembles of networks:

- Samples from the same distribution as the training set will have consensus while other samples will not.
- Ensembles do not approximate uncertainty in the same manner as a BNN.
 - I.e., parameters in different members serve for different purpose.

Bayesian Deep Networks (BNN)

We propose an approximation to BNN to train a network using ensembles.

We regularize the weights in the ensemble to approximate probability distributions.



[Chitta, Alvarez, Lesnikowski], Large-Scale Visual Active Learning with Deep Probabilistic Ensembles. Arxiv 2018

Bayesian Deep Networks (BNN)

Given this new network design, we can sample from this and quantify the uncertainty of the model on a new (unlabeled) sample.

Label those where the model is more uncertain.

[Chitta, Alvarez, Lesnikowski], Large-Scale Visual Active Learning with Deep Probabilistic Ensembles. Arxiv 2018



Classification Results



Quantitative Results



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Quantitative Results

Table 2. Validation Accuracies comparing the proposed approach to standard ensembling. Initial 4% is randomly sampled.

| Task | Data Sampling | 8% | 16% | 32% |
|-----------|---------------|-------|-------|-------|
| CIFAR-10 | Random | 80.60 | 86.80 | 91.08 |
| | Standard | 82.41 | 90.05 | 94.13 |
| | Ours | 82.88 | 90.15 | 94.33 |
| CIFAR-100 | Random | 39.57 | 54.92 | 66.65 |
| | Standard | 40.49 | 56.89 | 69.68 |
| | Ours | 40.87 | 56.94 | 70.12 |



Quantitative Results



CIFAR-10

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| Method | 10k (20%) | 50k (100%) | Ratio |
|------------------------------|-----------|------------|-------|
| Core-set [43] | 74 90 | | 82.2 |
| Ensemble [2] | 85 | 95.5 | 89 |
| Single + Random | 85.2 | 94.4 | 90.3 |
| DPE + Random | 87.9 | 95.2 | 92.3 |
| Single + Linear-8 | 87.5 | 94.4 | 92.7 |
| Ours (DPE + Linear-8) | 92 | 95.2 | 96.3 |

Quantitative Results

34-layer residual

How much data we need to outperform the performance using the entire dataset.

| Dataset | % data |
|-----------|--------|
| CIFAR-10 | ~50 |
| CIFAR-100 | ~80 |
| SVHN | ~25 |





Beyond Classification



Active Semantic Segmentation

Framework



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Domain Adaptation (Beyond a single domain / location)



Day



Twilight



Night



Artificial light



Backlit



Clear



Cloudy



Rain



Fog



Snow



Urban



Freeway



Unmarked Street





4. At train time, use only (synthetic) source images and annotations.

Synthetic data can be obtained in large amounts and is labeled automatically.

| Domain | Images | Annotations |
|--------|---------|-------------------------|
| Source | \odot | © |
| Target | | $\overline{\mathbf{S}}$ |

4. At train time, use only (synthetic) source images and annotations.

Unfortunately, **in general**, a network trained on synthetic data performs relatively poorly on real images.

| Domain | Images | Annotations |
|--------|---------|-------------|
| Source | \odot | \odot |
| Target | (;) | \odot |

Most require access to real images, albeit unsupervised, during training.
Efficient use of Synthetic Data

Our approach uses synthetic images and does not require seeing any real images at training time.

| Domain | Images | Annotations | | | |
|--------|-------------------------|-------------------------|--|--|--|
| Source | \odot | \odot | | | |
| Target | $\overline{\mathbf{i}}$ | $\overline{\mathbf{O}}$ | | | |

Efficient use of Synthetic Data

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Key observation:

Foreground and background classes are not affected in the same manner by the domain shift.



[Saleh, Salzmann, Alvarez et al. 2018], Efficient use of Synthetic data for Semantic Segmentation, ECCV2018

Efficient use of Synthetic Data

1. Texture of background classes is realistic -> semantic segmentation.





Efficient use of Synthetic Data

- 1. Texture of background classes is realistic -> semantic segmentation.
- 2. Texture of foreground classes is not photo-realistic, but their shape looks natural -> detection-based.



[Saleh, Salzmann, Alvarez et al. 2018], Efficient use of Synthetic data for Semantic Segmentation, ECCV2018

Efficient use of Synthetic Data

Inference on real data



[Saleh, Salzmann, Alvarez et al. 2018], Efficient use of Synthetic data for Semantic Segmentation, ECCV2018

Efficient use of Synthetic Data

Table 1: **Comparison of models trained on synthetic data.** All the results are reported on the Cityscapes validation set. Note that ps-GT (pseudo-GT) indicates the use of unlabeled real images during training.

| | road | side. | buil. | wall | fence | pole | light | sign | Vege. | terr. | sky | person | rider | car | truck | snq | train | motor | bike | mIOU |
|-----------------|------|-------|-------|------|-------|------|-------|------|-------|-------|------|--------|-------|------|-------|------|-------|-------|------|------|
| GTA5 [5] | 29.8 | 16.0 | 56.6 | 9.2 | 17.3 | 13.5 | 13.6 | 9.8 | 74.9 | 6.7 | 54.3 | 41.9 | 2.9 | 45.0 | 3.3 | 13.1 | 1.3 | 6.0 | 0.0 | 21.9 |
| GTA5 | 80.5 | 26.0 | 74.7 | 23.0 | 9.8 | 9.1 | 13.4 | 7.3 | 79.4 | 28.6 | 72.1 | 40.4 | 5.1 | 77.8 | 23.0 | 18.6 | 1.2 | 5.3 | 0.0 | 31.3 |
| SYNTHIA | 36.7 | 22.7 | 51.0 | 0.3 | 0.1 | 16.6 | 0.1 | 9.5 | 72.5 | 0.0 | 78.4 | 47.5 | 5.6 | 61.4 | 0.0 | 13.0 | 0.0 | 3.2 | 3.1 | 22.1 |
| VIPER | 36.9 | 19.0 | 74.7 | 0.0 | 5.3 | 7.1 | 10.0 | 10.1 | 78.7 | 13.6 | 69.6 | 43.0 | 0.0 | 41.2 | 20.8 | 13.9 | 0.0 | 9.1 | 0.0 | 23.9 |
| VEIS | 70.8 | 9.5 | 50.9 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.3 | 15.6 | 26.8 | 66.8 | 12.7 | 52.3 | 44.0 | 14.2 | 60.6 | 10.2 | 8.2 | 3.2 | 5.5 | 11.8 | 24.4 |
| GTA5+VEIS | 66.2 | 21.6 | 72.3 | 15.7 | 18.3 | 12.3 | 22.3 | 23.8 | 78.4 | 11.3 | 74.6 | 48.7 | 13.3 | 75.1 | 14.3 | 21.2 | 2.1 | 24.2 | 7.3 | 32.8 |
| GTA5+VEIS&ps-GT | 77.6 | 26.8 | 75.5 | 19.4 | 19.5 | 4.8 | 18.7 | 19.8 | 79.5 | 21.7 | 78.9 | 47.3 | 8.7 | 77.6 | 23.1 | 16.1 | 2.2 | 15.6 | 0.0 | 33.3 |
| Ours | 71.9 | 23.8 | 75.5 | 23.4 | 14.9 | 9.3 | 26.7 | 42.5 | 80.1 | 34.0 | 76.3 | 52.2 | 28.5 | 76.2 | 19.6 | 31.6 | 6.9 | 18.1 | 9.8 | 38.0 |



Efficient use of Synthetic Data

Adding Pseudo-labels:

(unsupervised real training data)

| Domain | Images | Annotations |
|--------|--------|----------------------|
| Source | © | \odot |
| Target | ٢ | $\overline{\otimes}$ |



| Domain | Images | Annotations | | | |
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| Target | ٢ | 8 | | | |

Adding Pseudo-labels:

Efficient use of Synthetic Data

| Image | Ours | Ours ps-GT | Comparison on models trained on synthetic data | | | |
|-------|------|-------------------------------|---|------|--|--|
| | | Provide and the second second | Methods | mIOU | | |
| | | | GTA5 $[5]$ | 21.9 | | |
| | | | $\operatorname{GTA5}$ | 31.3 | | |
| | | | SYNTHIA | 22.1 | | |
| | | | VIPER | 23.9 | | |
| | | | VEIS | 24.4 | | |
| | | | GTA5+VEIS | 32.8 | | |
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| | | | Ours | 38.0 | | |
| | | | Ours&ps-GT | 42.5 | | |

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Efficient use of Synthetic Data

| Image | Ours | Ours ps-GT | Co |
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Adding Pseudo-labels:

Comparison to domain adaptation and weakly- supervised methods

| Methods | mIOU |
|-------------------|------|
| Fully Sup. | 56.2 |
| Weakly-Sup.[2] | 23.6 |
| FCNs in Wld $[3]$ | 27.1 |
| Curriculum [4] | 28.9 |
| ROAD [5] | 35.9 |
| CYCADA [6] | 35.4 |
| Ours | 38.0 |
| Ours+Pseudo-GT | 42.5 |

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Accuracy vs Efficiency (for Large datasets)



Efficient Training of DNN

Goal: maximize training resources while obtaining deployment 'friendly' network.





Over-parameterization





5x5 convolution

Same receptive field



two successive 3x3 convolutions

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https://blog.sicara.com/about-convolutional-layer-convolution-kernel-9a7325d34f7d

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Filter Decompositions for Real-time Semantic Segmentation



[Alvarez and Petersson], DecomposeMe: Simplifying ConvNets for End-to-End Learning. Arxiv 2016 [Romera, Alvarez et al.], Efficient ConvNet for Real-Time Semantic Segmentation. IEEE-IV 2017, T-ITS 2018





Filter Decompositions for Real-time Semantic Segmentation

Cityscapes dataset (19 classes, 7 categories)



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Common Approach

Train a large model (trade-off accuracy / computational cost)



Joint Training and Pruning Deep Networks

Train a large model (trade-off accuracy / computational cost)







Joint Training and Pruning Deep Networks





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Joint Training and Pruning Deep Networks

Our Approach: $\min_{\Theta} \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N} \ell(y_i, f(\mathbf{x}_i, \Theta)) + \frac{\rho}{2} ||\Theta||_2^2 + r(\Theta),$ $r(\Theta) = \sum_{l=1}^{L} \lambda_l \sqrt{P_l} \sum_{n=1}^{N_l} \|\theta_l^n\|_2$ Removed Size of the group To be kept

Classification Results



Joint Training and Pruning Deep Networks

Quantitative Results on ImageNet dataset:

1.2 million training images and 50.000 for validation split in 1000 categoriesBetween 5000 and 30000 training images per class.No data augmentation (random flip).





Joint Training and Pruning Deep Networks

Quantitative Results on ImageNet

Train an over-parameterized architecture up to 768 neurons per layer (*Dec*₈-768)



Joint Training and Pruning Deep Networ



Quantitative Results on ImageNet



| Dec ₈ on ImageNet (in %) | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|------------------|-------|-----------------------|--|--|--|
| | Dec_8 | Dec ₈ | -640 | Dec ₈ -768 | | | |
| | GS | SGL | GS | GS | | | |
| neurons | 3.39 | 12.42 | 4.02 | 26.83 | | | |
| group param | 2.46 | 13.69 | 4.22 | 31.53 | | | |
| total param | 2.46 | 22.72 | 4.22 | 31.63 | | | |
| total induced | 2.82 | 23.33 | 10.83 | 32.26 | | | |
| accuracy gap | 0.01 | 0.94 | 2.45 | -0.02 | | | |

Joint Training and Pruning Deep Networks

Quantitative Results on ICDAR character recognition dataset







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Quantitative Results on ICDAR character recognition dataset

Train an over-parameterized architecture up to 512 neurons per layer (*Dec*₃-512)



Joint Training and Pruning Deep Networks

Quantitative Results on ICDAR character recognition dataset





^a Results from Jaderberg et al. [2014a] using MaxOut layer instead of Max-Pooling and decompositions as post-processing step
^b Results from Jaderberg et al. [2014a]

Joint Training and Pruning Deep Networks







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Object Detection Results







Object Detection



| | | TRAIN Promising model | | | | | Prune / Optimize For a specific application | | | | | | |
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| model | weighted | hard | easy | mdrt | weighted | hard | easy | mdrt | weighted | hard | easy | mdrt | params |
| model | 75.03 | 69.59 | 84.45 | 77.37 | 28.42 | 21.95 | 26.78 | 21.72 | 23.94 | 18.89 | $\frac{19.02}{19.02}$ | 19.95 | 11,022,095 |
| model p 0 | 70.83 | 66.89 | 87.30 | 76.50 | 11.40 | 10.23 | 13.83 | 10.56 | 37.16 | 29.30 | 33.42 | 32.68 | 11,022,095 |
| $model_p_1$ | 81.89 | 80.36 | 92.39 | 88.61 | 27.11 | 23.32 | 26.62 | 22.44 | 54.25 | 45.08 | 53.40 | 50.22 | 9,125,417 |
| $model_p_2$ | 83.50 | 82.07 | 91.99 | 89.47 | 39.37 | 35.81 | 43.17 | 35.72 | 62.25 | 51.93 | 62.98 | 57.73 | 1,664,987 |
| $model_p_3$ | 83.32 | 82.62 | 92.45 | 89.96 | 48.23 | 45.07 | 56.91 | 45.13 | 63.70 | 53.49 | 64.40 | 59.09 | 576,746 |
| model_p_4 | 83.50 | 82.78 | 92.67 | 89.89 | 51.92 | 48.18 | 62.21 | 49.31 | 65.33 | 54.93 | 66.17 | 60.39 | 407,856 |
| $model_p_5$ | 83.64 | 82.78 | 92.56 | 89.91 | 52.39 | 49.91 | 62.73 | 50.66 | 66.44 | 56.24 | 67.34 | 61.69 | 332,454 |
| $model_p_6$ | 83.86 | 82.65 | 92.55 | 90.11 | 52.21 | 48.34 | 61.63 | 49.07 | 67.02 | 56.85 | 68.71 | 62.70 | 310,016 |
| $model_p_7$ | 84.23 | 83.14 | 92.83 | 90.32 | 52.42 | 48.56 | 61.27 | 49.74 | 68.77 | 58.99 | 71.68 | 64.83 | 300,543 |
| model_p_8 | 84.22 | 83.14 | 92.20 | 90.31 | 51.97 | 47.90 | 61.73 | 48.69 | 67.89 | 57.92 | 70.22 | 63.70 | 292,217 |
| $model_p_9$ | 83.74 | 82.96 | 92.29 | 90.27 | 51.59 | 47.56 | 61.32 | 48.68 | 68.19 | 58.32 | 71.06 | 64.07 | 283,116 |



Object Detection





Joint Train / Pruning



Compression-aware Training of DNN



[Alvarez and Salzmann], Learning the number of neurons in Neural Nets, NIPS 2016 [Alvarez and Salzmann], Compression-aware training of DNN, NIPS 2017

Compression-aware Training of DNN

Uncorrelated filters should maximize the use of each parameter / kernel Cross-correlation of Gabor Filters.







Compression-aware Training of DNN

Weak-Points

Significantly larger training time (prohibitive at large scale).

Usually drops in accuracy.

Orthogonal filters are difficult to compress (post-processing).



Compression-aware Training of DNN



Compression-aware Training of DNN



[Alvarez and Salzmann], Compression-aware training of DNN, NIPS 2017

Compression-aware Training of DNN

Our Approach:



[Alvarez and Salzmann], Compression-aware training of DNN, NIPS 2017

Classification Results



Compression-aware Training of DNN



Quantitative Results on ImageNet using ResNet50*



[Alvarez and Salzmann], Compression-aware training of DNN, NIPS 2017

Training Efficient (side benefit)



Compression-aware Training of DNN



[Alvarez and Salzmann], Compression-aware training of DNN, NIPS 2017

Compression-aware Training of DNN



Compression-aware Training of DNN

| | Epoch | Num. parameters | accuracy | Total | |
|----------|--------|-----------------|----------|------------|----------------------------------|
| | reload | Total no SVD | top-1 | train-time | |
| Baseline | - | 3.7M – | 88.4% | 1.69h | |
| r5 | 5 | 3.2M 3.71M | 89.8% | 1.81h | |
| r15 | 15 | 210K 2.08M | 90.0% | 0.77h | |
| r25 | 25 | 218K 1.60M | 90.0% | 0.88h | r5r45r65 |
| r35 | 35 | 222K 1.52M | 89.0% | 0.99h | 0 10 20 30 40 50 60 70 80 90 100 |
| r45 | 45 | 324K 1.24M | 90.1% | 1.12h | Epocn number |
| r55 | 55 | 388K 1.24M | 89.2% | 1.26h | |
| r65 | 65 | 414K 1.23M | 87.7% | 1.36h | |

Up to 70% train speed-up

(similar accuracy)

[Alvarez and Salzmann], Compression-aware training of DNN, NIPS 2017

Compression-aware Training of DNN

Is Over-parameterization needed?

| | #Epochs | | Trai | ning | Te | est | Parameters | | |
|----------|---------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|------------|------------|--|
| | Total | Reload | top-1 | top-5 | top-1 | top-5 | Total | Zeroed-out | |
| baseline | 75 | _ | 99.73% | 99.96% | 88.59% | 96.73% | 3717924 | 3088 (0) | |
| Ours | 75 | 55 | 97.71% | 99.62% | 89.73% | 97.25% | 225851 | 782 (16) | |
| Compact | 75 | 0 | 98.24% | 99.76% | 87.53% | 96.65% | 225851 | 34 (0) | |

Observations:

Additional training parameters are needed to initially help the optimizer.

Small models are explicitly constrained, same training regime may not be fair.

Other optimizers lead to slightly better results in optimizing compact networks from scratch.

Compression-aware Training of DNN

Number of parameters decreases

Number of layers increases

Data Movements may be more significant than current savings.

Accuracy vs Efficiency (more on over-parameterization)



Same receptive field

ExpandNets Exploiting Linear Redundancies



ExpandNets





[Guo, Alvarez, Salzmann], ExpandNets: Exploiting Linear Redundancy to Train Small Networks. Arxiv 2018



[Guo, Alvarez, Salzmann], ExpandNets: Exploiting Linear Redundancy to Train Small Networks. Arxiv 2018

Classification Results





| ImageNet | Baseline | Expanded | | | |
|---------------|----------|----------|--|--|--|
| N =128 | 46.72% | 49.66% | | | |
| N =256 | 54.08% | 55.46% | | | |
| N =512 | 58.35% | 58.75% | | | |

ExpandNets

MobileNetV2: The Next Generation of On-Device Computer Vision Networks





ExpandNets

MobileNetV2: The Next Generation of On-Device Computer Vision Networks





ExpandNet beyond classification

ExpandNets on Semantic Segmentation



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Relative ~2.2% improvement on mIoU

ExpandNets on Traffic Sign Recognition



Internal Dataset



Thanks Ian Ivanecky!

Relative ~2.34% improvement on fscore

Creating the right datasets

• Active Learning: Our Deep Probabilistic Ensembles achieve competitive performance using 1/4th of the training data (progressively selected).



Creating the right datasets

• Synthetic to real



Creating the right datasets Accuracyvs Efficiency (aka, the use of overparameterization)

• Joint train and prune







Creating the right datasets

Accuracy vs Efficiency (aka, the use of overparameterization)

• ExpandNets: Exploiting linear redundancy to Train Small Nets



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