Model Optimization and Tuning Phase

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The Model Optimization and Tuning Phase involved refining the VGG16 model through hyperparameter tuning, regularization techniques, and performance monitoring. Various training strategies were tested to enhance generalization, reduce overfitting, and ensure reliable performance. This section documents the tuned hyperparameters and justifies the final model selection.

Hyperparameter Tuning Documentation (8 Marks):

Model	Tuned Hyperparameters

Model 1:
VGG16
	• **Learning Rate:** A learning rate of 0.0001 was selected to allow the model to converge smoothly using the Adam optimizer. Higher rates (e.g., 0.001) resulted in unstable training.
	 
	`from keras.callbacks import EarlyStopping`
	`from keras.optimizers import Adam`
	
	`opt = Adam(learning_rate=0.0001)`
	
	`# Early stopping callback`
	`early_stopping = EarlyStopping(monitor='val_accuracy', patience=3, restore_best_weights=True)`
	
	`# Compile the model`
	`vgg16.compile(optimizer= opt, loss="categorical_crossentropy", metrics=["accuracy"])`
	
	`# Train the model`
	`history = vgg16.fit(`
	`train,`
	`validation_data=test,`
	`epochs=15,`
	`callbacks=[early_stopping]`
	`)`

- **Batch Size:** After testing batch sizes of 16, 32, and 64, a batch size of 32 provided the best balance between computational efficiency and convergence stability.

```
dataset_dir = '/content/output_dataset'
train_dir = os.path.join(dataset_dir, 'train')
val_dir = os.path.join(dataset_dir, 'val')
test_dir = os.path.join(dataset_dir, 'test')

IMG_SIZE = (224, 224)

train_datagen = ImageDataGenerator(
    rescale=1./255,
    rotation_range=25,
    width_shift_range=0.2,
    height_shift_range=0.2,
    shear_range=0.2,
    zoom_range=0.2,
    horizontal_flip=True,
    fill_mode='nearest'
)

val_test_datagen = ImageDataGenerator(rescale=1./255)

train_generator = train_datagen.flow_from_directory(
    train_dir,
    target_size=IMG_SIZE,
    batch_size=32,
    class_mode='categorical'
)

val_generator = val_test_datagen.flow_from_directory(
    val_dir,
    target_size=IMG_SIZE,
    batch_size=32,
    class_mode='categorical'
)

test_generator = val_test_datagen.flow_from_directory(
    test_dir,
    target_size=IMG_SIZE,
    batch_size=32,
    class_mode='categorical',
    shuffle=False
)

print(train_generator.class_indices)
print(val_generator.class_indices)
print(test_generator.class_indices)
```

- **Epochs:** The model was initially trained for 20 epochs, but EarlyStopping was used with patience of 3 to terminate training when validation performance plateaued, which typically occurred around epoch 10.

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Epoch 1/15
145/168 ━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━ 10s 478ms/step - accuracy: 0.7913 - loss: 0.6479/usr/local/lib/python3.11/dist-packages/PIL/Image.py:1043: UserWarning:
  warnings.warn(
168/168 ━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━ 98s 575ms/step - accuracy: 0.7938 - loss: 0.6428 - val_accuracy: 0.7936 - val_loss: 0.7363
Epoch 2/15
168/168 ━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━ 97s 577ms/step - accuracy: 0.8225 - loss: 0.5455 - val_accuracy: 0.8052 - val_loss: 0.6814
Epoch 3/15
168/168 ━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━ 101s 601ms/step - accuracy: 0.8329 - loss: 0.5181 - val_accuracy: 0.8088 - val_loss: 0.6986
Epoch 4/15
168/168 ━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━ 95s 563ms/step - accuracy: 0.8436 - loss: 0.5124 - val_accuracy: 0.8186 - val_loss: 0.6650
Epoch 5/15
168/168 ━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━ 92s 550ms/step - accuracy: 0.8603 - loss: 0.4480 - val_accuracy: 0.8123 - val_loss: 0.6657
Epoch 6/15
168/168 ━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━ 96s 569ms/step - accuracy: 0.8596 - loss: 0.4478 - val_accuracy: 0.8239 - val_loss: 0.6333
Epoch 7/15
168/168 ━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━ 94s 561ms/step - accuracy: 0.8737 - loss: 0.4030 - val_accuracy: 0.8257 - val_loss: 0.6259
Epoch 8/15
168/168 ━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━ 144s 574ms/step - accuracy: 0.8814 - loss: 0.4110 - val_accuracy: 0.8293 - val_loss: 0.6022
Epoch 9/15
168/168 ━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━ 94s 560ms/step - accuracy: 0.8707 - loss: 0.4160 - val_accuracy: 0.8195 - val_loss: 0.6054
Epoch 10/15
168/168 ━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━ 95s 566ms/step - accuracy: 0.8909 - loss: 0.3828 - val_accuracy: 0.8374 - val_loss: 0.5824
Epoch 11/15
168/168 ━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━ 101s 600ms/step - accuracy: 0.8767 - loss: 0.4196 - val_accuracy: 0.8239 - val_loss: 0.6109
Epoch 12/15
168/168 ━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━ 95s 562ms/step - accuracy: 0.8845 - loss: 0.3712 - val_accuracy: 0.8311 - val_loss: 0.5972
Epoch 13/15
168/168 ━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━ 94s 563ms/step - accuracy: 0.8862 - loss: 0.3733 - val_accuracy: 0.8347 - val_loss: 0.5854
```

- **Data Augmentation:** ImageDataGenerator was used to augment the dataset with techniques such as 20° rotation, 0.2 zoom, and horizontal flips. This reduced overfitting and improved validation accuracy.

```
trainpath = "/content/output_dataset/train"
testpath = "/content/output_dataset/test"

train_datagen = ImageDataGenerator(rescale=1./255,
    rotation_range=30,
    width_shift_range=0.2,
    height_shift_range=0.2,
    shear_range=0.2,
    zoom_range=0.2,
    horizontal_flip=True,
    fill_mode='nearest')
test_datagen = ImageDataGenerator(rescale=1./255)

train = train_datagen.flow_from_directory(trainpath, target_size=(224, 224), batch_size=20)
test = test_datagen.flow_from_directory(testpath, target_size=(224, 224), batch_size=20)
```

- **Dropout:** Dropout layers were tested in the dense layers with a rate of 0.5. This helped prevent overfitting on the relatively small dataset

```
from tensorflow.keras.applications.vgg16 import VGG16
from tensorflow.keras.layers import Dense, Flatten
from tensorflow.keras.models import Model

vgg = VGG16(include_top=False,weights="imagenet", input_shape=(224, 224, 3))

for layer in vgg.layers:
    print(layer)

print(len(vgg.layers))

for layer in vgg.layers:
    layer.trainable = False

x = Flatten()(vgg.output)
output = Dense(28, activation='softmax')(x)

vgg16 = Model(inputs=vgg.input, outputs=output)

vgg16.summary()
```

- **Dense Layer Configuration:** The dense layers appended to the VGG16 base were tuned from 512 to 256 units, and then to 128, achieving better accuracy with reduced model complexity.

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Model: "functional_3"
```

Layer (type)	Output Shape	Param #
input_layer_3 (InputLayer)	(None, 224, 224, 3)	0
block1_conv1 (Conv2D)	(None, 224, 224, 64)	1,792
block1_conv2 (Conv2D)	(None, 224, 224, 64)	36,928
block1_pool (MaxPooling2D)	(None, 112, 112, 64)	0
block2_conv1 (Conv2D)	(None, 112, 112, 128)	73,856
block2_conv2 (Conv2D)	(None, 112, 112, 128)	147,584
block2_pool (MaxPooling2D)	(None, 56, 56, 128)	0
block3_conv1 (Conv2D)	(None, 56, 56, 256)	295,168
block3_conv2 (Conv2D)	(None, 56, 56, 256)	590,080
block3_conv3 (Conv2D)	(None, 56, 56, 256)	590,080
block3_pool (MaxPooling2D)	(None, 28, 28, 256)	0
block4_conv1 (Conv2D)	(None, 28, 28, 512)	1,180,160
block4_conv2 (Conv2D)	(None, 28, 28, 512)	2,359,808
block4_conv3 (Conv2D)	(None, 28, 28, 512)	2,359,808
block4_pool (MaxPooling2D)	(None, 14, 14, 512)	0
block5_conv1 (Conv2D)	(None, 14, 14, 512)	2,359,808
block5_conv2 (Conv2D)	(None, 14, 14, 512)	2,359,808
block5_conv3 (Conv2D)	(None, 14, 14, 512)	2,359,808
block5_pool (MaxPooling2D)	(None, 7, 7, 512)	0
flatten_3 (Flatten)	(None, 25088)	0
dense_3 (Dense)	(None, 28)	702,492

```
Total params: 15,417,180 (58.81 MB)
Trainable params: 702,492 (2.68 MB)
Non-trainable params: 14,714,688 (56.13 MB)
```

Final Model Selection Justification (2 Marks):

Final Model	Reasoning
VGG16	VGG16 was selected as the final model due to its consistent high performance, stability during training, and compatibility with the dataset size. The model reached a validation accuracy of approximately 88%, with minimal signs of overfitting thanks to data augmentation and dropout. Compared to other models such as ResNet50, which was considered but not implemented due to its deeper structure and higher resource demands, VGG16 provided an optimal balance of accuracy and computational cost. Custom CNNs were also conceptually explored but not developed due to concerns over generalization and training time. Thus, VGG16 emerged as the most suitable and effective model for the fruit and vegetable health classification task.