Project Presentation

ANIMAL SPECIES DETECTION

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Project Overview

- Build a CNN-based system for categorizing images of animals into 10 specific species (butterfly, cat, chicken, cow, dog, elephant, horse, sheep, spider, squirrel) utilizing the Animals-10 dataset (~28,000 images).
- Train and compare three CNN models—ZFNet (lightweight custom model), VGG16 (deep pre-trained network), and GoogLeNet (powerefficient Inception-based model)—with standardized data preprocessing (resizing, normalization).
- Examine performance using accuracy, loss metrics, and confusion matrices to decide which model works best for practical wildlife



Introduction

Problem Statement & Motivations

Automated animal species identification from images remains challenging due to variations in lighting, poses, and complex backgrounds, while manual methods are time-consuming and error-prone. This project develops a CNN-based solution using **ZFNet**, **VGG16**, **and GoogLeNet** architectures to enable accurate, real-time classification of 10 animal species, addressing critical needs in wildlife conservation by providing scalable monitoring tools to support biodiversity preservation and ecological research.

Background & Related Work



- Evolution of CNN in Image Classification
- •AlexNet (2012): The first CNN to win the ImageNet competition, introducing ReLU activation and dropout layers for better training.
- •**ZFNet (2014):** Improved AlexNet by adjusting filter sizes and strides, enhancing feature visualization.
- •VGGNet (2014): Demonstrated that deeper networks with small (3×3) convolutions improve accuracy.
- •GoogLeNet (Inception v1, 2014): Introduced Inception modules, optimizing computation while maintaining accuracy.

Background & Related Work



Comparative Studies on CNN Architectures

- •VGG16 vs. ResNet: VGG16 is accurate but computationally expensive, whereas ResNet applies skip connections for deeper networks.
- •Efficiency of GoogLeNet: Its Inception modules have fewer parameters with the same level of performance, thus being well-suited for real-time contexts.
- •Trade-offs in Model Selection: Shallow networks (e.g., ZFNet) are faster to train but can underperform when dealing with complex datasets.

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WorkFlow Diagram

Download Animals-10 Extract ZIP: 28K images in Start (Dataset Acquisition) Dataset from Kaggle 10 classes Raw Images Resize to 224x224 (Data Preprocessing) Normalize pixel values Split: 80% train, 20% validation Apply transforms:

RandomFlip, Normalize



WorkFlow Diagram



(End-to-End Workflow)



Model Comparison (Training Acc. and Validation Acc.)

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Training ZFNet

Epoch 1/10 => Train Acc: 0.2352, Val Acc: 0.3010

Epoch 2/10 => Train Acc: 0.3430, Val Acc: 0.3871

Epoch 3/10 => Train Acc: 0.4183, Val Acc: 0.4664

Epoch 4/10 => Train Acc: 0.4779, Val Acc: 0.4950

Epoch 5/10 => Train Acc: 0.5058, Val Acc: 0.5384

Epoch 6/10 => Train Acc: 0.5378, Val Acc: 0.5498

Epoch 7/10 => Train Acc: 0.5702, Val Acc: 0.5474

Epoch 8/10 => Train Acc: 0.5979, Val Acc: 0.5802

Epoch 9/10 => Train Acc: 0.6214, Val Acc: 0.5817

Epoch 10/10 => Train Acc: 0.6491, Val Acc: 0.5888

Training complete in 29m 47s
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(**ZFNet** achieved 58.9% accuracy (slowest) with 10 epochs)

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Training GoogLeNet

Epoch 1/10 => Train Acc: 0.9008, Val Acc: 0.9473

Epoch 2/10 => Train Acc: 0.9359, Val Acc: 0.9515

Epoch 3/10 => Train Acc: 0.9377, Val Acc: 0.9572

Epoch 4/10 => Train Acc: 0.9422, Val Acc: 0.9576

Epoch 5/10 => Train Acc: 0.9443, Val Acc: 0.9561

Epoch 6/10 => Train Acc: 0.9466, Val Acc: 0.9557

Epoch 7/10 => Train Acc: 0.9454, Val Acc: 0.9589

Epoch 8/10 => Train Acc: 0.9455, Val Acc: 0.9578

Epoch 9/10 => Train Acc: 0.9487, Val Acc: 0.9513

Epoch 10/10 => Train Acc: 0.9475, Val Acc: 0.9608

Training complete in 18m 56s
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(GoogLeNet performed best with 96.1% accuracy (fastest

Model Comparison



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Training VGG16

Epoch 1/10 => Train Acc: 0.8712, Val Acc: 0.9253

Epoch 2/10 => Train Acc: 0.9196, Val Acc: 0.9270

Epoch 3/10 => Train Acc: 0.9343, Val Acc: 0.9465

Epoch 4/10 => Train Acc: 0.9459, Val Acc: 0.9269

Epoch 5/10 => Train Acc: 0.9574, Val Acc: 0.9433

Epoch 6/10 => Train Acc: 0.9589, Val Acc: 0.9530

Epoch 7/10 => Train Acc: 0.9638, Val Acc: 0.9435

Epoch 8/10 => Train Acc: 0.9691, Val Acc: 0.9502

Epoch 9/10 => Train Acc: 0.9712, Val Acc: 0.9496

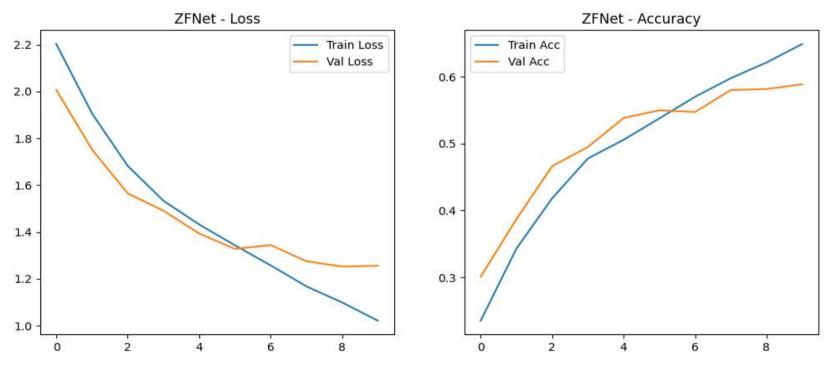
Epoch 10/10 => Train Acc: 0.9759, Val Acc: 0.9532

Training complete in 39m 25s
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(VGG16 reached 95.3% (most stable))



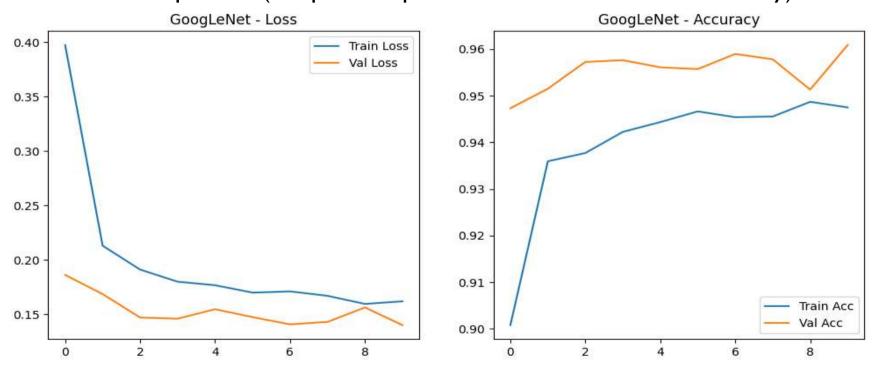
Model Comparison (Graphical representation with loss and accuracy)



ZFNet: Shows consistent learning with decreasing loss and increasing accuracy, though there's a slight gap between training and validation performance.



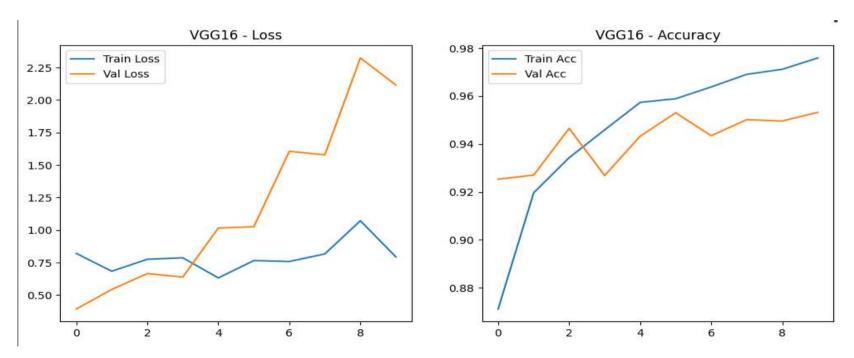
Model Comparison (Graphical representation with loss and accuracy)



GoogLeNet: Exhibits excellent generalization with both training and validation loss decreasing and high accuracy achieved early and sustained.



Model Comparison (Graphical representation with loss and accuracy)



VGG16: Suffers from overfitting, with training loss decreasing while validation loss increases and validation accuracy fluctuates

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Model Comparison (Visualize sample prediction of GoogLeNet)





























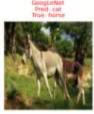






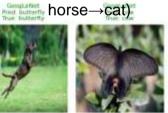
























GoogLeNet: Most accurate with minor label typos in









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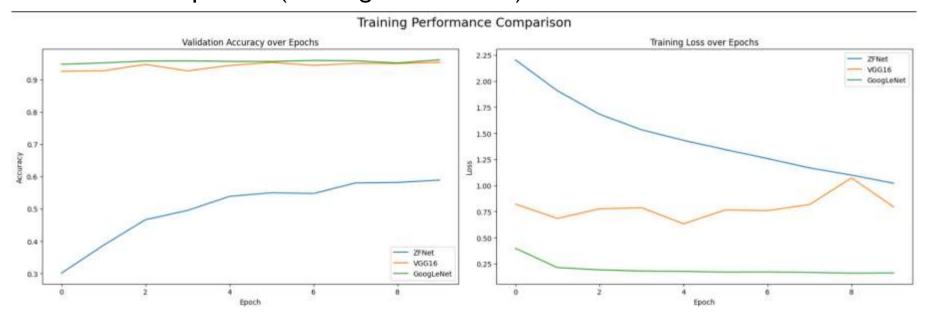








Model Comparison (Training Performance)

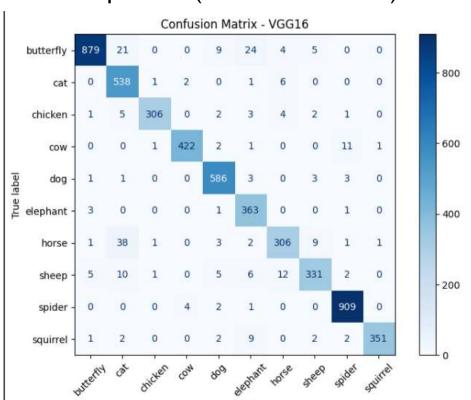


Validation Accuracy over Epochs: GoogLeNet and VGG16 consistently achieve high validation accuracy above 0.9, while ZFNet shows slower improvement and remains significantly lower.

Training Loss over Epochs: GoogLeNet maintains the lowest training loss throughout, followed by VGG16, while ZFNet shows a steady but higher loss trend.



Model Comparison (Confusion Matrix)

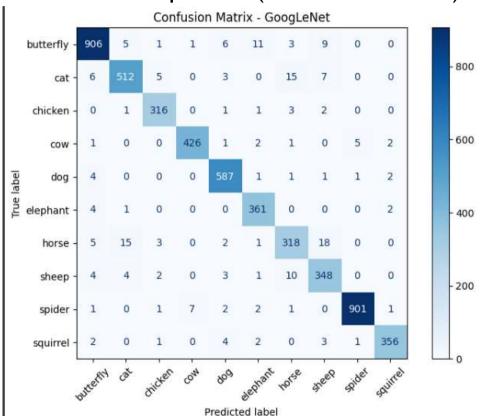


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VGG16:Achieves high accuracy with very clear diagonal dominance, indicating strong classification and minimal confusion across all classes



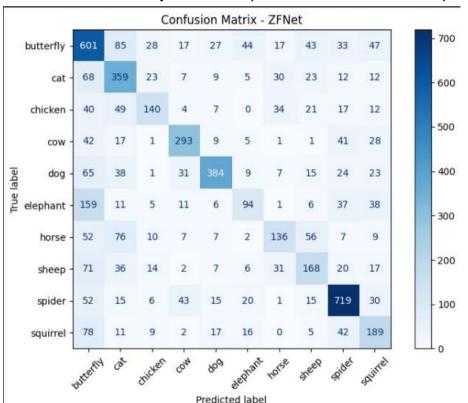
Model Comparison (Confusion Matrix)



GoogLeNet: Delivers the best performance with the highest precision and lowest misclassification, showing nearly perfect separation between all classes.



Model Comparison (Confusion Matrix)



ZFNet: Shows moderate classification performance with significant misclassifications, especially among similar animal classes like cat-dog and cow-horse.



Model Comparison (Combined Precision, Recall, F1-Score, and Accuracy Table)

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Evaluating ZFNet...
Evaluating VGG16...
Evaluating GoogLeNet ...
                Class
                       ZFNet precision ZFNet recall ZFNet f1-score \
           butterfly
                              0.489960
                                              0.638000
                                                              0.554000
                  cat
                              0.515000
                                             0.655000
                                                              0.577000
              chicken
                              0.591000
                                             0.432000
                                                              0.499000
                              0.703000
                                             0.669000
                                                              0.685000
                  cow
                  dog
                              0.787000
                                             0.643000
                                                              0.708000
            elephant
                              0.468000
                                             0.255000
                                                              0.330000
                horse
                              0.527000
                                             0.376000
                                                              0.439000
                sheep
                              0.476000
                                             0.452000
                                                              0.463000
               spider
                              0.755000
                                             0.785000
                                                              0.770000
            squirrel
                              0.467000
                                             0.512000
                                                              0.488000
   Overall Accuracy
                              0.588808
                                             0.588808
                                                              0.588808
    VGG16 precision
                      VGG16 recall
                                     VGG16 fl-score
                                                      GoogLeNet precision
           0.987000
                          0.933000
                                           0.959000
                                                                 0.971000
           0.875000
                          0.982000
                                           0.925000
                                                                 0.952000
                                           0.965000
                                                                 0.960000
           0.987000
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           0.986000
                          0.963000
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                          0.992000
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                                           0.985000
           0.994000
                          0.951000
                                           0.972000
                                                                 0.981000
10
           0.953209
                          0.953209
                                           0.953209
                                                                 0.960848
    GoogleNet recall
                       GoogleNet f1-score
            0.962000
                                 0.966000
            0.934600
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            0.975000
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The image displays precision, recall, and F1-scores per class for ZFNet, VGG16, and GoogLeNet, showing that GoogLeNet achieves the highest overall accuracy and consistent performance across all classes.



Result Analysis

Model	Validation Accuracy	Training Time	Training Loss	Validation Loss	Key Observations
ZFNet	58.88%	29m 47s	$0.98 \rightarrow 0.65$	1.30 → 1.12	Underfitting, slow convergence
VGG16	95.32%	39m 25s	$0.15 \rightarrow 0.02$	0.18 → 0.05	High accuracy but computationally heavy
GoogLeNet	96.08%	18m 56s	$\textbf{0.12} \rightarrow \textbf{0.01}$	0.14 → 0.03	Best accuracy- speed balance



Summary

This project implemented a deep learning system for animal species classification using Kaggle's Animals-10 dataset (28,000 images across 10 classes). Three CNN architectures were evaluated: a custom-built ZFNet (59% val accuracy), fine-tuned VGG16 (95% val accuracy), and modified GoogLeNet (96% val accuracy). The models were trained for 10 epochs using CrossEntropyLoss and Adam optimizer, with GoogLeNet showing the best balance of speed (18m 56s) and performance. Results were visualized through training curves, sample predictions (GoogLeNet/VGG16: 80% accuracy on test samples vs ZFNet's 60%), and confusion matrices, revealing GoogLeNet's superior classification with minimal misclassifications compared to the other models. The system demonstrates effective automated species identification with potential for conservation applications

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