San Francisco Crime Prediction MLDM Lab 11

Introduction

The San Francisco Crime Prediction challenge is a competition to forecast criminal activity in the city using past crime data and machine learning. The goal is to help prevent and reduce crime. This project was implemented by

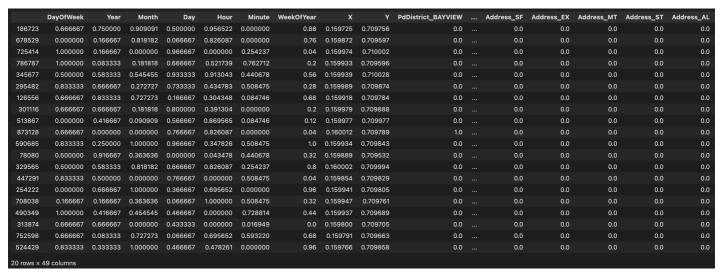
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Details of the model

To begin, we transformed the "Category" column into a one-hot encoded array. This is a widely-used method for representing categorical data. We then removed any unnecessary columns from the resulting dataframe.

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y_train = pd.get_dummies(train["Category"])
   class_names = y_train.columns
   x_train = train.drop(["Category", "Descript", "Resolution"], axis=1)
   x_train
                      Dates
                              DayOfWeek
                                                                         Address
        2015-05-13 23:53:00
                              Wednesday
                                           NORTHERN
                                                               OAK ST / LAGUNA ST -122.425892
                                                                                                37.774599
         2015-05-13 23:53:00
                                                               OAK ST / LAGUNA ST
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                                                                                  -122.425892
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                              Wednesday
                                                      VANNESS AV / GREENWICH ST
          2015-05-13 23:33:00
                              Wednesday
                                           NORTHERN
                                                                                   -122.424363
                                                         1500 Block of LOMBARD ST
         2015-05-13 23:30:00
                              Wednesday
                                           NORTHERN
                                                                                  -122.426995
                                                                                                37.800873
         2015-05-13 23:30:00
                              Wednesday
                                                PARK
                                                         100 Block of BRODERICK ST
                                                                                  -122.438738
                                                                                                37.771541
 878044
         2003-01-06 00:15:00
                                 Monday
                                             TARAVAL
                                                      FARALLONES ST / CAPITOL AV
                                                                                  -122.459033
                                                                                                37.714056
        2003-01-06 00:01:00
 878045
                                                              600 Block of EDNA ST
                                                                                  -122.447364
                                 Monday
                                           INGLESIDE
                                                                                                37.731948
 878046
         2003-01-06 00:01:00
                                  Monday
                                           SOUTHERN
                                                               5TH ST / FOLSOM ST
                                                                                   -122.403390
                                                                                                37.780266
         2003-01-06 00:01:00
                                                            TOWNSEND ST / 2ND ST
 878047
                                  Monday
                                           SOUTHERN
                                                                                   -122.390531
                                                                                                37.780607
                                                         1800 Block of NEWCOMB AV
 878048
         2003-01-06 00:01:00
                                  Monday
                                            BAYVIEW
                                                                                  -122.394926
                                                                                                37.738212
878049 rows × 6 columns
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The resulting dataframe will contain one column for each possible category in the original "Category" column. Each row will have a value of 1 in the column corresponding to its category, and 0 in all other columns.



Our data preprocessing begins by transforming the dates into a datetime object and generating new columns for the year, month, day, hour, minute, day of the week, and week of the year. We also utilize one-hot encoding for both the "PdDistrict" and "Address" columns, and drop the original "Dates" and "PdDistrict" columns. To ensure optimal performance, we normalize the data using min-max normalization. To facilitate efficient processing, we convert the data into a numpy array. To properly evaluate our model's performance, we split the data into a training and validation set. For even further optimization, we randomly sample a specified percentage of the training data. To better understand the influence of time and location on our data, we separate these factors and analyze them individually. Once we have gained insight from this analysis, we combine the time and location data and split it into training and validation sets once again.

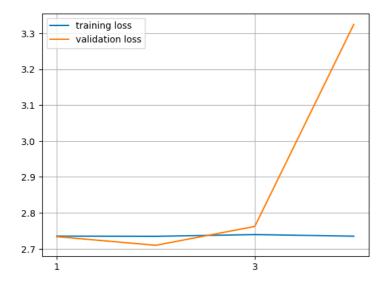
Our code includes functions for visualizing the training process, creating neural network layers, and building residual blocks to improve the performance of our machine learning model. The plot_learning_curves function allows us to see how well the model is doing by plotting the training and validation loss over time. The DenseReluBatchNorm function creates a simple neural network layer with a dense layer, ReLU activation, and batch normalization. The residual_block functions build residual blocks, which improve the flow of information through the model and reduce the risk of vanishing gradients. The create_model function brings all of these together to build the final machine learning model.

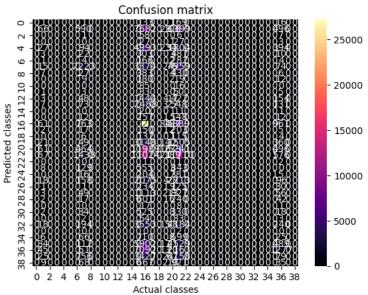
This machine learning model is built using two types of residual blocks - a parallel connection block and a shortcut connection block. Both of these blocks consist of multiple dense layers with ReLU activation and batch normalization. The first block has 64 and 32 units in its dense layers, while the second block has 128 and 64 units in its dense layers. The model also has an output layer, which is a dense layer with softmax activation and 39 units. The softmax activation is used because we are doing multi-class classification, where the model needs to predict one of several possible classes. To train this model, we use the Adam optimizer and the categorical crossentropy loss function. We also track the accuracy of the model as a metric. Our model is designed to train quickly and efficiently by using a batch size of 32 and only 10% of the available training data. We're using the Adam optimizer and the categorical crossentropy loss function to ensure that our model is as accurate as possible. We'll be training for a max of 30 epochs, with the model automatically stopping if the validation loss doesn't decrease for 7 epochs - this is to prevent overfitting and ensure that our model is as generalizable as possible.

We didn't need to rely on any external data sources - our team had all the information we needed to succeed. We kept things in-house and used only internal resources to power our project. We didn't need to look beyond our own walls for data - we had everything we needed right here

Please see at the end for a visual representation generated by Keras of our model.

The result is the following plot of the history and the confusion matrix ():





Whit this model we achieved a grand total of:

