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## **ABSTRACT**

Cataclysmic events are wild peculiarities happening yearly which make broad harm lives, property and cause extremely durable harm to the climate. Anyway by, utilizing Deep Learning, ongoing acknowledgment of these fiascos can help the people in question and crisis reaction offices during the beginning of these ruinous occasions. As of now, there are still holes in the writing in regards to continuous cataclysmic event acknowledgment. In this paper, we present a model for the classification of disasters and labelling them. Along these lines, the demonstrated that precise acknowledgment of catastrophic events is conceivable utilizing a lightweight model and move learning. We trust that this report would prompt advancement of checking or observation frameworks that can perform exact, on-the-ground, and ongoing acknowledgment of cataclysmic events taking into consideration fast crisis reactions moderating the deficiency of lives and harms to properties.

## **INTRODUCTION**

Disaster detection has been one of the most active research areas

in remote sensing today because saving human lives is our priority once a disaster occurred. Because preserving human lives is our top concern after a disaster, disaster detection has become one of the most active research fields in remote sensing today. It is critical in the coordination of rapid response measures following a devastating disaster such as a landslide or flood. Previous research has mostly focused on detecting changes caused by disasters, relying solely on sensors and manually adjusting image processing techniques such as image algebra (band differencing and band rationing), post-classification comparison, and an object-based change detection method in. Machine learning is used to improve the efficiency of feature extraction in order to improve detection accuracy. A substantial quantity of literature has been written on machine learning-based detection. In the bags-of-visual-words setting, recommended hierarchical form attributes for detecting large-scale damage. The use of artificial neural networks to anticipate cyclone tracks is shown in the year 2010, assesses the efficacy of multilayer

systems.

Prior catastrophe detection systems were primarily focused on sensors and were underdeveloped. As a result, they face a number of severe issues. For example, due to a lack of sensors, the range for inspecting the existence of a disaster is limited, and the accuracy of information transmission is low due to verbally conveyed information. Aside from that, the operators engaged are unable to process a large volume of satellite imagery and discover disasters in a timely manner. As a result, information may be misinterpreted or the onset of a tragedy may be overlooked. Based on prior studies, it is difficult to obtain instant performance improvement in disaster identification and management, as demonstrated by this case. As a result, the goal of this work is to develop a catastrophe detection *model using CNN*.

## **MOTIVATION**

Studies examining the power of cataclysmic events have acquired huge consideration in the current decade. used a video hotspot for fire location; handling video

sources is a practical assignment due to convolutional neural organizations (CNNs), which require superior execution computational assets including illustrations equipment, and accordingly a shrewd and financially savvy fire identification network is proposed dependent on engineering of convolutional neural organizations.

Convolutional Neural Networks (CNN) are everywhere. It is arguably the most popular deep learning architecture. The recent surge of interest in deep learning is due to the immense popularity and effectiveness of convnets. Using CNNs for classification has seen an amazing rise in recent times. And linking this with one of the most important human's enemy 'Disaster' can be a great opportunity for learning.

## **PROBLEM STATEMENT**

Disaster Classification Model using CNN, for classification and labelling of different disaster categories with high accuracy is the sole purpose that we want to work on. Also, while learning and experiencing we tried to provide a novelty in the project with a multiclass(12) classification.

## LITERATURE SURVEY

The examination of past writing has shown different characterization plans to get logical data from catastrophe related information—be that as it may, each study centres around a particular occasion covering a couple of calamity classes. For instance, centred around recognizing pictures applicable to a specific kind of catastrophe like fire, flood, storm, and so on. Essentially, others centre around a piece of explicit data need, for example, seriousness levels of harm, salvage, chipping in, or gift, alert, cautioning, guidance, food and fundamental need supplies, impacted people (individuals), and influences.

Francalanci et al. (17) proposed a system to prize the geo-located images from tweets to support the exigency response. They've offered the birth system of geo-located images comprised of tweet selection, tweet cleaning, geo-localization, selection of tweets with media, image analysis, and fine-granulated localization. The authors have developed the system called Image Birth from tweets (IMEXT) to validate the proposed system. The IMEXT tool redounded in 14.18% of useful images with position information in the available tweets dataset. This study

is limited to one disaster type, and the tweets with position and damage-related keywords filtered manually. Murthy et al. (7) conducted a study on geo-located images taken from the Instagram's app druggies and posted on Twitter accounts during Hurricane Sandy. The images were posted in three phases of the Hurricane Sandy disaster, i.e., pre-US pre-storm, when Sandy made US landfall, and Sandy's fate. The results showed that utmost prints were about inventories during the time Hurricane Sandy made US landfall, and the most common content was 'Sandy parties'.

Daly & Thom (9) named Flickr as a social media data source to probe the visual characteristics and the geospatial characteristics distribution of major fire prints and metadata. The 'Bag of Features model' is used for image bracket. The authors have compared the four different approaches to train the SVM, SIFT, SURF, ColorSURF, and ColorSIFT. ColorSIFT was plant to be the stylish, with 91% recall and 93% perfection. The study is limited to the Flickr platform, and the images were just classified as fire and non-fire events. Nguyen et al. (10) delved images posted on social media during a natural disaster to



determine the position of damage. To achieve that, they employed state-of-the-art machine learning ways. The authors explored the performance of several image bracket ways, i.e., the traditional fashion of Bag-of-Visual-Words (BoVW) and CNN for assessing the position of damage inflexibility of social media images. Different trial settings were set for assessing the performance of machine learning classifiers of BoVW model, VGG16 network, and VGG16 transfer learning approach where the last subcaste of pre-trained VGG16 was initialized using the new dataset of three damage orders. (1) severe, (2) mild, and (3) little or no damage. The results showed that VGG16 forfeiture-tuned outperformed other ways. In this study geo-position information wasn't explored.

Name	Algorithm	Disaster type
Experimentally defined convolutional neural network architecture variants for non-temporal real-time	AlexNet, Inception V1, VGG13, Inception V1-OnFire, FireCNN	Fire

fire detection		
Disaster image Detection model	Bag-of-Visual-Words (BoVW), SVM, VGG16, VGG15fine-tuned, VGG16fine-tuned	Earthquake, Hurricane, Flood
CNN and GAN Based Satellite and Social Media Data Fusion for Disaster Detection	AlexNet (4096), GoogLeNet, VGGNet 19 (4096), ResNet (with 50, 101 and 152 layers)	Flood
Enhancing Flood Impact Analysis using Interactive Retrieval of Social Media Images	SVM, Sequential CNN	Flood

## PROPOSED WORK

### Algorithm

CNN model can be thought as a combination of two components: feature extraction part and the classification part. The convolution + pooling layers perform feature extraction. For example given an image, the convolution layer detects features such as two eyes, long ears, four legs, a short tail and so on. The fully connected layers then act as a classifier on top of these features, and assign a probability for the input image being a dog.

The convolution layers are the main powerhouse of a CNN model. Automatically detecting meaningful features given only an image and a label is not an easy task. The convolution layers learn such complex features by building on top of each other. The first layers detect edges, the next layers combine them to detect shapes, to following layers merge this information to infer that this is a nose. To be clear, the CNN doesn't know what a nose is. By seeing a lot of them in images, it learns to detect that as a feature. The fully connected layers learn how to use these features produced by

convolutions in order to correctly classify the images.

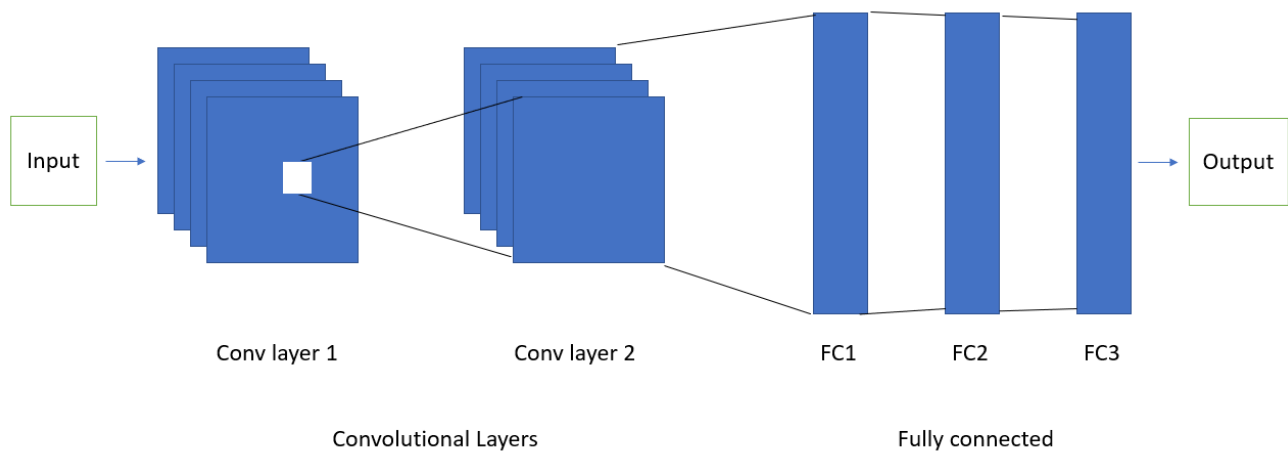
**Conv2D:** this method creates a convolutional layer. The first parameter is the filter count, and the second one is the filter size. For example in the first convolution layer we create 32 filters of size 3x3. We use relu non-linearity as activation. We also enable padding. In Keras there are two options for padding: same or valid. Same means we pad with the number on the edge and valid means no padding. Stride is 1 for convolution layers by default so we don't change that. This layer can be customized further with additional parameters, you can check the documentation [here](#).

**MaxPooling2D:** creates a maxpooling layer, the only argument is the window size. We use a 2x2 window as it's the most common. By default stride length is equal to the window size, which is 2 in our case, so we don't change that.

### Architecture

A total of 5 layers have been used for the CNN in this project. Two convolutional layers and three fully

connected layers to get the final classification of 12 classes.



Respective 12 classes are-

'Drought', 'Earthquake',  
 'Human\_Damage', 'Infrastructure',  
 'Land\_Slide',  
 'Non\_Damage\_Buildings\_Street',  
 'Non\_Damage\_Wildlife\_Forest',  
 'Urban\_Fire', 'Water\_Disaster',  
 'Wild\_Fire', 'human', 'sea'

## EXPERIMENTAL SETUP

### Dataset-

The dataset contains images of different disasters collected from different sources and stored category wise. A total of twelve classes disaster images are available and are as follows:

#### Damaged Infrastructure

- Earthquake

- Infrastructure

#### Fire Disaster

- Urban Fire
- Wild Fire

#### Human Damage

#### Land Disaster

- Drought
- Land Slide

#### Water Disaster

#### Non-Damage

- Human
- Non-Damage Buildings
- Non-Damage Wildlife Forest
- Sea

#### Details of Hardware & Software

##### Hardware Requirements:

Laptop (32-bit or 64-bit architecture, 2+ GHz CPU, 8 GB

RAM.)

### Software Requirements:

- Operating System: Windows 7/8/8.1/10, Linux
- Tools and Framework: Deep learning, PyTorch
- Language Requirement: Python
- Server: Locally hosted

Technology Used: Image pre-processing, PyTorch, Google Collab, Deep Learning, Image Processing.

## RESULTS

We have trained our CNN for a total of 20 epochs and used Adam optimization with cross entropy loss criteria. Varying loss for the respective epochs are:

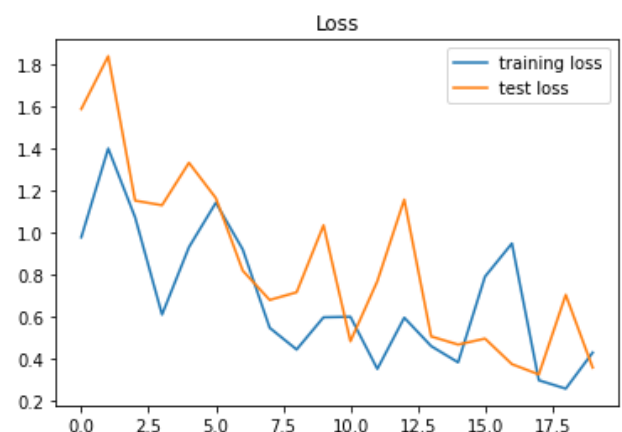
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EPOCH: 2 LOSS: 1.02186406  
EPOCH: 3 LOSS: 1.04771984  
EPOCH: 4 LOSS: 1.00388062  
EPOCH: 5 LOSS: 0.74705756  
EPOCH: 6 LOSS: 0.82798064  
EPOCH: 7 LOSS: 0.66204590  
EPOCH: 8 LOSS: 0.47108760

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EPOCH: 10 LOSS: 0.50887066  
EPOCH: 11 LOSS: 0.27159068  
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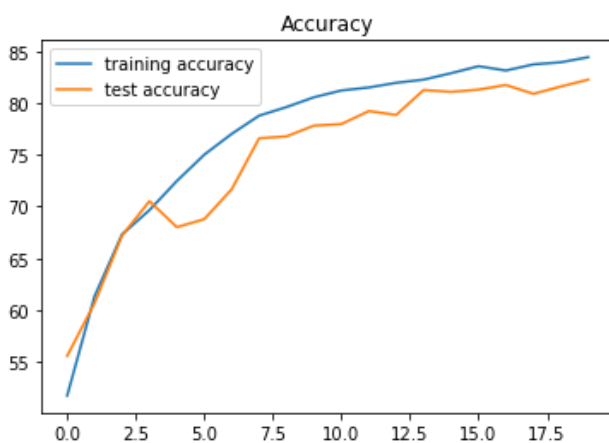
Training of our model took a total of 71.47 minutes.

Duration: 71.47224881649018 minutes

### Loss- Epoch graph

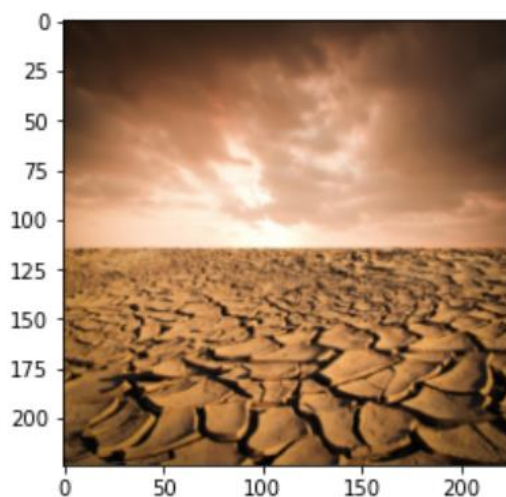


## Accuracy- Epoch graph



Our model achieved an accuracy of 81.83%

Predicted value: 0 Drought



## CONCLUSION

Many academics have attempted to detect natural disasters using various deep learning algorithms. However, utilizing deep learning techniques to detect natural disasters still has a number of drawbacks, including noise and major class imbalance issues. We

suggested a multilayered deep convolutional neural network for natural disaster identification and intensity classification to overcome these issues. We achieved an accuracy of 81.83%. Due to its multilayered structure, the suggested model earned the maximum accuracy when compared to other state-of-the-art approaches.

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