

Balanced sampling for an object detection problem

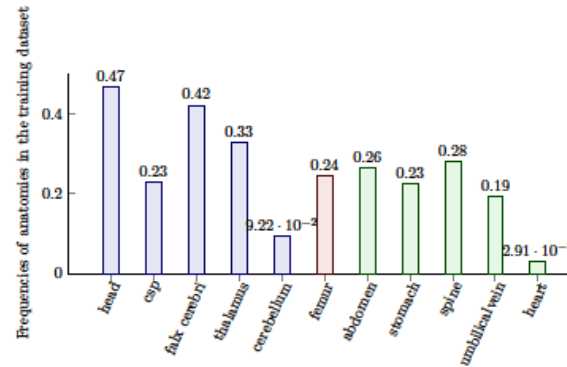
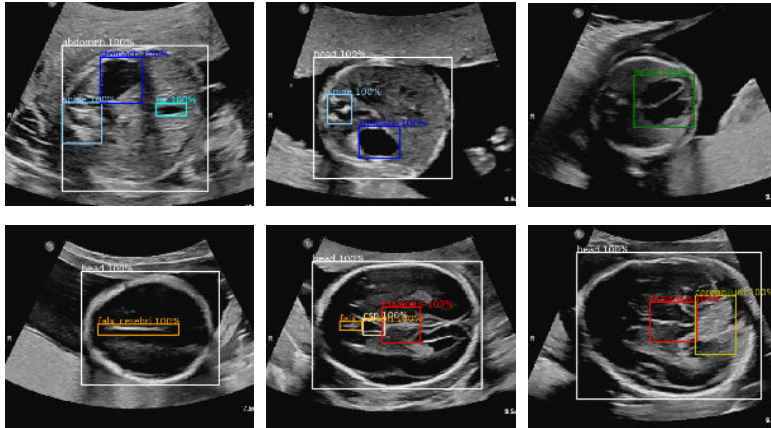
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Balanced sampling as quadratic optimization problem

- Problem description

- Dataset with N images (X_1, X_2, \dots, X_N), and objects from C classes with high imbalance
- Difficulty: object presences are not independent, and imbalance can not be corrected easily → Duplicating images from the minority classes will introduce unwanted bias in the dataset



Problem formulation

Find a probability vector $p \in \mathbb{R}^N$, such that sampling the images with the distribution p results in each class being equally frequent

QP optimization formulation

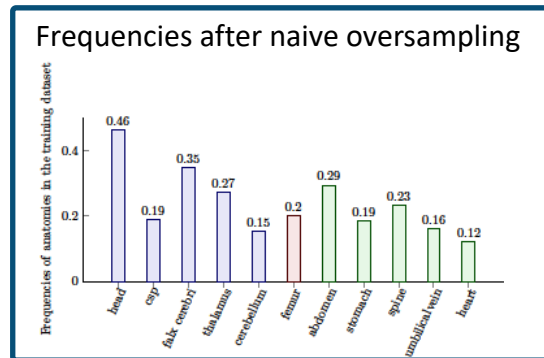
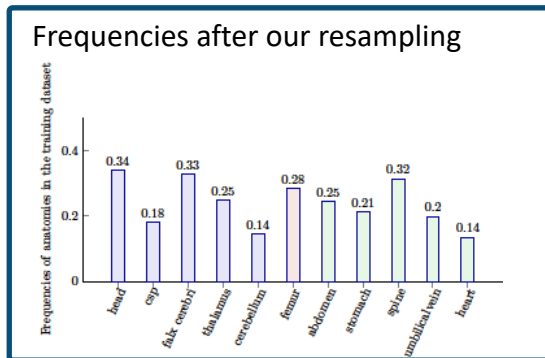
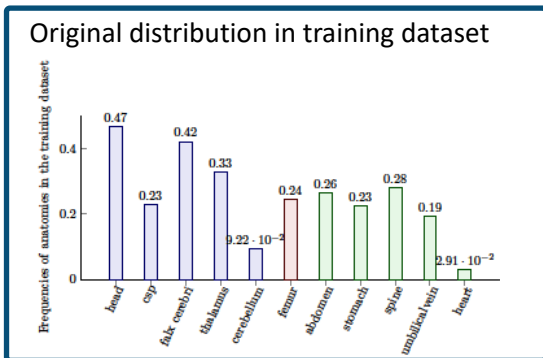
$$\frac{1}{2} p^T A p + \lambda \frac{p^T p}{2} \rightarrow \text{Minimize}$$

Subject to

$$p_i \geq \alpha$$

$$p_1 + p_2 + \dots + p_N = 1$$

Results



	Uniform sampling			Bal. sampling (ours)			p-value
	average	std	best	average	std	best	
all anatomies							
mAP @ $\theta = 0.2$	58.97	3.96	63.4	62.35	1.53	64.3	.035
mAP @ $\theta = 0.4$	54.87	3.98	59.6	57.75	1.48	59.3	.087
Heart							
AP @ $\theta = 0.2$	1.03	3.08	7.7	6.95	7.34	21.2	.038
AP @ $\theta = 0.4$	0.5	2.31	7.7	5.7	5.8	15.4	.031
Cerebellum							
AP @ $\theta = 0.2$	4.84	12.01	33.8	17.13	9.91	36.3	.0002
AP @ $\theta = 0.4$	3.72	9.4	28.6	14.9	9.4	36.3	.0001

	oversampling			Bal. sampling (ours)			p-value
	average	std	best	average	std	best	
all anatomies							
mAP @ $\theta = 0.2$	56.8	3.5	62.3	62.35	1.53	64.3	.002
mAP @ $\theta = 0.4$	51.9	3.5	57.2	57.75	1.48	59.3	.004
Heart							
AP @ $\theta = 0.2$	3.4	4.5	15.3	6.95	7.34	21.2	.86
AP @ $\theta = 0.4$	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.7	5.8	15.4	.04
Cerebellum							
AP @ $\theta = 0.2$	19.1	12.0	44.1	17.13	9.91	36.3	.89
AP @ $\theta = 0.4$	14.6	10.7	37.2	14.9	9.4	36.3	.85

- Boosts performance on under-represented structures, while not deteriorating overall performance
- Outperforms both baselines
- Reduced std. → more reproducible and stable training