

Deep Learning Checklist

- Codebase is well-organized
- Model naming is clear and intuitive
- Experiment logs are accurate and detailed
Consider [MLFlow](#), [W&B](#) or other similar tools and services.
- Essential metadata for each model is available
Dataset version, train script version, and training parameters.
Consider using a [DVC](#) tool.



-
- Original data visualization scripts/tools are used
To ensure accurate interpretation and adequacy of labels.
 - Original data analysis is conducted
Evaluating characteristics like class count, sample distribution by class, object size distribution for detection, and pixel distribution in masks, among others.



-
- Data has been converted to an optimal format
Consider [HDF5](#) – one of the most convenient formats.
To reduce volume and disk load, it is advisable to store data in 8-bit if acceptable.
 - Split into Train and Test has been executed as separate sets
Ideally, Test and Validation should also be distinguished.
 - Data in the databases/sets are randomly shuffled
 - The relationship between the original data and the data in the databases is preserved
 - Metadata is associated with the data
E.g. attributes in [HDF5](#) store the version of the data generation script, parameters, etc.
 - Developed a script for visualizing data from the database
Thereby ensuring the correctness of data storage in the database.



-
- Quality evaluation metrics are appropriate for the current task
IoU, Dice Scr., MSE, Recall/Precision, F-Score, Accuracy, ROC/AUC, Confusion Matrix.
 - Standard methodologies for evaluation utilize standard packages
[sklearn.metrics](#), [tf.metrics](#), [ignite.metrics](#), etc.
 - Evaluation can be conducted separately from the training procedure
 - The quality of a baseline or trivial solution has been evaluated
In the case of a trivial solution, the evaluation can even be analytical. For example, a random result based on uniform distribution or distribution based on sample analysis or a fixed most probable outcome.



-
- Augmentation is computationally efficient
GPU is used if available.
 - Augmentation correctly accounts for labeling
Typical problems: points order after flipping, incorrect rotation of a binary mask.
 - Augmentation scripts allow for visual verification of their correctness
 - Augmentation is sufficiently diverse
Affine transformations (including flip), brightness, contrast, gamma correction, white balance, temperature, noise, blurring, cutout, etc.
Some tools: [ImgAug](#), [DeepMind Augmentation](#), [Albumentations](#), [NVIDIA DALI](#).



-
- Developed a prediction script for applying the model to an image database**
Relevant for conducting quality evaluation as well.
 - Developed a demo script for applying the model to an individual image**
Can be implemented at a later stage of the project.



-
- Visualization of important information during the training process is performed**
E.g. Loss, Train/Test/Val Quality, examples of current results.
Some visualization packages: [Visdom](#), [TensorBoard](#), [TensorBoardX](#).
 - The training script works with normalized data**
E.g. data is normalized to the range [0, 1] or the mean is subtracted and divided by the variance (with the assessment of statistical metrics).
 - The training script carefully manages IO/disk usage**
 - Memory consumption is monitored**
Memory does not "leak". Batch-size is chosen to maximize memory usage.
Use utilities like [htop](#) and [nvidia-smi](#) for monitoring.
 - Scripts intended for long-term use support pausing/resuming**
For example, the model state is periodically saved during the training process.
 - Scripts have an adequate list of parameters**
Provide a reasonable amount of command line arguments. Consider [Click](#), [Fire](#), [Typer](#) to implement CLI and JSON or YAML to support configuration files. Do not hard-code paths.



-
- An adequate amount of computational resources in an appropriate configuration has been allocated**
Care for: the number of servers and GPUs, the topology of GPU interconnections, CPU and GPU performance, the amount of main memory and video memory, etc.
 - Data on computational servers are stored on optimal disks**
There is enough space, IOPS metric is taken into account, prefer local disks over networked disks, prefer SSD over HDD.
 - Backup copies of critically important data are stored in a secure location**
For example, on cloud storage or a dedicated reliable storage server.



-
- Standard architectures have been considered/tested**
E.g. ResNet, Inception, MobileNet, EfficientNet, ViT, Swin, UNet, U²Net, PSPNet, MaskRCNN, SSD, Yolo, FasterRCNN, CenterNet, etc.
Take a look into [paperswithcode.com](#) for current SOTA.
 - The network is capable of overfitting on a micro-dataset**
 - An analysis of the best and worst predictions of the network is regularly performed**
Preferably on both the training and test datasets.
 - The network architecture and the number of parameters match expectations**
Convenient tools for architecture visualization: [NETRON](#), [TensorBoard](#).

