


Rapid Classification of Massive Images Based on Cloud Computing Platform

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ABSTRACT

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With the continuously increasing requirement of data processing speed, it is more and more suitable for images to be processed on cloud computing platform with distributed parallel computing. Therefore, this paper studied the rapid classification of massive images based on cloud computing platform. The multi-mode information fusion of massive images was carried out, which gave the implementation steps of the proposed massive image fusion method based on information complementation. This paper proposed to classify the massive images based on salient interactive feedback network. The model constructed in this paper not only simplified the complicated network parameter initialization and tuning process, but also avoided the classification failure caused by the scarcity of labeled images, which is more suitable for application and practical application scenarios. The experimental results verified the effectiveness of the constructed model in rapidly classifying massive images.

1. INTRODUCTION

With the progress of information technology and the rapid development of image data acquisition technology, a large amount of multimedia data is generated every day in all walks of life, among which digital image data accounts for a large part [1-6]. Face with the explosive growth of digital image data, the traditional stand-alone mode of image processing has exposed many problems, such as slow processing speed and poor concurrency, etc. [7-12]. Therefore, the traditional image processing mode has gradually failed to meet the needs of users. Now it is particularly necessary to seek a new and efficient image processing mode [13-20]. As a new calculation pattern, cloud computing is a typical distributed and parallel computing model, which can greatly shorten the execution time of computing tasks. With the continuously increasing data processing speed requirements, it is more and more suitable to process images on cloud computing platform with distributed parallel computing.

With the advent of the era of big data, various types of image data has been growing explosively. The traditional image classification algorithm has low efficiency and accuracy problems, which can not meet the processing requirements of massive image data. For the above problems, Wang et al. [21] proposed a massive image classification method based on parallel hybrid classifier algorithm, which combined Adaboost algorithm with Radial Basis Function (RBF) algorithm, and incorporated multiple RBF classifiers into a strong classifier. In addition, MapReduce parallel programming model was used to parallelize the Adaboost RBF algorithm. The performance test results showed that the algorithm met the automatic classification needs of massive images. For the problem of low image classification performance in single-node computing model, Hu et al. [22] integrated the gray level with image texture using Gray Level Concurrence Matrix (GLCM), and designed a MapReduce-based parallel fuzzy C-

means clustering method, which improved the real-time classification performance of massive images. The results showed that this method had high real-time processing efficiency in massive image classification. The cloud computing platform, which has achieved excellent commercial results, was used for parallel classification processing of massive remote sensing data, which met the requirements of improving the parallel processing efficiency. Feng and Wu [23] aimed to study the application of distributed cloud computing architecture in big data-based hyperspectral remote sensing image classification. The co-authors described related cloud computing technologies, and proposed Spatial Correlation regularized Sparse Representation Classification (SCSRC) model of sparse representation classification method based on spatial correlation constraints. In addition, the co-authors proposed a distributed classification algorithm DP-SCSRC on Spark platform based on spatial correlation constraint sparse representation by analyzing the principle and the solving method of the SCSRC model, and designed optimization methods for the core steps. Thakur and Pillai [24] proposed that these methods showed some limitations when the input images contained a large amount of noise contents and fuzzy degrees, such as unsatisfactory image classification results and low accuracy. Then the co-authors analyzed and summarized various image classification technologies.

In conclusion, the application of distributed parallel processing technology to massive image processing will become an important research direction. As a typical distributed and parallel computing mode, cloud computing has efficient computing processing ability, which greatly shortens the execution time of computing tasks. With the need for continuous increase of data processing speed, it is more and more suitable for images to be processed on cloud computing platform with distributed parallel computing. Therefore, this paper did research on the rapid classification of massive images based on cloud computing platform. The second part

of the paper presented the multi-mode information fusion of massive images, and gave the implementation steps of the proposed massive image fusion method based on information complementation. For the massive image classification tasks, the third part of the article proposed to classify the massive images based on the salient interactive feedback network. The constructed model not only simplified the complicated network parameter initialization and tuning process, but also avoided the classification failure caused by scarce labeled images, which is more suitable for application and practical application scenarios. The experimental results verified the model was effective in rapid massive image classification.

2. FUSION OF MASSIVE IMAGES

Image fusion of multi-mode information refers to processing the image data of the same target, collected from multi-source channels, based on image processing and computer technology, as well as extracting the favorable information in each channel to the maximum and synthesizing it into high-quality images. Image fusion is of great significance to simplify the processing process of massive images one by one, and at the same time can effectively improve the utilization rate of massive image information, improve the accuracy and reliability of computer interpretation, and increase the spatial and spectral resolution of the original images, which is more suitable for processing scenarios of massive monitoring images. Therefore, this paper proposed a massive image fusion method based on information complementation before rapidly classifying the massive images on cloud computing platform. The implementation steps of this method were described in detail below:

STEP 1: Let $g(a, b)$ be the image to be fused and P be the blank image used to store the fused image, then $g(a, b)$ was mapped to the H channel of IHS space of image P based on the following formula:

$$H(a, b) = 0.03 * g(a, b) \quad (1)$$

In the above formula, a coefficient 0.03 was set to ensure that H value did not change too much when the gray level $g(a, b)$ changed.

STEP 2: Let l be the coefficient used to adjust the color saturation of the fused image, then $g(a, b)$ was mapped to the S channel of IHS space of image P based on the following formula:

$$S = \begin{cases} l * g(a, b), & g(a, b) \leq 127 \\ l * (255 - g(a, b)), & g(a, b) > 127 \end{cases} \quad (2)$$

In order to ensure the harmony between image colors, the l value should not be too large, and about 1.5 was appropriate.

STEP 3: In order to obtain an effective edge brightness image $h(a, b)$, the edge detection operator was used to operate another image to be fused, and mapping to the I channel of IHS space of image P based on the following formula was:

$$I = h(a, b) \quad (3)$$

STEP 4: Corresponding wavelet domain image was obtained through wavelet decomposition of two images to be

fused and the fused image. Figure 1 shows the generation process of wavelet domain image. Then wavelet low frequency was extracted for the HIS image of the fused image, with the corresponding low frequency coefficient represented by KK_{mj} . The maximum value of high frequencies in the three images was taken. Let FK_{mj} , KF_{mj} and FF_{mj} be wavelet coefficients in the three directions, respectively, and S , U , P and G be the subscripts of the two images to be fused, the fused image in IHS space and the final fused image, respectively, then:

$$KK_{Gj} = KK_{Pj} \quad (4)$$

$$FK_{Gj} = \max(|FK_{Sj}|, |FK_{Uj}|, |FK_{Pj}|) \quad (5)$$

$$KF_{Gj} = \max(|KF_{Sj}|, |KF_{Uj}|, |KF_{Ej}|) \quad (6)$$

$$FF_{Gj} = \max(|FF_{Sj}|, |FF_{Uj}|, |FF_{Ej}|) \quad (7)$$

STEP 5: The final fused image was obtained through inverse wavelet transform. Figure 2 shows the fusion process of massive images.

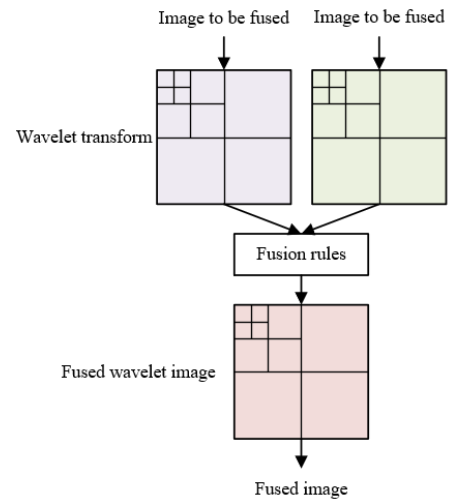


Figure 1. Generation process of wavelet domain image

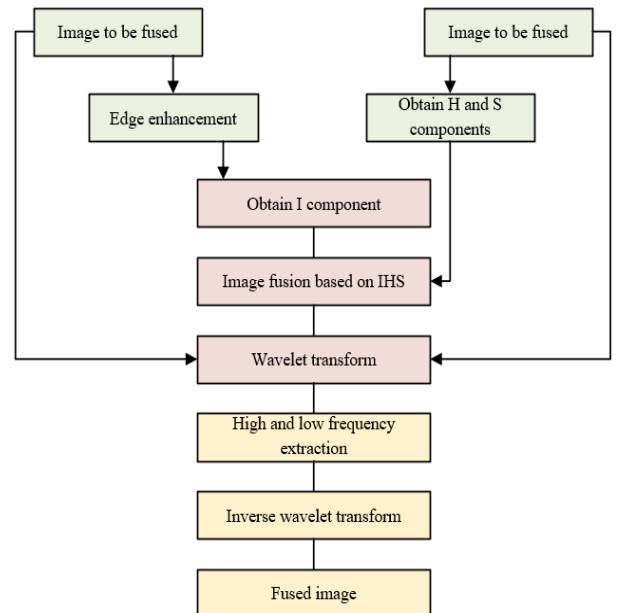


Figure 2. Fusion process of massive images

activation map channel to different regions using the weight b , generated by the function *softmax*. Let b_i be the weight of the i -th channel and X_x be X after global average pooling operation, then the following formula gave the expression of the weight vector $b=[b_1, b_2, \dots, b_i, \dots, b_D]$:

$$b_i = \frac{\exp(X_{x(i)})}{\sum_{i=1}^D \exp(X_{x(i)})} \quad (10)$$

Due to b representing the discrimination of X , the salient feature extraction module adjusted the influence of class activation map on the exploration region using b . Initial attention map $N \in R^{F \times Q \times D}$, which balanced the coverage region and the discrimination ability of these regional features, was built through channel weighting of X , that is:

$$N = b \otimes X \quad (11)$$

In order to obtain a complete salient image target, this paper designed an image target flow, which focused on the region related to semantics of the image target. Let X_i be the weight of the class activation map in the i -th channel and the cross-channel average pooling of X was performed, then:

$$R = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^D X_i}{D} \quad (12)$$

In order to make full use of R , this paper also constructed an attention gating sub-module to locate the region related to the image target. In order to meet the functional requirements of both capturing the spatial relationship in the image and extracting the region highly responsive to the final classification, this module needed to include the attention sub-module shown in the following formula. Let $N_x \in R^{F \times Q}$ be the attention map with context and Q_r and Q_x be the learnable parameters corresponding to the two convolution layers contained in the attention sub-module, then:

$$N_x = \text{sigmoid}(Q_x \cdot \tanh(Q_r \cdot R)) \quad (13)$$

Let $N_t \in R^{F \times Q}$ be the attention map saliently related to the image target and G_{tr} be the salient feature related to semantics of the image target. This module summarized the features of the fused image in each channel direction, and N_t and G_{tr} were obtained by processing the summary $N_{Total} \in R^{F \times Q}$ using the gating sub-module. The following gave the corresponding calculation formula:

$$N_t = \text{sigmoid}(Q_n \cdot \tanh((Q_m \cdot N_x) \otimes N_{sum})) \quad (14)$$

$$G_{tr} = X \otimes N_t \quad (15)$$

In order to extract the salient feature of local region of the image, a local flow was set up to learn from multiple detectors, which could perceive the whole local region. Therefore, by taking into consideration the maximum response of different channels in the fused image, which reflected the most discriminative local region in different channels, the

coordinates of each local region were represented as $\{(a_1, b_1), (a_2, b_2), (a_i, b_i), (a_m, b_m)\}$, where (a_i, b_i) are the coordinates of the i -th local region in the fused image, and m is the number of detected local regions. Let Q_E and Q_s be the parameters of the two convolution layers and $N_{e(i)} \in R^{F \times Q}$ be the attention map of the i -th channel. Similarly, the attention map $N_E \in R^{F \times Q \times m}$ related to local semantics in local flow could be obtained by the following formula:

$$\begin{aligned} N_E &= \text{sigmoid}(Q_s \cdot \text{tabh}(Q_E \cdot N_{norm})) \\ &= \{N_{e(1)}, N_{e(2)}, \dots, N_{e(i)}, \dots, N_{e(m)}\} \end{aligned} \quad (16)$$

The extraction of local salient features included two steps: initializing the flow parameters and adjusting the parameters with the activation ratio. Let N_e be m attention maps related to local semantics and $G_{er}=[G_{er(1)}, G_{er(2)}, \dots, G_{er(m)}]$ be the generated salient features related to local semantics, and G_{er} contained m local salient features, then the specific calculation formula was as follows:

$$G_{er} = X \otimes N_e \quad (17)$$

The design of salient feature refinement module aimed to refine the salient features of the image target and local region of the image, and synthesize them into advanced features with discrimination, which was conducive to the rapid recognition of massive images. Specifically, the salient amplifier module was introduced to generate image target and its local region based on salient amplification. Then the attention gating sub-module and the attention sub-module were used to locate the image target and its local region, and the target-level and local-level salient amplification features were generated.

Let G_{tr} be the target-level salient amplification feature, G_e be the local-level salient amplification feature, and $N_{ex} \in R^{F \times Q \times m}$ and $G_{ef} \in R^{D \times m}$ be the local attention map and its advanced feature, respectively. In order to locate each independent local region in the image target, this paper modeled the similarity between G_{tr} and G_e in the image target flow and the local flow, and guided G_e to be constrained in the image target. Let Q_t , Q_l and Q_k be the learnable weight parameters, respectively, then:

$$N_{ex} = \text{sigmoid}(Q_k \cdot \tanh(Q_t \cdot G_{tr} + Q_l \cdot G_e)) \quad (18)$$

$$G_{ef} = G_e \otimes M_{ex} \quad (19)$$

The salient features of all local regions in G_{er} were supplemented further in the local-image target flow. The $G_{er(l)}$ and G_t of each local region were integrated in the form of $G_{er(l)} \otimes G_t$ to generate the advanced feature $G_{yf} \in R^{D \times m}$ of the image target. Let h^* be the global maximum pooling and then:

$$G_{yf} = \begin{pmatrix} h(G_{er(1)} \otimes G_t) \\ h(G_{er(2)} \otimes G_t) \\ \vdots \\ h(G_{er(m)} \otimes G_t) \end{pmatrix} \quad (20)$$

In order to optimize the advanced features generated, the network information affecting the optimization effects of

salient feature was readjusted in the back-propagation form layer by layer. This paper proposed a comprehensive calibration loss $L_s K_r$, which realized the construction of feedback between advanced feature and salient feature. Let K_x and K_g be the attention and feature calibration loss functions, respectively, then, K_r , which could achieve the calibration salient feature, was calculated by the following formula:

$$K_r = K_x + K_g \quad (21)$$

Let $n_{ex}(i,j)$ and $n_e(i,j)$ be the elements in the attention map corresponding to N_{ex} and N_e of each local region, respectively, and $n_{tx}(i,j)$ and $n_t(i,j)$ be the elements in the attention map corresponding to N_{tx} and N_t of the image target, respectively, then K_x was represented as:

$$K_x(N_{ex}, N_e) = \sum_{i,j=1}^{(F,Q)} \|n_{ex}(i,j) - n_e(i,j)\|^2 \quad (22)$$

$$K_x(N_{tx}, N_t) = \sum_{i,j=1}^{(F,Q)} \|n_{tx}(i,j) - n_t(i,j)\|^2$$

In addition, in order to achieve the goal of salient feature gradually approaching the advanced feature, this paper set the Hellinger distance between them as the feature calibration penalty term. Let $G_{er(j)}$ and $G_{ef(j)}$ be the salient feature and advanced feature of each local region on the j -th feature channel, respectively, $G_{tr(j)}$ and $G_{tf(j)}$ be the salient feature and advanced feature of the image target on the j -th feature channel, respectively, and D_1 and D_2 be the number of feature channels of the local region and image target, respectively, then:

$$K_g(N_{er}, N_{ef}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \sum_{j=1}^{D_1} \left\| \sqrt{G_{er(j)}} - \sqrt{G_{ef(j)}} \right\|_2 \quad (23)$$

$$K_g(N_{tr}, N_{tf}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \sum_{j=1}^{D_2} \left\| \sqrt{G_{tr(j)}} - \sqrt{G_{tf(j)}} \right\|_2$$

4. EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS AND ANALYSIS

All the experiments in this paper were carried out on the same GTX1080T GPU server based on the *Pytorch* 1.0 framework, with 11GB random access memory. The batch processing for parameter optimization was set to 16, and the initial learning rate was set to 0.001, because mini-batch gradient descent made the constructed model obtain faster convergence speed and smaller objective function fluctuation. In order to explore the number of the optimal local regions of the image, extracted by the salient feature extraction module in the proposed model, the number of channels of the attention map related to local semantics was changed. Table 1 shows the accuracy change of the constructed model in different-source image sample sets along with the number of local regions of the image.

According to the table, the constructed model can extract more salient features of local regions of the image along with the increase of the number of channels, which facilitates the recognition and division of different local regions of the images, thus improving the accuracy and efficiency of massive image classification. The maximum value of classification accuracy was obtained when the number of the local regions in the image was seven, mainly because too many attention

map feature channels led to the extraction of redundant information in the image, further affecting the accuracy of image classification.

In order to verify the performance advantages of the model built in this paper in massive image classification, the classification accuracy of different models was statistically analyzed in the experiments. The constructed model was trained only using the images and their labels in sample sets 1, 2 and 3. This paper made a contrast test between the model constructed in this paper and other models, including three strongly supervised models of *R-CNN*, *MASK-CNN* and *Part-based R-CNNs* and eight weakly supervised models of *RA-CNN*, *CUNet*, *CDBN*, *ConvNet*, *PA-CNN*, *DeconvNet*, *MA-CNN* and *PMG*.

In order to prove the effectiveness of the constructed model, the model was compared with eleven classic image classification models. Table 2 shows the accuracy of different models on three sample sets. The three strongly supervised models of *R-CNN*, *MASK-CNN* and *Part-based R-CNNs* adopted image labels, or bounding boxes, local labels and other specific labels. The eight weakly supervised models of *RA-CNN*, *CUNet*, *CDBN*, *ConvNet*, *PA-CNN*, *DeconvNet*, *MA-CNN* and *PMG* did not use additional image annotations. As can be seen from Table 2, the constructed model achieved the highest classification accuracy of massive images on three sample sets, compared with other reference models.

In the experiment, different numbers of *DataNode* were selected for massive image processing in order to compare the processing process of the same sample set using both single and multiple *DataNode*.

Table 1. Accuracy of different numbers of local regions on three sample sets

Number of local regions	1	2	3	4	5
Sample set 1	87.2	87.5	88.1	88.6	89.2
Sample set 2	92.8	93.6	94.1	94.2	94.9
Sample set 3	91.5	91.7	92.6	93.1	93.6
Number of local regions	6	7	8	9	10
Sample set 1	89.7	90.3	90.7	90.7	90.7
Sample set 2	95.1	95.3	94.6	92.6	91.6
Sample set 3	93.6	93.8	94.1	91.2	90.3

Table 2. Accuracy of different models on three sample sets

Method	Extra label	Sample set 1	Sample set 2	Sample set 3
<i>R-CNN</i>	√	84.2	91.4	84.2
<i>MASK-CNN</i>	√	87.4	-	-
<i>Part-based R-CNNs</i>	√	87.6	93.7	-
<i>RA-CNN</i>		85.4	92.6	-
<i>CUNet</i>		85.9	92.1	-
<i>CDBN</i>		86.6	92.9	89.8
<i>ConvNet</i>		87.4	-	-
<i>PA-CNN</i>		87.9	93.2	-
<i>DeconvNet</i>		87.9	94.6	93.1
<i>MA-CNN</i>		88.6	94.8	92.7
<i>PMG</i>		89.4	95.2	93.5
The constructed model (1)		87.2	92.7	91.5
The constructed model (6)		90.7	95.5	94.1
The constructed model (11)		90.7	95.5	94.3
The constructed model (16)		90.6	95.4	94.5

Table 3. Time of completing sample set processing in case of different numbers of *DataNode*

Number of <i>DataNode</i>	Number of file document	Completion time (s)
1	1	2345
3	3	812
5	5	4997
10	10	335
15	15	242
20	20	208

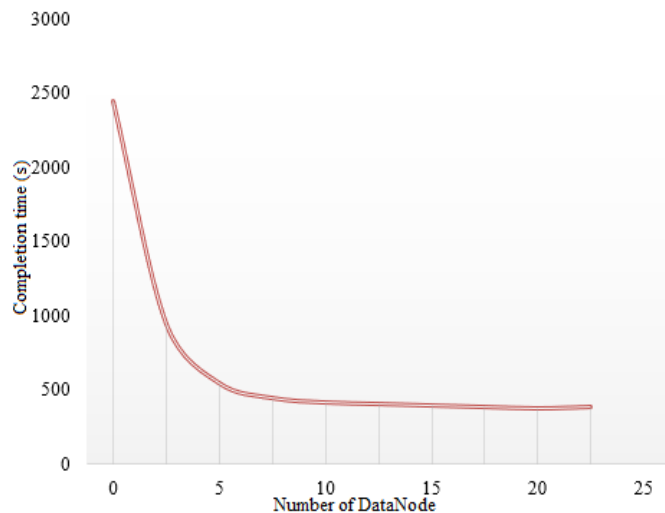


Figure 4. Variation trend of completion time in case of different numbers of *DataNode*

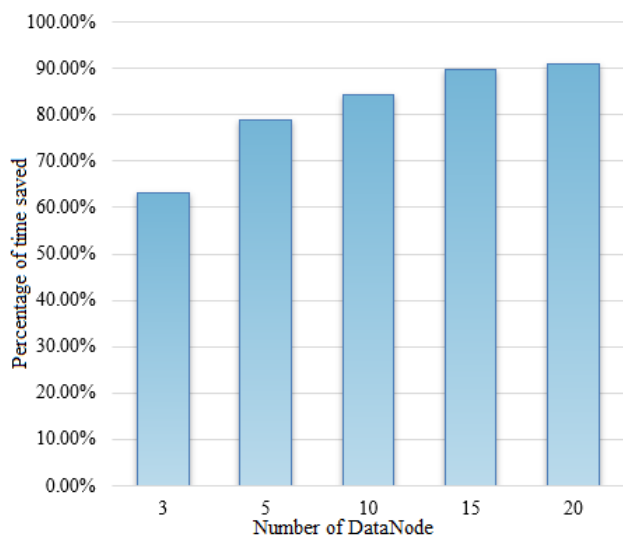


Figure 5. Percentage of time saved in case of different numbers of *DataNode*

Table 3 shows the time of completing sample set processing on the cloud computing platform when the number of *DataNode* is different. Figure 4 shows the variation trend of completion time when the number of *DataNode* is different. According to the table and figure, when processing the same image data, the processing efficiency of multiple *DataNode* was significantly better than that of single *DataNode*. The percentage of time saved is shown in Figure 5 when the number of *DataNode* is different. In addition, five *DataNode* nodes saved nearly 40% of the time, compared with three *DataNode* nodes. Ten *DataNode* nodes saved more than 30%

of the time, compared with five *DataNode* nodes. Similarly, fifteen and twenty *DataNode* nodes saved more time. It can be seen that, with the same processing sample size, the more the number of *DataNode* on the cloud computing platform, the faster the image processing time.

5. CONCLUSIONS

This paper studied the rapid classification of massive images based on cloud computing platform and gave the implementation steps of the proposed massive image fusion method based on information complementation through multi-mode information fusion of the massive images. For the massive image classification tasks, this paper proposed to classify the massive images based on salient interactive feedback network. The constructed model is more suitable for application and practical application scenarios because it simplified the complicated network parameter initialization and tuning process, and avoided the classification failure caused by scarce labeled images. With the change of the number of local regions of the image, the experimental results showed the accuracy change of the constructed model in different-source image sample sets, with the constructed model obtaining the maximum classification accuracy when the number of local regions was seven. The statistic analysis results of classification accuracy of different models showed that the constructed model achieved the highest classification accuracy of massive images on three sample sets, compared with other reference models. With the same sample set, this paper compared the processing process of using both single and multiple *DataNode* and gave the conclusion of comparative analysis.

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