

Comments on training and evaluation

- Trial and error for tuning models – tune hyperparameters like optimizers, loss functions, learning rate, batch size, augmentations, number of layers, etc.
- Further exploration: Change networks. (Eg: Replace EfficientNet by ConvNext, etc)
- Keep checking validation accuracy while training. If there is a gap between validation and train accuracy, it might be overfitting. Use more data augmentation, batch normalization, dropouts, etc.
- High chance that your model is underfitting if you are not running enough number of epochs. Plot loss curves to check if the loss has converged.
- For testing, do not just rely on one metric like accuracy. Plot recall, precision, F1 score and confusion matrix along with balanced accuracy.

Deliverables:

- Explore the training procedure and improve model performance by tuning the hyperparameters. **Write a report** on what hyperparameter tunings helped or what did not help in enhancing the model performance and comment on 'why'. Provide code snippets and plots to demonstrate.
- Report the test accuracy using multiple metrics (show balanced accuracy, recall, precision, F1 score and confusion matrix). You can use tf/keras or sklearn which is a good machine learning library. Tabulate your results in the report.
- Reflect on what you learnt from the training procedure and these investigations.

Next week Deliverables: (NOT THIS WEEK)

Writing a final report consolidating the reports from these 6 weeks with the following sections:

- Abstract
- Introduction and Background
- Materials and Methods
- Experiments and Results
- Discussions
- Conclusion and Future Directions