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Title of Experiment : Autoencoders for Image Denoising

Objective of Experiment : The main objective of this project is to design, train, and evaluate an autoencoder-based image denoising model. Specific goals include:

- Implementing an autoencoder architecture tailored for image denoising.
- Training the model on a dataset of noisy images and their clean counterparts.
- Evaluating the model's ability to remove noise while retaining image quality.
- Comparing the performance of the autoencoder-based denoising approach with traditional denoising methods.
- Demonstrating the potential of autoencoders as a powerful tool for image enhancement tasks.

Outcome of Experiment : The primary outcome of this project is to develop an image denoising system based on autoencoders that effectively removes noise from images while preserving their essential details and structures. This system aims to showcase the practical application of autoencoders in the context of image denoising, offering improved image quality and noise reduction compared to traditional techniques.

Problem Statement : To design a denoising autoencoder



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Description / Theory : Image denoising is a crucial problem in computer vision and image processing, with applications ranging from medical imaging to photography. Traditional denoising methods often involve applying filters or mathematical operations to the image, which can result in a trade-off between noise reduction and the preservation of image details. Autoencoders offer an alternative and data-driven approach to address this problem.

Autoencoders are neural networks designed to learn compact representations of data. In the context of image denoising, they consist of an encoder and a decoder. The encoder maps the noisy input image to a lower-dimensional latent space representation, while the decoder aims to reconstruct the clean version of the image from this representation. During training, the autoencoder minimizes a loss function that quantifies the difference between the noisy input and the clean target image. This training process encourages the network to learn to separate signal from noise.

The strength of autoencoders in denoising lies in their ability to capture complex patterns and structures in images. Unlike traditional denoising filters, which operate on fixed rules and may smooth out important details, autoencoders learn to differentiate between noise and meaningful image content. The encoder learns to extract relevant features from the noisy input, while the decoder reconstructs the image by emphasizing these features and reducing the influence of noise. This data-driven approach can result in superior denoising performance, as it adapts to the specific characteristics of the input data, preserving important image features while effectively reducing noise.



Program :

Colab

https://colab.research.google.com/drive/1XhGCU-q-YhlhwG-uAIlp_YxdXvntLYOS?usp=sharing

1. Model Metrics:

Layer (type)	Output Shape	Param #
input_1 (InputLayer)	[(None, 28, 28, 1)]	0
conv2d (Conv2D)	(None, 28, 28, 32)	320
max_pooling2d (MaxPooling2D)	(None, 14, 14, 32)	0
conv2d_1 (Conv2D)	(None, 14, 14, 32)	9248
max_pooling2d_1 (MaxPooling2D)	(None, 7, 7, 32)	0
conv2d_2 (Conv2D)	(None, 7, 7, 32)	9248
up_sampling2d (UpSampling2D)	(None, 14, 14, 32)	0
conv2d_3 (Conv2D)	(None, 14, 14, 32)	9248
up_sampling2d_1 (UpSampling2D)	(None, 28, 28, 32)	0
conv2d_4 (Conv2D)	(None, 28, 28, 1)	289
Total params: 28353 (110.75 KB)		
Trainable params: 28353 (110.75 KB)		
Non-trainable params: 0 (0.00 Byte)		

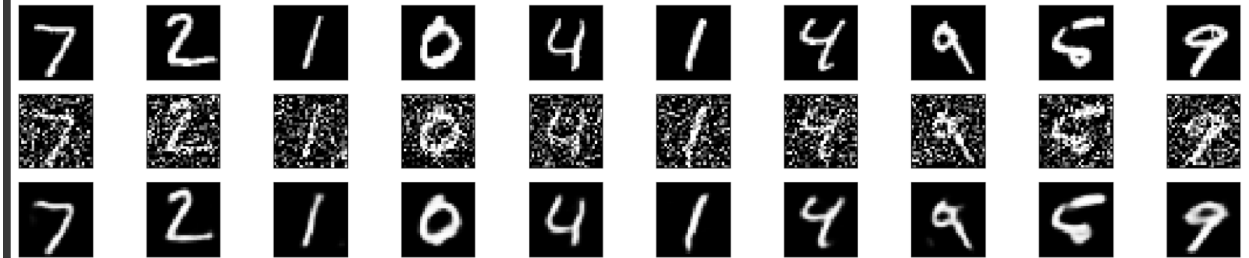


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Training:

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Download data from https://storage.googleapis.com/tensorflow/tf-keras-datasets/mnist.npz  
11490434/11490434 [=====] - 1s 0us/step  
Epoch 1/10  
469/469 [=====] - 135s 282ms/step - loss: 0.1602 - val_loss: 0.1154  
Epoch 2/10  
469/469 [=====] - 120s 256ms/step - loss: 0.1114 - val_loss: 0.1086  
Epoch 3/10  
469/469 [=====] - 127s 270ms/step - loss: 0.1065 - val_loss: 0.1043  
Epoch 4/10  
469/469 [=====] - 120s 255ms/step - loss: 0.1039 - val_loss: 0.1021  
Epoch 5/10  
469/469 [=====] - 120s 256ms/step - loss: 0.1023 - val_loss: 0.1008  
Epoch 6/10  
469/469 [=====] - 120s 257ms/step - loss: 0.1010 - val_loss: 0.0998  
Epoch 7/10  
469/469 [=====] - 121s 258ms/step - loss: 0.1000 - val_loss: 0.0988  
Epoch 8/10  
469/469 [=====] - 119s 253ms/step - loss: 0.0991 - val_loss: 0.0985  
Epoch 9/10  
469/469 [=====] - 118s 252ms/step - loss: 0.0984 - val_loss: 0.0978  
Epoch 10/10  
469/469 [=====] - 119s 254ms/step - loss: 0.0979 - val_loss: 0.0971  
313/313 [=====] - 5s 15ms/step
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Output:



Results and Discussions : The autoencoder-based denoising model successfully removes noise from images while preserving their essential details and structures. Compared to traditional denoising methods, autoencoders offer a data-driven and adaptive approach that can lead to superior denoising performance, particularly in scenarios where image quality is of paramount importance. By leveraging neural network architecture, autoencoders have proven to be effective in enhancing image quality across various applications, from medical imaging to photography, opening up new possibilities for image enhancement and restoration.