

画像認識コンペティションの取り組み方



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Self-introduction

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Self-introduction

- Signate



Grandmaster
Yk [yu1ut.com]
最高ランキング：第1位

登録日：2018年2月5日 ★ 総合ランキング：第7位 (15,448 pts.) ● 3 ● 1 ● 0




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コンペティション参加履歴



コンペティション名	開催期間	賞金総額	戦績	
			投稿数	最終順位
The 1st Tellus Satellite Challenge	2018/10/16～2018/12/7	総額¥2,000,000	97件	● 1位 / 174人投稿
ステアラボ メテオサーチチャレンジ	2018/3/3～2018/6/30	総額¥530,000	22件	● 14位 / 83人投稿
産業技術総合研究所 衛星画像分析コンテスト	2018/2/27～2018/4/26	総額¥800,000	48件	● 1位 / 66人投稿
JSAI Cup 2018 人工知能学会データ解析コンペティション	2018/1/19～2018/3/29	総額¥1,000,000	87件	● 1位 / 121人投稿

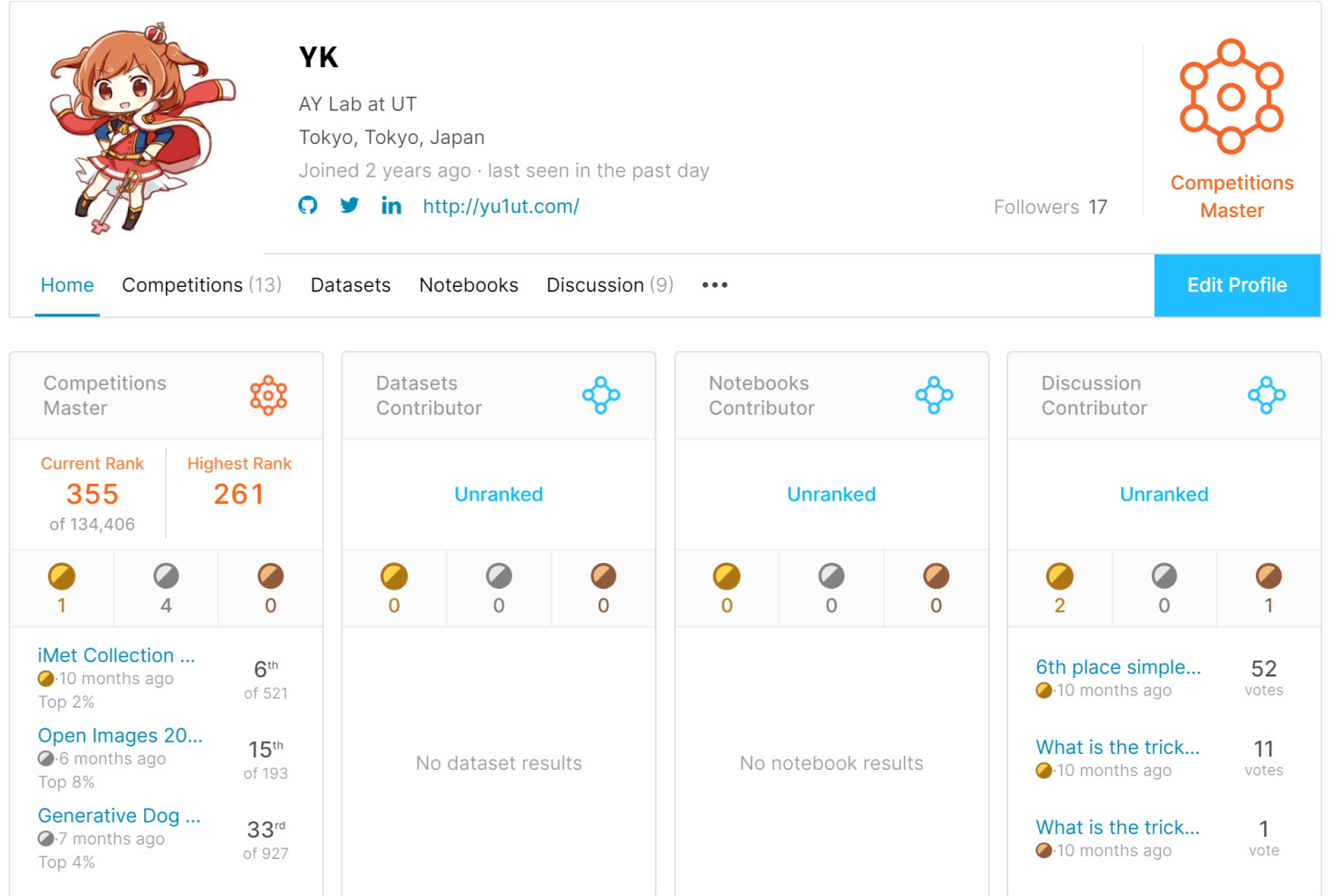
Self-introduction

- Kaggle

- 2019/06 : iMet Collection 
- 2019/08: Generative Dog 
- 2019/09: Recursion Cellular Image Classification 

-> Kaggle Master

- 2019/10: Open Images 2019 - Instance Segmentation 
- 2020/03: Bengali.AI Handwritten Grapheme Classification 



The screenshot shows the Kaggle profile of a user named 'YK'. The profile includes a profile picture of a chibi-style anime character, the user's name 'YK', their affiliation 'AY Lab at UT' in Tokyo, Japan, and their join date '2 years ago'. The profile is categorized as a 'Competitions Master' and has 17 followers. Navigation tabs include Home, Competitions (13), Datasets, Notebooks, and Discussion (9). Below the navigation are four summary cards: 'Competitions Master' (rank 355 of 134,406, highest rank 261, 1 gold, 4 gray, 0 bronze medals), 'Datasets Contributor' (Unranked, 0 medals), 'Notebooks Contributor' (Unranked, 0 medals), and 'Discussion Contributor' (Unranked, 2 gold, 0 gray, 1 bronze medals). A list of recent competition results is shown at the bottom left of the summary cards.








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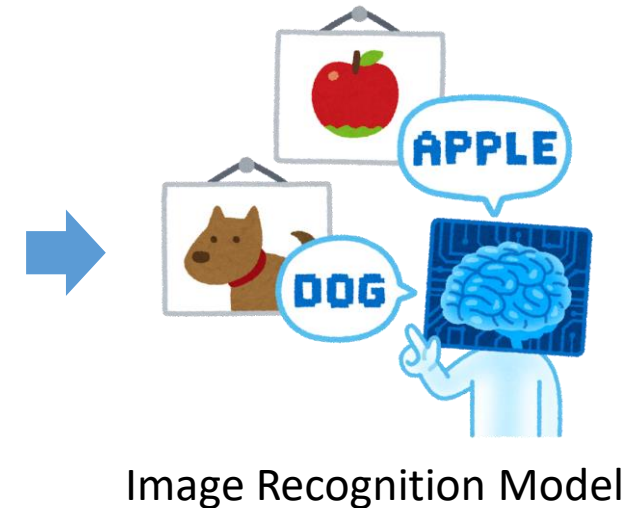
Recent Competition Results:

Competition	Rank	Percentage
iMet Collection ...	6 th of 521	Top 2%
Open Images 20...	15 th of 193	Top 8%
Generative Dog ...	33 rd of 927	Top 4%

Kaggle (Image recognition competitions)

Your Competitions

	Active	Closed	Pinned	Hosted	
	SIIM-ISIC Melanoma Classification Identify melanoma in lesion images Featured • 2 months to go • 726 Teams				\$30,000
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	Open Images Object Detection RVC 2020 edition Detect objects in varied and complex images Playground • 2 months to go • 24 Teams				Knowledge
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Kaggle

- Evaluation of the model's performance:

Test Data (No ground truth)



You can get the score of this part in your submission



Unknown

The final ranking is calculated on this part

Kaggle

- Competition Medals

	0-99 Teams	100-249 Teams	250-999 Teams	1000+ Teams
● Bronze	Top 40%	Top 40%	Top 100	Top 10%
● Silver	Top 20%	Top 20%	Top 50	Top 5%
● Gold	Top 10%	Top 10	Top 10 + 0.2%*	Top 10 + 0.2%*

- Performance Tiers



Master

- 1 gold medal
- 2 silver medals










Grandmaster

- 5 gold medals
- Solo gold medal

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Today's Goal

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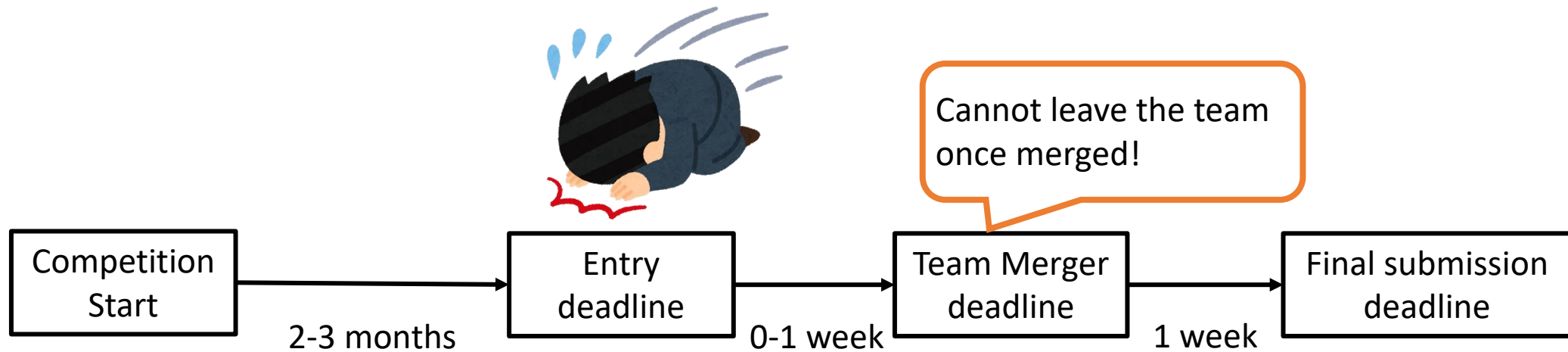
Master

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Road To Kaggle Master ①: The simplest method

- Team merge with Top Rankers/Kaggle Masters/Grandmasters



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- If you want to run deep learning on local machine
 - > NVIDIA GeForce RTX 2080/2080ti (One PC: ¥200k-300k)
- No local machine:
 - > Kaggle Notebook: NVIDIA P100 (30 hours/week)
 - Some competitions are notebook only.

My approach: Before join in the competition

- Check the task
 - The image type – RGB image or N-channel image
 - The method of evaluation – Accuracy or F-score or Quadratic weighted kappa
 - The difficulty of the task – The differences of scores in leaderboard
 - Check the data size
 - The image size – 256x256, 512x512, 1024x1024
 - The dataset size – 10k ~ 10m
- > Is your time/GPU OK?

First Day

- Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA)
 - Check the images visually
 - Check the pairs of image and label
 - Check the distribution of labels
 - Check the distribution of train and test images
- Train a baseline model
 - Small model: resnet18, resnet34
 - Basic augmentation: Crop, Flip
 - Basic loss function: Cross Entropy

How to train the baseline

- Train and test a model with 100 samples
-> Overfitting ✓

How to train the baseline

- Monitoring the training process (using Tools like Weights & Biases)
 - Loss curve
 - Metric curve
 - Score (CV, Public LB)
 - Compare to the training history with different hyper-parameters



Code Management

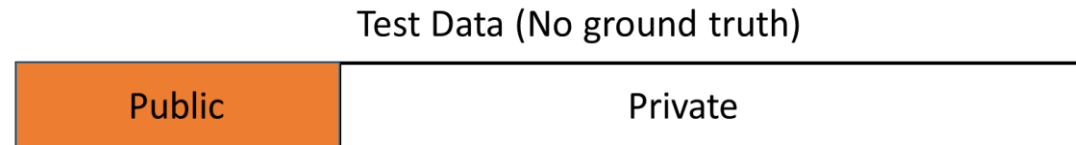
- GitHub
 - Push before training
 - Commit history
 - Use Issues as Todo and Note
- Weights & Biases/Comet
 - Experiment tracking
 - Visualization of training history
 - Reproducibility (Hyper-parameter, git commit, training command)

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 - Leaderboard (LB) (Public Test Data):



- Need to estimate the score on private dataset
 - ex) Cross Validation (CV)
 - Which metric? ex) Loss or Accuracy or Evaluation Metric
 - How to split validation data from training data?
 - How many data as validation?
- Goal: $CV \approx LB$

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- Find a proper way to evaluate the model
- Survey
 - Solution of similar competitions
 - Papers related to the same task
 - SOTA methods
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 - Try different model
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Better baseline  Better final results

Refine the baseline model

- Model selection
 - pytorch-image-models (<https://github.com/rwightman/pytorch-image-models>)
 - pretrained-models.pytorch (<https://github.com/Cadene/pretrained-models.pytorch>)
 - Start from Inception, SeResNet, DenseNet
 - Also try EfficientNet [Tan+, ICML 2019], ResNeSt [Zhang+, Arxiv 2020]
 - (Modify the model if necessary – Pooling, Dropout, Dense block)
 - From shallow to deep

Refine the baseline model

- Model selection
- Optimizer
 - Adam / SGD with Nesterov momentum
- Loss Function
 - Cross Entropy Loss / Focal Loss [Lin+, ICCV 17] / ArcFace Loss [Deng+, CVPR 19]

Refine the baseline model





- Augmentation

- Basic (Tool: albumentations)

- Resize (Which interpolation? - bilinear or bicubic or others)
 - Padding (Which border mode? – constant or reflect or others)
 - Crop
 - Flip?
 - Rotation?
 - **Normalize**
 - Others

- Advanced

- Fast AutoAugment [Lim+, NeurIPS 2019]
 - RandAugment [Cubuk+, Arxiv 2019]
 - MixUp [Zhang+, ICLR 2018]
 - **CutMix** [Yun+, ICCV 2019]

	ResNet-50	Mixup [48]	Cutout [3]	CutMix
Image				
Label	Dog 1.0	Dog 0.5 Cat 0.5	Dog 1.0	Dog 0.6 Cat 0.4
ImageNet Cls (%)	76.3 (+0.0)	77.4 (+1.1)	77.1 (+0.8)	78.6 (+2.3)
ImageNet Loc (%)	46.3 (+0.0)	45.8 (-0.5)	46.7 (+0.4)	47.3 (+1.0)
Pascal VOC Det (mAP)	75.6 (+0.0)	73.9 (-1.7)	75.1 (-0.5)	76.7 (+1.1)

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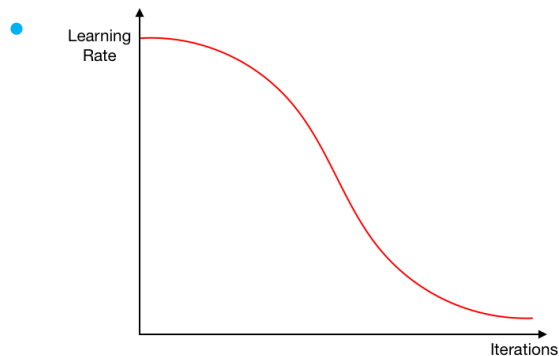
- Hyper-parameter
 - Batch size
 - Larger is better -> Fill your GPU memory
 - Weight Decay
 - Standard weight decay :1e-4
 - Smaller dataset -> Larger weight decay: 1e-3
 - Momentum
 - Standard momentum: 0.9

Refine the baseline model

- Hyper-parameter
 - Learning rate
 - Try as many values as you can
 - Linear scale rule of SGD: batch size 128, lr 0.015 -> batch size 256, lr 0.03 [Goyal+, Arxiv 2017]

Refine the baseline model

- Hyper-parameter
 - Learning rate
- Learning rate scheduling
 - ReduceLROnPlateau
 - Reduce learning rate when a metric has stopped improving.
 - CosineAnnealingLR

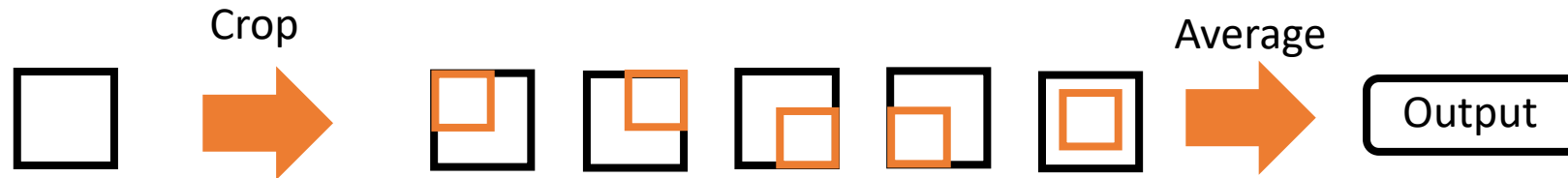


Refine the baseline model

- Hyper-parameter
 - Learning rate
 - Learning rate scheduling
- Tool
 - Automate hyperparameter search: Optuna (<https://optuna.org/>)

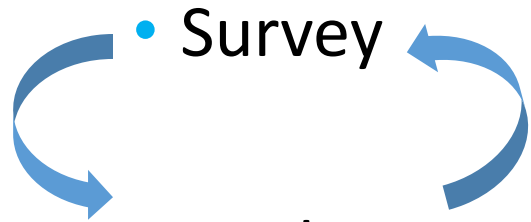
Refine the baseline model

- Test Time Augmentation (TTA)



- Other tricks
 - Bag of Tricks for Image Classification [He+, CVPR 2019]

One week ~ Last week



- Survey
- Implement the ideas:
 - 90% fancy methods described in papers will not work 😞
 - Proper method should be chosen according to the data
- Error analysis:
 - Check the error made by the model
 - Visualizing the activation can be helpful

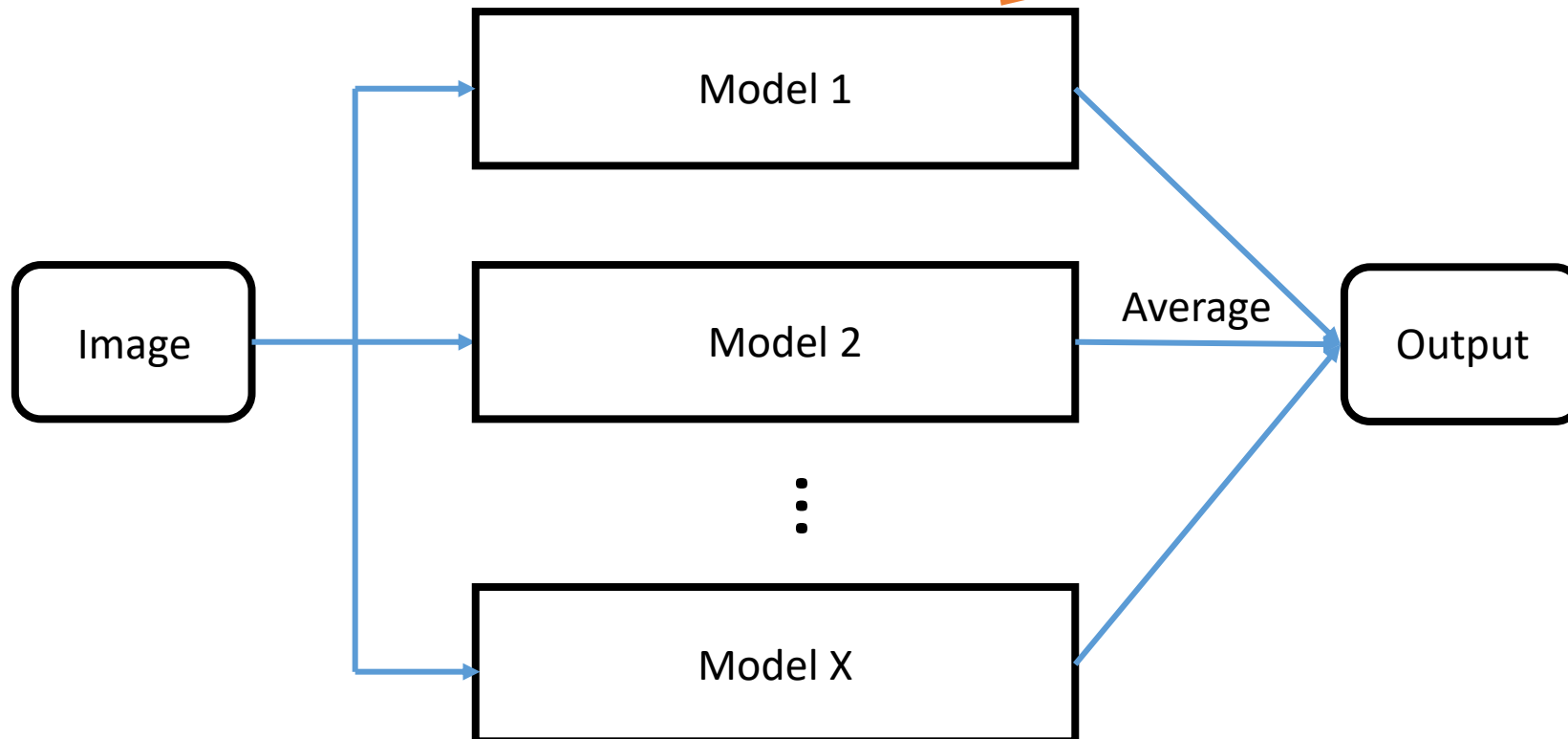


Grad-CAM

Last Week ~ Deadline

Models with different networks
Models trained with different folds
Models trained with different augmentations

- Ensemble



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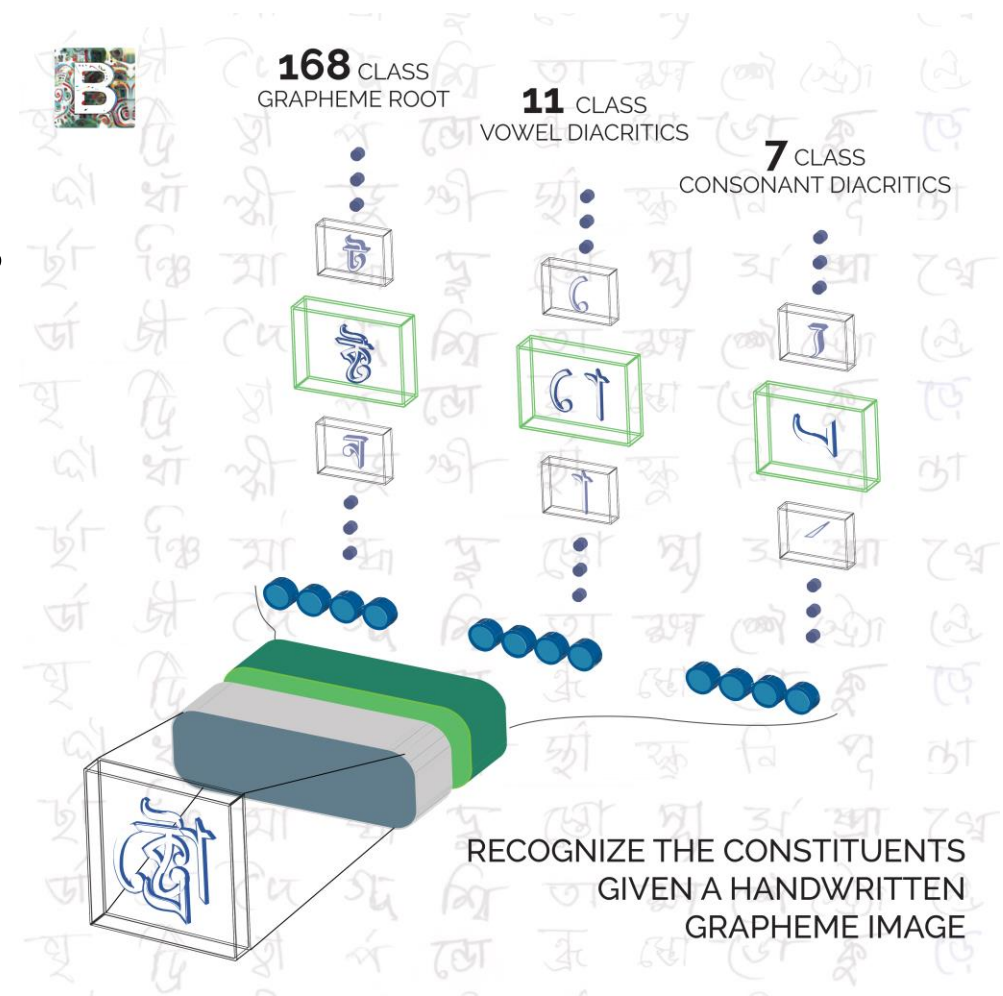
Master

 1 gold medal

 2 silver medals

Case Study ①: Bengali.AI Handwritten Grapheme Classification

- Task: Image Classification X 3
- Data: 200,840 handwritten images with size 236 x 137 x 1
- Evaluation metric: weighted macro-averaged recall (2x on grapheme root)

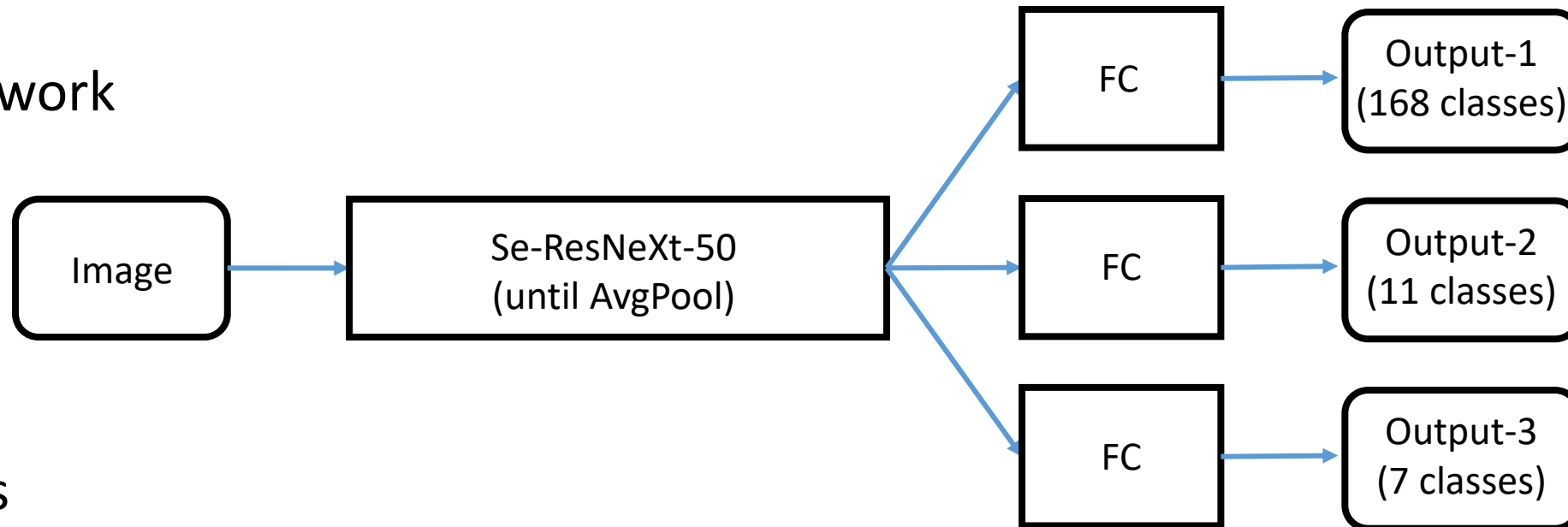


My Approach

- Preprocess
 - Multilabel Stratified Kfold -> 5 fold
- Augmentation
 - `Resize(256, 256, interpolation=cv2.INTER_NEAREST)`
 - `RandomCrop(224, 224)`
 - `Rotate(10)`
 - `Normalize(mean=[0.5, 0.5, 0.5], std=[0.5, 0.5, 0.5])`
 - **CutMix** [Yun+, ICCV 2019]

My Approach

- Network



- Loss

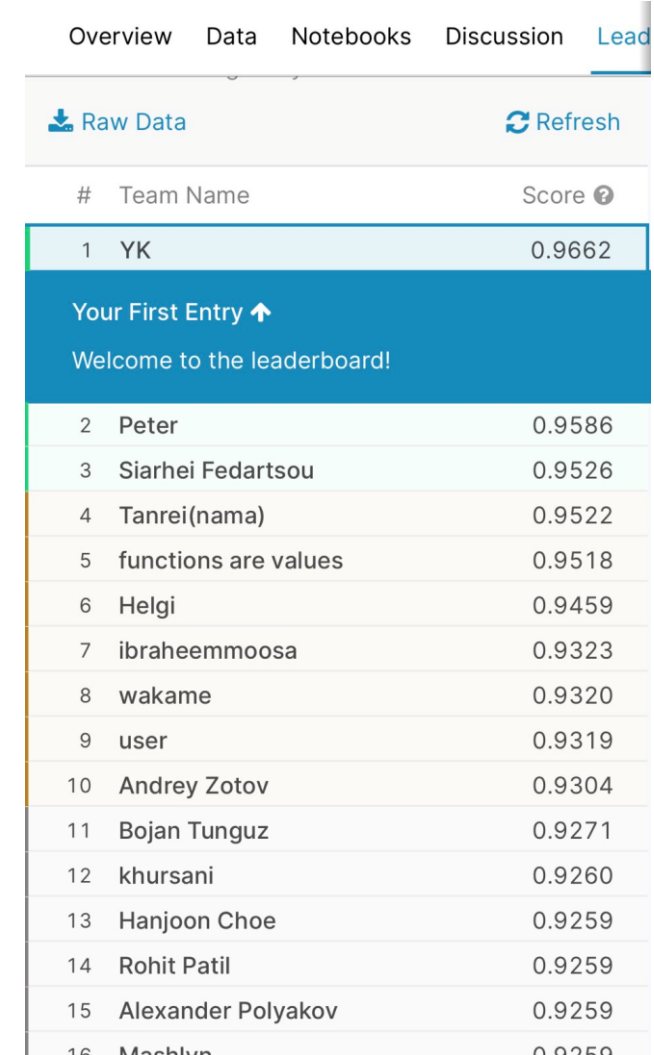
- Cross Entropy Loss x 3 (weight x 2 on grapheme root)

- Optimizer • Learning Rate

- SGD • CosineAnnealingLR from 0.01

My Approach

- Ensemble
 - 5-fold ensemble
- Other hyper-parameters
 - Not carefully tuned ... (due to ECCV deadline...)








The screenshot shows a web interface for a competition. At the top, there are navigation tabs: Overview, Data, Notebooks, Discussion, and Leaderboard. Below the tabs, there are two buttons: 'Raw Data' with a download icon and 'Refresh' with a circular arrow icon. The main content is a table with three columns: '#', 'Team Name', and 'Score'. The first row is highlighted in light blue and shows '1 YK' with a score of '0.9662'. Below this row is a blue banner with the text 'Your First Entry ↑' and 'Welcome to the leaderboard!'. The rest of the table lists other teams and their scores, with the 16th row partially visible.

#	Team Name	Score
1	YK	0.9662
Your First Entry ↑ Welcome to the leaderboard!		
2	Peter	0.9586
3	Siarhei Fedartsou	0.9526
4	Tanrei(nama)	0.9522
5	functions are values	0.9518
6	Helgi	0.9459
7	ibraheemmoosa	0.9323
8	wakame	0.9320
9	user	0.9319
10	Andrey Zotov	0.9304
11	Bojan Tunguz	0.9271
12	khursani	0.9260
13	Hanjoon Choe	0.9259
14	Rohit Patil	0.9259
15	Alexander Polyakov	0.9259
16	Machlyn	0.9259

Three months before deadline

Result

- 81th/2059

77	▲ 1143	Georgi Pamukov	 ●●●	0.9360	14	4mo	
78	▲ 853	Jo Tom	 ●●	0.9360	20	3mo	
79	▲ 56	AK-47	 ●●●●	 ●●●●	0.9359	54	3mo
80	▲ 1170	Hanjoon Choe	 ●●●	0.9359	9	5mo	
81	▲ 122	YK	 ●●●●	0.9359	22	5mo	
82	▲ 475	Benjamin Warner	 ●	0.9358	16	3mo	
83	▼ 50	YS	 ●●	0.9357	112	3mo	
84	▲ 1346	Subhajit Banerjee P.	 ●●	0.9357	3	3mo	

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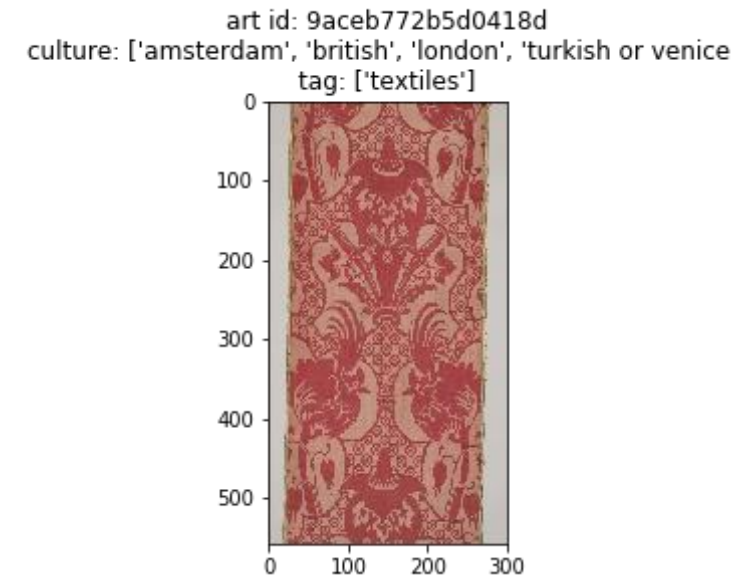
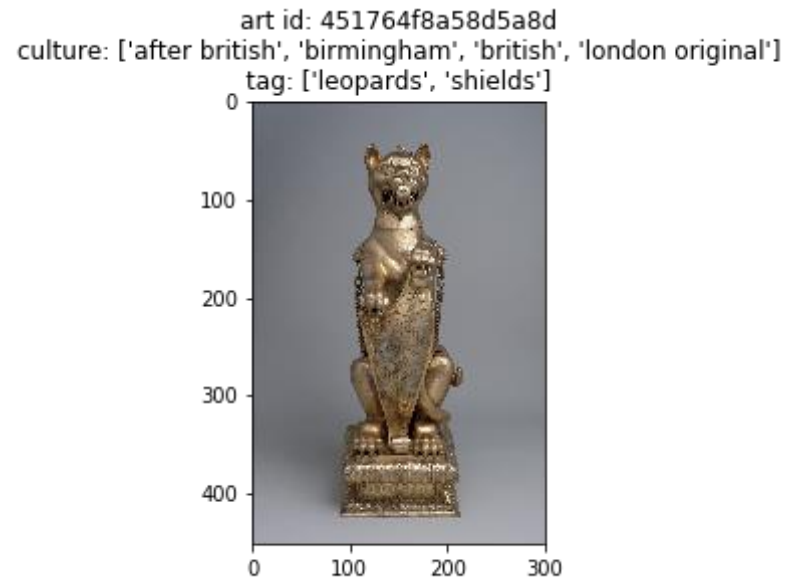
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Case Study ②: iMet Collection 2019 - FGVC6 (CVPR workshop)

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Multilabel Classification 1,108 classes (398 cultures, 705 tags)
- Data:
109,237 images with various size
- Evaluation metric:
mean F2 score of each samples

$$\frac{(1 + \beta^2)pr}{\beta^2p + r} \text{ where } p = \frac{tp}{tp + fp}, r = \frac{tp}{tp + fn}, \beta = 2.$$

My Approach

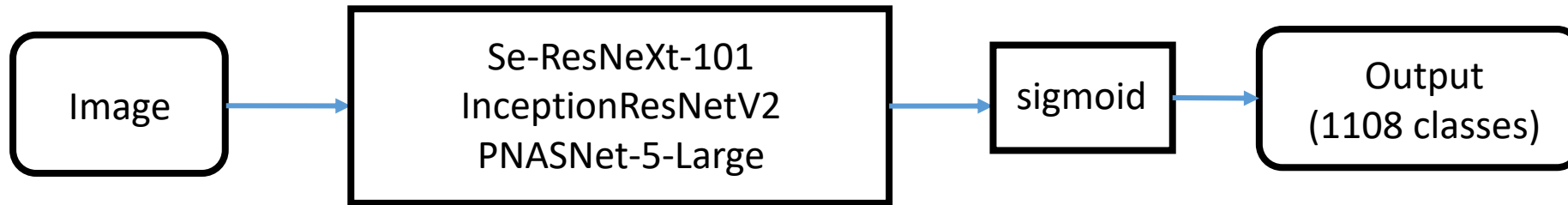
- Preprocess
 - Multilabel Stratified Kfold -> 40 fold
- Augmentation
 - RandomCrop(320, pad_if_needed=True)
 - RandomHorizontalFlip()
 - Normalize(mean=[0.5949, 0.5611, 0.5185], std=[0.2900, 0.2844, 0.2811])
 - RandomErasing [Zhong+, AAI 2020]
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RandomErasing
[Zhong+, AAI 2020]

My Approach

- Network



- Loss

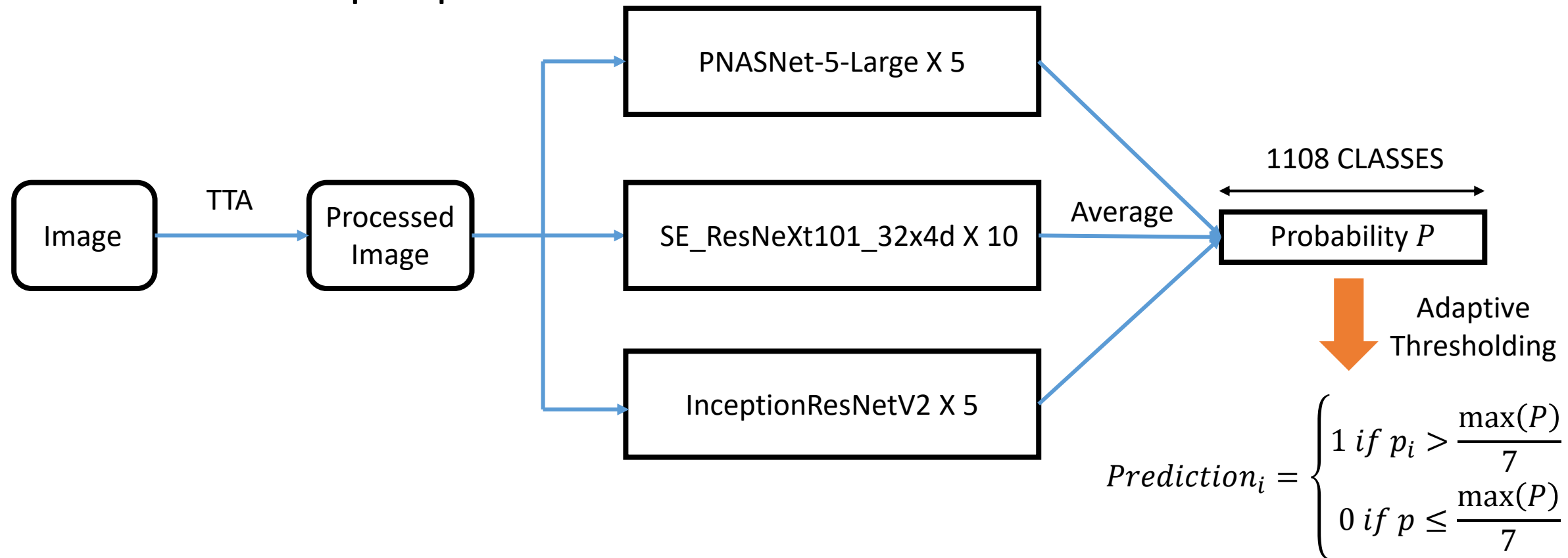
- Binary Cross Entropy Loss

- Learning Rate

- ReduceLROnPlateau of validation loss from 0.0001 (Adam)









My Approach

- Ensemble and postprocess



Result

• 6th/441

#	△pub	Team Name	Kernel	Team Members	Score ?	Entries	Last
1	▲ 400	[ods.ai] Konstantin Gavrilchik			0.672	2	2d
2	▲ 425	ㄣ(° 5°)つ—☆*: . °			0.667	1	2d
3	▲ 426	[ods.ai] Ilya Kibardin			0.664	2	2d
4	▲ 411	pudae		 	0.663	2	2d
5	▲ 349	[ods.ai] n01z3			0.662	2	2d
6	▲ 332	みんなをStarlightしちゃいます			0.660	2	2d
7	▲ 419	X5, we need an explanation f...		    	0.659	2	2d
8	▲ 425	X5, Best Russian Company		    	0.658	2	2d
9	▲ 321	Appian			0.658	2	2d
10	▲ 422	Alchemists' Creed: Obey the ...		  	0.655	2	2d
11	▲ 292	頼む!!!!		 	0.654	2	2d
12	▲ 418	[ods.ai]X5.earhian 卢本伟没有...			0.653	2	2d

Conclusion

- The approach to an image competition on Kaggle
 - To win 🥉
 - Carefully tuned baseline
 - To win 🥈
 - Carefully tuned SOTA methods + Some small tricks
 - To win 🏆
 - Carefully tuned SOTA methods + Some original ideas
 - Please refer to winner solutions on Kaggle