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FINAL PROJECT

### Introduction

- Goal: Recognize 10 types of practical knots using deep learning.
- Use cases: Climbing, fishing, wilderness survival, load securing.
- Importance: Correct knot-tying can be safety-critical (e.g., climbing)
- Possible Application: Assists in learning and verifying proper knot formation.
- Model: Uses Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) for image recognition. 4 models in total.
  - Transfer learning with ResNet50

















# Related Work

#### Peer-reviewed papers:

- A review of convolutional neural networks in computer vision
- Evaluation of Transfer Learning Methods for Wood Knot Detection
- Geometric learning of knot topology

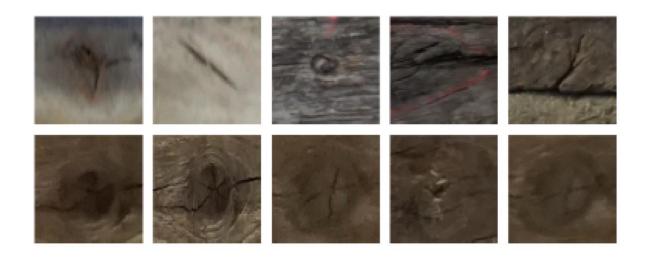


Fig. 2. A selection of wood knot images from the test set of images.

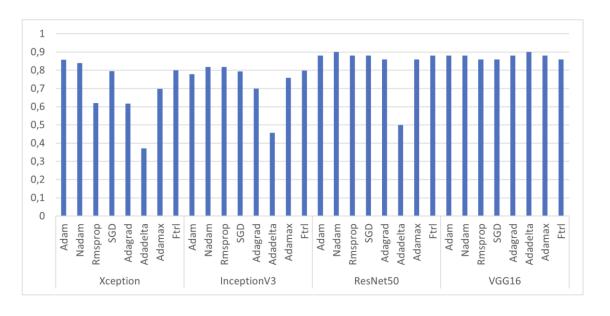


Fig. 6. Comparison of accuracy of classifiers built on four pre-trained networks using eight optimizers.

### Dataset

- 10 different types of knots
  - 4 different z-axis rotations
  - 3 different lighting condition
  - 3 different tensions
  - o 2 different background

144 images per knot1440 images total in dataset

Dataset from Kaggle

#### Source Light Above Very Loose Bowline Knot



Diffuse Light Set Bowline Knot



- ▼ □ 10Knots
  - ▼ ☐ Alpine Butterfly Knot
    - ▼ DiffuseLight
      - ▶ 🗀 Loose
      - ▶ 🗀 Set
    - ▶ ☐ VeryLoose
    - ▼ ☐ SourceLight-Above
      - ▶ 🗀 Loose
      - ▶ 🗀 Set
      - ▶ ☐ VeryLoose
    - ▼ ☐ SourceLight-Side
      - ▶ 🗀 Loose
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    - ▶ ☐ VeryLoose
  - ▶ ☐ Bowline Knot
  - Clove Hitch
  - ▶ ☐ Figure-8 Knot
  - ▶ ☐ Figure-8 Loop
  - ▶ ☐ Fisherman's Knot
  - ▶ ☐ Flemish Bend
  - Overhand Knot
  - Reef Knot
  - Slip Knot

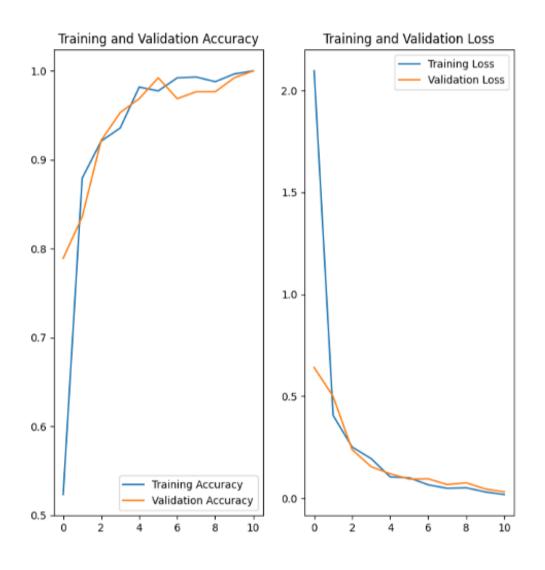
# Methods

80% of the images will be placed in the training dataset 10% will be utilized for validation during the training process 10% will be utilized for the test dataset to test the model after training

#### There were 4 total models trained:

- 1. A model architecture of codebasics [8].
- 2. A model architecture of the small convolution layer in Cameron's dissertation [7].
- 3. A model architecture of the medium convolution layer in Cameron's dissertation [7].
- 4. A model architecture of the transfer layer on pre-trained ResNet model [5].

# Results: Transfer Learning ResNet50

















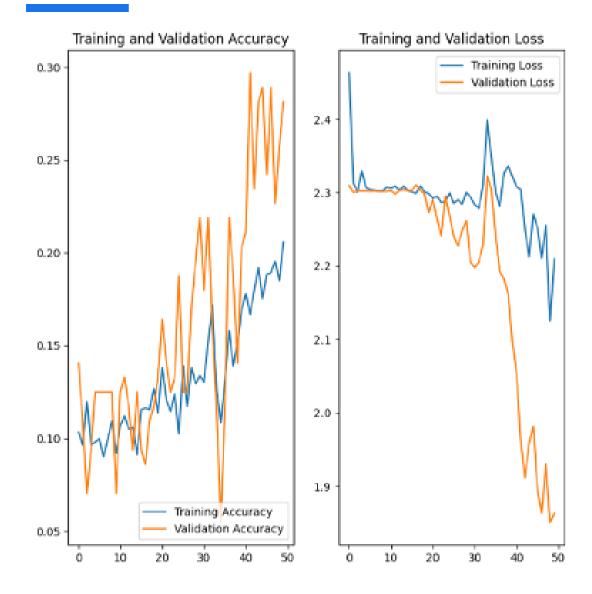
Actual: Bowline Knot.





herman's Knot. Actual: Bowline Knot, isherman's Knot, Predicted: Bowline Knot, nce: 87.34% Confidence: 99.98%

### Results: Model 3 Medium CNN





## Demo