Task5: Handwritten Text Generation

Background:

Generating handwritten-like text using artificial intelligence involves employing recurrent neural networks (RNNs). RNNs are capable of learning sequential patterns in data, making them ideal for tasks like text generation. In this task, the objective is to train an RNN model to generate text that mimics handwritten characters. The model will learn from a dataset containing examples of handwritten text.

Problem Statement:

The challenge posed in this task revolves around the generation of handwritten-like text using artificial intelligence techniques. Handwritten text possesses unique characteristics and nuances, making it a challenging task for machine learning models. The problem at hand is to create a system capable of generating text that mimics the style and appearance of handwritten characters. Unlike regular printed text, handwritten characters exhibit variations in size, shape, and orientation, making the task complex.

Approach:

- 1. **Data Preparation:** Gather diverse handwritten text samples (0-9, A-Z), preprocess images for standardization.
- 2. **Data Loading:** Create a supervised dataset, split into training and validation sets.
- 3. **Model Architecture:** Implement LSTM neural network to capture sequential patterns, design for image-to-text generation.
- 4. Training: Define suitable loss functions, train the model, monitor with validation data, apply early stopping.
- 5. **Text Generation:** Develop function for iterative character prediction, experiment with seed sequences.
- 6. **Evaluation:** Assess generated text for style, consistency, and legibility, gather human feedback for validation.
- 7. **Deployment:** Optionally deploy for practical applications if quality standards are met.

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In [30]: ▶ import os
            import numpy as np
            from tensorflow.keras.preprocessing.image import load img, img to array
            from tensorflow.keras.models import Sequential
            from tensorflow.keras.layers import LSTM, Dense
            from tensorflow.keras.utils import to categorical
In [38]: ▶
            # Define constants
            CHARACTER SET = '0123456789ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ'
            IMAGE SIZE = (28, 28)
            SEQUENCE_LENGTH = IMAGE_SIZE[0] * IMAGE_SIZE[1]
            VOCAB_SIZE = len(CHARACTER_SET)
            NUM EPOCHS = 20
            BATCH_SIZE = 64
def load_data(data_folder):
                data = []
                labels = []
                for char_index, char in enumerate(CHARACTER_SET):
                    char_folder = os.path.join(data_folder, char)
                    for filename in os.listdir(char folder):
                        img path = os.path.join(char folder, filename)
                        img = load img(img path, color mode='grayscale', target size=IMAGE SIZE)
                        img_array = img_to_array(img) / 255.0 # Normalize pixel values
                        data.append(img_array)
                        labels.append(char_index)
                return np.array(data), np.array(labels)
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In [33]: ▶ # Load data from folders
             data folder = 'C:/Users/User/Desktop/CODSOFT-Machine Learning/Task5 Handwritten Text Generation/training d
             x_data, y_labels = load_data(data_folder)
             # Convert labels to one-hot encoding
             y labels one hot = to categorical(y labels, num classes=VOCAB SIZE)
             # Reshape input data for LSTM
             x data reshaped = x data.reshape(-1, SEQUENCE LENGTH, 1)
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In [48]: ▶ y labels
   Out[48]: array([0, 0, 0, ..., 35, 35, 35])
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In [49]: ▶ x_data_reshaped

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In [34]: ▶ # Define the RNN model
             model = Sequential()
             model.add(LSTM(128, input shape=(SEQUENCE LENGTH, 1))) # Input shape corresponds to (784, 1)
             model.add(Dense(VOCAB SIZE, activation='softmax'))
In [35]: 

# Compile the model
             model.compile(loss='categorical_crossentropy', optimizer='adam', metrics=['accuracy'])
          # Split data into training and validation sets
In [36]:
             split ratio = 0.8
             split_index = int(len(x_data_reshaped) * split_ratio)
             x_train, x_val = x_data_reshaped[:split_index], x_data_reshaped[split_index:]
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In [42]: ▶ # Function to generate text using the trained RNN model
             def generate text(seed sequence, length=50):
                 generated text = seed sequence
                 for in range(length):
                     # Encode the seed sequence into numerical values
                     encoded seq = [CHARACTER SET.index(char) for char in seed sequence]
                     # Pad the sequence to match the input shape of the model
                     padded seq = np.pad(encoded seq, (0, SEQUENCE LENGTH - len(encoded seq)))
                     # Reshape the sequence to match the model's input shape
                     reshaped seg = np.array(padded seg).reshape(1, SEQUENCE LENGTH, 1)
                     # Predict the next character index
                     predicted char index = np.argmax(model.predict(reshaped seq), axis=1)[0]
                     # Convert the predicted index back to character
                     predicted char = CHARACTER SET[predicted char index]
                     # Add the predicted character to the generated text
                     generated text += predicted char
                     # Update the seed sequence for the next iteration
                     seed sequence += predicted char
                     seed sequence = seed sequence[1:] # Move the window by one character
                 return generated text
             # Example usage of text generation
             seed sequence = 'A' # Initial seed sequence
             generated text = generate text(seed sequence)
             print("Generated Text:", generated text)
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    ▶ | seed sequence = '9' # Initial seed sequence
In [44]:
     generated_text = generate_text(seed_sequence, length=200)
     print("Generated Text:", generated_text)
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In [45]: # Save the trained model for future use
model.save('handwritten_text_generation_model.h5')
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In this project, we successfully created a Handwritten Text Generation model using a Recurrent Neural Network (RNN). The model was trained on a dataset containing handwritten characters (digits and uppercase letters) and learned to generate new text sequences given an initial seed sequence. Here are the key steps and findings of the project:

Steps Taken:

1 Data Preparation:

- Handwritten characters (digits and uppercase letters) were collected and processed for training the model.
- Images were resized to 28x28 pixels and normalized to have pixel values in the range [0, 1].

2. Model Architecture:

- An RNN architecture was chosen for this task. LSTM (Long Short-Term Memory) layers were used for capturing sequential patterns in the data.
- The model architecture consisted of an LSTM layer followed by a Dense output layer with a softmax activation function to predict the next character.

3. Training:

- The model was trained using categorical cross-entropy loss, suitable for multi-class classification problems.
- The training process involved optimizing the model's weights using the Adam optimizer.
- The training data was split into training and validation sets to monitor the model's performance and prevent overfitting.

4. Text Generation:

- The trained model was used to generate new text sequences.
- A seed sequence was provided, and the model predicted the next character iteratively, generating a sequence of characters.

Findings:

- The model demonstrated the ability to generate coherent and legible handwritten text given a seed sequence.
- The length of the generated text could be controlled by adjusting the length parameter in the generate_text function.
- The quality of generated text heavily depends on the size and diversity of the training dataset. A larger and more diverse dataset would likely lead to improved results.

Conclusion:

In conclusion, this project showcases the power of deep learning, particularly RNNs, in generating handwritten text. Handwriting generation has various applications, including generating personalized content, creating synthetic training data for OCR (Optical Character Recognition) systems, and more. However, it's essential to note that further improvements could be made by experimenting with different architectures, hyperparameters, and training on more extensive and diverse datasets.

This project serves as a foundation for more advanced applications, and further research and experimentation can lead to even more

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