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### 1 Methods for Data Science

### 1.0.1 Deep Learning / Neural Networks and TensorFlow

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## Introduction

Welcome to the deep learning / neural networks section of the Methods for Data Science module!

In this section of the course, you will learn the fundamentals of deep learning models, as well as techniques for how to train, regularise and validate them.

We will cover widespread deep learning architectures such as the multilayer perceptron (MLP) and convolutional neural network (CNN), with a focus on understanding the mathematical operations and transformations included in these models. We will also look at several popular network optimisation algorithms, as well as the important error backpropagation algorithm, which is central to the training of neural networks. Regularisation techniques covered are weight regularisation, early stopping, and dropout.

The video content for this material is split into two types. There are standard 'lecture-style' videos, where the core material and theory behind deep learning models is presented, and then there are 'coding tutorial' videos, where you will learn to implement these concepts and ideas in the deep learning framework TensorFlow.

TensorFlow is an open source software library used for machine learning applications, especially deep learning. It uses symbolic mathematics (instead of purely numerical computations), which enables it to perform operations like automatic differentiation on a computational graph such as a neural network. Another major benefit is its ability to perform computations on GPU hardware, potentially leading to large speedups.

This notebook contains many blank code cells in the sections listed above. The coding tutorial videos will step through the different parts of the TensorFlow library, and show you how to fill in these code cells. The idea is that you should follow along with these videos and code in all the examples yourself. This way, you will gain familiarity in how to use TensorFlow, and you should feel free to pause the video and try things out for yourself to gain a deeper understanding.

Throughout these coding tutorials, it is a good idea to use the documentation as a regular reference for the various functions and classes that we will be looking at.

You will be able to run this notebook and follow the examples from the coding tutorial videos within the Anaconda environment you have installed for TensorFlow.

## TensorFlow Tensors and Variables

In this section we will introduce some fundamental building blocks and operations in TensorFlow. Tensors and Variables are low-level objects that we will be using all the time in TensorFlow.

**Tensors** You can think of Tensors as being multidimensional versions of vectors and arrays. Of course, these are the objects that Tensorflow gets its name from. When we build our neural network models, what we're doing is defining a computational graph, where input data is processed through the layers of the network and sent through the graph all the way to the outputs. Tensors are the objects that get passed around within the graph, and capture those computations within the graph.

Let's take a look at some examples to get a better feel for how this works.

```
[1]: import tensorflow as tf
```

```
[2]: # Create a constant Tensor
a = tf.constant([1, 2, 3])
print(a)
```

```
tf.Tensor([1 2 3], shape=(3,), dtype=int32)
```

We can see that Tensors have shape and dtype properties, similar to NumPy arrays.

```
[3]: # Examine shape property

a.shape
```

[3]: TensorShape([3])

```
[4]: # Examine dtype property

a.dtype
```

[4]: tf.int32

Tensor objects can have different types, just like NumPy arrays. Take a look here for a complete list of available types.

```
[5]: # Create Tensor objects of different type
      string_tensor = tf.constant(['Hello world!'], tf.string)
      print(string_tensor)
      float_tensor = tf.constant([3.14159, 2.71828], tf.float32)
      print(float_tensor)
     tf.Tensor([b'Hello world!'], shape=(1,), dtype=string)
     tf.Tensor([3.14159 2.71828], shape=(2,), dtype=float32)
 [6]: # Create a rank-2 Tensor
      b = tf.constant([[1.2, 0.4, 0.7], [-9.3, 4.5, 1.1]])
 [6]: <tf.Tensor: shape=(2, 3), dtype=float32, numpy=
      array([[ 1.2, 0.4, 0.7],
             [-9.3, 4.5, 1.1]], dtype=float32)>
 [7]: # Get Tensor rank
      tf.rank(b)
 [7]: <tf.Tensor: shape=(), dtype=int32, numpy=2>
 [8]: # Create a Tensor with tf.ones
      tf.ones((2, 3))
 [8]: <tf.Tensor: shape=(2, 3), dtype=float32, numpy=
      array([[1., 1., 1.],
             [1., 1., 1.]], dtype=float32)>
 [9]: # Create a Tensor with tf.zeros
      tf.zeros((3,))
 [9]: <tf.Tensor: shape=(3,), dtype=float32, numpy=array([0., 0., 0.], dtype=float32)>
     We can convert a TensorFlow Tensor into a NumPy array using the numpy method.
[10]: # Convert Tensor to NumPy array
      b_np = b.numpy()
      b_np
```

We can compute Tensor multiplication using tf.tensordot (see the docs). The axes argument can be an integer or list of integers. When it is a single integer n, the contraction is performed over the last n axes of the first Tensor and the first n axes of the second Tensor. If it is a list, then the elements of the list specify the axes to contract.

```
[11]: # Compute matrix-vector product

a = tf.cast(a, tf.float32)
tf.tensordot(b, a, axes=1)
tf.tensordot(b, a, axes=[[1], [0]])
```

[11]: <tf.Tensor: shape=(2,), dtype=float32, numpy=array([4.1, 3.], dtype=float32)>

In the case of two rank-2 Tensors, we can use the tf.linalg.matmul function. (In fact, we can use rank >= 2 Tensors with tf.linalg.matmul - see the docs.)

```
[12]: # Use tf.linalg.matmul to compute product

## tf.linalg.matmul(b, a) (will cause error)
print(b.shape)
print(a.shape)
```

(2, 3) (3,)

Useful operations to manipulate Tensor shapes are tf.expand\_dims, tf.squeeze and tf.reshape.

```
[13]: # Add an extra dimension to a Tensor
a = tf.expand_dims(a, 1)
print(a.shape)
```

(3, 1)

```
[14]: # Use tf.matmul, tf.squeeze and tf.reshape

tf.linalg.matmul(b, a)
 tf.squeeze(tf.linalg.matmul(b, a))
 tf.reshape(tf.squeeze(tf.linalg.matmul(b, a)), [1, 2])
```

It is also often useful to fill Tensors with random values.

McCulloch-Pitts neuron As an example, we will use Tensors to implement the McCulloch-Pitts neuron for a simple logical function. The McCulloch-Pitts neuron operates on boolean inputs, and uses a threshold activation to produce a boolean output. The function can be written as

$$f(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \sum_{i} x_i \ge b \\ 0 & \text{if } \sum_{i} x_i < b \end{cases}$$

```
[20]: # Test the OR function with a few examples

logical_or(tf.constant([1,0]))
logical_or(tf.zeros((3, ), dtype=tf.int32))
```

[20]: <tf.Tensor: shape=(), dtype=int32, numpy=0>

Exercise. Define the function for the NOR operation below (all inputs must be zero) for inputs x. Hint: use the tf.math.logical\_not function.

```
[21]: # Define the NOR function

def logical_nor(x):
    return tf.math.logical_not(tf.cast(logical_or(x), dtype = bool))
```

```
[22]: # Test the NOR function with a few examples
    #tf.math.logical_not(logical_or(tf.constant([1, 0])))
    print(logical_nor(tf.constant([1, 0]))) # False
    print(logical_nor(tf.constant([0, 0]))) # True
    print(logical_nor(tf.constant([0, 0, 0]))) # True
    print(logical_nor(tf.constant([1, 0, 1]))) # False
```

```
tf.Tensor(False, shape=(), dtype=bool)
tf.Tensor(True, shape=(), dtype=bool)
tf.Tensor(True, shape=(), dtype=bool)
tf.Tensor(False, shape=(), dtype=bool)
```

Variables Tensors are *immutable objects*; that is, their state cannot be modified. The operations they encapsulate (or the values of a constant Tensor) are fixed. Variables are special kinds of Tensors that have *mutable state*, so their values can be updated. This is useful for parameters of a model, such as the weights and biases in a neural network.

```
[23]: # Create a TensorFlow Variable

initial_value = tf.random.normal((2, 2))
u = tf.Variable(initial_value)
u
```

This looks very similar to a Tensor. However, Variables come with extra methods for updating their state, such as assign, assign\_add and assign\_sub.

```
[24]: # Assign a new value to the Variable
new_value = 2. * tf.ones((2, 2))
```

```
u.assign(new_value)
u
```

```
[25]: # Add a value to the Variable

increment = tf.constant(([0., 0.], [1., 1.]))
u.assign_add(increment)
u
```

```
[26]: # Subtract a value from the Variable

decrement = tf.constant(([2., 0.], [2., 0.]))
u.assign_sub(decrement)
u
```

We will often use Variables in operations within the computational graph. The result of the operation is a Tensor.

```
[27]: # Use a Variable in a simple operation

v = tf.Variable([2.6, -0.4])
s = v + 1
s
```

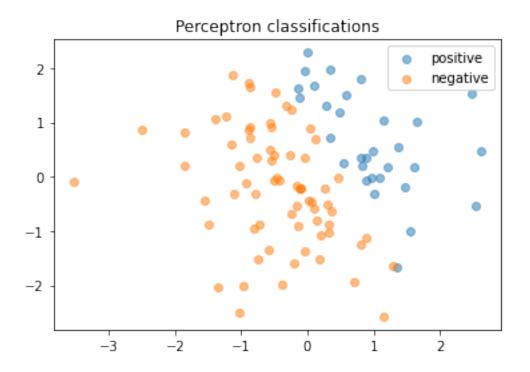
[27]: <tf.Tensor: shape=(2,), dtype=float32, numpy=array([3.6, 0.6], dtype=float32)>

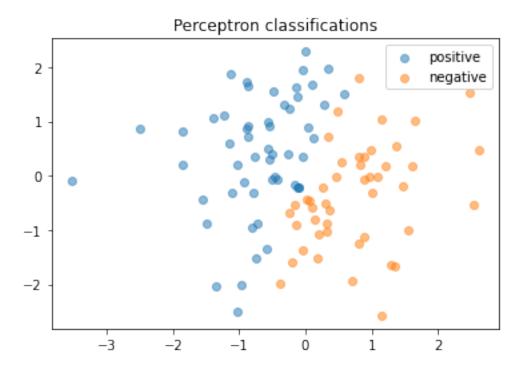
**The perceptron** The perceptron is also a linear binary classifier, but with more flexible weights. It can be written as the following function

$$f(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \sum_{i} w_i x_i + b \ge 0\\ 0 & \text{if } \sum_{i} w_i x_i + b < 0 \end{cases}$$

As an example, we will use Tensors and Variables to implement the perceptron classifier.

```
[28]: # Implement the weights and bias as Variables
      weights = tf.Variable(tf.constant([1., 0.5]), name='weights')
      bias = tf.Variable(tf.constant(-0.5), name='bias')
[29]: # Define the perceptron classifier
      def perceptron(x):
          # compute the weighted sum and add the bias
          return tf.math.greater_equal(tf.tensordot(x, weights, axes=1) + bias, 0.)
[30]: # Create a random set of test points
      ## 100 test points, each of which is a rank 1 tensor of length 2 ##
      x = tf.random.normal((100, 2))
[31]: # Plot the points coloured by class prediction
      import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
      preds = perceptron(x)
      positive_class = x[preds]
      negative_class = x[~preds]
      plt.scatter(positive_class[:, 0], positive_class[:, 1], alpha=0.5,__
      →label='positive')
      plt.scatter(negative_class[:, 0], negative_class[:, 1], alpha=0.5,_
      ⇔label='negative')
      plt.title("Perceptron classifications")
      plt.legend()
      plt.show()
```





Exercise. Can you find weights and bias values to implement the NOT gate for  $x \in \{0, 1\}$  and the XOR gate for  $x \in \{0, 1\}^2$ ? If yes, what are the values? If no, why not?

## The Sequential class

There are multiple ways to build and apply deep learning models in Tensorflow, from high-level, quick and easy-to-use APIs, to low-level operations. In this section you will walk through the high-level Keras API for quickly building, training, evaluating and predicting from deep learning models. In particular, you will see how to use the Sequential class to implement MLP models.

```
[33]: import tensorflow as tf
```

The Dense layer We will see how to build MLP models using the Dense layer class from TensorFlow.

This class implements the layer transformation  $\mathbf{h}^{(k+1)} = \sigma \left( \mathbf{W}^{(k)} \mathbf{h}^{(k)} + \mathbf{b}^{(k)} \right)$ .

```
[34]: # Create a Dense layer
from tensorflow.keras.layers import Dense

## We select number of neurons and the activation function
dense_layer = Dense(4, activation='sigmoid')
```

```
[35]: # Inspect the layer parameters
```

```
dense_layer.variables
```

### [35]: []

TensorFlow models are designed to process batches of data at once, and always expect inputs to have a batch dimension in the first axis. For example, a batch of 16 inputs, each of which is a length 4 vector, should have a shape [16, 4].

```
[36]: # Call the dense layer on an input to create the weights

## 2 is the batch size, 6 is the input size

x = tf.ones((2, 6))

y = dense_layer(x)

## y has shape (2, 4) since 2 is the batch size and 4 is the number of neurons

in the dense layer

y
```

```
[36]: <tf.Tensor: shape=(2, 4), dtype=float32, numpy=
array([[0.7435823 , 0.2802776 , 0.08548039, 0.58872026],
[0.7435823 , 0.2802776 , 0.08548039, 0.58872026]], dtype=float32)>
```

```
[37]: # Inspect the layer parameters

dense_layer.variables
```

Note that the parameters of the layer are Variable objects. This makes sense, as recall that Variables are mutable, and we will want to modify them during network training.

MLP (Multi-Layer Perceptron) model To construct an MLP model, we stack multiple Dense layers together by passing them in a list to the Sequential API:

```
[38]: # Build an MLP model

from tensorflow.keras.models import Sequential

## build a 3 layer MLP
```

```
mlp = Sequential([
    Dense(4, activation='relu'),
    Dense(4, activation='relu'),
    ## default activation is None (i.e. Linear)
    Dense(3)
])
```

The default value for the activation keyword argument is None, in which case no activation (linear activation) is applied.

```
[39]: # Call the model on an input to create the weights

x = tf.random.normal((2, 6))
y = mlp(x)
y
## Shape is (2, 3) since 2 is the batch size and 3 is the number of neurons in

→ the final layer
```

It is worth knowing that the Sequential class itself inherits from the Layer class, so all the same properties and methods are also available for Sequential models.

```
[40]: # Inspect the model parameters

mlp.weights
```

```
[40]: [<tf.Variable 'dense_1/kernel:0' shape=(6, 4) dtype=float32, numpy=
       array([[-0.3494238 , 0.56566834, 0.48646617, 0.41783142],
              [-0.1487984, 0.00919217, -0.6701937, 0.71262205],
              [-0.3004569 , 0.18899769, -0.5747181 , -0.5790259 ],
              [0.10835147, 0.56120133, 0.6063559, 0.6662613],
              [0.3703624, -0.6304636, 0.59766734, -0.33812794],
              [-0.31822777, -0.26699543, -0.6032982, -0.40450168]],
            dtype=float32)>,
       <tf.Variable 'dense_1/bias:0' shape=(4,) dtype=float32, numpy=array([0., 0.,</pre>
      0., 0.], dtype=float32)>,
       <tf.Variable 'dense 2/kernel:0' shape=(4, 4) dtype=float32, numpy=</pre>
      array([[ 0.687851 , -0.4248228 , 0.07293308, 0.2900378 ],
              [ 0.41995102, 0.8180805, 0.12920415, -0.5502218 ],
              [0.45933205, 0.3585748, 0.5649944, 0.8067141],
              [0.17679495, 0.5114426, -0.27279848, -0.5721694]],
            dtype=float32)>,
      <tf.Variable 'dense_2/bias:0' shape=(4,) dtype=float32, numpy=array([0., 0.,</pre>
      0., 0.], dtype=float32)>,
       <tf.Variable 'dense_3/kernel:0' shape=(4, 3) dtype=float32, numpy=
```

```
array([[ 0.64338136, 0.17103899, 0.1505704 ],
           [-0.24320638, -0.7598545, -0.32679808],
           [0.7165185, 0.44044495, -0.5867115],
           [0.07860422, -0.8157946, 0.50529206]], dtype=float32)>,
     <tf.Variable 'dense_3/bias:0' shape=(3,) dtype=float32, numpy=array([0., 0.,</pre>
    0.], dtype=float32)>]
[41]: # Inspect the model layers
     ## We see 3 Dense Layer objects
    mlp.layers
     ## To inspect the kernel of the 2nd Dense Layer:
    mlp.layers[1].kernel
[41]: <tf.Variable 'dense_2/kernel:0' shape=(4, 4) dtype=float32, numpy=
    array([[ 0.687851 , -0.4248228 , 0.07293308, 0.2900378 ],
          [0.41995102, 0.8180805, 0.12920415, -0.5502218],
          [0.45933205, 0.3585748, 0.5649944, 0.8067141],
          [0.17679495, 0.5114426, -0.27279848, -0.5721694]],
         dtype=float32)>
[42]: # Print the model summary
    mlp.summary()
    Model: "sequential"
    Layer (type)
                Output Shape
    ______
    dense 1 (Dense)
                           (2, 4)
    dense_2 (Dense)
                           (2, 4)
                                                 20
    dense 3 (Dense)
                    (2, 3)
    ______
    Total params: 63
    Trainable params: 63
    Non-trainable params: 0
    ______
```

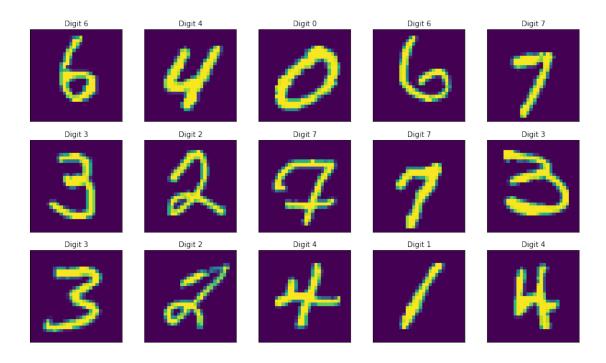
Sequential models (and layers) also have trainable\_weights and non\_trainable\_weights properties, as weights (Variables) that are created can be set to trainable or non-trainable.

Train an MLP model on the MNIST dataset Multidimensional inputs (i.e., with rank >= 2) can also be processed by an MLP network by simply unrolling, or flattening the dimensions. This can be done easily using the Flatten layer.

```
[43]: # Load the MNIST dataset

(x_train, y_train), (x_test, y_test) = tf.keras.datasets.mnist.load_data()
```

```
Several datasets are available to load using the Keras API, see the docs.
[44]: # Inspect the data shapes
      print(x_train.shape)
      print(y_train.shape)
      print(x_test.shape)
      print(y_test.shape)
      ## each input is a black and white image with 28x28 pixels
      ## there are 60000 images in training set, and 10000 in the test set
     (60000, 28, 28)
     (60000,)
     (10000, 28, 28)
     (10000,)
[45]: # View a few training data examples
      import numpy as np
      import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
      n_rows, n_cols = 3, 5
      random_inx = np.random.choice(x_train.shape[0], n_rows * n_cols, replace=False)
      fig, axes = plt.subplots(n_rows, n_cols, figsize=(14, 8))
      fig.subplots_adjust(hspace=0.2, wspace=0.1)
      for n, i in enumerate(random_inx):
          row = n // n_cols
          col = n \% n_cols
          axes[row, col].imshow(x_train[i])
          axes[row, col].get_xaxis().set_visible(False)
          axes[row, col].get_yaxis().set_visible(False)
          axes[row, col].text(10., -1.5, f'Digit {y_train[i]}')
      plt.show()
```



```
[46]: # Create an MNIST classifier model

from tensorflow.keras.layers import Flatten

# 3 dense layers with 64, 64 and 10 neurons respectively
mnist_model = Sequential([
    Flatten(input_shape=(28, 28)),
    Dense(64, activation='tanh'),
    Dense(64, activation='tanh'),
    Dense(10, activation='softmax'),
])
mnist_model.summary()
```

Model: "sequential\_1"

| Layer (type)      | Output Shape | Param # |
|-------------------|--------------|---------|
| flatten (Flatten) | (None, 784)  | 0       |
| dense_4 (Dense)   | (None, 64)   | 50240   |
| dense_5 (Dense)   | (None, 64)   | 4160    |
| dense_6 (Dense)   | (None, 10)   | 650     |

Total params: 55,050

Trainable params: 55,050 Non-trainable params: 0

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To train the model, we need to specify a loss function to minimise, and an optimisation algorithm. The average negative log-likelihood on the training set is given by the categorical cross entropy

$$L(\theta) = -\frac{1}{|\mathcal{D}_{train}|} \sum_{x_i \in \mathcal{D}_{train}} \sum_{j=1}^{10} \tilde{y}_{ij} \ln f_{\theta}(x_i)_j,$$

where  $f_{\theta}$  is the neural network function (with parameters  $\theta$ ) that outputs a length 10 probability vector  $f_{\theta}(x_i) \in \mathbb{R}^{10}$  for an input example image  $x_i \in \mathbb{R}^{28 \times 28}$ , and  $\tilde{y}_{ij}$  is 1 if the correct label for example i is j, and 0 otherwise.

As our labels **y\_train** and **y\_test** are in sparse form (NB as apposed to a vector of labels with 0s and 1 for the correct label for each input), we use the **sparse\_categorical\_crossentropy** loss function. We also will use the stochastic gradient descent (SGD) optimiser.

```
[47]: # Compile the model

mnist_model.compile(loss='sparse_categorical_crossentropy', optimizer='sgd',

→metrics=['accuracy'])
```

The image data is filled with integer pixel values from 0 to 255. To facilitate the training, we rescale the values to the interval [0, 1].

```
[48]: # Rescale the image data

x_train = x_train / 255.

x_test = x_test / 255.
```

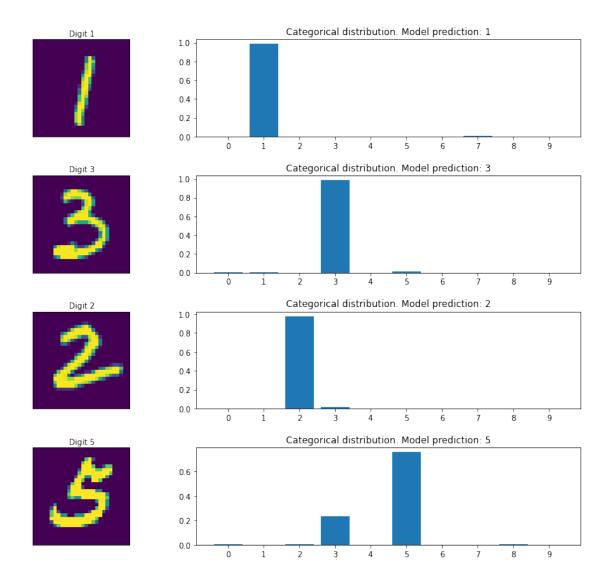
```
[49]: # Train the model

## an epoch is one complete pass through the training set
history = mnist_model.fit(x_train, y_train, epochs=10, batch_size=64)
```

```
accuracy: 0.9124
    Epoch 5/10
    938/938 [============ ] - 1s 1ms/step - loss: 0.2884 -
    accuracy: 0.9186
    Epoch 6/10
    938/938 [============ ] - 1s 1ms/step - loss: 0.2696 -
    accuracy: 0.9218
    Epoch 7/10
    938/938 [============ ] - 1s 1ms/step - loss: 0.2603 -
    accuracy: 0.9262
    Epoch 8/10
    accuracy: 0.9297
    Epoch 9/10
    938/938 [============ ] - 1s 1ms/step - loss: 0.2303 -
    accuracy: 0.9339
    Epoch 10/10
    accuracy: 0.9381
[50]: # Plot the learning curve
    import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
    plt.plot(history.history['loss'])
    plt.xlabel("Epoch")
    plt.ylabel("Cross entropy loss")
    plt.title("Training Loss vs epoch")
    plt.show()
```



```
random_inx = np.random.choice(num_test_images, 4)
random_preds = preds[random_inx, ...]
random_test_images = x_test[random_inx, ...]
random_test_labels = y_test[random_inx, ...]
fig, axes = plt.subplots(4, 2, figsize=(16, 12))
fig.subplots_adjust(hspace=0.4, wspace=-0.2)
for i, (prediction, image, label) in enumerate(zip(random_preds,_
→random_test_images, random_test_labels)):
   axes[i, 0].imshow(np.squeeze(image))
   axes[i, 0].get_xaxis().set_visible(False)
   axes[i, 0].get_yaxis().set_visible(False)
   axes[i, 0].text(10., -1.5, f'Digit {label}')
   axes[i, 1].bar(np.arange(len(prediction)), prediction)
   axes[i, 1].set_xticks(np.arange(len(prediction)))
   axes[i, 1].set_title(f"Categorical distribution. Model prediction: {np.
→argmax(prediction)}")
plt.show()
```



Exercise. The MNIST dataset is an easy dataset, and the above model is far from optimal. Try experimenting with longer training times and/or model architecture changes to see if you can improve on the performance.

### ## The tf.data module

In this section we will introduce a standard data processing pipeline in TensorFlow, using the tf.data module.

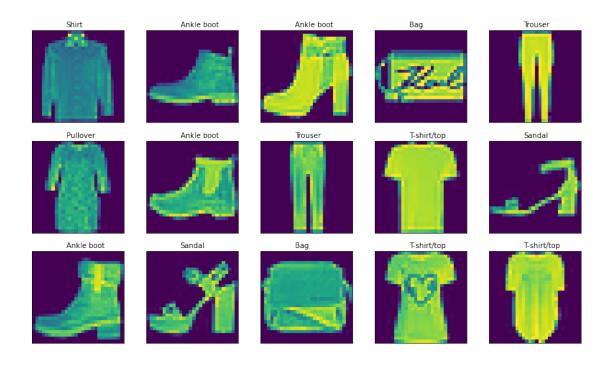
```
[54]: import tensorflow as tf
```

The Fashion-MNIST dataset We will build a deep learning classifier on the Fashion-MNIST dataset to demonstrate the use of the tf.data module. First we load the dataset using the Keras API.

```
[55]: # Load the Fashion-MNIST dataset
      (x_train, y_train), (x_test, y_test) = tf.keras.datasets.fashion_mnist.
       →load_data()
[56]: # Get the class labels
      classes = [
          "T-shirt/top",
          "Trouser",
          "Pullover".
          "Dress",
          "Coat",
          "Sandal",
          "Shirt",
          "Sneaker",
          "Bag",
          "Ankle boot"
      ]
[57]: # View a few training data examples
      import numpy as np
      import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
      n_rows, n_cols = 3, 5
      random_inx = np.random.choice(x_train.shape[0], n_rows * n_cols, replace=False)
      fig, axes = plt.subplots(n_rows, n_cols, figsize=(14, 8))
      fig.subplots_adjust(hspace=0.2, wspace=0.1)
      for n, i in enumerate(random_inx):
          row = n // n_cols
          col = n \% n_cols
          axes[row, col].imshow(x_train[i])
          axes[row, col].get_xaxis().set_visible(False)
          axes[row, col].get_yaxis().set_visible(False)
```

axes[row, col].text(10., -1.5, f'{classes[y\_train[i]]}')

plt.show()



```
[58]: # Build the model

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

fashion_mnist_model = Sequential([
    Flatten(input_shape=(28, 28)),
    Dense(64, activation='relu'),
    Dense(64, activation='relu'),
    Dense(10)
], name='fashion_mnist_classifier')
```

# [59]: # Print the model summary fashion\_mnist\_model.summary()

Model: "fashion\_mnist\_classifier"

| Layer (type)        | Output Shape | Param # |
|---------------------|--------------|---------|
| flatten_1 (Flatten) | (None, 784)  | 0       |
| dense_7 (Dense)     | (None, 64)   | 50240   |
| dense_8 (Dense)     | (None, 64)   | 4160    |

```
dense_9 (Dense)
                                 (None, 10)
                                                         650
     ______
     Total params: 55,050
     Trainable params: 55,050
     Non-trainable params: 0
     The main class that we will be working with is the Dataset class from the tf.data module.
[60]: # Load the data into tf.data.Dataset objects
     train_dataset = tf.data.Dataset.from_tensor_slices((x_train, y_train))
     test_dataset = tf.data.Dataset.from_tensor_slices((x_test, y_test))
     ## Each input is 28x28, its an integer type, the labels are scalar integers
     train_dataset.element_spec
[60]: (TensorSpec(shape=(28, 28), dtype=tf.uint8, name=None),
      TensorSpec(shape=(), dtype=tf.uint8, name=None))
[61]: # Iterate over the Dataset object
     ## Take the first two elements in the train dataset
     for inputs, labels in train_dataset.take(2):
         print(type(inputs))
         print(type(labels))
         print(inputs.shape)
         print(labels.shape)
```

```
<class 'tensorflow.python.framework.ops.EagerTensor'>
<class 'tensorflow.python.framework.ops.EagerTensor'>
(28, 28)
()
<class 'tensorflow.python.framework.ops.EagerTensor'>
<class 'tensorflow.python.framework.ops.EagerTensor'>
(28, 28)
()
```

Dataset objects come with map and filter methods for data preprocessing on the fly. For example, we can normalise the pixel values to the range [0,1] with the map method:

```
[62]: # Normalise the pixel values

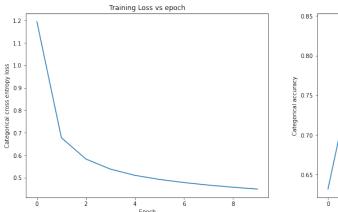
def normalise_pixels(image, label):
    return (tf.cast(image, tf.float32) / 255., label)

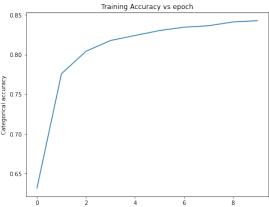
train_dataset = train_dataset.map(normalise_pixels)
test_dataset = test_dataset.map(normalise_pixels)
```

```
train_dataset.element_spec
[62]: (TensorSpec(shape=(28, 28), dtype=tf.float32, name=None),
       TensorSpec(shape=(), dtype=tf.uint8, name=None))
     We could also filter out data examples according to some criterion with the filter
     method. For example, if we wanted to exclude all data examples with label 9 from the training:
[63]: # Filter out all examples with label 9 (ankle boot)
      train_dataset = train_dataset.filter(lambda x, y: tf.math.logical_not(tf.
       \rightarrowequal(y, 9)))
      test_dataset = test_dataset.filter(lambda x, y: tf.math.logical_not(tf.equal(y,__
[64]: # Shuffle the training dataset
      ## The buffer is fills with 1024 data examples and randomly samples from this
      train_dataset = train_dataset.shuffle(buffer_size=1024)
[65]: # Batch the datasets
      batch size = 64
      train_dataset = train_dataset.batch(batch_size)
      test_dataset = test_dataset.batch(batch_size)
[66]: # Print the element_spec
      train_dataset.element_spec
      ## Each element this dataset returns has an extra dimension at the beginning
       →which is the batch size
      ## Printed out as None as this is variable (e.g. if not divisible by 64, the
       \rightarrow last batch will be < 64)
[66]: (TensorSpec(shape=(None, 28, 28), dtype=tf.float32, name=None),
       TensorSpec(shape=(None,), dtype=tf.uint8, name=None))
[67]: # Compile and fit the model
      sgd = tf.keras.optimizers.SGD(learning_rate=0.005)
      loss_fn = tf.keras.losses.SparseCategoricalCrossentropy(from_logits=True)
      fashion_mnist_model.compile(optimizer=sgd, loss=loss_fn, metrics=['accuracy'])
      history = fashion_mnist_model.fit(train_dataset, epochs=10)
```

```
accuracy: 0.4782
   Epoch 2/10
   accuracy: 0.7658
   Epoch 3/10
   844/844 [============== ] - 3s 3ms/step - loss: 0.5980 -
   accuracy: 0.7993
   Epoch 4/10
   844/844 [============= ] - 4s 4ms/step - loss: 0.5432 -
   accuracy: 0.8166
   Epoch 5/10
   844/844 [=========== ] - 4s 4ms/step - loss: 0.5141 -
   accuracy: 0.8223
   Epoch 6/10
   accuracy: 0.8298
   Epoch 7/10
   accuracy: 0.8344
   Epoch 8/10
   accuracy: 0.8365
   Epoch 9/10
   accuracy: 0.8395
   Epoch 10/10
   accuracy: 0.8422
[68]: # Plot the learning curves
   import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
   fig = plt.figure(figsize=(17, 6))
   fig.add_subplot(121)
   plt.plot(history.history['loss'])
   plt.xlabel("Epoch")
   plt.ylabel("Categorical cross entropy loss")
   plt.title("Training Loss vs epoch")
   fig.add_subplot(122)
   plt.plot(history.history['accuracy'])
   plt.xlabel("Epoch")
   plt.ylabel("Categorical accuracy")
   plt.title("Training Accuracy vs epoch")
   plt.show()
```

Epoch 1/10





```
[69]: # Evaluate the model on the test set

fashion_mnist_model.evaluate(test_dataset)

## We see that the test loss and accuracy are comparable to that of the

→ training set
```

[69]: [0.4891131818294525, 0.8272222280502319]

```
[70]: # Get predictions from model

for images, labels in test_dataset.take(1):
    preds = fashion_mnist_model.predict(images)

## Our model returns the logit for these predictions and not the categoral

→ probabilities for each class

## So we need to pass these through the softmax function

preds = tf.nn.softmax(preds, axis = -1).numpy()
```

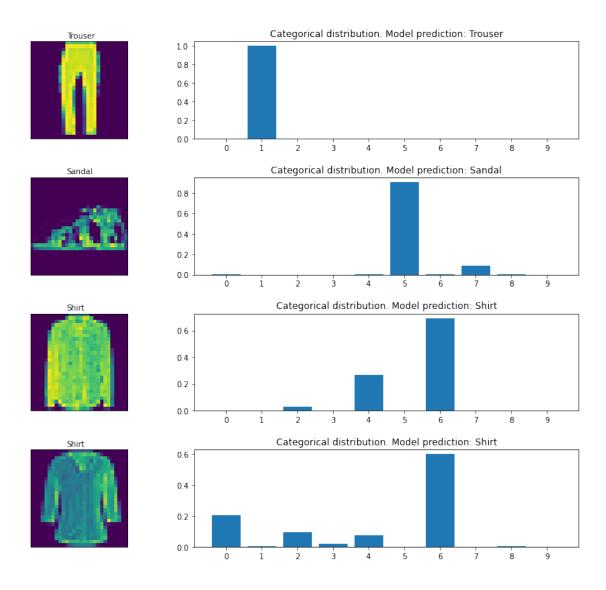
```
[71]: # Plot some predicted categorical distributions

## Plots some example images along with the true labels,
## the categorical distribution output by the network and the predicted classes

num_test_images = preds.shape[0]

random_inx = np.random.choice(num_test_images, 4)
random_preds = preds[random_inx, ...]
random_test_images = images.numpy()[random_inx, ...]
```

```
random_test_labels = labels.numpy()[random_inx, ...]
fig, axes = plt.subplots(4, 2, figsize=(16, 12))
fig.subplots_adjust(hspace=0.4, wspace=-0.2)
for i, (prediction, image, label) in enumerate(zip(random_preds,__
→random_test_images, random_test_labels)):
    axes[i, 0].imshow(np.squeeze(image))
    axes[i, 0].get_xaxis().set_visible(False)
    axes[i, 0].get_yaxis().set_visible(False)
    axes[i, 0].text(10., -1.5, f'{classes[label]}')
    axes[i, 1].bar(np.arange(len(prediction)), prediction)
    axes[i, 1].set_xticks(np.arange(len(prediction)))
    axes[i, 1].set_title(f"Categorical distribution. Model prediction:
→{classes[np.argmax(prediction)]}")
plt.show()
## Note we see that the model is not 100% accuracte, e.g. sometimes predicts_
\hookrightarrow T-shirt instead of dress
```



Exercise. Rewrite the model to make it a binary classifier, and change the dataset processing steps above, to map 'Sandal', 'Sneaker' and 'Ankle boot' to a single label 0, and all other categories to label 1.

### ## TensorFlow regularisers, Dropout layers and callbacks

In this section we will build on what we have covered already with the Sequential API, and include weight regularisers, Dropout layers, and introduce callback objects - these are very useful objects for dynamically performing operations during the training run. An example is the EarlyStopping callback.

## [72]: import tensorflow as tf

For this tutorial we will use the diabetes dataset from sklearn.

```
[73]: # Load the diabetes dataset
      from sklearn.datasets import load_diabetes
      diabetes_dataset = load_diabetes()
[74]: # Print dataset description
      print(diabetes_dataset['DESCR'])
     .. _diabetes_dataset:
     Diabetes dataset
     Ten baseline variables, age, sex, body mass index, average blood
     pressure, and six blood serum measurements were obtained for each of n =
     442 diabetes patients, as well as the response of interest, a
     quantitative measure of disease progression one year after baseline.
     **Data Set Characteristics:**
       :Number of Instances: 442
       :Number of Attributes: First 10 columns are numeric predictive values
       :Target: Column 11 is a quantitative measure of disease progression one year
     after baseline
       :Attribute Information:
           - Age
           - Sex
           - Body mass index
           - Average blood pressure
           - S1
           - S2
           - S3
           - S4
           - S5
           - S6
     Note: Each of these 10 feature variables have been mean centered and scaled by
     the standard deviation times `n_samples` (i.e. the sum of squares of each column
     totals 1).
     Source URL:
     https://www4.stat.ncsu.edu/~boos/var.select/diabetes.html
```

```
Bradley Efron, Trevor Hastie, Iain Johnstone and Robert Tibshirani (2004) "Least
     Angle Regression, "Annals of Statistics (with discussion), 407-499.
     (https://web.stanford.edu/~hastie/Papers/LARS/LeastAngle_2002.pdf)
[75]: # Get the input and target data
      print(diabetes_dataset.keys())
      data = diabetes dataset['data']
      targets = diabetes_dataset['target']
     dict_keys(['data', 'target', 'DESCR', 'feature_names', 'data_filename',
     'target filename'])
[76]: # Normalise the target data (this will make clearer training curves)
      targets = (targets - targets.mean()) / targets.std()
[77]: # Partition the data into training and validation sets
      from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split
      train_data, val_data, train_targets, val_targets = train_test_split(data,_u
      →targets, test_size=0.2)
      print(train data.shape)
      print(val_data.shape)
      print(train_targets.shape)
      print(val_targets.shape)
     (353, 10)
     (89, 10)
     (353,)
     (89,)
[78]: # Load the data into training, validation and test Dataset objects
      train_dataset = tf.data.Dataset.from_tensor_slices((train_data, train_targets))
      val_dataset = tf.data.Dataset.from_tensor_slices((val_data, val_targets))
      train_dataset = train_dataset.shuffle(353)
      train_dataset = train_dataset.batch(128)
      val_dataset = val_dataset.batch(89)
      ## prefretching allows preprocessing for one batch to happen whilst another.
      ⇒batch is being used with the model
```

For more information see:

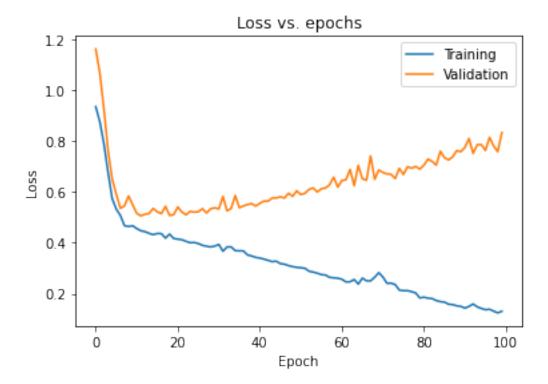
```
train_dataset = train_dataset.prefetch(tf.data.experimental.AUTOTUNE)
[79]: # Build the MLP model
     from tensorflow.keras.models import Sequential
     from tensorflow.keras.layers import Dense
     model = Sequential([
        Dense(256, activation='relu', input_shape=(train_data.shape[-1],)),
        Dense(256, activation='relu'),
        Dense(256, activation='relu'),
        Dense(1)
     ])
[80]: # Print the model summary
     model.summary()
    Model: "sequential_2"
    Layer (type)
                 Output Shape
                                                   Param #
    ______
    dense_10 (Dense)
                             (None, 256)
                                                    2816
                            (None, 256)
    dense_11 (Dense)
                                                    65792
                     (None, 256)
    dense_12 (Dense)
                                                    65792
    dense_13 (Dense)
                     (None, 1)
    ______
    Total params: 134,657
    Trainable params: 134,657
    Non-trainable params: 0
[81]: # Compile the model
     model.compile(optimizer='adam', loss='mse')
[82]: # Train the model, including validation
     ## NB the validation data isn't used for training
     ## but instead the model compiles the loss and other metrics on the validation
     \rightarrow data as well
     history = model.fit(train_dataset, epochs=100, validation_data=val_dataset,__
      →verbose=False)
```

## makes a difference large datasets with complex preprocessing

```
[83]: # Plot the training and validation loss

import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

plt.plot(history.history['loss'])
plt.plot(history.history['val_loss'])
plt.title('Loss vs. epochs')
plt.ylabel('Loss')
plt.xlabel('Epoch')
plt.legend(['Training', 'Validation'], loc='upper right')
plt.show()
```



Regularise the model (to try and avoid the overfitting seen above) Both  $\updownarrow^2$  and  $\updownarrow^1$  regularisation can easily be included using the kernel\_regularizer and bias\_regularizer keyword arguments in the Dense layer.

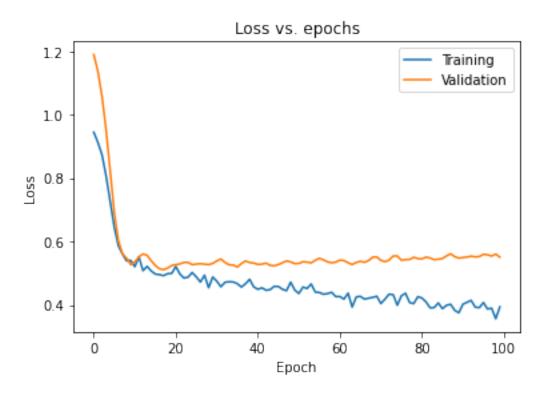
Dropout can also be easily included as an additional layer of our model.

```
[84]: # Redefine the model using l2 regularisation and dropout

from tensorflow.keras.layers import Dropout
from tensorflow.keras import regularizers

12_coeff = 1e-5
```

```
rate = 0.5
      def get_regularised_model():
          model = Sequential([
              Dense(256, kernel_regularizer=regularizers.12(12_coeff),_u
       →activation='relu', input_shape=(train_data.shape[-1],)),
              Dropout(rate),
              Dense(256, kernel_regularizer=regularizers.12(12_coeff),
       →activation='relu'),
              Dropout(rate),
              Dense(256, kernel_regularizer=regularizers.12(12_coeff), __
       →activation='relu'),
              Dropout(rate),
              Dense(1)
          ])
          return model
      model = get_regularised_model()
[85]: # Compile the model
      model.compile(optimizer='adam', loss='mse')
[86]: # Train the model, including validation
      history = model.fit(train_dataset, epochs=100, validation_data=val_dataset,__
       →verbose=False)
[87]: # Plot the training and validation loss
      plt.plot(history.history['loss'])
      plt.plot(history.history['val_loss'])
      plt.title('Loss vs. epochs')
      plt.ylabel('Loss')
      plt.xlabel('Epoch')
      plt.legend(['Training', 'Validation'], loc='upper right')
      plt.show()
```



The  $\uparrow^2$  regularisation and dropout have helped to reduce the overfitting of the model.

We see that although the validation loss is still rising, the generalisation gap has closed.

Callbacks We can go one step further and introduce early stopping as well, and save the model weights at the best validation score. We can do this with callbacks.

```
[88]: # Create a new model
model = get_regularised_model()

[89]: # Compile the model
model.compile(optimizer='adam', loss='mse', metrics=['mae'])
```

The EarlyStopping callback is a built-in callback in the tf.keras.callbacks module. You can see a complete list of built-in callbacks here.

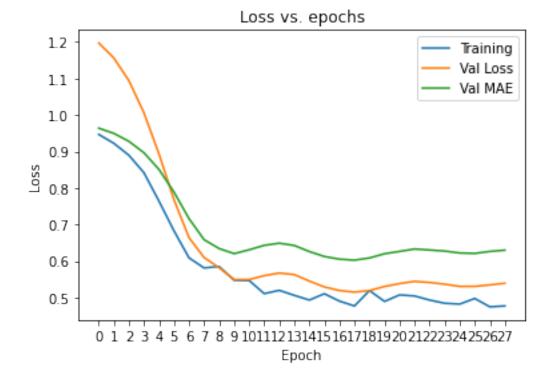
```
history = model.fit(train_dataset, epochs=100, validation_data=val_dataset, u

→verbose=False,

callbacks=[earlystopping])
```

```
[92]: # Plot the training and validation metrics
import numpy as np

plt.plot(history.history['loss'])
plt.plot(history.history['val_loss'])
plt.plot(history.history['val_mae'])
plt.title('Loss vs. epochs')
plt.ylabel('Loss')
plt.xlabel('Epoch')
plt.xlabel('Epoch')
plt.xticks(np.arange(len(history.history['loss'])))
plt.legend(['Training', 'Val Loss', 'Val MAE'], loc='upper right')
plt.show()
```



Exercise. Take a look at some more of the callbacks available in the callbacks module in TensorFlow, and have a go at implemented some of them in your model here.

### ## CNNs and feature maps

In this section we will use the Conv2D and MaxPool2D layer to implement the convolution and pooling operations described above, and see how these easily fits into our existing model-building

workflow.

We will also see the effect of different kernel tensor choices on the output feature maps, and look at more complex feature maps from a pre-trained model.

```
[93]: import tensorflow as tf
```

The Conv2D and MaxPool2D classes are imported from the tf.keras.layers module just as the Flatten and Dense layers we have already worked with. Note that there are also 1-D and 3-D variants of these layers available, which both work in a similar way.

```
[94]: # Define a dummy model with Conv2D and MaxPool2D layers

from tensorflow.keras import Sequential
from tensorflow.keras.layers import Conv2D, MaxPool2D

model = Sequential([
    ## first argument is the number of filters, second is the kernel window size
    Conv2D(8, (3, 5), activation='relu', input_shape=(32, 32, 3)),
    MaxPool2D((2, 2)),
    ## the second argument being 3 means use a (3, 3) window size
    Conv2D(16, 3, activation='relu'),
    MaxPool2D(2)
])
```

# [95]: # Print the model summary model.summary() ## the last dimension in the shape refers to the number of filters / channels →output by the layer

Model: "sequential\_5"

| Layer (type)  | Output Shape       | Param # |
|---|--------------------|---------|
| conv2d (Conv2D)   | (None, 30, 28, 8)  | 368     |
| max_pooling2d (MaxPooling2D)  | (None, 15, 14, 8)  | 0       |
| conv2d_1 (Conv2D)   | (None, 13, 12, 16) | 1168    |
| max_pooling2d_1 (MaxPooling2  | (None, 6, 6, 16)   | 0       |
| Total params: 1,536 Trainable params: 1,536 Non-trainable params: 0 |                    |         |

```
[96]: # Inspect the layer variables' shapes

## shape: (height, width, #channels into layer, #channels out of layer)
print(model.layers[0].kernel.shape)
print(model.layers[0].bias.shape)

print(model.layers[2].kernel.shape)
print(model.layers[2].bias.shape)

(3, 5, 3, 8)
(8,)
(3, 3, 8, 16)
(16,)
```

Edge detection filters The kernels (or filters) in CNNs are typically learned with backpropagation.

However, simple low-level features such as edge detection kernels can also be designed by hand. In this section we will see the output of such low-level kernels.

```
[97]: # Define a simple model with a Conv2D layer

model = Sequential([
          Conv2D(1, (3, 3), activation=None, use_bias=False, input_shape=(None, None, □ →1))
])
```

A shape dimension of None indicates that the model can take flexible input sizes in this dimension.

```
[98]: # Inspect the model's weights
model.weights
```

```
[[[ 0.01269567]],
  [[ 0.01756012]],
  [[-0.39252913]]]], dtype=float32)>]
```

```
[99]: # Load an image as grayscale

import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

image = tf.io.read_file("./figures/oscar.png")
image = tf.io.decode_png(image, channels=1)
plt.figure(figsize=(8, 6))
plt.imshow(image, cmap='gray')
plt.axis('off')
plt.show()
```



A simple and intuitive edge detection kernel is the Sobel operator (a simple edge detection filter):

```
[100]: # Define simple edge detection filters

sobel_x = tf.constant([[1, 0, -1,], [2, 0, -2], [1, 0, -1]], dtype=tf.float32)
```

```
sobel_y = tf.constant([[1, 2, 1], [0, 0, 0], [-1, -2, -1]], dtype=tf.float32)
       print(sobel_x)
      tf.Tensor(
      [[ 1. 0. -1.]
       [ 2. 0. -2.]
       [ 1. 0. -1.]], shape=(3, 3), dtype=float32)
[101]: # Set the model kernel
       ## define a function that assigns the values of the kernel variable in our
       →model with one of these arrays
       def assign_filter(arr):
           ## NB we use newaxis to add extra dummy dimensions to match the required
       \rightarrow dimensions
           model.weights[0].assign(arr[:, :, tf.newaxis, tf.newaxis])
[102]: # Compute the feature maps
       assign_filter(sobel_x)
       # The ... add dummy dimensions like with newaxis
       gx = model(image[None, ...])[0]
       assign_filter(sobel_y)
       gy = model(image[None, ...])[0]
       ## the total gradient magnitude (combining gx and gy)
       g = tf.sqrt(tf.square(gx) + tf.square(gy))
[103]: # View the image and feature map
       fig = plt.figure(figsize=(17, 6))
       fig.add_subplot(121)
       plt.imshow(image, cmap='gray')
       plt.axis('off')
       fig.add_subplot(122)
       plt.imshow(g, cmap='gray') # First gx, then gy, then g
       plt.axis('off')
       plt.show() # After executing, show the forehead markings with the cursor
        \hookrightarrow (after both qx and qy)
```





We see this simple hand crafted feature extractor results in a feature map that provides useful information about the image.

The parameters of such filters are learned during training.

Extract learned features from a pre-trained model In this section we will load a CNN model that has been pre-trained on the ImageNet dataset, which is a large scale image classification dataset which to date has over 20,000 categories and over 14 million images. Large deep learning models trained on this dataset tend to learn general, useful representations of image features that can be used for a range of image processing tasks.

Below we will load the VGG-19 model (Simonyan and Zisserman 2015), which is available to load as a pre-trained model in the tf.keras.applications module. This might take a minute or two to download the first time you run the cell.

```
[104]: # Load the VGG-19 model (19 convolutional & dense layers in the model)

vgg = tf.keras.applications.VGG19(weights='imagenet', include_top=False)
```

[105]: # Print the model summary

vgg.summary()

## The final dense layer also has a softmax activation (when input\_top is True)
## The model was trained to predict the correct class from 1000 categories

Model: "vgg19"

| Layer (type)          | Output Shape            | Param # |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|---------|
| input_1 (InputLayer)  | [(None, None, None, 3)] | 0       |
| block1_conv1 (Conv2D) | (None, None, None, 64)  | 1792    |
| block1_conv2 (Conv2D) | (None, None, None, 64)  | 36928   |

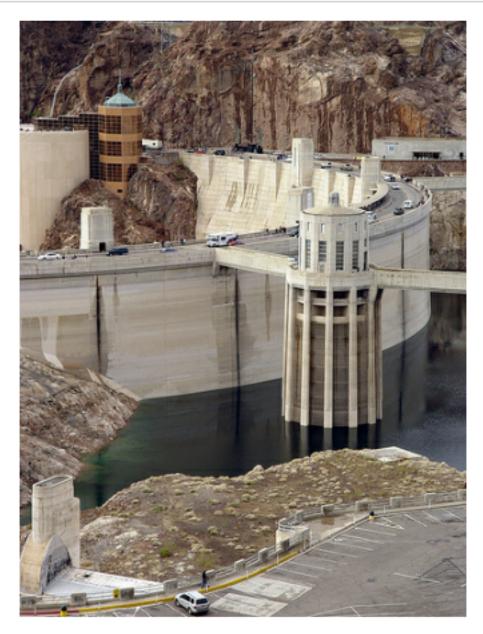
| block1_pool (MaxPooling2D) | (None, | None, | None, | 64)  | 0       |
|----------------------------|--------|-------|-------|------|---------|
| block2_conv1 (Conv2D)      | (None, | None, | None, | 128) | 73856   |
| block2_conv2 (Conv2D)      | (None, | None, | None, | 128) | 147584  |
| block2_pool (MaxPooling2D) | (None, | None, | None, | 128) | 0       |
| block3_conv1 (Conv2D)      | (None, | None, | None, | 256) | 295168  |
| block3_conv2 (Conv2D)      | (None, | None, | None, | 256) | 590080  |
| block3_conv3 (Conv2D)      | (None, | None, | None, | 256) | 590080  |
| block3_conv4 (Conv2D)      | (None, | None, | None, | 256) | 590080  |
| block3_pool (MaxPooling2D) | (None, | None, | None, | 256) | 0       |
| block4_conv1 (Conv2D)      | (None, | None, | None, | 512) | 1180160 |
| block4_conv2 (Conv2D)      | (None, | None, | None, | 512) | 2359808 |
| block4_conv3 (Conv2D)      | (None, | None, | None, | 512) | 2359808 |
| block4_conv4 (Conv2D)      | (None, | None, | None, | 512) | 2359808 |
| block4_pool (MaxPooling2D) | (None, | None, | None, | 512) | 0       |
| block5_conv1 (Conv2D)      | (None, | None, | None, | 512) | 2359808 |
| block5_conv2 (Conv2D)      | (None, | None, | None, | 512) | 2359808 |
| block5_conv3 (Conv2D)      | (None, | None, | None, | 512) | 2359808 |
| block5_conv4 (Conv2D)      | (None, | None, | None, | 512) | 2359808 |
| block5_pool (MaxPooling2D) | (None, | None, | None, | 512) | 0       |

Total params: 20,024,384 Trainable params: 20,024,384 Non-trainable params: 0

We will visualise the features extracted by this model at different levels of hierarchy for the following image:

[106]: # Load a colour image

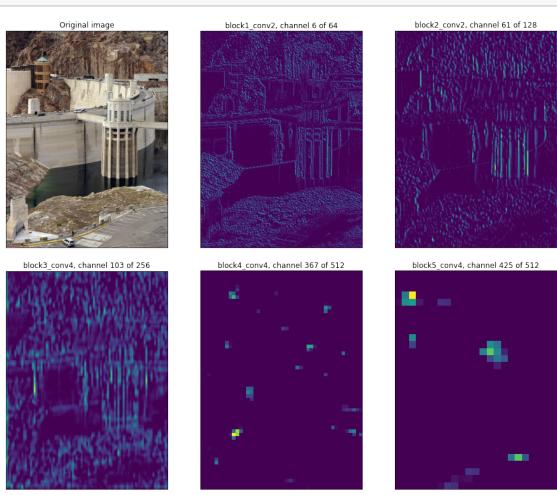
```
image = tf.io.read_file("./figures/hoover_dam.JPEG")
image = tf.io.decode_jpeg(image, channels=3)
plt.figure(figsize=(6, 10))
plt.imshow(image)
plt.axis('off')
plt.show()
```



We will use the functional API (more flexible than the sequential API) to create a multi-output model that outputs different hidden layer outputs within the model.

```
[107]: # Define the multi-output model
       from tensorflow.keras.models import Model
       ## single input tensor
       inputs = vgg.inputs
       ## 5 output tensors
       layer_names = ['block1_conv2', 'block2_conv2', 'block3_conv4', 'block4_conv4', _
       outputs = [vgg.get_layer(layer_name).output for layer_name in layer_names]
       vgg_features = Model(inputs=inputs, outputs=outputs)
[108]: # View the model inputs and outputs Tensors
       vgg_features.input
       vgg_features.outputs
[108]: [<KerasTensor: shape=(None, None, None, 64) dtype=float32 (created by layer
       'block1_conv2')>,
        <KerasTensor: shape=(None, None, None, 128) dtype=float32 (created by layer</pre>
       'block2_conv2')>,
        <KerasTensor: shape=(None, None, None, 256) dtype=float32 (created by layer</pre>
       'block3_conv4')>,
        <KerasTensor: shape=(None, None, None, 512) dtype=float32 (created by layer</pre>
       'block4_conv4')>,
        <KerasTensor: shape=(None, None, None, 512) dtype=float32 (created by layer</pre>
       'block5_conv4')>]
[109]: # Extract the hierarchical features for this image
       image_processed = tf.keras.applications.vgg19.preprocess_input(image)
       features = vgg_features(image_processed[tf.newaxis, ...])
       features = [image] + features
[110]: # Visualise the features
       ## Plot the original image and one of the feature maps from each of the output \Box
       → tensors returned by the model
       import numpy as np
       n_rows, n_cols = 2, 3
       fig, axes = plt.subplots(n_rows, n_cols, figsize=(16, 14))
       fig.subplots_adjust(hspace=0.05, wspace=0.2)
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for i in range(len(features)):
   feature_map = features[i]
   num_channels = feature_map.shape[-1]
   row = i // n_cols
   col = i % n_cols
   if i == 0:
        axes[row, col].imshow(image)
        axes[row, col].set_title('Original image')
   else:
        random_feature = np.random.choice(num_channels)
        axes[row, col].imshow(feature_map[0, ..., random_feature])
        axes[row, col].set_title('{}, channel {} of {}'.
 →format(layer_names[i-1], random_feature + 1, num_channels))
   axes[row, col].get_xaxis().set_visible(False)
   axes[row, col].get_yaxis().set_visible(False)
plt.show()
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In the deeper layers of the model, the features learned are increasingly abstract, which makes them much more difficult to interpret.

They're not looking at lower level aspects like edges or textures anymore.

But instead they're combining these lower and mid-level representations of the data into a representation that has a higher level meaning.

Exercise: load one of your own images to view the features extracted by the VGG-19 network.

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