UDACITY MACHINE LEARNING PROJECT PROPOSAL

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1. Project overview and background

The project goal is to build a Dog Breeds Classifier app that uses an image classification deep learning model to perform the Dog breed identification. To achieve this goal is necessary to review different models based on CNN architectures (Convolutional Neuronal Networks) mainly. The project development includes to try models built from scratch and models using transfer learning approach on pretrained image classification architectures. The main tool used to develop the project is Pytorch and the models available in the torchvision.models library.

2. Project statement

The challenge is to build a dog's breed classifier application using deep learning computer vision model based mainly in CNN (Convoutional Neuoranl Networks) architectures. To achieve these different models will be used for experimenting using different approaches like transfer learning using pretrained models. The application requirements are:

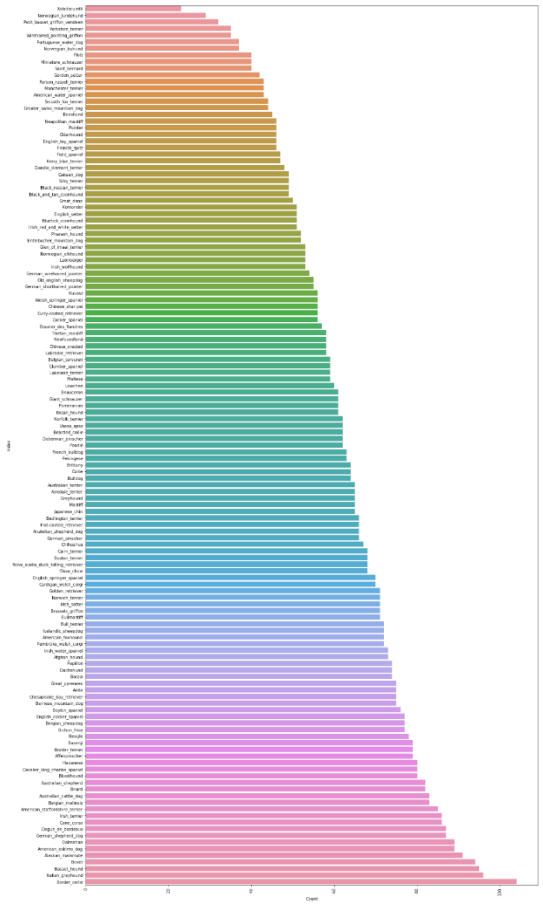
- If a dog is detected in the image, return the predicted breed.
- If a human is detected in the image, return the resembling dog breed.
- If neither is detected in the image, provide output that indicates an error.

3. Data

Dataset used for the training process consist in face images and dog's images classified by name and dog breed, respectively. There are 13.233 human images and 8.351 dog images. For the Dogs breed classifier, the dog images provided by Udacity are organized by train, test and validation sets as subfolders.

001.Affenpinscher
002.Afghan_hound
003.Airedale_terrier
004.Akita
005.Alaskan_malamute
006.American_eskimo_dog
007.American_foxhound
008.American_staffordshire_terrier
009.American_water_spaniel
010.Anatolian_shepherd_dog
011.Australian_cattle_dog
012.Australian_shepherd
013.Australian_terrier
014.Basenji
015.Basset_hound
016.Beagle
017.Bearded_collie
018.Beauceron
019.Bedlington_terrier
020.Belgian_malinois
021.Belgian_sheepdog
022.Belgian_tervuren
023.Bernese_mountain_dog
024.Bichon_frise
056.Dachshund
057.Dalmatian
058.Dandie_dinmont_terrier
059.Doberman_pinscher
060.Dogue_de_bordeaux
061.English_cocker_spaniel
062.English_setter
063.English_springer_spaniel
064.English_toy_spaniel
065.Entlebucher_mountain_dog
066.Field_spaniel
067.Finnish_spitz
068.Flat-coated_retriever
069.French_bulldog
070.German_pinscher
071.German_shepherd_dog
072.German_shorthaired_pointer
073.German_wirehaired_pointer
074.Giant_schnauzer
075.Glen_of_imaal_terrier
076.Golden_retriever
077.Gordon_setter
078.Great_dane
079.Great_pyrenees
111.Norwich_terrier
112.Nova_scotia_duck_tolling_retriever
113.Old_english_sheepdog
114.Otterhound
115.Papillon
116.Parson_russell_terrier
117.Pekingese
118.Pembroke_welsh_corgi
119.Petit_basset_griffon_vendeen
120.Pharaoh_hound
121.Plott
122.Pointer
123.Pomeranian
124.Poodle
125.Portuguese_water_dog
126.Saint_bernard
127.Silky_terrier
128.Smooth_fox_terrier
129.Tibetan_mastiff
130.Welsh_springer_spaniel
131.Wirehaired_pointing_griffon
132.Xoloitzcuintli
133.Yorkshire_terrier
025.Black_and_tan_coonhound
026.Black_russian_terrier
027.Bloodhound
028.Bluetick_coonhound
029.Border_collie
030.Border_terrier
031.Borzoi
032.Boston_terrier
033.Bouvier_des_flandres
034.Boxer
035.Boykin_spaniel
036.Briard
037.Brittany
038.Brussels_griffon
039.Bull_terrier
040.Bulldog
041.Bullmastiff
042.Cairn_terrier
043.Canaan_dog
044.Cane_corso
045.Cardigan_welsh_corgi
046.Cavalier_king_charles_spaniel
047.Chesapeake_bay_retriever
048.Chihuahua
049.Chinese_crested
050.Chinese_shar-pei
051.Chow_chow
052.Clumber_spaniel
053.Cocker_spaniel
054.Collie
055.Curly-coated_retriever
080.Greater_swiss_mountain_dog
081.Greyhound
082.Havanese
083.Ibizan_hound
084.Icelandic_sheepdog
085.Irish_red_and_white_setter
086.Irish_setter
087.Irish_terrier
088.Irish_water_spaniel
089.Irish_wolfhound
090.Italian_greyhound
091.Japanese_chin
092.Keeshond
093.Kerry_blue_terrier
094.Komondor
095.Kuvasz
096.Labrador_retriever
097.Lakeland_terrier
098.Leonberger
099.Lhasa_apso
100.Lowchen
101.Maltese
102.Manchester_terrier
103.Mastiff
104.Miniature_schnauzer
105.Neapolitan_mastiff
106.Newfoundland
107.Norfolk_terrier
108.Norwegian_buhund
109.Norwegian_elkhound
110.Norwegian_lundehund

There are 133 breeds categories where Border Collie is the most frequent class and Xoloitscuintli the less one.



Images are in RGB format and different sizes. These are an images sample:

4. Metrics to use

The Metric to use model training is accuracy to assess the model classification quality. The accuracy formula is:

$$Accuracy = \frac{TrueNegatives + TruePositive}{TruePositive + FalsePositive + TrueNegative + FalseNegative}$$

This is a percentage between 0 to 1. Higher values mean better classification quality of the model.