DEEP-LEARNING PROJECT Road Sign Classification

Road sign classification is a critical area in computer vision, involving the identification and categorization of signs to regulate traffic flow. This project analyzes the methodology of developing a deep learning model optimized for this task.



Context





Automatic sign recognition is essential for the development of **autonomous driving systems** and **advanced driver-assistance systems (ADAS)**.



Objectives

Design a high-performing deep learning model for traffic sign classification, using the GTSRB dataset. This model should be accurate, robust, and capable of generalizing in diverse conditions.

Achievements









Data Augmentation

Using techniques such as rotation, flipping, zoom and cropping to increase the diversity of samples and improve generalization.

Exploration of Regularization

Using **Dropout** to **limit overfitting** and **Batch Normalization** to **stabilize and accelerate**training.

Development of optimized models for classification

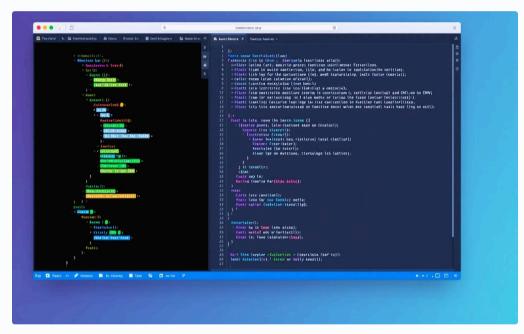
Optimization of a CNN model and an inspired ResNet model, including tuning of hyperparameters to increase accuracy and robustness.

Experimentation under adverse conditions

Testing the models in adverse environments including noise, movements and occlusions, to evaluate the robustness of the model.

Dataset and Data Preprocessing





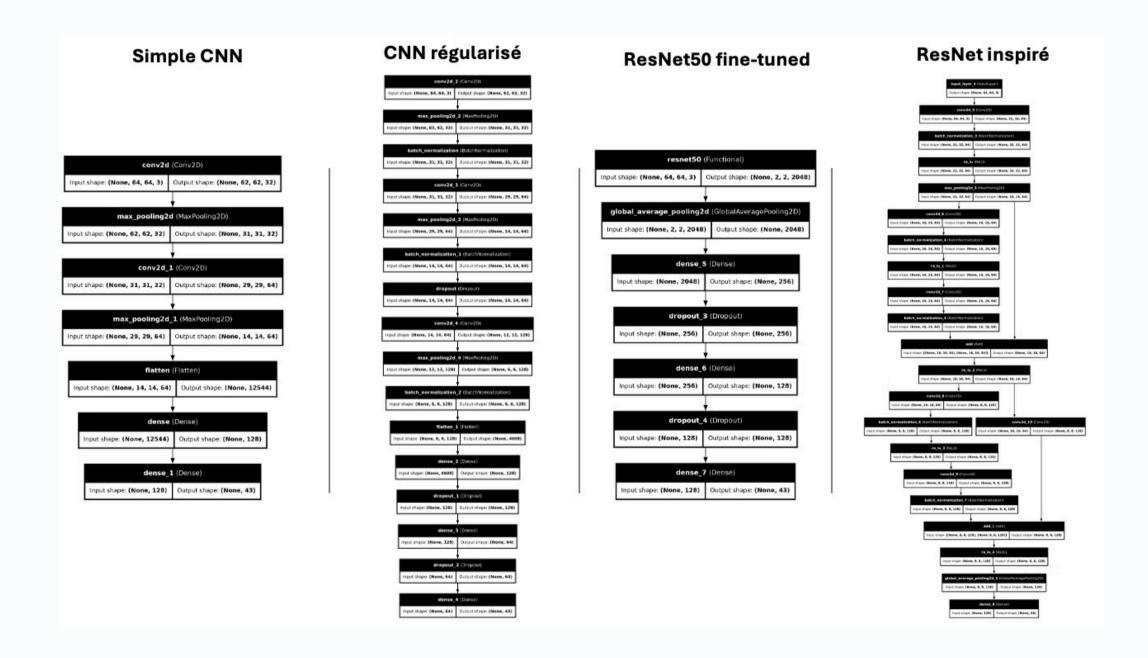
Introduction to the GTSRB Dataset

The **GTSRB** dataset is composed of thousands of images of **traffic signs**. It is used for the training and evaluation of computer vision models. It contains **43 distinct classes** of traffic signs, each image having metadata such as the **shape**, **color** and **ID** of the pictogram.

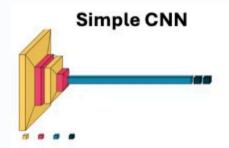
Data Preprocessing

Data preprocessing involves steps such as **resizing** and **normalizing** images, **dividing the data** into training, validation and test sets, **augmenting** the data to improve model robustness and **encoding** the labels using one-hot encoding.

Architecture

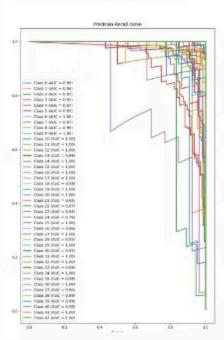


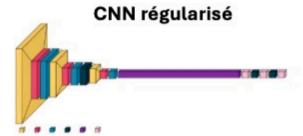
Methodology and Models



Précision : 93.4% Rappel : 94.0% F1-score : 93.9% AUC-ROC : 0.9988

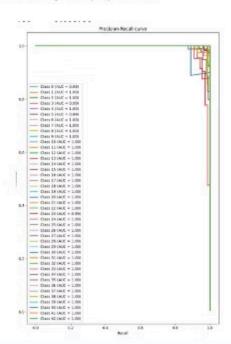
Précision Moyenne (AP): 0.9750

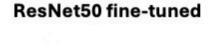




Précision : 98.6% Rappel : 98.6% F1-score : 98.6% AUC-ROC : 0.9999

Précision Moyenne (AP): 0.9987

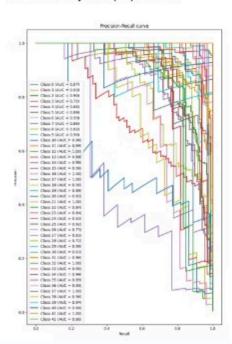


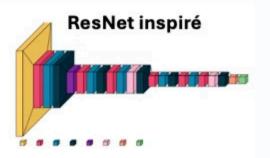


Stylized ResNet50 Transfer Learning

Précision : 84.2% Rappel : 84.2% F1-score : 84.2% AUC-ROC : 0.9941

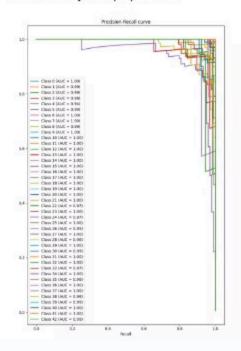
Précision Moyenne (AP): 0.9036



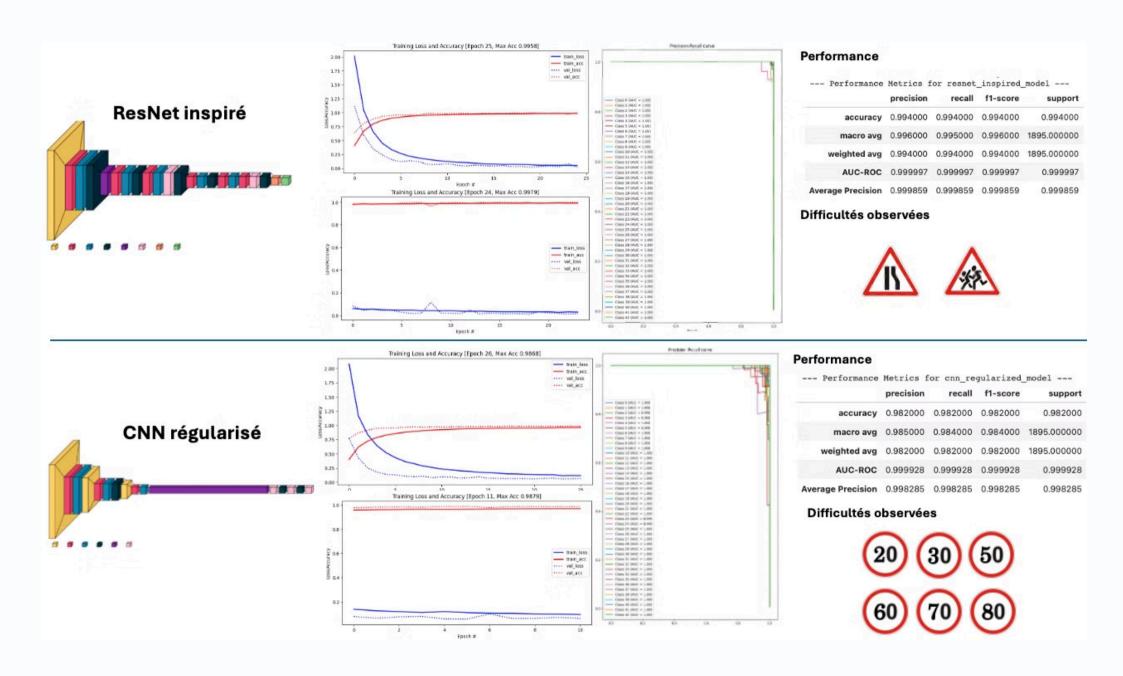


Précision: 94.7% Rappel: 94.7% F1-score: 94.6% AUC-ROC: 0.9996

Précision Moyenne (AP): 0.9930



Training and Experimentation



Results Analysis



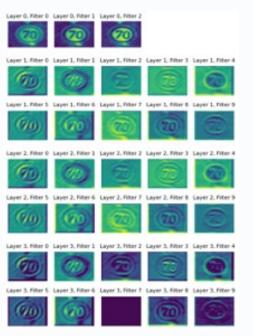
Layer Activations

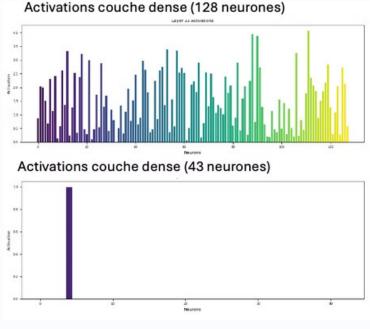
Activations of a CNN's layers reveal the specific features learned at each stage. Visualizing these activations helps understand the visual patterns detected and identify issues like overfitting.

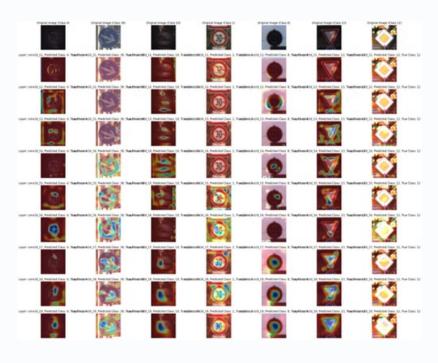


Grad-CAM Analysis

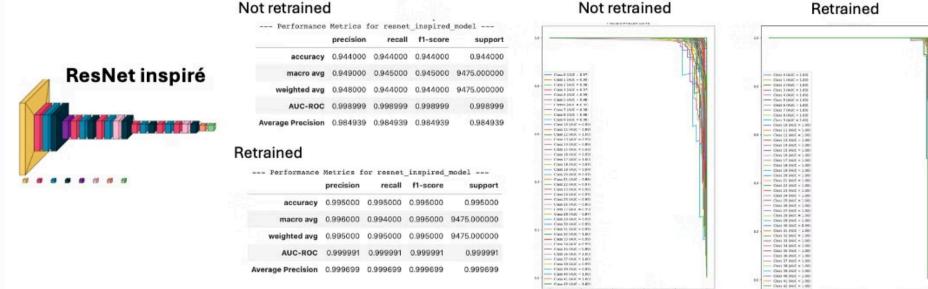
The **Grad-CAM** technique allows to visually identify the **areas that most influence the model's prediction**, thus evaluating the relevance of its choices.

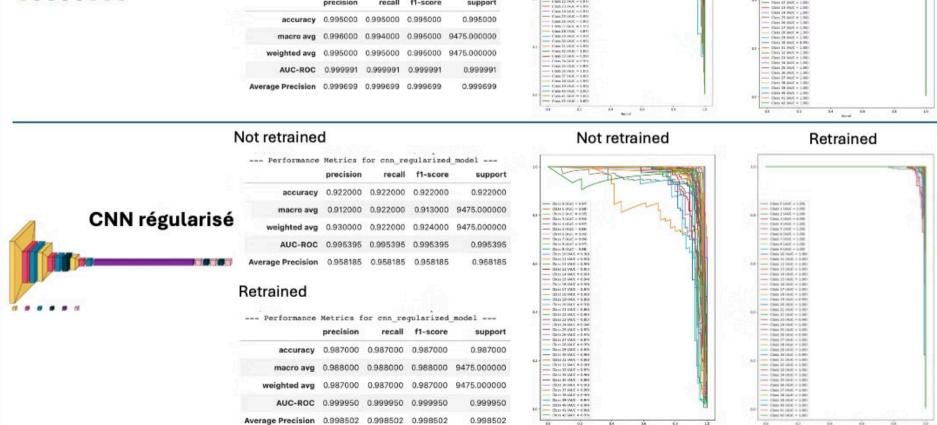






Adversarial Testing





Conclusion



Model Selection

The 'ResNet Inspired' model excels in challenging conditions, while the 'CNN Regularized' is better suited for limited resources.



Complexity and Performance

Performance is more dependent on the quality of the training than on the complexity of the model.



Lessons Learned

Importance of good notebook
management to optimize loading
times and ensure efficient
analysis.



Workflow

It is crucial to validate the consistency of the workflow before training a deep learning model.



Analysis Techniques

In-depth analysis using advanced techniques helps to optimize performance according to the problem to be solved.



Robustness

Deep architectures, such as "ResNet Inspired", are more resistant to noise, which is crucial

for real-world applications.