

Report Homework2

MACHINE LEARNING

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1. Project Overview

The goal of this project is provide a solution for the classification of images regarding objects in a home environment.

In particular, my enviroments are:

- Containers/basket_container;
- Tableware/sushi_plate;
- Drinks/Tea_drink_bottle;
- Cutlery/dinnerware;
- Fruits/Oranges;
- Snacks/Pretzels;
- Food/pasta_sides;
- Cleaning_stuff/Dust_Cloths.

1.1 Dataset

My dataset is composed by 8 different classes with a lot of images for each one:

- Containers/basket_container have 1187 images;
- Tableware/sushi_plate have 1114 images;
- Drinks/Tea_drink_bottle have 991 images;
- Cutlery/dinnerware have 956 images;
- Fruits/Oranges have 1002 images;
- Snacks/Pretzels have 1032 images;
- Food/pasta_sides have 996 images;
- Cleaning_stuff/Dust_Cloths have 1230 images.

1.2 Summarize

In this project i evaluated two different type of model. The first model that i used is a VGG16. VGG16 is a Convolutional Neural Network that it was proposed by Karen Simonyan and Andrew Zisserman of Oxford Robotics Institute in the the year 2014. The second model that i used is a own model that i built on my own.

For both model i split the dataset in two parts. The first part has 77% of the total dataset and this part it will use for train the model. The second part has 33% of the total dataset and this part it will use for test the model.

Both model receive the images input with same size 94x94. Indeed the images was processed before making all smaller and with same size.

2. Initial Process

The first step that i did was import all the needed library and after that, i loaded all the dataset. Now, we had a one single big dataset, but we want have two datasets, one for train and one for test. So i thirth thing that i did was split the dataset into 2 differents one. I decided to use a keras library (*ImageDataGenerator*) to take the images from the different datasets and process them. I also decided to use this library because it has a particular ability to use data argumentation specified by arguments to the class constructor.

I used *ImageDataGenerator* not in a classical way. I'll explain, usually we use *ImageDataGenerator* with method called "*flow_from_directory*" where one important argument is a path of the dataset. In my case i haven't a one directory for the train data and one directory for test data. So, i must did in a different way. Infact, in my case i split the dataset into 2 different dataset and i use another method instead of "*flow_from_directory*" called "*flow*". In this way, i can pass to this function directly the "array" of specific dataset.

After that i build the two different model with two difference characteristic; I plot the model and i train it. The last thing that I do is evaluate the model doing the prediction and plotting the `classification_report`, `confusion_matrix` and graphics.

3. Own CNN “*EdoardoPapaNet*” For Image Classification

For making own CNN image classifier the first thing that we just do it's build a model.

3.1 Make Model

The first thing that we need to know is that CNN is composed by a hierarchical levels. In this network we can have a lot of layers. The first layer is the input level and this is directly connected with the pixels of the image. In this project the pixels of image is called “*input_shape*”. The layers that we find between first and last layer is called “*hidden layers*”. The last level are generally fully connected.

This CNN is created so that all the layers will be convolutional. All the images that are inside the dataset are “*rgb*” images, so it means that if we want create a own CNN that consider also the color, the important thing that we must consider is create a *input_shape* with size of image that we consider, plus the factor 3 because the color is “*rgb*”. Example: if we have a image with size 300x150 (rgb) the input shape will be (300,150,3). Instead, if we don't consider the color, we just transform the rgb-image to black&white-image and after that create a *input_shape* with size of image that we consider, plus the factor 2 because the color is black&white.

Inside the convolutional layers i decide to use a ReLU activation function. This function allow to flattens all the negative values to zero, while leaving everything unchanged values equals to or greather then zero.

I choose to insert, after convolutional layers, a pooling methods. It's allow to decrease the size of the matrix. This is needed because otherwise i would go to have a lot of amount of data that i wouldn't know how to manage. I used MaxPooling for reduce the size of the matrix. For example i used the MaxPooling after each convolutional layer. I decided that the size of the MaxPooling is 2x2. In this way we “*create*” a square of 2x2 grid that slide in the matrix and extrapolate the best (keep the bit more interesting) value inside the square. I also choose to insert, into this CNN, the dropout layer. The dropout layer prevents the overfitting.

The last dense layer inside this CNN must have exactly the number of classes that are inside the dataset and the activation function must be “*softmax*” because in this case we have a multiclass problem.

I decide to use as optimizer “*rmsprop*” with learning rate 0.0001. After a lot of tests it was the one optimal value that provided the best performance.

The model ends when the compile function is executed.

3.2 EdoardoPapaNet’s model

Model: "EdoardoPapaNet"

Layer (type)	Output Shape	Param #
conv2d_120 (Conv2D)	(None, 92, 92, 32)	896
max_pooling2d_64 (MaxPooling)	(None, 46, 46, 32)	0
conv2d_121 (Conv2D)	(None, 44, 44, 32)	9248
max_pooling2d_65 (MaxPooling)	(None, 22, 22, 32)	0
conv2d_122 (Conv2D)	(None, 20, 20, 64)	18496
max_pooling2d_66 (MaxPooling)	(None, 10, 10, 64)	0
conv2d_123 (Conv2D)	(None, 8, 8, 64)	36928
max_pooling2d_67 (MaxPooling)	(None, 4, 4, 64)	0
flatten_15 (Flatten)	(None, 1024)	0
dense_36 (Dense)	(None, 512)	524800
dense_37 (Dense)	(None, 8)	4104
activation_8 (Activation)	(None, 8)	0
Total params: 594,472		
Trainable params: 594,472		
Non-trainable params: 0		

Figura 1 – EdoardoPapaNet

3.3 Plot EdoardoPapaNet's model

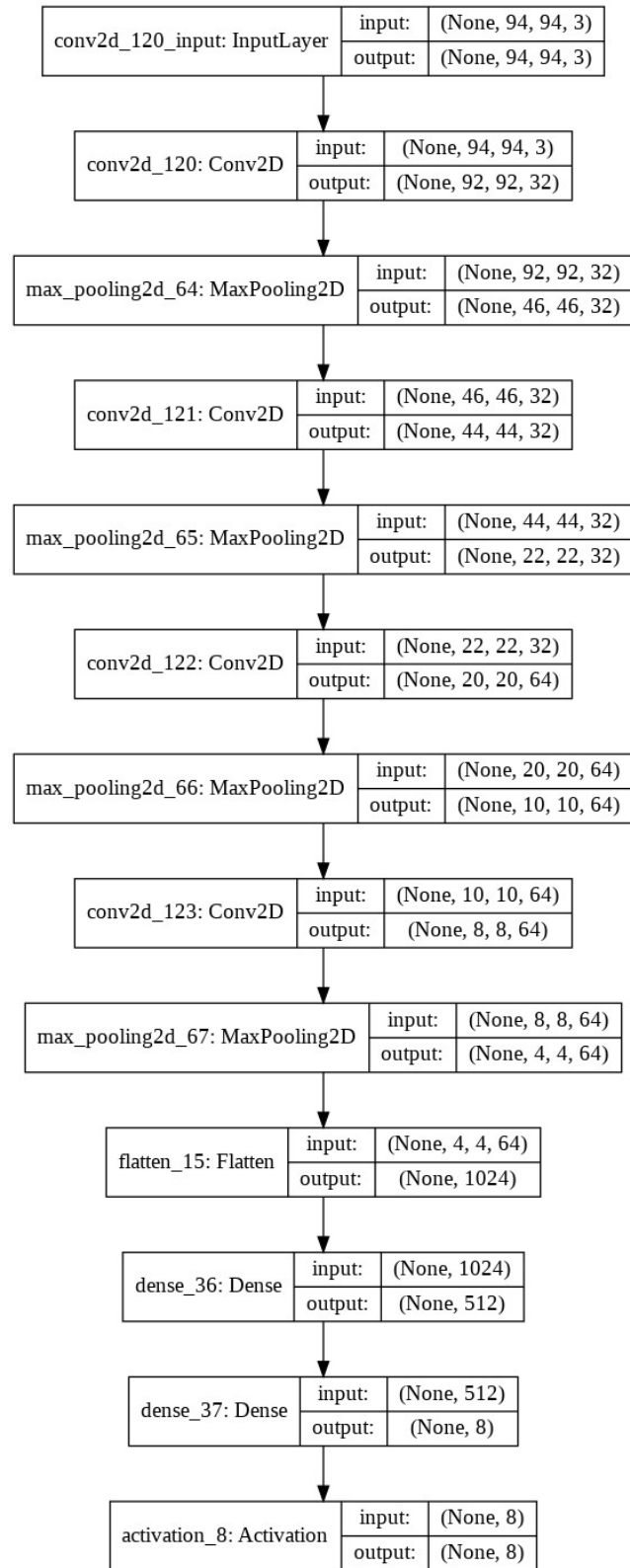


Figura 2 - Plot EdoardoPapaNet

3.4 Fit EdoardoPapaNet's model

For execute the fit of this model i used a *fit_generator* function that trains the model on data generated batch-by-batch.

This function takes different parameter as a input values:

- `train_set`
- `epochs`
- `step_per_epoch`
- `validation_data`
- `validation_steps`

For the first parameter, i passed the *train_generator* generated precedently. For the *epochs* i passed the number of the iterations. For *step_per_epoch* i passed the total number of steps. This value is typically be equal to *train_generator.n // train_generator.batch_size* (where n is number of samples). For *validation_data* corresponds to *validation_generator* that we generated previously. For *validation_steps* corresponds to total number of steps and typically is *validation_generator.n // validation_generator.batch_size+1*

The last two parameters have been added to see precisely the behavior of the model being applied on the train comparing it with the test. If difference between train and test accuracy is high then we find a overfitting problem.

3.5 Evaluation EdoardoPapaNet's model

For do the evaluation of the model i decided to use “*classification_report*”. I decided to use this rappresentation because it allow to see the precision, recall, f1_score and accuracy. Below there're a rappresentation of the tests that i did for find the best configuration for the model.

3.5.1 With learning-rate = 0.0001 without Dropout

	precision	recall	f1-score	support
dinnerware	0.622	0.315	0.418	429
pasta_sides	0.796	0.807	0.802	368
sushi_plate	0.716	0.442	0.546	353
Oranges	0.490	0.631	0.552	309
Tea_drink_bottle	0.549	0.432	0.484	400
Dust_Cloths	0.418	0.754	0.538	297
Pretzels	0.618	0.690	0.652	316
basket_container	0.493	0.576	0.531	370
accuracy			0.567	2842
macro avg	0.588	0.581	0.565	2842
weighted avg	0.593	0.567	0.561	2842

Figura 3 - EdoardoPapaNet Classification Report rl = 0.0001

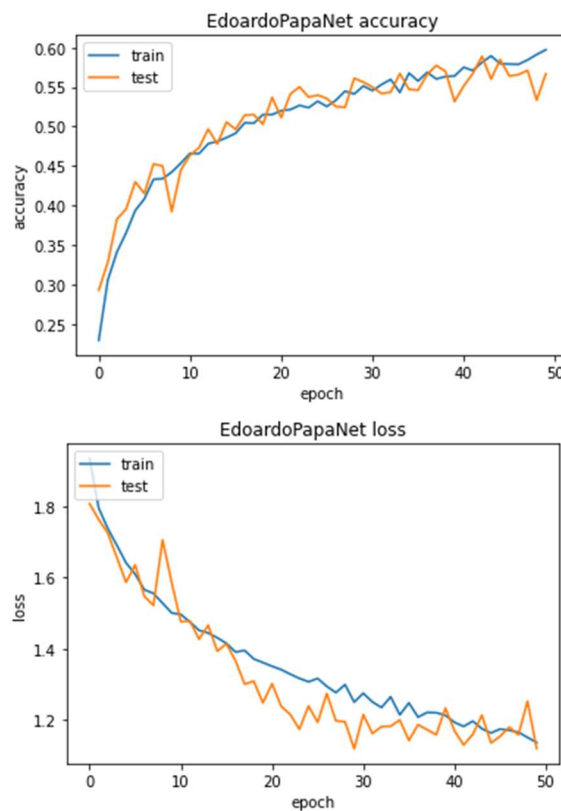


Figura 4 - EdoardoPapaNet Graphics rl = 0.0001

3.5.2 With learning-rate = 0.00001 without Dropout

	precision	recall	f1-score	support
dinnerware	0.440	0.326	0.375	429
pasta_sides	0.700	0.698	0.699	368
sushi_plate	0.328	0.603	0.425	353
Oranges	0.500	0.353	0.414	309
Tea_drink_bottle	0.391	0.255	0.309	400
Dust_Cloths	0.369	0.542	0.439	297
Pretzels	0.471	0.563	0.513	316
basket_container	0.433	0.251	0.318	370
accuracy			0.441	2842
macro avg	0.454	0.449	0.436	2842
weighted avg	0.455	0.441	0.433	2842

Figura 5 - EdoardoPapaNet Classification Report $rl = 0.00001$

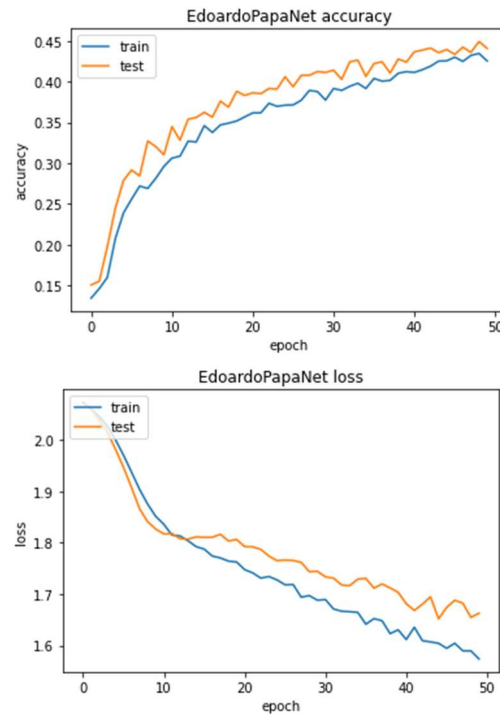


Figura 6 - EdoardoPapaNet Graphics $rl = 0.00001$

We can observe that we have the same model but with different learning-rate. In the first case (learning-rate:0.0001) can we see that the accuracy is 0.567. The model doesn't produce a good performance but the accuracy is better then the second (learning-rate:0.00001). In the first case (learning-rate:0.0001) we have a slight overfitting and it is less in the second case but the second case has a less accuracy then the first.

3.5.3 With learning-rate = 0.0001 with dropout = 0.18

	precision	recall	f1-score	support
dinnerware	0.614	0.371	0.462	429
pasta_sides	0.862	0.731	0.791	368
sushi_plate	0.497	0.714	0.586	353
Oranges	0.580	0.482	0.527	309
Tea_drink_bottle	0.588	0.432	0.499	400
Dust_Cloths	0.489	0.704	0.577	297
Pretzels	0.535	0.703	0.607	316
basket_container	0.534	0.535	0.534	370
accuracy			0.574	2842
macro avg	0.587	0.584	0.573	2842
weighted avg	0.592	0.574	0.570	2842

Figura 7 - EdoardoPapaNet Classification Report $rl = 0.0001$ dropout = 0.18

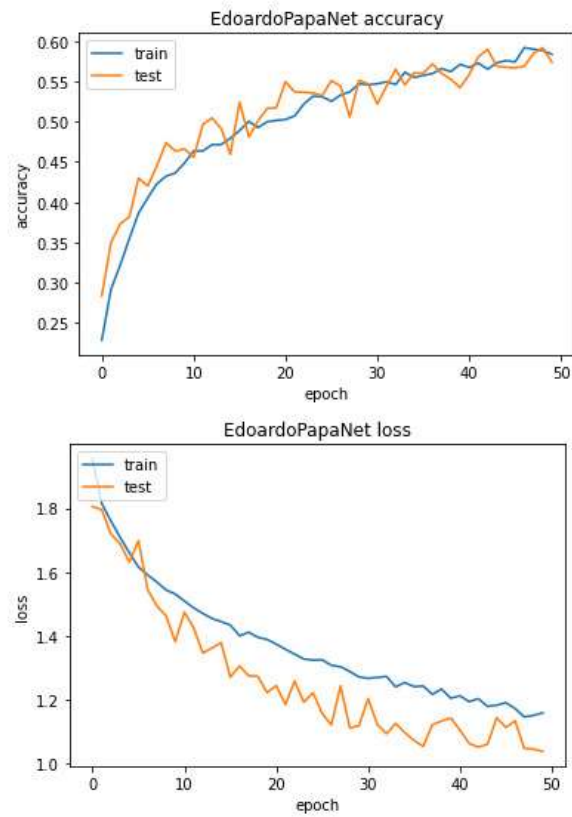


Figura 8 - EdoardoPapaNet Graphics $rl = 0.0001$ dropout = 0.18

3.5.4 With learning-rate = 0.0001 with dropout = 0.22

	precision	recall	f1-score	support
dinnerware	0.653	0.324	0.433	429
pasta_sides	0.780	0.783	0.782	368
sushi_plate	0.456	0.779	0.575	353
Oranges	0.598	0.495	0.542	309
Tea_drink_bottle	0.614	0.330	0.429	400
Dust_Cloths	0.374	0.795	0.509	297
Pretzels	0.674	0.595	0.632	316
basket_container	0.594	0.443	0.508	370
accuracy			0.554	2842
macro avg	0.593	0.568	0.551	2842
weighted avg	0.599	0.554	0.547	2842

Figura 9 - EdoardoPapaNet Classification Report $rl = 0.0001$ dropout = 0.22

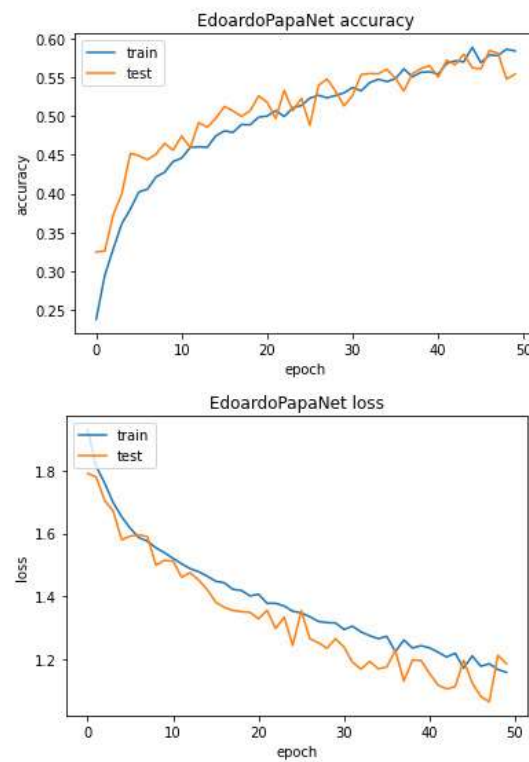


Figura 10 - EdoardoPapaNet Graphics $rl = 0.0001$ dropout = 0.22

3.5.5 With learning-rate = 0.0001 with dropout = 0.25

	precision	recall	f1-score	support
dinnerware	0.574	0.380	0.457	429
pasta_sides	0.879	0.734	0.800	368
sushi_plate	0.452	0.754	0.565	353
Oranges	0.509	0.579	0.542	309
Tea_drink_bottle	0.474	0.542	0.506	400
Dust_Cloths	0.637	0.431	0.514	297
Pretzels	0.627	0.687	0.656	316
basket_container	0.549	0.454	0.497	370
accuracy			0.566	2842
macro avg	0.588	0.570	0.567	2842
weighted avg	0.586	0.566	0.564	2842

Figura 11 - EdoardoPapaNet Classification Report $rl = 0.0001$ dropout = 0.25

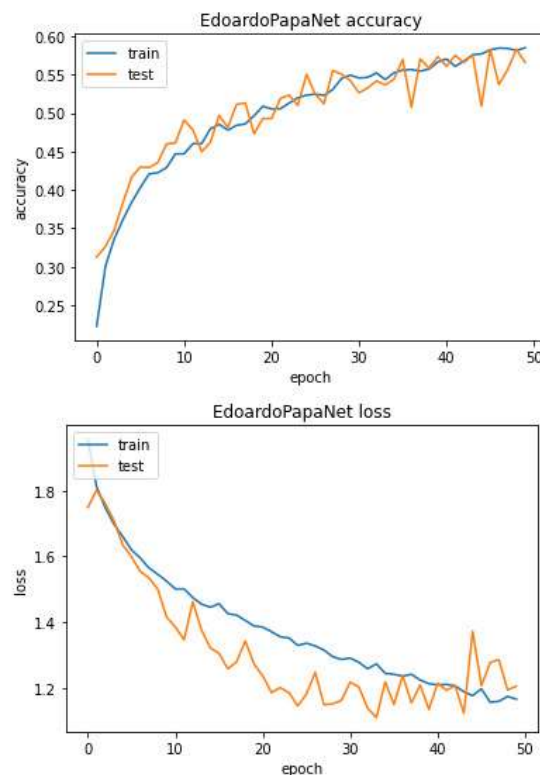


Figura 12 - EdoardoPapaNet Graphics $rl = 0.0001$ dropout = 0.25

Now i execute the algorithm with fixed learning-rete (0.0001) and i add a *dropout* layer with different values. I started with trying 0.18, leater on with 0,25 and finally with 0,22. I started with a low value and i immediatly saw that i it didn't better then the previous, infact it was very similar. I decided to up the value to 0.25. Unfortunately the model started to get worse. So, i decided to use a middle values,0.22. Now the model is better then the others that i've tried. With *dropout*, with value 0.22, we have a slight overfitting.

In summary, I decided to try to improve my model by first increasing and decreasing the learning-rate, then by how much to update the network weights in order to obtain the best performance. The second thing that I decided to do is to insert a dropout layer. In this way, we randomly select and remove neurons in a neural network during the training phase. This random removal of neurons prevents excessive co-adaptation of neurons and thus reduces the likelihood of network overfitting. Several examples were run with different dropout layer "rate" values to see if the model could improve / deteriorate.

3.6 General Problems

The model isn't very accuracy. This "problem" not depend only on our model but also on the dataset. Infact, the dataset contains noisy images, images that are difficult to classify or image that aren't into correct class. This increases the difficulty to finding a neural network that can fit this dataset.

This model is not totaly bad, but it never give a rather high level of security.

4. CNN “VGG16” For Image Classification

As i previously said, this model was proposed by K. Simonyan and A. Zisserman from the University of Oxford.

This is the architecture:

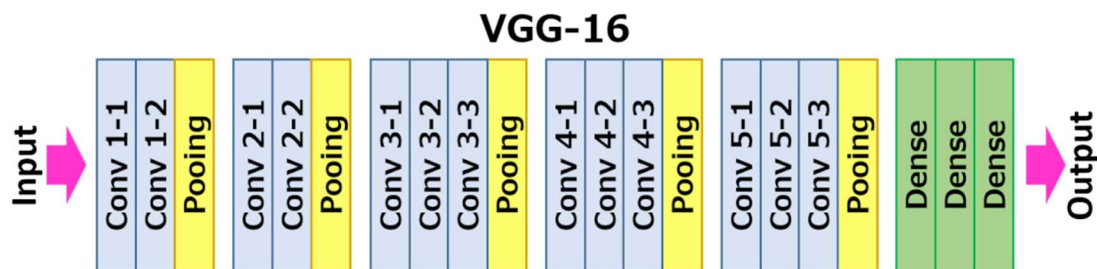


Figura 13 - VGG16 model

The input of the first convolutional layer is a size of the own image. The image is passed through a stack of convolutional layers, where the filtyers were used with very small receptive field 3x3. In one of the configurations, it also utilizer 1x1 convolutiona filter. The convolution stride is fixed to 1 pixel; the spatial padding of conv. layer input is such that the spatial resolution is preserved after convolution. Spatial pooling is carried out by five max-pooling layers, which follow some of the conv. layers (not all the conv. layers are followed by max-pooling). Max-pooling is performed over a 2×2 pixel window, with stride 2.

Three Fully-Connected (FC) layers follow a stack of convolutional layers (which has a different depth in different architectures): the first two have 4096 channels each, the third contains 8 channels (one for each class). The final layer is the soft-max layer. The configuration of the fully connected layers is the same in all networks. All hidden layers are equipped with the rectification (ReLU) non-linearity.

4.1 Fit Model

For fitting this model, the steps are equals of the previous classification model. So, i used a *fit_generator* function that trains the model on data generated batch-by-batch.

This function takes different parameter as a input values:

- train_set
- epochs
- step_per_epoch
- validation_data
- validation_steps

For the explication of all the previous point, you can find it on chapter 3.4.

4.2 Evaluation VGG16 Model

For do the evaluation of the model i decided to use “*classification_report*”. I decided to use this representation because it allow to see the precision, recall, f1_score and accuracy. Below there're a representation of the tests that i did for find the best configuration for the model.

	precision	recall	f1-score	support
dinnerware	0.518	0.443	0.477	429
pasta_sides	0.816	0.796	0.806	368
sushi_plate	0.623	0.603	0.613	353
Oranges	0.387	0.754	0.512	309
Tea_drink_bottle	0.467	0.515	0.490	400
Dust_Cloths	0.735	0.421	0.535	297
Pretzels	0.625	0.722	0.670	316
basket_container	0.607	0.322	0.420	370
accuracy			0.565	2842
macro avg	0.597	0.572	0.565	2842
weighted avg	0.594	0.565	0.562	2842

Figura 14 - VGG16 Classification Report

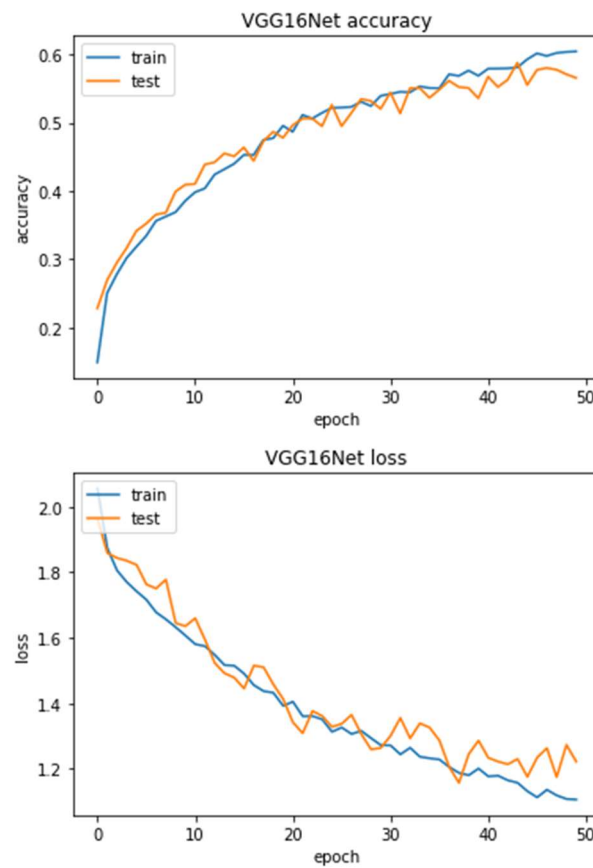


Figura 15 - VGG16 Graphics

We can observe that the accuracy isn't the best, but the model is quite good. With this model we have a slight overfitting but after all the result is good. The model isn't perfect but in this case, seeing that the trend of both accuracy and loss is more or less stable, we can still consider this model good.

5. Conclusion

At the end of this project i can say that the best model for Image Classification is VGG16 even if isn't perfect. It have more stable loss and accuracy then the other model that we saw (even changeing some parameter). We must also consider that our model is not entirely bad. It must also be considered that the dataset that both models have used have within noisy images and images that doesn't belong to that specific class, thus introducing small errors.

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