Final Project

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- 0.1 OCEN 460 Final Project: Coral Prediction
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0.1.4 1. Introduction and Executive Summary

Deep sea coral can be found throughout the world's oceans, from depths of 150 to 10,000 feet. Coral is a living organism that can grow to be dozens of feet tall. Furthermore, it acts as a key habitat to many smaller marine animals, like shrimp, fish, and crustaceans. Perhaps most importantly, deep sea coral can act as an indicator for general ocean health, as it is sensitive to changes in salinity, temperature, and ocean acidity. If the coral is no longer growing or is actively dying, other ocean species may also be affected, causing a massive ripple through ocean ecosystems and to the global scale.

The purpose of this project is to use existing data on the presence of deep sea coral to predict whether said coral can grow, specific given oceanographic conditions. The latitude, longitude, depth, temperature, salinity, and dissolved oxygen levels are used to predict a binary value, where 1 means that coral can grow and 0 means that coral cannot grow. This value will then be multiplied by a factor of 100 to represent a percentage.

Two datasets are used to provide data. The World Ocean Atlas (WOA) provides depth, salinity, dissolved oxygen, and temperature at recorded latitude and longitude values. The temperature values are provided as a function of measured depth. The Deep Sea Coral (DSC) data was found kaggle.com and originates from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). The DSC dataset provides latitude, longitude, and depth values for where coral was recorded to be present.

Following data acquisition and background domain research, the two datasets were geospatially joined to match the correspondent latitude and longitude values.

The columns of this dataset are: Latitude | Longitude | Depth (m) | Temperature (c) | Salinity (ppt) | Dissolved Oxygen (umol/kg).

Once a single dataset was compiled, the correlation coefficients of the input variables were determined. Following proper data science practices reagarding model fit, the database was split into a training and a test dataset at a 80:20 ratio. To find the optimal model architecture for the data,

several hundred architectures were generated with varying numbers of neurons and hidden layers. Each was fit and the following accuracy metrics were evaluated: AIC, R Squared (R2), Mean Average Error (MAE), and Root Mean Squared Error (RMSE). The best model was then selected based on the least AIC values and the greatest R2 value. This geometry was then further evaluated with different activation functions, dropout layers, and variable training epochs. Finally, the working network was bundled into a package, allowing users to input ocean conditions and outputting a likelihood of coral growth.

This project is available to follow on Github at the following link: https://github.com/jafrizzell/coral-prediction.git

```
[1]: import pandas as pd
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import pathlib
import os

%matplotlib inline
#Describe Datasets and project idea
```

0.1.5 2. Data Intake

The deep sea coral dataset reports latitude and longitude of known coral growth locations with the depth at which the coral is growing. The World Ocean Atlas reports depth measurements in increments of 5 meters for depths of 0 to 100 meters, 10 meters for 100 to 500 meters, 50 meters for 500 to 2000 meters, and in 100 meters for greater than 2000 meters. The following code was used and adjusted to round the Deep Sea Coral dataset to match this convention.

0.1.6 3. Comparison and Alignment of Both Datasets

The following code aligns latitude and longitude values from the Deep Sea Coral dataset with the lat/long values from the WOA dataset with a tolerance of 0.5 degrees. Second_param file can be changed to indicate the oceanographic variable of interest. WOA data is right-joined to DSC data for further preprocessing.

This code yields a .csv file that contains the DSC data and the WOA data. The WOA data is depth-stratified.

```
[3]: import geopandas
     coral = 'D:/TAMU Work/TAMU 2022 SPRING/OCEN 460/depthtempsal_short2.csv'
     second_param = 'D:/TAMU Work/TAMU 2022 SPRING/OCEN 460/woa18_all_000mn01.csv' L
      \rightarrow# "000mn01" indicates 02 data
     raw_coral = pd.read_csv(coral)
     raw_coral = geopandas.GeoDataFrame(raw_coral, geometry=geopandas.
     →points_from_xy(raw_coral.longitude, raw_coral.latitude))
     raw coral.depth = raw coral.depth.astype(float)
     raw_coral.latitude = raw_coral.latitude.astype(float)
     raw_coral.longitude = raw_coral.longitude.astype(float)
     raw_param = pd.read_csv(second_param)
     raw_param = raw_param.astype(float)
     raw_param = geopandas.GeoDataFrame(raw_param, geometry=geopandas.
     →points_from_xy(raw_param.longitude, raw_param.latitude))
     depth_sal = raw_coral.sjoin_nearest(raw_param, max_distance=0.5)
     depth sal.to csv('D:/TAMU Work/TAMU 2022 SPRING/OCEN 460/depthtempsaloxy.csv',,,
      →index=False)
```

To resolve the stratified nature of the WOA data, the following code is used to select the corresponding WOA column for the DSC depth of interest.

0.1.7 4. Creation of a Control Dataset

The following code determines the maximum depth for each lat/long pair in the WOA dataset. These datapoints were then used to create a control dataset describing where coral is not present, in order to compare to the DSC dataset. Code displayed in sections 2 and 3 were used to add the temperature, salinity, and oxygen variables to the control dataset.

```
[5]: path = 'D:/TAMU Work/TAMU 2022 SPRING/OCEN 460/woa18 decay t00mn04.csv'
     raw = pd.read_csv(path)
     depth = []
     for i in range(len(raw)):
         for j in range(103):
             curr = raw.iloc[i, -1-j]
             plus = raw.iloc[i, -2-j]
             if j == 0 and np.isfinite(curr):
                 depth.append(raw.columns[-1])
             elif np.isnan(curr) and np.isfinite(plus):
                 depth.append(raw.columns[-2-j])
                 break
             elif j == 102:
                 depth.append(raw.columns[-1])
     print(len(depth))
     print(len(raw.latitude))
     out = pd.DataFrame({'latitude': raw.latitude,
                         'longitude': raw.longitude,
                          'depth': depth})
     out.to_csv('D:/TAMU Work/TAMU 2022 SPRING/OCEN 460/depths.csv', index=False)
```

Ultimately, the final dataset had the following metadata: Latitude | Longitude | Depth (m) | Temperature (c) | Salinity (ppt) | Dissolved Oxygen (umol/kg) .

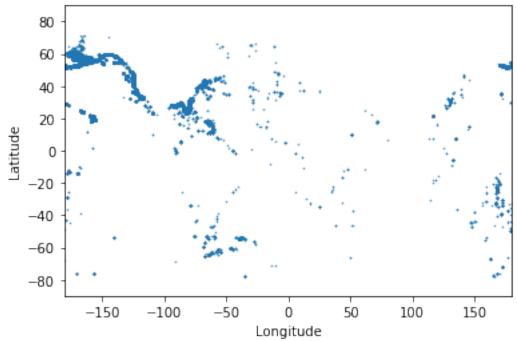
0.1.8 5. Dataset Visualization

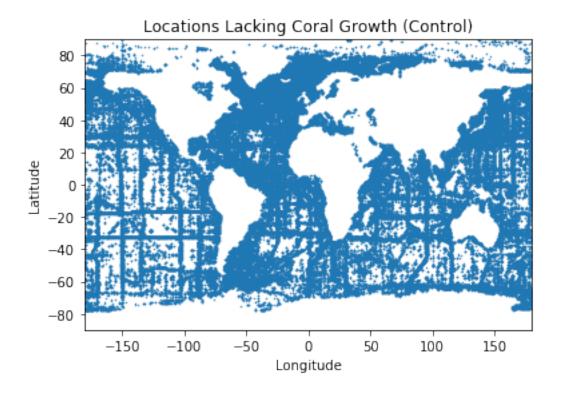
```
plt.xlabel("Longitude")
plt.ylabel("Latitude")
plt.xlim([-180,180])
plt.ylim([-90,90])
plt.show()
coral_missing_bool = raw[raw.coral_present == 0]
plt.scatter(coral_missing_bool['longitude'], coral_missing_bool["latitude"], s=__
 \rightarrow 0.2)
plt.title("Locations Lacking Coral Growth (Control)")
plt.xlabel("Longitude")
plt.ylabel("Latitude")
plt.xlim([-180,180])
plt.ylim([-90,90])
plt.show()
print("Number of Coral Growth Datapoints:", len(coral_present_bool))
print("Number of Datapoints with no Coral Growth", len(coral_missing_bool))
plt.scatter(raw.longitude, raw.latitude, s=0.2, c=raw.depth)
plt.title("Cumulative Dataset, Colored By Depth")
plt.xlabel("Longitude")
plt.ylabel("Latitude")
plt.xlim([-180,180])
plt.ylim([-90,90])
plt.colorbar()
plt.show()
plt.scatter(raw.longitude, raw.latitude, s=0.2, c=raw.temperature)
plt.title("Cumulative Dataset, Colored By Temperature")
plt.xlabel("Longitude")
plt.ylabel("Latitude")
plt.xlim([-180,180])
plt.ylim([-90,90])
plt.colorbar()
plt.show()
plt.scatter(raw.longitude, raw.latitude, s=0.2, c=raw.salinity)
plt.title("Cumulative Dataset, Colored By Salinity")
plt.xlabel("Longitude")
plt.ylabel("Latitude")
plt.xlim([-180,180])
plt.ylim([-90,90])
plt.colorbar()
plt.show()
plt.scatter(raw.longitude, raw.latitude, s=0.2, c=raw.oxygen)
plt.title("Cumulative Dataset, Colored By Oxygen")
plt.xlabel("Longitude")
plt.ylabel("Latitude")
```

```
plt.xlim([-180,180])
plt.ylim([-90,90])
plt.colorbar()
plt.show()
```

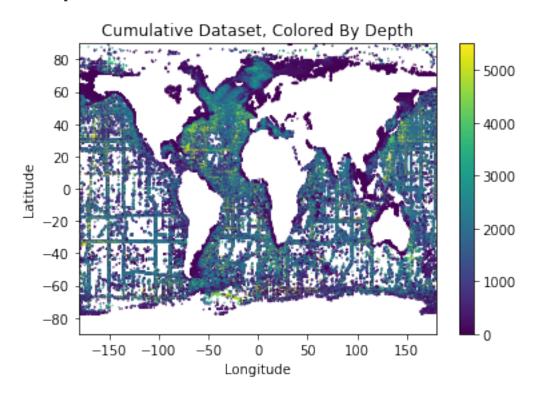
	coral_present	latitude	longitude	depth	\
count	341773.000000	341773.000000	341773.000000	341773.000000	
mean	0.582340	23.237462	-68.404081	1066.013070	
std	0.493174	33.783962	96.027313	989.540361	
min	0.000000	-77.875000	-179.989750	0.000000	
25%	0.000000	16.625000	-124.339620	235.000000	
50%	1.000000	35.641580	-119.498760	850.000000	
75%	1.000000	40.811190	-25.625000	1750.000000	
max	1.000000	89.875000	179.989750	5500.000000	
	round_d	temperature	salinity	oxygen	
count	341773.000000	341773.000000	341773.000000	341773.000000	
mean	1067.012915	5.191193	34.392171	42.294298	
std	989.771161	4.584556	1.343642	29.076344	
min	0.000000	-2.271000	0.000000	0.199000	
25%	225.000000	2.452000	34.228000	12.890000	
50%	850.000000	3.878000	34.520000	41.558000	
75%	1750.000000	7.371000	34.699000	65.495000	
max	5500.000000	31.751000	41.310000	132.182000	

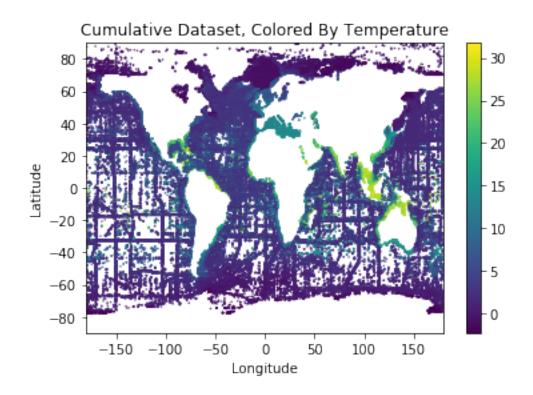
Coral Growth Locations

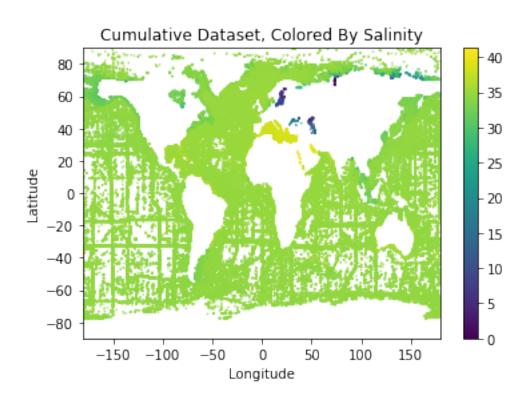


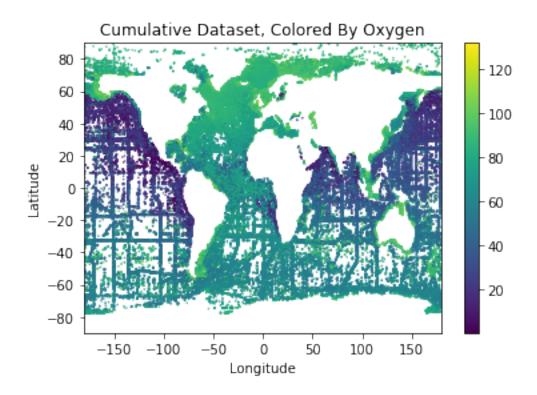


Number of Coral Growth Datapoints: 199028 Number of Datapoints with no Coral Growth 142745









0.1.9 6.1 Pattern Extraction & Why Algorithm Chosen (+ Parameter Tuning)

```
import os
import tensorflow as tf
import pandas as pd
import numpy as np
from tensorflow import keras
from tensorflow.keras import layers
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import RegscorePy
from math import sqrt, floor
import pathlib
from itertools import product
from scipy.stats import pearsonr
import time
from sklearn.metrics import r2_score, mean_absolute_error, mean_squared_error
%matplotlib inline
```

Imports the necessary packages. Some uncommon ones are RegscorePy, which is a custom open-source library used to calculate the Akaike Information Criterion (AIC) of tensorflow models, and itertools.product which is used to generate all combinations of elements in a list.

0.1.10 6.2 Load Data In

The raw data is loaded in from a csv file and processed into a training and testing dataset.

```
[8]: cwd = pathlib.Path(os.getcwd())
     path = str(cwd.parent) + '/coral-prediction/processed_data/
      raw = pd.read_csv(path)
     raw = raw.sample(frac=0.2, random_state=0)
     print(raw.describe())
     raw.pop('species')
     raw.pop('round_d')
     train = raw.sample(frac=0.8, random_state=0)
     test = raw.drop(train.index)
     train_features = train.copy()
     test_features = test.copy()
     train_labels = train_features['coral_present']
     test_labels = test_features['coral_present']
     train_features.pop('coral_present')
     test_features.pop('coral_present')
           coral_present
                               latitude
                                            longitude
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                0.584273
                              23.283085
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                                                         985.059453
                                                                        985.321543
    std
                                            95.889386
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                                              oxygen
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                          68355.000000
                                        68355.000000
    count
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                             34.384281
                                           42.198043
    mean
    std
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                                           65.169500
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    max
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[8]:	304228	0
	213311	0
	172619	1
	141430	1
	133490	1
	250266	0
	6251	1
	199933	0
	329023	0
	16799	1
	59488	1
	133226	1
	295199	0
	280443	0
	240202	0
	2107	1
	264787	0
	52521	1
	313974	0
	227559 271879	0
	93042	1
	249838	0
	222392	0
	267409	0
	181223	1
	95179	1
	135531	1
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	310983	0
	305227	0
	155537	1
	95610	1
	264519	0
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	266179	0
	333985	0
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177471
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123929
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41560
           1
262989
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267861
           0
209754
           0
192209
           1
36135
           1
278318
           0
Name: coral_present, Length: 13671, dtype: int64
```

0.1.11 7. Feature Evaluation - Correlation Coefficients

The correlation coefficients and p-values for each feature are reported. Since all p-values are <0.05, each feature selected is relevant to the model and will be kept.

It is interesting that the longitude is strongly negatively correlated to the presence of coral. This implies that at more eastern locations (say 90E - 180E) it is less likely that coral will grow. This may be a residual of other conditions, such as the much deeper waters in the eastern Pacific Ocean - since the depth is also negatively correlated.

```
[9]: from scipy.stats import pearsonr
    print(train.corr()['coral_present'])
    print(pearsonr(train_features['latitude'], train_labels))
    print(pearsonr(train_features['longitude'], train_labels))
    print(pearsonr(train_features['depth'], train_labels))
    print(pearsonr(train_features['temperature'], train_labels))
    print(pearsonr(train_features['salinity'], train_labels))
    print(pearsonr(train_features['oxygen'], train_labels))
```

```
coral_present
                 1.000000
latitude
                 0.483094
longitude
                -0.623733
depth
                -0.381216
temperature
                 0.244996
                -0.075697
salinity
                -0.484223
oxygen
Name: coral_present, dtype: float64
(0.4830940064618191, 0.0)
(-0.6237334337917884, 0.0)
(-0.3812161882542593, 0.0)
(0.24499644116438987, 0.0)
(-0.07569703383007981, 2.618925049594667e-70)
(-0.4842228643654894, 0.0)
```

0.1.12 8.1 Definition of Functions

The following functions were used during the training and evaluation of the model.

fit_and_evaluate() accepts a model architecture and fits the training data to it, and the reports the accuracy metrics based on the test dataset.

The hyperparameters selected for the training are: 20% validation split and 50 epochs training duration. These were selected by testing different configurations and choosing the hyperparameters that resulted in the most accurate model.

plot_loss() accepts the model training residuals and plots them over the training duration (number of epochs) the loss and validation loss are both shown.

add_layer() is a part of the parametric model study, which can add hidden layers to a tensorflow model by passing parameters and hyperparameters. This functionality will hopefully be bundled into a package at some point so that users can pip install the ability to do a parametric study.

build_and_compile_model() accepts the model architecture from the user and creates the tensor-flow model. It then fits the model and performs the accuracy evaluations.

```
def fit_and_evaluate(architecture):
    dnn_model = build_and_compile_model(architecture)

history = dnn_model.fit(train_features, train_labels, validation_split=0.2, userbose=0, epochs=50)
    plot_loss(history)

test_results = dnn_model.evaluate(test_features, test_labels, verbose=0)
    test_predictions = dnn_model.predict(test_features).flatten()
    r2= r2_score(np.asarray(test_labels).flatten(), test_predictions)
    mae = mean_absolute_error(np.asarray(test_labels).flatten(), users_predictions)
    aic = RegscorePy.aic.aic(np.asarray(test_labels, dtype=float).flatten(), np.usarray(test_predictions).astype(float), 4+2)
    rmse = sqrt(mean_squared_error(np.asarray(test_labels).flatten(), users_predictions))
    return dnn_model, aic, r2, mae, rmse, test_predictions
```

```
[11]: def plot_loss(history):
    plt.plot(history.history['loss'], label='loss')
    plt.plot(history.history['val_loss'], label='val_loss')
    # plt.ylim([0, 30])
    plt.xlabel('Epoch')
    plt.ylabel('Error')
    plt.legend()
    plt.grid(True)
    plt.show()
    # pass
```

```
[12]: def add_layer(dets, hyper, prev):
    default = ['relu']
    try:
        layer = layers.Dense(dets, activation=hyper[0])(prev)
    except IndexError:
        layer = layers.Dense(dets, activation=default[0])(prev)
    return layer
```

```
[13]: def build and compile model(arch):
          # Adjust the number of hidden layers and neurons per layer that results in ...
       \hookrightarrow best fit NN
          hidden_layers = []
          inputs = keras.Input(shape=(6,))
          norm_layer = layers.BatchNormalization()(inputs)
          hidden_layers.append(inputs)
          hidden_layers.append(norm_layer)
          for i in range(num_hidden):
              if arch[i] == 0:
                  pass
              else:
                  layer = add_layer(arch[i], arch[num_hidden:], hidden_layers[-1])
                  hidden layers.append(layer)
                  layer = layers.Dropout(rate=0.2)(hidden_layers[-1])
                  hidden_layers.append(layer)
          outputs = layers.Dense(1)(hidden_layers[-1])
          hidden layers.append(outputs)
          model = keras.Model(inputs=inputs, outputs=outputs)
          model.compile(loss='mean_absolute_error',
                         optimizer=tf.keras.optimizers.Adam(0.001))
          return model
```

0.1.13 8.2 Implementation of Model Trainer

The following code sets up the necessary data to train the models. By commenting out the line:

list(product(*[11, 12, 13, activ])), the parametric search is deactivated, and only the architecture specified in the next line is fitted

Additionally, some timing features are implemented. Passing a large parametric space can result in the program running for over 4 hours, training each model. Because of this, a progress meter is added so that the user can see how far along the program is.

```
[14]: models = []
    aic_scores = []
    r2_scores = []
    maes = []
    rmses = []
```

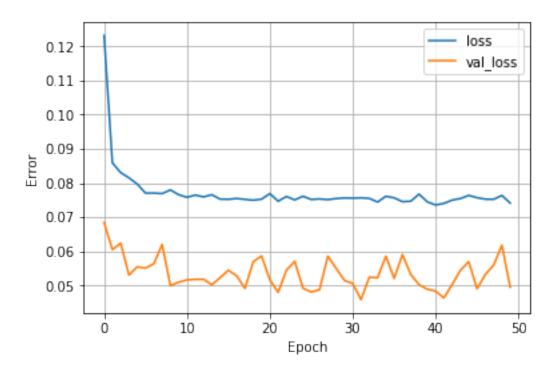
[[200, 64, 192, 'relu']]

0.1.14 9. Running the Training Model

This for loop passes each architecture specified in the parametric space into the build_and_compile_model() function and reports the accuracy metrics into their specific list. It also updates the progress each time a model is finished evaluation

```
[15]: for arch in parametric_space:
         print('Progress: ' + str(c) + '/' + str(len(parametric_space)))
         dnn_model, aic, r2, mae, rmse, test_predictions = fit_and_evaluate(arch)
         models.append(dnn_model)
         aic scores.append(aic)
         r2_scores.append(r2)
         maes.append(mae)
         rmses.append(rmse)
         curr_time = time.time()
         diff_t = curr_time - start_t
         t_per_model = diff_t / c
         num_mods_rem = len(parametric_space) - c
         t_rem = t_per_model * num_mods_rem
         print("Estimated Time Remaining: " + time.strftime('%H:%M:%S', time.
      c += 1
```

Progress: 1/1



Estimated Time Remaining: 00:00:00 seconds

0.1.15 10. Selection of the Best Model

After the parametric seach is finished, the accuracy metrics are compiled into a csv file. The user must look through these results and pick the model which has the LOWEST AIC score and HIGHEST R-Squared.

The final 2 lines save the zeroth model in the parametric space for later use. During the parametric seach, this should be disabled because the zeroth model is likely not the most accurate. When the parametric search is disabled (only a single architecture is being fitted) this can be re-enabled to save the model.

```
[['200', '64', '192', '-42396.7584440718', '0.04872919971817529',
'0.21202562322987348', '0.8151878327057019']]
Model: "model"
Layer (type)
         Output Shape
                               Param #
______
input 1 (InputLayer)
               [(None, 6)]
 _____
batch_normalization (BatchNo (None, 6)
-----
                (None, 200)
dense (Dense)
                               1400
                (None, 200)
dropout (Dropout)
dense_1 (Dense)
                (None, 64)
                                12864
dropout_1 (Dropout)
            (None, 64)
._____
dense_2 (Dense)
                (None, 192)
                               12480
dropout_2 (Dropout)
            (None, 192)
.-----
dense_3 (Dense)
               (None, 1)
                               193
______
Total params: 26,961
Trainable params: 26,949
Non-trainable params: 12
None
```

0.1.16 11. Setup of Class Structure

This code has been written in an object-oriented fashion so that it may easily be packaged and shipped into production later.

First, we set up the class structure and import the internal libraries used.

```
import random
import tensorflow as tf
import numpy as np
from itertools import product
from statistics import mean, median
```

```
[22]: class CoralPrediction:
    def __init__(self):
        self.model = None
        self.params = np.zeros(6)
```

```
self.test_lat = []
    self.test_long = []
    self.test_depth = []
    self.test_temp = []
    self.test_sal = []
    self.test_oxy = []
def set_model(self, modelpath):
    self.model = tf.keras.models.load_model(modelpath)
def predict(self, params):
    self.params = params
    missing = []
    for i in range(len(self.params)):
        if type(self.params[i]) != float and type(self.params[i]) != int:
            missing.append(i)
    if 0 in missing:
        self.test_lat = np.linspace(-90, 90, 90)
    else:
        self.test_lat = [self.params[0]]
    if 1 in missing:
        self.test_long = np.linspace(-180, 180, 180)
    else:
        self.test_long = [self.params[1]]
    if 2 in missing:
        self.test_depth = np.linspace(0, 3000, 50)
    else:
        self.test_depth = [self.params[2]]
    if 3 in missing:
        self.test_temp = np.linspace(-2, 28, 20)
    else:
        self.test_temp = [self.params[3]]
    if 4 in missing:
        self.test_sal = np.linspace(0, 41, 20)
        self.test_sal = [self.params[4]]
    if 5 in missing:
        self.test_oxy = np.linspace(0.2, 132, 40)
    else:
        self.test_oxy = [self.params[5]]
```

```
cond_list = list(product(*[self.test_lat, self.test_long, self.
→test_depth, self.test_temp, self.test_sal, self.test_oxy]))
       if len(cond_list) >= 4000:
           cond list = random.sample(cond list, 4000)
       count = 0
      predictions = []
      for cond in cond list:
           if count % 100 == 0:
               print(count, ' completed out of: ', len(cond_list))
          predictions.append(self.model.predict([list(cond)])[0][0])
           count += 1
      plt.hist(predictions)
      plt.title("Distribution of Predictions")
      plt.xlabel("Likelihood %/100")
      plt.ylabel("Count")
      return mean(predictions), median(predictions)
```

The CoralPrediction class has a few properties and methods. Once the object has been instantiated in the main.py function, the user will assign a trained tensorflow model to the predictor using the set_model function.

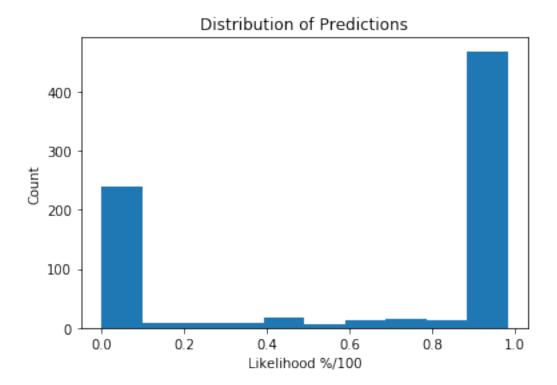
Then, the user will pass the sea state conditions into the predictor model with the predict function. The code will evaluate the conditions and return the probability of coral being able to grow given the inputs.

Some precautions have been implemented to assist the user in the case that not all metocean data is known. This will be discussed further in section 3.

0.1.17 12. MAIN.py, Runnable Function

O completed out of: 800
100 completed out of: 800
200 completed out of: 800
300 completed out of: 800
400 completed out of: 800
500 completed out of: 800
600 completed out of: 800
700 completed out of: 800

The average likelihood of coral growth is: 63.69994878768921 % The median likelihood of coral growth is: 98.32048416137695 %



This code allows the user to input conditions and see the output. First, the user must specify the path of a trained tensorflow model which will be used to predict the growth of the coral.

Then, the user inputs metocean conditions and runs the program.

The code will report the mean and median likelihood that coral can grown in the given conditions. If all the parameters are specified, the mean will equal the median (since there is only 1 data point that is predicted)

0.1.18 13. Probablistic Modelling

In many real-world cases, not all the data will be known for the location of interest. For example, a climatologist may be studying the South Pacific for coral growth around the Great Barrier Reef. The scientist will have a GPS coordinate of interest (latitude and longitude) and likely will know the ocean depth at that location. However, the temperature, salinity and dissolved oxygen content may be unknown. How can the research continue if the input data is incomplete?

This is solved with probabilistic prediction. In the case that some inputs are not known (are entered as "None" in the inputs) the code will sweep through a range of possible values based on the training data that was earlier used. For each value in the range, the program will predict the coral growth probability. Once all the possible values have been simulated, the code will take the average and median probability and report it back to the user.

0.1.19 14. Final Conclusions

This project has been successful in predicting the ability of coral to grow in certain metocean conditions by merging data from multiple sources. Success was defined as having an accuracy of greater than 80%, as found when evaluating the R Squared value.

There are multiple real-world applications of this project. Oceanographic researchers can use the predictions in order to plan coral discovery and monitoring expeditions. Additionally, conservation groups can predict the likelihood of coral damage, given changes in local and global climate.

In the future, a higher resolution dataset could improve the accuracy of the model further. Including more variables (dissolved, CO2, ocean current speed, pH, presence of other marine life) would increase understanding of factors impacting coral growth. Finally, deeper network architectures may improve the accuracy of the model, while still using the present datasets.

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