

Gender Recognition from Face Images Using Tensor Flow

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Abstract: *Computer vision is the ability of computers to recognize the objects just like human perception. Gender recognition from face images is done by the computer after retraining the penultimate layer of the tensorflow architecture.*

The present paper emphasizes on the task of facial gender classification from an image. Our trials focus on using tensorflow and inception model for this purpose. The classification of gender has significant uses in the arena of security, marketing and other fields. Here we denote the potential of the proposed system on the dataset where we accomplished an accuracy rate of 97.5 percent.

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I. INTRODUCTION

Since many years the frequency of feeding an image to the web interface has increased in a rapid pace. The new data driven environment has strengthened researchers to solve various problems in the field of computer vision that was non-existent earlier. Gradually, we saw the raise of effective facial recognition platforms and libraries like OpenCv. The application of OpenCV encompasses like tagging in instagram to number plate detection. Whereas the consequent work is not about face detection but the features of them. The motto of this project is the something to classify gender off ace in the image.

The utilizations of the current technology has a wide radar and the prospective to create a legacy. In situations where various languages have variety of vocabulary when identifying man and woman. Henceforth automated identification works and related kind could enhance the reinterpretation. With the thought of the gender of a subject simplifies the recognition process. That would be utilized to help assisted vision systems for those who are blind. Various social networking sites like instagram can utilize the data of the gender of a person to enhance the conditions about an image. Consider a situation where a person is seen playing musical instrument, instagram can label the scenario with music session. But it would be of great impact if it can also predict it as a 'man or woman playing amusical instrument'.

Gender classification is a tough task than many others in computer vision. The main problem for these anomalies is due to the kind of the data which is required to train the system. Whereas the object classification will usually have opportunities to much number of images for training, datasets alongside gender labels are very few in number. A possible cause is that for having labels in such images we should be permitted to use the protected data of subjects in an image. To name it we would need the gender. Henceforth we have to use retraining and tensorflow to neutralize those constraints.

The input data to the code is the face image of a person. The face image is fed to penultimate layer of Inception model. The soft max layer of tensorflow returns the probability of man or woman with an accuracy between zero and one.

II. RELATED WORK

The domain of gender classification is being studied since many years; obsolete approaches were used since a long time to solve the problem, with various heights of triumphs. Previous trials emphasized on the recognition of facial characteristics and focused on the variations. Among those characteristics and set of features.

The characteristics in those methods encompassed the features of eyes, nose, and the differences between them. Although few of the previous trials were effective on input images with constraints imposed on them, those were angle visibility, exposure effects, some [1] did attempt to solve the constraints which dawned due to constraints in images.

A complete method implementation to gender classification can be found in [3]. Earlier neural networks were implemented for the classification of gender [2]. As time passed by [4] took the aid of support vector machines (SVM) and it was seen that it attained a decent accuracy despite low resolution. Even though any of it didn't look to admit the constraint of training and test data that caused discrepancies in their environment where images are subject to various noises and such other disturbances.

III. METHODOLOGY

3.1 Network architecture

The network architecture used in this project is based on tensor flow and inception model. An image is given as input to the network where the penultimate layer outputs the gender which is visualized through the ultimate layer.

Scientists have achieved rapid growth in computer vision by comparing with ImageNet. ImageNet is a benchmark for computer vision. We have currently used Inception-V3 model for the purpose of gender recognition. Inception-V3 was trained for the ImageNet Large Visual Recognition Challenge using the data from 2012. This is a standard task in computer vision, where models try to classify entire images into 1000 classes, like "Leopard", "Tiger". Here are the results from AlexNet classifying some images:

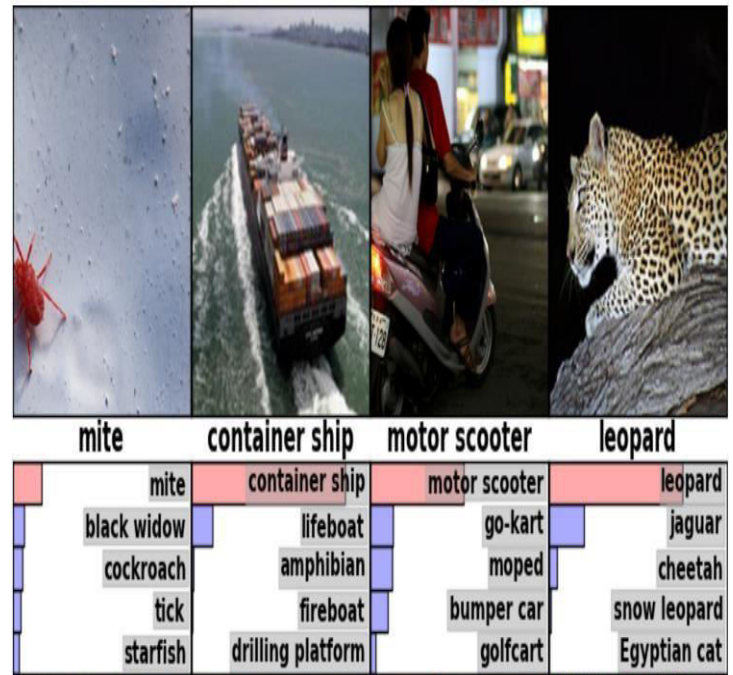


Figure 1: Results of the AlexNet image classification.

The module basically acts as multiple convolution filters, that are applied to the same input with some pooling. The results are then concatenated. This allows the model to take advantage of multi-level feature extraction. For instance, it extracts general (5*5) and local (1*1) features at the same time.

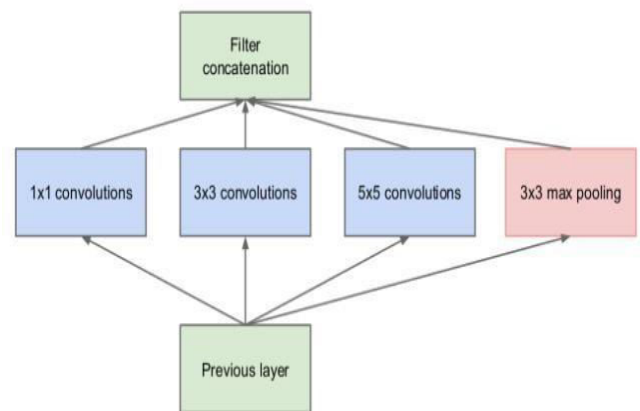


Fig2: Inception module naïve

From the above figure we get the variety of convolutions that we want specifically, we will be using 1×1 , 3×3 , and 5×5 convolutions along with a 3×3 max pooling. If you're wondering what the max pooling is doing there with all the other convolutions, we've got an answer: pooling is added to the Inception module for no other reason than, historically, good network having pooling. The larger convolutions are more computationally expensive, so the paper suggests first doing a 1×1 convolution reducing the dimensionality of its feature map, passing the resulting feature map through a relu, and then doing the larger convolution (in this case, 5×5 or 3×3). The 1×1 convolution is key because it will be used to reduce the dimensionality of its feature map.

3.2 Tensorflow

Tensorflow is an open source machine learning library that came into existence since November 2015 which has its root in Google brain team. It is a library used for doing complex numerical computation to build machine learning models from scratch. Tensors, in general, are simply arrays of numbers or functions that transform according to certain rules under a change of co-ordinates. Tensorflow is used for doing graph based computations quickly. Nodes in the graph represent mathematical operations, while the graph edges represent the multidimensional tensors communicated between them. Pre-trained tensorflow models for small devices like mobile, raspberry pi etc make it highly portable. Deep learning is heavily adopted across many companies using tensorflow.

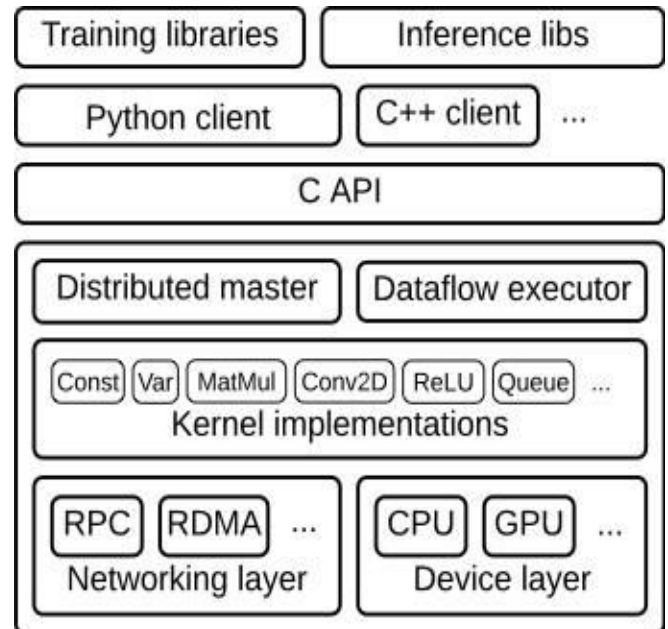


Fig3:Tensorflow architecture

As depicted in the above figure tensorflow architecture consists of client which describes computation as a dataflow graph and initiates the graph using session. In a session we can perform all the necessary computations of the client. In the next level distributed master prunes a specific subgraph from the graph, as defined by the arguments to Session. Partitions the subgraph into multiple pieces that run in different processes and devices. Distributes the graph pieces to worker services. Initiates graph piece execution by worker services. In the next level that is in kernel implementations we perform the computations of individual graph operations. The device layer consists of the CPU and GPU that a system contains and network layer consists of architectures like RPC, RDMA.

3.3 Training and Testing

In this project, we have divided the dataset into two folders, man and woman, each of which contains more than hundred images in them which were used for training and cross-validation. We have achieved a final test accuracy of 97.5 percentage.

3.4 Goals

The first objective in the project was to ensure that the tensorflow architecture was feasible. With the use of Inception-V3 model and ImageNet dataset, we have increased the accuracy of prediction by using cross entropy considerably.

3.5 Technical Details

In this section, we will discuss on the technical details of the network architecture and how we have implemented and trained it.

Softmax

In the current architecture, softmax layer is present which calculates the loss which is made productive in the period of training and also the probability during recognition. Some of the loss layers like multiclass SVM loss treat outputs as class scores, softmax treats these scores as unnormalized log probabilities of the classes. The softmax function can be written as

$$f_j(z) = \frac{e^{z_j}}{\sum_k e^{z_k}}$$

IV. DATASET

The dataset which is used for the purpose of training and testing in this problem is the ImageNet dataset which has derived from Inception-V3 model. For a normal human brain, the task of classifying gender is easy. However, it is a tough task for a computer to achieve the same. Each image is classified with its gender. Those pictures were exposed to different noises, angles, and light effects that would represent the real world conditions. The most common type of image that was used was of frontal faces. The following figure represents few pictures of both the genders in the dataset.



Fig4–Dataset

V. CONCLUSION

Despite having many techniques to solve gender classification problem in the current paper, we created a basis for the problem of predicting the gender with tensorflow and inception model with an improvised accuracy.

The very challenging task in this problem was establishing the training environment to differentiate the data into respective genders, train them, cross-validate, and merge the outgoing data into test data. We anticipate the upcoming applications of this project to support facial detection, enhance the performance of social networking sites, and a lot of other applications. Eventually, we believe that the supplemental training data would be accessible in the near future in the purpose of gender classification that would permit prosperous methods in different types of classification with large datasets that would be implemented to this domain.

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