

Identification and Classification in Food Images

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Abstract

Health conditions in the modern age are progressively getting worse with a high percentage of the population being obese. In order to combat this problem, a dietary assessment smartphone application would be invaluable. The task of recording one's food intake could be quite tedious and therefore, utilizing computer vision to automatically classify and calculate nutritional value of a user's food image could help to make the process more practical for use. One approach that could be attempted, is by using Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) for the classification of food images. This is due to the recent high success in using CNNs for image classification. Retraining of the Inception-V3 model architecture, using TensorFlow, the Food-101 dataset and the ImageNet dataset was carried out, resulting in a classification model. A Top 1 accuracy of 66.6% and a Top 5 accuracy of 85.96% was achieved using a dataset of 108 classes. It was found that CNNs are very successful in classifying images with over 100 classes and that network fine tuning could result in even better results.

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Chapter 1

Introduction

The chapter outlines an introduction to the subject area of this Final year Project (FYP), the objectives of this project, the methodology used to complete this project, an overview of the report and an explanation of the motivation behind this FYP.

1.1 Overview

This project explores identification and classification of food images for use in a nutritional assessment android application. Food calorie consumption is a huge problem in the modern world. Over 25% of the population in Ireland is obese and this figure is likely to rise over the coming years. There has been extensive research carried out into nutritional assessment. Many of these studies utilise smart phone applications to record calorie intake while physical food diaries have also been used in the past. A study was carried out by (Goodman et al., 2015) whereby they used a mobile application to keep track of Vitamin D intake for young Canadians ranging from teenagers to early adulthood. (Arens-Volland, Spassova, and Bohn, 2015) also carried out a review of current computer supported nutritional assessment applications. These applications ranged from web-based applications to smart phones. The problem with many of these 'food diary' applications is that they can be very tedious and time

intensive for users. Leveraging artificial intelligence to decrease the effort of the user or dietician would be very beneficial and many even encourage use of said nutritional assessment applications. Artificial intelligence could be utilised to classify food images and calculate the calorie count of an image so that a user would not have to input the information themselves.

The classification of images is the process whereby an algorithm predicts what objects are in an image. As humans, we take vision for granted. Computers (which find what are complex task for us, seemingly simple i.e mathematical computations) find it very difficult to interpret images. A black and white image is simply an array of numbers with values of 1 or 0 as seen in Figure 1.1. For colour images, there are multiple layers of arrays for each of three colour channels red, green and blue. It can be quite difficult to extract feature information from these arrays.

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |

Figure 1.1: Representation of an Image as an Array

Even when classification can be achieved by analysing these arrays of numbers, it is most successful when the object in question takes up most of the image. For example, the banana is clearly a very prominent object in Figure 1.2.



Figure 1.2: Banana

Alternatively, when the object of the image is occluded or not the focus of the image (Figure 1.3 and Figure 1.4), classification becomes very difficult. In contrast it can be clearly seen to humans that a banana is still present in both images. If we take a filled roll for example, it is difficult for the human eye to see the contents never mind a computer so this is another issue that arises. Illumination is also a factor that influences classification greatly as colour can play an important aspect in classification of food images as discovered by (Pouladzadeh, Villalobos, et al., 2012). Other factors of illumination that affect classification are shading, shadows and specular highlights (Gong, McKenna, and Psarrou, 2000).

Traditionally, Support Vector Machines (SVMs) have been used to classify food images, many examples of which are covered in Chapter 2. The aim behind SVMs is to cast the information to a higher dimension, for example from a 2D to 3D space, so that the classes can be separated. SVMs will be explored further in Chapter 2. The features used by SVMs for food image classification are normally colour, texture, shape and size as in (Pouladzadeh, Shirmohammadi, and Al-Maghrabi, 2014) and (Pouladzadeh, Villalobos, et al., 2012). SVMs have their problems however and these problems of long



Figure 1.3: Occluded Banana Image



Figure 1.4: Banana at Small Scale

training times and low accuracy with many classes have resulted in SVMs losing popularity in recent years.

Another reason for the shift from the use of SVMs is due to the recent success of utilizing neural networks for image classification. Neural networks are bio-inspired algorithms based off the structure of the human brain. A special type of neural networks, Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs), have proven to be very successful in image classification (Krizhevsky, Sutskever, and G. E. Hinton, 2012). CNNs differ from other neural networks due to their extra layers of convolution and pooling (Zeiler and Fergus, 2014). Convolutional layers filter the images for features while pooling refines the information in the arrays to reduce computational time and to make the features in the image clearer. CNN's have been around since the 1980's (Aurélien, 2017) but were not used by many until 2012 when CNNs became popular again due to the work carried out in that time, for example by (Krizhevsky, Sutskever, and G. E. Hinton, 2012). CNNs have been proven to be very successful in facial recognition and have been applied to food images with promising results as outlined in various studies in Chapter 2 such as (Keiji Yanai and Kawano, 2015) and (Mao, Yu, and Wang, n.d.).

For a nutritional assessment application, aided by computer vision, there are a few steps that must completed. Firstly, the food images are classified with prior segmentation in some cases. Image segmentation is the process by which an

image is segmented into multiple parts with usually a segment for each different object or as in the case of Figure 1.5 each different food item. Secondly, size estimation of each food type is carried out. Once data on the food type and size has been collected, calorie count estimation can be undertaken. Size and calorie estimation is outside the scope of this FYP.



Figure 1.5: Segmented Food Image (*Meanshift Algorithm for the Rest of Us (Python)* 2016)

The full system proposed to solve the problem statement would be able to integrate with an Android mobile phone application. The concept is, that when a user is about to eat their meal, they can simply take a picture of their meal for computation. The application would take an image, and send it to a server to be analysed. On the server side the image would be classified using a TensorFlow model. TensorFlow is a machine learning library that can be used to create CNNs. Once the classification step is completed, the size of each food type would be measured and through this, an overall calorie count would be displayed for the user. This could be logged for user metrics. The full system may not be possible to implement due to time constraints so therefore, classification will be the furthest step looked in to.

1.2 Objectives

Primary Objectives

Use Convolutional Neural Networks for Food Image Classification

There has been a large paradigm shift in food image recognition in recent years to using convolutional neural networks. This paradigm will be used to answer the problem statement.

Tune the CNN, replicating previous work

There are many different approaches to food identification and classification, many of which we will see in Chapter 2. An approach will be selected that has shown promising results in the past and replication of these results will be attempted. In addition to this, there are many different network architectures and parameters that can be adjusted when building CNNs and these will be tuned to get the best outcome possible.

Develop a mobile application to leverage the CNN

Another objective for this project is to develop an application that can be used for dietary assessment. This application would be able to take an image and then send the image to a server to identify and classify the foods within the image. Size estimation will not be explored for this project. Alternatively, due to time constraints, a previously developed application could be used to demonstrate the CNN developed.

Secondary Objectives

Understanding of Convolutional Neural Networks

In the project, Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) will be used for object identification in Food Images. A machine learning library will be used for this

due to time constraints, but it is a key objective to develop a deep understanding of CNN's as they are quite pivotal in the current computer vision industry and bio-inspired systems are very interesting.

Learn about different image identification and classification techniques

Although, CNN's will be used for implementation, other methods of identification and classification will not be ignored. It is very important to learn about other methods as different methods are better suited for some situations and it would be best to know about these methods due to the inevitability of their use.

1.3 Contribution

While many researchers have explored the topic of food image classification, there has not been many comprehensive surveys of the work done. In Chapter 2 of this report, over 20 research papers have been summarised and critiqued. This survey of the literature could be very useful for future researchers.

1.4 Methodology

The following methodology were adapter for this project:

Define the research question

The first step to this project was to define the research question. The general area of a computer vision supported nutritional assessment application was known at conception but the scope of this is too broad for an FYP. Therefore, it was decided that the research question would be to look at the food identification and classification aspect.

Literature Review

Once the research question was defined, finding related work was the next milestone. There are many attempts at Food Image Classification and these were not difficult to find, using Google Scholar, but many of these papers glossed over the segmentation aspect and relied on third parties for this step. Because of this, quite a few references to different papers had to be followed that focused solely on image segmentation and classification.

Explore different image identification methods

Various image identification methods were collected from the literature review that was carried out, so there were many options to evaluate. Convolutional Neural Networks were the clear choice due to recent popularity and successful results, so more traditional methods of identification using colour and texture was not so strenuously explored.

Select an image identification and classification method

After the various methods to identify and classify food images had been collated in the literature review, one of these had to be selected.

Research technologies and develop skills in these technologies

As Convolutional Neural Networks (CNN) are used in this project, many resources have been leveraged to enrich understanding of the process. TensorFlow is the main resource utilised in creating a CNN and on-line tutorials for this technology were greatly beneficial. A Deep Learning Course on Udacity was also used to enhance understanding and skills.

Build a prototype of the application

A prototype application had to be built for demonstration for this project.

Compare and analyse results to other implementations

Once a model had been successfully trained, comparison to previous work was carried out.

1.5 Project Plan

To plan for this project, a WBS (work breakdown structure) and a Gantt chart were created. A WBS is used to get a list of the tasks required to complete a project. A Gantt chart maps these tasks to dates and manages dependencies between the tasks i.e. does one task have to finish before another starts. Refer to Figure 1.6 for the WBS and Figure 1.7 for the Gantt chart.

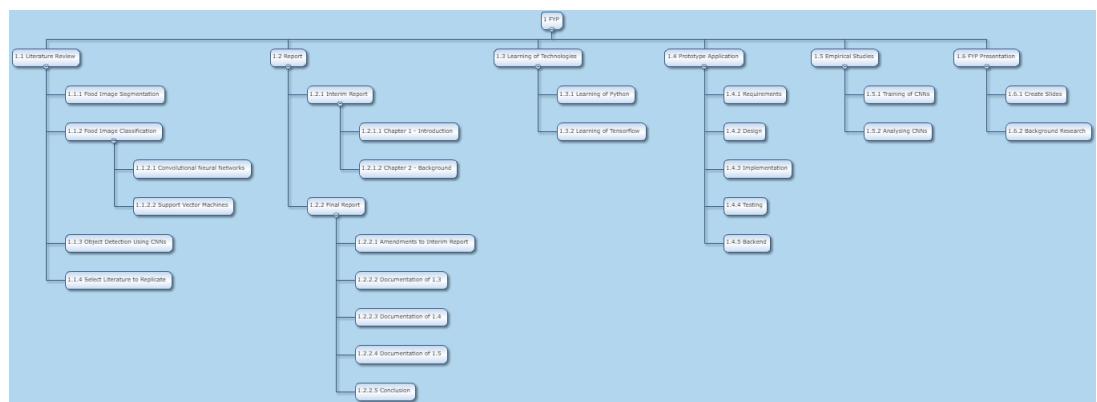


Figure 1.6: Work Breakdown Structure

1.6 Overview of Report

This report is broken down into various chapters. The introduction chapter is to give an overview of what this project is about, how the project will be

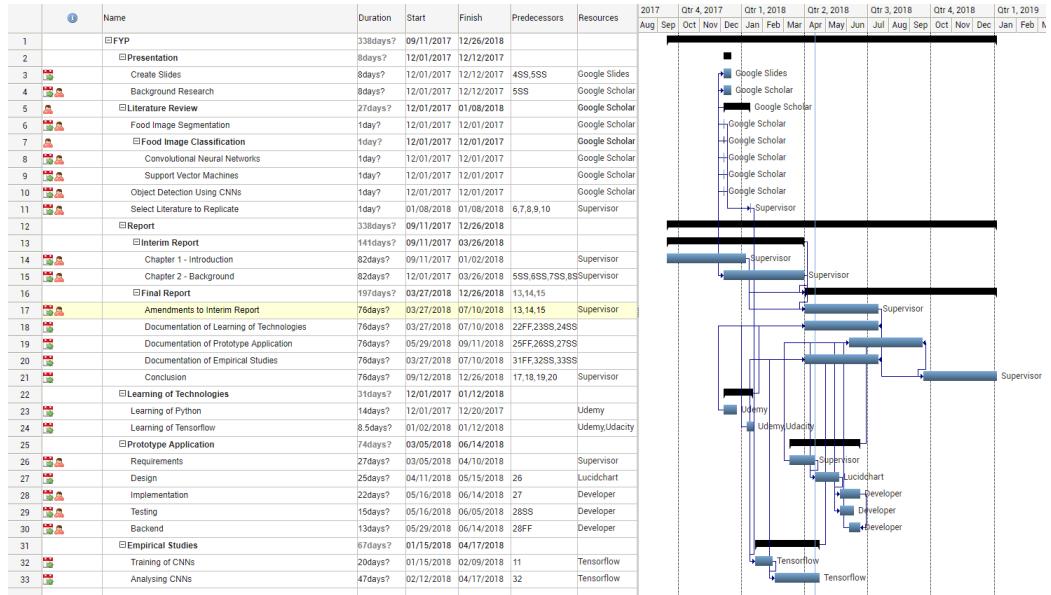


Figure 1.7: Gantt Chart

approached and why it is being carried out. Following this, some information on the background of the subject of this Final Year Project (FYP) will be outlined. Once the chapters of introduction and background have been completed, a chapter outlining the learning of TensorFlow will be explored. TensorFlow is a machine learning library that is used to develop CNNs. In this chapter, the goal is to demonstrate the activities undertaken to learn about the technologies used and show tutorials that have been completed to aid with this learning. In chapter titled 'Training Using the Inception-V3 Model Architecture', the purpose is to outline experiments that have been carried out in relation to training TensorFlow models. A TensorFlow model is the term used to describe the neural network produced by TensorFlow. The Inception-V3 architecture is proven to be a very successful architecture for classifying images and will be explained in detail in said chapter. Once the model has been trained, the following chapter 'Analysing the Trained Model' will consist of experiments that analyse and test the models trained. A prototype smart phone application was developed to demonstrate the efficacy of the system and an overview of the process will be explained in the chapter titled 'Prototype Application.' The final chapter's purpose is to provide a discussion on the

results obtained and offer a conclusion to the findings.

1.7 Motivation

I find the topic of Computer Vision a very interesting one. It excites me, to be able to 'teach' a machine how to see as we do. For this reason, I really wanted to learn about Neural Networks and this was a large motivator for this project.

Once I had a topic that I wanted to research, I needed a focus or problem statement for this research. I find that it is much more rewarding to work on something that positively impacts both myself and other people, so I decided that I wanted to research something that fit this requirement.

Food calorie consumption is a very big problem in the modern world. Over 25% of the population in Ireland are obese. A mobile application that could help keep track of a user's calorie intake by taking a picture of their meals would be a big help to combat this problem. This problem statement works very well for me because of its application use and because of its complexity. Identifying and recognising food is much more difficult than say recognising faces as it has no uniform shape. Therefore, this problem would also be very beneficial to developing skills in the computer vision area.

I would like to develop these real-world skills so that I can partake in Computer Vision projects in industry or to do further research in academia. I have also been offered a graduate role in Jaguar Land Rover and these skills would be very relevant in the autonomous driving industry. This is because machine learning has really taken off in the last few years and is used by many in industry. While machine learning has become very popular, computer vision is probably the most prominent that has come out of it. Face detection, for one, is being researched extensively for use in personalised advertising and secure access to devices and systems.

Chapter 2

Background

This chapter outlines background information on the subject of nutritional assessment using computer vision. An overview of neural networks is explored, followed by a literature review of the subject area. Analysis into evaluating the efficacy of CNNs is covered and finally a conclusion to the information gained.

2.1 Introduction to Machine Learning

In (Mitchell, 1997a), machine learning is defined as ” the question of how to construct computer programs that automatically improve with experience”. Machine learning has blossomed in recent years with applications across multiple domains using vastly different paradigms and technologies. Some of the different approaches used in machine learning are: Artificial Neural Networks, Genetic Algorithms, Decision Tree Learning and Bayesian Learning (Mitchell, 1997a).

There are many ways in which machine learning can be used in the modern world, many of which are being utilised to great effect. Some of these applications are image recognition, natural language processing and many more. These applications can be applied to many different domains such as security (face detection in airports) or object detection (autonomous driving). (Erick-

son et al., 2017) carried out research into the area of using machine learning to aid diagnosis of medical conditions. Machine learning algorithms could suggest possible diagnosis for medical professionals to interpret and therefore reduce the time spent diagnosing a patient’s condition. There may be fear that machine learning will start to take away many jobs from humans but this may not be the case as in the example above as computers will only be aiding professionals.

One of the most exciting avenues in machine learning is computer vision. This is due to the application domains mentioned above. Computer vision is the process of extracting high-dimensional data from an image to produce useful information, which in terms of classification usually results in labelling. It can be used in many areas to improve our lives. As mentioned earlier, autonomous cars are only possible when a machine can determine what objects are around it. Computer Vision can allow a machine to recognise medical conditions in an image such as breast cancer using mammography images (Erickson et al., 2017). The applications are nearly limitless.

2.2 Neural Computing

The main area of my focus for this project is in Artificial Neural Networks (ANN). This is because extensive research has been carried out into Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) which are based on ANNs.

Artificial Neural Networks

An Artificial Neural Network is a bio-inspired system that is used to model the human brain in how it learns from experience. ANNs were first introduced in 1943 and were studied until the 1960’s when the concept was shelved and revived again in the 1980’s (Aurélien, 2017). The ANN uses this model to build a very complex web of connected units called artificial neurons. These neurons are connected by certain weights which determines the processing capacity of the network and these weights are created by learning a dataset (Eaton, 2017).

A neuron has a set of inputs that take in a value, sometimes from network outputs and produce a single result or classification.

As stated above, an ANN is bio-inspired from biological neurons (Aurélien, 2017). Biological neurons are cells located in animal's brains. These neurons receive signals (electrical impulses) from other neurons and fires their own signal thereafter. While an individual neuron is very simple, millions of these neurons working together can result in very complex computations. From this, an artificial neuron was proposed through a simple model which had a binary input (1 or more) and a single binary output.

Before Convolution Neural Networks can be explored, which are vital to image processing, the perceptron learning algorithm, the multi-layer perceptron, backpropagation must be analysed.

Perceptron Learning - Artificial Neuron

In our Artificial Neural Network a Perceptron is an Artificial Neuron. It is called an Artificial Neuron because it is a bio-inspired neuron which models a neuron in the human brain in terms of inputs and output.

In Perceptron learning, we can take two inputs which are put towards an activation function with a bias attached as seen in Figure 2.1. These inputs are multiplied by the weights that connect the input to the activation function and depending on the result, the activation function may fire an output. These inputs are either 1 or -1.

The Perceptron Training Rule is how weights are selected to produce the correct output during training. As in (Mitchell, 1997a), a common way to train a perceptron is to start with random weights and change them during training as per the training rule. This rule follows the formula below:

$$w_i \leftarrow w_i + \Delta w_i$$

where x_i is the input and the equation below is valid:

$$\Delta w_i = n(t - o)x_i$$

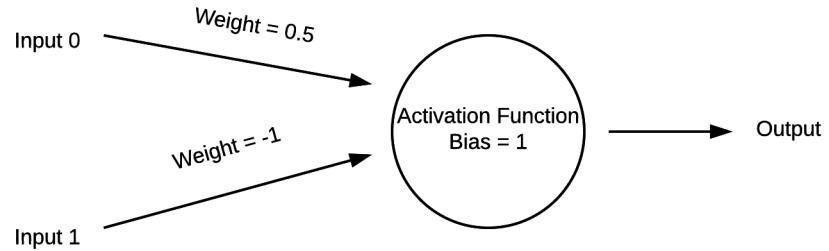


Figure 2.1: Perceptron

In the above formula, "t" is the target output for the current training example, o is the output generated by the perceptron, and n is the positive constant called the learning rate" (Mitchell, 1997a). The output of a neuron is calculated using the activation function. This Perceptron Training Rule assumes that there are two sets of instances, a positive and negative set (class x and - in Figure 2.2), and that they are linearly separable, as in demonstrated in Figure 2.2.

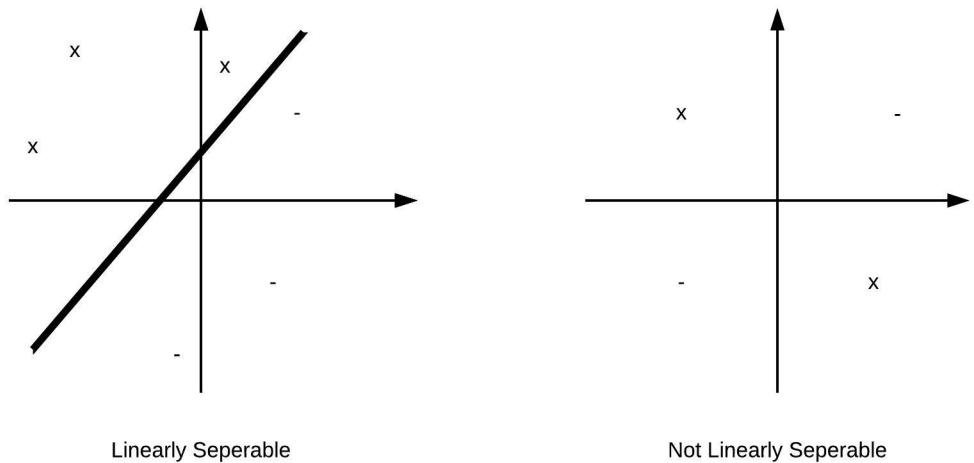


Figure 2.2: Linearly Separable, adapted from (Mitchell, 1997a)

A perception is trained using supervised learning. When the perceptron classifies a result, it is told if it is correct or not. If the result is incorrect, weights

are changed in value so that this error can be reduced (Luger, 2005).

The activation function used in a neural network calculates the output for a neuron.

There is one major problem with perceptron learning and that is, it can't solve a problem if there is not a clear linear separation between the classes. There is a way in which we can attempt to solve this, through the delta rule. The delta rule utilizes gradient descent to find the best weight for the training samples (Mitchell, 1997a). We will discuss gradient descent in the next section.

Multi Layered Perceptron

Multi-Layer Perceptrons (MLP) are made up of multiple layers of perceptrons connected together and are used to combat non-linearly separable classes. While the delta rule can solve problems on non-linearity when there are two classes, MLPs can solve non-linearity when there are more than two classes. Firstly, we have an input layer, followed by one or more hidden layers and then finally an output layer. Any Neural Network with more than three hidden layers is categorised as a deep neural network.

The input layer of your network consists of the data you feed into the network to classify it. The input layer passes this data to a hidden layer whose purpose is to transform this data into something that the output layer can understand. This transformation results in a linearly separable space that can be classified. The output layer normally consists of a class prediction.

Multi-Layer Perceptrons are a class of feed forward Artificial Neural Networks. These means that the output of each perceptron feeds into an input in the next layer of the network, example seen in Figure 2.3.

During training, using backpropagation, for each step, the output of every neuron is calculated in each layer and then passed to the next layer. Then the error of the output is calculated, and the network calculates how each neuron in the last hidden layer effected the error. This is continued back through all the layers until the input layer (Aurélien, 2017). The weights are then altered to try and reduce this error.

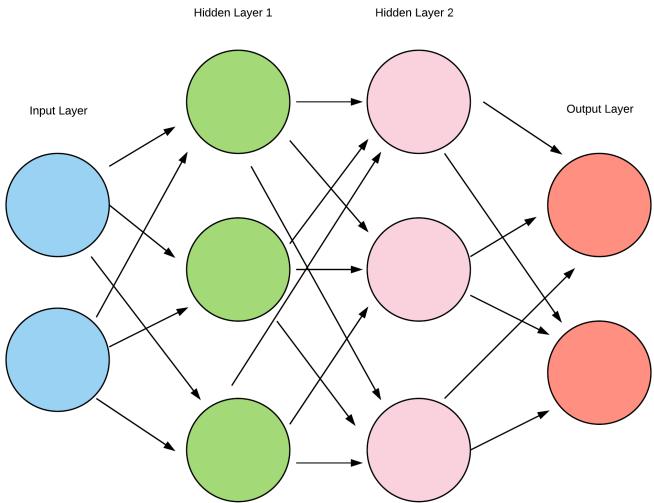


Figure 2.3: Multi Layer Perceptron

There is one large problem with MLP's and therefore Convolutional Neural Networks (CNN) were created. If you attempting to classify images with a MLP then each pixel in that image would have to be a separate input. This creates a massive number of neurons through all the layers and this isn't feasible. CNN's solve this problem which we will discuss later.

Gradient Descent and backpropagation

Gradient Descent is an algorithm used to find the optimal weights to produce the smallest prediction error. It is used to overcome problems of non linearly separable classes. Gradient descent search selects a random weight value and then modifies it gradually to minimize the error. "At each step, the weight vector is altered in the direction that produces the steepest descent along the

surface” (Mitchell, 1997a). This step is iterated until the lowest value is met.

There is an error function used for the perceptron which finds the lowest error for that neuron, but it can’t be used here because, since we have many neurons, there could be an error in multiple neurons. Gradient Descent is mathematically based on the derivative of a function. The gradient of a function can be calculated by differentiating it. As the weights are what is being controlled, ” they are what we differentiate in respect to” (Marsland, 2015). The negative gradient of this function is followed to find the lowest possible point, hence the name gradient descent (Marsland, 2015).

One problem with Gradient Descent is that if we look at Figure 2.4, we may never get to the optimal point, point B. This is because we will find point A without too many problems but when the weights change we will get too high a slope of error and therefore will never reach point B.

Another variation of Gradient Descent is Stochastic Gradient Descent (SGD). SGD is different because it updates ” weights incrementally, following the calculation of the error of each individual example” (Mitchell, 1997a).

”The Backpropagation algorithm learns the weights of a multilayer network, given a network with a fixed set of units and interconnections” (Mitchell, 1997a). Backpropagation attempts to minimise the mean squared error between the target output and the output of a network.

Backpropagation works by starting at the output layer of the network and going back through previous hidden layers, updating weights as it goes i.e. it propagates back through the network, updating the weights to try and reduce the error.

(Mitchell, 1997a) defined a walk through of the backpropagation algorithm. For every value of

$$\vec{x}, \vec{t}$$

, in the training set where x is a vector of inputs and t is a vector of output values to act a target:

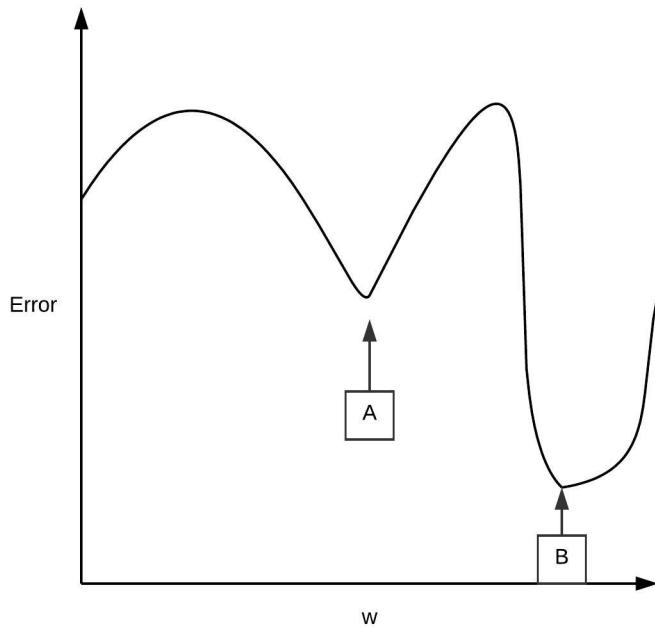


Figure 2.4: Gradient Descent

- Run x through the network and output

$$o_u$$

- For each output k , calculate the error by:

$$\delta_k \leftarrow o_k(1 - o_k)(t_k - o_k)$$

- For every hidden unit, calculate the error by:

$$\delta_h \leftarrow o_h(1 - o_h) \sum_{k \in outputs} w_{kh}\delta_k$$

- Updates weights by:

$$w_{ji} \leftarrow w_{ji} + \Delta w_{ji}$$

where

$$\Delta w_{ji} = \delta_j x_{ji}$$

2.3 Convolutional Neural Networks Overview

Convolutional Neural Networks (CNN's) are essentially a Multi Layered Perceptron with a special structure (Zeiler and Fergus, 2014). CNN's have one major difference from a MLP, they have extra layers of convolution and pooling. The architecture of a convolution network can be seen in Figure 2.5.

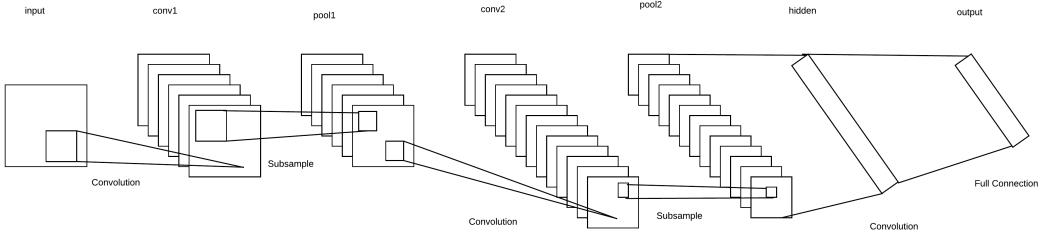


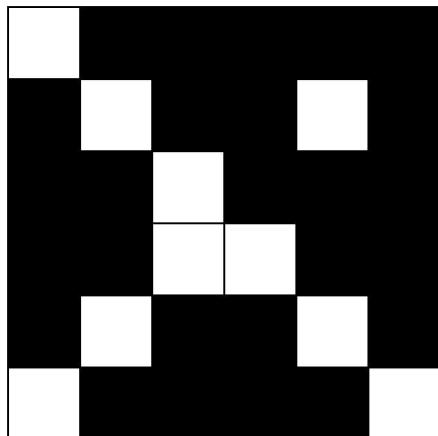
Figure 2.5: CNN Architecture

Each convolutional layer in the network extracts features from the images. The closer the image is to the input layer, more primitive features are extracted while the closer the image is to the output layer, more complex features are extracted.

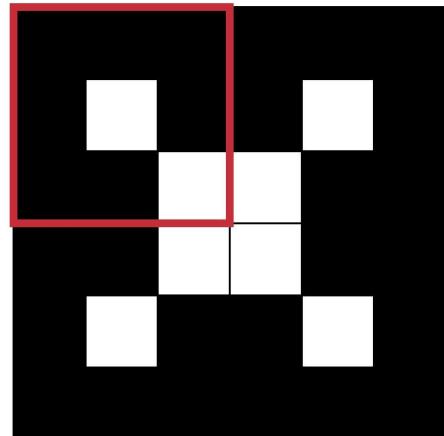
Figure 2.6 (a) shows an image that we want to compare against Figure 2.6 (b). For humans, it is quite easy to determine that these images are very similar but for a computer this task is surprisingly difficult.

So, what a CNN does, to combat this problem, is to take a small feature from Figure 2.6 (a) and compare it to a subsection of Figure 2.6 (b). The CNN multiplies the feature and a section of Figure 2.6 (c), adds up the results and divides by 9 (The number of pixels in the feature). This then gives a decimal value of how likely it is that the feature is in the part of the image, as seen in Figure 2.6 (d). This is called filtering. The convolutional layer is composed of carrying out this filtering for every single possible location in Figure 2.6 (a).

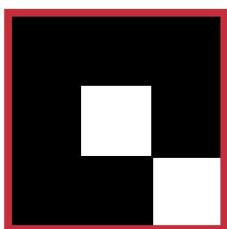
Next is the Pooling Layer that takes the convoluted layer output (you can use Figure 2.6 (d) as reference) and from a user defined size i.e. 2x2, gets either the highest decimal value (Max pooling), the average value (Mean pooling)



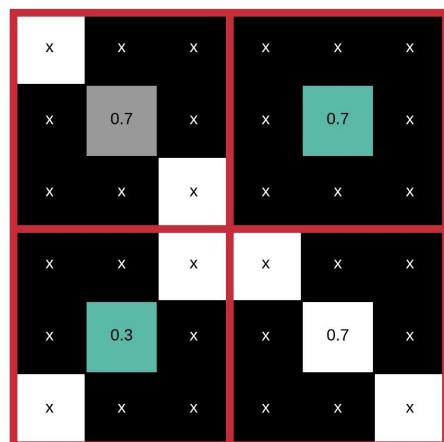
(a) Image to Classify



(b) Image to Compare



(c) Image Feature to Search



(d) Convolved Image



(e) Pooled Image

Figure 2.6: CNN Overview

or the lowest decimal value (Min pooling) and records that as the new value for the section. This is then applied to the entire image. As we can see in Figure 2.6 (e) we now have a much smaller image stack in which to classify, thus making the computation easier. Pooling also makes features of the image clearer which helps to result in more accurate classification.

In between the convolution and pooling layer, there is sometimes a normalization layer. This normalization layer creates Rectified Linear Units (ReLU's). In other words, if we take Figure 2.6 (d), it changes all minus values to zero.

There are some problems with CNN's however. One of the main problems is that you need a very large dataset in order to produce an accurate model and the training can be very time consuming even with a GPU. This is because each training image (or batch) must be ran through the network and go through backpropagation.

Receptive Field and Kernel

In the previous section where an overview of CNN's was addressed, there was a discussion focused on filtering where features were searched for across the images. This filtering resulted in windows sliding across the image, looking for common features. This window is called the receptive field, and this is the section of the image that is being looked at.

As the image is convoluted and processed through the network, the changed image can be called the kernel. The kernel of the CNN represents what features are extracted from the image throughout the network.

Activation Function

The activation function used in a neural network calculates the output for a neuron. The most commonly used activation function in CNN's is the ReLU activation function or the rectified linear unit (Aurélien, 2017). The SoftMax activation function is sometimes used for the output layer (Aurélien, 2017).

Dropout

Dropout is a type of regularisation technique used to prevent overfitting in a network (Aurélien, 2017). Overfitting in a network is when the network cannot generalise to new data after over learning the training data. In dropout, each neuron is given a probability (normally set to 0.5) and this is the likelihood that the neuron will be used for that training step. It has proven quite successful for increasing a networks accuracy (Aurélien, 2017).

Full Connected Layer

Once the layers of convolutional pooling have detected features in an image, a fully connected layer is added to the end of the CNN (Deshpande, 2018). This layer uses the output of the previous layer to determine a prediction for the network. The fully connected layer outputs a vector of n dimensions where n is the number of possible classes to predict. A probability is calculated for each class to determine how likely it is that the class is present in the image. This layer calculates the probabilities by looking for features in it's input that relate to the classes. For example, if the image was of a banana the fully connected layer would look for features such as curved shape or yellow colour to calculate a high probability.

Different Sizes of Convolutions

Zero padding can be added to an output so that it is same size as the previous layer by adding zeros around the feature (Aurélien, 2017).. Through training, it is ”possible to connect a large input layer to a much smaller layer by spacing out the receptive fields” (Aurélien, 2017). The stride between two different receptive fields is the spacing between them (Aurélien, 2017).

Fully Convolutional Networks

A Fully Convolutional Network is one that does not have a fully connected layer and in a fully connected layers place is another convolution layer. This can be achieved by making the size of the receptive field equal to the size of the input (*Image Segmentation Using DIGITS 5 2018*). They are proven to be very successful in object detection.

Inception-V3 Model Architecture

The Inception V3 model network architecture was used for this experiment. The Inception V3 architecture was created by building on the existing Inception model aimed at efficient image classification (Szegedy et al., 2016). This research was carried out due to the popularity of convolutional neural networks. The main aim of this study was to produce a model that would ” scale up networks in ways that aim at utilizing the added computation as efficiently as possible by suitable factorized convolutions and aggressive regularization” (Szegedy et al., 2016). The team did not want to simply rely on larger models for better results.

There are 4 main design principles that the research team followed in the paper (Szegedy et al., 2016):

- Avoid representational bottlenecks
- It is easier to process higher dimensional representations locally
- Without much loss in power, spatial aggregation can be carried out over lower dimensional embeddings
- The width and depth of the network should be balanced and when one is increased it can be beneficial to increase the other.

The main idea behind the network is that different strands of the network are followed, and the best result is used as seen in Figure 2.7.

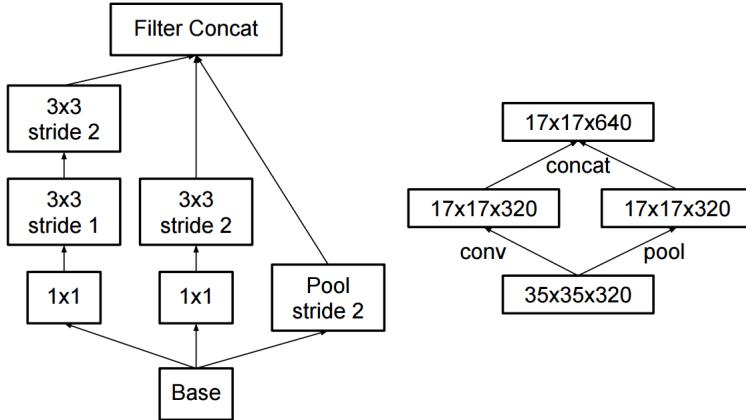


Figure 2.7: Inception module (Szegedy et al., 2016)

In order to combat the problem of low resolution input, three separate experiments were carried out based on the fact that "One simple way to ensure constant effort is to reduce the strides of the first two layer in the case of lower resolution input, or by simply removing the first pooling layer of the network" (Szegedy et al., 2016).

These experiments are as follows, with the first (299 x 299 receptive field) resulting in the most accurate:

- "299 x 299 receptive field with stride 2 and maximum pooling after the first layer." (Szegedy et al., 2016)
- "151 x 151 receptive field with stride 1 and maximum pooling after the first layer." (Szegedy et al., 2016)
- "79 x 79 receptive field with stride 1 and without pooling after the first layer." (Szegedy et al., 2016)

The best results of the Inception-V3 model on the ILSVR 2012 dataset achieved 78.8% Top-1 accuracy and 94.4% Top 5 accuracy (Szegedy et al., 2016). This model also was the least computationally expensive of other published and successful models. The full model can be viewed in Figure 2.8.

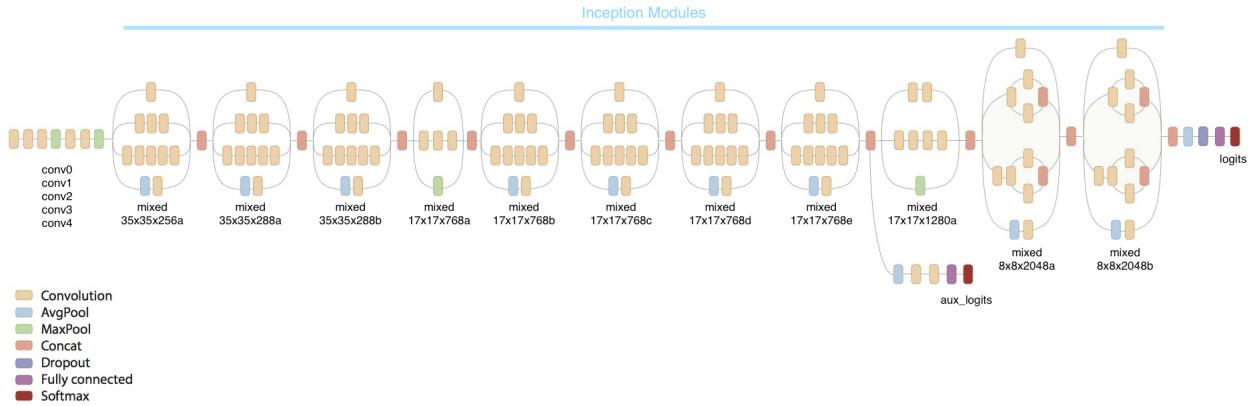


Figure 2.8: Inception V3 Architecture (Szegedy et al., 2016)

MobileNet Model Architecture

The network architecture used for this experiment is MobileNet (Howard et al., 2017). A parameter can be set to retrain this model in the code, as mentioned in previous experiments, instead of inception V-3 (*How to Retrain Inception’s Final Layer for New Categories* 2018). This architecture is designed to be smaller and much more efficient so that it can be used on smartphones which have less powerful resources available.

Mobilenet is designed for various use cases on mobile phones such as image classification, landmark recognition, object detection and face attributes. It is based on ” depthwise separable convolutions” whose purpose is the split a convolutional layer into a depthwise convolution and a pointwise convolution (1x1 convolution) (Howard et al., 2017). The purpose of the former is to apply ” a single filter to each input channel” (Howard et al., 2017) while the latter combines these outputs. This in turn reduces the computational time. The first layer of the network is a standard convolutional layer and does not get split up.

Unfortunately there is a significant decrease in accuracy in using MobileNet as it is a much thinner model.

Libraries

There are many libraries available that can be used for the creation of CNNs such as:

- TensorFlow
- Caffe
- Gluon
- MxNet

In this project, TensorFlow will be used due to its reputation, supporting documentation, training resources and prevalence online.

History

Convolutional Neural Networks are a bio-inspired approach to solving intensive tasks. They have been applied to image recognition, along with natural language processing and voice recognition, with image recognition being explored since the 1980's (Aurélien, 2017). In 2012, CNNs increased in popularity due to increased computational power in the hardware, availability in datasets and breakthrough research carried out in the field (Krizhevsky, Sutskever, and G. E. Hinton, 2012). CNNs have been recently applied to many complex tasks with exceptional results such as facial recognition, and many more.

2.4 Support Vector Machine

A Support Vector Machine (SVM) is a machine learning algorithm that has been very popular before the use of a CNN was mainstream. Many of the texts that will be analysed later use SVMs for their classification.

A SVM works by creating an n-dimensional space, with n as the number of inputs you have (*Support Vector Machines for Machine Learning* 2017). The

SVM algorithm finds the hyperplane that splits this space. This hyperplane can then be used for classification. An SVM casts the problem to a higher dimensional space and this can solve a problem when the classes are not linearly separable. This can be seen in Figure 2.9, where on the left there is no clear way to separate the classes but once the problem is cast to another dimensional, the separation is clear.

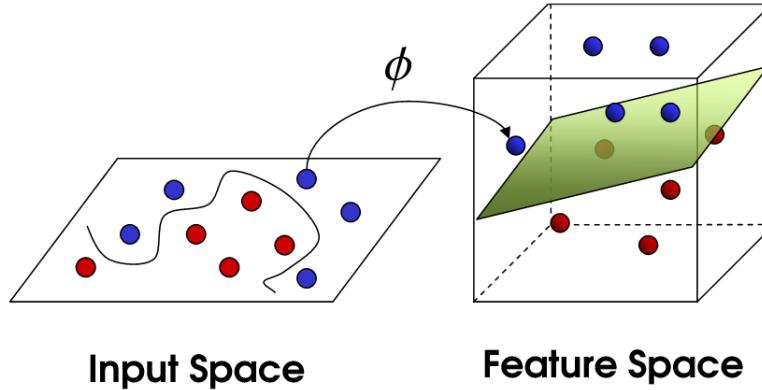


Figure 2.9: Support Vector Machine Applicability sourced from <https://stackoverflow.com/questions/9480605/what-is-the-relation-between-the-number-of-support-vectors-and-training-data-and>

A kernel is used to implement a SVM. There are a few types of kernels that can be used in the SVM algorithm such as:

- Linear Kernel
- Polynomial Kernel
- Radial Kernel

The kernel is a vector of how similar two vectors are. In terms of a linear kernel, the dot product of two vectors is the kernel.

There are benefits and liabilities to using a SVM. They can be very accurate and can work efficiently with small datasets but unfortunately it can take a large amount of time to train.

2.5 Evaluating the Output

There are various metrics that can be used for evaluating the output of a classifier or segmentation algorithm, many of which we have seen in previous sections. These metrics will be examined below.

Research into Diagnosing Errors in Object Detectors

There has been some research into the question of how to evaluate object detectors, one of which be discussed in detail (Hoiem, Chodpathumwan, and Dai, 2012). This paper in question ” analyzes the influences of object characteristics on detection performance and the frequency and impact of different types of false positives” (Hoiem, Chodpathumwan, and Dai, 2012). They found that there were many effects that had influence on detectors as follows:

- occlusion
- size
- aspect ratio
- visibility of parts
- viewpoint
- localization error
- confusion with semantically similar objects
- confusion with other labelled objects
- confusion with background

The research team goes on to analyse false positives in object detectors. Localization errors were a large factor. This is where bounding boxes overlap to other objects in the image. Confusion with similar objects had a large influence on false positives also by which, for example, a dog detector had a

high score for a cat (Hoiem, Chodpathumwan, and Dai, 2012). Confusion with dissimilar objects and confusion with background are the categories of the rest of the false positives they measured.

In conclusion the team would that ” Most false positives are due to misaligned detection windows or confusion with similar objects” (Hoiem, Chodpathumwan, and Dai, 2012). They had some recommendations towards improves detectors as follows:

- Smaller objects are less likely to be detected
- Localization could be improved
- Reduce confusion with similar categories
- Robustness to object variation
- More detailed analysis

Top-1 and Top-5 Accuracy

When a classifier is given an image it normally responds with a list of predictions along with a decimal representation of the likelihood that it is of that class. The Top-1 accuracy is the top valued prediction and Top-5 accuracy is the top 5 predictions.

Cross-Validation

When cross-validation is utilised, the test set is used for gradient descent while a separate validation set is used to measure error (Mitchell, 1997a). K-fold cross-validation is where k separate validation sets are created. These k different validation sets are used to test the model and the results are averaged.

Table 2.1: Confusion Matrix

| Actual (n=200) | Predicted: NO | Predicted: YES |
|----------------|---------------|----------------|
| NO | 55 | 18 |
| YES | 7 | 120 |

Confusion Matrix

A proven, very successful way to measure how well a classifier is performing is by using a confusion matrix (Aurélien, 2017). A confusion matrix simply counts the number of times an object is classifier correctly or incorrectly as in Table 2.1.

2.6 Dietary Assessment using Computer Vision

Convolution Neural Networks

Many researchers have used convolutional neural networks for image classification with various network architectures and many have used a food image dataset. Some of these papers will be looked at below. A summary of their results can be seen in Table 2.3.

(Mao, Yu, and Wang, n.d.) focused on a deep learning approach to food image recognition based their neural network architecture on Inception-ResNet and Inception V3. Deep learning is a term usually given to algorithms based on neural networks. They also used the Food-101 dataset. For this system, Google’s TensorFlow was used for image pre-processing. Pre-processing was needed as the environmental background is different in many food images. Because of these ”Grey World method and Histogram equalization” (Mao, Yu, and Wang, n.d.) were used. Amazon Web Services (AWS) Graphics Processing Units (GPU) instances were used for training. AWS instances are

cloud servers. The results on completion were quite impressive with a Top-1 Accuracy of 72.55% and a Top-5 Accuracy of 91.31%.

Another research team in Japan, (Keiji Yanai and Kawano, 2015) researched this topic. This was built off previous research they had carried out in the field (Kawano and Keiji Yanai, 2014). They were aware of how difficult the problem was and therefore employed many techniques to solve the problem such as ” pre-training with the large-scale ImageNet data, fine-tuning and activation features extracted from the pre-trained DCNN”. In conclusion, they found that the ” fine-tuned DCNN which was pre-trained with 2000 categories” from ImageNet was the best method. A DCNN is a Deep Convolution Neural Network. A network can become a DCNN when the number of hidden layers is larger than three. While many of the CNNs discussed have been DCNN, most are just labelled as CNNs. The achieved results of 78.77% for Top-1 Accuracy in the UECFOOD100 dataset.

(Kagaya, Aizawa, and Ogawa, 2014) also employed the use of convolutional neural networks for image detection. They used a CNN for the ” tasks of food detection and recognition through parameter optimization”. They found that a CNN is much better suited to the task than a Support Vector Machine (SVM). They achieved an overall classification accuracy of 93.8% against their baseline accuracy of 89.7%. This accuracy was calculated using a dataset that they created specifically for this task. When they had completed the task they analysed the trained convolutional kernels and came to an interesting conclusion. They found that ” colour features are essential to food image recognition”.

The last paper that will be analysed, (Liu et al., 2016), oriented around using a Convolutional Neural Network for food image recognition, focuses on developing a dietary assessment application for use on a smart phone. They used the UEC-256 and Food-101 dataset for their experiments and achieved impressive results. They used a Convolutional Neural Network but ” with a few major optimizations, such as optimized model and an optimized convolution technique”. They used the Inception module for their CNN. After the inception module was complete, they made the GoogleNet architecture by

combining modules. In total, the network had 22 layers. They achieved the results shown in Table 2.2.

Table 2.2: DeepFood Results

| Dataset | Top-1 | Top-5 |
|---------------------------|-------|-------|
| UEC-256 | 54.7% | 81.5% |
| UEC-100 | 76.3% | 94.6% |
| Food-101 | 77.4% | 93.7% |
| UEC-256 With Bounding Box | 63.8% | 87.2% |
| UEC-100 With Bounding Box | 77.2% | 94.8% |

(Mezgec and Koroušić Seljak, 2017) developed a new neural architecture specifically for detecting food and drink images using deep convolutional neural networks called NutriNet. The trained network was to be used to aid patients with Parkinson’s disease in monitoring their diet. NutriNet was created based off the AlexNet architecture. The dataset used for this study consisted of approximately 500 images for each of over 500 classes. Through this dataset a Top-1 accuracy of 86.72% and a Top-5 accuracy of 94.47% was recorded. A smart phone application was used for real world testing which brought a Top-5 accuracy of 55%. The application also saved these real-world images from the smart phone to increase their dataset size. In conclusion, the team found that there were modifications that could be made to the NutriNet architecture as real-world images didn’t perform incredibly well due to occlusion and background noise in the images. The detection and recognition steps were separated in this architecture. The team also acknowledges that joining these steps into a single DCNN may be successful and should be explored.

Support Vector Machines

While Convolutional Neural Networks have proven very successful in recent years, there are many other methods of food image identification and classification that have been employed by food image recognition researchers, such

Table 2.3: Summary of results in CNN based methods

| Title | Dataset | Top-1 Accuracy |
|------------------------------------|-------------|----------------|
| (Mao, Yu, and Wang, n.d.) | Food 101 | 72.6% |
| (Keiji Yanai and Kawano, 2015) | UECFood101 | 78.8% |
| (Kagaya, Aizawa, and Ogawa, 2014) | Own dataset | 93.8% |
| (Liu et al., 2016) | Food 101 | 77.4% |
| (Mezgec and Koroušić Seljak, 2017) | Own dataset | 86.7% |

as SVMs. A summary of the results of these methods can be seen in Table 2.4.

A Food Image Recognition System with Multiple Kernel Learning

In this paper, (Joutou and Keiji Yanai, 2009), a practical use for food image recognition in the form of a mobile phone application was proposed. In order to classify the images, multiple kernel learning(MKL) was used. MKL is similar to a SVM expect that instead of a single kernel during training, MKL ” treats with a combined kernel which is a weighted linear combination of several single kernels” (Joutou and Keiji Yanai, 2009). The idea behind this is that different food types are distinguishable by different factors and using this method, the best of these factors can be used for classification of that food type. In the experiments carried out, three different factors were used for learning:

- Colour Histograms
- Gabor Texture Features
- Bag-of-Features using Scale Invariant Feature Transformation (SIFT)

50 different classifiers were created in a SVM using MKL with ” one category as a positive set and other 49 categories as a negative set” (Joutou and Keiji Yanai, 2009). For each of these categories, a web scrape was carried out and then the best 100 images for each scrape was manually selected. Five-fold cross validation was utilised in the paper.

MKL proceeded to yield results of 61.34% on the 50 food types and a Top-3 accuracy of 80.05%. The prototype mobile phone application resulted in a 37.55% user accuracy.

While the Top 1 and Top 5 accuracies for this model show promising results, the user accuracy is very poor. This would suggest that the classifier does not work well with real life images and is possibly overfitting to the training and testing dataset. MKL classifiers may not be promising for generalisation.

A Novel SVM Based Food Recognition Method for Calorie Measurement Applications

Another quite successful study was carried out using a SVM. (Pouladzadeh, Villalobos, et al., 2012) had established that both colour and texture are very important, but they also decided that shape and size are vital features to analyse. The proposed system has two main parts, segmentation followed by classification. To create a 'robust' system, a 'Robust Handling of Different Lighting Conditions' module is added to the system (Pouladzadeh, Villalobos, et al., 2012). This is so that various lighting conditions don't cause colour data to be distorted.

Since this paper calls for calorie estimation, the first step of the system calculates the size of the food portion. In order to do this, a coin or the users thumb is included in the image taken so that the pixel count of the thumb and the food can be compared to estimate the size. Following this the image is segmented into various portions. The following step classifies each segment of the image by extracting colour, texture and shape features and inputting these into a SVM.

12 different food types were trained for this SVM with an average classification accuracy of 92.6%. (Pouladzadeh, Villalobos, et al., 2012) concluded that it would be difficult to use their algorithm with real data and no evidence of real-world testing was recorded. This is unfortunate as it is difficult to get an idea of the success of the system. Also, only 12 food types were trained and it would be interesting to see how the system performed with more classes.

Measuring Calorie and Nutrition From Food Image

Another study that employed both a SVM and an emphasis on colour, texture and shape features, was carried out by (Pouladzadeh, Shirmohammadi, and Al-Maghribi, 2014). Size was also a factor in the calorie measurement module of the system. It was found that using all four of these features increases the overall accuracy.

In order to segment the image successfully, Gabor filters were applied to separate texture features while colour was also utilised. For each segment established, size, shape, colour and texture features were extracted and using a SVM, a classification was made. The SVM used the radial basis function kernel.

Calorie estimation was also a large part of this paper, and the users thumb was taken with the food to calculate food size.

In the prototype application, once the classification had been made, the user can confirm or change the prediction. Another feature of the application was in regards to "Partially Eaten Food" (Pouladzadeh, Shirmohammadi, and Al-Maghribi, 2014). This was accomplished by taking a picture before and after consumption and as a result only calculated the size of the food eaten and therefore more accurate calorie counts can be produced.

15 food types were trained using the SVM with 3000 images. The accuracy for the classifier averaged at 90.41% using 10-fold cross-validation. There was also a calorie count accuracy of 86%. The best classification results were on single foods followed by non-mixed and finally mixed foods produced the worst results.

Even though (Pouladzadeh, Shirmohammadi, and Al-Maghribi, 2014) segmented the image before classification, they still had poor results on mixed foods. The low number of classes the classifier was trained on makes it difficult to see how effective the classifier is. It would also be beneficial to know how long classification took on a new image as the classifier used features of colour, texture, size and shape which would be quite time consuming.

Segmentation Assisted Food Classification for Dietary Assessment

(Zhu et al., 2011) had a strong focus on the segmentation aspect of a dietary assessment system. The segmentation of the food images was achieved " using Normalized Cuts based on intensity and colour" (Zhu et al., 2011). Normalized Cuts is a graph-based segmentation method. To aid the segmentation aspect of this study, a common background colour was introduced to the images. Segmentation refinement was also an important module in the experiment. This is the process by which neighbouring segments with the same classification label are merged together. This also helps calculate a more accurate size estimation.

The classification of the segmented image was processed by using a SVM calculating colour and texture features. Gabor filters were used for the texture feature extraction.

In the experimental results for this study, it was found that segmentation was not always successful " when the region of interest is camouflaged by making its boundary faint" (Zhu et al., 2011). In their case, it was a can of coke that wasn't segmented correctly. The classification accuracy was of 56.2% and 95.5% with ground truth segmentation data. 19 classes of food were used in this study with approximately 60 images per class.

Very little information was given in this paper on the classifier used. The low classification results do not yield promising results for this method.

Automatic Chinese Food Identification and Quantity Estimation

There was a study carried out on food identification through a smart phone application by (M.-Y. Chen et al., 2012). This study resulted in an application that allows a user to send an image of their food to a server which can give them an automatic response in 12 seconds. This back-end service can have 34 threads working concurrently as stated at the time the paper was published.

A SVM is used to classify the image across 50 categories trained on around 100 images each. The SVM uses SIFT and Local Binary pattern feature extractors.

A separate SVM was trained for each of these extractors and was merged together using a "Multi-class AdaBoost algorithm" (M.-Y. Chen et al., 2012).

The study produced a top-1 accuracy of 68.3%. Accuracy of 80.6%, 84.8% and 90.9% were recorded using top-2, top-3 and top-5 accuracy respectively. Unfortunately, real-world image classification results were not recorded from the smartphone applications. Due to this, it is difficult to measure the efficacy of the classifier, even more so because they only had 50 classes.

An Image Processing Approach for Calorie Intake Measurement

(Villalobos, Almaghrabi, Pouladzadeh, et al., 2012) researched the question of using a computer vision approach to this topic. They focus mostly on the segmentation and region of interest calculation of the system in their study.

The system in question requires two images of the food, one from above and one from the side. This helps with size estimation. The user's thumb is required to be in the image for accurate size estimation. The application also requires an image after consumption as to not calculate calories for uneaten food.

The system segments the image and then extracts colour, size and shape information from each segment. This data is then used by a SVM for classification along with a nutritional database for calorie information.

Multiple segmentation methods were tested such as:

- Semi-automatic contour definition
- Watershed transformation
- Colour rasterization
- Edge accentuation

The first two were dismissed due to poor results but the second two were used in conjunction for the segmentation aspect of the system.

(Villalobos, Almaghrabi, Pouladzadeh, et al., 2012) did not provide extension information on the classifier used in this study and would therefore be very difficult to replicate. However, impressive segmentation results were obtained.

Table 2.4: Summary of accuracy in dietary assessment methods

| Title | Classes | Accuracy |
|---|---------|----------|
| Food Image Recognition with Multiple Kernel Learning | 50 | 61.3% |
| A Novel SVM Based Food Recognition Method | 12 | 92.6% |
| Measuring Calorie and Nutrition from Food Image | 15 | 90.4% |
| Segmentation Assisted Food Classification | 19 | 56.2% |
| Large Scale Learning for Food Image Classification | 11 | 78.0% |
| Toward Dietary Assessment via Mobile Phone Video Camera | 20 | 92.0% |
| Automatic Chinese Food Identification and Quantity Estimation | 50 | 68.3% |
| Food Recognition and Nutrition Estimation on a Smartphone | 15 | 85.0% |

Food Recognition and Nutrition Estimation on a Smartphone

An application called "Snap-n-Eat" was proposed by (Zhang et al., 2015).

When an image is taken using this application, the system finds saliency regions to remove the background of the image. If the image has multiple food types present, hierarchical segmentation takes place before proceeding to a SVM. Similar segments are merged together. These are found by using colour, texture and size.

SIFT and Histogram of Oriented Gradients (HOG) feature extractors are used on the image and these features are used by the SVM for classification. The SVM is trained using Scholastic Gradient Descent. (Zhang et al., 2015) also uses a Bag of Visual Words model along with k-means clustering.

An accuracy of 85% on 15 classes was recorded using this method.

Other Methods

Methods outside of CNNs and SVMs are outlined below. A summary of the results can be seen in Table 2.4 along with SVM method results.

Large Scale Learning for Food Image Classification

(Abbirami.R.S et al., 2015) proposed a food image recognition system using a Bag of Features model. This study used over 5000 images separated into 11 classes.

A clustering algorithm was employed on this study before classification. For the classification step, experiments were carried out using different methods:

- SVM
- ANN
- Random Forests

The final accuracy of the system was 78% (Abbirami.R.S et al., 2015). An accuracy of 78% isn't very promising for such a small number of classes. Approximately 500 images were used per class for each of the 11 classes. (Abbirami.R.S et al., 2015) also utilised a k-means clustering algorithm but very little information on the reasoning and results of using this was documented.

A Personal Assistive System for Nutrient Intake Monitoring

Similar to other approaches seen thus far, (Villalobos, Almaghrabi, Hariri, et al., 2011) employs the use of the users thumb in the image for size estimation.

Once a photo has been taken by the user with their thumb present, the system segments the food on the plate using shape, colour and texture detectors. The system then classifies the food type based on these features.

In this paper, it was decided to allow the users to change the prediction by the system. The thumb of each user is calibrated upon first use of the application so that size estimation can be as accurate a possible (Villalobos, Almaghrabi, Hariri, et al., 2011). Very little information on the classification aspect of this paper was documented which would make the study very difficult to replicate.

Toward Dietary Assessment via Mobile Phone Video Camera

Another study into using computer vision for dietary assessment was carried out by (N. Chen et al., 2010). They had a unique medium for the topic by using a video of the dishes in question and extracting frames from these videos to get the food from different angles.

(N. Chen et al., 2010) then formed a region of interest in the image, where there were the most food items and extracted colour and image features. These image features were extracted using Maximally Stable Extremal Regions (MSER), Speeded Up Robust Features (SURF) and Star detector.

This research team also uses k-means clustering to build a bag-of-words model. Very little information on the implementation for this clustering algorithm was documented.

The system had results as seen below across 20 categories using five images out of each video taken of the food:

- MSER - 95%
- SURF - 90%
- STAR - 90%

While the results seem quite impressive for this classifier, it was not documented in great detail and it could be speculated that this system would be time consuming due to classifying five images and collating the results.

Merging dietary assessment with the adolescent lifestyle

(Schap et al., 2014) proposed a system used by smart phones which sends an image of a user's food to a back end system for computation.

Once this has been completed, the image is segmented, features are extracted from each segment and these segments are classified. Colour and texture features are used for classification. The user can confirm or amend predictions of the food type.

Size estimation is also an important aspect of this system. In contrast to previous studies, (Zhang et al., 2015) uses food type shape and then those shape's geometric properties to estimate size.

This study produced results of 94% out of 32 test cases. Documentation of the classification module is very sparse in this paper.

2.7 Object Detection Using CNNs

Ross Girshik and other contributors had some very positive results in the area of object detection using region based convolutional neural networks. There were four iterations of papers based on this work by Ross and groups in UC Berkley, Microsoft and Facebook. A PHD student at the time of Ross's first paper also completed his dissertation on the subject. These papers, their results (Table 2.5) and the changes made through each iteration will be analysed thoroughly in the proceeding sections.

RCNN

In the first paper written by Ross Girshik, while researching at UC Berkeley, focused on two main insights. These were that " one can apply high-capacity convolutional neural networks (CNNs) to bottom-up region proposals in order to localize and segment objects" and that "when training data is scarce, supervised pre-training for n auxiliary task, followed by domain-specific fine-tuning, yields a significant performance boost" (Girshick et al., 2014).

The system that they developed followed these steps:

- Take image as input
- Extract approximately 2000 region proposals from the image
- Compute fixed length vectors of features for the regions using a convolutional neural network
- Use a Support Vector Machine (SVM) to classify these regions

- Bounding box regression for final region proposals

This system utilised selective search to gather these region proposals, but they mention that a sliding-window detector is also an option. Ross Girshik and his team used the open source Caffe CNN library for this system. The system is quite efficient and scalable. It is scalable because of the fixed length vector of features which will remain constant regardless of inputs and additional outputs.

The team evaluated their results on a few metrics and test sets as seen in Table 2.5. Explanation of the datasets used can be seen in Table 2.6.

Fast RCNN

Ross Girshik's next iteration of work on region based convolution neural networks took place in Microsoft Research. This paper was titled "Fast R-CNN" as its aim was to decrease training and testing time "while also increasing detection accuracy" (Girshick, 2015).

This paper analyses why RCNN (Girshick et al., 2014) was slow and therefore how it could be improved. RCNN was classified to be slow because of three main factors:

- There are multiple stages to training as both a CNN and a SVM need to be trained.
- In training of the SVM, each region proposal must be written to disk and is therefore expensive.
- Object detection takes 47 seconds per image

Due to these problems with RCNN, a new algorithm, titled Fast RCNN was proposed. The architecture is as follows. An image is taken as input along with a proposal for regions. The image is pushed through convolutional and pooling layers (using max pooling). A fixed-length vector of features is then extracted from each region proposal. These vectors are inputted to fully connected layers

for bounding box location prediction. At detection time, a pass through of the net is all that is needed so this runtime is significantly less than RCNN.

Faster RCNN

Due to the success of RCNN and Fast RCNN, Faster RCNN was introduced to combat the problem of region proposal computation (Ren et al., 2015).

The architecture for this system comprises of two modules. These consist of a convolutional neural network for region proposals (RPN) which feeds into a Fast RCNN detector. These combine to produce a single neural network for object detection.

Instead of training these networks separately, the team had to look at how to share layers between the two networks. There were three options available:

- Alternating training whereby RPN is trained, and then used to train Fast RCNN. The Fast RCNN network is then used to initialise RPN and the process is iterated (Ren et al., 2015). This paper follows this approach.
- Approximate joint training.
- Non- approximate joint training.

Table 2.5: Results from Region Based CNN Research

| | VOC07 | VOC10 | VOC11 | VOC12 | COCO15 | COCO16 |
|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|
| RCNN | 58.5% | 53.7% | 47.9% | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Fast RCNN | 70.0% | 68.8% | N/A | 68.4% | N/A | N/A |
| Faster RCNN | 78.8% | N/A | N/A | 75.9% | 42.7% | N/A |
| Mask RCNN | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | 63.1% |

Table 2.6: Datasets

| Table | Explanation |
|--------|---|
| VOC07 | The PASCAL VOC dataset is used for the PASCAL (Pattern Analysis, Statistical Modelling and Computational Learning) Visual Object Classes Challenge. (Everingham et al., 2007) was used for the 2007 challenge. |
| VOC10 | The PASCAL VOC 2010 dataset was used for the 2010 challenge (Everingham et al., 2010). |
| VOC11 | The PASCAL VOC 2011 dataset was used for the 2011 challenge (Everingham et al., 2011). |
| VOC12 | The PASCAL VOC 2012 dataset was used for the 2012 challenge (Everingham et al., 2012). |
| COCO15 | The COCO (Common Objects in Context) dataset created by Microsoft ((Lin et al., 2014)) is used to measure the efficacy of object detection algorithms. The COCO 2015 dataset was released in 2015 for training. |
| COCO16 | An updated version of the COCO dataset was released in 2015. |

Mask RCNN

The most recent paper on this topic was also written by Ross Girshik while working with Facebook AI Research (K. He et al., 2017). Mask RCNN ”extends Faster RCNN by adding a branch for predicting an object mask in parallel with the existing branch for bounding box regression” (K. He et al., 2017).

Mask RCNN has two modules, like Faster RCNN, where the first module is the Region Proposal Network. In the second module, in parallel to classification, a binary mask is outputted for each region. Bounding box regression and classification are done in parallel.

2.8 APIs and Libraries

TensorFlow

TensorFlow is a deep learning software library for various machine learning paradigms. TensorFlow will be used to create neural networks. TensorFlow uses a data structure called a tensor which is basically an array of n dimensions. TensorFlow has two utilisations, through a Graphics Processing Unit (GPU) and through a Central Processing Unit (CPU). GPU computation is recommended for CNN training.

Central Processing Unit Computation

It is quite easy to get TensorFlow up and running if you are only using a CPU to train. TensorFlow CPU has been successfully installed on both Windows and Ubuntu, for the purpose of this project. For Windows you can download and install using the TensorFlow website and on ubuntu you can use apt-get. Once installed, TensorFlow can be imported into any python shell or script for use. TensorFlow can also be used in C++. There will be various python implementations of neural networks in Chapter 3.

Graphics Processing Unit Computation

For use with a GPU, the set up for TensorFlow is a bit more complicated. Firstly you must check that the GPU in your machine is compatible for CUDA 8.0 using the NVIDIA website. If your GPU is compatible, you must install CUDA after signing up as an NVIDIA developer. CUDA 8.0 is compatible with TensorFlow. You also need to install cudnn6. The NVIDIA website contains tutorials to install these. Once these are installed, download and install tensorflow-gpu. This can be imported into python similar to CPU computation.

OpenCV

OpenCV is an industry wide, open source library for computer vision and machine learning (*About - OpenCV library* 2018). It has over 2500 algorithms that are available for use (*About - OpenCV library* 2018). OpenCV is supported across multiple languages and platforms such as Python, C++, C, Java, MATLAB, running on Windows, Android, Mac OS and Linux (*About - OpenCV library* 2018).

There is not much of the library utilised in this project due to the nature of TensorFlow but some algorithms for image reading, writing and resizing were used due to the ease of use.

```
image = cv2.imread('image.jpg')

resized = cv2.resize(image, (299, 299))

cv2.imwrite('imageResized.jpg', resized)
```

NumPy

Jupyter

2.9 Conclusion

This chapter has covered a comprehensive survey of literature along with an overview of the underlying concepts to the approaches used in the literature.. This survey has covered the topics of using CNNs, SVMs and other methods for nutritional assessment. Topics also covered include evaluating the output, object detection using CNNS, neural computing, an overview of CNNS and SVMS and an overview of the technologies used in this project.

From the literature review, there are many different approaches that have been promising in the area of using deep learning for nutritional assessment. It has been decided to attempt to replicate the work carried out by (Keiji

Yanai and Kawano, 2015) with some modifications that will be outlined in the following chapters. While this approach will be attempted, there are many viable options that can still be investigated for future work.

Chapter 3

Introduction to Using TensorFlow

The purpose of this chapter is to give an overview of what has been completed to gain understanding of how to create CNNs and also how to work with datasets. Three experiments are explored in this chapter, the first two of which are tutorials completed as an introduction to TensorFlow and CNNs. The final experiment explores how to feed datasets from file directories into CNNs. In addition to these experiments a Deep Learning course was completed on Udacity (an online nanodegree tutorial site) (Udacity, 2018).

3.1 Template for Experiments

The template followed for all experiments in chapters three, four and five is outlined in Table 3.1.

Table 3.1: Experiment Template

| Section | Rationale |
|----------------------|--|
| Objective | An explanation of the purpose of the experiment along with how it is carried out. |
| Network Architecture | An explanation of the network architecture used in the experiment. If the architecture has been explained in another experiment, the architecture will only be referenced by name. |
| Dataset | The dataset used for the experiment, with its source and an overview of its details. A brief mention will be made in following experiments. |
| API's | Reference to the technologies used as outlined in Chapter 2. |
| Script | Snippets of the script used for the experiment. |
| Results | The results acquired from the experiment, usually in the form of a percentage accuracy. |
| Analysis | States any information gained from the experiment and speculation for the reasoning of the results. |

3.2 Udemy Tutorial

Objective

There are many on line resources that are geared towards helping deep learning novices. One of these resources is a course on Udemy titled 'Complete Guide to Tensorflow for Deep Learning with Python' (*Complete Guide to Tensorflow for Deep Learning with Python* 2017). This course has a section on Convolutional Neural Networks which has been followed and completed.

Network Architecture

The architecture for this network is very simple as it is an introductory CNN. It consists of two convolutional layers, two max pooling layers and a fully connected layer.

Dataset

This CNN is trained on the MNIST dataset. This dataset consists of 70,000 handwritten digits (LeCun and Cortes, 2010).

API's

This experiment was carried out in a jupyter notebook using TensorFlow.

Script

```
1 #Helper Functions
2
3 #INIT WEIGHTS
4 def init_weights(shape):
5     init_random_dist = tf.truncated_normal(shape, stddev = 0.1)
6     return tf.Variable(init_random_dist)
7
8 #INIT BIAS
9 def init_bias(shape):
10    init_bias_vals = tf.constant(0.1, shape = shape)
11    return tf.Variable( init_bias_vals )
12
13 #CONV2D
14 def conv2d(x, W):
15     #x -> [batch, H, W, Channels]
16     #W -> [filterH, filterW, ChannelsIn, ChannelsOut]
17     return tf.nn.conv2d(x, W, strides = [1,1,1,1], padding = 'SAME')
18
19 #POOLING
20 def max_pool_2by2(x):
21     #x -> [batch, H, W, Channels]
```

```

22     return tf.nn.max_pool(x, ksize = [1,2,2,1], strides = [1,2,2,1],
23                           padding = 'SAME')
24
25     #NORMAL (FULLY CONNECTED)
26
27     def normal_full_layer (input_layer , size):
28         input_size = int(input_layer .get_shape() [1])
29         W = init_weights([input_size , size ])
30         b = init_bias ([ size ])
31
32         return tf.matmul(input_layer, W) + b
33
34
35     #32 features for every 5 x 5 patch with 1(grayscale)
36
37     convo_1 = convolutional_layer(x_image, shape = [5,5,1,32])
38     convo_1_pooling = max_pool_2by2(convo_1)
39
40
41     convo_2 = convolutional_layer(convo_1_pooling, shape = [5,5,32,64])
42     convo_2_pooling = max_pool_2by2(convo_2)
43
44
45     convo_2_flat = tf.reshape(convo_2_pooling, [-1,7*7*64])
46     full_layer_one = tf.nn.relu( normal_full_layer ( convo_2_flat , 1024))
47
48
49     with tf.Session() as sess:
50         sess.run(init)
51
52
53         for i in range(steps):
54             batch_x, batch_y = mnist.train.next_batch(32)
55             batch_test = mnist.test.next_batch(32)
56             sess.run(train, feed_dict = {x:batch_x, y_true:batch_y,
57                                         hold_prob:0.5})
58             if i%500 == 0:
59                 print("ON STEP: {}".format(i))
60                 print("ACCURACY: ")
61                 match = tf.equal(tf.argmax(y_pred, 1), tf.argmax(y_true, 1))
62                 acc = tf.reduce_mean(tf.cast(match, tf.float32))

```

```
13     print(sess.run(acc, feed_dict = {x:batch_test,
14                         y_true:mnist.test.labels , hold_prob:1.0}))
15
16     sess.run(acc, feed_dict = {x:mnist.test.images} )
17
18 #Final Accuracy 0.973
```

Results

The Final Accuracy for this experiment was of 97.3%.

3.3 Udemy Tutorial 2

Objective

Similar to the previous experiment 3.3, this experiment is a Udemy course exercise (*Complete Guide to Tensorflow for Deep Learning with Python* 2017). In contrast, this does not use a dataset built into TensorFlow so therefore, there is extra configuration to be done on the dataset.

Network Architecture

Same architecture as in 3.2.

Dataset

The CIFAR-10 dataset is used here. This has 60000 images split into 10 classes and a test set of 1000 images (Krizhevsky, Nair, and G. Hinton, n.d.).

Script

```

1 def unpickle( file ):
2     import pickle
3     with open( file , 'rb' ) as fo:
4         cifar_dict = pickle.load(fo, encoding='bytes')
5     return cifar_dict
6
7 dirs =
8 ['batches.meta','data_batch_1','data_batch_2','data_batch_3','data_batch_4','data_batch_5']
9 all_data = [0,1,2,3,4,5,6]
10
11 for i,direc in zip(all_data,dirs):
12     all_data[i] = unpickle(CIFAR_DIR+direc)
13
14 batch_meta = all_data[0]
15 data_batch1 = all_data[1]
16 data_batch2 = all_data[2]
17 data_batch3 = all_data[3]
18 data_batch4 = all_data[4]
19 data_batch5 = all_data[5]
20 test_batch = all_data[6]

1 def set_up_images( self ):
2
3     print("Setting Up Training Images and Labels")
4
5     # Vertically stacks the training images
6     self .training_images = np.vstack([d[b"data"] for d in
7             self . all_train_batches ])
8     train_len = len(self .training_images)
9
# Reshapes and normalizes training images

```

```

10    self .training_images =
11        self .training_images.reshape(train_len ,3,32,32) .transpose (0,2,3,1) /255
12    # One hot Encodes the training labels (e.g. [0,0,0,1,0,0,0,0,0,0])
13    self . training_labels = one_hot_encode(np.hstack([d[b"labels"] for
14        d in self . all_train_batches ]) , 10)
15
16    print("Setting Up Test Images and Labels")
17
18    # Vertically stacks the test images
19    self .test_images = np.vstack([d[b"data"] for d in self .test_batch])
20    test_len = len( self .test_images)
21
22    # Reshapes and normalizes test images
23    self .test_images =
24        self .test_images.reshape(test_len ,3,32,32) .transpose (0,2,3,1) /255
25    # One hot Encodes the test labels (e.g. [0,0,0,1,0,0,0,0,0,0])
26    self . test_labels = one_hot_encode(np.hstack([d[b"labels"] for d in
27        self . test_batch]) , 10)
28
29
30    def next_batch(self , batch_size):
31        # Note that the 100 dimension in the reshape call is set by an
32            assumed batch size of 100
33
34        x =
35            self .training_images[ self .i : self .i +batch_size].reshape(100,32,32,3)
36        y = self . training_labels [ self .i : self .i +batch_size]
37        self .i = (self .i + batch_size) % len( self .training_images)
38
39        return x, y
40
41    cross_entropy =
42        tf.reduce_mean(tf.nn.softmax_cross_entropy_with_logits( labels =
43            y_true, logits = y_pred))

```

```

2   optimizer = tf.train.AdamOptimizer(learning_rate = 0.001)
3   train = optimizer.minimize(cross_entropy)
4   init = tf.global_variables_initializer()
5   with tf.Session() as sess:
6       sess.run(tf.global_variables_initializer())
7
8       for i in range(10000):
9           batch = ch.next_batch(100)
10          sess.run(train, feed_dict={x: batch[0], y_true: batch[1],
11                                     hold_prob: 0.5})
12
13      # PRINT OUT A MESSAGE EVERY 100 STEPS
14      if i%1000 == 0:
15
16          # Test the Train Model
17          matches = tf.equal(tf.argmax(y_pred,1),tf.argmax(y_true,1))
18
19          acc = tf.reduce_mean(tf.cast(matches,tf.float32))
20          testSet = ch.next_test_batch(100)
21          print('Accuracy: ')
22          print(sess.run(acc,feed_dict={x:testSet[0]
23                                         ,y_true:testSet [1], hold_prob:1.0}))
24
25      print('\n')

```

Results

A Final Accuracy of 71% was reached.

Analysis

3.4 Using the Food 101 dataset

Objective

For the next experiment, it was decided to use the Food-101 dataset. An on line tutorial was used to create a dataset in TensorFlow using image directories on disk (*Build an Image Dataset in Tensorflow* 2018). Tutorials used previously were also utilized for this experiment (*Complete Guide to Tensorflow for Deep Learning with Python* 2017) and (Krizhevsky, Nair, and G. Hinton, n.d.).

Network Architecture

A similar network architecture to the previous two experiments (3.2 and 3.3) was used here.

Dataset

The Food-101 dataset was used for this experiment (Bossard, Guillaumin, and Van Gool, 2014).

Script

```
1 # Reading the dataset
2 # 2 modes: 'file' or 'folder'
3 def read_images(dataset_path, mode, batch_size):
4     imagepaths, labels = list(), list()
5     if mode == 'file':
6         # Read dataset file
7         data = open(dataset_path, 'r').read().splitlines()
8         for d in data:
```

```

9         imagepaths.append(d.split(' ') [0])
10        labels .append(int(d.split (' ') [1]) )
11    elif mode == 'folder':
12        # An ID will be affected to each sub-folders by alphabetical order
13        label = 0
14        # List the directory
15        try: # Python 2
16            classes = sorted(os.walk(dataset_path).next() [1])
17        except Exception: # Python 3
18            classes = sorted(os.walk(dataset_path).__next__() [1])
19        # List each sub-directory (the classes)
20        for c in classes :
21            c_dir = os.path.join(dataset_path, c)
22            try: # Python 2
23                walk = os.walk(c_dir).next()
24            except Exception: # Python 3
25                walk = os.walk(c_dir).__next__()
26            # Add each image to the training set
27            for sample in walk [2]:
28                # Only keeps jpeg images
29                if sample.endswith('.jpg') or sample.endswith('.jpeg'):
30                    imagepaths.append(os.path.join(c_dir, sample))
31                    labels.append(label)
32                    label += 1
33                else :
34        raise Exception("Unknown mode.")

```

```

1    # Convert to Tensor
2    imagepaths = tf.convert_to_tensor(imagepaths, dtype=tf.string)
3    labels = tf.convert_to_tensor (labels , dtype=tf.int32)
4    # Build a TF Queue, shuffle data
5    image, label = tf. train . slice_input_producer ([imagepaths, labels],

```

```

6                                         shuffle=True)

7

8     # Read images from disk
9     image = tf.read_file(image)
10    image = tf.image.decode_jpeg(image, channels=CHANNELS)

11

12    # Resize images to a common size
13    image = tf.image.resize_images(image, [IMG_HEIGHT, IMG_WIDTH])

14

15    # Normalize
16    image = image * 1.0/127.5 - 1.0

17

18    # Create batches
19    X, Y = tf.train.batch([image, label], batch_size=batch_size,
20                          capacity=batch_size * 8,
21                          num_threads=4)

22

23    return X, Y

```

```

1  # Start training
2  with tf.Session() as sess:

3

4      # Run the initializer
5      sess.run(init)

6

7      # Start the data queue
8      tf.train.start_queue_runners()

9

10     # Training cycle
11     for step in range(1, num_steps+1):

12         if step % display_step == 0:

```

```

14     # Run optimization and calculate batch loss and accuracy
15     _, loss, acc = sess.run([train_op, loss_op, accuracy])
16     print("Step " + str(step) + ", Minibatch Loss= " + \
17           "{:.4f}".format(loss) + ", Training Accuracy= " + \
18           "{:.3f}".format(acc))
19 else:
20     # Only run the optimization op (backprop)
21     sess.run(train_op)
22
23 print("Optimization Finished!")

```

Results

The final accuracy for this model was 18.8% after 5000 steps.

Analysis

The poor accuracy of this model is to be expected due to the simple architecture of the network and the fact that 101 classes is a lot to process.

3.5 Conclusion

This chapter has outlined the work done in learning about using TensorFlow to create CNNs and working with datasets.

Chapter 4

Empirical Studies Part 1

This chapter consists of experiments which train various TensorFlow models. There are parameters that can be changed in the code that creates a TensorFlow model based on the Inception-V3 model architecture. These parameters were changed to see how the model accuracy would be affected. In addition to this, change in dataset size was explored in relation to model accuracy.

4.1 Retrain ImageNet Inception V3 Model

Objective

For this experiment, it was decided to take inspiration from (Keiji Yanai and Kawano, 2015), where pre-training was used training a model for food classification. In order to achieve this, the final layer of the Inception V3 model which was trained on the ImageNet dataset had to be retrained. This is called Transfer Learning. A tutorial, created by Google, on the TensorFlow website was followed for direction on this process (*How to Retrain Inception’s Final Layer for New Categories* 2018).

Firstly, to retrain the final layer of a model, a dataset must be prepared in the correct way. The Food-101 dataset (Bossard, Guillaumin, and Van Gool, 2014) was used for this experiment, which will be analysed below.

This dataset contrasts with (Keiji Yanai and Kawano, 2015) as they used the UECFOOD100 dataset. The food-101 dataset was chosen due to larger number of images per class. The UECFOOD100 dataset has 100 images per class while the food-101 dataset has 1000 images per class. The dataset must be structured so that there is a separated directory for each class with the directory name as the class name. These directories should contain all the images for this class.

Once this dataset has been set up correctly, a directory can be found on GitHub which contains the necessary files for this tutorial. When the directory has been downloaded, the following command can be executed:

```
python tensorflow/examples/image_retraining/retrain.py \ --image_dir  
~/dataset_directory
```

The first thing that the script will do is create bottleneck files for the images. A bottleneck is a term used to define the final layer before the output layer. This is so that for each image, we do not have to push it through the entire network during training (*How to Retrain Inception’s Final Layer for New Categories* 2018).

After, the bottlenecks are created, the training can be completed. The images are split into three sub directories of training, testing and validation. By default, these images are split into percentages of 80%, 10% and 10% respectively. The model is trained at a default of 4000 steps.

At the final stage of the script, the model is run on a batch of test images not yet seen and a final test accuracy is displayed. This can be seen in the Script section below.

The command used for using this model once it is trained is:

```
python tensorflow/examples/label_image.py  
--graph=/tmp/output_graph.pb  
--labels=/tmp/output_labels.txt --input_layer=Mul  
--output_layer=final_result  
--input_mean=128 --input_std=128 --image=~/image_directory
```

Network Architecture

Dataset

The dataset used for this experiment is the Food-101 dataset (**food 101**). This dataset has 101 classes with 1000 images for each class.

Libraries

TensorFlow and NumPy were used to run this script.

Script

The following snippets of code are from the retrain.py script.

```
1 # Add the new layer that we'll be training.  
2 (train_step, cross_entropy, bottleneck_input, ground_truth_input,  
3 final_tensor) = add_final_training_ops(  
4     len(image_lists.keys()), FLAGS.final_tensor_name,  
5     bottleneck_tensor,  
6     model_info['bottleneck_tensor_size'],  
7     model_info['quantize_layer'])  
8  
9 # Create the operations we need to evaluate the accuracy of our new layer.  
10 evaluation_step, prediction = add_evaluation_step(  
11     final_tensor, ground_truth_input)  
12  
13 # Merge all the summaries and write them out to the summaries_dir  
14 merged = tf.summary.merge_all()  
15 train_writer = tf.summary.FileWriter(FLAGS.summaries_dir + '/train',  
16                                         sess.graph)  
17  
18 validation_writer = tf.summary.FileWriter(
```

```

19     FLAGS.summaries_dir + '/validation')
20
21 # Set up all our weights to their initial default values.
22 init = tf. global_variables_initializer ()
23 sess .run(init)

1 # We've completed all our training, so run a final test evaluation on
2 # some new images we haven't used before.
3 test_bottlenecks , test_ground_truth, test_filenames = (
4     get_random_cached_bottlenecks(
5         sess , image_lists , FLAGS.test_batch_size, 'testing' ,
6         FLAGS.bottleneck_dir, FLAGS.image_dir, jpeg_data_tensor,
7         decoded_image_tensor, resized_image_tensor, bottleneck_tensor ,
8         FLAGS.architecture))
9 test_accuracy , predictions = sess.run(
10    [evaluation_step , prediction ],
11    feed_dict={bottleneck_input: test_bottlenecks ,
12               ground_truth_input: test_ground_truth})
13 tf.logging.info('Final test accuracy = %.1f%% (N=%d)' %
14                 (test_accuracy * 100, len( test_bottlenecks)))

```

Results

The final test accuracy for this retrained model was 54.8%.

For example, an image of pizza Figure 4.1, was fed into the model with the following results:

- pizza 0.925
- pancakes 0.008
- nachos 0.007
- beef carpaccio 0.006



Figure 4.1: Pizza - sourced from <https://www.cicis.com/>

- tiramisu 0.004

In contrast, Figure 4.2 was not classified as a pizza.

Analysis

These poor results are not that surprising. This is because we have many classes to train for, 101, and no parameter tuning has been carried out on the running of this code.

Figure 4.2 was not classified correctly, this is most likely due to the fact that the pizza does not take up much of the image.

4.2 Retrain with Extended Dataset

Objective

As the Food-101 dataset mostly consisted of meals (Bossard, Guillaumin, and Van Gool, 2014), it was decided to extend the dataset slightly by including some single foods such as:

- cheese

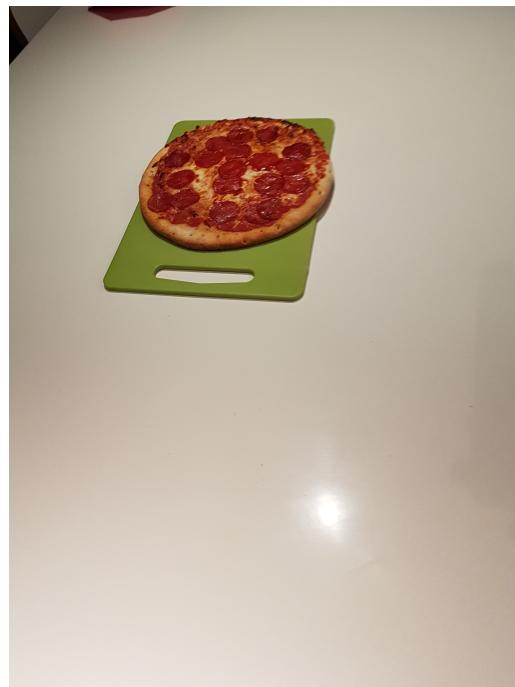


Figure 4.2: Pizza not classified correctly by the model

- grapes
- banana
- apple
- orange
- spaghetti
- roll

To collect these images, the ImageNet repository was utilised to search for these foods individually and then download the subset of images to be included with the Food 101 dataset (Deng et al., 2009). This new extended dataset was named Food-101+. The `retrain.py` script was run on the Food-101+ dataset as in 4.1.

Network Architecture

The Inception V3 Model was used for this experiment.

Dataset

In this experiment the Food-101+ dataset was used.

Libraries

TensorFlow and NumPy are used in the retrain.py script.

Script

As seen in 4.2.

Results

For this model, an accuracy of 55.3% was achieved.

For example, an image of a banana (Figure 4.3) was fed into the model with the following results:

- banana 0.9962
- orange 0.0009
- cheese 0.0003
- frozen yoghurt carpaccio 0.0002
- churros 0.0001



Figure 4.3: Banana - sourced from <http://www.ciaoimports.com/>

Analysis

The slight increase in accuracy in 4.1, from 54.8% to 55.3%, makes sense. Since the model was pre-trained using the ImageNet dataset and all the new images used were from ImageNet, we would expect a higher classification accuracy on the new additions to the dataset. This would overall increase the average classification accuracy.

4.3 Retrain with Parameter Tuning

Objective

Within the `retrain.py` script (*How to Retrain Inception's Final Layer for New Categories* 2018), as mentioned in previous experiments, there are various parameters that can be set and changed. Various combinations of these parameters were changed to see if it would increase the test accuracy of the model.

Network Architecture

The Inception V3 architecture was used for this model.

Dataset

The Food-101+ dataset ((Bossard, Guillaumin, and Van Gool, 2014) with additional classes, as per 4.1), was used for this model.

Libraries

The libraries in use for this experiment are TensorFlow and NumPy.

Script

Script as seen in 4.1 but with some additions to calculate Top 5 accuracy as seen below:

```
python retrain_top5.py \ --image_dir  
~/dataset_directory \ --how_many_training_steps 4000 \ --learning_rate  
--testing_percentage 10 \ --validation_percentage 10
```

Top 5 accuracy of the model was also calculated using the code below.

```
1 print('Top 5 Evaluation')  
2 #Variables used to store a list of all classes , the amount of images  
3 # tested,  
4 classes = list(image_lists.keys())  
5 image_count = 0  
6 top_5_count=0  
7 total_of_top1_probs = 0  
8 i = 0  
9 class_counter = 0  
10  
11 #Loops through all test images, selecting 10 images per class  
12 #and running them through the method in 'label_image.py'.
```

```

13 while(i < len(test_bottlenecks)):
14     class_counter += 1
15
16 if class_counter > 10:
17     i = int(round((i + len(test_bottlenecks))/len(classes)) - 10))
18     class_counter = 0
19 else:
20     image_count += 1
21     results_from_classifier = label_image.runModel(test_filenames[i])
22     results = results_from_classifier [0]
23     probabilities = results_from_classifier [1]
24
25 if classes [test_ground_truth[i]] in results:
26     top_5_count += 1
27 else:
28     print("Expected: " + classes [test_ground_truth[i]])
29     for result in results:
30         print("Classes: " + result)
31     print("'''")
32
33 total_of_top1_probs += max(probabilities)
34 i = i + 1
35 print(str(top_5_count))
36 average_probabilities = total_of_top1_probs/(len(classes)*10))
37
38 #Prints out the amount of test images used, the top 5 accuracy
39 # and the average probability of predictions.
40 print("Amount of test images: " + str(image_count))
41 print("Top 5 Accuracy: " + str((top_5_count/image_count)*100))
42 print("Average probability: " + str(average_probabilities))

```

Method from label_image.py.

```

1 def runModel(file_name):
2     model_file = \
3         "/tmp/output_graph.pb"
4     label_file = "/tmp/output_labels.txt"
5     input_height = 299
6     input_width = 299
7     input_mean = 128
8     input_std = 128
9     input_layer = "Mul"
10    output_layer = " final_result "
11
12    graph = load_graph(model_file)
13    t = read_tensor_from_image_file(file_name,
14                                    input_height=input_height,
15                                    input_width=input_width,
16                                    input_mean=input_mean,
17                                    input_std=input_std)
18
19    input_name = "import/" + input_layer
20    output_name = "import/" + output_layer
21    input_operation = graph.get_operation_by_name(input_name)
22    output_operation = graph.get_operation_by_name(output_name)
23
24    with tf.Session(graph=graph) as sess:
25        results = sess.run(output_operation.outputs[0],
26                           {input_operation.outputs[0]: t})
27        results = np.squeeze(results)
28
29    top_k = results.argsort() [-5:][:-1]
30    labels = load_labels( label_file )
31
32    setIndex = False

```

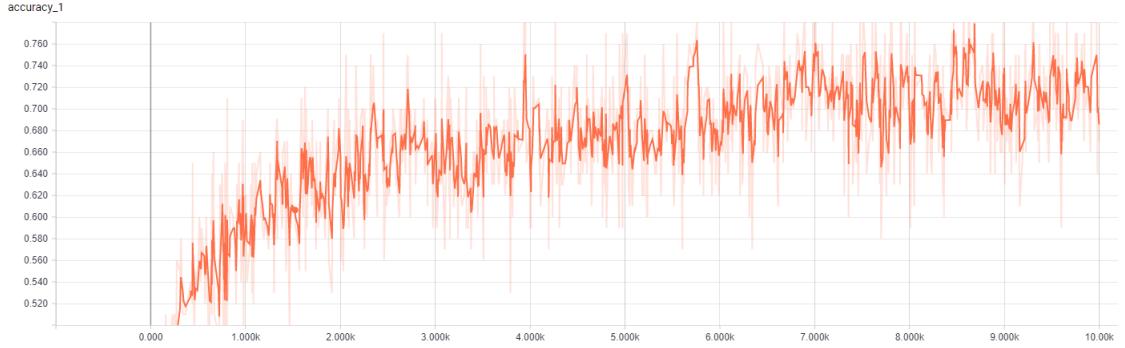


Figure 4.4: Graph of accuracy of the test dataset during training

```

33
34     top5_results = [None] * 5
35     index = 0
36     for i in top_k:
37         top5_results[index] = labels[i]
38         index += 1
39
40     final_results = [top5_results, results]
41     return final_results

```

Some further parameters could be set such as:

- `-flip_left_right`
- `-random_crop`
- `-random_scale`
- `-random_brightness`

Results

The results of each set of parameters can be seen in Table 4.1. Using the parameters of 10,000 steps, and a learning rate of 0.1 and therefore a final test accuracy of 66.3%, the model achieved a Top 5 accuracy of 85.96%. This

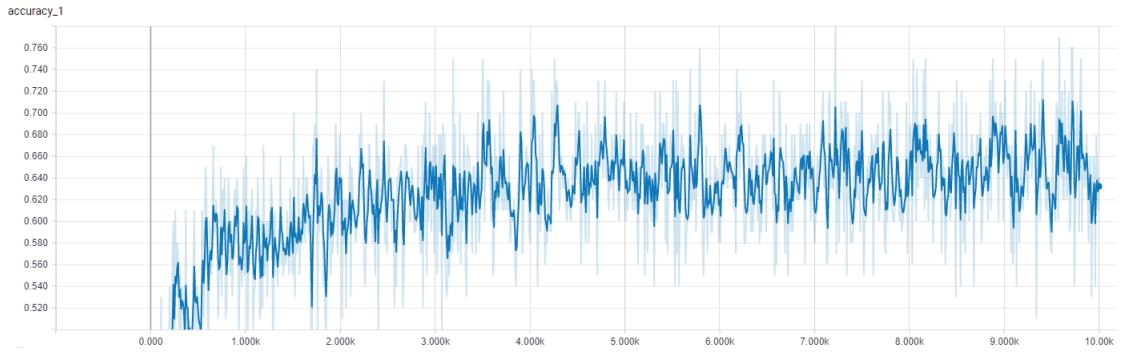


Figure 4.5: Graph of accuracy of the validation dataset during training

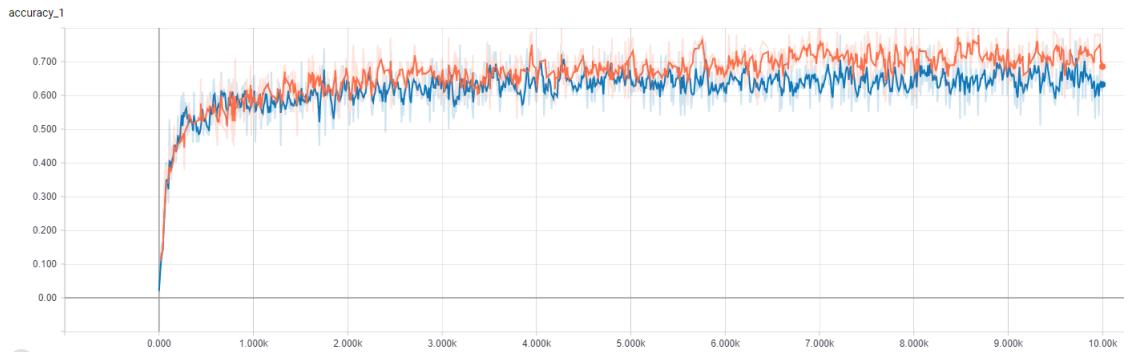


Figure 4.6: Comparison of accuracy

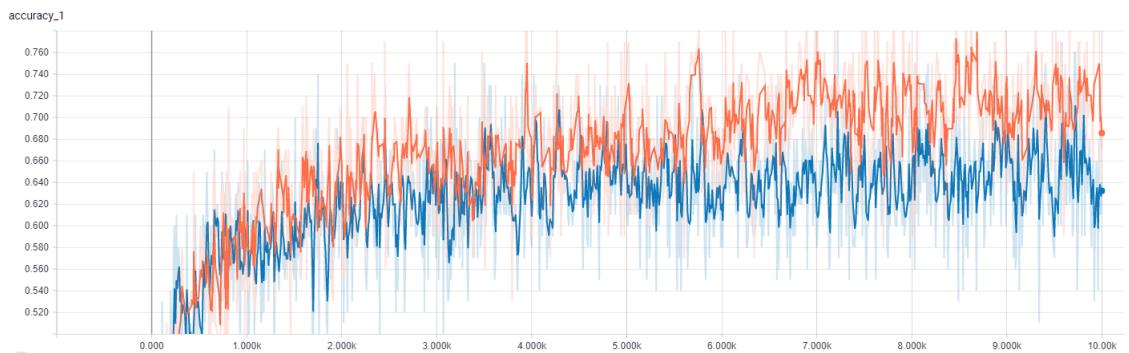


Figure 4.7: Comparison of accuracy

Table 4.1: Comparison of parameters

| Parameter Tuning | Steps | Learning Rate | Test % | Validation % | Results |
|------------------|--------|---------------|--------|--------------|---------|
| Configuration 1 | 8,000 | 0.01 | 10 | 10 | 59.1% |
| Configuration 2 | 8,000 | 0.10 | 10 | 10 | 65.8% |
| Configuration 3 | 10,000 | 0.10 | 10 | 10 | 66.3% |
| Configuration 4 | 12,000 | 0.10 | 10 | 10 | 66.6% |
| Configuration 5 | 10,000 | 0.20 | 10 | 10 | 66.0% |
| Configuration 6 | 10,000 | 0.10 | 15 | 15 | 66.3% |

figure was calculated from 1090 images in the test dataset and the average probability of the predictions were at 0.62.

Analysis

The set of parameters that seem to be the most effective are 10000 steps with a 0.1 learning rate. Graphs of this model can be seen in Figures 4.5 and 4.4. These are based on the validation set and then the test set respectively. A side by side comparison can also be seen in Figures 4.6 and 4.7 where orange is for during training and blue for the validation set.

There were two separate factors that each increased classification accuracy of about 5% each. These were training steps and learning rate.

Training steps are related to the number of images so before, when the training steps were at 4000, not all of the training images were being used. As the steps were increased twofold we saw a 3.8% increase in accuracy.

Another parameter that increased accuracy significantly was learning rate. The default learning rate is 0.01 which was increased to 0.1. This resulted in an increase of 6.7%. This is most likely since we are only looking at the last layer, we can afford to change the weights more significantly.

The Top 5 accuracy of the model was quite good but it was not run on the same number of images as the final test accuracy. This is because TensorFlow does not have an API for calculating Top 5 accuracy. As a result, it had to be

calculated manually and this is very time intensive. The average probability of 0.62 is interestingly close to the overall Top 1 accuracy.

4.4 MobileNet

Objective

Since the end goal for this project is to have a smartphone application that a user can use to keep track of their calorie measurement, there are a couple of options in how to achieve this. Firstly, an image can be taken on the phone and sent to a server to run a classification algorithm. Secondly, a model can be stored on the phone for computation. Transfer learning was once again used but on a different, smaller architecture called MobileNet (Howard et al., 2017).

Network Architecture

MobileNet architecture as explored in Chapter 2.

Dataset

The Food-101+ dataset was used for this experiment.

Libraries

TensorFlow and NumPy.

Script

The retrain.py script (*How to Retrain Inception’s Final Layer for New Categories* 2018) was used, with a different command parameter.

```
python tensorflow/examples/image_retraining/retrain.py \ --image_dir  
~/dataset_directory \ --architecture mobilenet_1.0_224 \  
--how_many_training_steps 10000 \ --learning_rate 0.1
```

Results

The final test accuracy of this model came to 50.2%.

Analysis

There was a decrease of 16.1% in this model to the highest accuracy from 4.4. This is due to the smaller architecture which is aimed to be faster and smaller with an expected decrease in accuracy.

4.5 Food 101 subset

Objective

In many of the papers that have been researched where food image classification was carried out, they attempted to classify a lot less than 108 food types as has been the case for experiments previously shown. (Pouladzadeh, Villalobos, et al., 2012) used 12 classes, (Pouladzadeh, Shirmohammadi, and Al-Maghribi, 2014) had 15, (Abbirami.R.S et al., 2015) attempted to classify 11 classes of food, 20 classes were used in (N. Chen et al., 2010) and (Zhang et al., 2015) predicted 15 classes. Due to the lower number of classes in these papers, it was decided to retrain inception on a subset of the food-101 extended dataset to benchmark results. 13 classes were selected from food-101 for training.

Network Architecture

Retrained Inception model.

Table 4.2: Accuracy of other studies

| Reference | Classes | Accuracy |
|---------------------------------|---------|----------|
| Novel SVM | 12 | 92.6% |
| Measuring Calorie and Nutrition | 15 | 90.4% |
| Large Scale Learning | 11 | 78.0% |
| Toward Dietary Assessment | 20 | 91.7% |
| Snap-n-eat | 15 | 85.0% |

Dataset

A subset of the Food101+ dataset was used for this experiment.

Results

A final test accuracy of 92.6% was recorded for this experiment which performs quite high in comparison to the data in Table 4.2. A Top 5 accuracy of 100% was calculated with an average prediction probability of 0.89 using 130 images. This was calculated using the script defined in 4.3.

Analysis

It would make sense the accuracy of our model would increase when the number of classes are reduced as the margin of error is decreased. The Top 5 accuracy of the model was very successful. There were only 10 images per class tested though (totalling at 130 images) so if the number of images increased, this accuracy would probably decrease slightly. If the code is run again, the same results cannot even be replicated for sure. On another run of this code a Top 5 accuracy of 96% was recorded. While this is still a very good accuracy, it does not compare to the first run of the script.

4.6 Conclusion

The focus of this experiment has been to train TensorFlow models using the Inception-V3 architecture under various constraints. These models have been trained using transfer learning. The highest accuracy for a model trained using the Food101+ dataset yielded a Top-1 accuracy of 66.6% and a Top-5 accuracy of 85.96%. Alternatively, a model was trained using a subset of the Food101+ dataset. 13 classes from Food101+ were used to benchmark the efficacy of using CNNs against other methods found in the literature review. This CNN reached a Top-1 accuracy of 92.6% and a Top-5 accuracy of 100%. This exceeded or was comparable to the other methods researched.

Chapter 5

Empirical Studies Part 2

The purpose of this chapter is to analyse the models trained previously to gain understanding and applicability to the problem statement.

5.1 Sliding Window

Objective

In the previous experiments, the one-shot approach to food image classification has been looked at. That is, the model will give a prediction of the most likely food item in that image. This is a problem when there is a composite image i.e are multiple foods in an image, see Figure 5.1. There are a few options to combat this problem. Firstly, one could detect objects in the image, segment the image according to these objects and then run each segment through the model. A simple approach to this would be to segment the image into several sections and then run each section through the model. To follow the latter approach, a sliding window approach was used. This sliding window would move across the image and classify the segment of the image in the window. There are three options for window sliding shape as defined by a command line argument.

```
python sliding_window.py --image=~/image_dir --window_shape grid
```



Figure 5.1: Bowl of fruit - sourced from <https://www.geo.de/natur/>

There are three options for window shape:

- Grid based window as per Figure 5.2
- Row based window as per Figure 5.3
- Column based window as per Figure 5.4

Libraries

For this experiment TensorFlow provided the classification of each segment while also helping with resizing along with NumPy. OpenCV was used to implement the sliding window as per (*Sliding Windows for Object Detection with Python and OpenCV 2018*).

Script

There were four main elements to the script. Firstly, extracting a window to be classified. Secondly, resizing the image to be compatible with the TensorFlow

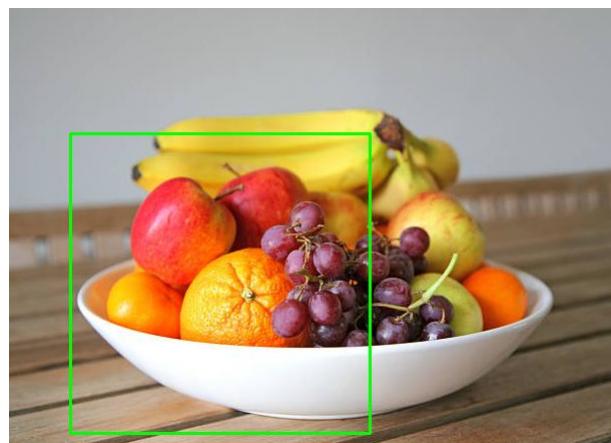


Figure 5.2: Grid based window

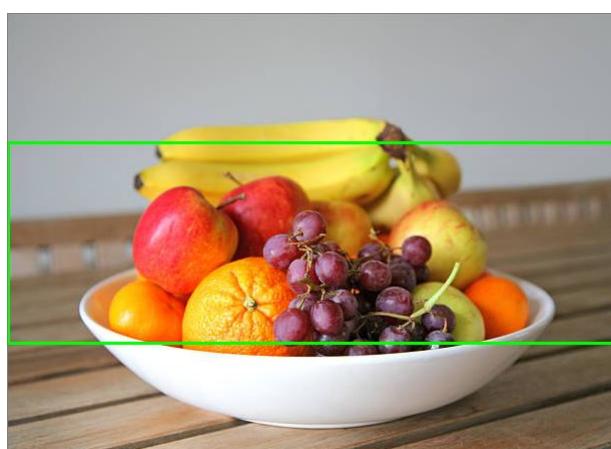


Figure 5.3: Row based window

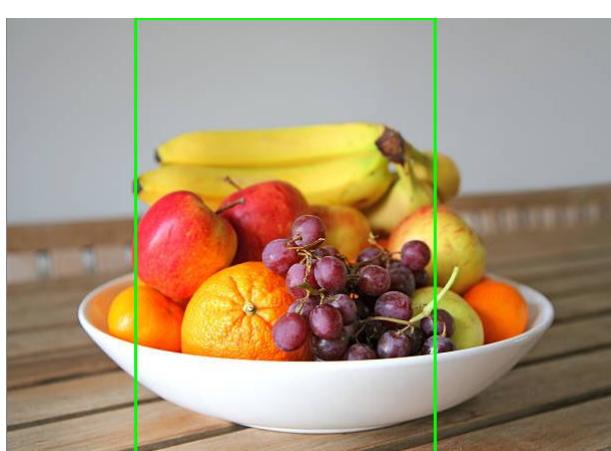


Figure 5.4: Column Based Window

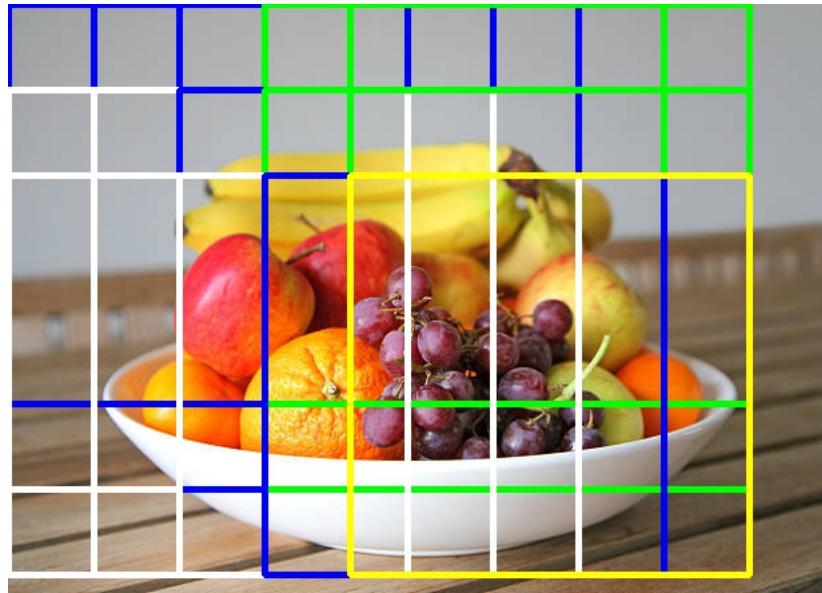


Figure 5.5: Fruit with Color Overlay

model. Thirdly, running the window through the TensorFlow model and finally saving a new image with a coloured overlay of classifications.

Extracting the window from the image

```

1  for (x, y, window) in sliding_window(resized, stepSize=64,
2      windowHeight=(winW, winH)):
3      # if the window does not meet our desired window size, ignore it
4      if window.shape[0] != winH or window.shape[1] != winW:
5          continue
6
7  def sliding_window(image, stepSize, windowHeight):
8      # slide a window across the image
9      for y in xrange(0, image.shape[0], stepSize):
10         for x in xrange(0, image.shape[1], stepSize):
11             # yield the current window
12             yield (x, y, image[y:y + windowHeight[1], x:x + windowHeight[0]])

```

Resizing the window

```
1 window = cv2.resize(window, (299, 299))

1 resized_image = tf.reshape(image, [1, input_height, input_width, 3])
2 resized = tf.image.resize_area(resized_image, [input_height, input_width])
3 normalized = tf.divide(tf.subtract(resized, [input_mean]), [input_std])
```

Running the Tensorflow model

```
1 with tf.Session() as sess:
2     numpy_image = sess.run(normalized)
3
4 with tf.Session(graph=graph) as sess:
5     results = sess.run(output_operation.outputs[0],
6                         {input_operation.outputs[0]: numpy_image})
7     probabilities = np.squeeze(results)
```

Saving the image with colour overlay

As seen in Figure 5.5, each square represents a window and each colour is for a different classification. Blue is for an apple, yellow for banana, green for grape, white for orange and black if an unexpected prediction is made.

```
1 cv2.rectangle(display_image, (x, y), (x + winW, y + winH),
2                 colour_dict.get(top1,
3 (0,0,0)), 4)
```

Results

Grid based window

The grid-based window resulted in fifteen separate classification. As seen in Figure 5.1, there are multiple fruits in the image. Of these fruits, our model

Table 5.1: Grid Based Sliding Window Results

| Food type | No. of Top-1 Classifications |
|------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Apple | 5 |
| Banana | 1 |
| Grape | 4 |
| Orange | 5 |

Table 5.2: Row Based Sliding Window Results

| Food type | No. of Top-1 Classifications |
|------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Apple | 1 |
| Banana | 0 |
| Grape | 0 |
| Orange | 0 |
| Other | 3 |

is trained on four, apple, banana, orange and grapes. This method classified all four to Top-1 accuracy at least once each. This method took 42.8 seconds to run.

Row based window

The row-based method resulted in four predictions as follows in Figure 5.2. Out of these four predictions, only one classified a known fruit at Top-1 ac-

Table 5.3: Column Based Sliding Window Results

| Food type | No. of Top-1 Classifications |
|------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Apple | 3 |
| Banana | 1 |
| Grape | 0 |
| Orange | 0 |
| Other | 1 |

curacy, an apple. An apple was also predicted to Top-5 accuracy in another instance. The runtime of this method was 16.1 seconds.

Column based window

The column-based window approach had five total predictions and ran for a total of 13 seconds. As seen in 5.3, two out of four known fruits were classified to a Top-1 accuracy with all other fruits predicted to Top-5 accuracy. Only one Top-1 prediction did not contain a correct fruit.

Analysis

These results are very interesting because while a banana was only predicted to Top-1 accuracy once in grid based, once in column based and zero times in row based, if the whole image is passed through the model, a banana is at the Top-1 accuracy.

5.2 Recursive Refinement

Objective

After the sliding window code was run on Figure 5.1 in 5.1, it was observed that a sliding window was predicting grapes correctly in regions that contained a bunch of grapes. Since it would make sense that the model would be able detect an individual grape, it was decided that recursive refinement would be ran on a window that contained a grape. Due to the model requiring a 299 x 299 image size, the window could only be refined once as very small segments could not be resized up to 299 x 299. A window of 70 x 70 size was used.

Script

As you would think with recursive refinement, a recursive function would be used, but this was unnecessary due to image size restrictions. Instead, a conditional

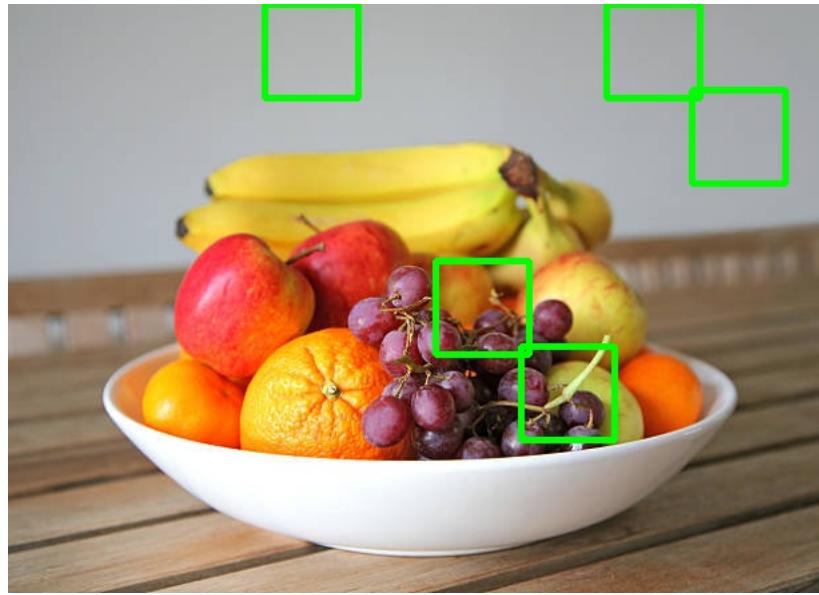


Figure 5.6: Recursive refinement 1

for loop was added to the existing code.

```
1 if top1 == "grape" and window_shape == "grid" and rr_grape:  
2     for (x_grape, y_grape, grape_window) in  
3         sliding_window(window_resized, stepSize=64, windowSize=(70,  
4             70)):  
5             #reshape to square  
6             grape_window_resized = cv2.resize(grape_window, (299, 299))  
7             top1_grape = subSample.classify(grape_window_resized,  
8                 window_shape)  
9             if top1_grape == "grape":  
10                cv2.rectangle(display_image, (x_grape + x, y_grape + y),  
11                    (x_grape + x + 70, y_grape + y + 70),  
12                    colour_dict.get(top1, (0,0,0)), 4)  
13                #cv2.imshow("Window", grape_window_resized)  
14                cv2.waitKey(1)  
15                time.sleep(0.025)
```

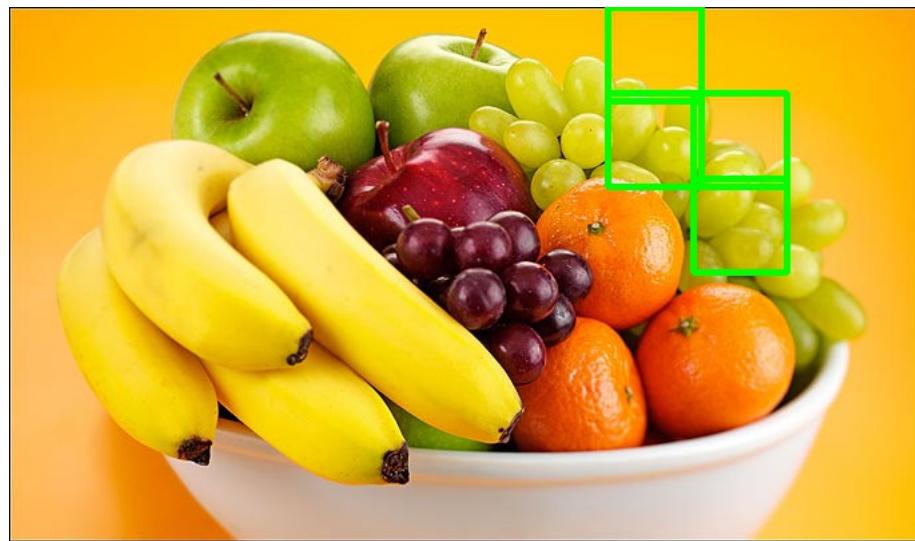


Figure 5.7: Recursive refinement 2 - sourced from <http://www.travispta.org/>

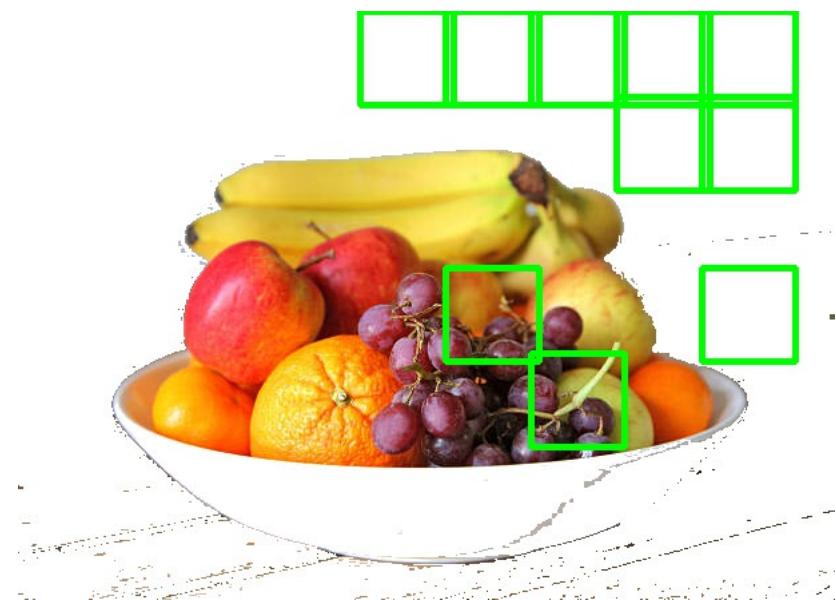


Figure 5.8: Recursive refinement 3

Results

Some very interesting results were recorded on three separate images. Two new images are seen here which we will explore in future experiments. In all three images, while we are getting some expected predictions, grapes are being classified in locations that have nothing resembling a grape. These can be viewed in Figures 5.6, 5.7 and 5.8.

Analysis

The instances where false positives were recorded are very interesting. An analysis to why this may be occurring is outlined in the section 5.5.

5.3 Impact of Background

Objective

As we can see in section 5.1, using sliding windows to classify many sections of an image, there were some cases where some unexpected predictions were made. Due to this, the decision was made to analyse the effect the background of the image on its classification. The sliding window code was then ran on a new image. This new image was the same fruit bowl as used previously but the background was filled in as white as per Figure 5.9.

Results

Grid

For grid-based sliding window approach, the results turned out to be less successful than with the background. In this experiment, fourteen out of fifteen of top-1 classification were of an expected food type rather than fifteen out of fifteen with the background present. We expected the food types of apple, orange, grape and banana to appear in this image but while a banana



Figure 5.9: Bowl of fruit with background removed

was detected to a top-5 accuracy on a few occasions it was never predicted to a top-1 accuracy. The contrast between the image results can be seen in Table 5.4.

Row

The row-based sliding window again had worse result than its counterpart, with zero out of four correct classifications as opposed to one. In this case, an orange appeared at top-5 accuracy once. The most common prediction was ice-cream which appeared at top-1 accuracy in three out of four instances.

Column

In contrast to our previous two methods of sliding window, this method outperformed its counterpart with correct predictions of all five windows while before we only had four out of five. In this experiment, an apple was pre-

Table 5.4: Comparison of fruit image sliding window results with and without background

| Food type | Grid | Row | Column | White Grid | White Row | White Column |
|------------------|-------------|------------|---------------|-------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| Apple | 5 | 1 | 3 | 10 | 0 | 4 |
| Banana | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Grape | 4 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Orange | 5 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| Other | 0 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 0 |

dicted four times and a grape once, with all correct fruits appearing to top-5 accuracy.

Analysis

It is quite interesting that removing the background to the image reduced our accuracy overall. Many white foods were classified instead which makes sense due the impact of colour expected.

5.4 Alternative Test Image

Objective

In our previous sliding window-oriented experiments, we had only used a single image. In order to see whether this image had biases unknown to us, another fruit bowl image had to be tested. This image was selected as fruit took up a larger portion of the image as seen in Figure 5.10.



Figure 5.10: Alternative Bowl of fruit

Table 5.5: Comparison of fruit bowl images

| Food type | Grid | Row | Column | New Grid | New Row | New Column |
|-----------|------|-----|--------|----------|---------|------------|
| Apple | 5 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 0 |
| Banana | 1 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 0 | 5 |
| Grape | 4 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| Orange | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Other | 0 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 |

Results

Grid

The performance of this experiment was slightly worse than with the previously used image. When the grid based sliding window was executed on Figure 5.10, fourteen out of fifteen predictions had an expected value. Out of the fourteen predictions orange was not predicted to top-1 accuracy at all. This can be seen, in comparison to previously used image, in Table 5.5.

Row

In the column based window for the new fruit image, the results were not very successful as has been the trend for most row based classification. Two out of four predictions had an expected value at top-1 accuracy.

Column

The column based approach had a similar result to its counterpart in that only one of its predictions was unexpected. Although, due to the size of the new image, another column was created and thus has a better overall accuracy.

Analysis

A possible reason that an orange was not classified in any of these images is because in Figure 5.10, a more mandarin food is displayed.

5.5 Analysing Results of Recursive Refinement Further

Objective

In Section 5.2, some interesting results were obtained when attempting to run recursive refinement on an image with grapes in it. Originally it was meant to see if individual grapes could be recognised. On evaluation of the images used for training, it was found that bunches of grapes were used for training, not individual grapes. Therefore the results expected were never feasibly going to be obtained. Even though this was the case, the script resulted in finding grapes in portions of the background, as seen in Figure 5.6. The purpose of this experiment is to look into why this is occurring. A new image of a fruit bowl (Figure 5.11), taken on a mobile phone was selected for this experiment. The image was used to run the script as defined in 5.2 but on two separate models. The model with tuned parameters, trained on 108 classes, with a final test accuracy of 66.3% and the model trained on 13 classes, with a final accuracy of 92.6%.

Results

The outputs of the script can be seen in Figure 5.12 and Figure 5.13. The output using the model trained on 13 classes had less false positive predictions. As the script ran (on both models), the segments predicted as grapes were saved to disk and then were each classified using 'label_image.py'. The probabilities of the predictions were recorded with results as seen in Table 5.6.

Analysis

Comparing the two models

As we can see evidence of in Table 5.6, along with Figure 5.12 and Figure 5.13, the model trained on 13 classes predicted only four false positives while the

Table 5.6: Results of recursive refinement segment classifications using two models

| Fruitbowl Segment | 13 class model | 108 class model |
|-------------------|--|---|
| False Positive 1 | grape 0.31476045 apple 0.25866747 orange 0.11228518 apple pie 0.10234257 chocolate cake 0.09062083 | grape 0.31820437 panna cotta 0.091400646 macarons 0.08560496 roll 0.08188102 apple 0.03981942 |
| False Positive 2 | grape 0.29391274 apple 0.2371384 orange 0.16196558 chocolate cake 0.10039616 apple pie 0.096121624 | panna cotta 0.21783036 grape 0.105718106 apple 0.087030284 macarons 0.07753955 orange 0.037592527 |
| False Positive 3 | grape 0.22402291 chocolate cake 0.16412543 apple 0.14523567 orange 0.12525927 apple pie 0.099948086 | grape 0.2835378 panna cotta 0.088551655 macarons 0.06166248 orange 0.041896477 roll 0.040348493 |
| False Positive 4 | apple 0.37422368 grape 0.28592423 orange 0.10230055 chocolate cake 0.085367255 apple pie 0.053731006 | grape 0.20476209 macarons 0.17529227 panna cotta 0.16139281 roll 0.04359601 orange 0.036991216 |
| False Positive 5 | N/A | grape 0.22574392 macarons 0.14840269 panna cotta 0.08670294 roll 0.08650105 orange 0.046900786 |
| False Positive 6 | N/A | grape 0.31369162 panna cotta 0.11833602 macarons 0.09010604 apple 0.057512555 roll 0.047116004 |



Figure 5.11: Fruit image taken on a mobile phone

larger model predicted 6. This is most likely due to the larger model not being able to separate grapes as well as the smaller model. It is worth mentioning that the grape class has the lowest number of training images of all the other classes.

Analysing Probabilities

The probabilities of predictions for grapes in these false positive classifications are all low, in both models. In contrast, some of the correctly classified segments were run through the model and the results all had probabilities in the high nineties. When these background segments are run through the model, some prediction has to be made and none of these false predictions have a probability of over 0.4. The average probability of these segments being grapes is in

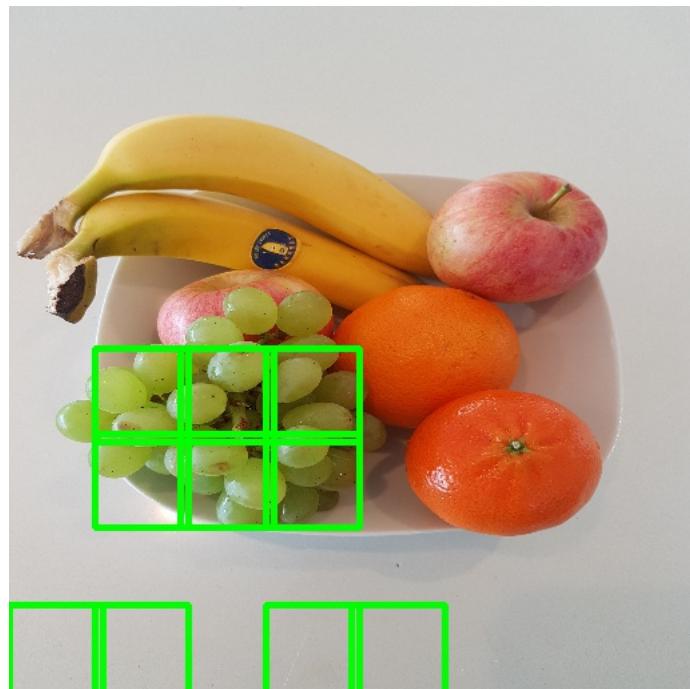


Figure 5.12: Image after sliding window - 13 classes

fact 0.257 (rounded to three decimal places). A counter measure to this problem could be to disregard any predictions with a probability under a certain threshold, perhaps 0.4.

5.6 Scaling Down Images

Objective

In this experiment, it was decided to look into how scaling down the size of the image would influence its classification. Three images were scaled down to 10% of their size for this purpose, Figure 5.14, Figure 5.15 and Figure 5.16. Each of these images were run through the model before and after image resizing and the predictions were recorded.

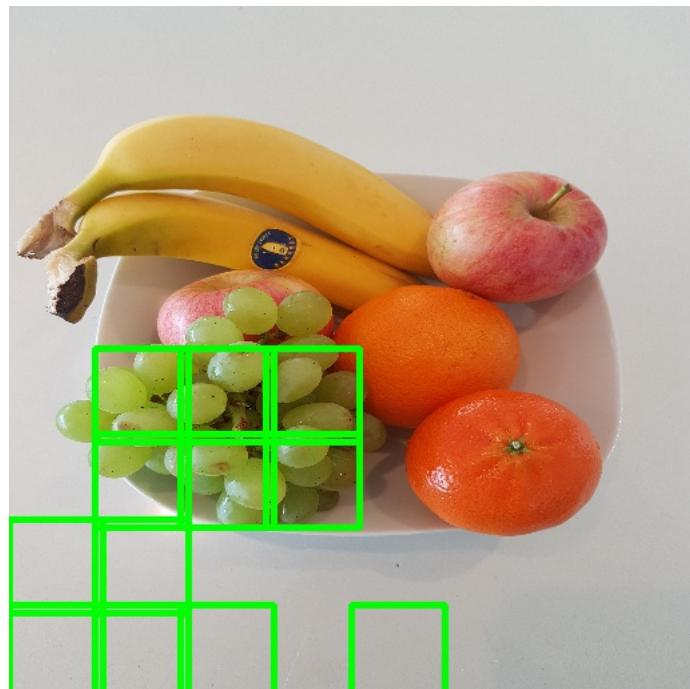


Figure 5.13: Image after sliding window - 108 classes

Network Architecture

Inception V-3 architecture. Parameter tuned model was used for this.

Dataset

Food-101 extended dataset.

Results

The results of the images before and after were somewhat contrasting as seen in Table 5.7. The 'Top 1' notation in the table suggests that the food was predicted as the number one prediction. The decimal value is the probability of that food type being the correct classification.



Figure 5.14: Banana Image Pre-Resolution

- sourced from <https://www.bettycrocker.com/recipes/scrumptious-apple-pie.png> - sourced f

Figure 5.15: Apple Pie Image Pre-Resolution



Figure 5.16: Pizza Image Pre-Resolution

Table 5.7: Results of Down Scaled Images

| Food Image | Pre-Scaled Image | Scaled Image |
|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|
| Banana | Top 1 : 0.9971 | Top 1 : 0.9995 |
| Apple Pie | Top 1 : 0.7986 | Top 5 : 0.0836 |
| Pizza | Top 1 : 0.9753 | Top 1 : 0.9705 |

Analysis

As we can see in Table 5.7, the banana (Figure 5.14) has a very similar prediction and probability. This would indicate that the classifier does not need clear quality images for bananas but maybe shape, texture and colour are important factors.

The apple pie (Figure 5.15) has drastically different results in Table 5.7. Originally the apple pie was correctly predicted with a probability of 0.7986 but after downscaling, the apple pie was the fifth food predicted with a likelihood of 0.0836.

The image of the pizza (Figure 5.16), had very similar results before and after resizing. This might indicate that pizza is determined more by shape, texture and colour than fine quality.

5.7 Effect of Colour

Objective

As seen in the last experiment, it is possible that colour plays a significant part in the overall classification of some food types, along with shape and texture. Due to this, what would happen if colour was removed from the image? The three images, Figure 5.14, Figure 5.15 and Figure 5.16, were all converted to greyscale to test this and the resulting images can be seen in Figure 5.17, Figure 5.18 and Figure 5.19. Each of these images were ran through the model before and after converting to greyscale and the results recorded.



Figure 5.17: Banana Image Greyscale



Figure 5.18: Apple Pie Image Greyscale

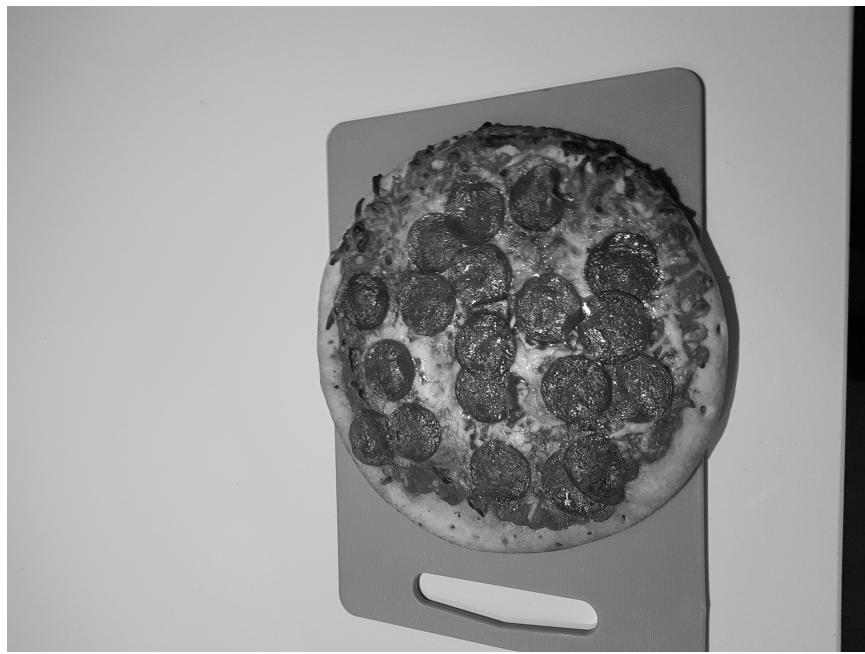


Figure 5.19: Pizza Image Greyscale

Network Architecture

Inception V-3 architecture. Parameter tuned model was used for this experiment.

Dataset

Food-101 extended dataset.

Results

The results for this experiment can be seen in Table 5.8. The 'Top 1' notation in the table suggests that the food was predicted as the number one prediction. The decimal value is the probability of that food type being the correct classification.

Table 5.8: Effect of Colour

| Food Image | Pre-Scaled Image | Greyscale |
|-------------------|-------------------------|------------------|
| Banana | Top 1 : 0.9971 | Top 1 : 0.9986 |
| Apple Pie | Top 1 : 0.7986 | Top 1 : 0.3462 |
| Pizza | Top 1 : 0.9753 | Top 2 : 0.1299 |

Analysis

Colour

In regards to the images of the banana (Figure 5.14 and Figure 5.17), there is very little difference in classification. They were both classified to a Top 1 accuracy and their probabilities differing by only 0.0015 with the grey scale image being of a higher probability interestingly enough. This would indicate that colour is not an important factor for classifying bananas and the coloured image may even have noise. This can be seen in Table 5.8.

The apple pie images (Figure 5.15 and Figure 5.18) were also both classified correctly but with a large gap in the likelihood of that classification being correct. As per Table 5.8, the coloured image had a probability of 0.7986 as opposed to one of 0.3462. This would indicate that while colour is important, there is enough unique data from the rest of the image to result in correct classification.

Finally, the pizza images (Figure 5.16 and Figure 5.19) were the most contrasting in their results. While the original image was classified to Top 1 accuracy with a likelihood of 0.9753, the coloured image was classified to Top 2 accuracy while a probability of 0.1299. From this we can deduce that colour is vital for the classification of pizza.

Since this experiment only compared three images, we cannot say for sure if this analysis is biased or not.

Colour vs Scale

In the last experiment, it was seen that the pizza and banana images (Figure 5.16 and Figure 5.14) were not really affected by image quality. While this seems to be true, the image of apple pie, Figure 5.15, was greatly influenced by only being classified to a Top 5 accuracy when down scaled.

For the greyscale images, bananas were not effected greatly and neither was an apple pie but a pizza was greatly influenced.

From this, it is clear that the prominent unique features for each of these food types are different. The banana (Figure 5.14) may have focus on shape and texture, the pie (Figure 5.15) on image quality and some influence of colour while the pizza (Figure 5.16) may have a focus on shape, texture and colour.

5.8 Conclusion

This chapter has analysed the model trained in Chapter 4. Emphasis was placed on dealing with composite images through a sliding window approach. Once this had been completed, analysis into the results of the sliding window approach was carried out by using multiple test images and removing the background from the image. Recursive refinement on the sliding window approach for images containing grapes was carried out and the results were analysed. Finally the effect of colour and image size on the classifier was measured. It was found that different food types required different levels of features for classification.

Chapter 6

Prototype Application

In order to demonstrate practical use of the models trained in Chapter 4, a lightweight proof of concept prototype application was developed. This application was developed for a smartphone running on the Android operating system in the Java programming language. A backend service was created to receive an image from the smartphone application, process the image using the CNN previously developed and return a response to the application in the form of a prediction.

6.1 Requirements

Lightweight requirements elicitation was carried out for this FYP. Since prototyping itself is an elicitation technique (**reqs**), the requirements for this prototype application did not need to be extensive. Myself and my supervisor acted as stakeholders for this project as users of the system. Two methods of elicitation were used for this project sourced from (**reqs**). These elicitation techniques were data gathering from an existing system and brain storming.

In a previous FYP, a mobile application was developed for nutritional assessment. The use of this application provided the opportunity to elicit requirements based on data gathered from this system. Brainstorming also took place between the stakeholders for requirements elicitation.

Functional Requirements

The functional requirements for this application can be seen in Table 6.1.

| ID | Title | Description | Dependencies |
|-----|---|---|----------------------------|
| R1 | Open application from Android phone | A user can open the application from a list of applications on their Android phone. | |
| R2 | Choose to take a photo | A user can choose to take a photo of a food item. | R1 |
| R3 | Take a photo | A user can take a photo using the application. | R1, R2 |
| R4 | Confirm the photo | A user can confirm the photo captured is sufficient. | R1, R2, R3 |
| R5 | Retry photo capture | A user can retry the capturing of an image. | R1, R2, R3 |
| R6 | Send the image to be classified | A user can send an image of a food item to be classified. | R1, R2, R3, R4 |
| R7 | Cancel sending an image | A user can cancel sending an image. | R1, R2, R3, R4 |
| R8 | Classify the food image | The system can classify an image as a food type. | R1, R2, R3, R4, R6 |
| R9 | View the food image classification | A user can view the classification made of the image. | R1, R2, R3, R4, R6, R8 |
| R10 | View the calorie information of the food classification | A user can view the calorie information of the classified food type. | R1, R2, R3, R4, R6, R8 |
| R11 | Change the food classification data | A user can change the food classification data if they are unhappy with it. | R1, R2, R3, R4, R6, R8, R9 |
| R12 | Change the calorie information | A user can change the calorie information if they are unhappy with it. | R1, R2, R3, R4, R6, R8, 10 |

| | | | |
|-----|---|---|---|
| R13 | Submit the food classification and calorie data for logging | A user can submit the data calculated such as classification data and calorie information to be logged. | R1, R2, R3, R4, R6, R8, R9, R10 |
| R14 | Save food log data | The system can save information for logging. | R1, R2, R3, R4, R6, R8, R9, R10, R13 |
| R15 | Choose to classify an image from the phone's storage | A user can choose to select an image from the phone's storage to be classified. | R1 |
| R16 | Choose an image from phone's storage | A user can choose an image from the phone's storage to classify. | R1, R14 |
| R17 | Choose to view food logs | A user can choose to view the food logs saved on their device. | R1 |
| R18 | View food logs by day | A user can view the food logs saved on the device by day. | R1, R2, R3, R4, R6, R8, R9, R10, R13, R17 |
| R19 | View food logs by week | A user can view the food logs saved on the device by week. | R1, R2, R3, R4, R6, R8, R9, R10, R13, R17 |
| R20 | View food logs by month | A user can view the food logs saved on the device by month. | R1, R2, R3, R4, R6, R8, R9, R10, R13, R17 |
| R21 | View total calories recorded per day | A user can view the total calorie count recorded per day. | R1, R2, R3, R4, R6, R8, R9, R10, R13, R17 |

| | | | |
|-----|--|---|--|
| R22 | View total calories recorded per week | A user can view the total calorie count recorded per week. | R1, R2, R3, R4, R6, R8, R9, R10, R13, R17 |
| R23 | View total calories recorded per month | A user can view the total calorie count recorded per month. | R1, R2, R3, R4, R6, R8, R9, R10, R13, R17 |
| R24 | Delete a food log | A user can delete an individual food log. | R1, R2, R3, R4, R6, R8, R9, R10, R13, R17, R18 |

Table 6.1: Functional Requirements

Non-Functional Requirements

The nature of a prototype application does not call for non-functional requirements. In spite of this some non-functional requirements were kept in mind during the development of this application such as:

- Performance - for example, how long it takes for a image to be classified.
- Extensibility - is it easy to extend the functionality of the system.
- Maintainability - how easy it is to maintain the system.
- Usability - how easy it is to use the system.

6.2 Design

The design process for this prototype application consisted of user interface design, android application system design and the activity of choosing resources for a backend host.

User Interface

The user interface mock ups were created using (*fluid* 2018). The aim of this design was to provide a simple, easy to use interface so that a user could use the application with minimal effort. The main benefit of using computer vision for this type of application is to reduce the effort of the user or dietician keeping track of food intake. Therefore, this application had to be very quick and easy to use. The application is called NutriLog.

Three main activities were needed for this application. The first activity, as seen in Figure 6.1, would consist of options to either take an image of food or to view the food logs of the user. If the user decides to take an image of food, they will be brought to the second activity which can be seen in Figure 6.2. The user is required to take a picture before reaching the activity in Figure 6.2. Once the user presses the send button the image is classified and the content of the activity changes to display the classification and calorie count as in Figure 6.3. Alternatively, the user can cancel the process and return to the first activity. The user would then submit the food classification for logging and automatically return to the first activity. The final activity is displayed when a user views their food logs. This activity has the ability to view a list of the food logs taken by the user by day, week or month. The calorie count of the selected time frame is to be displayed on this activity also.

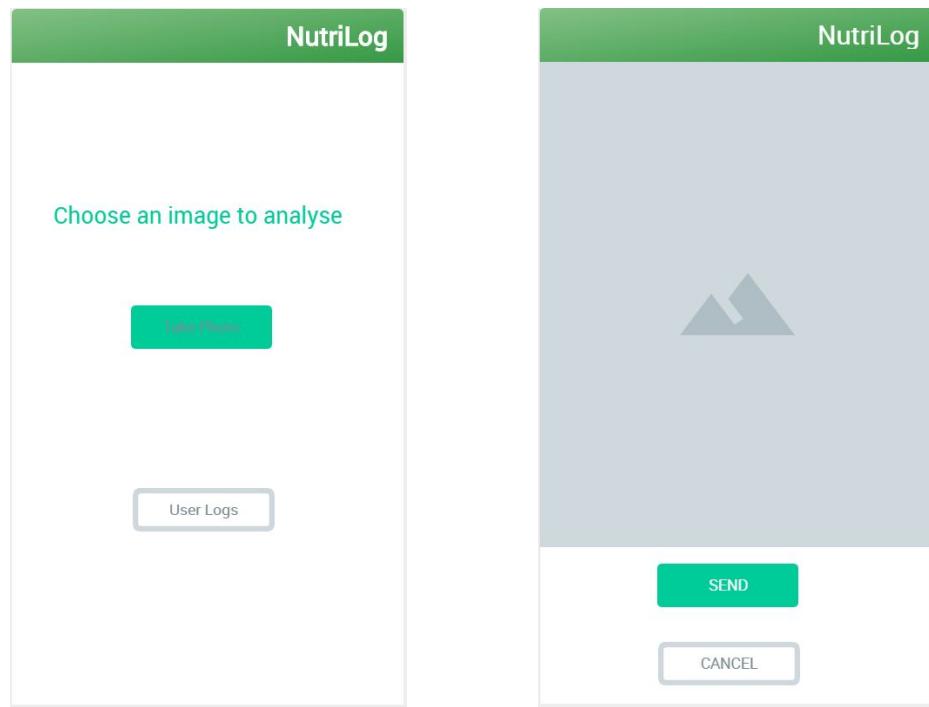


Figure 6.1: Landing Activity

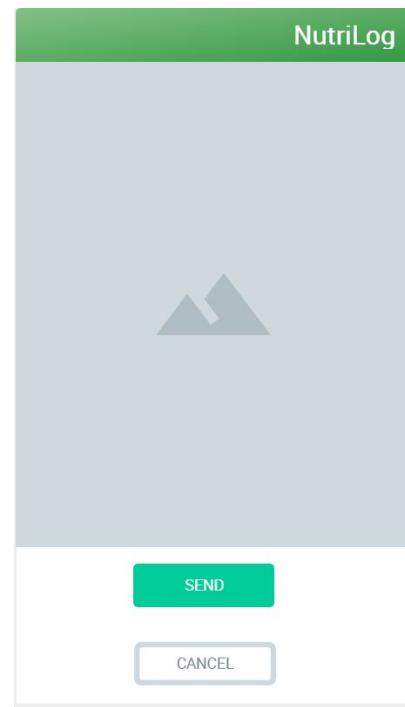


Figure 6.2: Image Submission Activity

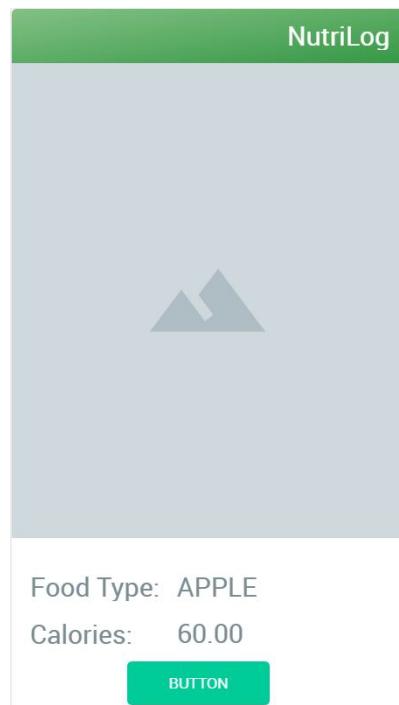


Figure 6.3: Classification Activity

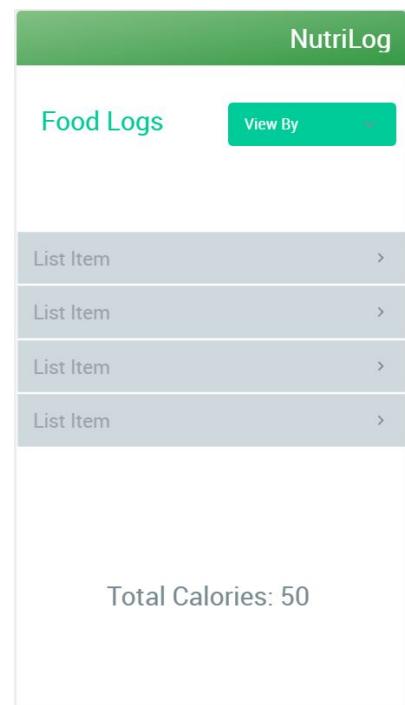


Figure 6.4: Food Logs Activity

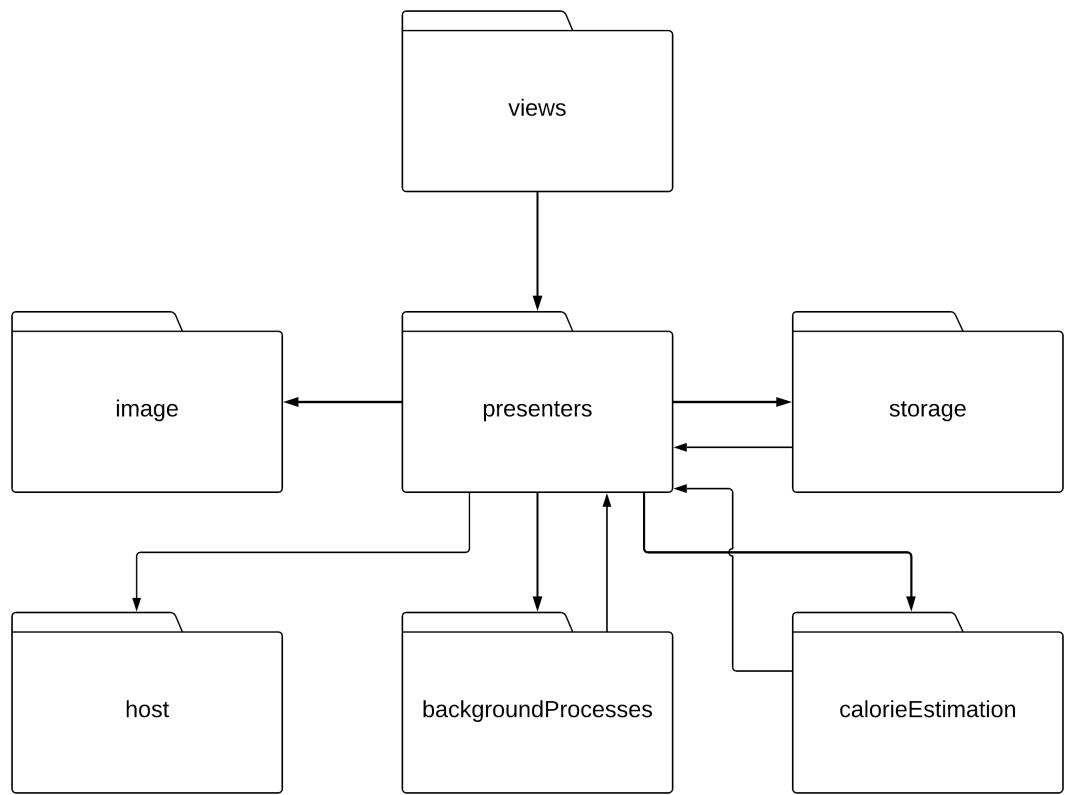


Figure 6.5: Package Diagram

System Architecture

Architectural Patterns

The Model-View-Presenter (MVP) architectural pattern was adapted for this application (*Model-View-Presenter: Android guidelines 2017*). This pattern is very similar to the Model-View-Controller (MVC) architecture which is quite popular in the software development industry. The main difference between MVC and MVP is that whereas in MVC the controller is responsible for which view is used, in MPV the presenter is called through the view. This is due to the architecture of Android applications in general, where the view takes primary control. In the view classes, there should be no logic whatsoever in an MVP architecture and all logic should be called in the presenters. There is also a one to one dependency between views and presenters.

As illustrated in Figure 6.5, the views in the application have a dependency only on their corresponding presenter. The presenters contain the business logic of the application and have a dependency on all other packages. The packages of backgroundProcesses, calorieEstimation and storage have a dependency on the presenters package for callback purposes and also database creation in Android requires context of the activity information.

Marchitecture

In Figure 6.6, a marchitecture diagram can be seen. This diagram represents the architecture of the system. NutriLog is an Android application that sends an image to an AWS (Amazon Web Services) instance using the API OkHttp. The AWS instance is running a Python Flask application that classifies the image using a Tensorflow model and sends a response back to NutriLog. The Nutritionix API is used to collect nutritional information of this classification.

The technologies used for this application were used for the following reasons:

AWS

OkHttp

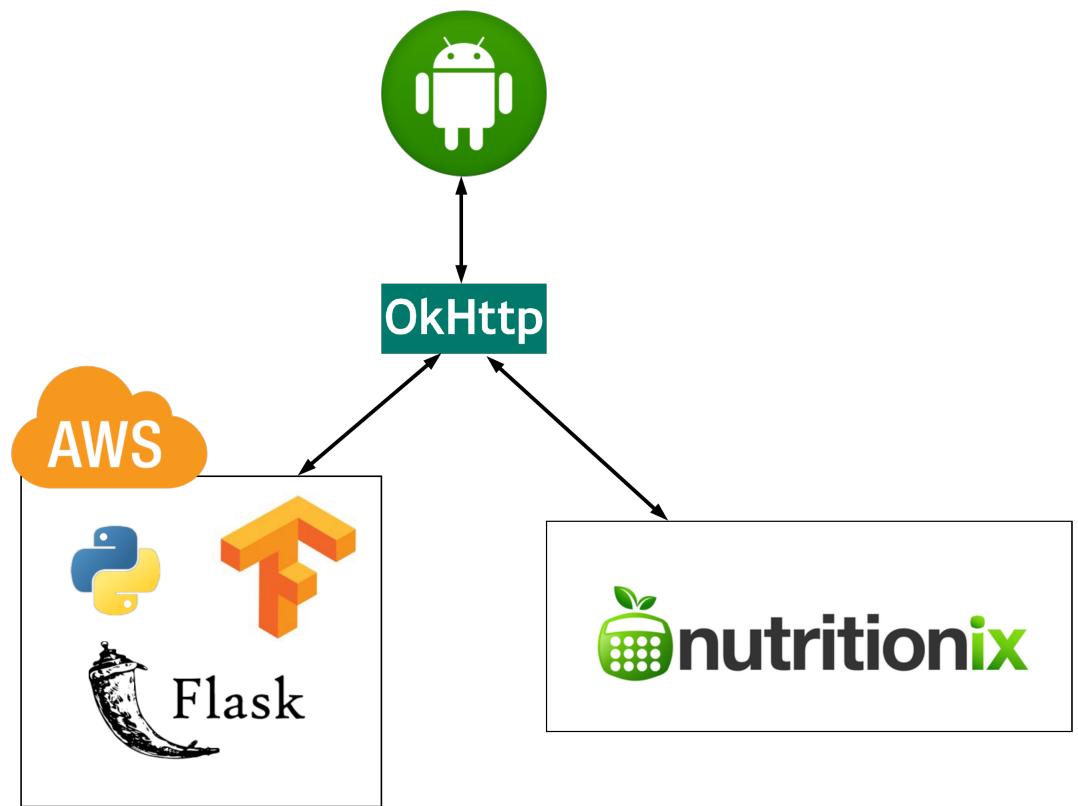


Figure 6.6: Marchitecture Diagram

Flask

Tensorflow

Nutritionix

6.3 Android Development

The prototype application developed for this FYP was created for use on an Android device.

Activity Lifecycle

An activity in an Android application represents a single UI screen. As a user navigates an application, the activities within the application go through different stages of their lifecycle (*Developer Guides* 2018). The stages in an activities lifecycle can be seen in Figure 6.7.

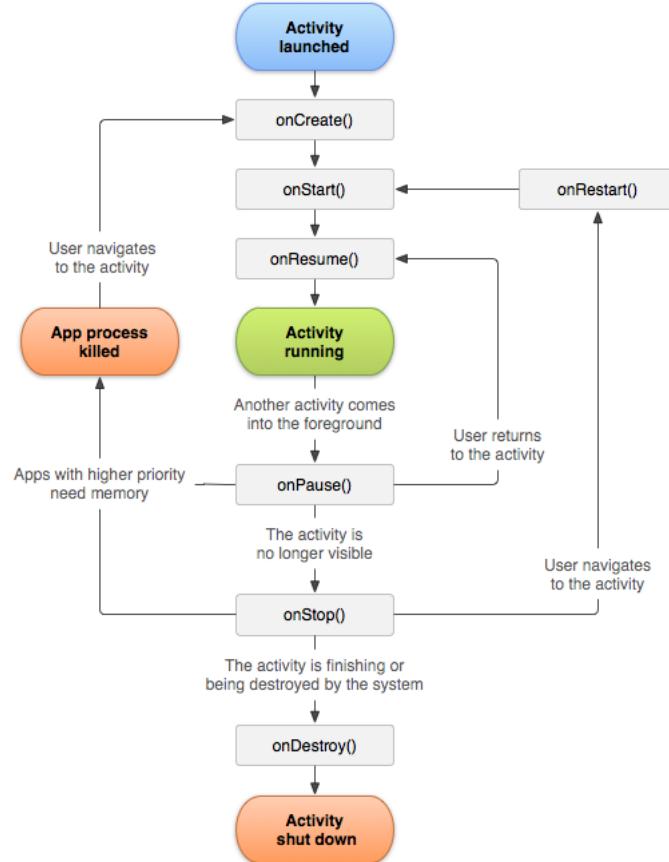


Figure 6.7: Android Activity Lifecycle (*Developer Guides* 2018)

Android provides call back mechanisms for each stage of the lifecycle. These call backs are:

- **onCreate():** This callback is executed when the activity is first created and must be implemented.
- **onStart():** This callback is triggered when the activity is in the Started state. This callback executes the code that prepares the UI for use.

- `onResume()`: This callback is triggered when the activity is resumed. This could occur if the user temporarily leaves the activity and returns.
- `onPause()`: This callback is invoked when a user is leaving an activity to be returned to later.
- `onStop()`: This callback is executed when the activity is finished running or is no longer accessible by the user.
- `onDestroy()`: The `onDestroy()` callback is invoked before the activity is destroyed and it is the final callback executed.

Android Studio

Android Studio is an IDE that is very common for the development of Android applications. It is developed by JetBrains who also created the IntelliJ IDE and there are many similarities between the two. Android Studio provides a nice interface for the creation of the user interface of applications with a drag and drop mechanism.

Languages

There are two main languages used for Android development in the Android Studio IDE are Java and Kotlin. Kotlin is a language developed by JetBrains with the tag line of "Statically typed programming language for modern multiplatform applications" (JetBrains, 2018). It is defined as being safe, tool-friendly, inter-operable and concise by the reduction of boilerplate (repetitive) code.

Key Concepts

In the development of Android applications an intent can be used as an abstraction to execute operations. Intents can launch activities, communicate

with services running in the background and can also initiate broadcast receivers (allows use of system resources).

An AsyncTask is an abstract class in Android development. It enables the performance of background operations and to call the UI thread with ease. They are aimed towards short operations which take a few seconds at most.

In Android development, an OnClickListener is used to define actions for when a view is clicked. It is an interface that is implemented as a callback for when views are clicked.

6.4 Implementation

Outlined below are some coding fragments categorised under: Design Patterns, Asynchronous Tasks, Presenters, Views and Interesting Coding Fragments.

Design Patterns

Various design patterns were used in the implementation of this application such as the Factory, the Builder and the Singleton which are outlined below.

DAOFactory class

The Factory design pattern was used to retrieve a DAO (Data Access Object). This was used so that if at a future time the storage type of the application is to be changed, the developer would only have to change one instance of the codebase and return a new implementation of the DAO interface in the method getDAO().

```
1 public class DAOFactory {  
2  
3     public DAO getDAO(Context context){  
4         return SqlLiteDAO.getInstance(context);  
5     }  
6 }
```

```
6    }
```

HostFactory class

The Factory design pattern was used to retrieve a Host object that acts as an endpoint for the backend server. As this application is a lightweight proof of concept prototype only one backend server was used. In a future iteration, it may be decided to use a more complex method of Host selection and this factory class allows for simple modification to the codebase in this instance.

```
1  public class HostFactory {
2
3      public Host createHost() {
4          Host host = new
5              Host.HostBuilder("52.214.205.157")
6              .withDns(
7                  "ec2-52-214-205-157.eu-west-1.compute.amazonaws.com"
8              .withPort(5000)
9              .withRoute("/classifyImage/")
10             .build();
11
12         return host;
13     }
14 }
```

HostBuilder

A Host builder was used to create a Host object. This builder is a static inner class in the Host class file.

```
1  public static class HostBuilder {
2      private final String ipv4;
3      private String dns;
4      private int port;
```

```

5     private String route;
6
7     public HostBuilder(String ipv4) {
8         this.ipv4 = ipv4;
9     }
10
11    public HostBuilder withDns(String dns) {
12        this.dns = dns;
13        return this;
14    }
15
16    public HostBuilder withPort(int port) {
17        this.port = port;
18        return this;
19    }
20
21    public HostBuilder withRoute(String route) {
22        this.route = route;
23        return this;
24    }
25
26    public Host build() {
27        return new Host(this);
28    }
29
30 }

```

FoodLogBuilder

A FoodLog builder was used to create a FoodLog object. This builder is a static inner class in the FoodLogImpl class file.

```

1  public static class FoodLogBuilder {

```

```
2     private int id = 0;
3     private String food;
4     private double calories;
5     private Date timestamp;
6
7     public FoodLogBuilder(String food) {
8         this.food = food;
9     }
10
11    public FoodLogBuilder withId(int id) {
12        this.id = id;
13        return this;
14    }
15
16    public FoodLogBuilder withCalories(double
17        calories) {
18        this.calories = calories;
19        return this;
20    }
21
22    public FoodLogBuilder withTimestamp(Date
23        timestamp) {
24        this.timestamp = timestamp;
25        return this;
26    }
27
28    public FoodLog build() {
29        return new FoodLogImpl(this);
30    }

```

Singleton DAO Object

A Singleton instance of the DAO implementation was used in this application. This was mainly due to the best practice of keeping database access objects as singleton instances.

```
1 public static DAO getInstance(Context context) {  
2     if(instance == null) {  
3         instance = new SqlLiteDAO(context);  
4     }  
5     return instance;  
6 }
```

Asynchronous Tasks

Asynchronous Tasks in Android are used to run tasks in the background or are sometimes used to simply distribute processes off the main thread. The AsyncTask class must be extended on creation of the background processes.

UploadImage

An AsyncTask was used to send the food image to the backend host.

```
1 @Override  
2 protected String doInBackground(Void... params) {  
3     String result = "";  
4     OkHttpClient client = new OkHttpClient();  
5     String imageToSend = image;  
6     RequestBody requestBody = new  
        MultipartBody.Builder()  
            .setType(MultipartBody.FORM)  
            .addFormDataPart("image", imageToSend)  
            .build();  
10
```

```

11     Request request = new
12         Request.Builder().url(host.getUrl())
13             .post(requestBody).build();
14
15     Response response = null;
16     try {
17         response = client.newCall(request).execute();
18         result = response.body().string();
19         response.body().close();
20     } catch (IOException e) {
21         e.printStackTrace();
22     }
23
24     return result;
25 }
```

CalorieEstimation

An AsyncTask was used to call the Nutritionix API. This API can be used to retrieve nutritional information on query strings. In this case, the calorie count of the food image was returned. The calorie count was extracted from a JSON object. JSON is explored in detail in a following section.

```

1 @Override
2 protected String doInBackground(Void... params) {
3     String result = "";
4     OkHttpClient client = new OkHttpClient();
5
6     Request request = new Request.Builder().url(url)
7         .build();
8
9     Response response = null;
10    try {
```

```

11         response = client.newCall(request).execute();
12         result = response.body().string();
13         response.body().close();
14     } catch (IOException e) {
15         e.printStackTrace();
16     }
17     try {
18         JSONObject jsonObject = new
19             JSONObject(result);
20         JSONArray jsonArray =
21             jsonObject.getJSONArray("hits");
22         JSONObject hits = jsonArray.getJSONObject(0);
23         JSONObject fields =
24             hits.getJSONObject("fields");
25         String calories =
26             fields.getString("nf_calories");
27         result = calories;
28     } catch (JSONException e) {
29         e.printStackTrace();
30     }
31     return result;
32 }
```

Presenters

In the MPV architecture as described earlier, the presenter for each activity contains all the logic for that view.

Presenter for Main Activity

This presenter was task with creating intents to new activities (views).

```
1 public class MainPresenter {
```

```

2
3     private Intent intent;
4     private Context context;
5
6     public MainPresenter(Context context) {
7         this.context=context;
8     }
9
10    public void takePhoto() {
11        intent = new Intent(context,
12                            CaptureImageActivity.class);
13        context.startActivity(intent);
14    }
15    public void userLogs() {
16        intent = new Intent(context,
17                            FoodLogsActivity.class);
18        context.startActivity(intent);
19    }
20}

```

Views

In the MPV architecture that this application uses, the views are responsible for interacting directly with the user interface.

Main Activity

This view responds to button clicks and calls to its presenter to carry out the logic of the required task.

```

1 public class MainActivity extends AppCompatActivity {

```

```
2
3     private MainPresenter mainPresenter;
4
5     @Override
6     protected void onCreate(Bundle
7         savedInstanceState) {
8
9         super.onCreate(savedInstanceState);
10        setContentView(R.layout.activity_main);
11
12
13        public void onClickTakePhoto(View view) {
14            mainPresenter.takePhoto();
15        }
16
17        public void onClickUserLogs(View view) {
18            mainPresenter.userLogs();
19        }
20    }
```

Storage

SQLite was used for storing data in this application and the class that handled creation, input and output to this database implemented the DAO interface.

DAO interface

An interface for storage devices so that each implementation would have the ability to add food logs, retrieve food logs, delete food logs and remove the data store completely.

```
1 public interface DAO {
```

```
2     void addFoodLog(FoodLog foodLog);
3     List<FoodLog> getLogsByDay(Date date);
4     List<FoodLog> getLogsByWeek(Date date);
5     List<FoodLog> getLogsByMonth(Date date);
6     void deleteFoodLogs(List<FoodLog> foodLogs);
7     void deleteDb();
8 }
```

Get Food Logs per Date

This method was used to execute a query and return a List of FoodLog objects.

```
1 @Override
2 private List<FoodLog> selectQuery(String query) {
3     foodLogs = new ArrayList<>();
4     Cursor resultSet = database.rawQuery(query,
5         null);
6     while(resultSet.moveToNext()) {
7         try {
8             foodLogs.add(new FoodLogImpl
9                 .FoodLogBuilder(resultSet.getString(1))
10                .withId(resultSet.getInt(0))
11                .withCalories(resultSet.getDouble(2))
12                .withTimestamp(dateFormat
13                    .parse(resultSet.getString(3)))
14                .build());
15         } catch (ParseException e) {
16             e.printStackTrace();
17         }
18     }
19     return foodLogs;
}
```

Delete Food Logs

This method was used to delete food logs from the database that were in the List passed to the method.

```
1  @Override
2  public void deleteFoodLogs(List<FoodLog> foodLogs) {
3      SQLiteStatement stmt =
4          database.compileStatement("DELETE FROM
5              FoodLog WHERE rowid = ?");
6      for(FoodLog foodLog: foodLogs) {
7          stmt.bindString(1,
8              String.valueOf(foodLog.getId()));
9          stmt.execute();
10     }
11 }
```

Interesting Coding Fragments

Some interesting coding fragments are outlined below which merit inclusion in this report.

Encode Bitmap to base64 String

This method was used to encode the image taken on the phone to a string. This was used to send the image to the backend with minimal latency. The bitmap size was also reduced as in line 8 to decrease response time also.

```
1  public String toBase64() {
2      BitmapFactory.Options options = new
3          BitmapFactory.Options();
4      options.inSampleSize = 8;
```

```

5     Bitmap imageBitmap =
6         BitmapFactory.decodeFile(image.getAbsolutePath(),
7             options);
8
9
10    //resize image for faster upload to server
11    Bitmap.createScaledBitmap(imageBitmap, 300, 400,
12        false);
13
14    ByteArrayOutputStream byteArrayOutputStream =
15        new ByteArrayOutputStream();
16    imageBitmap.compress(Bitmap.CompressFormat.PNG,
17        100, byteArrayOutputStream);
18    byte[] byteArray =
19        byteArrayOutputStream.toByteArray();
20
21    return Base64.encodeToString(byteArray,
22        Base64.DEFAULT);
23
24
25 }
```

Map of Runnables

A map of strings to runnables was used to query the database for food logs. This was used as the select query for the database had to dynamically change depending on how the food logs were being viewed, by day, week, or month.

```

1 listViewOptions = new HashMap<>();
2 listViewOptions.put("Day", () -> getLogsByDay());
3 listViewOptions.put("Week", () -> getLogsByWeek());
4 listViewOptions.put("Month", () -> getLogsByMonth());
```

User Interface

User interface implementation as in Figures 6.8, 6.9, 6.10, 6.11, 6.12, 6.13, 6.14 and 6.15.

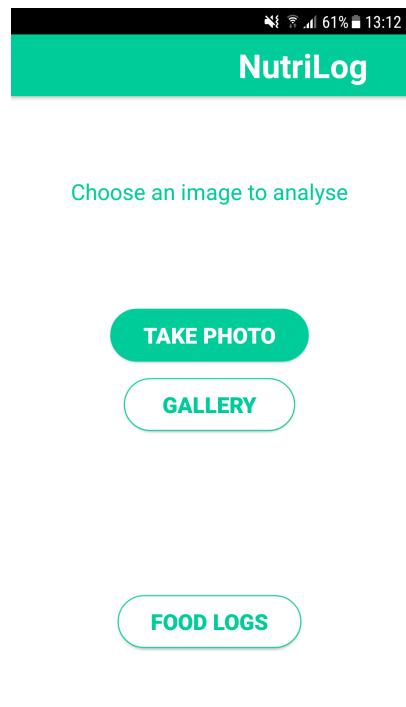


Figure 6.8: Landing Activity



Figure 6.9: Image Capture Activity



Figure 6.10: Image Send Activity



Figure 6.11: Image Submit Activity

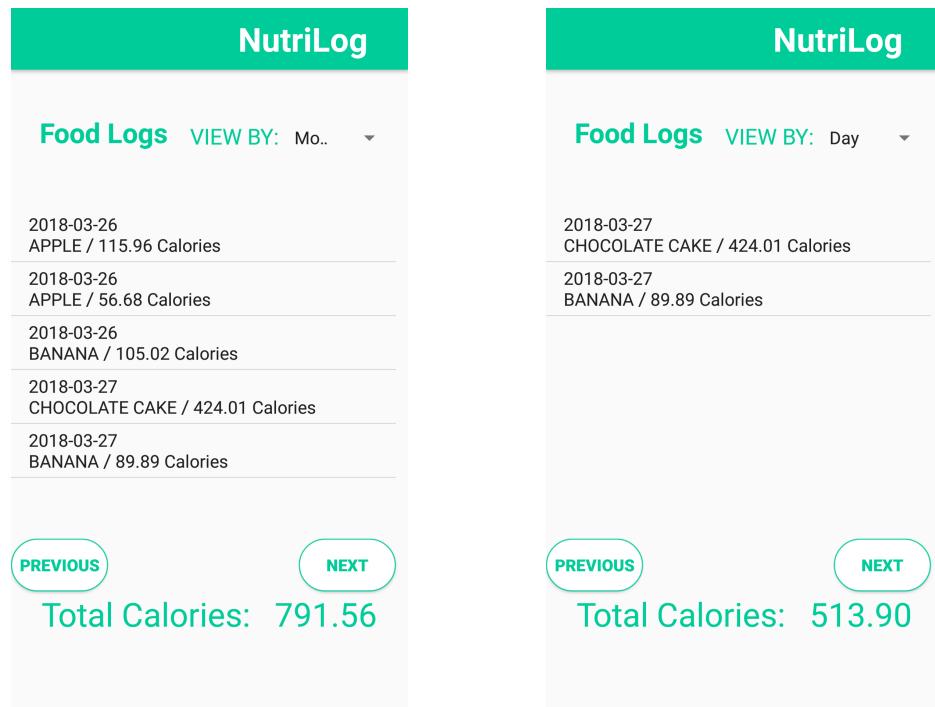


Figure 6.12: FoodLog Month Activity Figure 6.13: FoodLog Day Activity

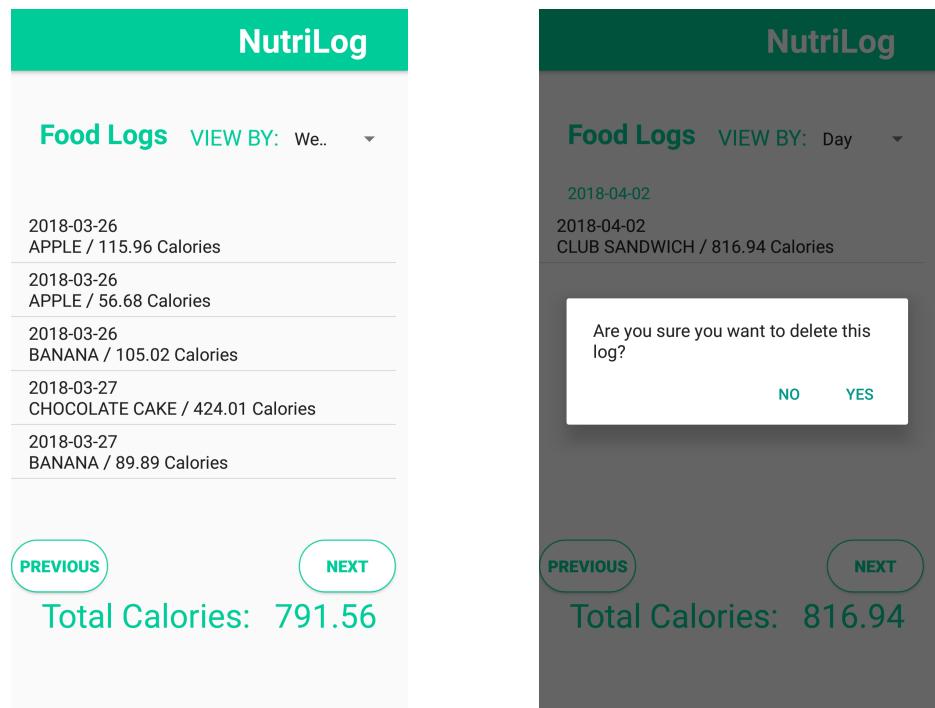


Figure 6.14: FoodLog Week Activity Figure 6.15: Food Log Deletion

Technologies

Github

Github was used as the version control backup system for this project. Commit history can be seen in Figure 6.16



Figure 6.16: Github Contributions to Master

JSON

JSON (JavaScript Object Notation) is a text format used to store data (*Introducing JSON* 2018). It is both easy for machines to parse and for humans to read and write. It is a data-interchange format as it is language independent. JSON data structures are built on key pairs values and are normally parsed into arrays, lists or vectors.

OkHttp

OkHttp is a HTTP client created specifically for Java and Android applications (Square, 2018). It is a very efficient HTTP client with in built defense against troublesome networks (recovers from common problems silently). Some of the efficiency components are as follows:

- HTTP/2 support
- Reduced request latency due to connection pooling
- Caching of responses

Nutritionix API

The Nutritionix API is an API used to collect nutritional information (Nutritionix, 2018). This project used this API to collect calorie information on a food item. The free 'Hacker' account can support up to 10 active users.

6.5 Testing

Junit

Mockito

Unit Tests

Test to ensure FoodLog object stores information correctly

```
1 @Before
2 public void setUp() {
3     foodLog = new FoodLogImpl(0, "banana", 59.03,
4         new Date());
5 }
```

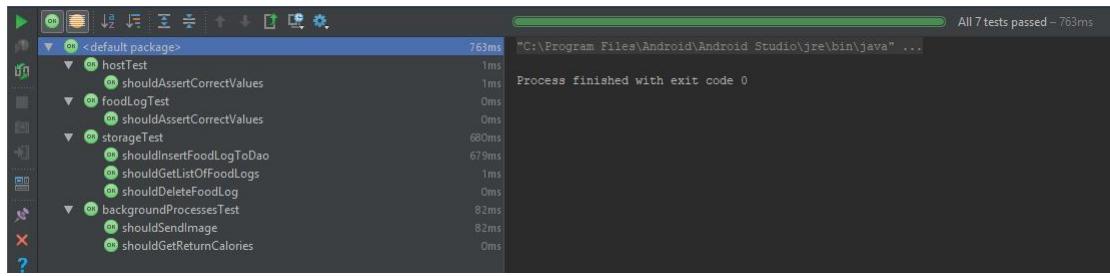


Figure 6.17: Automated Unit Tests

```

5
6 @Test
7 public void shouldAssertCorrectValues() {
8     assert food.equals(foodLog.getFood());
9     assert calories == foodLog.getCalories();
10    assert timestamp.equals(foodLog.getTimestamp());
11    assert id == foodLog.getId();
12 }

```

Test to ensure Host object stores information correctly

```

1 @Before
2     public void setUp() {
3         host = new Host.HostBuilder("52.214.205.157")
4             .withDns("ec2-52-214-205-157.eu-west-1.compute.amazonaws.com")
5             .withPort(5000)
6             .withRoute("/classifyImage/")
7             .build();
8     }
9
10 @Test
11 public void shouldAssertCorrectValues() {
12     assert this.ip.equals(host.getIpv4());
13     assert this.dns.equals(host.getDns());

```

```
14     assert this.port == host.getPort();
15     assert this.route.equals(host.getRoute());
16     assert this.urlString.equals(host.getUrl());
17 }
```

Test to ensure DAO object stores and removes data correctly

```
1 @Before
2 public void setup() {
3     dao = mock(SqlLiteDAO.class);
4     date = new Date();
5     foodLog = new FoodLogImpl(0, "test", 0.0, date);
6 }
7
8 @Test
9 public void shouldGetListOfFoodLogs() {
10    foodLogs = dao.getLogsByDay(date);
11    foodLogs = dao.getLogsByWeek(date);
12    foodLogs = dao.getLogsByMonth(date);
13 }
14
15 @Test
16 public void shouldInsertFoodLogToDao() {
17    dao.addFoodLog(foodLog);
18    setTestLog();
19    assert foodLogs.contains(testLog);
20 }
21
22 @Test
23 public void shouldDeleteFoodLog() {
24    List<FoodLog> foodLogs = new ArrayList<>();
25    foodLogs.add(testLog);
```

```
26     dao.deleteFoodLogs(foodLogs);
27     setTestLog();
28     assert testLog.equals(null);
29 }
30
31 private void setTestLog() {
32     foodLogs = dao.getLogsByDay(date);
33     foodLogs.forEach(f -> {
34         if(f.getFood().equals("test")) {
35             testLog = f;
36         }
37     });
38 }
```

6.6 Backend

Python Flask

Implementation

Backend service code

```
1 import base64
2 import label_image
3 import time
4
5 app = Flask(__name__)
6
7 #add a route for the flask app and what HTTP methods are allowed
8 @app.route('/classifyImage/', methods=['POST'])
9 def classify():
10     #decode image and save it
```

```

11     imgdata = base64.b64decode(request.form.get('image'))
12     filename = 'images/' + str(time.strftime("%Y%m%d-%H%M%S")) +
13         '.jpg'
14     with open(filename, 'wb') as f:
15         f.write(imgdata)
16
17     #classify the image
18     results = label_image.runModel(filename)
19     predictions = results[0]
20
21     #retrun a String of the results
22     result_String = ""
23     for i in predictions :
24         result_String += str(i) + ","
25
26     #runs the app on port 5000
27     if __name__ == '__main__':
28         app.run(host='0.0.0.0', threaded=True)

```

Method called from 'label_image.py'

```

1 def runModel(file_name):
2     #hardcoded values of image size and model path
3     model_file = \
4         "models/output_graph13.pb"
5     label_file = "labels/output_labels13.txt"
6     input_height = 299
7     input_width = 299
8     input_mean = 128
9     input_std = 128
10    input_layer = "Mul"
11    output_layer = " final_result"

```

```

12
13 #load the graph using load_graph() provided by Google
14 graph = load_graph(model_file)
15 #read in tensor
16 t = read_tensor_from_image_file(file_name,
17                                 input_height=input_height,
18                                 input_width=input_width,
19                                 input_mean=input_mean,
20                                 input_std=input_std)
21
22 input_name = "import/" + input_layer
23 output_name = "import/" + output_layer
24 input_operation = graph.get_operation_by_name(input_name)
25 output_operation = graph.get_operation_by_name(output_name)
26
27 #run the tensor through the graph
28 with tf.Session(graph=graph) as sess:
29     results = sess.run(output_operation.outputs[0],
30                         {input_operation.outputs[0]: t})
31 results = np.squeeze(results)
32
33 #get the top 5 results
34 top_k = results.argsort()[-5:][::-1]
35 labels = load_labels(label_file)
36
37 setIndex = False
38
39 #return results
40 top5_results = [None] * 5
41 index = 0
42 for i in top_k:
43     top5_results[index] = labels[i]

```

```
44     index += 1
45
46     final_results = [top5_results, results]
47     return final_results
```

Deployment

In order to deploy the Flask application to an AWS EC2 instance the following steps had to be followed:

- Upload the output_graph.pb file (Tensorflow model), the output_labels.txt file and the source code to the server using SFTP
- SSH into the server
- Create a folder called 'images' in the home directory to store uploads images
- Place model and label files into folders called 'models' and 'labels' respectively
- Ensure Tensorflow, NOHUP (Ignores the hangup signal in Linux) Python and Flask are installed on the server
- Ensure no processes are running on port 5000 using the command 'lsof -i :5000'
- Run the server.py code using the command 'nohup python server.py &'

AWS Architecture

The application interfaces with an Amazon Web Services (AWS) server called an EC2 instance. In order to keep the application secure AWS was used to provide a secure architecture. A Virtual Private Cloud (VPC) was created to host the instances. In a production environment a load balancer could be used to evenly distribute traffic across a fleet of backend instances but for

the purposes of this prototype application, a single instance as in Figure 6.18 could be used. In Figure 6.18 the instance is located inside a subnet which is in turn located in a VPC. The purpose of a VPC is to have a virtual network dedicated to a users individual account.

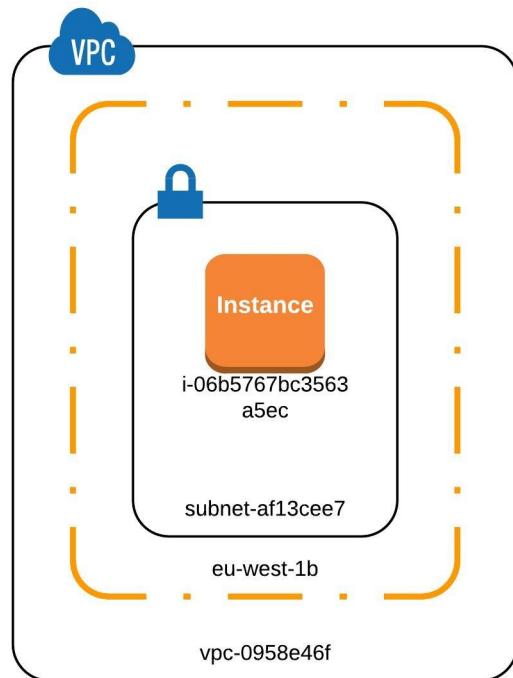


Figure 6.18: AWS Network Diagram

Security groups were utilised to restrict the type of traffic that would be allowed to reach the instance, so that the instance would only receive http requests at port 5000 and receive ssh connections at port 22 as per Figure 6.19.

| Security Groups associated with i-06b5767bc3563a5ec | | | |
|---|----------|-----------------|---|
| Ports | Protocol | Source | |
| 22 | tcp | 0.0.0.0/0, ::/0 | ✓ |
| 5000 | tcp | 0.0.0.0/0, ::/0 | ✓ |

Figure 6.19: AWS Security Group

Chapter 7

Discussion and Conclusion

7.1 Summary

The purpose of this final year project was to explore the use of deep learning for nutritional assessment. This exploration was carried firstly by conducting a comprehensive literature review of research already undertaken in the area of food image recognition and also some research into the methods used for object detection with CNNs. Once this survey of literature was completed, a method from these papers was selected to be replicated. The work done by (Keiji Yanai and Kawano, 2015) yielded promising results in retraining models using transfer learning and because of this, their work was to be replicated.

Some deviations were made from (Keiji Yanai and Kawano, 2015) in regards to the dataset used. The Food-101 dataset was used for this FYP, in conjunction with some additional classes from Imagenet (Deng et al., 2009). In contrast, (Keiji Yanai and Kawano, 2015) used the UECFOOD100 dataset (Matsuda, Hoashi, and K. Yanai, 2012). The change in dataset was used due to the availability of a larger dataset in Food-101 which has 1000 images per class.

The Food-101+ dataset was created by adding seven additional classes to the Food-101 dataset. This Food-101+ dataset was used to train a model with the final Top-1 accuracy of 66.6% and a Top-5 accuracy of 85.96%. This model was created by retraining the final layer of the Inception-V3 (Szegedy et al.,

2016) model using transfer learning and Tensorflow. A subset of the Food-101+ dataset was also trained using 13 classes in the same way. This model achieved a Top-1 accuracy of 92.6% and a Top-5 accuracy of 100%.

Once the models were trained, they were analysed under various topics such as dealing with composite images using a sliding window approach, the effect of colour on classification of food types and also the effect of image quality on the classification of food types.

After the above empirical studies had been carried out, a lightweight prototype application was created to demonstrate the use of the Tensorflow model for food image classification. This prototype application was created for a smart phone running on Android. This application is called NutriLog. NutriLog is able to send an image of food (acquired either from the camera or gallery of the users phone) to a server to be analysed. The server that the image is send to is running a Python Flask application that runs the image through a Tensorflow model and returns a prediction to NutriLog. NutriLog then collects nutritional information on the prediction using the Nutritionix API and logs information for user metrics. The user can then view their daily, weekly or monthly calorie intake. NutriLog could be very useful for those who wish to keep track of their calorie intake.

7.2 Reflections

The purpose of this section is to give a reflection upon the technologies I have used throughout this project. I will outline my feelings on each of these technologies in the following sections.

Tensorflow

There are many alternative machine learning libraries used for the development of CNNs such as Caffe, Gluon and MXNet. I used Tensorflow due to Google's reputation and prevalence on the Internet. While Tensorflow has a

large learning curve, I believe this is due to the complexity of CNNs and machine learning in general rather than the library. I used Python in conjunction with Tensorflow in this project.

The online support for Tensorflow is superb. From resources such as Stack Overflow to Google's forums for questions relating to the topic. While I don't have experience with the other libraries, I would definitely recommend Tensorflow to beginners in machine learning as the documentation and support is outstanding.

Python

Python is a very simple and generic programming language supporting the paradigms of object oriented, functional, imperative and procedural. I enjoyed working with the language for the most part. It seems like the language is written to make things as easy as possible for the developer with many helpful built-in functions.

Python is a dynamically typed language meaning that type checking is carried out at runtime as opposed to statically typed when it is carried out at compile time. Personally I prefer statically typed languages. This could be partly due to my experience in Java (which is statically typed) by I find when dealing with code that has been written by another developer, something as simple as knowing the types of function parameters is taken for granted.

Flask

Flask is a web framework that integrates with Python. I cannot stress how nice it is to use. It has a very small learning curve and it makes prototyping web services very easy.

AWS

I have had previous experience with Amazon Web Services on a summer internship and also while working on college projects. Due to this past experience, there was no hesitation in choosing a cloud provider for my prototype application. A simple EC2 instance is very easy to setup using AWS.

Android Studio

Android Studio is the IDE used for the development of Android applications. It is made by JetBrains who also developed the IDE IntelliJ so there is many similarities there. For the most part it is like IntelliJ which is very nice to use for Java development. The UI design in Android Studio is also very good as most of the UI development can be done in a drag and drop fashion which is very helpful for prototyping.

Java

I have been using Java for four years and it is a very nice language to use especially with the introduction of streams and other functional paradigms additions.

Latex

I used Latex for the report for this FYP due to the suggestion from my supervisor. Overall, I find it a very good resource to use. The fact that you focus more on content than presentation is very helpful for such a large report and the use of version control is very beneficial. The positioning of images and tables is sometimes a big frustrating but I found Latex the most useful when I wanted to move sections around in the report and for references.

7.3 Future Work

While retraining the Inception-V3 model yielded promising results for food image classification there are some problems associated. The model trained, does not deal well with composite image and while a sliding window could be used to classify different portions of the image, it is not a viable method as it is very time intensive. Another issue is that there is a clear correlation between the amount of classes and the accuracy of the model. This is clearly seen in the 108 class model yielding a Top-1 accuracy of 66.6% while the 13 class model yielded a Top-1 accuracy of 92.6%. Possible solutions to these issues are outlined below.

Resolving Issues with Composite Images

The model trained for this project relies on the one shot approach where an image is passed straight to the model preferable containing only one food item. A possible solution to this problem is to segment the image before using the classifier. There has been extensive research into the segmentation of food images carried out but it was out of scope for this FYP. Colour and texture are the most common features to segment food images by. If it was possible to separate each food item in a food image and feed each of these individual items through the classifier then the problem of composite image would be resolved.

Another option would be to take an object detection approach to food image classification. In Chapter 2 there was a survey of literature carried out on the subject of using CNNs for object detection as in (K. He et al., 2017). If the objects (food items) could be detected in this way and then passed through the classifier then dealing with composite images would not be such a challenge.

While both of these methods are promising to solve this issue, the object detection seems to be the most interesting due to the success of (K. He et al., 2017) and the fact that the approach has not been used for food images before.

Resolving Issues with Class Size

As stated above, the accuracy of Inception-V3 model declines the more classes are in the training set. In order to solve this problem changes to the architecture of the model or changes to the dataset may have to be introduced. There are many CNN model architectures that could be viable options for food image recognition. (Mezgec and Koroušić Seljak, 2017) created a model architecture aimed specifically towards food image recognition called Nutrinet and experiments on this architecture could be carried out. The dataset used for training could also be extended with more images per class to increase the accuracy.

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Appendix A

Segmentation

A.1 Image Segmentation

Fully Convolutional Neural Networks for Semantic Segmentation

There has been a very interesting paper from UC Berkeley focused on using Full Convolutional Networks for semantic segmentation (Shelhamer, Long, and Darrell, 2017). Fully Convolutional Networks (FCN) do not have any fully connected layers. They are replaced with more filtering layers. Nvidia Digits have a semantic segmentation implementation based off the work of this paper.

They took this approach because "feedforward computation and backpropagation are much more efficient when computer layer-by-layer over an entire image instead of independently patch-by-patch" (Shelhamer, Long, and Darrell, 2017). This was also because they were focused on object detection. Normal classifiers do not work very well when they are to classify more than one subject in an image and image segmentation was a way to solve this.

There are a set of steps you can follow to turn a CNN into a FCN for semantic segmentation as follows i.e. change to a convolutional layer from a fully connected one:

- The size of the filters must be set to the size of the input layers.
- For every neuron in the fully connected layer, have a filter.

Segmentation

Graph Based Segmentation

Graph cut segmentation has been used extensively in image segmentation. OpenCV has an implementation of a graph cut algorithm called grabcut which has been used to segment food on occasion (Pouladzadeh, Shirmohammadi, and Yassine, 2014).

Table A.1: FCN Results (Shelhamer, Long, and Darrell, 2017)

| | FCN |
|-------------------------|------|
| VOC11 mean IU | 62.7 |
| VOC12 mean IU | 62.2 |
| PASCAL VOC10 pixel acc. | 67.0 |
| PASCAL VOC10 mean acc. | 50.7 |
| PASCAL VOC10 mean IU | 37.8 |
| PASCAL VOC10 f.w. IU | 52.5 |

Table A.2: Results

| | Single Food Portion | Non-mixed Food | Mixed Food |
|--------------------|---------------------|----------------|--------------|
| colour and Texture | 92.21 | N/A | N/A |
| Graph Based | 95 (3% increase) | 5% increase | 15% increase |

According to (Pouladzadeh, Shirmohammadi, and Yassine, 2014), "Graph cut based method is well-known to be efficient, robust, and capable of finding the best contour of objects in n image, suggesting it to be a good method for separating food portions in a food image for calorie measurement". Along with the graph cut segmentation algorithm, this research team also used colour and texture segmentation. Gabor filters were used to measure texture features (Pouladzadeh, Shirmohammadi, and Yassine, 2014). When colour and texture segmentation was applied, the method came into difficulty with mixed foods but by applying graph cut segmentation, clearer object boundaries were shown. In conclusion, the accuracy of the classification increased when using graph based segmentation rather than colour and texture as seen in A.2.

Local Variation Framework

Another paper was published in which the research team attempted to create a food calorie estimation system (Y. He et al., 2013). This system would comprise of three steps, image segmentation, image classification and weight estimation. For the segmentation module, a local variation approach to seg-

mentation was performed. Local variation is by which intensity differences between neighbouring pixels is measured. This is a type of graph based segmentation.

The team also carried out some segmentation refinement when the segmentation algorithm had been performed. This consisted of removed small segments (defined as less than 50 pixels) and trying to prevent over and under segmentation. After classification was performed on each segment, segments with low confidence values were removed (Y. He et al., 2013).

Conclusion

Both of the above papers of (Pouladzadeh, Shirmohammadi, and Yassine, 2014) and (Y. He et al., 2013) used a graph based segmentation. The first paper used a more generic implementation while the second used a local variation framework. Both methods provided successful results in the image segmentation process.

Appendix B

Poster

Identification and Classification in Food Images

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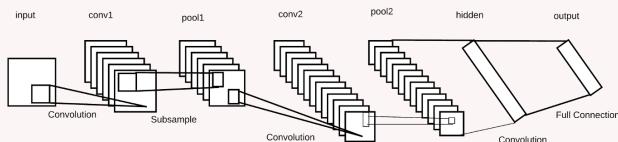
Objective

This work explores the use of deep learning for nutritional assessment. A Convolutional Neural Network (CNN) (created using Google's Tensorflow) is utilised to classify food images. A smart phone application will leverage this CNN to track a user's calorie intake. Extensive research has been carried out in this subject area (Yanai and Kawano, 2015).

References: Yanai, Keiji and Yoshiyuki Kawano (2015). "Food image recognition using deep convolutional network with pre-training and fine-tuning". In: Multimedia & Expo Workshops (ICMEW), 2015 IEEE International Conference on. IEEE, pp. 1–6.

Convolutional Neural Networks

A Convolutional Neural Network (CNN) is a deep neural architecture with layers for the extraction of image characteristics, dimensionality reduction, and classification (Zeiler and Fergus, 2014).

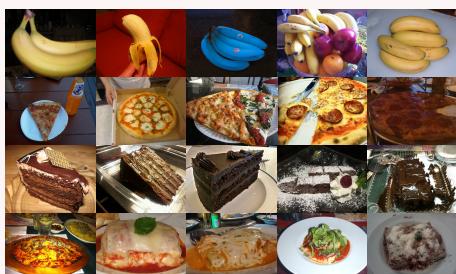


References: Zeiler, M.D. and Fergus, R., 2014, September. Visualizing and understanding convolutional networks. In *European conference on computer vision* (pp. 818–833). Springer, Cham.

Dataset

The Food-101 dataset was used for this FYP with 7 extra classes added using the ImageNet dataset to create Food-101+.

Banana:



Pizza:



Cake:



Lasagne:



Results

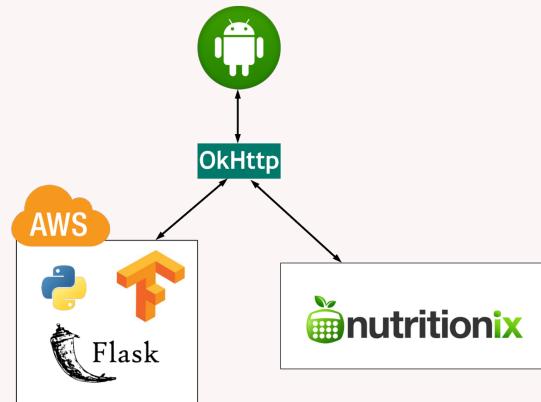
Various models were trained using the Inception-V3 architecture for this FYP. A summary of their results can be seen below.

| Experiment | Dataset | Training Steps | Learning Rate | Top-1 Accuracy |
|------------|-------------------------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|
| 1 | Food-101 | 4,000 | 0.01 | 54.8% |
| 2 | Food-101+ | 4,000 | 0.01 | 55.3% |
| 3 | Food-101+ | 10,000 | 0.1 | 66.3% |
| 4 | Food-101+ subset (13 classes) | 2,000 | 0.1 | 92.6% |

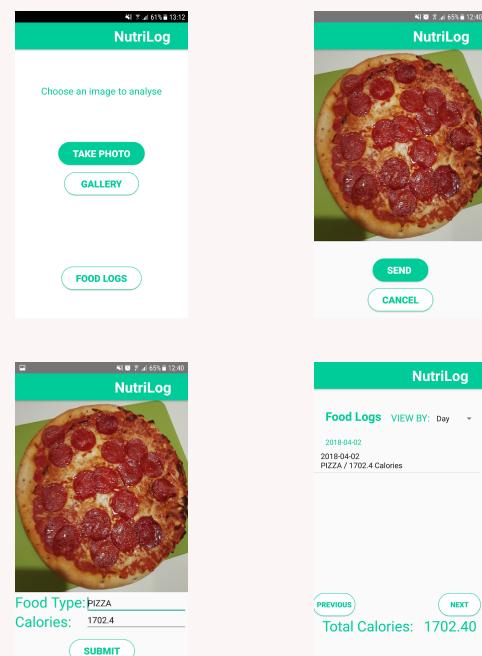
Prototype Application - NutriLog

Architecture

NutriLog is an Android application that sends an image to an AWS instance using OkHttp. The instance is running a Python Flask application that classifies the image using Tensorflow and sends a response back to NutriLog. The Nutritionix API is used to collect nutritional information of this classification.



User Interface



Conclusions

The Inception-V3 architecture has proven to yield promising results for training models using the Food-101+ dataset. NutriLog could greatly benefit those who would like to keep track of their calorie intake. Future work could consist of analysing the results of different architectures and segmenting the image before classification to combat composite images.