

AUTOMOBILE CLASSIFICATION USING TRANSFER LEARNING ON RESNET NEURAL NETWORK ARCHITECTURE

KLASIFIKACIJA AUTOMOBILA KORISTEĆI TRANSFERIRANO UČENJE NA RESNET ARHITEKTURI NEURONSKE MREŽE

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ABSTRACT

Classification is one of the most common problems that neural networks are used for. In the case of higher resolution image classification, convolutional neural networks are commonly used. Due to the reason that convolutional neural networks are so often used in classification, there are many pretrained models that can be adapted for new domains using a technique called transfer learning. This paper shows how excellent results in classification accuracy can be achieved by applying transfer learning to pretrained convolution neural network. This paper presents the results of the learning transfer of the ResNet-152 convolution neural network on the Stanford Cars dataset. The results show accuracy over 88% only by training the last fully connected layer.

Keywords: *Transfer learning, ResNet, Stanford Car dataset*

SAŽETAK

Klasifikacija je jedan od najčešćih problema za koji se koriste neuronske mreže. U slučaju klasifikacije slika veće razlučivosti, najčešće se koriste konvolucijske neuronske mreže. Iz razloga što se konvolucijske neuronske mreže izuzetno često koriste za klasifikaciju postoji mnogo inačica unaprijed istreniranih mreža koje je moguće uz određene preinake upotrijebiti i dotrenirati za rješavanje novih domena koristeći tehniku transferiranog učenja. Ovaj rad prikazuje način na koji je moguće dobiti izvrsne rezultate s obzirom na točnost klasifikacije pomoću upotrebe transferiranog učenja i unaprijed trenirane konvolucijske neuronske mreže.

Rad prezentira rezultate transferiranog učenja ResNet-152 konvolucijske neuronske mreže na Stanford Car setu podataka. Rezultati pokazuju točnost od preko 88% točnosti samo pomoću treniranja zadnjeg potpuno povezanog sloja neuronske mreže.

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1. INTRODUCTION

1. UVOD

In recent years with the development of better and faster GPUs that can cope with numerous calculations the field of deep learning emerged. Better hardware yielded better and deeper neural networks which easily exceed 100 layers of depth which have led to a series of breakthroughs for image classification [1]–[4]. These kinds of deep convolutional neural networks are very complex and need a vast amount of training data and require long training time on conventional computers with high end standard GPUs. Due to the long training time and availability of pretrained ResNet models on the COCO dataset [5], it was decided that the best approach is to incorporate the transfer learning technique to the existing pretrained neural network. To classify cars, the network must be trained on images of cars that provide information on car classification. Currently, the best dataset for car classification is the Stanford Car dataset [6]. It consists of 197 car models on 16.185 images covering sedans, SUVs, coupes, convertibles, pickups, hatchbacks and station wagons.

2. RESNET-152 NEURAL NETWORK

2. RESNET-152 NEURONSKA MREŽA

ResNet neural network [4] was specifically developed for ImageNet Large Scale Visual Recognition Challenge 2015 [7] which it won that year. The network, depending on its purpose, can consist of 18 to several hundreds of layers. Such traditional deep convolutional neural network can expect many problems during training and testing one of which is degradation. With an increase of network depth, accuracy gets saturated after which it rapidly degrades which is unexpectedly not caused by overfitting, and adding more layers leads to higher training error [8], [9]. To overcome this problem, the ResNet neural network uses residual connectors between layers. Residual connectors are basically short connections between several layers which turn the neural network into a residual neural network which can be seen in Figure 1.

3. STANFORD CAR DATASET

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As was mentioned in the introduction, the Stanford car dataset consists of 16.185 car images in 197 categories of cars. The dataset is divided in two parts: training part which consists of 8.144 images used for training the neural network and testing part which consists of 8.041 images that are used for testing the neural network. Of course, the dataset provides the data which image belongs to which class in the form of "CSV" data files which can be seen in Figure 2. The files "anno_test.csv" and "anno_train.csv" consist of 6 columns. The first column is the name of the image, from the second to the fifth column are four values of pixels that determine the exact position of the car in the image. The sixth column contains information that classifies the car into classes. The list of all classes is in the "classes.csv" file. The data from the "anno_train.csv" table was used to obtain training images that were adjusted in such a way that the background was as small as possible and that the car was in focus which can be seen in Figure 3.

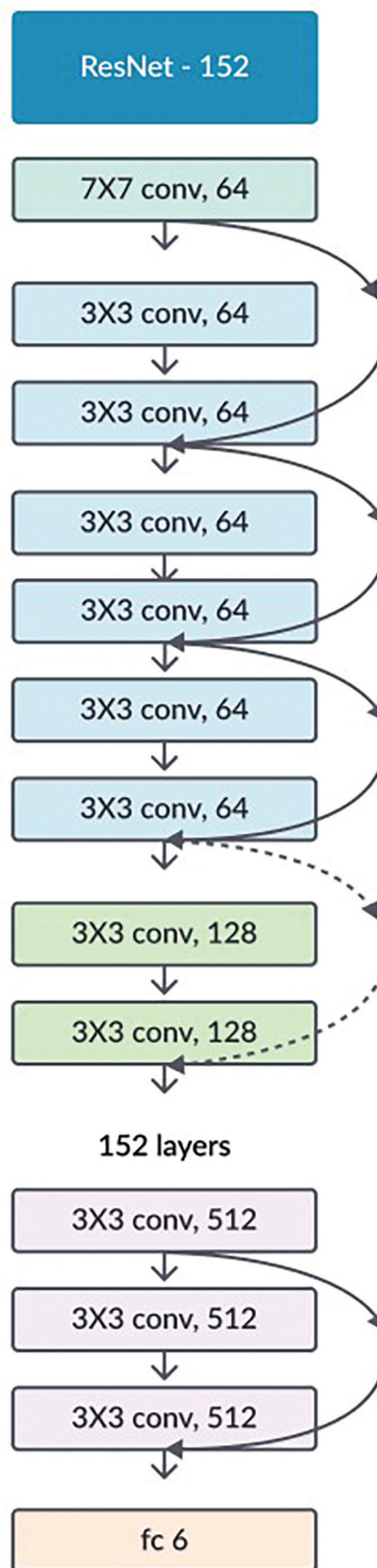


Figure 1 ResNet-152 neural network architecture
Slika 1 Arhitektura ResNet-152 neuronske mreže

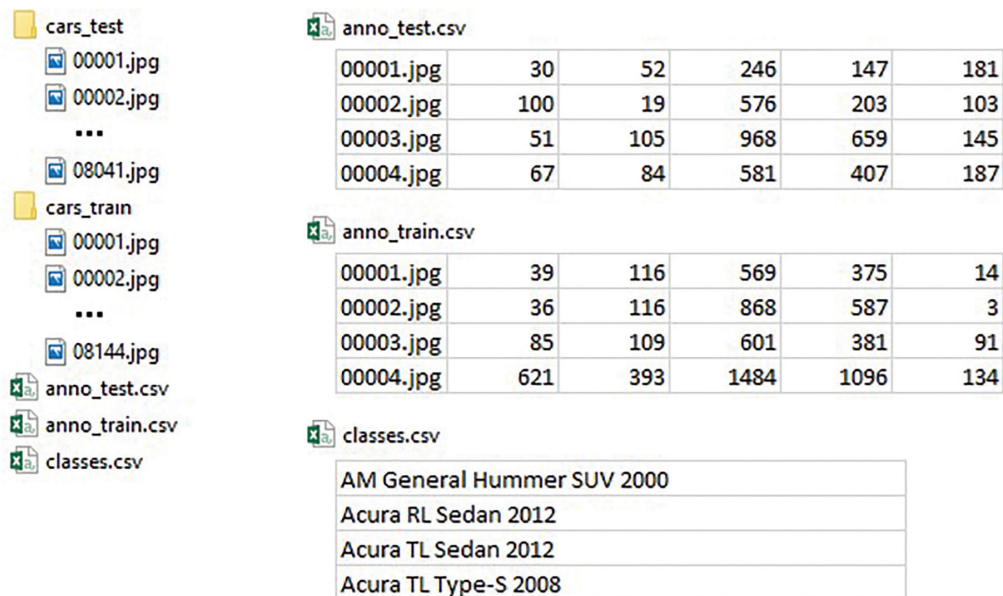


Figure 2 Dataset and csv files structures

Slika 2 Struktura seta podataka i csv datoteka

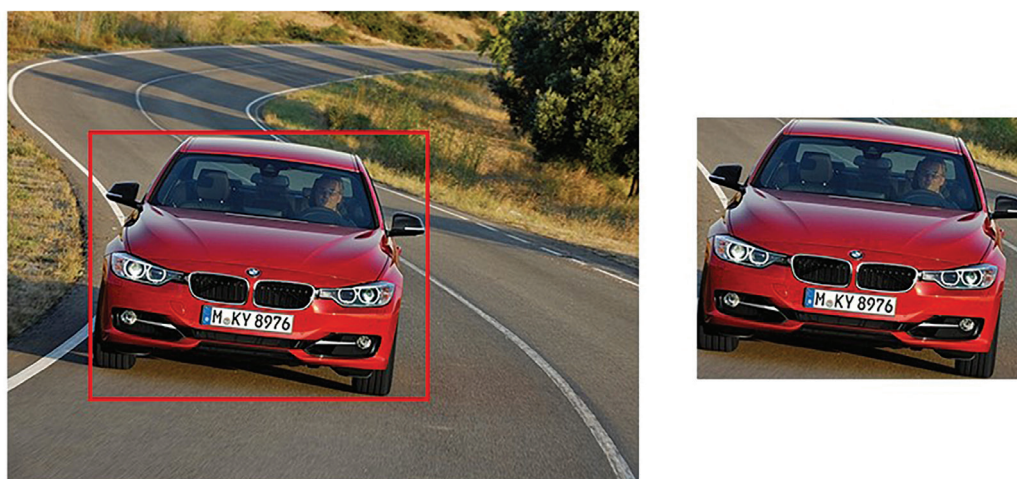


Figure 3 The image with the correct position of the automobile (left) and cropped image (right)

Slika 3 Slika s točnom pozicijom automobila (lijevo) i izrezana slika (desno)

4. COMPUTER METHODS AND EXPERIMENTAL SETUP

4. RAČUNALNE METODE I EKSPERIMENTALNA POSTAVA

In the experimental part, we want to demonstrate the benefits of the transfer learning technique and how it is beneficial on a larger neural network model that was pretrained on a different dataset. The ResNet-152 model was trained using a transfer learning method to retrain only the last fully connected layer. Finally, we will present the results of training the neural network in such a manner.

The neural network was trained using the training set of images of size 224x224 and three channels (RGB). The last fully connected layer was set to an output vector of size 196 using softmax activation function [10] which is the most common in classification [11]. The ResNet-152 model was trained on a GTX 1070 8GB GPU. For the software platform CUDA 10.0, Tensorflow 1.15.0 [12] and Keras 2.3.0 [13] were used as frameworks on which the training was performed. Augmentations were made to the training dataset in order to achieve better results. All augmentations are described in Table 1.

Tablica 1. Dataset augmentations parameters

Table 1. Parametri povećavanja seta podataka

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| Rotation range | 20 |
| Width shift | 0.1 |
| Height shift | 0.1 |
| Zoom range | 0.2 |
| Horizontal flip | True |

5. RESULTS

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In our experiment, the training took approximately 1 hour and 8 minutes to complete the 10 epochs of training the fully connected layer with the batch size of 16 images per batch. The training was repeated but the neural network was trained on 20 epochs instead which took 2 hours and 16 minutes.

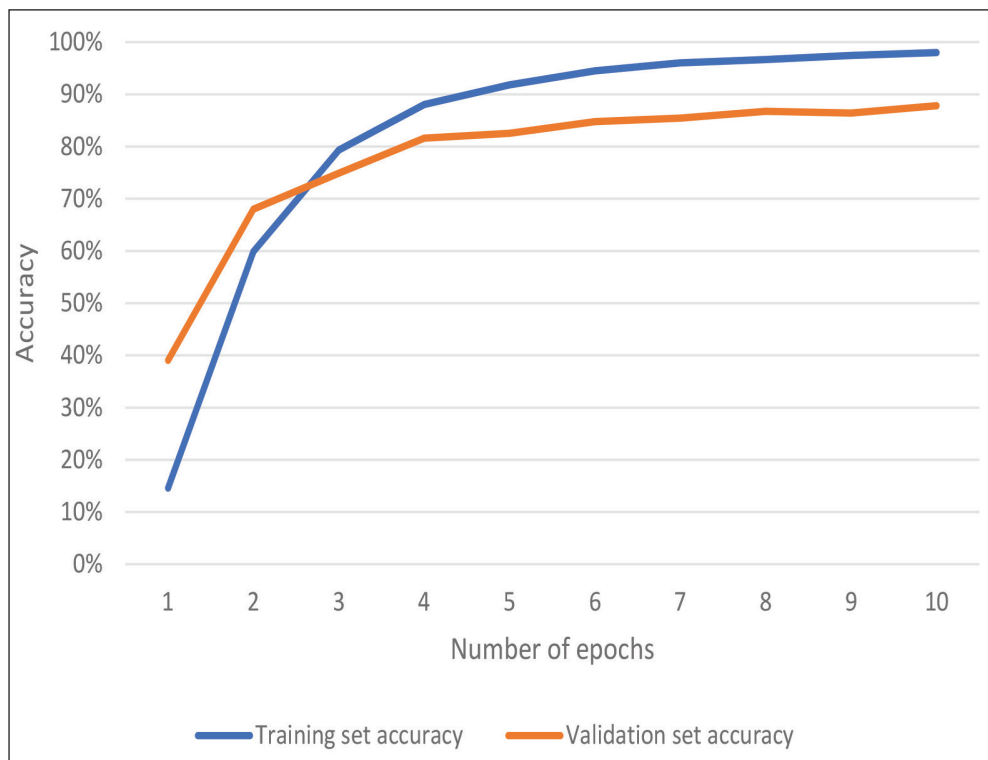


Figure 4 Results of training after 10 epochs

Slika 4 Rezultati treniranja nakon 10 epoha

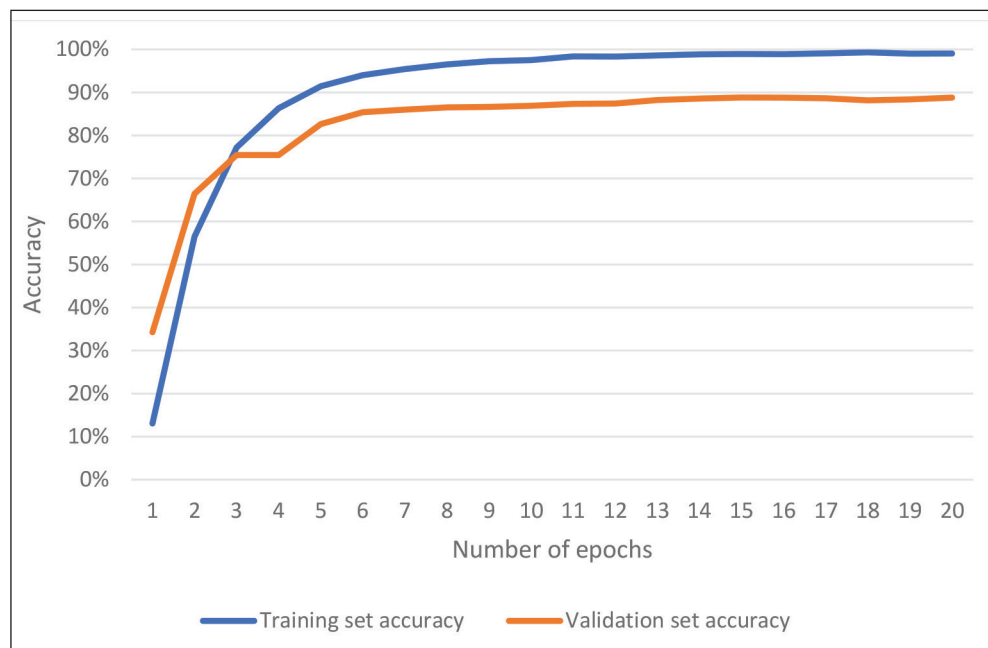


Figure 5 Results of training after 20 epochs

Slika 5 Rezultati treniranja nakon 20 epoha

The accuracy of the trained model has not changed much between trainings. The accuracy after 20 epochs is 88.81% on the validation part of the dataset. The results can be seen in Figures 4 and 5.

The graphs in Figures 4 and 5 show that there are no major differences between 10 and 20 epochs of training in terms of accuracy. This can be explained in a way that the neural network already converged in the first 10 epochs, and that last layer cannot converge any more to learn new features of this specific dataset. The best achieved accuracy was on the 15th epoch measuring 88.82% on the validation set.

6. CONCLUSION

6. ZAKLJUČAK

In this paper, we have shown how to retrain an existing neural network in the easiest possible way using a dataset which neural network has not been trained on. In only a few hours, the existing neural network can be used to classify completely different objects than it was trained to classify in the first place. For transfer learning, we have used the existing ResNet-152 neural network and retrained only last fully connected layer to classify automobiles from the Stanford car dataset with 88.82% accuracy. This type of training has a lot of room for further improvement. To achieve better results, we could use ResNet-200. Also, if the network was completely trained on the Stanford car dataset the results should be better due to specific shapes of cars, badges, design, etc. The paper shows how using a simple and fast method of transfer learning can yield great results in terms of classification on another dataset.

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