

Model used - resnet34 - CNN

Basic structures

- a. Convolution- It is a filtering technique whose filter parameters are trained for a given output sample.
 - Depending on the stage of training, different convolutions identifies different properties from the sample input.
- b. Batch normalization - normalize the hidden layers so that training is not specific and activations are not generated for a specific features like one color or one shape.
Since, there are no off-the-chart activations, we can use higher learning rate to train our model. This makes training faster. It also reduces overfitting.
 - It operates over batch by subtracting from the batch mean and dividing by batch standard deviation. <https://towardsdatascience.com/batch-normalization-in-neural-networks-1ac91516821c>
- c. Relu - Rectified linear unit
 - This is the non-linear part of deep learning model which lets model to train like a complex set of linear equations interacting in a non-linear fashion.
- d. Max pool- It downsamples the previous layer by taking the most activated neural out of a pool of nearby pixels.
 - It helps in identifying features such as edges, corners etc.

Dataset:

- a. downloaded images from google using the steps given in fastai lesson2_download.
- b. Categories - Fat, Slim
- c. Binary classification problem, i.e. logistic regression instead of linear regression.
- d. Cost - $-\sum Y_i \log(P_i) + (1 - Y_i) \log(1 - P_i)$
- e. Adam optimizer with momentum and all.
- f. Training data 80% mix of fat and slim.
- g. Validation data 20%
- h. Normalize data with imagenet_stats (mean and std dev. To be operated over each pixel of an image.)

Training steps-

- a. First trained the model with freezing the starting layers.
- b. Did 4 epochs with default learning rate of hopefully 1e-3
- c. Unfroze the initial layers.
- d. Did lr_find which tries to find out the learning rate when loss drops the most.
- e. Use this learning rate for outer layer and split learning rate for lower layers with lr/10.
 - i. Range (lr/10, lr)
- f. See the inference results.
- g. Look at worst predictions and try to sense what might be wrong with data first.
- h. Fix the data.
- i. Try to play around with learning rate and epochs to see which gives better accuracy and how the error improves.
- j. Keep a close eye on training and validation losses with each epoch.

Inference results - 87 to 91 % accuracy

Confusion matrix				
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Fat	/		/	
	/	29	/	4
Slim	/		/	
	/	3	/	40
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Actual				
Fat Slim				
////////predicted////////				

Accuracy - true positives (fat + slim) / total

Observation

- Most difficult task is to clean the data.
- Training accuracy depends on learning rate.
 - Higher learning rate helps to achieve the global optimum faster.
 - Lower learning rate can get stuck at local minima.
 - Do not overfit before unfreezing (starting layers), your model may never come out of local minima
 - With increase in epochs i.e. more and more training which tries to fit to the data, the training loss should always reduce.
 - Validation loss also reduces with training loss with more epochs.
 - The usual case optimum case is reached when validation loss starts to increase.
 - If validation loss is not decreasing and stuck at a point but training loss is reducing, it means you need more training data to represent other general cases.

Concepts explored -

- fit_one_cycle - in this case learning rate is first increased and then decreased slowly to avoid local minimums and reach to optimal point quicker. This whole cycle is one cycle.
- Lr_find to find the best learning rate.
- Validation loss drops to a certain point untill model reaches minima with more epochs or higher degree of polynomial.

Library used - fastai.vision

Conclusion:

- Explored a binary classification problem using deep learning technique. Used state of the art image model resnet34 with fastai library to clean the data and train the model.

Future work:

- Try more training set
- Use resnet50.

- c. Try to reach accuracy of more than 95%.
- d. Take state of the art classification problem from kaggle competition.