
DD2424 Group 118:

The mechanisms, powers and limitations of some Data Augmentation techniques.

Self-Assessment

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Skills

Anton

- I feel like I developed a good understanding of the tensorflow library and have gotten a better understanding of the different components of neural networks after implementing the basic CNN architecture as well as ResNet50.
- After this project I got a better general understanding of transfer learning after examining different ways to implement ResNet50 (as well as reading about and examining other networks to implement such as MobileNet).
- In general I think that this project has given me a good understanding of why and for what purpose you should use the different augmentations examined.
- Although we had some initial troubles using GCP, I now feel very comfortable using the service (which I believe translates to other cloud computing services as well).

Jan

- I have gained experience in how to implement neural networks in practice using Tensorflow and Keras without much previous experience programming using Python. Specifically I learned how to make a custom ImageGenerator in Tensorflow.
- I have read about and understand the basics of Manifold Mixup and how one can achieve better results by performing mixup in an intermediate layer where feature space is more aligned, compared to input space, even if we did not implement it in our project.
- I have learned about the regularizing effect of Mixup and that one needs to be careful when using the combination of Dropout and Mixup. Since both regularize, their respective parameters have to be considered together.

Fredrika

Grade

For this project we feel that we deserve a B.

Motivation

- We feel that we gave good theoretical backgrounds for the different augmentations examined and successfully implemented these augmentations in practice.
- The implementation of the training on spatial frequency data, obtained using the discrete 2D Fourier Transform, which at least to us seemed reasonable to attempt, although it achieved some lackluster results due to limitations in tuning.

- The evaluation of the techniques using both a standard architecture and a transfer learning architecture as well as the discussion in regards to the differing results for both cases.
- The coverage of a quite wide array of different techniques in order to get a general understanding of augmentations and to know when and why they should be implemented.
- We gave explanations describing how our presumed shortfalls could have been addressed.