mmrotate

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LEARN THE BASICS

This chapter introduces the basic conception of rotated object detection and the framework of MMRotate, and provides links to detailed tutorials about MMRotate.

1.1 What is rotated object detection

1.1.1 Problem definition

Benefiting from the vigorous development of general object detection, most current rotated object detection models are based on classic general object detector. With the development of detection tasks, horizontal boxes have been unable to meet the needs of researchers in some subdivisions. We call it rotating object detection by redefining the object representation and increasing the number of regression degrees of freedom to achieve rotated rectangle, quadrilateral, and even arbitrary shape detection. Performing high-precision rotated object detection more efficiently has become a current research hotspot. The following areas are where rotated object detection has been applied or has great potential: face recognition, scene text, remote sensing, self-driving, medical, robotic grasping, etc.

1.1.2 What is rotated box

The most notable difference between rotated object detection and generic detection is the replacement of horizontal box annotations with rotated box annotations. They are defined as follows:

- Horizontal box: A rectangle with the width along the x-axis and height along the y-axis. Usually, it can be represented by the coordinates of 2 diagonal vertices (x_i, y_i) (i = 1, 2), or it can be represented by the coordinates of the center point and the width and height, (x_center, y_center, width, height).
- Rotated box: It is obtained by rotating the horizontal box around the center point by an angle, and the definition method of its rotated box is obtained by adding a radian parameter (x_center, y_center, width, height, theta), where theta = angle * pi / 180. The unit of theta is rad. When the rotation angle is a multiple of 90°, the rotated box degenerates into a horizontal box. The rotated box annotations exported by the annotation software are usually polygons, which need to be converted to the rotated box definition method before training.

Note: In MMRotate, angle parameters are in radians.

1.1.3 Rotation direction

A rotated box can be obtained by rotating a horizontal box clockwise or counterclockwise around its center point. The rotation direction is closely related to the choice of the coordinate system. The image space adopts the right-handed coordinate system (y, x), where y is up->down and x is left->right. There are two opposite directions of rotation:

• ClockwiseCW

Schematic of CW

```
0-----> x (0 rad)
| A-----B
| | | | |
| | box h
| angle=0 |
| D-----w----C
v
y (pi/2 rad)
```

Rotation matrix of CW

$$\begin{pmatrix} \cos \alpha & -\sin \alpha \\ \sin \alpha & \cos \alpha \end{pmatrix}$$

Rotation transformation of CW

$$P_{A} = \begin{pmatrix} x_{A} \\ y_{A} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x_{center} \\ y_{center} \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} \cos \alpha & -\sin \alpha \\ \sin \alpha & \cos \alpha \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -0.5w \\ -0.5h \end{pmatrix}$$
$$= \begin{pmatrix} x_{center} - 0.5w \cos \alpha + 0.5h \sin \alpha \\ y_{center} - 0.5w \sin \alpha - 0.5h \cos \alpha \end{pmatrix}$$

CounterclockwiseCCW

Schematic of CCW

Rotation matrix of CCW

$$\begin{pmatrix}
\cos \alpha & \sin \alpha \\
-\sin \alpha & \cos \alpha
\end{pmatrix}$$

Rotation transformation of CCW

$$\begin{split} P_A &= \begin{pmatrix} x_A \\ y_A \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x_{center} \\ y_{center} \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} \cos \alpha & \sin \alpha \\ -\sin \alpha & \cos \alpha \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -0.5w \\ -0.5h \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} x_{center} - 0.5w \cos \alpha - 0.5h \sin \alpha \\ y_{center} + 0.5w \sin \alpha - 0.5h \cos \alpha \end{pmatrix} \end{split}$$

The operators that can set the rotation direction in MMCV are:

- box iou rotated (Defaults to CW)
- nms_rotated (Defaults to CW)
- RoIAlignRotated (Defaults to CCW)
- RiRoIAlignRotated (Defaults to CCW).

Note: In MMRotate, the rotation direction of the rotated boxes is CW.

1.1.4 Definition of rotated box

Due to the difference in the definition range of theta, the following three definitions of the rotated box gradually emerge in rotated object detection:

- $D_{oc'}$: OpenCV Definition, angle(0, 90°], theta(0, pi / 2], The angle between the width of the rectangle and the positive semi-axis of x is a positive acute angle. This definition comes from the cv2.minAreaRect function in OpenCV, which returns an angle in the range (0, 90°].
- D_{le135} : Long Edge Definition (135°)angle[-45°, 135°), theta[-pi / 4, 3 * pi / 4) and width > height.
- D_{le90} : Long Edge Definition (90°) angle[-90°, 90°), theta[-pi / 2, pi / 2) and width > height.

The conversion relationship between the three definitions is not involved in MMRotate, so we will not introduce it much more. Refer to the below blog to dive deeper.

Note: MMRotate supports the above three definitions of rotated box simultaneously, which can be flexibly switched through the configuration file.

It should be noted that if the OpenCV version is less than 4.5.1, the angle range of cv2.minAreaRect is between $[-90^{\circ}, 0^{\circ})$. Reference In order to facilitate the distinction, the old version of the OpenCV definition is denoted as D_{oc} .

- $D_{oc'}$: OpenCV definition, opencv>=4.5.1, angle(0, 90°], theta(0, pi / 2].
- D_{oc} : Old OpenCV definition, opencv<4.5.1, angle[-90°, 0°), theta[-pi / 2, 0).

The conversion relationship between the two OpenCV definitions is as follows:

$$\begin{split} D_{oc'}\left(w_{oc'}, h_{oc'}, \theta_{oc'}\right) &= \begin{cases} D_{oc}\left(h_{oc}, w_{oc}, \theta_{oc} + \pi/2\right), otherwise \\ D_{oc}\left(w_{oc}, h_{oc}, \theta_{oc} + \pi\right), \theta_{oc} &= -\pi/2 \end{cases} \\ D_{oc}\left(w_{oc}, h_{oc}, \theta_{oc'}, \theta_{oc'}, \theta_{oc'} - \pi/2\right), otherwise \\ D_{oc'}\left(w_{oc'}, h_{oc'}, \theta_{oc'}, \theta_{oc'} - \pi\right), \theta_{oc'} &= \pi/2 \end{cases} \end{split}$$

Note: Regardless of the OpenCV version you are using, MMRotate will convert the theta of the OpenCV definition to (0, pi / 2].

1.1.5 Evaluation

The code for evaluating mAP involves the calculation of IoU. We can directly calculate the IoU of the rotated boxes or convert the rotated boxes to a polygons and then calculate the polygons IoU (DOTA online evaluation uses the calculation of polygons IoU).

1.2 What is MMRotate

MMRotate is a toolbox that provides a framework for unified implementation and evaluation of rotated object detection, and below is its whole framework:

MMRotate consists of 4 main parts, datasets, models, core and apis.

- datasets is for data loading and data augmentation. In this part, we support various datasets for rotated object detection algorithms, useful data augmentation transforms in pipelines for pre-processing image.
- models contains models and loss functions.
- core provides evaluation tools for model training and evaluation.
- apis provides high-level APIs for models training, testing, and inference.

The module design of MMRotate is as follows:

The following points need to be noted due to different definitions of rotated box:

- · Loading annotations
- · Data augmentation
- Assigning samples
- Evaluation

1.3 How to Use this Guide

Here is a detailed step-by-step guide to learn more about MMRotate:

- 1. For installation instructions, please see *install*.
- 2. *get_started* is for the basic usage of MMRotate.
- 3. Refer to the below tutorials to dive deeper:
- Config
- Customize Dataset
- Customize Model
- Customize Runtime

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PREREQUISITES

In this section we demonstrate how to prepare an environment with PyTorch.

MMRotate works on Linux and Windows. It requires Python 3.7+, CUDA 9.2+ and PyTorch 1.6+.

Note: If you are experienced with PyTorch and have already installed it, just skip this part and jump to the *next section*. Otherwise, you can follow these steps for the preparation.

Step 0. Download and install Miniconda from the official website.

Step 1. Create a conda environment and activate it.

```
conda create --name openmmlab python=3.8 -y conda activate openmmlab
```

Step 2. Install PyTorch following official instructions, e.g.

 $conda \ install \ pytorch == 1.8.0 \ torchvision == 0.9.0 \ cudatoolkit = 10.2 \ -c \ pytorch$

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INSTALLATION

We recommend that users follow our best practices to install MMRotate. However, the whole process is highly customizable. See *Customize Installation* section for more information.

3.1 Best Practices

Step 0. Install MMCV and MMDetection using MIM.

```
pip install -U openmim
mim install mmcv-full
mim install mmdet\<3.0.0</pre>
```

Step 1. Install MMRotate.

Case a: If you develop and run mmrotate directly, install it from source:

```
git clone https://github.com/open-mmlab/mmrotate.git
cd mmrotate
pip install -v -e .

# "-v" means verbose, or more output
# "-e" means installing a project in editable mode,
# thus any local modifications made to the code will take effect without reinstallation.
```

Case b: If you use mmrotate as a dependency or third-party package, install it with pip:

```
pip install mmrotate
```

3.2 Verify the installation

To verify whether MMRotate is installed correctly, we provide some sample codes to run an inference demo.

Step 1. We need to download config and checkpoint files.

```
mim download mmrotate --config oriented_rcnn_r50_fpn_1x_dota_le90 --dest .
```

The downloading will take several seconds or more, depending on your network environment. When it is done, you will find two files oriented_rcnn_r50_fpn_1x_dota_le90.py and oriented_rcnn_r50_fpn_1x_dota_le90-6d2b2ce0.pth in your current folder.

Step 2. Verify the inference demo.

Option (a). If you install mmrotate from source, just run the following command.

```
python demo/image_demo.py demo/demo.jpg oriented_rcnn_r50_fpn_1x_dota_le90.py oriented_

→rcnn_r50_fpn_1x_dota_le90-6d2b2ce0.pth --out-file result.jpg
```

You will see a new image result. jpg on your current folder, where rotated bounding boxes are plotted on cars, buses, etc.

Option (b). If you install mmrotate with pip, open you python interpreter and copy&paste the following codes.

```
from mmdet.apis import init_detector, inference_detector
import mmrotate

config_file = 'oriented_rcnn_r50_fpn_1x_dota_le90.py'
checkpoint_file = 'oriented_rcnn_r50_fpn_1x_dota_le90-6d2b2ce0.pth'
model = init_detector(config_file, checkpoint_file, device='cuda:0')
inference_detector(model, 'demo/demo.jpg')
```

You will see a list of arrays printed, indicating the detected rotated bounding boxes.

3.3 Customize Installation

3.3.1 CUDA versions

When installing PyTorch, you need to specify the version of CUDA. If you are not clear on which to choose, follow our recommendations:

- For Ampere-based NVIDIA GPUs, such as GeForce 30 series and NVIDIA A100, CUDA 11 is a must.
- For older NVIDIA GPUs, CUDA 11 is backward compatible, but CUDA 10.2 offers better compatibility and is more lightweight.

Please make sure the GPU driver satisfies the minimum version requirements. See this table for more information.

Note: Installing CUDA runtime libraries is enough if you follow our best practices, because no CUDA code will be compiled locally. However if you hope to compile MMCV from source or develop other CUDA operators, you need to install the complete CUDA toolkit from NVIDIA's website, and its version should match the CUDA version of PyTorch. i.e., the specified version of cudatoolkit in conda install command.

3.3.2 Install MMCV without MIM

MMCV contains C++ and CUDA extensions, thus depending on PyTorch in a complex way. MIM solves such dependencies automatically and makes the installation easier. However, it is not a must.

To install MMCV with pip instead of MIM, please follow MMCV installation guides. This requires manually specifying a find-url based on PyTorch version and its CUDA version.

For example, the following command install mmcv-full built for PyTorch 1.9.x and CUDA 10.2.

```
pip install mmcv-full -f https://download.openmmlab.com/mmcv/dist/cu102/torch1.8/index.
_html
```

3.3.3 Install on Google Colab

Google Colab usually has PyTorch installed, thus we only need to install MMCV and MMDetection with the following commands.

Step 1. Install MMCV and MMDetection using MIM.

```
!pip3 install -U openmim
!mim install mmcv-full
!mim install mmdet
```

Step 2. Install MMRotate from the source.

```
!git clone https://github.com/open-mmlab/mmrotate.git
%cd mmrotate
!pip install -e .
```

Step 3. Verification.

```
import mmrotate
print(mmrotate.__version__)
# Example output: 0.3.1
```

Note: Within Jupyter, the exclamation mark! is used to call external executables and %cd is a magic command to change the current working directory of Python.

3.3.4 Using MMRotate with Docker

We provide a Dockerfile to build an image. Ensure that your docker version >=19.03.

```
# build an image with PyTorch 1.6, CUDA 10.1
# If you prefer other versions, just modified the Dockerfile
docker build -t mmrotate docker/
```

Run it with

```
docker run --gpus all --shm-size=8g -it -v {DATA_DIR}:/mmrotate/data mmrotate
```

3.4 Trouble shooting

If you have some issues during the installation, please first view the FAQ page. You may open an issue on GitHub if no solution is found.

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DATASET PREPARATION

Please refer to data preparation for dataset preparation.

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TEST A MODEL

- single GPU
- single node multiple GPU
- multiple node

You can use the following commands to infer a dataset.

Examples:

Inference RotatedRetinaNet on DOTA-1.0 dataset, which can generate compressed files for online submission. (Please change the data_root firstly.)

```
python ./tools/test.py \
  configs/rotated_retinanet/rotated_retinanet_obb_r50_fpn_1x_dota_le90.py \
  checkpoints/SOME_CHECKPOINT.pth --format-only \
  --eval-options submission_dir=work_dirs/Task1_results
```

or

```
./tools/dist_test.sh \
  configs/rotated_retinanet/rotated_retinanet_obb_r50_fpn_1x_dota_le90.py \
  checkpoints/SOME_CHECKPOINT.pth 1 --format-only \
  --eval-options submission_dir=work_dirs/Task1_results
```

You can change the test set path in the data_root to the val set or trainval set for the offline evaluation.

```
python ./tools/test.py \
  configs/rotated_retinanet/rotated_retinanet_obb_r50_fpn_1x_dota_le90.py \
  checkpoints/SOME_CHECKPOINT.pth --eval mAP
```

or

```
./tools/dist_test.sh \
configs/rotated_retinanet/rotated_retinanet_obb_r50_fpn_1x_dota_le90.py \
checkpoints/SOME_CHECKPOINT.pth 1 --eval mAP
```

You can also visualize the results.

```
python ./tools/test.py \
  configs/rotated_retinanet/rotated_retinanet_obb_r50_fpn_1x_dota_le90.py \
  checkpoints/SOME_CHECKPOINT.pth \
  --show-dir work_dirs/vis
```

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TRAIN A MODEL

6.1 Train with a single GPU

```
python tools/train.py ${CONFIG_FILE} [optional arguments]
```

If you want to specify the working directory in the command, you can add an argument --work_dir \$\{YOUR_WORK_DIR\}.

6.2 Train with multiple GPUs

```
./tools/dist_train.sh ${CONFIG_FILE} ${GPU_NUM} [optional arguments]
```

Optional arguments are:

- --no-validate (**not suggested**): By default, the codebase will perform evaluation during the training. To disable this behavior, use --no-validate.
- --work-dir \${WORK_DIR}: Override the working directory specified in the config file.
- --resume-from \${CHECKPOINT_FILE}: Resume from a previous checkpoint file.

Difference between resume-from and load-from: resume-from loads both the model weights and optimizer status, and the epoch is also inherited from the specified checkpoint. It is usually used for resuming the training process that is interrupted accidentally. load-from only loads the model weights and the training epoch starts from 0. It is usually used for finetuning.

6.3 Train with multiple machines

If you launch with multiple machines simply connected with ethernet, you can simply run following commands:

On the first machine:

NNODES=2 NODE_RANK=0 PORT=\$MASTER_PORT MASTER_ADDR=\$MASTER_ADDR sh tools/dist_train.sh

→\$CONFIG \$GPUS

On the second machine:

NNODES=2 NODE_RANK=1 PORT=\$MASTER_PORT MASTER_ADDR=\$MASTER_ADDR sh tools/dist_train.sh

→\$CONFIG \$GPUS

Usually it is slow if you do not have high speed networking like InfiniBand.

6.4 Manage jobs with Slurm

If you run MMRotate on a cluster managed with slurm, you can use the script slurm_train.sh. (This script also supports single machine training.)

```
[GPUS=${GPUS}] ./tools/slurm_train.sh ${PARTITION} ${JOB_NAME} ${CONFIG_FILE} ${WORK_DIR}
```

If you have just multiple machines connected with ethernet, you can refer to PyTorch launch utility. Usually it is slow if you do not have high speed networking like InfiniBand.

6.5 Launch multiple jobs on a single machine

If you launch multiple jobs on a single machine, e.g., 2 jobs of 4-GPU training on a machine with 8 GPUs, you need to specify different ports (29500 by default) for each job to avoid communication conflict.

If you use dist_train.sh to launch training jobs, you can set the port in commands.

```
CUDA_VISIBLE_DEVICES=0,1,2,3 PORT=29500 ./tools/dist_train.sh ${CONFIG_FILE} 4
CUDA_VISIBLE_DEVICES=4,5,6,7 PORT=29501 ./tools/dist_train.sh ${CONFIG_FILE} 4
```

If you use launch training jobs with Slurm, you need to modify the config files (usually the 6th line from the bottom in config files) to set different communication ports.

In config1.py,

```
dist_params = dict(backend='nccl', port=29500)
```

In config2.py,

```
dist_params = dict(backend='nccl', port=29501)
```

Then you can launch two jobs with config1.py and config2.py.

```
CUDA_VISIBLE_DEVICES=0,1,2,3 GPUS=4 ./tools/slurm_train.sh ${PARTITION} ${JOB_NAME}_
config1.py ${WORK_DIR}
CUDA_VISIBLE_DEVICES=4,5,6,7 GPUS=4 ./tools/slurm_train.sh ${PARTITION} ${JOB_NAME}_
config2.py ${WORK_DIR}
```

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BENCHMARK AND MODEL ZOO

- Rotated RetinaNet-OBB/HBB (ICCV'2017)
- Rotated FasterRCNN-OBB (TPAMI'2017)
- Rotated RepPoints-OBB (ICCV'2019)
- Rotated FCOS (ICCV'2019)
- RoI Transformer (CVPR'2019)
- Gliding Vertex (TPAMI'2020)
- Rotated ATSS-OBB (CVPR'2020)
- CSL (ECCV'2020)
- R3Det (AAAI'2021)
- S2A-Net (TGRS'2021)
- ReDet (CVPR'2021)
- Beyond Bounding-Box (CVPR'2021)
- Oriented R-CNN (ICCV'2021)
- GWD (ICML'2021)
- KLD (NeurIPS'2021)
- SASM (AAAI'2022)
- Oriented RepPoints (CVPR'2022)
- KFIoU (arXiv)
- G-Rep (stay tuned)

7.1 Results on DOTA v1.0

- MS means multiple scale image split.
- RR means random rotation.

The above models are trained with 1 * 1080Ti/2080Ti and inferred with 1 * 2080Ti.

TUTORIAL 1: LEARN ABOUT CONFIGS

We incorporate modular and inheritance design into our config system, which is convenient to conduct various experiments. If you wish to inspect the config file, you may run python tools/misc/print_config.py /PATH/TO/CONFIG to see the complete config. The mmrotate is built upon the mmdet, thus it is highly recommended to learn the basics of mmdet.

8.1 Modify a config through script arguments

When submitting jobs using "tools/train.py" or "tools/test.py", you may specify --cfg-options to in-place modify the config.

- Update config keys of dict chains.
 - The config options can be specified following the order of the dict keys in the original config. For example, --cfg-options model.backbone.norm_eval=False changes all BN modules in model backbones to train mode.
- Update keys inside a list of configs.
 - Some config dicts are composed as a list in your config. For example, the training pipeline data.train. pipeline is normally a list e.g. [dict(type='LoadImageFromFile'), ...]. If you want to change 'LoadImageFromFile' to 'LoadImageFromWebcam' in the pipeline, you may specify --cfg-options data.train.pipeline.0.type=LoadImageFromWebcam.
- Update values of list/tuples.
 - If the value to be updated is a list or a tuple. For example, the config file normally sets workflow=[('train', 1)]. If you want to change this key, you may specify --cfg-options workflow="[(train,1),(val,1)]". Note that the quotation mark "is necessary to support list/tuple data types, and that NO white space is allowed inside the quotation marks in the specified value.

8.2 Config file naming convention

We follow the below style to name config files. Contributors are advised to follow the same style.

```
{model}_[model setting]_{backbone}_{neck}_[norm setting]_[misc]_[gpu x batch_per_gpu]_

→{dataset}_{data setting}_{angle version}
```

{xxx} is required field and [yyy] is optional.

- {model}: model type like rotated_faster_rcnn, rotated_retinanet, etc.
- [model setting]: specific setting for some model, like hbb for rotated_retinanet, etc.

- {backbone}: backbone type like r50 (ResNet-50), swin_tiny (SWIN-tiny).
- {neck}: neck type like fpn, refpn.
- [norm_setting]: bn (Batch Normalization) is used unless specified, other norm layer types could be gn (Group Normalization), syncbn (Synchronized Batch Normalization). gn-head/gn-neck indicates GN is applied in head/neck only, while gn-all means GN is applied in the entire model, e.g. backbone, neck, head.
- [misc]: miscellaneous setting/plugins of the model, e.g. dconv, gcb, attention, albu, mstrain.
- [qpu x batch_per_qpu]: GPUs and samples per GPU, 1xb2 is used by default.
- {dataset}: dataset like dota.
- {angle version}: like oc, le135, or le90.

8.3 An example of RotatedRetinaNet

To help the users have a basic idea of a complete config and the modules in a modern detection system, we make brief comments on the config of RotatedRetinaNet using ResNet50 and FPN as the following. For more detailed usage and the corresponding alternative for each module, please refer to the API documentation.

```
angle_version = 'oc' # The angle version
model = dict(
    type='RotatedRetinaNet', # The name of detector
    backbone=dict( # The config of backbone
        type='ResNet', # The type of the backbone
        depth=50, # The depth of backbone
       num_stages=4, # Number of stages of the backbone.
       out_indices=(0, 1, 2, 3), # The index of output feature maps produced in each_
⇔stages
        frozen_stages=1, # The weights in the first 1 stage are fronzen
        zero_init_residual=False, # Whether to use zero init for last norm layer in_
→resblocks to let them behave as identity.
       norm_cfg=dict( # The config of normalization layers.
            type='BN', # Type of norm layer, usually it is BN or GN
            requires_grad=True), # Whether to train the gamma and beta in BN
       norm_eval=True, # Whether to freeze the statistics in BN
        style='pytorch', # The style of backbone, 'pytorch' means that stride 2 layers_
→are in 3x3 conv, 'caffe' means stride 2 layers are in 1x1 convs.
        init_cfg=dict(type='Pretrained', checkpoint='torchvision://resnet50')), # The_
→ ImageNet pretrained backbone to be loaded
   neck=dict(
        type='FPN', # The neck of detector is FPN. We also support 'ReFPN'
        in_channels=[256, 512, 1024, 2048], # The input channels, this is consistent.
→with the output channels of backbone
        out_channels=256, # The output channels of each level of the pyramid feature map
        start_level=1, # Index of the start input backbone level used to build the
→ feature pyramid
        add_extra_convs='on_input', # It specifies the source feature map of the extra_

→ convs

       num_outs=5), # The number of output scales
   bbox_head=dict(
        type='RotatedRetinaHead', # The type of bbox head is 'RRetinaHead'
       num_classes=15, # Number of classes for classification
```

```
in_channels=256, # Input channels for bbox head
       stacked_convs=4, # Number of stacking convs of the head
        feat_channels=256, # Number of hidden channels
       assign_by_circumhbbox='oc', # The angle version of obb2hbb
       anchor_generator=dict( # The config of anchor generator
           type='RotatedAnchorGenerator', # The type of anchor generator
           octave_base_scale=4, # The base scale of octave.
           scales_per_octave=3, # Number of scales for each octave.
           ratios=[1.0, 0.5, 2.0], # The ratio between height and width.
           strides=[8, 16, 32, 64, 128]), # The strides of the anchor generator. This.
→is consistent with the FPN feature strides.
       bbox_coder=dict( # Config of box coder to encode and decode the boxes during_
→training and testing
           type='DeltaXYWHAOBBoxCoder', # Type of box coder.
           angle_range='oc', # The angle version of box coder.
           norm_factor=None, # The norm factor of box coder.
           edge_swap=False, # The edge swap flag of box coder.
           proj_xy=False, # The project flag of box coder.
           target_means=(0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0), # The target means used to encode.
→and decode boxes
           target_stds=(1.0, 1.0, 1.0, 1.0, 1.0)), # The standard variance used to_
→encode and decode boxes
       loss_cls=dict( # Config of loss function for the classification branch
           type='FocalLoss', # Type of loss for classification branch
           use_sigmoid=True, # Whether the prediction is used for sigmoid or softmax
           gamma=2.0, # The gamma for calculating the modulating factor
           alpha=0.25, # A balanced form for Focal Loss
           loss_weight=1.0), # Loss weight of the classification branch
       loss_bbox=dict( # Config of loss function for the regression branch
           type='L1Loss', # Type of loss
           loss_weight=1.0)), # Loss weight of the regression branch
   train_cfg=dict( # Config of training hyperparameters
       assigner=dict( # Config of assigner
           type='MaxIoUAssigner', # Type of assigner
           pos_iou_thr=0.5, # IoU >= threshold 0.5 will be taken as positive samples
           neg_iou_thr=0.4, # IoU < threshold 0.4 will be taken as negative samples</pre>
           min_pos_iou=0, # The minimal IoU threshold to take boxes as positive samples
           ignore_iof_thr=-1, # IoF threshold for ignoring bboxes
           iou_calculator=dict(type='RBboxOverlaps2D')), # Type of Calculator for IoU
       allowed_border=-1, # The border allowed after padding for valid anchors.
       pos_weight=-1, # The weight of positive samples during training.
       debug=False), # Whether to set the debug mode
   test_cfg=dict( # Config of testing hyperparameters
       nms_pre=2000, # The number of boxes before NMS
       min_bbox_size=0, # The allowed minimal box size
       score_thr=0.05, # Threshold to filter out boxes
       nms=dict(iou_thr=0.1), # NMS threshold
       max_per_img=2000)) # The number of boxes to be kept after NMS.
dataset_type = 'DOTADataset' # Dataset type, this will be used to define the dataset
data_root = '../datasets/split_1024_dota1_0/' # Root path of data
img_norm_cfg = dict( # Image normalization config to normalize the input images
   mean=[123.675, 116.28, 103.53], # Mean values used to pre-training the pre-trained.
→backbone models
                                                                          (continues on next page)
```

```
std=[58.395, 57.12, 57.375], # Standard variance used to pre-training the pre-
→trained backbone models
   to_rgb=True) # The channel orders of image used to pre-training the pre-trained_
→backbone models
train_pipeline = [ # Training pipeline
    dict(type='LoadImageFromFile'), # First pipeline to load images from file path
   dict(type='LoadAnnotations', # Second pipeline to load annotations for current image
         with_bbox=True), # Whether to use bounding box, True for detection
   dict(type='RResize', # Augmentation pipeline that resize the images and their_
→annotations
         img_scale=(1024, 1024)), # The largest scale of image
   dict(type='RRandomFlip', # Augmentation pipeline that flip the images and their_
→annotations
         flip_ratio=0.5, # The ratio or probability to flip
        version='oc'), # The angle version
        type='Normalize', # Augmentation pipeline that normalize the input images
       mean=[123.675, 116.28, 103.53], # These keys are the same of img_norm_cfg since.

→ the

        std=[58.395, 57.12, 57.375], # keys of img_norm_cfg are used here as arguments
        to_rgb=True),
   dict(type='Pad', # Padding config
         size_divisor=32), # The number the padded images should be divisible
   dict(type='DefaultFormatBundle'), # Default format bundle to gather data in the
→pipeline
   dict(type='Collect', # Pipeline that decides which keys in the data should be...
⇒passed to the detector
        keys=['img', 'gt_bboxes', 'gt_labels'])
test_pipeline = [
   dict(type='LoadImageFromFile'), # First pipeline to load images from file path
   dict(
        type='MultiScaleFlipAug', # An encapsulation that encapsulates the testing.
→augmentations
       img_scale=(1024, 1024), # Decides the largest scale for testing, used for the
→ Resize pipeline
        flip=False, # Whether to flip images during testing
        transforms=[
            dict(type='RResize'), # Use resize augmentation
                type='Normalize', # Normalization config, the values are from img_norm_
\hookrightarrow cfg
               mean=[123.675, 116.28, 103.53],
                std=[58.395, 57.12, 57.375],
                to_rgb=True),
            dict(type='Pad', # Padding config to pad images divisible by 32.
                 size_divisor=32),
            dict(type='DefaultFormatBundle'), # Default format bundle to gather data in_

→ the pipeline

           dict(type='Collect', # Collect pipeline that collect necessary keys for
→testing.
                keys=['img'])
```

```
1)
data = dict(
    samples_per_gpu=2, # Batch size of a single GPU
   workers_per_gpu=2, # Worker to pre-fetch data for each single GPU
    train=dict( # Train dataset config
        type='DOTADataset', # Type of dataset
        ann_file=
        ".../datasets/split_1024_dota1_0/trainval/annfiles/", # Path of annotation file
        imq_prefix=
        '../datasets/split_1024_dota1_0/trainval/images/', # Prefix of image path
        pipeline=[ # pipeline, this is passed by the train_pipeline created before.
            dict(type='LoadImageFromFile'),
            dict(type='LoadAnnotations', with_bbox=True),
            dict(type='RResize', img_scale=(1024, 1024)),
            dict(type='RRandomFlip', flip_ratio=0.5, version='oc'),
            dict(
                type='Normalize',
                mean=[123.675, 116.28, 103.53],
                std=[58.395, 57.12, 57.375],
                to_rgb=True),
            dict(type='Pad', size_divisor=32),
            dict(type='DefaultFormatBundle'),
            dict(type='Collect', keys=['img', 'gt_bboxes', 'gt_labels'])
        ],
        version='oc'),
   val=dict( # Validation dataset config
        type='DOTADataset',
        ann_file=
        '../datasets/split_1024_dota1_0/trainval/annfiles/',
        '../datasets/split_1024_dota1_0/trainval/images/',
        pipeline=[
            dict(type='LoadImageFromFile'),
            dict(
                type='MultiScaleFlipAug',
                img_scale=(1024, 1024),
                flip=False.
                transforms=[
                    dict(type='RResize'),
                    dict(
                        type='Normalize',
                        mean=[123.675, 116.28, 103.53],
                        std=[58.395, 57.12, 57.375],
                        to_rgb=True),
                    dict(type='Pad', size_divisor=32),
                    dict(type='DefaultFormatBundle'),
                    dict(type='Collect', keys=['img'])
                ])
        ],
        version='oc'),
   test=dict( # Test dataset config, modify the ann_file for test-dev/test submission
```

```
type='DOTADataset',
       ann_file=
        '../datasets/split_1024_dota1_0/test/images/',
       imq_prefix=
       '../datasets/split_1024_dota1_0/test/images/',
       pipeline=[ # Pipeline is passed by test_pipeline created before
           dict(type='LoadImageFromFile'),
           dict(
               type='MultiScaleFlipAug',
               img_scale=(1024, 1024),
               flip=False,
               transforms=[
                   dict(type='RResize'),
                       type='Normalize'.
                      mean=[123.675, 116.28, 103.53],
                      std=[58.395, 57.12, 57.375],
                      to_rgb=True),
                   dict(type='Pad', size_divisor=32),
                   dict(type='DefaultFormatBundle'),
                   dict(type='Collect', keys=['img'])
               1)
       ],
       version='oc'))
evaluation = dict( # The config to build the evaluation hook
   interval=12, # Evaluation interval
   metric='mAP') # Metrics used during evaluation
optimizer = dict( # Config used to build optimizer
   type='SGD', # Type of optimizers
   lr=0.0025, # Learning rate of optimizers
   momentum=0.9, # Momentum
   weight_decay=0.0001) # Weight decay of SGD
optimizer_config = dict( # Config used to build the optimizer hook
   grad_clip=dict(
       max_norm=35,
       norm_type=2))
lr_config = dict( # Learning rate scheduler config used to register LrUpdater hook
   policy='step', # The policy of scheduler
   warmup='linear', # The warmup policy, also support `exp` and `constant`.
   warmup_iters=500, # The number of iterations for warmup
   step=[8, 11]) # Steps to decay the learning rate
runner = dict(
   type='EpochBasedRunner', # Type of runner to use (i.e. IterBasedRunner or ...
→ EpochBasedRunner)
   max_epochs=12) # Runner that runs the workflow in total max_epochs. For_
→ IterBasedRunner use `max_iters`
checkpoint_config = dict( # Config to set the checkpoint hook
   interval=12) # The save interval is 12
log_config = dict( # config to register logger hook
   interval=50, # Interval to print the log
```

```
hooks = \Gamma
        # dict(type='TensorboardLoggerHook')  # The Tensorboard logger is also supported
       dict(type='TextLoggerHook')
       # The logger used to record the training process.
dist_params = dict(backend='nccl') # Parameters to setup distributed training, the port_
⇔can also be set.
log_level = 'INFO' # The level of logging.
load_from = None # load models as a pre-trained model from a given path. This will not.
→resume training.
resume_from = None # Resume checkpoints from a given path, the training will be resumed,
→ from the epoch when the checkpoint's is saved.
workflow = [('train', 1)] # Workflow for runner. [('train', 1)] means there is only one
→workflow and the workflow named 'train' is executed once. The workflow trains the model
→by 12 epochs according to the total_epochs.
work_dir = './work_dirs/rotated_retinanet_hbb_r50_fpn_1x_dota_oc' # Directory to save_
→ the model checkpoints and logs for the current experiments.
```

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8.4.1 Use intermediate variables in configs

Some intermediate variables are used in the configs files, like train_pipeline/test_pipeline in datasets. It's worth noting that when modifying intermediate variables in the children configs, the user needs to pass the intermediate variables into corresponding fields again. For example, we would like to use an offline multi-scale strategy to train an RoI-Trans. train_pipeline are intermediate variables we would like to modify.

```
_base_ = ['./roi_trans_r50_fpn_1x_dota_le90.py']
data_root = '../datasets/split_ms_dota1_0/'
angle_version = 'le90'
img_norm_cfg = dict(
   mean=[123.675, 116.28, 103.53], std=[58.395, 57.12, 57.375], to_rgb=True)
train_pipeline = [
   dict(type='LoadImageFromFile'),
    dict(type='LoadAnnotations', with_bbox=True),
   dict(type='RResize', img_scale=(1024, 1024)),
    dict(
        type='RRandomFlip',
        flip_ratio=[0.25, 0.25, 0.25],
        direction=['horizontal', 'vertical', 'diagonal'],
        version=angle_version),
   dict(
        type='PolyRandomRotate',
        rotate_ratio=0.5,
        angles_range=180,
        auto_bound=False,
        version=angle_version),
    dict(type='Normalize', **img_norm_cfg),
    dict(type='Pad', size_divisor=32),
    dict(type='DefaultFormatBundle'),
```

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```
dict(type='Collect', keys=['img', 'gt_bboxes', 'gt_labels'])

data = dict(
    train=dict(
        pipeline=train_pipeline,
        ann_file=data_root + 'trainval/annfiles/',
        img_prefix=data_root + 'trainval/images/'),

val=dict(
    ann_file=data_root + 'trainval/annfiles/',
    img_prefix=data_root + 'trainval/images/'),

test=dict(
    ann_file=data_root + 'test/images/',
    img_prefix=data_root + 'test/images/'))
```

We first define the new train_pipeline/test_pipeline and pass them into data.

Similarly, if we would like to switch from SyncBN to BN or MMSyncBN, we need to substitute every norm_cfg in the config.

```
_base_ = './roi_trans_r50_fpn_1x_dota_le90.py'
norm_cfg = dict(type='BN', requires_grad=True)
model = dict(
   backbone=dict(norm_cfg=norm_cfg),
   neck=dict(norm_cfg=norm_cfg),
   ...)
```

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TUTORIAL 2: CUSTOMIZE DATASETS

9.1 Support new data format

To support a new data format, you can convert them to existing formats (DOTA format). You could choose to convert them offline (before training by a script) or online (implement a new dataset and do the conversion at training). In MMRotate, we recommend to convert the data into DOTA formats and do the conversion offline, thus you only need to modify the config's data annotation paths and classes after the conversion of your data.

9.1.1 Reorganize new data formats to existing format

The simplest way is to convert your dataset to existing dataset formats (DOTA).

The annotation txt files in DOTA format:

```
184 2875 193 2923 146 2932 137 2885 plane 0
66 2095 75 2142 21 2154 11 2107 plane 0
...
```

Each line represents an object and records it as a 10-dimensional array A.

- A[0:8]: Polygons with format (x1, y1, x2, y2, x3, y3, x4, y4).
- A[8]: Category.
- A[9]: Difficulty.

After the data pre-processing, there are two steps for users to train the customized new dataset with existing format (e.g. DOTA format):

- 1. Modify the config file for using the customized dataset.
- 2. Check the annotations of the customized dataset.

Here we give an example to show the above two steps, which uses a customized dataset of 5 classes with COCO format to train an existing Cascade Mask R-CNN R50-FPN detector.

1. Modify the config file for using the customized dataset

There are two aspects involved in the modification of config file:

- 1. The data field. Specifically, you need to explicitly add the classes fields in data.train, data.val and data.test.
- 2. The num_classes field in the model part. Explicitly over-write all the num_classes from default value (e.g. 80 in COCO) to your classes number.

In configs/my_custom_config.py:

```
# the new config inherits the base configs to highlight the necessary modification
_base_ = './rotated_retinanet_hbb_r50_fpn_1x_dota_oc'
# 1. dataset settings
dataset_type = 'DOTADataset'
classes = ('a', 'b', 'c', 'd', 'e')
data = dict(
    samples_per_gpu=2,
   workers_per_gpu=2,
    train=dict(
        type=dataset_type,
        # explicitly add your class names to the field `classes`
        classes=classes,
        ann_file='path/to/your/train/annotation_data',
        img_prefix='path/to/your/train/image_data'),
   val=dict(
        type=dataset_type,
        # explicitly add your class names to the field `classes`
        classes=classes,
        ann_file='path/to/your/val/annotation_data',
        img_prefix='path/to/your/val/image_data'),
   test=dict(
        type=dataset_type,
        # explicitly add your class names to the field `classes`
        classes=classes,
        ann_file='path/to/your/test/annotation_data',
        img_prefix='path/to/your/test/image_data'))
# 2. model settings
model = dict(
   bbox_head=dict(
        type='RotatedRetinaHead',
        # explicitly over-write all the `num_classes` field from default 15 to 5.
       num_classes=5))
```

2. Check the annotations of the customized dataset

Assuming your customized dataset is DOTA format, make sure you have the correct annotations in the customized dataset:

• The classes fields in your config file should have exactly the same elements and the same order with the A[8] in txt annotations. MMRotate automatically maps the uncontinuous id in categories to the continuous label indices, so the string order of name in categories field affects the order of label indices. Meanwhile, the string order of classes in config affects the label text during visualization of predicted bounding boxes.

9.2 Customize datasets by dataset wrappers

MMRotate also supports many dataset wrappers to mix the dataset or modify the dataset distribution for training. Currently it supports to three dataset wrappers as below:

- RepeatDataset: simply repeat the whole dataset.
- ClassBalancedDataset: repeat dataset in a class balanced manner.
- ConcatDataset: concat datasets.

9.2.1 Repeat dataset

We use RepeatDataset as wrapper to repeat the dataset. For example, suppose the original dataset is Dataset_A, to repeat it, the config looks like the following

```
dataset_A_train = dict(
    type='RepeatDataset',
    times=N,
    dataset=dict( # This is the original config of Dataset_A
        type='Dataset_A',
        ...
        pipeline=train_pipeline
    )
)
```

9.2.2 Class balanced dataset

We use ClassBalancedDataset as wrapper to repeat the dataset based on category frequency. The dataset to repeat needs to instantiate function self.get_cat_ids(idx) to support ClassBalancedDataset. For example, to repeat Dataset_A with oversample_thr=1e-3, the config looks like the following

9.2.3 Concatenate dataset

There are three ways to concatenate the dataset.

1. If the datasets you want to concatenate are of the same type with different annotation files, you can concatenate the dataset configs like the following.

```
dataset_A_train = dict(
    type='Dataset_A',
    ann_file = ['anno_file_1', 'anno_file_2'],
    pipeline=train_pipeline
)
```

If the concatenated dataset is used for test or evaluation, this manner supports to evaluate each dataset separately. To test the concatenated datasets as a whole, you can set separate_eval=False as below.

```
dataset_A_train = dict(
    type='Dataset_A',
    ann_file = ['anno_file_1', 'anno_file_2'],
    separate_eval=False,
    pipeline=train_pipeline
)
```

2. In case the dataset you want to concatenate is different, you can concatenate the dataset configs like the following.

```
dataset_A_train = dict()
dataset_B_train = dict()

data = dict(
   imgs_per_gpu=2,
   workers_per_gpu=2,
   train = [
       dataset_A_train,
       dataset_B_train
   ],
   val = dataset_A_val,
   test = dataset_A_test
   )
```

If the concatenated dataset is used for test or evaluation, this manner also supports to evaluate each dataset separately.

3. We also support to define ConcatDataset explicitly as the following.

```
dataset_A_val = dict()
dataset_B_val = dict()

data = dict(
    imgs_per_gpu=2,
    workers_per_gpu=2,
    train=dataset_A_train,
    val=dict(
        type='ConcatDataset',
        datasets=[dataset_A_val, dataset_B_val],
        separate_eval=False))
```

This manner allows users to evaluate all the datasets as a single one by setting separate_eval=False.

Note:

- 1. The option separate_eval=False assumes the datasets use self.data_infos during evaluation. Therefore, COCO datasets do not support this behavior since COCO datasets do not fully rely on self.data_infos for evaluation. Combining different types of datasets and evaluating them as a whole is not tested thus is not suggested.
- 2. Evaluating ClassBalancedDataset and RepeatDataset is not supported thus evaluating concatenated datasets of these types is also not supported.

A more complex example that repeats Dataset_A and Dataset_B by N and M times, respectively, and then concatenates the repeated datasets is as the following.

```
dataset_A_train = dict(
    type='RepeatDataset',
    times=N,
    dataset=dict(
        type='Dataset_A',
        pipeline=train_pipeline
    )
dataset_A_val = dict(
    pipeline=test_pipeline
dataset_A_test = dict(
    pipeline=test_pipeline
dataset_B_train = dict(
    type='RepeatDataset',
    times=M,
    dataset=dict(
        type='Dataset_B',
        pipeline=train_pipeline
    )
data = dict(
    imgs_per_gpu=2,
    workers_per_gpu=2,
    train = [
        dataset_A_train,
        dataset_B_train
    ],
    val = dataset_A_val,
    test = dataset_A_test
)
```

TUTORIAL 3: CUSTOMIZE MODELS

We basically categorize model components into 5 types.

- backbone: usually an FCN network to extract feature maps, e.g., ResNet, Swin.
- neck: the component between backbones and heads, e.g., FPN, ReFPN.
- head: the component for specific tasks, e.g., bbox prediction.
- roi extractor: the part for extracting RoI features from feature maps, e.g., RoI Align Rotated.
- loss: the component in head for calculating losses, e.g., FocalLoss, GWDLoss, and KFIoULoss.

10.1 Develop new components

10.1.1 Add a new backbone

Here we show how to develop new components with an example of MobileNet.

1. Define a new backbone (e.g. MobileNet)

Create a new file mmrotate/models/backbones/mobilenet.py.

```
import torch.nn as nn
from mmrotate.models.builder import ROTATED_BACKBONES

@ROTATED_BACKBONES.register_module()
class MobileNet(nn.Module):
    def __init__(self, arg1, arg2):
        pass

def forward(self, x): # should return a tuple
        pass
```

2. Import the module

You can either add the following line to mmrotate/models/backbones/__init__.py

```
from .mobilenet import MobileNet
```

or alternatively add

```
custom_imports = dict(
  imports=['mmrotate.models.backbones.mobilenet'],
  allow_failed_imports=False)
```

to the config file to avoid modifying the original code.

3. Use the backbone in your config file

```
model = dict(
    ...
    backbone=dict(
        type='MobileNet',
        arg1=xxx,
        arg2=xxx),
    ...
```

10.1.2 Add new necks

1. Define a neck (e.g. PAFPN)

Create a new file mmrotate/models/necks/pafpn.py.

2. Import the module

You can either add the following line to mmrotate/models/necks/__init__.py,

```
from .pafpn import PAFPN
```

or alternatively add

```
custom_imports = dict(
  imports=['mmrotate.models.necks.pafpn.py'],
  allow_failed_imports=False)
```

to the config file and avoid modifying the original code.

3. Modify the config file

```
neck=dict(
    type='PAFPN',
    in_channels=[256, 512, 1024, 2048],
    out_channels=256,
    num_outs=5)
```

10.1.3 Add new heads

Here we show how to develop a new head with the example of Double Head R-CNN as the following.

First, add a new bbox head in mmrotate/models/roi_heads/bbox_heads/double_bbox_head.py. Double Head R-CNN implements a new bbox head for object detection. To implement a bbox head, basically we need to implement three functions of the new module as the following.

```
from mmrotate.models.builder import ROTATED_HEADS
from mmrotate.models.roi_heads.bbox_head import BBoxHead
@ROTATED_HEADS.register_module()
class DoubleConvFCBBoxHead(BBoxHead):
   r"""Bbox head used in Double-Head R-CNN
                                    /-> cls
                 /-> shared convs ->
                                    \-> reg
   roi features
                                   /-> cls
                 \-> shared fc ->
                                    \-> reg
   """ # noqa: W605
   def __init__(self,
                num_convs=0,
                num_fcs=0,
                conv_out_channels=1024,
                fc_out_channels=1024,
                conv_cfg=None,
```

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Second, implement a new RoI Head if it is necessary. We plan to inherit the new DoubleHeadRoIHead from StandardRoIHead. We can find that a StandardRoIHead already implements the following functions.

```
import torch
from mmdet.core import bbox2result, bbox2roi, build_assigner, build_sampler
from mmrotate.models.builder import ROTATED_HEADS, build_head, build_roi_extractor
from mmrotate.models.roi_heads.base_roi_head import BaseRoIHead
from mmrotate.models.roi_heads.test_mixins import BBoxTestMixin, MaskTestMixin
@ROTATED_HEADS.register_module()
class StandardRoIHead(BaseRoIHead, BBoxTestMixin, MaskTestMixin):
    """Simplest base roi head including one bbox head and one mask head.
   def init_assigner_sampler(self):
   def init_bbox_head(self, bbox_roi_extractor, bbox_head):
   def forward_dummy(self, x, proposals):
   def forward_train(self,
                      х,
                      img_metas,
                      proposal_list,
                      gt_bboxes,
                      gt_labels,
                      gt_bboxes_ignore=None,
                      gt_masks=None):
   def _bbox_forward(self, x, rois):
   def _bbox_forward_train(self, x, sampling_results, gt_bboxes, gt_labels,
                            img_metas):
   def simple_test(self,
                    proposal_list,
                    img_metas,
                    proposals=None,
                    rescale=False):
```

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```
"""Test without augmentation."""
```

Double Head's modification is mainly in the bbox_forward logic, and it inherits other logics from the StandardRoIHead. In the mmrotate/models/roi_heads/double_roi_head.py, we implement the new RoI Head as the following:

```
from mmrotate.models.builder import ROTATED_HEADS
from mmrotate.models.roi_heads.standard_roi_head import StandardRoIHead
@ROTATED_HEADS.register_module()
class DoubleHeadRoIHead(StandardRoIHead):
    """RoI head for Double Head RCNN
   https://arxiv.org/abs/1904.06493
   def __init__(self, reg_roi_scale_factor, **kwargs):
        super(DoubleHeadRoIHead, self).__init__(**kwargs)
        self.reg_roi_scale_factor = reg_roi_scale_factor
    def _bbox_forward(self, x, rois):
        bbox_cls_feats = self.bbox_roi_extractor(
            x[:self.bbox_roi_extractor.num_inputs], rois)
        bbox_reg_feats = self.bbox_roi_extractor(
            x[:self.bbox_roi_extractor.num_inputs],
            roi_scale_factor=self.reg_roi_scale_factor)
        if self.with_shared_head:
            bbox_cls_feats = self.shared_head(bbox_cls_feats)
            bbox_reg_feats = self.shared_head(bbox_reg_feats)
        cls_score, bbox_pred = self.bbox_head(bbox_cls_feats, bbox_reg_feats)
        bbox_results = dict(
            cls_score=cls_score,
            bbox_pred=bbox_pred,
            bbox_feats=bbox_cls_feats)
        return bbox_results
```

Last, the users need to add the module in mmrotate/models/bbox_heads/__init__.py and mmrotate/models/roi_heads/__init__.py thus the corresponding registry could find and load them.

Alternatively, the users can add

to the config file and achieve the same goal.

10.1.4 Add new loss

Assume you want to add a new loss as MyLoss, for bounding box regression. To add a new loss function, the users need implement it in mmrotate/models/losses/my_loss.py. The decorator weighted_loss enable the loss to be weighted for each element.

```
import torch
import torch.nn as nn
from mmrotate.models.builder import ROTATED_LOSSES
from mmdet.models.losses.utils import weighted_loss
@weighted_loss
def my_loss(pred, target):
   assert pred.size() == target.size() and target.numel() > 0
   loss = torch.abs(pred - target)
   return loss
@ROTATED_LOSSES.register_module()
class MyLoss(nn.Module):
   def __init__(self, reduction='mean', loss_weight=1.0):
        super(MyLoss, self).__init__()
        self.reduction = reduction
        self.loss_weight = loss_weight
   def forward(self,
                pred,
                target,
                weight=None,
                avg_factor=None,
                reduction_override=None):
        assert reduction_override in (None, 'none', 'mean', 'sum')
        reduction = (
            reduction_override if reduction_override else self.reduction)
        loss_bbox = self.loss_weight * my_loss(
            pred, target, weight, reduction=reduction, avg_factor=avg_factor)
        return loss_bbox
```

Then the users need to add it in the mmrotate/models/losses/__init__.py.

```
from .my_loss import MyLoss, my_loss
```

Alternatively, you can add

```
custom_imports=dict(
  imports=['mmrotate.models.losses.my_loss'])
```

to the config file and achieve the same goal.

To use it, modify the loss_xxx field. Since MyLoss is for regression, you need to modify the loss_bbox field in the head.

loss_bbox=dict(type='MyLoss', loss_weight=1.0))

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TUTORIAL 4: CUSTOMIZE RUNTIME SETTINGS

11.1 Customize optimization settings

11.1.1 Customize optimizer supported by Pytorch

We already support to use all the optimizers implemented by PyTorch, and the only modification is to change the optimizer field of config files. For example, if you want to use ADAM (note that the performance could drop a lot), the modification could be as the following.

```
optimizer = dict(type='Adam', lr=0.0003, weight_decay=0.0001)
```

To modify the learning rate of the model, the users only need to modify the lr in the config of optimizer. The users can directly set arguments following the API doc of PyTorch.

11.1.2 Customize self-implemented optimizer

1. Define a new optimizer

A customized optimizer could be defined as following.

Assume you want to add a optimizer named MyOptimizer, which has arguments a, b, and c. You need to create a new directory named mmrotate/core/optimizer. And then implement the new optimizer in a file, e.g., in mmrotate/core/optimizer/my_optimizer.py:

```
from mmdet.core.optimizer.registry import OPTIMIZERS
from torch.optim import Optimizer

@OPTIMIZERS.register_module()
class MyOptimizer(Optimizer):
    def __init__(self, a, b, c)
```

2. Add the optimizer to registry

To find the above module defined above, this module should be imported into the main namespace at first. There are two options to achieve it.

• Modify mmrotate/core/optimizer/__init__.py to import it.

The newly defined module should be imported in mmrotate/core/optimizer/__init__.py so that the registry will find the new module and add it:

```
from .my_optimizer import MyOptimizer
```

• Use custom_imports in the config to manually import it

The module mmrotate.core.optimizer.my_optimizer will be imported at the beginning of the program and the class MyOptimizer is then automatically registered. Note that only the package containing the class MyOptimizer should be imported.mmrotate.core.optimizer.my_optimizer.MyOptimizer cannot be imported directly.

Actually users can use a totally different file directory structure using this importing method, as long as the module root can be located in PYTHONPATH.

3. Specify the optimizer in the config file

Then you can use MyOptimizer in optimizer field of config files. In the configs, the optimizers are defined by the field optimizer like the following:

```
optimizer = dict(type='SGD', lr=0.02, momentum=0.9, weight_decay=0.0001)
```

To use your own optimizer, the field can be changed to

```
optimizer = dict(type='MyOptimizer', a=a_value, b=b_value, c=c_value)
```

11.1.3 Customize optimizer constructor

Some models may have some parameter-specific settings for optimization, e.g. weight decay for BatchNorm layers. The users can do those fine-grained parameter tuning through customizing optimizer constructor.

```
from mmcv.utils import build_from_cfg

from mmcv.runner.optimizer import OPTIMIZER_BUILDERS, OPTIMIZERS
from mmrotate.utils import get_root_logger
from .my_optimizer import MyOptimizer

@OPTIMIZER_BUILDERS.register_module()
class MyOptimizerConstructor(object):
    def __init__(self, optimizer_cfg, paramwise_cfg=None):
    def __call__(self, model):
```

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```
return my_optimizer
```

The default optimizer constructor is implemented here, which could also serve as a template for new optimizer constructor.

11.1.4 Additional settings

Tricks not implemented by the optimizer should be implemented through optimizer constructor (e.g., set parameter-wise learning rates) or hooks. We list some common settings that could stabilize the training or accelerate the training. Feel free to create PR, issue for more settings.

• Use gradient clip to stabilize training: Some models need gradient clip to clip the gradients to stabilize the training process. An example is as below:

```
optimizer_config = dict(
   _delete_=True, grad_clip=dict(max_norm=35, norm_type=2))
```

If your config inherits the base config which already sets the optimizer_config, you might need _delete_=True to override the unnecessary settings. See the config documentation for more details.

Use momentum schedule to accelerate model convergence: We support momentum scheduler to modify
model's momentum according to learning rate, which could make the model converge in a faster way. Momentum scheduler is usually used with LR scheduler, for example, the following config is used in 3D detection
to accelerate convergence. For more details, please refer to the implementation of CyclicLrUpdater and CyclicMomentumUpdater.

```
lr_config = dict(
    policy='cyclic',
    target_ratio=(10, 1e-4),
    cyclic_times=1,
    step_ratio_up=0.4,
)
momentum_config = dict(
    policy='cyclic',
    target_ratio=(0.85 / 0.95, 1),
    cyclic_times=1,
    step_ratio_up=0.4,
)
```

11.2 Customize training schedules

By default we use step learning rate with 1x schedule, this calls StepLRHook in MMCV. We support many other learning rate schedule here, such as CosineAnnealing and Poly schedule. Here are some examples

• Poly schedule:

```
lr_config = dict(policy='poly', power=0.9, min_lr=1e-4, by_epoch=False)
```

• ConsineAnnealing schedule:

```
lr_config = dict(
   policy='CosineAnnealing',
   warmup='linear',
   warmup_iters=1000,
   warmup_ratio=1.0 / 10,
   min_lr_ratio=1e-5)
```

11.3 Customize workflow

Workflow is a list of (phase, epochs) to specify the running order and epochs. By default it is set to be

```
workflow = [('train', 1)]
```

which means running 1 epoch for training. Sometimes user may want to check some metrics (e.g. loss, accuracy) about the model on the validate set. In such case, we can set the workflow as

```
[('train', 1), ('val', 1)]
```

so that 1 epoch for training and 1 epoch for validation will be run iteratively.

Note:

- 1. The parameters of model will not be updated during val epoch.
- Keyword total_epochs in the config only controls the number of training epochs and will not affect the validation workflow.
- 3. Workflows [('train', 1), ('val', 1)] and [('train', 1)] will not change the behavior of EvalHook because EvalHook is called by after_train_epoch and validation workflow only affect hooks that are called through after_val_epoch. Therefore, the only difference between [('train', 1), ('val', 1)] and [('train', 1)] is that the runner will calculate losses on validation set after each training epoch.

11.4 Customize hooks

11.4.1 Customize self-implemented hooks

1. Implement a new hook

There are some occasions when the users might need to implement a new hook. MMRotate supports customized hooks in training. Thus the users could implement a hook directly in mmrotate or their mmdet-based codebases and use the hook by only modifying the config in training. Here we give an example of creating a new hook in mmrotate and using it in training.

```
from mmcv.runner import HOOKS, Hook

@HOOKS.register_module()
class MyHook(Hook):
    def __init__(self, a, b):
        pass
```

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```
def before_run(self, runner):
    pass

def after_run(self, runner):
    pass

def before_epoch(self, runner):
    pass

def after_epoch(self, runner):
    pass

def before_iter(self, runner):
    pass

def after_iter(self, runner):
    pass
```

Depending on the functionality of the hook, the users need to specify what the hook will do at each stage of the training in before_run, after_run, before_epoch, after_epoch, before_iter, and after_iter.

2. Register the new hook

Then we need to make MyHook imported. Assuming the file is in mmrotate/core/utils/my_hook.py there are two ways to do that:

• Modify mmrotate/core/utils/__init__.py to import it.

The newly defined module should be imported in mmrotate/core/utils/__init__.py so that the registry will find the new module and add it:

```
from .my_hook import MyHook
```

• Use custom_imports in the config to manually import it

3. Modify the config

```
custom_hooks = [
    dict(type='MyHook', a=a_value, b=b_value)
]
```

You can also set the priority of the hook by adding key priority to 'NORMAL' or 'HIGHEST' as below

```
custom_hooks = [
    dict(type='MyHook', a=a_value, b=b_value, priority='NORMAL')
]
```

By default the hook's priority is set as NORMAL during registration.

11.4.2 Use hooks implemented in MMCV

If the hook is already implemented in MMCV, you can directly modify the config to use the hook as below

4. Example: NumClassCheckHook

We implement a customized hook named NumClassCheckHook to check whether the num_classes in head matches the length of CLASSSES in dataset.

We set it in default_runtime.py.

```
custom_hooks = [dict(type='NumClassCheckHook')]
```

11.4.3 Modify default runtime hooks

There are some common hooks that are not registered through custom_hooks, they are

- · log config
- · checkpoint_config
- · evaluation
- lr_config
- · optimizer_config
- momentum_config

In those hooks, only the logger hook has the VERY_LOW priority, others' priority are NORMAL. The above-mentioned tutorials already covers how to modify optimizer_config, momentum_config, and lr_config. Here we reveals how what we can do with log_config, checkpoint_config, and evaluation.

Checkpoint config

The MMCV runner will use checkpoint_config to initialize CheckpointHook.

```
checkpoint_config = dict(interval=1)
```

The users could set max_keep_ckpts to only save only small number of checkpoints or decide whether to store state dict of optimizer by save_optimizer. More details of the arguments are here

Log config

The log_config wraps multiple logger hooks and enables to set intervals. Now MMCV supports WandbLoggerHook, MlflowLoggerHook, and TensorboardLoggerHook. The detail usages can be found in the doc.

```
log_config = dict(
   interval=50,
   hooks=[
        dict(type='TextLoggerHook'),
        dict(type='TensorboardLoggerHook')
])
```

Evaluation config

The config of evaluation will be used to initialize the EvalHook. Except the key interval, other arguments such as metric will be passed to the dataset.evaluate()

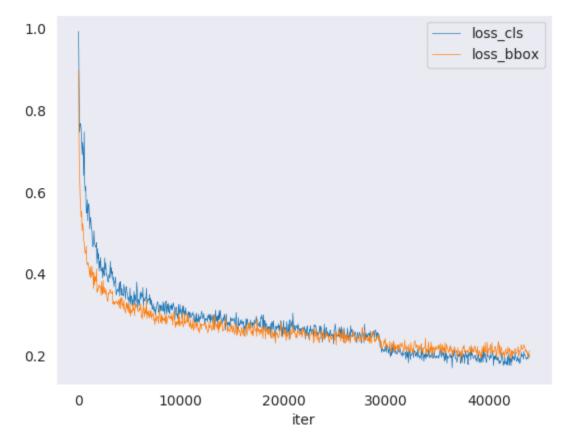
```
evaluation = dict(interval=1, metric='bbox')
```

Apart from training/testing scripts, We provide lots of useful tools under the tools/ directory.

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LOG ANALYSIS

tools/analysis_tools/analyze_logs.py plots loss/mAP curves given a training log file. Run pip install seaborn first to install the dependency.



Examples:

• Plot the classification loss of some run.

```
python tools/analysis_tools/analyze_logs.py plot_curve log.json --keys loss_cls --

→legend loss_cls
```

• Plot the classification and regression loss of some run, and save the figure to a pdf.

```
python tools/analysis_tools/analyze_logs.py plot_curve log.json --keys loss_cls_

→loss_bbox --out losses.pdf
```

• Compare the bbox mAP of two runs in the same figure.

```
python tools/analysis_tools/analyze_logs.py plot_curve log1.json log2.json --keys⊔ →bbox_mAP --legend run1 run2
```

• Compute the average training speed.

```
python tools/analysis_tools/analyze_logs.py cal_train_time log.json [--include-
-outliers]
```

The output is expected to be like the following.

```
-----Analyze train time of work_dirs/some_exp/20190611_192040.log.json-----
slowest epoch 11, average time is 1.2024
fastest epoch 1, average time is 1.1909
time std over epochs is 0.0028
average iter time: 1.1959 s/iter
```

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VISUALIZATION

13.1 Visualize Datasets

tools/misc/browse_dataset.py helps the user to browse a detection dataset (both images and bounding box annotations) visually, or save the image to a designated directory.

```
python tools/misc/browse_dataset.py ${CONFIG} [-h] [--skip-type ${SKIP_TYPE[SKIP_TYPE...

→]}] [--output-dir ${OUTPUT_DIR}] [--not-show] [--show-interval ${SHOW_INTERVAL}]
```

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MODEL SERVING

In order to serve an MMRotate model with TorchServe, you can follow the steps:

14.1 1. Convert model from MMRotate to TorchServe

```
python tools/deployment/mmrotate2torchserve.py ${CONFIG_FILE} ${CHECKPOINT_FILE} \
--output-folder ${MODEL_STORE} \
--model-name ${MODEL_NAME}
```

Example:

Note: \${MODEL_STORE} needs to be an absolute path to a folder.

14.2 2. Build mmrotate-serve docker image

```
docker build -t mmrotate-serve:latest docker/serve/
```

14.3 3. Run mmrotate-serve

Check the official docs for running TorchServe with docker.

In order to run in GPU, you need to install nvidia-docker. You can omit the --gpus argument in order to run in CPU. Example:

```
docker run --rm \
  --cpus 8 \
  --gpus device=0 \
  -p8080:8080 -p8081:8081 -p8082:8082 \
  --mount type=bind, source=$MODEL_STORE, target=/home/model-server/model-store \
  mmrotate-serve:latest
```

Read the docs about the Inference (8080), Management (8081) and Metrics (8082) APis

14.4 4. Test deployment

```
curl -0 https://raw.githubusercontent.com/open-mmlab/mmrotate/main/demo/demo.jpg
curl http://127.0.0.1:8080/predictions/${MODEL_NAME} -T demo.jpg
```

You should obtain a response similar to:

```
Г
 {
    "class_name": "small-vehicle",
    "bbox": [
      584.9473266601562,
      327.2749938964844,
      38.45665740966797,
      16.898427963256836,
      -0.7229751944541931
   ٦,
    "score": 0.9766026139259338
 },
    "class_name": "small-vehicle",
    "bbox":
     152.0239715576172,
      305.92572021484375,
     43.144744873046875,
     18.85024642944336,
     0.014928221702575684
   ],
    "score": 0.972826361656189
 },
    "class_name": "large-vehicle",
    "bbox": [
      160.58056640625.
     437.3690185546875,
      55.6795654296875,
      19.31710433959961,
     0.007036328315734863
   ],
    "score": 0.888836681842804
 },
 {
```

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```
"class_name": "large-vehicle",
"bbox": [
    666.2868041992188,
    1011.3961181640625,
    60.396209716796875,
    21.821645736694336,
    0.8549195528030396
],
"score": 0.8240180015563965
}
```

And you can use test_torchserver.py to compare result of torchserver and pytorch, and visualize them.

Example:

```
python tools/deployment/test_torchserver.py \
demo/demo.jpg \
configs/rotated_faster_rcnn/rotated_faster_rcnn_r50_fpn_1x_dota_le90.py \
rotated_faster_rcnn_r50_fpn_1x_dota_le90-0393aa5c.pth \
rotated_fater_rcnn
```

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MODEL COMPLEXITY

tools/analysis_tools/get_flops.py is a script adapted from flops-counter.pytorch to compute the FLOPs and params of a given model.

```
python tools/analysis_tools/get_flops.py ${CONFIG_FILE} [--shape ${INPUT_SHAPE}]
```

You will get the results like this.

Input shape: (3, 1024, 1024)
Flops: 215.92 GFLOPs

Params: 36.42 M

Note: This tool is still experimental and we do not guarantee that the number is absolutely correct. You may well use the result for simple comparisons, but double check it before you adopt it in technical reports or papers.

- 1. FLOPs are related to the input shape while parameters are not. The default input shape is (1, 3, 1024, 1024).
- 2. Some operators are not counted into FLOPs like DCN and custom operators. So models with dcn such as S2A-Net and RepPoints based model got wrong flops. Refer to mmcv.cnn.get_model_complexity_info() for details.
- 3. The FLOPs of two-stage detectors is dependent on the number of proposals.

15.1 Prepare a model for publishing

tools/model_converters/publish_model.py helps users to prepare their model for publishing.

Before you upload a model to AWS, you may want to

- 1. convert model weights to CPU tensors
- 2. delete the optimizer states and
- 3. compute the hash of the checkpoint file and append the hash id to the filename.

```
python tools/model_converters/publish_model.py ${INPUT_FILENAME} ${OUTPUT_FILENAME}
```

E.g.,

```
python tools/model_converters/publish_model.py work_dirs/rotated_faster_rcnn/latest.pth_

→rotated_faster_rcnn_r50_fpn_1x_dota_le90_20190801.pth
```

The final output filename will be rotated_faster_rcnn_r50_fpn_1x_dota_le90_20190801-{hash id}.pth.

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BENCHMARK

16.1 FPS Benchmark

tools/analysis_tools/benchmark.py helps users to calculate FPS. The FPS value includes model forward and post-processing. In order to get a more accurate value, currently only supports single GPU distributed startup mode.

Examples: Assuming that you have already downloaded the Rotated Faster R-CNN model checkpoint to the directory checkpoints/.

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MISCELLANEOUS

17.1 Print the entire config

tools/misc/print_config.py prints the whole config verbatim, expanding all its imports.

python tools/misc/print_config.py \${CONFIG} [-h] [--options \${OPTIONS [OPTIONS...]}]

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CONFUSION MATRIX

A confusion matrix is a summary of prediction results.

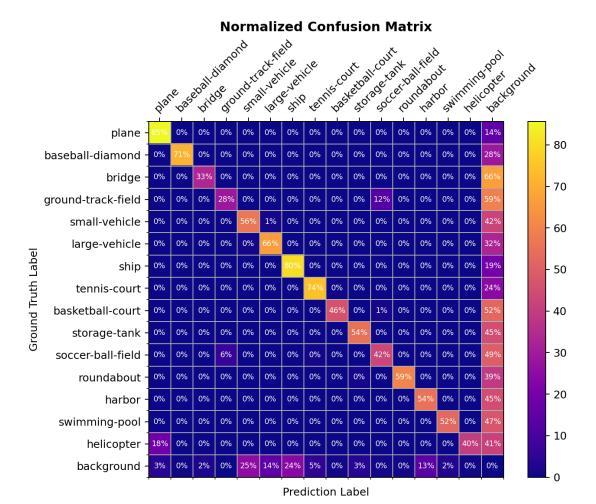
tools/analysis_tools/confusion_matrix.py can analyze the prediction results and plot a confusion matrix table.

First, run tools/test.py to save the .pkl detection results.

Then, run

python tools/analysis_tools/confusion_matrix.py CONFIG $DETECTION_RESULTS$ $SAVE_DIR$ --show

And you will get a confusion matrix like this:



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CHANGELOG

19.1 v0.3.4 (01/02/2023)

19.1.1 Improvements

- Use iof for RRandomCrop validation (#660)
- Upgrade e2cnn version (#713)
- Support empty patch in Rotate Transform (#712)

19.1.2 Bug Fixes

- Fix scikit-learn installation (#658)
- Fix deprecated np.bool (#685)

19.1.3 Documentations

• Minor correction in the documentation (#643)

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19.2.1 Bug Fixes

- Fix reppoint bug fix when negative image training (#396)
- Fix bug in oriented_reppoints_head.py (#424)
- Fix mmcv-full version (#423)

19.2.2 Improvements

- Update issue templates to main branch (#579)
- Fix lint of dev branch (#578)

19.2.3 Documentations

- Update citation (#425)
- Fix markdown version when building docs (#414)

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19.3 v0.3.2 (6/7/2022)

19.3.1 Highlight

- Support Oriented Reppoints (CVPR'22) (#286)
- Support ConvNeXt backbone (CVPR'22) (#343)

19.3.2 New Features

• Support RMosaic. (#344)

19.3.3 Bug Fixes

- Fix max_coordinate in multiclass_nms_rotated. (#346)
- Fix bug in PolyRandomRotate. (#366)
- Fix memory shortage when using huge_image_demo.py. (#368)

19.3.4 Improvements

- Update README.md and INSTALL.md. (#342)
- Fix typo in rotated_fcos_head. (#354)
- Update checkpoint and eval interval of base config. (#347)
- Fix mdformat version to support python3.6 & Add mim to extras_require in setup.py. (#359)
- Add mim test in CI. (#374)

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19.4 v0.3.1 (6/6/2022)

19.4.1 Highlight

• Support Rotated FCOS (#223)

19.4.2 New Features

- Update PolyRandomRotate to support discrete angle value. (#281)
- Support RRandomCrop. (#322)
- Support mask in merge_results and huge_image_demo.py. (#280)
- Support don't filter images without ground truths. (#323)
- Add MultiImageMixDataset in build_dataset. (#331)

19.4.3 Bug Fixes

- Fix error in Windows CI. (#324)
- Fix data path error in config files. (#328)
- Fix bug when visualize the HRSC2016 detect results. (#329)

19.4.4 Improvements

- Add torchserve doc in zh_cn. (#287)
- Fix doc typo in README. (#284)
- Configure Myst-parser to parse anchor tag (#305 #308)
- Replace markdownlint with mdformat for avoiding installing ruby. (#306)
- Fix typo about split gap of multi scale. (#272)

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19.5 v0.3.0 (29/4/2022)

19.5.1 Highlight

- Support TorchServe (#160)
- Support Rotated ATSS (CVPR'20) (#179)

19.5.2 New Features

- Update performance of ReDet on HRSC2016. (#203)
- Upgrage visualization to custom colors of different classes. This requires mmdet>=2.22.0. (#187, #267, #270)
- Update Stable KLD, which solve the Nan issue of KLD training. (#183)
- Support setting dataloader arguments in config and add functions to handle config compatibility. (#215) The comparison between the old and new usages is as below.

```
data = dict(
    samples_per_gpu=2, workers_per_gpu=2,
    train=dict(type='xxx', ...),
    val=dict(type='xxx', samples_per_gpu=4, ...),
    test=dict(type='xxx', ...),
)
```

```
# A recommended config that is clear
data = dict(
   train=dict(type='xxx', ...),
   val=dict(type='xxx', ...),
    test=dict(type='xxx', ...),
    # Use different batch size during inference.
    train_dataloader=dict(samples_per_gpu=2, workers_per_gpu=2),
    val_dataloader=dict(samples_per_gpu=4, workers_per_gpu=4),
    test_dataloader=dict(samples_per_gpu=4, workers_per_gpu=4),
)
# Old style still works but allows to set more arguments about data loaders
data = dict(
    samples_per_gpu=2, # only works for train_dataloader
    workers_per_gpu=2, # only works for train_dataloader
    train=dict(type='xxx', ...),
    val=dict(type='xxx', ...),
    test=dict(type='xxx', ...),
    # Use different batch size during inference.
   val_dataloader=dict(samples_per_gpu=4, workers_per_gpu=4),
    test_dataloader=dict(samples_per_gpu=4, workers_per_gpu=4),
```

• Add get_flops tool (#176)

19.5.3 Bug Fixes

- Fix bug about rotated anchor inside flags. (#197)
- Fix Nan issue of GWD. (#206)
- Fix bug in eval_rbbox_map when labels_ignore is None. (#209)
- Fix bug of 'RoIAlignRotated' object has no attribute 'output_size' (#213)
- Fix bug in unit test for datasets. (#222)
- Fix bug in rotated_reppoints_head. (#246)
- Fix GPG key error in CI and docker. (#269)

19.5.4 Improvements

- Update citation of mmrotate in README.md (#263)
- Update the introduction of SASM (AAAI'22) (#184)
- Fix doc typo in Config File and Model Zoo. (#199)
- Unified RBox definition in doc. (#234)

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19.6 v0.2.0 (30/3/2022)

19.6.1 New Features

- Support Circular Smooth Label (CSL, ECCV'20) (#153)
- Support multiple machines dist_train (#143)
- Add browse_dataset tool (#98)
- Add gather_models script (#162)

19.6.2 Bug Fixes

- Remove in-place operations in rbbox_overlaps (#155)
- Fix bug in docstring. (#137)
- Fix bug in HRSCDataset with clasesswise=ture (#175)

19.6.3 Improvements

- Add Chinese translation of docs/zh_cn/tutorials/customize_dataset.md (#65)
- Add different seeds to different ranks (#102)
- Update from-scratch install script in install.md (#166)
- Improve the arguments of all mmrotate scripts (#168)

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19.7.1 New Features

- Support huge image inference (#34)
- Support HRSC Dataset (#96)
- Support mixed precision training (#72)
- Add colab tutorial for beginners (#66)
- Add inference speed statistics tool (#86)
- Add confusion matrix analysis tool (#93)

19.7.2 Bug Fixes

- Fix URL error of Swin pretrained model (#111)
- Fix bug for SASM during training (#105)
- Fix rbbox_overlaps abnormal when the box is too small (#61)
- Fix bug for visualization (#12, #81)
- Fix stuck when compute mAP (#14, #52)
- Fix 'RoIAlignRotated' object has no attribute 'out_size' bug (#51)
- Add missing init_cfg in dense head (#37)
- Fix install an additional mmcv (#17)
- Fix typos in docs (#3, #11, #36)

19.7.3 Improvements

- Move eval_rbbox_map from mmrotate.datasets to mmrotate.core.evaluation (#73)
- Add Windows CI (#31)
- Add copyright commit hook (#30)
- Add Chinese translation of docs/zh_cn/get_started.md (#16)
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- Add Chinese translation of docs/zh_cn/model_zoo.md (#28)
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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

We list some common troubles faced by many users and their corresponding solutions here. Feel free to enrich the list if you find any frequent issues and have ways to help others to solve them. If the contents here do not cover your issue, please create an issue using the provided templates and make sure you fill in all required information in the template.

20.1 MMCV Installation

• Compatibility issue between MMCV and MMDetection; "ConvWS is already registered in conv layer"; "AssertionError: MMCV==xxx is used but incompatible. Please install mmcv>=xxx, <=xxx."

Compatible MMCV, MMDetection and MMRotate versions are shown as below. Please install the correct version of them to avoid installation issues.

- "No module named 'mmcv.ops'"; "No module named 'mmcv._ext"".
 - 1. Uninstall existing mmcv in the environment using pip uninstall mmcv.
 - 2. Install mmcv-full following the installation instruction.

20.2 PyTorch/CUDA Environment

- "invalid device function" or "no kernel image is available for execution".
 - 1. Check if your cuda runtime version (under /usr/local/), nvcc --version and conda list cudatoolkit version match.
 - 2. Run python mmdet/utils/collect_env.py to check whether PyTorch, torchvision, and MMCV are built for the correct GPU architecture. You may need to set TORCH_CUDA_ARCH_LIST to reinstall MMCV. The GPU arch table could be found here, i.e. run TORCH_CUDA_ARCH_LIST=7.0 pip install mmcv-full to build MMCV for Volta GPUs. The compatibility issue could happen when using old GPUS, e.g., Tesla K80 (3.7) on colab.
 - 3. Check whether the running environment is the same as that when mmcv/mmdet has compiled. For example, you may compile mmcv using CUDA 10.0 but run it on CUDA 9.0 environments.
- "undefined symbol" or "cannot open xxx.so".
 - If those symbols are CUDA/C++ symbols (e.g., libcudart.so or GLIBCXX), check whether the CUDA/GCC runtimes are the same as those used for compiling mmcv, i.e. run python mmdet/utils/collect_env. py to see if "MMCV Compiler"/"MMCV CUDA Compiler" is the same as "GCC"/"CUDA_HOME".
 - 2. If those symbols are PyTorch symbols (e.g., symbols containing caffe, aten, and TH), check whether the PyTorch version is the same as that used for compiling mmcv.

- 3. Run python mmdet/utils/collect_env.py to check whether PyTorch, torchvision, and MMCV are built by and running on the same environment.
- "setuptools.sandbox.UnpickleableException: DistutilsSetupError("each element of 'ext_modules' option must be an Extension instance or 2-tuple")"
 - 1. If you are using miniconda rather than anaconda, check whether Cython is installed as indicated in #3379. You need to manually install Cython first and then run command pip install -r requirements.txt.
 - You may also need to check the compatibility between the setuptools, Cython, and PyTorch in your environment.
- · "Segmentation fault".
 - 1. Check you GCC version and use GCC 5.4. This usually caused by the incompatibility between PyTorch and the environment (e.g., GCC < 4.9 for PyTorch). We also recommend the users to avoid using GCC 5.5 because many feedbacks report that GCC 5.5 will cause "segmentation fault" and simply changing it to GCC 5.4 could solve the problem.
 - 2. Check whether PyTorch is correctly installed and could use CUDA op, e.g. type the following command in your terminal.

```
python -c 'import torch; print(torch.cuda.is_available())'
```

And see whether they could correctly output results.

3. If Pytorch is correctly installed, check whether MMCV is correctly installed.

```
python -c 'import mmcv; import mmcv.ops'
```

If MMCV is correctly installed, then there will be no issue of the above two commands.

4. If MMCV and Pytorch is correctly installed, you man use ipdb, pdb to set breakpoints or directly add 'print' in mmdetection code and see which part leads the segmentation fault.

20.3 E2CNN

- "ImportError: cannot import name 'container bacs' from 'torch. six'"
 - 1. This is because container_abcs has been removed since PyTorch 1.9.
 - 2. Replace

```
from torch.six import container_abcs
```

in python3.7/site-packages/e2cnn/nn/modules/module_list.py with

```
TORCH_MAJOR = int(torch.__version__.split('.')[0])
TORCH_MINOR = int(torch.__version__.split('.')[1])
if TORCH_MAJOR ==1 and TORCH_MINOR < 8:
    from torch.six import container_abcs
else:
    import collections.abs as container_abcs</pre>
```

3. Or downgrade the version of Pytorch.

20.4 Training

- · "Loss goes Nan"
 - 1. Check if the dataset annotations are valid: zero-size bounding boxes will cause the regression loss to be Nan due to the commonly used transformation for box regression. Some small size (width or height are smaller than 1) boxes will also cause this problem after data augmentation (e.g., instaboost). So check the data and try to filter out those zero-size boxes and skip some risky augmentations on the small-size boxes when you face the problem.
 - 2. Reduce the learning rate: the learning rate might be too large due to some reasons, e.g., change of batch size. You can rescale them to the value that could stably train the model.
 - 3. Extend the warmup iterations: some models are sensitive to the learning rate at the start of the training. You can extend the warmup iterations, e.g., change the warmup_iters from 500 to 1000 or 2000.
 - 4. Add gradient clipping: some models requires gradient clipping to stabilize the training process. The default of grad_clip is None, you can add gradient clippint to avoid gradients that are too large, i.e., set optimizer_config=dict(_delete_=True, grad_clip=dict(max_norm=35, norm_type=2)) in your config file. If your config does not inherits from any basic config that contains optimizer_config=dict(grad_clip=None), you can simply add optimizer_config=dict(grad_clip=dict(max_norm=35, norm_type=2)).
- "GPU out of memory"
 - 1. There are some scenarios when there are large amounts of ground truth boxes, which may cause OOM during target assignment. You can set <code>gpu_assign_thr=N</code> in the config of assigner thus the assigner will calculate box overlaps through CPU when there are more than N GT boxes.
 - Set with_cp=True in the backbone. This uses the sublinear strategy in PyTorch to reduce GPU memory cost in the backbone.
 - 3. Try mixed precision training by setting fp16 = dict(loss_scale='dynamic') in the config file.
- "RuntimeError: Expected to have finished reduction in the prior iteration before starting a new one"
 - 1. This error indicates that your module has parameters that were not used in producing loss. This phenomenon may be caused by running different branches in your code in DDP mode.
 - 2. You can set find_unused_parameters = True in the config to solve the above problems or find those unused parameters manually.

20.5 Evaluation

- COCO Dataset, AP or AR = -1
 - 1. According to the definition of COCO dataset, the small and medium areas in an image are less than 1024 (32*32), 9216 (96*96), respectively.
 - 2. If the corresponding area has no object, the result of AP and AR will set to -1.

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