

Monocular Depth Estimation Based on Convolutional Neural Networks

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Problem Statement

Problem: Monocular depth estimation

Predict depth of pixels in a single 2D RGB image

Applications:

• Navigation in robotics, 3D scene reconstruction, augmented reality, etc.







Related Work

DenseDepth¹

- Used transfer learning on an encoder-decoder framework
- Initialized the encoder with pre-trained denseNet-169

FastDepth²

- Applied lightweight model architecture and prune the network
- Achieves similar accuracy, but faster: good for real-time inference

Deep Ordinal Regression³

- Applied an SID strategy to discretize depth and utilized ordinal regression
- Avoided complicating network training and reducing resolution of images

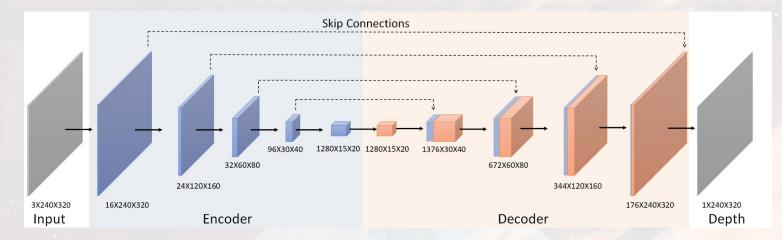


Overview

- U-net structure
- Loss function
- Evaluation metrics
- Visualization of results



Model Architecture



- Encoder with transfer learning: mobile net v2/squeeze net
- Decoder with skip connections



Loss Function

 $L(y,\hat{y}) = \lambda L_{depth}(y,\hat{y}) + L_{grad}(y,\hat{y}) + L_{SSIM}(y,\hat{y})$

$$L_{\text{depth}}\left(y,\hat{y}\right) = \frac{1}{n}\sum_{p}^{n}\left|y_{p} - \hat{y}_{p}\right|.$$

$$L_{grad}(y,\hat{y}) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{p}^{n} |\boldsymbol{g}_{\mathbf{x}}(y_{p},\hat{y}_{p})| + |\boldsymbol{g}_{\mathbf{y}}(y_{p},\hat{y}_{p})|.$$

$$L_{SSIM}(y,\hat{y}) = \frac{1 - SSIM(y,\hat{y})}{2}$$



Experiments & Metrics

- 1. Encoder-Decoder Structure
- Mobile net v2
- Squeeze net
- 2. Data processing
- Normalization or not
- Randomly Gray scaling

- 1. Average relative error(rel):
- 2. Root mean squared error(rms):
- 3. Average log10 error:

$$\frac{1}{n}\sum_{p}^{n}\frac{|y_p - \hat{y_p}|}{y}$$

$$\sqrt{\frac{1}{n}\sum_{p}^{n}(\frac{y_p-\hat{y_p}}{y_p})^2}$$

$$\sum_{p} \left| \log_{10}(y_p) - \log_{10}(\hat{y_p}) \right|$$

4. Threshold accuracy: % of pixels s.t: $\max(\frac{y_p}{\hat{y_p}}, \frac{\hat{y_p}}{y_p}) = \delta < thr$ for $thr = 1.25, 1.25^2, 1.25^3$



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	Rel	RMS	log_{10}	δ_1
Normalization	0.3175	0.4234	0.1380	0.4176
Grayscale	0.3195	0.4204	0.1379	0.3936
None	0.3501	0.4732	0.1474	0.3974
	δ_2	δ_3	Loss	
Normalization	0.7306	0.9214	45.3805	
Grayscale	0.7364	0.9258	45.5978	
None	0.6989	0.8924	47.1242	

Table 2. Effect of Normalization and Grayscaling



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Thank you!