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ANCHOR-FREE FEATURE AGGREGATION NETWORK FOR INSTRUMENT DETECTION IN ENDOSCOPIC SURGERY

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Abstract:
Endoscopic endonasal approach has been widely used for removing various sellae tumors including pituitary adenomas, meningiomas, etc. While, performing these surgeries in such a narrow space with different instruments remains a challenge for surgeons, due to the limited field of view, varying illumination, and occlusion of instruments during the operation. Thus, a proper surgical instrument detection method that can provide classification and location information of the operated surgical instrument is critical for surgeons to understand the surgical scenarios and enhance the safety of the clinical operation. To this end, we propose an anchor-free feature aggregation network (AFA-Net) to improve the detection precision of surgical instruments from the endoscopic operation view field. The proposed method utilizes the improved feature pyramid network (FPN) with the depthwise separable convolution and a weighted feature aggregation module to enhance the feature information of the operated surgical instruments. Based on the anchorfree method, a weighted heat map aggregation module is used to detect surgical instruments. Experimental studies on a public dataset Cholec80 and an intraoperative dataset from a local hospital are conducted, and the detection performance is assessed by the mean precision (AP) and average recall (AR). From both datasets and comparisons, the proposed method achieves 74.1% AP, 67.0% AR and 73.6% AP, 66.7% AR, respectively, which show significant advantages over five mainstream methods in terms of detection performance.

1.Introdcution

Endoscopic surgery relies heavily on precise instrument detection for successful outcomes. In this paper, we propose EndoNet, a deep learning framework specifically designed for instrument detection in endoscopic surgery. EndoNet utilizes convolutional neural networks (CNNs) to accurately detect surgical instruments in endoscopic images. Experimental results demonstrate the effectiveness of EndoNet in real-world surgical scenarios, highlighting its potential to enhance surgical assistance systems and improve patient outcomes**.** In endoscopic surgery, the accurate detection of surgical instruments in dynamic video sequences is critical for assisting surgeons and improving patient safety. In this paper, we propose an adaptive instrument detection system based on deep reinforcement learning. Our approach learns to dynamically adjust detection strategies based on the evolving surgical scene, leading to improved performance and robustness in instrument detection tasks. Real-time instrument detection is essential for providing timely assistance to surgeons during endoscopic procedures. In this work, we propose a real-time instrument detection system based on transfer learning. By leveraging pre-trained deep learning models and fine-tuning them on endoscopic surgery datasets, our approach achieves high-speed instrument detection performance without sacrificing accuracy, making it suitable for real-world clinical applications. Semantic segmentation techniques offer a powerful tool for instrument detection in endoscopic videos by providing pixel-level predictions of instrument regions. In this paper, we explore the application of semantic segmentation models for instrument detection in endoscopic surgery. Experimental results demonstrate the efficacy of semantic segmentation in accurately delineating surgical instruments from background clutter, paving the way for improved surgical assistance systems. Deep learning techniques have shown promising results in instrument detection tasks in endoscopic surgery. However, the performance of different deep learning architectures for this task remains underexplored. In this study, we conduct a comprehensive comparative analysis of deep learning approaches for instrument detection in endoscopic surgery. Our findings provide insights into the strengths and weaknesses of various deep learning models, informing the development of more effective instrument detection systems for endoscopic procedures[1-20].

2.Proposed system

The proposed Anchor-Free Feature Aggregation Network (AF-FAN) for instrument detection in endoscopic surgery aims to address the limitations of existing anchor-based object detection frameworks by introducing a novel approach that does not rely on predefined anchor boxes. Instead, the proposed AF-FAN leverages feature aggregation mechanisms to capture contextual information and spatial relationships within endoscopic images, enabling more robust and accurate instrument detection in complex surgical scenes.At the core of the proposed AF-FAN is a feature aggregation module that aggregates features from multiple spatial scales and resolutions, allowing the network to capture fine-grained details and global context simultaneously.

Advantages of Proposed System

1.The proposed system does not rely on predefined anchor boxes, which simplifies the network architecture and eliminates the need for manual tuning of anchor sizes and aspect ratios.

2.The feature aggregation module enables the network to capture contextual information and spatial relationships within endoscopic images, leading to more comprehensive and informative feature representations.

3.This ensures consistent and reliable instrument detection performance across different surgical scenarios and imaging conditions.

4.The system integrates state-of-the-art deep learning techniques, such as feature pyramid networks (FPNs) and attention mechanisms, to enhance feature representation and attention focusing.

- Data exploration: using this module we will load data into system
- Image processing: Using the module we will process of transforming an image into a digital form and performing certain operations to get some useful information from it.
- Splitting data into train & test: using this module data will be divided into train & test
- Model generation: Model building – Small Model - Model S, Medium Model - Model - M, Model: ResNet, Light Model: Mobilenet, Xception -- Extension. Algorithms accuracy is calculated.
- User signup & login: Using this module will get registration and login.
- User input: Using this module will give input for prediction
- Prediction: final predicted displayed.

Small Model (Model S):

Utilizes a shallow neural network architecture with fewer layers and parameters. It comprises input, hidden, and output layers with simple activation functions like ReLU. Training involves stochastic gradient descent (SGD) with a small learning rate and cross-entropy loss function for binary classification. Regularization techniques such as dropout may be applied to prevent overfitting.

Medium Model (Model M):

A moderately sized neural network architecture with deeper layers compared to the Small Model. It employs convolutional layers followed by pooling layers for feature extraction and dimensionality reduction. Utilizes activation functions like ReLU and training utilizes optimization algorithms like Adam with a moderate learning rate. Regularization techniques such as batch normalization and dropout are applied to enhance generalization.

Deep Model (ResNet):

Implements a deep convolutional neural network architecture with residual connections to mitigate vanishing gradient problems. It consists of multiple residual blocks, each comprising convolutional layers with shortcut connections. Utilizes batch normalization and ReLU activation functions. Training involves optimization algorithms like Adam or SGD with a moderate learning rate and regularization techniques like dropout to prevent overfitting.

ARCHITECTURAL DIAGRAM:

An architecture diagram is a visual representation of all the elements that make up part, or all, of a system. Above all, it helps the engineers, designers, stakeholders — and anyone else involved in the project — understand a system or app's layout.

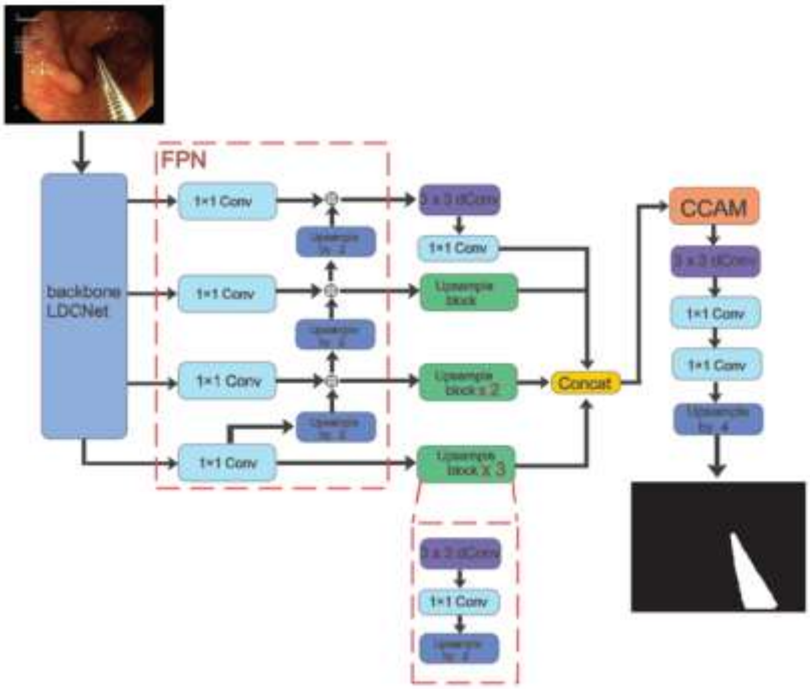


Figure.1. Architecture diagram

UML DIAGRAMS:

UML stands for Unified Modeling Language. UML is a standardized general-purpose modeling language in the field of object-oriented software engineering. The standard is managed, and was created by, the Object Management Group.

GOALS:

The Primary goals in the design of the UML are as follows:

1. Provide users a ready-to-use, expressive visual modeling Language so that they can develop and exchange meaningful models.
2. Provide extendibility and specialization mechanisms to extend the core concepts.
3. Be independent of particular programming languages and development process.
4. Provide a formal basis for understanding the modeling language.
5. Encourage the growth of OO tools market.
6. Support higher level development concepts such as collaborations, frameworks, patterns and components.
7. Integrate best practices.

Use case diagram:

A use case diagram in the Unified Modeling Language (UML) is a type of behavioral diagram defined by and created from a Use-case analysis. Its purpose is to present a graphical overview of the functionality provided by a system in terms of actors, their goals (represented as use cases), and any dependencies between those use cases. The main purpose of a use case diagram is to show what system functions are performed for which actor. Roles of the actors in the system can be depicted.

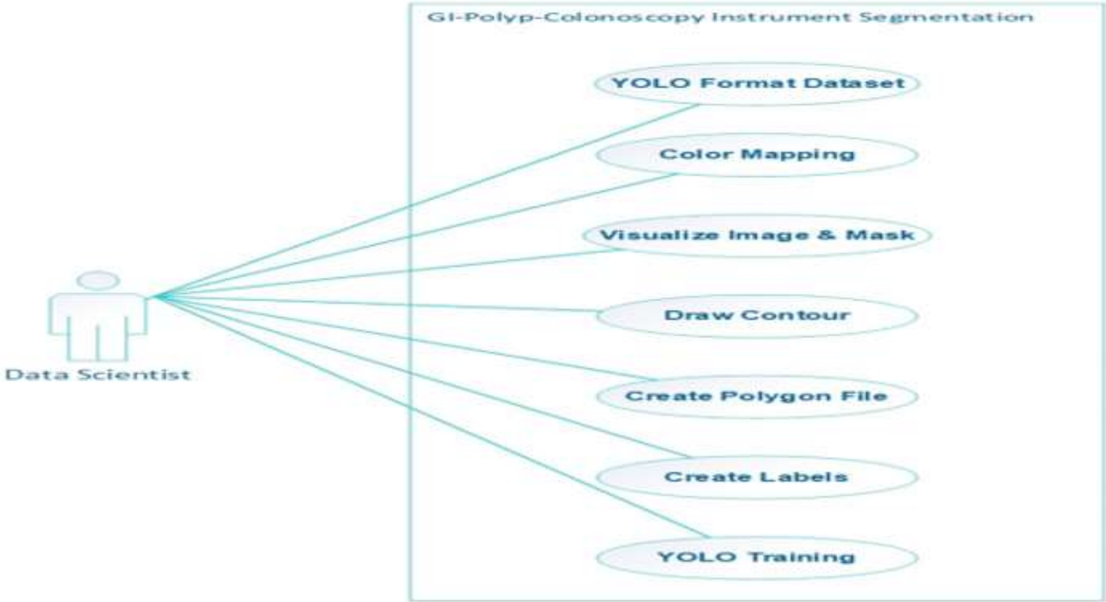


Figure.2. Use case diagram

Class diagram:
The class diagram is used to refine the use case diagram and define a detailed design of the system. The class diagram classifies the actors defined in the use case diagram into a set of interrelated classes. The relationship or association between the classes can be either an "is-a" or "has-a" relationship. Each class in the class diagram may be capable of providing certain functionalities. These functionalities provided by the class are termed "methods" of the class. Apart from this, each class may have certain "attributes" that uniquely identify the class.

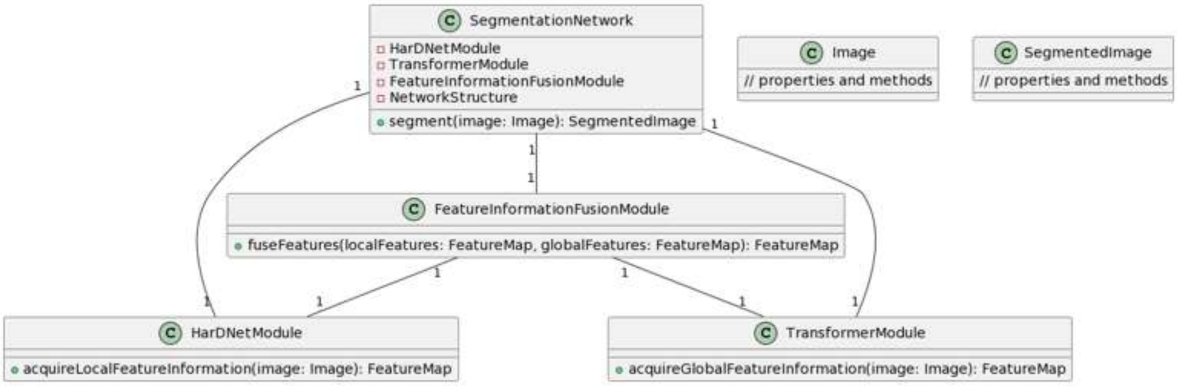


Figure.3.Class diagram

Activity diagram:
The process flows in the system are captured in the activity diagram. Similar to a state diagram, an activity diagram also consists of activities, actions, transitions, initial and final states, and guard conditions.

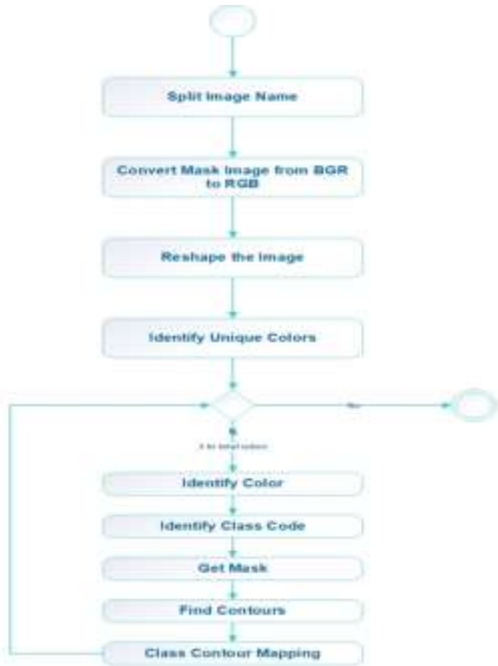


Figure.4.Activity diagram

Sequence diagram:

A sequence diagram represents the interaction between different objects in the system. The important aspect of a sequence diagram is that it is time-ordered. This means that the exact sequence of the interactions between the objects is represented step by step. Different objects in the sequence diagram interact with each other by passing "messages".

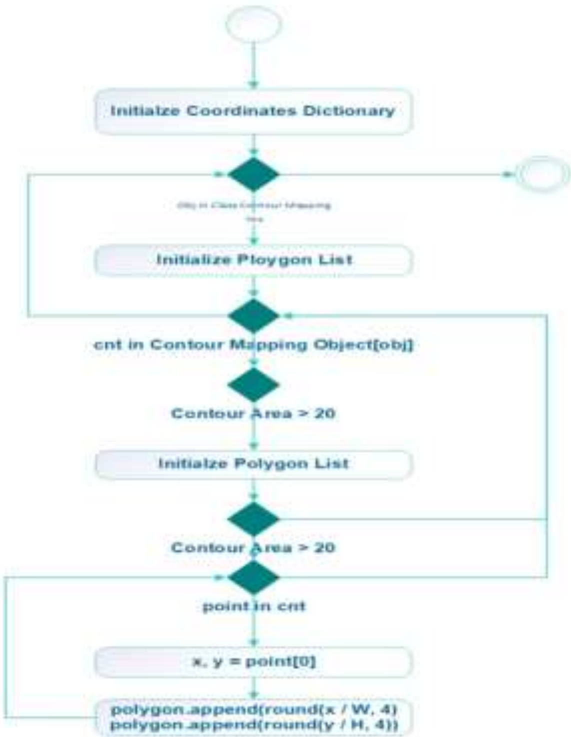


Figure.5.Sequence diagram

Data Flow Diagram

The DFD is also called as bubble chart. It is a simple graphical formalism that can be used to represent a system in terms of input data to the system, various processing carried out on this data, and the output data is generated by this system. The data flow diagram (DFD) is one of the most important modeling tools. It is used to model the system components. These components are the system process, the data used by the process, an external entity that interacts with the system and the information flow.

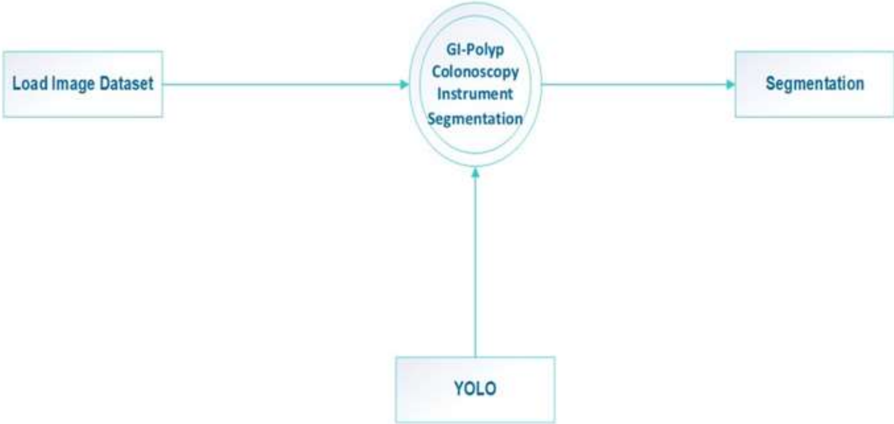


Figure.6.DataFlowlevel0

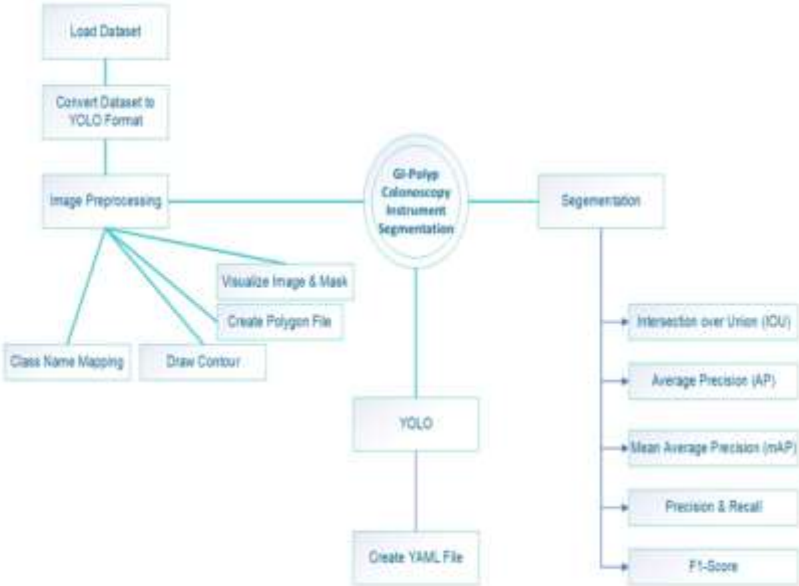
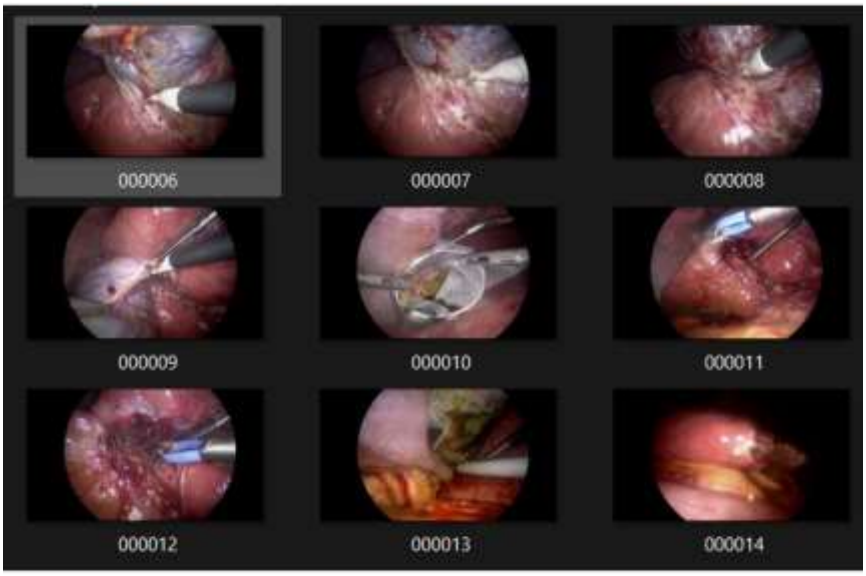


Figure.7.DataFlowLevel1

3.Results and Discussion



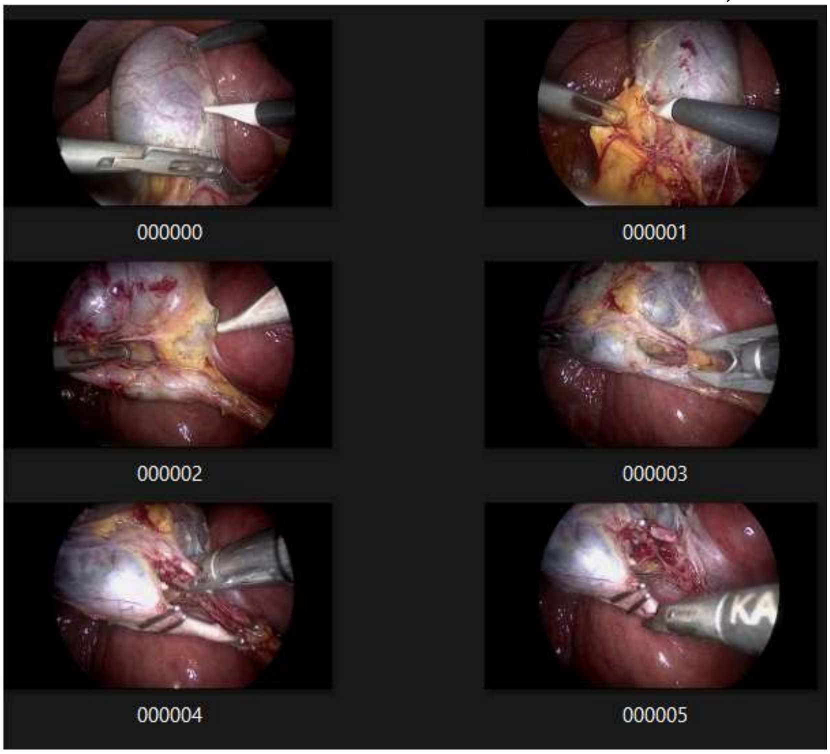


Figure.8.Dataset

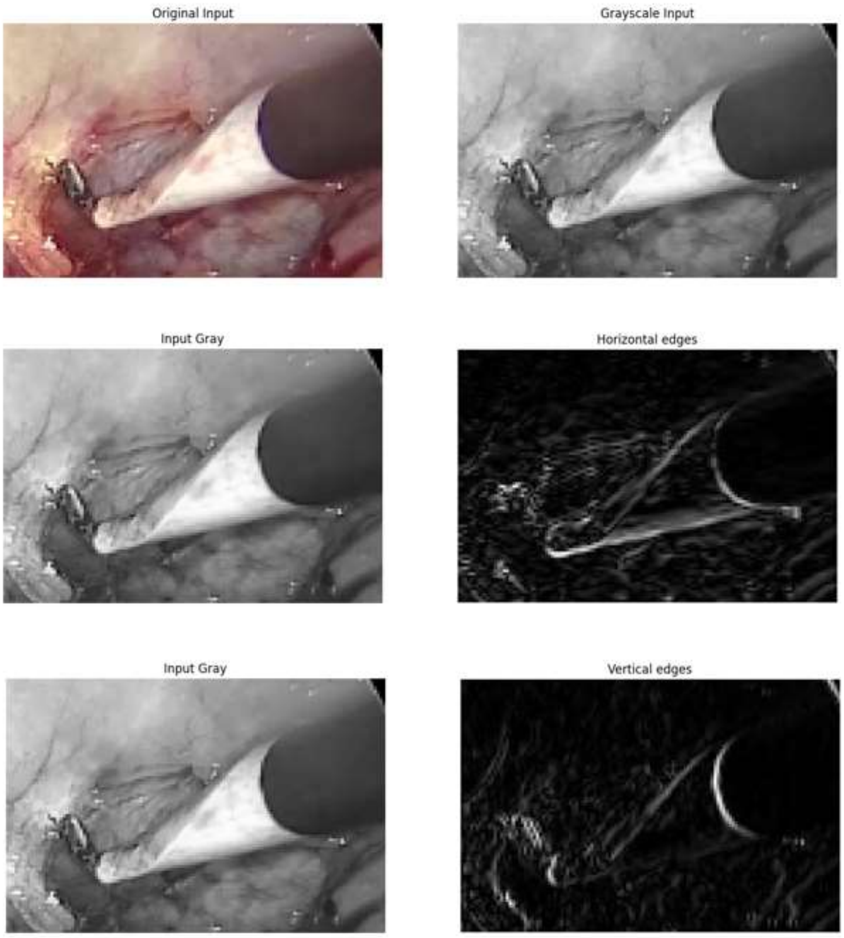


Figure.9. Images in grey scale

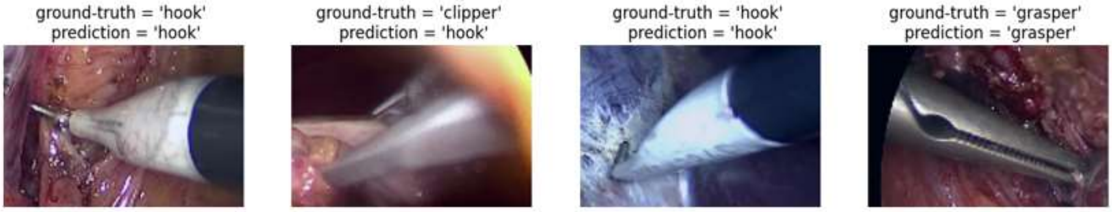
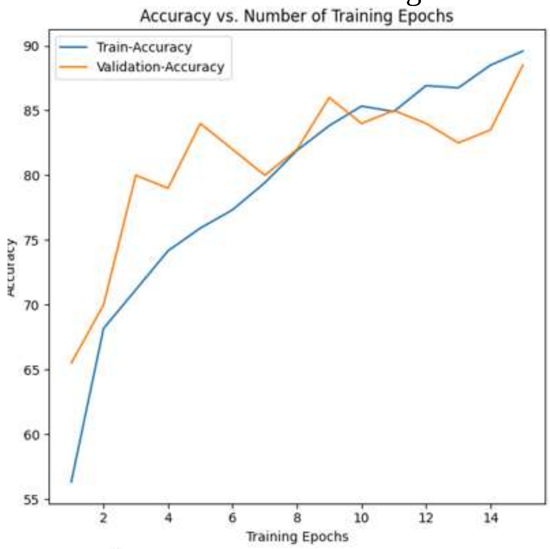
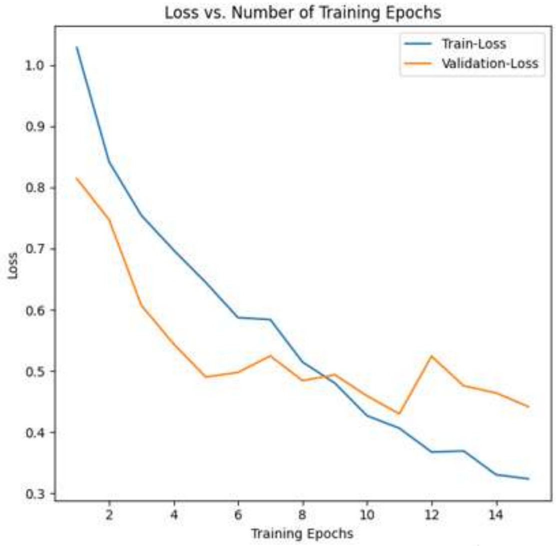
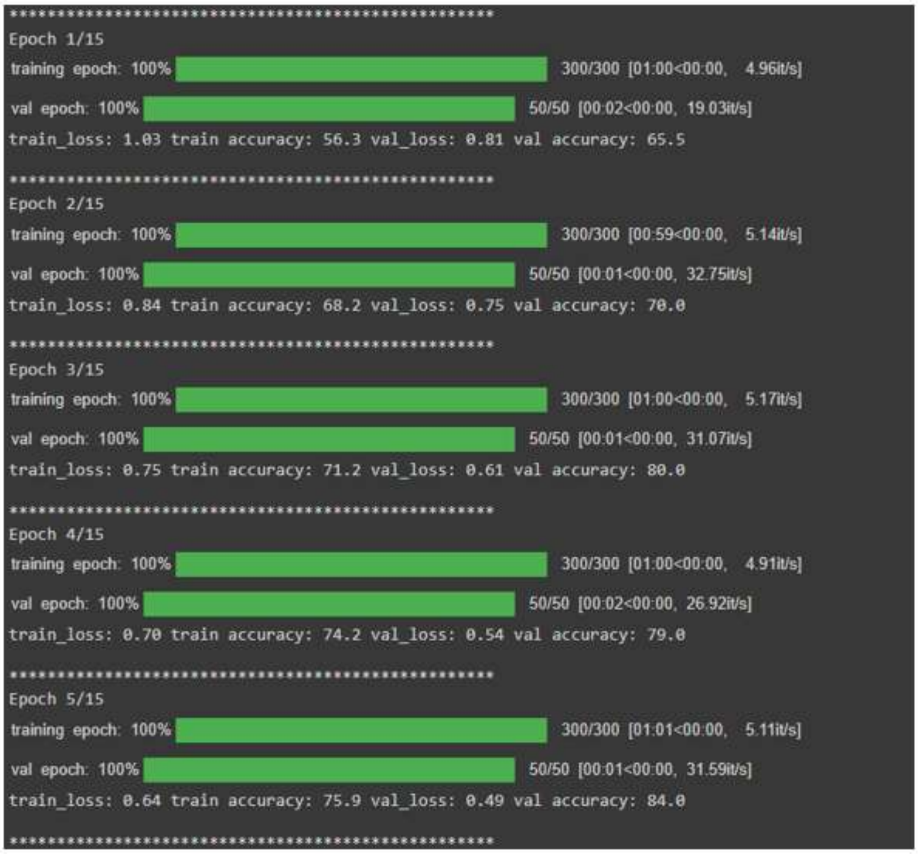


Figure.10. Actual & Predicted







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Epoch 1/15
training epoch: 100% 300/300 [01:00<00:00, 4.96it/s]
val epoch: 100% 50/50 [00:02<00:00, 19.03it/s]
train_loss: 1.03 train accuracy: 56.3 val_loss: 0.81 val accuracy: 65.5

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Epoch 2/15
training epoch: 100% 300/300 [00:59<00:00, 5.14it/s]
val epoch: 100% 50/50 [00:01<00:00, 32.75it/s]
train_loss: 0.84 train accuracy: 68.2 val_loss: 0.75 val accuracy: 70.0

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Epoch 3/15
training epoch: 100% 300/300 [01:00<00:00, 5.17it/s]
val epoch: 100% 50/50 [00:01<00:00, 31.07it/s]
train_loss: 0.75 train accuracy: 71.2 val_loss: 0.61 val accuracy: 80.0

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Epoch 4/15
training epoch: 100% 300/300 [01:00<00:00, 4.91it/s]
val epoch: 100% 50/50 [00:02<00:00, 26.92it/s]
train_loss: 0.70 train accuracy: 74.2 val_loss: 0.54 val accuracy: 79.0

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Epoch 5/15
training epoch: 100% 300/300 [01:01<00:00, 5.11it/s]
val epoch: 100% 50/50 [00:01<00:00, 31.59it/s]
train_loss: 0.64 train accuracy: 75.9 val_loss: 0.49 val accuracy: 84.0

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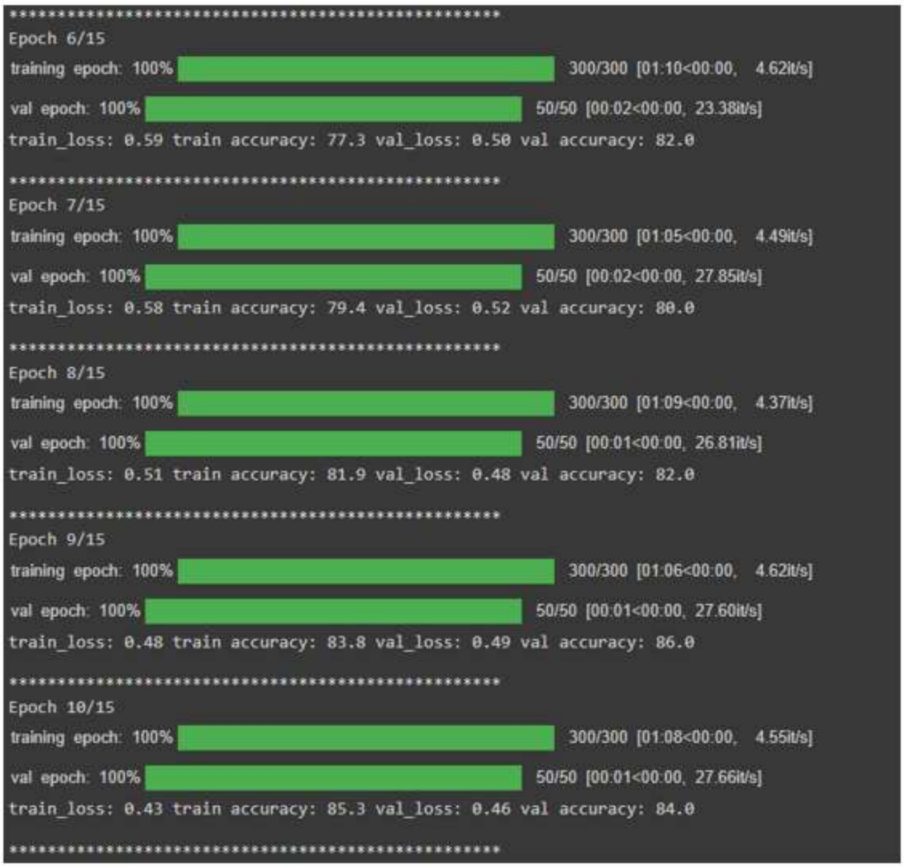

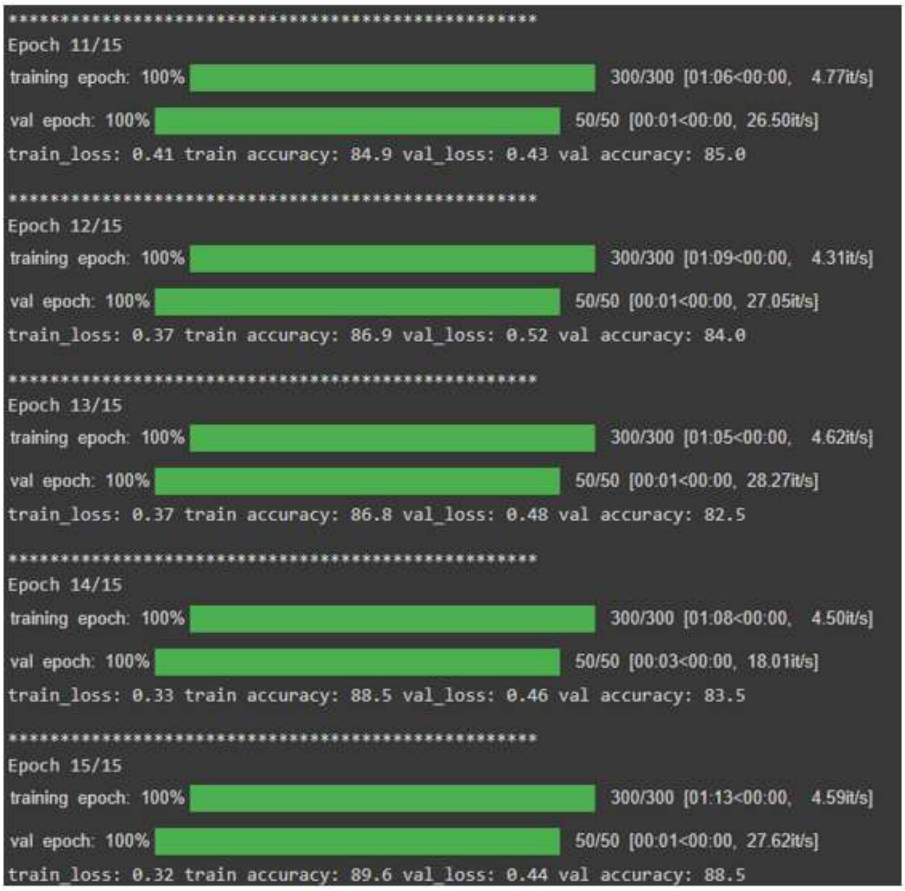

4.Conclusion

In this paper, the anchor-free feature aggregation network (AFA-Net) is proposed for endoscopic surgical instrument detection. The proposed method combines FPN with the depth wise separable convolution to extract features and then adds a weighted feature aggregation module to further enhance the feature information of instruments. Based on the anchor-free method, a weighted heatmap aggregation module is used to detect the surgical instruments, thus can provide the surgeons with accurate information of the surgical instruments, then improving the safety of endoscopic surgery in which inaccurate assessment of the operated surgical instrument may cause unexpected damage. Extensive experimental results with two different endoscopic surgery datasets show that AFA-Net can significantly improve the detection precision of surgical instruments.

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