Brain Tumor Image Classifier

Context

In this notebook, we will build an image classifier that can distinguish Pituitary Tumor from "No Tumor" MRI Scan images.

The dataset used in this notebook is available for download from Kaggle.

Although this dataset actually has a total of 3,264 images belonging to 4 classes -Glioma Tumor, Meningioma Tumor, Pituitary Tumor and No Tumor, for this project we have only taken two classes, and **we are building a binary classification model to classify between the Pituitary Tumor category vs No Tumor.**

For this project, we will only use 1000 of these images (830 training images and 170 Testing images). For the training dataset, we will take 395 MRI scans of No Tumor and 435 MRI scans of Pituitary Tumor. In our problem, we will also be using Data Augmentation to prevent overfitting, and to make our model model more generalised and robust.

We will use this to build an image classification model for this problem statement, and then show how we can improve our performance by simply "importing" a popular pretrained model architecture and leveraging the idea of **Transfer Learning**.

Objectives

The objectives of this project are to:

- 1. Load and understand the dataset
- 2. Automatically label the images
- 3. Perform Data Augmentation
- 4. Build a classification model for this problem using CNNs
- 5. Improve the model's performance through Transfer Learning

Importing Libraries

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In [31]: # Library for creating data paths
import os
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Library for randomly selecting data points
import random

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# Library for performing numerical computations
import numpy as np
# Library for creating and showing plots
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
# Library for reading and showing images
import matplotlib.image as mpimg
# Importing all the required sub-modules from Keras
from keras.models import Sequential, Model
from keras.applications.vgg16 import VGG16
from keras.preprocessing.image import ImageDataGenerator
from tensorflow.keras.utils import img_to_array, load_img
from keras.layers import Conv2D, MaxPooling2D, Flatten, Dense, BatchNormaliz
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Mounting the drive to load the dataset

In [32]: #from google.colab import drive
#drive.mount('/content/drive')

We have stored the images in a structured folder, and below we create the data paths to load images from those folders. This is required so that we can extract images in an auto-labelled fashion using Keras **flow_from_directory**.

In [33]: # Parent directory where images are stored in drive

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parent_dir = '/Users/obaozai/Data/GitHub/DeepLearning/brain_tumor'
# Path to the training and testing datasets within the parent directory
train dir = os.path.join(parent dir, 'Training')
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validation_dir = os.path.join(parent_dir, 'Testing')
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# Directory with our training pictures
train_pituitary_dir = os.path.join(train_dir, 'pituitary_tumor')
train_no_dir = os.path.join(train_dir, 'no_tumor')
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# Directory with our testing pictures
validation_pituitary_dir = os.path.join(validation_dir, 'pituitary_tumor')
validation_no_dir = os.path.join(validation_dir, 'no_tumor')
```

Visualizing a few images

Before we move ahead and perform data augmentation, let's randomly check out some of the images and see what they look like:

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In [34]: train_pituitary_file_names = os.listdir(train_pituitary_dir)
train_no_file_names = os.listdir(train_no_dir)
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fig = plt.figure(figsize=(16, 8))
fig.set_size_inches(16, 16)
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pituitary_img_paths = [os.path.join(train_pituitary_dir, file_name) for file

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no_img_paths = [os.path.join(train_no_dir, file_name) for file_name in trair
for i, img_path in enumerate(pituitary_img_paths + no_img_paths):
    ax = plt.subplot(4, 4, i + 1)
    ax.axis('Off')
    img = mpimg.imread(img_path)
    plt.imshow(img)
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plt.show()



As we can see, the images are quite different in size from each other.

This represents a problem, as most CNN architectures, including the pre-built model architectures that we will use for Transfer Learning, **expect all the images to have the same size.**

So we need to crop these images from the center to make sure they all have the same size. We can do this automatically while performing Data Augmentation, as shown below.

Data Augmentation

In most real-life case studies, it is generally difficult to collect lots of images and then train CNNs. In that case, one idea we can take advantage of is Data Augmentation. CNNs have the property of **translational invariance**, i.e., they can recognize an object as an object, even when its appearance varies translationally in some way. Taking this property into consideration, we can augment the images using the following techniques:

- **1. Horizontal Flip** (should be set to True/False)
- 2. Vertical Flip (should be set to True/False)
- **3. Height Shift** (should be between 0 and 1)
- **4. Width Shift** (should be between 0 and 1)
- **5. Rotation** (should be between 0 and 180)
- 6. Shear (should be between 0 and 1)
- **7. Zoom** (should be between 0 and 1) etc.

Remember *not to use data augmentation in the validation/test data set*.

Also, as mentioned above, we need to have images of the same size. So below,we resize the images by using the parameter **target_size**. Here we are resizing it to **224 x 224**, as we will be using the **VGG16** model for Transfer Learning, which takes image inputs as **224 x 224**.

As this is a binary classification problem, we will need class labels. This is directly handled by the **flow_from_directory** function. It will take the images from the folder inside our specified directory, and the images from one folder will belong to same class.

As the train directory has 2 folders pituitary_tumor and no_tumor, it will read the directory and each folder will be considered a separate class. We specify **class_model = 'binary'** as this is a binary classification problem.

As the folders inside the directory will be read in an alphabetical order, the no_tumor folder will be given a label 0, and pituitary_tumor will be label 1.

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Found 830 images belonging to 2 classes.
Found 170 images belonging to 2 classes.
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Let's look at some examples of our augmented training data.

This is helpful for understanding the extent to which data is being manipulated prior to training, and can be compared with how the raw data looks prior to data augmentation.

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In [38]: images, labels = next(train_generator)
fig, axes = plt.subplots(4, 4, figsize = (16, 8))
fig.set_size_inches(16, 16)
for (image, label, ax) in zip(images, labels, axes.flatten()):
    ax.imshow(image)
    if label == 1:
        ax.set_title('pituitary tumor')
    else:
        ax.set_title('no tumor')
        ax.axis('off')
```



CNN Model Building

Once the data is augmented and cropped to have the same size, we are now ready to build a first baseline CNN model to classify no_tumor vs pituitary_tumor.

When building our custom model, we have used Batch Normalization and Dropout layers as regularization techniques to prevent overfitting.

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In [39]:
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cnn_model = Sequential()
cnn_model.add(Conv2D(64, (3,3), activation='relu', input_shape=(224, 224, 3)
cnn_model.add(MaxPooling2D(2,2))
cnn_model.add(BatchNormalization())
cnn_model.add(Conv2D(32, (3,3), activation='relu', padding = 'same'))
cnn_model.add(MaxPooling2D(2,2))
cnn_model.add(BatchNormalization())
cnn_model.add(Conv2D(32, (3,3), activation='relu', padding = 'same'))
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cnn_model.add(MaxPooling2D(2,2))
cnn_model.add(Conv2D(16, (3,3), activation='relu', padding = 'same'))
cnn_model.add(Flatten())
cnn_model.add(Dense(64, activation='relu'))
cnn_model.add(Dropout(0.25))
cnn_model.add(Dense(32, activation='relu'))
cnn_model.add(Dense(32, activation='relu'))
cnn_model.add(Dense(32, activation='relu'))
cnn_model.add(Dense(1, activation='sigmoid'))
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In [40]: cnn_model.compile(loss="binary_crossentropy", optimizer="adam", metrics = ['
cnn_model.summary()

Model: "sequential" Layer (type) Output Shape Param # _____ _____ conv2d (Conv2D) (None, 224, 224, 64) 1792 max_pooling2d (MaxPooling2D (None, 112, 112, 64) 0) batch_normalization (BatchN (None, 112, 112, 64) 256 ormalization) conv2d 1 (Conv2D) (None, 112, 112, 32) 18464 max pooling2d 1 (MaxPooling (None, 56, 56, 32) 0 2D) batch_normalization_1 (Batc (None, 56, 56, 32) 128 hNormalization) conv2d_2 (Conv2D) (None, 56, 56, 32) 9248 max_pooling2d_2 (MaxPooling (None, 28, 28, 32) 0 2D) conv2d 3 (Conv2D) (None, 28, 28, 16) 4624 flatten (Flatten) (None, 12544) 0 dense (Dense) (None, 64) 802880 dropout (Dropout) (None, 64) 0 dense 1 (Dense) (None, 32) 2080 dropout_1 (Dropout) (None, 32) 0 dense 2 (Dense) (None, 32) 1056 dense_3 (Dense) (None, 1) 33 Total params: 840,561 Trainable params: 840,369

Non-trainable params: 192

In [41]: # Pulling a single large batch of random testing data for testing after each
testX, testY = validation_generator.next()

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Out[43]: [2.1649551391601562, 0.6352941393852234]

Findings

• Our model had 840,369 trainable parameters.

- After running 10 epochs, we were able to achieve a training accuracy of ~95% but the validation accuracy is comparatively lower than training accuracy.
- Even after using Data Augmentation, Batch Normalization and the Dropout Layers, the model seems to have highly overfit on the training dataset and is performing somewhat poorly.

Model Building using Transfer Learning: VGG 16

- Now, let's try again, but this time, using the idea of **Transfer Learning**. We will be loading a pre-built architecture **VGG16**, which was trained on the ImageNet dataset and finished runner-up in the ImageNet competition in 2014. Below is a schematic of the VGG16 model.
- For training VGG16, we will directly use the convolutional and pooling layers and freeze their weights i.e. no training will be done on them. We will remove the already-present fully-connected layers and add our own fully-connected layers for this binary classification task.





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Layer (type)	Output Shape	Param #
input_1 (InputLayer)	[(None, 224, 224, 3)]	0
block1_conv1 (Conv2D)	(None, 224, 224, 64)	1792
block1_conv2 (Conv2D)	(None, 224, 224, 64)	36928
block1_pool (MaxPooling2D)	(None, 112, 112, 64)	0
block2_conv1 (Conv2D)	(None, 112, 112, 128)	73856
block2_conv2 (Conv2D)	(None, 112, 112, 128)	147584
block2_pool (MaxPooling2D)	(None, 56, 56, 128)	0
block3_conv1 (Conv2D)	(None, 56, 56, 256)	295168
block3_conv2 (Conv2D)	(None, 56, 56, 256)	590080
block3_conv3 (Conv2D)	(None, 56, 56, 256)	590080
block3_pool (MaxPooling2D)	(None, 28, 28, 256)	0
block4_conv1 (Conv2D)	(None, 28, 28, 512)	1180160
block4_conv2 (Conv2D)	(None, 28, 28, 512)	2359808
block4_conv3 (Conv2D)	(None, 28, 28, 512)	2359808
block4_pool (MaxPooling2D)	(None, 14, 14, 512)	0
block5_conv1 (Conv2D)	(None, 14, 14, 512)	2359808
block5_conv2 (Conv2D)	(None, 14, 14, 512)	2359808
block5_conv3 (Conv2D)	(None, 14, 14, 512)	2359808
block5_pool (MaxPooling2D)	(None, 7, 7, 512)	0
flatten (Flatten)	(None, 25088)	0
fc1 (Dense)	(None, 4096)	102764544
fc2 (Dense)	(None, 4096)	16781312
predictions (Dense)	(None, 1000)	4097000

Total params: 138,357,544 Trainable params: 138,357,544

- In [45]: # Getting only the conv layers for transfer learning. transfer_layer = model.get_layer('block5_pool') vgg_model = Model(inputs=model.input, outputs=transfer_layer.output)
- In [46]: vgg_model.summary()

Model: "model"

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input_1 (InputLayer)	[(None, 224, 224, 3)]	0
block1_conv1 (Conv2D)	(None, 224, 224, 64)	1792
block1_conv2 (Conv2D)	(None, 224, 224, 64)	36928
<pre>block1_pool (MaxPooling2D)</pre>	(None, 112, 112, 64)	0
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block5_conv3 (Conv2D)	(None, 14, 14, 512)	2359808
block5_pool (MaxPooling2D)	(None, 7, 7, 512)	0

Total params: 14,714,688 Trainable params: 14,714,688 Non-trainable params: 0

- To remove the fully-connected layers of the imported pre-trained model, while calling it from Keras we can also specify an additonal keyword argument that is **include_top**.
- If we specify include_top = False, then the model will be imported without the fully-connected layers. Here we won't have to do the above steps of getting the last convolutional layer and creating a separate model.
- If we are specifying include_top = False, we will also have to specify our input image shape.
- Keras has this keyword argument as generally while importing a pre-trained CNN model, we don't require the fully-connected layers and we train our own fully-connected layers for our task.

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In [47]: vgg_model = VGG16(weights='imagenet', include_top = False, input_shape = (22
vgg_model.summary()
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Layer (type)	Output Shape	Param #
input_2 (InputLayer)	[(None, 224, 224, 3)]	0
block1_conv1 (Conv2D)	(None, 224, 224, 64)	1792
block1_conv2 (Conv2D)	(None, 224, 224, 64)	36928
<pre>block1_pool (MaxPooling2D)</pre>	(None, 112, 112, 64)	0
block2_conv1 (Conv2D)	(None, 112, 112, 128)	73856
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<pre>block4_pool (MaxPooling2D)</pre>	(None, 14, 14, 512)	0
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block5_conv3 (Conv2D)	(None, 14, 14, 512)	2359808
<pre>block5_pool (MaxPooling2D)</pre>	(None, 7, 7, 512)	0

Total params: 14,714,688 Trainable params: 14,714,688 Non-trainable params: 0

In [48]: *# Making all the layers of the VGG model non-trainable. i.e. freezing them* for layer in vgg_model.layers: layer.trainable = False

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In [49]: for layer in vgg_model.layers:
                                           print(layer.name, layer.trainable)
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                          block1_pool False
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                          block4 conv3 False
                          block4_pool False
                          block5_conv1 False
                          block5_conv2 False
                          block5_conv3 False
                          block5_pool False
In [50]: new_model = Sequential()
                              # Adding the convolutional part of the VGG16 model from above
                              new_model.add(vgg_model)
                              # Flattening the output of the VGG16 model because it is from a convolutiona
                              new_model.add(Flatten())
                              # Adding a dense output layer
                              new_model.add(Dense(32, activation='relu'))
                              new_model.add(Dense(32, activation='relu'))
                              new_model.add(Dense(1, activation='sigmoid'))
In [51]: new_model.compile(optimizer='adam', loss='binary_crossentropy', metrics=['adam', loss='binary_cro
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new_model.summary()

Model: "sequential_1"

	Layer (type)	Output Shape	Param #	
	vgg16 (Functional)	(None, 7, 7, 512)	14714688	
	flatten_1 (Flatten)	(None, 25088)	0	
	dense_4 (Dense)	(None, 32)	802848	
	dense_5 (Dense)	(None, 32)	1056	
	dense_6 (Dense)	(None, 1)	33	
	Total params: 15,518,625 Trainable params: 803,937 Non-trainable params: 14,7	714,688		
In [52]	: ## Fitting the VGG model new_model_history = new_u	model.fit(train_generator validation_data epochs=5)	, =(testX, testY),	
	Epoch 1/5			
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	42/42 [====================================] – 34s 808ms, 0.8711 – val_accuracy: 0	/step – loss: 0.0539 – a .7500	acc
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In [53]	<pre># Evaluating on the Test new_model.evaluate(valid</pre>	<i>set</i> ation_generator)		
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Out[53]: [0.4411447048187256, 0.8588235378265381]



In [55]: # Plotting the loss vs epoch curve for the basic CNN model without Transfer
plot_history(model_history)



In [56]: # Plotting the loss vs epoch curve for the Transfer Learning model
 plot_history(new_model_history)



Findings

- Our model has 803,937 Trainable parameters.
- After running 5 epochs we were able to achieve a good training accuracy and validation accuracy.

Conclusions

- The difference in both models is evident. Both models had nearly the same number of trainable parameters. However even after training the custom CNN model for 10 epochs, it could not attain accuracies as high as we achieved with Transfer Learning.
- The Transfer Learning model has converged faster than the custom CNN model in only 5 epochs.
- That's a good level of improvement just by directly using a pre-trained architecture such as VGG16.
- This model can, in fact, further be tuned to achieve the accuracies required for practical applicability in the medical domain.