Let's start with a model that's very effective at learning Cats v Dogs.

It's similar to the previous models that you have used, but I have updated the layers definition. Note that there are now 4 convolutional layers with 32, 64, 128 and 128 convolutions respectively.

Also, this will train for 100 epochs, because I want to plot the graph of loss and accuracy.

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import tensorflow as tf
from tensorflow.keras.optimizers import RMSprop
from tensorflow.keras.preprocessing.image import ImageDataGenerator

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base_dir = '/tmp/cats_and_dogs_filtered'
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model = tf.keras.models.Sequential([
    tf.keras.layers.Conv2D(32, (3,3), activation='relu', input_shape=(150, 150, 3)),
    tf.keras.layers.MaxPooling2D(2, 2),
    tf.keras.layers.Conv2D(64, (3,3), activation='relu'),
    tf.keras.layers.MaxPooling2D(2,2),
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    tf.keras.layers.Conv2D(128, (3,3), activation='relu'),
    tf.keras.layers.MaxPooling2D(2,2),
    tf.keras.layers.Conv2D(128, (3,3), activation='relu'),
    tf.keras.layers.MaxPooling2D(2,2),
    tf.keras.layers.Flatten(),
    tf.keras.layers.Dense(512, activation='relu'),
    tf.keras.layers.Dense(1, activation='sigmoid')
])

model.compile(loss='binary_crossentropy',
              optimizer=RMSprop(lr=1e-4),
              metrics=['accuracy'])

# All images will be rescaled by 1./255
train_datagen = ImageDataGenerator(rescale=1./255)
test_datagen = ImageDataGenerator(rescale=1./255)

# Flow training images in batches of 20 using train_datagen generator
train_generator = train_datagen.flow_from_directory(
        train_dir,  # This is the source directory for training images
        target_size=(150, 150),  # All images will be resized to 150x150
        batch_size=20,
        # Since we use binary_crossentropy loss, we need binary labels
        class_mode='binary')

# Flow validation images in batches of 20 using test_datagen generator
validation_generator = test_datagen.flow_from_directory(
        validation_dir,
        target_size=(150, 150),
        batch_size=20,
        class_mode='binary')

history = model.fit(
      train_generator,
      steps_per_epoch=100,  # 2000 images = batch_size * steps
      epochs=100,
      validation_data=validation_generator,
      validation_steps=50,  # 1000 images = batch_size * steps
      verbose=2)



import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
acc = history.history['accuracy']
val_acc = history.history['val_accuracy']
loss = history.history['loss']
val_loss = history.history['val_loss']

epochs = range(len(acc))

plt.plot(epochs, acc, 'bo', label='Training accuracy')
plt.plot(epochs, val_acc, 'b', label='Validation accuracy')
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plt.title('Training and validation accuracy')

plt.figure()

plt.plot(epochs, loss, 'bo', label='Training Loss')
plt.plot(epochs, val_loss, 'b', label='Validation Loss')
plt.title('Training and validation loss')
plt.legend()

plt.show()
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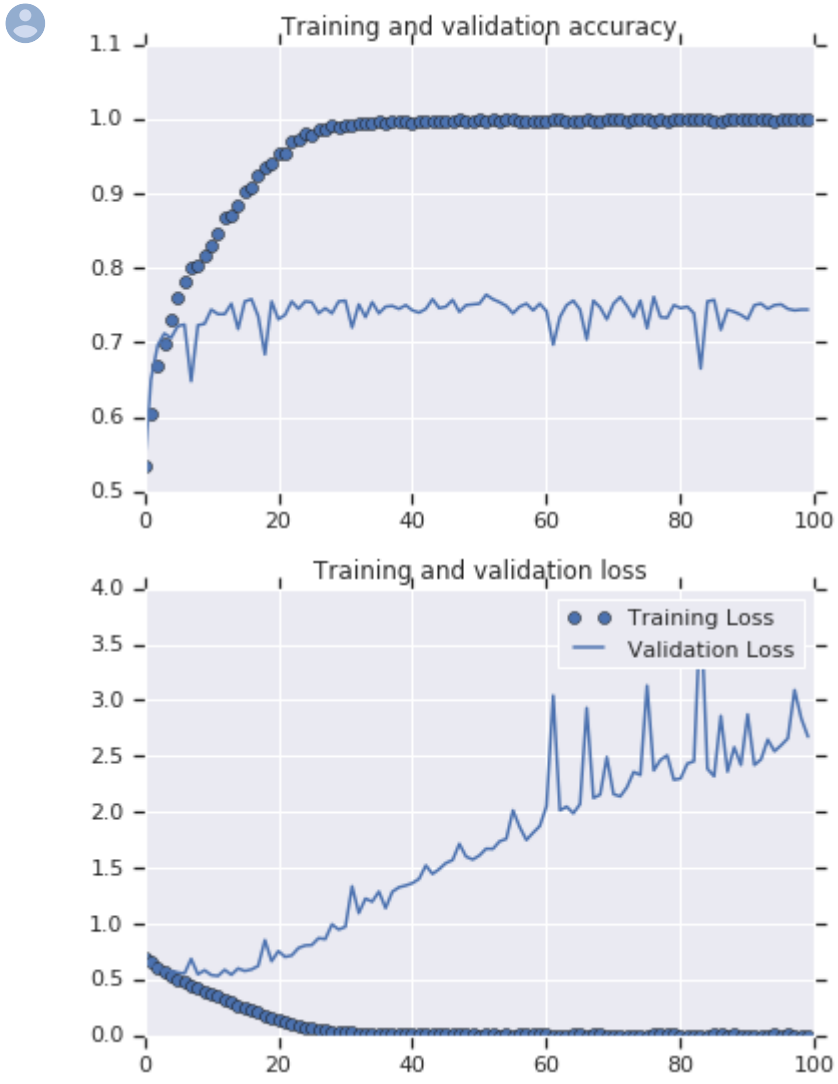

The Training Accuracy is close to 100%, and the validation accuracy is in the 70%-80% range. This is a great example of overfitting -- which in short means that it can do very well with images it has seen before, but not so well with images it hasn't. Let's see if we can do better to avoid overfitting -- and one simple method is to augment the images a bit. If you think about it, most pictures of a cat are very similar -- the ears are at the top, then the eyes, then the mouth etc. Things like the distance between the eyes and ears will always be quite similar too.

What if we tweak with the images to change this up a bit -- rotate the image, squash it, etc. That's what image augementation is all about. And there's an API that makes it easy...

Now take a look at the ImageGenerator. There are properties on it that you can use to augment the image.

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# Updated to do image augmentation
train_datagen = ImageDataGenerator(
      rotation_range=40,
      width_shift_range=0.2,
      height_shift_range=0.2,
      shear_range=0.2,
      zoom_range=0.2,
      horizontal_flip=True,
      fill_mode='nearest')
```

These are just a few of the options available (for more, see the Keras documentation. Let's quickly go over what we just wrote:

- rotation_range is a value in degrees (0–180), a range within which to randomly rotate pictures.
- width_shift and height_shift are ranges (as a fraction of total width or height) within which to randomly translate pictures vertically or horizontally.
- shear_range is for randomly applying shearing transformations.
- zoom_range is for randomly zooming inside pictures.
- horizontal_flip is for randomly flipping half of the images horizontally. This is relevant when there are no assumptions of horizontal assymmetry (e.g. real-world pictures).
- fill_mode is the strategy used for filling in newly created pixels, which can appear after a rotation or a width/height shift.

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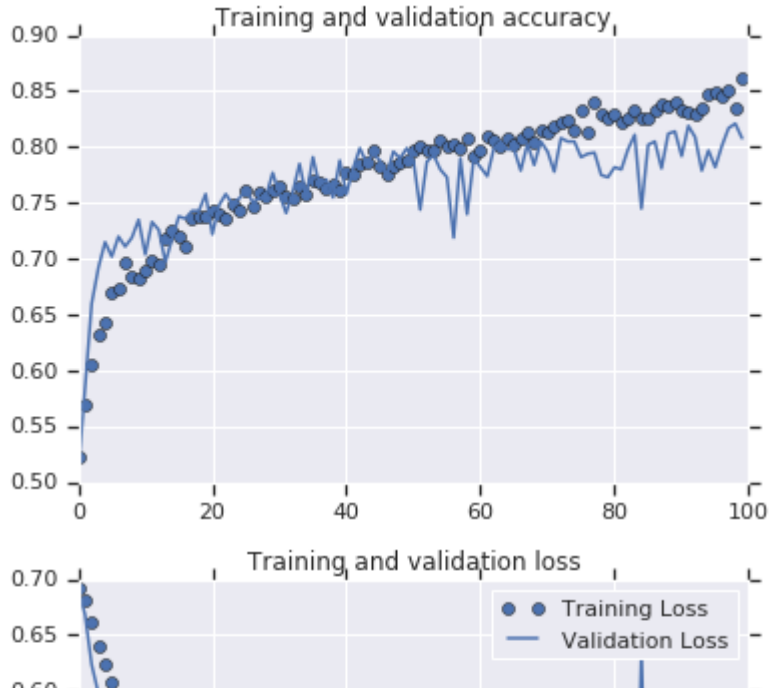


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Resolving storage.googleapis.com... 2607:f8b0:4001:c1c::80, 173.194.197.128
Connecting to storage.googleapis.com|2607:f8b0:4001:c1c::80|:443... connected.
WARNING: cannot verify storage.googleapis.com's certificate, issued by 'CN=Google Interr
  Unable to locally verify the issuer's authority.
HTTP request sent, awaiting response... 200 OK
Length: 68606236 (65M) [application/zip]
Saving to: '/tmp/cats_and_dogs_filtered.zip'

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Epoch 1/100
100/100 - 14s - loss: 0.6931 - acc: 0.5350 - val_loss: 0.6907 - val_acc: 0.5080
Epoch 2/100
100/100 - 14s - loss: 0.6855 - acc: 0.5400 - val_loss: 0.6660 - val_acc: 0.6200
Epoch 3/100
100/100 - 13s - loss: 0.6702 - acc: 0.5810 - val_loss: 0.6665 - val_acc: 0.5650
Epoch 4/100
100/100 - 13s - loss: 0.6541 - acc: 0.6000 - val_loss: 0.6342 - val_acc: 0.6300
Epoch 5/100
100/100 - 14s - loss: 0.6415 - acc: 0.6180 - val_loss: 0.6457 - val_acc: 0.5920
Epoch 6/100
100/100 - 13s - loss: 0.6248 - acc: 0.6495 - val_loss: 0.5875 - val_acc: 0.6840
Epoch 7/100
100/100 - 13s - loss: 0.6115 - acc: 0.6575 - val_loss: 0.5864 - val_acc: 0.6810
Epoch 8/100
100/100 - 13s - loss: 0.6010 - acc: 0.6780 - val_loss: 0.5550 - val_acc: 0.7130
Epoch 9/100
100/100 - 14s - loss: 0.5972 - acc: 0.6670 - val_loss: 0.5640 - val_acc: 0.7020
Epoch 10/100
100/100 - 14s - loss: 0.5877 - acc: 0.6920 - val_loss: 0.5830 - val_acc: 0.6900
Epoch 11/100
100/100 - 14s - loss: 0.5761 - acc: 0.7055 - val_loss: 0.5663 - val_acc: 0.7030
Epoch 12/100
100/100 - 14s - loss: 0.5708 - acc: 0.7100 - val_loss: 0.5662 - val_acc: 0.7030
Epoch 13/100
100/100 - 14s - loss: 0.5810 - acc: 0.6935 - val_loss: 0.5600 - val_acc: 0.6980
Epoch 14/100
100/100 - 14s - loss: 0.5734 - acc: 0.7025 - val_loss: 0.5253 - val_acc: 0.7220
Epoch 15/100
100/100 - 13s - loss: 0.5616 - acc: 0.7150 - val_loss: 0.6329 - val_acc: 0.6470
Epoch 16/100
100/100 - 14s - loss: 0.5487 - acc: 0.7150 - val_loss: 0.5577 - val_acc: 0.7160
Epoch 17/100
100/100 - 13s - loss: 0.5575 - acc: 0.7180 - val_loss: 0.5160 - val_acc: 0.7390
Epoch 18/100
100/100 - 13s - loss: 0.5481 - acc: 0.7250 - val_loss: 0.5057 - val_acc: 0.7360
Epoch 19/100
100/100 - 14s - loss: 0.5398 - acc: 0.7285 - val_loss: 0.5052 - val_acc: 0.7320
Epoch 20/100
100/100 - 13s - loss: 0.5448 - acc: 0.7240 - val_loss: 0.4988 - val_acc: 0.7560
Epoch 21/100
100/100 - 13s - loss: 0.5321 - acc: 0.7345 - val_loss: 0.5014 - val_acc: 0.7500
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Epoch 22/100
100/100 - 13s - loss: 0.5379 - acc: 0.7295 - val_loss: 0.4910 - val_acc: 0.7500
Epoch 23/100
100/100 - 13s - loss: 0.5211 - acc: 0.7395 - val_loss: 0.4985 - val_acc: 0.7400
Epoch 24/100
100/100 - 14s - loss: 0.5236 - acc: 0.7420 - val_loss: 0.5055 - val_acc: 0.7410
Epoch 25/100
100/100 - 13s - loss: 0.5206 - acc: 0.7360 - val_loss: 0.4907 - val_acc: 0.7550
Epoch 26/100
100/100 - 14s - loss: 0.5234 - acc: 0.7310 - val_loss: 0.4880 - val_acc: 0.7430
Epoch 27/100
100/100 - 13s - loss: 0.5126 - acc: 0.7470 - val_loss: 0.4863 - val_acc: 0.7510
Epoch 28/100
100/100 - 13s - loss: 0.5086 - acc: 0.7545 - val_loss: 0.5446 - val_acc: 0.7160
Epoch 29/100
100/100 - 13s - loss: 0.5237 - acc: 0.7330 - val_loss: 0.5041 - val_acc: 0.7470
Epoch 30/100
100/100 - 13s - loss: 0.5077 - acc: 0.7475 - val_loss: 0.4819 - val_acc: 0.7510
Epoch 31/100
100/100 - 13s - loss: 0.5134 - acc: 0.7425 - val_loss: 0.4766 - val_acc: 0.7480
Epoch 32/100
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Epoch 33/100
100/100 - 13s - loss: 0.5005 - acc: 0.7535 - val_loss: 0.4800 - val_acc: 0.7490
Epoch 34/100
100/100 - 13s - loss: 0.5027 - acc: 0.7625 - val_loss: 0.4992 - val_acc: 0.7570
Epoch 35/100
100/100 - 13s - loss: 0.5069 - acc: 0.7565 - val_loss: 0.5262 - val_acc: 0.7460
Epoch 36/100
100/100 - 13s - loss: 0.5000 - acc: 0.7560 - val_loss: 0.4814 - val_acc: 0.7500
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Epoch 40/100
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Epoch 41/100
100/100 - 13s - loss: 0.4752 - acc: 0.7760 - val_loss: 0.4774 - val_acc: 0.7550
Epoch 42/100
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Epoch 43/100
100/100 - 13s - loss: 0.4805 - acc: 0.7725 - val_loss: 0.4712 - val_acc: 0.7780
Epoch 44/100
100/100 - 13s - loss: 0.4706 - acc: 0.7790 - val_loss: 0.4564 - val_acc: 0.7840
Epoch 45/100
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Epoch 50/100
100/100 - 13s - loss: 0.4559 - acc: 0.7815 - val_loss: 0.4702 - val_acc: 0.7620
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