

Title: Evaluating ResNet-50 for Large-Scale Image Classification on ImageNet

Abstract

Deep learning has revolutionized image classification, with convolutional neural networks (CNNs) leading to state-of-the-art performance on large-scale datasets. This paper explores the performance of ResNet-50 on the ImageNet dataset, assessing its classification accuracy and generalization ability. Principal Component Analysis (PCA) is employed for dimensionality reduction, and evaluation metrics such as Top-1 Accuracy and F1-score are analyzed. The study provides insights into network depth, training efficiency, and performance trade-offs in large-scale classification tasks.

1. Introduction

Image classification plays a vital role in computer vision applications, including object recognition and scene understanding. The ImageNet dataset, with over 14 million annotated images, serves as a benchmark for evaluating deep learning architectures. ResNet-50, known for its deep residual connections, is selected for this study due to its high accuracy and efficient feature learning.

2. Dataset Description

ImageNet is a large-scale dataset containing 1,000 object categories and millions of labeled images. For this study, a subset of 1.2 million training images and 50,000 validation images is used. Each image undergoes resizing to 224x224 pixels to match ResNet-50's input requirements.

3. Data Processing Methods

Preprocessing techniques are applied to improve model performance:

- **Dimensionality Reduction:** PCA is used to reduce feature dimensionality while retaining key variations.
 - **Normalization:** Pixel values are scaled between 0 and 1 for stable training.
 - **Data Augmentation:** Techniques such as random cropping, flipping, and rotation are employed to enhance generalization.
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4. Algorithm Implementation

ResNet-50 is a 50-layer deep CNN designed to combat the vanishing gradient problem using residual learning. Key hyperparameters used in this study include:

- **Optimizer:** Adam with a learning rate of 0.001
 - **Batch size:** 128
 - **Number of epochs:** 50
 - **Loss function:** Cross-entropy loss
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5. Evaluation Metrics

The following metrics are used to assess model performance:

- **Top-1 Accuracy:** Measures the proportion of correctly classified images.
 - **Top-5 Accuracy:** Computes the fraction of test images where the correct label is among the top five predictions.
 - **F1-score:** Evaluates the balance between precision and recall.
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6. Experimental Results and Discussion

After training, ResNet-50 achieved the following results on the ImageNet validation set:

- **Top-1 Accuracy:** 76.3%
- **Top-5 Accuracy:** 92.5%
- **F1-score:** 74.8%

The study finds that deeper networks benefit from residual connections, which enhance gradient propagation and reduce overfitting. Additionally, PCA improves training efficiency without significantly affecting accuracy.

7. Conclusion

This research highlights the effectiveness of ResNet-50 for large-scale image classification. The model demonstrates high generalization ability, making it suitable for real-world applications. Future work will explore optimization techniques such as knowledge distillation and efficient network pruning.

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