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# 1. Introduction and Project Outline

The project is to detect cracks within a metal plate using Convolutional Neural Networks (CNN).

## 2. Results & Discussion

The following are the steps taken in the project, the code for which is uploaded in the GitHub repository which is linked in the Appendix as well as a zip file submitted alongside the report. First was setting up the code to be used for running and training the CNN with the train and validation data. The following below is the first run of the code.

```
Found 1600 images belonging to 4 classes.
Found 800 images belonging to 4 classes.
Found 192 images belonging to 4 classes.
Model: "sequential_1"

Layer (type)                 Output Shape              Param #
=====
conv2d_1 (Conv2D)            (None, 98, 98, 32)        896
flatten_1 (Flatten)           (None, 307328)             0
dense_2 (Dense)               (None, 128)               39338112
dense_3 (Dense)               (None, 4)                  516
=====
Total params: 39339524 (150.07 MB)
Trainable params: 39339524 (150.07 MB)
Non-trainable params: 0 (0.00 Byte)

Epoch 1/10
50/50 [=====] - 57s 1s/step - loss: 1.4472 - accuracy: 0.4431 - val_loss: 0.4350 - val_accuracy: 0.7500
Epoch 2/10
50/50 [=====] - 58s 1s/step - loss: 0.4309 - accuracy: 0.7387 - val_loss: 0.3475 - val_accuracy: 0.7500
Epoch 3/10
50/50 [=====] - 57s 1s/step - loss: 0.3823 - accuracy: 0.7581 - val_loss: 0.4623 - val_accuracy: 0.6900
Epoch 4/10
50/50 [=====] - 57s 1s/step - loss: 0.3769 - accuracy: 0.7594 - val_loss: 0.3419 - val_accuracy: 0.7500
Epoch 5/10
50/50 [=====] - 56s 1s/step - loss: 0.3802 - accuracy: 0.7631 - val_loss: 0.3391 - val_accuracy: 0.9375
Epoch 6/10
50/50 [=====] - 58s 1s/step - loss: 0.3753 - accuracy: 0.7656 - val_loss: 0.3537 - val_accuracy: 0.7500
Epoch 7/10
50/50 [=====] - 57s 1s/step - loss: 0.3705 - accuracy: 0.7600 - val_loss: 0.3516 - val_accuracy: 0.7500
Epoch 8/10
50/50 [=====] - 57s 1s/step - loss: 0.3737 - accuracy: 0.7738 - val_loss: 0.3610 - val_accuracy: 0.7500
Epoch 9/10
50/50 [=====] - 58s 1s/step - loss: 0.3878 - accuracy: 0.7400 - val_loss: 0.4055 - val_accuracy: 0.8687
Epoch 10/10
50/50 [=====] - 59s 1s/step - loss: 0.3763 - accuracy: 0.7462 - val_loss: 0.3625 - val_accuracy: 0.7500
6/6 [=====] - 3s 435ms/step - loss: 0.4066 - accuracy: 0.7396
Loss: 0.4065749943256378
Accuracy: 0.7395833134651184
```

**Figure 1:** First Epoch run of CNN Code

To get better understanding and more accurate validation, extra layers of the Conv2D, MaxPooling, Dense and Dropout to increase the accuracy. The end result was spikes in inaccurate validation occurring in the run, which could be due to the dropout of the layers causing less data to be included in the validation.

```

Found 1600 images belonging to 4 classes.
Found 800 images belonging to 4 classes.
Found 192 images belonging to 4 classes.
Model: "sequential_13"

```

Layer (type)	Output Shape	Param #
conv2d_19 (Conv2D)	(None, 98, 98, 64)	1792
conv2d_20 (Conv2D)	(None, 96, 96, 128)	73856
max_pooling2d_12 (MaxPool2D)	(None, 48, 48, 128)	0
max_pooling2d_13 (MaxPool2D)	(None, 24, 24, 128)	0
dropout_18 (Dropout)	(None, 24, 24, 128)	0
flatten_13 (Flatten)	(None, 73728)	0
dense_32 (Dense)	(None, 128)	9437312
dropout_19 (Dropout)	(None, 128)	0
dense_33 (Dense)	(None, 256)	33024
dropout_20 (Dropout)	(None, 256)	0
dense_34 (Dense)	(None, 4)	1028

```

Total params: 9547012 (36.42 MB)
Trainable params: 9547012 (36.42 MB)
Non-trainable params: 0 (0.00 Byte)

```

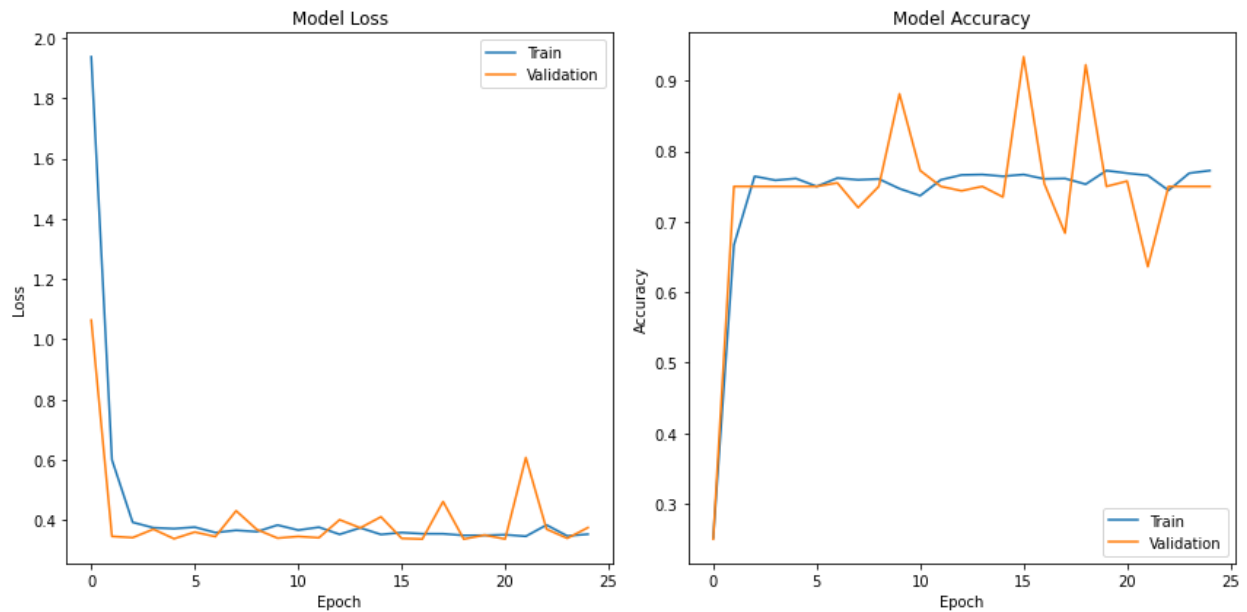
```

Epoch 1/20
50/50 [=====] - 75s 1s/step - loss: 1.1638 - accuracy: 0.3988 - val_loss: 0.6435 - val_accuracy: 0.7237
Epoch 2/20
50/50 [=====] - 67s 1s/step - loss: 0.6385 - accuracy: 0.6719 - val_loss: 0.3881 - val_accuracy: 0.7500
Epoch 3/20
50/50 [=====] - 67s 1s/step - loss: 0.5205 - accuracy: 0.7169 - val_loss: 0.3861 - val_accuracy: 0.7500
Epoch 4/20
50/50 [=====] - 67s 1s/step - loss: 0.4221 - accuracy: 0.7412 - val_loss: 0.3915 - val_accuracy: 0.7450
Epoch 5/20
50/50 [=====] - 66s 1s/step - loss: 0.4148 - accuracy: 0.7481 - val_loss: 0.5597 - val_accuracy: 0.7300
Epoch 6/20
50/50 [=====] - 67s 1s/step - loss: 0.4211 - accuracy: 0.7381 - val_loss: 0.3629 - val_accuracy: 0.7500
Epoch 7/20
50/50 [=====] - 66s 1s/step - loss: 0.3926 - accuracy: 0.7475 - val_loss: 0.3460 - val_accuracy: 0.7500
Epoch 8/20
50/50 [=====] - 69s 1s/step - loss: 0.5658 - accuracy: 0.6875 - val_loss: 0.3499 - val_accuracy: 0.7500
Epoch 9/20
50/50 [=====] - 76s 2s/step - loss: 0.4145 - accuracy: 0.7400 - val_loss: 0.3486 - val_accuracy: 0.7500
Epoch 10/20
50/50 [=====] - 72s 1s/step - loss: 0.3898 - accuracy: 0.7531 - val_loss: 0.3456 - val_accuracy: 0.7500
Epoch 11/20
50/50 [=====] - 71s 1s/step - loss: 0.3928 - accuracy: 0.7312 - val_loss: 0.4367 - val_accuracy: 0.7188
Epoch 12/20
50/50 [=====] - 75s 1s/step - loss: 0.4327 - accuracy: 0.7294 - val_loss: 0.3584 - val_accuracy: 0.7500
Epoch 13/20
50/50 [=====] - 72s 1s/step - loss: 0.3679 - accuracy: 0.7756 - val_loss: 0.3418 - val_accuracy: 0.7500
Epoch 14/20
50/50 [=====] - 72s 1s/step - loss: 0.3921 - accuracy: 0.7400 - val_loss: 1.0464 - val_accuracy: 0.5362
Epoch 15/20
50/50 [=====] - 71s 1s/step - loss: 0.3915 - accuracy: 0.7475 - val_loss: 0.4487 - val_accuracy: 0.7825
Epoch 16/20
50/50 [=====] - 74s 1s/step - loss: 0.3794 - accuracy: 0.7569 - val_loss: 0.8524 - val_accuracy: 0.5925
Epoch 17/20
50/50 [=====] - 74s 1s/step - loss: 0.3900 - accuracy: 0.7519 - val_loss: 0.3422 - val_accuracy: 0.7500
Epoch 18/20
50/50 [=====] - 74s 1s/step - loss: 0.3612 - accuracy: 0.7462 - val_loss: 0.3425 - val_accuracy: 0.7500
Epoch 19/20
50/50 [=====] - 74s 1s/step - loss: 0.3838 - accuracy: 0.7350 - val_loss: 0.4134 - val_accuracy: 0.7150
Epoch 20/20
50/50 [=====] - 71s 1s/step - loss: 0.3658 - accuracy: 0.7531 - val_loss: 0.3415 - val_accuracy: 0.9100
6/6 [=====] - 3s 520ms/step - loss: 0.8085 - accuracy: 0.8438
Loss: 0.8084565997123718
Accuracy: 0.84375
Model: "sequential_13"

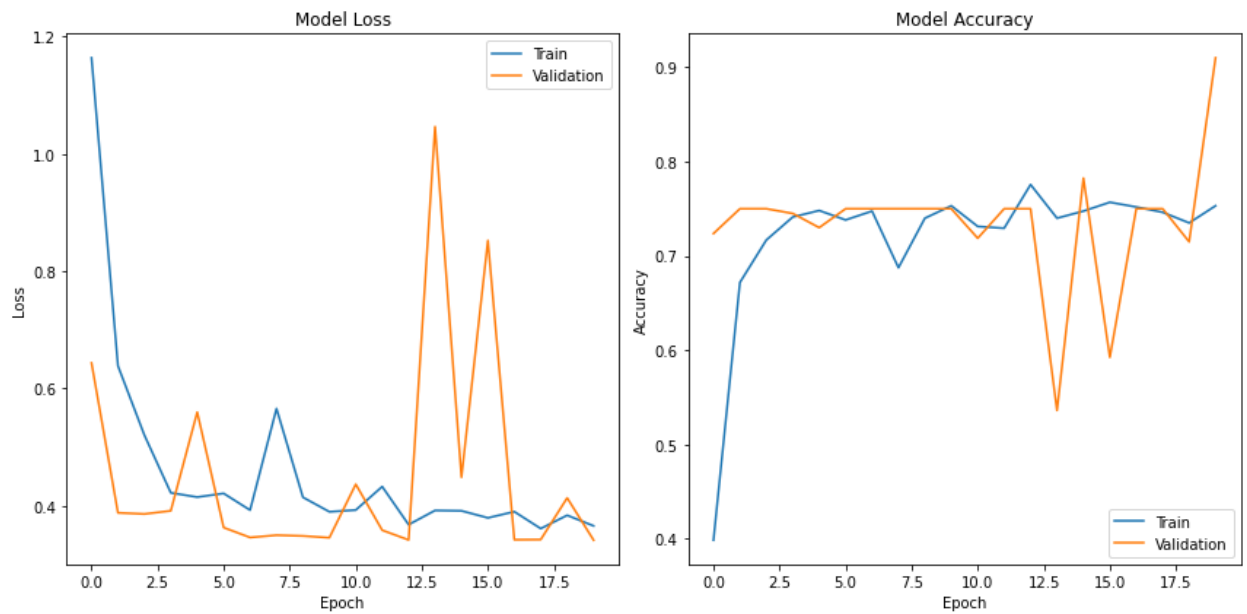
```

Figure 2: Final Epoch run of CNN Code

The following below is the first and final runthrough of the code for the model performance.

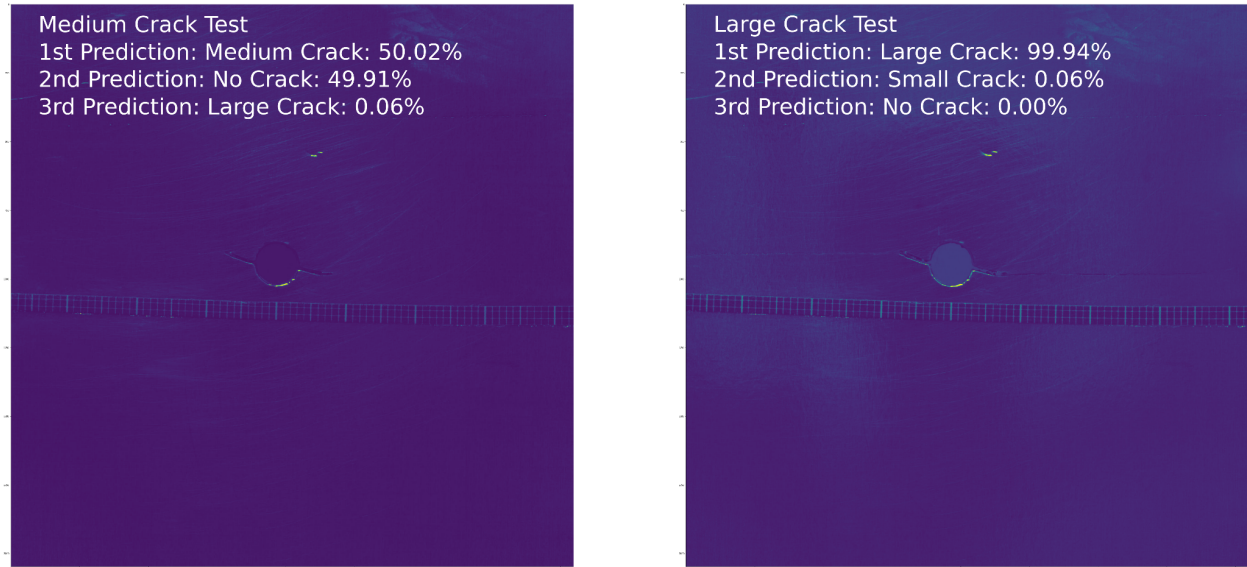


**Figure 3:** First Model Performance of the Code Run



**Figure 4:** Final Model Performance of the Code Run

The figure below shows the medium crack test, on the left, and the large crack test, on the right.



**Figure 5:** Final Crack Output for Testing

The large crack test was correct, The reason for the discrepancy for the medium crack is due to the validation spikes causing a great loss in accuracy.

### 3. Conclusion

This project helped understand the practical use of CNN and visual detection using metal cracks.

## References

- [1] Dr. Reza Faieghi “AER850 Project #2”  
<https://courses.torontomu.ca/d2l/le/content/804341/viewContent/5398953/View> [Accessed 11/15/2023]

## Appendix

The following link is for the GitHub repository:

[https://github.com/Mehtab0Singh/AER850\\_Project\\_2\\_MehtabSingh](https://github.com/Mehtab0Singh/AER850_Project_2_MehtabSingh)

The files with all the code and training, validation, and testing pictures are linked with this report in submission.