

A JOURNEY THROUGH CNN MODEL DEVELOPMENT

Problem: Classify images as either "cat" or "dog".

Dataset: A collection of 24,946 grayscale images of cats and dogs.

Images are represented as NumPy arrays of size 100x100 pixels with a single channel (grayscale).

Pixel values range from 0 to 255.

Labels are stored in a list where 0 represents "cat" and 1 represents "dog"

DATA PREPROCESSING

Pixel Value Normalization: Pixel values are scaled from 0-255 to 0-1 by dividing by 255.

Subset Selection: A random subset of 1500 images is selected to reduce computational load during training.

Train-Test Split: The subset is split into:

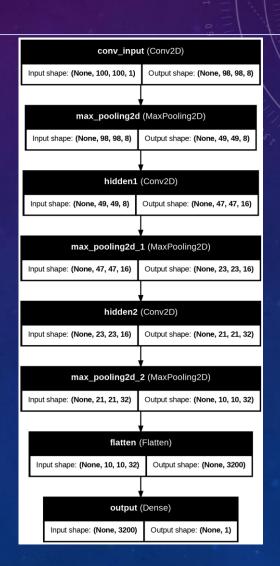
Training Set (75%): 1125 images

Testing Set (25%): 375 image

MODEL ARCHITECTURE

Model Type: Convolutional Neural Network (CNN)

- Layers:
 - Input Layer: Accepts images of size 100x100x1
- Convolutional Layers: Three Conv2D layers with increasing filters:
 - conv_input: 8 filters
 - hidden1: 16 filters
 - hidden2: 32 filters
- Max Pooling Layers: Three MaxPooling2D layers for downsampling
- Flattening Layer: Converts multi-dimensional output to a 1D vector
- Output Layer: A single unit (Dense) with sigmoid activation for probability output



TRAINING & HYPERPARAMETERS

Model.fit used to train the model with training set.

Hyperparameter Exploration: Multiple training runs were conducted with varying parameters:

- random_state in train_test_split: Changed to assess data split sensitivity
- Number of Convolutional Layers: Increased for greater model complexity
- Number of Filters: Modified in each layer to adjust feature extraction capacity
- Loss Function: Switched to binary_focal_crossentropy to potentially prioritize difficult examples
- Epochs: Adjusted to control training duration and address potential overfitting

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MODEL EVALUATION & RESULTS

Evaluation: model.evaluate used to assess performance on the test set.

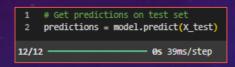
- Metrics:
- Test Loss: Measures the difference between predictions and true labels. Lower is better.
- Test Accuracy: Percentage of correctly classified images. Higher is better.
- Results Table: Key test loss and accuracy values achieved in different runs.

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loss, accuracy = model.evaluate(X_test, y_test, verbose=0)
     3 print(f"Test Loss: {loss:.4f}")
    4 print(f"Test Accuracy: {accuracy:.4f}")
  Test Loss: 0.8229
    Test Accuracy: 0.5520
            Test Loss: 0.7023
Test Accuracy: 0.6160
Run 2
                   - 1s 126ms/step - accuracy: 0.6240 - loss: 0.6830
Test Loss: 0.6785
Test Accuracy: 0.6280
Added a third layer and changed filters in 2nd layer=32, 3rd layer= 64
               ----- 1s 137ms/step - accuracy: 0.6510 - loss: 0.6592
Test Loss: 0.6958
Test Accuracy: 0.6400
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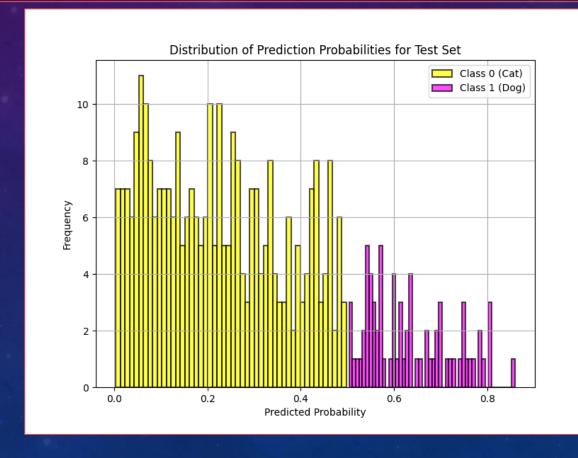
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Run 6 (same as 5 & changed random state= 37 in sampling)
12/12 ----- 3s 208ms/step - accuracy: 0.6794 - loss: 0.1500
Test Loss: 0.1552
Test Accuracy: 0.6613
Run 7 Decreased filters to 16, 32, 48
                      ---- 1s 83ms/step - accuracy: 0.6445 - loss: 0.1948
Test Loss: 0.1838
Test Accuracy: 0.6667
Run 8 Decreased filters to 8, 16, 32
                      --- 1s 44ms/step - accuracy: 0.6545 - loss: 0.1583
Test Loss: 0.1538
Test Accuracy: 0.6800
Run 9 Increased epochs to 12
                      ---- 1s 47ms/step - accuracy: 0.6815 - loss: 0.2208
Test Loss: 0.2033
Test Accuracy: 0.6933
Run 10 back to binary_crossentropy, random state 37, 4 layers, 8, 16, 32 and 12 epochs
                ------ 1s 68ms/step - accuracy: 0.6739 - loss: 0.6105
Test Loss: 0.6022
Test Accuracy: 0.6747
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DISTRIBUTION OF PREDICTION PROBABILITIES FOR TEST SET

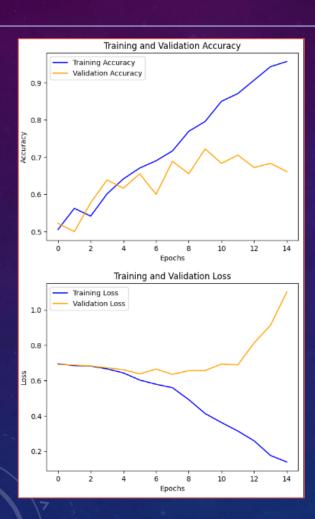
Histogram visualizing the model's prediction probabilities on the test set, allowing for assessment of its classification confidence and overall performance: at this forward pass, my model feels more confident identifying cats v dogs.







TRAINING & VALIDATION ACCURACY FOR PART 2: MODEL_DOG



Training and Validation Accuracy (Top Plot)

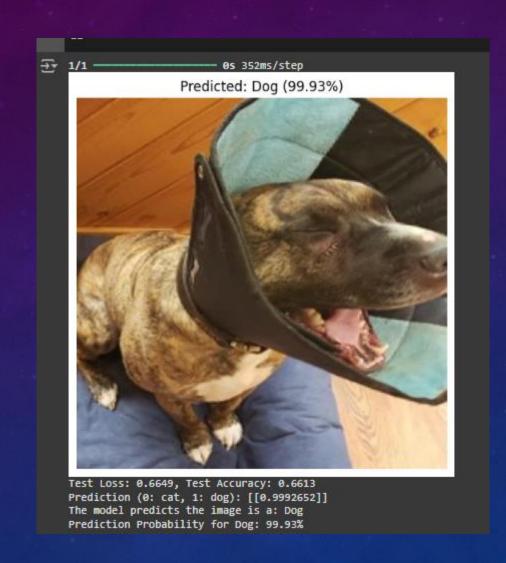
- •Blue Line (Training Accuracy): shows how the model's accuracy on the training dataset improves over epochs (iterations through the dataset). It increases steadily, nearing 1.0 (100%), indicating the model is fitting the training data well.
- •Orange Line (Validation Accuracy): shows the model's accuracy on the validation dataset. Initially, it increases alongside training accuracy but then fluctuates and plateaus, suggesting that the model starts to struggle with generalizing to unseen data after a few epochs.

Training and Validation Loss (Bottom Plot)

- •Blue Line (Training Loss): represents the error on the training dataset. It decreases steadily over epochs, showing the model is learning from the training data.
- •Orange Line (Validation Loss): represents the error on the validation dataset. After an initial decrease, it starts increasing, suggesting the model is overfitting to the training data.

Observations

•Overfitting: After around 5-7 epochs, the validation accuracy stops improving and starts fluctuating, while the validation loss increases significantly. This is a classic sign of overfitting, where the model performs well on the training data but poorly on unseen data.



CONCLUSIONS & FUTURE DIRECTIONS

•Key Findings:

- Model performance, measured by test accuracy and loss, improved with adjustments to model architecture, hyperparameters, and the loss function.
- The impact of the random state in data splitting highlights the importance of careful data partitioning.
- o model_dog accurately predicted 'dog.jpg', showcasing its potential for image classification.

• Future Directions:

- Train model_dog using the described dataset and various hyperparameter configurations to understand its full potential and limitations.
- Explore additional evaluation metrics, such as precision, recall, and F1-score, to gain a deeper understanding of the model's behavior.
- Experiment with techniques like data augmentation to improve model robustness and generalization.