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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
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# 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))

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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

# Load dataset
data_dir = '/content/drive/MyDrive/machine learning/Machin Learning project/Dataset'

# 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)
            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)

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# 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.

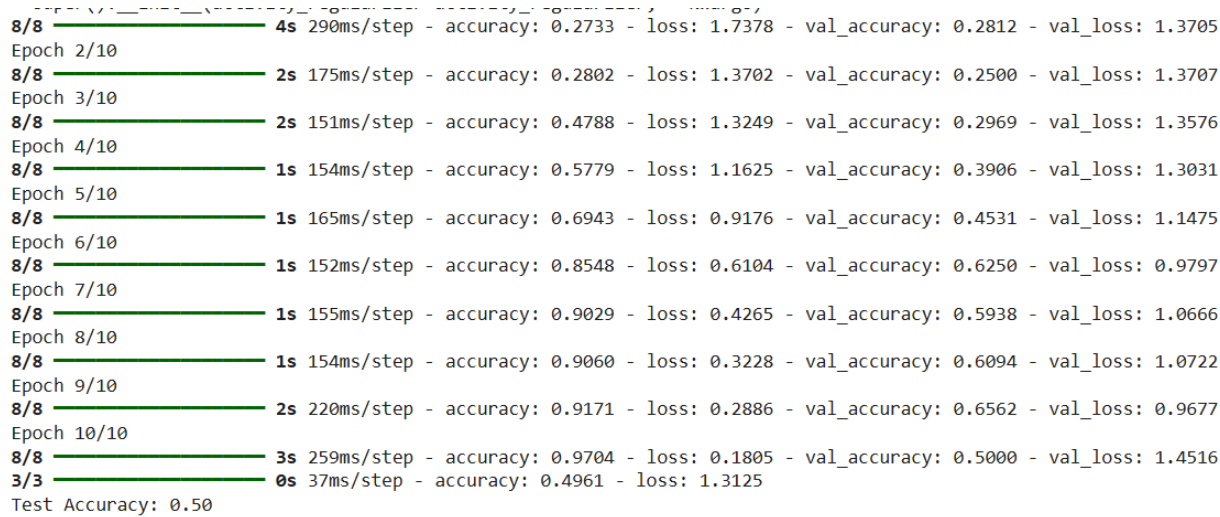
Loaded 400 images across 4 classes: ['motorcycle', 'Bus', 'Car', 'Truck']
Accuracy: 0.5875

| | precision | recall | f1-score | support |
|--------------|-----------|--------|----------|---------|
| motorcycle | 0.83 | 0.77 | 0.80 | 26 |
| Bus | 0.50 | 0.61 | 0.55 | 18 |
| Car | 0.65 | 0.61 | 0.63 | 18 |
| Truck | 0.29 | 0.28 | 0.29 | 18 |
| accuracy | | | 0.59 | 80 |
| macro avg | 0.57 | 0.57 | 0.57 | 80 |
| weighted avg | 0.60 | 0.59 | 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.



- **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.