

Assignment: Animal Image Classification using Deep Learning

Objective:

You are tasked with building and evaluating an image classification model to classify animal images (e.g., Cat, Dog, Horse) using a pre-trained deep learning model.

Tasks:

1. Data Preparation:

- Load the animal image dataset.
- Perform basic preprocessing:
 - Resize all images to **224x224**.
 - Normalize the pixel values to `[0, 1]`.

2. Model Selection:

- Use a pre-trained model (e.g., **MobileNetV2**, **ResNet50**, or **VGG16**) from TensorFlow/Keras.
- Fine-tune the model for **animal image classification** by replacing the last layer with a **softmax output layer**.

3. Model Training:

- Split the dataset into **training** and **validation** sets (80%-20% split).
- Train the model for **10 epochs**.
- Use **accuracy** as the evaluation metric.

4. Model Evaluation:

- Evaluate the trained model on the validation set.
- Report:
 - Accuracy on the validation set.
 - Confusion Matrix.

5. Visualization:

- Plot the **training and validation accuracy/loss** over the epochs.
 - Display a few **misclassified images** with their predicted and true labels.
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Submission Requirements:

- Submit a **Python script** or **Jupyter Notebook** containing:
 - Code for each task.
 - Final evaluation results and visualizations.
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Bonus Task (Optional):

- Perform **data augmentation** (e.g., rotation, flipping, zoom) to improve model performance.