# Project Proposal for COMS 4995: Neural Networks and Deep Learning

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#### **Abstract**

#### 1 Introduction

## 2 Related Work

Convolutional Neural Networks in Image Classification Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) are proved to be very effective in the image classification tasks. Reviewing the winners of the ImageNet Large Scale Visual Recognition Challenge (ILSVRC), we can see that almost all of them used CNNs. Currently, the populat CNNs with lower error rates are VGGNet, GoogLeNet/Inception V1-V4, ResNet, EfficientNet, etc [1]. Among them, Inception V4 reached a top-1 error rate of 16.4% on the ImageNet dataset [2], while EfficientNet V2 reached a top-1 error rate of 12.7% on the ImageNet dataset [3].

**Transfer Learning** Training a model from scratch is time-consuming and requires a lot of computing resources. By reusing a pre-trained model, we only need to fine tune the model on a smaller dataset to solve a new problem. There are various techniques we can apply during transfer learning, such as freezing certain layers in the pre-trained model, or fine tune the layers.

Transfer Learning in Image Classification In image classification, transfer learning is very helpful because there're a lot of available models that were pre-trained on ImageNet dataset. Kolesnikov et al. (2020) introduced Big Transfer (BiT) [4], a simple recipe that combined selected components and achieved strong performance on over 20 datasets. There are many works have been done applying transfer learning into different image classification tasks, such as food image classification [5] and dog breed classification [6]. In particular, it is widely used in the medical image classification tasks. For example, Davila et al. (2024) evaluated eight fine-tuning strategies based on three pre-trained models across different types of medical images [7], and found the pre-trained model and fine-tuning method need to be chosen based on the target dataset.

# 3 Methodology

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