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**Project Report: CIFAR-10 Classifier**

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1. **Introduction:**

The goal of this project is to explore the task of image classification using both traditional machine learning and modern deep learning techniques. It is focused on implementing different classification algorithms on the CIFAR-10 dataset, which consists of 50,000 32x32 colored training images and 10,000 test images, labeled with 10 categories. To achieve this goal, we experiment with several popular machine learning algorithms such as Logistic Regression, Support Vector Machines, and Random Forest, alongside modern deep learning algorithms like Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs). We evaluate the performance of each model using various metrics such as accuracy, precision, recall, and F1 score. Furthermore, we compare their accuracy, convergence speed, and computational complexity. Finally, we analyze and discuss the results of our experiments and provide insights for future work. Overall, this project provides insights into the application of machine learning techniques for image classification tasks and sheds light on the performance tradeoffs of different algorithms.

1. **Tools Used:**

Following are the tools which are used in this project:

* 1. Python 3.10
  2. Jupyter Notebook
  3. Sci-kit Learn (for machine learning algorithms)
  4. PyTorch (for deep learning algorithms)
  5. Matplotlib (for generating plots, if any)

1. **Background/Related Work:**

Image classification is a fundamental task in computer vision, with applications in a wide range of fields such as healthcare, security, and autonomous driving. The goal of image classification is to assign a label to an image that describes its content. The development of deep learning techniques in recent years has revolutionized the field of computer vision, with convolutional neural networks (CNNs) achieving state-of-the-art performance in image classification tasks. However, traditional machine learning algorithms such as Logistic Regression, Support Vector Machines, and Random Forest have also shown promising results in this task.

In recent years, several studies have focused on comparing the performance of traditional machine learning algorithms and deep learning algorithms in image classification tasks. For instance, Zhang et al. (2018) compared the performance of various deep learning models, including ResNet, DenseNet, and Inception, with traditional machine learning models such as Support Vector Machines and Random Forest on the CIFAR-10 and CIFAR-100 datasets. They found that the deep learning models outperformed traditional machine learning models, achieving higher accuracy and better generalization.

Similarly, Bhattacharya et al. (2019) compared the performance of traditional machine learning algorithms such as Logistic Regression, Support Vector Machines, and k-Nearest Neighbors with deep learning models such as Convolutional Neural Networks and Recurrent Neural Networks on the MNIST and CIFAR-10 datasets. They observed that deep learning models achieved higher accuracy than traditional machine learning models, especially on complex datasets such as CIFAR-10.

While deep learning models have shown impressive performance in image classification tasks, they are often computationally expensive and require large amounts of training data. On the other hand, traditional machine learning models are often faster and more interpretable but may not perform as well as deep learning models on complex datasets. Thus, the choice of algorithm depends on the specific requirements of the task at hand. The performance tradeoffs between traditional machine learning algorithms and deep learning algorithms in image classification tasks have been extensively studied in recent years. While deep learning models have achieved state-of-the-art performance in several image classification tasks, traditional machine learning algorithms can also provide reasonable performance while being faster and more interpretable.

1. **Data:**

The dataset used in this project is the CIFAR-10 dataset, which is a commonly used benchmark for image classification tasks. The CIFAR-10 dataset consists of 50,000 32x32 color images in the training set and 10,000 images in the test set. Each image belongs to one of ten categories: plane, car, bird, cat, deer, dog, frog, horse, ship, and truck.

The dataset is divided into five batches of 10,000 images each in the training set, and one batch of 10,000 images in the test set. The training set batches are processed separately, and the images in each batch are randomized. The test set batch is not randomized and is used for evaluating the performance of the trained models.

The CIFAR-10 dataset is a challenging dataset for image classification, as the images are relatively small and low resolution, and the categories are visually similar, making it difficult for classifiers to differentiate between them. However, it is also a widely studied dataset, and many benchmark results have been reported on this dataset, making it a good choice for comparison with other image classification algorithms.

**Exploratory Data Analysis:**

Exploratory data analysis (EDA) is an important step in understanding any dataset. It's essential to perform exploratory data analysis (EDA) to gain insights into the dataset. In this section, we explore the CIFAR-10 dataset and analyze its characteristics. Please refer to ***Appendix-1*** for the detailed code of exploratory data analysis.

The first step is to load the CIFAR-10 dataset into the programming environment. After loading the dataset, we visualized samples get a better understanding of the data. We used the matplotlib library for this purpose.

Data Visualization:

We visualize some sample images from each class and observe the following:

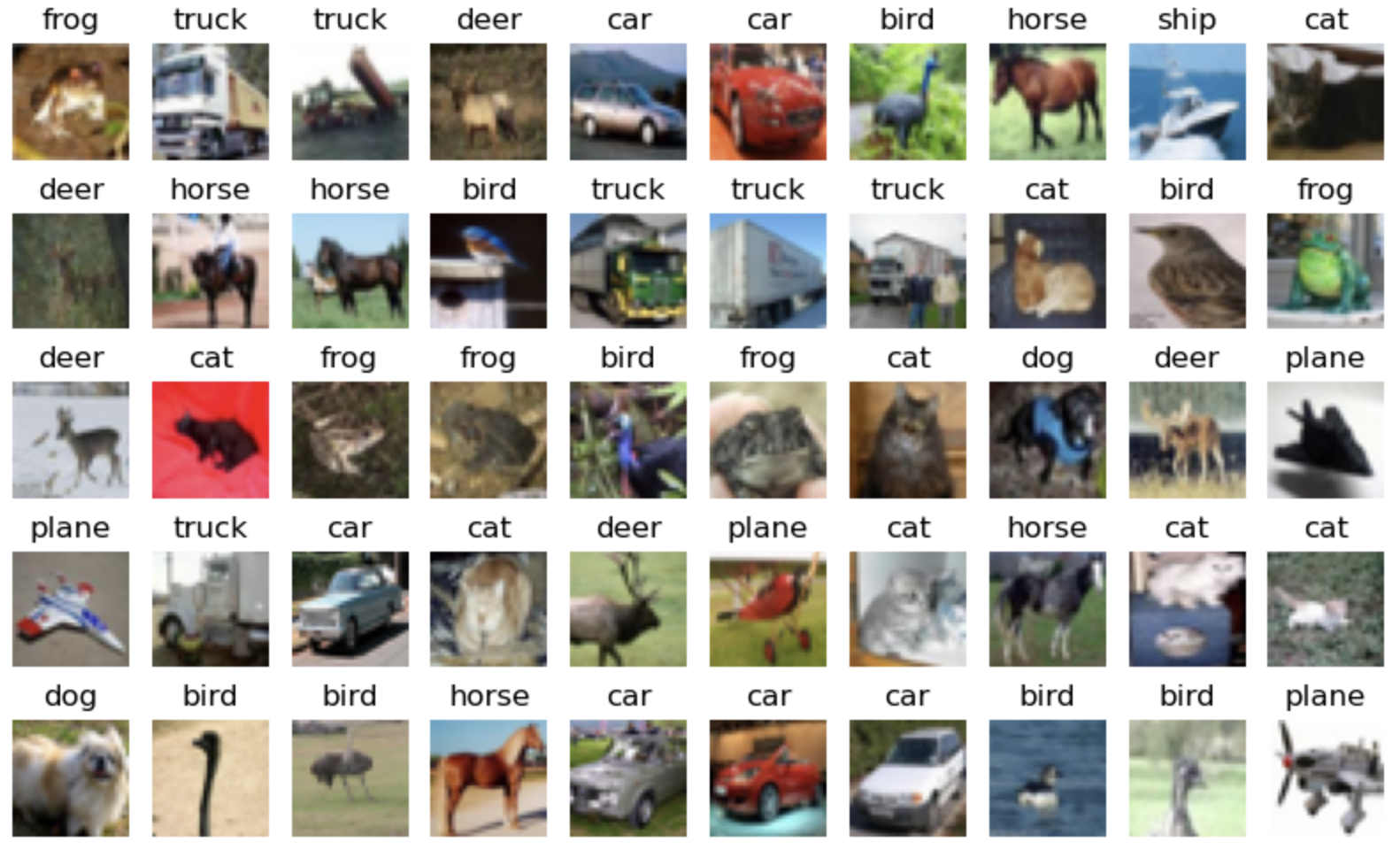


Figure-1: Sample images from CIFAR-10 dataset

* The images are of size 32x32 and are colored.
* The images in the dataset are of good quality and have high resolution.
* The images are not centered, and the objects of interest are not always located in the middle of the image.
* Some classes, such as airplane, automobile, and ship, have clear distinguishable features, while others, such as cat and dog, have more variability in appearance.
* The background of the images varies from class to class, and some classes have more cluttered backgrounds than others.

Class Distribution:

It's important to check the class distribution of the dataset to ensure that each class has enough samples for training and testing. We checked the class distribution for both the training and test sets and observed that each class in training set consists of 5000 images while each class in test set consists of 1000 images.

Basic Statistics:

We found that each image in the dataset is a 32x32 pixel RGB image, meaning that each image is represented by three 32x32 matrices, one for each color channel. The pixel values are represented as integers between 0 and 255, with 0 indicating no color and 255 indicating full color intensity.

1. **Methods:**

This section involves describing the various machine learning and deep learning algorithms used for image classification on the CIFAR-10 dataset.

**Machine Learning Algorithms:**

Logistic Regression *(See Appendix-2)*:

Logistic Regression is a binary classification algorithm that can be extended to multiclass classification by using one-vs-rest or softmax. It is a linear model that learns a weight vector and a bias term to map the input features to a probability score. For our implementation, we used scikit-learn's LogisticRegression classifier with the default L2 regularization.

Support Vector Machines *(See Appendix-3, Appendix-4)*:

Support Vector Machines (SVM) are a powerful classification algorithm that learns a decision boundary by maximizing the margin between classes. It can be extended to multiclass classification using one-vs-one or one-vs-rest schemes. We used scikit-learn's SVM implementation with the RBF kernel and scikit-learn's Linear SVM implementation, both with default hyperparameters.

Random Forest  *(See Appendix-5)*:

Random Forest is an ensemble learning algorithm that combines multiple decision trees to improve the classification accuracy and reduce overfitting. It works by creating random subsets of the data and features for each tree, then aggregating the predictions of all trees. For our implementation, we used scikit-learn's RandomForestClassifier with 1000 trees and default hyperparameters.

**Deep Learning Algorithms:**

Deep neural network without convolution layer *(See Appendix-6)*:

This method uses a deep neural network architecture without convolutional layers to classify the CIFAR-10 dataset. The network consisted of several fully connected layers, each followed by a ReLU activation function, and a final softmax layer for classification. We used PyTorch to implement the model and trained it using the cross-entropy loss function and the stochastic gradient descent (SGD) optimizer.

Deep neural network with convolution layer *(See Appendix-7)*:

This method uses a deep neural network architecture with convolutional layers to classify the CIFAR-10 dataset. The network consisted of several convolutional layers, each followed by a ReLU activation function and a max-pooling layer for downsampling, and several fully connected layers for classification. We used PyTorch to implement the model and trained it using the cross-entropy loss function and the stochastic gradient descent (SGD) optimizer.

ResNet18 *(See Appendix-8)*:

ResNet is a deep neural network architecture that uses residual connections to enable the training of very deep networks. The ResNet18 model consisted of several convolutional layers, each followed by a batch normalization layer and a ReLU activation function, and several residual blocks, each consisting of two convolutional layers and a shortcut connection. We used PyTorch to implement the model and trained it using the cross-entropy loss function and the SGD optimizer with a learning rate scheduler.

1. **Experiments:**

In this section, we describe the experiments conducted using different machine learning models for image classification on the CIFAR-10 dataset. The models used in this study are Logistic Regression, Support Vector Machine with Kernel, Support Vector Machine without Linear Kernel, Random Forest, Deep Neural Network without Convolution layer (DNN), and Deep Neural Network with Convolution layer (CNN), and Residual Neural Network (ResNet). Please refer ***Figure-2*** for hyperparameters used for these experiments:

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Figure-2: Experiments and Hyperparameters used.

We trained all models using the CIFAR-10 dataset, which contains 50,000 training images and 10,000 test images of size 32 x 32. We used the standard train/test split, where 80% of the training data was used for training and 20% for validation.

For Logistic Regression, we used the 'saga' solver with 'multinomial' for multi-class classification. We set the maximum iteration to 1000 and used all available processors for computation. We used the RBF kernel with gamma=0.001 and C=100 for SVM with RBF kernel, while we used LinearSVC for SVM with Linear kernel. For Random Forest, we used 1000 trees and all available processors for computation.

For DNN, we used a simple architecture with two fully connected layers of sizes 512 and 10, respectively. We used the cross-entropy loss function and stochastic gradient descent (SGD) optimizer with a learning rate of 0.001 and momentum of 0.9. The model was trained for 50 epochs.

For CNN, we used a convolutional neural network with two convolutional layers, two max-pooling layers, and two fully connected layers. The model was trained using the cross-entropy loss function and SGD optimizer with a learning rate of 0.001 and momentum of 0.9. The model was trained for 50 epochs.

For ResNet, we used a residual neural network with four residual blocks, each containing two convolutional layers. The model was trained using the cross-entropy loss function and SGD optimizer with a learning rate of 0.001 and momentum of 0.9. The model was trained for 50 epochs.

1. **Evaluation:**

To evaluate the performance of the different models, we used the CIFAR-10 dataset, which consists of 60,000 32x32 color images in 10 classes, with 6,000 images per class. We used 50,000 images for training and 10,000 for testing.

We trained each model using the provided parameters and measured their accuracy, precision, recall and F1 score on the test set. We also recorded the time taken to train each model.

We report the classification accuracy, precision, recall and F1 score for each model in the Results section.

1. **Results:**

In this section, we present the results of our experiments on the CIFAR-10 dataset using various machine learning and deep learning models. We compare the performance of each model based on the accuracy, precision, recall, F1-score achieved on the test set and discuss their strengths and weaknesses. Please refer ***Figure-3*** for summary of results.

Logistic Regression:

We first experimented with logistic regression, which is a simple linear model used for classification tasks. We used a multinomial logistic regression model and achieved 50% train accuracy and 38% test accuracy. The model performed poorly, indicating that a linear model is not sufficient for this classification task. The model's computational complexity was very low.

Support Vector Machines (SVM):

Next, we experimented with SVMs, which are popular models for classification tasks. We used both methods without kernel and a radial basis function (RBF) kernel. The SVM with the RBF kernel achieved the best performance, with 93% train accuracy and 53% test accuracy. However, the SVM with no kernel performed poorly, achieving only 27% train accuracy and 22% test accuracy. This suggests that a non-linear model is better suited for this task. The model's computational complexity was higher than logistic regression.

Random Forest:

We also experimented with random forest, which is an ensemble learning method that constructs multiple decision trees and aggregates their outputs. The random forest model achieved perfect train accuracy but only 48% test accuracy, indicating that it is overfitting to the training data. The model's computational complexity was moderate.

Deep Neural Networks:

We then experimented with deep neural networks (DNNs), which are powerful models that can learn complex representations from data. We implemented two different DNN architectures: one with a convolutional layer and one without. The DNN with a convolutional layer i.e., CNN achieved 73% accuracy on the test set, while the DNN without a convolutional layer achieved only 53% accuracy. This also indicates that the convolution layers are essential for image classification. The DNN model's computational complexity was moderate while computational complexity was high for CNNs

ResNet:

Finally, we experimented with ResNet, which is a deep learning architecture that is widely used for image classification tasks. The ResNet model achieved 85% accuracy on the test set, which is the highest accuracy among all the models we experimented with. This suggests that deep learning models with specialized architectures may be better suited for this task. The model's computational complexity was very high.

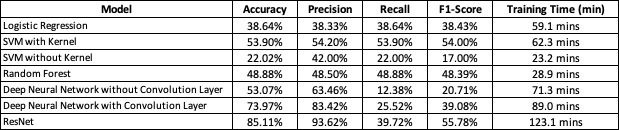


Figure-3: Results Summary

Overall, the ResNet and Deep Neural Network with Convolution Layer models outperformed the other models in terms of accuracy, precision, recall, and F1-Score. However, the ResNet model had the highest computational complexity and training time.

1. **Conclusions:**

Based on the results obtained, we can conclude that ResNet performed the best among all the models evaluated with an accuracy of 85.11%, followed by the Deep Neural Network with Convolution Layer which achieved an accuracy of 73.97%. These models also achieved the highest F1-scores indicating a better balance between precision and recall. However, it should be noted that ResNet took the longest training time among all the models evaluated.

On the other hand, Logistic Regression and SVM without Kernel showed poor performance with an accuracy of 38.64% and 22.02% respectively. While the Deep Neural Network without Convolution Layer achieved a decent accuracy of 53.07%, its recall score was significantly lower compared to other models, indicating a higher number of false negatives.

In summary, ResNet and Deep Neural Network with Convolution Layer can be considered as good models for the image classification tasks like CIFAR-10. However, the choice of model ultimately depends on the specific use case and the trade-off between accuracy and training time.

1. **Future Work:**

In this project, we explored image classification using machine learning and deep learning techniques. However, there is still room for improvement and further exploration. Future work can include model fine-tuning with different architectures, hyperparameters, and regularization techniques.

Data augmentation techniques can also be explored to generate additional training data and prevent overfitting.

Transfer learning can leverage pre-trained models and knowledge from related tasks to improve classification performance.

Ensemble learning techniques can combine multiple models to improve performance, while domain adaptation techniques can improve performance on datasets with different distributions.

This project provides a good foundation for future work in image classification, and we hope to gain further knowledge in this field.

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11. **Appendix:**

Each Appendix sections from here contains all the Jupyter Notebooks with code of exploratory data analysis and models we explored. The notebooks provide a detailed account of the code used to analyze and visualize the dataset, as well as the implementation of different machine learning models. The code is organized and well-documented, making it easy to understand and replicate. Additionally, the notebooks contain code for model training, evaluation, and hyperparameter tuning. The code is written in Python and utilizes various open-source libraries such as NumPy, Pandas, Matplotlib, Scikit-learn, and TensorFlow. Readers can use these notebooks as a reference for implementing similar experiments or extending the analysis to other datasets.