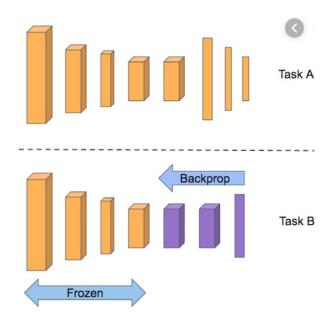
CS6005 Deep Learning Techniques Flowers Image Classification using Transfer Learning (VGG16)



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Problem Statement: To classify images of the Flowers dataset into one of the five output classes

using a pretrained VGG16 model (Transfer Learning). This task is more complex when compared to

traditional image classification as the dataset comprises of purely natural real world images of

flowers.

Dataset: Flowers Dataset → (Tensorflow Official Dataset)

Description: Flowers is a real-world image dataset for developing machine learning and object

recognition algorithms with minimal requirement on data pre - processing and formatting. It is

obtained from tensorflow's official dataset forum. It is basically an flower type recognition dataset of

3670 train and 3670 test flower images coming from real world data. Images are cropped to 32x32.

URL: https://www.tensorflow.org/datasets/catalog/tf flowers

Base Pre-Trained Model Used: VGG16

Description: VGG16 (also called OxfordNet) is a convolutional neural network architecture named

after the Visual Geometry Group from Oxford, who developed it. It is 16 layers deep. The model

loads a set of weights pre-trained on ImageNet. The default input size for VGG16 model is 224 x 224

pixels with 3 channels for RGB image. It has convolution layers of 3x3 filter with a stride 1 and

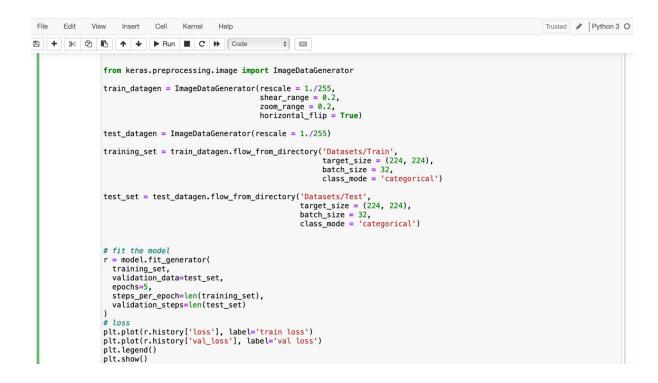
maxpool layer of 2x2 filter of stride 2.

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                 In [1]: from keras.layers import Input, Lambda, Dense, Flatten
from keras.models import Model
                                      from keras.applications.vgg16 import VGG16
                                      from keras.applications.vgg16 import preprocess_input
from keras.preprocessing import image_
                                      from keras.preprocessing.image import ImageDataGenerator from keras.models import Sequential
                                     import numpy as np
from glob import glob|
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
                                     # re-size all the images to this
IMAGE_SIZE = [224, 224]
                                     train_path = 'Datasets/Train'
valid_path = 'Datasets/Test'
                                      # add preprocessing layer to the front of VGG
                                      vgg = VGG16(input_shape=IMAGE_SIZE + [3], weights='imagenet', include_top=False)
                                      # don't train existing weights
                                      for layer in vgg.layers:
layer.trainable = False
                                      # for getting number of classes
folders = glob('Datasets/Train/*')
                                     x = Flatten()(vgg.output)
# x = Dense(1000, activation='relu')(x)
                                     prediction = Dense(len(folders), activation='softmax')(x)
                                      # create a model object
                                      model = Model(inputs=vgg.input, outputs=prediction)
                                      # view the structure of the model
                                      # tell the model what cost and optimization method to use
                                      model.compile(
                                         loss='categorical_crossentropy',
optimizer='adam',
metrics=['accuracy']
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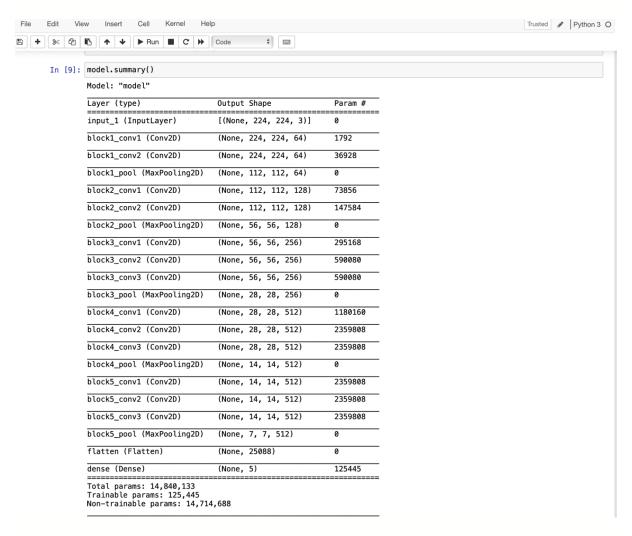
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In [6]: # loss
plt.plot(r.history['loss'], label='train loss')
plt.plot(r.history['val_loss'], label='val loss')
plt.legend()
plt.show()
plt.savefig('LossVal_loss')
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Methodology:

- 1) Import necessary modules
- 2) Set train, test dataset paths and define image shape.
- 3) Import VGG16 model and its weights from keras.applications and preprocess the inputs.
- 4) Freeze the layers by setting trainable attribute to False.
- 5) Flatten() the penultimate feature vector of the VGG16 model and pass it to a final dense layer that contains 5 neurons (total number of classes).
- 6) Define a process pipeline using ImageDataGenerator and train the model.
- 7) Retrieve the corresponding metrics post training and plot their graphs (to make sure overfitting has not occurred).
- 8) The final validation accuracy and loss is the overall test accuracy and loss.

Execution Snapshots:

Overall CNN Model Summary:



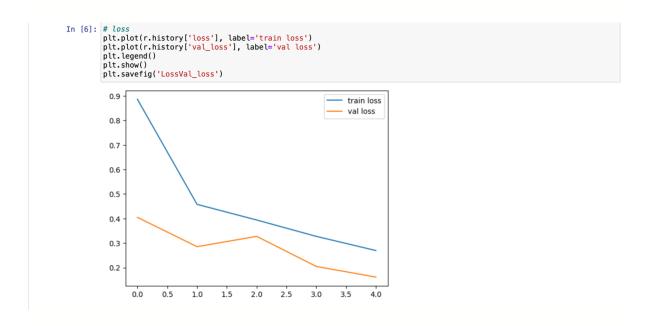
Training:

• Just five epochs of training is sufficient for the model to learn such a complex dataset. This is because VGG16 has already been trained sufficiently.

Accuracy Graph:

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In [8]: # accuracies
            pt.plot(r.history['accuracy'], label='train acc')
plt.plot(r.history['val_accuracy'], label='val acc')
plt.legend()
plt.show()
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Loss Graph:



Note: Early stopping hasn't happened here as the val_loss curve always lies below the train_loss curve all throughout the training and hasn't crossed it at any point

Final Test Loss: 0.1612 Final Test Accuracy: 94.96% **Results:** The final model achieves an overall test accuracy of 94.96 % and a test loss of 0.1612 which is really good considering the naturality of the real world dataset that has been considered.

Conclusion:

The model has performed extremely well (around 95% accurate) compared to traditional ANNs by substantially reducing the number of parameters to be trained and time taken to train by using a pretrained model (VGG16) and capturing each and every aspect of the image onto a separate feature map.

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