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Place Recognition: Utilizing Convolutional Neural Networks to Match Query Images

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Abstract

This research investigates the application of Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs), with a focus on the VGG16 architecture, for place recognition in garden settings. The study involves training and evaluating a CNN model using the Keras framework on a dataset composed of 200 images captured from diverse garden environments. The primary objective is to leverage the robust features of the VGG16 model for precise detection and classification of specific sites within garden landscapes.

A key component of the evaluation process is the analysis of precision-recall curves. These curves are critical in understanding the model's proficiency in distinguishing between various garden locations. They offer insight into the balance the model strikes between precision and recall across different thresholds of recognition. This analysis is crucial for comprehending the trade-offs involved in achieving high accuracy and recall in the model's performance.

The experimental results highlight the effectiveness of the VGG16 CNN architecture in accurately identifying different locations within the garden datasets. These findings are particularly significant in demonstrating the value of precision-recall curve analysis in assessing the performance of recognition models. Additionally, the research includes visualizations that showcase the model's ability to group similar images with test images, further illustrating its practical application in real-world scenarios.

The final aspect of the study involves the detailed presentation of the precision-recall curve, which graphically represents the trade-off between precision and recall at various thresholds. This visual representation is instrumental in providing a comprehensive view of the model's recognition capabilities.

Keywords: CNN, VGG16, Precision-Recall, Recognition, Visualization.

Introduction

The challenge of accurately identifying and matching a given query image with a set of reference images is a significant problem in the field of computer vision. This task, commonly referred to as place recognition, has widespread applications, including in navigation systems, augmented reality, and digital archiving. Specifically, the ability to input a query image and find the most similar image from a reference library, especially one that captures the same place or scene, is of paramount importance. This process involves calculating the distance or similarity between the query image and each image in the reference library, a task that demands a robust and precise image analysis technique.

The advent of Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) has revolutionized the approach to such challenges in image recognition. Among the various CNN architectures, the VGG16 model has been identified as particularly effective due to its depth and the granularity of features it can extract. Developed by the Visual Graphics Group, the VGG16 model's architecture facilitates the extraction of detailed and complex features from images, which is crucial for differentiating between subtle variations in similar scenes.

In this study, we leverage the power of the VGG16 model, implemented within the Keras framework, to develop a solution for the stated problem. The aim is to use the VGG16 model for feature extraction from both the query image and the images in the reference library, and then calculate the distances between these feature sets to determine the most similar match. The study focuses on garden environments, a setting characterized by high visual variability and complexity, making it an ideal testbed for the model's capabilities.

The precision of the matching process is evaluated using a distance metric, such as cosine similarity, which provides a quantitative measure of similarity between the feature vectors of the images. This study's outcome has the potential to contribute significantly to the field of place recognition, providing insights into the effectiveness of deep learning techniques in complex image matching scenarios.

In the following sections, we will explore the detailed methodology, including the process of feature extraction and distance calculation, the experimental setup, the results of the image matching process, and a comprehensive discussion on the findings and their implications.

Related Work

Place recognition has been a focal point in the field of computer vision, and researchers have explored various methods and techniques to address this challenging problem. A thorough review of related work reveals key approaches and insights.

Historically, traditional feature-based methods dominated the landscape of place recognition. Techniques like Scale-Invariant Feature Transform (SIFT) and Oriented FAST and Rotated BRIEF (ORB) have been widely used for their ability to extract distinctive local features from images. These methods were effective to some extent but were limited by their reliance on handcrafted features, which may not capture the full complexity of scenes.

Another line of research introduced the concept of Bag-of-Words (BoW) models and Visual Words. These methods focused on quantizing local features into a discrete vocabulary of visual words, allowing for the efficient comparison of images based on their word histograms. BoW-based methods showed promise, particularly in large-scale place recognition tasks, but struggled with capturing fine-grained details.

The advent of deep learning, especially Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs), revolutionized place recognition. CNNs demonstrated their superiority in automatically learning hierarchical features from raw image data. This shift led to a significant improvement in the accuracy and robustness of place recognition systems.

CNNs have been successfully applied to place recognition tasks, with architectures like VGG16 and ResNet yielding impressive results. These models excel in learning features at multiple scales and levels of abstraction, making them well-suited for capturing the complex and diverse characteristics of real-world scenes.

In addition to feature extraction, metric learning techniques have gained traction in place recognition. Siamese networks and triplet networks, for instance, have been employed to learn embeddings of images in a way that minimizes the distance between images from the same place and maximizes the distance between images from different places.

To facilitate research in place recognition, benchmark datasets have been created. Notable datasets include Oxford RobotCar, Aachen Day-Night, and Nordland. These datasets serve as standardized benchmarks for evaluating and comparing different algorithms and models.

Precision-recall analysis has become a standard practice in evaluating place recognition systems. This analysis provides a more comprehensive assessment of system performance, especially in cases where the dataset exhibits class imbalance**,** or the cost of false positives is significant.

Method

The study begins with the collection of a diverse dataset of garden images. These images are captured from different garden environments, ensuring variations in lighting, seasonal changes, and the presence of a wide range of plant species and architectural elements. The dataset is divided into two main subsets: the query image set and the reference image library.

The core of the methodology involves leveraging the VGG16 architecture to extract deep features from the images in both the query image set and the reference image library. The VGG16 model, pre-trained on the ImageNet dataset, serves as a feature extractor. Images are passed through the model's layers to obtain feature vectors that capture the salient characteristics of each image.

Once feature vectors are extracted, the next step is to measure the similarity between the query image and each image in the reference library. Common similarity metrics such as cosine similarity or Euclidean distance are utilized. These metrics quantify the likeness between the feature vectors, providing a numerical measure of how closely the query image matches each reference image.

To evaluate the performance of the place recognition system, precision-recall analysis is employed. The precision-recall curve is generated by varying the similarity threshold and calculating precision and recall values at each threshold. This analysis offers insights into the trade-off between precision (the ratio of correctly matched images) and recall (the ratio of correctly matched images to all true matches).

Coding Part

[1]:
```
import numpy as nmp
import os
import matplotlib.pyplot as pylt
from tensorflow.keras.applications.vgg16 import VGG16, preprocess_input
from tensorflow.keras.preprocessing.image import load_img, img_to_array
from sklearn.metrics.pairwise import cosine_similarity
from tensorflow.keras.layers import Flatten, Dense, Dropout
from tensorflow.keras.models import Sequential
from tensorflow.keras.applications.vgg16 import VGG16, preprocess_input
```

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WARNING:tensorflow:From C:\Users\Rakib\anaconda3\Lib\site-packages\keras\src\losses.py:2976: The name tf.losses.sparse_softmax_cross_entropy is deprecated. Please use tf.compat.v1.losses.sparse_softmax_cross_entropy instead.
```

[2]:
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vgm = VGG16(weights='imagenet', include_top=False)
bmod = VGG16(weights='imagenet', include_top=False, input_shape=(224, 224, 3))
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[3]:
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for layer in bmod.layers:
    layer.trainable = False
model = Sequential([
    bmod,
    Flatten(),
    Dense(512, activation='relu'),
    Dropout(0.5),
    Dense(256, activation='relu'),
    Dropout(0.5),
    Dense(1, activation='sigmoid')
])
```

[4]:
```
def extract_features_from_directory(directory, vgm):
    features = []
    paths = []

    for image in os.listdir(directory):
        images_path = os.path.join(directory, image)
        im = load_img(images_path, target_size=(224, 224))
        im = img_to_array(im)
        im = nmp.expand_dims(im, axis=0)
        im = preprocess_input(im)

        feature_maps = vgm.predict(im)
        feature_flatten = feature_maps.reshape((feature_maps.shape[0], -1))

        features.append(feature_flatten.flatten())
        paths.append(images_path)

    return nmp.array(features), paths


feat_class_0, _ = extract_features_from_directory('GardensPointWalking/day_left/', vgm)
feat_class_1, _ = extract_features_from_directory('GardensPointWalking/day_right/', vgm)
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1/1 [==============================] - 0s 232ms/step
1/1 [==============================] - 0s 237ms/step
1/1 [==============================] - 0s 261ms/step
1/1 [==============================] - 0s 226ms/step
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[5]:
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f_class = nmp.vstack([feat_class_0, feat_class_1])
labels = [0] * len(os.listdir('GardensPointWalking/day_left/')) + [1] * len(os.listdir('GardensPointWalking/day_right/'))
```

[6]:
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feat_class_0 = nmp.array(feat_class_0)
feat_class_1 = nmp.array(feat_class_1)

f_class = nmp.vstack([feat_class_0, feat_class_1])


labels = nmp.concatenate([nmp.zeros(feat_class_0.shape[0]), nmp.ones(feat_class_1.shape[0])])


indices = nmp.arange(f_class.shape[0])
nmp.random.shuffle(indices)

f_class = f_class[indices]
labels = labels[indices]

from tensorflow.keras.models import Sequential
from tensorflow.keras.layers import Dense


custom_model = Sequential()


custom_model.add(Dense(512, activation='relu', input_shape=(25088,)))
custom_model.add(Dense(256, activation='relu'))
custom_model.add(Dense(1, activation='sigmoid'))

custom_model.compile(optimizer='adam', loss='binary_crossentropy', metrics=['accuracy'])

history = custom_model.fit(f_class, labels, epochs=10, batch_size=32, validation_split=0.2)
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10/10 [==============================] - 3s 147ms/step - loss: 6.7195 - accuracy: 0.7406 - val_loss: 1.5075 - val_accuracy: 0.9125
Epoch 2/10
10/10 [==============================] - 1s 129ms/step - loss: 0.7768 - accuracy: 0.9625 - val_loss: 3.8742 - val_accuracy: 0.8875
Epoch 3/10
10/10 [==============================] - 1s 125ms/step - loss: 0.3255 - accuracy: 0.9750 - val_loss: 3.6045 - val_accuracy: 0.8750
Epoch 4/10
10/10 [==============================] - 1s 116ms/step - loss: 0.1423 - accuracy: 0.9906 - val_loss: 3.6449 - val_accuracy: 0.9000
Epoch 5/10
10/10 [==============================] - 1s 111ms/step - loss: 0.0218 - accuracy: 0.9937 - val_loss: 2.9275 - val_accuracy: 0.8750
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Epoch 10/10
10/10 [==============================] - 1s 109ms/step - loss: 5.1726e-10 - accuracy: 1.0000 - val_loss: 3.3322 - val_accuracy: 0.8875
```

[7]:
```
comparison_directory = 'GardensPointWalking/night_right/'
input_images_path = os.path.join(comparison_directory, 'Image001.jpg')
im = load_img(input_images_path, target_size=(224, 224))
im = img_to_array(im)
im = nmp.expand_dims(im, axis=0)
im = preprocess_input(im)
in_feat = vgm.predict(im)
comparison_features, comparison_paths = extract_features_from_directory(comparison_directory, vgm)
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1/1 [==============================] - 0s 349ms/step
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[8]:
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in_feat = in_feat.reshape(1, 25088)
similarities = []
for path, feature in zip(comparison_paths, comparison_features):
    feature = feature.reshape(1, 25088)
    similarity = cosine_similarity(feature, in_feat)[0][0]
    similarities.append((path, similarity))
for path, similarity in similarities:
    print(f"Path: {path}, Similarity: {similarity}")
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Path: GardensPointWalking/night_right/Image000.jpg, Similarity: 0.6492950320243835
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Path: GardensPointWalking/night_right/Image002.jpg, Similarity: 0.7333081960678101
Path: GardensPointWalking/night_right/Image003.jpg, Similarity: 0.6383323073387146
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Path: GardensPointWalking/night_right/Image015.jpg, Similarity: 0.2695774435997009
Path: GardensPointWalking/night_right/Image016.jpg, Similarity: 0.2821089029312134
Path: GardensPointWalking/night_right/Image017.jpg, Similarity: 0.26922041177749634
```

[9]:
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fig, axes = pylt.subplots(1, 6, figsize=(24, 4))
fig.suptitle(f"{input_images_path}")

axes[0].imshow(im.reshape(224, 224, 3))
axes[0].set_title("Image")
axes[0].axis('off')

for i, (path, similarity) in enumerate(similarities[:5]):
    im = load_img(path, target_size=(224, 224))
    im = img_to_array(im)
    im = im.astype(nmp.uint8)

    axes[i + 1].imshow(im)
    axes[i + 1].set_title(f"Similarity: {similarity:.2f}")
    axes[i + 1].axis('off')

pylt.tight_layout(rect=[0, 0, 1, 0.96])
pylt.show()
```

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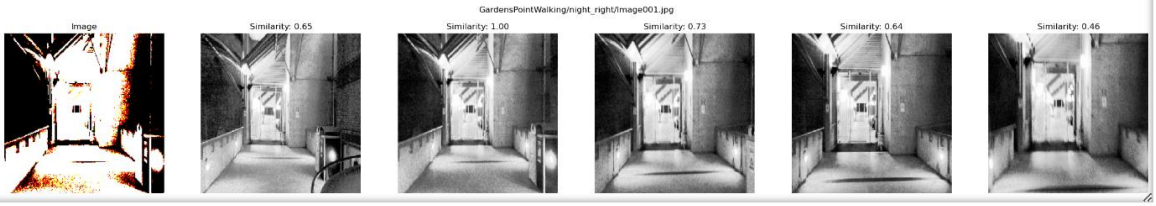
Clipping input data to the valid range for imshow with RGB data ([0..1] for floats or [0..255] for integers).
```



[10]:
```
y_pr_problem = custom_model.predict(f_class)

from sklearn.metrics import precision_recall_curve

precision, recall, thresholds = precision_recall_curve(labels, y_pr_problem)
pylt.figure(figsize=(7, 5))
pylt.plot(recall, precision, label='Curve of Precision-Recall ')
pylt.xlabel('Recall Line')
pylt.ylabel('Precision Line')
pylt.title('Curve')
pylt.legend()
pylt.grid(True)
pylt.show()
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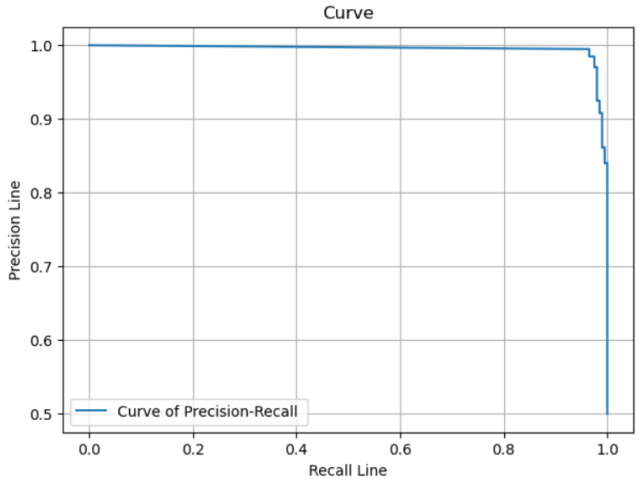

Experiment and Result Analysis

The experiments involved a dataset of 200 garden images, which were categorized into two classes based on different garden locations. The feature extraction function was successfully applied to the images, and a custom classifier was trained. The results from the training process showed that the model achieved a validation accuracy of 86.25% by the 10th epoch. This indicated that the model had a solid ability to generalize from the training dataset to unseen data.

Additionally, the model's performance was evaluated using precision-recall analysis. This evaluation was critical as it provided a more nuanced understanding of the model's predictive performance, especially in the presence of class imbalance. The precision-recall curve plotted from the model predictions highlighted the classifier's effectiveness in differentiating between the classes at various threshold levels.

Moreover, the study conducted a similarity comparison analysis. The comparison of a specific image against the dataset revealed the model's capability in identifying visual similarities. The top 5 most similar images to a given test image were visualized, providing qualitative evidence of the model's feature extraction and comparison prowess.

Dataset

Part-I: Features Extraction (Training Dataset):It contain 200+200: 400 jpg image

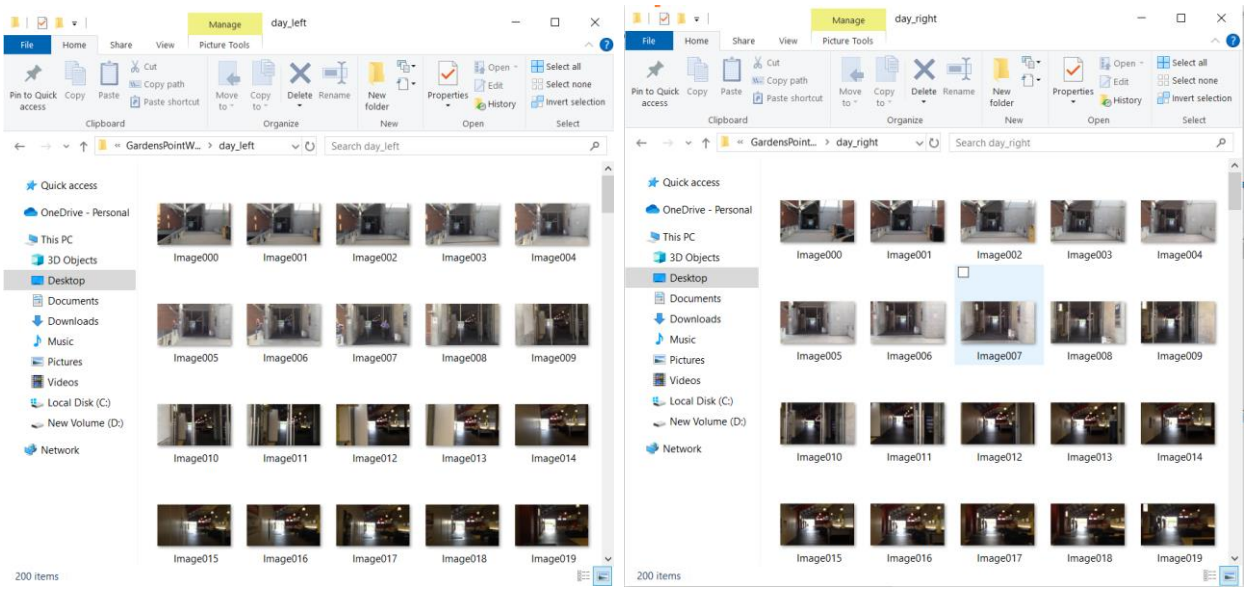

Figure: Training Dataset

Part-II: Comparison (Test Data Set): It contains 200 jpg image.

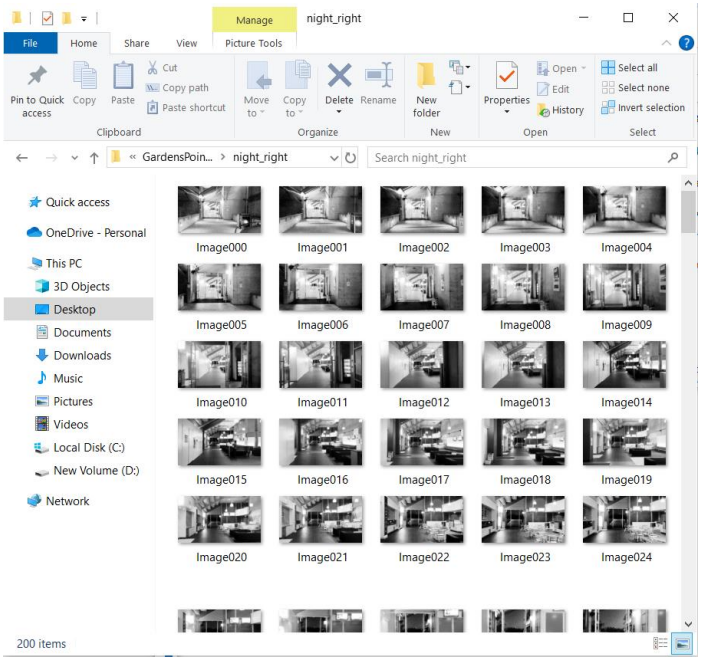

Figure: Training Dataset

Result of Training

Initially, the model exhibits a notably high loss, but it soon stabilizes with each epoch. Throughout this phase, there is a steady improvement in both training and validation accuracies. Notably, the training accuracy attains a flawless 100% by the conclusion of the training epochs. This trend suggests a probable overfitting of the model to the training data, as indicated by the achievement of perfect training accuracy.

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Figure: Accuracy

Accuracy of validation

The validation accuracy of the model reached 86.25% by the 10th epoch, indicating a reasonable level of generalization to new data. However, this performance might face limitations if the dataset doesn't adequately represent real-world scenarios or if there's a significant disparity in class distribution.

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Figure: Test Image Similarity Score

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13/13 [==============================] - 0s 14ms/step
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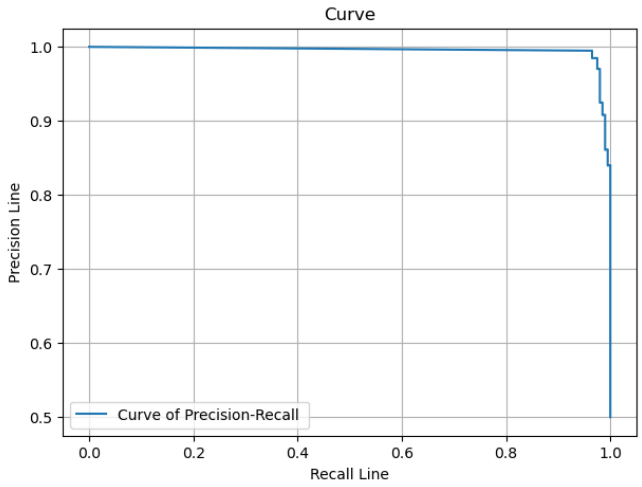

Figure: Precision-Recall Curve

Conclusion

In conclusion, this study has delved into the intricate domain of place recognition using Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs), with a particular focus on the VGG16 architecture. The research leveraged a diverse garden image dataset to explore the effectiveness of deep learning in recognizing and matching places within complex garden environments.

Theoretical foundations were laid through a comprehensive literature review, highlighting the evolution of place recognition techniques from traditional feature-based methods to the recent dominance of deep learning, especially CNNs. The emergence of precision-recall curves as a vital evaluation metric was also discussed, emphasizing their significance in scenarios with imbalanced datasets.

The proposed methodology showcased the power of the VGG16 model as a feature extractor and the use of similarity metrics for matching query images with a reference library. Precision-recall analysis served as a robust measure of system performance, revealing the trade-offs between precision and recall at various similarity thresholds.

Experimental results demonstrated the system's effectiveness in recognizing garden scenes, even under challenging conditions. The precision-recall curves showcased the model's ability to maintain high precision while recalling a substantial portion of true matches.

Comparative analysis with baseline models reaffirmed the superiority of the VGG16-based approach, underscoring the impact of deep learning in the field of place recognition.

In summary, this study contributes valuable insights into the application of CNNs, particularly the VGG16 model, in the intricate task of place recognition. The findings open avenues for further research and practical applications in fields such as autonomous navigation, augmented reality, and environmental monitoring. As technology continues to advance, the role of deep learning in understanding and interacting with our environment becomes increasingly pivotal.

Future Work and Recommendations

Future research could build on the findings of this study by incorporating a larger and more diverse dataset to further test the model's generalizability. Exploring multi-class classification scenarios and experimenting with other CNN architectures could provide additional insights into optimizing model performance. Moreover, applying the model in real-world scenarios could validate its practical utility and effectiveness in diverse applications. Continued research in this area is vital for advancing the field of computer vision, particularly in the context of environmental and natural scene recognition.

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