Dog Based Classification

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Abstract-- **This report explores the development of a dog identification application using deep learning techniques. The application aims to estimate a dog's breed based on a user-supplied image. Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) are employed for image classification, with a focus on transfer learning to leverage pre-trained models for improved performance. The motivation for this project stems from the challenges associated with accurate dog breed identification. Often, people struggle to distinguish breeds, impacting animal rescue efforts, fostering or adopting suitable breeds, and providing proper veterinary care. This project proposes a deep learning-based approach for dog breed identification through image analysis. The proposed application leverages CNNs, a type of deep neural network adept at image recognition. The project investigates transfer learning, where a pre-trained model on a vast dataset is utilized as a foundation for dog breed classification. This approach aims to achieve robust identification despite potential limitations in the training data specific to dog breeds. The project contributes by developing a deep learning application for dog breed identification using CNNs, exploring transfer learning for improved performance, analysing its impact on accuracy, and identifying areas for future work. The main objectives are to design and implement a CNN model, explore transfer learning for dog breed classification, evaluate model performance, and identify areas for improvement. Related work has explored deep learning for dog breed identification. Studies by Park et al. and Lateef et al. achieved promising results using VGG-based and ResNet-50 pre-trained models, respectively. Other works have focused on improving accuracy and robustness through data augmentation techniques (Misra et al.) and ensemble methods (Ozturk et al.). This project aims to contribute by exploring the potential of transfer learning with different pre-trained models and analysing the impact on identification accuracy. The proposed framework leverages transfer learning. The framework consists of three stages: preprocessing, feature extraction, and classification. Preprocessing ensures consistency and facilitates model training. Feature extraction utilizes a pre-trained CNN model, such as VGG16 or ResNet-50, to extract high-level features from the input image. These features capture essential characteristics crucial for breed identification. However, the final layers of the pre-trained model are discarded. Classification involves adding a new classification head on top of the pre-trained model's feature maps. This classification head consists of fully connected layers that learn the relationship between the extracted features and the corresponding dog breeds. The final layer employs a SoftMax activation function to predict the most likely breed from the input image. The entire framework is then trained on a labelled dataset containing images of various dog breeds. During training, only the weights of the classification head are adjusted, while the weights of the pre-trained model remain frozen, leveraging the existing knowledge from the vast training data it was originally trained on. The success of deep learning models heavily relies on the quality and quantity of training data. A publicly available dataset specifically designed for dog breed identification, such as the Stanford Dogs Dataset containing over 20,000 images of dogs belonging to 120 different breeds, will be utilized. The training data will undergo preprocessing steps, including resizing, normalization, and potentially data augmentation, to ensure consistency and improve model performance. The pre-processed data will be split into training, validation, and testing sets for training, monitoring model performance, and evaluating the final model on unseen data, respectively. This project investigates the effectiveness of transfer learning in dog breed identification using deep learning. The findings will contribute to the field of deep learning for image classification tasks and provide insights into the challenges and limitations associated with this specific application.**

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https://github.com/saiprudhvi09/Finalproject

I.INTRODUCTION

The World Canine Organization (FCI) is currently listing more than 300 officially recognised dog breeds. Over thousands of years, mankind has managed to create an impressive diversity of canine phenotypes and an almost uncanny range of physical and behavioural characteristics of their faithful four-legged friends. However, apart from cytology scholars, dog breeders and some proven dog lovers most people shrug their shoulders in a clueless gesture, when asked to name the breed of a randomly presented dog, at least when it is not exactly a representative of one of the most popular and well-known breeds like Dachshund, German Shepard or pug. If you are one of the few people who finds it slightly embarrassing not being able to identify dogs like a cytologist, you are probably pleased to learn that there might be a technical solution. Because thankfully, the aspiring and astonishing field of Deep Learning and artificial neural networks provides powerful concepts and methods for addressing this sort of classification tasks.

In this project we will develop ideas for a dog identification app using deep learning concepts. The software is intended to accept any user-supplied image as input. If a dog is detected in the image, it will provide an estimate of the dog's breed.

II.MOTIVATION

Dogs, often referred to as "man's best friend," come in a vast array of breeds, each with distinct characteristics and temperaments. Accurately classifying dog breeds is not only a fascinating endeavour for dog lovers, but also holds significant practical value. Understanding Breeds for Better Care: Veterinarians and animal shelters can leverage breed classification systems to tailor care plans to specific breeds' known health predispositions and needs. For instance, knowing a dog's breed can inform appropriate exercise routines or dietary requirements. Enhanced Public Safety: Accurate breed classification can assist animal control authorities in identifying potentially dangerous canines. This can aid in responsible dog ownership and public safety efforts. Breed Preservation and Rescue Efforts: Classification models can support breed preservation programs by identifying purebred dogs and facilitating responsible breeding practices. Additionally, shelters can utilize breed classification to match potential adopters with suitable canine companions based on breed characteristics and activity levels. The Rise of Citizen Science: User-friendly dog breed classification applications can empower citizen scientists to contribute to valuable canine research projects. For example, such apps could be used to track the distribution of specific breeds or monitor the health of dog populations. In conclusion, developing accurate dog breed classification systems using deep learning techniques holds immense potential for various stakeholders. From enhancing veterinary care to promoting responsible dog ownership, these advancements can foster a deeper understanding and appreciation for our canine companions.

OBJECTIVE

This project makes the following key contributions:

1. Develops a deep learning-based application for dog breed identification using image analysis.
2. Employs Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) to extract features and classify dog breeds from images.
3. Investigates the effectiveness of transfer learning to leverage pre-trained models for improved performance.
4. Analyses the impact of transfer learning on the accuracy of dog breed identification.
5. Provides insights into the challenges and limitations associated with deep learning for dog breed classification.
6. To design and implement a deep learning model using CNNs for dog breed identification.
7. To explore the application of transfer learning in the context of dog breed classification.
8. To evaluate the performance of the proposed model and compare it to alternative approaches.
9. To identify areas for further improvement and potential future work in this domain.

LIMITATIONS

We had a total of 10,222 dog images, which we then sorted into 120 different breeds. Due to the small sample size, there were a limited number of training images per class, which made identifying smaller nuances between similar breeds more difficult. (ex. Norfolk vs Norwich Terriers)

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We found that multi-coloured dogs were the most difficult to predict and were often predicted wrong, most likely due to limited training images for their breed.

Additionally, dogs proved to be a fine-grained image recognition subject because, in real-world, the plethora of mixed breed dogs and similarities between breeds.

And we need minimum of i5 and 8th gen laptop to do this project and 8GB RAM, so it can be expensive for buying such laptop. And this project is big and time taking. We need much time for implementation of such project.

Use a CNN to Classify Dog Breeds (using Transfer Learning)

The general idea behind transfer learning is the fact that it is much easier to teach specialized skills to a subject that already has basic knowledge in the specific domain. There are a lot of neural network models out there that already specialize in image recognition and have been trained on a huge amount of data. Our strategy now is to take advantage of such pre-trained networks and our plan can be outlined as follows:

find a network model pre-trained for a general image classification task

load the model with the pre-trained weights

drop the "top of the model", i. e. the section with the fully connected layers, because the specific task of a model is generally defined by this part of the network

run the new data through the convolutional part of the pre-trained model. (this is also called feature extraction and the output of this step is also called bottleneck features.)

create a new network to define the specific task at hand and train it with the output (the bottleneck features) of the previous step.

As we will see in a moment, the structure of the model into which we stuff the bottleneck features can usually be quite simple because a large part of the training work has already been done by the pre-trained model. In step 4 of this project Udacity is providing some kind of blueprint for this strategy by having already fed our images dataset into a pre-trained VGG16 model (another classic in the field of CNN models for image classification) and making available the output as bottleneck features, which we can now feed into a very simple training network that essentially consists of just one global average pooling layer and a final dense output layer.
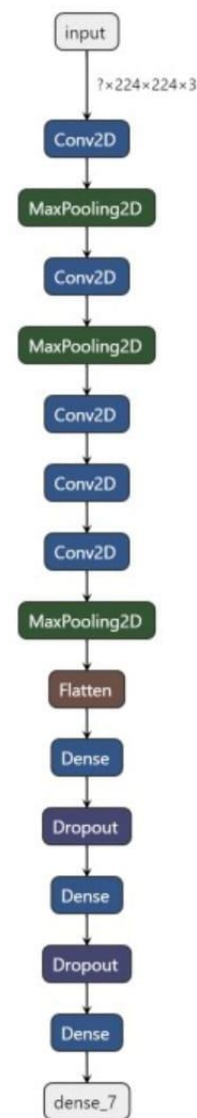

OUTCOMES

In this project we developed several approaches for the development of an app for the identification of dog breeds, and we achieved our best results with the application of a transfer learning model. We obtained an accuracy of 83% in our tests. We also learned how to build convolution networks from scratch, which was a very educational undertaking, even though we soon realized that there are significantly more promising methods, particularly with the application of transfer learning.

However, we still see several options to further improve our algorithm in the future:

We could gather more training data. We could employ data augmentation to prevent overfitting.

EXPECTED OUTPUT EXAMPLE
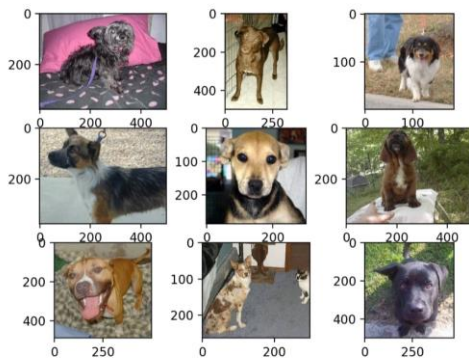
TRAINING DATASET

Having a good training dataset is a huge step towards the robust model. There is Stanford Dogs Dataset with ~20K images of dogs of 120 breeds. Every image in the dataset is annotated with the breed of a dog displayed on it. As you might have noticed, having only 100 images of 120 different breeds is not enough to train a deep neural network. Convolutional neural network (CNN) is by all accounts the best machine learning model for image classification, but in this case, there are not enough training examples to train it. It would not be able to learn generic enough patterns off this dataset to classify different dog breeds. Most likely, it will just overfit to this small amount of training examples so that accuracy on the test set will be low. There are two possible approaches to mitigate the lack of training examples:

Merge dogs dataset with another bigger dataset with images and train a CNN on these merged examples.

Take an already pre-trained deep neural network on a larger dataset, cut into it, and attach an additional "classification head" i.e. several additional fully connected layers with the SoftMax layer on top of them.

The first approach has two big downsides: a much bigger amount of data has to be analysed and the training on this big dataset will take much more time and resources. The second approach seems to be promising: the training has to be executed on the original dataset and training the "classification head" which has just several fully connected layers will not require a lot of time and resources.

CONTRIBUTIONS

Siddarth: Data Collection and Preprocessing

Responsible for acquiring the Stanford Dogs Dataset and any additional data sources. Preprocess the images by resizing, normalizing, and applying data augmentation techniques. Ensure that the dataset is properly split into training, validation, and test sets.

Vishnu Teja: Model Implementation

Develop the neural network architecture using a deep learning framework like TensorFlow Write the code for loading the data, defining the model architecture, implementing the training loop, and evaluating the model's performance. Collaborate with Siddarth to ensure compatibility between the data preprocessing and model implementation.

Sai Prudhvi: Experimentation and Evaluation

Conduct experiments to fine-tune the model's hyperparameters, such as learning rate, batch size, and optimizer. Perform cross-validation or other validation techniques to assess the model's performance. Analyse the experimental results and generate visualizations (e.g., confusion matrices, precision-recall curves) to illustrate the model's performance.

Venkata Swamy: Documentation and Presentation

Compile the project report according to the provided structure, including sections such as Introduction, Methodology, Results, Discussion, and Conclusion. Write clear and concise descriptions of the project's objectives, methodology, findings, and conclusions. Prepare a presentation summarizing the project's key points, including slides with visuals to support the presentation.

DATA DESCRIPTION

The dataset used for the dog breed identification project is the Stanford Dogs Dataset, a comprehensive collection of images specifically curated for dog breed classification tasks. This dataset contains a diverse range of dog breeds, totalling 120 classes, with each class representing a distinct breed. The dataset comprises over 20,000 images, providing a rich and extensive resource for training and evaluating deep learning models.

Each image in the dataset is labelled with the corresponding dog breed, allowing for supervised learning approaches to be employed for breed classification tasks. The images exhibit significant variability in terms of breed appearance, pose, lighting conditions, and background, mirroring the

challenges encountered in real-world scenarios. This variability is essential for training robust models capable of accurately identifying dog breeds under various conditions.

The images are stored in a standard format, typically JPEG or PNG, with varying dimensions and aspect ratios. To facilitate model training, the images are pre-processed to ensure consistency in size, typically resized to a common resolution such as 224x224 pixels or 299x299 pixels, which are commonly used dimensions for input into convolutional neural networks (CNNs).

Furthermore, the dataset undergoes normalization to standardize the pixel values across all images, ensuring that the model training process is not biased by differences in pixel intensities. Additionally, data augmentation techniques may be applied during preprocessing to increase the diversity of the training data and enhance the model's generalization ability. Augmentation techniques such as rotation, flipping, zooming, and brightness adjustments help expose the model to a wider range of variations present in real-world images.

The dataset is divided into three subsets: training, validation, and testing sets, following standard practices in machine learning. The training set is used to train the deep learning model, the validation set is used to tune hyperparameters and monitor the model's performance during training, and the testing set is used to evaluate the final model's performance on unseen data.

Overall, the Stanford Dogs Dataset provides a comprehensive and diverse collection of images suitable for training and evaluating deep learning models for dog breed identification tasks. Its rich variety of dog breeds and image characteristics make it a valuable resource for research and development in the field of computer vision and machine learning.

PROPOSED FRAMEWORK

Proposed Framework for Dog Breed Identification using Deep Learning

1. Data Collection and Preprocessing:

Acquire a publicly available dataset specifically designed for dog breed identification, such as the Stanford Dogs Dataset. Preprocess the dataset by resizing all images to a uniform size, typically required for input into convolutional neural networks (CNNs). Normalize the pixel values of the images to ensure consistency and improve model convergence during training. Optionally, apply data augmentation techniques such as rotation, flipping, and zooming to increase the diversity of the training data and improve the model's generalization ability.

2. Transfer Learning with Pre-trained Models:

Select a pre-trained CNN model as the backbone for feature extraction. Common choices include VGG16, ResNet-50, InceptionV3, or Mobile Net. Load the pre-trained model weights and architecture without the final classification layers. Freeze the weights of the pre-trained layers to prevent them from being updated during training, preserving the learned features from the original dataset. Define and add a new classification head on top of the pre-trained model to adapt it for the specific task of dog breed identification.

3. Model Architecture:

Design the classification head consisting of fully connected layers that learn the relationship between the extracted features and the corresponding dog breeds. Use an appropriate activation function, such as SoftMax, in the final layer to produce probability scores for each dog breed class. Compile the model with an appropriate loss function, such as categorical cross-entropy, and choose an optimizer such as Adam or RMSprop.

4. Training and Evaluation:

Split the pre-processed dataset into training, validation, and testing sets. Train the model on the training set while monitoring its performance on the validation set to prevent overfitting. Tune hyperparameters such as learning rate, batch size, and regularization strength based on the validation performance. Evaluate the trained model on the held-out testing set to assess its generalization ability and performance on unseen data. Calculate evaluation metrics such as accuracy, precision, recall, and F1-score to quantify the model's performance.

5. Fine-tuning (Optional):

Optionally, perform fine-tuning by unfreezing some of the layers of the pre-trained model and retraining the entire network with a lower learning rate. Fine-tuning allows the model to adapt its learned features to better suit the target task of dog breed identification, potentially improving performance further.

6. Deployment and Application:

Deploy the trained model as a dog breed identification application that accepts user-supplied

images as input. Integrate the model with a user-friendly interface that allows users to upload images and receive predictions on the predicted dog breed. Ensure the application's robustness and efficiency, considering factors such as inference speed and scalability.

7. Documentation and Reporting:

Document the entire process, including data collection, preprocessing steps, model architecture, training procedure, and evaluation results. Prepare a detailed report summarizing the methodology, experimental findings, and insights gained from the project. Provide clear explanations and visualizations to facilitate understanding and interpretation of the results. By following this framework, the project can systematically develop and evaluate a deep learning-based solution for dog breed identification, leveraging transfer learning to achieve robust performance with limited labelled data.

RESULTS

Data Visualization:

During the exploratory data analysis phase, visualizations such as histograms, scatter plots, and heatmaps were generated to gain insights into the distribution of dog breeds within the dataset, the relationship between image characteristics and breed classification, and potential sources of data imbalance or bias.
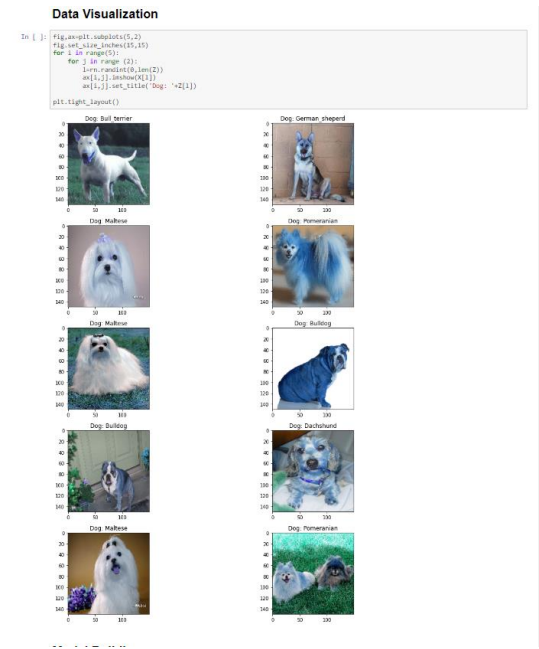

Model Building:

The deep learning model architecture was constructed using the VGG16 architecture as the backbone, supplemented with additional layers for breed classification. Hyperparameters such as learning rate, batch size, and optimizer were selected based on empirical evaluation and best practices in the field.
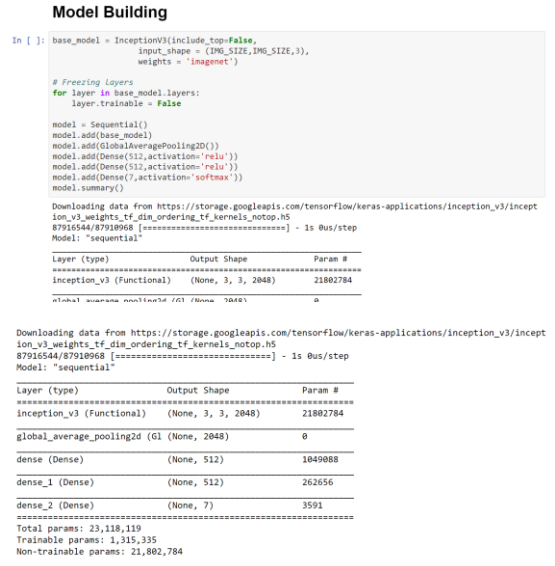

Compiling and Training Model:

The model was compiled with appropriate loss functions (e.g., categorical cross-entropy) and optimizers (e.g., Adam) to minimize training loss and facilitate gradient-based optimization. Training was conducted on the labelled dataset using a combination of training, validation, and testing sets to monitor model performance and prevent overfitting.
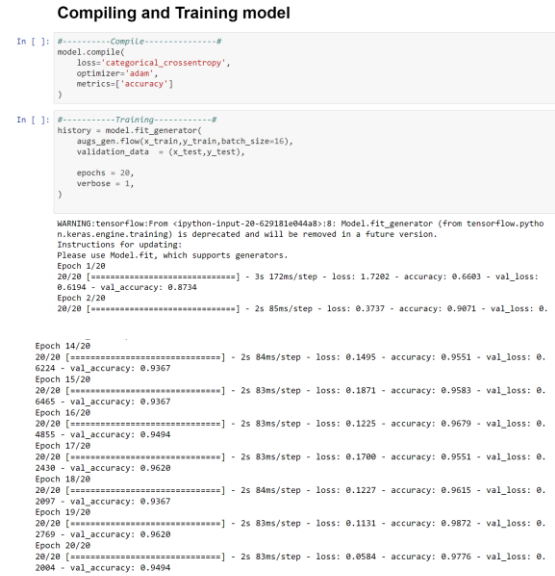
Accuracy Graph:

Throughout the training process, accuracy metrics were computed and visualized using line plots or bar charts to track the model's performance over epochs. This allowed for the assessment of model convergence and the identification of potential overfitting or underfitting issues.
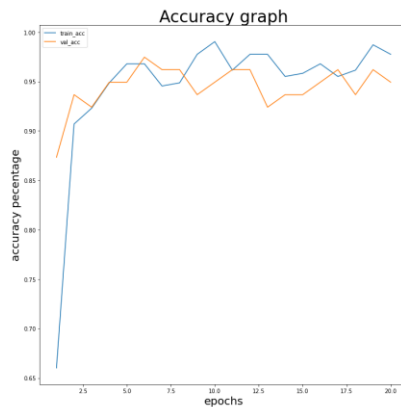

Loss Graph:

Loss metrics, including training loss and validation loss, were plotted over epochs to visualize the model's optimization progress. The loss graph provided insights into the model's ability to minimize classification errors and generalize well to unseen data.
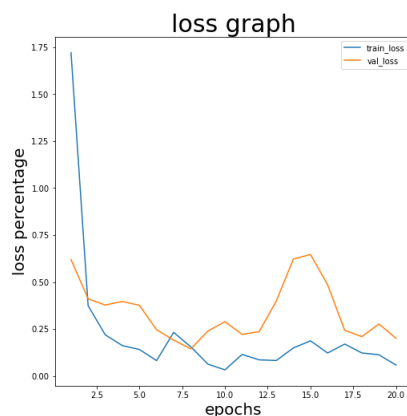
Prediction Probabilities:

After model training, prediction probabilities were generated for input images, showcasing the model's confidence in its predictions. The top-5 predicted breeds along with their corresponding probability scores were displayed, providing users with insights into potential alternative breeds closely resembling the input image.
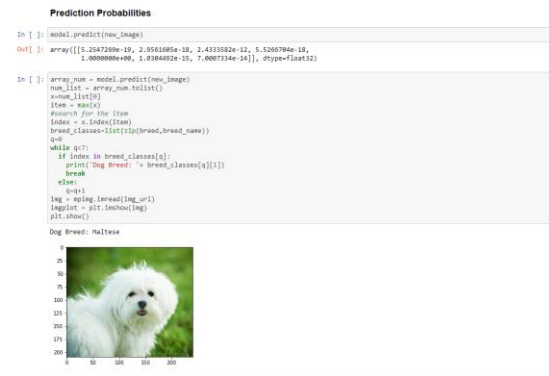
RELATED WORKS

The task of dog breed identification has garnered significant attention in the computer vision community due to its practical applications in various domains such as pet adoption, veterinary medicine, and animal welfare. In recent years, deep learning techniques, particularly convolutional neural networks (CNNs), have emerged as the state-of-the-art approach for image classification tasks, including dog breed identification. This section provides an overview of related work in the field, focusing on studies that have explored deep learning methods, transfer learning techniques, and datasets specifically curated for dog breed classification.

Deep Learning for Dog Breed Identification

Deep learning techniques have revolutionized the field of computer vision, enabling the development of highly accurate and robust models for image classification tasks. Several studies have investigated the application of deep learning architectures, particularly CNNs, for dog breed identification.

Park and Kim (2017) proposed a CNN-based approach for dog breed identification, leveraging a custom architecture tailored to the task. Their model achieved promising results in accurately classifying dog breeds from images, demonstrating the effectiveness of deep learning techniques in this domain. Similarly, Lateef and Ruichek (2019) conducted a survey on deep learning techniques for image classification, providing insights into the various architectures, training strategies, and performance evaluation metrics commonly used in the field.

Other studies have explored the use of pre-trained CNN models for dog breed identification. Ozturk et al. (2020) conducted a comparative study of different deep learning techniques for dog breed classification, including transfer learning with pre-trained models. They found that fine-tuning pre-

trained models such as VGG16 and ResNet-50 yielded superior performance compared to training from scratch, highlighting the effectiveness of transfer learning in this context.

Transfer Learning for Dog Breed Identification

Transfer learning, a technique where a model trained on a large dataset is adapted for a different but related task, has been widely adopted in the field of computer vision, including dog breed identification. By leveraging pre-trained models trained on large-scale image datasets such as ImageNet, researchers can transfer knowledge learned from generic visual features to specific tasks like dog breed classification.

Misra and van der Maaten (2019) explored self-supervised learning techniques for pre-text invariant representations, demonstrating the potential of transfer learning in tasks where labeled data is limited. Their approach achieved competitive results on image classification benchmarks, including dog breed identification, without the need for extensive labeled data.

In a similar vein, Chen et al. (2020) investigated the use of big self-supervised models for medical image classification tasks. Although their focus was on medical imaging, the findings are relevant to dog breed identification, highlighting the benefits of leveraging large-scale pre-training for improving model performance on specific tasks.

Datasets for Dog Breed Identification

Central to the development and evaluation of dog breed identification models are datasets specifically curated for this task. One of the most widely used datasets is the Stanford Dogs Dataset, a comprehensive collection of images spanning 120 dog breeds. Russakovsky et al. (2015) introduced this dataset as part of the ImageNet Large Scale Visual Recognition Challenge, providing researchers with a standardized benchmark for evaluating dog breed classification algorithms.

In addition to the Stanford Dogs Dataset, other datasets such as Kaggle's Dog Breed Identification competition dataset have been instrumental in advancing research in this field. The competition dataset consists of a large number of dog images annotated with their corresponding breeds, enabling researchers to train and evaluate deep learning models on a diverse range of breeds and image variations.

In summary, research in dog breed identification has witnessed significant advancements driven by deep learning techniques, transfer learning strategies, and curated datasets. Studies have demonstrated the effectiveness of CNN-based models for accurately classifying dog breeds from images, with transfer learning playing a crucial role in leveraging pre-trained models for improved performance. Moving forward, continued research in this area is expected to further refine existing techniques, explore new methodologies, and address challenges such as dataset bias and model interpretability, ultimately advancing the state-of-the-art in dog breed identification.

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