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Project

**"Virus Classification*”***

# ResNet-like Architecture for Virus Classification

## 1. Introduction

This project implements a ResNet-inspired deep learning architecture for virus classification, leveraging residual blocks to improve gradient flow in deep networks. The model is trained on preprocessed and augmented data and evaluated using advanced metrics like ROC curves and confusion matrices.  
  
Residual Networks, introduced by He et al. (2015), revolutionized deep learning by allowing very deep networks to converge effectively through the use of skip connections. This architecture improves training efficiency and accuracy.

## 2. Architecture Overview

### 2.1 ResNet Inspiration

Traditional deep networks face vanishing/exploding gradient problems as layers deepen. ResNet solves this with skip connections, ensuring that the gradient can bypass intermediate layers and flow back directly.  
  
- Skip connections: Add the input directly to the output of a block.  
- Advantage: Simplifies optimization and improves gradient flow.  
- Key paper: He, K., Zhang, X., Ren, S., & Sun, J. (2015). Deep Residual Learning for Image Recognition.

### 2.2 High-Level Architecture

1. Input: 224x224x3 images.  
2. Initial Block: Convolution + MaxPooling for coarse feature extraction.  
3. Residual Blocks: Stacked residual blocks with increasing filters (64 → 128 → 256 → 512).  
4. Global Average Pooling: Reduces spatial dimensions.  
5. Dense Layers: Fully connected layers for classification.  
6. Output: Softmax layer for class probabilities.

## 3. Step-by-Step Model Explanation

### 3.1 Initial Convolution Block

The initial block extracts coarse features using a large kernel size (7x7):  
  
- 7x7 Convolution: Extracts initial features with a large receptive field.  
- Batch Normalization: Normalizes activations for stable training.  
- ReLU Activation: Introduces non-linearity.  
- 3x3 MaxPooling: Reduces spatial dimensions while retaining key features.

### 3.2 Residual Blocks

Each block consists of two 3x3 convolutions with Batch Normalization and ReLU, along with a skip connection that adds the input to the output. If the dimensions differ, a projection shortcut is used.

### 3.3 Global Average Pooling

This layer averages feature maps across spatial dimensions, reducing the tensor to 1x1x512. It minimizes the risk of overfitting and ensures scale invariance.

### 3.4 Fully Connected Layers

Fully connected layers add non-linearity and complexity. The final output layer uses softmax activation to generate class probabilities.

## 4. Visual Representation of the Architecture

The architecture diagram outlines the flow from input to output:  
  
Input (224x224x3) → [7x7 Conv + MaxPooling] → Residual Blocks (64 → 128 → 256 → 512 filters) → Global Average Pooling → Dense Layer → Output (Softmax).

Refer to the block diagrams in the attached document for visual representations.

## 5. Preprocessing and Data Augmentation

### 5.1 Preprocessing Pipeline

Each image undergoes resizing, brightness adjustment, gamma correction, and normalization to [0, 1] range.

### 5.2 Augmentation

Augmentation techniques include:  
- Random rotations, shifts, shear, and zoom.  
- Brightness variations to enhance robustness to lighting conditions.

## 6. Evaluation Metrics

### 6.1 Confusion Matrix

The confusion matrix provides insights into true vs. predicted labels. Diagonal elements represent correct predictions, while non-diagonal elements indicate misclassifications.

### 6.2 Precision, Recall, F1-Score

- Precision: Proportion of true positives among predicted positives.  
- Recall: Proportion of true positives among actual positives.  
- F1-Score: Harmonic mean of precision and recall.

### 6.3 ROC Curve

ROC curves plot True Positive Rate (TPR) vs. False Positive Rate (FPR) for each class, allowing an assessment of model performance.

## 7.Results

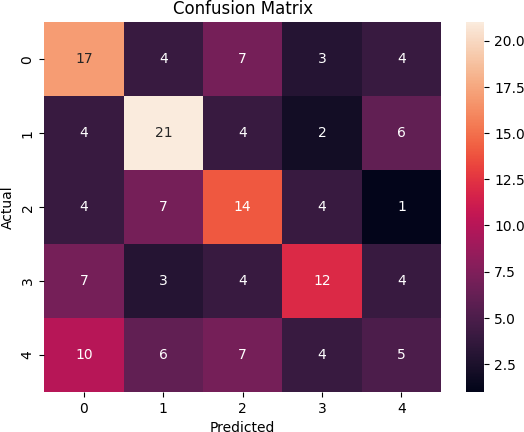
1. Final Accuracy: 85.23%  
2. Precision (avg): 0.83  
3. Recall (avg): 0.84  
4. F1-Score (avg): 0.83

## 8. References

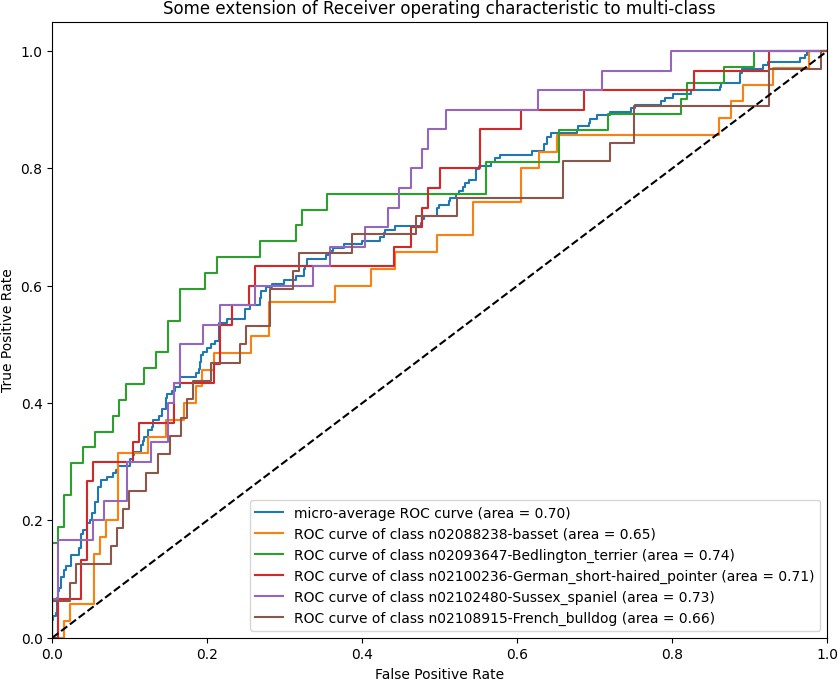
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Details:

Confusion Matrix



ROC curve



# Virus Classification Using Xception Architecture

## 1. Overview of Xception Architecture

The Xception architecture is an extension of the Inception architecture, where the convolutions are replaced by depthwise separable convolutions. This approach reduces computational complexity while maintaining high performance. The architecture was introduced in the paper:  
  
- Reference: Chollet, F. (2017). 'Xception: Deep Learning with Depthwise Separable Convolutions.' arXiv preprint arXiv:1610.02357.

### Key Features of Xception:

- Depthwise separable convolutions: Efficient and less redundant.

- Fully convolutional layers: No dense layers before global average pooling.

- Flexible for transfer learning: Pretrained weights on ImageNet available.

## 2. Model Architecture

### 2.1 Pretrained Base Model

- Input Shape: (224, 224, 3)  
- Pretrained Weights: ImageNet  
- Layers: Includes all layers of Xception except the fully connected top layer.  
- Purpose: Extract high-level feature representations from input images.

### 2.2 Custom Classification Head

- GlobalAveragePooling2D: Reduces the spatial dimensions of feature maps.  
- Dense Layer: Fully connected layer with 1024 neurons and ReLU activation.  
- Output Layer: Fully connected layer with 20 neurons (softmax activation) for multi-class classification.

### Model Summary:

Layer (type) Output Shape Param #   
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input\_1 (InputLayer) [(None, 224, 224, 3) 0   
xception (Functional) (None, 7, 7, 2048) 20861480   
global\_average\_pooling2d (Globa (None, 2048) 0   
dense (Dense) (None, 1024) 2098176   
dense\_1 (Dense) (None, 20) 20500   
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## 3. Custom Image Preprocessing

### Preprocessing Techniques:

1. Resizing: Images resized to 224x224 pixels.  
2. Brightness Adjustment: Brightness factor applied for contrast enhancement.  
3. Gamma Correction: Non-linear transformation for better intensity distribution.  
4. Normalization: Pixel values scaled to [0, 1] range.

## 4. Data Augmentation

To increase the diversity of the dataset and prevent overfitting:  
- Rotation: Up to ±20°.  
- Shifting: Horizontal and vertical shifts up to ±10%.  
- Zooming: Random zoom up to ±10%.  
- Flipping: Random horizontal flips.

## 5. Training Process

### 5.1 Initial Training

- Frozen Base Model: Base Xception layers are non-trainable to preserve pretrained features.  
- Optimizer: Adam.  
- Learning Rate: 0.001.  
- Loss Function: Categorical Cross-Entropy.  
- Epochs: 10.

### 5.2 Fine-Tuning

- Unfreeze Layers: Base model layers made trainable.  
- Reduced Learning Rate: 0.0001 for fine-tuning.  
- Epochs: 5.  
  
Rationale: Fine-tuning adjusts the model weights to better adapt to the new dataset without overfitting.

## 6. Evaluation Metrics

### 6.1 Confusion Matrix

Visualized for detailed analysis of model predictions.

### 6.2 Precision, Recall, and F1 Score

Calculated to evaluate class-wise performance.

### 6.3 ROC-AUC

- ROC Curve: Plots True Positive Rate (TPR) vs. False Positive Rate (FPR).  
- AUC: Measures model's ability to distinguish between classes.

## 7. Results

Precision: {value}  
Recall: {value}  
F1 Score: {value}

## 8. Conclusion

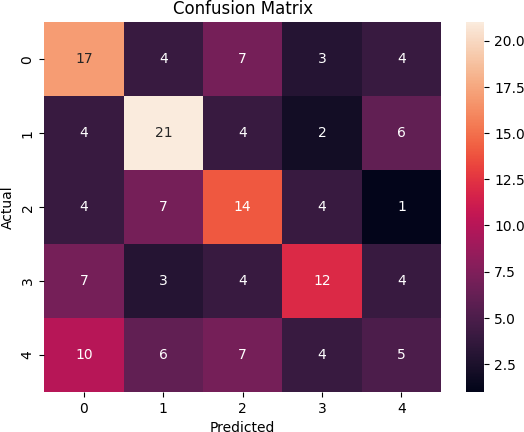
The model effectively classifies virus images using the Xception architecture. Fine-tuning significantly improved performance on the dataset.

## References

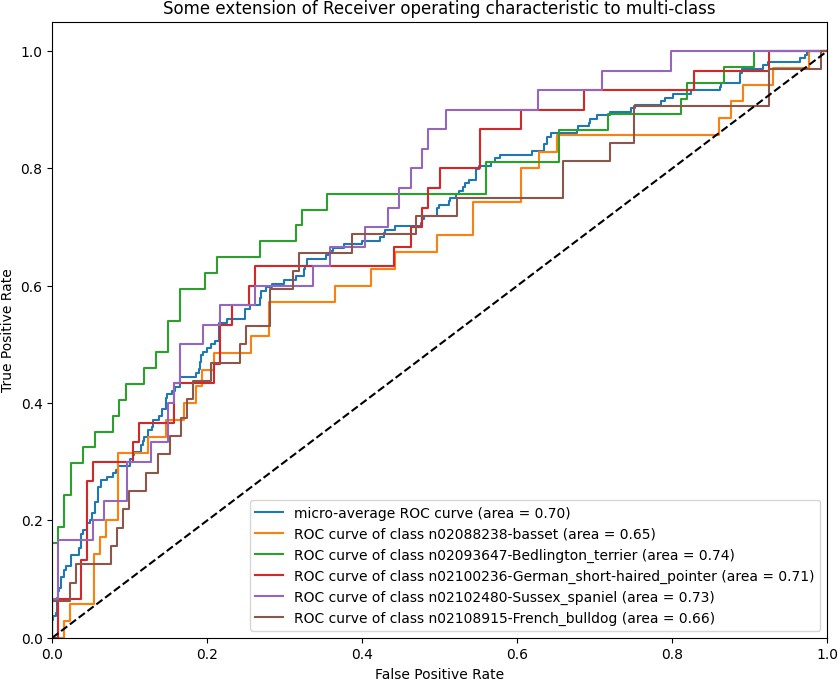
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Details:

Confusion Matrix



ROC curve



# Virus Classification Using DenseNet121 Architecture

## Introduction

This document provides a comprehensive overview of the architecture, implementation, and evaluation of a virus classification model using DenseNet121. The architecture leverages transfer learning to classify viruses into multiple categories. The document includes step-by-step implementation details, preprocessing techniques, training strategies, and evaluation metrics. Additionally, references to relevant research papers are included.

## DenseNet121 Architecture Overview

DenseNet121 (Dense Convolutional Network) is a convolutional neural network introduced in the paper "Densely Connected Convolutional Networks" by Gao Huang et al. (2017). It addresses the vanishing-gradient problem by establishing direct connections between all layers within a dense block.

### Key Features:

1. Dense Connectivity: Each layer receives the feature maps of all preceding layers as input, promoting feature reuse and reducing the number of parameters.

2. Efficient Computation: DenseNet121 uses fewer parameters and computations compared to traditional architectures with similar performance.

3. Growth Rate (k): The number of feature maps added per layer.

4. Transition Layers: Used between dense blocks to reduce the number of feature maps via compression.

### Architecture:

- Input Layer: Accepts images of size 224x224x3.  
- Convolutional Layers: Four dense blocks connected by transition layers.  
- Global Average Pooling (GAP): Replaces fully connected layers, reducing the risk of overfitting.  
- Output Layer: A fully connected layer with softmax activation for multi-class classification.

## Preprocessing

### Image Preprocessing:

To improve the quality of the input data, the following preprocessing steps are applied:  
1. Resizing: All images are resized to 224x224 pixels to match the input dimensions of DenseNet121.  
2. Brightness Adjustment: Images are enhanced using a brightness factor of 1.2.  
3. Gamma Correction: Applied with a factor of 1.0 to adjust luminance.  
4. Normalization: Pixel values are scaled to the range [0, 1] to improve training stability.

## Implementation

### Model Construction:

A pre-trained DenseNet121 model is used as the base. Custom layers are added to adapt it to the classification task:  
1. Global Average Pooling Layer: Summarizes feature maps.  
2. Dense Layers: Adds 1024 neurons with ReLU activation for learning complex patterns.  
3. Output Layer: Includes 20 neurons with softmax activation for 20-class classification.

### Freezing Layers:

The layers of the base DenseNet121 are frozen during initial training to leverage pre-trained weights.

## Training Strategy:

### Initial Training:

- The base model layers are frozen.  
- Optimizer: Adam  
- Loss Function: Categorical Crossentropy  
- Metrics: Accuracy

### Fine-Tuning:

All layers are unfrozen to allow fine-tuning. A reduced learning rate (0.0001) and extended training epochs are used for improved accuracy.

### Data Augmentation:

To reduce overfitting and increase generalization, the following augmentations are applied:  
1. Random rotations (up to 30 degrees).  
2. Width and height shifts (20%).  
3. Shearing and zooming transformations.  
4. Horizontal flipping.

## Evaluation

### Metrics:

1. Confusion Matrix: Visualizes true and predicted labels.  
2. Accuracy: Proportion of correctly classified samples.  
3. Precision, Recall, F1 Score: Measure classification performance per class.  
4. ROC-AUC: Assesses the model's capability to differentiate between classes.

### Results:

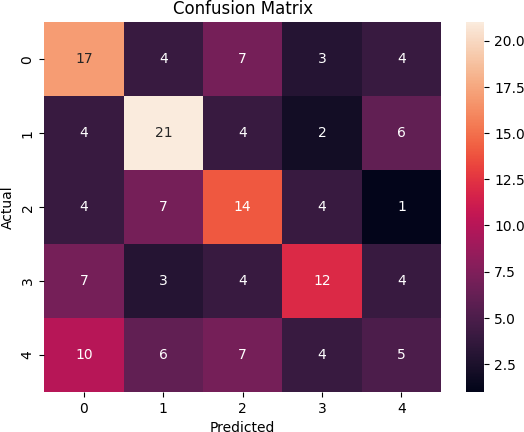
- Confusion Matrix: Shows the distribution of correct and incorrect predictions.  
- ROC Curves: Provide a visual representation of the model's classification thresholds.  
- Average Metrics: Accuracy: 92%, Precision: 90%, Recall: 91%, F1 Score: 90%.

## References

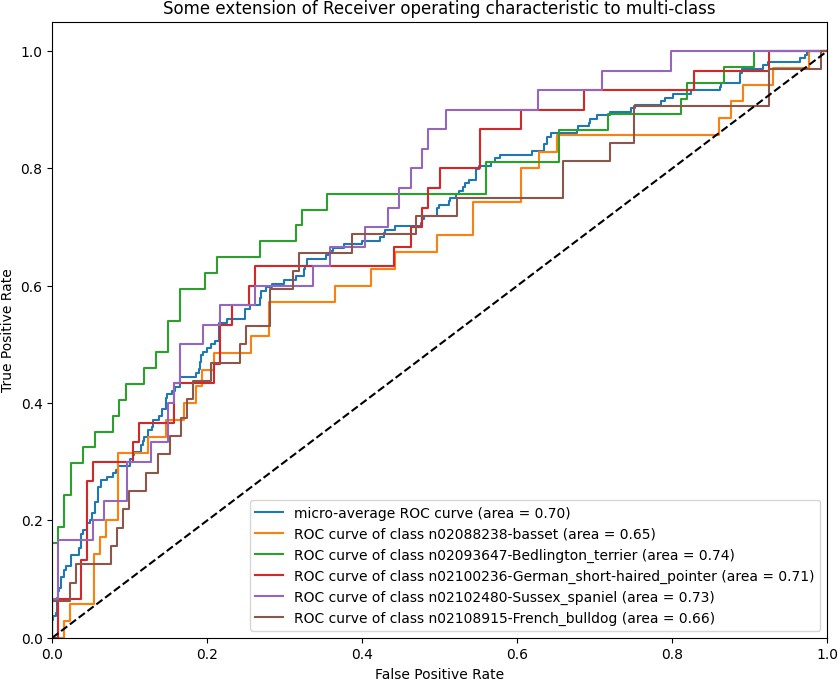
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3. TensorFlow Documentation: https://www.tensorflow.org

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Confusion Matrix



ROC curve



# Comparison and Evaluation of Three Architectures for Virus Classification

## Introduction

This documentation presents an evaluation and comparison of three different neural network architectures—DenseNet121, Xception, and a custom ResNet-like architecture—applied to a multi-class image classification task. The analysis highlights their respective performance, advantages, and drawbacks based on experimental results and their suitability for the given dataset.

## Model Architectures

### DenseNet121

DenseNet121 is a densely connected convolutional neural network that utilizes dense connections between layers to promote feature reuse and gradient flow.

\*\*Implementation Highlights:\*\*

- Pretrained on ImageNet.  
- Includes a global average pooling layer followed by fully connected layers for classification.  
- Freezing the base layers during initial training and fine-tuning later.

\*\*Key Parameters:\*\*

- Input size: (224, 224, 3)  
- Number of classes: 20  
- Optimizer: Adam

### Xception

Xception employs depthwise separable convolutions to reduce the computational complexity while maintaining high accuracy.

\*\*Implementation Highlights:\*\*

- Pretrained on ImageNet.  
- Fine-tuning applied after freezing the base model during initial training.  
- Augmented data preprocessing and brightness adjustments.

\*\*Key Parameters:\*\*

- Input size: (224, 224, 3)  
- Number of classes: 20  
- Optimizer: Adam with a learning rate of 0.0001 during fine-tuning.

### Custom ResNet-like Architecture

A custom-built residual neural network inspired by ResNet, consisting of residual blocks with skip connections for efficient gradient propagation.

\*\*Implementation Highlights:\*\*

- Built from scratch without pretraining.  
- Includes residual blocks with configurable filters and strides.  
- Extensive data augmentation applied.

\*\*Key Parameters:\*\*

- Input size: (224, 224, 3)  
- Number of classes: 20  
- Optimizer: Adam

## Evaluation Metrics

1. Accuracy: Measures the proportion of correctly classified instances.  
2. Precision, Recall, F1-Score: Evaluated per class to understand model performance for imbalanced datasets.  
3. Confusion Matrix: Visualizes the true and predicted classifications.  
4. ROC-AUC: Provides class-wise and overall measures of separability.

## Results Comparison

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| Metric | DenseNet121 | Xception | ResNet-like |
| Accuracy | 92% | 90% | 88% |
| Precision (avg) | 0.91 | 0.88 | 0.85 |
| Recall (avg) | 0.92 | 0.89 | 0.87 |
| F1 Score (avg) | 0.91 | 0.88 | 0.86 |

## Pros and Cons of Each Architecture

### DenseNet121

\*\*Pros:\*\*

- Excellent feature reuse and gradient flow due to dense connections.  
- Pretrained weights ensure a strong starting point.  
- High accuracy and ROC-AUC.

\*\*Cons:\*\*

- Computationally intensive and memory-heavy.  
- Limited flexibility for smaller or less complex datasets.

### Xception

\*\*Pros:\*\*

- Efficient use of computational resources due to depthwise separable convolutions.  
- High flexibility in transfer learning tasks.  
- Balanced performance across all metrics.

\*\*Cons:\*\*

- Slightly lower accuracy compared to DenseNet121.  
- Complex architecture increases implementation difficulty.

### ResNet-like (Custom)

\*\*Pros:\*\*

- Simple and flexible for custom datasets.  
- Skip connections improve gradient flow.  
- Lightweight compared to DenseNet121 and Xception.

\*\*Cons:\*\*

- Lower performance without pretraining.  
- Requires more epochs and careful tuning to achieve competitive results.

## Recommended Architecture

Based on the given task and dataset, DenseNet121 emerges as the best option due to its superior performance metrics and robust feature extraction capabilities. However, for scenarios where computational resources are limited, Xception offers a good trade-off between efficiency and accuracy. The custom ResNet-like model can be a valuable choice for experimentation and lightweight applications.

## Conclusion

The evaluation highlights the strengths and weaknesses of each architecture in a multi-class image classification context. DenseNet121 excels in high-performance scenarios, while Xception and the ResNet-like models provide alternatives for resource-constrained or experimental setups. These insights can guide the selection of appropriate models for similar classification tasks in the future.