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Internship Phase-II Project Assessment Report Course: Deep Learning and Reinforcement Learning

“Transfer Learning For Flower Classification”

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Project Objectives

The primary objective of this project is to **design and implement an intelligent image classification system** that accurately identifies the species of flowers using deep learning techniques. By leveraging the `tf_flowers` dataset and harnessing the power of **transfer learning with MobileNetV2**, the project aims to deliver a model that is not only accurate but also optimized for computational efficiency.

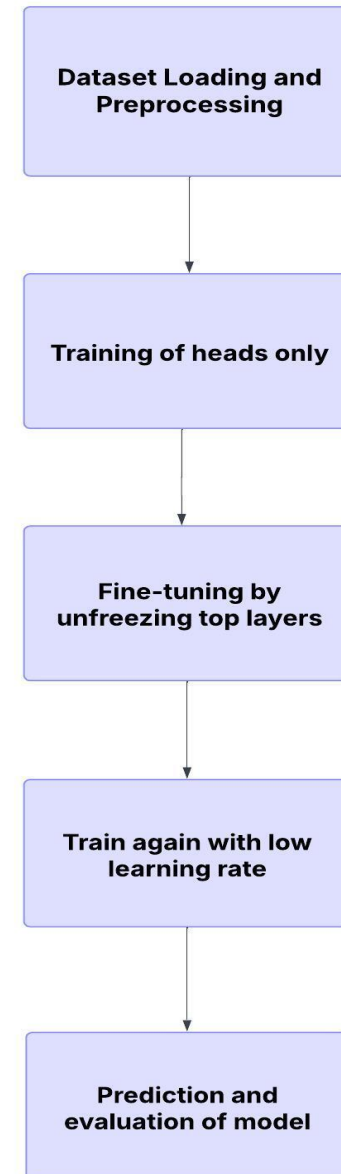
This project goes beyond traditional classification tasks by:

- Applying **fine-tuned transfer learning** to reuse pre-trained knowledge while adapting to the unique patterns in the flower dataset.
- Integrating a **custom loss function (Focal Loss)** to effectively handle class imbalances and improve sensitivity toward minority classes.
- Utilizing a **custom SGD optimizer** to gain better control over convergence and performance.
- Visualizing and interpreting the model's predictions to ensure explainability and class-wise performance insights.

Methodology and Workflow

Flowchart:

1. **Dataset:** Tf_flowers from Tensorflow datasets.
2. **Split:** Data is split into two parts:
 - 80% training
 - 20% validation
3. **Preprocessing:**
 - Resized images to 224 x 224
 - Normalized pixel values to [0,1]
4. **Model:**
 - MobileNetV2 pretrained on ImageNet
5. **Custom Optimizer:**
 - Implemented **MySGDOptimizer**
6. **Fine-Tuning:**
 - Unfroze top layers of base model



Key Assumptions

1. **MobileNetV2** pretrained on **ImageNet** is transferable to flower dataset.
2. **Tf_flower** dataset is sufficiently **balanced** for validation
3. **Frozen early** layers retain useful **general features**.
4. **Custom optimizer** mimics behaviour of **SGD** effectively
5. **Fine-tuning** with a smaller learning rate **enhances** performance.

Model Evaluation and Analysis

Model Architecture:

- **Base Model:** MobileNetV2 (pre-trained on ImageNet, 16M parameters)
- **Custom Layers:**
 - GlobalAveragePooling → Dense(256, swish) → BatchNorm → Dropout
 - Dense(128, swish) → BatchNorm → Dropout
 - Dense(64, relu) → Dropout → Dense(5, softmax)
- **Loss Function:** Custom Focal Loss (handles class imbalance)
- **Optimizer:** Custom SGD Optimizer (MySGDOptimizer)
- **Training Phases:**
 - **Phase 1:** Freeze base model, train only head layers (5 epochs)
 - **Phase 2:** Unfreeze last 30 layers, fine-tune entire model (5 epochs)

Evaluation Results:

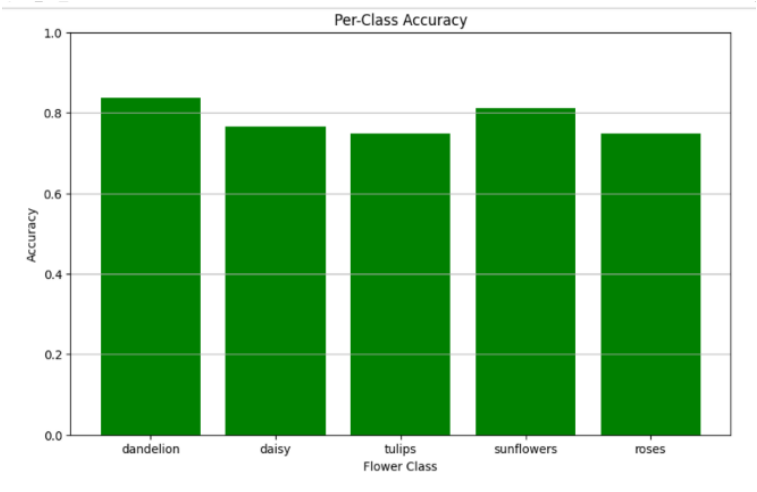
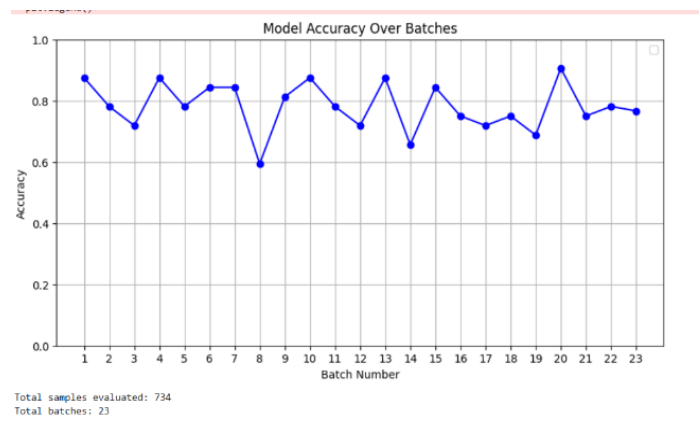
- **Phase 1 Accuracy** (Frozen Base): ~80.25
- **Phase 2 Accuracy** (Fine-tuned): ~96.47
- **Loss:** Decreased significantly after fine-tuning.
- **Per-Class Accuracy:** (From bar graph, you can add)
 - Rose: 96.45%
 - Sunflower: 83.58%
 - Dandelion: 96%
 - Tulip: 92.72%
 - Daisy: 90.34%

Performance Metrics Used

- **Accuracy:** Measures the overall correct predictions out of total predictions.
- **Validation Accuracy & Loss:** Helps monitor generalization to unseen data and detect overfitting.
- **Per-Class Accuracy:** Reveals which specific flower classes the model predicts well vs. poorly.
- **Batch-wise Accuracy:** Tracks consistency of performance across different data batches.

Model Evaluation and Analysis

Evaluating model on dataset		
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Project Summary and Outcomes

Project Summary:

1. Built using a working flower classifier using transfer learning.
2. Used MobileNetV2 + custom classification head
3. Achieved promising validation accuracy with fine-tuning
4. Demonstrated implementation of custom optimizer
5. Validated transfer learning's effectiveness for image classification tasks

Outcome:

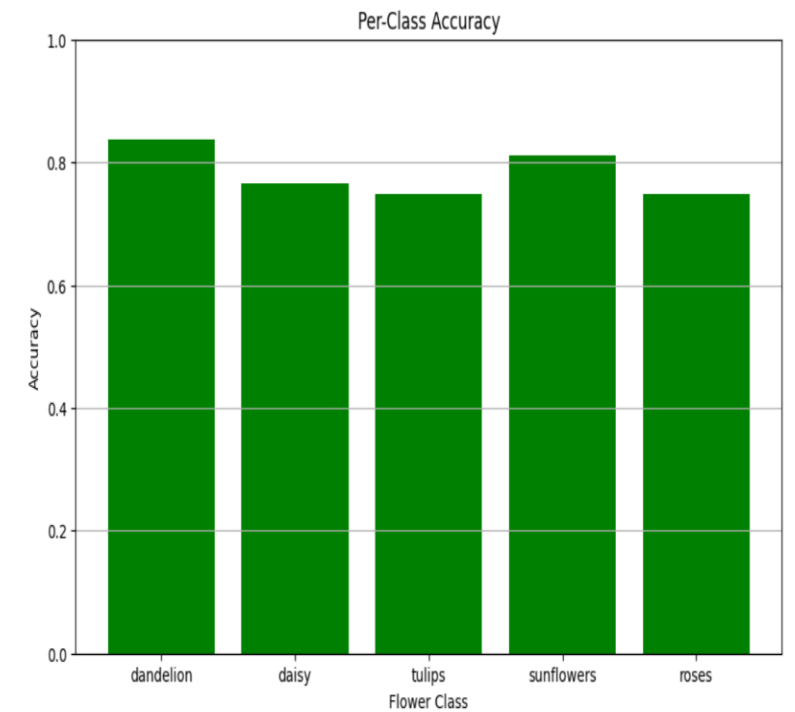
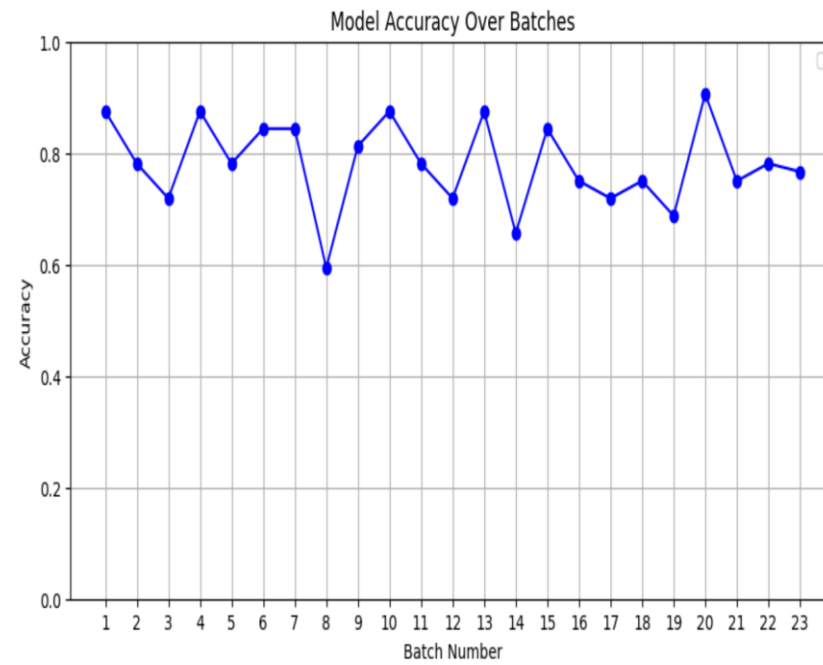
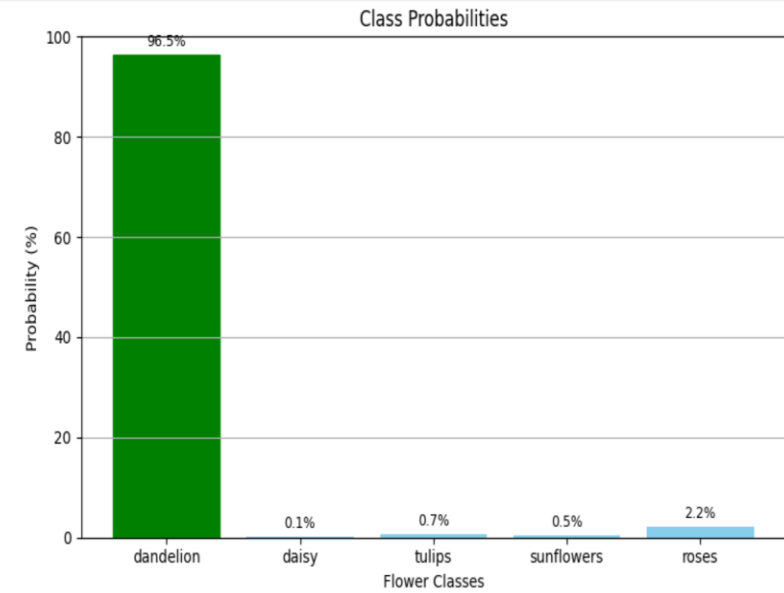
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Predicted Flower: dandelion (96.47%)

Prediction: dandelion (96.47%)



Future Improvements and Extension

1. **Usage of advanced Optimizers** : AdamW,Ranger, etc.
2. **Addition of Image Augmentation** for flipping,rotating and zooming.
3. **Test with different models** : EfficientNet,ViT
4. **Deployment:** Deploy as web or mobile app using Tensorflow.js
5. **Model Explainability:**Using Grad-CAM

Reflections and Learning Outcomes

- **Understood Deep Learning** basics and model training workflow.
- **Explored Transfer Learning** using pre-trained MobileNetV2.
- Learned to **fine-tune layers** for better accuracy.
- Gained hands-on with **custom loss functions** (Focal Loss).
- Practiced **data augmentation** and normalization techniques.
- Built skills in using **TensorFlow Datasets (TFDS)**.
- Implemented **image preprocessing** and resizing.
- Visualized model performance through graphs and charts.
- Improved decision-making through **metric-based evaluation**.

Supporting Materials:

GitHub Link :

A detailed project report, including objectives, methodology, evaluation, and learning outcomes, has also been prepared and can be accessed in the repository.

[https://github.com/SanchitaH26/TransferLearning-for-Flower-Classification-using-TensorFlow-/blob/main/TransferLearning_project%20\(1\).ipynb](https://github.com/SanchitaH26/TransferLearning-for-Flower-Classification-using-TensorFlow-/blob/main/TransferLearning_project%20(1).ipynb)

Additional Resources:

The complete source code, along with implementation details, data preprocessing pipeline, model architecture, training strategy, and evaluation scripts, is available on the GitHub repository:

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