

# DLMI2023





## Weakly Supervised Segmentation

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Very good performance in many tasks

Large labeled (pixelwise) datasets

Pixel-wise annotation is a time-consuming task...





... which further requires domain expertise

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C A O



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And where on these images the esophagus is?



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#### Image tags

#### Bounding boxes



Person Bike

Tumor





Original Image

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Bounding boxes

Scribbles



Person Bike



boxes







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#### Another data-driven priors



#### A boy jumping on a skateboard



Image from Maninis et al, CVPR'18



#### **Incorrect sizes**



#### **Correct sizes**

- Pathak et al., Constrained convolutional neural networks for weakly supervised segmentation, ICCV 2015
- Xu et al., Learning to Segment Under Various Forms of Weak Supervision, CVPR 2015

Common priors in natural images

Target Size

• Zhang et al., Curriculum Domain Adaptation for Semantic Segmentation of Urban Scenes. ICCV'17

#### Common priors in natural images

Incorrect location



Target Location

Correct location



- Remez et al. Learning to segment via cut-and-paste. ECCV 2018
- Georgakis et al Synthesizing training data for object detection in indoor scenes. RSS 2017

#### Common priors in natural images

Contrast Foreground/Background



Images from Hou et al, CVPR'17

- Hou et al. Deeply supervised salient object detection with short connections. CVPR 2017
- Li et al. Instance-level salient object segmentation. CVPR 2017

#### Common priors in natural images



#### Images from the DAVIS Challenge Dataset



- Tokmakov et al. Weakly-supervised semantic segmentation using motion cues. ECCV 2016
- Pathak et al. Learning features by watching objects move. CVPR 2017



#### Anatomical priors

Partial labeled data (exploit target relationships)

## Recall of what learning means (from a gradient descent standpoint)...



















Original Image



Person

Bike

Image tags

Bounding boxes











Points





#### Step 1: Get a classification CNN





**Convolutional layers** 

Class scores	
$\bigcirc$	Cat
$\bigcirc$	Dog
$\bigcirc$	Parrot

FC Layers











• Zhou et al., Learning deep features for discriminative localization. CVPR 2016



These activations maps can be used as **pseudo-masks** 

 $-\sum_{i\in\Omega_i}\hat{y}_i\log(s_i)$ 

• Zhou et al., Learning deep features for discriminative localization. CVPR 2016

#### Problem: they focus only on highly discriminative regions



How to improve CAMs?

Incorporate saliency maps



• Oh et al. Exploiting Saliency for Object Segmentation from Image Level Labels. CVPR 2017

Fan et al. Learning Integral Objects With Intra-Class Discriminator for Weakly-Supervised Semantic Segmentation. CVPR 2020

How to improve CAMs?



- Wei et al. Object Region Mining with Adversarial Erasing: A Simple Classification to Semantic Segmentation Approach. CVPR 2017
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Wang et al. Self-supervised Equivariant Attention Mechanism for Weakly Supervised Semantic segmentation. CVPR'20 40

Integrating languagevision models











Integrating languagevision models How to improve CAMs?



Xie et al, CLIMS: Cross Language Matching for weakly supervised semantic segmentation



Nguyen et al. A novel segmentation framework for uveal melanoma based on magnetic resonance imaging and class activation maps. MIDL 2019.

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Chen et al. Exploiting confident information for weakly supervised prostate segmentation based on image-level labels. SPIE Medical Imaging 2020

#### Equivariant constraints



# CAMs not equivariant to spatial transformations

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Equivariant constraints

Same-modality equivariant constraints

$$\mathcal{L}_{reg}(\tau(f(M_1)), f(\tau(M_1)))$$

transformations

Cross-modality equivariant constraints

$$\mathcal{L}_{reg}(\tau(f(M_1)), f(\tau(M_2)))$$

transformations

Modality 1

Modality 2

Equivariant constraints

Same-modality equivariant constraints

Cross-modality equivariant constraints

 $\mathcal{L}_{reg}(\tau(f(M_1)), f(\tau(M_1)))$ 

 $\mathcal{L}_{reg}(\tau(f(M_1)), f(\tau(M_2)))$ 

**Classification loss** 

 $\mathcal{L}_{class} + \mathcal{L}_{reg}(\tau(f(M_1)), f(\tau(M_1))) + \mathcal{L}_{reg}(\tau(f(M_1)), f(\tau(M_2)))$ 

Intra-modal regularization

Inter-modal regularization

Equivariant constraints















How we can go from point A to B?



Which is the best route?





How we can go from point A to B?



Which is the best route?

Constraint: shortest but going through a McDonnalds











**General definition** 

$$\min_{ heta} \mathcal{H}(S) \quad s.t. \quad g(\mathbf{s}) = C$$
 Constraint



General definition

$$\begin{split} \min_{\theta} \mathcal{H}(S) \quad s.t. \quad g(\mathbf{s}) = C & \text{Constraint} \\ & \\ \min_{\theta} \mathcal{H}(S) + \lambda(g(\mathbf{s}) - C) & \text{Penalty} \end{split}$$



**General definition** 





L2 Penalty Input (Histology image) Additional term  $l_{ac} = \boldsymbol{I}(Y_i = 1) \sum (v_i - a_i)^2$ Any CNN architecture Predicted relative  $v_i = \frac{1}{N} \sum s_{\theta}^{p,1}$ **Predicted size** given by experts size (%)  $p \in \Omega$ Output (Pixel-wise prediction)

Jia et al. Constrained deep weak supervision for histopathology image segmentation. IEEE TMI 2017

#### **Partial annotations**

#### Kullback-Leibler (KL) Divergence



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**Partial annotations** 

Liver #1 Spleen #2 Pancreas #3 Prior Prior

Prior on the proportion

Figure 1. 3D Visualization of several abdominal organs (liver, spleen, left kidney, right kidney, aorta, inferior vena cava) to show the similarity of patient-wise abdominal organ size distributions.

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[Zhou et al., Prior-aware Neural Network for Partially-Supervised Multi-Organ Segmentation, ICCV'19]

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#### Prior-aware loss

Averaged predicted distribution



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At pixel level

#### Imposing Consistency across image modalities





CAMs not consistent across modalities

At pixel level



Single-Stage Masked Weakly Supervised Segmentation - WSS-SS



Equivariant regularization

Chikontwe et al. Weakly Supervised Segmentation on Neural Compressed Histopathology with Self-Equivariant Regularization. MedIA'22














Information is given in the form of image-tags

**Suppression** 

$$\sum_{p \in \Omega} s^{p,c}_{\theta} \leq 0 \quad \forall c \not \in C$$

"Person"



Information is given in the form of image-tags

Inclusion (or existence)

$$\sum_{p \in \Omega} s_{\theta}^{p,c} \ge 1 \quad \forall c \in C$$





Information is given in the form of image-tags

Target Size a > 1

$$\sum_{p\in\Omega} s^{p,c}_{\theta} \geq a \quad \forall c \in C$$





Use case: Size constraint



Image-tag information  $\sum s_{\theta}^{p,c} \leq 0$ 

 $p \in \Omega$ For negative image tags

### Use case: Size constraint



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#### Formal definition

$$\min_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \mathcal{H}(S) \quad \text{s.t} \quad a \leq \sum_{p \in \Omega} S_p \leq b$$

#### Inequality constraint

#### Use case: Size constraint

Formal definition

$$\min_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \mathcal{H}(S) \quad \text{s.t} \quad a \leq \sum_{p \in \Omega} S_p \leq b \qquad \longrightarrow \qquad \mathcal{H}(S) + \lambda \mathcal{C}(V_S)$$

$$V_S = \sum_{p \in \Omega} \mathbf{s}_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}^{p,c}$$

#### Use case: Size constraint

Formal definition

#### CE on the labeled pixels (if any)

#### Use case: Size constraint

Formal definition

$$\begin{split} \min_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \ \mathcal{H}(S) \quad \text{s.t} \quad a \leqslant \sum_{p \in \Omega} S_p \leqslant b \qquad & \mathcal{H}(S) + \lambda \mathcal{C}(V_S) \\ \mathcal{V}_S = \sum_{p \in \Omega} \mathbf{s}_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}^{p,c} \\ \mathcal{H}(S) = -\sum_{p \in \mathcal{L}} \log(s_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}^p) \\ \mathcal{C}(V_S) = \begin{cases} (V_S - a)^2, & \text{if } V_S < a \\ (V_S - b)^2, & \text{if } V_S > b \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \end{split}$$

Use case: Size constraint



**Constraint A satisfied** 

Visual intuition

**Constraint B violated** 



Images from [Vu et al., ADVENT: Adversarial Entropy Minimization for Domain Adaptation in Semantic Segmentation. CVPR'19]



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KL divergence

Source-free Domain Adaptation



KL divergence

Source-free: no access to source data when adapting

Source Training phase Target Adaptation phase Class-ratio from approxima anatomical knowledg  $\tau_e(t,k)$ Source Only **Target Only** Segmente Class-ratio loss  $\lambda KL(\widehat{\tau}(t,k,\theta),\tau_e(t,k))$ Direct entropy minimisation  $\sum \ell_{ent}(\mathbf{p}_t(i, \theta))$ Soft segmentation Entropy map initialization weights

1-Train the network on the source domain

$$\min_{\theta} \sum_{p \in \mathcal{L}} l(\mathbf{y}^p, \mathbf{s}^p_{\theta}$$

$$\bigwedge$$
Set of labeled
SOURCE pixels

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Bateson et al., Source-Relaxed Domain Adaptation for Image Segmentation. MICCAI'19

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KL divergence

Source-free: no access to source data when adapting

2-Adapt the model without accessing the source data

$$\mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{H}} = -\sum_{p \in \mathcal{T}} \sum_{k} \mathbf{s}_{\theta}^{p,k} \log \mathbf{s}_{\theta}^{p,k} + \mathcal{D}_{KL}(\hat{\tau}, \tau_e)$$
  
Minimize entropy on predicted

TARGET pixels



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Bateson et al., Source-Relaxed Domain Adaptation for Image Segmentation. MICCAI'19



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L2 Penalty

But we can do more than simply the size

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Shape moment 
$$\mu_{p,q}^{(k)}(s_{m{ heta}}):=\sum_{i\in\Omega}s_{i\in\Omega}^{k}$$

Centra

$$\Sigma_{p,q}^{(k)}(s_{oldsymbol{ heta}}):=\sum_{i\in\Omega}s_{oldsymbol{ heta}}^{(i,k)}x_{(i)}^py_{(i)}^q,$$

al moment 
$$ar{\mu}_{p,q}^{(k)} := \sum_{i \in \Omega} s_{oldsymbol{ heta}}^{(i,k)} \left( x_{(i)} - rac{\mu_{1,0}^{(k)}}{\mu_{0,0}^{(k)}} 
ight)^p \left( y_{(i)} - rac{\mu_{0,1}^{(k)}}{\mu_{0,0}^{(k)}} 
ight)$$

L2 Penalty

But we can do more than simply the size

From shape and central moment

Volume

$$\mathfrak{V}^{(k)}(s_{\theta}) := \mu_{0,0}^{(k)}(s_{\theta}).$$

[Kervadec et al., Beyond pixel-wise supervision for segmentation: A few global shape descriptors might be surprisingly good!. MIDL'21]

L2 Penalty

But we can do more than simply the size

#### From shape and central moment





# Take-home message

• Imposing constraints helps weakly-supervised segmentation learning by restricting plausible segmentations on weakly labeled and unlabeled images

• Few constraints have been explored under low-labeled data regime

Room for improvement (many opportunities beyond weakly supervised segmentation)

## Thank you!