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Technology: Flask and ML models

Goal: To use a machine learning model

without making an API call



The Original Plan:

Creating images of dogs with CGANS.

This didn't work, because the dogs didn't look like dogs and also I could only ever get it to run on Kaggle.com



The New Plan

Classify Images with ResNet.

Training my own model had many limitations.

Decided to use a pretrained resnet model.

- Accept a file input with Flask
- Process the image for ResNet
- Make a prediction with ResNet

1) Pick a model that is right for you

I picked ResNet 18, a smaller network, because of computational resources.

Some of the larger ResNet models are difficult for my computer to import.

2) Load the model:

```
def load_model():
    global model
    model = torch.hub.load('pytorch/vision:v0.10.0', 'resnet18', pretrained=True)
    model.eval()
```

3) Collect your input image in the Flask App

```
ensure an image was properly uploaded to our endpoint
if flask.request.method == "POST":
    if flask.request.files.get("image"):
        image1 = flask.request.files["image"]
        # save the image to the upload folder, for display on the webpage.
        image = image1.save(os.path.join(app.config['UPLOAD FOLDER'], image1.filename))
        # read the image in PIL format
        with open(os.path.join(app.config['UPLOAD FOLDER'], image1.filename), 'rb') as f:
            image = Image.open(io.BytesIO(f.read()))
```

This portion of the code looks for a POST request from the user, and collects the image file. It saves the image to a specific Upload folder, and then reads in the image using the PIL python library

4) Collect the ResNet class labels as a txt file

```
with open("imagenet_classes.txt", "r") as f:
    categories = [s.strip() for s in f.readlines()]
```

```
9 hen
10 ostrich
11 brambling
12 goldfinch
13 house finch
14 junco
15 indigo bunting
16 robin
17 bulbul
18 jay
19 magpie
20 chickadee
```

This can be downloaded from the pytorch documentation and isn't super large

5) Prepare your input image

Ensures the image is in RGB format Then it performs some preprocessing

- 1. Resizes the image's short side to 256 pixels while maintaining the aspect ratio,
- 2. Crops the image at the center to a size of 224x224 pixels.
- 3. Converts the image into a PyTorch tensor.
- Normalizes the tensor by subtracting the mean and dividing by the standard deviation.

Prepares the input tensor as a batch by unsqueezing it along the first dimension (input_tensor.unsqueeze(0)).

```
def prepare_image(image):
    if image.mode != "RGB":
        image = image.convert("RGB")
    preprocess = transforms.Compose([
        transforms.Resize(256),
        transforms.CenterCrop(224),
        transforms.ToTensor(),
        transforms.Normalize(mean=[0.485, 0.456, 0.406], std=[0.229, 0.224, 0.225]),
    ])
    input_tensor = preprocess(image)
    input_batch = input_tensor.unsqueeze(0)
    if torch.cuda.is_available():
        input_batch = input_batch.to('cuda')
        model.to('cuda')
# print(input_batch)
return input_batch
```

6) Make your predictions

- Run the model on your image
- Create an array of probabilities with the softmax function
- For all probabilities, I have my app print the class and probability
- I take the top 100 and render my Flask web app with these top 100

```
with torch.no_grad():
    output = model(input_batch)
# print("works here? 2",output)
if output == None:
    data["success"] = False
else:
    data["success"] = "Your Image!"

probabilities = torch.nn.functional.softmax(output[0], dim=0)
```

```
for i in range(len(probabilities)):
    if probabilities[i] > 0:
        print("Class ", categories[i], "probability ", probabilities[i])

# # Show top categories per image
top5_prob, top5_catid = torch.topk(probabilities, 100)
# data = []
for i in range(top5_prob.size(0)):
    r={"label":categories[top5_catid[i]], "probability":top5_prob[i].item()}
# r = {"label": label, "probability": float(prob)}
data["predictions"].append(r)
return render_template('index.html', data=data, title = "ResNet Result!", name=image1.filename)
```

