



Computer Vision: Challenges and Opportunities

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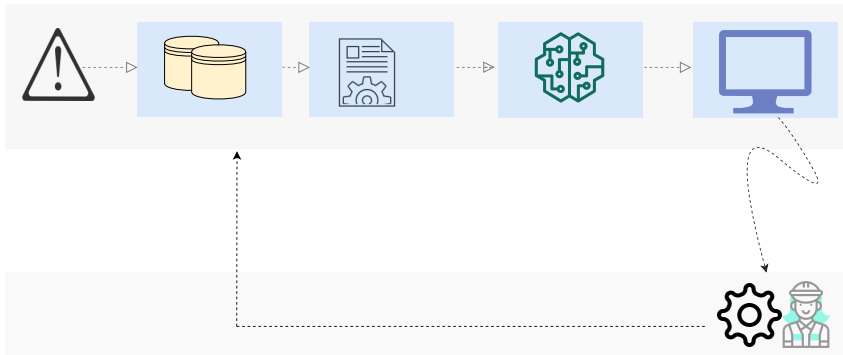
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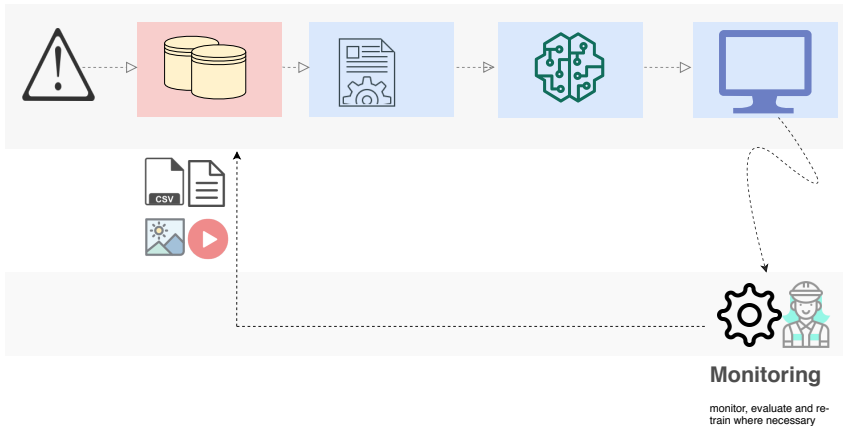
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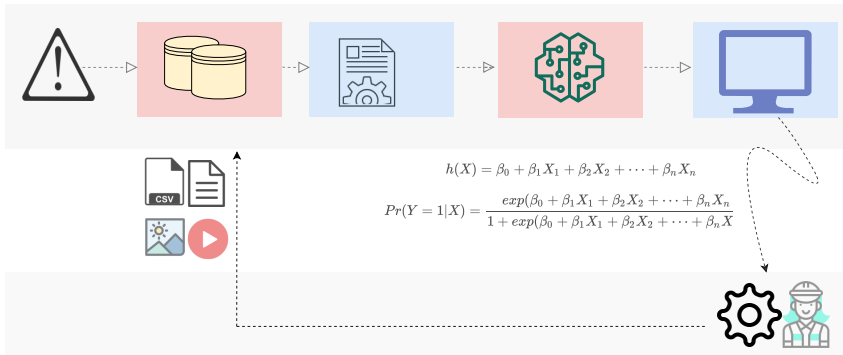
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Impactful
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- Classification:** If Y is a set of discrete values

Unstructured Data

Computer Vision and ML: Giving the computer the ability to **process**, **analyse** and **synthesise** visual content without explicitly programming it:

- 2D Images
- Videos
- 3D Images
- Multi-modal data (2D & 3D, etc..)

- **Motivation**: achieve faster, more accurate, safer practises, ...

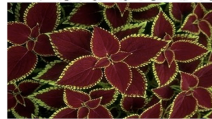
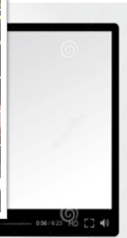
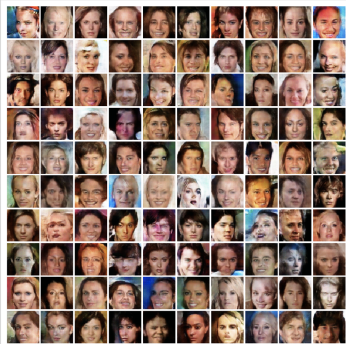
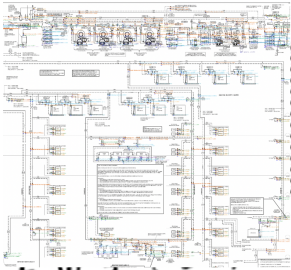


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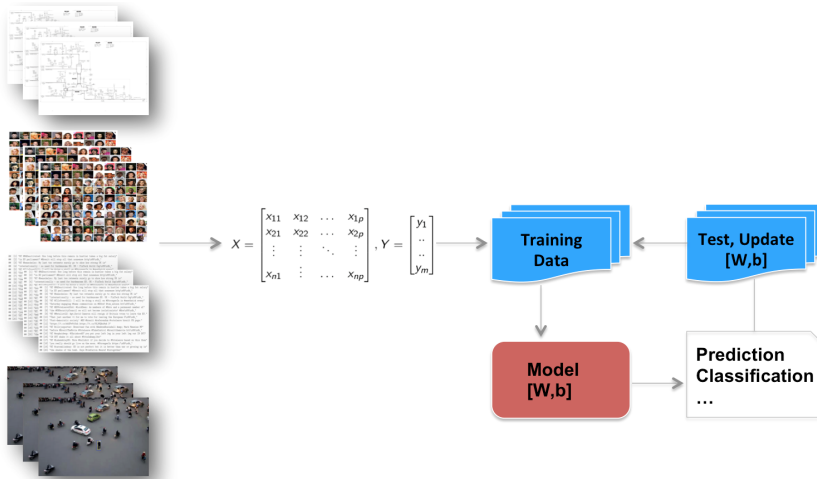


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Each image is represented in a row vector and we want to learn a function $h(x)$ that maps an image $x_i \in A$ to a class $y_j \in Y$
e.g. *patient has pneumonia*

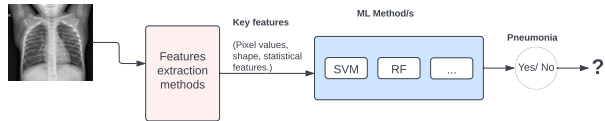
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Before Deep Learning

Good Old-Fashioned Artificial Intelligence (GOFAI)¹

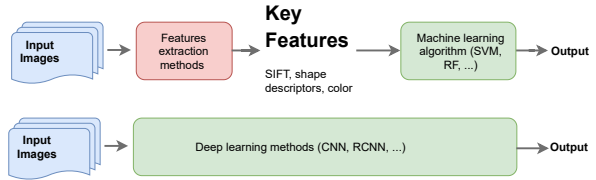
- Hand-craft features (color, shapes, etc...) and heuristics (edge, line detectors, filters, etc...)
- Feed into ML algorithms



¹Haugeland, John. Artificial intelligence: the very idea. Cambridge, Mass: MIT Press, 1985.

Deep Learning

- *End-to-End* DL Model that can learn the features and perform the required tasks



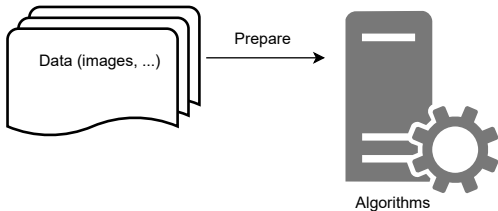
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Gumbs, A.A.; Frigerio, I.; Spolverato, G.; Croner, R.; Illanes, A.; Chouillard, E.; Elyan, E. [Artificial Intelligence Surgery: How Do We Get to Autonomous Actions in Surgery?](https://doi.org/10.3390/s21165526) Sensors 2021, 21, 5526. <https://doi.org/10.3390/s21165526>

Data & Algorithms

Automating complex CV tasks **and outperforming humans** using DL requires:

- Lots of **GOOD** quality data (millions of images in some cases)
- Algorithms
- Computing power



Computing Power

- The cloud
- Super Computers (GPUs)



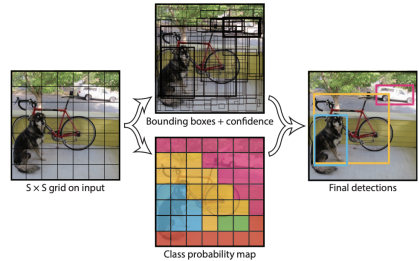
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²Darknet code / tutorials <https://pjreddie.com/darknet/>

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[Source: <https://www.fool.com/investing/2017/04/04/google-ai-just-beat-human-pathologists-at-detectin.aspx>]

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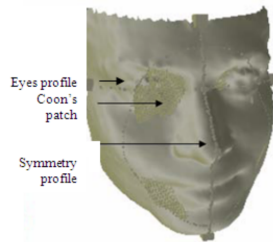
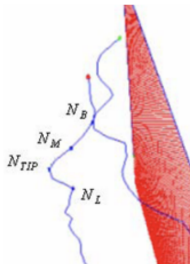
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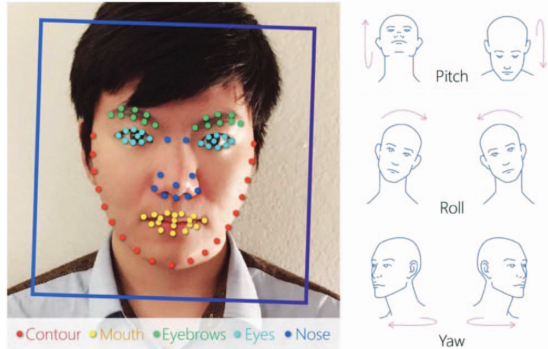
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Face Analysis and Sexual Orientation

- Using less than 40,000 images, DL outperformed humans in detecting people's sexual orientation from single images⁵



⁵Wang, Y., & Kosinski, M. (2018). Deep neural networks are more accurate than humans at detecting sexual orientation from facial images. *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology*, 114(2), 246–257. <https://doi.org/10.1037/pspa0000098>

Generative Adversarial Network (GAN)

- GANs were developed in 2014 by Ian J Goodfellow



Paper

Ian Goodfellow, Jean Pouget-Abadie, Mehdi Mirza, Bing Xu, David Warde-Farley, Sherjil Ozair, Aaron Courville, Yoshua Bengio, [Generative adversarial nets](#)

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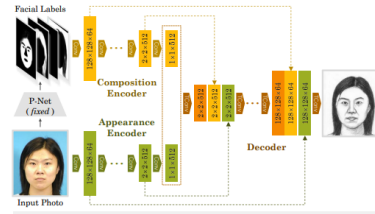
- GANs are widely used for generating super-resolution images, image editing and colourisation
- Check *DeOldify*, a powerful GAN-based tool for editing/ coloring images (code is available on github)



[Source <https://github.com/jantic/DeOldify>]

GANs

- Wide range of other applications such as generating sketches from images
- Check the GANs Zoo for the list of applications and corresponding source code repository⁶ or GANs Awesome Applications⁷



[Yu et al. <https://arxiv.org/pdf/1712.00899.pdf>Towards Realistic Face Photo-Sketch Synthesis via Composition-Aided GANs]

⁶<https://github.com/hindupuravinash/the-gan-zoo>

⁷<https://github.com/nashory/gans-awesome-applications>

Latest Trending Applications



- Computer vision in health and safety (e.g. identify potential hazards in construction sites),
- Retail industry⁹

- Unexpected obstacles detection⁸

⁸S. Ramos, S. Gehrig, P. Pinggera, U. Franke and C. Rother, "Detecting unexpected obstacles for self-driving cars: Fusing deep learning and geometric modeling," 2017 IEEE Intelligent Vehicles Symposium (IV), 2017, pp. 1025-1032, doi: 10.1109/IVS.2017.7995849.

⁹<https://www.forbes.com/>

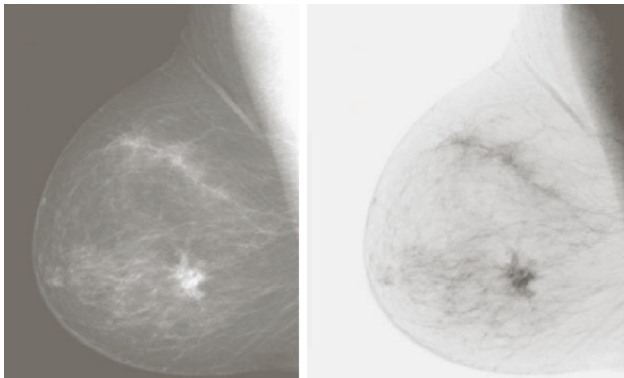
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Basic Tasks

Basic CV Methods

- Methods include thresholding, contrast stretching, morphological operations, negation of images,

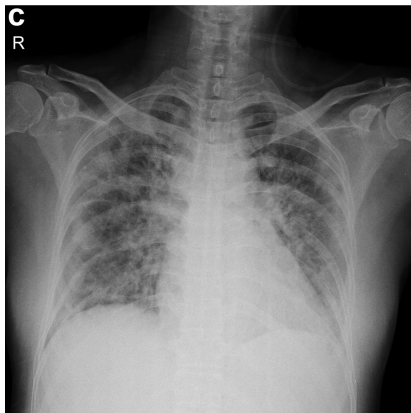


[source: Gonzalez and Woods]

More Complex Tasks

Classification

Covid-19 positive



Covid-19 negative





Neural Networks

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ABSTRACT

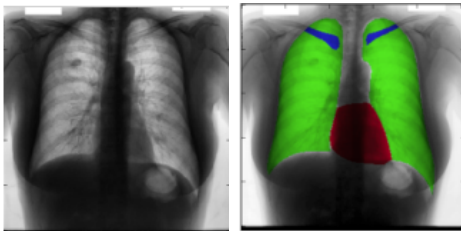
Engineering drawings are commonly used in different industries such as oil and Gas, construction, and other types of engineering. Digitising these drawings is becoming increasingly important. This is mainly due to the need to improve business practices such as inventory, assets management, risk analysis and other types of applications. However, processing and analysing these drawings is a challenging task. The drawings are complex and contain a large amount of information. They are composed of various classes and with very little variation among them. Another key challenge is the class-inbalance problem, where some types of symbols largely dominate the data while others are hardly represented in the dataset. In this paper, we propose methods to handle these two challenges. First, we propose a hybrid feature-based learning method for localising and recognising symbols in engineering drawings. Second, we propose a one-to-many deep neural network for learning to localise and recognise symbols in diagrams from an industrial partner proved that our methods accurately recognise more than 94% of the symbols. Secondly, we present a method based on Deep Generative Adversarial Neural Network for handling class-inbalance. The proposed GAN model proved to be capable of learning from the minority class and the results showed that the proposed method greatly improved the classification of symbols in engineering drawings.

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E Elyan, L Jamieson, A Ali-Gombe, Deep learning for symbols detection and classification in engineering drawings, Neural Networks, Volume 129, 2020, Pages 91-102, ISSN 0893-6080, <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.neunet.2020.05.025>

Segmentation

- Widely used across various applications such as self-driving cars, and very common in biomedical applications



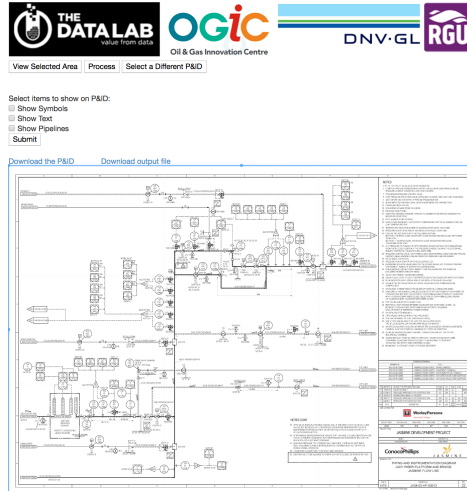
Paper

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Engineering Diagrams



- Classify and localise the area of interest

Engineering Diagrams



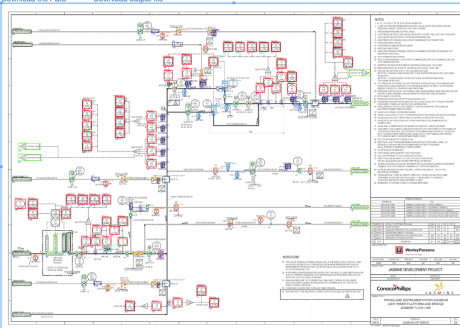
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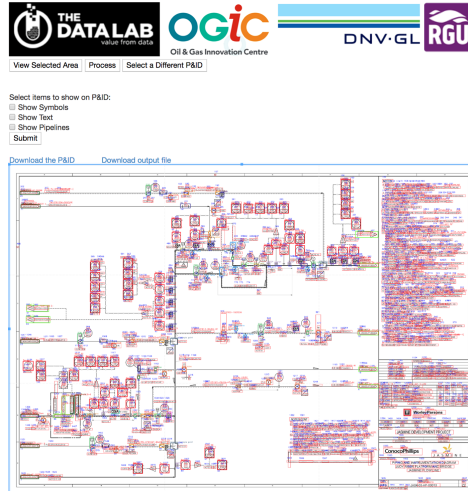
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Engineering Diagrams



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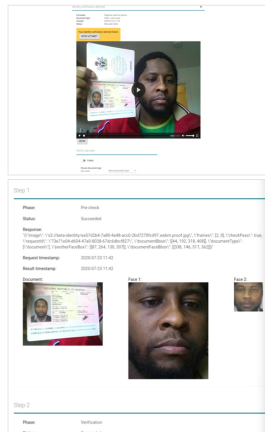
On-line User's Authentication

Research

- Deep Convolutional Neural Networks
- Object Detection
- Ensemble Learning

Application

- Remote user's authentication
- Value $\approx \pounds 180K$
- *Aug-2019* to *Jul-2021*



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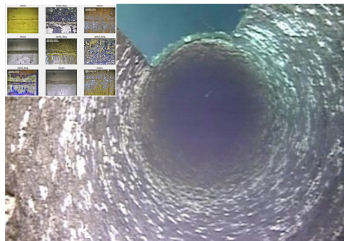
Remote Inspection

Application

Research

- Ultrasonic image analysis using Deep Learning-based methods

- Remote inspection and structural integrity of offshore assets
- KTP with AISUS
- Value \approx £175K
- Start date *June-2021*



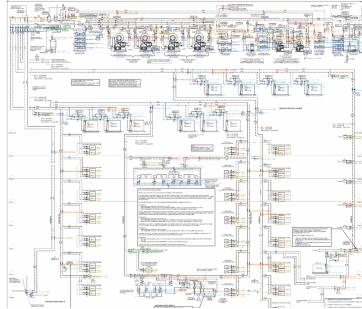
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Mechanical Engineering Diagram Analysis

Application

Research

- Image analysis
 - Deep Learning
 - Ensemble Learning
- Automatic interpretation of mechanical engineering drawings
 - Value $\approx \text{£}300\text{K}$
 - Start date *Jan-2021*

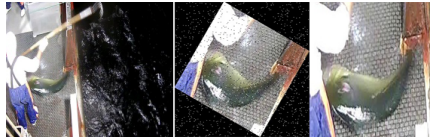
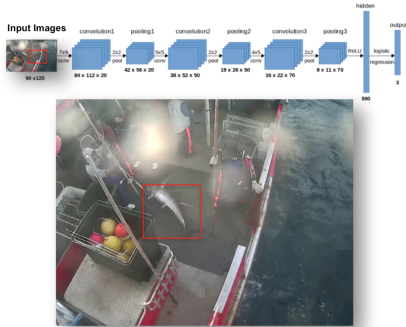


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Data Annotation

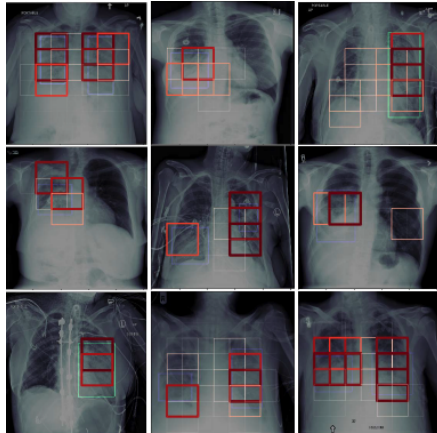


- Better quality and more annotation leads to better results ¹⁰

¹⁰Adamu Ali-Gombe, Eyad Elyan, Chrisina Jayne, "Fish Classification in Context of Noisy Images". International Conference of Engineering Applications of Neural Networks (EANN) 2017: 216-226, DOI: https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-319-65172-9_19

Data Availability/ Annotation

- Availability of good, and accurately annotated datasets of images and videos

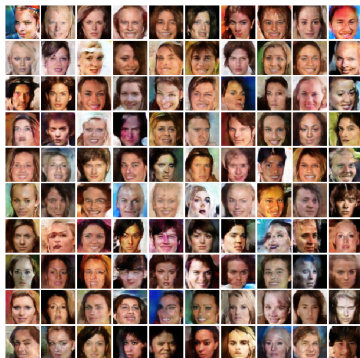


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¹¹Source: E. Schwab, A. Gooßen, H. Deshpande and A. Saalbach, "Localization of Critical Findings in Chest X-Ray Without Local Annotations Using Multi-Instance Learning," 2020 IEEE 17th International Symposium on Biomedical Imaging (ISBI), 2020, pp. 1879-1882, doi: 10.1109/ISBI45749.2020.9098551.

Data Generation/ Annotation?

- Generate data using GAN-based models ¹²



¹²Adamu Ali-Gombe, Eyad Elyan, MFC-GAN: Class-imbalanced dataset classification using Multiple Fake Class Generative Adversarial Network, Neurocomputing, Volume 361, 2019, Pages 212-221, ISSN 0925-2312, <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.neucom.2019.06.043>.

Data Annotation Tools

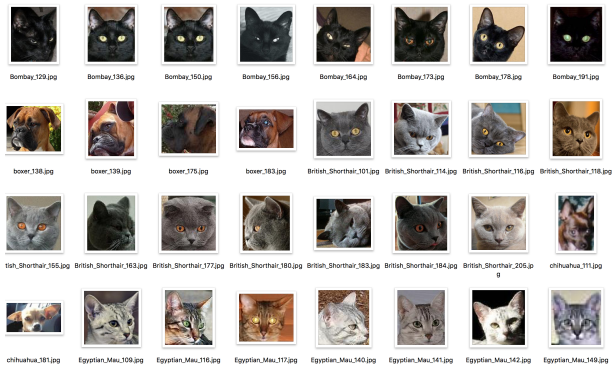
Data Annotation is largely manual process using some open source tools:

- ① VGG Image Annotator
- ② LabelImg
- ③ OpenLabeler
- ④ Make Sense <https://www.makesense.ai/>
- ⑤ ImgLab <https://imglab.in/>
- ⑥ Sloth <https://github.com/cvhciKIT/sloth>
- ⑦ ...



Biased Data

- Models tend to be biased when they learn from imbalanced datasets

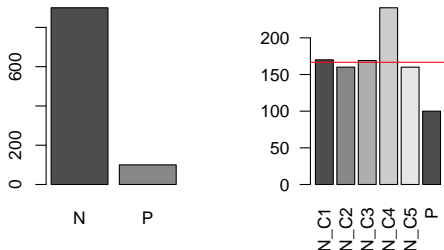


[Source: <http://www-edlab.cs.umass.edu/smaj/cmpsci670/fa14/hw/recognition/>]

Kaggle competition <https://www.kaggle.com/c/dogs-vs-cats>

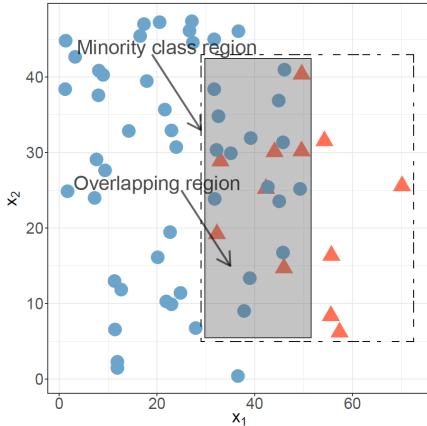
Imbalanced Datasets

- Find within-class similarity in the dominant class and
- oversample minority-class instances
- Classify and compare¹³



¹³Elyan, E., Moreno-Garcia, C.F. & Jayne, C. CDSMOTE: class decomposition and synthetic minority class oversampling technique for imbalanced-data classification. Neural Comput & Applic 33, 2839–2851 (2021). <https://doi.org/10.1007/s00521-020-05130-z>

Imbalanced Datasets



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Neighbourhood-based undersampling approach for handling imbalanced and overlapped data

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Class imbalanced datasets are common across different domains including health, security, banking and others. A typical supervised learning algorithm tends to be biased towards the majority class when dealing with imbalanced datasets. The learning task becomes more challenging when there is also an overlap of instances from different classes. In this paper, we propose an undersampling framework for handling class imbalance in binary datasets by removing potential overlapped data points. Our methods are designed to identify and eliminate majority class instances from the overlapping region. Accurate identification and elimination of these instances maximise the visibility of the minority class instances and at the same time minimises excessive elimination of data, which reduces information loss. Four methods based on neighbourhood searching with different criteria to identify potential overlapped instances are proposed in this paper. Extensive experiments using simulated and real-world datasets were carried out. Results show comparable performance with state-of-the-art methods across different common metrics with exceptional and statistically significant improvements in sensitivity.

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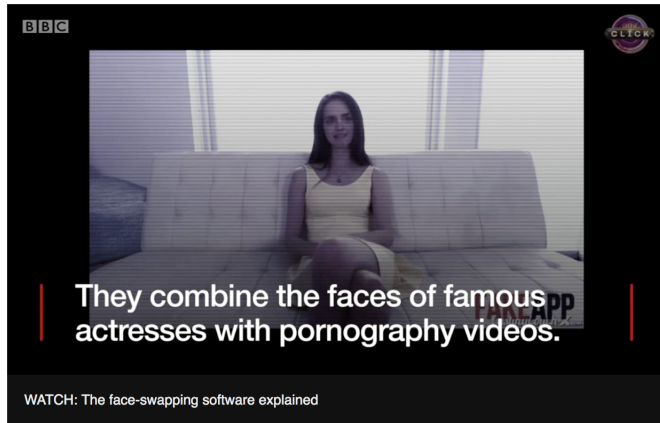
AI Performance

- Humans were outperformed by algorithms in many CV tasks
- On a lower quality images, humans and algorithms performance is similar ¹⁴

¹⁴S. Dodge and L. Karam, "A Study and Comparison of Human and Deep Learning Recognition Performance under Visual Distortions," 2017 26th International Conference on Computer Communication and Networks (ICCCN), 2017, pp. 1-7, doi: 10.1109/ICCCN.2017.8038465.

Data Authenticity

- "Deepfake videos could 'spark' violent social unrest"¹⁵



¹⁵source <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/technology-48621452>

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- It is now possible not only to produce convincing forged video but also to fully synthesize video content
- So many ways to edit/forge a video or image
- No training data available!

A review of digital video tampering: From simple editing to full synthesis

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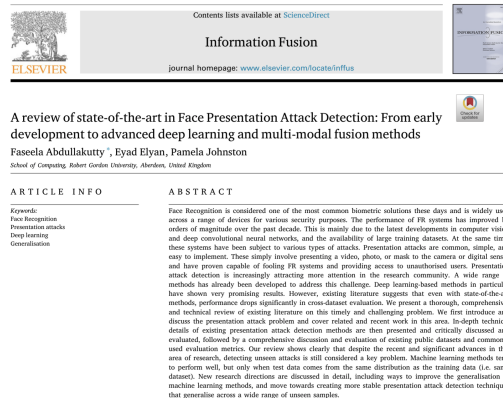
Video forgery

ABSTRACT

Video tampering methods have witnessed considerable progress in recent years. This is partly due to the rapid development of advanced deep learning methods, and also due to the large volume of video footage that is now in the public domain. Historically, convincing video tampering has been too labour intensive to achieve on a large scale. However, recent developments in deep learning-based methods have made it possible not only to produce convincing forged video but also to fully synthesize video content. Such advancements provide new means to improve visual content itself, but at the same time, they raise new challenges for state-of-the-art tampering detection methods. Video tampering detection has been an active field of research for some time, with periodic reviews of the subject. However, little attention has been paid to video tampering techniques themselves. This paper provides an objective and in-depth examination of current techniques related to digital video manipulation. We thoroughly examine their development, and show how current evaluation techniques provide opportunities for the advancement of video tampering detection. A critical and extensive review of photo-realistic video synthesis is provided with emphasis on deep learning-based methods. Existing tampered video datasets are also qualitatively reviewed and critically discussed. Finally, conclusions are drawn upon an exhaustive and thorough review of tampering methods with discussions of future research directions aimed at improving detection methods.

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- Face presentation attacks



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Conclusion and Way Forward

- Understanding your data, and finding and articulating a problem is the most important and crucial step for building intelligent machine vision solution

Conclusion and Way Forward

- Understanding your data, and finding and articulating a problem is the most important and crucial step for building intelligent machine vision solution
- The key challenging problem -I think- is to understand the context



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