
xlearn Documentation

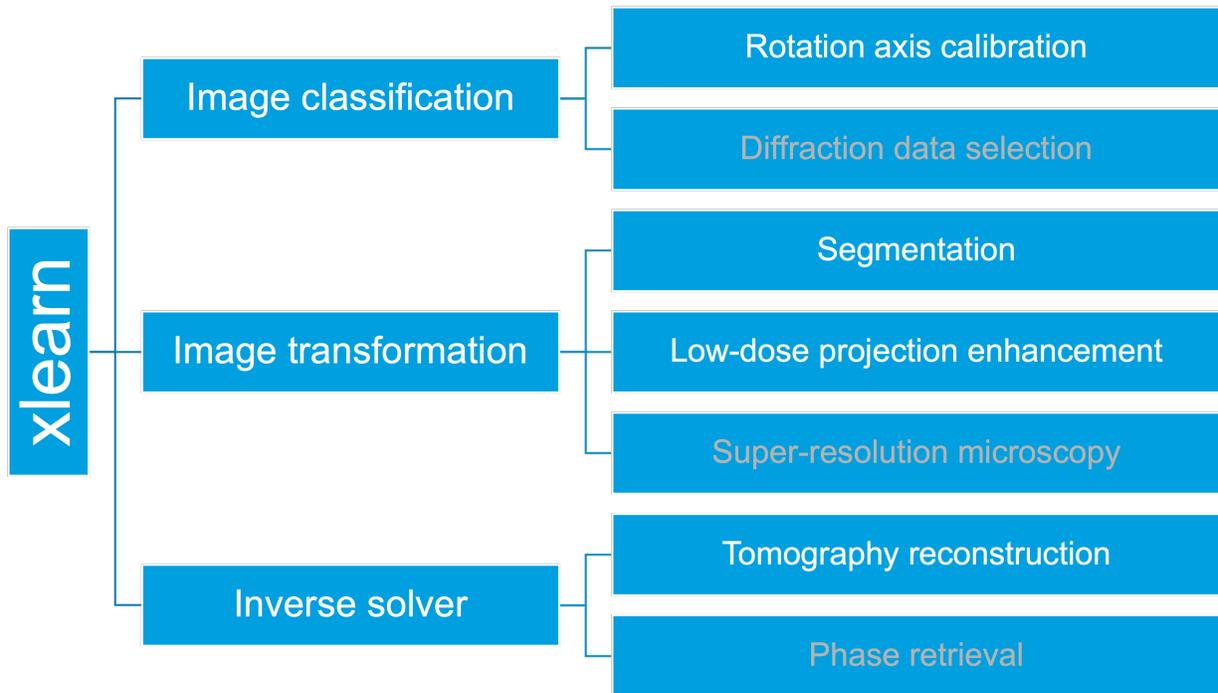
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Xlearn is an open-source Python package implementing Deep Learning for X-ray Science.

FEATURES

- Correction of instrument and beam instability artifacts
- Low-dose image enhancement
- Feature extraction, segmentation
- Super-resolution X-ray microscopy

CONTRIBUTE

- Documentation: <https://github.com/tomography/xlearn/tree/master/doc>
- Issue Tracker: <https://github.com/tomography/xlearn/docs/issues>
- Source Code: <https://github.com/tomography/xlearn/tree/master/xlearn>

3.1 About

Xlearn implements Deep Neural Network to X-ray science imaging problems including:

- Tomography rotation axis calibration [A3].
- Low-dose image enhancement [A2].
- Feature extraction, segmentation [A1].
- Super-resolution X-ray microscopy (will update later).
- Solving inverse problems with deep learning, such as tomography reconstruction [A4] and phase retrieval.

3.2 Install

This section covers the basics of how to download and install `xlearn`.

3.2.1 Installing from source

To install `xlearn` follow these steps:

1. Install `anaconda`
2. Install `tensorflow`. Please install the `tensorflow-gpu` version with `pip`. Before the `tensorflow-gpu` installation, make sure that the `cuda` drivers and `cudnn` are correctly installed to your OS.
3. Install the Xlearn toolbox: Clone the `xlearn` from `GitHub` repository:

```
git clone https://github.com/tomography/xlearn.git xlearn
```

then:

```
cd xlearn
python setup.py install
```

3.3 API reference

xlearn Modules:

3.3.1 xlearn.transform

Module containing model, predict and train routines

Functions:

<code>model(dim_img, nb_filters, nb_conv)</code>	the cnn model for image transformation
<code>train(img_x, img_y, patch_size, patch_step, ...)</code>	Function description.
<code>predict.mdl, img, patch_size, patch_step, ...)</code>	the cnn model for image transformation

`xlearn.transform.model(dim_img, nb_filters, nb_conv)`

the cnn model for image transformation

Parameters

- **dim_img** (*int*) – The input image dimension
- **nb_filters** (*int*) – Number of filters
- **nb_conv** (*int*) – The convolution weight dimension

Returns

mdl – Description.

`xlearn.transform.predict(mdl, img, patch_size, patch_step, batch_size, dim_img)`

the cnn model for image transformation

Parameters

- **img** (*array*) – The image need to be calculated
- **patch_size** (*(int, int)*) – The patches dimension
- **dim_img** (*int*) – The input image dimension

Returns

img_rec – Description.

`xlearn.transform.train(img_x, img_y, patch_size, patch_step, dim_img, nb_filters, nb_conv, batch_size, nb_epoch)`

Function description.

Parameters

- **parameter_01** (*type*) – Description.
- **parameter_02** (*type*) – Description.
- **parameter_03** (*type*) – Description.

Returns

return_01 – Description.

3.3.2 xlearn.classify

3.3.3 xlearn.segmentation

3.3.4 xlearn.ganrec2

3.3.5 xlearn.utils

Module containing utility routines

Functions:

<code>nor_data(img)</code>	Normalize the image
<code>check_random_state(seed)</code>	Turn <code>seed</code> into a <code>np.random.RandomState</code> instance. If <code>seed</code> is <code>None</code> , return the <code>RandomState</code> singleton used by <code>np.random</code> .
<code>extract_patches(image, patch_size, step[, ...])</code>	Reshape a 2D image into a collection of patches. The resulting patches are allocated in a dedicated array.
<code>reconstruct_patches(patches, image_size, step)</code>	Reconstruct the image from all of its patches.
<code>img_window(img, window_size)</code>	Function Description
<code>extract_3d(img, patch_size, step)</code>	Function Description

class `xlearn.utils.RECONmonitor`(*recon_target*)

Bases: `object`

initial_plot(*img_input*)

update_plot(*epoch, img_diff, img_rec, plot_x, plot_loss*)

`xlearn.utils.angles`(*nang, ang1=0.0, ang2=180.0*)

`xlearn.utils.center`(*prj, cen*)

`xlearn.utils.check_random_state`(*seed*)

Turn `seed` into a `np.random.RandomState` instance. If `seed` is `None`, return the `RandomState` singleton used by `np.random`. If `seed` is an `int`, return a new `RandomState` instance seeded with `seed`. If `seed` is already a `RandomState` instance, return it. Otherwise raise `ValueError`.

Parameters

seed (*type*) – Description.

`xlearn.utils.expimg`(*img*)

`xlearn.utils.extract_3d`(*img, patch_size, step*)

Function Description

Parameters

- **img** (*define img*)
- **patch_size** (*describe patch_size*)
- **step** (*describe step*)

Returns

patches (*describe patches*)

`xlearn.utils.extract_patches(image, patch_size, step, max_patches=None, random_state=None)`

Reshape a 2D image into a collection of patches The resulting patches are allocated in a dedicated array.

Parameters

- **image** (*array, shape = (image_height, image_width) or*) – (image_height, image_width, n_channels) The original image data. For color images, the last dimension specifies the channel: a RGB image would have *n_channels=3*.
- **patch_size** (*tuple of ints (patch_height, patch_width)*) – the dimensions of one patch
- **step** (*number of pixels between two patches*)
- **max_patches** (*integer or float, optional default is None*) – The maximum number of patches to extract. If *max_patches* is a float between 0 and 1, it is taken to be a proportion of the total number of patches.
- **random_state** (*int or RandomState*) – Pseudo number generator state used for random sampling to use if *max_patches* is not None.

Returns

patches (*array, shape = (n_patches, patch_height, patch_width) or*) – (n_patches, patch_height, patch_width, n_channels) The collection of patches extracted from the image, where *n_patches* is either *max_patches* or the total number of patches that can be extracted.

`xlearn.utils.img_window(img, window_size)`

Function Description

Parameters

- **img** (*define img*)
- **window_size** (*describe window_size*)

Returns

img_wd (*describe img_wd*)

`xlearn.utils.mlog(img)`

`xlearn.utils.nor_data(img)`

Normalize the image

Parameters

img (*array*) – The images need to be normalized

Returns

img – Description.

`xlearn.utils.nor_prj(img)`

`xlearn.utils.reconstruct_patches(patches, image_size, step)`

Reconstruct the image from all of its patches. Patches are assumed to overlap and the image is constructed by filling in the patches from left to right, top to bottom, averaging the overlapping regions.

Parameters

- **patches** (*array, shape = (n_patches, patch_height, patch_width) or*) – (n_patches, patch_height, patch_width, n_channels) The complete set of patches. If the patches contain colour information, channels are indexed along the last dimension: RGB patches would have *n_channels=3*.
- **image_size** (*tuple of ints (image_height, image_width) or*) – (image_height, image_width, n_channels) the size of the image that will be reconstructed

- **step** (number of pixels between two patches)

Returns

image (array, shape = image_size) – the reconstructed image

`xlearn.utils.rescale_intensity(img)`

3.4 Introduction

Machine learning is a robust solution to mimic human’s estimations and predictions for complex data problems [B46]. Convolutional neural network (CNN) [B27] is an efficient and universal algorithm in the family of machine learning for image processing. It processes the feature of image pattern, rather than the value of each pixel as with classical methods. Its accuracy and efficiency for image recognition and classification have been proved from various applications [B36], [B26], [B14], [B33]. The specially designed architecture of CNN also works for supervised transformation of image style [B15].

Convolutional neural network (CNN) [B27] is a branch of Artificial Neural Network (ANN), which is also known as Multilayer Perceptron (MLP). As it allows the computational model to learn representations of data with multiple levels of abstraction, it also belongs to the popular families of “Deep learning” [B29]. As the same idea of ANN and “Deep learning”, CNN is the process to build a function f between the input data X and output data Y ($f: X \rightarrow Y$). The function f does not, like the traditional formulas, represent the data relations with simple mathematical operators and symbols. It is a composition of multiple layers of weights (W) with activation functions (K). The CNNs we present for this article are supervised learning, which we fit the W for specific input and output data ($X \rightarrow Y$). After that, this f can be used to predict the future data with the same rule of the fitting data.

3.4.1 Transform

Inspired from the CNN classification model, we developed an image transformation model of CNN. The CNN classification model extracts the features of input image to build a link between the input image and output label. Our image transformation model extracts the features of the input image to build the link between the input image and output image, which has close feature of the input, but with different style.

The architecture of the transformation model is as shown in Figure 2.

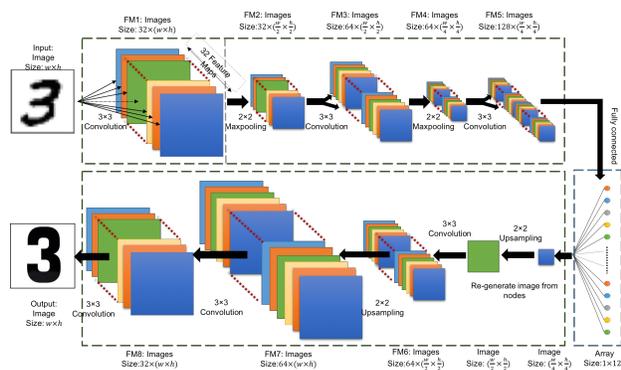


Figure 2: The architecture of the CNN transformation model using for this article. We use the transformation from handwriting number 3 to standard shape of 3 as the example.

Half architecture of the transformation model is the same as the classification model. The difference is that we do not connect the nodes of the fully connected layer to a single number. Instead, we transform it to an image with the same image size of the previous convolutional layer. After that, we keep using the upsampling layer and convolutional to convert the feature maps back to a single image. We use this image as the output data and fit the whole network from

the input image. Once the network is trained between specific input and output image, we can transform the future images as the same rule of the training data.

3.4.2 Classify

CNN was originally developed for image classifications. Its basic and most popular applications are hand-writing recognition and human face recognition. In these cases, CNN plays the role as a fitting function between the input images and the output labels. The process to fit the CNN model is so-called “train”. The iterations during the “train” are called “epochs”. Typically a Stochastic Gradient Descent (SGD) is used for training. Once the CNN is trained for a specific data model, we can use it as the function to estimate the label of an unknown image containing features that are close to the training data. This step is called “predict”.

The process to prepare the training data decides the computing model. The more training data we prepare, the better the prediction results will be. Normally the number of training data should be at least on the magnitude of 10^4 for a reasonable prediction. This procedure is always considered difficult, because most of the steps for this task have to be done manually. In some cases, like solving a general image classification problems for nature images, this can be an overwhelming task and explains why machine learning techniques are yet not widely applied. However, for the image classification problems of synchrotron imaging, the image features are normally restricted to some specific aspect and therefore, we only need to use few images, or, in some cases, as discussed this in Section 3, even use the simulated images, to train the CNN model.

There is not a standard architecture of CNN for image classification. After we tested different architectures and parameter to consider their performances and stability, we choose to use the CNN architecture as shown in Figure 1:

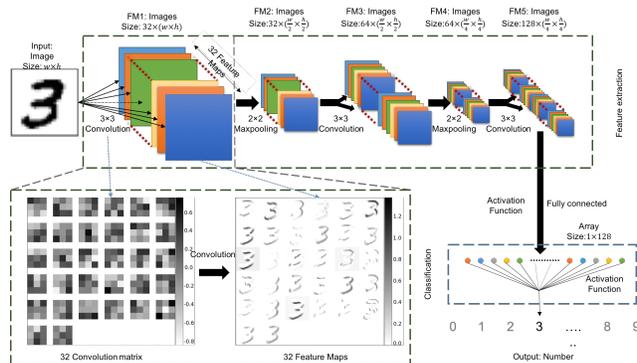


Figure 1: The architecture of the CNN classification model using for this article. We use the classification of hand-writing number 3 as the example. This diagram shows how the handwriting image has been classified as its related number.

It includes 3 convolutional layers and 2 maxpooling layers. The first convolutional layer includes 32 convolution weights to extract 32 feature maps from the inputs. The image size reduces to half at each maxpooling layer. The number of convolution weights and feature maps doubles after each maxpooling layer. The final layer of the feature maps are fully connected to data nodes with the activation function. These nodes are connected again with another activation function and become a single value. We fit this value to be the label that defined in the training data.

3.5 Examples

This section contains [Jupyter Notebooks](#) and Python scripts examples for various xlearn functions.

To run these examples in a [notebooks](#) install [Jupyter](#) or run the python scripts from [here](#)

3.5.1 Transform

Train

Here is an example on how to train a convolutional neural network to segment an image. The network is trained using one raw image and one that has been manually segmented.

Once the training is complete the network will be able to automatically segment a series of raw images.

You can download the python script [here](#) or the Jupyter notebook [here](#)

```
import dxchange
```

Image data I/O in xlearn is supported by [DXchange](#).

```
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
```

matplotlib provide plotting of the result in this notebook.

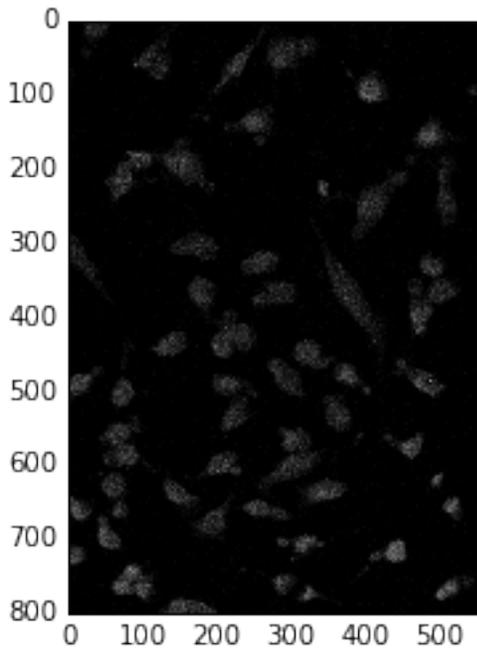
Install xlearn then:

```
from xlearn.transform import train
from xlearn.transform import model
```

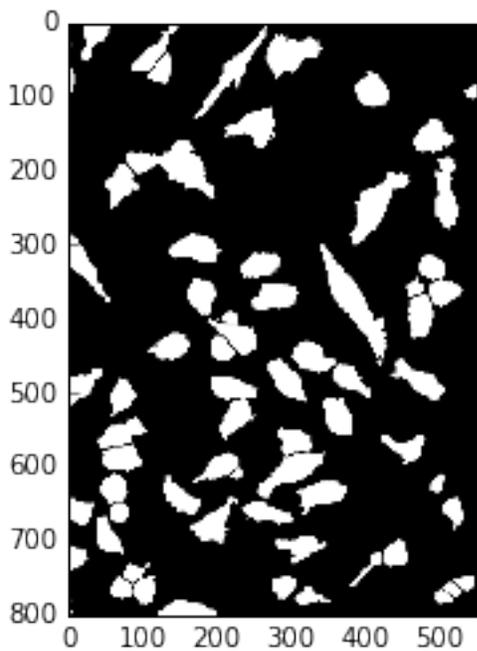
```
batch_size = 800
nb_epoch = 10
dim_img = 20
nb_filters = 32
nb_conv = 3
patch_step = 4
patch_size = (dim_img, dim_img)
```

```
img_x = dxchange.read_tiff('../test/test_data/training_input.tiff')
img_y = dxchange.read_tiff('../test/test_data/training_output.tiff')
```

```
plt.imshow(img_x, cmap='Greys_r')
plt.show()
```



```
plt.imshow(img_y, cmap='Greys_r')  
plt.show()
```



```
mdl = train(img_x, img_y, patch_size, patch_step, dim_img, nb_filters, nb_conv, batch_  
↪size, nb_epoch)  
mdl.save_weights('training_weights.h5')
```

Epoch 1/10

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```

26068/26068 [=====] - 39s - loss: 0.4458
Epoch 2/10
26068/26068 [=====] - 39s - loss: 0.2074
Epoch 3/10
26068/26068 [=====] - 39s - loss: 0.1607
Epoch 4/10
26068/26068 [=====] - 39s - loss: 0.1428
Epoch 5/10
26068/26068 [=====] - 39s - loss: 0.1321
Epoch 6/10
26068/26068 [=====] - 39s - loss: 0.1258
Epoch 7/10
26068/26068 [=====] - 39s - loss: 0.1244
Epoch 8/10
26068/26068 [=====] - 39s - loss: 0.1169
Epoch 9/10
26068/26068 [=====] - 39s - loss: 0.1135
Epoch 10/10
26068/26068 [=====] - 39s - loss: 0.1106

```

Predict

Here is an example on how to use an already trained convolutional neural network to automatically segment a series of raw images.

You can download the python scrip [here](#) or the Jupyter notebook [here](#)

```
import dxchange
```

Image data I/O in xlearn is supported by DXchange.

```
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
```

matplotlib provide plotting of the result in this notebook.

Install xlearn then:

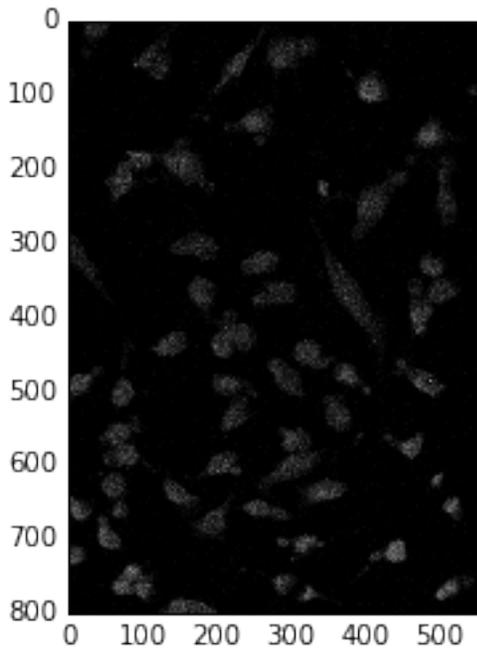
```
from xlearn.transform import model
from xlearn.transform import predict
```

```
batch_size = 800
nb_epoch = 40
dim_img = 20
nb_filters = 32
nb_conv = 3
patch_step = 4
```

```
patch_size = (dim_img, dim_img)
```

```
mdl = model(dim_img, nb_filters, nb_conv)
mdl.load_weights('training_weights.h5')
```

```
fname = '../..//test/test_data/predict_test.tiff'  
img_test = dxchange.read_tiff(fname)  
plt.imshow(img_test, cmap='Greys_r')  
plt.show()
```

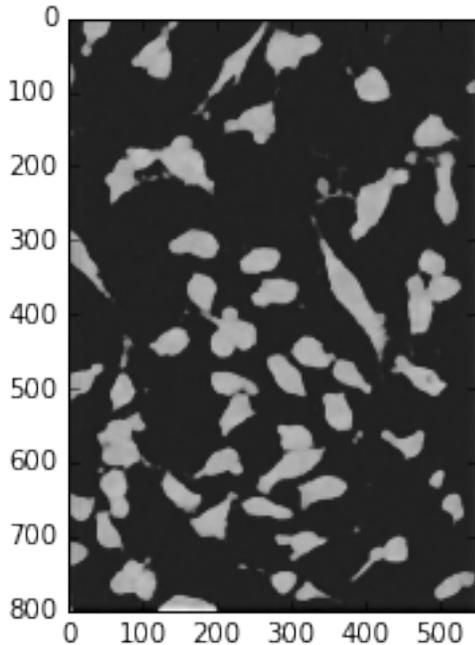


```
fname_save = '../..//test/test_data/predict_test_result'
```

```
img_rec = predict mdl, img_test, patch_size, patch_step, batch_size, dim_img)
```

```
dxchange.write_tiff(img_rec, fname_save, dtype='float32')
```

```
plt.imshow(img_rec, cmap='Greys_r')  
plt.show()
```



3.5.2 Rotation Center

An experienced beam line scientist can easily distinguish the well-centered and off-centered reconstructions directly by eyes without any mathematical calculation. This is always the most accurate way to evaluate the results for a final step. However, this approach is not applicable for large data sets because it costs too much effort. Here we use, instead, the classification model of CNN to mimic this process of the human's brain. Thus an automatic routine to compute the tomographic rotation axis is developed.

The rotation axis problem can be considered as an image classification problem, because there are significant different features between a well-center and an off-centered reconstructions. Once the trained CNN can accurately recognize the well-centered reconstruction from the off-centered reconstructions, we can use it as the principle to automatically finding the correct rotation center.

We use here the same classification model described in the CNN introduction, which requires two steps to evaluate the data: train the CNN model, and predict the data with trained model. We developed a special method to prepare the training data sets and to process the prediction.

In the procedure of preparing the training data, we reconstruct a slice of tomographic image with different rotation center. A group of reconstruction results are obtained. During the training phase, we select the well-centered reconstruction by eyes, and label the rest as off-centered reconstruction. We extract overlapped patches from the well-centered image and label these patches as 1, and also from the off-centered images and label them as 0.

A patch is a square window ($s_p \times s_p$) from the image. The patches are overlapped one by one. The distance of the center between two neighbor patches is the patch steps (n_s). The patch number is

$$N_p = \frac{1}{n_s^2} (h - s_p) \cdot (w - s_p)$$

for a image with height (h) and width (w). There are two reasons for using small patches instead of the whole image:

- We can generate enough train data only from one single image.
- The overlapped patches provide multiple evaluations of the same feature of the image.

Once we have extracted the patches from the well-centered and off-centered images, we select specific number (P_{train}) of patches with their labels (Y_l) from both of these groups. We use the patches as input X_{train} and the labels as output to train the CNN model. The trained CNN classification model is now capable to distinguish the well-centered or off-centered patches.

The prediction procedure evaluates the Y_l of the patches from the reconstructions of different rotation axis. We first do tomographic reconstruction with different rotation axis. For each reconstructed images, we extract specific number of patches. The size of the patches should be the same as the training data. The number of the patches can be roughly in the hundreds. We use these patches as the input data for trained CNN and evaluate their label. If the value of the label is close to 1, it means the feature of the patch is close to well-centered. If it is 0, it is off-centered. We computer the summation (S_l) of the labels for the patches from one reconstruction. The reconstruction with the maximum S_l is the one well-centered as our evaluation model.

Train

Here is an example on how to train a convolutional neural network to identify a tomographic reconstructed image that has the best center.

The network is trained using one image off center and the best centered reconstruction. Once the training is complete the network will be able to evaluate a series of reconstructed images with different rotation center and select the one with the best center.

You can download the python scrip [here](#) or the Jupyter notebook [here](#)

To run this example please download the test data from the `classify_train` folder at [url](#)

```
import dxchange
import numpy as np
from xlearn.utils import nor_data
from xlearn.utils import extract_3d
from xlearn.utils import img_window
from xlearn.classify import train
```

```
Using Theano backend.
Using gpu device 0: Tesla M2050 (CNMeM is disabled, cuDNN not available)
```

```
np.random.seed(1337)
dim_img = 128
patch_size = (dim_img, dim_img)
batch_size = 50
nb_classes = 2
nb_epoch = 12
```

number of convolutional filters to use

```
nb_filters = 32
```

size of pooling area for max pooling

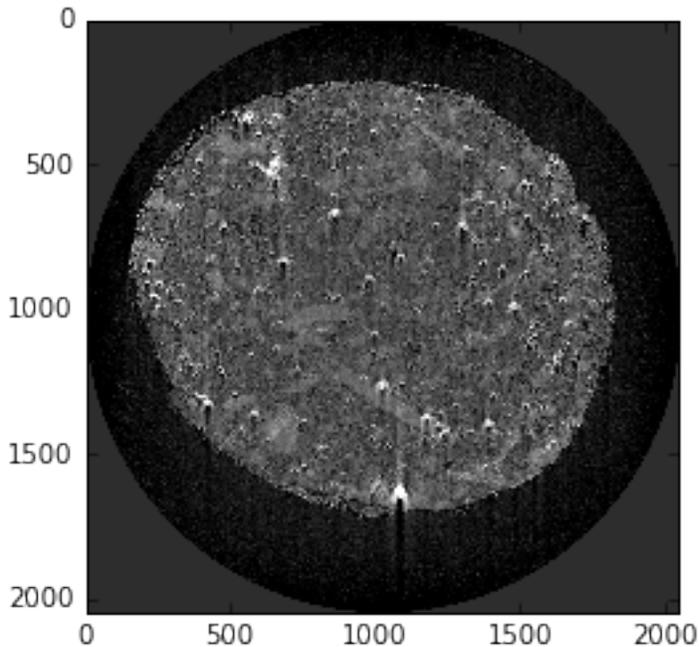
```
nb_pool = 2
```

convolution kernel size

```
nb_conv = 3
```

```
fname = '../test/test_data/1038.tiff'
img_x = dxchange.read_tiff(fname)
```

```
plt.imshow(img_x, cmap='Greys_r')
plt.clim(-0.0005,0.0028)
plt.show()
```



```
ind_uncenter1 = range(1038, 1047)
ind_uncenter2 = range(1049, 1057)
uncenter1 = dxchange.read_tiff_stack(fname, ind=ind_uncenter1, digit=4)
uncenter2 = dxchange.read_tiff_stack(fname, ind=ind_uncenter2, digit=4)
uncenter = np.concatenate((uncenter1, uncenter2), axis=0)
uncenter = nor_data(uncenter)
```

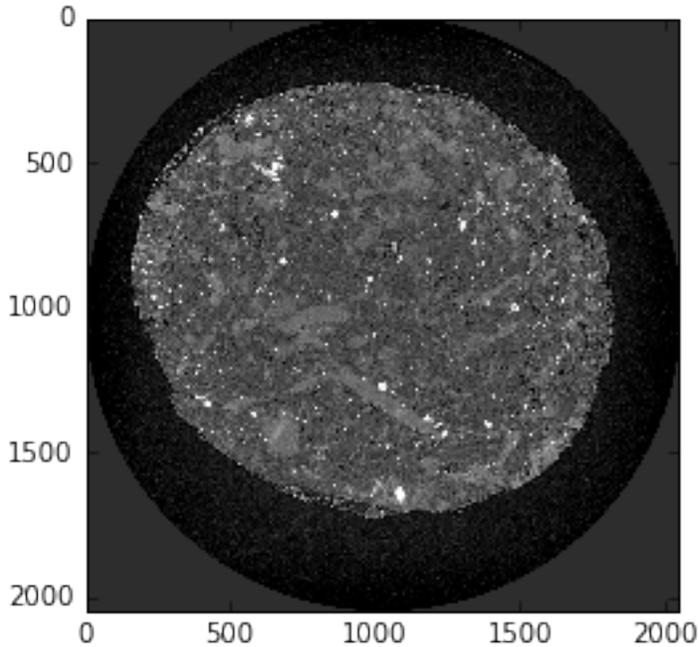
```
uncenter = img_window(uncenter[:, 360:1460, 440:1440], 200)
```

```
uncenter_patches = extract_3d(uncenter, patch_size, 1)
```

```
np.random.shuffle(uncenter_patches)
```

```
center_img = dxchange.read_tiff('../test/test_data/1048.tiff')
```

```
plt.imshow(center_img, cmap='Greys_r')
plt.clim(-0.0005,0.0028)
plt.show()
```



```
center_img = nor_data(center_img)
```

```
center_img = img_window(center_img[360:1460, 440:1440], 400)
center_patches = extract_3d(center_img, patch_size, 1)
np.random.shuffle(center_patches)
```

```
x_train = np.concatenate((uncenter_patches[0:50000], center_patches[0:50000]), axis=0)
x_test = np.concatenate((uncenter_patches[50000:60000], center_patches[50000:60000]),
↳ axis=0)
x_train = x_train.reshape(x_train.shape[0], 1, dim_img, dim_img)
x_test = x_test.reshape(x_test.shape[0], 1, dim_img, dim_img)
y_train = np.zeros(100000)
y_train[50000:99999] = 1
y_test = np.zeros(20000)
y_test[10000:19999] = 1
```

```
model = train(x_train, y_train, x_test, y_test, dim_img, nb_filters, nb_conv, batch_size,
↳ nb_epoch, nb_classes)
```

```
(100000, 1, 128, 128) (100000, 2) (20000, 1, 128, 128) (20000, 2)
Train on 100000 samples, validate on 20000 samples
Epoch 1/12
100000/100000 [=====] - 836s - loss: 0.1251 - acc: 0.9604 - val_
↳ loss: 0.0726 - val_acc: 0.9704
Epoch 2/12
100000/100000 [=====] - 835s - loss: 0.0085 - acc: 0.9977 - val_
↳ loss: 0.1675 - val_acc: 0.9311
Epoch 3/12
100000/100000 [=====] - 835s - loss: 0.0045 - acc: 0.9989 - val_
↳ loss: 0.0155 - val_acc: 0.9949
```

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```

Epoch 4/12
1000000/1000000 [=====] - 832s - loss: 0.0034 - acc: 0.9990 - val_
↳loss: 0.0090 - val_acc: 0.9976
Epoch 5/12
1000000/1000000 [=====] - 834s - loss: 0.0018 - acc: 0.9995 - val_
↳loss: 0.1212 - val_acc: 0.9512
Epoch 6/12
1000000/1000000 [=====] - 835s - loss: 9.9921e-04 - acc: 0.9998 -
↳val_loss: 0.0033 - val_acc: 0.9991
Epoch 7/12
1000000/1000000 [=====] - 835s - loss: 5.3466e-04 - acc: 0.9999 -
↳val_loss: 6.5040e-04 - val_acc: 1.0000
Epoch 8/12
1000000/1000000 [=====] - 836s - loss: 7.6305e-04 - acc: 0.9998 -
↳val_loss: 0.0016 - val_acc: 0.9997
Epoch 9/12
1000000/1000000 [=====] - 833s - loss: 3.9566e-04 - acc: 0.9999 -
↳val_loss: 8.2169e-04 - val_acc: 1.0000
Epoch 10/12
1000000/1000000 [=====] - 835s - loss: 4.5675e-04 - acc: 0.9999 -
↳val_loss: 8.0605e-04 - val_acc: 1.0000
Epoch 11/12
1000000/1000000 [=====] - 833s - loss: 3.1511e-04 - acc: 1.0000 -
↳val_loss: 8.0620e-04 - val_acc: 1.0000
Epoch 12/12
1000000/1000000 [=====] - 833s - loss: 2.0671e-04 - acc: 1.0000 -
↳val_loss: 8.0606e-04 - val_acc: 1.0000

```

```

Test score: 0.000806061122949
Test accuracy: 0.99995

```

```
model.save_weights('classify_training_weights.h5')
```

Evaluate

Here is an example on how to use an already trained convolutional neural network to evaluate and select the best image according to the training received. In this example the network has been trained to select the best rotation axis centered reconstruction. The test consists of asking the network to select the best centered images coming from a similar sample collected on a different tomographic beamline.

You can download the python script [here](#) or the Jupyter notebook [here](#)

To run this example please download the test data from the `classify_evaluate` folder at [url](#)

```

import dxchange
import numpy as np
from xlearn.utils import nor_data
from xlearn.utils import extract_3d
from xlearn.utils import img_window
from xlearn.classify import model
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

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```
import time
import glob
```

```
Using Theano backend.
Using gpu device 0: Tesla M2050 (CNMeM is disabled, cuDNN not available)
```

```
np.random.seed(1337)

dim_img = 128
patch_size = (dim_img, dim_img)
batch_size = 50
nb_classes = 2
nb_epoch = 12
```

number of convolutional filters to use

```
nb_filters = 32
```

size of pooling area for max pooling

```
nb_pool = 2
```

convolution kernel size

```
nb_conv = 3
```

Please download the test data from the classify_evaluate folder at

<http://tinyurl.com/APS-xlearn>

and put them in the test_data folder

```
nb_evl = 100
```

```
fnames = glob.glob('../test/test_data/*.tiff')
fnames = np.sort(fnames)
```

```
mdl = model(dim_img, nb_filters, nb_conv, nb_classes)

mdl.load_weights('classify_training_weights.h5')

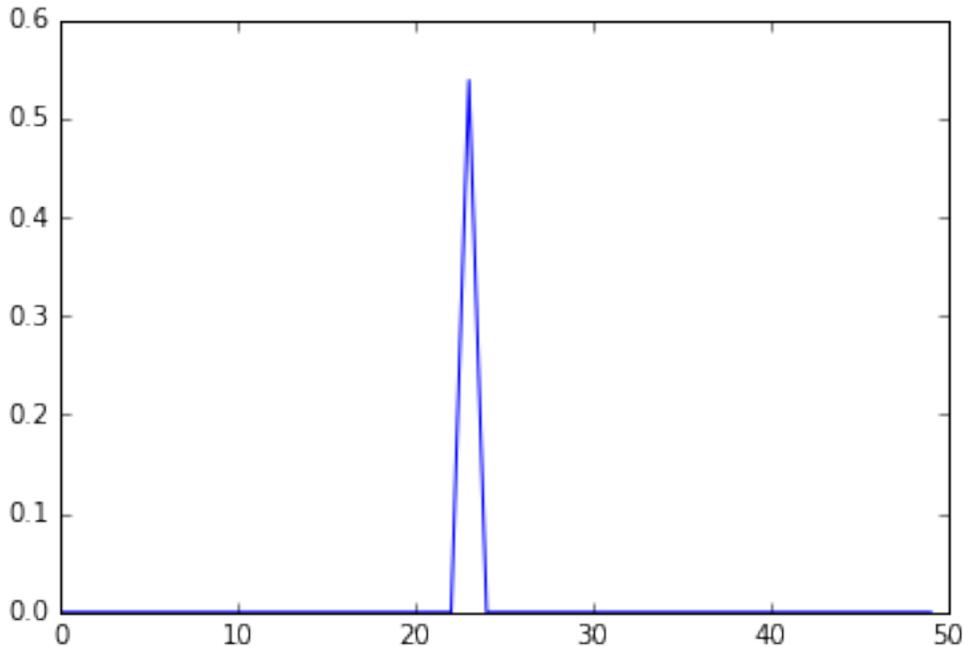
Y_score = np.zeros((len(fnames)))
```

```
for i in range(len(fnames)):
    img = dxchange.read_tiff(fnames[i])
    img = nor_data(img)
    X_evl = np.zeros((nb_evl, dim_img, dim_img))

    for j in range(nb_evl):
        X_evl[j] = img_window(img[360:1460, 440:1440], dim_img)
    X_evl = X_evl.reshape(X_evl.shape[0], 1, dim_img, dim_img)
    Y_evl = mdl.predict(X_evl, batch_size=batch_size)
    Y_score[i] = sum(np.dot(Y_evl, [0, 1]))
```

```
ind_max = np.argmax(Y_score)
print('The well-centered reconstruction is:', fnames[ind_max])
plt.plot(Y_score)
plt.show()
```

```
('The well-centered reconstruction is:', '../test/test_data/1023.00.tiff')
```



3.6 Credits

3.6.1 Citations

We kindly request that you cite the following article [A2], [A3], [A1], and [A4] if you use Xlearn.

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