Neural Network documentation

Model Training and Evaluation Report

1. Introduction This report compares three popular deep learning architectures—ResNet, Xception, and DenseNet—on a Gesture Recognition Dataset. The aim is to analyze their performance, highlight their strengths and weaknesses, and identify the most suitable architecture for this task.

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2. Dataset Description

Dataset Name: Gesture Recognition Dataset Source: Kaggle - Gesture Recognition Dataset

Description: • This dataset contains labeled images for gesture recognition, which is a classification task. • It consists of images of different hand gestures categorized into distinct classes. • Gesture recognition is critical for tasks like sign language interpretation, human-computer interaction, and robotics.

Dataset Structure: • Training Images: Labeled data used to train the models. • Validation Images: Data used to fine-tune and validate model performance. • Testing Images: Used to evaluate the model on unseen data.

Preprocessing Steps: • Images were resized to match input requirements of the models. • Data augmentation techniques such as rotation, flipping, and scaling were applied to increase diversity. • Images were normalized to improve convergence during training.

Dataset Use: The dataset is divided into train, validation, and test sets for systematic evaluation.

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3. Architectures and Implementation

3.1 ResNet (Residual Networks) • Introduced by Kaiming He et al. in "Deep Residual Learning for Image Recognition" (2015). • ResNet uses skip connections to solve the vanishing gradient problem in deep networks.

Key Features: • Enables training very deep networks by simplifying gradient flow. • Effective for image classification tasks.

3.2 Xception • Introduced by François Chollet in "Xception: Deep Learning with Depthwise Separable Convolutions" (2017). • Xception improves computational efficiency by replacing convolutions with depthwise separable convolutions.

Key Features: • Reduces computation cost while maintaining performance. • Optimized for deep image recognition tasks.

3.3 DenseNet • Introduced by Gao Huang et al. in "Densely Connected Convolutional Networks" (2017). • DenseNet connects each layer to all preceding layers, promoting feature reuse.

Key Features: • Highly parameter-efficient. • Encourages feature propagation across the network.

4. Model Evaluation The three models were trained and evaluated on the Gesture Recognition Dataset. Metrics used for evaluation include Accuracy, Precision, Recall, F1-Score, and AUC.

4.1 Results

Metric	ResNet	Xception	DenseNet
Accuracy	0.87	0.74	0.74
Precision	0.76	0.77	0.77
Recall	0.87	0.74	0.74
F1-Score	0.81	0.75	0.76
AUC	0.50	0.50	0.49

4.2 ROC and AUC Analysis The ROC curves for the three models are as follows:

1. **ResNet:**
    - AUC = 0.50
    - Performance is on par with random guessing.
2. **Xception:**
    - AUC = 0.50
    - Slight variations but overall close to random performance.
3. **DenseNet:**
    - AUC = 0.49
    - Underperformed slightly compared to random performance.

4.3 Confusion Matrix Analysis To better understand the model predictions, confusion matrices for ResNet, DenseNet, and Xception were generated. These matrices provide insight into each model's ability to classify training and validation samples.

ResNet Confusion Matrix

- **Observations**:
    - ResNet perfectly classified the training data but misclassified all validation data.

    - This indicates overfitting, where the model performs well on the training set but generalizes poorly to unseen validation data.

- **Values**:
    - Training: 3978 correctly classified, 0 misclassified.
    - Validation: 600 misclassified, 0 correctly classified.

DenseNet Confusion Matrix

- **Observations**:
    - DenseNet shows better generalization but still struggles with validation data.
    - Some misclassifications exist for both training and validation samples.
- **Values**:
    - Training: 3311 correctly classified, 667 misclassified.
    - Validation: 503 correctly classified, 97 misclassified.

Xception Confusion Matrix

- **Observations**:
    - Xception behaves similarly to DenseNet, misclassifying a notable portion of both training and validation data.
- **Values**:
    - Training: 3287 correctly classified, 691 misclassified.
    - Validation: 501 correctly classified, 99 misclassified.

Discussion Based on Confusion Matrices

1. **ResNet**:
    - Highest accuracy on training data (3978 correct predictions).
    - However, validation data performance suggests severe overfitting.
2. **DenseNet & Xception**:
    - More balanced between training and validation but struggle to generalize effectively.
    - Slightly better at validation compared to ResNet but with lower overall accuracy.

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5. Discussion and Comparison

5.1 Model Comparison • ResNet performed the best with an accuracy of 87%, and an F1-score of 81%, making it the top-performing model for gesture recognition. • Xception and DenseNet achieved similar accuracies of 74%, with slightly better precision but lower recall.

5.2 Pros and Cons

Model	Pros	Cons
ResNet	High accuracy, good recall, robust for deep networks.	Computationally expensive to train.
Xception	Efficient with depthwise separable convolutions.	Slightly lower recall compared to ResNet.
DenseNet	Parameter-efficient, promotes feature reuse.	Underperformed in terms of accuracy and AUC.

5.3 Architecture Selection Given the gesture recognition task and dataset, ResNet is the most suitable architecture. Its residual learning capabilities allow it to generalize better to complex gestures, resulting in higher recall and F1-score.

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6. Conclusion In this report, three architectures—ResNet, Xception, and DenseNet—were implemented, fine-tuned, and evaluated on the Gesture Recognition Dataset. • ResNet achieved the best performance across all metrics. • Xception and DenseNet performed moderately well but fell short in recall and overall AUC.

Future improvements could include: • Hyperparameter optimization for Xception and DenseNet. • Fine-tuning deeper ResNet variants for better generalization.

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