

Introduction:

When there is an influx of a large number of people it can cause accidents such as a stampede. During sports events, large stadiums are full of people, this project can be used in order to analyze and predict the number of people in each area and prevent any accidents from taking place. It can also be used to analyze the number of people in a mall in order to prevent overcrowding and avoid mishaps from taking place. The relevance of this project can be seen in 2020, when there is an outbreak of a virus, it is mandatory to remain indoors, this project can be used to alert authorities when the number of people goes above a certain threshold. The goal of this project is to be able to predict the number of people in each image.

In this report, we describe the dataset used, the architecture of the two models, explanations of our results, and finally evaluation of our models.

Dataset:

The dataset consists of a collection of 2000 images, each image has a size of 480x640 pixels and has 3 channels. The images were collected from a still webcam that is located inside a mall. Each image has a different number of people. We are provided with a CSV file containing labels that give the number of people present in each image.

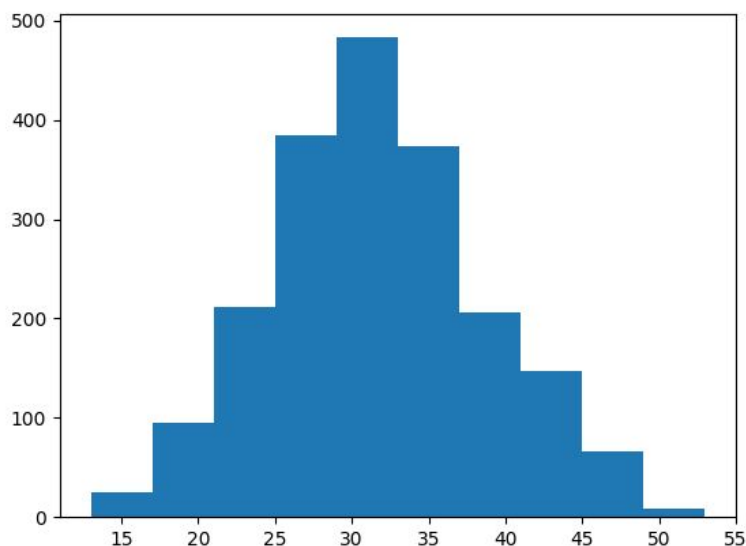


Fig 1. Distribution of labels

The image data is displayed below.



Fig 2. Image data that is input to the training models

Data Cleaning and Preprocessing:

The data is preprocessed and resized to 128x96 in order to store and train the data easily.

```

41
42  x = []
43  for path in [f for f in os.listdir(DATA_DIR) if f[-4:] == ".jpg"]:
44      x.append(cv2.resize(cv2.imread(DATA_DIR + path), (RESIZE_TO, RESIZE_TO)))
45  x = np.array(x)
46  print("x.shape:\n", x.shape)
47

```

Fig 3. Code to pre-process data

As the data is not evenly distributed, we introduce an image generator.

```

75
76  # add ImageDataGenerator
77  datagen = ImageDataGenerator(
78      featurewise_center=False,
79      samplewise_center=False,
80      featurewise_std_normalization=False,
81      samplewise_std_normalization=False,
82      zca_whitening=False,
83      rotation_range=30,
84      width_shift_range=0.1,
85      height_shift_range=0.1,
86      horizontal_flip=True,
87      vertical_flip=False,
88      shear_range=0.5)
89

```

Fig 4. Code for image augmentation

Description of individual work:

In this project, I work on the ResNet 50 model, ResNet 50 is a 50 layers Residual Network. I change the output layer to make the model predict the number of people in the image, which fits this regression problem. The ResNet 50 model differs from the ordinary model in that it's using skip or shortcut connections. With the shortcut connections, the model measures the residuals calculate by each layer, and make sure the higher layer performs at least as good as the lower layer, and not worse. Below shows an example of the shortcut connection:

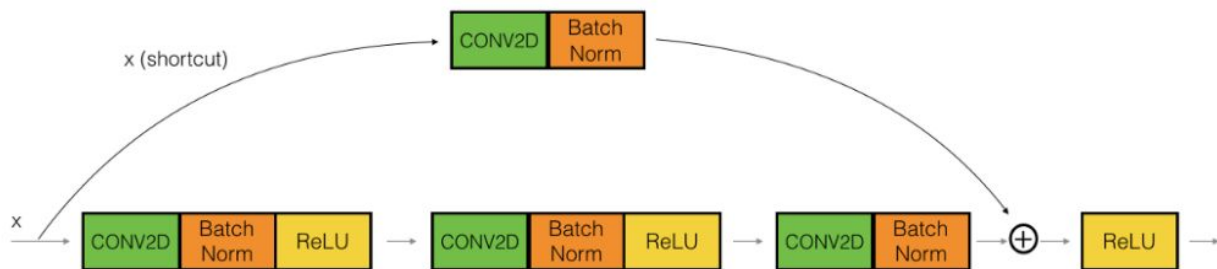


Fig 5. Example of shortcut connection

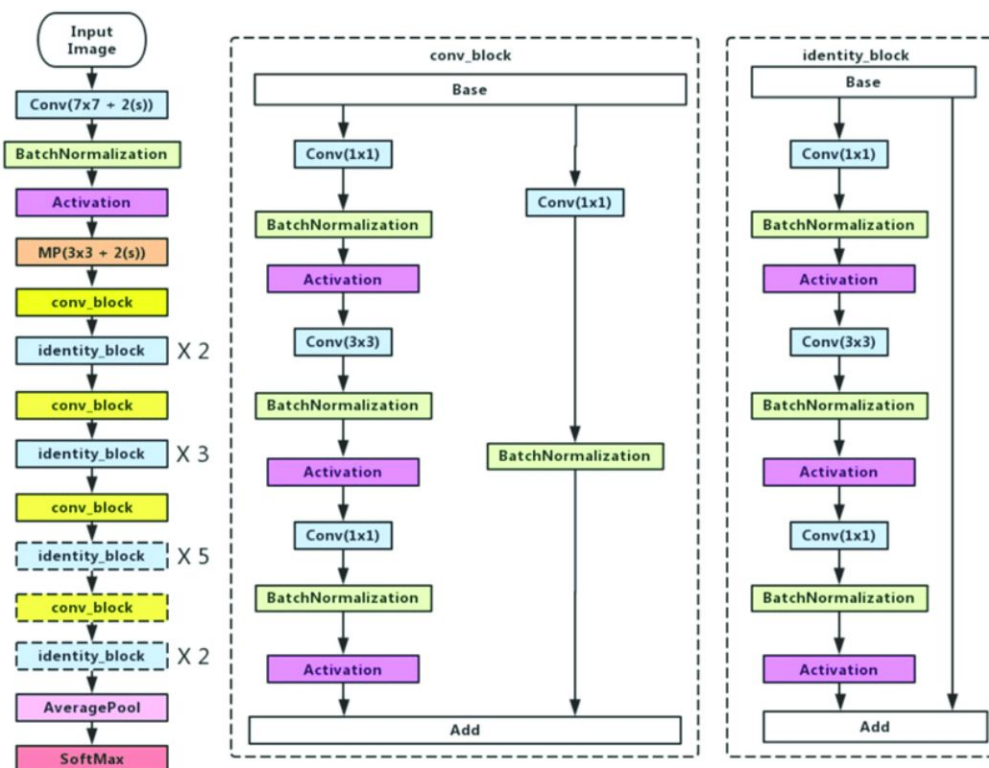


Fig 6. Sample ResNet-50 Architecture

Details:

Here shows the details for training the ResNet 50 model. The data is set up by using the “flow from dataframe” function. The data is split into training and validation.

```
49 datagen = ImageDataGenerator(  
50     rescale=1. / 255,  
51     featurewise_center=False,  
52     samplewise_center=False,  
53     featurewise_std_normalization=False,  
54     samplewise_std_normalization=False,  
55     zca_whitening=False,  
56     horizontal_flip=True,  
57     vertical_flip=True,  
58     validation_split=0.2,  
59  
60     preprocessing_function=resnet50.preprocess_input  
61 )  
62  
63 flow_params = dict(  
64     dataframe=label,  
65     directory='/home/ubuntu/Deep-Learning/Final_Project/frames/frames',  
66     x_col="image_name",  
67     y_col="count",  
68     weight_col=None,  
69     target_size=(128, 96),  
70     color_mode='rgb',  
71     class_mode="raw",  
72     batch_size=batch,  
73     shuffle=True,  
74     seed=0  
75 )  
76  
77 # The dataset is split to training and validation sets  
78 train_generator = datagen.flow_from_dataframe(  
79     subset='training',  
80     **flow_params  
81 )  
82 valid_generator = datagen.flow_from_dataframe(  
83     subset='validation',  
84     **flow_params  
85 )
```

Fig 7. Code snippet for data splitting

Training the model, the top seven layers, the last parts of the pre-trained model, are made untrainable to avoid overfitting and also to fit this regression problem. The added one dense layer and one final output layer that gives out one parameter, the prediction of the number of people in the image.

```

88
89 base_model = resnet50.ResNet50(
90     weights='imagenet',
91     include_top=False,
92     input_shape=(128, 96, 3),
93     pooling='avg'
94 )
95
96 # Change the top (the last parts) of the network.
97 x = base_model.output
98 x = Dense(1024, activation='relu')(x)
99 predictions = Dense(1, activation='linear')(x)
100 model = Model(inputs=base_model.input, outputs=predictions)
101 k = -7
102 for layer in model.layers[:k]:
103     layer.trainable = False
104 print('Trainable:')
105 for layer in model.layers[k:]:
106     print(layer.name)
107     layer.trainable = True

```

Fig 8. Compiling ResNet 50 model

Finally to compile the model I make use of the Adam optimizer. For training the model, I apply a learning rate monitor that focuses on the validation mean squared error. For every 3 epochs, if the mean squared error doesn't go down, the learning rate will drop by 20%, the lowest learning rate will not go beyond 1e-6.

```

110
111 optimizer = Adam(learning_rate=3e-4)
112
113 model.compile(
114     optimizer=optimizer,
115     loss="mean_squared_error", # This is a classic regression score - the lower the better
116     metrics=['mean_absolute_error', 'mean_squared_error']
117 )
118
119 learning_rate_reduction = ReduceLROnPlateau(
120     monitor='val_mean_squared_error',
121     patience=3,
122     verbose=1,
123     factor=0.2,
124     min_lr=0.000001
125 )
126
127 model_checkpoint = ModelCheckpoint('resnet50_cc.hdf5', monitor='val_loss', verbose=2, save_best_only=True)
128
129 # Fit the model
130 history = model.fit(
131     train_generator,
132     epochs=105,
133     validation_data=valid_generator,
134     verbose=2,
135     callbacks=[learning_rate_reduction, model_checkpoint]
136 )

```

Fig 9. Optimizer and training code

Results:

Model	Training Loss (Mean Squared Error)	Training Mean Absolute Error	Validation Loss (Mean Squared Error)	Validation Mean Absolute Error
ResNet 50	20.26	3.59	36.31	4.92

Fig 10. Table with metrics evaluations

The above table shows the training and validation loss values and the mean absolute error for both sets. The losses are set as mean squared errors. As the table shows, the mean absolute error is pretty small, so we expect we have well trained the model. The last seven layers were also changed back and forth to test if the model has improved. However, if we increased the number of trainable layers, the model will overfit the data because the validation loss will increase after several epochs.

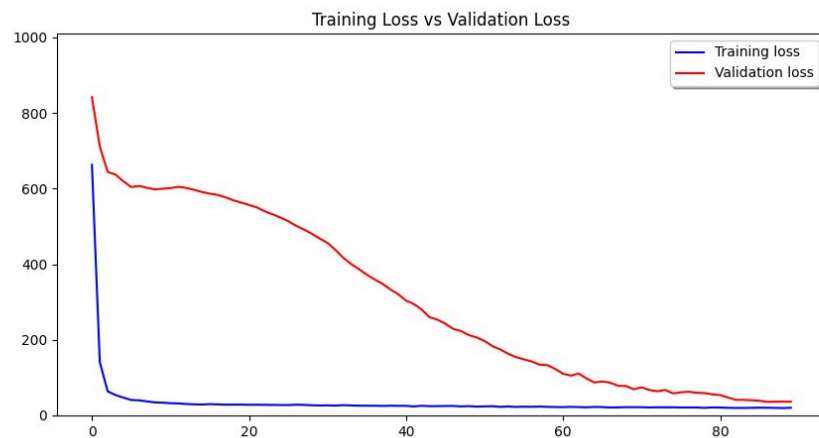
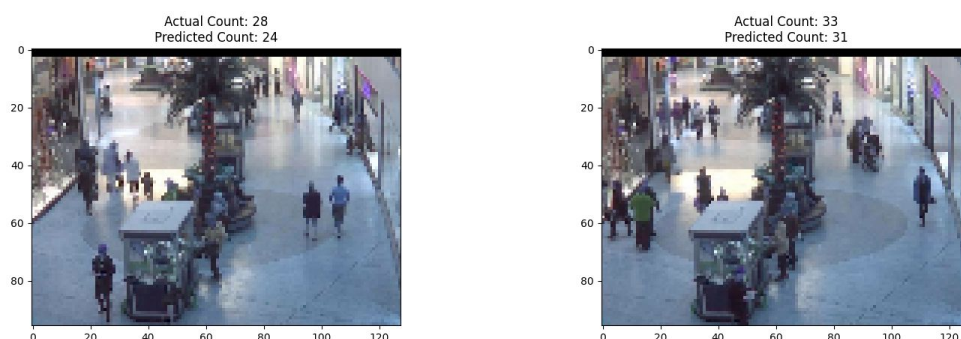


Fig 11. ResNet50 Training loss & validation loss

The above figure shows the training and validation loss after 90 epochs. We can see the validation loss keep decreasing, therefore, we are not overfitting the data, and the model has improved every epoch.

Prediction results:



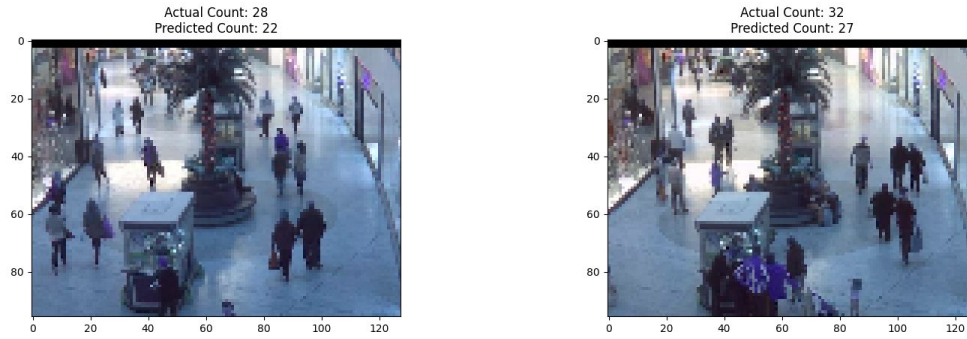


Fig 12. ResNet 50 model predict results vs actual results

The above four figures show the actual count and predicted count of people in the image. We can see that the largest residuals within the four figures are 6, which is not a very big difference.

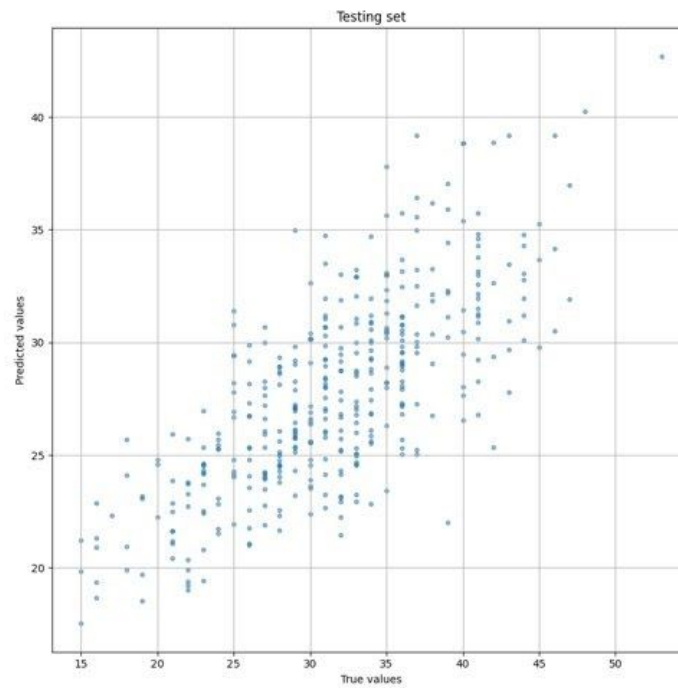


Fig 13. Predicted values vs. True values in validation set

The above scatter plot shows a comparison between the true counts and the predicted counts. The process is done by resetting the validation generator. We can see a clearly strong positive correlation between the two values, which means the model is well trained, and are able to produce results with high accuracy.

Conclusion:

Based on the results, the pre-trained ResNet 50 model acts pretty well for this image regression problem. For future improvements, the MCNN (Multi-Scale Convolutional Neural Networks) model could be a better model because it's designed to count a small number of people inside an image. This dataset is predicting numbers of people in the mall from one camera, we can also see from the distribution of the labels, the countings are not very big. Therefore, the MCNN model might be a better fit for the dataset.

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