



# PROJECT REPORT

**Title:** Image Classification using Transfer Learning Model

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**Github Link:** [CashMahmood/Image-Classification-using-Transfer-Learning-Model-in-Machine-Learning](https://github.com/CashMahmood/Image-Classification-using-Transfer-Learning-Model-in-Machine-Learning)

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## Introduction

This project demonstrates a deep learning-based image classification approach to classify jellyfish species using convolutional neural networks (CNNs). The main objective is to develop a model that can accurately classify images of jellyfish into one of five predefined classes. To improve performance and training speed on a limited dataset, the project utilizes transfer learning with the VGG16 architecture pre-trained on the ImageNet dataset.

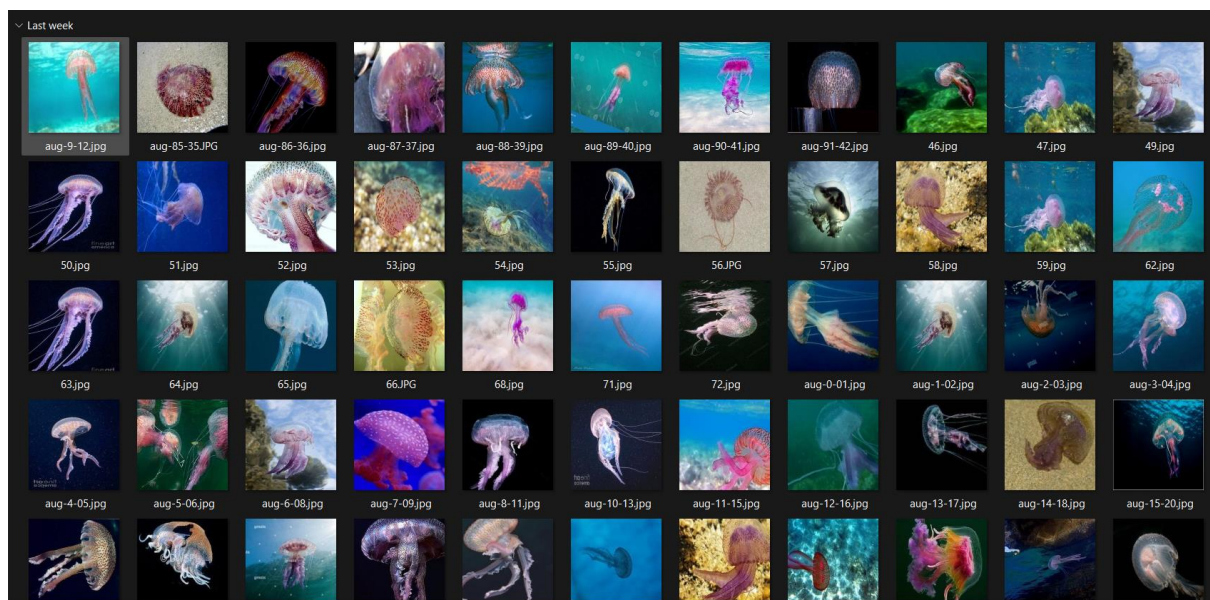
## Dataset Overview

The dataset consists of 750 images divided into 5 classes:

- barrel\_jellyfish
- blue\_jellyfish
- compass\_jellyfish
- lions\_mane\_jellyfish
- mauve\_stinger\_jellyfish

Each class contains 150 images. The dataset is stored in Google Drive and loaded using TensorFlow's `image_dataset_from_directory()` function. The images are resized to 224x224 pixels, and a batch size of 32 is used.

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## Preprocessing and Augmentation

To enhance generalization and avoid overfitting, data augmentation techniques were applied:

- Random Horizontal Flip
- Random Rotation (0.2 radians)
- Random Zoom
- Random Brightness
- Random Contrast

Additionally, the dataset is split into:

- 80% training (19 batches)
- 20% testing (5 batches)

Data is prefetched using TensorFlow's AUTOTUNE to optimize GPU utilization.

## Transfer Learning with VGG16

A pre-trained VGG16 model is loaded without the top classification layers (include\_top=False). Its layers are frozen to preserve learned features from the ImageNet dataset.

The model architecture used:

```
Sequential([  
    base_model,  
    Flatten(),  
    Dense(256, activation='relu'),  
    Dense(5, activation='softmax')  
])
```

- Optimizer: Adam
- Loss Function: Sparse Categorical Crossentropy
- Metrics: Accuracy

Downloading data from [https://storage.googleapis.com/tensorflow/keras-applications/vgg16/vgg16\\_weights\\_tf\\_dim\\_ordering\\_tf\\_kernels\\_notop.h5](https://storage.googleapis.com/tensorflow/keras-applications/vgg16/vgg16_weights_tf_dim_ordering_tf_kernels_notop.h5)  
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Model: "sequential\_1"

Layer (type)	Output Shape	Param #
vgg16 (Functional)	(None, 7, 7, 512)	14,714,688
flatten (Flatten)	(None, 25088)	0
dense (Dense)	(None, 256)	6,422,784
dense_1 (Dense)	(None, 5)	1,280

Total params: 21,138,752 (80.64 MB)  
Trainable params: 6,424,064 (24.51 MB)  
Non-trainable params: 14,714,688 (56.13 MB)

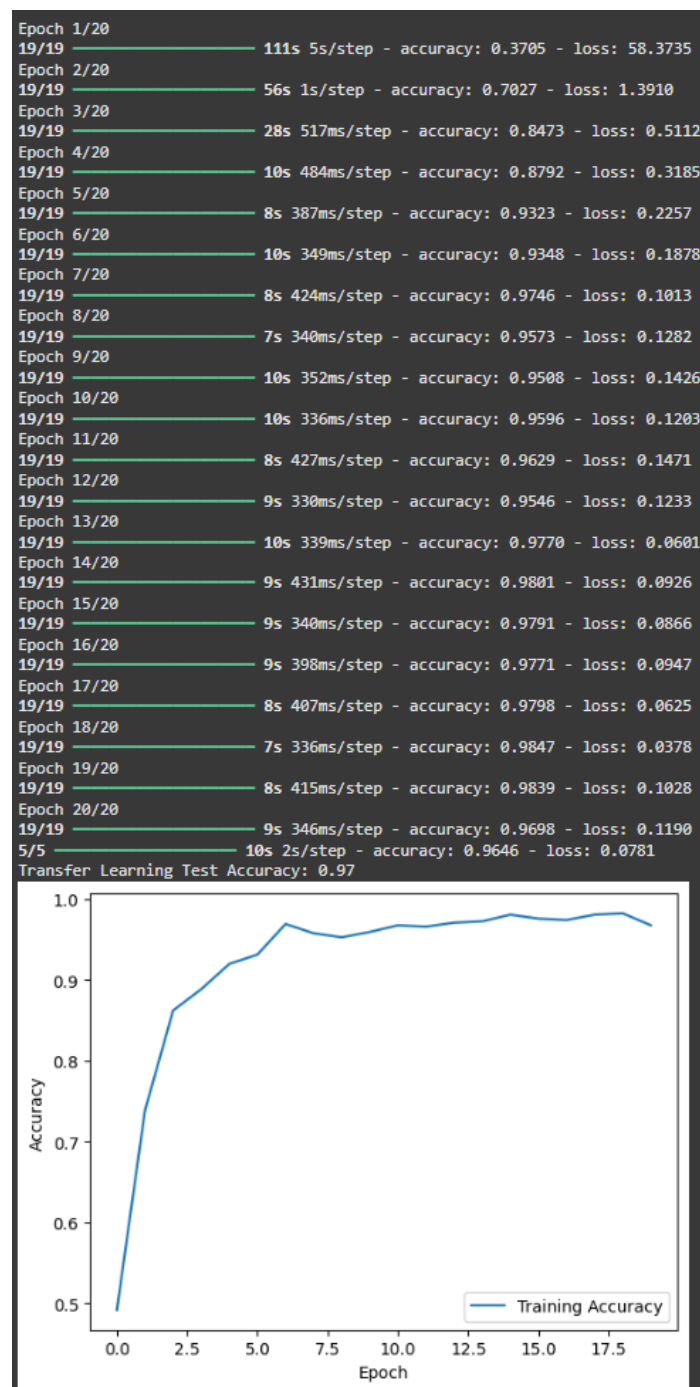
## Training Process

The model is trained for 20 epochs. The training accuracy improves steadily, starting from 37% and reaching 97%.

The performance on the test dataset was:

- Test Accuracy: 96.46%
- Test Loss: 0.0781

These results indicate that the transfer learning approach with VGG16 successfully learned to classify jellyfish images with high accuracy.



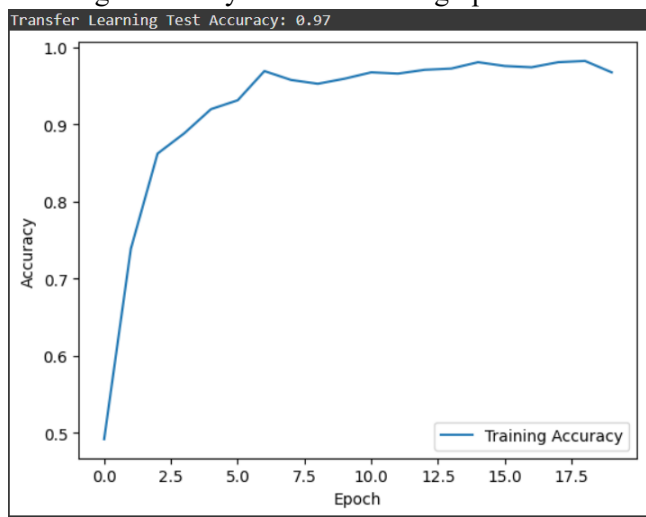


## Visualization

- Sample Augmented Images: 25 images from one batch were visualized with class labels.



- Training Accuracy Plot: A line graph shows accuracy improvement over 20 epochs.



## **Conclusion**

The use of transfer learning with VGG16 proved to be highly effective for this classification task. Despite the relatively small dataset size, the model achieved excellent accuracy due to the robust pre-trained features of VGG16 and proper augmentation strategies.