Delving Deeper into Anti-aliasing in ConvNets



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Shift Inconsistency in Image Classification



Classifier could correctly classify the image as squirrel

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With a tiny shift, output prediction changes dramatically

Shift Inconsistency in Instance Segmentation



This phenomenon holds for instance segmentation

[1] Making Convolution Network Shift and Invariant Again. Zhang. *ICML 2019*[2] Do Image Classifiers Generalize Across Time? Shankar et al. *arXiv 2019*

Shift Inconsistency in Instance Segmentation



Classifier hovers the decision between cat and dog

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Aliasing



(a) Input

Aliasing



(a) Input



(b) 4x Down

Anti-aliasing



Adaptive Anti-aliasing



Anti-aliasing in ConvNets: ResNet 18



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(a) Fixed Lowpass Filter [1]



(b) Adaptive Lowpass Filter



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(n,c,h,w)



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 (n, k^2, h, w)











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Identity Filter: $Var(\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}) = 0.11$ <- High Variance





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Learned Group Feature



Features within each group are more similar to each other than those in other groups

Consistency Metric



We measure the prediction similarity on the overlapping region of two shifted inputs

- Image Classification: ImageNet
- Domain Generalization: ImageNet -> ImageNet VID
- Instance Segmentation: COCO
- Semantic Segmentation: PASCAL VOC, Cityscape



Our method outperforms RensetNet-101 and LPF [1] on both accuracy and consistency



All anti-aliasing techniques improve instance segmentation consistency and accuracy with a large margin



Our method surpass baseline using mIOU metric with 2 points on PASCAL VOC and 1 point on Cityscape

Ablation Study: Group Number



Top-1 Accuracy saturate with group = 8, where consistency drops when group number > 8

Ablation Study: Filter Types



Adaptive spatial and channel filtering method will increase both consistency and accuracy with a large margin

Contributions

- A new adaptive low-pass filtering layer
- New consistency evaluation metrics on pixel classification tasks
- Evaluate our approach on ResNet-101, Mask-RCNN, Deeplab v3+



Thank You!