

ME536

Semester Project:




Fresh Crush

Solve

Fresh Crush Game

Candy crush like game with fruits and vegetables.

Problems:

- The game should learn the classification of the fruits and vegetables  ANN
- What if the game is caught off guard? Novalties ?  ANN & DATA CLUSTERING
- If you've learned to predict, step for crush them  SEARCH

Prototypical Networks

The model learns to **map each class to a prototype** (a representative feature vector).

Efficient Representation – Uses prototypes instead of storing all instances, reducing memory and computation.

Better Generalization – Captures category essence, improving classification of unseen data.

Fast & Scalable Learning – Learns efficiently, ideal for few-shot learning.

Adaptive to Concept Drift – Easily updates to reflect new data patterns.

Let's start to procedure

Construct the embeddings for supervised class

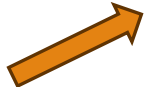


- ResNet18 is used as a **feature extractor** with removing the classification layer.
- With validation data the **model is fine-tuned** (Backpropagation & optimization steps)
- **Cosine similarity** is measured between embeddings.
- **Prototypes, trained embeddings, and the fine-tuned model** are stored

To enhance the quality of feature vectors obtained from the prototypical neural network, background removal preprocessing is performed using the rembg Python library, which removes backgrounds using deep learning models, primarily U²-Net.

Discover and Classify Novelty

- The **novelty threshold** is defined by examining the cosine similarity between training embeddings and their corresponding prototypes.

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np.mean(distances) + 2 * np.std(distances)
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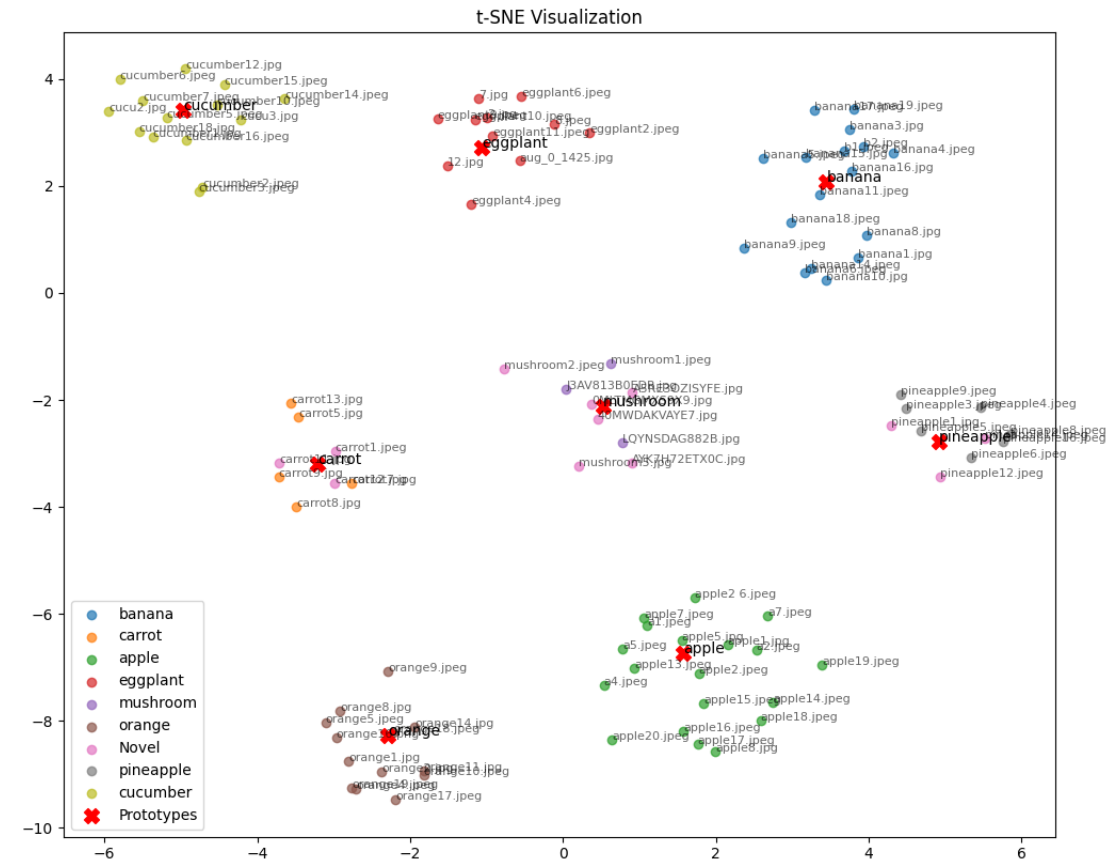
- Compare the embedding of a new instance with the threshold:
 -  Classify to known class
 -  Detect novelty
- If the same novelty comes 3 times
 -  Construct the new class
Construct new prototype

Dynamic Clustering

- **DBSCAN**, an unsupervised clustering algorithm that groups data points based on density, is used for clustering the novelties.

Why Use DBSCAN for Novelty Detection?

- It **automatically detects clusters** without needing a predefined number (k in k-means).
- It **ignores noise**, meaning it can filter out outliers.
- It works well for **non-uniform cluster shapes**.



Fresh Crush Game

Game with 2 levels: **Level 1** uses supervised learning, while **Level 2** involves novelty detection.

Based on the player's level choice, the corresponding dataset is assigned.

The images are randomly chosen.

Fruit classification is performed, and the game table is constructed.

The next step is the search algorithm.

Search Algorithm

Exhaustive search with greedy selection is used to find the **best move** by evaluating **possible swaps** and their **cascading effects**. Since all possible moves does not take much time in this scenario.

Score calculation: The score is determined by (length of the crush * multiplier effect), where multiplier:

- 1 for known classes.
- For novelties, it is defined by the user.

If cascading occurs frequently, the search may take longer. A heuristic approach can be used:

- Using the 2-3 steps of cascade score as reference.
- Prioritizing the match if it have two same class fruits near it

Further improvements

- Deeper networks for feature extractor can be used.
- Prototypes can be calculated with larger dataset.
- Instead of static prototypes, learnable prototypes can be used
- Attention mechanism can be used to refine prototype representation
- Gradient based meta learning can be integrated (MAML)
- Search method can be improved for larger datasets.
- The game logic can be enhanced with additional features.

Let's play the Fresh Crush !!
