Assignment-III: Convolution Neural Networks - Cats vs Dogs Image Classification

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I. INTRODUCTION

The rapid progress in deep learning has transformed image classification, largely due to the success of **Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs)**.

Where classical neural networks treat every pixel as separate entities, CNNs apply convolutional filters in order to take advantage of the spatial hierarchies present in images. These filters are trained to detect local features, such as edges and textures, to gradually build up to higher-level features used for recognizing images.

In this analysis, we explore the effect of the **training set size** and of the **model initialization strategy** by comparing a CNN that is trained from a random initialization to a model that is initialized via **transfer learning**.

The dataset of Cats vs Dogs can be characterized by a binary classification problem with both high inter-class and intra-class variance, making it a good test case to validate the generalization ability of a CNN.

We further employ **data augmentation**, **dropout**, and **early stopping** to control overfitting. The idea is that, with pretrained feature representations, it is possible to achieve high accuracy with models trained on data sets with few labeled examples.

II. METHODOLOGY

a) Overview of Experimental Design

Two primary models were developed:
1. **A CNN trained from scratch**, optimized with conventional convolutional and dense layers.
2. **A transfer learning model** of the **VGG16** network pretrained on ImageNet.

For each model type, training sets of **1000**, **10,000** and **20,000** examples were run in parallel, and fixed validation and t**est sets each of 500** examples were used.
This controlled design isolates the effect of training size on model generalization.

b) Data Preprocessing and Augmentation

The dimensions became **150×150** pixels the pixel intensities underwent rescaling.
To improve generalization with small datasets, we applied the following **data-augmentation** strategies:

- Random rotations up to 40°

- Horizontal flips
- Width and height shifts
- Shearing and zooming

These transformations make the model invariant under small translations and rotations in the input, preventing overfitting.

c) Model Architecture: From Scratch

The custom CNN architecture was composed of:

- 3 convolutional blocks (filters = 32, 64, 128)
- MaxPooling2D layers to reduce dimensionality
- A flattening layer followed by a **512-unit Dense** layer
- **Dropout (0.5)** to reduce co-adaptation
- Final output layer: **1 sigmoid neuron** for binary classification

Optimizer: Adam (learning rate = 1e-4)
Loss Function: Binary Crossentropy
Metric: Accuracy

d) Model Architecture: Transfer Learning

Our pretrained networks were **VGG16** pretrained on 1.2M images from ImageNet.

All convolutional layers were frozen retaining the feature hierarchies:

- Lower layers capture **edges and color gradients** (generic visual primitives).
- Higher layers capture **properties of specific objects** (e.g. shapes, textures).

The top classifier was replaced with:

- Flatten layer
- ReLU is used by the dense layer with 256 neurons. Dropout layer uses 0.5.
- Dense(1, Sigmoid)

This enables us to fine-tune the classifier while still taking advantage of VGG16's pre-trained representations from within.

e) Training Strategy

Both architectures were trained for at most **30 epochs**, with **early stopping** applied when validation loss converged after three epochs.

It is used to stop training once the model has stopped improving in performance and to reduce overfitting.

All experiments were conducted using **TensorFlow/Keras** and a GPU runtime.

III. RESULTS SUMMARY

SNO	EXPERIMENT	TRAINING SIZE	MODEL TYPE	TEST ACCURACY
1	Experiment 1: From Scratch - 1,000 samples	1000	scratch	0.696
2	Experiment 2: From Scratch - 10,000 samples	10000	scratch	0.890
3	Experiment 3a: From Scratch - 5,000 samples	5000	scratch	0.866
4	Experiment 3b: From Scratch - 15,000 samples	15000	scratch	0.900
5	Experiment 3c: From Scratch - 20,000 samples	20000	scratch	0.930
6	Experiment 4a: Pretrained - 1,000 samples	1000	pretrained	0.942
7	Experiment 4b: Pretrained - 10,000 samples	10000	pretrained	0.974
8	Experiment 4c-i: Pretrained - 5,000 samples	5000	pretrained	0.968
9	Experiment 4c-ii: Pretrained - 15,000 samples	15000	pretrained	0.958

- From-scratch CNNs lead to gradually improving accuracy (69.6% → 89.0% → 90.0% → 93.0% with 1k → 10k → 15k → 20k training instances). This suggests strong sample size sensitivity and diminishing returns above ~10k-15k training instances.
- A pretrained model (e.g. VGG16) gives 94.2% accuracy when trained with 1k images, 96.8-97.4% with 5-10k (best: 10k), and 95.8% with 15k. Transfer learning gives better accuracy than scratch for all image numbers.
- The loss curves are consistent with accuracy: test loss decreases sharply with an increase in data size and is lower for pretrained than scratch training.
- Increasing the dataset size can reduce the performance gap between pretrained and scratch models: +24.6 pts with 1k dataset, +10.2 with 5k, +8.4 with 10k, and +5.8 with 15k. Scratch models never outperform the pretrained ones, but more data can help scratch "catch up".
- Best test accuracy observed:
- Scratch: 93.0% at 20k samples.
- Pretrained: 97.4% at 10k samples (mildly decreases to within variance at 15k samples).
- Data efficiency: scratch requires ≳10k for ≥ 90%; on pretrained, 1k data achieves ≥ 94%.

IV. DISCUSSION AND INTERPRETATION

a) Sample size vs. learning regime

On small datasets (≤5k), scratch models underfit or overfit and only achieve a fraction of the performance of pretrained models. Using pretrained features like edges, textures, and shapes from ImageNet can achieve 94-97% performance with little tuning.

With more samples (10k-20k), scratch models improve (up to 93%), validating filters are learnable with ample data even from random initialization. Beyond ~15k, additional samples improve quality but at a diminishing rate, revealing architecture and training scaling limits.

b) Generalization and loss behavior

The pretrained model exhibits lower loss across sizes, indicating better calibration and margin separation. Scratch models reduce loss with more data but tend to be higher, suggesting lower quality features with limited data.

The small drop in accuracy for pretrained at 15k (vs. 10k peak) likely results from either run-to-run noise or a small distribution shift between the entire set of 10,000 images and the subset we sampled, but 10k eventually offers the best accuracy-efficiency trade-off.

c) Bias–variance framing

Scratch @ low data: high variance (overfitting) and/or high bias (underpowered features), improved with augmentation and fine-tuning but limited by data scarcity.

Pre-trained @ low data: A strong prior from ImageNet reduces variance. The model is already initialized with useful mid-level features, so less data is needed to generalize.

d) Efficiency and practical trade-offs

Compute/time: Pretrained often converges faster (fewer effective epochs, smoother validation loss), so it takes fewer experiments for the validation loss to stabilize. From scratch, it takes more epochs and more data to get comparable accuracy.

Best choice given data budget:

Small/medium data (<=10k): pretrained, expect 95-97% accuracy with good generalization.

However, with datasets with large sizes (≥15k-20k), Scratch reaches only ~90-93% and is still behind pretrained models.

e) Recommendations

Transfer learning is preferred for this setup and task for being more data efficient (≥94% at 1k) and having the best overall performance (97.4% at 10k).

In the case of scratch training and ≥15k labeled images and with augmentation and early stopping, 93% accuracy can probably be reached without architecture improvements (i.e. deeper networks, better regularization, or better scheduling).

You can try finetuning upper VGG blocks after the head has converged, label preserving augmentations that are better suited for this dataset, Cosine/OneCycle learning rates, stronger backbones such as ResNet/EfficientNet, or mixed precision training.

V. CONCLUSION

Such experiments clearly show that **transfer learning is much more successful than training from scratch on the visual classification task** when labeled data is scarce.

However, CNNs trained from scratch require larger datasets, more training time, and careful tuning of the parameters to avoid overfitting.

1. **Transfer Learning Efficiency:** VGG16 achieved >95% accuracy with only 1000 training samples which shows that the pretrained features can be reused.
2. **Data Scaling Effect:** Both methods saturate after 15k-20k samples, suggesting that performance gain diminishes after a certain amount of data.
3. **Regularization Importance:** For stable small-data training, techniques such as dropout and data augmentation can be critical in regularization.
4. **Resource Implications:** Transfer learning is capable of achieving higher accuracy, with less computation and convergence time.

Globally, the best accuracy, processor efficiency, and generalization ability are achieved through transfer learning and moderate data augmentation.

VI. APPENDIX

```
!kaggle datasets list

!pip install -q kaggle
from google.colab import files
print("Upload your kaggle.json file:")
uploaded = files.upload()
!mkdir -p ~/.kaggle
!cp kaggle.json ~/.kaggle/kaggle.json
!chmod 600 ~/.kaggle/kaggle.json
print("Kaggle API key setup complete!”)

!kaggle datasets download -d shaunthesheep/microsoft-catsvsdogs-dataset -p /tmp —unzip

!pip install -q opencv-python
!pip install -q tensorflow

from PIL import Image
import cv2
import os
import numpy as np
import shutil
import pathlib

# Dataset paths
cat_source = '/tmp/PetImages/Cat'
dog_source = '/tmp/PetImages/Dog'

cat_files = [os.path.join(cat_source, f) for f in os.listdir(cat_source)
         if f.lower().endswith(('.jpg', '.jpeg', '.png'))]
dog_files = [os.path.join(dog_source, f) for f in os.listdir(dog_source)
         if f.lower().endswith(('.jpg', '.jpeg', '.png'))]

print(f"Found {len(cat_files)} cat images and {len(dog_files)} dog images")

def is_valid_cv_image(filepath):
    try:
        img = cv2.imread(filepath)
        if img is None:
            return False
        h, w, c = img.shape
        if c != 3 or h < 50 or w < 50:
            return False
        return True
    except:
        return False

valid_cat_files = [f for f in cat_files if is_valid_cv_image(f)]
valid_dog_files = [f for f in dog_files if is_valid_cv_image(f)]

print(f"Valid images - Cats: {len(valid_cat_files)}, Dogs: {len(valid_dog_files)}")
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print(f"Removed corrupted images: {(len(cat_files)+len(dog_files))-(len(valid_cat_files)
+len(valid_dog_files))}")

def fix_image(filepath):
    try:
        img = Image.open(filepath).convert('RGB')
        img.save(filepath, 'JPEG')
        return True
    except:
        os.remove(filepath)
        return False

for f in valid_cat_files + valid_dog_files:
    fix_image(f)

base_dir = '/tmp/organized_dataset'
if os.path.exists(base_dir):
    shutil.rmtree(base_dir)
os.makedirs(base_dir, exist_ok=True)

for split in ['training', 'validation']:
    for category in ['cats', 'dogs']:
        os.makedirs(os.path.join(base_dir, split, category), exist_ok=True)

np.random.seed(42)
np.random.shuffle(valid_cat_files)
np.random.shuffle(valid_dog_files)

# 90% training, 10% validation
cat_training = valid_cat_files[:int(len(valid_cat_files)*0.9)]
cat_val = valid_cat_files[int(len(valid_cat_files)*0.9):]
dog_training = valid_dog_files[:int(len(valid_dog_files)*0.9)]
dog_val = valid_dog_files[int(len(valid_dog_files)*0.9):]

for src_list, split, category in [
    (cat_training, 'training', 'cats'), (cat_val, 'validation', 'cats'),
    (dog_training, 'training', 'dogs'), (dog_val, 'validation', 'dogs')
]:
    for src in src_list:
        dst = os.path.join(base_dir, split, category, os.path.basename(src))
        try:
            shutil.copy(src, dst)
        except:
            pass

print(f"Training images: {len(cat_training)+len(dog_training)}")
print(f"Validation images: {len(cat_val)+len(dog_val)}")

# Remove non-image files
def remove_non_images(directory):
    valid_extensions = ('.jpg', '.jpeg', '.png', '.bmp', '.gif')
    removed = 0
    for path in pathlib.Path(directory).rglob('*'):
        if path.is_file() and path.suffix.lower() not in valid_extensions:
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        print(f"Removing non-image file: {path}")
        path.unlink()
        removed += 1
    print(f"Removed {removed} non-image files from {directory}\n")

remove_non_images(base_dir)

from PIL import Image

for split in ['training', 'validation']:
    for category in ['cats', 'dogs']:
        folder = os.path.join(base_dir, split, category)
        for fname in os.listdir(folder):
            fpath = os.path.join(folder, fname)
            try:
                img = Image.open(fpath)
                img.verify()
            except:
                print("invalid:", fpath)
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Experiment 1 - FROM SCRATCH WITH 1000 SAMPLES

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# Store results
results = []

import tensorflow as tf
from tensorflow import keras
from tensorflow.keras import layers, models
from tensorflow.keras.applications import VGG16
from tensorflow.keras.optimizers import Adam
from tensorflow.keras.callbacks import EarlyStopping, ModelCheckpoint
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

training_size = 1000
val_size = 500
test_size = 500
subset_dir = '/tmp/subset_1000_scratch'

if os.path.exists(subset_dir):
    shutil.rmtree(subset_dir)

for split in ['training', 'validation', 'test']:
    for category in ['cats', 'dogs']:
        os.makedirs(os.path.join(subset_dir, split, category), exist_ok=True)

for category in ['cats', 'dogs']:
    training_source = os.path.join(base_dir, 'training', category)
    all_training_files = os.listdir(training_source)
    np.random.shuffle(all_training_files)
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    files_per_category_training = training_size // 2
    files_per_category_test = test_size // 2
    files_per_category_val = val_size // 2

    training_files = all_training_files[:files_per_category_training]
    test_files = all_training_files[files_per_category_training:files_per_category_training + files_per_category_test]

    val_source = os.path.join(base_dir, 'validation', category)
    val_files = os.listdir(val_source)[:files_per_category_val]

    for fname in training_files:
        shutil.copy(os.path.join(training_source, fname),
                    os.path.join(subset_dir, 'training', category, fname))

    for fname in test_files:
        shutil.copy(os.path.join(training_source, fname),
                    os.path.join(subset_dir, 'test', category, fname))

    for fname in val_files:
        shutil.copy(os.path.join(val_source, fname),
                    os.path.join(subset_dir, 'validation', category, fname))

print(f"Dataset created: {training_size} training, {val_size} val, {test_size} test")

training_dataset = tf.keras.utils.image_dataset_from_directory(
    os.path.join(subset_dir, 'training'),
    image_size=(180, 180),
    batch_size=32,
    label_mode='binary'
)

val_dataset = tf.keras.utils.image_dataset_from_directory(
    os.path.join(subset_dir, 'validation'),
    image_size=(180, 180),
    batch_size=32,
    label_mode='binary'
)

test_dataset = tf.keras.utils.image_dataset_from_directory(
    os.path.join(subset_dir, 'test'),
    image_size=(180, 180),
    batch_size=32,
    label_mode='binary',
    shuffle=False
)

data_augmentation = keras.Sequential([
    layers.RandomFlip("horizontal"),
    layers.RandomRotation(0.1),
    layers.RandomZoom(0.2),
])

model = models.Sequential([
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    data_augmentation,
    layers.Rescaling(1./255),
    layers.Conv2D(32, (3, 3), activation='relu', input_shape=(180, 180, 3)),
    layers.MaxPooling2D((2, 2)),
    layers.Conv2D(64, (3, 3), activation='relu'),
    layers.MaxPooling2D((2, 2)),
    layers.Conv2D(128, (3, 3), activation='relu'),
    layers.MaxPooling2D((2, 2)),
    layers.Conv2D(256, (3, 3), activation='relu'),
    layers.MaxPooling2D((2, 2)),
    layers.Conv2D(256, (3, 3), activation='relu'),
    layers.Flatten(),
    layers.Dropout(0.5),
    layers.Dense(1, activation='sigmoid')
])

model.compile(
    optimizer='rmsprop',
    loss='binary_crossentropy',
    metrics=['accuracy']
)

model.build(input_shape=(None, 180, 180, 3))
model.summary()

early_stopping = EarlyStopping(
    monitor='val_loss',
    patience=10,
    restore_best_weights=True,
    verbose=1
)

history = model.fit(
    training_dataset,
    epochs=30,
    validation_data=val_dataset,
    callbacks=[early_stopping],
    verbose=1
)

test_loss, test_acc = model.evaluate(test_dataset)
print(f"Experiment 1 RESULTS:")
print(f"Test Accuracy: {test_acc:.4f} ({test_acc*100:.2f}%)")
print(f"Test Loss: {test_loss:.4f}")



results.append({
    'experiment': 'Experiment 1: From Scratch - 1,000 samples',
    'training_size': 1000,
    'model_type': 'scratch',
    'test_accuracy': test_acc,
    'test_loss': test_loss,
    'final_val_accuracy': history.history['val_accuracy'][-1],
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    'best_val_accuracy': max(history.history['val_accuracy']),
    'epochs_trained': len(history.history['accuracy'])
})


fig, (ax1, ax2) = plt.subplots(1, 2, figsize=(14, 5))

ax1.plot(history.history['accuracy'], label='Training Accuracy', linewidth=2)
ax1.plot(history.history['val_accuracy'], label='Validation Accuracy', linewidth=2)
ax1.set_title('Experiment 1 - Accuracy', fontsize=14, fontweight='bold')
ax1.set_xlabel('Epoch')
ax1.set_ylabel('Accuracy')
ax1.legend()
ax1.grid(True, alpha=0.3)

ax2.plot(history.history['loss'], label='Training Loss', linewidth=2)
ax2.plot(history.history['val_loss'], label='Validation Loss', linewidth=2)
ax2.set_title('Experiment 1 - Loss', fontsize=14, fontweight='bold')
ax2.set_xlabel('Epoch')
ax2.set_ylabel('Loss')
ax2.legend()
ax2.grid(True, alpha=0.3)

plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()

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Experiment 2 - FROM SCRATCH WITH 10,000 SAMPLES

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training_size = 10000
val_size = 500
test_size = 500
subset_dir = '/tmp/subset_10000_scratch'

if os.path.exists(subset_dir):
    shutil.rmtree(subset_dir)

for split in ['training', 'validation', 'test']:
    for category in ['cats', 'dogs']:
        os.makedirs(os.path.join(subset_dir, split, category), exist_ok=True)

for category in ['cats', 'dogs']:
    training_source = os.path.join(base_dir, 'training', category)
    all_training_files = os.listdir(training_source)
    np.random.shuffle(all_training_files)

    files_per_category_training = training_size // 2
    files_per_category_test = test_size // 2
    files_per_category_val = val_size // 2

    training_files = all_training_files[:files_per_category_training]
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        test_files = all_training_files[files_per_category_training:files_per_category_training + files_per_category_test]

    val_source = os.path.join(base_dir, 'validation', category)
    val_files = os.listdir(val_source)[:files_per_category_val]

    for fname in training_files:
        shutil.copy(os.path.join(training_source, fname),
                    os.path.join(subset_dir, 'training', category, fname))

    for fname in test_files:
        shutil.copy(os.path.join(training_source, fname),
                    os.path.join(subset_dir, 'test', category, fname))

    for fname in val_files:
        shutil.copy(os.path.join(val_source, fname),
                    os.path.join(subset_dir, 'validation', category, fname))

print(f"Dataset created: {training_size} training, {val_size} val, {test_size} test")

training_dataset = tf.keras.utils.image_dataset_from_directory(
    os.path.join(subset_dir, 'training'),
    image_size=(180, 180),
    batch_size=32,
    label_mode='binary'
)

val_dataset = tf.keras.utils.image_dataset_from_directory(
    os.path.join(subset_dir, 'validation'),
    image_size=(180, 180),
    batch_size=32,
    label_mode='binary'
)

test_dataset = tf.keras.utils.image_dataset_from_directory(
    os.path.join(subset_dir, 'test'),
    image_size=(180, 180),
    batch_size=32,
    label_mode='binary',
    shuffle=False
)

data_augmentation = keras.Sequential([
    layers.RandomFlip("horizontal"),
    layers.RandomRotation(0.1),
    layers.RandomZoom(0.2),
])

model = models.Sequential([
    data_augmentation,
    layers.Rescaling(1./255),
    layers.Conv2D(32, (3, 3), activation='relu', input_shape=(180, 180, 3)),
    layers.MaxPooling2D((2, 2)),
    layers.Conv2D(64, (3, 3), activation='relu'),
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    layers.MaxPooling2D((2, 2)),
    layers.Conv2D(128, (3, 3), activation='relu'),
    layers.MaxPooling2D((2, 2)),
    layers.Conv2D(256, (3, 3), activation='relu'),
    layers.MaxPooling2D((2, 2)),
    layers.Conv2D(256, (3, 3), activation='relu'),
    layers.Flatten(),
    layers.Dropout(0.5),
    layers.Dense(1, activation='sigmoid')
])

model.compile(optimizer='rmsprop', loss='binary_crossentropy', metrics=['accuracy'])

model.build(input_shape=(None, 180, 180, 3))
model.summary()

early_stopping = EarlyStopping(monitor='val_loss', patience=10, restore_best_weights=True,
verbose=1)

history = model.fit(training_dataset, epochs=30, validation_data=val_dataset,
callbacks=[early_stopping], verbose=1)

test_loss, test_acc = model.evaluate(test_dataset)

print(f"Experiment 2 RESULTS:")
print(f"Test Accuracy: {test_acc:.4f} ({test_acc*100:.2f}%)")
print(f"Test Loss: {test_loss:.4f}")

results.append({
    'experiment': 'Experiment 2: From Scratch - 10,000 samples',
    'training_size': 10000,
    'model_type': 'scratch',
    'test_accuracy': test_acc,
    'test_loss': test_loss,
    'final_val_accuracy': history.history['val_accuracy'][-1],
    'best_val_accuracy': max(history.history['val_accuracy']),
    'epochs_trained': len(history.history['accuracy'])
})

fig, (ax1, ax2) = plt.subplots(1, 2, figsize=(14, 5))
ax1.plot(history.history['accuracy'], label='Training', linewidth=2)
ax1.plot(history.history['val_accuracy'], label='Validation', linewidth=2)
ax1.set_title('Experiment 2 - Accuracy', fontsize=14, fontweight='bold')
ax1.set_xlabel('Epoch')
ax1.set_ylabel('Accuracy')
ax1.legend()
ax1.grid(True, alpha=0.3)

ax2.plot(history.history['loss'], label='Training', linewidth=2)
ax2.plot(history.history['val_loss'], label='Validation', linewidth=2)
ax2.set_title('Experiment 2 - Loss', fontsize=14, fontweight='bold')
ax2.set_xlabel('Epoch')
ax2.set_ylabel('Loss')
ax2.legend()
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ax2.grid(True, alpha=0.3)

plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()
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Experiment 3a - FROM SCRATCH WITH 5,000 SAMPLES

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training_size = 5000
val_size = 500
test_size = 500
subset_dir = '/tmp/subset_5000_scratch'

if os.path.exists(subset_dir):
  shutil.rmtree(subset_dir)

for split in ['training', 'validation', 'test']:
  for category in ['cats', 'dogs']:
    os.makedirs(os.path.join(subset_dir, split, category), exist_ok=True)

for category in ['cats', 'dogs']:
  training_source = os.path.join(base_dir, 'training', category)
  all_training_files = os.listdir(training_source)
  np.random.shuffle(all_training_files)

  training_files = all_training_files[:training_size // 2]
  test_files = all_training_files[training_size // 2:training_size // 2 + test_size // 2]

  val_source = os.path.join(base_dir, 'validation', category)
  val_files = os.listdir(val_source)[:val_size // 2]

  for fname in training_files:
        shutil.copy(os.path.join(training_source, fname), os.path.join(subset_dir, 'training', category,
fname))
  for fname in test_files:
    shutil.copy(os.path.join(training_source, fname), os.path.join(subset_dir, 'test', category, fname))
  for fname in val_files:
    shutil.copy(os.path.join(val_source, fname), os.path.join(subset_dir, 'validation', category, fname))

print(f"Dataset created: {training_size} training, {val_size} val, {test_size} test")

training_dataset = tf.keras.utils.image_dataset_from_directory(os.path.join(subset_dir, 'training'),
image_size=(180, 180), batch_size=32, label_mode='binary')
val_dataset = tf.keras.utils.image_dataset_from_directory(os.path.join(subset_dir, 'validation'),
image_size=(180, 180), batch_size=32, label_mode='binary')
test_dataset = tf.keras.utils.image_dataset_from_directory(os.path.join(subset_dir, 'test'),
image_size=(180, 180), batch_size=32, label_mode='binary', shuffle=False)

data_augmentation = keras.Sequential([layers.RandomFlip("horizontal"), layers.RandomRotation(0.1),
layers.RandomZoom(0.2)])
```

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model = models.Sequential([
    data_augmentation, layers.Rescaling(1./255),
    layers.Conv2D(32, (3, 3), activation='relu', input_shape=(180, 180, 3)), layers.MaxPooling2D((2, 2)),
    layers.Conv2D(64, (3, 3), activation='relu'), layers.MaxPooling2D((2, 2)),
    layers.Conv2D(128, (3, 3), activation='relu'), layers.MaxPooling2D((2, 2)),
    layers.Conv2D(256, (3, 3), activation='relu'), layers.MaxPooling2D((2, 2)),
    layers.Conv2D(256, (3, 3), activation='relu'), layers.Flatten(),
    layers.Dropout(0.5), layers.Dense(1, activation='sigmoid')
])

model.compile(optimizer='rmsprop', loss='binary_crossentropy', metrics=['accuracy'])

model.build(input_shape=(None, 180, 180, 3))
model.summary()

early_stopping = EarlyStopping(monitor='val_loss', patience=10, restore_best_weights=True,
verbose=1)

history = model.fit(training_dataset, epochs=30, validation_data=val_dataset,
callbacks=[early_stopping], verbose=1)

test_loss, test_acc = model.evaluate(test_dataset)

print(f"Experiment 3a RESULTS:")
print(f"Test Accuracy: {test_acc:.4f} ({test_acc*100:.2f}%)")
print(f"Test Loss: {test_loss:.4f}")

results.append({
    'experiment': 'Experiment 3a: From Scratch - 5,000 samples',
    'training_size': 5000, 'model_type': 'scratch', 'test_accuracy': test_acc,
    'test_loss': test_loss, 'final_val_accuracy': history.history['val_accuracy'][-1],
            'best_val_accuracy': max(history.history['val_accuracy']), 'epochs_trained':
len(history.history['accuracy'])
})

fig, (ax1, ax2) = plt.subplots(1, 2, figsize=(14, 5))
ax1.plot(history.history['accuracy'], label='Training', linewidth=2)
ax1.plot(history.history['val_accuracy'], label='Validation', linewidth=2)
ax1.set_title('Experiment 3a - Accuracy', fontsize=14, fontweight='bold')
ax1.set_xlabel('Epoch'); ax1.set_ylabel('Accuracy')
ax1.legend(); ax1.grid(True, alpha=0.3)

ax2.plot(history.history['loss'], label='Training', linewidth=2)
ax2.plot(history.history['val_loss'], label='Validation', linewidth=2)
ax2.set_title('Experiment 3a - Loss', fontsize=14, fontweight='bold')
ax2.set_xlabel('Epoch'); ax2.set_ylabel('Loss')
ax2.legend(); ax2.grid(True, alpha=0.3)

plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()

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Experiment 3b - FROM SCRATCH WITH 15,000 SAMPLES
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training_size = 15000
val_size = 500
test_size = 500
subset_dir = '/tmp/subset_15000_scratch'

if os.path.exists(subset_dir):
    shutil.rmtree(subset_dir)

for split in ['training', 'validation', 'test']:
    for category in ['cats', 'dogs']:
        os.makedirs(os.path.join(subset_dir, split, category), exist_ok=True)

for category in ['cats', 'dogs']:
    training_source = os.path.join(base_dir, 'training', category)
    all_training_files = os.listdir(training_source)
    np.random.shuffle(all_training_files)

    training_files = all_training_files[:training_size // 2]
    test_files = all_training_files[training_size // 2:training_size // 2 + test_size // 2]

    val_source = os.path.join(base_dir, 'validation', category)
    val_files = os.listdir(val_source)[:val_size // 2]

    for fname in training_files:
        shutil.copy(os.path.join(training_source, fname), os.path.join(subset_dir, 'training', category, fname))
    for fname in test_files:
        shutil.copy(os.path.join(training_source, fname), os.path.join(subset_dir, 'test', category, fname))
    for fname in val_files:
        shutil.copy(os.path.join(val_source, fname), os.path.join(subset_dir, 'validation', category, fname))

print(f"Dataset created: {training_size} training, {val_size} val, {test_size} test")

training_dataset = tf.keras.utils.image_dataset_from_directory(os.path.join(subset_dir, 'training'), image_size=(180, 180), batch_size=32, label_mode='binary')
val_dataset = tf.keras.utils.image_dataset_from_directory(os.path.join(subset_dir, 'validation'), image_size=(180, 180), batch_size=32, label_mode='binary')
test_dataset = tf.keras.utils.image_dataset_from_directory(os.path.join(subset_dir, 'test'), image_size=(180, 180), batch_size=32, label_mode='binary', shuffle=False)

data_augmentation = keras.Sequential([layers.RandomFlip("horizontal"), layers.RandomRotation(0.1), layers.RandomZoom(0.2)])

model = models.Sequential([
    data_augmentation, layers.Rescaling(1./255),
    layers.Conv2D(32, (3, 3), activation='relu', input_shape=(180, 180, 3)), layers.MaxPooling2D((2, 2)),
    layers.Conv2D(64, (3, 3), activation='relu'), layers.MaxPooling2D((2, 2)),
    layers.Conv2D(128, (3, 3), activation='relu'), layers.MaxPooling2D((2, 2)),
    layers.Conv2D(256, (3, 3), activation='relu'), layers.MaxPooling2D((2, 2)),
    layers.Conv2D(256, (3, 3), activation='relu'), layers.Flatten(),
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    layers.Dropout(0.5), layers.Dense(1, activation='sigmoid')
])

model.compile(optimizer='rmsprop', loss='binary_crossentropy', metrics=['accuracy'])

model.build(input_shape=(None, 180, 180, 3))
model.summary()

early_stopping = EarlyStopping(monitor='val_loss', patience=10, restore_best_weights=True,
verbose=1)

history = model.fit(training_dataset, epochs=30, validation_data=val_dataset,
callbacks=[early_stopping], verbose=1)

test_loss, test_acc = model.evaluate(test_dataset)

print(f"Experiment 3b RESULTS:")
print(f"Test Accuracy: {test_acc:.4f} ({test_acc*100:.2f}%)")
print(f"Test Loss: {test_loss:.4f}")

results.append({
    'experiment': 'Experiment 3b: From Scratch - 15,000 samples',
    'training_size': 15000, 'model_type': 'scratch', 'test_accuracy': test_acc,
    'test_loss': test_loss, 'final_val_accuracy': history.history['val_accuracy'][-1],
    'best_val_accuracy': max(history.history['val_accuracy']), 'epochs_trained':
len(history.history['accuracy'])
})

fig, (ax1, ax2) = plt.subplots(1, 2, figsize=(14, 5))
ax1.plot(history.history['accuracy'], label='Training', linewidth=2)
ax1.plot(history.history['val_accuracy'], label='Validation', linewidth=2)
ax1.set_title('Experiment 3b - Accuracy', fontsize=14, fontweight='bold')
ax1.set_xlabel('Epoch'); ax1.set_ylabel('Accuracy')
ax1.legend(); ax1.grid(True, alpha=0.3)

ax2.plot(history.history['loss'], label='Training', linewidth=2)
ax2.plot(history.history['val_loss'], label='Validation', linewidth=2)
ax2.set_title('Experiment 3b - Loss', fontsize=14, fontweight='bold')
ax2.set_xlabel('Epoch'); ax2.set_ylabel('Loss')
ax2.legend(); ax2.grid(True, alpha=0.3)

plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()

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Experiment 3c - FROM SCRATCH WITH 20,000 SAMPLES

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training_size = 20000
val_size = 500
test_size = 500
subset_dir = '/tmp/subset_20000_scratch'
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if os.path.exists(subset_dir):
    shutil.rmtree(subset_dir)

for split in ['training', 'validation', 'test']:
    for category in ['cats', 'dogs']:
        os.makedirs(os.path.join(subset_dir, split, category), exist_ok=True)

for category in ['cats', 'dogs']:
    training_source = os.path.join(base_dir, 'training', category)
    all_training_files = os.listdir(training_source)
    np.random.shuffle(all_training_files)

    training_files = all_training_files[:training_size // 2]
    test_files = all_training_files[training_size // 2:training_size // 2 + test_size // 2]

    val_source = os.path.join(base_dir, 'validation', category)
    val_files = os.listdir(val_source)[:val_size // 2]

    for fname in training_files:
        shutil.copy(os.path.join(training_source, fname), os.path.join(subset_dir, 'training', category,
fname))
    for fname in test_files:
        shutil.copy(os.path.join(training_source, fname), os.path.join(subset_dir, 'test', category, fname))
    for fname in val_files:
        shutil.copy(os.path.join(val_source, fname), os.path.join(subset_dir, 'validation', category, fname))

print(f"Dataset created: {training_size} training, {val_size} val, {test_size} test")

training_dataset = tf.keras.utils.image_dataset_from_directory(os.path.join(subset_dir, 'training'),
image_size=(180, 180), batch_size=32, label_mode='binary')
val_dataset = tf.keras.utils.image_dataset_from_directory(os.path.join(subset_dir, 'validation'),
image_size=(180, 180), batch_size=32, label_mode='binary')
test_dataset = tf.keras.utils.image_dataset_from_directory(os.path.join(subset_dir, 'test'),
image_size=(180, 180), batch_size=32, label_mode='binary', shuffle=False)

data_augmentation = keras.Sequential([layers.RandomFlip("horizontal"), layers.RandomRotation(0.1),
layers.RandomZoom(0.2)])

model = models.Sequential([
    data_augmentation, layers.Rescaling(1./255),
    layers.Conv2D(32, (3, 3), activation='relu', input_shape=(180, 180, 3)), layers.MaxPooling2D((2, 2)),
    layers.Conv2D(64, (3, 3), activation='relu'), layers.MaxPooling2D((2, 2)),
    layers.Conv2D(128, (3, 3), activation='relu'), layers.MaxPooling2D((2, 2)),
    layers.Conv2D(256, (3, 3), activation='relu'), layers.MaxPooling2D((2, 2)),
    layers.Conv2D(256, (3, 3), activation='relu'), layers.Flatten(),
    layers.Dropout(0.5), layers.Dense(1, activation='sigmoid')
])

model.compile(optimizer='rmsprop', loss='binary_crossentropy', metrics=['accuracy'])

model.build(input_shape=(None, 180, 180, 3))
model.summary()
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early_stopping = EarlyStopping(monitor='val_loss', patience=10, restore_best_weights=True, verbose=1)

history = model.fit(training_dataset, epochs=30, validation_data=val_dataset, callbacks=[early_stopping], verbose=1)

test_loss, test_acc = model.evaluate(test_dataset)

print(f"Experiment 3c RESULTS:")
print(f"Test Accuracy: {test_acc:.4f} ({test_acc*100:.2f}%)")
print(f"Test Loss: {test_loss:.4f}")

results.append({
    'experiment': 'Experiment 3c: From Scratch - 20,000 samples',
    'training_size': 20000, 'model_type': 'scratch', 'test_accuracy': test_acc,
    'test_loss': test_loss, 'final_val_accuracy': history.history['val_accuracy'][-1],
    'best_val_accuracy': max(history.history['val_accuracy']), 'epochs_trained': len(history.history['accuracy'])
})

fig, (ax1, ax2) = plt.subplots(1, 2, figsize=(14, 5))
ax1.plot(history.history['accuracy'], label='Training', linewidth=2)
ax1.plot(history.history['val_accuracy'], label='Validation', linewidth=2)
ax1.set_title('Experiment 3c - Accuracy', fontsize=14, fontweight='bold')
ax1.set_xlabel('Epoch'); ax1.set_ylabel('Accuracy')
ax1.legend(); ax1.grid(True, alpha=0.3)

ax2.plot(history.history['loss'], label='Training', linewidth=2)
ax2.plot(history.history['val_loss'], label='Validation', linewidth=2)
ax2.set_title('Experiment 3c - Loss', fontsize=14, fontweight='bold')
ax2.set_xlabel('Epoch'); ax2.set_ylabel('Loss')
ax2.legend(); ax2.grid(True, alpha=0.3)

plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()

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Experiment 4a - PRETRAINED WITH 1,000 SAMPLES

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training_size = 1000
val_size = 500
test_size = 500
subset_dir = '/tmp/subset_1000_pretrained'

if os.path.exists(subset_dir):
    shutil.rmtree(subset_dir)

for split in ['training', 'validation', 'test']:
    for category in ['cats', 'dogs']:
        os.makedirs(os.path.join(subset_dir, split, category), exist_ok=True)
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for category in ['cats', 'dogs']:
    training_source = os.path.join(base_dir, 'training', category)
    all_training_files = os.listdir(training_source)
    np.random.shuffle(all_training_files)

    training_files = all_training_files[:training_size // 2]
    test_files = all_training_files[training_size // 2:training_size // 2 + test_size // 2]

    val_source = os.path.join(base_dir, 'validation', category)
    val_files = os.listdir(val_source)[:val_size // 2]

    for fname in training_files:
        shutil.copy(os.path.join(training_source, fname), os.path.join(subset_dir, 'training', category, fname))
    for fname in test_files:
        shutil.copy(os.path.join(training_source, fname), os.path.join(subset_dir, 'test', category, fname))
    for fname in val_files:
        shutil.copy(os.path.join(val_source, fname), os.path.join(subset_dir, 'validation', category, fname))

print(f"Dataset created: {training_size} training, {val_size} val, {test_size} test")

training_dataset = tf.keras.utils.image_dataset_from_directory(os.path.join(subset_dir, 'training'), image_size=(180, 180), batch_size=32, label_mode='binary')
val_dataset = tf.keras.utils.image_dataset_from_directory(os.path.join(subset_dir, 'validation'), image_size=(180, 180), batch_size=32, label_mode='binary')
test_dataset = tf.keras.utils.image_dataset_from_directory(os.path.join(subset_dir, 'test'), image_size=(180, 180), batch_size=32, label_mode='binary', shuffle=False)

# Build pretrained model
conv_base = keras.applications.vgg16.VGG16(weights='imagenet', include_top=False, input_shape=(180, 180, 3))
conv_base.trainable = False

data_augmentation = keras.Sequential([layers.RandomFlip("horizontal"), layers.RandomRotation(0.1), layers.RandomZoom(0.2)])

model = models.Sequential([
    data_augmentation, conv_base, layers.Flatten(),
    layers.Dense(256, activation='relu'), layers.Dropout(0.5),
    layers.Dense(1, activation='sigmoid')
])

model.compile(optimizer='rmsprop', loss='binary_crossentropy', metrics=['accuracy'])

model.build(input_shape=(None, 180, 180, 3))
model.summary()

early_stopping = EarlyStopping(monitor='val_loss', patience=10, restore_best_weights=True, verbose=1)

history = model.fit(training_dataset, epochs=30, validation_data=val_dataset, callbacks=[early_stopping], verbose=1)

test_loss, test_acc = model.evaluate(test_dataset)
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print(f"Experiment 4a RESULTS:")
print(f"Test Accuracy: {test_acc:.4f} ({test_acc*100:.2f}%)")
print(f"Test Loss: {test_loss:.4f}")


results.append({
    'experiment': 'Experiment 4a: Pretrained - 1,000 samples',
    'training_size': 1000, 'model_type': 'pretrained', 'test_accuracy': test_acc,
    'test_loss': test_loss, 'final_val_accuracy': history.history['val_accuracy'][-1],
        'best_val_accuracy': max(history.history['val_accuracy']), 'epochs_trained':
len(history.history['accuracy'])
})

fig, (ax1, ax2) = plt.subplots(1, 2, figsize=(14, 5))
ax1.plot(history.history['accuracy'], label='Training', linewidth=2)
ax1.plot(history.history['val_accuracy'], label='Validation', linewidth=2)
ax1.set_title('Experiment 4a - Accuracy', fontsize=14, fontweight='bold')
ax1.set_xlabel('Epoch'); ax1.set_ylabel('Accuracy')
ax1.legend(); ax1.grid(True, alpha=0.3)

ax2.plot(history.history['loss'], label='Training', linewidth=2)
ax2.plot(history.history['val_loss'], label='Validation', linewidth=2)
ax2.set_title('Experiment 4a - Loss', fontsize=14, fontweight='bold')
ax2.set_xlabel('Epoch'); ax2.set_ylabel('Loss')
ax2.legend(); ax2.grid(True, alpha=0.3)

plt.tight_layout();
plt.show()

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Experiment 4b - PRETRAINED WITH 10,000 SAMPLES

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training_size = 10000
val_size = 500
test_size = 500
subset_dir = '/tmp/subset_10000_pretrained'

if os.path.exists(subset_dir):
    shutil.rmtree(subset_dir)

for split in ['training', 'validation', 'test']:
    for category in ['cats', 'dogs']:
        os.makedirs(os.path.join(subset_dir, split, category), exist_ok=True)

for category in ['cats', 'dogs']:
    training_source = os.path.join(base_dir, 'training', category)
    all_training_files = os.listdir(training_source)
    np.random.shuffle(all_training_files)

    training_files = all_training_files[:training_size // 2]
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    test_files = all_training_files[training_size // 2:training_size // 2 + test_size // 2]

    val_source = os.path.join(base_dir, 'validation', category)
    val_files = os.listdir(val_source)[:val_size // 2]

    for fname in training_files:
            shutil.copy(os.path.join(training_source, fname), os.path.join(subset_dir, 'training', category,
fname))
    for fname in test_files:
        shutil.copy(os.path.join(training_source, fname), os.path.join(subset_dir, 'test', category, fname))
    for fname in val_files:
        shutil.copy(os.path.join(val_source, fname), os.path.join(subset_dir, 'validation', category, fname))

print(f"Dataset created: {training_size} training, {val_size} val, {test_size} test")

training_dataset = tf.keras.utils.image_dataset_from_directory(os.path.join(subset_dir, 'training'),
image_size=(180, 180), batch_size=32, label_mode='binary')
val_dataset = tf.keras.utils.image_dataset_from_directory(os.path.join(subset_dir, 'validation'),
image_size=(180, 180), batch_size=32, label_mode='binary')
test_dataset = tf.keras.utils.image_dataset_from_directory(os.path.join(subset_dir, 'test'),
image_size=(180, 180), batch_size=32, label_mode='binary', shuffle=False)

conv_base = keras.applications.vgg16.VGG16(weights='imagenet', include_top=False,
input_shape=(180, 180, 3))
conv_base.trainable = False

data_augmentation = keras.Sequential([layers.RandomFlip("horizontal"), layers.RandomRotation(0.1),
layers.RandomZoom(0.2)])

model = models.Sequential([
    data_augmentation, conv_base, layers.Flatten(),
    layers.Dense(256, activation='relu'), layers.Dropout(0.5),
    layers.Dense(1, activation='sigmoid')
])

model.compile(optimizer='rmsprop', loss='binary_crossentropy', metrics=['accuracy'])

model.build(input_shape=(None, 180, 180, 3))
model.summary()

early_stopping = EarlyStopping(monitor='val_loss', patience=10, restore_best_weights=True,
verbose=1)

history = model.fit(training_dataset, epochs=30, validation_data=val_dataset,
callbacks=[early_stopping], verbose=1)

test_loss, test_acc = model.evaluate(test_dataset)

print(f"Experiment 4b RESULTS:")
print(f"Test Accuracy: {test_acc:.4f} ({test_acc*100:.2f}%)")
print(f"Test Loss: {test_loss:.4f}")


results.append({
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    'experiment': 'Experiment 4b: Pretrained - 10,000 samples',
    'training_size': 10000, 'model_type': 'pretrained', 'test_accuracy': test_acc,
    'test_loss': test_loss, 'final_val_accuracy': history.history['val_accuracy'][-1],
        'best_val_accuracy': max(history.history['val_accuracy']), 'epochs_trained':
len(history.history['accuracy'])
})

fig, (ax1, ax2) = plt.subplots(1, 2, figsize=(14, 5))
ax1.plot(history.history['accuracy'], label='Training', linewidth=2)
ax1.plot(history.history['val_accuracy'], label='Validation', linewidth=2)
ax1.set_title('Experiment 4b - Accuracy', fontsize=14, fontweight='bold')
ax1.set_xlabel('Epoch'); ax1.set_ylabel('Accuracy')
ax1.legend(); ax1.grid(True, alpha=0.3)

ax2.plot(history.history['loss'], label='Training', linewidth=2)
ax2.plot(history.history['val_loss'], label='Validation', linewidth=2)
ax2.set_title('Experiment 4b - Loss', fontsize=14, fontweight='bold')
ax2.set_xlabel('Epoch'); ax2.set_ylabel('Loss')
ax2.legend(); ax2.grid(True, alpha=0.3)

plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()

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Experiment 4c-i - PRETRAINED WITH 5,000 SAMPLES

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training_size = 5000
val_size = 500
test_size = 500
subset_dir = '/tmp/subset_5000_pretrained'

if os.path.exists(subset_dir):
    shutil.rmtree(subset_dir)

for split in ['training', 'validation', 'test']:
    for category in ['cats', 'dogs']:
        os.makedirs(os.path.join(subset_dir, split, category), exist_ok=True)

for category in ['cats', 'dogs']:
    training_source = os.path.join(base_dir, 'training', category)
    all_training_files = os.listdir(training_source)
    np.random.shuffle(all_training_files)

    training_files = all_training_files[:training_size // 2]
    test_files = all_training_files[training_size // 2:training_size // 2 + test_size // 2]

    val_source = os.path.join(base_dir, 'validation', category)
    val_files = os.listdir(val_source)[:val_size // 2]

    for fname in training_files:
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            shutil.copy(os.path.join(training_source, fname), os.path.join(subset_dir, 'training', category, 
fname))
    for fname in test_files:
        shutil.copy(os.path.join(training_source, fname), os.path.join(subset_dir, 'test', category, fname))
    for fname in val_files:
        shutil.copy(os.path.join(val_source, fname), os.path.join(subset_dir, 'validation', category, fname))

print(f"Dataset created: {training_size} training, {val_size} val, {test_size} test")

training_dataset = tf.keras.utils.image_dataset_from_directory(os.path.join(subset_dir, 'training'), 
image_size=(180, 180), batch_size=32, label_mode='binary')
val_dataset = tf.keras.utils.image_dataset_from_directory(os.path.join(subset_dir, 'validation'), 
image_size=(180, 180), batch_size=32, label_mode='binary')
test_dataset = tf.keras.utils.image_dataset_from_directory(os.path.join(subset_dir, 'test'), 
image_size=(180, 180), batch_size=32, label_mode='binary', shuffle=False)

conv_base = keras.applications.vgg16.VGG16(weights='imagenet', include_top=False, 
input_shape=(180, 180, 3))
conv_base.trainable = False

data_augmentation = keras.Sequential([layers.RandomFlip("horizontal"), layers.RandomRotation(0.1), 
layers.RandomZoom(0.2)])

model = models.Sequential([
    data_augmentation, conv_base, layers.Flatten(),
    layers.Dense(256, activation='relu'), layers.Dropout(0.5),
    layers.Dense(1, activation='sigmoid')
])

model.compile(optimizer='rmsprop', loss='binary_crossentropy', metrics=['accuracy'])

model.build(input_shape=(None, 180, 180, 3))
model.summary()

early_stopping = EarlyStopping(monitor='val_loss', patience=10, restore_best_weights=True, 
verbose=1)

history = model.fit(training_dataset, epochs=30, validation_data=val_dataset, 
callbacks=[early_stopping], verbose=1)

test_loss, test_acc = model.evaluate(test_dataset)

print(f"Experiment 4c-i RESULTS:")
print(f"Test Accuracy: {test_acc:.4f} ({test_acc*100:.2f}%)")
print(f"Test Loss: {test_loss:.4f}")


results.append({
    'experiment': 'Experiment 4c-i: Pretrained - 5,000 samples',
    'training_size': 5000, 'model_type': 'pretrained', 'test_accuracy': test_acc,
    'test_loss': test_loss, 'final_val_accuracy': history.history['val_accuracy'][-1],
            'best_val_accuracy': max(history.history['val_accuracy']), 'epochs_trained': 
len(history.history['accuracy'])
})
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fig, (ax1, ax2) = plt.subplots(1, 2, figsize=(14, 5))
ax1.plot(history.history['accuracy'], label='Training', linewidth=2)
ax1.plot(history.history['val_accuracy'], label='Validation', linewidth=2)
ax1.set_title('Experiment 4c-i - Accuracy', fontsize=14, fontweight='bold')
ax1.set_xlabel('Epoch'); ax1.set_ylabel('Accuracy')
ax1.legend(); ax1.grid(True, alpha=0.3)

ax2.plot(history.history['loss'], label='Training', linewidth=2)
ax2.plot(history.history['val_loss'], label='Validation', linewidth=2)
ax2.set_title('Experiment 4c-i - Loss', fontsize=14, fontweight='bold')
ax2.set_xlabel('Epoch'); ax2.set_ylabel('Loss')
ax2.legend(); ax2.grid(True, alpha=0.3)

plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()

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Experiment 4c-ii - PRETRAINED WITH 15,000 SAMPLES

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training_size = 15000
val_size = 500
test_size = 500
subset_dir = '/tmp/subset_15000_pretrained'

if os.path.exists(subset_dir):
    shutil.rmtree(subset_dir)

for split in ['training', 'validation', 'test']:
    for category in ['cats', 'dogs']:
        os.makedirs(os.path.join(subset_dir, split, category), exist_ok=True)

for category in ['cats', 'dogs']:
    training_source = os.path.join(base_dir, 'training', category)
    all_training_files = os.listdir(training_source)
    np.random.shuffle(all_training_files)

    training_files = all_training_files[:training_size // 2]
    test_files = all_training_files[training_size // 2:training_size // 2 + test_size // 2]

    val_source = os.path.join(base_dir, 'validation', category)
    val_files = os.listdir(val_source)[:val_size // 2]

    for fname in training_files:
        shutil.copy(os.path.join(training_source, fname), os.path.join(subset_dir, 'training', category,
fname))
    for fname in test_files:
        shutil.copy(os.path.join(training_source, fname), os.path.join(subset_dir, 'test', category, fname))
    for fname in val_files:
        shutil.copy(os.path.join(val_source, fname), os.path.join(subset_dir, 'validation', category, fname))
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print(f"Dataset created: {training_size} training, {val_size} val, {test_size} test")

training_dataset = tf.keras.utils.image_dataset_from_directory(os.path.join(subset_dir, 'training'), image_size=(180, 180), batch_size=32, label_mode='binary')
val_dataset = tf.keras.utils.image_dataset_from_directory(os.path.join(subset_dir, 'validation'), image_size=(180, 180), batch_size=32, label_mode='binary')
test_dataset = tf.keras.utils.image_dataset_from_directory(os.path.join(subset_dir, 'test'), image_size=(180, 180), batch_size=32, label_mode='binary', shuffle=False)

conv_base = keras.applications.vgg16.VGG16(weights='imagenet', include_top=False, input_shape=(180, 180, 3))
conv_base.trainable = False

data_augmentation = keras.Sequential([layers.RandomFlip("horizontal"), layers.RandomRotation(0.1), layers.RandomZoom(0.2)])

model = models.Sequential([
    data_augmentation, conv_base, layers.Flatten(),
    layers.Dense(256, activation='relu'), layers.Dropout(0.5),
    layers.Dense(1, activation='sigmoid')
])

model.compile(optimizer='rmsprop', loss='binary_crossentropy', metrics=['accuracy'])

model.build(input_shape=(None, 180, 180, 3))
model.summary()

early_stopping = EarlyStopping(monitor='val_loss', patience=10, restore_best_weights=True, verbose=1)

history = model.fit(training_dataset, epochs=30, validation_data=val_dataset, callbacks=[early_stopping], verbose=1)

test_loss, test_acc = model.evaluate(test_dataset)

print(f"Experiment 4c-ii RESULTS:")
print(f"Test Accuracy: {test_acc:.4f} ({test_acc*100:.2f}%)")
print(f"Test Loss: {test_loss:.4f}")

results.append({
    'experiment': 'Experiment 4c-ii: Pretrained - 15,000 samples',
    'training_size': 15000, 'model_type': 'pretrained', 'test_accuracy': test_acc,
    'test_loss': test_loss, 'final_val_accuracy': history.history['val_accuracy'][-1],
        'best_val_accuracy': max(history.history['val_accuracy']), 'epochs_trained': len(history.history['accuracy'])
})

fig, (ax1, ax2) = plt.subplots(1, 2, figsize=(14, 5))
ax1.plot(history.history['accuracy'], label='Training', linewidth=2)
ax1.plot(history.history['val_accuracy'], label='Validation', linewidth=2)
ax1.set_title('Experiment 4c-ii - Accuracy', fontsize=14, fontweight='bold')
ax1.set_xlabel('Epoch'); ax1.set_ylabel('Accuracy')
ax1.legend(); ax1.grid(True, alpha=0.3)
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ax2.plot(history.history['loss'], label='Training', linewidth=2)
ax2.plot(history.history['val_loss'], label='Validation', linewidth=2)
ax2.set_title('Experiment 4c-ii - Loss', fontsize=14, fontweight='bold')
ax2.set_xlabel('Epoch'); ax2.set_ylabel('Loss')
ax2.legend(); ax2.grid(True, alpha=0.3)

plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()

RESULTS SUMMARY

import pandas as pd
from IPython.display import display
results_df = pd.DataFrame(results)

display(results_df[['experiment', 'training_size', 'model_type', ‘test_accuracy']])

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Performance Comparison

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scratch_models = results_df[results_df['model_type'] == 'scratch'].copy()
pretrained_models = results_df[results_df['model_type'] == 'pretrained'].copy()

best_scratch = scratch_models.loc[scratch_models['test_accuracy'].idxmax()]
best_pretrained = pretrained_models.loc[pretrained_models['test_accuracy'].idxmax()]

print("\n1. OPTIMAL TRAINING SIZES:")
print(f"\n   FROM SCRATCH MODEL:")
print(f"   - Optimal Training Size: {int(best_scratch['training_size'])} samples")
print(f"   - Test Accuracy: {best_scratch['test_accuracy']*100:.2f}%")
print(f"   - Test Loss: {best_scratch['test_loss']:.4f}")
print(f"   - Experiment: {best_scratch['experiment']}")

print(f"\n   PRETRAINED MODEL:")
print(f"   - Optimal Training Size: {int(best_pretrained['training_size'])} samples")
print(f"   - Test Accuracy: {best_pretrained['test_accuracy']*100:.2f}%")
print(f"   - Test Loss: {best_pretrained['test_loss']:.4f}")
print(f"   - Experiment: {best_pretrained['experiment']}")

print("\n2. IMPACT OF TRAINING DATA SIZE (1,000 vs 10,000 samples):")

scratch_1k = results_df[(results_df['model_type'] == 'scratch') &
                        (results_df['training_size'] == 1000)]['test_accuracy'].values[0]
scratch_10k = results_df[(results_df['model_type'] == 'scratch') &
                         (results_df['training_size'] == 10000)]['test_accuracy'].values[0]
pretrained_1k = results_df[(results_df['model_type'] == 'pretrained') &
                           (results_df['training_size'] == 1000)]['test_accuracy'].values[0]
pretrained_10k = results_df[(results_df['model_type'] == 'pretrained') &
                            (results_df['training_size'] == 10000)]['test_accuracy'].values[0]

print(f"\n   FROM SCRATCH:")
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print(f"   - 1,000 samples: {scratch_1k*100:.2f}%")
print(f"   - 10,000 samples: {scratch_10k*100:.2f}%")
print(f"   - Improvement: +{(scratch_10k - scratch_1k)*100:.2f} percentage points " +
     f"({((scratch_10k - scratch_1k)/scratch_1k*100):.1f}% relative increase)")

print(f"\n   PRETRAINED:")
print(f"   - 1,000 samples: {pretrained_1k*100:.2f}%")
print(f"   - 10,000 samples: {pretrained_10k*100:.2f}%")
print(f"   - Improvement: +{(pretrained_10k - pretrained_1k)*100:.2f} percentage points " +
     f"({((pretrained_10k - pretrained_1k)/pretrained_1k*100):.1f}% relative increase)")

print("\n3. FROM SCRATCH VS PRETRAINED COMPARISON:")

sample_sizes = sorted(results_df['training_size'].unique())

for size in sample_sizes:
    scratch_acc = results_df[(results_df['training_size'] == size) &
                          (results_df['model_type'] == 'scratch')]['test_accuracy'].values
    pretrained_acc = results_df[(results_df['training_size'] == size) &
                             (results_df['model_type'] == 'pretrained')]['test_accuracy'].values

    if len(scratch_acc) > 0 and len(pretrained_acc) > 0:
        diff = pretrained_acc[0] - scratch_acc[0]
        advantage = "Pretrained" if diff > 0 else "From Scratch"

        print(f"\n   Training Size: {int(size):,} samples")
        print(f"   - From Scratch:  {scratch_acc[0]*100:.2f}%")
        print(f"   - Pretrained:    {pretrained_acc[0]*100:.2f}%")
        print(f"   - Advantage:     {advantage} by {abs(diff)*100:.2f} percentage points")

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Performance Comparison

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fig, axes = plt.subplots(2, 2, figsize=(16, 12))

# Plot 1: Test Accuracy vs Training Size
ax1 = axes[0, 0]
scratch_data = scratch_models.sort_values('training_size')
pretrained_data = pretrained_models.sort_values('training_size')

ax1.plot(scratch_data['training_size'], scratch_data['test_accuracy']*100,
        'o-', linewidth=3, markersize=10, label='From Scratch', color='#ef4444')
ax1.plot(pretrained_data['training_size'], pretrained_data['test_accuracy']*100,
        's-', linewidth=3, markersize=10, label='Pretrained (VGG16)', color='#3b82f6')

ax1.set_xlabel('Training Sample Size', fontsize=12, fontweight='bold')
ax1.set_ylabel('Test Accuracy (%)', fontsize=12, fontweight='bold')
ax1.set_title('Test Accuracy vs Training Sample Size', fontsize=14, fontweight='bold')
ax1.legend(fontsize=11)
ax1.grid(True, alpha=0.3)
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ax1.annotate(f'Best: {best_scratch["test_accuracy"]*100:.1f}%',
        xy=(best_scratch['training_size'], best_scratch['test_accuracy']*100),
        xytext=(10, -20), textcoords='offset points',
        bbox=dict(boxstyle='round,pad=0.5', facecolor='red', alpha=0.3),
        fontsize=10, fontweight='bold')

ax1.annotate(f'Best: {best_pretrained["test_accuracy"]*100:.1f}%',
        xy=(best_pretrained['training_size'], best_pretrained['test_accuracy']*100),
        xytext=(10, -20), textcoords='offset points',
        bbox=dict(boxstyle='round,pad=0.5', facecolor='blue', alpha=0.3),
        fontsize=10, fontweight='bold')

# Plot 2: Test Loss vs Training Size
ax2 = axes[0, 1]
ax2.plot(scratch_data['training_size'], scratch_data['test_loss'],
      'o-', linewidth=3, markersize=10, label='From Scratch', color='#ef4444')
ax2.plot(pretrained_data['training_size'], pretrained_data['test_loss'],
      's-', linewidth=3, markersize=10, label='Pretrained (VGG16)', color='#3b82f6')

ax2.set_xlabel('Training Sample Size', fontsize=12, fontweight='bold')
ax2.set_ylabel('Test Loss', fontsize=12, fontweight='bold')
ax2.set_title('Test Loss vs Training Sample Size', fontsize=14, fontweight='bold')
ax2.legend(fontsize=11)
ax2.grid(True, alpha=0.3)

# Plot 3: Performance Gap
ax3 = axes[1, 0]

common_sizes = set(scratch_data['training_size']) & set(pretrained_data['training_size'])
gaps = []
sizes = []
for size in sorted(common_sizes):
   scratch_acc = scratch_data[scratch_data['training_size']==size]['test_accuracy'].values[0]
   pretrained_acc = pretrained_data[pretrained_data['training_size']==size]['test_accuracy'].values[0]
   gap = (pretrained_acc - scratch_acc) * 100
   gaps.append(gap)
   sizes.append(size)

colors = ['#10b981' if g > 0 else '#ef4444' for g in gaps]
ax3.bar(range(len(sizes)), gaps, color=colors, alpha=0.7, edgecolor='black', linewidth=2)
ax3.set_xticks(range(len(sizes)))
ax3.set_xticklabels([f'{int(s)}' for s in sizes])
ax3.set_xlabel('Training Sample Size', fontsize=12, fontweight='bold')
ax3.set_ylabel('Accuracy Difference (%)\n(Pretrained - Scratch)', fontsize=12, fontweight='bold')
ax3.set_title('Performance Gap: Pretrained Advantage', fontsize=14, fontweight='bold')
ax3.axhline(y=0, color='black', linestyle='--', linewidth=1)
ax3.grid(True, alpha=0.3, axis='y')

for i, (size, gap) in enumerate(zip(sizes, gaps)):
   ax3.text(i, gap + (1 if gap > 0 else -1), f'{gap:.1f}%',
        ha='center', va='bottom' if gap > 0 else 'top',
        fontweight='bold', fontsize=10)

# Plot 4: Summary Statistics Table
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ax4 = axes[1, 1]
ax4.axis('tight')
ax4.axis('off')

table_data = []
table_data.append(['Model Type', 'Min Samples', 'Max Samples', 'Best Accuracy', 'Best Size'])
table_data.append(['From Scratch',
                  f"{int(scratch_data['training_size'].min())}",
                  f"{int(scratch_data['training_size'].max())}",
                  f"{scratch_models['test_accuracy'].max()*100:.2f}%",
                  f"{int(best_scratch['training_size'])}"])
table_data.append(['Pretrained',
                  f"{int(pretrained_data['training_size'].min())}",
                  f"{int(pretrained_data['training_size'].max())}",
                  f"{pretrained_models['test_accuracy'].max()*100:.2f}%",
                  f"{int(best_pretrained['training_size'])}"])

table = ax4.table(cellText=table_data, cellLoc='center', loc='center',
                 colWidths=[0.25, 0.20, 0.20, 0.20, 0.15])
table.auto_set_font_size(False)
table.set_fontsize(11)
table.scale(1, 3)

for i in range(5):
    table[(0, i)].set_facecolor('#1e40af')
    table[(0, i)].set_text_props(weight='bold', color='white')

for i in range(1, 3):
    color = '#fee2e2' if i == 1 else '#dbeafe'
    for j in range(5):
        table[(i, j)].set_facecolor(color)

ax4.set_title('Summary Statistics', fontsize=14, fontweight='bold', pad=20)

plt.tight_layout()
plt
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