



# A Plant Disease Classification with Residual Convolutional Neural Network

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## 1. Introduction

Among many Convolutional Neural Networks, Residual Network (ResNet) has been used as the base model for most models that have achieved high recognition accuracy in recent studies [1]. The aim of the project is to train an image classification model for plant diseases with plant leave images using ResNet to prototype a mobile app. The challenge is to develop a practical classifier that can deliver high classification accuracy in recognition of 26 different diseases on the image dataset. Fig. 1 shows the configuration of ResNet50 [2].

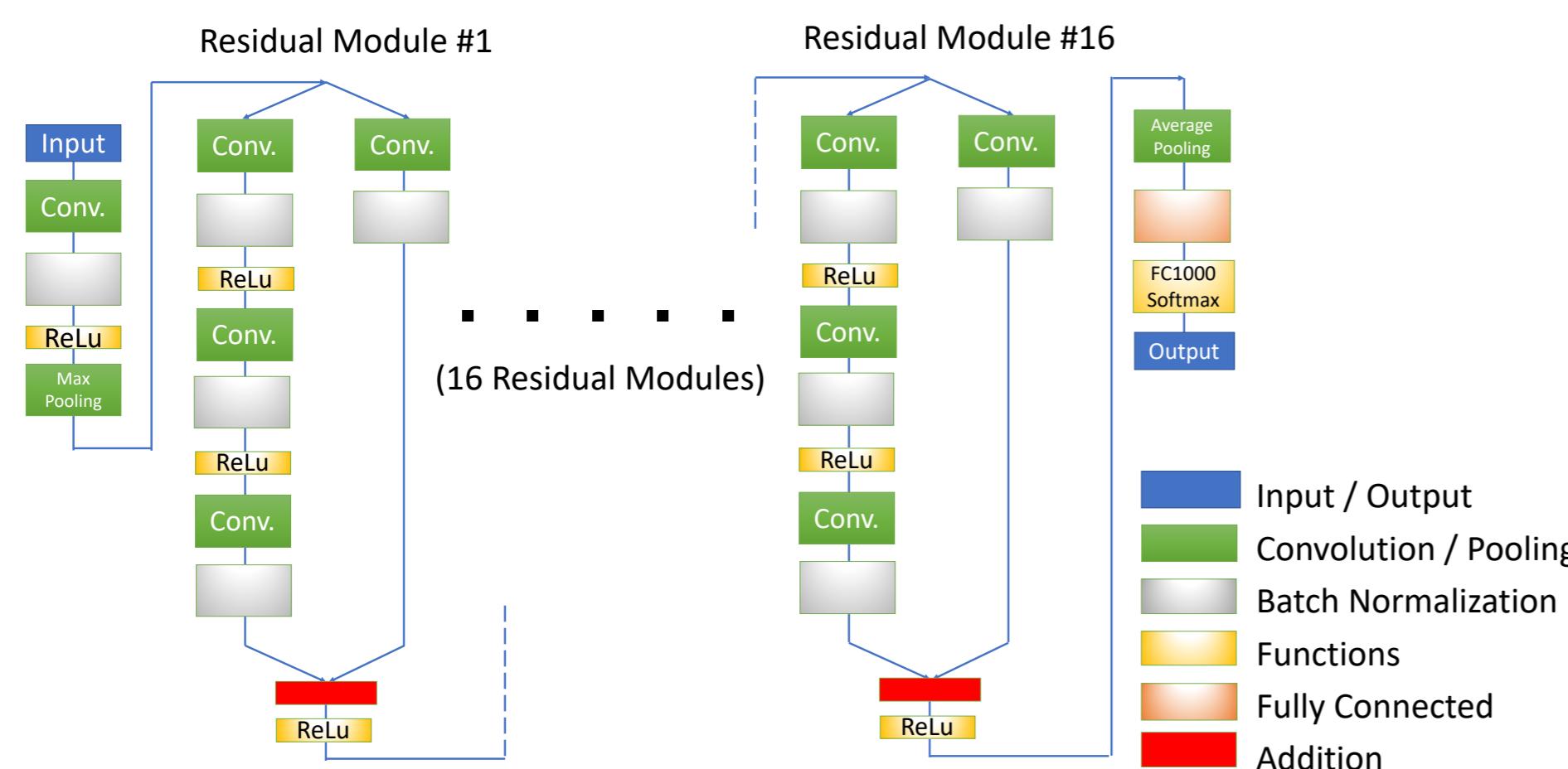


Fig.1: Concept of ResNet50

## 2. Method

The PlantVillage dataset is used for training the ResNet50. It includes 26 diseases and 12 healthy classes on 14 crops (Table 1) [3].

Crops	Diseases	Crops	Diseases
Apple	Healthy	Potato	Healthy
	Black Rot		Early Blight
	Cedar Apple Rust		Late Blight
	Apple Scab	Raspberry	Healthy
Blueberry	Healthy	Soybean	Healthy
Cerry	Healthy	Squash	Powdery Mildew
	Powdery Mildew	Strawberry	Healthy
Corn	Healthy	Tomato	Leaf Scorch
	Cercospora Leaf Spot		Healthy
	Common Rust		Bacterial Spot
	Northern Leaf Blight		Early Blight
Grape	Healthy		Late Blight
	Black Rot		Leaf Mold
	Esca Black Measles		Mosaic Virus
	Leaf Blight Isariopsis Leaf Spot		Septorial Leaf Spot
Peach	Healthy		Spider Mites
	Bacterial Spot		Target Spot
Pepper Bell	Healthy		Yellow Leaf Curl Virus
	Bacterial Spot	Orange	Citrus Greening

Table 1. PlantVillage Dataset Contents

Dataset images for each disease class are bulked up by Image Rotation method (Fig. 2) [3]. 1,000 images for each class are randomly selected, then these are divided into 800 and 200 images for the Training and the Testing, respectively.

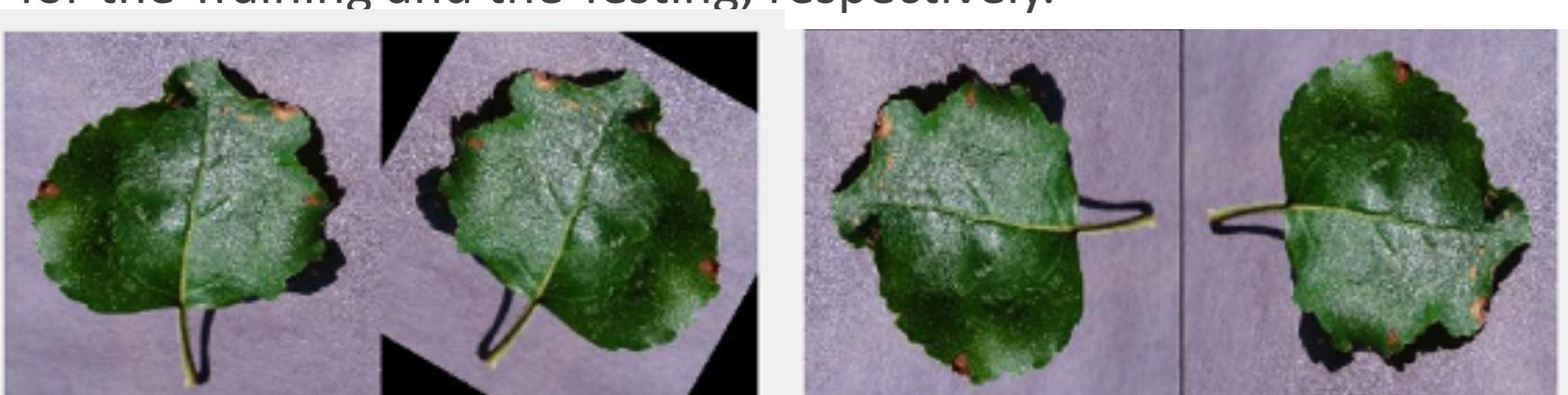


Fig. 2. Image Rotation Method

The Reflection, Transition, and Scaling are randomly applied for each image before the training to further augment the dataset. Data augmenting, Training and Testing algorithms are implemented by MATLAB Deep Learning Toolbox [4]. To validate the model accuracy, 100 images per class are randomly selected from the non-augmented dataset that is not used for the Training and Testing.

## 3. Results

### An Overall Accuracy: 99.50% for 26 Disease & 12 Healthy Classes

An overall accuracy is 99.5%, and a 100% accuracy is achieved for 22 classes (Table 2).

Disease Class	Accuracy	Disease Class	Accuracy
1 AppleBlackRot	100.00%	20 PepperBellHealthy	100.00%
2 AppleCedarAppleRust	100.00%	21 PotatoEarlyBlight	100.00%
3 AppleHealthy	98.00%	22 PotatoHealthy	100.00%
4 AppleScab	99.50%	23 PotatoLateBlight	99.50%
5 BlueberryHealthy	100.00%	24 RaspberryHealthy	100.00%
6 CherryHealthy	100.00%	25 SoybeanHealthy	100.00%
7 CherryPowderyMildew	99.00%	26 SquashPowderyMildew	100.00%
8 CornCercosporaLeafSpotGrayLeafSpot	98.00%	27 StrawberryHealthy	100.00%
9 CornCommonRust	100.00%	28 StrawberryLeafScorch	99.50%
10 CornHealthy	100.00%	29 TomatoBacterialSpot	99.50%
11 CornNorthernLeafBlight	98.00%	30 TomatoEarlyBlight	99.00%
12 GrapeBlackRot	99.50%	31 TomatoHealthy	99.50%
13 GrapeEscaBlackMeasles	100.00%	32 TomatoLateBlight	99.50%
14 GrapeHealthy	100.00%	33 TomatoLeafMold	99.00%
15 GrapeLeafBlightsariopsisLeafSpot	100.00%	34 TomatoMosaicVirus	99.50%
16 OrangeHaunglongbingCitrusGreening	100.00%	35 TomatoSeptoriaLeafSpot	100.00%
17 PeachBacterialSpot	100.00%	36 TomatoSpiderMitesTwoSpottedSpiderMite	100.00%
18 PeachHealthy	100.00%	37 TomatoTargetSpot	95.50%
19 PepperBellBacterialSpot	100.00%	38 TomatoYellowLeafCurlVirus	98.50%

Table 2. Accuracy for 26 Disease Classes and 12 Healthy Classes

The training is performed with following configurations:

- Number of Epochs: 6
- Iterations per Epoch: 3,040
- Learning Rate: 0.0003

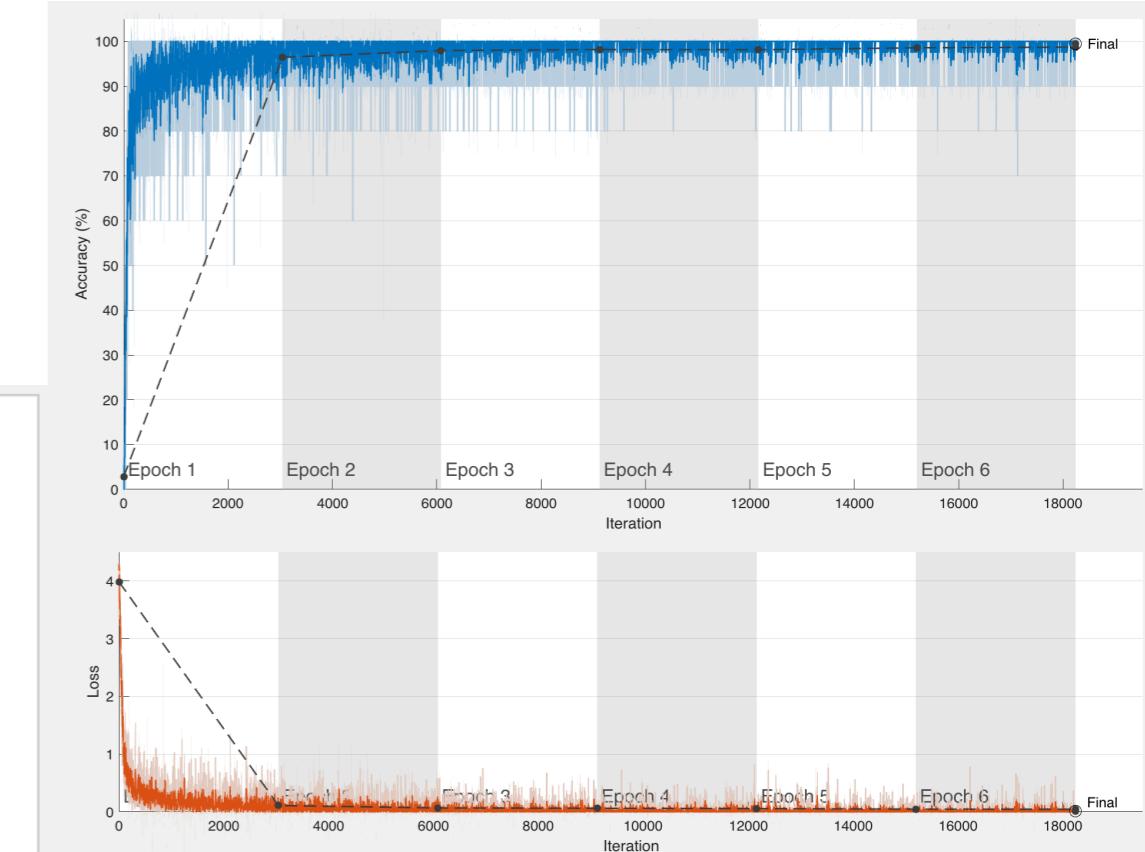


Fig 3. Training Progress with Accuracy and Loss

## 4. Conclusions & Discussions

- The trained model with a 99.5% accuracy has been implemented on iPhone 7 Plus using MATLAB Mobile as Fig 4 shows below.

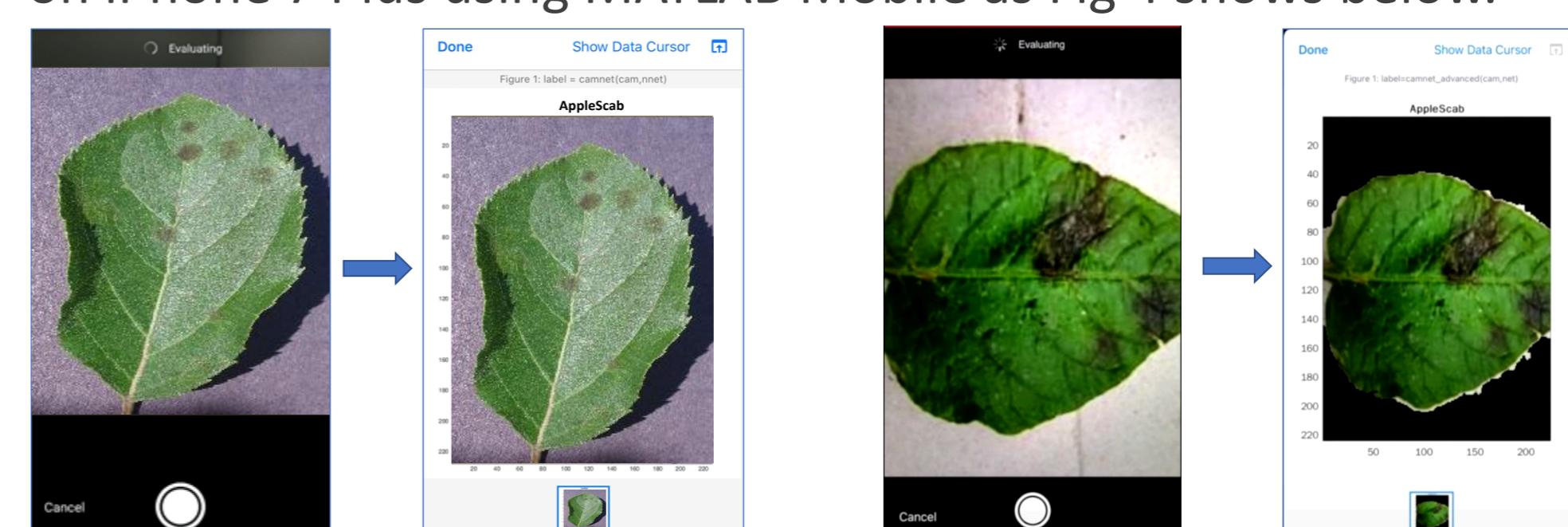


Fig 4. Basic Classifier (Left) and Automatic Leaf Boundary Extraction (Right)

- An extra experiment performed on the unknown dataset with 3 plants including 9 disease classes shows a lower accuracy, 83.7%, indicating that images with different backgrounds or other leaves may adversely affect on the accuracy. The Automatic Leaf Boundary Extraction (Fig 4., Right) might improve this issue.

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