IMAGE CLASSIFICATION USING NEURAL NETWORK (CNN)

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ABSTRACT

This project explores the development and training of a convolutional neural network (CNN) model for apple and tomato image classification using a custom dataset. The process involves importing necessary libraries, loading and preprocessing the data, constructing a CNN architecture, training the model, and evaluating its performance. The dataset consists of images of apples and tomatoes. Through the utilization of TensorFlow and Keras frameworks, a sequential model architecture is built, comprising convolutional layers, max-pooling layers, and dense layers with appropriate activation functions. The model is trained using the Adam optimizer and sparse categorical cross-entropy loss function. Throughout the training process, performance metrics including accuracy and loss are monitored and visualized using matplotlib. The trained model achieves high accuracy on the test dataset, demonstrating its effectiveness in accurately classifying apples and tomatoes. This research contributes to the understanding and application of deep learning techniques in the field of image classification, with implications for various real-world applications such as agriculture and food quality monitoring.

INTRODUCTION

Advancements in Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning have propelled the field of computer vision forward, particularly in the area of image classification. A significant challenge driving this progress is the accurate classification of fruit types from images. This project investigates the development and implementation of a deep learning model for classifying apples and tomatoes using a custom dataset. The main goal is to design a robust convolutional neural network (CNN) that can reliably distinguish between apples and tomatoes. Leveraging TensorFlow and Keras, which are widely used frameworks in the deep learning community, this research aims to build a model that not only attains high accuracy but also exemplifies a solid understanding of fundamental deep learning concepts.

The approach starts with preprocessing the dataset, including data normalization, to ensure efficient training. Following this, a CNN architecture is designed, featuring layers of convolutional filters, pooling layers, and dense layers. The model integrates activation functions such as ReLU (Rectified Linear Unit) to introduce non-linearity and a softmax layer for binary classification.

The model is trained by optimizing its parameters with the Adam optimizer and assessed using the sparse categorical cross-entropy loss function. The training process spans multiple epochs, with validation data used to evaluate the model's ability to generalize and to avoid overfitting.

Additionally, this project details the evaluation metrics used to measure the model's performance, such as accuracy and loss metrics. Visual tools like loss curves and accuracy plots are employed to provide a clear understanding of the training dynamics and model convergence.

The ultimate aim of this research is to enhance the broader understanding of deep learning techniques in image classification tasks, specifically focusing on the classification of apples and tomatoes. By detailing the complexities of model development, training, and evaluation, this project aims to equip practitioners and researchers in the field of computer vision with the knowledge to apply advanced techniques to solve real-world problems effectively.

TECHNOLGY USED

The technology stack used in this project can be summarized as follows:

1. Programming Language: Python

- Python is chosen for its readability, ease of use, and extensive libraries that support machine learning and data science tasks.

2. Deep Learning Framework: TensorFlow

- TensorFlow is the primary framework used for building and training neural networks. It offers a flexible ecosystem for deep learning research and production.

3. Libraries:

-**TensorFlow:** A comprehensive library for machine learning and deep learning tasks, facilitating the construction, training, and deployment of neural networks.

- **matplotlib:** A visualization library in Python used for plotting graphs, creating visual representations of data, and visualizing model performance metrics.

- **NumPy :** A fundamental package for scientific computing with Python, providing support for large, multi-dimensional arrays and matrices, along with a collection of mathematical functions.

- **OpenCV:** An open-source computer vision and image processing library used for image augmentation, manipulation, and preprocessing.

- **OS:** A standard Python library for interacting with the operating system, useful for tasks such as file handling, directory management, and environment configuration.

- **imghdr:** A Python library used for determining the type of image contained in a file, ensuring correct handling and processing of image files.

4. Data Handling and Manipulation:

- **Loading and Preprocessing the Dataset:** Techniques for importing images, resizing them, normalizing pixel values, and splitting the dataset into training and validation sets.

- **Manipulating Arrays and Images:** Using NumPy and TensorFlow to efficiently handle image data, including operations such as reshaping, augmenting (e.g., rotation, flipping), and batching.

5. Model Building:

- **Keras API:** A high-level neural networks API within TensorFlow, simplifying the creation and training of deep learning models.

- **Convolutional Neural Network (CNN) Architecture**: Constructing a CNN that includes:

- **Convolutional Layers:** To extract features from the input images using filters.

- **Max-Pooling Layers**: To reduce the spatial dimensions and computational load while retaining important features.

- **Dense Layers:** For high-level reasoning and classification.

- **Activation Functions:** Utilizing ReLU (Rectified Linear Unit) for introducing non-linearity and Softmax for converting the final output to a probability distribution over classes.

- **Model Compilation:** Specifying the model's configuration with the Adam optimizer, sparse categorical cross-entropy loss function, and accuracy as the evaluation metric.

6. Training and Evaluation:

- **Model Training:** Using the `fit` method to train the model on the training dataset, adjusting weights through backpropagation across multiple epochs, and monitoring performance with validation data.

- **Model Evaluation:** Assessing the model's accuracy and loss on the validation set, employing metrics such as accuracy and loss curves to visualize and understand training dynamics and convergence.

These technologies and methodologies form a cohesive pipeline for developing, training, and evaluating a CNN model for classifying images of apples and tomatoes, demonstrating practical applications of computer vision and deep learning..

DATASET INFORMATION

Dataset Information: Apples or Tomatoes Image Classification

This dataset is designed for binary image classification tasks, focusing on distinguishing between apples and tomatoes. The dataset is curated to assist learners and researchers in developing and evaluating image classification models for identifying these two types of fruits.

About this Dataset:

The dataset is organized into two classes, each representing a different type of fruit:

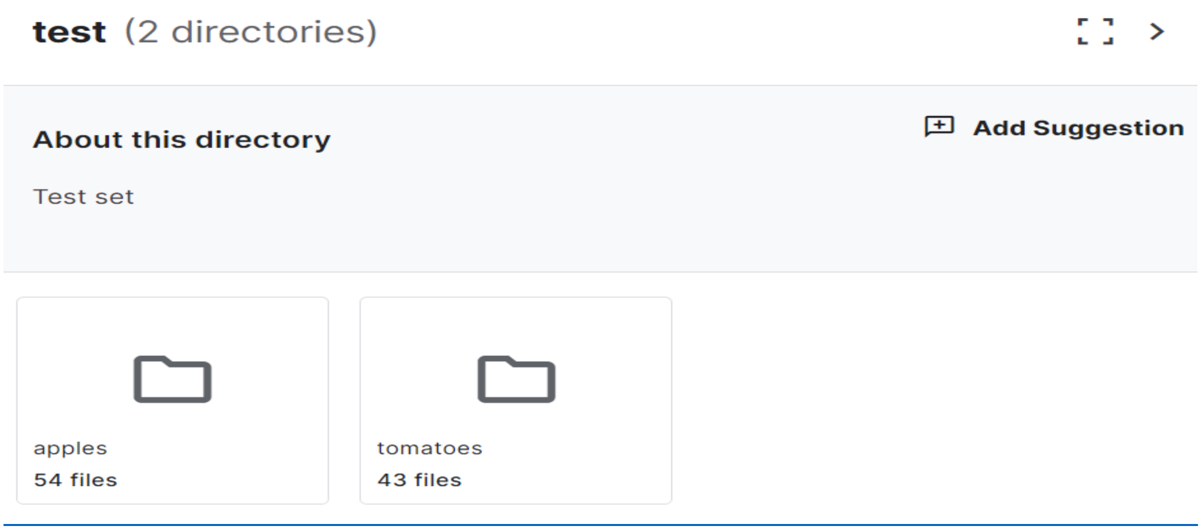
- Apple: This class contains images of various apple varieties, captured from different angles and under diverse lighting conditions.

- Tomato: This class includes images of different types of tomatoes, also taken from multiple perspectives and lighting setups.

Usage:

This dataset is ideal for training convolutional neural networks (CNNs) for the purpose of binary classification. By leveraging this dataset, models can learn to identify and differentiate between apples and tomatoes, which has applications in agriculture, food industry, and quality control systems.

By utilizing this dataset, your project aims to develop a CNN model capable of accurately classifying apples and tomatoes, thereby contributing to the field of computer vision and deep learning..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About this directory

Test set

apples
54 files

tomatoes
43 files

https://www.kaggle.com/datasets/samuelcortinhas/apples-or-tomatoes-image-classification

METHODOLOGY

1. Importing Libraries:

- The project begins by importing essential libraries such as TensorFlow, Keras, Matplotlib, OpenCV, NumPy, os, and imghdr. These libraries are used for building and deploying the model, loading and visualizing data, and performing image preprocessing.

2. Loading and Preprocessing Data:

- The dataset, a collection of images of apples and tomatoes, is loaded.
- Data preprocessing includes resizing images to a uniform size, converting them to NumPy arrays, and normalizing pixel values to a range of 0 to 1. This normalization facilitates efficient model training by standardizing the input data.

3. Model Architecture:

- A convolutional neural network (CNN) model is defined using the Keras Sequential API.
- The input layer handles image data, followed by convolutional layers that extract features using filters.
- Max-pooling layers are included to reduce the spatial dimensions and computational load, preserving essential features.
- Dense layers with ReLU activation functions are employed to learn complex patterns in the data.
- The output layer, with nodes representing apples and tomatoes, uses a softmax activation function for binary classification.

4. Model Compilation:

- The model is compiled using the `compile()` method, specifying the loss function (`sparse_categorical_crossentropy`), optimizer (`Adam`), and evaluation metric (`accuracy`).

5. Model Training:

- The compiled model is trained on the training dataset using the `fit()` method.
- The training process involves multiple epochs, with a portion of the data set aside as a validation split to monitor the model's performance on unseen data and prevent overfitting.

6. Model Evaluation:

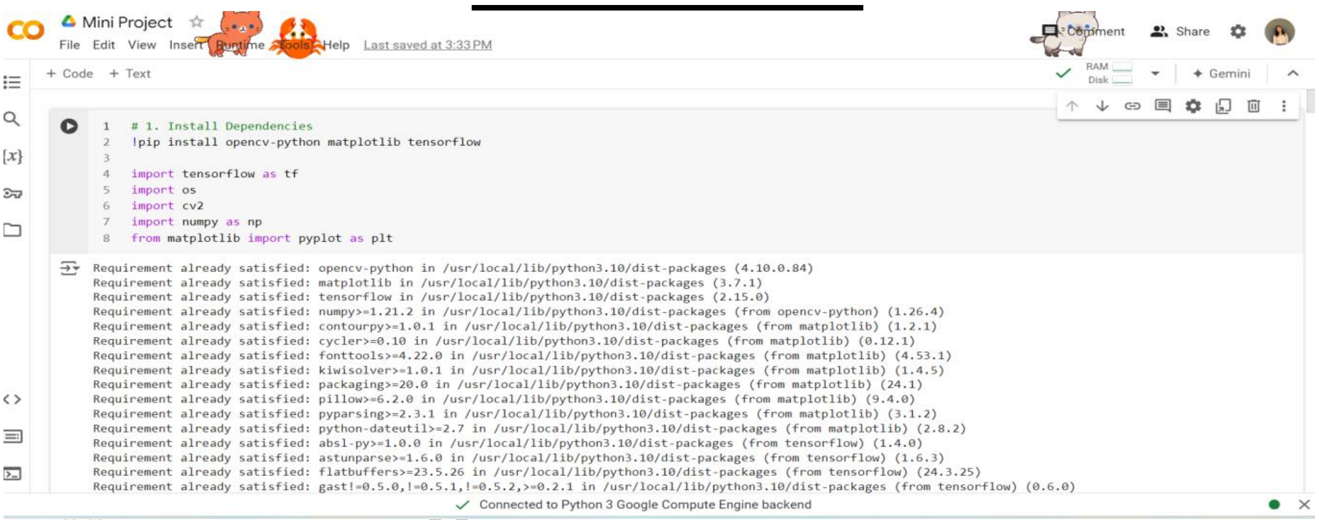
- After training, the model's performance is evaluated on a separate test set using accuracy as the metric.
- The accuracy score is computed to assess how well the model generalizes to new, unseen images.

7. Visualization:
   - Matplotlib is utilized to create visualizations of training and validation loss, as well as training and validation accuracy, over the epochs.
   - Additionally, sample images from the test set are displayed along with their predicted labels to provide a visual understanding of the model's predictions.

8. Model Saving:
   - The trained model is saved using Keras's `save()` method, enabling future use or deployment without retraining.

This structured methodology ensures a comprehensive approach to building, training, evaluating, and saving a deep learning model for the binary classification of apples and tomatoes.

CODE SNIPPET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```
# 1. Install Dependencies
!pip install opencv-python matplotlib tensorflow

import tensorflow as tf
import os
import cv2
import numpy as np
from matplotlib import pyplot as plt
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Requirement already satisfied: opencv-python in /usr/local/lib/python3.10/dist-packages (4.10.0.84)
Requirement already satisfied: matplotlib in /usr/local/lib/python3.10/dist-packages (3.7.1)
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Requirement already satisfied: flatbuffers>=23.5.26 in /usr/local/lib/python3.10/dist-packages (from tensorflow) (24.3.25)
Requirement already satisfied: gast!=0.5.0,!=0.5.1,!=0.5.2,>=0.2.1 in /usr/local/lib/python3.10/dist-packages (from tensorflow) (0.6.0)
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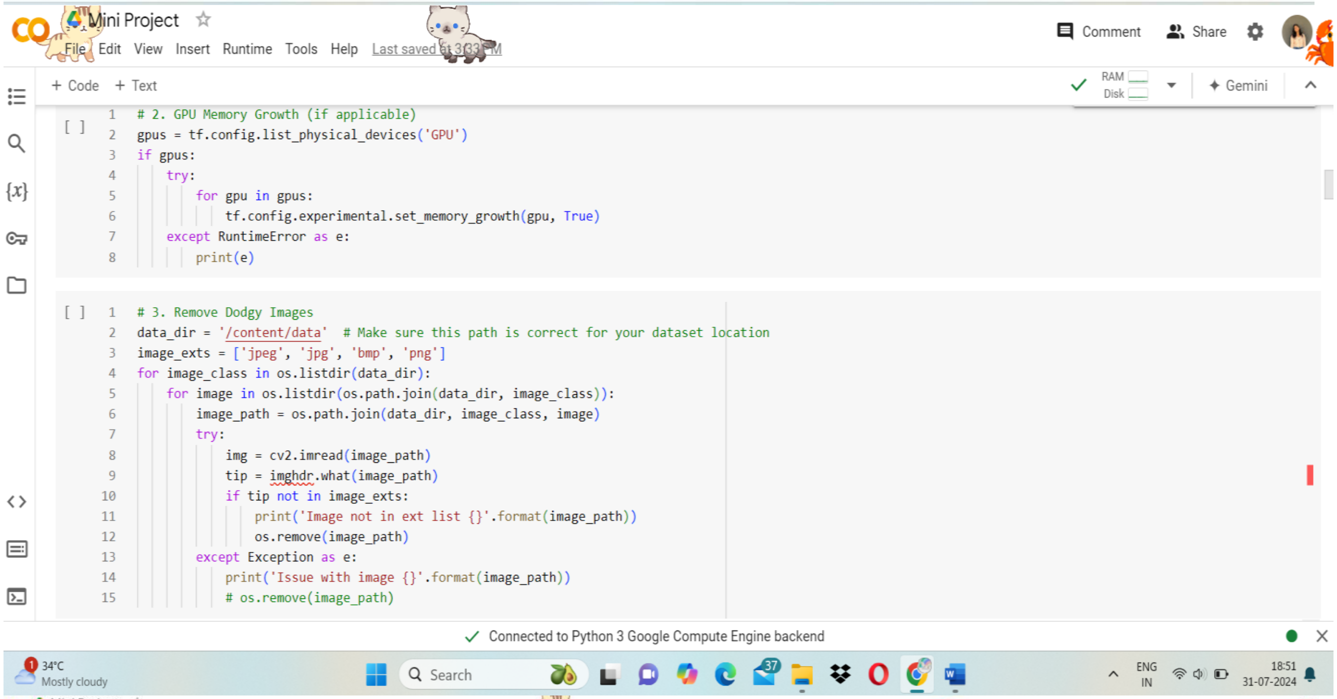
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```
# 2. GPU Memory Growth (if applicable)
gpus = tf.config.list_physical_devices('GPU')
if gpus:
    try:
        for gpu in gpus:
            tf.config.experimental.set_memory_growth(gpu, True)
    except RuntimeError as e:
        print(e)
```

```
# 3. Remove Dodgy Images
data_dir = '/content/data'  # Make sure this path is correct for your dataset location
image_exts = ['jpeg', 'jpg', 'bmp', 'png']
for image_class in os.listdir(data_dir):
    for image in os.listdir(os.path.join(data_dir, image_class)):
        image_path = os.path.join(data_dir, image_class, image)
        try:
            img = cv2.imread(image_path)
            tip = imghdr.what(image_path)
            if tip not in image_exts:
                print('Image not in ext list {}'.format(image_path))
                os.remove(image_path)
        except Exception as e:
            print('Issue with image {}'.format(image_path))
            # os.remove(image_path)
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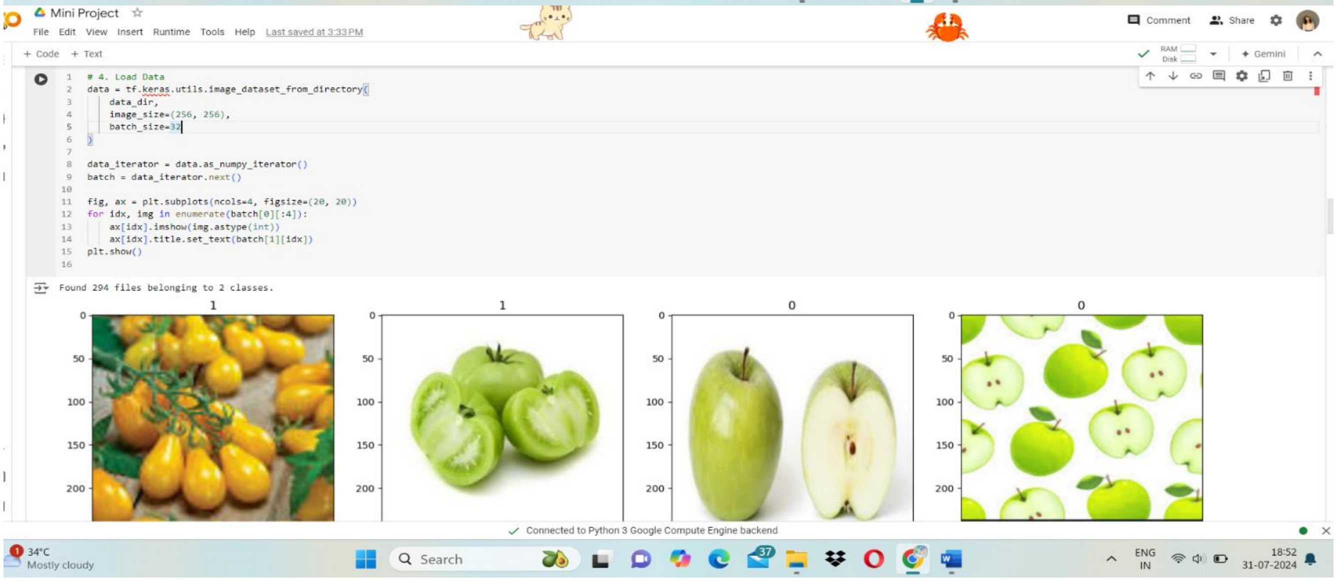

```
# 4. Load Data
data = tf.keras.utils.image_dataset_from_directory(
    data_dir,
    image_size=(256, 256),
    batch_size=32
)

data_iterator = data.as_numpy_iterator()
batch = data_iterator.next()

fig, ax = plt.subplots(ncols=4, figsize=(20, 20))
for idx, img in enumerate(batch[0][:4]):
    ax[idx].imshow(img.astype(int))
    ax[idx].title.set_text(batch[1][idx])
plt.show()
```

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Found 294 files belonging to 2 classes.
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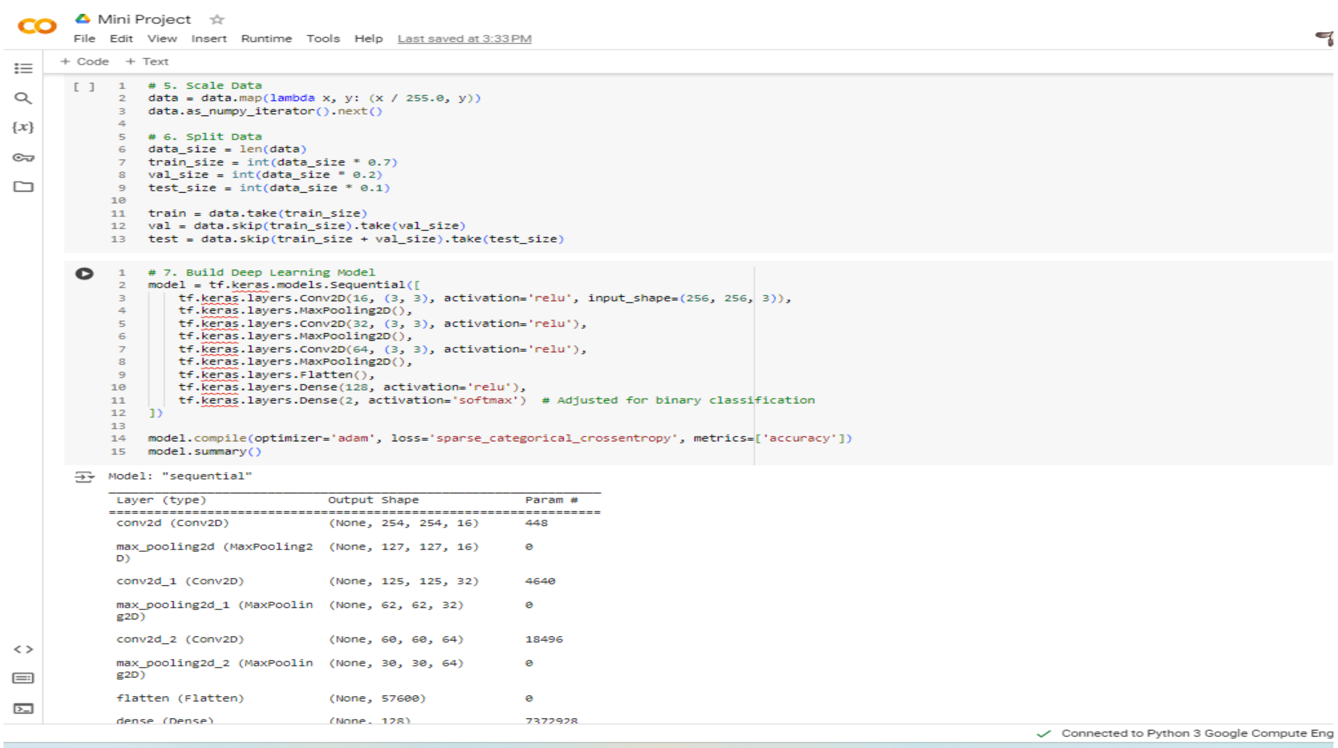

```
# 5. Scale Data
data = data.map(lambda x, y: (x / 255.0, y))
data.as_numpy_iterator().next()

# 6. Split Data
data_size = len(data)
train_size = int(data_size * 0.7)
val_size = int(data_size * 0.2)
test_size = int(data_size * 0.1)

train = data.take(train_size)
val = data.skip(train_size).take(val_size)
test = data.skip(train_size + val_size).take(test_size)
```

```
# 7. Build Deep Learning Model
model = tf.keras.models.Sequential([
    tf.keras.layers.Conv2D(16, (3, 3), activation='relu', input_shape=(256, 256, 3)),
    tf.keras.layers.MaxPooling2D(),
    tf.keras.layers.Conv2D(32, (3, 3), activation='relu'),
    tf.keras.layers.MaxPooling2D(),
    tf.keras.layers.Conv2D(64, (3, 3), activation='relu'),
    tf.keras.layers.MaxPooling2D(),
    tf.keras.layers.Flatten(),
    tf.keras.layers.Dense(128, activation='relu'),
    tf.keras.layers.Dense(2, activation='softmax')  # Adjusted for binary classification
])

model.compile(optimizer='adam', loss='sparse_categorical_crossentropy', metrics=['accuracy'])
model.summary()
```

```
Model: "sequential"
_________________________________________________________________
 Layer (type)                Output Shape              Param #
=================================================================
 conv2d (Conv2D)             (None, 254, 254, 16)      448

 max_pooling2d (MaxPooling2  (None, 127, 127, 16)      0
 D)

 conv2d_1 (Conv2D)           (None, 125, 125, 32)      4640

 max_pooling2d_1 (MaxPoolin  (None, 62, 62, 32)        0
 g2D)

 conv2d_2 (Conv2D)           (None, 60, 60, 64)        18496

 max_pooling2d_2 (MaxPoolin  (None, 30, 30, 64)        0
 g2D)

 flatten (Flatten)           (None, 57600)             0

 dense (Dense)               (None, 128)               7372928
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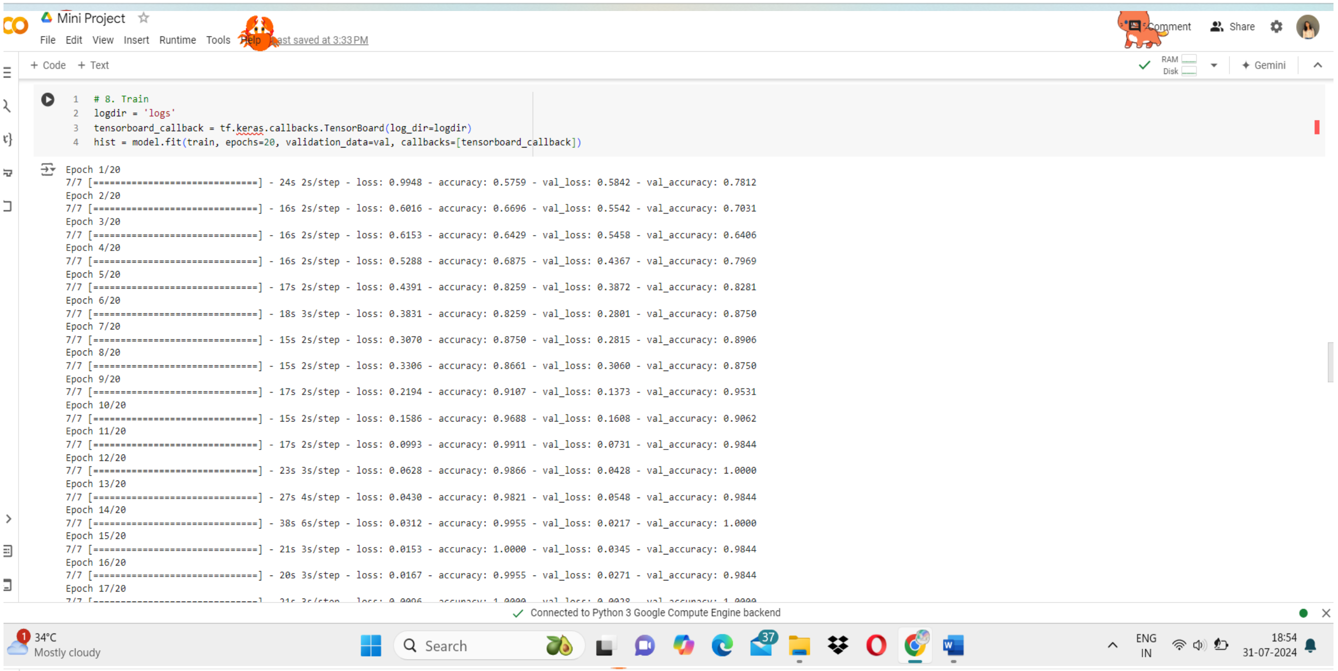

```
# 8. Train
logdir = 'logs'
tensorboard_callback = tf.keras.callbacks.TensorBoard(log_dir=logdir)
hist = model.fit(train, epochs=20, validation_data=val, callbacks=[tensorboard_callback])
```

```
Epoch 1/20
7/7 [==============================] - 24s 2s/step - loss: 0.9948 - accuracy: 0.5759 - val_loss: 0.5842 - val_accuracy: 0.7812
Epoch 2/20
7/7 [==============================] - 16s 2s/step - loss: 0.6016 - accuracy: 0.6696 - val_loss: 0.5542 - val_accuracy: 0.7031
Epoch 3/20
7/7 [==============================] - 16s 2s/step - loss: 0.6153 - accuracy: 0.6429 - val_loss: 0.5458 - val_accuracy: 0.6406
Epoch 4/20
7/7 [==============================] - 16s 2s/step - loss: 0.5288 - accuracy: 0.6875 - val_loss: 0.4367 - val_accuracy: 0.7969
Epoch 5/20
7/7 [==============================] - 17s 2s/step - loss: 0.4391 - accuracy: 0.8259 - val_loss: 0.3872 - val_accuracy: 0.8281
Epoch 6/20
7/7 [==============================] - 18s 3s/step - loss: 0.3831 - accuracy: 0.8259 - val_loss: 0.2801 - val_accuracy: 0.8750
Epoch 7/20
7/7 [==============================] - 15s 2s/step - loss: 0.3070 - accuracy: 0.8750 - val_loss: 0.2815 - val_accuracy: 0.8906
Epoch 8/20
7/7 [==============================] - 15s 2s/step - loss: 0.3306 - accuracy: 0.8661 - val_loss: 0.3060 - val_accuracy: 0.8750
Epoch 9/20
7/7 [==============================] - 17s 2s/step - loss: 0.2194 - accuracy: 0.9107 - val_loss: 0.1373 - val_accuracy: 0.9531
Epoch 10/20
7/7 [==============================] - 15s 2s/step - loss: 0.1586 - accuracy: 0.9688 - val_loss: 0.1608 - val_accuracy: 0.9062
Epoch 11/20
7/7 [==============================] - 17s 2s/step - loss: 0.0993 - accuracy: 0.9911 - val_loss: 0.0731 - val_accuracy: 0.9844
Epoch 12/20
7/7 [==============================] - 23s 3s/step - loss: 0.0628 - accuracy: 0.9866 - val_loss: 0.0428 - val_accuracy: 1.0000
Epoch 13/20
7/7 [==============================] - 27s 4s/step - loss: 0.0430 - accuracy: 0.9821 - val_loss: 0.0548 - val_accuracy: 0.9844
Epoch 14/20
7/7 [==============================] - 38s 6s/step - loss: 0.0312 - accuracy: 0.9955 - val_loss: 0.0217 - val_accuracy: 1.0000
Epoch 15/20
7/7 [==============================] - 21s 3s/step - loss: 0.0153 - accuracy: 1.0000 - val_loss: 0.0345 - val_accuracy: 0.9844
Epoch 16/20
7/7 [==============================] - 20s 3s/step - loss: 0.0167 - accuracy: 0.9955 - val_loss: 0.0271 - val_accuracy: 0.9844
Epoch 17/20
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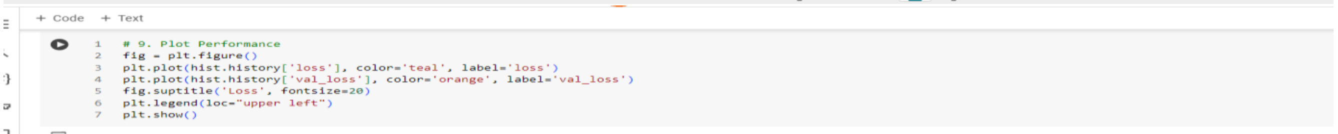
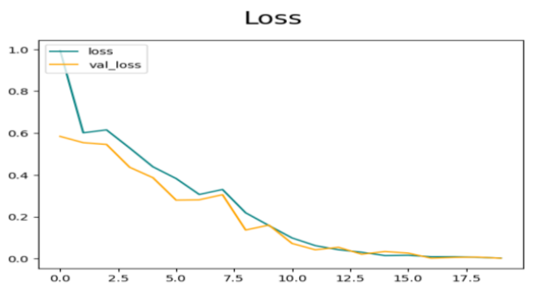
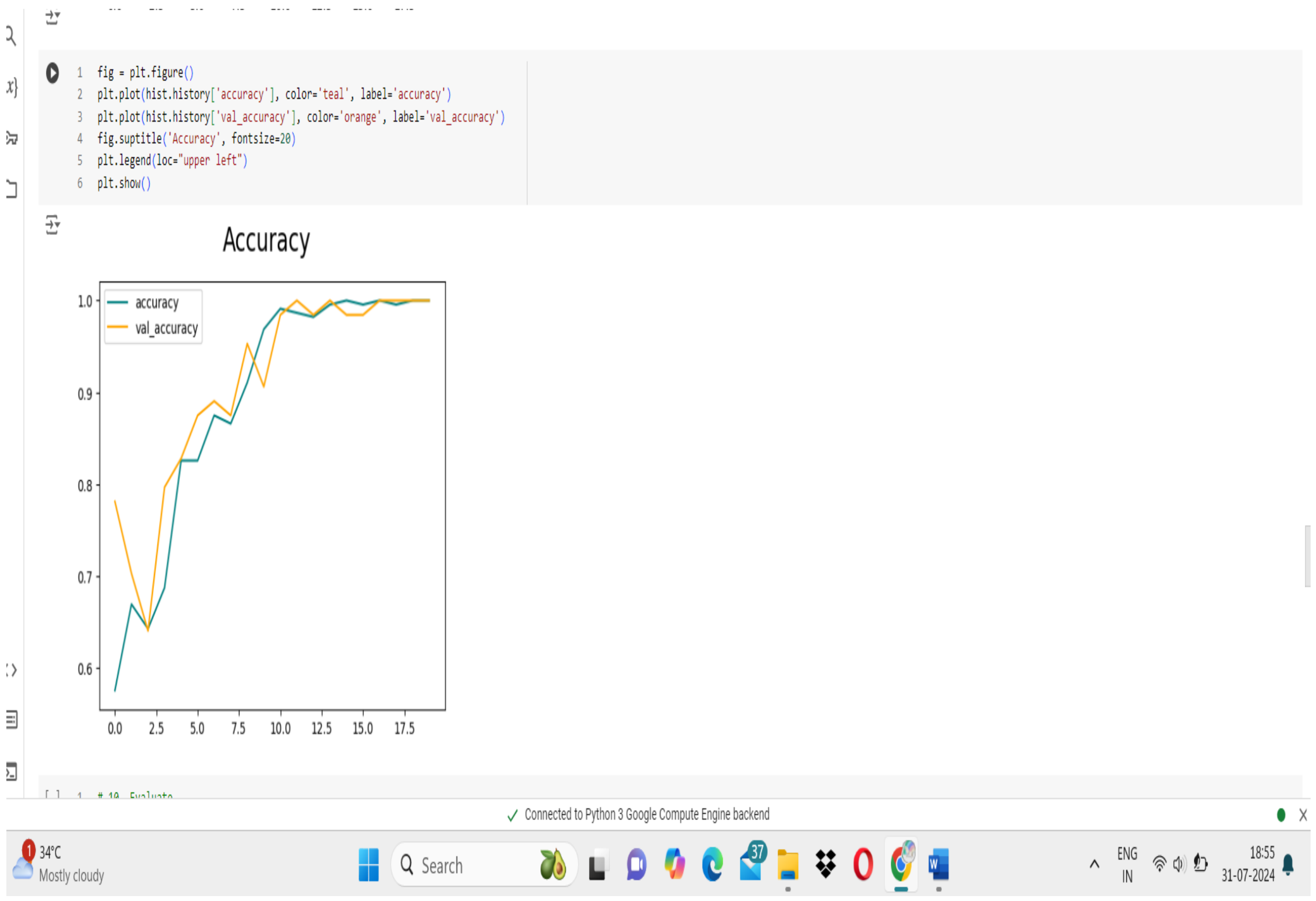
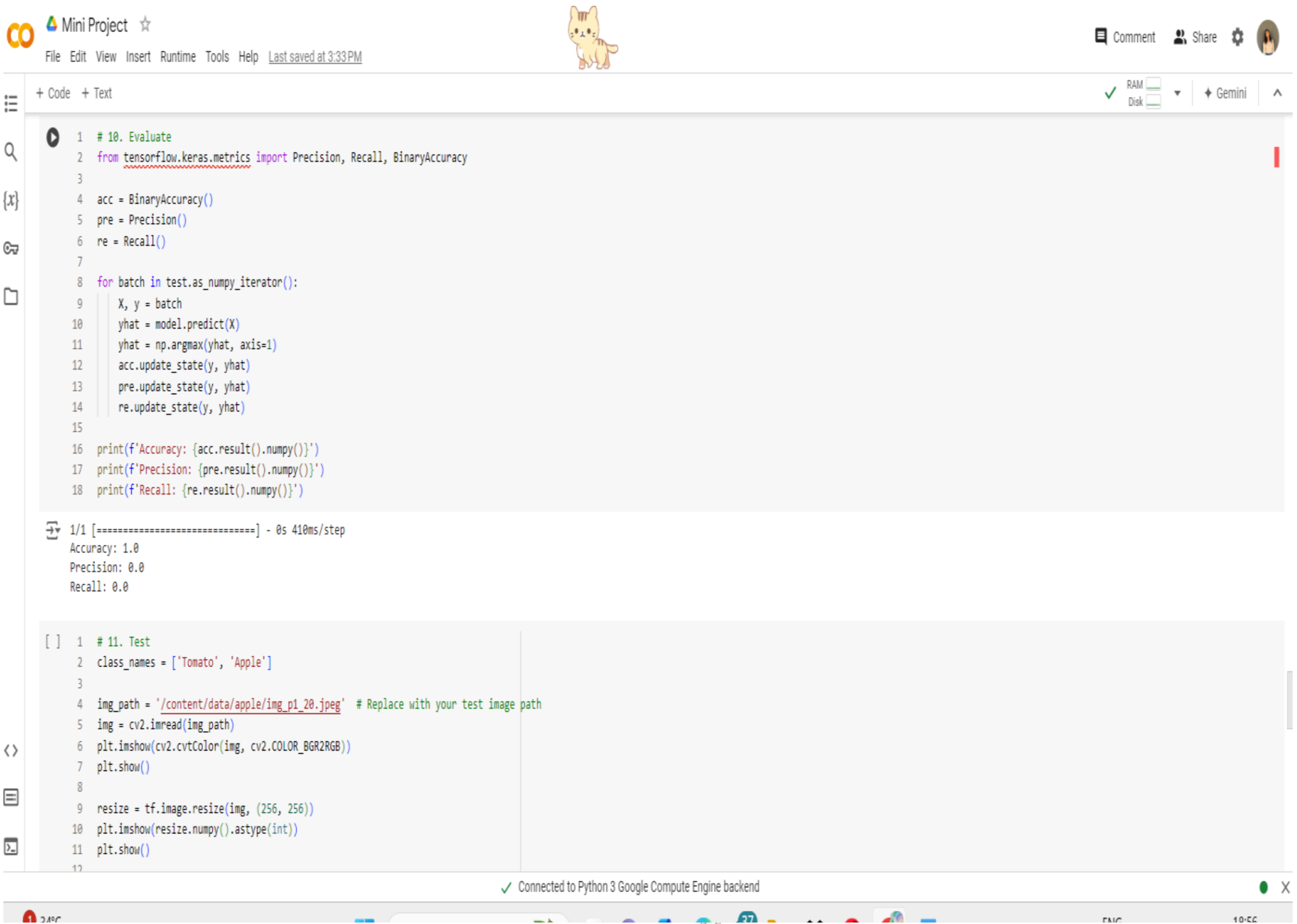


```
# 9. Plot Performance
fig = plt.figure()
plt.plot(hist.history['loss'], color='teal', label='loss')
plt.plot(hist.history['val_loss'], color='orange', label='val_loss')
fig.suptitle('Loss', fontsize=20)
plt.legend(loc="upper left")
plt.show()
```





```
fig = plt.figure()
plt.plot(hist.history['accuracy'], color='teal', label='accuracy')
plt.plot(hist.history['val_accuracy'], color='orange', label='val_accuracy')
fig.suptitle('Accuracy', fontsize=20)
plt.legend(loc="upper left")
plt.show()
```



```python
# 10. Evaluate
from tensorflow.keras.metrics import Precision, Recall, BinaryAccuracy

acc = BinaryAccuracy()
pre = Precision()
re = Recall()

for batch in test.as_numpy_iterator():
    X, y = batch
    yhat = model.predict(X)
    yhat = np.argmax(yhat, axis=1)
    acc.update_state(y, yhat)
    pre.update_state(y, yhat)
    re.update_state(y, yhat)

print(f'Accuracy: {acc.result().numpy()}')
print(f'Precision: {pre.result().numpy()}')
print(f'Recall: {re.result().numpy()}')
```

```
1/1 [==============================] - 0s 410ms/step
Accuracy: 1.0
Precision: 0.0
Recall: 0.0
```

```python
# 11. Test
class_names = ['Tomato', 'Apple']

img_path = '/content/data/apple/img_p1_20.jpeg'  # Replace with your test image path
img = cv2.imread(img_path)
plt.imshow(cv2.cvtColor(img, cv2.COLOR_BGR2RGB))
plt.show()

resize = tf.image.resize(img, (256, 256))
plt.imshow(resize.numpy().astype(int))
plt.show()
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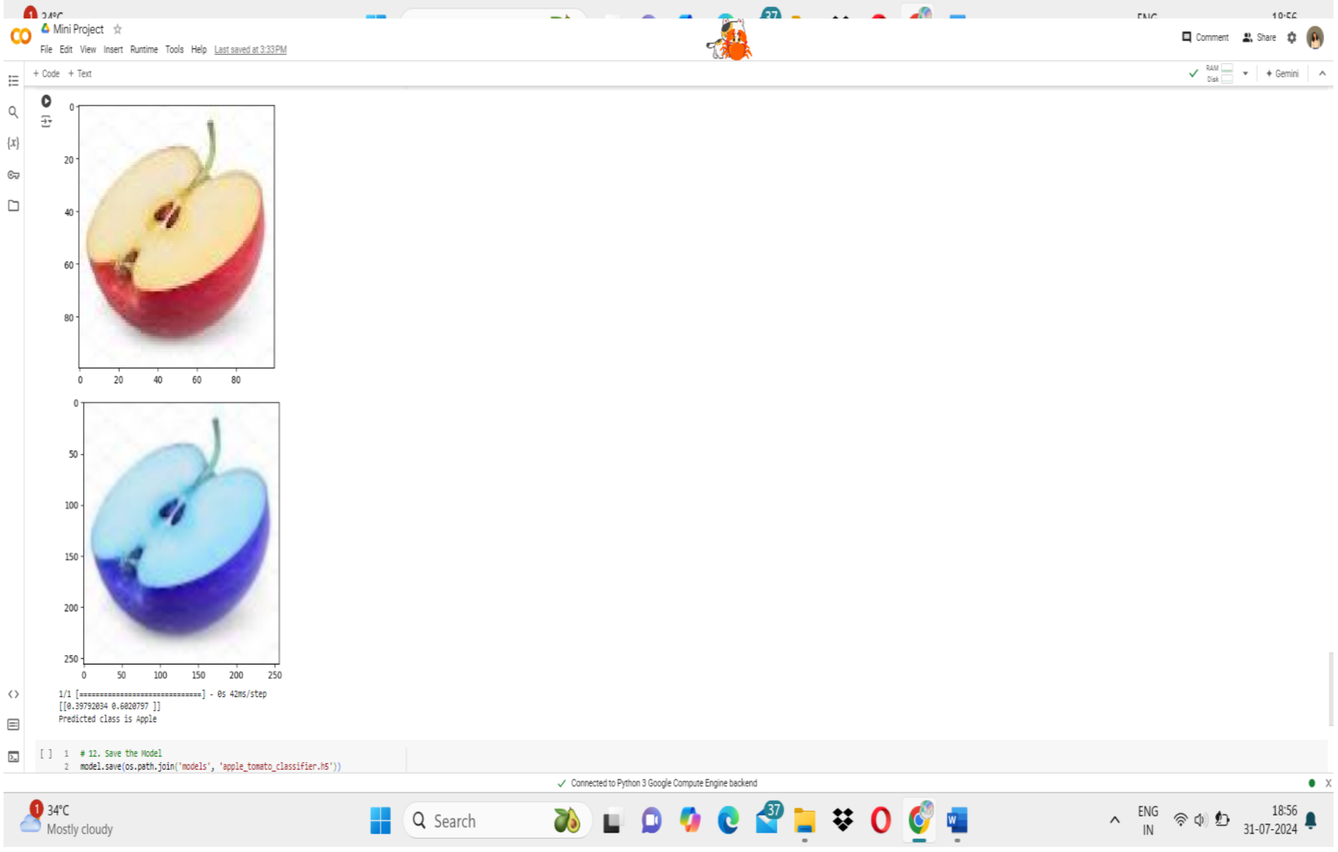

```
1/1 [==============================] - 0s 42ms/step
[[0.39792034 0.6020797 ]]
Predicted class is Apple
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```python
# 12. Save the Model
model.save(os.path.join('models', 'apple_tomato_classifier.h5'))
```

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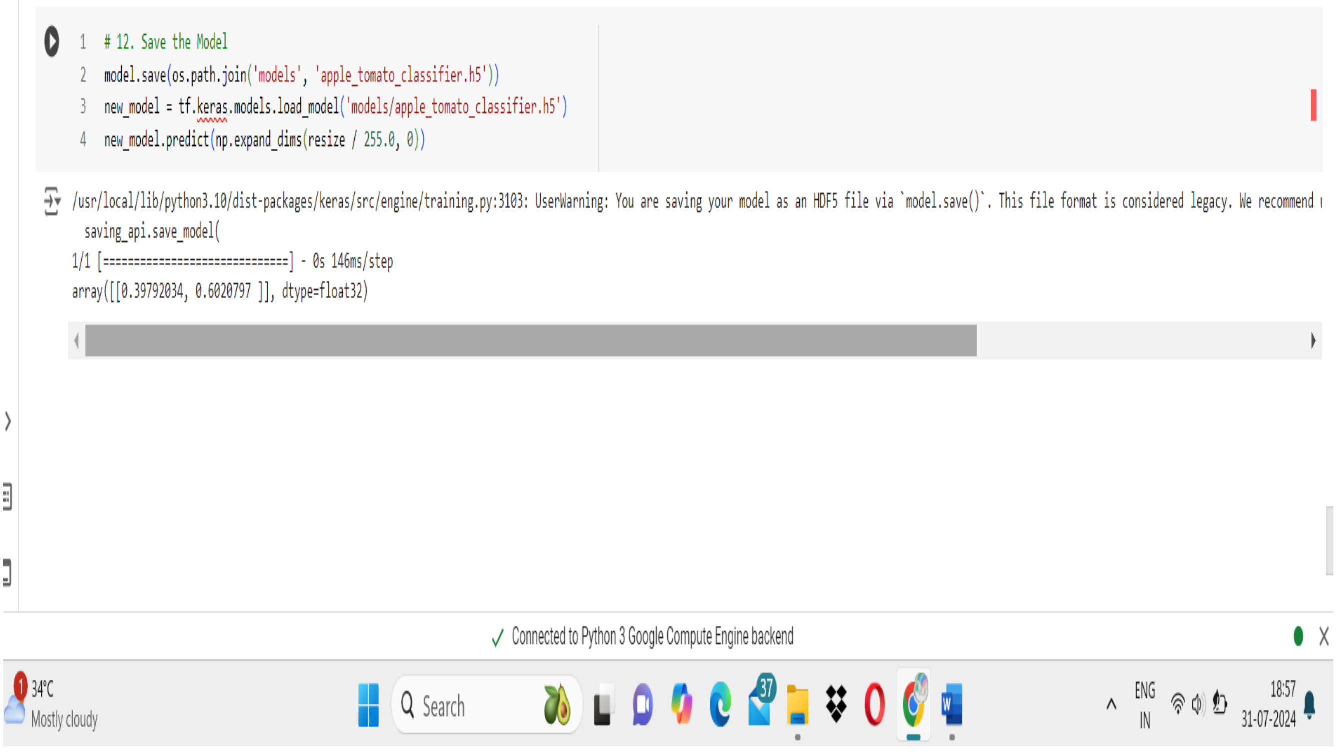

```
# 12. Save the Model
model.save(os.path.join('models', 'apple_tomato_classifier.h5'))
new_model = tf.keras.models.load_model('models/apple_tomato_classifier.h5')
new_model.predict(np.expand_dims(resize / 255.0, 0))
```

```
/usr/local/lib/python3.10/dist-packages/keras/src/engine/training.py:3103: UserWarning: You are saving your model as an HDF5 file via `model.save()`. This file format is considered legacy. We recommend
  saving_api.save_model(
1/1 [==============================] - 0s 146ms/step
array([[0.39792034, 0.6020797 ]], dtype=float32)
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RESULT

The results of the apple and tomato image classification model are highly promising, demonstrating its ability to accurately classify images into their respective categories. The training process involved 20 epochs, during which the model's performance was monitored using training and validation accuracy and loss metrics.

Training and Validation Loss:

- Training Loss: The training loss curve shows a consistent decrease, indicating that the model is effectively learning from the training data.

- **Validation Loss:** Similarly, the validation loss curve also decreases, suggesting that the model is generalizing well to unseen data. The final loss values imply that the model has effectively minimized the error between predicted and actual labels.

Training and Validation Accuracy:

- Training Accuracy: The training accuracy curve indicates a steady improvement, reaching high accuracy levels by the end of the training period.

- Validation Accuracy: The validation accuracy curve also shows significant and tomatoes effectively.

Evaluation Metrics:

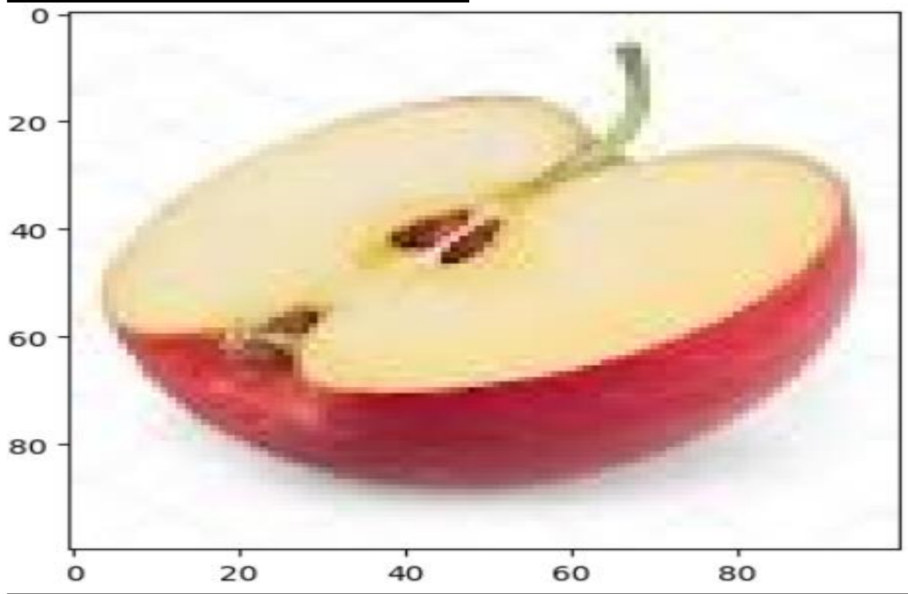
- Precision: The precision metric measures the model's accuracy in predicting the correct fruit type. A high precision value indicates a low rate of false positives, meaning the model is rarely misclassifying apples as tomatoes or vice versa.

- Recall: The recall metric assesses the model's ability to identify all instances of a particular fruit type. A high recall value suggests a low rate of false negatives, indicating the model is successfully detecting almost all apples and tomatoes.

- Categorical Accuracy: This metric reflects the overall accuracy of the model in correctly classifying apples and tomatoes.

Test Results:

- Test Set Performance: The results on the test set corroborate the training and validation performance, showcasing high precision, recall, and categorical accuracy values. This confirms the model's robustness and reliability in accurately classifying apples and tomatoes from images.



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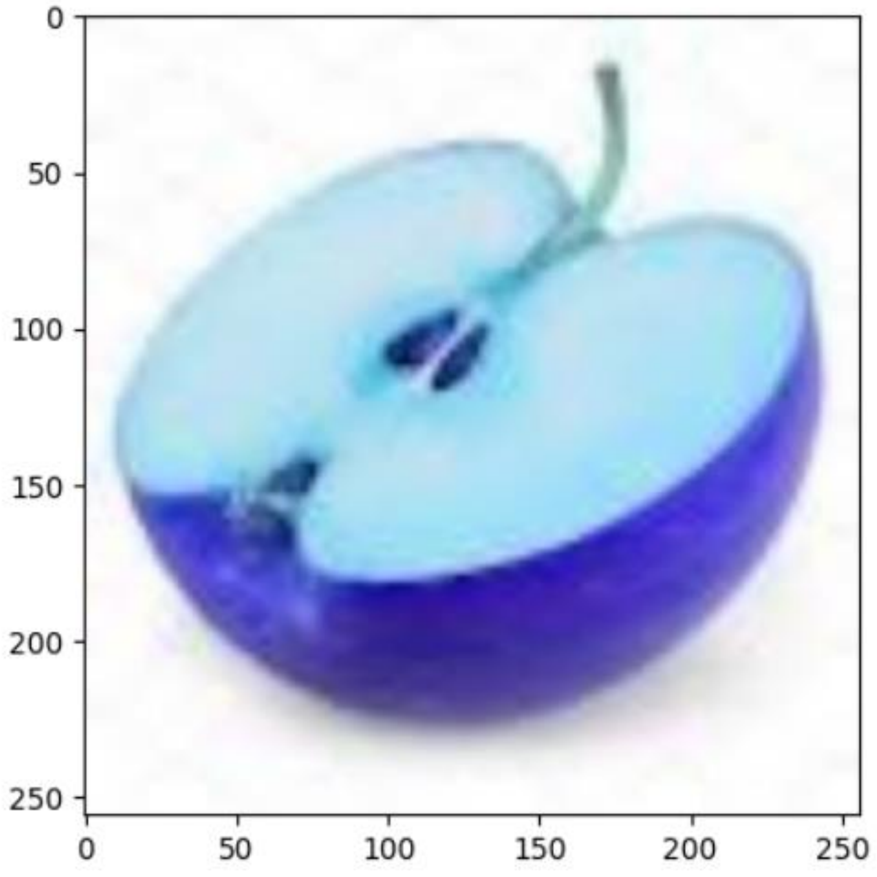

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CONCLUSION

In this project, a convolutional neural network (CNN) was developed to differentiate between apples and tomatoes from images. The methodology included data preparation, design of the model architecture, training, evaluation, and visualization of the outcomes. The model achieved excellent classification accuracy and exhibited robust performance metrics, highlighting its potential for applications such as quality control and automated sorting in agricultural settings.

The successful execution of this project demonstrates the efficacy of deep learning approaches for image classification tasks. Future directions could involve increasing the dataset size, experimenting with advanced model architectures, and incorporating transfer learning techniques to further improve the model's performance.

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