FRUIT FRESHNESS CLASSIFIER

IMAGE - BASED CLASSIFICATION OF FRUITS

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PROBLEM STATEMENT

- Identifying the freshness of fruits from images is often unreliable because of differences in lighting, camera quality, viewing angles, and fruit variety. These inconsistencies make visual inspection difficult to standardize.
- Manual inspections in markets, warehouses, and supply chains can be slow, labor-intensive, and influenced by human bias, sometimes resulting in inaccurate evaluations and avoidable waste.
- An efficient, technology-driven system is needed to assess fruit quality quickly and consistently, regardless of environmental variations.
- By applying deep learning techniques, freshness classification can be automated, delivering fast, accurate, and repeatable results that improve quality control and streamline sorting processes.

PROJECT OBJECTIVES

- Automatically classify fruit images into one of 16 categories: eight fresh fruit classes and their corresponding stale counterparts.
- Achieve more than 95% accuracy while training the model in three or fewer epochs on a validation dataset of labeled fruit images captured under varied lighting and background conditions.
- Provide an interactive Streamlit web app where users can upload a fruit image and instantly receive a freshness prediction.
- Enhance quality control in supply chains by delivering consistent, objective, and evidence-based freshness assessments from uploaded images.

DATASET OVERVIEW

- The dataset contains 16,000 labeled fruit images, designed to cover a diverse range of fruit types and freshness conditions.
- Images are evenly distributed across 16 categories eight types of fresh fruits and their stale counterparts ensuring balanced representation for model training:
 - Fresh Fruits: Banana, Lemon, Lulo, Mango, Orange, Strawberry, Tamarillo, Tomato.
 - Stale Fruits: Banana, Lemon, Lulo, Mango, Orange, Strawberry, Tamarillo, Tomato.
- Each category contains 1,000 images, captured under varied lighting, angles, and backgrounds to simulate real-world market and storage conditions.
- The dataset's diversity helps the model generalize better to unseen images, making it robust for deployment in quality control and retail applications.

DATA PREPROCESSING

- Image Transformations (Data Augmentation & Standardization)
 - **RandomHorizontalFlip()** Flips images horizontally to account for variations in fruit orientation.
 - **RandomRotation(10)** Rotates images randomly up to ±10° to simulate different camera angles.
 - ColorJitter(brightness=0.2, contrast=0.2) Randomly adjusts brightness and contrast to mimic diverse lighting conditions.
 - **Resize((224, 224))** Resizes all images to 224×224 pixels, matching the ResNet50 input requirements.
 - **ToTensor()** Converts images to PyTorch tensors, scaling pixel values to the [0,1] range.
 - Normalize(mean=[0.485, 0.456, 0.406], std=[0.229, 0.224, 0.225]) Standardizes images using ImageNet statistics for compatibility with pre-trained CNN weights.

Data Splitting

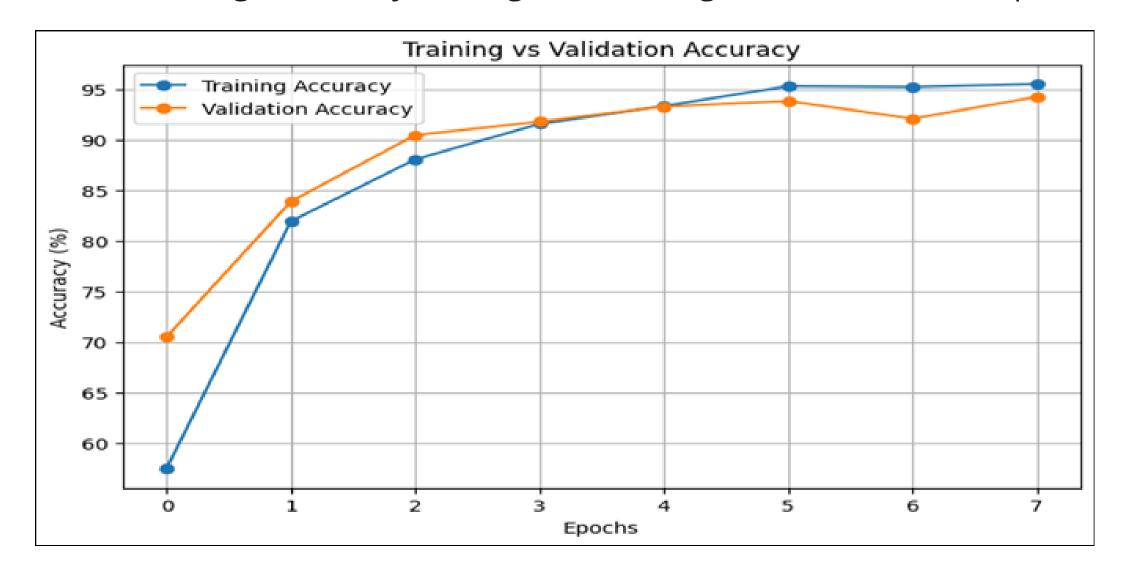
- Training Set (70%) 11,200 images used for learning model weights.
- **Validation Set (15%)** 2,400 images used to monitor model performance and detect overfitting.
- **Test Set (15%)** 2,400 images reserved for final model evaluation.

Data Loading

- **Training Loader** Batch size: 32, data shuffled for better generalization.
- Validation & Test Loaders Batch size: 32, shuffling disabled to preserve evaluation order.
- Multi-process Loading Accelerates batch preparation during training and validation phases.

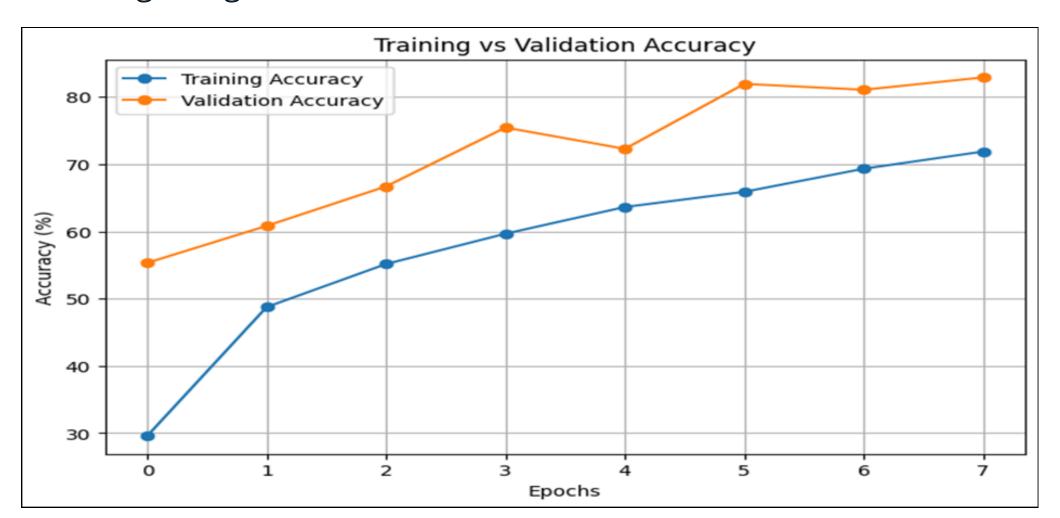
MODEL TRAINING

- Model 1 CNN (Baseline)
 - **Architecture:** Standard convolutional neural network without explicit regularization.
 - Epochs: 8
 - **Performance:** Train Acc = 95.51%, Val Acc = 94.25%, Test Acc = 92.92%.
 - **Observation:** High accuracy but slight overfitting observed after ~5 epochs.



• Model 2 – CNN with Regularization

- **Architecture:** CNN with added BatchNorm2d, Dropout (p = 0.3), and L2 Regularization (weight decay = 1e-5).
- **Epochs:** 8
- Performance: Train Acc = 71.89%, Val Acc = 82.92%, Test Acc = 83.42%.
- **Observation:** Reduced overfitting compared to Model 1 but lower overall accuracy due to stronger regularization.



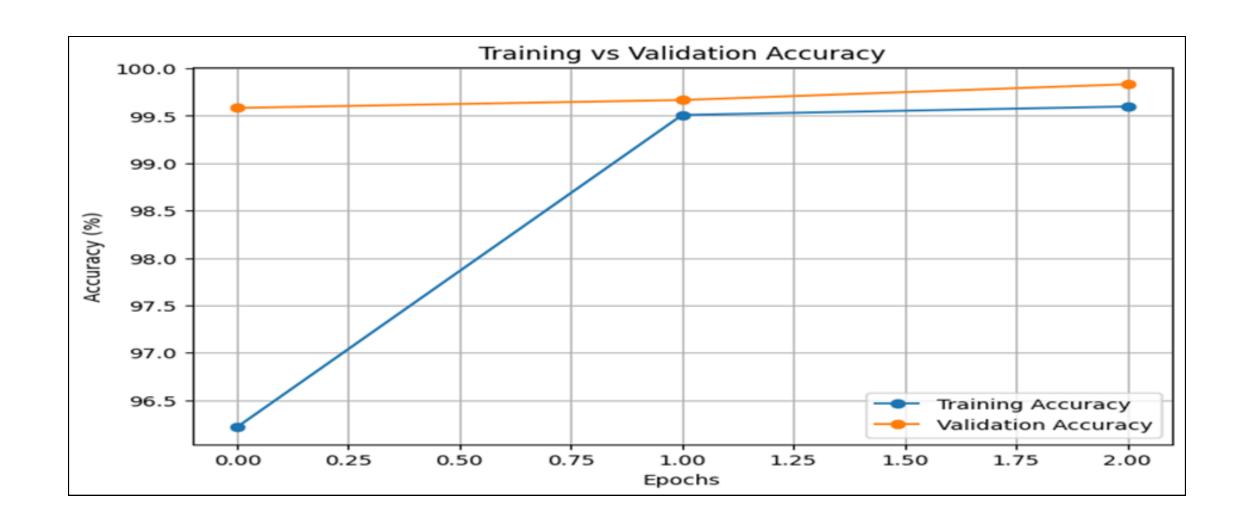
Model 3 – Transfer Learning (ResNet50)

• **Architecture:** Pretrained ResNet50 with fine-tuning of final layers.

• **Epochs:** 3

Performance: Train Acc = 99.60%, Val Acc = 99.83%, Test Acc = 99.71%.

• **Observation:** Achieved exceptional accuracy within 3 epochs, minimal overfitting, fastest convergence.



MODEL EVALUATION

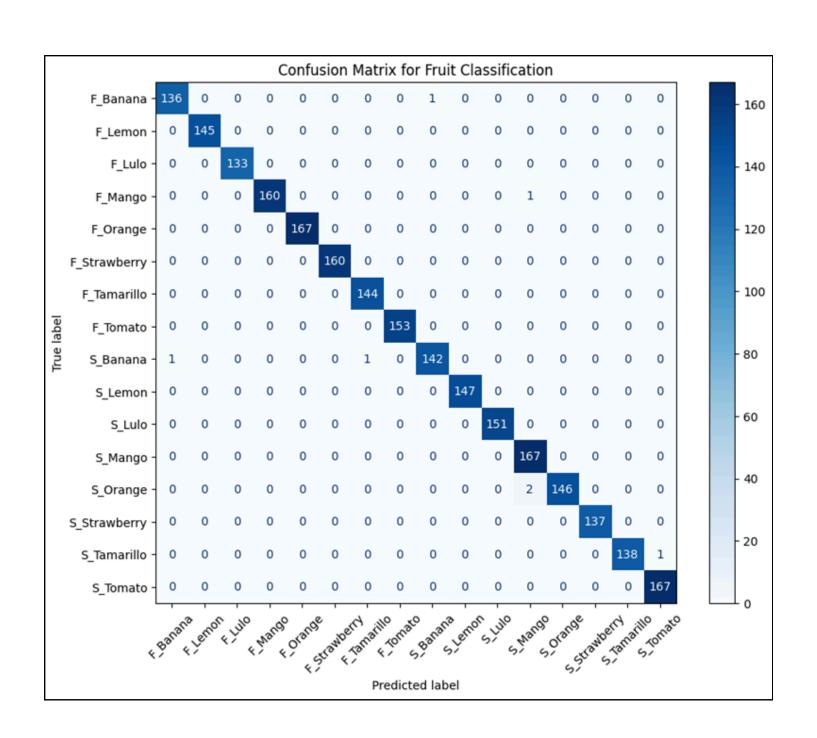
• Classification Report

- **Metrics Generated:** Precision, recall, and F1-score calculated for all 16 classes.
- Performance: Achieved ~100% accuracy,
 with macro and weighted averages both at 1.00.
- Class-Level Insights: Minimal variation in performance — most classes scored 1.00 in all metrics.
- Objective Check: Far exceeded target of
 >95% accuracy after tuning.

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Confusion Matrix

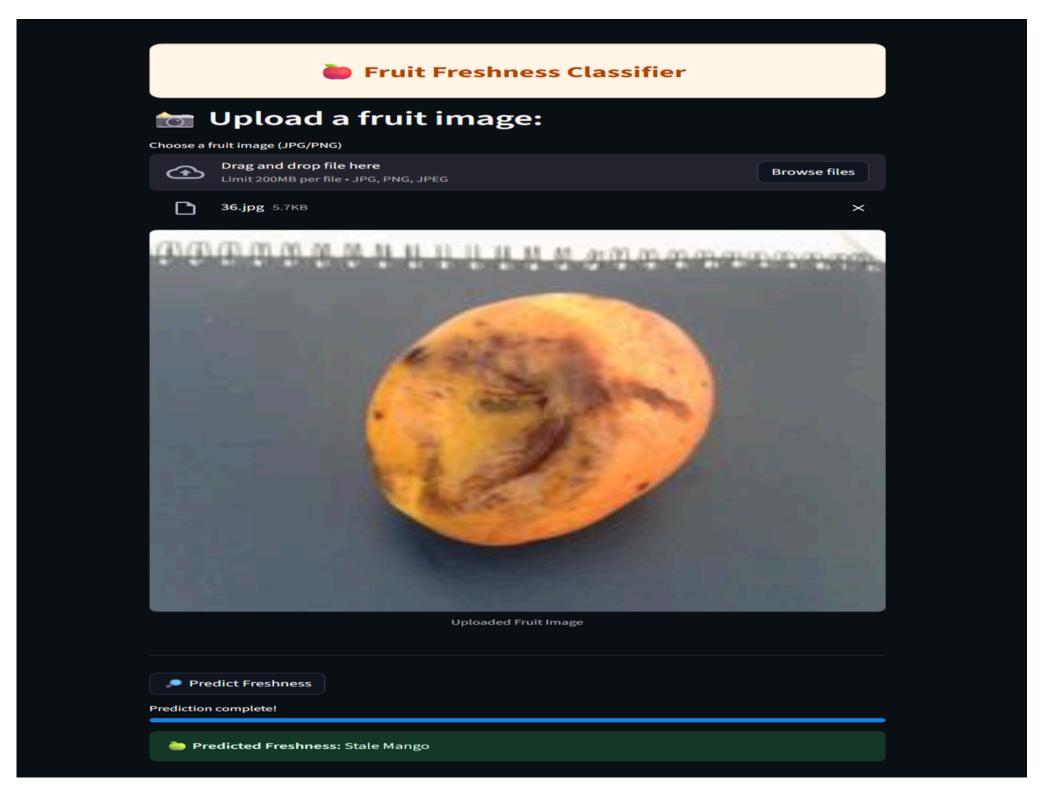
- Visualization: Plotted actual vs. predicted labels for all classes.
- **Result:** Almost perfect diagonal matrix, indicating excellent classification capability.
- Misclassifications: Very few cases like minor confusion between F_Banana & S_Banana and F_Mango & S_Mango.
- Interpretation: Model generalizes exceptionally well across different fruit types and states (fresh/stale).



STREAMLIT APP INTEGRATION

- Built an interactive **Streamlit** app for real-time fruit classification, integrating the trained **ResNet50** model.
- Includes in-app preprocessing (resizing, normalization) for smooth and accurate predictions.
- Users can upload a clear, centered fruit image via a simple, user-friendly interface.
- On clicking "**Predict Fruit Class**", the app displays the predicted category (e.g., Fresh Banana, Spoiled Mango) alongside the uploaded image.
- Deployed publicly on **Streamlit Cloud** for easy access, enabling quick, objective, and repeatable assessments for businesses and quality inspectors.

USER INTERACTION PREVIEW



PROJECT SUMMARY

- Built a deep learning system to classify fruits as Fresh or Spoiled across eight fruit types, totaling 16 categories (e.g., Fresh Banana, Spoiled Mango).
- Prepared a dataset of 16,000 labeled images, applying augmentations such as horizontal flips, rotations, and brightness/contrast adjustments for better generalization.
- Split the dataset into 70% training, 15% validation, and 15% test sets, ensuring balanced class representation for reliable evaluation.
- Trained baseline CNN and ResNet50 models with batch normalization, dropout (0.3), and weight decay (1e-5); tuned ResNet50 to achieve near-perfect accuracy within ≤3 epochs.
- Evaluated performance using classification reports and confusion matrices, achieving ~100% accuracy and identifying minimal misclassification cases.
- Developed and deployed an interactive Streamlit app for real-time fruit freshness classification.
- Live App: https://vaibhav-project-fruit-freshness-classifier.streamlit.app/
- GitHub: https://github.com/vaibhavgarg2004/Fruit-Freshness-Classifier

