Image classification model using a neural network on the CIFAR-10 dataset. we will use transfer learning with TensorFlow and a pre-trained neural network to classify images from the CIFAR-10 dataset into 10 distinct categories. Each section will cover steps such as data preprocessing, model architecture selection, and performance evaluation.

Install necessary libraries
!pip install tensorflow tensorflow_hub tensorflow_datasets

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Before starting, installed necessary libraries. Used TensorFlow for neural network operations, TensorFlow Hub for pre-trained model access, and TensorFlow Datasets to load CIFAR-10 directly

```
import tensorflow_datasets as tfds

dataset, info = tfds.load("cifar10", with_info=True, as_supervised=True)
train_ds, test_ds = dataset['train'], dataset['test']

train_ds = train_ds.take(1000)  # Use 1,000 samples for faster training
test_ds = test_ds.take(500)
```

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# Display dataset information
info
→ tfds.core.DatasetInfo(
         name='cifar10',
         full name='cifar10/3.0.2',
         description=""
         The CIFAR-10 dataset consists of 60000 32x32 colour images in 10 classes, with 6000 images per class. There are 50000 training
     images and 10000 test images.
         homepage='https://www.cs.toronto.edu/~kriz/cifar.html',
         data_dir='/root/tensorflow_datasets/cifar10/3.0.2',
         file_format=tfrecord,
         download size=162.17 MiB,
         dataset_size=132.40 MiB,
         features=FeaturesDict({
             'id': Text(shape=(), dtype=string),
             'image': Image(shape=(32, 32, 3), dtype=uint8),
             'label': ClassLabel(shape=(), dtype=int64, num_classes=10),
         }),
         supervised_keys=('image', 'label'),
         disable_shuffling=False,
         splits={
             'test': <SplitInfo num_examples=10000, num_shards=1>,
             'train': <SplitInfo num_examples=50000, num_shards=1>,
         citation="""@TECHREPORT{Krizhevsky09learningmultiple,
             author = {Alex Krizhevsky},
             title = {Learning multiple layers of features from tiny images},
             institution = {},
        year = {2009}
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     )
```

The CIFAR-10 dataset contains 60,000 color images of 10 different classes, with each image sized at 32x32 pixels. The dataset is split into 1000 training images and 500 test images.

```
import tensorflow as tf
IMG_SIZE = (224, 224)  # Adjusted to match MobileNetV2 expected input size

def preprocess_image(image, label):
    image = tf.image.resize(image, IMG_SIZE)  # Resize to MobileNetV2 input size
    image /= 255.0  # Normalize pixel values to [0, 1]
    return image, label

train_ds = train_ds.map(preprocess_image).batch(32).cache().prefetch(buffer_size=tf.data.AUTOTUNE)
test_ds = test_ds.map(preprocess_image).batch(32).cache().prefetch(buffer_size=tf.data.AUTOTUNE)
```

To work effectively with a pre-trained model, resized each image to 224x224 pixels, the input size required for MobileNetV2, which will use in this project. Additionally, normalizing the images by scaling pixel values between 0 and 1 helps the model learn more efficiently.

```
import tensorflow as tf
import tensorflow_hub as hub
from tensorflow.keras import layers, models

# Define the feature extractor from TensorFlow Hub
feature_extractor_layer = hub.KerasLayer(
    "https://tfhub.dev/google/tf2-preview/mobilenet_v2/feature_vector/4",
    trainable=False
)

# Use a Lambda layer with an explicit output_shape argument
inputs = layers.Input(shape=(224, 224, 3))
x = layers.Lambda(lambda img: feature_extractor_layer(img), output_shape=(1280,))(inputs)
outputs = layers.Dense(10, activation='softmax')(x)
model = models.Model(inputs, outputs)
```

Used MobileNetV2, a lightweight neural network trained on the large ImageNet dataset, which has learned useful image features. This model's architecture is efficient yet powerful, making it suitable for CIFAR-10 classification. We'll use the MobileNetV2 feature extractor layer, followed by a fully connected layer that outputs 10 probabilities, one for each class in CIFAR-10. We'll freeze the feature extractor layer, meaning it won't be trained further, which reduces computation and helps prevent overfitting.

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

To compile the model, used the Adam optimizer, known for its adaptive learning rate that balances convergence and learning efficiency. Also use the sparse_categorical_crossentropy loss function, suitable for multi-class classification with integer labels. This setup helps the model learn how to distinguish between the 10 classes effectively.

history = model.fit(train_ds, epochs=3, validation_data=test_ds)

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Epoch 1/3
32/32 — 62s 2s/step - accuracy: 0.2208 - loss: 2.2818 - val_accuracy: 0.5960 - val_loss: 1.2552
Epoch 2/3
32/32 — 76s 2s/step - accuracy: 0.6867 - loss: 1.0057 - val_accuracy: 0.6940 - val_loss: 0.9202
Epoch 3/3
32/32 — 51s 2s/step - accuracy: 0.7849 - loss: 0.7111 - val_accuracy: 0.7260 - val_loss: 0.8245
```

Training the model will involve 3 epochs, or complete passes over the dataset. Although more epochs can sometimes improve performance, we'll keep it moderate to avoid overfitting and to observe initial model behavior on CIFAR-10. Validation on the test dataset during each epoch helps monitor model performance, allowing us to check if it generalizes well to unseen data.

Once trained, we evaluate the model on the test dataset, where accuracy measures how well the model can classify unseen images.

```
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

# Function to plot test images and predictions

def plot_predictions(model, dataset):
   plt.figure(figsize=(10, 10))
   class_names = info.features['label'].names  # Class names in CIFAR-10
   for images, labels in dataset.take(1):
        predictions = model.predict(images)
        for i in range(9):
            ax = plt.subplot(3, 3, i + 1)
            plt.imshow(images[i].numpy())
            plt.title(f"Pred: {class_names[tf.argmax(predictions[i])]}, True: {class_names[labels[i]]}")
            plt.axis("off")

plot_predictions(model, test_ds)
```



Limitations:

While our model performs well on CIFAR-10, limitations exist. Transfer learning using MobileNetV2 may not perfectly capture CIFAR-10's class-specific details, as it was originally trained on ImageNet. Future improvements could involve fine-tuning, where some layers of MobileNetV2 are unfrozen and retrained on CIFAR-10, allowing the model to adapt better. Additionally, a larger model architecture could improve performance, but this would require more computational resources.

Conclusion:

In this project, we saw how to classify images from the CIFAR-10 dataset using transfer learning with a pre-trained MobileNetV2 model. By utilizing this approach, we saved computation time and achieved reasonable accuracy on a multi-class dataset. This process showcases how neural networks can be effectively applied to computer vision tasks, even with more complex datasets like CIFAR-10.

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