



# **Segment Anything**

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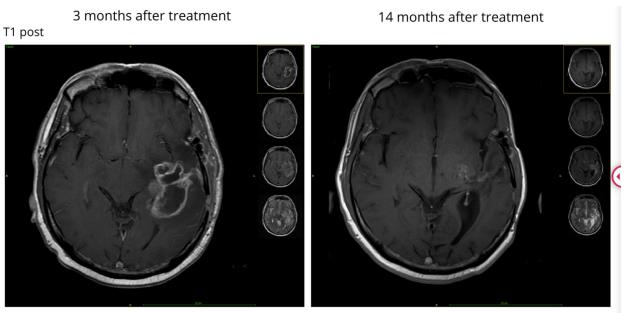
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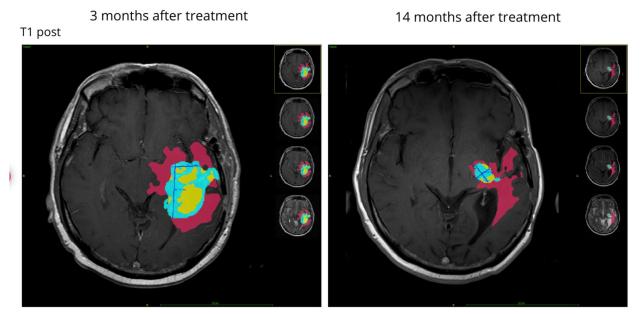
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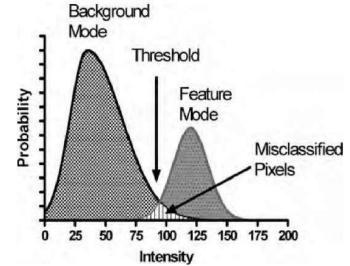
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# Segmentation challenges

- Objects are complicated shapes
- Difference in Texture, Color, and Lightning.
- Not enough labeled data of segments we can use.

- Thresholding
- Edge detection
- Region growing
- Clustering





http://what-when-how.com/biomedical-image-analysis/intensity-based-segmentation-thresholding-biomedical-image-analysis/

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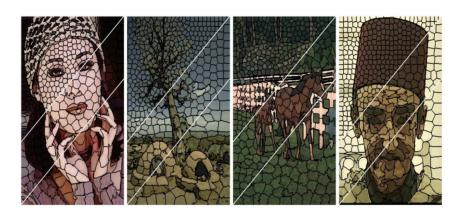
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Bayesian Adaptive Superpixel Segmentation, ICCV 2019, Uziel, Ronen and Freifeld

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**Figure 2:** Images segmented into 1000/500/200 super pixels using the proposed LSC algorithm.

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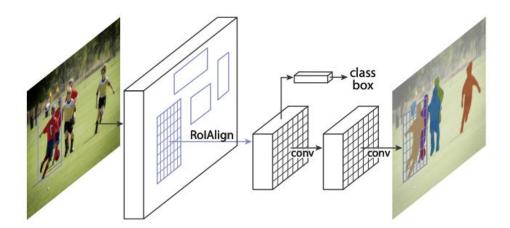


Figure 1. The Mask R-CNN framework for instance segmentation.

Convolutional Neural Networks

Image Segmentation by Using Linear Spectral Clustering

"We introduce the Segment Anything (SA) project: a new task, model, and dataset for image segmentation."

- Meta Al Research, FAIR

## Motivation

1. What task will enable zero-shot generalization?

2. What is the corresponding model architecture?

3. What data can power this task and model?

# Background

**Definition:** Foundation Models

Foundation models are large Artificial Intelligence (ML) models

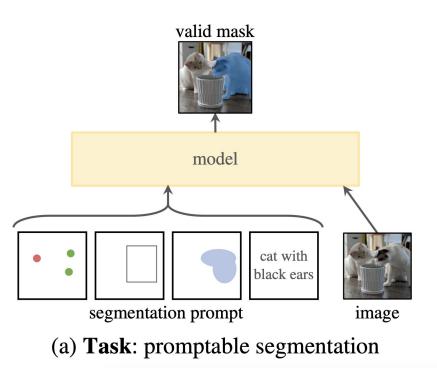
trained on broad data that can:

- produce/generate wide variety of outputs.
- adapt to a wide range of downstream tasks.
- generalize beyond training data distributions.

For more info: On the Opportunities and Risks of Foundation Models Center for Research on Foundation Models (CRFM), Stanford University

# The Task

**Definition:** Promptable Segmentation Task Given any segmentation prompt *specifies what to segment in an image, the goal is to return a valid segmentation mask.* 



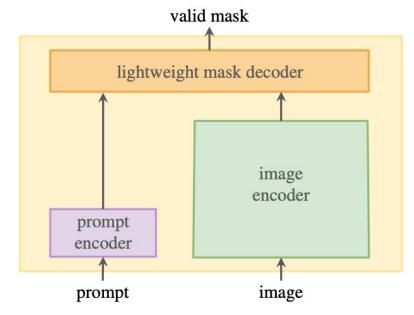
# The Model - Segment Anything Model (SAM)

- Support flexible prompts
- Real-time to allow interactive use
- Ambiguity-aware

"a powerful **image encoder** computes an image embedding, a **prompt encoder** embeds prompts, and then the two information sources are combined in a **lightweight mask decoder** that predicts segmentation masks.

We refer to this model as the

Segment Anything Model, or SAM"

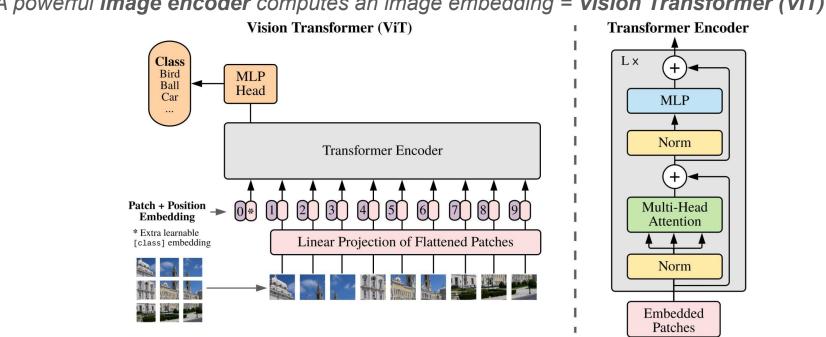


(b) Model: Segment Anything Model (SAM)

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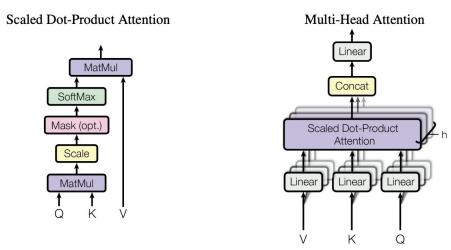
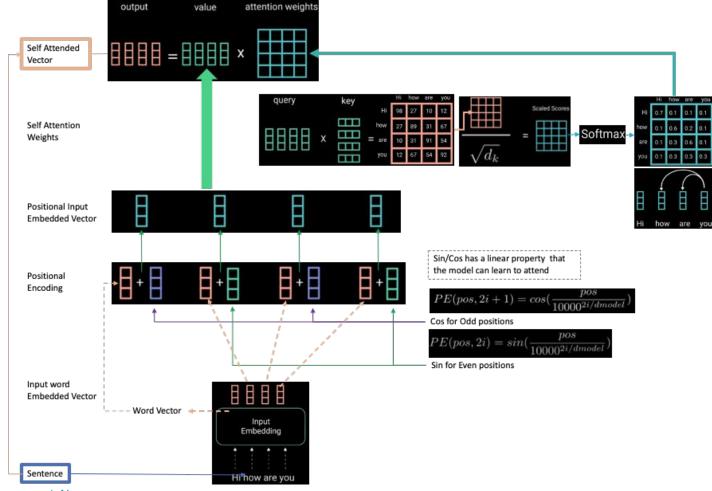


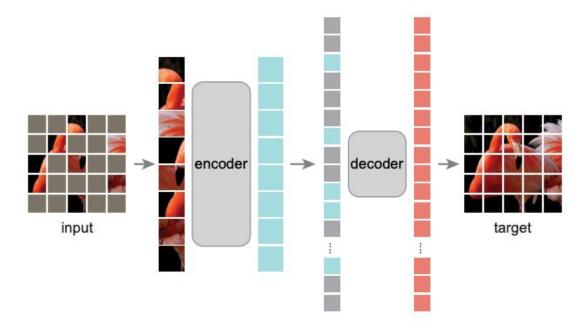
Figure 2: (left) Scaled Dot-Product Attention. (right) Multi-Head Attention consists of several attention layers running in parallel.

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https://i.stack.imgur.com/xALqg.png

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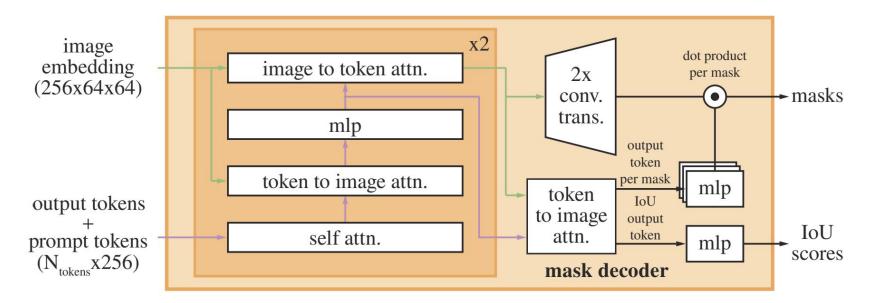
Masked Autoencoders Are Scalable Vision Learners, He Et al. Figure 1

A prompt encoder embeds prompts.

- Points and boxes positional encodings [1] + embeddings for each prompt type.
- Free-form text text encoder from CLIP [2].
- Masks convolutions and summed element-wise with the image embedding.

[1] Fourier Features Let Networks Learn High Frequency Functions in Low Dimensional Domains, [2] CLIP

Combined in a lightweight mask decoder that predicts segmentation masks.



Segment Anything, Kirillov Et al. Figure 14

# **Training Schedule**

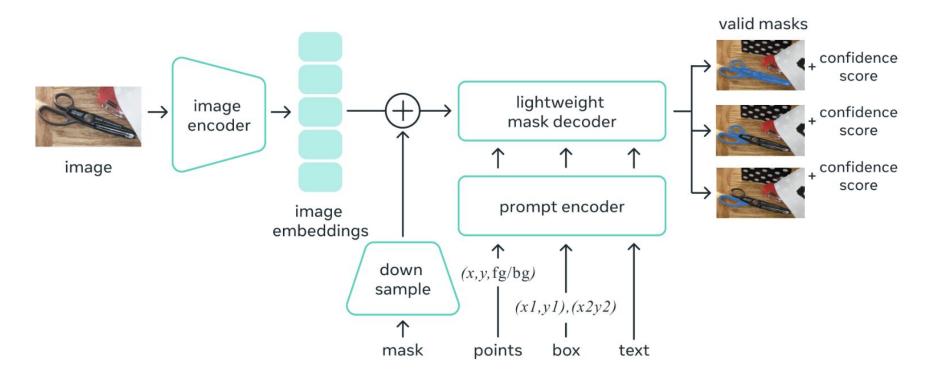


Figure: https://ai.meta.com/blog/segment-anything-foundation-model-image-segmentation/

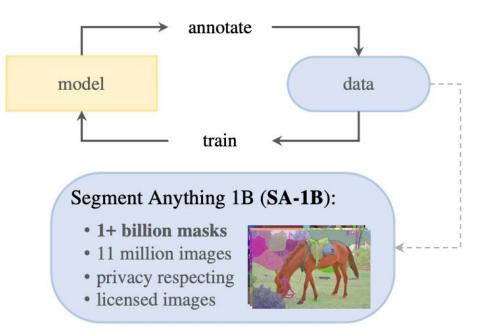
To make SAM ambiguity-aware, it designed to predict multiple masks for a single prompt allowing SAM to naturally handle ambiguity, such as the shirt vs. person example.



Figure 3: Each column shows 3 valid masks generated by SAM from a single ambiguous point prompt (green circle).

# Data engine

To achieve strong generalization to new data distributions, it is necessary to train SAM on a large and diverse set of masks, beyond any segmentation dataset that was already exists.



(c) Data: data engine (top) & dataset (bottom)

SA-1B dataset, includes more than 1B masks from 11M licensed and privacy-preserving images. High resolution (3300×4950 pixels on average), all masks was generated fully automatically.



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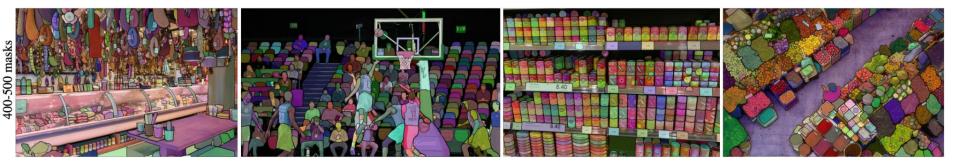
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## **Zero-Shot Instance Segmentation**

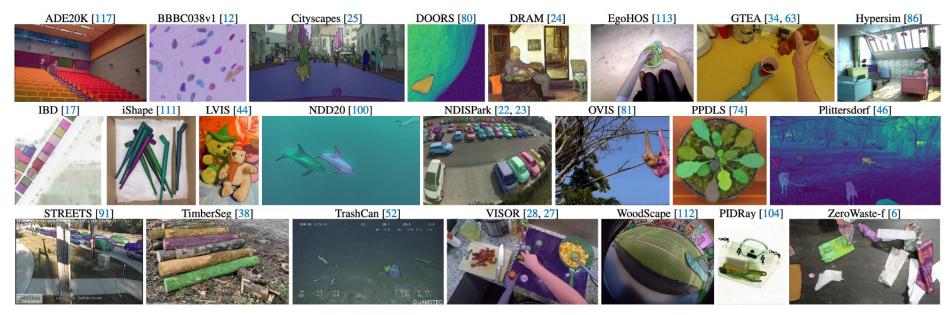


Figure 8: Samples from the 23 diverse segmentation datasets used to evaluate SAM's zero-shot transfer capabilities.

Segment Anything, Kirillov Et al. Figure 8

#### Zero-Shot text-to-mask



Figure 12: Zero-shot text-to-mask. SAM can work with simple and nuanced text prompts. When SAM fails to make a correct prediction, an additional point prompt can help.

Segment Anything, Kirillov Et al. Figure 12

# **Qualitative Results**

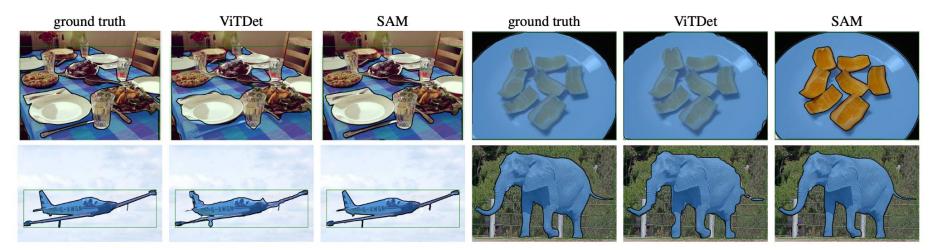


Figure 16: Zero-shot instance segmentation on LVIS v1. SAM produces higher quality masks than ViTDet. As a zero-shot model, SAM does not have the opportunity to learn specific training data biases; see top-right as an example where SAM makes a modal prediction, whereas the ground truth in LVIS is amodal given that mask annotations in LVIS have no holes.

# Limitations

While SAM performs well in general, it is not perfect.

It can miss delicate structures, hallucinate small disconnected components at times,

and does not produce boundaries as well as more computationally intensive methods.

Dedicated interactive segmentation methods generally outperform SAM when many points are

provided. SAM is designed for generality rather than high IoU interactive segmentation.





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