

OpenGAN: Open Set Recognition via Open Data Generation



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Motivation

Autonomous vehicles invariably encounters *unknown* objects in the real open world, and it's crucial to detect them.

Machine-learned models

- Trained on a *closed-set*, e.g., training a K -way classifier on a dataset that has K classes of data.
- Tested in the real **open world**, which contains *unknown* examples outside the K classes

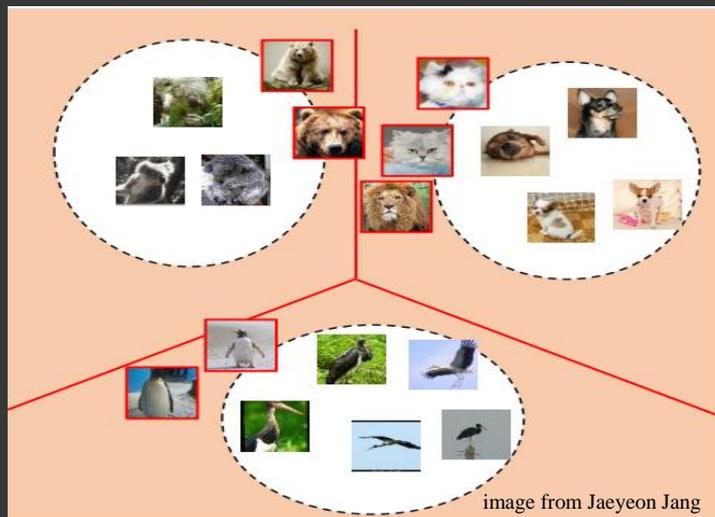


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Problem: Open-Set Recognition

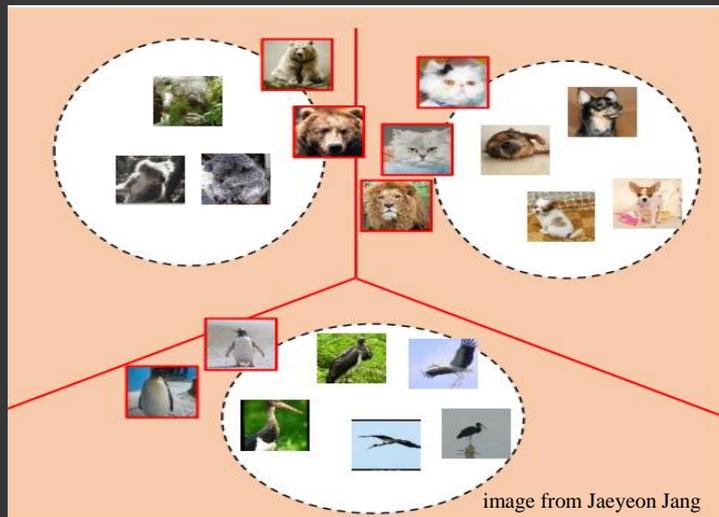
Open-Set Recognition: detecting the unknown through the lens of image classification.

- Learning a K -way classifier for data from the closed-set K classes
- Testing it on examples that contain *open-set* data that is from some unknown-classes.
 - ref. anomaly detection, out-of-distribution detection, etc.



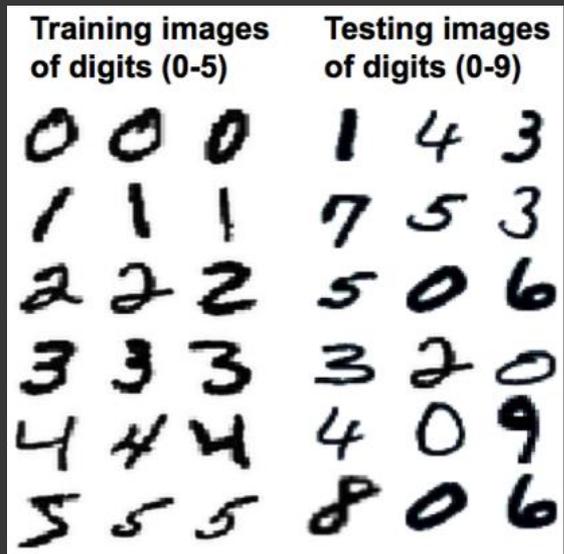
Contributions

- *Method* **OpenGAN**, a lightweight (2MB) model atop the K -way classification network to recognize the open-set.
- *Performance* state-of-the-art performance under different setups, significantly better than prior methods.
- *Protocol* a realistic protocol for open-set recognition through the lens of semantic segmentation.



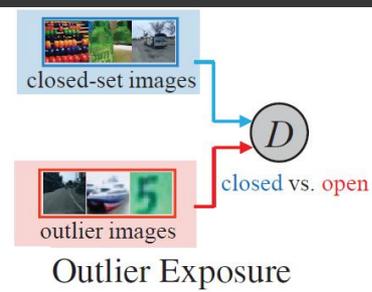
Status Quo

- *Typical* setup: splitting MNIST digits
 - closed-set: 0-5
 - open-set: 6-9
- Methods: uncertainty for open-set likelihood, as simple as *Max-Softmax Probability (MSP)*



What if we embrace outliers in training?

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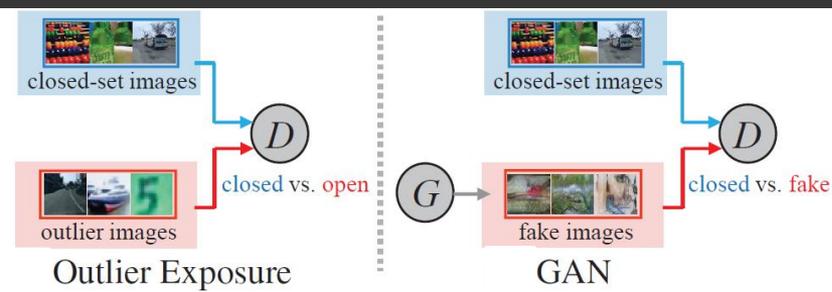


Dhamija et al., “Reducing Network Agnostophobia”, NeurIPS, 2018

Hendrycks et al., “Deep Anomaly Detection with Outlier Exposure”, ICLR, 2019

Generate fake open-set examples in training

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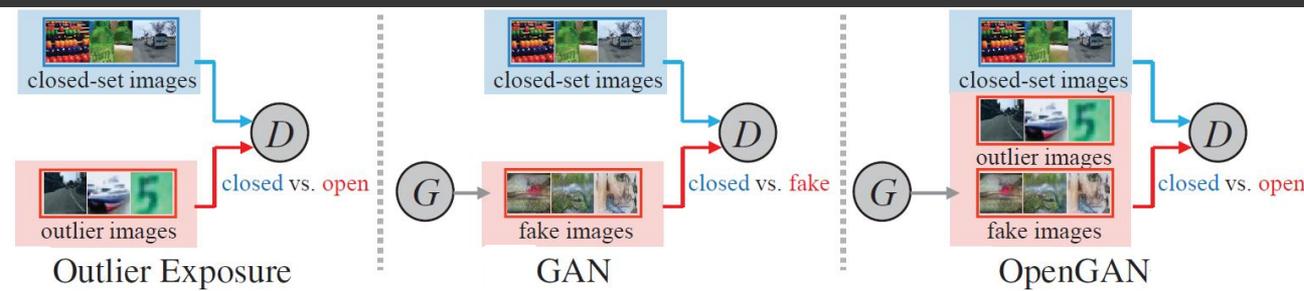
Schlegl et al. "Unsupervised anomaly detection with generative adversarial networks to guide marker discovery", IPMI, 2017

Neal et al. "Open set learning with counterfactual images", ECCV, 2018

Zenati et al., "Adversarially learned anomaly detection", ICDM, 2018

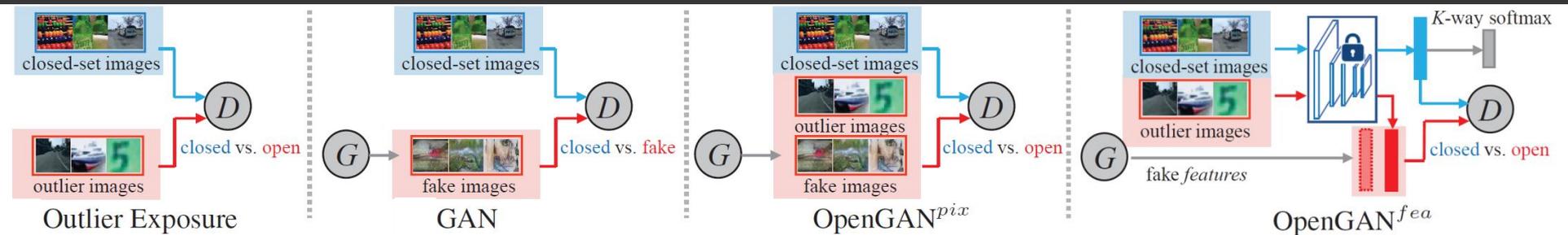
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- **OpenGAN** augments training outliers with synthesized data
 - ~ GAN, it repurposes GAN-discriminator as the open-set likelihood function D , synthesizes data to better span the open world.
 - ~ Outlier Exposure, it uses outliers to train an open-set classifier D , stabilize training of GANs, select right closed-vs-open classifier D



OpenGAN^{fea}

- *features* > *pixels*.
 - It's more efficient to generate features than pixel images.
 - This enables closed-world systems to be readily modified for open-set recognition.
- *discriminator* > *generator*.
 - Recall GANs mainly focus on the generator and generating images.
 - Our goal is to learn a robust open-vs-closed *discriminator* rather than generating realistic pixel images.
- *classification* > *reconstruction*.
 - Existing methods commonly use reconstruction errors for open-set detection, but it's challenging to reconstruct high-res images.
 - We directly use the GAN-discriminator as the open-set likelihood, allowing open-set recognition over high-res images



Experiments

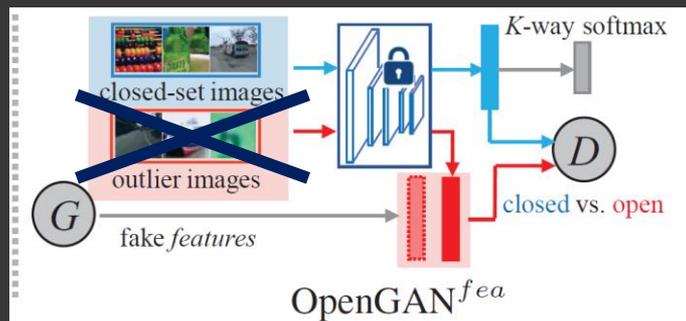
- Three different settings (detailed later)
- Metrics
 - Open-set *detection*: area under ROC curve (AUROC)
 - Open-set *recognition*: macro-average F1 score over $(K+1)$ classes
- Compared methods

Baselines	Likelihoods	Bayesian Networks	GANs	State-of-the-art
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nearest Neighbors [SIGMOD2000] • Gaussian Mixture Model [arxiv2021] • CLS open-vs-closed classifier (ref. Outlier Exposure) [ICLR2017] • $(K+1)$-way classifier [PASCAL, IJCV2015] 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Max Softmax Prob. (MSP) [ICLR2017] • Entropy [NeurIPS2016] • calibrated MSP (MSPc) [NeurIPS2016] • OpenMax [CVPR2016] • C2AE [CVPR2019] • Gaussian Discrim. Model (GDM) [NeurIPS2018] 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monte Carlo est. (MCdrop) [ICML2016] 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • G-OpenMax [BMVC2017] • OSRCI [ECCV2018] • BiGAN [ICDM2018] 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PRL [ECCV2020] • Hybrid [ECCV2020] • GDFR [CVPR2020] • CROSR [CVPR2019]

Setup-I: Single Dataset Split

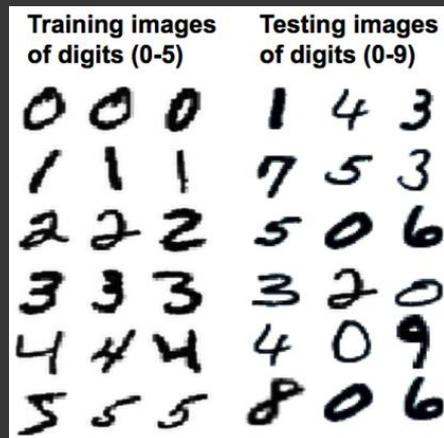
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Training images of digits (0-5)	Testing images of digits (0-9)
0 0 0	1 4 3
1 1 1	7 5 3
2 2 2	5 0 6
3 3 3	3 2 0
4 4 4	4 0 9
5 5 5	8 0 6



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 - OpenGAN-0 clearly performs the best
 - Methods (e.g., NN and OpenGAN) perform much better on off-the-shelf features than raw pixels



Dataset	MSP	MSP _c	MCdrop	GDM	OpenMax	GOpenMax	OSRCI	C2AE	CROSR	RPL	Hybrid	GDFR	NN ^{pix}	NN ^{fea}	OpenGAN _{-0^{pix}}	OpenGAN _{-0^{fea}}
	[24]	[29]	[17]	[28]	[5]	[18]*	[33]*	[35]*	[54]*	[10]*	[57]*	[37]*	[41]	[41]		
<i>MNIST</i>	.977	.985	.984	.989	.981	.984	.988	.989	.991	.996	.995	—	.931	.981	.987	.999
<i>SVHN</i>	.886	.891	.884	.866	.894	.896	.910	.922	.899	.968	.947	.935	.534	.888	.881	.988
<i>CIFAR</i>	.757	.808	.732	.752	.811	.675	.699	.895	.883	.901	.950	.807	.544	.801	.971	.973
<i>TinyImgNet</i>	.577	.713	.675	.712	.576	.580	.586	.748	.589	.809	.793	.608	.528	.692	.795	.907

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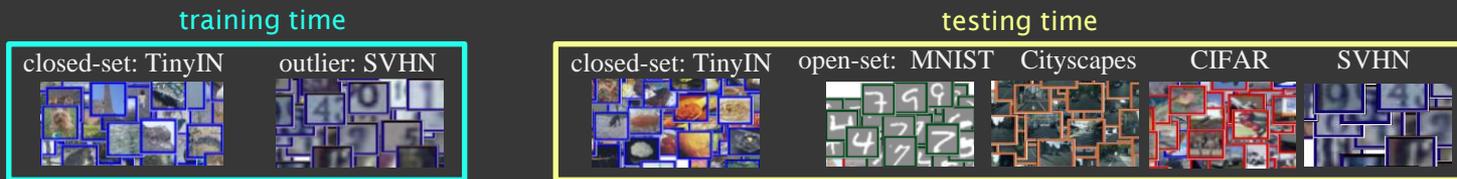


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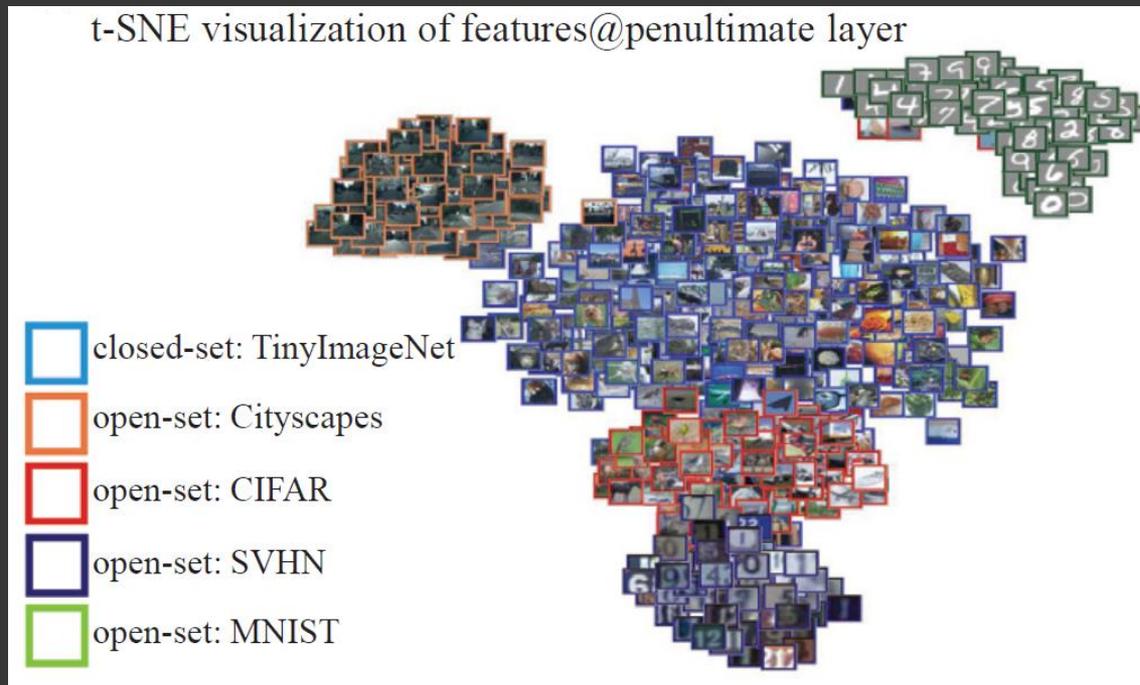


- Salient conclusions
 - Methods perform much better on off-the-shelf features rather than pixels, ref OpenGAN and CLS.
 - CLS^{fea} already outperforms prior methods when trained on features, though CLS^{pix} performs poorly.
 - (K+1)-way model works quite well, but OpenGAN performs the best.

<i>open-test</i>	<i>metric</i>	MSP [24]	OpenMax [5]	NN ^{fea} [41]	GMM [26]	C2AE [35]	MSP _c [29]	MCdrop [17]	GDM [28]	CLS ^{pix}	(K+1)	CLS ^{fea}	Open GAN ^{pix}	Open GAN ^{fea}
CIFAR	AUROC	.769 ^{.000}	.669 ^{.011}	.927 ^{.000}	.961 ^{.013}	.767 ^{.020}	.791 ^{.007}	.809 ^{.005}	.961 ^{.007}	.754 ^{.367}	.880 ^{.091}	.928 ^{.113}	.981 ^{.027}	.980 ^{.011}
	F1	.548 ^{.002}	.507 ^{.001}	.525 ^{.000}	.544 ^{.002}	.564 ^{.002}	.553 ^{.003}	.564 ^{.001}	.519 ^{.003}	.545 ^{.032}	.558 ^{.017}	.555 ^{.027}	.563 ^{.035}	.585 ^{.003}
SVHN	AUROC	.695 ^{.000}	.691 ^{.014}	.994 ^{.000}	.990 ^{.016}	.657 ^{.018}	.863 ^{.013}	.783 ^{.009}	.999 ^{.006}	.701 ^{.224}	.948 ^{.068}	.955 ^{.052}	.980 ^{.014}	.991 ^{.013}
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MNIST	AUROC	.764 ^{.000}	.690 ^{.019}	.901 ^{.000}	.964 ^{.021}	.755 ^{.008}	.832 ^{.017}	.801 ^{.009}	.957 ^{.007}	.986 ^{.327}	.944 ^{.015}	.961 ^{.083}	.983 ^{.068}	.989 ^{.014}
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Citysc.	AUROC	.789 ^{.000}	.693 ^{.021}	.715 ^{.000}	.867 ^{.016}	.814 ^{.010}	.851 ^{.003}	.868 ^{.003}	.513 ^{.005}	.646 ^{.332}	.971 ^{.050}	.828 ^{.032}	.933 ^{.026}	.978 ^{.013}
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average	AUROC	.754	.686	.884	.945	.748	.834	.815	.857	.772	.936	.918	.969	.984
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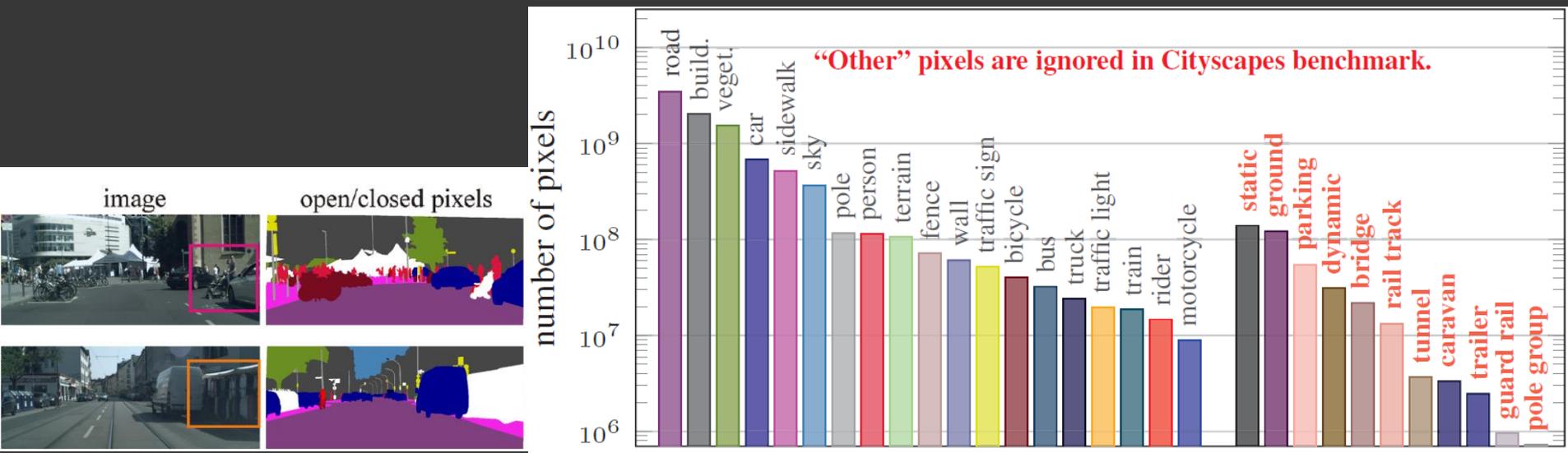
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Visually explaining why OpenGAN^{fea} works



Setup-III: Open-Set Semantic Segmentation

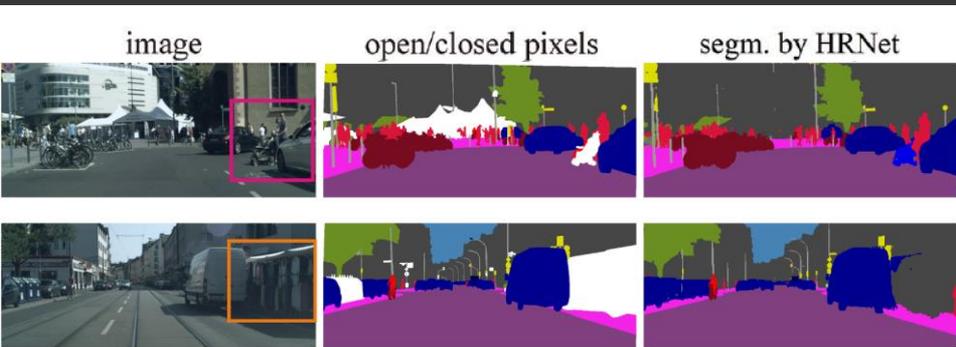
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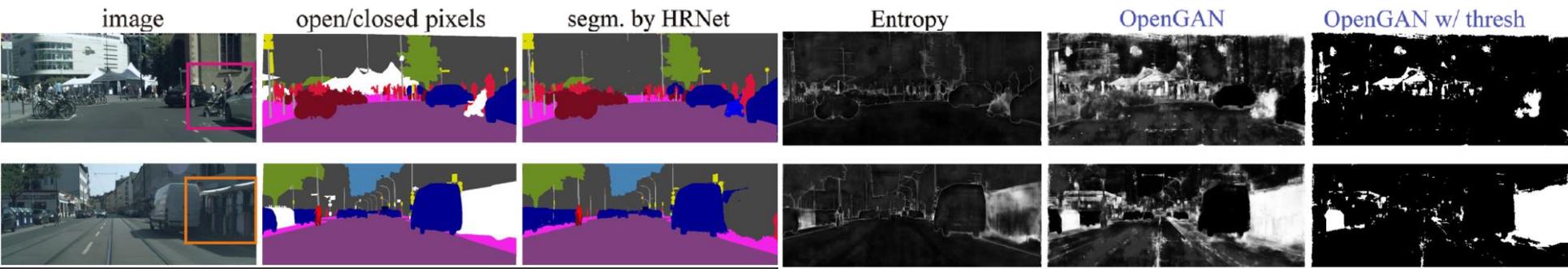
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- ($K+1$)-way HRNet works quite well. [Wang et al. TPAMI 2019]
- OpenGAN^{fea} performs the best, presumably owing to more balanced sampling between the closed-set pixels and outliers in training
- The **street-market** is a *real open-set example* – there is not another similar street-market that is as big or selling clothes.

MSP [24]	Entropy [49]	OpenMax [5]	C2AE [35]	MSP _c [29]	MCdrop [17]	GDM [28]	GMM [26]	HRNet-($K+1$)	OpenGAN-0 ^{fea}	CLS ^{fea}	OpenGAN ^{fea}
.721	.697	.751	.722	.755	.767	.743	.765	.755	.709	.861	.885



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Visualization of the synthesized images by OpenGAN

- For OpenGAN^{pix}, we train it on image patches; it doesn't work on whole high-resolution images (1024x2018).
- For OpenGAN^{fea}, we “synthesize” the RGB patches analytically –
 - for a synthesized feature, find the closest pixel-feature in the train-set and use the corresponding RGB patch as the “synthesized patch”.
- OpenGAN^{pix} synthesizes realistic patches in terms of color and tone, but notably underperforms OpenGAN^{fea} (0.549 vs. 0.709 AUROC), which “synthesizes” ignored objects.



Thank you!

- Go beyond MNIST for the open-set research!
- Embrace outlier data in the real open world!
- Synthesize outliers to better span the open space!



Code: <https://github.com/aimerykong/OpenGAN>