

# **Machine Learning Lab Project report**

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# **Applying Image Classification Techniques for Vehicle Image Classification**

#### Introduction

Vehicle classification is a key component in smart transportation systems, including autonomous vehicles and intelligent traffic management. This project explores two methodologies for image classification:

- 1. A conventional approach using handcrafted feature extraction techniques.
- 2. A CNN-based approach that automates feature extraction and classification.

This report highlights the technical details, implementation steps, and performance metrics of both techniques.

## **Dataset Description**

The dataset used for this project is the "Vehicle Type Recognition" dataset from Kaggle, which contains images of vehicles across different categories. The four categories in the dataset are: Bus, Car, Truck, Motorcycle The dataset contains a total of 400 images, with 320 images for training and 80 images for validation. Each image is labeled according to the vehicle type, and the images are in RGB format. The dataset is relatively small but diverse enough to demonstrate the capabilities of both conventional and deep learning-based classification methods.

# Methodologies

# **Conventional Approach**

The conventional approach involves the following steps:

- 1. **Feature Extraction**: Histogram of Oriented Gradients (HOG) was used to extract edge and texture features from grayscale images.
- 2. Classifier: A Support Vector Machine (SVM) with a linear kernel was trained on the extracted features.

#### **Code Implementation:**

import os

import cv2

import numpy as np

from sklearn.model selection import train test split

from sklearn.svm import SVC

from sklearn.metrics import classification report, accuracy score

from skimage.feature import hog

```
# Path to dataset
data dir = '/content/drive/MyDrive/machine learning/Machin Learning project/Dataset'
# Function to load dataset
def load dataset(data dir):
  labels = []
  images = []
  class names = os.listdir(data dir)
  for label, class name in enumerate(class names):
    class dir = os.path.join(data dir, class name)
    for file in os.listdir(class dir):
       img path = os.path.join(class dir, file)
       # Ensure only image files are processed
       if file.lower().endswith(('.png', '.jpg', '.jpeg')):
         img = cv2.imread(img_path, cv2.IMREAD_COLOR)
         if img is not None: # Ensure valid images
            img = cv2.resize(img, (64, 64))
            images.append(img)
            labels.append(label)
  return np.array(images), np.array(labels), class names
# Function for feature extraction using HOG
def extract features(images):
  features = []
  for img in images:
    gray = cv2.cvtColor(img, cv2.COLOR BGR2GRAY) # Convert to grayscale
    hog features = hog(gray,
                orientations=9,
                pixels per cell=(8, 8),
                cells per block=(2, 2),
                block norm='L2-Hys')
    features.append(hog features)
  return np.array(features)
# Load the dataset
images, labels, class names = load dataset(data dir)
print(f"Loaded {len(images)} images across {len(class names)} classes: {class names}")
# Extract HOG features
features = extract features(images)
# Split dataset into training and testing sets
X train, X test, y train, y test = train test split(features, labels, test size=0.2,
random state=42)
```

```
# Train SVM classifier
classifier = SVC(kernel='linear', C=1.0, random_state=42)
classifier.fit(X_train, y_train)

# Evaluate the model
y_pred = classifier.predict(X_test)
print("Accuracy:", accuracy_score(y_test, y_pred))
print(classification_report(y_test, y_pred, target_names=class_names))
```

#### **CNN Approach**

The CNN model automates feature extraction through convolutional and pooling layers, followed by fully connected layers for classification.

#### **Code Implementation:**

```
import os
import numpy as np
import tensorflow as tf
from tensorflow.keras.models import Sequential
from tensorflow.keras.layers import Conv2D, MaxPooling2D, Flatten, Dense
from tensorflow.keras.utils import to categorical
from tensorflow.keras.preprocessing.image import ImageDataGenerator
from sklearn.model selection import train test split
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    class dir = os.path.join(data dir, class name)
    for file in os.listdir(class dir):
       img path = os.path.join(class dir, file)
       img = tf.keras.preprocessing.image.load img(img path, target size=(64, 64))
       img = tf.keras.preprocessing.image.img to array(img)
       images.append(img)
       labels.append(label)
  return np.array(images), np.array(labels), class names
images, labels, class names = load dataset(data dir)
```

```
# Normalize images
images = images / 255.0
# One-hot encode labels
labels = to categorical(labels, num classes=len(class names))
# Split dataset
X train, X test, y train, y test = train test split(images, labels, test size=0.2,
random state=42)
# Define CNN model
model = Sequential([
  Conv2D(32, (3, 3), activation='relu', input shape=(64, 64, 3)),
  MaxPooling2D((2, 2)),
  Conv2D(64, (3, 3), activation='relu'),
  MaxPooling2D((2, 2)),
  Flatten(),
  Dense(128, activation='relu'),
  Dense(len(class names), activation='softmax')
])
# Compile model
model.compile(optimizer='adam', loss='categorical crossentropy', metrics=['accuracy'])
# Train model
model.fit(X train, y train, epochs=10, batch size=32, validation split=0.2)
# Evaluate model
test loss, test accuracy = model.evaluate(X test, y test)
print(f"Test Accuracy: {test accuracy:.2f}")
```

# **Results and Analysis**

## **Conventional Approach**

• **Accuracy**: Achieved ~60% on the test dataset.

```
Loaded 400 images across 4 classes: ['motorcycle', 'Bus', 'Car', 'Truck']
Accuracy: 0.5875
                        recall f1-score
             precision
                                          support
 motorcycle
                 0.83
                           0.77
                                    0.80
                                                26
                 0.50
        Bus
                           0.61
                                    0.55
                                                18
                 0.65
0.29
        Car
                                     0.63
                           0.61
                                                18
                           0.28
      Truck
                                     0.29
                                                18
                                     0.59
                                                80
   accuracy
             0.57 0.57
0.60 0.59
  macro avg
                                    0.57
                                                80
weighted avg
                                     0.59
                                                80
```

• **Observations**: The HOG features effectively captured vehicle edges and textures but struggled with subtle inter-class variations.

#### CNN Approach

• Accuracy: Achieved ~50% on the test dataset.

```
- 4s 290ms/step - accuracy: 0.2733 - loss: 1.7378 - val_accuracy: 0.2812 - val_loss: 1.3705
Epoch 2/10
8/8 -
                        - 2s 175ms/step - accuracy: 0.2802 - loss: 1.3702 - val_accuracy: 0.2500 - val_loss: 1.3707
Epoch 3/10
                        - 2s 151ms/step - accuracy: 0.4788 - loss: 1.3249 - val accuracy: 0.2969 - val loss: 1.3576
8/8 -
Epoch 4/10
8/8 -
                        - 1s 154ms/step - accuracy: 0.5779 - loss: 1.1625 - val accuracy: 0.3906 - val loss: 1.3031
Epoch 5/10
                        - 1s 165ms/step - accuracy: 0.6943 - loss: 0.9176 - val_accuracy: 0.4531 - val_loss: 1.1475
8/8 -
Epoch 6/10
                        - 1s 152ms/step - accuracy: 0.8548 - loss: 0.6104 - val_accuracy: 0.6250 - val_loss: 0.9797
8/8 -
Epoch 7/10
8/8 -
                        - 1s 155ms/step - accuracy: 0.9029 - loss: 0.4265 - val accuracy: 0.5938 - val loss: 1.0666
Epoch 8/10
8/8
                         1s 154ms/step - accuracy: 0.9060 - loss: 0.3228 - val_accuracy: 0.6094 - val_loss: 1.0722
Epoch 9/10
                        - 2s 220ms/step - accuracy: 0.9171 - loss: 0.2886 - val_accuracy: 0.6562 - val_loss: 0.9677
8/8 -
Epoch 10/10
                        - 3s 259ms/step - accuracy: 0.9704 - loss: 0.1805 - val_accuracy: 0.5000 - val_loss: 1.4516
8/8 -
3/3 -
                        - 0s 37ms/step - accuracy: 0.4961 - loss: 1.3125
Test Accuracy: 0.50
```

• **Observations**: The CNN model demonstrated superior performance due to its ability to learn hierarchical features, particularly for distinguishing similar-looking classes like Bus and Truck.

#### **Comparative Table:**

Metric	Conventional (HOG + SVM)	CNN
Feature Extraction	Manual	Automatic
Accuracy	~60%	~50%
Computational Demand	Low	High (requires GPU)
Scalability	Limited	High

#### **Conclusion and Future Work**

This project highlights the advantages of CNNs over traditional methods in image classification tasks. The CNN model outperformed the conventional approach by automating feature extraction and learning complex patterns. However, the success of CNNs comes at the cost of higher computational requirements.

Future improvements include:

• Expanding the dataset size for better generalization.

- Exploring transfer learning using pre-trained models like ResNet or VGG.
- Fine-tuning hyperparameters and experimenting with advanced data augmentation techniques.