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On

**“Foods Calories Estimation Using  
Image Processing”**

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# INTRODUCTION

People are generally considered obese when their Body Mass Index (BMI) is over 30 kg/m<sup>2</sup>. High BMI is associated with the increased risk of diseases, such as heart disease. Unfortunately, more and more people will meet criteria for obesity. The main cause of obesity is the imbalance between the amount of food in-take and energy consumed by the individuals.

Obesity treatment requires the patients to eat healthy food and decrease the amount of daily calorie intake, which needs patients to calculate and record calories from foods every day. While computer vision-based measurement methods were introduced to estimate calories from images directly according to the calibration object and foods information, obese patients have benefited a lot from these methods.

In recent years, there are a lot of methods based on computer vision proposed to estimate calories. Among these methods, the accuracy of estimation result is determined by two main factors: object detection algorithm and volume estimation method.

In this project, I study the application of deep learning for food classification and recognition. Deep learning is an emerging approach from machine learning, and has been proposed in recent years to move machine learning systems towards the discovery of multiple levels of representation.

The main contributions of this project are listed as follows:

1. Proposing the first recognition system for food.
2. Proposing a complete and effective calorie estimation method.

## **Motivation:**

Computer vision has been introduced to estimate calories from food images. But current food image datasets don't contain volume and mass records of foods, which leads to an incomplete calorie estimation.

Current obesity treatment techniques require the patient to record all food intakes per day. In most of the cases, unfortunately patients have troubles in estimating the amount of food intake because of the self-denial of the problem, lack of nutritional information, the manual process of writing down this information (which is tiresome and can be forgotten), and other reasons.

## **Problem:**

The problem can be simply stated as, given a set of food images with calibration object thumb with the food name and an unlabeled set of food images from the same group of food, identify food and estimate food volume and calories intake.

## **Objectives:**

1. To detect food type by using Convolutional Neural Network (CNN)
2. To estimate food weight and calories of food

## Data collection:

For this project I used two datasets:

1. FOODD
2. ECUST Food Dataset (ECUSTFD)

The dataset contains images taken with different cameras, illuminations, and angles. Having a wide variety of food and foods gives a better and more reliable dataset in order to increase the accuracy of calorie food measurement systems. Sample data given in figure [1](#). In the dataset, the images are divided into 6 categories considering the capturing device, background, and lighting condition

Table 1: Different Food Categories

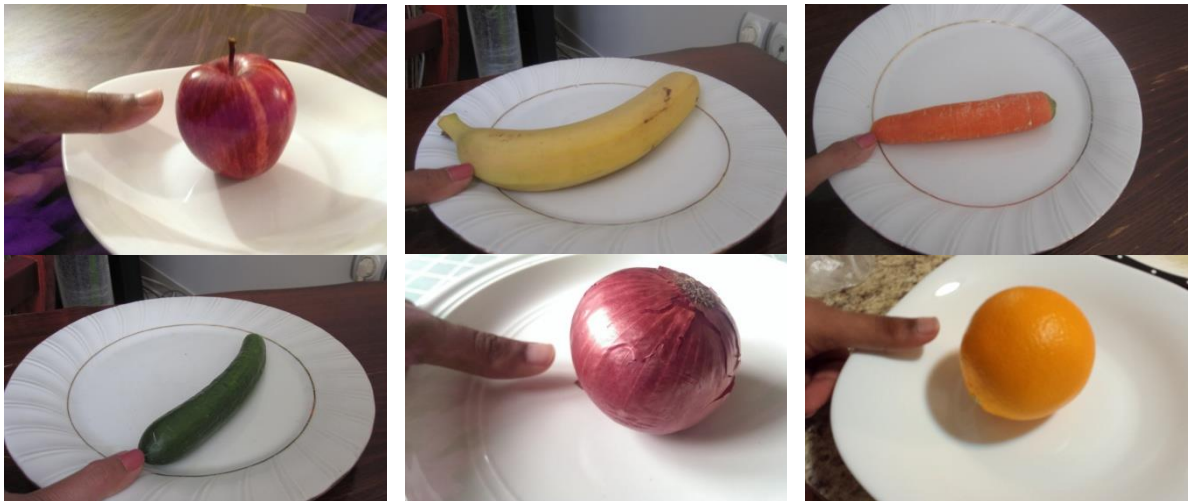
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3	IOS-4	Light Environment
4	IOS-4	Dark Environment
5	CanonSD1400	Light Environment
6	CanonSD1400	Dark Environment

In this project I used 7 food items like apple, banana, carrot, cucumber, onion, orange and tomato which details given in table [2](#)

Table 2: Food Nutritional Information

Foods	Density (g/cm <sup>3</sup> )	Calorie (kcal/g)	Label	Shape
Apple	0.609	0.52	1	Sphere
Banana	0.94	0.89	2	Cylinder
Carrot	0.641	0.41	3	Cylinder
Cucumber	0.641	0.16	4	Cylinder
Onion	0.513	0.40	5	Sphere
Orange	0.482	0.47	6	Sphere
Tomato	0.481	0.18	7	Sphere

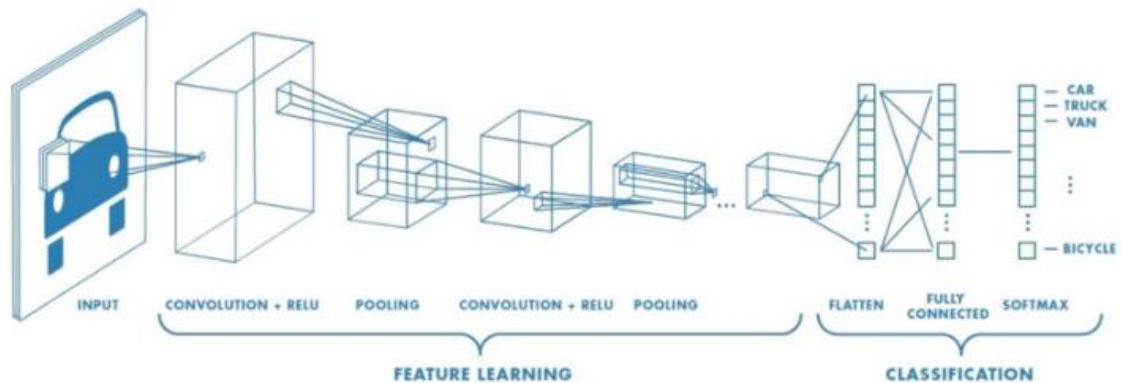
Figure 1 Sample food images in dataset



# Recognition method

Food Recognition deals with recognition of food item when given an image. For this problem I used Convolutional Neural Network (CNN). The Architecture of CNN given below figure 2

Figure 2: Architecture of CNN



For this project I used 5 convolution layers with ReLU activations, dropout, and softmax layers. Fine tuning the model on our dataset took about 2 hours on a single Windows 10 Pro CPU with 4GB of memory. For this training I used 100 images of each food with 300\*300 image size. All this work done in Python 3.7.1 with Anaconda Distribution 4.6.11

Also used Adam optimizer and categorical cross entropy loss function with learning rate 0.0001 to calculate and minimize loss as well as optimize model accuracy.



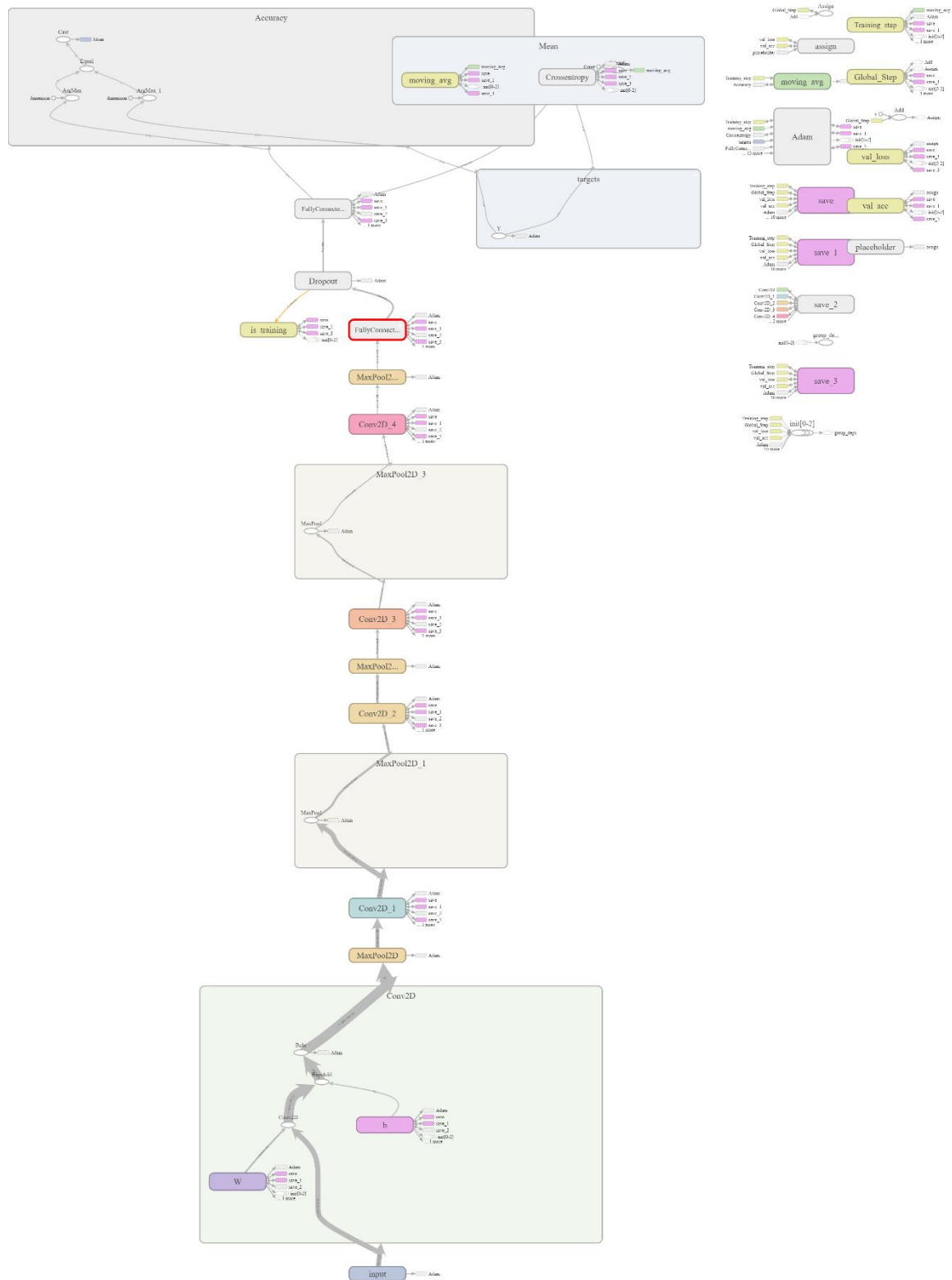
## Model Summary of CNN

Model summary of CNN show in below figure 3

Figure 3 CNN Model Summaries

Layer (type)	Output Shape	Param #
conv2d_1 (Conv2D)	(None, 300, 300, 32)	2432
max_pooling2d_1 (MaxPooling2)	(None, 150, 150, 32)	0
conv2d_2 (Conv2D)	(None, 150, 150, 64)	51264
max_pooling2d_2 (MaxPooling2)	(None, 50, 50, 64)	0
conv2d_3 (Conv2D)	(None, 50, 50, 128)	204928
max_pooling2d_3 (MaxPooling2)	(None, 17, 17, 128)	0
conv2d_4 (Conv2D)	(None, 17, 17, 64)	204864
max_pooling2d_4 (MaxPooling2)	(None, 5, 5, 64)	0
conv2d_5 (Conv2D)	(None, 5, 5, 32)	51232
max_pooling2d_5 (MaxPooling2)	(None, 2, 2, 32)	0
flatten_1 (Flatten)	(None, 128)	0
dense_1 (Dense)	(None, 1024)	132096
dropout_1 (Dropout)	(None, 1024)	0
dense_2 (Dense)	(None, 7)	7175
Total params: 653,991		
Trainable params: 653,991		
Non-trainable params: 0		

# Model Summary by Graph



# Training of Model

```
In [6]: model.fit({'input': X}, {'targets': Y}, n_epoch=10, validation_set=({'input': test_x},
{'targets': test_y}),
...:     snapshot_step=500, show_metric=True, run_id=MODEL_NAME)
...:
```

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Run id: Fruits\_detector-0.001-5conv-basic.model

Log directory: log/

INFO:tensorflow:Summary name Accuracy/ (raw) is illegal; using Accuracy/\_\_raw\_ instead.

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Training samples: 488

Validation samples: 208

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Training Step: 1 | time: 7.453s

| Adam | epoch: 001 | loss: 0.00000 - acc: 0.0000 -- iter: 064/488

Training Step: 2 | total loss: 1.88470 | time: 13.250s

| Adam | epoch: 001 | loss: 1.88470 - acc: 0.1406 -- iter: 128/488

Training Step: 3 | total loss: 2.00244 | time: 18.893s

| Adam | epoch: 001 | loss: 2.00244 - acc: 0.1278 -- iter: 192/488

Training Step: 4 | total loss: 1.99154 | time: 24.798s

| Adam | epoch: 001 | loss: 1.99154 - acc: 0.1726 -- iter: 256/488

Training Step: 5 | total loss: 1.99330 | time: 30.596s

| Adam | epoch: 001 | loss: 1.99330 - acc: 0.1613 -- iter: 320/488

Training Step: 6 | total loss: 1.96628 | time: 36.677s

| Adam | epoch: 001 | loss: 1.96628 - acc: 0.1781 -- iter: 384/488

Training Step: 7 | total loss: 1.87822 | time: 43.040s

| Adam | epoch: 001 | loss: 1.87822 - acc: 0.1931 -- iter: 448/488

Training Step: 8 | total loss: 1.81238 | time: 55.935s

| Adam | epoch: 001 | loss: 1.81238 - acc: 0.2075 | val\_loss: 1.57246 - val\_acc: 0.2981 -- iter: 488/488

Training Step: 73 | total loss: 0.92902 | time: 6.233s

| Adam | epoch: 010 | loss: 0.92902 - acc: 0.7460 -- iter: 064/488

Training Step: 74 | total loss: 0.85365 | time: 12.934s

| Adam | epoch: 010 | loss: 0.85365 - acc: 0.7653 -- iter: 128/488

Training Step: 75 | total loss: 0.82169 | time: 19.689s

| Adam | epoch: 010 | loss: 0.82169 - acc: 0.7670 -- iter: 192/488

Training Step: 76 | total loss: 1.45283 | time: 26.518s

| Adam | epoch: 010 | loss: 1.45283 - acc: 0.6999 -- iter: 256/488

Training Step: 77 | total loss: 1.33297 | time: 33.299s

| Adam | epoch: 010 | loss: 1.33297 - acc: 0.7184 -- iter: 320/488

Training Step: 78 | total loss: 1.21861 | time: 40.330s

| Adam | epoch: 010 | loss: 1.21861 - acc: 0.7381 -- iter: 384/488

Training Step: 79 | total loss: 1.15837 | time: 47.165s

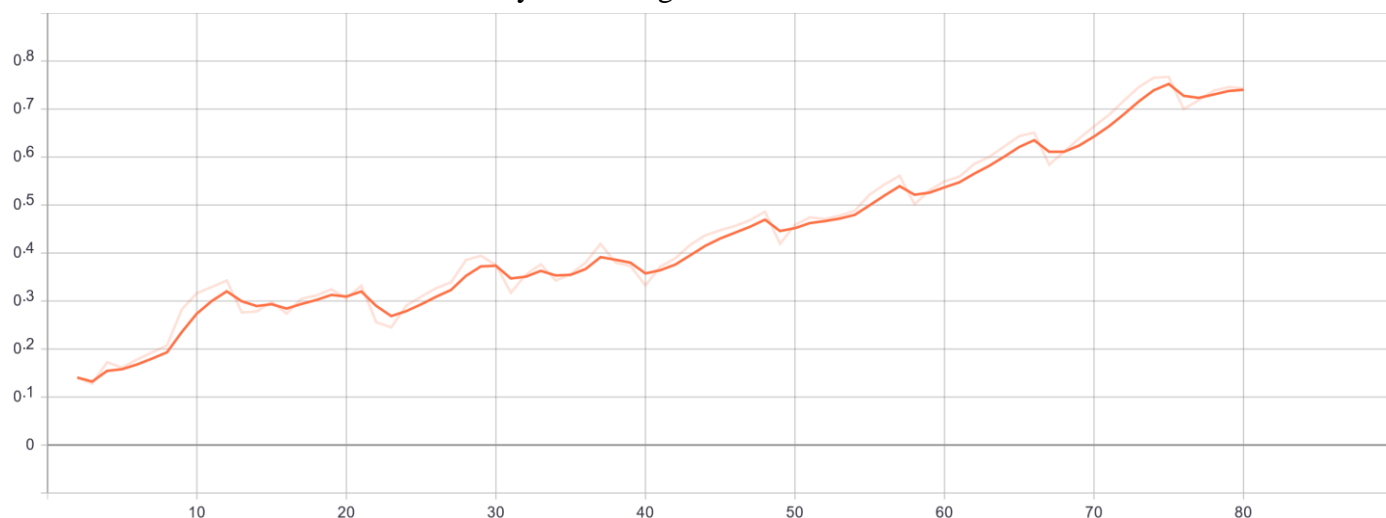
| Adam | epoch: 010 | loss: 1.15837 - acc: 0.7458 -- iter: 448/488

Training Step: 80 | total loss: 1.11163 | time: 61.192s

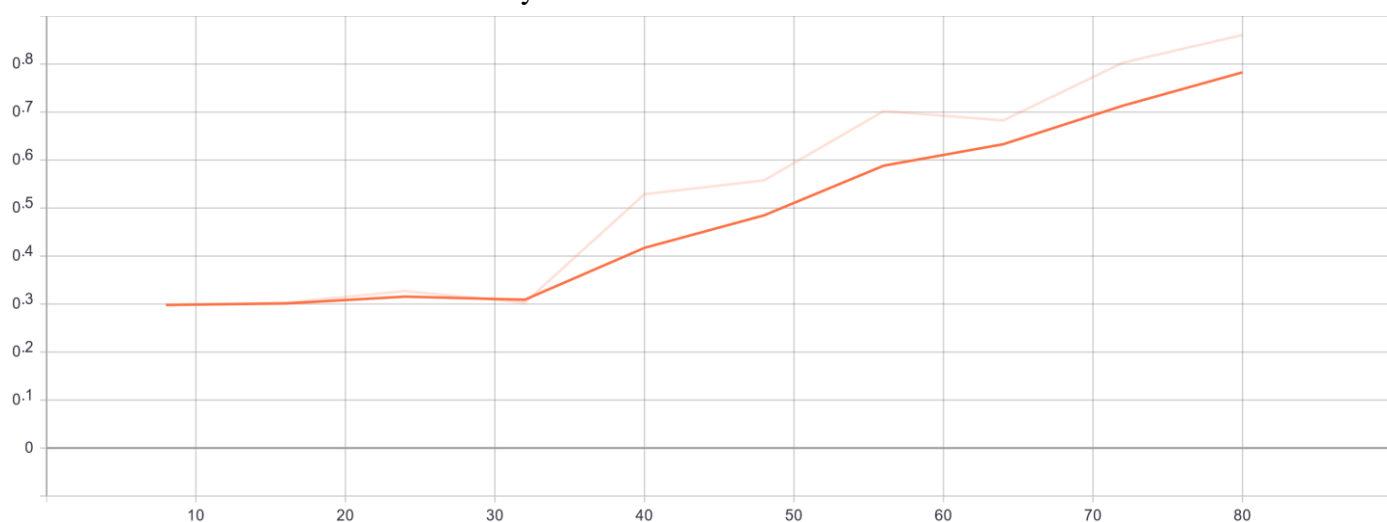
| Adam | epoch: 010 | loss: 1.11163 - acc: 0.7430 | val\_loss: 0.45908 - val\_acc: 0.8606 -- iter: 488/488

Accuracy of this model is **86.06%** with total loss**1.11**

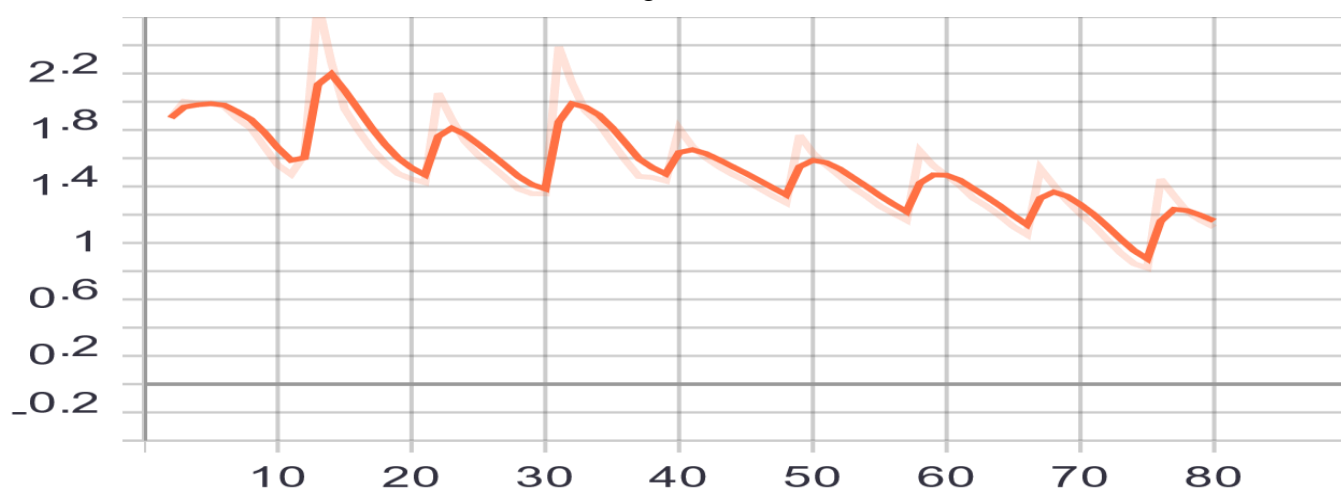
Accuracy of training

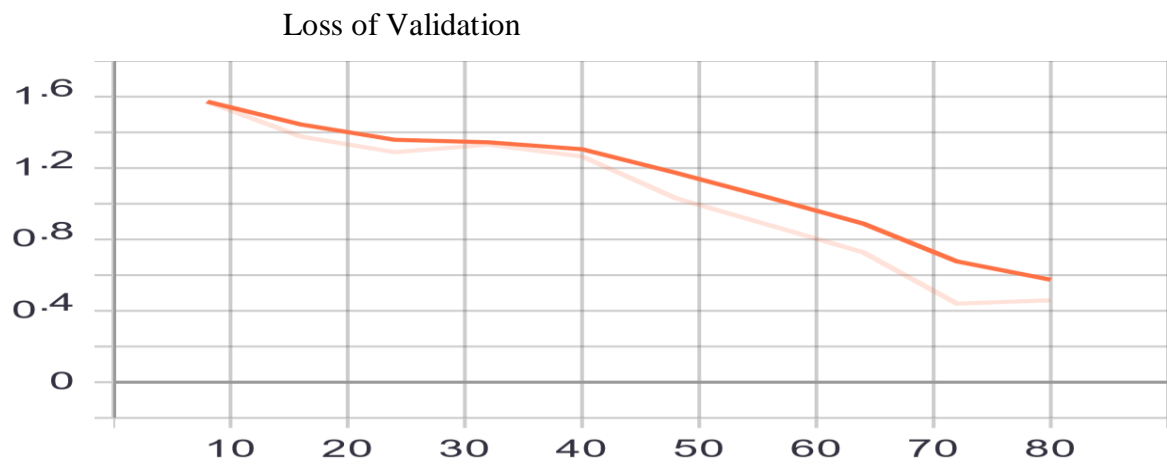


Accuracy of validation

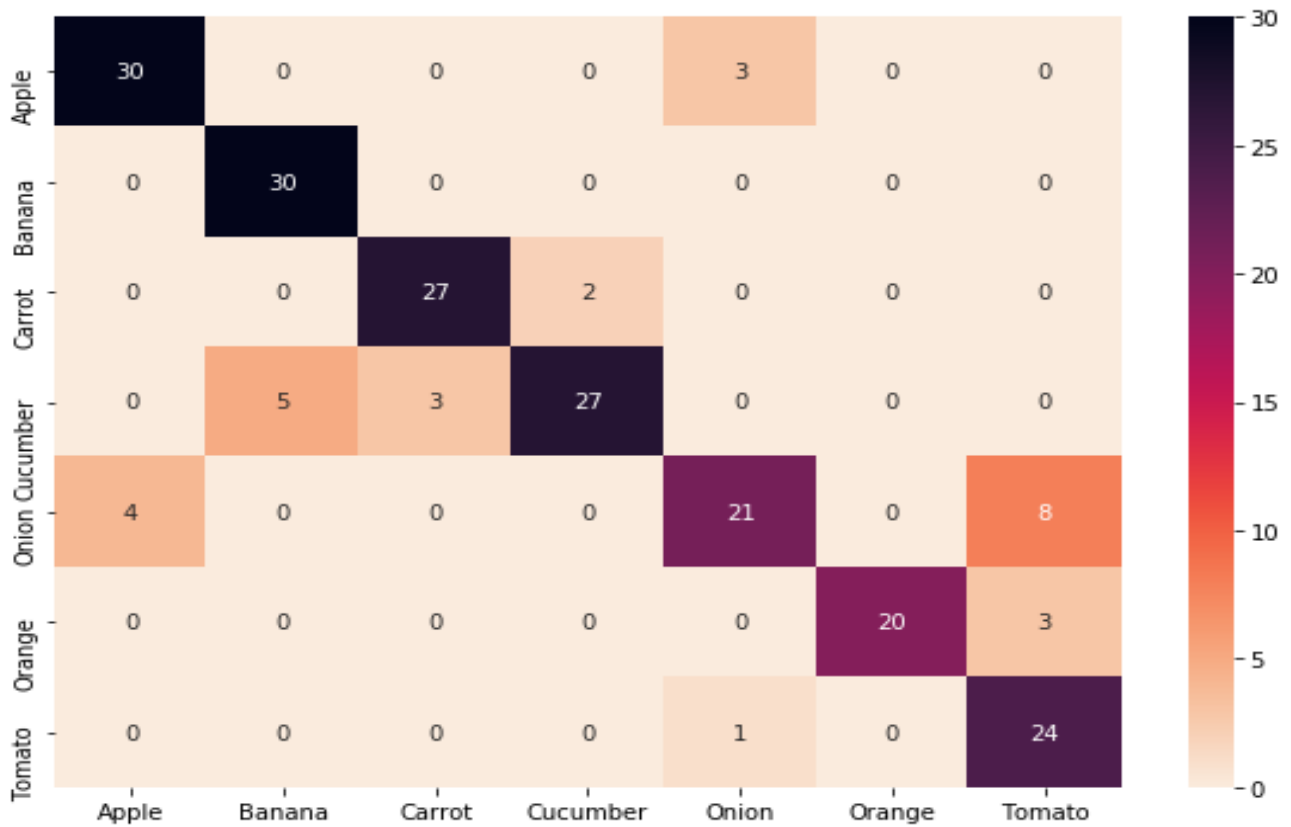


Loss of training





### Confusion Matrix:



From confusion matrix we see that most of fruits are correctly classified

## Estimation Method:

### Image Segmentation:

A mixture of methods including canny edge detection, watershed segmentation, morphological operators and Otsu's method were used to segment the food item to obtain the contour of the food and the contour of the thumb. We use the thumb finger for calibration purposes. The thumb is placed next to the dish while clicking the photo and this thumb gives us the estimate of the real-life size of the food item and helps estimate volume accurately.

Image Segmentation procedure given below:

Figure 4 Original Image



Figure 5 Gray Image

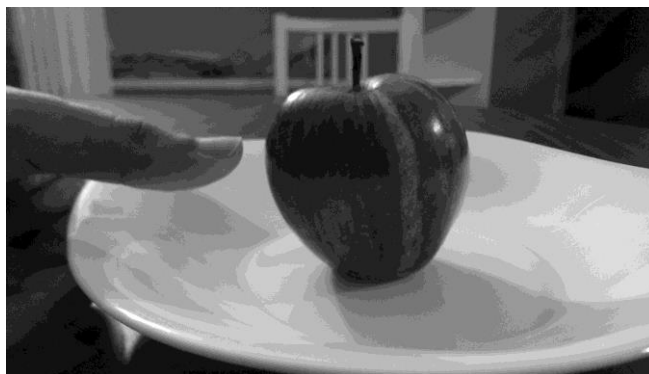


Figure 6 Filter Image

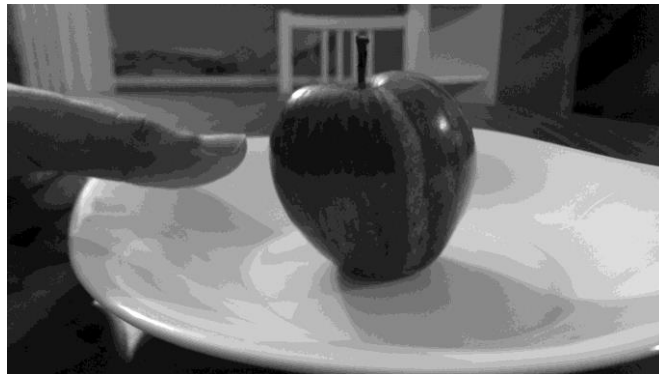
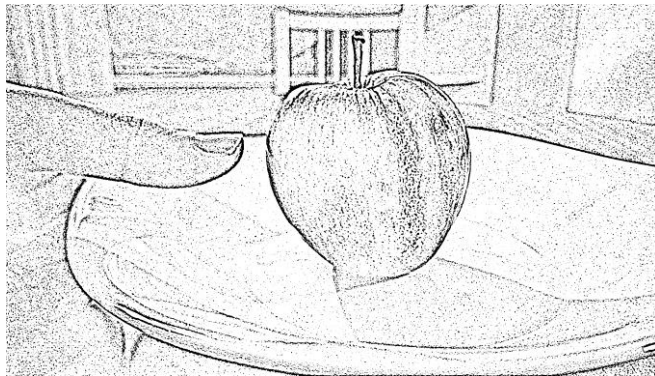


Figure 7 Threshold Image



Find contours, sort and find the biggest contour. The biggest contour corresponds to the plate and food.

Figure 8 Contours of plate



Figure 9 Big Contours of Plate





Convert to HSV. Otsu threshold in S to remove plate

Figure 10 HSV Image

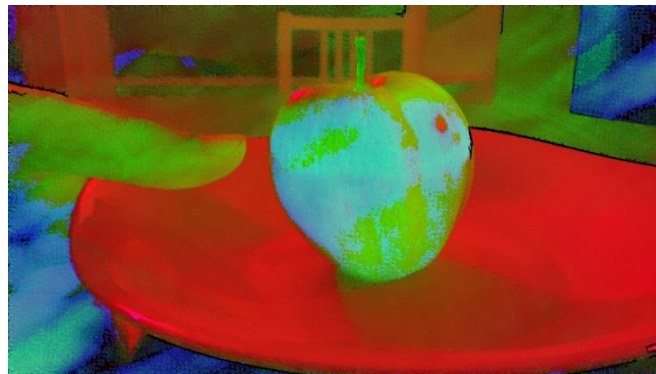


Figure 11 Mask Plate



Figure 12 Mask Not Plate

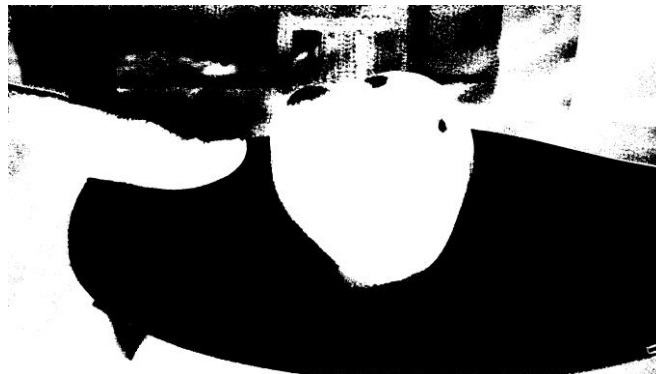


Figure 13 Food Skin





Convert to HSV to detect and remove skin pixels

Figure 14 HSV Image



Figure 15 Skin Image



Figure 16 Not Skin Image

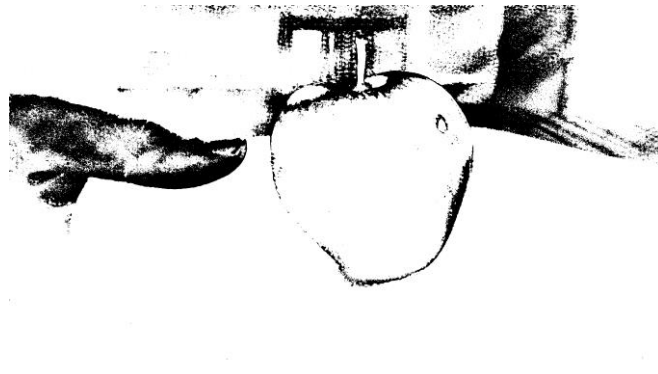


Figure 17 food Image



Figure 18 Food Structure Image



Figure 19 Mask Food Image

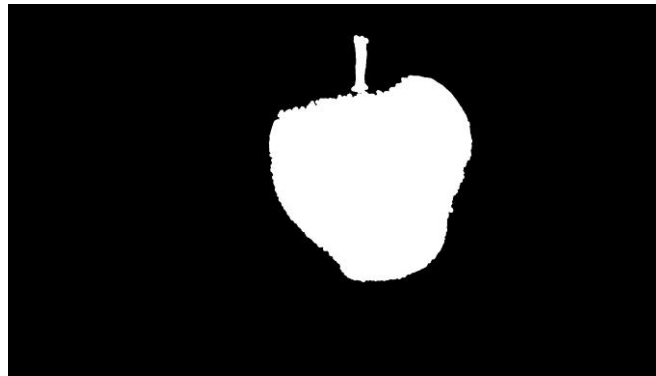


Figure 20 Final Food Image



Figure 21 Area of Food Image

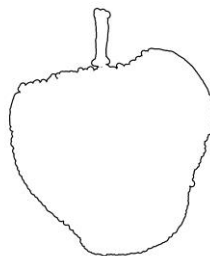


Figure 22 Big Contours of Skin



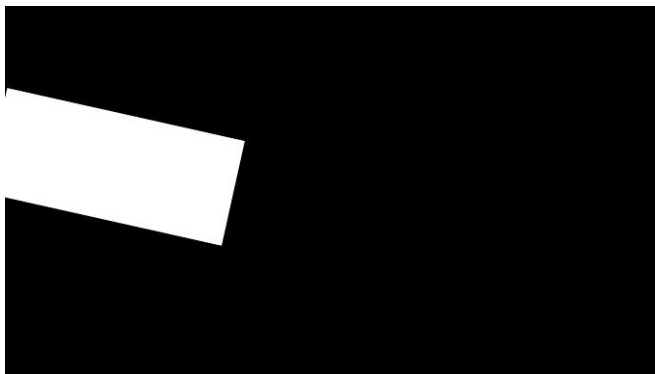
Figure 23 Threshold Image



Figure 24 Mask Skin



Figure 25 BoxFor Skin



We know that, our thumb size is approximately 5\*2.3cm is a skin multiplier (say)

From figure [25](#) we calculate pixel to cm multiplier by using Maximum pixel height

$$\text{pix\_to\_cm\_multiplier} = \frac{5.0}{\text{pix\_height}}$$

### **Area of food image:**

We have 3 factors from image segmentation

1. Foods pixel area
2. Skin pixel area
3. Actual skin area ( skin multiplier )

From this factors food estimated area is given below:

$$\text{Estimated Food Area} = \frac{\text{Foods Pixel Area} * \text{Actual Skin Area}}{\text{Skin Pixel Area}}$$

We have two type of shape of foods

1. Sphere - like apple, orange, tomato, onion
2. Cylinder – like banana, cucumber, carrot

### **Volume estimation for Sphere:**

$$\text{Estimated Radius} = \sqrt{\frac{\text{Estimated Food Area}}{\Pi}}$$

$$\text{Estimated Volume} = \frac{4}{3} * \Pi * \text{Estimated Radius}^3$$

### **Volume Estimation ForCylinder:**

$$\text{Estimated Height} = \text{Pixel Height} * \text{Pix\_To\_Cm\_Multiplier}$$

$$\text{Estimated Radius} = \frac{\text{Estimated Food Area}}{2 * \text{Estimated Height}}$$

$$\text{Estimated Volume} = \Pi * \text{Estimated Height} * \text{Estimated Radius}^2$$

### **Weight AndCalories Estimation Of Food:**

From table [2](#) we know fooddensity (g/cm<sup>3</sup>) and food calories (kcal/g), using this information we can estimate weight and calories intake in given food.

$$\text{Estimated Weight} = \text{Actual Density} * \text{Estimated Volume}$$

$$\text{Estimated Calories} = \frac{\text{Estimated Weight} * \text{Calories Per 100 Gr}}{100}$$

## Result

Food Type	Calories	Estimated Calories
<b>Apple</b>	53.96	40.42
<b>Banana</b>	170.88	188.81
<b>Carrot</b>	31.16	26.28
<b>Cucumber</b>	29.44	37.65
<b>Onion</b>	44.88	37.13
<b>Orange</b>	69.09	71.92
<b>Tomato</b>	17.46	13.82

## **Limitation and Scope:**

### **Limitations:**

1. Actual weight and calories can't find due to image quality
2. Difficult To Find Appropriate Angle Between Food And Camera
3. Lighting condition i.e pixel changes with respect to light

### **Scope:**

1. Estimate the calorie from all types of foods.
2. Minimize error of calories estimation

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# Appendix

The code of this project can be downloaded at this website

<https://vinayaksable2399.github.io/Food-Calories-Estimation-Using-Image-Processing/>