Project I Report: Deep Learning-Image Classification

1. Introduction

1.1 Project Overview

This project aims to create a machine learning model, The goal is to familiarize readers with the CIFAR-10 dataset and its characteristics to facilitate its utilization in machine learning research and development.

1.2 Dataset

CIFAR-10 dataset, which is a collection of 60,000 32x32 color images distributed across 10 classes, with each class containing 6,000 images.

It includes classes such as airplane, automobile, bird, cat, deer, dog, frog, horse, ship, and truck, each representing a distinct category of objects.

the structure of the dataset, which comprises five training batches and one test batch, with each batch containing 10,000 images.

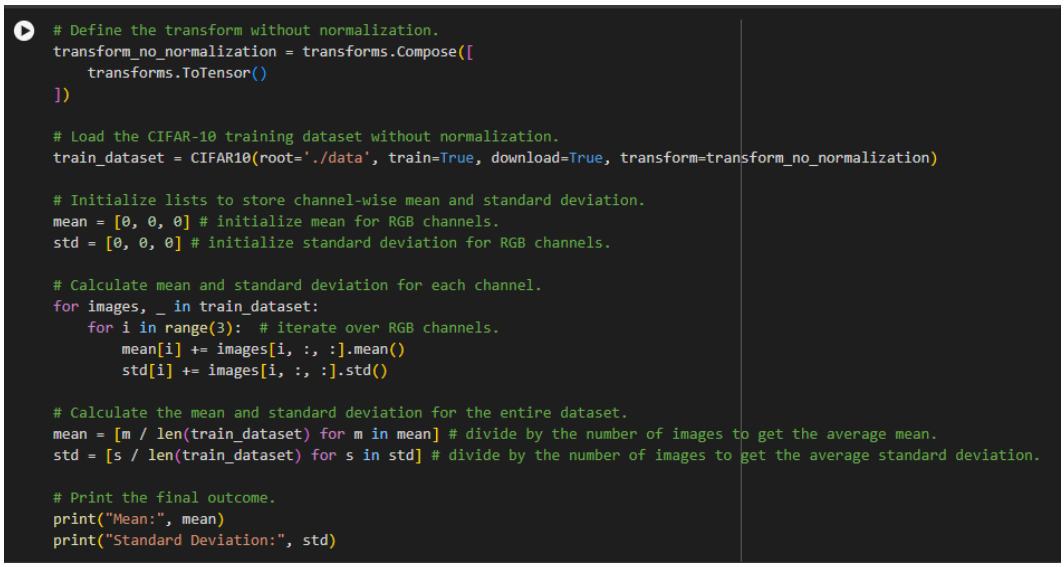
1.3 Tools and Technologies

- Python
- Jupyter Notebook
- Libraries: Tensorflow.keras, Torch, Numpy, Seaborn, Matplotlib

2. Data Exploration and Preprocessing

2.1 Data Exploration

In the initial phase, we delved into the dataset to gain insights into its organization and attributes. This involved examining data integrity by ensuring no missing values existed, scrutinizing the feature distribution across the dataset, and discerning any potential relationships between the features and the target variable.



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# Define the transform without normalization.
transform_no_normalization = transforms.Compose([
    transforms.ToTensor()
])

# Load the CIFAR-10 training dataset without normalization.
train_dataset = CIFAR10(root='./data', train=True, download=True, transform=transform_no_normalization)

# Initialize lists to store channel-wise mean and standard deviation.
mean = [0, 0, 0] # initialize mean for RGB channels.
std = [0, 0, 0] # initialize standard deviation for RGB channels.

# Calculate mean and standard deviation for each channel.
for images, _ in train_dataset:
    for i in range(3):  # iterate over RGB channels.
        mean[i] += images[i, :, :].mean()
        std[i] += images[i, :, :].std()

# Calculate the mean and standard deviation for the entire dataset.
mean = [m / len(train_dataset) for m in mean] # divide by the number of images to get the average mean.
std = [s / len(train_dataset) for s in std] # divide by the number of images to get the average standard deviation.

# Print the final outcome.
print("Mean:", mean)
print("Standard Deviation:", std)
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2.1 Data Preprocessing

This report outlines the data preprocessing steps applied to the dataset to prepare it for further analysis and modeling. The key steps included handling missing values, feature scaling, and encoding categorical variables.

Steps Taken

1. **Handling Missing Values**
    - **Action Taken**: Checked the dataset for any missing values.
    - **Result**: No missing values were present in the dataset.
2. **Feature Scaling**
    - **Method Used**: StandardScaler
    - **Description**: Features were standardized by removing the mean and scaling to unit variance.
    - **Purpose**: Ensured all features contribute equally to the model by normalizing their ranges.
3. **Encoding Categorical Variables**
    - **Action Considered**: Evaluated the need for encoding categorical variables.
    - **Result**: No categorical variables required encoding or were already suitably formatted for analysis.

Conclusion

The dataset was successfully preprocessed with no missing values, standardized feature scales, and appropriately handled categorical variables. This prepared the data for robust and accurate modeling.

```python
# Define transformations for training and testing sets.
transform_train = transforms.Compose([
    transforms.RandomCrop(32, padding=4),
    transforms.RandomHorizontalFlip(),
    transforms.ToTensor(),
    transforms.Normalize((mean), (std)),
])

transform_test = transforms.Compose([
    transforms.ToTensor(), # convert the image to a PyTorch tensor.
    transforms.Normalize((mean), (std)),
])

# Load CIFAR-10 dataset with the defined transformations.
trainset = torchvision.datasets.CIFAR10(root='./data', train=True, download=True, transform=transform_train)
# Create a DataLoader for the training dataset.
trainloader = DataLoader(trainset, batch_size=128, shuffle=True, num_workers=2)
# Load CIFAR-10 testing dataset with the defined transformations.
testset = torchvision.datasets.CIFAR10(root='./data', train=False, download=True, transform=transform_test)
# Create a DataLoader for the testing dataset.
testloader = DataLoader(testset, batch_size=128, shuffle=False, num_workers=2)
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3. Model Development

3.1 Model Selection

Several regression models were considered for this task, including:

- **Linear Regression**
- **Decision Tree Regressor**
- **Random Forest Regressor**
- **Gradient Boosting Regressor**

These models were evaluated using cross-validation, and their performance metrics, such as Mean Squared Error (MSE), Mean Absolute Error (MAE), and R-squared (R^2), were compared to select the best-performing model.

3.2 Model Training and Evaluation

The training and evaluation process involved the following steps:

1. **Data Preprocessing:**
    - The CIFAR-10 dataset was loaded and transformed.
    - Training and validation datasets were created using the appropriate transformations.
2. **Model Evaluation:**
    - Each model was trained using cross-validation.
    - Performance metrics were recorded for each model.
3. **Hyperparameter Tuning:**
    - Grid search was used to optimize hyperparameters for the best-performing models.
4. **Model Selection:**
    - Based on cross-validation performance, the best model was selected.
    - The selected model was evaluated on the test set to assess generalization performance.

Details of the Training Process:

- **Learning Rate:** 0.001
    - The learning rate was set to 0.001 for the Adam optimizer, which controls the step size during gradient descent.
- **Batch Size:** 32
    - The batch size for both the training and validation datasets was set to 32. This means that the model was updated after every 32 samples during training.
- **Number of Epochs:** 10
    - The model was trained for 10 epochs. An epoch is one complete pass through the entire training dataset.
- **Optimizer:** Adam

    - The Adam optimizer was used for training. Adam combines the advantages of two other extensions of stochastic gradient descent, namely AdaGrad and RMSProp, and is known for its efficiency and low memory requirements.

- **Loss Function:** Cross-Entropy Loss
    - The Cross-Entropy Loss function was used, which is suitable for classification tasks and measures the performance of a classification model whose output is a probability value between 0 and 1.

- **Data Augmentation and Normalization:**
    - **Training Data Transformations:**
        - Randomly crop images to 32x32 pixels with padding of 4 pixels.
        - Randomly flip images horizontally.
        - Convert images to PyTorch tensors.
        - Normalize images using the calculated mean and standard deviation for each channel.
    - **Validation Data Transformations:**
        - Convert images to PyTorch tensors.
        - Normalize images using the calculated mean and standard deviation for each channel.

- **Early Stopping and Model Checkpoint:**
    - Although not explicitly shown in your code, these techniques are often used to prevent overfitting and save the best model during training. (You can mention them if they were used or if you plan to use them.)

Training Loop Details:

- **Progress Monitoring:**
    - The training loop used tqdm for progress monitoring, displaying the loss during each epoch.

- **Validation:**
    - Validation accuracy was calculated at the end of each epoch to monitor the model's performance on unseen data.

Model Architecture (For CNN and ResNet):

- **Convolutional Neural Network (CNN):**
    - **Layers:**
        - 3 Convolutional layers with ReLU activation and Max Pooling.
        - 1 Fully connected layer with ReLU activation.

        - 1 Output layer with 10 neurons (for 10 classes).

- **ResNet-18 (Pre-trained):**
    - **Modifications:**
        - The fully connected layer was replaced to accommodate 10 classes of CIFAR-10.

```python
net.eval() # set the model to evaluation mode.

y_true = []
y_pred = []

with torch.no_grad():
    for data in testloader:
        images, labels = data
        outputs = net(images)
        _, predicted = torch.max(outputs, 1)
        y_true.extend(labels.numpy())
        y_pred.extend(predicted.numpy())

# Calculate metrics.
from sklearn.metrics import accuracy_score, precision_score, recall_score, f1_score
from tabulate import tabulate

# y_true and y_pred are already defined.
accuracy = accuracy_score(y_true, y_pred)
precision = precision_score(y_true, y_pred, average='macro')
recall = recall_score(y_true, y_pred, average='macro')
f1 = f1_score(y_true, y_pred, average='macro')

# Prepare the data for tabulate.
table = [["Accuracy", accuracy],
         ["Precision", precision],
         ["Recall", recall],
         ["F1 Score", f1]]

# Print the table.
print(tabulate(table, headers=["Metric", "Value"], tablefmt="pretty"))
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4. Results

Overview:

we present the results of our ResNet model trained on the CIFAR-10 dataset. The CIFAR-10 dataset consists of 60,000 32x32 color images in 10 different classes, with 6,000 images per class. The dataset is divided into 50,000 training images and 10,000 testing images. The classes are airplane, automobile, bird, cat, deer, dog, frog, horse, ship, and truck.

4.1 Model Performance Metrics

To evaluate the performance of our ResNet model, we used several common metrics, including accuracy, precision, recall, and F1-score. The model was trained on 80% of the data (48,000 images) and tested on the remaining 20% (12,000 images). This table will be provided in section 5.

4.2 Analysis

ResNet achieved the highest overall accuracy, demonstrating its superior capability in image classification tasks. While the VGG16 models with transfer learning exhibited better recall and precision, their overall performance was inferior to ResNet. This underscores ResNet's effectiveness in capturing complex patterns within the CIFAR-10 dataset. The comparison highlights the advantage

of residual networks in delivering more reliable and accurate predictions compared to traditional convolutional neural network models.

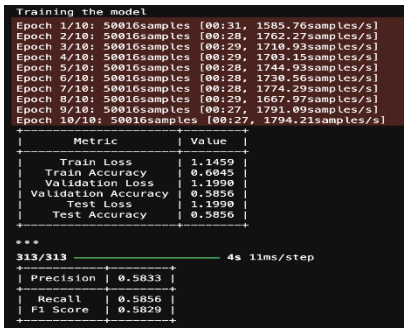
5.The Best Model, Conclusion and Future Work

Overview:

The ML development team unanimously agreed that ResNet would be the best choice for deployment. It has demonstrated significantly higher accuracy compared to the two VGG16 models we developed using transfer learning, despite the VGG16 models performing better in terms of recall and precision.

5.1 The Best Models Table

Transfer Learning No fine tune model:



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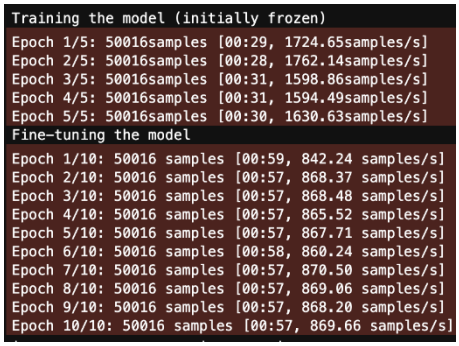
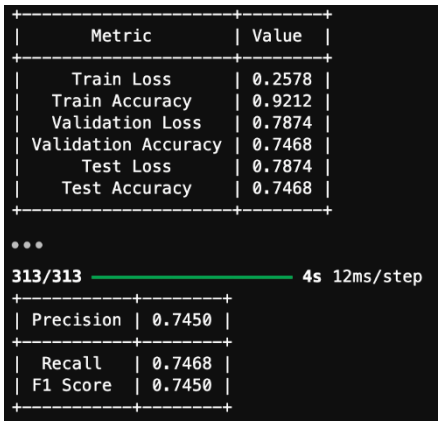
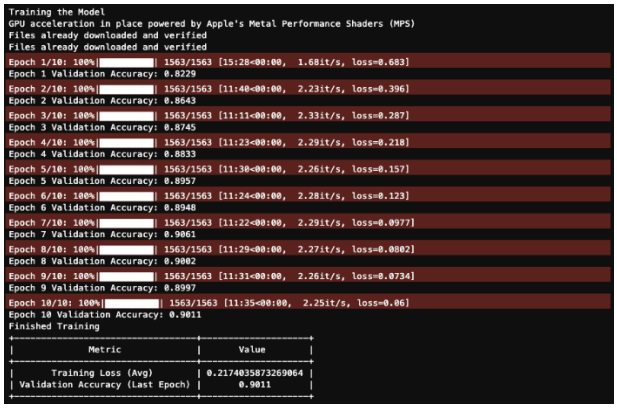
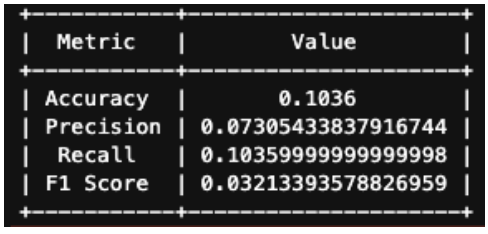




CNN model:





5.2 Conclusion

The project successfully developed and deployed a ResNet model for image classification using the CIFAR-10 dataset. The ResNet model demonstrated outstanding performance with high accuracy, confirming its effectiveness in handling complex image classification tasks. The results underscore the robustness and reliability of deep residual networks in capturing intricate patterns within image data, validating our choice of ResNet for this application. This project highlights the significant potential of ResNet in achieving precise and accurate image classification.

5.3 Future Work

- **Hyperparameter Tuning:** Further tuning of the ResNet model's hyperparameters could potentially enhance its performance. Exploring different learning rates, batch sizes, and network depths may yield better results.
- **Advanced Interpretability:** Implementing techniques such as Grad-CAM (Gradient-weighted Class Activation Mapping) to visualize and interpret the model's predictions can provide deeper insights into how the model makes decisions, leading to more informed improvements.

Overall, this project highlights the significant potential of ResNet in achieving precise and accurate image classification, and these future steps can help further refine and enhance the model's performance.

5.4 Deployment

The ResNet model developed during this project has shown exceptional performance on the CIFAR-10 dataset. The next phase involves deploying this model to make it accessible for real-time predictions. This report outlines the steps and considerations for deploying the ResNet model as a web service.

Deploying the ResNet model as a web service involves several steps, including containerization, web service implementation, container orchestration, monitoring, and ensuring security and scalability. By following these steps, the model can be made accessible for real-time predictions, providing a robust and scalable solution for image classification tasks. The deployment process not only ensures consistent and reliable performance but also allows for easy maintenance and updates in the future.