PNEUMONIA

Definition

An infection in one or both lungs, caused by bacteria, virus or fungi. It involves inflammation of alveoli and causes difficulty in breathing. With Pneumonia, air sacs will fluid or pus. The disease can be life threatening, particularly to infants and people above 65 years of age.

Symptoms

Symptoms can be,

1. Cough
2. Fever, sweating and chills
3. Shallow breathing
4. Chest pain

Cause

Causes for Pneumonia are,

1. Bacteria - **Streptococcus pneumoniae**
2. Influenza
3. SARS-CoV2 (virus that cause Covid-19)

Risk Factors

1. Conditions that weaken the immune system. Eg. AIDS
2. **Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease** (COPD)
3. Diabetes
4. Old Age
5. Lack of proper Nutrition

How to determine via Chest X-rays

When interpreting the x-ray, the radiologist will look for white spots in the lungs (called infiltrates) that identify pneumonia.

DATASET

Structure

The dataset is organized into three folders - train, val and test, each having two subfolders (for corresponding class) **NORMAL** and **PNEUMONIA**.

Source

The chest X-ray images were taken from pediatric patients from **Guangzhou Women and Children's Medical Center, China**. All chest radiographs were initially scanned for quality control by removing the low quality or unreadable scans.

Link for the dataset - Kaggle - Chest X-ray Images

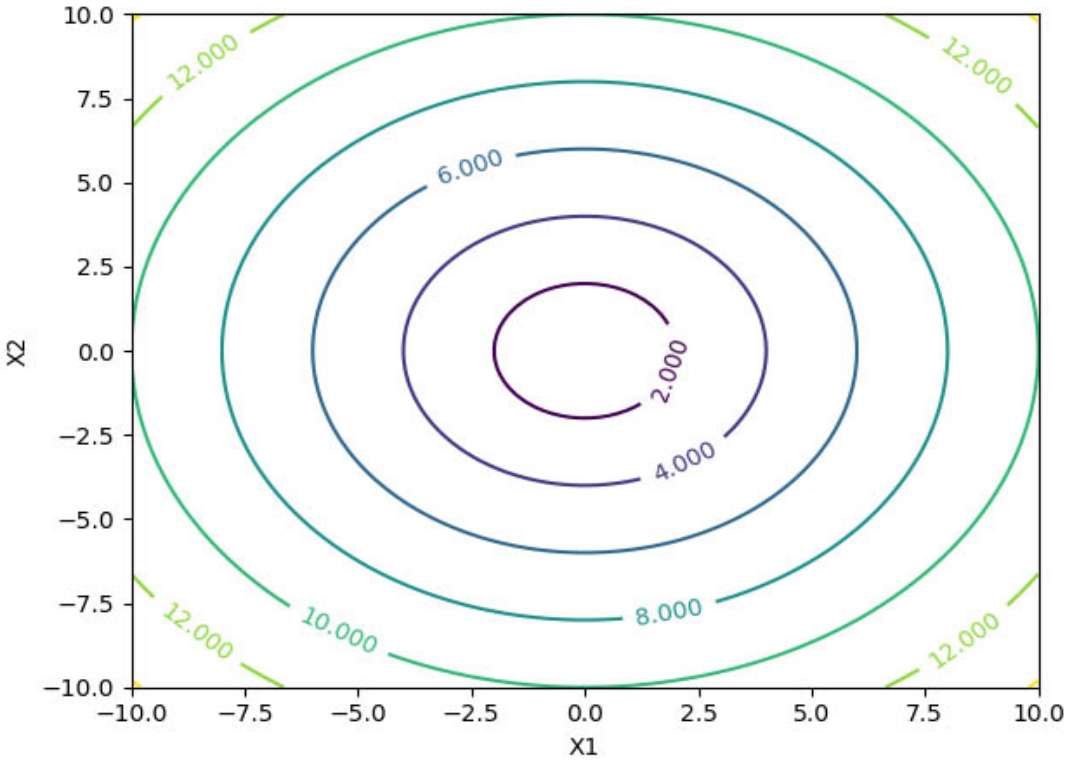
LAYERS

Convolution layer

Kernels or filters are applied on this layer, which are convolved with portions of images to capture specific features (some capture edges, others capture contrast, etc). This also assists in reducing image size. Filters can be considered as weights for images (which they are sort of).

BarchNormalization

It happens that the cost function curve may thin out at some axis. So this normalizes the Inputs for faster training. This causes the cost curve to look something like the figure below.



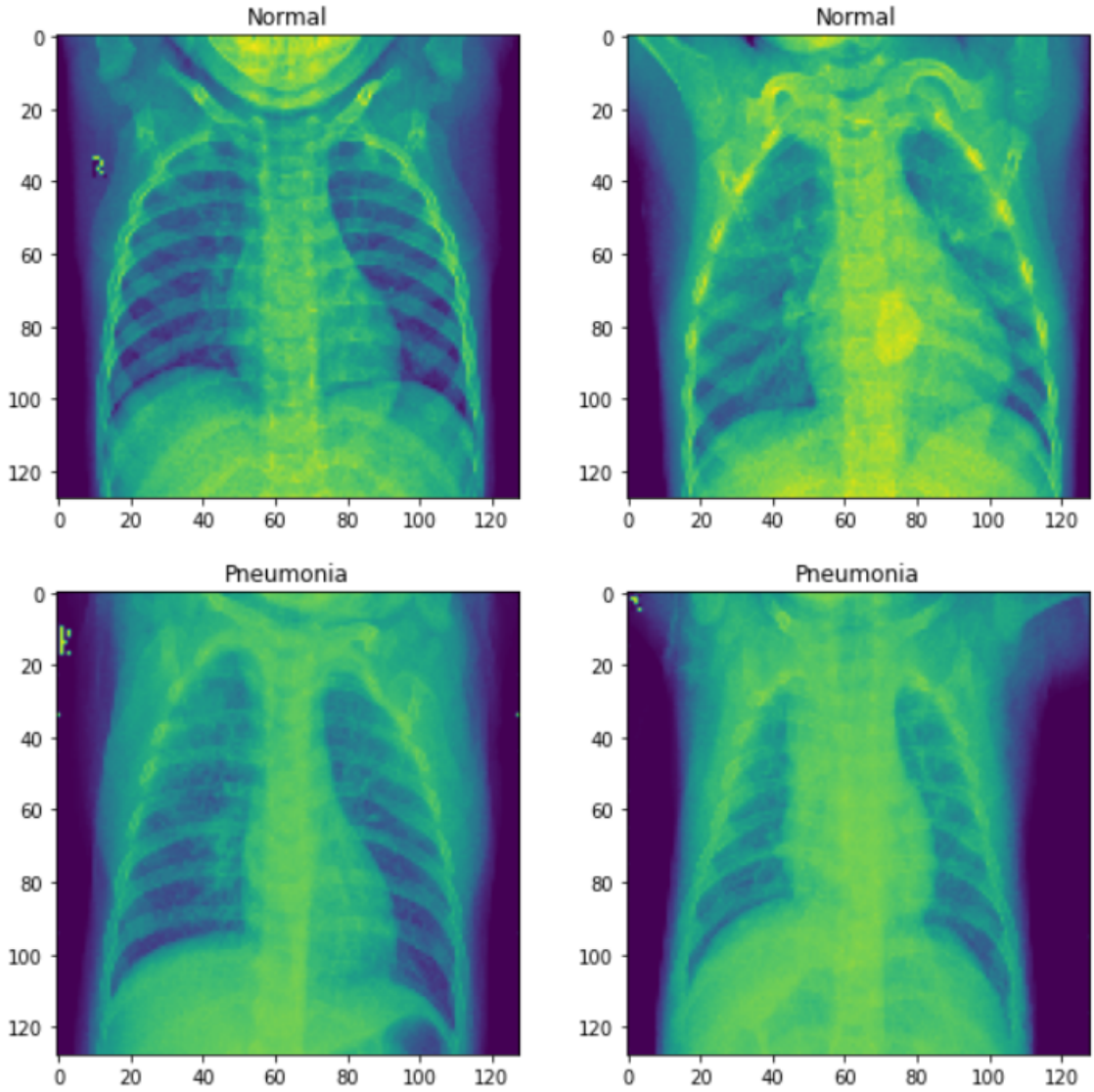
DropOut Layer

Assists in regularizing the weights by randomly deleting some units, so that the other nodes don't get too accustomed to the inputs and are able to take variations into account.

Max Pooling Layer

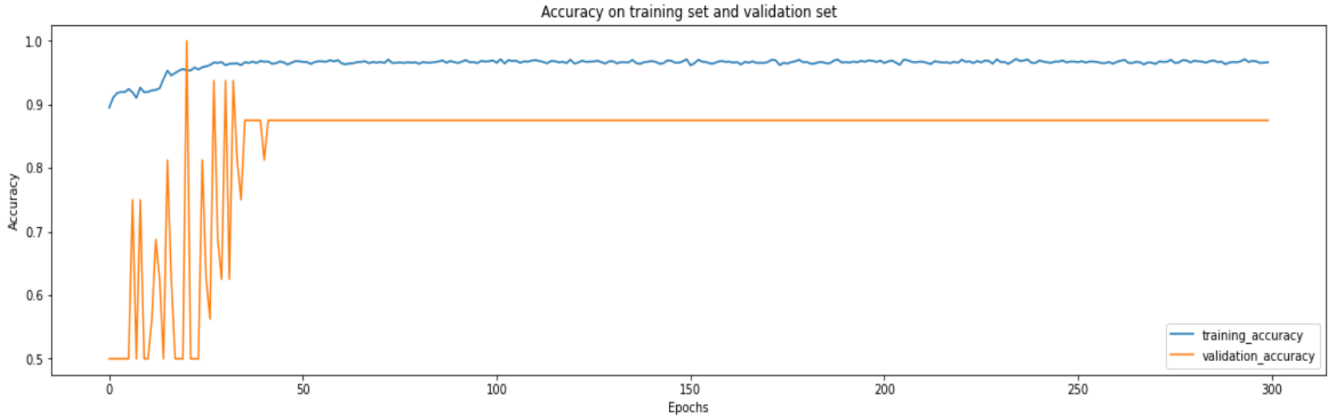
Move a window along the image to capture the dominant features in the image. Here the window size is (2,2).

EXAMPLES

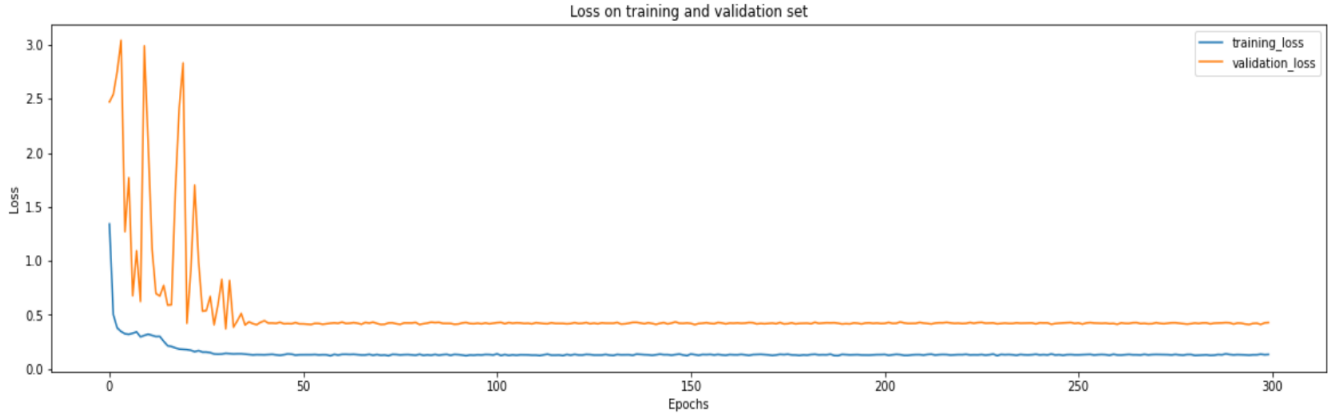


PERFORMANCE

Accuracy



Losses



Confusion Matrix