
From chest to hand X-rays: Transfer learning for skeletal age prediction

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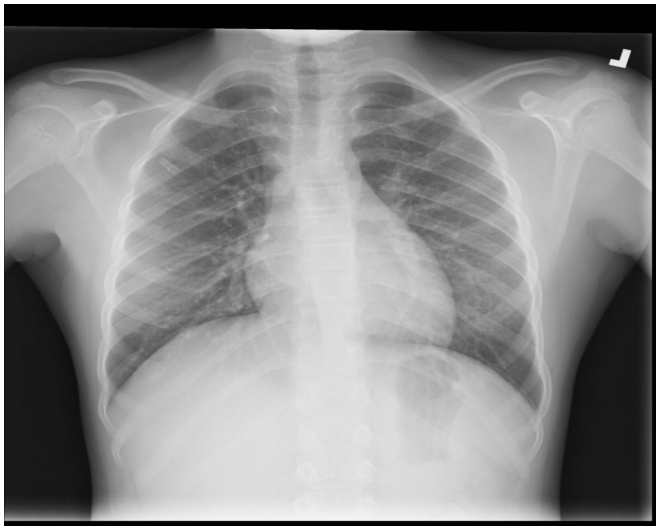
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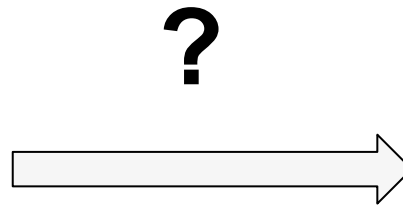




From chest to hand X-rays?



112'120x



14'236x

Challenge

- > **Skeletal age prediction based on pediatric hand X-rays**
2017 RSNA global ML competition to develop best model
winner: 16BitNet with mean absolute error (MAE) of 4.265 months
Radiologist performance: MAE of 7.32 months
 - > Our idea: apply transfer learning
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Transfer Learning Recap

Transfer learning and domain adaptation refer to the situation where what has been learned in one setting ... is exploited to improve generalization in another setting

— Page 526, [Deep Learning](#), 2016

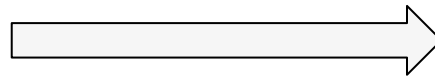
Transfer Learning Recap

Example from ImageNet dataset (for MURA)

“The weights of the network were initialized with weights from a model pretrained on ImageNet.”



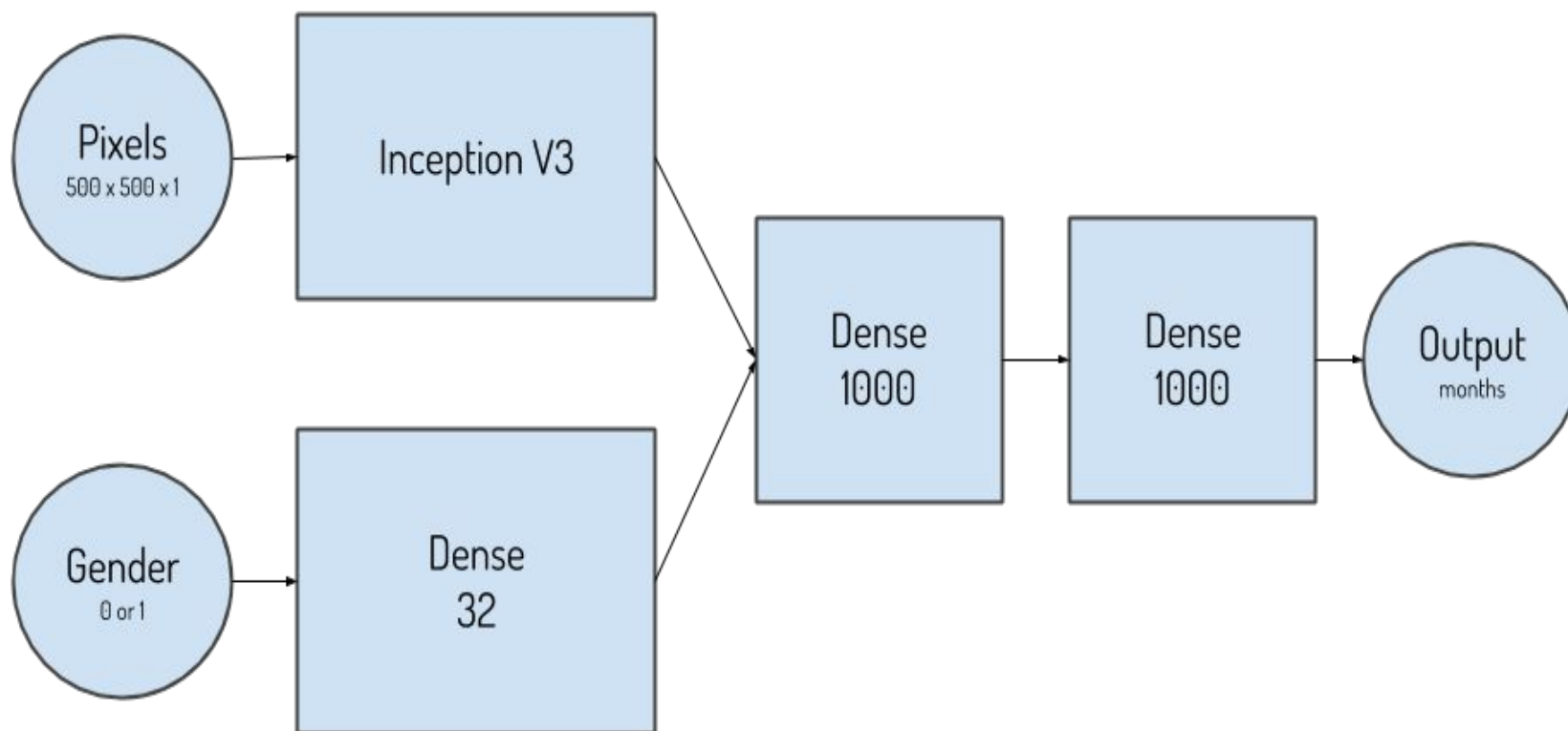
1'300'000x



40'561x

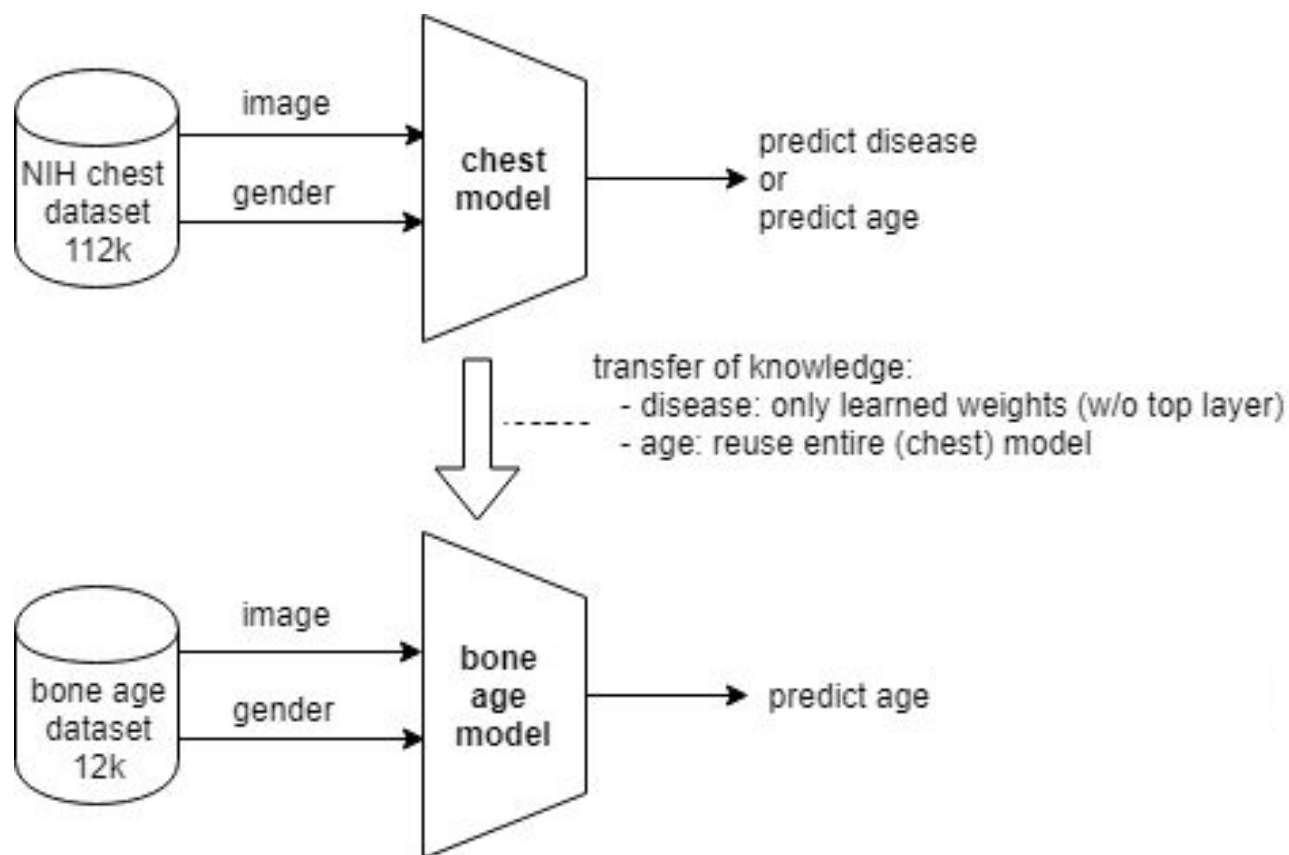
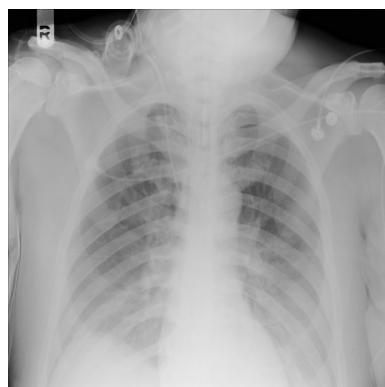
Method

Architecture (by 16BitNet)

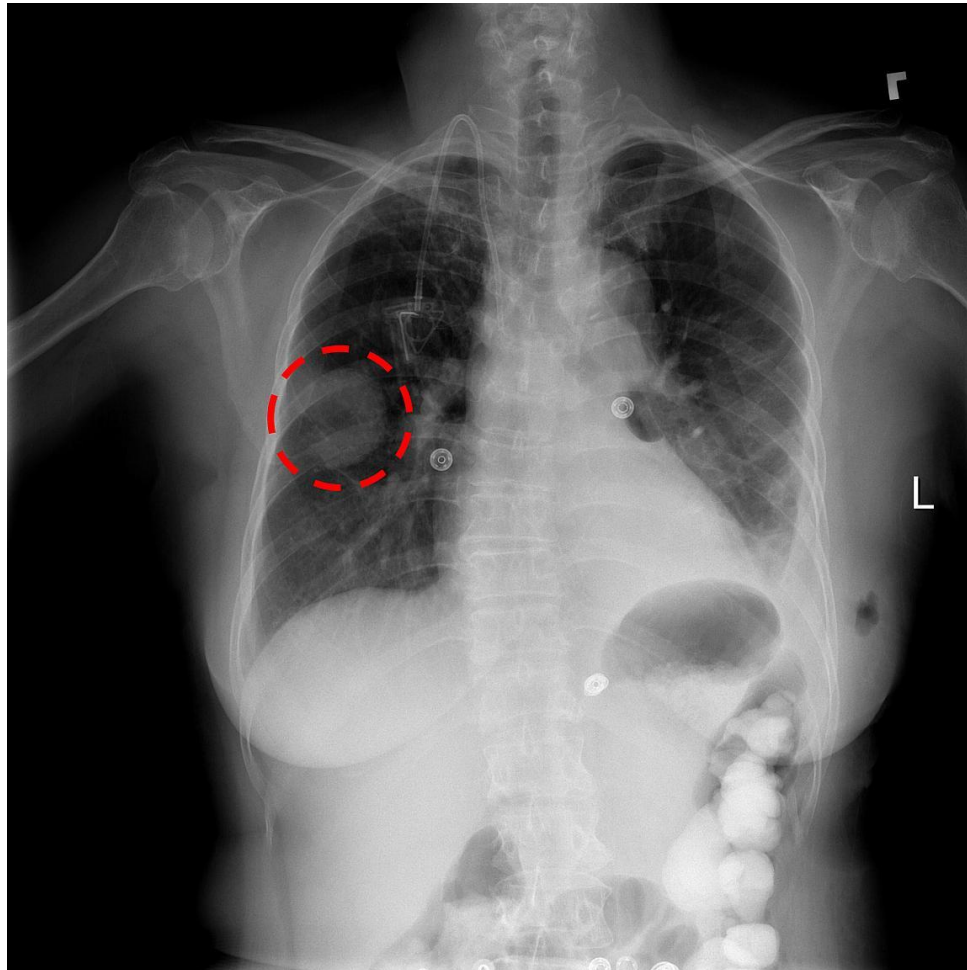


Method

Transfer learning from NIH chest dataset



NIH chest X-Ray: 112'120 images



RSNA hand X-Ray: 14'236



MURA arm X-Ray: 40'561 images



Experiments

Setup

1. Keras on Tensorflow
 2. Dataset split training <-> validation 4:1
 3. Data augmentation: left-right flip, random shift (20%), random rotation (20 degree), zoom (0.2)
 4. Batch size 16
 5. Adam optimizer with initial learning rate 1e-3
 6. SGD optimizer with learning rate 1e-4 for finetuning
 7. Learning rate decays to 0.01 of original learning rate
 8. MAE (mean absolute error) loss function
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Experiments

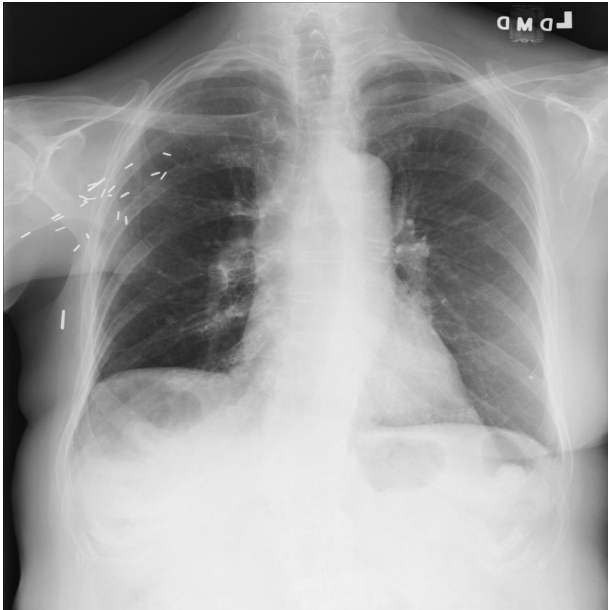
Pretraining on ImageNet vs. random initialization

Experiment	Epochs	MAE
Imagenet	50	76.8
Imagenet	250	8.8
No Transfer Learning, random initialization	250	10.8

Experiments

Predict chest within hand X-Ray age range only (0-20 years)

87 years, female



12 years, female



Experiments

Chest 0-20 years (train: 1560 images), Finetuning

Experiment	Epochs	MAE
Chest 0-20yrs., 30 layers finetuning	50	33.9
Chest 0-20yrs., 100 layers finetuning	50	37
Chest 0-20yrs., 100 layers finetuning	250	41.8
Chest 0-20yrs., 50 layers finetuning	250	34.5
Chest 0-20yrs., 20 layers finetuning	250	36.7
Chest 0-20yrs., 30 layers finetuning	250	35.8

Experiments

Chest 0-100 years (train: 89696 images), Finetuning

Experiment	Epochs	MAE
Chest 0-100yrs, 3 layers finetuning	250	running...
Chest 0-100yrs, all layers finetuning	250	running...

Conclusions, Future Work

- > Pretraining with Imagenet confirmed
 - > chest X-Rays vs. ImageNet pending
 - > Code available:
<https://github.com/lukaszbinden/pediatric-bone-age-prediction>
→ simple framework to run experiments
 - > Use more recent deep models
 - > hyperparameter tuning
 - > experiment with MURA Dataset
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Questions || Comments
