TRASH MATERIAL CLASSIFICATION VIA DEEP LEARNING

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MOTIVATION

- **Waste management** is a very important task to preserve the environment. Environment and natural materials played an important function in the development of human societies and in history on the whole [1].

Therefore, trash material classification helps a lot with achieving the goal of a better environment by applying deep learning methods to help us build useful applications dedicated for categorizing different types of materials given suitable datasets.

PROBLEM STATEMENT

In this project, I try to find the **best and most efficient approaches** to image classification suitable for trash material classification. My hope in this project is to implement and develop very accurate and efficient classifiers for the task of material classification.

RELATED WORK

- G. Schwartz and K. Nishino. **Recognizing material properties from images**. *IEEE transactions on pattern analysis and machine intelligence*, 2018.
- C. Liu, L. Sharan, E. H. Adelson, and R. Rosenholtz. **Exploring features in a bayesian framework for material recognition**. *IEEE Computer Society Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition*, pages 239–246, 2010.
- M. Yang and G. Thung. **Classification of trash for recyclability status**. *Stanford University*, 2016.
- C. Bircanoglu, M. Atay, F. Beser, O. Genc, and M. A. Kizrak. **RecycleNet: Intelligent waste sorting using deep neural networks**. *Innovations in Intelligent Systems and Applications*, pages 1–7, 2018.

DATASETS

(a) TrashNet dataset

State-of-the-art: DenseNet121 (95%)
Reported in RecycleNet
2527 IMAGES

(b) MINC-2500 dataset

State-of-the-art: Deep-TEN (81.3%)
Rutgers University CVPR Paper!
57500 IMAGES

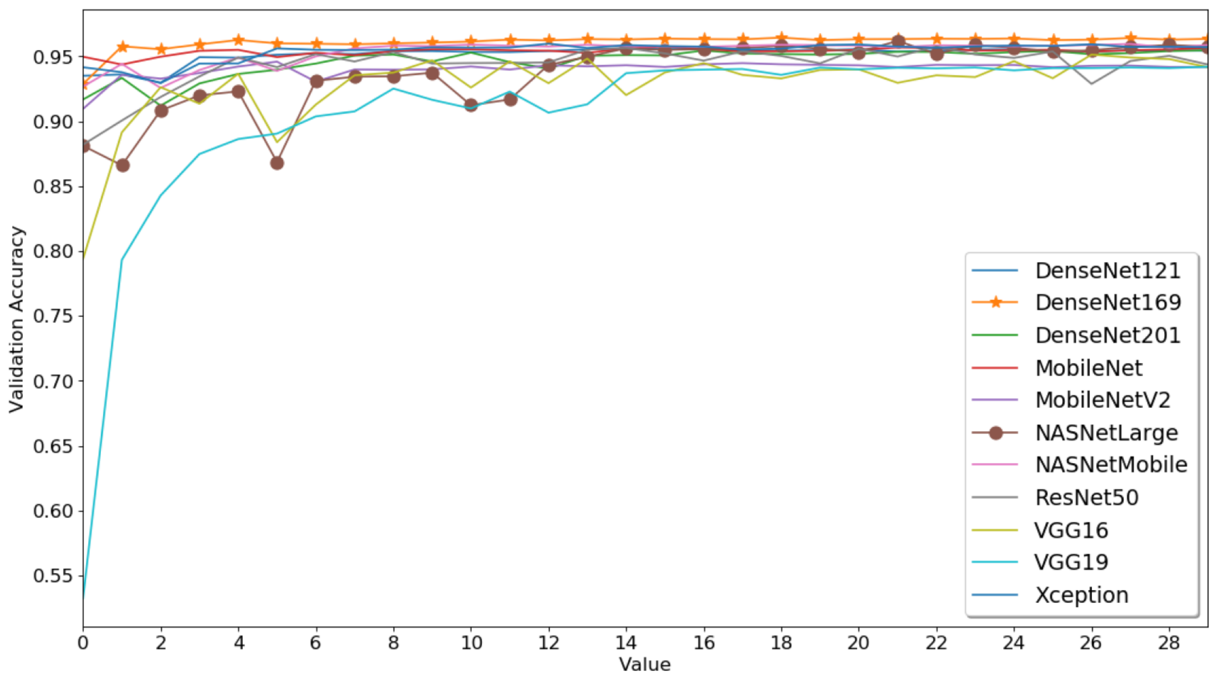
(c) FMD dataset

State-of-the-art: FV-CNN (82.4%)
1000 IMAGES

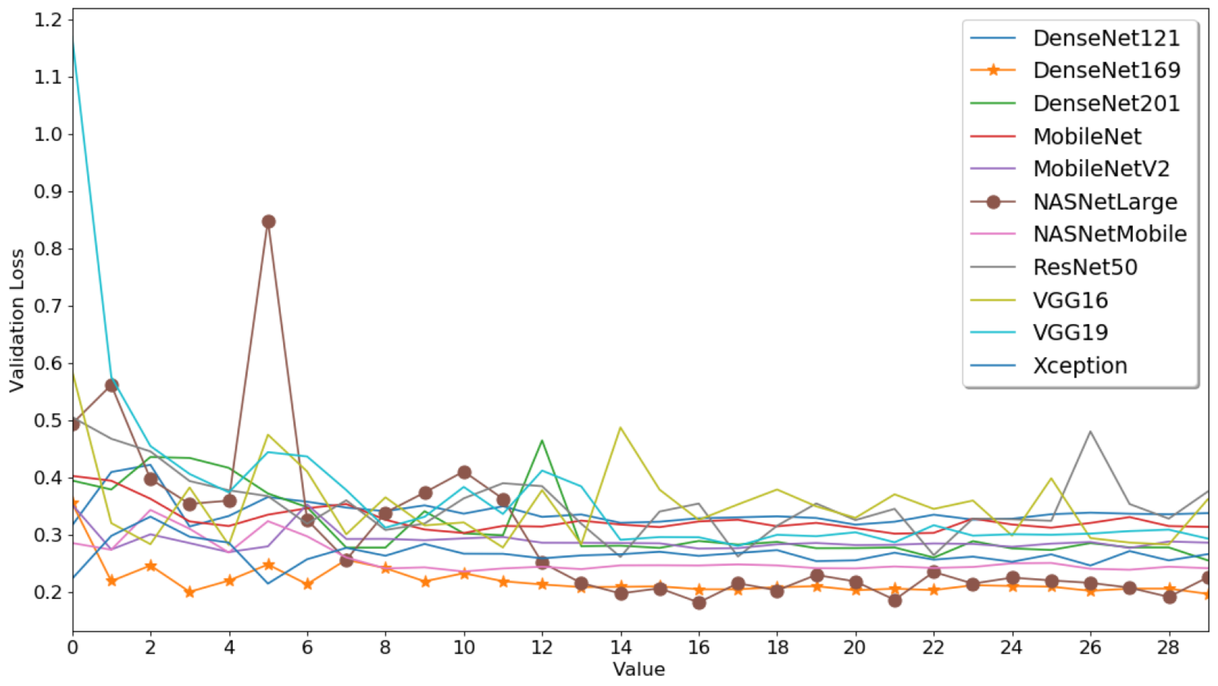
METHODOLOGY

- Convolutional Neural Networks
  - Fine-tuning
  - Implementing new model! (Future work)
- Data Augmentation
  - Shifting images horizontally and vertically
  - Rotation by a 45 degree angle
  - Horizontal flipping
  - Shearing
  - Zooming
- Optimization
  - SGD, RMSProp, Adam, Adamax, Nadam

EXPERIMENTS



(a) Validation Accuracy



(b) Validation Loss

Figure 2. **Validation accuracy and loss during training using different fine-tuned architectures on the TrashNet [17] dataset.** NASNetLarge and DenseNet169 seem to perform similarly as the epoch number increases during training. When evaluating the models during the test phase, NASNetLarge perfroms the best on average.

TEST RESULTS

Architecture	$\delta\uparrow$	cce$\downarrow$	mse$\downarrow$	mae$\downarrow$	msle$\downarrow$	Parameters	Batch Size
ResNet50 [8]	0.880	1.088	0.036	0.040	0.016	25m	32
VGG16 [16]	0.852	1.090	0.042	0.050	0.020	15m	32
VGG19	0.859	1.062	0.041	0.049	0.020	20m	32
MobileNet [9]	0.875	1.258	0.039	0.044	0.019	4m	32
MobileNetV2	0.866	1.062	0.039	0.046	0.019	3m	32
DenseNet121 [10]	0.870	1.146	0.041	0.045	0.020	7m	32
DenseNet169	0.885	1.123	0.035	0.039	0.017	13m	32
DenseNet201	0.881	0.945	0.035	0.040	0.017	18m	16
Xception [4]	0.880	0.806	0.033	0.042	0.016	23m	8
NASNetMobile [19]	0.877	0.987	0.035	0.041	0.017	5m	32
NASNetLarge	**0.901**	**0.791**	**0.031**	**0.038**	**0.015**	88m	4

Table 1. **Comparisons of test results of different fine-tuned architectures on the TrashNet dataset.** Rows from left to right: architecture, test accuracy, categorical cross-entropy, mean squared error, mean absolute error, mean squared logarithmic error, number of trainable parameters in millions, and batch size. The reported numbers are real results from the experiments.

CONCLUSION

So far, **NASNetLarge** seemed to perform the best among all architectures used. I speculate that I can get even better results given better hardware. A larger batch size would definitely bump up the accuracy.

FUTURE WORK

- Try to increase accuracy by exploring other methods
- Experiment with the other 2 datasets (FMD & MINC2500)
- Experiment with different optimizers
- Implement my own network
- Develop a demo application

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