
Dive into Deep Learning

xAI-Proj-B: Bachelor Project Explainable Machine Learning

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Abstract

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1 Introduction

The core of this project is to understand the key principles of deep learning and apply them in a practical environment. Through the methodical training and evaluation of various techniques, we have progressively deepened our understanding of this complex field. A crucial first step in developing an effective classification model is to thoroughly investigate and understand the dataset at hand. Therefore, our investigation began with an introduction to the well-known datasets MNIST (Deng, 2012) and MedMNIST (Yang et al., 2021), which served as the building blocks for our study.

The project was structured to take account of the different characteristics of the individual datasets. We started with the MNIST dataset, which was chosen due to its wide distribution and the numerous tutorials available, which facilitated our entry into the world of deep learning. With this dataset, we took on the challenge of developing a rudimentary Convolutional Neural Network (SimpleCNN) that was intentionally designed with a limited number of layers. The initial aim of this challenge was not to achieve peak performance, but rather to gain practical experience and understand the basics of the architecture of neural networks and their ability to distinguish between different digits.

As our knowledge increased, we shifted our focus to the more challenging MedMNIST dataset, focusing particularly on the PathMNIST subset. This phase formed the core of our project, in which we focused intensively on experimenting with different pre-trained models. Our investigations extended to testing a wide range of hyperparameters as well as implementing different strategies for data preprocessing and augmentation. The complexity and challenges of the PathMNIST dataset necessitated the use of more advanced techniques and approaches, representing a significant advance over our initial experiments with MNIST.

1.1 MNIST

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Table 1: Sample table title

Part		
Name	Description	Size (μm)
Dendrite	Input terminal	~ 100
Axon	Output terminal	~ 10
Soma	Cell body	up to 10^6

1.2 MedMNIST

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2 Methods

2.1 Model Architectures

2.1.1 SimpleCNN

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2.1.2 ResNet

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Resnet50 //TODO

ResnetXX //TODO

2.1.3 Xception

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3 Discussion

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4 Conclusion

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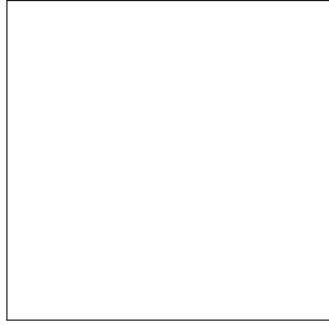


Figure 1: Sample figure caption.

4.2 Figures

4.3 Tables

5 Notation

This section provides a concise reference describing notation as used in the book by Goodfellow et al. (2016). If you are unfamiliar with any of the corresponding mathematical concepts, Goodfellow et al. (2016) describe most of these ideas in chapters 2–4.

Numbers and Arrays

a	A scalar (integer or real)
\boldsymbol{a}	A vector
\boldsymbol{A}	A matrix
\mathbf{A}	A tensor
\boldsymbol{I}_n	Identity matrix with n rows and n columns
\boldsymbol{I}	Identity matrix with dimensionality implied by context
$\boldsymbol{e}^{(i)}$	Standard basis vector $[0, \dots, 0, 1, 0, \dots, 0]$ with a 1 at position i
$\text{diag}(\boldsymbol{a})$	A square, diagonal matrix with diagonal entries given by \boldsymbol{a}
a	A scalar random variable
\boldsymbol{a}	A vector-valued random variable
\mathbf{A}	A matrix-valued random variable

Sets and Graphs

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⁵As in this example.

\mathbb{A}	A set
\mathbb{R}	The set of real numbers
$\{0, 1\}$	The set containing 0 and 1
$\{0, 1, \dots, n\}$	The set of all integers between 0 and n
$[a, b]$	The real interval including a and b
$(a, b]$	The real interval excluding a but including b
$\mathbb{A} \setminus \mathbb{B}$	Set subtraction, i.e., the set containing the elements of \mathbb{A} that are not in \mathbb{B}
\mathcal{G}	A graph
$Pa_{\mathcal{G}}(\mathbf{x}_i)$	The parents of \mathbf{x}_i in \mathcal{G}

Indexing

a_i	Element i of vector \mathbf{a} , with indexing starting at 1
\mathbf{a}_{-i}	All elements of vector \mathbf{a} except for element i
$A_{i,j}$	Element i, j of matrix \mathbf{A}
$\mathbf{A}_{i,:}$	Row i of matrix \mathbf{A}
$\mathbf{A}_{:,i}$	Column i of matrix \mathbf{A}
$A_{i,j,k}$	Element (i, j, k) of a 3-D tensor \mathbf{A}
$\mathbf{A}_{::,i}$	2-D slice of a 3-D tensor
\mathbf{a}_i	Element i of the random vector \mathbf{a}

Linear Algebra Operations

\mathbf{A}^\top	Transpose of matrix \mathbf{A}
\mathbf{A}^+	Moore-Penrose pseudoinverse of \mathbf{A}
$\mathbf{A} \odot \mathbf{B}$	Element-wise (Hadamard) product of \mathbf{A} and \mathbf{B}
$\det(\mathbf{A})$	Determinant of \mathbf{A}

Calculus

$\frac{dy}{dx}$	Derivative of y with respect to x
$\frac{\partial y}{\partial x}$	Partial derivative of y with respect to x
$\nabla_{\mathbf{x}} y$	Gradient of y with respect to \mathbf{x}
$\nabla_{\mathbf{X}} y$	Matrix derivatives of y with respect to \mathbf{X}
$\nabla_{\mathbf{X}} y$	Tensor containing derivatives of y with respect to \mathbf{X}
$\frac{\partial f}{\partial \mathbf{x}}$	Jacobian matrix $\mathbf{J} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ of $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$
$\nabla_{\mathbf{x}}^2 f(\mathbf{x})$ or $\mathbf{H}(f)(\mathbf{x})$	The Hessian matrix of f at input point \mathbf{x}
$\int f(\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x}$	Definite integral over the entire domain of \mathbf{x}
$\int_{\mathbb{S}} f(\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x}$	Definite integral with respect to \mathbf{x} over the set \mathbb{S}

Probability and Information Theory

$a \perp b$	The random variables a and b are independent
$a \perp b \mid c$	They are conditionally independent given c
$P(a)$	A probability distribution over a discrete variable
$p(a)$	A probability distribution over a continuous variable, or over a variable whose type has not been specified
$a \sim P$	Random variable a has distribution P
$\mathbb{E}_{x \sim P}[f(x)]$ or $\mathbb{E}f(x)$	Expectation of $f(x)$ with respect to $P(x)$
$\text{Var}(f(x))$	Variance of $f(x)$ under $P(x)$
$\text{Cov}(f(x), g(x))$	Covariance of $f(x)$ and $g(x)$ under $P(x)$
$H(x)$	Shannon entropy of the random variable x
$D_{\text{KL}}(P \parallel Q)$	Kullback-Leibler divergence of P and Q
$\mathcal{N}(x; \mu, \Sigma)$	Gaussian distribution over x with mean μ and covariance Σ

Functions

$f : \mathbb{A} \rightarrow \mathbb{B}$	The function f with domain \mathbb{A} and range \mathbb{B}
$f \circ g$	Composition of the functions f and g
$f(x; \theta)$	A function of x parametrized by θ . (Sometimes we write $f(x)$ and omit the argument θ to lighten notation)
$\log x$	Natural logarithm of x
$\sigma(x)$	Logistic sigmoid, $\frac{1}{1 + \exp(-x)}$
$\zeta(x)$	Softplus, $\log(1 + \exp(x))$
$\ x\ _p$	L^p norm of x
$\ x\ $	L^2 norm of x
x^+	Positive part of x , i.e., $\max(0, x)$
$\mathbf{1}_{\text{condition}}$	is 1 if the condition is true, 0 otherwise

Sometimes we use a function f whose argument is a scalar but apply it to a vector, matrix, or tensor: $f(x)$, $f(\mathbf{X})$, or $f(\mathbf{X})$. This denotes the application of f to the array element-wise. For example, if $\mathbf{C} = \sigma(\mathbf{X})$, then $C_{i,j,k} = \sigma(X_{i,j,k})$ for all valid values of i, j and k .

Datasets and Distributions

p_{data}	The data generating distribution
\hat{p}_{data}	The empirical distribution defined by the training set
\mathbb{X}	A set of training examples
$\mathbf{x}^{(i)}$	The i -th example (input) from a dataset
$y^{(i)}$ or $\mathbf{y}^{(i)}$	The target associated with $\mathbf{x}^{(i)}$ for supervised learning
\mathbf{X}	The $m \times n$ matrix with input example $\mathbf{x}^{(i)}$ in row $\mathbf{X}_{i,:}$

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A Appendix

Optionally include extra information (complete proofs, additional experiments and plots) in the appendix. This section will often be part of the supplemental material.