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DeepReg is a freely available, community-supported open-source toolkit for research and education in medical image registration using deep learning.

The current version is implemented as a TensorFlow2-based framework, and contains implementations for unsupervised- and weakly-supervised algorithms with their combinations and variants. DeepReg has a practical focus on growing and diverse clinical applications, as seen in the provided examples - DeepReg Demos.

Get involved and help make DeepReg better!

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FEATURES

DeepReg extends and simplifies workflows for medical imaging researchers working in TensorFlow 2, and can be easily installed and used for efficient training and rapid deployment of deep-learning registration algorithms.

DeepReg is designed to be used with minimal programming or scripting, owing to its built-in command line tools.

Our development and all related work involved in the project is public, and released under the Apache 2.0 license.

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3.1 Installation

DeepReg uses in Python 3.7 and external python dependencies are defined in requirements. DeepReg primarily supports and is regularly tested with Ubuntu and Debian Linux distributions.

There are multiple different methods to install DeepReg:

- 1. Clone DeepReg and create a virtual environment using Anaconda / Miniconda (recommended).
- 2. Clone DeepReg and build a docker image using the provided docker file.
- 3. Install directly from PyPI release without cloning DeepReg.

3.1.1 Install via Conda

The recommended method is to install DeepReg in a dedicated virtual environment using Anaconda / Miniconda.

Please clone DeepReg first and change current directory to the DeepReg root directory:

```
git clone https://github.com/DeepRegNet/DeepReg.git
cd DeepReg
```

Then, install or update the conda environment following the instructions below. Please see the official conda documentation for more details.

Linux

Mac OS

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Windows

Install DeepReg without GPU support.

```
conda env create -f environment_cpu.yml conda activate deepreg
```

Install DeepReg with GPU support.

```
conda env create -f environment.yml conda activate deepreg
```

Update DeepReg without GPU support.

```
conda env update -f environment_cpu.yml
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Update DeepReg with GPU support.

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Install DeepReg without GPU support.

```
conda env create -f environment_cpu.yml conda activate deepreg
```

Update DeepReg without GPU support.

```
conda env update -f environment_cpu.yml
```

Install/update DeepReg with GPU support.

```
Warning: Not supported or tested.
```

Install/update DeepReg without GPU support.

Warning: DeepReg on Windows is not fully supported. However, you can use the Windows Subsystem for Linux. Set up WSL and follow the DeepReg setup instructions for Linux.

Install/update DeepReg with GPU support.

```
Warning: Not supported or tested.
```

After activating the conda environment, please install DeepReg locally:

```
pip install -e .
```

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3.1.2 Install via docker

We also provide the docker file for building the docker image. Please clone DeepReg repository first:

```
git clone https://github.com/DeepRegNet/DeepReg.git
```

Then, install DeepReg following the instructions below.

Install docker

Docker can be installed following the official documentation.

For Linux based OS, there are some additional setup after the installation. Otherwise you might have permission errors.

Build docker image

```
docker build . -t deepreg -f Dockerfile
```

where

- -t names the built image as deepreg.
- -f provides the docker file for configuration.

Create a container

```
docker run --name <container_name> --privileged=true -ti deepreg bash
```

where - --name names the created container. - --privileged=true is required to solve the permission issue linked to TensorFlow profiler. - -it allows interaction with container and enters the container directly, check more info on stackoverflow.

Remove a container

```
docker rm -v <container_name>
```

which removes a created container and its volumes, check more info on docker documentation.

3.1.3 Install via PyPI

Please use the following command to install DeepReg directly from the PyPI release:

```
pip install deepreg
```

Note

All dependencies, APIs and command-line tools will be installed automatically via each installation method.
However, the PyPI release currently does not ship with test data and demos. Running examples in this documentation may require downloading test data and changing default paths to user-installed packages with the PyPI release. These examples include those in the Quick Start and DeepReg Demo.

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2. Only released versions of DeepReg are available via PyPI release. Therefore it is different from the latest (unstable) version on GitHub.

3.2 Quick Start

This is a set of simple tests to use DeepReg command line tools. More details and other options can be found in Command Line Tools.

First, install DeepReg and change current directory to the root directory of DeepReg.

3.2.1 Train a registration network

Train a registration network using unpaired and labeled example data with a predefined configuration:

```
deepreg_train --gpu "" --config_path config/unpaired_labeled_ddf.yaml --log_dir test
```

where:

- --gpu "" indicates using CPU. Change to --gpu "0" to use the GPU at index 0.
- --config_path <filepath> specifies the configuration file path.
- --log_dir test specifies the output folder. In this case, the output is saved in logs/test.

3.2.2 Evaluate a trained network

Once trained, evaluate the network using a test dataset:

```
deepreg_predict --gpu "" --ckpt_path logs/test/save/weights-epoch2.ckpt --mode test
```

where:

- --ckpt_path <filepath> specifies the checkpoint file path.
- --mode test specifies prediction on the test dataset.

3.2.3 Warp an image

DeepReg provides a command line interface (CLI) tool to warp an image/label with a dense displacement field (DDF):

```
deepreg_warp --image data/test/nifti/unit_test/moving_image.nii.gz --ddf data/test/

→nifti/unit_test/ddf.nii.gz --out logs/test_warp/out.nii.gz
```

where:

- --image <filepath> specifies the image/label file path.
- --ddf <filepath> specifies the ddf file path.
- --out <filepath> specifies the output file path.

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3.3 Image Registration with Deep Learning

A series of scientific tutorials on deep learning for registration can be found at the learn2reg tutorial, held in conjunction with MICCAI 2019.

This document provides a practical overview for a number of algorithms supported by DeepReg.

3.3.1 Registration

Image registration is the process of mapping the coordinate system of one image into another image. A registration method takes a pair of images as input, denoted as moving and fixed images. In this tutorial, we register the moving image into the fixed image, i.e. mapping the coordinates of the moving image onto the fixed image.

3.3.2 Network

Predict a dense displacement field

With deep learning, given a pair of moving and fixed images, the registration network outputs a dense displacement field (DDF) with the same shape as the moving image. Each value can be considered as the placement of the corresponding pixel / voxel of the moving image. Therefore, the DDF defines a mapping from the moving image's coordinates to the fixed image.

In this tutorial, we mainly focus on DDF-based methods.

Predict a dense velocity field

Another option is to predict a dense (static) velocity field (DVF), such that a diffeomorphic DDF can be numerically integrated. Read "A fast diffeomorphic image registration algorithm" and "Diffeomorphic demons: Efficient non-parametric image registration" for more details.

Predict an affine transformation

A more constrained option is to predict an affine transformation, parameterised by the affine transformation matrix of 12 degrees of freedom. The DDF can then be computed to resample the moving images in fixed image space.

Predict a region of interest

Instead of outputting the transformation between coordinates, given moving image, fixed image, and a region of interest (ROI) in the moving image, the network can predict the ROI in the fixed image directly. Interested readers are referred to the MICCAI 2019 paper: Conditional segmentation in lieu of image registration

3.3.3 Loss

A loss function has to be defined to train a deep neural network. There are mainly three types of losses:

Intensity based (image based) loss

The common loss functions are normalized cross correlation (NCC), sum of squared distance (SSD), and normalized mutual information (MI).

Intensity based losses measure the dissimilarity between a fixed image and a warped moving image, which is an adaptation from classical image registration methods. These losses can perform poorly on multi-modality registrations (e.g. SSD loss in CT-MRI registration), although certain multi-modality tasks, such as registration between different MRI sequences are handled well by MI. Generally, intensity based losses work best when there is an inherent consistency in appearance between moving and fixed images, which is more common in single-modality registration.

Feature based (label based) loss

This type of loss measures the dissimilarity of the fixed image labels and warped moving image labels. The label is often an ROI in the image, like the segmentation of an organ in a CT image.

The common loss function is Dice loss, Jacard and average cross-entropy over all voxels.

Deformation loss

This type of loss measures the amount of deformation in an image and penalises non-smooth deformations. Penalising sudden or discontinuous deformations helps to regularise the transformation between fixed and moving images.

For DDF, the common loss functions are bending energy, L1 or L2 norm of the displacement gradient.

3.3.4 Learning

Depending on the availability of the data labels, registration networks can be trained with different approaches:

Unsupervised

When the data label is unavailable, the training can be driven by the unsupervised loss. The loss function often consists of the intensity based loss and deformation loss. The following is an illustration of an unsupervised DDF-based registration network.

Weakly-supervised

When there is no intensity based loss that is appropriate for the image pair one would like to register, the training can take a pair of corresponding moving and fixed labels (in addition to the image pair), represented by binary masks, to compute a label dissimilarity (feature based loss) to drive the registration.

Combined with the regularisation on the predicted displacement field, this forms a weakly-supervised training. An illustration of an weakly-supervised DDF-based registration network is provided below.

When multiple labels are available for each image, the labels can be sampled during the training iteration, such that only one label per image is used in each iteration of the data set (epoch).

Combined

When the data label is available, combining intensity based, feature based, and deformation based losses together has shown superior registration accuracy, compared to unsupervised and weakly supervised methods. Following is an illustration of a combined DDF-based registration network.

3.4 Design Experiments

DeepReg dataset loaders use a folder/directory-based file storing approach, with which the user will be responsible for organising image and label files in required file formats and folders. This design was primarily motivated by the need to minimise the risk of data leakage (or information leakage), both in code development and subsequent applications.

3.4.1 Random-split

Every call of the deepreg_train or deepreg_predict function uses a dataset "physically" separated by folders, including 'train', 'val' and 'test' sets used in a random-split experiment. In this case, the user needs to randomly assign available experiment image and label files into the three folders. Again, for more details see the Dataset loader.

3.4.2 Cross-validation

Experiments such as *cross-validation* can be readily implemented by using the "multi-folder support" in the dataset section of the yaml configuration files. See details in configuration.

For example, in a 3-fold cross-validation, the user may randomly partition available experiment data files into four folders, 'fold0', 'fold1', 'fold2' and 'test'. The 'test' is a hold-out testing set. Each run of the 3-fold cross-validation then can be specified in a different yaml file as follows.

"cv_run1.yaml":

"cv_run2.yaml":

```
dataset:
    dir:
        train: # training data set
        - "data/test/h5/paired/fold0"
        - "data/test/h5/paired/fold2"
        valid: "data/test/h5/paired/fold1" # validation data set
        test: ""
```

"cv_run3.yaml":

To further facilitate flexible uses of these dataset loaders, the deepreg_train and deepreg_predict functions also accept multiple yaml files - therefore the same train section does not have to be repeated multiple times for the multiple cross-validation folds or for the test. An example dataset section for configuring testing when using deepreg_predict is given below.

"test.yaml":

```
dataset:
    dir:
        train: ""
        valid: ""
        test: "data/test/h5/paired/test" # validation data set
```

3.5 Custom Functionalities

Besides the implemented features provided in DeepReg, we provide the following tutorials for implementing custom functionalities.

- · Custom loss function
- · Custom network

3.5.1 Custom loss function

This tutorial will take an image intensity based loss function (mutual information) as an example to show how to add a new loss to DeepReg.

A brief review of the types of loss functions in DeepReg

Three main types of the loss functions are supported in DeepReg: intensity (image) based loss, label based loss and deformation loss. See Docs here for details. The corresponding source files for the losses is included in deepreg/model/loss.

Step 1: Add the new function in loss source code

The first step is to add your own loss function, which should take at least 2 parameters, y_true for the ground truth and y_pred for the prediction. e.g. in deepreg/model/loss/image.py. The loss can be defined as:

```
:y_pred: shape = (batch, dim1, dim2, dim3, ch)
:return: shape = (batch,)
"""
...
return tf.reduce_sum(pab * tf.math.log(pab / papb + eps), axis=[1, 2])
```

In order to be compatible with the pipeline in DeepReg, another modification is needed in deeepreg/model/loss/image.py. The modification is simply adding an elif branch to the dissimilarity_fn function. The following code block shows the added elif branch where we use "gmi" to represent the global mutual information:

```
def dissimilarity_fn(
   y_true: tf.Tensor, y_pred: tf.Tensor, name: str, **kwargs
) -> tf.Tensor:
   m m m
   :param y_true: fixed_image, shape = (batch, f_dim1, f_dim2, f_dim3)
   :param y_pred: warped_moving_image, shape = (batch, f_dim1, f_dim2, f_dim3)
   :param name: name of the dissimilarity function
   :param kwargs: absorb additional parameters
   :return: shape = (batch,)
   assert name in ["lncc", "ssd", "gmi"]
   # shape = (batch, f_dim1, f_dim2, f_dim3, 1)
   y_true = tf.expand_dims(y_true, axis=4)
   y_pred = tf.expand_dims(y_pred, axis=4)
   if name == "lncc":
       return -local_normalized_cross_correlation(y_true, y_pred, **kwargs)
   elif name == "ssd":
       return ssd(y_true, y_pred)
   elif name == "gmi":
       return -global_mutual_information(y_true, y_pred)
   else:
       raise ValueError("Unknown loss type.")
```

Step 2: Add test functions (for contributing developers, optional for users)

Add corresponding unit test for the new added functions to deepreg/test/unit. This is optional for the users. Everyone is warmly welcome to make contribution to DeepReg. Please follow our contribution guidelines here.

Step 3: Set yaml configuration files

We take the paired prostate MR and Ultrasound registration demo as an example. In order to use the newly added loss, all that is needed is to modify the loss configuration in the train configuration file paired_mrus_prostate_train.yaml (lines 10-15):

```
# define the loss function for training
loss:
    dissimilarity:
    image:
        name: "gmi"
        weight: 1.0
```

That's it. Follow the instructions in the demo to begin training with the newly added loss.

3.5.2 Custom network

This tutorial shows how to define a new network and add it to DeepReg, using a specific example for adding a GlobalNet to predict an affine transformation, as opposed to nonrigid transformation.

For general guidance on making a contribution to DeepReg, see the contribution guidelines.

Step 1: Create network backbone

The first step is to create a new backbone class, which consists of the neural network architecture you want to use, and place it in the backbone directory <code>deepreg/model/backbone/</code>. The affine method uses the GlobalNet network architecture (<code>deepreg/model/backbone/global_net.py</code>) from Hu et al. 2018. The GlobalNet network has an encoder-only architecture, which is used to predict the parameters of an affine transformation model, with 12 degrees of freedom.

We recommend using the tf.keras API to write your network, by defining the layers of your backbone class in def __init__() and the network's forward pass in def _call(). Custom DeepReg layers can be found in deepreg/model/layer.py.

```
class GlobalNet(tf.keras.Model):
   Builds GlobalNet for image registration based on
   Y. Hu et al.,
   "Label-driven weakly-supervised learning for multimodal
   deformable image registration, "
   (ISBI 2018), pp. 1070-1074.
  def __init__(
       self,
       image_size,
       out_channels,
       num_channel_initial,
       extract_levels,
       out_kernel_initializer,
       out_activation,
       **kwargs,
   ):
       Image is encoded gradually, i from level 0 to E.
       Then, a densely-connected layer outputs an affine
       transformation.
       :param out_channels: int, number of channels for the output
       :param num_channel_initial: int, number of initial channels
       :param extract_levels: list, which levels from net to extract
       :param out_activation: str, activation at last layer
       :param out_kernel_initializer: str, which kernel to use as initialiser
       :param kwarqs:
       11 11 11
       super(GlobalNet, self).__init__(**kwargs)
       # save parameters
       self._extract_levels = extract_levels
       self._extract_max_level = max(self._extract_levels) # E
       self.reference_grid = layer_util.get_reference_grid(image_size)
       self.transform_initial = tf.constant_initializer(
           )
```

```
# init layer variables
   num\_channels = [
        num_channel_initial * (2 ** level)
        for level in range(self._extract_max_level + 1)
     # level 0 to E
    self._downsample_blocks = [
       layer.DownSampleResnetBlock(
            filters=num_channels[i], kernel_size=7 if i == 0 else 3
        for i in range(self._extract_max_level)
    ] \# level 0 to E-1
   self._conv3d_block = layer.Conv3dBlock(filters=num_channels[-1]) # level E
   self._dense_layer = layer.Dense(
       units=12, bias_initializer=self.transform_initial
def call(self, inputs, training=None, mask=None):
   Build GlobalNet graph based on built layers.
    :param inputs: image batch, shape = [batch, f_dim1, f_dim2, f_dim3, ch]
    :param training:
   :param mask:
    :return:
    # down sample from level 0 to E
   h_in = inputs
    for level in range(self._extract_max_level): # level 0 to E - 1
       h_in, _ = self._downsample_blocks[level](inputs=h_in, training=training)
   h_out = self._conv3d_block(
       inputs=h_in, training=training
   ) # level E of encoding
    # predict affine parameters theta of shape = [batch, 4, 3]
    self.theta = self._dense_layer(h_out)
   self.theta = tf.reshape(self.theta, shape=(-1, 4, 3))
    # warp the reference grid with affine parameters to output a ddf
   grid_warped = layer_util.warp_grid(self.reference_grid, self.theta)
   output = grid_warped - self.reference_grid
   return output`
```

In order to use the backbone network in the DeepReg pipeline, a new option needs to be added to build_backbone() from deepreg/model/network/util.py. We use the keyword "global" here to refer to our GlobalNet class and "affine" for the method name. This will allow us to define the backbone network directly in the configuration file.

```
def build_backbone(
    image_size: tuple, out_channels: int, model_config: dict, method_name: str
) -> tf.keras.Model:
    """

    Backbone model accepts a single input of shape (batch, dim1, dim2, dim3, ch_in)
    and returns a single output of shape (batch, dim1, dim2, dim3, ch_out)
    :param image_size: tuple, dims of image, (dim1, dim2, dim3)
    :param out_channels: int, number of out channels, ch_out
    :param method_name: str, one of ddf | dvf | conditional
    :param model_config: dict, model configuration, returned from parser.yaml.load
    :return: tf.keras.Model
    """
```

```
if not (
       (isinstance(image_size, tuple) or isinstance(image_size, list))
       and len(image_size) == 3
       raise ValueError(f"image_size must be tuple of length 3, got {image_size}")
   if not (isinstance(out_channels, int) and out_channels >= 1):
       raise ValueError(f"out_channels must be int >=1, got {out_channels}")
   if not (isinstance(model_config, dict) and "backbone" in model_config.keys()):
       raise ValueError(
           f"model_config must be a dict having key 'backbone', got{model_config}"
   if method_name not in ["ddf", "dvf", "conditional", "affine"]:
       raise ValueError(
           "method name has to be one of ddf/dvf/conditional/affine in build_
⇒backbone, "
           "got {}".format(method_name)
   if method_name in ["ddf", "dvf"]:
       out_activation = None
       # TODO try random init with smaller number
       out_kernel_initializer = "zeros" # to ensure small ddf and dvf
   elif method_name in ["conditional"]:
       out_activation = "sigmoid" # output is probability
       out_kernel_initializer = "glorot_uniform"
   elif method_name in ["affine"]:
       out_activation = None
       out_kernel_initializer = "zeros"
   else:
       raise ValueError("Unknown method name {}".format(method_name))
   if model_config["backbone"] == "local":
       return LocalNet(
           image_size=image_size,
           out_channels=out_channels,
           out_kernel_initializer=out_kernel_initializer,
           out_activation=out_activation,
           **model_config["local"],
   elif model_config["backbone"] == "global":
       return GlobalNet (
           image_size=image_size,
           out_channels=out_channels,
           out_kernel_initializer=out_kernel_initializer,
           out_activation=out_activation,
           **model_config["global"],
   elif model_config["backbone"] == "unet":
       return UNet (
           image_size=image_size,
           out_channels=out_channels,
           out_kernel_initializer=out_kernel_initializer,
           out_activation=out_activation,
           **model_config["unet"],
       )
   else:
       raise ValueError("Unknown model name")
```

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Step 2: Create network model

We can now create a network model for the affine method in deepreg/model/network/affine.py. We first need to write the model's forward pass, which makes use of the backbone network class to predict an affine transformation which will be used to output a dense displacement field (DDF).

```
def affine_forward(
   backbone: tf.keras.Model,
   moving_image: tf.Tensor,
    fixed_image: tf.Tensor,
   moving_label: (tf.Tensor, None),
   moving_image_size: tuple,
   fixed_image_size: tuple,
):
   Perform the network forward pass
    :param backbone: model architecture object, e.g. model.backbone.local net
    :param moving_image: tensor of shape (batch, m_dim1, m_dim2, m_dim3)
    :param fixed_image: tensor of shape (batch, f_dim1, f_dim2, f_dim3)
    :param moving_label: tensor of shape (batch, m_dim1, m_dim2, m_dim3) or None
    :param moving_image_size: tuple like (m_dim1, m_dim2, m_dim3)
    :param fixed_image_size: tuple like (f_dim1, f_dim2, f_dim3)
    :return: tuple(_affine, _ddf, _pred_fixed_image, _pred_fixed_label)
    :return: tuple(affine, ddf, pred_fixed_image, pred_fixed_label, fixed_grid), where
    - affine is the affine transformation matrix predicted by the network (batch, 4,
→3)
    - ddf is the dense displacement field of shape (batch, f_dim1, f_dim2, f_dim3, 3)
    - pred_fixed_image is the predicted (warped) moving image of shape (batch, f_dim1,
\hookrightarrow f_dim2, f_dim3)
    - pred_fixed_label is the predicted (warped) moving label of shape (batch, f_dim1,
\rightarrow f_dim2, f_dim3)
    - fixed_grid is the grid of shape(f_dim1, f_dim2, f_dim3, 3)
    # expand dims
    # need to be squeezed later for warping
   moving_image = tf.expand_dims(
       moving_image, axis=4
    ) # (batch, m_dim1, m_dim2, m_dim3, 1)
   fixed_image = tf.expand_dims(
       fixed_image, axis=4
   ) # (batch, f_dim1, f_dim2, f_dim3, 1)
    # adjust moving image
   moving_image = layer_util.resize3d(
        image=moving_image, size=fixed_image_size
    ) # (batch, f_dim1, f_dim2, f_dim3, 1)
    # ddf, dvf
    inputs = tf.concat(
        [moving_image, fixed_image], axis=4
      # (batch, f_dim1, f_dim2, f_dim3, 2)
   ddf = backbone(inputs=inputs) # (batch, f_dim1, f_dim2, f_dim3, 3)
   affine = backbone.theta
    # prediction, (batch, f_dim1, f_dim2, f_dim3)
   warping = layer.Warping(fixed_image_size=fixed_image_size)
    grid_fixed = tf.squeeze(warping.grid_ref, axis=0) # (f_dim1, f_dim2, f_dim3, 3)
```

```
pred_fixed_image = warping(inputs=[ddf, tf.squeeze(moving_image, axis=4)])
pred_fixed_label = (
    warping(inputs=[ddf, moving_label]) if moving_label is not None else None
)
return affine, ddf, pred_fixed_image, pred_fixed_label, grid_fixed
```

Similar to build_backbone we also need to write the build_affine_model function, which consists of building the model according to the networks' inputs, backbone and loss function.

```
def build_affine_model(
   moving_image_size: tuple,
   fixed_image_size: tuple,
    index_size: int,
    labeled: bool,
   batch_size: int,
   model_config: dict,
    loss_config: dict,
   ):
    :param moving_image_size: (m_dim1, m_dim2, m_dim3)
    :param fixed_image_size: (f_dim1, f_dim2, f_dim3)
    :param index_size: int, the number of indices for identifying a sample
    :param labeled: bool, indicating if the data is labeled
    :param batch_size: int, size of mini-batch
    :param model_config: config for the model
    :param loss_config: config for the loss
    :return: the built tf.keras.Model
    # inputs
    (moving_image, fixed_image, moving_label, fixed_label, indices) = build_inputs(
       moving_image_size=moving_image_size,
        fixed_image_size=fixed_image_size,
       index_size=index_size,
       batch_size=batch_size,
        labeled=labeled,
    )
    # backbone
   backbone = build_backbone(
        image_size=fixed_image_size,
        out_channels=3,
       model_config=model_config,
       method_name=model_config["method"],
    )
    # forward
    affine, ddf, pred_fixed_image, pred_fixed_label, grid_fixed = affine_forward(
       backbone=backbone,
       moving_image=moving_image,
        fixed_image=fixed_image,
        moving_label=moving_label,
        moving_image_size=moving_image_size,
        fixed_image_size=fixed_image_size,
    )
```

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```
# build model
inputs = {
    "moving_image": moving_image,
    "fixed_image": fixed_image,
    "indices": indices,
outputs = {"ddf": ddf, "affine": affine}
model_name = model_config["method"].upper() + "RegistrationModel"
if moving_label is None: # unlabeled
    model = tf.keras.Model(
        inputs=inputs, outputs=outputs, name=model_name + "WithoutLabel"
else: # labeled
    inputs["moving_label"] = moving_label
    inputs["fixed_label"] = fixed_label
    outputs["pred_fixed_label"] = pred_fixed_label
    model = tf.keras.Model(
        inputs=inputs, outputs=outputs, name=model_name + "WithLabel"
# add loss and metric
model = add_ddf_loss(model=model, ddf=ddf, loss_config=loss_config)
model = add_image_loss(
    model=model,
    fixed_image=fixed_image,
    pred_fixed_image=pred_fixed_image,
    loss_config=loss_config,
)
model = add_label_loss(
   model=model,
    grid_fixed=grid_fixed,
    fixed_label=fixed_label,
    pred_fixed_label=pred_fixed_label,
    loss_config=loss_config,
)
return model
```

Finally, the last step consists of adding the build_affine_model option to deepreg/model/network/build.py to be able to parse it from the configuration file.

```
def build_model(
    moving_image_size: tuple,
    fixed_image_size: tuple,
    index_size: int,
    labeled: bool,
    batch_size: int,
    model_config: dict,
    loss_config: dict,
}:

"""

Parsing algorithm types to model building functions
    :param moving_image_size: [m_dim1, m_dim2, m_dim3]
    :param fixed_image_size: [f_dim1, f_dim2, f_dim3]
    :param index_size: dataset size
    :param labeled: true if the label of moving/fixed images are provided
```

```
:param batch_size: mini-batch size
   :param model_config: model configuration, e.g. dictionary return from parser.yaml.
- load
   :param loss_config: loss configuration, e.g. dictionary return from parser.yaml.
→load
   :return: the built tf.keras.Model
   if model_config["method"] in ["ddf", "dvf"]:
       return build_ddf_dvf_model(
           moving_image_size=moving_image_size,
           fixed_image_size=fixed_image_size,
           index_size=index_size,
           labeled=labeled,
           batch_size=batch_size,
           model_config=model_config,
           loss_config=loss_config,
   elif model_config["method"] == "conditional":
       return build_conditional_model(
           moving_image_size=moving_image_size,
           fixed_image_size=fixed_image_size,
           index_size=index_size,
           labeled=labeled,
           batch_size=batch_size,
           model_config=model_config,
           loss_config=loss_config,
   elif model_config["method"] == "affine":
       return build_affine_model(
           moving_image_size=moving_image_size,
           fixed_image_size=fixed_image_size,
           index_size=index_size,
           labeled=labeled,
           batch_size=batch_size,
           model_config=model_config,
           loss_config=loss_config,
   else:
       raise ValueError ("Unknown model method")
```

Step 3: Testing (for contributing developers, optional for users)

Everyone is warmly welcome to make contributions to DeepReg and add corresponding unit test for the newly added functions to test/unit/. Recommendations regarding testing style can be found in the contribution guidelines. Here is a practical example of unit tests made for our affine model in test/unit/test_affine.py:

```
def test_affine_forward():
    """
    Testing that affine_forward function returns the tensors with correct shapes
    """

moving_image_size = (1, 3, 5)
    fixed_image_size = (2, 4, 6)
    batch_size = 1
```

```
global_net = build_backbone(
        image_size=fixed_image_size,
        out_channels=3,
        model_config={
            "backbone": "global",
            "global": {"num_channel_initial": 4, "extract_levels": [1, 2, 3]},
        method_name="affine",
    )
    # Check conditional mode network output shapes - Pass
    affine, ddf, pred_fixed_image, pred_fixed_label, grid_fixed = affine_forward(
        backbone=global_net,
        moving_image=tf.ones((batch_size,) + moving_image_size),
        fixed_image=tf.ones((batch_size,) + fixed_image_size),
        moving_label=tf.ones((batch_size,) + moving_image_size),
        moving_image_size=moving_image_size,
        fixed_image_size=fixed_image_size,
    assert affine.shape == (batch_size,) + (4,) + (3,)
    assert ddf.shape == (batch_size,) + fixed_image_size + (3,)
    assert pred_fixed_image.shape == (batch_size,) + fixed_image_size
    assert pred_fixed_label.shape == (batch_size,) + fixed_image_size
    assert grid_fixed.shape == fixed_image_size + (3,)
def test_build_affine_model():
    Testing that build_affine_model function returns the tensors with correct shapes
   moving\_image\_size = (1, 3, 5)
    fixed_image_size = (2, 4, 6)
   batch\_size = 1
   model = build_affine_model(
        moving_image_size=moving_image_size,
        fixed_image_size=fixed_image_size,
        index_size=1,
        labeled=True,
        batch_size=batch_size,
        model config={
            "method": "affine",
            "backbone": "global",
            "global": {"num_channel_initial": 4, "extract_levels": [1, 2, 3]},
        },
        loss_config={
            "dissimilarity": {
                "image": {"name": "lncc", "weight": 0.1},
                "label": {
                    "name": "multi_scale",
                    "weight": 1,
                    "multi_scale": {
                        "loss_type": "dice",
                        "loss_scales": [0, 1, 2, 4, 8, 16, 32],
                    },
                },
```

```
"regularization": {"weight": 0.0, "energy_type": "bending"},
    },
)
inputs = {
    "moving_image": tf.ones((batch_size,) + moving_image_size),
    "fixed_image": tf.ones((batch_size,) + fixed_image_size),
    "indices": 1,
    "moving_label": tf.ones((batch_size,) + moving_image_size),
    "fixed_label": tf.ones((batch_size,) + fixed_image_size),
}
outputs = model(inputs)
expected_outputs_keys = ["affine", "ddf", "pred_fixed_label"]
assert all(keys in expected_outputs_keys for keys in outputs)
assert outputs["pred_fixed_label"].shape == (batch_size,) + fixed_image_size
assert outputs["affine"].shape == (batch_size,) + (4,) + (3,)
assert outputs["ddf"].shape == (batch_size,) + fixed_image_size + (3,)
```

Step 4: Set yaml configuration files

An example of yaml configuration file for the affine method is available in <code>config/unpaired_labeled_affine.yaml</code>. For using both the GlobalNet backbone and affine method you will need to add their aforementioned keyword "global" and "affine". Optional parameters such as <code>out_kernel_initializer</code> or <code>num_channel_initial</code> can also be specified. A snippet of <code>config/unpaired_labeled_affine.yaml</code> is shown below. Please see the configuration documentation for more details.

```
model:
method: "affine"
backbone:
   name: "global"
   out_kernel_initializer: "zeros"
   out_activation: ""
global:
   num_channel_initial: 1
   extract_levels: [0, 1, 2, 3, 4]
```

3.6 Introduction to DeepReg Demos

DeepReg offers multiple built-in dataset loaders to support real-world clinical scenarios, in which images may be paired, unpaired or grouped. Images may also be labeled with segmented regions of interest to assist registration.

A typical workflow to develop a registration network using DeepReg includes:

- Select a dataset loader, among the unpaired, paired and grouped, and prepare data into folders as required;
- Configure the network training in the configuration yaml file(s), as specified in supported configuration details;
- Train and tune the registration network with the command line tool deepreg train;
- Test or use the final trained registration network with the command line tool deepreg_predict.

Besides the tutorials, a series of DeepReg Demos are provided to showcase a wide range of applications with real clinical image and label data. These applications range from ultrasound, CT and MR images, covering many clinical specialties such as neurology, urology, gastroenterology, oncology, respiratory and cardiovascular diseases.

Each DeepReg Demo provides a step-by-step instruction to explain how different scenarios can be implemented with DeepReg. All data sets used are open-accessible. Pre-trained models with numerical and graphical inference results are also available.

Note: DeepReg Demos are provided to demonstrate functionalities in DeepReg. Although effort has been made to ensure these demos are representative of real-world applications, the implementations and the results are not peer-reviewed or tested for clinical efficacy. Substantial further adaptation and development may be required for any potential clinical adoption.

3.7 Paired Images

The following DeepReg Demos provide examples of using paired images.

• Paired lung CT registration

This demo registers paired CT lung images, with optional weak supervision.

• Paired brain MR-ultrasound registration

This demo registers paired preoperative MR images and 3D tracked ultrasound images for locating brain tumours during neurosurgery, with optional weak supervision.

• Paired prostate MR-ultrasound registration

This demo registers paired MR-to-ultrasound prostate images, an example of weakly-supervised multimodal image registration.

3.7.1 Paired lung CT registration

Note: Please read the DeepReg Demo Disclaimer.

Source Code

Author

DeepReg Development Team (Shaheer Saeed)

Application

This is a registration between CT images acquired at different time points for a single patient. The images being registered are taken at inspiration and expiration for each subject. This is an intra subject registration. This type of intra subject registration is useful when there is a need to track certain features on a medical image such as tumor location when conducting invasive procedures.

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Data

The dataset for this demo comes from Lean2Reg Challenge: CT Lung Registration - Training Data [1].

Instruction

Installation

Please install DeepReg following the instructions and change the current directory to the root directory of DeepReg project, i.e. DeepReg/.

Download data

Please execute the following command to download/pre-process the data and download the pre-trained model. Image intensities are rescaled during pre-processing.

```
python demos/paired_ct_lung/demo_data.py
```

Launch demo training

Please execute the following command to launch a demo training. The training logs and model checkpoints will be saved under demos/paired_ct_lung/logs_train.

```
python demos/paired_ct_lung/demo_train.py
```

Here the training is launched using the GPU of index 0 with a limited number of steps and reduced size. Please add flag --no-test to use the original training configuration, such as

```
python demos/paired_ct_lung/demo_train.py --no-test
```

Predict

Please execute the following command to run the prediction with pre-trained model. The prediction logs and visualization results will be saved under demos/paired_ct_lung/logs_predict. Check the CLI documentation for more details about prediction output.

```
python demos/paired_ct_lung/demo_predict.py
```

Optionally, the user-trained model can be used by changing the <code>ckpt_path</code> variable inside <code>demo_predict.py</code>. Note that the path should end with <code>.ckpt</code> and checkpoints are saved under <code>logs_train</code> as mentioned above.

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Contact

Please raise an issue for any questions.

Reference

[1] Hering, Alessa, Murphy, Keelin, and van Ginneken, Bram. (2020). Lean2Reg Challenge: CT Lung Registration: CT Lung Registration - Training Data

3.7.2 Paired brain MR-ultrasound registration

Note: Please read the DeepReg Demo Disclaimer.

Source Code

Author

DeepReg Development Team (Shaheer Saeed)

Application

This demo aims to register pairs of brain MR and ultrasound scans. The dataset consists of 22 subjects with low-grade brain gliomas who underwent brain tumour resection [1]. The main application for this type of registration is to better delineate brain tumour boundaries during surgery and correct tissue shift induced by the craniotomy.

Data

The dataset for this demo comes from Xiao et al. [1] and can be downloaded from: https://archive.sigma2.no/pages/public/datasetDetail.jsf?id=10.11582/2020.00025.

Instruction

Please install DeepReg following the instructions and change the current directory to the root directory of DeepReg project, i.e. DeepReg/.

Download data

Please execute the following command to download/pre-process the data and download the pre-trained model. By default, the downloaded data is only a partial of the original one. However the access to the original data is temporarily unavailable.

python demos/paired_mrus_brain/demo_data.py

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Launch demo training

Please execute the following command to launch a demo training. The training logs and model checkpoints will be saved under demos/paired_mrus_brain/logs_train.

```
python demos/paired_mrus_brain/demo_train.py
```

Here the training is launched using the GPU of index 0 with a limited number of steps and reduced size. Please add flag --no-test to use the original training configuration, such as

```
python demos/paired_mrus_brain/demo_train.py --no-test
```

Note: The number of epochs and reduced dataset size for training will result in a loss in test accuracy so please train with the full dataset and for a greater number of epochs for improved results.

Predict

Please execute the following command to run the prediction with pre-trained model. The prediction logs and visualization results will be saved under demos/paired_mrus_brain/logs_predict. Check the CLI documentation for more details about prediction output.

```
python demos/paired_mrus_brain/demo_predict.py
```

Optionally, the user-trained model can be used by changing the <code>ckpt_path</code> variable inside <code>demo_predict.py</code>. Note that the path should end with <code>.ckpt</code> and checkpoints are saved under <code>logs_train</code> as mentioned above.

Contact

Please raise an issue for any questions.

Reference

[1] Y. Xiao, M. Fortin, G. Unsgård, H. Rivaz, and I. Reinertsen, "REtroSpective Evaluation of Cerebral Tumors (RESECT): a clinical database of pre-operative MRI and intra-operative ultrasound in low-grade glioma surgeries". Medical Physics, Vol. 44(7), pp. 3875-3882, 2017.

3.7.3 Paired prostate MR-ultrasound registration

Note: Please read the DeepReg Demo Disclaimer.

Source Code

This demo uses DeepReg to re-implement the algorithms described in Weakly-supervised convolutional neural networks for multimodal image registration. A standalone demo was hosted at https://github.com/yipenghu/label-reg.

Author

DeepReg Development Team

Application

Registering preoperative MR images to intraoperative transrectal ultrasound images has been an active research area for more than a decade. The multimodal image registration task assist a number of ultrasound-guided interventions and surgical procedures, such as targeted biopsy and focal therapy for prostate cancer patients. One of the key challenges in this registration task is the lack of robust and effective similarity measures between the two image types. This demo implements a weakly-supervised learning approach to learn voxel correspondence between intensity patterns between the multimodal data, driven by expert-defined anatomical landmarks, such as the prostate gland segmentaion.

Data

This is a demo without real clinical data due to regulatory restrictions. The MR and ultrasound images used are simulated dummy images.

Instruction

Installation

Please install DeepReg following the instructions and change the current directory to the root directory of DeepReg project, i.e. DeepReg/.

Download data

Please execute the following command to download/pre-process the data and download the pre-trained model.

```
python demos/paired_mrus_prostate/demo_data.py
```

Launch demo training

Please execute the following command to launch a demo training (the first of the ten runs of a 9-fold cross-validation). The training logs and model checkpoints will be saved under demos/paired_mrus_prostate/logs_train.

```
python demos/paired_mrus_prostate/demo_train.py
```

Here the training is launched using the GPU of index 0 with a limited number of steps and reduced size. Please add flag --no-test to use the original training configuration, such as

python demos/paired_mrus_prostate/demo_train.py --no-test

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Predict

Please execute the following command to run the prediction with pre-trained model. The prediction logs and visualization results will be saved under demos/paired_mrus_prostate/logs_predict. Check the CLI documentation for more details about prediction output.

```
python demos/paired_mrus_prostate/demo_predict.py
```

Optionally, the user-trained model can be used by changing the <code>ckpt_path</code> variable inside <code>demo_predict.py</code>. Note that the path should end with <code>.ckpt</code> and checkpoints are saved under <code>logs_train</code> as mentioned above.

Contact

Please raise an issue for any questions.

3.8 Unpaired Images

The following DeepReg Demos provide examples of using unpaired images.

• Unpaired abdominal CT registration

This demo compares three training strategies, using unsupervised, weakly-supervised and combined losses, to register inter-subject abdominal CT images.

• Unpaired lung CT registration

This demo registers unpaired CT lung images, with optional weak supervision.

• Unpaired hippocampus MR registration

This demo aligns hippocampus on MR images between different patients, with optional weak supervision.

• Unpaired prostate ultrasound registration

This demo registers 3D ultrasound images with a 9-fold cross-validation. This strategy is applicable for any of the available dataset loaders.

3.8.1 Unpaired abdomen CT registration

Note: Please read the DeepReg Demo Disclaimer.

Source Code

Author

DeepReg Development Team (Ester Bonmati)

Application

This demo shows how to register unpaired abdominal CT data from different patients using DeepReg. In addition, the demo demonstrates the difference between the unsupervised, weakly-supervised and their combination, using a U-Net.

Data

The data set is from the MICCAI Learn2Reg grand challenge (https://learn2reg.grand-challenge.org/) task 3 [1], and can be downloaded directly from https://learn2reg.grand-challenge.org/Datasets/.

Instruction

Installation

Please install DeepReg following the instructions and change the current directory to the root directory of DeepReg project, i.e. DeepReg/.

Download data

Please execute the following command to download/pre-process the data and download the pre-trained model.

```
python demos/unpaired_ct_abdomen/demo_data.py
```

Launch demo training

In this demo, three different training methods are provided: unsupervised, weakly supervised and the combined method. Please execute one of the following commands to launch a demo training. The training logs and model checkpoints will be saved under demos/unpaired_ct_abdomen/logs_train/method with method be unsup, weakly or comb.

```
python demos/unpaired_ct_abdomen/demo_train.py --method unsup
python demos/unpaired_ct_abdomen/demo_train.py --method weakly
python demos/unpaired_ct_abdomen/demo_train.py --method comb
```

Here the training is launched using the GPU of index 0 with a limited number of steps and reduced size. Please add flag -no-test to use the original training configuration, such as

```
python demos/unpaired_ct_abdomen/demo_train.py --method unsup --no-test
```

Predict

Please execute one of the following commands to run the prediction with pre-trained model. The prediction logs and visualization results will be saved under demos/unpaired_ct_abdomen/logs_predict/method with method be unsup, weakly or comb. Check the CLI documentation for more details about prediction output.

```
python demos/unpaired_ct_abdomen/demo_predict.py --method unsup
python demos/unpaired_ct_abdomen/demo_predict.py --method weakly
python demos/unpaired_ct_abdomen/demo_predict.py --method comb
```

DeepReg

Optionally, the user-trained model can be used by changing the <code>ckpt_path</code> variable inside <code>demo_predict.py</code>. Note that the path should end with <code>.ckpt</code> and checkpoints are saved under <code>logs_train</code> as mentioned above.

Contact

Please raise an issue for any questions.

Reference

[1] Adrian Dalca, Yipeng Hu, Tom Vercauteren, Mattias Heinrich, Lasse Hansen, Marc Modat, Bob de Vos, Yiming Xiao, Hassan Rivaz, Matthieu Chabanas, Ingerid Reinertsen, Bennett Landman, Jorge Cardoso, Bram van Ginneken, Alessa Hering, and Keelin Murphy. (2020, March 19). Learn2Reg - The Challenge. Zenodo. http://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.3715652

3.8.2 Unpaired lung CT registration

Note: Please read the DeepReg Demo Disclaimer.

Source Code

Author

DeepReg Development Team (Shaheer Saeed)

Application

This is a registration between CT images from different patients. The images are all from acquired at the same time-point in the breathing cycle. This is an inter subject registration. This kind of registration is useful for determining how one stimulus affects multiple patients. If a drug or invasive procedure is administered to multiple patients, registering the images from different patients can give medical professionals a sense of how each patient is responding in comparison to others. An example of such an application can be seen in [2].

Data

The dataset for this demo comes from [1] and can be downloaded from: https://zenodo.org/record/3835682#. XsUWXsBpFhE

Instruction

Installation

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Please install DeepReg following the instructions and change the current directory to the root directory of DeepReg project, i.e. DeepReg/.

Download data

Please execute the following command to download/pre-process the data and download the pre-trained model. Image intensities are rescaled during pre-processing.

python demos/unpaired_ct_lung/demo_data.py

Launch demo training

Please execute the following command to launch a demo training. The training logs and model checkpoints will be saved under demos/unpaired_ct_lung/logs_train.

python demos/unpaired_ct_lung/demo_train.py

Here the training is launched using the GPU of index 0 with a limited number of steps and reduced size. Please add flag --no-test to use the original training configuration, such as

python demos/unpaired_ct_lung/demo_train.py --no-test

Predict

Please execute the following command to run the prediction with pre-trained model. The prediction logs and visualization results will be saved under demos/unpaired_ct_lung/logs_predict. Check the CLI documentation for more details about prediction output.

python demos/unpaired_ct_lung/demo_predict.py

Optionally, the user-trained model can be used by changing the <code>ckpt_path</code> variable inside <code>demo_predict.py</code>. Note that the path should end with <code>.ckpt</code> and checkpoints are saved under <code>logs_train</code> as mentioned above.

Contact

Please raise an issue for any questions.

Reference

[1] Hering A, Murphy K, and van Ginneken B. (2020). Lean2Reg Challenge: CT Lung Registration - Training Data [Data set]. Zenodo. http://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.3835682

[2] Li B, Christensen GE, Hoffman EA, McLennan G, Reinhardt JM. Establishing a normative atlas of the human lung: intersubject warping and registration of volumetric CT images. Acad Radiol. 2003;10(3):255-265. doi:10.1016/s1076-6332(03)80099-5

3.8.3 Unpaired hippocampus MR registration

Note: Please read the DeepReg Demo Disclaimer.

Source Code

Author

DeepReg Development Team (Adrià Casamitjana)

Application

This is a demo targeting the alignment of hippocampal substructures (head and body) using mono-modal MR images between different patients. The images are cropped around those areas and manually annotated. This is a 3D intramodal registration using a composite loss of image and label similarity.

Data

The dataset for this demo comes from the Learn2Reg MICCAI Challenge (Task 4) [1] and can be downloaded from: https://drive.google.com/uc?export=download&id=1RvJIjG2loU8uGkWzUuGjqVcGQW2RzNYA

Instruction

Installation

Please install DeepReg following the instructions and change the current directory to the root directory of DeepReg project, i.e. DeepReg/.

Download data

Please execute the following command to download/pre-process the data and download the pre-trained model.

python demos/unpaired_mr_brain/demo_data.py

Pre-processing includes:

- Rescaling all images' intensity to 0-255.
- Creating and applying a binary mask to mask-out the padded values in images.
- Transforming label volumes using one-hot encoding (only for foreground classes)

Launch demo training

Please execute the following command to launch a demo training. The training logs and model checkpoints will be saved under demos/unpaired_mr_brain/logs_train.

```
python demos/unpaired_mr_brain/demo_train.py
```

Here the training is launched using the GPU of index 0 with a limited number of steps and reduced size. Please add flag --no-test to use the original training configuration, such as

python demos/unpaired_mr_brain/demo_train.py --no-test

Predict

Please execute the following command to run the prediction with pre-trained model. The prediction logs and visualization results will be saved under demos/unpaired_mr_brain/logs_predict. Check the CLI documentation for more details about prediction output.

python demos/unpaired_mr_brain/demo_predict.py

Contact

Please raise an issue for any questions.

Reference

[1] AL Simpson et al., A large annotated medical image dataset for the development and evaluation of segmentation algorithms (2019). https://arxiv.org/abs/1902.09063

3.8.4 Unpaired prostate ultrasound registration

Note: Please read the DeepReg Demo Disclaimer.

Source Code

This DeepReg Demo is also an example of cross validation.

Author

DeepReg Development Team

Application

Transrectal ultrasound (TRUS) images are acquired from prostate cancer patients during image-guided procedures. Pairwise registration between these 3D images may be useful for intraoperative motion modelling and group-wise registration for population studies.

Data

The 3D ultrasound images used in this demo were derived from the Prostate-MRI-US-Biopsy dataset, hosted at the Cancer Imaging Archive (TCIA).

Instruction

Installation

Please install DeepReg following the instructions and change the current directory to the root directory of DeepReg project, i.e. DeepReg/.

Download data

Please execute the following command to download/pre-process the data and download the pre-trained model. Data are split into 10 folds for cross-validation.

python demos/unpaired_us_prostate_cv/demo_data.py

Launch demo training

Please execute the following command to launch a demo training (the first of the ten runs of a 9-fold cross-validation). The training logs and model checkpoints will be saved under demos/unpaired_us_prostate_cv/logs_train.

```
python demos/unpaired_us_prostate_cv/demo_train.py
```

Here the training is launched using the GPU of index 0 with a limited number of steps and reduced size. Please add flag -no-test to use the original training configuration, such as

python demos/unpaired_us_prostate_cv/demo_train.py --no-test

Predict

Please execute the following command to run the prediction with pre-trained model. The prediction logs and visualization results will be saved under demos/unpaired_us_prostate_cv/logs_predict. Check the CLI documentation for more details about prediction output.

```
python demos/unpaired_us_prostate_cv/demo_predict.py
```

Optionally, the user-trained model can be used by changing the <code>ckpt_path</code> variable inside <code>demo_predict.py</code>. Note that the path should end with <code>.ckpt</code> and checkpoints are saved under <code>logs_train</code> as mentioned above.

Contact

Please raise an issue for any questions.

3.9 Grouped Images

The following DeepReg Demos provide examples of using grouped images.

• Pairwise registration for grouped prostate segmentation masks

This demo registers grouped masks (as input images) of prostate glands from MR images, an example of feature-based registration.

• Pairwise registration for grouped cardiac MR images

This demo registers grouped CMR images, where each group has multi-sequence CMR images from a single patient.

3.9.1 Pairwise registration for grouped prostate segmentation masks

Note: Please read the DeepReg Demo Disclaimer.

Source Code

This demo uses DeepReg to demonstrate a number of features:

- For grouped data in h5 files, e.g. "group-1-2" indicates the 2th visit from Subject 1;
- Use masks as the images for feature-based registration aligning the prostate gland segmentation in this case with deep learning;
- Register intra-patient longitudinal data.

Author

DeepReg Development Team

Application

Longitudinal registration detects the temporal changes and normalises the spatial difference between images acquired at different time-points. For prostate cancer patients under active surveillance programmes, quantifying these changes is useful for detecting and monitoring potential cancerous regions.

Data

This is a demo without real clinical data due to regulatory restrictions. The MR and ultrasound images used are simulated dummy 3D Ultrasound images. Data are organized into 10 separate folds.

Instruction

Installation

Please install DeepReg following the instructions and change the current directory to the root directory of DeepReg project, i.e. DeepReg/.

Download data

Please execute the following command to download/pre-process the data and download the pre-trained model.

python demos/grouped_mask_prostate_longitudinal/demo_data.py

Launch demo training

Please execute the following command to launch a demo training (the first of the ten runs of a 9-fold cross-validation). The training logs and model checkpoints will be saved under demos/grouped_mask_prostate_longitudinal/logs_train.

python demos/grouped_mask_prostate_longitudinal/demo_train.py

Here the training is launched using the GPU of index 0 with a limited number of steps and reduced size. Please add flag --no-test to use the original training configuration, such as

python demos/grouped_mask_prostate_longitudinal/demo_train.py --no-test

Predict

Please execute the following command to run the prediction with pre-trained model. The prediction logs and visualization results will be saved under demos/grouped_mask_prostate_longitudinal/logs_predict. Check the CLI documentation for more details about prediction output.

python demos/grouped_mask_prostate_longitudinal/demo_predict.py

Optionally, the user-trained model can be used by changing the <code>ckpt_path</code> variable inside <code>demo_predict.py</code>. Note that the path should end with <code>.ckpt</code> and checkpoints are saved under <code>logs_train</code> as mentioned above.

Contact

Please raise an issue for any questions.

3.9.2 Pairwise registration for grouped cardiac MR images

Note: Please read the DeepReg Demo Disclaimer.

Source Code

This demo uses the grouped dataset loader to register intra-subject multi-sequence cardiac magnetic resonance (CMR) images.

Author

DeepReg Development Team

Application

Computer-assisted management for patients suffering from myocardial infraction (MI) often requires quantifying the difference and comprising the multiple sequences, such as the late gadolinium enhancement (LGE) CMR sequence MI, the T2-weighted CMR. They collectively provide radiological information otherwise unavailable during clinical practice.

Data

This demo uses CMR images from 45 patients, acquired from the MyoPS2020 challenge held in conjunction with MICCAI 2020.

Instruction

Installation

Please install DeepReg following the instructions and change the current directory to the root directory of DeepReg project, i.e. DeepReg/.

Download data

Please execute the following command to download/pre-process the data and download the pre-trained model. Images are re-sampled to an isotropic voxel size.

python demos/grouped_mr_heart/demo_data.py

Launch demo training

Please execute the following command to launch a demo training (the first of the ten runs of a 9-fold cross-validation). The training logs and model checkpoints will be saved under demos/grouped_mr_heart/logs_train.

python demos/grouped_mr_heart/demo_train.py

Here the training is launched using the GPU of index 0 with a limited number of steps and reduced size. Please add flag --no-test to use the original training configuration, such as

python demos/grouped_mr_heart/demo_train.py --no-test

Predict

Please execute the following command to run the prediction with pre-trained model. The prediction logs and visualization results will be saved under demos/grouped_mr_heart/logs_predict. Check the CLI documentation for more details about prediction output.

python demos/grouped_mr_heart/demo_predict.py

Optionally, the user-trained model can be used by changing the <code>ckpt_path</code> variable inside <code>demo_predict.py</code>. Note that the path should end with <code>.ckpt</code> and checkpoints are saved under <code>logs_train</code> as mentioned above.

Contact

Please raise an issue for any questions.

Reference

- [1] Xiahai Zhuang: Multivariate mixture model for myocardial segmentation combining multi-source images. IEEE Transactions on Pattern Analysis and Machine Intelligence (T PAMI), vol. 41, no. 12, 2933-2946, Dec 2019. link.
- [2] Xiahai Zhuang: Multivariate mixture model for cardiac segmentation from multi-sequence MRI. International Conference on Medical Image Computing and Computer-Assisted Intervention, pp.581-588, 2016.

3.10 Classical Registration

The following DeepReg Demos provide examples of using classical registration methods.

- · Classical affine registration for head-and-neck CT images
 - This demo registers head-and-neck CT images using iterative affine registration.
- Classical nonrigid registration for prostate MR images

This demo registers prostate MR images using iterative nonrigid registration.

3.10.1 Classical affine registration for head-and-neck CT images

Note: Please read the DeepReg Demo Disclaimer.

Source Code

This is a special demo that uses the DeepReg package for classical affine image registration, which iteratively solves an optimisation problem. Gradient descent is used to minimise the image dissimilarity function of a given pair of moving anf fixed images.

Author

DeepReg Development Team

Application

Although in this demo the moving images are simulated using a randomly generated transformation. The registration technique can be used in radiotherapy to compensate the difference between CT acquired at different time points, such as pre-treatment and intra-/post-treatment.

Data

Data is an example CT volume with two labels.

Instruction

Installation

Please install DeepReg following the instructions and change the current directory to the root directory of DeepReg project, i.e. DeepReg/.

Download data

Please execute the following command to download and pre-process the data.

python demos/classical_ct_headneck_affine/demo_data.py

Launch registration

Please execute the following command to register two images. The fixed image will be the downloaded data and the moving image will be simulated by applying a random affine transformation, such that the ground-truth is available for. The optimised transformation will be applied to the moving images, as well as the moving labels. The results, saved in a timestamped folder under the project directory, will compare the warped image/labels with the ground-truth image/labels.

python demos/classical_ct_headneck_affine/demo_register.py

Contact

Please raise an issue for any questions.

Reference

[1] Vallières, M. et al. Radiomics strategies for risk assessment of tumour failure in head-and-neck cancer. Sci Rep 7, 10117 (2017). doi: 10.1038/s41598-017-10371-5

3.10.2 Classical nonrigid registration for prostate MR images

Note: Please read the DeepReg Demo Disclaimer.

Source Code

This is a special demo that uses the DeepReg package for classical nonrigid image registration, which iteratively solves an optimisation problem. Gradient descent is used to minimise the image dissimilarity function of a given pair of moving and fixed images, often regularised by a deformation smoothness function.

Author

DeepReg Development Team

Application

Registering inter-subject prostate MR images may be useful to align different glands in a common space for investigating the spatial distribution of cancer.

Data

Data is an example MR volumes with the prostate gland segmentation from MICCAI Grand Challenge: Prostate MR Image Segmentation 2012.

Instruction

Installation

Please install DeepReg following the instructions and change the current directory to the root directory of DeepReg project, i.e. DeepReg/.

Download data

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Please execute the following command to download and pre-process the data.

python demos/classical_mr_prostate_nonrigid/demo_data.py

Launch registration

Please execute the following command to register two images. The optimised transformation will be applied to the moving images, as well as the moving labels. The results, saved in a timestamped folder under the project directory, will compare the warped image/labels with the ground-truth image/labels.

```
python demos/classical_mr_prostate_nonrigid/demo_register.py
```

Contact

Please raise an issue for any questions.

Reference

[1] Litjens, G., Toth, R., van de Ven, W., Hoeks, C., Kerkstra, S., van Ginneken, B., Vincent, G., Guillard, G., Birbeck, N., Zhang, J. and Strand, R., 2014. Evaluation of prostate segmentation algorithms for MRI: the PROMISE12 challenge. Medical image analysis, 18(2), pp.359-373.

3.11 Command Line Tools

With DeepReg installed, multiple command line tools are available, currently including:

- deepreg_train, for training a registration network.
- deepreg predict, for evaluating a trained network.
- deepreg_warp, for warping an image with a dense displacement field.

3.11.1 Train

deepreg_train accepts the following arguments via command line tools. More configuration can be specified in the configuration file. Please see configuration file for further details.

Required arguments

- GPU:
 - -- gpu or -g, specifies the index or indices of GPUs for training.

Example usage:

```
--gpu "" for CPU only
--gpu "0" for using only GPU 0
--gpu "0,1" for using GPU 0 and 1.
```

· Configuration:

--config_path or -c, specifies the configuration file for training.

The path must end with .yaml.

Optionally, multiple paths can be specified, and the configuration will be merged. In case of conflicts, values are overwritten by the last config file defining them.

Example usage:

- --config_path config1.yaml for using one single configuration file.
- --config_path config1.yaml config2.yaml for using multiple configuration files.

Optional arguments

• **GPU** memory allocation:

--gpu_allow_growth or -gr, if given, TensorFlow will only grow the memory usage as is needed.

By default it allocates all available GPU memory.

Example usage:

- --gpu_allow_growth, no extra argument is needed.

• Load checkpoint:

--ckpt_path or -k, specifies the path of the saved model checkpoint, so that the training will be resumed from the given checkpoint.

The path must end with .ckpt.

By default it starts training from a random initialization.

Example usage:

- --ckpt_path weights-epoch2.ckpt for reloading the given checkpoint.

• Output root:

--log_root, specifies the directory for saving all logs.

By default it is logs under the root of package.

Example usage:

- --log_root /logs for saving all logs under /logs.

· Output directory:

--loq_dir or -1, specifies the directory name to save logs.

The directory will be under the log_root which is logs by default.

By default it creates a timestamp-named directory, e.g. logs/20200810-194042/.

Example usage:

```
- --log_dir test for saving under logs/test/.
```

• Maximum number of epochs:

--max_epochs, specifies the maximum number of epochs for training and overwrites the value defined in the configuration.

By default, the value is -1, meaning the number of epochs will be defined by configuration.

Example usage:

- --max_epochs 2 for run training only for two epochs.

Output

During the training, multiple output files will be saved in the log directory logs/log_dir, where log_dir is specified in the arguments, otherwise a timestamped folder name will be used. The output files are:

- config.yaml is a backup of the used configuration. It can be used for prediction. In case of multiple configuration files, a merged configuration file will be saved.
- train/ and validation/ are the directories that save tensorboard logs on metrics.
- save/ is the directory containing saved checkpoints of the trained network.

3.11.2 Predict

deepreg_predict accepts the following arguments via command line tools. More configuration can be specified in the configuration file. Please see configuration file for further details.

Required arguments

• GPU:

--gpu or -g, specifies the index or indices of GPUs for training.

Example usage:

```
--gpu "" for CPU only--gpu "0" for using only GPU 0
```

- -- gpu "0, 1" for using GPU 0 and 1.

• Model checkpoint:

--ckpt_path or -k, specifies the path of the saved model checkpoint, so that the trained model will be loaded for evaluation.

The path must end with .ckpt.

Example usage:

- --ckpt_path weights-epoch2.ckpt for reloading the given checkpoint.

• Evaluation data:

--mode or -m, specifies in which data set the prediction is performed.

It must be one of train / valid / test.

Example usage:

- --mode test for evaluating the model on test data.

Optional arguments

• GPU memory allocation:

--gpu_allow_growth or -gr, if given, TensorFlow will only grow the memory usage as is needed.

By default it allocates all availables in the GPU memory.

Example usage:

- --gpu_allow_growth, no extra argument is needed.

• Output root:

--log_root, specifies the directory for saving all logs.

By default it is logs under the root of package.

Example usage:

- --log_root /logs for saving all logs under /logs.

• Output directory:

--loq_dir or -1, specifies the directory name to save logs.

The directory will be under the log_root which is logs by default.

By default it creates a timestamp-named directory, e.g. logs/20200810-194042/.

Example usage:

```
- --log_dir test for saving under logs/test/.
```

• Batch size:

--batch_size or -b, specifies the mini-batch size (per GPU) for prediction.

The default value is 1.

Example usage:

- --batch_size 2 for using a mini-batch size of 2.

• Save outputs in Nifti format:

The predicted 3D tensors can be saved in Nifti format for further calculation.

By default it saves outputs in Nifti format.

Example usage:

- -- save_nifti, for saving the outputs in Nifti format.
- --no_nifti, for not saving the outputs in Nifti format.

• Save outputs in png format:

The predicted 3D tensors can be saved as a slice of 2D images for quick visualization.

As values have to be normalized between $0\sim255$ (or $0\sim1$) for png files (Nifti files are not impacted), all images (moving_image, fixed_image and pred_fixed_image) and displacement/velocity fields (ddf and dvf) will be normalized before being saved. Labels (moving_label, fixed_label and pred_fixed_label) are not affected as they are already within $0\sim1$.

By default it saves the outputs in png format.

Example usage:

--save_png, for saving the outputs in png format.

- -- save_png, for not saving the outputs in png format.

· Configuration:

--config_path or -c, specifies the configuration file for prediction.

The path must end with .yaml.

By default it uses the configuration file saved in the directory of the given checkpoint.

Example usage:

- --config_path config1.yaml for using one single configuration file.

Output

During the evaluation, multiple output files will be saved in the log directory logs/log_dir/mode where

- log_dir is defined in arguments, or a timestamped folder name will be used;
- mode is train or valid or test, specified by the argument.

The saved files include:

- Metrics to evaluate the registration performance
 - metrics.csv saves the metrics on all samples. Each line corresponds to a data sample.
 - metrics_stats_per_label.csv saves the mean, median and std of each metrics on all samples with the same label index.
 - metrics_stats_overall.csv saves a set of commonly used statistics (such as mean and std) on the metrics over all samples.
- Inputs and predictions for each pair of image.

Each pair has its own directory and the followings tensors are saved inside if available. Tensors can be saved in Nifti format (one single file) or in png format (one folder contains all image slices, ordered by depth) or both.

- ddf, dvf, affine

DDF stands for dense displacement field; DVF stands for dense (static) velocity field.

The 12 parameters of affine transformation are saved in affine.txt.

- moving_image, fixed_image and pred_fixed_image

pred_fixed_image is the warped moving image if the network predicts a DDF or a DVF or an affine transformation.

moving_label, fixed_label and pred_fixed_label under directory label_i if the sample is labeled and i is the label index.

pred_fixed_label is the predicted label in the fixed image space. In many cases, this is equivalent to the warped moving label, if the network predicts a DDF or a DVF or an affine transformation.

3.11.3 Warp

deepreg_warp accepts the following arguments:

Required arguments

• Image file:

```
--image or -i, specifies the file path of the image/label.
```

The image/label should be saved in a Nifti file with suffix .nii or .nii.gz. The image/label should be a 3D / 4D tensor, where the first three dimensions correspond to the moving image shape and the fourth can be a channel of features.

Example usage:

```
- -- image input_image.nii.gz
```

• DDF file:

```
--ddf or -d, specifies the file path of the DDF.
```

The DDF should be saved in a Nifti file with suffix .nii or .nii.gz. The DDF should be a 4D tensor, where the first three dimensions correspond to the fixed image shape and the fourth dimension has 3 channels corresponding to x, y, z axes.

Example usage:

```
- --image input_DDF.nii.gz
```

Optional arguments

· Output directory:

```
--out or -o, specifies the file path for the output.
```

The path should end with .nii or .nii.gz, otherwise the output path will be corrected automatically based on the given path.

By default it saves the output as warped.nii.gz in the current directory.

Example usage:

```
- -- out output_image.nii.gz
```

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The warped image is saved in the given output file path, otherwise the default file path warped.nii.gz will be used.

3.11.4 Visualise

In addition to the images in the output, DeepReg provides a set of tools with the command deepreg_vis. See more details in its usage documentation.

3.12 Configuration File

Besides the arguments provided to the command line tools, detailed training and prediction configuration is specified in a yaml file. The configuration file contains two sections, dataset and train.

3.12.1 Dataset section

See the dataset loader configuration for more details.

3.12.2 Train section

The train section defines the neural network training hyper-parameters, by specifying subsections, model, loss, optimizer, preprocess and other training hyper-parameter, including epochs and save_period. See an example configuration, with comments on the available options in each subsection.

This section is highly application-specific. More examples can be found in DeepReg Demos.

3.13 Dataset Loader

3.13.1 Dataset type

DeepReg provides six dataset loaders to support the following three different types of datasets:

· Paired images

Images are organized into moving and fixed image pairs.

An example case is two-modalities intra-subject registration, such as registering one subject's MR image to the corresponding ultrasound image.

· Unpaired images

Images may be considered independent samples.

An example case is single-modality inter-subject registration, such as registering one CT image to another from different subjects.

· Grouped images

Images are organized into multiple groups.

An example case is single-modality intra-subject registration, such as registering time-series images within individual subjects, a group is one subject in this case.

For all three above cases, the images can be either unlabeled or labeled. A label is represented by a boolean mask on the image, such as a segmentation of an anatomical structure or landmark.

3.13.2 Dataset requirements

To use the provided dataset loaders, other detailed images and labels requirements are described in individual dataset loader sections. General requirements are described as follows.

- Image
 - DeepReg currently supports 3D images. But images do not have to be of the same shape, and it will be resized to the required shape using linear interpolation.
 - Currently, DeepReg only supports images stored in Nifti files or H5 files. Check Nifti_loader and
 h5 loader for more details.
 - Images are automatically normalized at per-image level: the intensity values x equals to (x-min(x)+EPS) / (max(x)-min(x)+EPS) so that its values are between [0,1]. Check GeneratorDataLoader.data_generator in loader interface for more details.

· Label

If an image is labeled, the label shape is recommended to be the same as the image shape. Otherwise, the
resize might give unexpected behaviours. But each image can have more than one labels.

```
For instance, an image of shape (dim1, dim2, dim3), its label shape can be (dim1, dim2, dim3) (single label) or (dim1, dim2, dim3, num_labels) (multiple labels).
```

- All labels are assumed to have values between [0, 1]. So DeepReg accepts binary segmentation masks or soft labels with float values between [0,1]. This is to prevent accidental use of non-one-hot encoding to represent multiple class labels. In case of multi labels, please use one-hot encoding to transform them into multiple channels such that each class has its own binary label.
- When the images are paired, the moving and fixed images must have the same number of labels.
- When there are multiple labels, it is assumed that the labels are ordered, such that the channel of index label_idx is the same anatomical or pathological structure.
- Currently, if the data are labeled, each data sample must have at least one label. For missing labels, consider using all zeros as a workaround.

3.13.3 Paired images

For paired images, each pair contains a moving image and a fixed image. Optionally, corresponding moving label(s) and fixed label(s).

Specifically, given a pair of images

- When the image is unlabeled,
 - moving image of shape (m_dim1, m_dim2, m_dim3)
 - fixed image of shape (f_dim1, f_dim2, f_dim3)
- When the image is labeled and there is only one label,
 - moving image of shape (m_dim1, m_dim2, m_dim3)
 - fixed image of shape (f_dim1, f_dim2, f_dim3)
 - moving label of shape (m dim1, m dim2, m dim3)
 - fixed label of shape (f_dim1, f_dim2, f_dim3)
- When the image is labeled and there are multiple labels,
 - moving image of shape (m_dim1, m_dim2, m_dim3)

```
fixed image of shape (f_dim1, f_dim2, f_dim3)
moving label of shape (m_dim1, m_dim2, m_dim3, num_labels)
fixed label of shape (f_dim1, f_dim2, f_dim3, num_labels)
```

Sampling

For paired images, one epoch of the dataset iterates all the image pairs sequentially with random orders. So each image pair is sampled once in each epoch with equal chance. For validation or testing, the random seed is fixed to ensure consistency.

When an image has multiple labels, e.g. the segmentation of different organs in a CT image, only one label will be sampled during training. In particular, only corresponding labels will be sampled between a pair of moving and fixed images. In case of validation or testing, instead of sampling one label per image, all labels will be iterated.

Configuration

An example configuration for paired dataset is provided as follows.

```
dataset:
    dir:
        train: "data/test/h5/paired/train" # folder contains training data
        valid: "data/test/h5/paired/test" # folder contains validation data
        test: "data/test/h5/paired/test" # folder contains test data
        format: "nifti" # value should be nifti / h5
        type: "paired" # value should be paired / unpaired / grouped
        labeled: true # value should be true / false
        moving_image_shape: [16, 16, 16] # value should be like [dim1, dim2, dim3]
        fixed_image_shape: [8, 8, 8] # value should be like [dim1, dim2, dim3]
```

where, the configuration can be split into common configurations that shared by all dataset types and specific configurations for paired images:

- Common configurations
 - dir/train gives the directory containing training data. Same for dir/valid and dir/test.
 - format can only be Nifti or h5 currently.
 - type can be paired, unpaired or grouped, corresponding to the dataset type described above.
 - labeled is a boolean indicating if the data is labeled or not.
- Paired images configurations
 - moving_image_shape is the shape of moving images, a list of three integers.
 - fixed image shape is the shape of fixed images, a list of three integers.

Optionally, multiple dataset directories can be specified, such that the data will be sampled from several directories, for instance:

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This is particularly useful when performing an experiment such as cross-validation.

File loader

For paired data, the specific requirements for data stored in Nifti and h5 files are described as follows.

Nifti

Nifti data are stored in files with suffix .nii.gz. Each file should contain only one 3D or 4D tensor, corresponding to an image or a label.

obs is short for one observation of a data sample - a 3D image volume or a 3D/4D label volume - and the name can be any string.

All image data should be placed under moving_images/, fixed_images/ with respect to the provided directory. The label data should be placed under moving_labels/, and fixed_labels/, if available. These are top directories.

File names should be consistent between top directories, e.g.:

- · moving_images/
 - obs1.nii.gz
 - obs2.nii.gz
 - **–** ...
- fixed_images/
 - obs1.nii.gz
 - obs2.nii.gz
 - **–** ...
- · moving_labels/
 - obs1.nii.gz
 - obs2.nii.gz
 - **–** ...
- · fixed labels/
 - obs1.nii.gz
 - obs2.nii.gz
 - **–** ...

Check test paired Nifti data as an example.

Optionally, the data may not be all saved directly under the top directory. They can be further grouped in subdirectories as long as the data paths are consistent.

H5

H5 data are stored in files with suffix . h5. Hierarchical multi-level indexing is not used. Each file should contain multiple key-value pairs and values are 3D or 4D tensors. Each file is equivalent to a top folder in Nifti cases.

All image data should be stored in moving_images.h5, fixed_images.h5. The label data should be stored in moving_labels.h5, and fixed_labels.h5, if available.

The keys should be consistent between files, e.g.:

- moving_images.h5 has keys:
 - "obs1"
 - "obs2"
 - **–** ...
- fixed_images.h5 has keys:
 - "obs1"
 - "obs2"
 - **–** ...
- moving_labels.h5 has keys:
 - "obs1"
 - "obs2"
 - **–** ...
- fixed_labels.h5 has keys:
 - "obs1"
 - "obs2"
 - _ ...

Check test paired H5 data as an example.

3.13.4 Unpaired images

For unpaired images, all images are considered as independent and they must have the same shape. Optionally, there are corresponding labels for the images.

Specifically,

- When the image is unlabeled,
 - image of shape (dim1, dim2, dim3)
- When the image is labeled and there is only one label,
 - image of shape (dim1, dim2, dim3)
 - label of shape (dim1, dim2, dim3)
- When the image is labeled and there are multiple labels,
 - image of shape (dim1, dim2, dim3)
 - label of shape (dim1, dim2, dim3, num_labels)

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Sampling

During each epoch, image pairs will be sampled without replacement. Therefore, given N images, one epoch will thereby have floor (N/2) image pairs. For validation or testing, the random seed is fixed to ensure consistency.

In case of multiple labels, the sampling method is the same as in *paired data*. In particular, the only corresponding label pairs will be sampled between the two sampled images.

Configuration

An example configuration for unpaired dataset is provided as follows.

```
dataset:
    dir:
        train: "data/test/h5/paired/train" # folder contains training data
        valid: "data/test/h5/paired/test" # folder contains validation data
        test: "data/test/h5/paired/test" # folder contains test data
        format: "nifti" # value should be nifti / h5
        type: "unpaired" # value should be paired / unpaired / grouped
        labeled: true # value should be true / false
        image_shape: [16, 16, 16] # value should be like [dim1, dim2, dim3]
```

where

• Common configurations

Same as paired images.

- · Unpaired images configurations
 - image_shape is the shape of images, a list of three integers.

File loader

For unpaired data, the specific requirements for data stored in nifti and h5 files are described as follows.

Nifti

Nifti data are stored in files with suffix .nii.gz or .nii. Each file must contain only one 3D or 4D tensor, corresponding to an image or a label.

obs is short for one observation of a data sample - a 3D image volume or a 3D/4D label volume - and the name can be any string.

All image data should be placed under images/. The label data should be placed under labels/, if available. These are *top* directories.

File names should be consistent between top directories, e.g.:

- images/
 - obs1.nii.gz
 - obs2.nii.gz
 - **–** ...
- labels/

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```
obs1.nii.gzobs2.nii.gz
```

Check test unpaired Nifti data as an example.

H5

F5 data are stored in files with suffix . h5. Hierarchical multi-level indexing is not used. Each file should contain multiple key-value pairs and values are 3D or 4D tensors. Each file is equivalent to a top folder in Nifti cases.

All image data should be placed under images.h5. The label data should be placed under labels.h5, if available.

The keys should be consistent between files, e.g.:

- images.h5 has keys:
 - "obs1"
 - "obs2"
 - **–** ...
- · labels.h5 has keys:
 - "obs1"
 - "obs2"
 - **–** ...

Check test unpaired H5 data as an example.

3.13.5 Grouped images

For grouped images, images may not be paired but organized into multiple groups. Each group must have at least two images.

The requirements are the same as unpaired images. Specifically,

- When the image is unlabeled,
 - image of shape (dim1, dim2, dim3)
- When the image is labeled and there is only one label,
 - image of shape (dim1, dim2, dim3)
 - label of shape (dim1, dim2, dim3)
- When the image is labeled and there are multiple labels,
 - image of shape (dim1, dim2, dim3)
 - label of shape (dim1, dim2, dim3, num_labels)

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Sampling

For sampling image pairs, DeepReg provides the following options:

- inter-group sampling, where the moving image and fixed image come from different groups.
- intra-group sampling, where the moving image and fixed image come from the same group.
- mixed sampling, where the image pairs are mixed from inter-group sampling and intra-group sampling.

For validation or testing, the random seed is fixed to ensure consistency.

In case of multiple labels, the sampling method is the same as *paired data*. In particular, only the corresponding label pairs will be sampled between the two sampled images.

Intra-group

To form image pairs, the group and image are sampled sequentially at two stages,

- 1. Sample a group from which the moving and fixed images will be sampled.
- 2. Sample two different images from the group as moving and fixed images. When sampling images from the same group, there are multiple options, denoted by intra_group_option:
 - forward: the moving image always has a smaller image index than fixed image.
 - backward: the moving image always has a larger image index than fixed image.
 - unconstrained: no constraint on the image index as long as the two images are different.

Therefore, each epoch generates the same number of image pairs as the number of groups, where all groups will be first shuffled and iterated. The intra_group_option is useful in implementing temporal-order sensitive sampling strategy.

Inter-group

To form image pairs, the group and image are sampled sequentially at two stages,

- 1. Sample the first group, from which the moving image will be sampled.
- 2. Sample the second group, from which the fixed image will be sampled.
- 3. Sample an image from the first group as moving image.
- 4. Sample an image from the second group as fixed image.

Therefore, each epoch generates the same number of image pairs as the number of groups, where all groups will be first shuffled and iterated.

Mixed

Optionally, it is possible to mix inter-group and intra-group sampling by specifying the intra-group image sampling probability intra_group_prob=[0,1]. The value 0 means entirely inter-group sampling and 1 means entirely intra-group sampling.

Given 0<p<1, when generating intra-group pairs, there is (1-p)*100% chance to sample the fixed images from a different group, after sampling the moving image from the current intra-group images.

Iterated

Optionally, it is possible to generate all combinations of inter-/intra-group image pairs, with sample_image_in_group set to false. This is originally designed for evaluation. Mixing inter-/intra-group sampling is not supported with with sample_image_in_group set to false.

Configuration

An example configuration for grouped dataset is provided as follows.

where

• Common configurations

Same as paired images.

- Grouped images configurations
 - intra_group_prob, a value between 0 and 1, 0 is for inter-group only and 1 is for intra-group only.
 - intra_group_option, forward or backward or unconstrained, as described above.
 - sample_image_in_group, true if sampling one image at a time per group, false if generating all possible pairs.

File loader

For grouped data, the specific requirements for data stored in Nifti and h5 files are described as follows.

Nifti

Nifti data are stored in files with suffix .nii.gz. Each file should contain only one 3D or 4D tensor, corresponding to an image or a label.

obs is short for one observation of a data sample - a 3D image volume or a 3D/4D label volume - and the name can be any string.

All image data should be placed under images/. The label data should be placed under labels/, if available. These are *top* directories.

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The leaf directories will be considered as different groups, and file names should be consistent between top directories, e.g.:

```
    images

            group1
            obs1.nii.gz
            obs2.nii.gz
            ...

    Iabels

            group1
            obs1.nii.gz
            obs2.nii.gz
            ...
```

Check test grouped Nifti data as an example.

H5

H5 data are stored in files with suffix . h5. Hierarchical multi-level indexing is not used. Each file should contain multiple key-value pairs and values are 3D or 4D tensors. Each file is equivalent to a top folder in Nifti cases.

All image data should be placed under images.h5. The label data should be placed under labels.h5, if available.

The keys must satisfy a specific format, group-%d-%d, where %d represents an integer number. The first number corresponds to the group index, and the second number corresponds to the observation index. For example, group-3-2 corresponds to the second observation from the third group.

The keys should be consistent between files, e.g.:

```
images.h5 has keys:

"group-1-1"
"group-1-2"
...
"group-2-1"
...

labels.h5 has keys:

"group-1-1"
"group-1-2"
...
"group-2-1"
```

Check test grouped H5 data as an example.

3.14 Experimental Features

DeepReg provides some experimental features. These are still in development with variable levels of readiness.

The following tutorials provide an overview of these features. To submit feedback, open a new issue.

· Label sampling

3.14.1 Label sampling

Images may have multiple labels, such as with segmentation of different organs in CT scans. In this case, for each sampled image pair, one label pair is randomly chosen by default.

Corresponding label pairs

When using multiple labels, ensure the labels are ordered correctly. label_idx in [width, height, depth, label_idx] must be the same anatomical or pathological structure; a corresponding label pair between the moving and fixed labels.

Consistent label pairs

Consistent label pairs between a pair of moving and fixed labels requires:

- 1. The two images have the same number of labels, and
- 2. The labels have the same order

When a pair of moving and fixed images have inconsistent label pairs, label dissimilarity cannot be defined. The following applies:

- When using the unpaired-labeled-image loader, consistent label pairs are required;
- When using the grouped-labeled-image loader, consistent label pairs are required between intra-group image pairs;
- When mixing intra-inter-group images in the grouped-labeled-image loader, consistent label pairs are required between all intra-group and inter-group image pairs.

However,

- When using the paired-labeled-image loader, consistent label pairs are not required between different image pairs;
- When using the grouped-labeled-image loader without mixing intra-group and inter-group images, consistent label pairs are not required between different image groups.

Partially labeled image data

When one of the label dissimilarity measures prevents accidentally missing labels. When appropriate, enable training with missing labels with a placeholder all-zero mask for the imaging data.

Option for iterating all available label pairs

This option is default for testing. All the label pairs will be sampled once for each sampled image pair. This option is not supported when mixing intra-group and inter-group image pairs.

3.15 Entry Point

3.15.1 Train

Module to train a network using init files and a CLI.

deepreg.train.build_callbacks ($log_dir: str, histogram_freq: int, save_period: int) \rightarrow list$ Function to prepare callbacks for training.

Parameters

- log_dir directory of logs
- histogram_freq save the histogram every X epochs
- **save_period** save the checkpoint every X epochs

Returns a list of callbacks

```
deepreg.train.build_config (config_path: (<class 'str'>, <class 'list'>), log_root: str, log_dir: str, ckpt\_path: str, max\_epochs: int = -1) \rightarrow [<class 'dict'>, <class 'str'>] Function to initialise log directories, assert that checkpointed model is the right type and to parse the configuration for training.
```

Parameters

- config_path list of str, path to config file
- log_root str, root of logs
- log_dir str, path to where training logs to be stored.
- ckpt_path str, path where model is stored.
- max_epochs int, if max_epochs > 0, will use it to overwrite the configuration

Returns

- · config: a dictionary saving configuration
- log_dir: the path of directory to save logs

```
deepreg.train.main(args=None)
```

Entry point for train script.

Parameters

- **gpu** str, which local gpu to use to train
- config_path str, path to configuration set up
- qpu_allow_growth bool, whether or not to allocate whole GPU memory to training
- **ckpt_path** str, where to store training checkpoints

- log_root str, root of logs
- log_dir str, where to store logs in training
- max_epochs int, if max_epochs > 0, will use it to overwrite the configuration

3.15.2 Predict

Module to perform predictions on data using command line interface.

```
deepreg.predict.build_config(config_path: (<class 'str'>, <class 'list'>), log_root: str, log_dir: str, ckpt\_path: str) \rightarrow [<class 'dict'>, <class 'str'>] Function to create new directory to log directory to store results.
```

Parameters

- config_path string or list of strings, path of configuration files
- log_root str, root of logs
- log_dir string, path to store logs.
- ckpt_path str, path where model is stored.

Returns

- · config, configuration dictionary
- log_dir, path of the directory for saving outputs

```
deepreg.predict.build_pair_output_path (indices: list, save_dir: str) -> (<class 'str'>, <class 'str'>)

Create directory for saving the paired data
```

Parameters

- indices indices of the pair, the last one is for label
- save_dir directory of output

Returns

- save_dir, str, directory for saving the moving/fixed image
- label_dir, str, directory for saving the rest outputs

```
deepreg.predict.main(args=None)
```

Function to run in command line with argparse to predict results on data for a given model.

Function to predict some metrics from the saved model and logging results.

Parameters

- gpu str, which env gpu to use.
- **gpu_allow_growth** bool, whether to allow gpu growth or not
- ckpt_path str, where model is stored, should be like log_folder/save/xxx.ckpt
- mode train / valid / test, to define which split of dataset to be evaluated
- batch_size int, batch size to perform predictions in

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- log_dir str, path to store logs
- sample_label sample/all, not used
- save_nifti if true, outputs will be saved in nifti format
- **save_png** if true, outputs will be saved in png format
- config path to overwrite the default config

```
deepreg.predict.predict_on_dataset (dataset: tensorflow.data.Dataset, fixed_grid_ref: tensorflow.Tensor, model: tensorflow.keras.Model, model_method: str, save_dir: str, save_nifti: bool, save_png: bool)
```

Function to predict results from a dataset from some model

Parameters

- dataset where data is stored
- fixed_grid_ref shape=(1, f_dim1, f_dim2, f_dim3, 3)
- model model to be used for prediction
- model method str, ddf / dvf / affine / conditional
- save_dir str, path to store dir
- save_nifti if true, outputs will be saved in nifti format
- **save_png** if true, outputs will be saved in png format

3.15.3 Warp

Module to warp a image with given ddf. A CLI tool is provided.

```
deepreg.warp.main (args=None)
     Entry point for warp script.
deepreg.warp.warp(image_path: str, ddf_path: str, out_path: str)
```

Parameters

- image_path file path of the image file
- **ddf_path** file path of the ddf file
- out_path file path of the output

3.16 Dataset Loader

3.16.1 Paired Loader

Load paired image data. Supported formats: h5 and Nifti. Image data can be labeled or unlabeled.

```
class deepreg.dataset.loader.paired_loader.PairedDataLoader(file_loader,
                                                                                  data_dir_paths:
                                                                                              labeled:
                                                                                  List[str],
                                                                                  bool, sample_label:
                                                                                  str,
                                                                                        seed,
                                                                                                mov-
                                                                                  ing_image_shape:
                                                                                  (<class
                                                                                                'list'>.
                                                                                  <class
                                                                                             'tuple' > ),
                                                                                  fixed_image_shape:
                                                                                                'list'>,
                                                                                  (<class
                                                                                  <class 'tuple'>))
```

Load paired data using given file loader. The function sample_index_generator needs to be defined for the GeneratorDataLoader class.

Parameters

- file_loader -
- data_dir_paths path of the directories storing data, the data has to be saved under four different sub-directories: moving_images, fixed_images, moving_labels, fixed_labels
- labeled true if the data are labeled
- sample_label -
- seed -
- moving_image_shape (width, height, depth)
- fixed_image_shape (width, height, depth)

sample_index_generator()

Generate indexes in order to load data using the GeneratorDataLoader class.

```
validate_data_files()
```

Verify all loaders have the same files.

3.16.2 Unpaired Loader

Load unpaired data. Supported formats: h5 and Nifti. Image data can be labeled or unlabeled.

Load unpaired data using given file loader. Handles both labeled and unlabeled cases. The function sample_index_generator needs to be defined for the GeneratorDataLoader class.

Load data which are unpaired, labeled or unlabeled.

Parameters

• file_loader -

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- data_dir_paths paths of the directories storing data, the data has to be saved under four different sub-directories: images, labels
- sample_label -
- seed -
- image shape (width, height, depth)

close()

Close the moving files opened by the file_loaders.

```
sample_index_generator()
```

Generates sample indexes to load data using the GeneratorDataLoader class.

```
validate_data_files()
```

Verify all loader have the same files. Since fixed and moving loaders come from the same file_loader, there is no need to check both (avoid duplicate).

3.16.3 Grouped Loader

Load grouped data. Supported formats: h5 and Nifti. Image data can be labeled or unlabeled. Read https://deepreg.readthedocs.io/en/latest/api/loader.html#module-deepreg.dataset.loader.grouped_loader for more details.

class deepreg.dataset.loader.grouped_loader.GroupedDataLoader(file_loader,

data_dir_paths: List[str], labeled: bool. sample_label: (<class 'str'>, None), intra_group_prob: float, tra_group_option: str. sample_image_in_group: bool, seed: (<class *'int'*>, None), image_shape: (<class 'list'>, <class 'tuple'>))

Load grouped data. Yield indexes of images to load using sample_index_generator from GeneratorDataLoader. AbstractUnpairedLoader handles different file formats

Parameters

- file_loader a subclass of FileLoader
- data_dir_paths paths of the directory storing data, the data has to be saved under two different sub-directories:
 - images
 - labels
- labeled bool, true if the data is labeled, false if unlabeled
- sample_label "sample" or "all", read get_label_indices in deepreg/dataset/util.py for more details.

- intra_group_prob float between 0 and 1,
 - 0 means generating only inter-group samples,
 - 1 means generating only intra-group samples
- intra_group_option str, "forward", "backward, or "unconstrained"
- sample_image_in_group bool,
 - if true, only one image pair will be yielded for each group, so one epoch has num_groups pairs of data,
 - if false, iterate through this loader will generate all possible pairs
- seed controls the randomness in sampling, if seed=None, then the randomness is not fixed
- **image_shape** list or tuple of length 3, corresponding to (dim1, dim2, dim3) of the 3D image

close()

Close file loaders

$get_inter_sample_indices() \rightarrow list$

Calculate the sample indices for inter-group sampling The index to identify a sample is (group1, image1, group2, image2), means

- image1 of group1 is moving image
- image2 of group2 is fixed image

All pairs of images in the dataset are registered. Assuming group i has ni images, and that N=[n1, n2, ..., nI], then in total the number of samples are: sum(N) * (sum(N)-1) - sum(N * (N-1))

Returns a list of sample indices

$\texttt{get}_{\texttt{intra}}$ $\texttt{sample}_{\texttt{indices}}() \rightarrow list$

Calculate the sample indices for intra-group sampling The index to identify a sample is (group1, image1, group2, image2), means - image1 of group1 is moving image - image2 of group2 is fixed image

Assuming group i has ni images, then in total the number of samples are - sum(ni * (ni-1) / 2) for forward/backward - sum(ni * (ni-1)) for unconstrained

Returns a list of sample indices

sample_index_generator()

Yield (moving_index, fixed_index, image_indices) sequentially, where

- moving index = (group1, image1)
- fixed_index = (group2, image2)
- image_indices = [group1, image1, group2, image2]

validate_data_files()

If the data are labeled, verify image loader and label loader have the same files.

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3.17 File Loader

3.17.1 Interface

Interface / abstract class to load data from multiple directories.

Parameters

- dir_paths path to the directory of the data set
- name name is used to identify the subdirectories or file names
- grouped true if the data is grouped

close()

Close opened file handles if exist.

```
get_data (index: (<class 'int'>, <class 'tuple'>))
```

Get one data array by specifying an index.

Parameters index – the data index which is required

- for paired or unpaired, the index is one single int, data_index
- for grouped, the index is a tuple of two ints, (group_index, in_group_data_index)

Returns the data array at the specified index

get_data_ids()

Return the unique IDs of the data in this data set. This function is used to verify the consistency between moving and fixed images and label.

$\mathtt{get_num_groups}() \rightarrow \mathrm{int}$

Return the number of groups in grouped data set.

Returns int, number of groups in this data set, if grouped

```
\mathtt{get\_num\_images}() \rightarrow \mathrm{int}
```

Return the number of image in this data set.

Returns int, number of images in this data set

```
\texttt{get\_num\_images\_per\_group}() \rightarrow List[int]
```

Return the number of images in each group. Each group must have at least one image.

Returns a list of integers, representing the number of images in each group.

set_data_structure()

Store the data structure in memory to retrieve data using data_index.

set_group_structure()

In addition to set_data_structure, store the group structure in the group_struct so that group_struct[group_index] = list of data_index and data can be retrieved data by data_index = group_struct[group_index][in_group_data_index]

3.17.2 Nifti Loader

Generalized loader for nifti files.

Parameters

- dir_paths path to the directory of the data set
- name name is used to identify the subdirectories or file names
- grouped true if the data is grouped

close()

Close opened files.

```
get_data (index: (\langle class \ 'int' \rangle, \langle class \ 'tuple' \rangle)) \rightarrow numpy.ndarray Get one data array by specifying an index
```

Parameters index – the data index which is required

- for paired or unpaired, the index is one single int, data_index
- for grouped, the index is a tuple of two ints, (group_index, in_group_data_index)

Returns arr the data array at the specified index

```
get_data_ids()
```

Return the unique IDs of the data in this data set this function is used to verify the consistency between images and label, moving and fixed.

Returns data_path_splits but without suffix

```
{\tt get\_num\_images} \; () \; \rightarrow int
```

Returns int, number of images in this data set

```
set data structure()
```

Store the data structure in the memory so that we can retrieve data using data_index this function sets data_path_splits, a list of string tuples to identify path of data

- if grouped, a split is (dir_path, group_path, file_name, suffix) data is stored in dir_path/name/group_path/file_name.suffix
- if not grouped, a split is (dir_path, file_name, suffix) data is stored in dir_path/name/file_name.suffix

set_group_structure()

In addition to set_data_structure store the group structure in the group_struct so that group_struct[group_index] = list of data_index we can retrieve data using (group_index, in_group_data_index) data_index = group_struct[group_index][in_group_data_index]

```
deepreg.dataset.loader.nifti_loader.load_nifti_file(file_path: str) → numpy.ndarray
```

Parameters file_path – path of a Nifti file with suffix .nii or .nii.gz

Returns return the numpy array

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3.17.3 H5 Loader

Load h5 files and associated information.

Parameters

- **dir_paths** path to the directory of the data set
- name name is used to identify the subdirectories or file names
- grouped true if the data is grouped

close()

Close opened h5 file handles.

```
get_data (index: (< class 'int'>, < class 'tuple'>)) \rightarrow numpy.ndarray Get one data array by specifying an index
```

Parameters index – the data index which is required

- for paired or unpaired, the index is one single int, data_index
- for grouped, the index is a tuple of two ints, (group_index, in_group_data_index)

Returns arr the data array at the specified index

```
get_data_ids()
```

Get the unique IDs of data in this data set to verify consistency between images and label, moving and fixed.

Returns data_path_splits as the data can be identified using dir_path and data_key

```
\mathtt{get\_num\_images} () \rightarrow \mathrm{int}
```

Returns int, number of images in this data set

```
set data structure()
```

Store the data structure in memory so that we can retrieve data using data_index. This function sets two attributes:

- h5 files, a dict such that h5 files[dir path] = opened h5 file handle
- data_path_splits, a list of string tuples to identify path of data
 - if grouped, a split is (dir_path, group_name, data_key) such that data = h5_files[dir_path]["group-{group_name}-{data_key}"]
 - if not grouped, a split is (dir_path, data_key) such that data = h5_files[dir_path][data_key]

set_group_structure()

Similar to NiftiLoader as the first two tokens of a split forms a group_id. Store the group structure in group_struct so that group_struct[group_index] = list of data_index. Retrieve data using (group_index, in_group_data_index). data_index = group_struct[group_index][in_group_data_index].

3.18 Network

3.18.1 DDF / DVF Network

```
deepreg.model.network.ddf_dvf.build_ddf_dvf_model (moving_image_size: tuple, fixed_image_size: tuple, in-dex_size: int, labeled: bool, batch_size: int, train_config: dict) \rightarrow tensorflow.keras.Model
```

Build a model which outputs DDF/DVF.

Parameters

- $moving_image_size (m_dim1, m_dim2, m_dim3)$
- $fixed_image_size (f_dim1, f_dim2, f_dim3)$
- index_size int, the number of indices for identifying a sample
- labeled bool, indicating if the data is labeled
- batch size int, size of mini-batch
- train_config config for the model and loss

Returns the built tf.keras.Model

```
deepreg.model.network.ddf_dvf.ddf_forward (backbone: tensorflow.keras.Model, moving_image: tensorflow.Tensor, fixed_image: tensorflow.Tensor, moving_label: tensorflow.Tensor, None, moving_image_size: tuple, fixed_image_size: tuple, fixed_image_size: tuple, output_dvf: bool) \rightarrow [tensorflow.Tensor, None, tensorflow.Tensor, tensorflow.Tensor, tensorflow.Tensor, None, tensorflow.Tensor, None, tensorflow.Tensor, None, tensorflow.Tensor]
```

Perform the network forward pass.

Parameters

- backbone model architecture object, e.g. model.backbone.local_net
- moving_image tensor of shape (batch, m_dim1, m_dim2, m_dim3)
- **fixed_image** tensor of shape (batch, f_dim1, f_dim2, f_dim3)
- moving_label tensor of shape (batch, m_dim1, m_dim2, m_dim3) or None
- moving_image_size tuple like (m_dim1, m_dim2, m_dim3)
- fixed_image_size tuple like (f_dim1, f_dim2, f_dim3)
- output_dvf bool, if true, model outputs dvf, if false, model outputs ddf

Returns

(dvf, ddf, pred_fixed_image, pred_fixed_label, fixed_grid), where

- dvf is the dense velocity field of shape (batch, f_dim1, f_dim2, f_dim3, 3)
- ddf is the dense displacement field of shape (batch, f_dim1, f_dim2, f_dim3, 3)
- pred_fixed_image is the predicted (warped) moving image of shape (batch, f_dim1, f_dim2, f_dim3)

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- pred_fixed_label is the predicted (warped) moving label of shape (batch, f_dim1, f_dim2, f_dim3)
- fixed_grid is the grid of shape(f_dim1, f_dim2, f_dim3, 3)

3.18.2 Conditional Network

```
deepreg.model.network.cond.build_conditional_model (moving_image_size: tuple, fixed_image_size: tuple, in-dex_size: int, labeled: bool, batch_size: int, train_config: dict) \rightarrow tensorflow.keras.Model
```

Build a model which outputs predicted fixed label.

Parameters

- moving_image_size (m_dim1, m_dim2, m_dim3)
- fixed_image_size (f_dim1, f_dim2, f_dim3)
- index_size int, the number of indices for identifying a sample
- labeled bool, indicating if the data is labeled
- batch_size int, size of mini-batch
- train_config config for the model and loss

Returns the built tf.keras.Model

```
deepreg.model.network.cond.conditional_forward (backbone: tensorflow.keras.Model, moving_image: tensorflow.Tensor, fixed_image: tensorflow.Tensor, moving_label: tensorflow.Tensor, None, moving_image_size: tuple, fixed_image_size: tuple) \rightarrow [tensorflow.Tensor]
```

Perform the network forward pass.

Parameters

- backbone model architecture object, e.g. model.backbone.local_net
- moving_image tensor of shape (batch, m_dim1, m_dim2, m_dim3)
- **fixed_image** tensor of shape (batch, f_dim1, f_dim2, f_dim3)
- moving_label tensor of shape (batch, m_dim1, m_dim2, m_dim3) or None
- moving_image_size tuple like (m_dim1, m_dim2, m_dim3)
- fixed image size tuple like (f dim1, f dim2, f dim3)

Returns

(pred_fixed_label, fixed_grid), where

- pred_fixed_label is the predicted (warped) moving label of shape (batch, f_dim1, f_dim2, f dim3)
- fixed_grid is the grid of shape(f_dim1, f_dim2, f_dim3, 3)

3.18.3 Affine Network

```
deepreg.model.network.affine.affine_forward(backbone: tensorflow.keras.Model, mov-
ing_image: tensorflow.Tensor, fixed_image:
tensorflow.Tensor, moving_label: tensor-
flow.Tensor, None, moving_image_size: tu-
ple, fixed_image_size: tuple)
```

Perform the network forward pass.

Parameters

- backbone model architecture object, e.g. model.backbone.local_net
- moving_image tensor of shape (batch, m_dim1, m_dim2, m_dim3)
- **fixed_image** tensor of shape (batch, f_dim1, f_dim2, f_dim3)
- moving_label tensor of shape (batch, m_dim1, m_dim2, m_dim3) or None
- moving_image_size tuple like (m_dim1, m_dim2, m_dim3)
- fixed_image_size tuple like (f_dim1, f_dim2, f_dim3)

Returns

tuple(affine, ddf, pred_fixed_image, pred_fixed_label, fixed_grid), where

- affine is the affine transformation matrix predicted by the network (batch, 4, 3)
- ddf is the dense displacement field of shape (batch, f_dim1, f_dim2, f_dim3, 3)
- pred_fixed_image is the predicted (warped) moving image of shape (batch, f_dim1, f_dim2, f_dim3)
- pred_fixed_label is the predicted (warped) moving label of shape (batch, f_dim1, f_dim2, f_dim3)
- fixed_grid is the grid of shape(f_dim1, f_dim2, f_dim3, 3)

Build a model which outputs the parameters for affine transformation.

Parameters

- moving image size (m dim1, m dim2, m dim3)
- fixed_image_size (f_dim1, f_dim2, f_dim3)
- index_size int, the number of indices for identifying a sample
- labeled bool, indicating if the data is labeled
- batch size int, size of mini-batch
- train_config config for the model and loss

Returns the built tf.keras.Model

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Parsing algorithm types to model building functions.

Parameters

- moving_image_size [m_dim1, m_dim2, m_dim3]
- fixed_image_size [f_dim1, f_dim2, f_dim3]
- index_size dataset size
- labeled true if the label of moving/fixed images are provided
- batch_size mini-batch size
- train_config train configuration

Returns the built tf.keras.Model

Module to build backbone modules based on passed inputs.

```
deepreg.model.network.util.add_ddf_loss(model: tensorflow.keras.Model, ddf: tensorflow.Tensor, loss_config: dict) \rightarrow tensorflow.keras.Model
```

Add regularization loss of ddf into model.

Parameters

- model tf.keras.Model
- **ddf** tensor of shape (batch, m_dim1, m_dim2, m_dim3, 3)
- loss_config config for loss

```
deepreg.model.network.util.add_image_loss (model: tensorflow.keras.Model, fixed_image: tensorflow.Tensor, pred_fixed_image: tensorflow.Tensor, loss_config: dict) \rightarrow tensorflow.keras.Model
```

Add image dissimilarity loss of ddf into model.

Parameters

- model tf.keras.Model
- **fixed_image** tensor of shape (batch, f_dim1, f_dim2, f_dim3)
- pred_fixed_image tensor of shape (batch, f_dim1, f_dim2, f_dim3)
- loss_config config for loss

```
deepreg.model.network.util.add_label_loss(model: tensorflow.keras.Model, grid_fixed: tensorflow.Tensor, fixed_label: tensorflow.Tensor, None, pred_fixed_label: tensorflow.Tensor, None, loss_config: dict) \rightarrow tensorflow.keras.Model
```

Add label dissimilarity loss of ddf into model.

Parameters

- model tf.keras.Model
- grid_fixed tensor of shape (f_dim1, f_dim2, f_dim3, 3)
- **fixed_label** tensor of shape (batch, f_dim1, f_dim2, f_dim3)

- pred_fixed_label tensor of shape (batch, f_dim1, f_dim2, f_dim3)
- loss_config config for loss

```
deepreg.model.network.util.build_backbone (image_size: tuple, out_channels: int, config: dict, method_name: str, registry: deepreg.registry.Registry = <deepreg.registry.Registry object>) \rightarrow tensor-flow.keras.Model
```

Backbone model accepts a single input of shape (batch, dim1, dim2, dim3, ch_in) and returns a single output of shape (batch, dim1, dim2, dim3, ch_out).

Parameters

- image_size tuple, dims of image, (dim1, dim2, dim3)
- out_channels int, number of out channels, ch_out
- method name str, one of ddf, dvf and conditional
- config dict, backbone configuration
- registry the registry object having all backbone classes

Returns tf.keras.Model

```
deepreg.model.network.util.build_inputs (moving_image_size: tuple, fixed_image_size: tuple, index_size: int, batch_size: int, labeled: bool)

→ [tensorflow.keras.Input, tensorflow.keras.Input, tensorflow.keras.Input, tensorflow.keras.Input]
```

Configure a pair of moving and fixed images and a pair of moving and fixed labels as model input and returns model input tf.keras.Input

TODO do we absolutely need the batch_size in Input?

Parameters

- moving image size tuple, dims of moving images, (m dim1, m dim2, m dim3)
- fixed_image_size tuple, dims of fixed images, (f_dim1, f_dim2, f_dim3)
- index_size int, dataset size (number of images)
- batch size int, mini-batch size
- labeled Boolean, true if we have label data

Returns 5 (if labeled=True) or 3 (if labeled=False) tf.keras.Input objects

3.19 Network Backbone

3.19.1 Local Net

```
class deepreg.model.backbone.local_net.LocalNet (*args: Any, **kwargs: Any) Build LocalNet for image registration.
```

Reference:

• Hu, Yipeng, et al. "Weakly-supervised convolutional neural networks for multimodal image registration." Medical image analysis 49 (2018): 1-13. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.media.2018.07.002

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• Hu, Yipeng, et al. "Label-driven weakly-supervised learning for multimodal deformable image registration," https://arxiv.org/abs/1711.01666

Image is encoded gradually, i from level 0 to E, then it is decoded gradually, j from level E to D. Some of the decoded levels are used for generating extractions.

So, extract_levels are between [0, E] with $E = max(extract_levels)$, and $D = min(extract_levels)$.

Parameters

- image size tuple, such as (dim1, dim2, dim3)
- out_channels int, number of channels for the extractions
- num_channel_initial int, number of initial channels.
- extract_levels list of int, number of extraction levels.
- out_kernel_initializer str, initializer to use for kernels.
- out_activation str, activation to use at end layer.
- kwargs -

call (*inputs*, *training=None*, *mask=None*)

Build LocalNet graph based on built layers.

Parameters

- inputs image batch, shape = (batch, f_dim1, f_dim2, f_dim3, ch)
- training None or bool.
- mask None or tf. Tensor.

Returns tf.Tensor, shape = (batch, f_dim1, f_dim2, f_dim3, out_channels)

3.19.2 Global Net

class deepreg.model.backbone.global_net.**GlobalNet**(*args: Any, **kwargs: Any) Build GlobalNet for image registration.

Reference:

• Hu, Yipeng, et al. "Label-driven weakly-supervised learning for multimodal deformable image registration," https://arxiv.org/abs/1711.01666

Image is encoded gradually, i from level 0 to E. Then, a densely-connected layer outputs an affine transformation.

Parameters

- image_size tuple, such as (dim1, dim2, dim3)
- out_channels int, number of channels for the output
- num_channel_initial int, number of initial channels
- extract_levels list, which levels from net to extract
- out_kernel_initializer str, which kernel to use as initializer
- out_activation str, activation at last layer
- kwargs -

call (inputs, training=None, mask=None)

Build GlobalNet graph based on built layers.

Parameters

- inputs image batch, shape = (batch, f_dim1, f_dim2, f_dim3, ch)
- training None or bool.
- mask None or tf. Tensor.

Returns tf. Tensor, shape = (batch, dim1, dim2, dim3, 3)

3.19.3 U-Net

class deepreg.model.backbone.u_net.**UNet**(*args: Any, **kwargs: Any) Class that implements an adapted 3D UNet.

Reference:

• O. Ronneberger, P. Fischer, and T. Brox, "U-net: Convolutional networks for biomedical image segmentation,", Lecture Notes in Computer Science, 2015, vol. 9351, pp. 234–241. https://arxiv.org/abs/1505.04597

Initialise UNet.

Parameters

- image_size tuple, (dim1, dim2, dim3), dims of input image.
- out_channels int, number of channels for the output
- num_channel_initial int, number of initial channels
- **depth** int, input is at level 0, bottom is at level depth
- out_kernel_initializer str, which kernel to use as initializer
- out_activation str, activation at last layer
- **pooling** Boolean, for downsampling, use non-parameterized pooling if true, otherwise use conv3d
- concat_skip Boolean, when upsampling, concatenate skipped tensor if true, otherwise
 use addition
- kwarqs -

call (inputs, training=None, mask=None)

Builds graph based on built layers.

Parameters

- inputs shape = [batch, f_dim1, f_dim2, f_dim3, in_channels]
- training -
- mask -

Returns shape = [batch, f_dim1, f_dim2, f_dim3, out_channels]

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3.20 Layer

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Activation

```
class deepreg.model.layer.Activation(*args: Any, **kwargs: Any)
    Layer wraps tf.keras.activations.get().
```

Parameters

- identifier e.g. "relu"
- kwargs -

AdditiveUpSampling

```
class deepreg.model.layer.AdditiveUpSampling(*args: Any, **kwargs: Any)

Layer up-samples 3d tensor and reduce channels using split and sum.
```

Parameters

- output_shape (out_dim1, out_dim2, out_dim3)
- strides int, 1-D Tensor or list
- kwargs -

call (inputs, **kwargs)

Parameters

- inputs shape = (batch, dim1, dim2, dim3, channels)
- kwargs -

Returns shape = (batch, out_dim1, out_dim2, out_dim3, channels//stride]

Conv3d

Parameters

- filters number of channels of the output
- **kernel_size** int or tuple of 3 ints, e.g. (3,3,3) or 3
- **strides** int or tuple of 3 ints, e.g. (1,1,1) or 1
- padding str, same or valid
- activation str, defines the activation function
- use_bias bool, whether add bias to output
- **kernel_initializer** str, defines the initialization method, defines the initialization method

Conv3dBlock

```
class deepreg.model.layer.Conv3dBlock(*args: Any, **kwargs: Any)
A conv3d block having conv3d - norm - activation.
```

Parameters

- filters number of channels of the output
- **kernel_size** int or tuple of 3 ints, e.g. (3,3,3) or 3
- **strides** int or tuple of 3 ints, e.g. (1,1,1) or 1
- padding str, same or valid

call (inputs, training=None, **kwargs)

Parameters

- inputs shape = (batch, in_dim1, in_dim2, in_dim3, channels)
- training training flag for normalization layers (default: None)
- kwargs -

Returns shape = (batch, in_dim1, in_dim2, in_dim3, channels)

Conv3dWithResize

```
class deepreg.model.layer.Conv3dWithResize(*args: Any, **kwargs: Any)
    A layer contains conv3d - resize3d.
```

Parameters

- output_shape tuple, (out_dim1, out_dim2, out_dim3)
- filters int, number of channels of the output
- **kernel initializer** str, defines the initialization method
- activation str, defines the activation function
- kwargs -

call (inputs, **kwargs)

Parameters

- inputs shape = (batch, dim1, dim2, dim3, channels)
- kwargs -

Returns shape = (batch, out_dim1, out_dim2, out_dim3, channels)

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Deconv3d

```
class deepreg.model.layer.Deconv3d(*args: Any, **kwargs: Any)

Layer wraps tf.keras.layers.Conv3DTranspose and does not requires input shape when initializing.
```

Parameters

- filters number of channels of the output
- output_shape (out_dim1, out_dim2, out_dim3)
- **kernel_size** int or tuple of 3 ints, e.g. (3,3,3) or 3
- **strides** int or tuple of 3 ints, e.g. (1,1,1) or 1
- padding str, same or valid
- kwargs -

Deconv3dBlock

```
class deepreg.model.layer.Deconv3dBlock (*args: Any, **kwargs: Any)
    A deconv3d block having deconv3d - norm - activation.
```

Parameters

- filters number of channels of the output
- output_shape (out_dim1, out_dim2, out_dim3)
- **kernel_size** int or tuple of 3 ints, e.g. (3,3,3) or 3
- **strides** int or tuple of 3 ints, e.g. (1,1,1) or 1
- padding str, same or valid
- kwargs -

call (inputs, training=None, **kwargs)

Parameters

- inputs shape = (batch, in_dim1, in_dim2, in_dim3, channels)
- training training flag for normalization layers (default: None)
- kwarqs -

Return output shape = (batch, in_dim1, in_dim2, in_dim3, channels)

Dense

```
class deepreg.model.layer.Dense(*args: Any, **kwargs: Any)

Layer wraps tf.keras.layers.Dense and flattens input if necessary.
```

Parameters

- units number of hidden units
- bias_initializer str, default "zeros"
- kwargs -

call (inputs, **kwargs)

Parameters

```
• inputs – shape = (batch, *vol_dim, channels)
```

• kwargs - (not used)

Returns shape = (batch, units)

DownSampleResnetBlock

class deepreg.model.layer.**DownSampleResnetBlock** (*args: Any, **kwargs: Any) A down-sampling resnet conv3d block, with max-pooling or conv3d.

- 1. conved = conv3d block(inputs) # adjust channel
- 2. skip = residual_block(conved) # develop feature
- 3. pooled = pool(skip) # down-sample

Parameters

- filters number of channels of the output
- **kernel_size** int or tuple of 3 ints, e.g. (3,3,3) or 3
- padding str, same or valid

call (inputs, training=None, **kwargs)

Parameters

- inputs shape = (batch, in_dim1, in_dim2, in_dim3, channels)
- training training flag for normalization layers (default: None)
- kwargs -

Returns

(pooled, skip)

- downsampled, shape = (batch, in_dim1//2, in_dim2//2, in_dim3//2, channels)
- skipped, shape = (batch, in_dim1, in_dim2, in_dim3, channels)

IntDVF

Reference:

• integrate_vec of neuron https://github.com/adalca/neurite/blob/legacy/neuron/utils.py

Parameters

- fixed_image_size tuple, (f_dim1, f_dim2, f_dim3)
- num_steps int, number of steps for integration
- kwargs -

call (inputs, **kwargs)

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Parameters

- inputs dvf, shape = (batch, f_dim1, f_dim2, f_dim3, 3), type = float32
- kwargs -

Returns ddf, shape = (batch, f_dim1, f_dim2, f_dim3, 3)

LocalNetResidual3dBlock

class deepreg.model.layer.LocalNetResidual3dBlock (*args: Any, **kwargs: Any)
A resnet conv3d block, simpler than Residual3dBlock.

- 1. conved = conv3d(inputs)
- 2. out = act(norm(conved) + inputs)

Parameters

- filters number of channels of the output
- **kernel_size** int or tuple of 3 ints, e.g. (3,3,3) or 3
- **strides** int or tuple of 3 ints, e.g. (1,1,1) or 1
- kwargs -

LocalNetUpSampleResnetBlock

class deepreg.model.layer.**LocalNetUpSampleResnetBlock** (*args: Any, **kwargs: Any) Layer up-samples tensor with two inputs (skipped and down-sampled).

Parameters

- **filters** int, number of output channels
- use_additive_upsampling bool to used additive upsampling (default is True)
- kwargs -

build(input_shape)

Parameters input_shape - tuple (nonskip_tensor_shape, skip_tensor_shape)

call (inputs, training=None, **kwargs)

Parameters

- inputs list = [inputs_nonskip, inputs_skip]
- training training flag for normalization layers (default: None)
- kwarqs -

Returns

MaxPool3d

Parameters

- pool_size int or tuple of 3 ints
- strides int or tuple of 3 ints or None, if None default will be pool_size
- padding str, same or valid
- kwargs -

Norm

```
class deepreg.model.layer.Norm(*args: Any, **kwargs: Any)
Class merges batch norm and layer norm.
```

Parameters

- name str, batch_norm or layer_norm
- axis int
- kwargs -

Residual3dBlock

```
class deepreg.model.layer.Residual3dBlock(*args: Any, **kwargs: Any)
          A resnet conv3d block.
```

- 1. conved = conv3d(conv3d_block(inputs))
- 2. out = act(norm(conved) + inputs)

Parameters

- filters int, number of filters in the convolutional layers
- **kernel_size** int or tuple of 3 ints, e.g. (3,3,3) or 3
- **strides** int or tuple of 3 ints, e.g. (1,1,1) or 1
- kwargs -

call (inputs, training=None, **kwargs)

Parameters

- inputs shape = (batch, in_dim1, in_dim2, in_dim3, channels)
- training training flag for normalization layers (default: None)
- kwargs -

Return output shape = (batch, in_dim1, in_dim2, in_dim3, channels)

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UpSampleResnetBlock

```
class deepreg.model.layer.UpSampleResnetBlock(*args: Any, **kwargs: Any)
    An up-sampling resnet conv3d block, with deconv3d.
```

Parameters

- filters number of channels of the output
- **kernel_size** int or tuple of 3 ints, e.g. (3,3,3) or 3
- **concat** bool, specify how to combine input and skip connection images. If True, use concatenation if false use sum (default=False).
- kwargs -

build(input_shape)

Parameters input_shape – tuple, (downsampled_image_shape, skip_connection image_shape)

call (inputs, training=None, **kwargs)

Parameters

- inputs tuple
 - down-sampled
 - skipped
- training training flag for normalization layers (default: None)
- kwargs -

Returns shape = (batch, *skip_connection_image_shape, filters]

Warping

Reference:

transform of neuron https://github.com/adalca/neurite/blob/legacy/neuron/utils.py

```
where vol = image, loc\_shift = ddf
```

Parameters

- **fixed_image_size** shape = (f_dim1, f_dim2, f_dim3) or (f_dim1, f_dim2, f_dim3, ch) with the last channel for features
- kwargs -

call (inputs, **kwargs)

Parameters

- inputs (ddf, image)
 - ddf, shape = (batch, f_dim1, f_dim2, f_dim3, 3), dtype = float32
 - image, shape = (batch, m_dim1, m_dim2, m_dim3), dtype = float32
- kwargs -

Returns shape = (batch, f_dim1 , f_dim2 , f_dim3)

3.20.2 Util

Module containing utilities for layer inputs

```
deepreq.model.layer_util.get_n_bits_combinations (num_bits: int) → list
```

Function returning list containing all combinations of n bits. Given num_bits binary bits, each bit has value 0 or 1, there are in total 2**n_bits combinations.

Parameters num_bits - int, number of combinations to evaluate

Returns a list of length 2**n_bits, return[i] is the binary representation of the decimal integer.

Example

```
>>> from deepreg.model.layer_util import get_n_bits_combinations
>>> get_n_bits_combinations(3)

[[0, 0, 0], # 0

[0, 0, 1], # 1

[0, 1, 0], # 2

[0, 1, 1], # 3

[1, 0, 0], # 4

[1, 0, 1], # 5

[1, 1, 0], # 6

[1, 1, 1]] # 7
```

Generate a 3D grid with given size.

Reference:

volshape_to_meshgrid of neuron https://github.com/adalca/neurite/blob/legacy/neuron/utils.py
 neuron modifies meshgrid to make it faster, however local benchmark suggests tf.meshgrid is better

Note:

for tf.meshgrid, in the 3-D case with inputs of length M, N and P, outputs are of shape (N, M, P) for 'xy' indexing and (M, N, P) for 'ij' indexing.

```
Parameters grid_size - list or tuple of size 3, [dim1, dim2, dim3]
```

```
Returns shape = [\dim 1, \dim 2, \dim 3, 3], \operatorname{grid}[i, j, k, :] = [i j k]
```

```
deepreg.model.layer_util.pyramid_combination(values: list, weights: list) \rightarrow tensor-flow.Tensor
```

Calculates linear interpolation (a weighted sum) using values of hypercube corners in dimension n.

For example, when $num_dimension = len(loc_shape) = num_bits = 3$ values correspond to values at corners of following coordinates

```
[[0, 0, 0], # even
[0, 0, 1], # odd
[0, 1, 0], # even
[0, 1, 1], # odd
[1, 0, 0], # even
[1, 0, 1], # odd
[1, 1, 0], # even
[1, 1, 1]] # odd
```

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values[::2] correspond to the corners with last coordinate == 0

```
[[0, 0, 0],
[0, 1, 0],
[1, 0, 0],
[1, 1, 0]]
```

values[1::2] correspond to the corners with last coordinate == 1

```
[[0, 0, 1],
[0, 1, 1],
[1, 0, 1],
[1, 1, 1]]
```

The weights correspond to the floor corners. For example, when num_dimension = $len(loc_shape) = num_bits$ = 3, weights = [w1, w2, w3] (ignoring the batch dimension).

So for corner with coords (x, y, z), x, y, z's values are 0 or 1

- weight for x = w1 if x = 0 else 1-w1
- weight for y = w2 if y = 0 else 1-w2
- weight for z = w3 if z = 0 else 1-w3

so the weight for (x, y, z) is

$$W_{xyz} = ((1-x) * w1 + x * (1-w1)) * ((1-y) * w2 + y * (1-w2)) * ((1-z) * w3 + z * (1-w3))$$
$$= (W_{xy} * (1-z)) * w3 + (W_{xy} * z) * (1-w3)$$

where W_xy is the weight for (x, y), let

- $W_xy0 = W_xy * w3$
- W xy1 = W xy * (1-w3)

So, the final sum V equals

```
sum over x,y,z (V_xyz * W_xyz)

= sum over x,y ( V_xy0 * W_xy0 + V_xy1 * W_xy1 )

= sum over x,y ( V_xy0 * W_xy * w3 + V_xy1 * W_xy * (1-w3) )

= sum over x,y ( W_xy * (V_xy0 * w3 + V_xy1 * W_xy * (1-w3)) )
```

That's why we call this pyramid combination. It calculates the linear interpolation gradually, starting from the last dimension. The key is that the weight of each corner is the product of the weights along each dimension.

Parameters

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- values a list having values on the corner, it has 2**n tensors of shape (*loc_shape) or (batch, *loc_shape) or (batch, *loc_shape, ch) the order is consistent with get n bits combinations loc shape is independent from n, aka num dim
- weights a list having weights of floor points, it has n tensors of shape (*loc_shape) or (batch, *loc_shape) or (batch, *loc_shape, 1)

Returns one tensor of the same shape as an element in values (*loc_shape) or (batch, *loc_shape) or (batch, *loc_shape, 1)

```
deepreg.model.layer_util.random_transform_generator(batch_size: int, scale: float, seed: (<class 'int'>, None) = None) \rightarrow tensorflow.Tensor
```

Function that generates a random 3D transformation parameters for a batch of data.

for 3D coordinates, affine transformation is

where each * represents a degree of freedom, so there are in total 12 degrees of freedom the equation can be denoted as

$$new = old * T$$

where

- new is the transformed coordinates, of shape (1, 4)
- old is the original coordinates, of shape (1, 4)
- T is the transformation matrix, of shape (4, 4)

the equation can be simplified to

so that

$$new = old * T$$

where

- new is the transformed coordinates, of shape (1, 3)
- old is the original coordinates, of shape (1, 4)
- T is the transformation matrix, of shape (4, 3)

Given original and transformed coordinates, we can calculate the transformation matrix using

$$x = np.linalg.lstsq(a, b)$$

such that

$$a x = b$$

In our case,

- a = old
- b = new
- x = T

To generate random transformation, we choose to add random perturbation to corner coordinates as follows: for corner of coordinates (x, y, z), the noise is

$$-(x, y, z) .* (r1, r2, r3)$$

where ri is a random number between (0, scale). So

$$(x', y', z') = (x, y, z) .* (1-r1, 1-r2, 1-r3)$$

Thus, we can directly sample between 1-scale and 1 instead

We choose to calculate the transformation based on four corners in a cube centered at (0, 0, 0). A cube is shown as below, where

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- C = (-1, -1, -1)
- G = (-1, -1, 1)
- D = (-1, 1, -1)
- A = (1, -1, -1)

Parameters

- batch_size int
- scale a float number between 0 and 1
- seed control the randomness

Returns shape = (batch, 4, 3)

deepreg.model.layer_util.resample (vol, loc, interpolation='linear')
Sample the volume at given locations.

Input has

• volume, vol, of shape = (batch, v_dim 1, ..., v_dim n), or (batch, v_dim 1, ..., v_dim n, ch), where n is the dimension of volume, ch is the extra dimension as features.

Denote vol_shape = $(v_dim 1, ..., v_dim n)$

• location, loc, of shape = (batch, $l_{dim 1}, ..., l_{dim m}, n$), where m is the dimension of output.

Denote loc_shape = $(1_dim 1, ..., 1_dim m)$

Reference:

• neuron's interpn https://github.com/adalca/neurite/blob/legacy/neuron/utils.py

Difference

- 1. they dont have batch size
- 2. they support more dimensions in vol

TODO try not using stack as neuron claims it's slower

Parameters

- vol shape = (batch, *vol_shape) or (batch, *vol_shape, ch) with the last channel for features
- loc shape = (batch, *loc_shape, n) such that loc[b, 11, ..., ln, :] = [v1, ..., vn] is of shape (n,), which represents a point in vol, with coordinates (v1, ..., vn)
- interpolation linear only, TODO support nearest

Returns shape = (batch, $l_dim 1, ..., l_dim n$)

```
deepreg.model.layer_util.resize3d(image: tensorflow.Tensor, size: (<class 'tuple'>, <class 'list'>), method: str = tensorflow.Tensor flow.image.ResizeMethod.BILINEAR) \rightarrow tensorflow.Tensor Tensorflow does not have resize 3d, therefore the resize is performed two folds.
```

- resize dim2 and dim3
- resize dim1 and dim2

Parameters

- image tensor of shape = (batch, dim1, dim2, dim3, channels) or (batch, dim1, dim2, dim3) or (dim1, dim2, dim3)
- size tuple, (out_dim1, out_dim2, out_dim3)
- method str, one of tf.image.ResizeMethod

Returns tensor of shape = (batch, out_dim1, out_dim2, out_dim3, channels) or (batch, dim1, dim2, dim3) or (dim1, dim2, dim3)

 $\label{layer_util.warp_grid} \mbox{$($grid:$ tensorflow.Tensor, theta: tensorflow.Tensor$)$} \rightarrow \mbox{tensor}$ Perform transformation on the grid.

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- $grid_padded[i,j,k,:] = [i j k 1]$
- grid_warped[b,i,j,k,p] = sum_over_q (grid_padded[i,j,k,q] * theta[b,q,p])

Parameters

- grid shape = (dim1, dim2, dim3, 3), grid[i,j,k,:] = [i j k]
- **theta** parameters of transformation, shape = (batch, 4, 3)

Returns shape = (batch, dim1, dim2, dim3, 3)

```
deepreg.model.layer_util.warp_image_ddf(image: tensorflow.Tensor, ddf: tensorflow.Tensor, grid\_ref: tensorflow.Tensor, None) \rightarrow tensorflow.Tensor
```

Warp an image with given DDF.

Parameters

- **image** an image to be warped, shape = (batch, m_dim1, m_dim2, m_dim3) or (batch, m_dim1, m_dim2, m_dim3, ch)
- ddf shape = (batch, f_dim1, f_dim2, f_dim3, 3)
- grid_ref shape = (1, f_dim1, f_dim2, f_dim3, 3) or None, if None grid_reg will be calculated based on ddf

Returns shape = (batch, f_dim1, f_dim2, f_dim3) or (batch, f_dim1, f_dim2, f_dim3, ch)

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3.21 Loss

3.21.1 Image Loss

Module provides different loss functions for calculating the dissimilarities between images.

```
deepreg.model.loss.image.dissimilarity_fn (y\_true: tensorflow.Tensor, y\_pred: tensorflow.Tensor, name: str, **kwargs) <math>\rightarrow tensorflow.Tensor
```

Returns the calculated dissimilarity for each batch.

Parameters

- **y_true** fixed_image, shape = (batch, f_dim1, f_dim2, f_dim3)
- **y_pred** warped_moving_image, shape = (batch, f_dim1, f_dim2, f_dim3)
- name name of the dissimilarity function
- kwargs absorb additional parameters

Returns shape = (batch,)

```
deepreg.model.loss.image.global_mutual_information (y\_true: tensorflow.Tensor, y\_pred: tensorflow.Tensor, num_bins: int = 23, sigma_ratio: float = 0.5) \rightarrow tensorflow.Tensor
```

Differentiable global mutual information loss via Parzen windowing method.

Reference: https://dspace.mit.edu/handle/1721.1/123142, Section 3.1, equation 3.1-3.5, Algorithm 1

Parameters

- **y_true** shape = (batch, dim1, dim2, dim3, ch)
- **y_pred** shape = (batch, dim1, dim2, dim3, ch)
- num_bins int, number of bins for intensity
- sigma ratio float, a hyper param for gaussian function

Returns shape = (batch,)

```
deepreg.model.loss.image.local_normalized_cross_correlation (y_true: tensor-flow.Tensor, y_pred: tensorflow.Tensor, kernel_size: int = 9, kernel_type: str = 'rectangular', **kwargs) →
```

tensorflow.Tensor Local squared zero-normalized cross-correlation. The loss is based on a moving kernel/window over the y_true/y_pred, within the window the square of zncc is calculated. The kernel can be a rectangular / triangular / gaussian window. The final loss is the averaged loss over all windows.

Reference:

- Zero-normalized cross-correlation (ZNCC): https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cross-correlation
- Code: https://github.com/voxelmorph/voxelmorph/blob/legacy/src/losses.py

Parameters

• y_true - shape = (batch, dim1, dim2, dim3, ch)

```
• y_pred - shape = (batch, dim1, dim2, dim3, ch)
```

- **kernel_size** int. Kernel size or kernel sigma for kernel_type='gauss'.
- **kernel_type** str ('triangular', 'gaussian' default: 'rectangular')
- **kwargs** absorb additional parameters

Returns shape = (batch,)

deepreg.model.loss.image.**ssd** ($y_true: tensorflow.Tensor, y_pred: tensorflow.Tensor) <math>\rightarrow$ tensorflow.Tensor Sum of squared distance between y_true and y_pred .

Parameters

- y_true shape = (batch, dim1, dim2, dim3, ch)
- **y_pred** shape = (batch, dim1, dim2, dim3, ch)

Returns shape = (batch,)

3.21.2 Label Loss

Module provides different loss functions for calculating the dissimilarities between labels.

 $\label. \textbf{cauchy_kernel1d} \ (\textit{sigma: int}) \ \rightarrow \textbf{tensorflow.Tensor} \\ Approximating cauchy kernel in 1d.$

Parameters sigma – int, defining standard deviation of kernel.

Returns shape = $(\dim,)$ or ()

 $\label. \textbf{compute_centroid} (\textit{mask: tensorflow.Tensor}, \textit{grid: tensorflow.Tensor}) \rightarrow \text{tensorflow.Tensor}$

Calculate the centroid of the mask.

Parameters

- mask shape = (batch, dim1, dim2, dim3)
- grid shape = (dim1, dim2, dim3, 3)

Returns shape = (batch, 3), batch of vectors denoting location of centroids.

deepreg.model.loss.label.compute_centroid_distance($y_true: tensorflow.Tensor, y_pred: tensorflow.Tensor, grid: tensorflow.Tensor) <math>\rightarrow$ tensorflow.Tensor

Calculate the L2-distance between two tensors' centroids.

Parameters

- **y_true** tensor, shape = (batch, dim1, dim2, dim3)
- y_pred tensor, shape = (batch, dim1, dim2, dim3)
- grid tensor, shape = (dim1, dim2, dim3, 3)

Returns shape = (batch,)

deepreg.model.loss.label.dice_score ($y_true: tensorflow.Tensor, y_pred: tensorflow.Tensor, binary: bool = False) <math>\rightarrow$ tensorflow.Tensor

Calculates dice score:

1. num = 2 * y true * y pred

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```
2. denom = y_true + y_pred
```

```
3. dice score = num / denom
```

where num and denom are summed over the entire image first.

Parameters

```
• y true – shape = (batch, dim1, dim2, dim3)
```

- y pred shape = (batch, dim1, dim2, dim3)
- binary True if the y should be projected to 0 or 1

Returns shape = (batch,)

```
deepreg.model.loss.label.dice_score_generalized(y\_true: tensorflow.Tensor, y\_pred: tensorflow.Tensor, pos\_weight: float = 1, neg\_weight: float = 0) <math>\rightarrow tensorflow.Tensor
```

Calculates weighted dice score:

```
1. let y_prod = y_true * y_pred and y_sum = y_true + y_pred
```

4. dice score = num / denom

where num and denom are summed over the entire image first.

Parameters

```
• y true – shape = (batch, dim1, dim2, dim3)
```

•
$$y_pred - shape = (batch, dim1, dim2, dim3)$$

- pos_weight weight of positive class, default = 1
- neg_weight weight of negative class, default = 0

Returns shape = (batch,)

```
deepreg.model.loss.label.foreground_proportion(y: tensorflow.Tensor) \rightarrow tensorflow.Tensor Calculating the percentage of foreground vs background per 3d volume.
```

Parameters y - shape = (batch, dim1, dim2, dim3), a 3D label tensor

Returns shape = (batch,)

```
\label. \verb|gauss_kernelld| (\textit{sigma: int}) \rightarrow tensorflow. Tensor Calculates a gaussian kernel.
```

Parameters sigma – number defining standard deviation for gaussian kernel.

Returns shape = $(\dim,)$ or ()

```
deepreq.model.loss.label.get_dissimilarity_fn(config: dict) → Callable
```

Parse arguments from a configuration dictionary and return the loss by averaging batch loss returned by multior single-scale loss functions.

Parameters config – dict, containing configuration for training.

Returns loss function, which returns a tensor of shape (batch,)

```
deepreg.model.loss.label.jaccard_index(y_true:
                                                               tensorflow.Tensor, y_pred:
                                                                                             tensor-
                                                    flow.Tensor) \rightarrow tensorflow.Tensor
```

Calculates jaccard index:

- 1. num = y true * y pred
- 2. denom = y_true + y_pred y_true * y_pred
- 3. jaccard index = num / denom

Parameters

- **y_true** shape = (batch, dim1, dim2, dim3)
- $y_pred shape = (batch, dim1, dim2, dim3)$

Returns shape = (batch,)

```
deepreg.model.loss.label.multi_scale_loss(y_true: tensorflow.Tensor, y_pred: tensor-
                                                               flow.Tensor, loss_type: str, loss_scales: list) \rightarrow
      tensorflow.Tensor
Apply the loss at different scales (gaussian smoothing). It is assumed that loss values are between 0 and 1.
```

Parameters

- y_true tensor, shape = (batch, dim1, dim2, dim3)
- **y_pred** tensor, shape = (batch, dim1, dim2, dim3)
- loss_type string, indicating which loss to pass to function single_scale_loss.

Supported:

- cross-entropy
- mean-squared
- dice
- dice generalized
- jaccard
- loss scales list, values of sigma to pass to func gauss kernel 1d.

Returns (batch,)

```
deepreg.model.loss.label.separable_filter3d(tensor: tensorflow.Tensor, kernel: tensor-
                                                          flow.Tensor) \rightarrow tensorflow.Tensor
```

Creates a 3d separable filter.

Here tf.nn.conv3d accepts the filters argument of shape (filter_depth, filter_height, filter_width, in_channels, out_channels), where the first axis of *filters* is the depth not batch, and the input to *tf.nn.conv3d* is of shape (batch, in_depth, in_height, in_width, in_channels).

Parameters

- tensor shape = (batch, dim1, dim2, dim3)
- **kernel** shape = (dim4,)

Returns shape = (batch, dim1, dim2, dim3)

```
deepreg.model.loss.label.single_scale_loss(y_true:
                                                                 tensorflow.Tensor, y_pred:
                                                        sorflow. Tensor, loss type: str) \rightarrow tensor-
                                                        flow.Tensor
```

Calculate the loss on two tensors based on defined loss.

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Parameters

```
• y_true – tensor, shape = (batch, dim1, dim2, dim3)
```

- **y_pred** tensor, shape = (batch, dim1, dim2, dim3)
- loss_type string, indicating which loss to pass to function single_scale_loss.

Supported:

- cross-entropy
- mean-squared
- dice
- dice_generalized
- jaccard

Returns shape = (batch,)

```
deepreg.model.loss.label.squared_error(y\_true: tensorflow.Tensor, y\_pred: tensorflow.Tensor) 	o tensorflow.Tensor
```

Calculates the mean squared difference between y_true, y_pred.

mean((y_true - y_pred)(y_true - y_pred))

Parameters

- y_true tensor, shape = (batch, dim1, dim2, dim3)
- $y_pred shape = (batch, dim1, dim2, dim3)$

Returns shape = (batch,)

```
deepreg.model.loss.label.weighted_binary_cross_entropy (y_true: tensorflow.Tensor, y_pred: tensorflow.Tensor, pos_weight: float = 1) \rightarrow tensorflow.Tensor
```

Calculates weighted binary cross- entropy:

```
-loss = pos_w * y_true log(y_pred) - (1y_true) log(1y_pred)
```

Parameters

- y_true shape = (batch, dim1, dim2, dim3)
- y_pred shape = (batch, dim1, dim2, dim3)
- pos_weight weight of positive class, scalar. Default value is 1

Returns shape = (batch,)

3.21.3 Deformation Loss

Module provides regularization energy functions for ddf.

Parameters ddf - shape = (batch, m_dim1, m_dim2, m_dim3, 3)

Returns shape = (batch,)

```
deepreg.model.loss.deform.compute_gradient_norm(ddf: tensorflow.Tensor, ll: bool = False) \rightarrow tensorflow.Tensor Calculate the L1/L2 norm of the first-order differentiation of ddf using central finite difference.
```

Parameters

- ddf shape = (batch, m_dim1, m_dim2, m_dim3, 3)
- 11 bool true if calculate L1 norm, otherwise L2 norm

Returns shape = (batch,)

deepreg.model.loss.deform.gradient_dx (fx: tensorflow.Tensor) \rightarrow tensorflow.Tensor Calculate gradients on x-axis of a 3D tensor using central finite difference. It moves the tensor along axis 1 to calculate the approximate gradient, the x axis, dx[i] = (x[i+1] - x[i-1]) / 2.

Parameters fx - shape = (batch, m_dim1, m_dim2, m_dim3)

Returns shape = (batch, m_dim1-2, m_dim2-2, m_dim3-2)

deepreg.model.loss.deform.gradient_dxyz (fxyz: tensorflow.Tensor, fn: Callable) \rightarrow tensorflow.Tensor

Calculate gradients on x,y,z-axis of a tensor using central finite difference. The gradients are calculated along x,y,z separately then stacked together.

Parameters

- **fxyz** shape = (..., 3)
- fn function to call

Returns shape = (..., 3)

deepreg.model.loss.deform.gradient_dy (fy: tensorflow.Tensor) \rightarrow tensorflow.Tensor Calculate gradients on y-axis of a 3D tensor using central finite difference. It moves the tensor along axis 2 to calculate the approximate gradient, the y axis, dy[i] = (y[i+1] - y[i-1]) / 2.

Parameters fy - shape = (batch, m dim1, m dim2, m dim3)

Returns shape = (batch, m_dim1-2, m_dim2-2, m_dim3-2)

deepreg.model.loss.deform.gradient_dz (fz: tensorflow.Tensor) \rightarrow tensorflow.Tensor Calculate gradients on z-axis of a 3D tensor using central finite difference. It moves the tensor along axis 3 to calculate the approximate gradient, the z axis, dz[i] = (z[i+1] - z[i-1]) / 2.

Parameters fz – shape = (batch, m_dim1, m_dim2, m_dim3)

Returns shape = (batch, m_dim1-2, m_dim2-2, m_dim3-2)

deepreg.model.loss.deform.local_displacement_energy (ddf: tensorflow.Tensor, energy_type: str, **kwargs) \rightarrow tensorflow.Tensor

Calculate the displacement energy of the ddf based on finite difference.

Parameters

- **ddf** shape = (batch, m_dim1, m_dim2, m_dim3, 3)
- energy_type type of the energy
- **kwargs** absorb additional arguments

Returns shape = (batch,)

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3.22 Optimizer

Functions parsing the config optimizer options

deepreg.model.optimizer.build_optimizer (optimizer_config: dict)

Parsing the optimiser options and parameters from config dictionary.

Parameters optimizer_config – unpacked dictionary for the optimiser returned from yaml.load, optimiser options and parameters

Returns tf.keras.optimizers object

3.23 Guidelines

We welcome contributions to DeepReg. Please raise an issue to report bugs, request features, or ask questions. For code contribution, please follow the guidelines below.

3.23.1 Setup

We recommend using conda environment on Linux or Mac machines for code development. The setup steps are:

- 1. Install git.
- 2. Clone or fork the repository.
- 3. Install and activate deepreg conda environment.
- 4. Run pre-commit install under the root of this repository DeepReg/ to install pre-commit hooks.

3.23.2 Resolve an issue

For resolving an issue, please

1. Create a branch.

The branch name should start with the issue number, followed by hyphen separated words describing the issue, e.g. 1-update-contribution-guidelines.

2. Implement the required features or fix the reported bugs.

There are several guidelines for commit, coding, testing, and documentation.

1. Please create commits with meaningful commit messages.

The commit message should start with Issue #<issue number>:, for instance Issue #1: add commit requirements.

2. Please write or update unit-tests for the added or changed functionalities.

Pull request will not be approved if test coverage is decreased. Check testing guidelines for further details.

3. Please write meaningful docstring and documentations for added or changed code.

We use Sphinx docstring format.

4. Please update the CHANGELOG regarding the changes.

3. Create a pull request when the branch is ready.

Please resume the changes with some more details in the description and check the boxes after submitting the pull request. Optionally, you can create a pull request and add WIP in the name to mark is as working in progress.

3.23.3 Add a DeepReg demo

Adding DeepReg demo should be done via pull request. Besides the guidelines above, adding demo has additional requirements described in demo guidelines.

3.24 Unit Test

In DeepReg, we use pytest (not unittest) for unit tests to ensure a certain code quality and to facilitate the code maintenance.

The testing is checked via Travis-CI and Codecov is used to monitor the test coverage. While checking the Codecov report in file mode, generally a line highlighted by red means it is not covered by test. Please check the Codecov documentation for more details.

3.24.1 Test requirement

We would like to achieve 100% test coverage. In general, tests should be

- thorough, covering different scenarios.
- independent, different scenarios are not tested together.
- clean and compact, for instance,
 - Use parameterized test to reduce code redundancy.
 - Use is_equal_np and is_equal_tf provided in test/unit/util.py to compare arrays or tensors.

The detailed requirements are as follows:

- Test all functions in python classes.
- Test the trigger of all warning and errors in functions.
- Test the correctness of output values for functions.
- Test at least the correctness of output shapes for TensorFlow functions.

3.24.2 Example unit test

We provide here an example to help understanding the requirements.

```
import pytest
import logging

def subtract(x: int) -> int:
    """
    A function subtracts one from a non-negative integer.
    :param x: a non-negative integer
```

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```
:return: x - 1
    assert isinstance(x, int), f"input {x} is not int"
    assert x >= 0, f"input {x} is negative"
    if x == 0:
       logging.warning("input is zero")
    return x - 1
class TestSubtract:
    Qpytest.mark.parametrize("x, expected", [(0, -1), (1,0)])
    def test_value(self, x, expected):
        got = subtract(x=x)
        assert got == expected
    @pytest.mark.parametrize("x,msg", [(-1, "is negative"), (0.0, "is not int")])
    def test_err(self, x, msg):
        with pytest.raises(AssertionError) as err_info:
            subtract(x=x)
        assert msg in str(err_info.value)
    def test_warning(self, caplog):
        caplog.clear() # clear previous log
        subtract(x=0)
        assert "input is zero" in caplog.text
```

where

- we group multiple test functions for subtract under the same class TestSubtract.
- we parameterize test to test different inputs.
- we catch errors using pytest.raises and check error messages.
- · we check warning message using caplog.

For further usage like fixture and other functionalities, please check pytest documentation or existing tests in DeepReg. You can also raise an issue for any questions.

3.25 DeepReg demo

The demos folder directly under the DeepReg root directory contains demonstrations using DeepReg for different image registration applications.

Contributions are welcome! Below is a set of requirements for a demo to be included as a DeepReg Demo.

- Each demo *must* have an independent folder directly under demos/;
- Name the folder as [loader-type]_[image-modality]_[organ-disease]_[optional:brief-remark], e.g. unpaired_ultrasound_prostate or grouped_mr_brain_longitudinal;
- For simplicity, avoid sub-folders (other than those specified below) and separate files for additional functions/classes;
- Experiment using cross-validation or advanced data set sampling is NOT encouraged, unless the purpose of the demo is to demonstrate how to design experiments.

3.25.1 Open accessible data

- Each demo *must* have a demo_data.py script to automatically download and preprocess demo data;
- Data for training and test should be downloaded under the demo folder named dataset, such as dataset/train and dataset/test;
- Data should be hosted in a reliable and efficient (DeepReg repo will not store demo data or model) online storage, Kaggle, GitHub and Zendoo are all options for non-login access (avoid google drive for known accessibility issues);
- Relevant dataset folder structure to utilise the supported loaders can be either pre-arranged in data source or scripted in demo_data.py after downloading;
- Avoid slow and excessively large data set download. Consider downloading a subset as default for demonstration purpose, with options for full data set.

3.25.2 Pre-trained model

- A pre-trained model must be available for downloading, with github.com/DeepRegNet/deepreg-model-zoo being preferred for storing the models. Please contact the Development Team for access;
- The pre-trained model, e.g. ckpt files, should be downloaded and extracted under the dataset/pretrained folder. Avoid overwriting with user-trained models;

3.25.3 Training

- Each demo *must* have a demo_train.py script;
- This is accompanied by one or more config yaml files in the same folder. Please use the same demo folder name for the config file. Add postfix if multiple training methods are provided, e.g. unpaired_ct_abdomen_comb.yaml, unpaired_ct_abdomen_unsup.yaml.

3.25.4 Predicting

- Each demo *must* have a demo_predict.py script;
- By default, the pre-trained model should be used in demo_predict.py. However, the instruction should be clearly given to use the user-trained model, saved with the demo_train.py;

3.25.5 A README.md file

A markdown file *must* be provided under demos/<demo_name> as an entry point for each demo, which should be based on the template. Moreover, a .rst file *must* be provided under docs/source/demo to link the markdown file to the documentation page. The introduction.rst file should be updated properly as well.

Following is a checklist for modifying the README template:

- Update the link to source code;
- Update the author section;
- Update the application section;
- Update the data section, optionally, describe the used pre-processing methods;
- Update the name in all commands;

- Update the reference section.
- Optionally, adapt the file to custom needs.

3.26 Documentation

We use Sphinx to organize the documentation and it is hosted in ReadTheDocs.

3.26.1 Local Build

Please run the following command under docs/directory for generating the documentation pages locally. Generated files are under docs/build/html/

make clean html

where

- clean removes the possible built files.
- Optionally we can add SPHINXOPTS="-W" to fail on any warnings, but we are currently having document isn't included in any toctree warning and no better solution has been found yet.

3.26.2 Recommendations

There are some recommendations regarding the docs.

• We prefer markdown files over reStructuredText files as its linting is covered using Prettier.

Only use reStructuredText (rst) files for some functionalities not supported by markdown, such as

- toctree
- warning/notes boxes in Installation

The conversion between markdown and rst can be done automatically using free online tool Pandoc.

- When linking to other pages, please use relative paths such as ../getting_started/install.html instead of absolute paths https://deepreg.readthedocs.io/en/latest/getting_started/install.html as relative paths are more robust for different version of documentations.
- To refer a markdown file outside of the source folder, create an rst file and use .. mdinclude:: <makrdown file path> to include the markdown source.

Check the source code of paired lung CT image registration page as an example.

3.27 Release

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DeepReg is distributed on PyPI. To create new releases, you can follow the below instructions to automatically submit new versions to PyPI via our GitHub Actions workflow.

3.27.1 Creating a new Release

From the main DeepReg repository page, head to releases. From here, you can draft a new release.

3.27.2 Tagging & Titling

We follow semver naming conventions for tags, with $\forall X.Y.Z$ where each represents major, minor, and patch release versions.

From semver.org:

Major version: when you make incompatible API changes,

Minor version: when you add functionality in a backwards compatible manner, and

Patch version: when you make backwards compatible bug fixes.

Typically, most releases will be an increment of the minor or patch versions.

Enter the new version in the format vX.Y.Z into the "Tag version" and "Release title" fields of the draft a release page.

3.27.3 Publish!

Click the "Publish release" button, and our GitHub Action workflow will handle the rest.

It's recommended that you check the output log from the GitHub Actions page to make sure everything went as planned for the release.

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