
ML2023 Spring HW3 - CNN

ML TAs

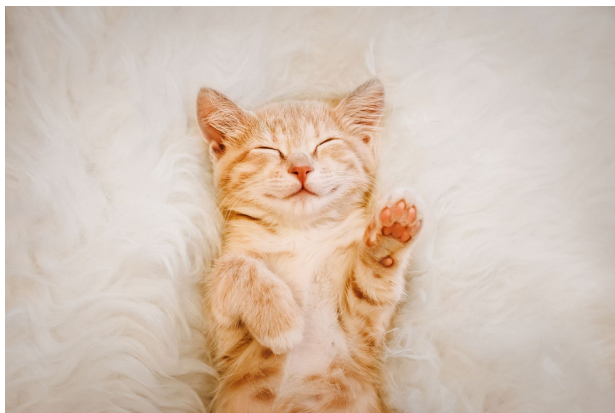
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Task Introduction - Image Classification

- Solve image classification with **convolutional neural networks(CNN)**.



Dataset

- The images are collected from the food-11 dataset splitted into 11 classes.
- Training set: 10000 labeled images
- Validation set: 3643 labeled images
- Testing set: 3000 images without labeled

Evaluation Metrics

- Accuracy on testing set

$$\text{Acc} = \frac{\text{pred} == \text{label}}{\text{len}(\text{data})} \cdot 100\%$$

Kaggle Submission (1 / 3) - Links


- Display name: <student ID>_<anything>
 - e.g. b10901666_MLmaster
 - For auditing, don't put student ID in your display name.
- [Kaggle links](#)
- **HW Deadline: 2023/3/31 23:59 (UTC+8)**

Kaggle Submission (2 / 3) - Rules

- You may submit up to **5** results each day (UTC+8, AM 8:00)
- Up to **2** submissions will be considered for the private leaderboard

prediction_large.csv 2 years ago by ntuee_jizz model_large3_684_compressed.pth, size = 201KB, params: 93139 (rabbit ensemble)	0.65059	0.66341	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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remember to select **2** results for your final scores before the competition ends!



Kaggle Submission (3 / 3) - Format

- The file should contain a header and have the following format:

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Id,Category  
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- Id corresponds to the jpg file name in test.
- Follow the sample code if you have trouble with formatting.

Gradescope

- [Gradescope links](#)
- Submit with gradescope, no need to upload any files.
- We can only see your last submission.
- Gradescope deadline: **2023/3/31 23:59 (UTC+8)**

Q1. Augmentation Implementation (2%)

Implement augmentation by finishing `train_tfm` in the code with image size of your choice. Copy your `train_tfm` code and paste it onto the [GradeScope](#), and explain the effects of transformations you report.

- Your `train_tfm` must be capable of producing 5+ different results when given an identical image multiple times.
- Your `train_tfm` in the report can be different from `train_tfm` in your training code.

Original image



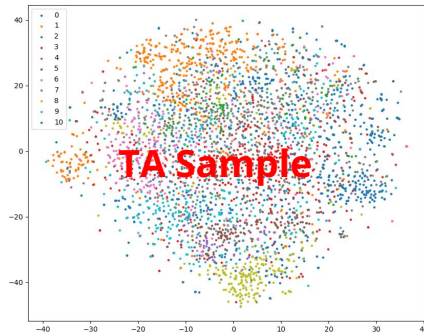
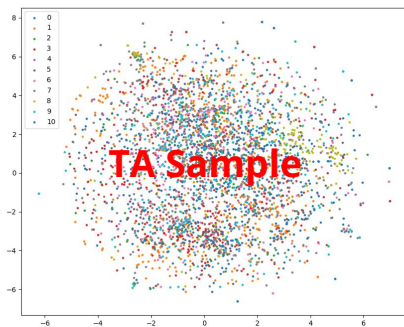
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Q2. Visual Representations Implementation (2%)

- Visualize the learned visual representations of the CNN model on the **validation set** by implementing t-SNE (t-distributed Stochastic Neighbor Embedding) on the output of both **top & mid** layers (You need to submit 2 images).
- Briefly explain your result of the t-SNE visualization.



Q2. Visual Representations Implementation (2%)

- Take the CNN architecture beside as example.
- The layers contained within the red box may be identified as the "Bottom layers."
- The layers contained within the green box may be identified as the "Mid layers."
- The layers contained within the blue box may be identified as the "Top layers."

```
self.cnn = nn.Sequential(  
    nn.Conv2d(3, 64, 3, 1, 1), # [64, 128, 128]  
    nn.BatchNorm2d(64),  
    nn.ReLU(),  
    nn.MaxPool2d(2, 2, 0), # [64, 64, 64]  
  
    nn.Conv2d(64, 128, 3, 1, 1), # [128, 64, 64]  
    nn.BatchNorm2d(128),  
    nn.ReLU(),  
    nn.MaxPool2d(2, 2, 0), # [128, 32, 32]  
  
    nn.Conv2d(128, 256, 3, 1, 1), # [256, 32, 32]  
    nn.BatchNorm2d(256),  
    nn.ReLU(),  
    nn.MaxPool2d(2, 2, 0), # [256, 16, 16]  
  
    nn.Conv2d(256, 512, 3, 1, 1), # [512, 16, 16]  
    nn.BatchNorm2d(512),  
    nn.ReLU(),  
    nn.MaxPool2d(2, 2, 0), # [512, 8, 8]  
  
    nn.Conv2d(512, 512, 3, 1, 1), # [512, 8, 8]  
    nn.BatchNorm2d(512),  
    nn.ReLU(),  
    nn.MaxPool2d(2, 2, 0), # [512, 4, 4]  
)
```

Code Submission

- Compress your code, then submit it to NTU COOL.

<student ID>_hw3.zip

e.g. b10901666_hw3.zip

- If your codes are complicated, please write a README file.
- We can only see your last submission.
- Do not submit your model or dataset.
- If your code is not reasonable, your final grade will be multiplied by 0.9!
- Submission deadline:
 - **2023/3/31 23:59 (UTC+8)**

Grading Policy - Baseline (1 / 2)

Baseline	Accuracy	Hints	Training Time (Reference)
Simple	0.637	Run Sample Code	0.5hr - 1hr on Colab
Medium	0.700	Do some Data Augmentation & Train longer	1.5hr - 2hr on Colab
Strong	0.814	Use predefined CNN from torchvision or TensorFlow	10hr - 12hr on Colab (Suggest using Kaggle)
Boss	0.874	Cross Validation + Ensemble or any other methods you know	40+hr on Kaggle

Grading Policy - HW Score (2 / 2)

- simple (public) +0.5 pts
- simple (private) +0.5 pts
- medium (public) +0.5 pts
- medium (private) +0.5 pts
- strong (public) +0.5 pts
- strong (private) +0.5 pts
- boss (public) +0.5 pts
- boss (private) +0.5 pts
- code submission +2 pts
- report +4 pts

Total : 10 pts

Regulations

- You should **NOT** plagiarize, if you use any other resource, you should cite it in the reference. (*) [Academic Ethics Guidelines for Researchers by the Ministry of Science and Technology](#)
- You should **NOT** modify your prediction files manually.
- **Do NOT share codes, checkpoints, and prediction files with any living creatures.**
- **Do NOT use any approaches to submit your results more than 5 times per day.**
- **Do NOT use additional data (including finding the answers of testing set) and any pre-trained model.**
- Your **assignment will not be graded** and your **final grade x 0.9** if you violate any of the above rules.
- Prof. Lee & TAs preserve the rights to change the rules & grades.

Hints for baseline

Data Augmentation

- Modify the image data so non-identical inputs are given to the model each epoch, to prevent overfitting of the model
- Visit [torchvision.transforms](https://pytorch.org/docs/stable/torchvision/transforms.html) for a list of choices and their corresponding effect. Diversity is encouraged! Usually, stacking multiple transformations leads to better results.
- Coding : fill in `train_tfm` to gain this effect



Model Selection

- Visit [torchvision.models](#) for a list of model structures, or go to [timm](#) for the latest model structures.
- Pretrained weights are not allowed.
 - Torchvision before 0.13 -> `pretrained=False`
 - After 0.13 -> `weights=False`

Classification

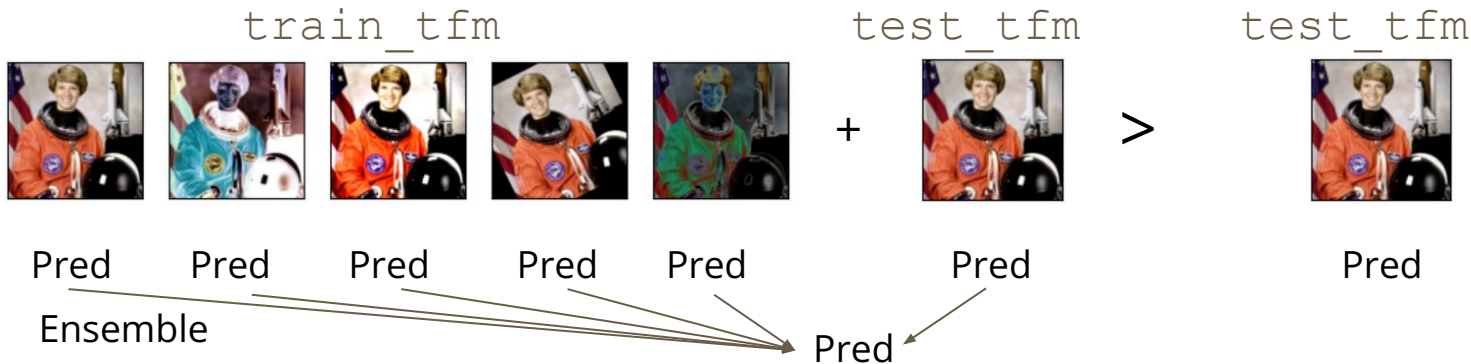
The models subpackage contains definitions for the following model architectures for image classification:

- AlexNet
- VGG
- ResNet
- SqueezeNet

Pre-defined model

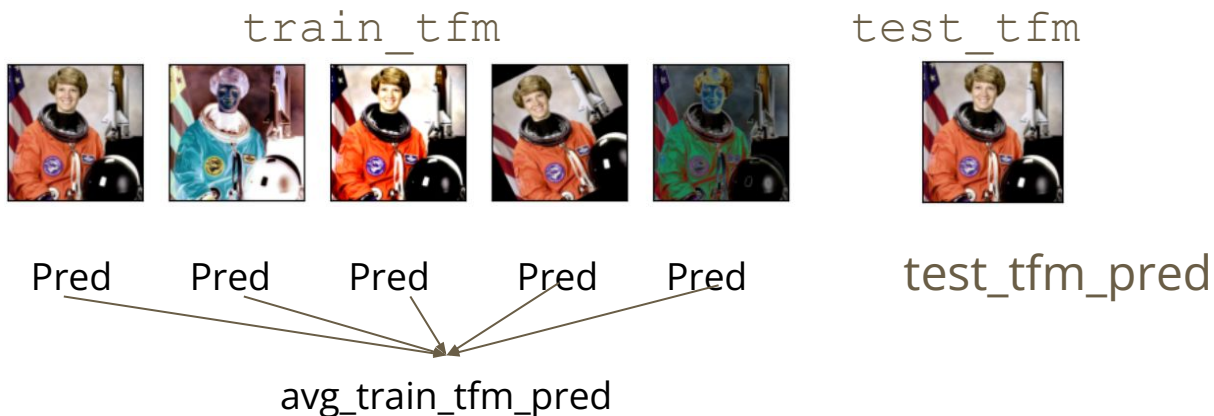
Test Time Augmentation

- The sample code tests images using a deterministic “test transformation”
- You may using the train transformation for a more diversified representation of the images, and predict with multiple variants of the test images.
- Coding : You need to fill in `train_tfm`, change the augmentation method for `test_dataset`, and modify prediction code to gain this effect



Test Time Augmentation

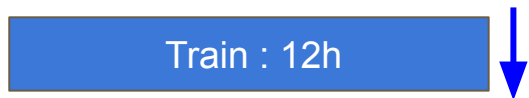
- Usually, test_tfm will produce images that are more identifiable, so you can assign a larger weight to test_tfm results for better performance.



- Ex : Final Prediction = avg_train_tfm_pred * **0.2** + test_tfm_pred * **0.8**

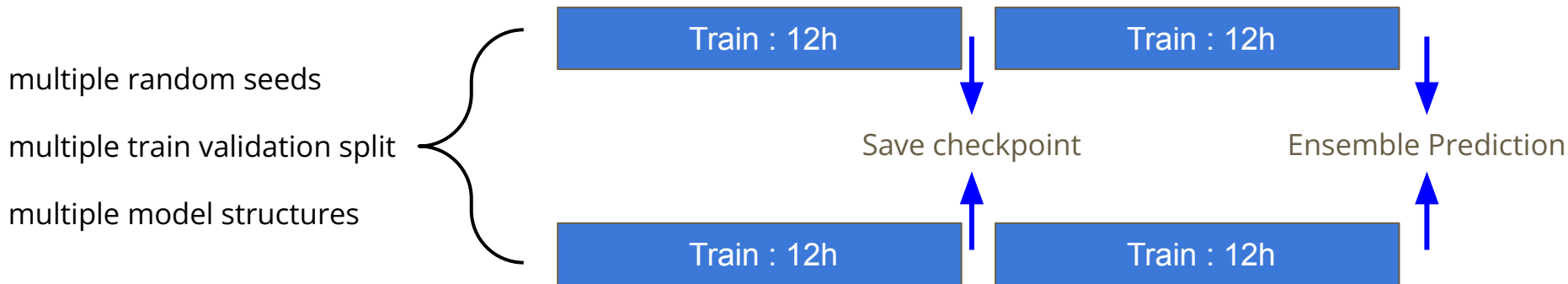
A sample procedure for beating the boss baseline

- The boss baseline might not be beaten with a single model trained on kaggle for 12hrs



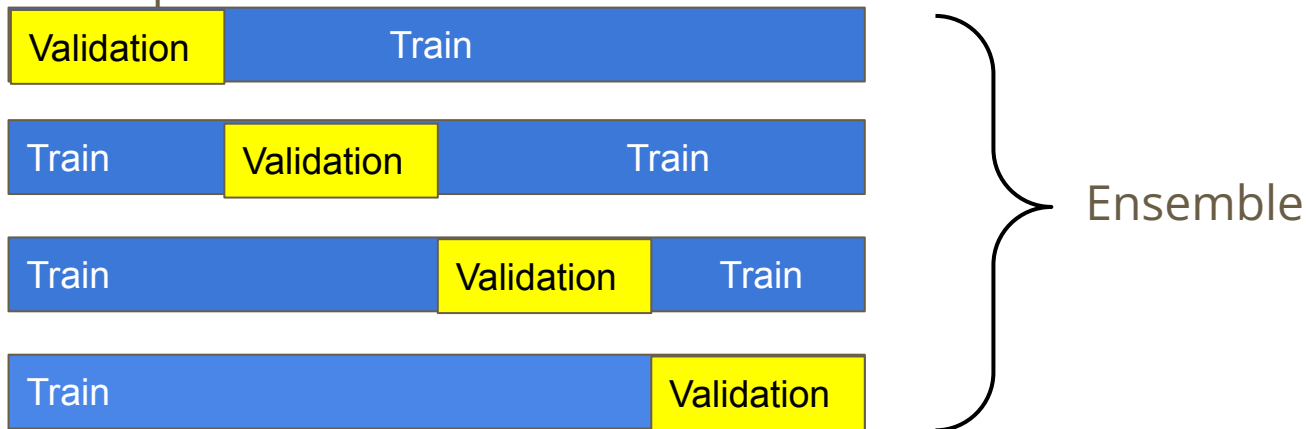
Prediction

- Your procedure can be ensemble of multiple models with parallelization



Cross Validation

- Cross-validation is a resampling method that uses different portions of the data to validate and train a model on different iterations. Ensembling multiple results lead to better performance.
- Coding : You need to merge the current train and validation paths, and resample from those to form new train and validation sets.



Ensemble

- Average of logits or probability : Need to save verbose output, less ambiguous
- Voting : Easier to implement
- Coding : basic math operations with numpy or torch

Experimental Tips

- **Augmentation** is a must to prevent overfitting. A good augmentation can carry on to the testing phase with **Test Time Augmentation**.
- If you build your own network structure and have implemented augmentation, don't be afraid to scale up your model. (Many predefined models structure are huge and perform great)
- In TA's experiment, model structures with **subsampling (max pooling)** work better, simply choosing the best performing models on ImageNet according to websites is not always a good idea because pretrained weights are not allowed.

Other tricks.....

- on Classification
 - Label Smoothing Cross Entropy Loss
- on Optimization
 - Dropout
 - [BatchNorm](#)
 - [Gradient Accumulation](#)

Useful Links

- [Course Website](#)
- [NTU COOL](#)
- [Kaggle Competition](#)
- [Gradescope](#)
- Sample Code ([Colab](#))
- Sample Code ([Kaggle](#))
- Video Links
 - [Introduction to CNN](#)
 - [tSNE](#)
- Pytorch Documentation
 - [torchvision.models](#)
 - [torchvision.transforms](#)

Deadline

- Kaggle Contest
 - **2023/3/31 23:59 (UTC+8)**
- GradeScope
 - **2023/3/31 23:59 (UTC+8)**
- Code Submission to NTU COOL
 - **2023/3/31 23:59 (UTC+8)**

Common Questions

- About Submission
 - You should submit a code that produces one of your best results on Kaggle,.
 - You should compress the folder containing your codes into <student_id>_hw3.zip. If your filename is wrong, there would be a penalty on your hw3 score.
- About Kaggle
 - You should rename your display name on Kaggle by changing "Team name".
- About GradeScope
 - You should answer the questions on GradeScope, and no file about answer have to be submitted to NTU COOL.
- These would be updated on NTU COOL, please read the FAQ before you ask questions.

If you have any questions, you can ask us via...

- **Please see the FAQ before you ask questions!!!!**
- NTU COOL (recommended)
 - https://cool.ntu.edu.tw/courses/24108/discussion_topics/184307
- Email
 - mlta-2023-spring@googlegroups.com
 - The title should begin with “[hw3]”
- TA hour
 - meet.google.com/dzv-ppjx-qtq
 - Monday 19:00 - 20:00 (中文)
 - Monday 20:00 - 21:00 (English)
 - Friday 上課課餘時間