## Springboard Data Science Career Track Capstone Project Classifying Urban sounds using Deep Learning

#### **Final Report**

#### **Data Exploration and Visualisation link:**

https://github.com/xwu0223/Urban-Sound-Classification-using-Deep-Learning/blob/master/Data Exploration visualization preprocessing.ipynb

#### **MLP Model Training and Evaluation:**

https://github.com/xwu0223/Urban-Sound-Classification-using-Deep-Learning/blob/master/Model\_Training\_Evaluation.ipynb

#### **CNN Model Training and Evaluation:**

https://github.com/xwu0223/Urban-Sound-Classification-using-Deep-Learning/blob/master/CNN Model.ipynb

#### **Presentation:**

https://github.com/xwu0223/Urban-Sound-Classification-using-Deep-Learning/blob/master/Urban\_Sound\_Classification.pptm

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#### **Problem Statement:**

The objective of this project will be to use Deep Learning techniques to classify urban sounds.

When given an audio sample in a wav format of a few seconds duration, we want to be able to determine if it contains one of the target urban sounds with a corresponding likelihood score. Conversely, if none of the target sounds were detected, we will be presented with an unknown score.

To achieve this, we plan on using different neural network architectures such as Multilayer Per- ceptrons (MLPs) and Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs).

#### **Analysis:**

#### **Data Exploration and Visualisation**

#### The Dataset:

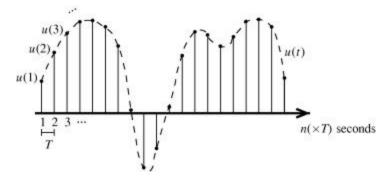
This dataset contains 8732 labeled sound excerpts (<=4s) of urban sounds from 10 classes:

air_conditioner	car_horn	Children_playing	dog_bark	drilling
engine_idling	gun_shot	jackhammer	Siren	street_music

Wav file is stored in a way such that the sampling rate is 44.1kHz(44100 times per second).

Each sample is the amplitude of the wave at 1/44100 second=22.67us of interval, where the bit depth determines how detailed the sample will be also known as the dynamic range of the signal. For example, 16bit range means a sample's has 2^16=65536 amplitude values with equal amplitude interval.

The wav sound signal is discrete time signal, the following image is an example of discrete time signal



Therefore, the sound signal can be analyzed in one-dimensional array or vector of amplitude value.

The following libraries are used to explore the audio signal in python:

**<u>Ipython.display.Audio</u>**: This package allows us to play audio directly in the Jupyter Notebook.

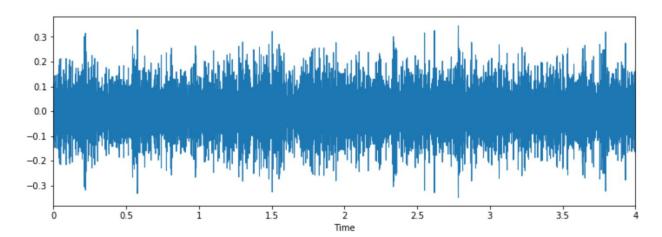
**<u>Librosa</u>**: This package allows us to load audio to notebook as a numpy array for analysis and manipulation.

## The following images are the 10 different classes in the file directory.

```
# Class: Air Conditioner

filename = '../Capstone_Project_2/train/Train/24.wav'
plt.figure(figsize=(12,4))
data,sample_rate = librosa.load(filename)
_ = librosa.display.waveplot(data,sr=sample_rate)
ipd.Audio(filename)
```

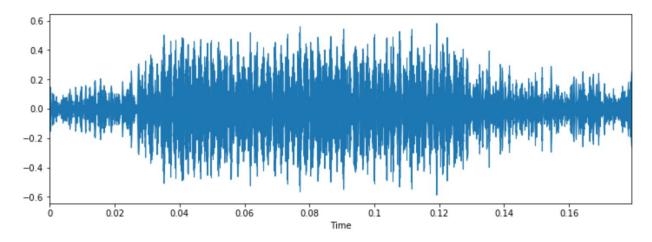
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```
# Class: Car Horn

filename = '../Capstone_Project_2/train/Train/48.wav'
plt.figure(figsize=(12,4))
data,sample_rate = librosa.load(filename)
_ = librosa.display.waveplot(data,sr=sample_rate)
ipd.Audio(filename)
```

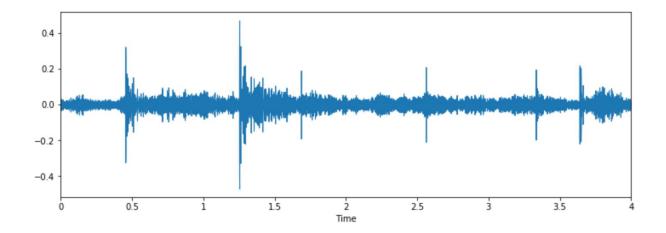
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```
# Class:Children Playing

filename = '../Capstone_Project_2/train/Train/6.wav'
plt.figure(figsize=(12,4))
data,sample_rate = librosa.load(filename)
_ = librosa.display.waveplot(data,sr=sample_rate)
ipd.Audio(filename)
```

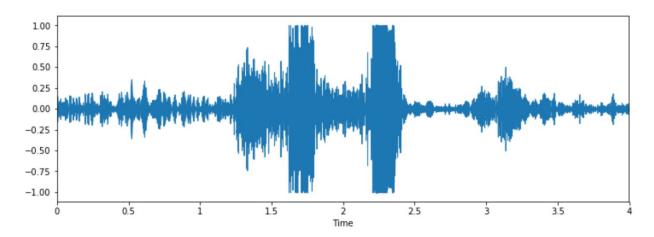
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```
# Class: Dog Bark

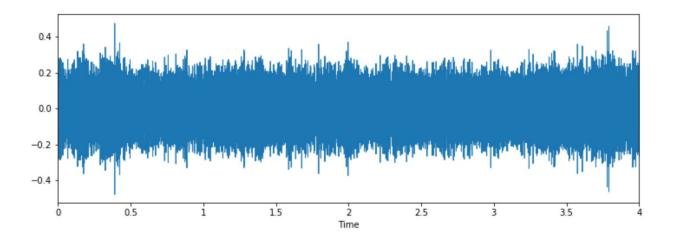
filename = '../Capstone_Project_2/train/Train/4.wav'
plt.figure(figsize=(12,4))
data,sample_rate = librosa.load(filename)
_ = librosa.display.waveplot(data,sr=sample_rate)
ipd.Audio(filename)
```

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```
# Class: Drilling
filename = '../Capstone_Project_2/train/Train/11.wav'
plt.figure(figsize=(12,4))
data,sample_rate = librosa.load(filename)
_ = librosa.display.waveplot(data,sr=sample_rate)
ipd.Audio(filename)
```

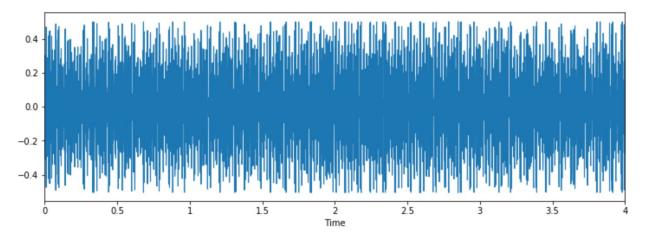
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```
# Class: Engine Idling

filename = '../Capstone_Project_2/train/Train/17.wav'
plt.figure(figsize=(12,4))
data,sample_rate = librosa.load(filename)
_ = librosa.display.waveplot(data,sr=sample_rate)
ipd.Audio(filename)
```

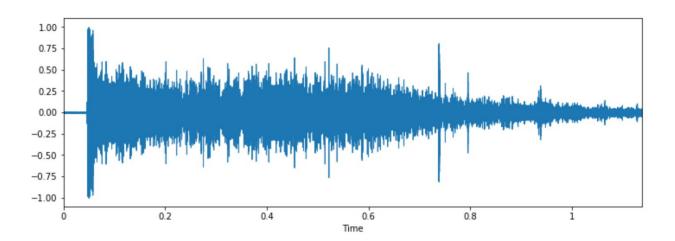
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```
# Class: Gun Shot

filename = '../Capstone_Project_2/train/Train/12.wav'
plt.figure(figsize=(12,4))
data,sample_rate = librosa.load(filename)
_ = librosa.display.waveplot(data,sr=sample_rate)
ipd.Audio(filename)
```

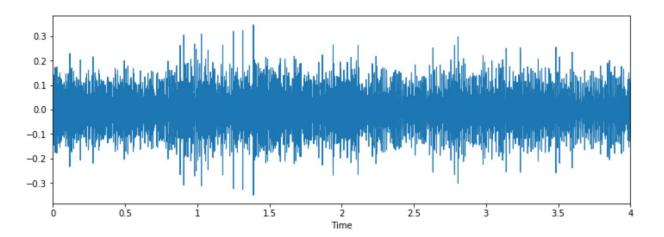
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```
# Class: Jackhammer

filename = '../Capstone_Project_2/train/Train/33.wav'
plt.figure(figsize=(12,4))
data,sample_rate = librosa.load(filename)
_ = librosa.display.waveplot(data,sr=sample_rate)
ipd.Audio(filename)
```

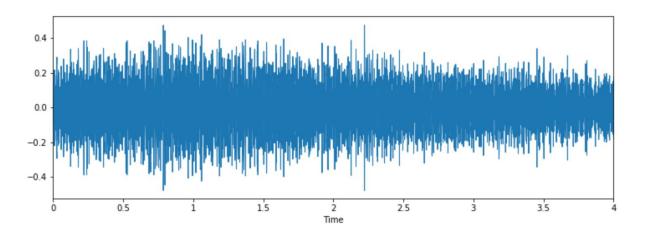
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```
# Class: Siren

filename = '../Capstone_Project_2/train/Train/0.wav'
plt.figure(figsize=(12,4))
data,sample_rate = librosa.load(filename)
_ = librosa.display.waveplot(data,sr=sample_rate)
ipd.Audio(filename)
```

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```
# Class: Street Music
filename = '../Capstone_Project_2/train/Train/1.wav'
plt.figure(figsize=(12,4))
data,sample_rate = librosa.load(filename)
_ = librosa.display.waveplot(data,sr=sample_rate)
ipd.Audio(filename)
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                                •
 0.4
 0.3
 0.2
 0.1
 0.0
-0.1
-0.2
-0.3
-0.4
                                      1.5
                                                              2.5
```

Visually, it is very trick to tell the differences between the classes. Especially the air conditioner, drilling, engine idling and jackhammer are similar in shape.

Time

Likewise, the dog bark and gunshot are similar as they both have have peaks. Children playing and street music are also very close in shape.

#### The Metadata Set:

```
import pandas as pd
metadata = pd.read_csv('../Capstone_Project_2/train/train.csv')
metadata.head()
```

Class	ID	
siren	0	0
street_music	1	1
drilling	2	2
siren	3	3
dog_bark	4	4

The following table shows the count for each class in the dataset. The dataset is **not** balanced.

```
print(metadata['Class'].value_counts())
jackhammer
                    668
engine_idling
                    624
siren
                    607
drilling
                    600
air_conditioner
                    600
children_playing
                    600
dog_bark
                    600
street_music
                    600
car_horn
                    306
gun_shot
                    230
Name: Class, dtype: int64
```

It's obvious to tell that the ID number is the prefix of the audio file name, let's merge the the audio file name and the metadata set.

df_merge.head()			
	File_Name	ID	Class
0	4666.wav	4666	engine_idling
1	2217.wav	2217	engine_idling
2	7409.wav	7409	drilling
3	1078.wav	1078	car_horn
4	6717.wav	6717	children_playing

#### Audio file properties:

All the wav file has following 3 properties

- 1. Sample rate
- 2. Number of channels
- 3. Bit depth

```
from pathlib import Path
import soundfile as sf
data_folder = Path("../Capstone_Project_2/train/Train/")
sample_rate = []
num_channel = []
bit_depth = []
for name in df_merge['File_Name']:
    ob = sf.SoundFile(data_folder / name)
    sample_rate.append(ob.samplerate)
    num_channel.append(ob.channels)
    bit_depth.append(ob.subtype)
sound_file = pd.DataFrame(
    {'File_Name': file,
     'sample_rate': sample_rate,
     'num_channel': num_channel,
     'bit_depth':bit_depth
combined = df_merge.merge(sound_file,on='File_Name')
combined.head()
   File_Name
                          Class sample_rate num_channel bit_depth
   4666.wav 4666
                    engine_idling
                                     44100
                                                         PCM_16
    2217.wav
             2217
                    engine_idling
                                     48000
                                                        PCM_24
  7409.wav 7409
                         drillina
                                     44100
                                                         PCM_16
   1078.wav 1078
                        car_horn
                                     44100
                                                         PCM_16
    6717.wav 6717 children_playing
                                     44100
                                                         PCM 16
print(combined['bit_depth'].value_counts(normalize=True))
PCM_16
              0.667341
PCM_24
              0.302668
FL0AT
              0.021711
PCM U8
              0.007912
MS_ADPCM
              0.000184
IMA_ADPCM
              0.000184
Name: bit_depth, dtype: float64
print(combined['sample_rate'].value_counts(normalize=True))
44100
          0.598896
48000
          0.305980
96000
          0.066053
24000
          0.009752
16000
          0.007176
22050
          0.006624
11025
          0.003680
          0.001104
8000
32000
          0.000736
Name: sample_rate, dtype: float64
```

#### **Algorithms and Techniques:**

The proposed solution to this problem is to apply Deep Learning techniques that have proved to be highly successful in the field of image classification.

First we will extract Mel-Frequency Cepstral Coefficients (MFCC) from the audio samples on a per-frame basis with a window size of a few milliseconds. The MFCC summarises the frequency distribution across the window size, so it is possible to analyse both the frequency and time characteristics of the sound. These audio representations will allow us to identify features for classification.

The next step will be to train a Deep Neural Network with these data sets and make predictions. We will begin by using a simple neural network architectures, such as Multi-Layer Perceptron before experimenting with more complex architectures such as Convolutional Neural Networks.

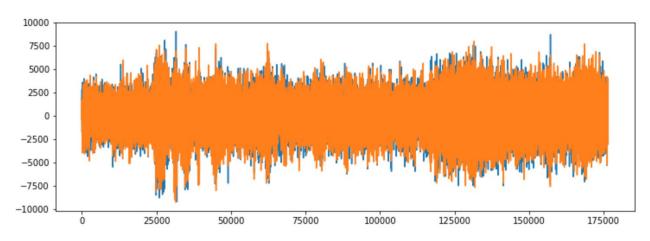
```
import librosa
from scipy.io import wavfile as wav
import numpy as np

filename = '../Capstone_Project_2/train/Train/4666.wav'

librosa_audio, librosa_sample_rate = librosa.load(filename)
scipy_sample_rate, scipy_audio = wav.read(filename)

print('Original sample rate:', scipy_sample_rate)
print('Librosa sample rate:', librosa_sample_rate)
Original sample rate: 44100
```

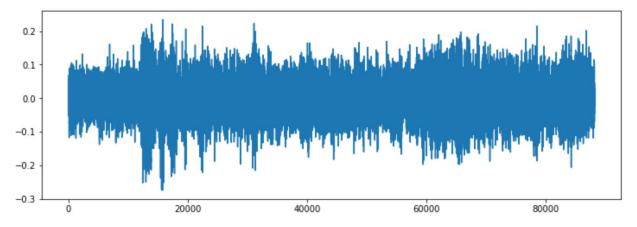
The original audio clip 4666.wav has 2 channel, the first plot illustrate the 2 seperate channels, the second plot illustrated the merged channel using librosa. Librosa converts the audio signal to mono, meaning the number of channels will always be 1.



```
plt.figure(figsize=(12, 4))
plt.plot(librosa_audio)
```

[<matplotlib.lines.Line2D at 0x1c3c2cce48>]

Librosa sample rate: 22050



We can't tell the difference much in term of shape of the signal of 2 channels and combined into 1.

MFCC(Mel- frequency Cepstrum Coefficient) is a function to extract the coefficients of Mel- Frequency Cepstrum which is a representation of a short term power spectrum of a sound based on a linear cosine transform of a log power spectrum on a nonlinear mel scale of frequency.

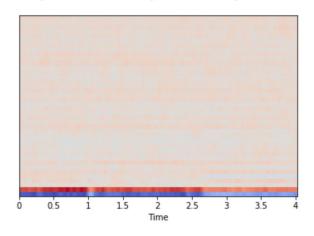
```
mfccs = librosa.feature.mfcc(y=librosa_audio, sr=librosa_sample_rate, n_mfcc=40)
print(mfccs.shape)

(40, 173)

This shows the merged channel clip of 4666.wav calculated a series of 40 MFCCs over 173 frames.

import librosa.display
librosa.display.specshow(mfccs, sr=librosa_sample_rate, x_axis='time')

<matplotlib.axes._subplots.AxesSubplot at 0x1c3c23bac8>
```



This plot illustrates the sectrum of the merged channel clip 4666.wav

### Let us extract the 40 feature coefficients(MFCC) of each audio signal:

```
# Set the path to the full UrbanSound dataset
fulldatasetpath = '../Capstone_Project_2/train/Train/'
metadata = pd.read_csv('../Capstone_Project_2/train_detail.csv')
features = []
# Iterate through each sound file and extract the features
for index, row in metadata.iterrows():
    file_name = os.path.join(os.path.abspath(fulldatasetpath)+'/',str(row["File_Name"]))
    class_label = row["Class"]
    data = extract_features(file_name)
    features.append([data, class_label])
# Convert into a Panda dataframe
featuresdf = pd.DataFrame(features, columns=['feature','class_label'])
print('Finished feature extraction from ', len(featuresdf), ' files')
```

Finished feature extraction from 5435 files

#### featuresdf.head()

	feature	class_label
0	[-148.29195, 125.17131, -18.48167, 13.752467,	engine_idling
1	[-216.45773, 175.77246, 0.244275, 65.77827, 6	engine_idling
2	[-193.82822, 105.66298, -39.473175, 32.525784,	drilling
3	[-143.99443, 111.079796, -33.822388, 46.725525	car_horn
4	[-261.05377, 119.62229, -55.061405, 31.013195,	children_playing

Now, encode the categorical class label into one-hot numerical code by using sklearn preprocessing LabelEncoder so it can be understood when analysing.

```
from sklearn.preprocessing import LabelEncoder
from keras.utils import to_categorical

# Convert features and corresponding classification labels into numpy arrays
X = np.array(featuresdf.feature.tolist())
y = np.array(featuresdf.class_label.tolist())

# Encode the classification labels
le = LabelEncoder()
yy = to_categorical(le.fit_transform(y))
```

Then we will use sklearn.model\_selection.train\_test\_split to split the dataset into training and testing sets. The testing set size will be 30% and we will set a random state.

```
# split the dataset
from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split
x_train, x_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(X, yy, test_size=0.3, random_state = 42)
```

#### Initial model architecture - MLP

We will start with constructing a Multilayer Perceptron (MLP) Neural Network using **Keras** and a **Tensorflow** backend.

Starting with a sequential model so we can build the model layer by layer.

We will begin with a simple model architecture, consisting of three layers: an input layer, a hidden layer and an output layer. All three layers will be of the dense layer type which is a standard layer type that is used in many cases for neural networks.

The first layer will receive the input shape. As each sample contains 40 MFCCs (Mel Frequency Cepstral Coefficients)(or columns) we have a shape of (1x40) this means we will start with an input shape of 40.

The first two layers will have 256 nodes. The activation function we will be using for our first 2 layers is the ReLU(Rectified Linear Activation). This activation function has been proven to work well in neural networks.

We will also apply a **Dropout value** of 20% on our first two layers. This will randomly exclude nodes from each update cycle which in turn results in a network that is capable of better generalisation and is less likely to overfit the training data.

Our output layer will have 10 nodes (number of labels) which matches the number of possible classifications. The activation is for our output layer is softmax. Softmax makes the output sum up to 1 so the output can be interpreted as probabilities. The model will then make its prediction based on which option has the highest probability.

```
import numpy as np
from keras.models import Sequential
from keras.layers import Dense, Dropout, Activation, Flatten
from keras.layers import Convolution2D, MaxPooling2D
from keras.optimizers import Adam
from keras.utils import np utils
from sklearn import metrics
num_labels = yy.shape[1]
filter size = 4
# Construct model
model = Sequential()
model.add(Dense(256, input_shape=(40,)))
model.add(Activation('relu'))
model.add(Dropout(0.2))
model.add(Dense(256))
model.add(Activation('relu'))
model.add(Dropout(0.2))
model.add(Dense(num_labels))
model.add(Activation('softmax'))
```

#### Compiling the model

For compiling our model, we will use the following three parameters:

Loss function - we will use categorical\_crossentropy. This is the most common choice for classification. A lower score indicates that the model is performing better.

Metrics - we will use the accuracy metric which will allow us to view the accuracy score on the validation data when we train the model.

Optimizer - here we will use adam which is a generally good optimizer for many use cases.

```
# Compile the model
model.compile(loss='categorical_crossentropy', metrics=['accuracy'], optimizer='adam')

# Display model architecture summary
model.summary()

# Calculate pre-training accuracy
score = model.evaluate(x_test, y_test, verbose=0)
accuracy = 100*score[1]

print("Pre-training accuracy: %.4f%%" % accuracy)
```

#### **Training**

Here we will train the model. We will start with 100 epochs which is the number of times the model will cycle through the data. The model will improve on each cycle until it reaches a certain point. We will also start with a low batch size, as having a large batch size can reduce the generalisation ability of the model.

#### Test the model

Here we will review the accuracy of the model on both the training and test data sets.

```
# Evaluating the model on the training and testing set
score = model.evaluate(x_train, y_train, verbose=0)
print("Training Accuracy: ", score[1])

score = model.evaluate(x_test, y_test, verbose=0)
print("Testing Accuracy: ", score[1])

Training Accuracy: 0.9978969693183899
Testing Accuracy: 0.9270386099815369
```

The testing accuracy is 7% lower than the training accuracy, and 92.7% of testing accuracy is high enough to make the prediction. But this model has overfitting issue, as the accuracy difference between training and testing is more than 5%

Now, let us test some random wav file in the test dataset.

```
# Drilling
filename = '../Capstone_Project_2/test/Test/4060.wav'
print_prediction(filename)
The predicted class is: drilling
air conditioner
                                car horn
                         0.00000000000000002903503873479124
children_playing
                                0.00000000000000000000115494052993
dog bark
                      : 0.0000000000001462043410871503163
drilling
                      : 0.99821376800537109375000000000000
engine_idling
                      gun shot
                      : 0.000000000000000000000092428992010
jackhammer
                         0.00178629334550350904464721679688
siren
               street_music
                      : 0.00000000000000039606056238639207
# Children Playing
filename = '../Capstone_Project_2/test/Test/7128.wav'
print_prediction(filename)
The predicted class is: children_playing
                                0.00000000000032833062440715266028
air conditioner
car horn
                         0.00000015141870335355633869767189
children_playing
                                0.98311859369277954101562500000000
dog_bark
                      : 0.00007684771117055788636207580566
drilling
                      : 0.00000007332023699291312368586659
engine_idling
                      : 0.00000000000007794520508631191946
gun shot
                         0.01669478975236415863037109375000
jackhammer
                         0.00000000000000237326074557211910
siren
               : 0.00000000000653985763113262841273
street music
                      : 0.00010941340588033199310302734375
```

```
# Street Music
filename = '../Capstone_Project_2/test/Test/3335.wav'
print_prediction(filename)
```

The predicted class is: street\_music

air\_conditioner : 0.00770732527598738670349121093750

car\_horn : 0.00000438925690104952082037925720

children\_playing : 0.00181827484630048274993896484375

dog\_bark: 0.00021549727534875273704528808594drilling: 0.23018267750740051269531250000000engine\_idling: 0.00080198544310405850410461425781gun\_shot: 0.00001067862194759072735905647278jackhammer: 0.00843258295208215713500976562500

siren : 0.00002845075505319982767105102539

street\_music : 0.75079816579818725585937500000000

```
# Dog bark
filename = '../Capstone_Project_2/test/Test/281.wav'
print_prediction(filename)
```

The predicted class is: dog bark

car\_horn : 0.0000000000000000254738789596014

children playing : 0.000000000000000005841554009493

siren : 0.0000000000000000002195405523493

## # Gun shot filename = '../Capstone\_Project\_2/test/Test/7117.wav' print\_prediction(filename)

The predicted class is: gun\_shot

air\_conditioner : 0.0000000000000007833223053353841

car horn : 0.0000000000000000905931515590526

children\_playing : 0.00001230783709615934640169143677

dog\_bark: 0.05733761936426162719726562500000drilling: 0.00000017433109178455197252333164engine\_idling: 0.000000000000000000000000000216941gun\_shot: 0.942649841308593750000000000000jackhammer: 0.0000000000000000000000018524611116

siren : 0.0000000002287933384415019588687

street\_music : 0.0000000005439900266357433622488

#### #air conditioner

filename = '../Capstone\_Project\_2/test/Test/1127.wav'
print\_prediction(filename)

The predicted class is: air\_conditioner

air\_conditioner : 0.41991049051284790039062500000000

car horn : 0.00000048313881961803417652845383

children\_playing : 0.24721004068851470947265625000000

dog\_bark: 0.10683305561542510986328125000000drilling: 0.00000125928022498555947095155716engine\_idling: 0.01999645680189132690429687500000gun\_shot: 0.00118373206350952386856079101562jackhammer: 0.00002046230110863689333200454712

siren : 0.00000095013041345737292431294918

street\_music : 0.20484319329261779785156250000000

## #car horn filename = '../Capstone\_Project\_2/test/Test/1102.wav' print\_prediction(filename)

The predicted class is: car horn

#### #engine idling

filename = '../Capstone\_Project\_2/test/Test/107.wav'
print\_prediction(filename)

The predicted class is: engine\_idling

air\_conditioner : 0.00023651641095057129859924316406

car horn : 0.00000987872226687613874673843384

children\_playing : 0.00071573175955563783645629882812

dog\_bark: 0.00007891857967479154467582702637drilling: 0.0000005278201697933582181576639engine\_idling: 0.98152655363082885742187500000000gun\_shot: 0.00001562062607263214886188507080jackhammer: 0.00000114825729724543634802103043

siren : 0.00003644346361397765576839447021

street\_music : 0.01737919263541698455810546875000

# #siren filename = '../Capstone\_Project\_2/test/Test/106.wav' print\_prediction(filename) The predicted class is: siren air\_conditioner : 0.000000000000002614255552757949880 car\_horn : 0.0000000000044638866713263281039 children\_playing : 0.000000000130105382023515403489000

 dog\_bark
 : 0.00026945961872115731239318847656

 drilling
 : 0.00000000001841969979321511630133

 engine\_idling
 : 0.00000000000063600188483781128213

 gun\_shot
 : 0.000000000128683586009259443017072

 jackhammer
 : 0.00000000000066077492869714982149

 siren
 : 0.99973052740097045898437500000000

siren : 0.999730527400970458984375000000000 street\_music : 0.00000001034495422658210372901522

```
#jackhammer
filename = '../Capstone_Project_2/test/Test/1099.wav'
print_prediction(filename)
```

The predicted class is: jackhammer

```
air_conditioner : 0.00000092970526566205080598592758
```

car\_horn : 0.000000000003573262359287711354

children\_playing : 0.0000000005342382439210702216315

dog\_bark:0.0000000000010555459636777189680drilling:0.0000000000000000582313272310129engine\_idling:0.00000000000328454156539213175gun\_shot:0.0000000000102864331635865724479jackhammer:0.99999904632568359375000000000000

siren : 0.000000000015835591301791018815

street\_music : 0.0000000000242116613216603049352

#### **Observations**

The performance of our initial model is satisfactory and has generalised well, seeming to predict well when tested against testing audio data.

#### **Advanced Mode**

Convolutional Neural Network(CNN)

CNN is typically make good classifiers and perform particular well with image classification task due to their feature extraction and classification parts. I believe that this will be very effective in finding patterns within MFCC, much like they are effective at finding patterns within images.

With sequential model, starting with a simple model architecture, consisting of 4 Conv2D convolution layers, with our final output layer being a dense layer. Our output layer will have 10 nodes which matches the number of possible classifications.

As CNN typically use the same- size input, and our audio samples have different audio lengths, so we will pad zero when needed in MFCCs.

The following the new feature extracting function.

```
import numpy as np
max_pad_len = 174

def extract_features(file_name):

try:
    audio, sample_rate = librosa.load(file_name, res_type='kaiser_fast')
    mfccs = librosa.feature.mfcc(y=audio, sr=sample_rate, n_mfcc=40)
    pad_width = max_pad_len - mfccs.shape[1]
    mfccs = np.pad(mfccs, pad_width=((0, 0), (0, pad_width)), mode='constant')

except Exception as e:
    print("Error encountered while parsing file: ", file_name)
    return Mone

return mfccs
```

Now we have a 4D training dataset with dimension of 174\* 3804\* 40\* 1

#### **Building the Model:**

```
num_rows = 40
num_columns = 174
num channels = 1
x_train = x_train.reshape(x_train.shape[1], num_rows, num_columns, num_channels)
x_test = x_test.reshape(x_test.shape[1], num_rows, num_columns, num_channels)
num_labels = yy.shape[1]
filter_size = 2
# Construct model
model = Sequential()
model.add(Conv2D(filters=16, kernel_size=2, input_shape=(num_rows, num_columns, num_channels), activation='relu'))
model.add(MaxPooling2D(pool_size=2))
model.add(Dropout(0.2))
model.add(Conv2D(filters=32, kernel_size=2, activation='relu'))
model.add(MaxPooling2D(pool_size=2))
model.add(Dropout(0.2))
model.add(Conv2D(filters=64, kernel_size=2, activation='relu'))
model.add(MaxPooling2D(pool_size=2))
model.add(Dropout(0.2))
model.add(Conv2D(filters=128, kernel_size=2, activation='relu'))
model.add(MaxPooling2D(pool_size=2))
model.add(Dropout(0.2))
model.add(GlobalAveragePooling2D())
model.add(Dense(num_labels, activation='softmax'))
```

#### Compiling the model:

```
# Display model architecture summary
model.summary()

# Calculate pre-training accuracy
score = model.evaluate(x_test, y_test, verbose=0)
accuracy = 100*score[1]

print("Pre-training accuracy: %.4f%" % accuracy)
```

Layer (type)	Output	Shape	Param #
conv2d_17 (Conv2D)	(None,	39, 173, 16)	80
max_pooling2d_17 (MaxPooling	(None,	19, 86, 16)	0
dropout_17 (Dropout)	(None,	19, 86, 16)	0
conv2d_18 (Conv2D)	(None,	18, 85, 32)	2080
max_pooling2d_18 (MaxPooling	(None,	9, 42, 32)	0
dropout_18 (Dropout)	(None,	9, 42, 32)	0
conv2d_19 (Conv2D)	(None,	8, 41, 64)	8256
max_pooling2d_19 (MaxPooling	(None,	4, 20, 64)	0
dropout_19 (Dropout)	(None,	4, 20, 64)	0
conv2d_20 (Conv2D)	(None,	3, 19, 128)	32896
max_pooling2d_20 (MaxPooling	(None,	1, 9, 128)	0
dropout_20 (Dropout)	(None,	1, 9, 128)	0
global_average_pooling2d_5 (	(None,	128)	0
dense_5 (Dense)	(None,	10)	1290

Total params: 44,602 Trainable params: 44,602 Non-trainable params: 0

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Pre-training accuracy: 9.1355%

#### Training the model:

In this process, CNN can take a significant amount of time (19 minutes) with 72 epochs and 256 batches.

#### **Evaluating the CNN model:**

From the result shown below, the overfitting issue has been resolved. Even though the accuracy is much lower than that in MLP, but in classification problem, we should take overfitting issue prior the accuracy.

```
# Evaluating the model on the training and testing set
score = model.evaluate(x_train, y_train, verbose=0)
print("Training Accuracy: ", score[1])

score = model.evaluate(x_test, y_test, verbose=0)
print("Testing Accuracy: ", score[1])
Training Accuracy: 0 9048370122909546
```

Training Accuracy: 0.9048370122909546 Testing Accuracy: 0.847946047782898

#### Result:

The CNN model has lower accuracy compared to MLP model, but 85% of testing accuracy with 90% of training accuracy is still considerably high accuracy in classification problem. And MLP has much higher accuracy, in both training and testing(99% and 92%). This leaves us the tradeoff between accuracy and overfitting. In classification problem, we typically **refer lower overfitting** than higher accuracy when accuracy for both models are considerably high enough.

So in this case, **CNN model** is preferred in this Urban Sound Classification problem.

#### Conclusion

It was previously noted in our data exploration, that it is difficult to visualise the difference between some of the classes. In particular, the following sub-groups are similar in shape:

- Repetitive sounds for air conditioner, drilling, engine idling and jackhammer.
- Sharp peaks for dog barking and gun shot.
- Similar pattern for children playing and street music.

The process used for this project can be summarized as following steps:

- 1. The initial problem was defined and relevant public dataset was located.
- 2. The data was explored and analysed
- 3. Data was preprocessed and features were extracted.
- 4. MLP model was trained and evaluated (99% training accuracy and 92% testing accuracy)
- 5. CNN model was trained and evaluated (90% training accuracy with 85% testing accuracy)
- 6. Both models have considerably high accuracy, therefore we prefer the one with less overfitting, i.e. CNN model.

From the initial exploration of the data in step 2, I envisaged that the preprocessing work in step 3 would be incredibly time consuming. However, this was actually relatively easy with Librosa package. I also thought that the feature extraction would

be a lot trickier but again Librosa shortened the effort required immensely.

MFCC's we extracted in step 3 perform much better than I had expected.

#### **Improvement**

If I was to continue with this project there are a number of additional areas that could be explored:

- 1. Test the models performance with Real-time audio.
- 2. Train the model for real world data. This would likely involve augmenting the training data in various ways such as:
  - a. Adding a variety of different background sounds.
  - b. Adjusting the volume levels of the target sound or adding echoes.
  - c. Changing the starting position of the recording sample, e.g. the shape of a dog bark.
- 3. Experiment to see if per-class accuracy is affected by using training data of different durations.