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1 Receipt Classification

1.1 Three Parts of discussion for this task:

- 1) Aim of the task
- 2) Dataset Collection
- 3) Approach exploration and finalization

1.1.1 1) Aim of the task:

As the name suggest Aim of this task is to classify a given image into a receipt or not.
Hypothesis: image satisfying the visual standard of receipt should be classified as receipt.

1.1.2 2) Dataset Collection:

Now as per the hypothesis the dataset is collected using bulk image downloader.
For this task two labels are generated as

- 1: receipt
- 2: non-receipt

Description of download criteria:

- 1) Receipt: In this set of the downloaded images, search key words that are used "grocery bill, invoice, atm-slips"
- 2) Non-receipt: In this set of downloaded images, search key words that are used "documents , printed office paper"

Once the images were downloaded then the rigorous task of data cleaning started. In this process almost all the data was visually checked and decided to make keep then in training set or not. And since it was a iterative process, it took its own time before satisfactory training set was created.

The final training set had balanced class data with 600 images in each set.

1.1.3 3) Approach Exploration and Finalization:

The exploration started with the simplest approach of using standard Computer Vision techniques which later on was taken over by deep learning ideas which also had its own iteration before finalizing the used design.

1) Computer Vision Based technique: In this method the idea was to cash in on the most basic and dominant feature of the receipt, that is its glossy paper with too much of a grid based view. For this purpose proposed logic was to preprocess the image for noise removal and then calculating the GLCM based texture information because of glossiness and also calculating the Hough line based grid formation on the receipt. But the idea started failing in its preprocessing stage only because the images didn't have proper illumination. But still few images did pass through preprocessing but getting Hough lines and preparing a threshold because of varying size of slips was getting difficult.

2) Neural Network based approach: Since the first idea failed because of above stated reasons, it was required that solution should come from more robust method and hence the neural networks.

a) Custom Architecture: As per the initial finding varying size was a big problem and since the neural network is robust for illumination condition. So the Architecture was designed that can input the images of different size, it was inspired by the fully convolution network, with dense layer generated using 1x1 convolution kernel size. But like any neural network which is trained from the scratch has a most important need i.e. amount of data that is required to train the model. And the collected data was total 1200 images, which is nowhere near to the fulfilling the need. But to overcome this augmentation was applied but still it was taking unpredictable time to converge. And as a result this architecture was rejected.

b) Transfer-learning based approach: As training from the scratch was getting difficult a pretrained VGG16 model is used for transfer-learning based approach. The reason behind choosing the VGG16 was its depth. As most of the models which are trained on ImageNet dataset are much deeper than VGG16 and deeper model will need more data and lack of data is already a constraint. So the pretrained VGG16 with 1024 fully connected layer followed by a softmax layer is added at the bottom of network to create a to-be used network.

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