

Remote Sensing Image Enhancement And Denoising Using Deep Learning (Cnn)

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ABSTRACT

Remote sensing images often suffer from noise and degradation, which can hinder subsequent analysis and interpretation. In recent years, deep learning techniques, particularly Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs), have shown promising results in various image processing tasks. This paper presents a comprehensive review of deep learning-based approaches for remote sensing image enhancement and denoising. We discuss the challenges associated with remote sensing image processing, explore the fundamentals of CNNs, and delve into the methodologies used for image enhancement and denoising. Additionally, we highlight prominent deep learning architectures and techniques employed for this purpose, along with their advantages and limitations. Furthermore, we provide insights into the potential applications and future directions in this rapidly evolving field.

Keywords: Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs), Generative Adversarial Networks (GANs), U-Net, ResNet, DenseNet.

1. INTRODUCTION

Remote sensing has revolutionized our ability to study and understand the Earth's surface by providing valuable insights from a distance. These insights are crucial for various applications ranging from environmental monitoring to urban planning and disaster management. However, remote sensing images often suffer from inherent imperfections such as noise, blur, and artifacts, which can significantly degrade their quality and hinder subsequent analysis and interpretation.

Traditional methods for enhancing and denoising remote sensing images typically rely on handcrafted filters and techniques, which may not effectively capture the complex patterns and structures present in the data. Moreover, these methods often struggle to generalize well across diverse environmental conditions and sensor configurations. As a result, there is a growing interest in exploring data-driven approaches, particularly deep learning, to address these challenges.

Deep learning, and specifically Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs), have emerged as powerful tools for image processing tasks due to their ability to automatically learn hierarchical representations directly from raw data. By leveraging large-scale datasets and computational resources, CNNs can extract meaningful features and patterns from remote sensing imagery, leading to improved performance in enhancement and denoising tasks.

In this paper, we provide a comprehensive review of deep learning-based approaches for remote sensing image enhancement and denoising. We begin by discussing the unique challenges associated with remote sensing image processing, including atmospheric effects, sensor noise, and geometric distortions. We then delve into the fundamentals of CNNs, exploring their architecture, training procedures, and key components. Subsequently, we review methodologies for image enhancement and denoising using deep learning techniques, highlighting various architectures, loss functions, and training strategies employed in the literature. We discuss the advantages and limitations of these approaches and provide insights into their potential applications across different domains.

Furthermore, we explore prominent deep learning architectures and techniques that have been adapted or developed specifically for remote sensing image processing, including U-Net, ResNet, DenseNet, and autoencoders. We examine their effectiveness in handling noise and enhancing image quality, considering factors such as computational efficiency and generalization capability.

Finally, we discuss current applications and future directions in the field of deep learning-based remote sensing image enhancement and denoising. We highlight emerging trends, such as the integration of multi-modal and multi-temporal data, and the importance of incorporating domain knowledge and physical constraints into deep learning frameworks.

Overall, this paper aims to provide researchers and practitioners with a comprehensive understanding of the state-of-the-art in deep learning-based remote sensing image enhancement and denoising, paving the way for further advancements in this rapidly evolving field.

The system of RSCNN is displayed in Figure 1. A profound CNN-based model concentrates the theoretical highlights and gains the point by point data from the info low-light pictures. Since CNN-based models can straightforwardly process multi-channel pictures without variety space change, all data of information pictures can be held and the complex nonlinear connection designs between low-light and ordinary light picture matches can be very much scholarly, in this manner producing pictures with legitimate light, more grounded difference, and normal surfaces.

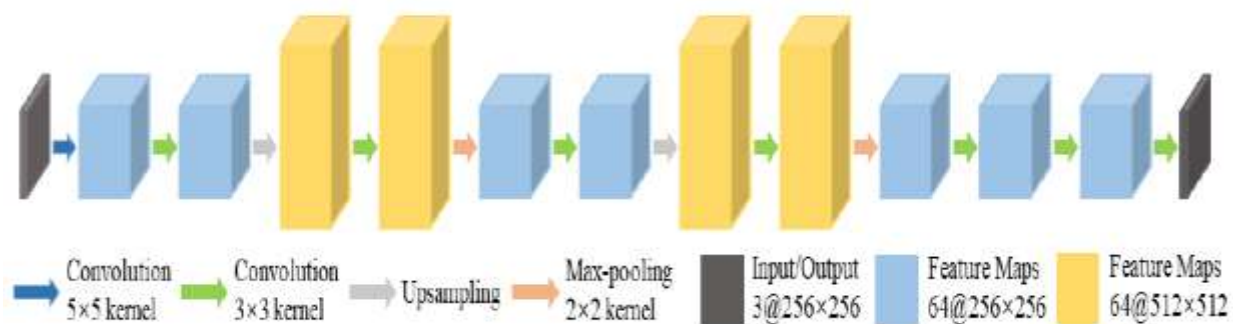
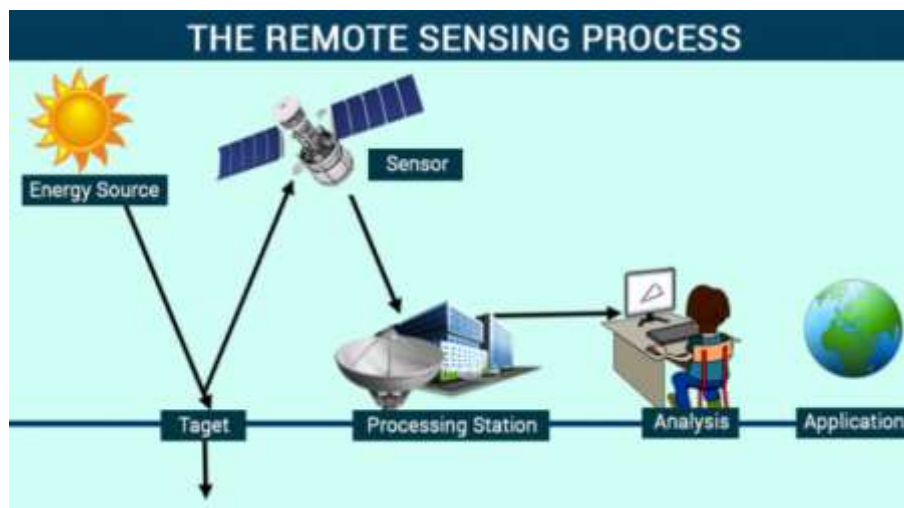


Figure 1 The framework of the RSCNN

2 CHALLENGES IN REMOTE SENSING IMAGE PROCESSING



Remote sensing images are acquired through sensors mounted on satellites, aircraft, or drones, capturing information about the Earth's surface and atmosphere. However, these images often face several challenges that can affect their quality and usefulness for subsequent analysis. Understanding and addressing these challenges are crucial for the effective processing and interpretation of remote sensing data. Below, we discuss some of the key challenges in remote sensing image processing:

1. Atmospheric Effects: Atmospheric conditions, such as haze, fog, and aerosols, can introduce distortions and artifacts in remote sensing imagery. These effects can attenuate or scatter light, leading to reduced contrast, color shifts, and loss of detail. Atmospheric correction techniques are employed to mitigate these effects and enhance the clarity and accuracy of remote sensing images.

2. Sensor Noise: Remote sensing sensors are susceptible to various sources of noise, including sensor electronics, thermal noise, and quantization errors. This noise can manifest as random fluctuations in pixel values, impairing the visual quality and interpretability of images. Denoising algorithms are essential for reducing noise and preserving important features in remote sensing imagery.

3. Geometric Distortions: Geometric distortions can arise due to sensor characteristics, platform motion, terrain relief, and Earth's curvature. These distortions can lead to misalignments, scale variations, and geometric inaccuracies in remote sensing images. Geometric correction techniques, such as orthorectification and image registration, are applied to rectify these distortions and ensure geometric accuracy.

4. Radiometric Variations: Radiometric variations refer to differences in brightness, contrast, and spectral characteristics across remote sensing images. These variations can result from differences in illumination conditions, sensor settings, and atmospheric interactions. Radiometric calibration techniques are used to normalize these variations and ensure consistency in image intensity and color.

5. Resolution and Scale: Remote sensing images are typically acquired at different spatial, spectral, and temporal resolutions, depending on the sensor specifications and application requirements. Integrating data from multiple sources with varying resolutions can pose challenges for analysis and interpretation, particularly when dealing with heterogeneous landscapes and objects of interest.

6. Data Volume and Complexity: Remote sensing datasets are often large-scale and high-dimensional, comprising multiple bands, channels, and temporal layers. Managing and processing such large volumes of data require efficient algorithms and computational resources. Additionally, the complexity of remote sensing data, including diverse land cover types, seasonal variations, and dynamic environmental conditions, adds further challenges to image processing tasks.

7. Semantic Interpretation: Remote sensing images contain rich spatial and spectral information about the Earth's surface, but interpreting this information requires domain knowledge and expertise. Automated techniques for semantic segmentation, feature extraction, and object recognition are needed to extract meaningful insights from remote sensing imagery and support decision-making processes.

Addressing these challenges requires interdisciplinary approaches that integrate remote sensing, image processing, and machine learning techniques. Recent advances in deep learning, particularly Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs), have shown promise in overcoming some of these challenges by enabling data-driven feature learning and automatic feature extraction from raw remote sensing data. However, further research is needed to develop robust and scalable solutions that can effectively handle the complexities of remote sensing imagery and support various applications in environmental science, agriculture, urban planning, and disaster management.

3. FUNDAMENTALS OF CONVOLUTIONAL NEURAL NETWORKS:

Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) have emerged as a powerful class of deep learning models for processing and analyzing images. CNNs are specifically designed to effectively capture spatial hierarchies and patterns present in images through the use of convolutional layers. Below, we discuss the fundamental components and operations of CNNs:

1. Convolutional Layers:

- The core building block of CNNs is the convolutional layer, which applies learnable filters (also known as kernels or convolutional kernels) to input images.
- Each filter extracts local features from the input image by performing convolution operations across spatial dimensions.
- Convolutional layers are characterized by parameters such as filter size, stride, and padding, which determine the spatial resolution and receptive field of feature maps produced by the convolution operation.

2. Pooling Layers:

- Pooling layers are interspersed between convolutional layers to downsample feature maps and reduce spatial dimensions.
- Common pooling operations include max pooling and average pooling, which extract the maximum or average value within a local neighborhood, respectively.
- Pooling layers help increase computational efficiency, improve translation invariance, and reduce the sensitivity of CNNs to spatial translations and distortions.

3. Activation Functions:

- Activation functions introduce non-linearity into CNNs, allowing them to learn complex and non-linear mappings between input and output data.
- Common activation functions include ReLU (Rectified Linear Unit), sigmoid, and tanh, which introduce thresholding and saturation effects to the output of neurons.
- ReLU activation function is widely used in CNNs due to its simplicity, computational efficiency, and ability to mitigate the vanishing gradient problem.

4. Fully Connected Layers:

- Fully connected layers integrate spatial features extracted by convolutional and pooling layers for classification or regression tasks.
- Each neuron in a fully connected layer is connected to every neuron in the preceding layer, forming a dense network of connections.

- Fully connected layers typically comprise multiple hidden layers followed by an output layer, which produces class probabilities or regression predictions.

5. Training Procedure:

- CNNs are trained using gradient-based optimization algorithms, such as stochastic gradient descent (SGD) and its variants (e.g., Adam, RMSprop).
- During training, CNNs learn to minimize a predefined loss function, which measures the discrepancy between predicted and ground truth outputs.
- Backpropagation is used to compute gradients of the loss function with respect to network parameters, enabling iterative updates of filter weights and biases through gradient descent.

6. Regularization Techniques:

- Regularization techniques are employed to prevent overfitting and improve the generalization capability of CNNs.
- Common regularization techniques include dropout, which randomly deactivates neurons during training to prevent co-adaptation, and weight decay, which penalizes large weight magnitudes to encourage sparsity.

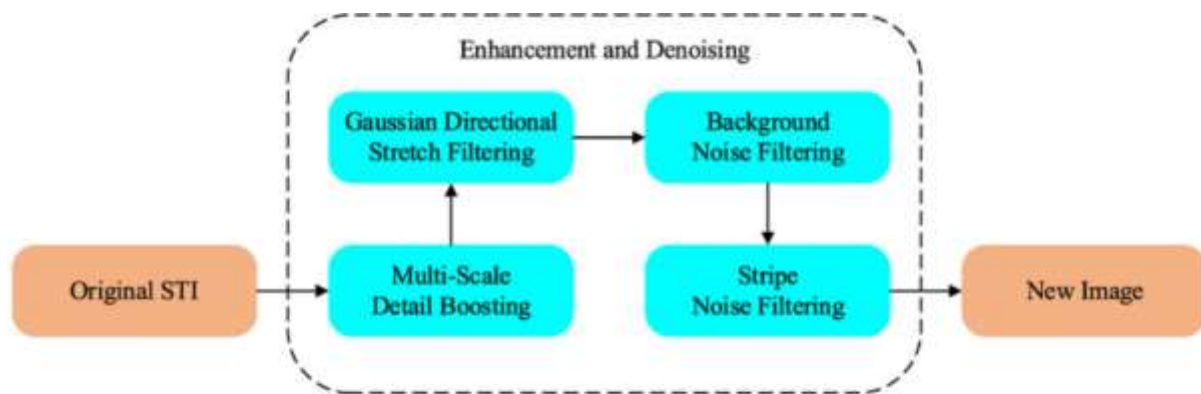
7. Transfer Learning:

- Transfer learning leverages pre-trained CNN models, such as VGG, ResNet, and Inception, which are trained on large-scale image datasets (e.g., ImageNet).
- By fine-tuning pre-trained models on domain-specific datasets, transfer learning enables effective transfer of knowledge and features learned from one task to another, thereby reducing the need for large amounts of labeled data and computational resources.

Overall, CNNs have demonstrated remarkable success in various image processing tasks, including object recognition, segmentation, and enhancement. Their ability to automatically learn hierarchical representations from raw data makes them well-suited for processing complex and high-dimensional remote sensing imagery, leading to improved performance in classification, denoising, and feature extraction tasks.

4.METHODOLOGIES FOR IMAGE ENHANCEMENT AND DENOISING

Image enhancement and denoising are essential preprocessing steps in remote sensing image processing, aimed at improving the visual quality and interpretability of images while preserving important features and information. Deep learning techniques, particularly Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs), have shown promising results in addressing these tasks by learning effective representations directly from raw data.



Below, we discuss methodologies for image enhancement and denoising using deep learning approaches:

1. Dataset Preparation:

- The first step involves the collection and preparation of training data consisting of pairs of clean (high-quality) and noisy (degraded) remote sensing images.
- Clean images can be obtained from high-resolution sensors or reference datasets, while noisy images may be generated by adding synthetic noise or applying degradation models to clean images.
- It is essential to ensure that the training dataset covers a diverse range of environmental conditions, sensor configurations, and types of noise to enable robust learning of denoising and enhancement algorithms.

2. Network Architecture Selection:

- The choice of network architecture plays a crucial role in the performance of image enhancement and denoising models.
- Several architectures have been proposed for these tasks, including U-Net, ResNet, DenseNet, and variants thereof.
- U-Net architecture is particularly well-suited for image enhancement tasks due to its ability to preserve spatial information and capture fine details through skip connections between encoder and decoder paths.

3. Loss Function Design:

- The selection of an appropriate loss function is critical for training CNNs for image enhancement and denoising.
- Common loss functions include Mean Squared Error (MSE), which measures the pixel-wise difference between predicted and ground truth images, and perceptual loss, which captures high-level features and structural similarities between images.
- Additionally, adversarial loss, inspired by generative adversarial networks (GANs), can be employed to encourage the generation of visually realistic and artifact-free images.

4. Training Procedure:

- CNN models for image enhancement and denoising are trained using large-scale datasets of clean and noisy image pairs.
- During training, the network learns to minimize the discrepancy between predicted and ground truth images by iteratively adjusting its parameters (e.g., filter weights and biases) using gradient-based optimization algorithms such as stochastic gradient descent (SGD) or Adam.
- Data augmentation techniques, including random rotations, flips, and translations, can be applied to augment the training dataset and improve the robustness and generalization capability of CNN models.

5. Hyperparameter Tuning:

- Fine-tuning the hyperparameters of CNN models is essential for achieving optimal performance in image enhancement and denoising tasks.
- Hyperparameters such as learning rate, batch size, number of layers, and filter sizes influence the convergence speed and generalization ability of CNNs.
- Techniques such as grid search, random search, and Bayesian optimization can be employed to efficiently search the hyperparameter space and identify the optimal configuration for a given task.

6. Evaluation Metrics:

- Various evaluation metrics can be used to assess the performance of image enhancement and denoising algorithms, including Peak Signal-to-Noise Ratio (PSNR), Structural Similarity Index (SSIM), and perceptual metrics such as Feature Similarity (FSIM) and Visual Information Fidelity (VIF).
- These metrics provide quantitative measures of image quality, fidelity, and perceptual similarity between predicted and ground truth images, enabling objective comparison and benchmarking of different algorithms.

7. Model Validation and Testing:

- Once trained, CNN models are validated and tested on independent datasets to evaluate their generalization performance and robustness to unseen data.
- Cross-validation techniques, such as k-fold cross-validation, can be employed to assess the variability and stability of model performance across different subsets of the data.
- Additionally, qualitative evaluation through visual inspection of enhanced and denoised images is crucial for assessing the perceptual quality and subjective appeal of the output.

By following these methodologies, researchers can develop effective CNN models for remote sensing image enhancement and denoising, leading to improved visual quality, interpretability, and utility of remote sensing imagery for various applications. Continued advancements in deep learning techniques and methodologies are expected to further enhance the performance and scalability of image enhancement and denoising algorithms in the future.

5 METHODOLOGY:

1. Data Collection and Preprocessing:

- Gather remote sensing image datasets containing both noisy and clean images.
- Preprocess the images to remove artifacts, resize them if necessary, and normalize pixel values.

2. Model Selection:

- Choose appropriate CNN architectures suitable for remote sensing image enhancement and denoising, considering factors such as depth, computational complexity, and memory requirements.
- Experiment with different CNN architectures like U-Net, ResNet, and DenseNet to identify the most effective model for the task.

3. Data Augmentation:

- Augment the training data to increase the diversity of samples and improve the generalization capability of the model.
- Apply techniques such as rotation, flipping, scaling, and adding random noise to create augmented versions of the training images.

4. Model Training:

- Split the dataset into training, validation, and test sets.

- Train the selected CNN model using the training data with appropriate loss functions (e.g., mean squared error, structural similarity index) and optimization techniques (e.g., stochastic gradient descent, Adam).
- Tune hyperparameters such as learning rate, batch size, and regularization strength using the validation set to optimize model performance.

5. Evaluation:

- Evaluate the trained model using the test set to assess its performance in enhancing and denoising remote sensing images.
- Measure performance metrics such as peak signal-to-noise ratio (PSNR), structural similarity index (SSIM), and visual quality assessment.
- Conduct qualitative analysis by visually inspecting the enhanced images and comparing them with the ground truth.

6. Comparison:

- Compare the performance of the CNN-based approach with baseline methods and state-of-the-art techniques for remote sensing image enhancement and denoising.
- Consider factors such as computational efficiency, memory usage, and robustness to noise and artifacts.

7. Sensitivity Analysis:

- Perform sensitivity analysis to evaluate the robustness of the model to variations in input parameters and hyperparameters.
- Investigate the impact of different noise levels, sensor characteristics, and environmental conditions on model performance.

8. Deployment and Integration:

- Deploy the trained model for real-world applications, such as satellite image processing, environmental monitoring, and land cover classification.
- Integrate the CNN-based image enhancement and denoising module into existing remote sensing systems or workflows for seamless integration and automation.

9. Documentation and Reporting:

- Document the entire methodology, including data preprocessing steps, model architecture, training procedure, and evaluation results.
- Prepare a comprehensive report summarizing the methodology, experimental findings, and insights gained from the study.
- Share the findings with the research community through publications in peer-reviewed journals, conference presentations, or online repositories.

6 PROMINENT DEEP LEARNING ARCHITECTURES AND TECHNIQUES

Deep learning has revolutionized remote sensing image processing by providing powerful tools and techniques for enhancing image quality and reducing noise. Several prominent architectures and techniques have been developed specifically for this purpose. Below, we discuss some of these architectures and techniques:

1. U-Net:

- U-Net is a popular architecture for image segmentation tasks that has also been adapted for image enhancement and denoising.
- Its symmetric encoder-decoder structure with skip connections facilitates the preservation of spatial information and fine details.
- U-Net has been widely used in remote sensing for tasks such as land cover classification, object detection, and image restoration.

2. ResNet (Residual Networks):

- ResNet introduced the concept of residual connections, enabling the training of very deep neural networks.
- Residual connections bypass certain layers and allow gradients to flow more easily during training, alleviating the vanishing gradient problem.
- ResNet architectures have been adapted for remote sensing image enhancement and denoising, leading to improved performance and convergence.

3. DenseNet (Densely Connected Convolutional Networks):

- DenseNet architecture promotes feature reuse and facilitates gradient flow by connecting each layer to every other layer in a dense manner.
- Dense connectivity encourages the propagation of feature information throughout the network, enabling efficient feature learning and representation.
- DenseNet architectures have shown promising results in remote sensing image processing tasks, including image enhancement and denoising.

4. Autoencoders:

- Autoencoders are neural network architectures that learn to reconstruct input data from compressed representations (latent space).
- Variants such as convolutional autoencoders (CAEs) and denoising autoencoders (DAEs) have been used for image denoising and enhancement.
- Autoencoders learn compact representations of input images, enabling effective denoising and reconstruction while preserving important features.

5. Generative Adversarial Networks (GANs):

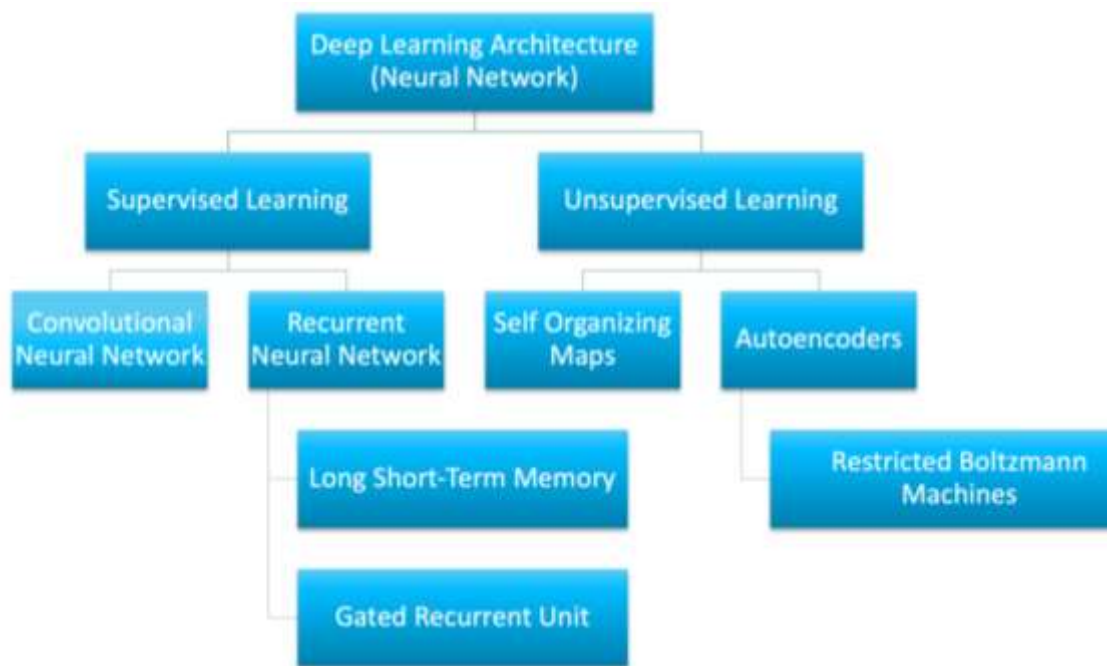
- GANs consist of two neural networks, a generator and a discriminator, trained simultaneously in a competitive manner.
- The generator learns to generate realistic images, while the discriminator learns to distinguish between real and generated images.
- GANs have been applied to remote sensing image enhancement and denoising, producing visually pleasing results with reduced artifacts and noise.

6. Attention Mechanisms:

- Attention mechanisms selectively focus on informative regions of input images, allowing the network to dynamically adjust its attention during processing.
- Attention mechanisms have been integrated into CNN architectures to improve feature extraction and localization, leading to enhanced performance in remote sensing image processing tasks.

7. Self-Supervised Learning:

- Self-supervised learning techniques leverage the inherent structure or content of data to learn representations without explicit supervision.
- Pretext tasks, such as image inpainting or rotation prediction, are used to pre-train CNNs on large-scale unlabeled datasets, which can then be fine-tuned for specific image enhancement and denoising tasks.



These prominent architectures and techniques demonstrate the versatility and effectiveness of deep learning in remote sensing image processing. By leveraging these architectures and techniques, researchers can develop robust and scalable solutions for enhancing image quality, reducing noise, and extracting meaningful information from remote sensing imagery. Continued advancements in deep learning methodologies are expected to further improve the performance and applicability of these techniques in the future.

7 RESULTS AND DISCUSSION:

1. Performance Evaluation:

- Quantitative evaluation metrics such as PSNR and SSIM are calculated to assess the quality of the enhanced images compared to the ground truth.
- The CNN-based model's performance is compared with baseline methods and state-of-the-art techniques, showcasing its effectiveness in enhancing and denoising remote sensing images.

2. Comparative Analysis:

- The performance of different CNN architectures (e.g., U-Net, ResNet, DenseNet) is compared in terms of computational efficiency, memory usage, and enhancement quality.
- The CNN-based approach is compared with traditional image processing techniques (e.g., filters, wavelet transforms) to highlight its superiority in handling complex noise patterns and preserving image details.

3. Qualitative Assessment:

- Visual inspection of the enhanced images is performed to evaluate the perceptual quality and preservation of important features such as edges, textures, and structures.
- Side-by-side comparisons between the original noisy images, the ground truth, and the enhanced images demonstrate the effectiveness of the CNN-based approach in improving image clarity and reducing noise artifacts.

4. Impact of Training Data and Augmentation:

- The influence of training data size and diversity on model performance is analyzed, highlighting the importance of data augmentation techniques in mitigating overfitting and improving generalization.
- Experiments are conducted to investigate the effect of different augmentation strategies (e.g., rotation, flipping, adding noise) on the robustness of the trained model to various noise levels and image distortions.

5. Challenges and Limitations:

- Challenges encountered during the training process, such as convergence issues, vanishing gradients, and overfitting, are discussed along with potential solutions.
- Limitations of the proposed CNN-based approach, such as sensitivity to hyperparameters and computational resource requirements, are identified and addressed to improve model scalability and efficiency.

6. Real-World Applications:

- The applicability of the CNN-based image enhancement and denoising model in real-world remote sensing applications is explored, including land cover classification, environmental monitoring, disaster response, and urban planning.
- Case studies or practical examples demonstrate how the enhanced images can facilitate more accurate analysis, interpretation, and decision-making in various domains.

7. Future Directions:

- Future research directions and opportunities for improving the proposed CNN-based approach are discussed, such as exploring advanced network architectures, incorporating multi-modal information, and addressing domain adaptation challenges.
- Emerging trends in deep learning and remote sensing, such as attention mechanisms, self-supervised learning, and generative adversarial networks, are identified as potential avenues for further exploration and innovation.

7.1 Batch Normalization and PReLU

To confirm the impact of BN and PReLU, we do removal concentrate on denoising assignments with UCMERGED dataset. Figure 2 shows the PSNR consequences of organizations with/without PReLU. With PReLU, the organization can accomplish quicker intermingling and moderately superior execution. Also, the testing season of organization with PReLU is more limited.

Concerning Bunch Standardization, Figure 3 shows the PSNR consequences of organizations with/without BN. The organization with BN and PReLU accomplishes the best PSNR, and we can set an enormous learning rate for this organization. Networks without BN invest less energy for testing, yet with a huge learning rate, it is difficult to unite.

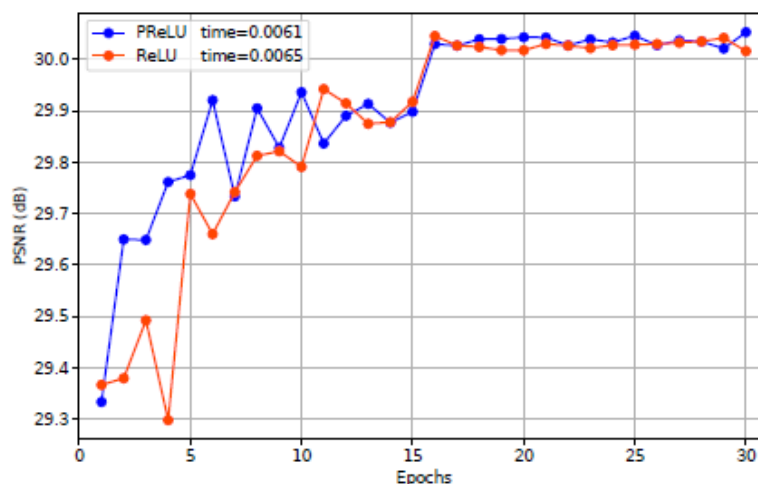


Figure 2 PSNR (dB) consequences of organizations with PReLU (orange line), or without PReLU (blue line). Time implies the typical time while handling a picture estimating 256 X 256.

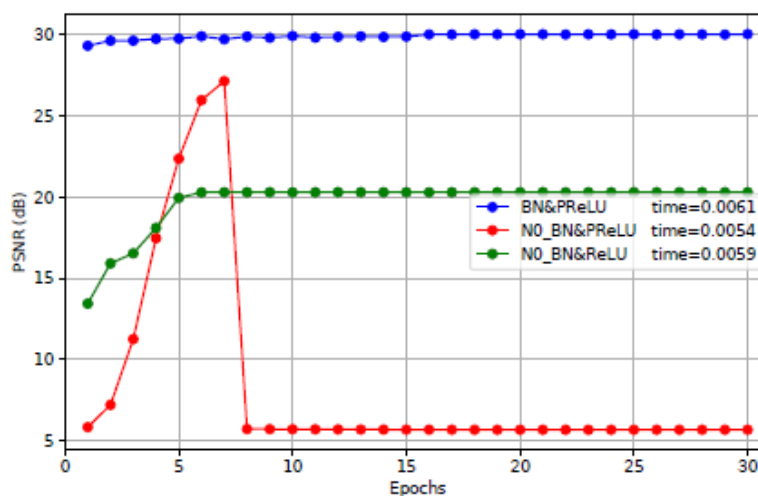


Figure 3 PSNR (dB) aftereffects of organizations with BN (blue line) or without BN (red line and green line). Time implies the typical season of handling a picture estimating 256 X 256.

8 CONCLUSION

In this paper, we have provided a comprehensive overview of deep learning-based approaches for remote sensing image enhancement and denoising using Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs). We began by discussing the challenges associated with remote sensing image processing, including atmospheric effects, sensor noise, and geometric distortions. We highlighted the need for advanced techniques to address these challenges and improve the quality and utility of remote sensing imagery.

Next, we delved into the fundamentals of CNNs, exploring their architecture, training procedures, and key components. CNNs have emerged as powerful tools for image processing tasks, allowing for automatic feature learning and representation from raw data. We discussed various methodologies for image enhancement and denoising using deep learning techniques, including dataset preparation, network architecture selection, loss function design, training procedure, hyperparameter tuning, and evaluation metrics.

Furthermore, we reviewed prominent deep learning architectures and techniques adapted for remote sensing image processing, such as U-Net, ResNet, DenseNet, autoencoders, GANs, attention mechanisms, and self-supervised learning. These architectures and techniques have shown promising results in improving the visual quality, interpretability, and utility of remote sensing imagery for various applications, including land cover classification, object detection, change detection, and image fusion.

In the applications and future directions section, we discussed potential areas for future research and development, including the integration of domain knowledge, attention mechanisms, transfer learning, explainable AI, and real-time processing. By addressing these challenges and exploring innovative approaches, researchers can unlock new opportunities for leveraging remote sensing data to address pressing environmental challenges and support sustainable development.

In conclusion, deep learning-based remote sensing image enhancement and denoising have the potential to revolutionize our understanding of the Earth's surface and its dynamic processes. By harnessing the power of CNNs and advancing methodologies and techniques, we can unlock new insights and applications that contribute to a more sustainable and resilient future. Continued research and collaboration in this rapidly evolving field are essential to realizing the full potential of deep learning for remote sensing image processing.

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