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Plant Recognition and its Care using Tflite, Teachable Machine

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Abstract: *Plant identification is a significant undertaking however its care is considerably more significant. The identification of plants has a lot of benefits for wide range of people ranging from forestry services, pharmaceutical labs, government and common public. The research paper aims on developing a machine learning technology combined with mobile app development which is able to recognize plants and suggest good care for them like how much water, sunlight, fertilizer, etc is optimum for the plant. Plant identification with its care, based on leaf, is becoming an interesting task. Each plant leaf carries unique identity, which matches to no other plant, information that can be used in the identification and subsequently, determining measures for its care. A large number of features were taken from each leaf such as its length, area of hull, perimeter and color. All the work of research in this filed has further aggravated an interest in the development of automated systems for the recognition of different plant species. A full autonomous method of recognizing plants using Artificial Intelligence tools like Teachable Machine and Tflite. We gathered dataset from google images and several images with varying textures and lighting conditions clicked from my smartphone camera from the Kangra forest range. There are several applications that help in recognizing the plant species using features from their leaves but we are also adding an additional feature of its care.*

Index Terms: *Plant Recognition, care, Tensorflow, Training the model, faster_rcnn_inception model.*

I. INTRODUCTION

Individuals see numerous sorts of plants in their daily life, some can distinguish them while others can't. For non-specialists, plant distinguishing proof is a troublesome assignment, further considering their highlights to realize its consideration is a lot of dreary. In addition to the fact that plants is a part and parcel of our planet Earth, however they likewise structure the very base of all nature and the food chain. To utilize and ensure plant species, it is vital to consider and group plants effectively. One route is to turn upward in the represented plant handbooks. The other path is to look on web or utilize versatile applications, for example, PlantNet, PlantOMatic, and Wild Plant Database. So as to comprehend the coordinated outcomes, these administrations expect clients to give however much data as could reasonably be expected, for example, the plant's photograph, family name, geolocation, bloom hues, leaf shape, development structure, and so on. Discussing the name of plant species, even with the given data, we get a long competitor list to filter the information we need. Past these stages, a large number of the procedures engaged with grouping these plant species is 'human being abilities and accumulation of knowledge'. To execute the AI based plant distinguishing proof and care framework, building up a model dependent on a few basic highlights like leaf shape, veins, form, and so on is must. So, in this paper there will be utilization of these qualities as a contribution to the classifier that does this tedious task by utilizing AI calculations. The project is all about making a technology to combine the data science technology of machine learning with mobile application development. Machine learning is a very useful technology which is able to do recognitions just like human beings, when trained right. But the problem with machine learning is that it cannot be used by a user. To facilitate non complicated use of machine learning, it will be combined with mobile application so that the users can use it easily.

The dataset for developing a well-trained machine learning model will come from the local garden center, different plant species from Kangra forest range. The dataset would also be collected from various image results coming from Google search. The desired dataset for the project is going to be clean photos of plant leaves. The reason for choosing plant leaves as the basis for differentiation among the different plant species is that despite every plant's different shape and span, some can resemble up to 80% with other plant species which will be a problem for the training of the machine learning model. Since, all plant have leaves that differ by at least 70% from other plant species. Therefore, choosing plant leaves as the measure of classification is going to build a rigorous model. Next step would be clustering of the data to divide it into train and test datasets followed by the rigorous training to make a well performing machine learning model.

TensorFlow library, OpenCV are going to be used in training. To convert the machine learning model into phone usable form, Google’s tool, Teachable Machine, is useful. Teachable machine is a suite of tools that is used to train machine learning models by providing the dataset to it. It can help train gesture detection, audio recognition and TensorFlow lite models. The choice of using TensorFlow models comes from its special feature where it can be used in a smartphone application. TensorFlow is a Google provided library for training computer vision neural network models with numerous layers in it. TensorFlow was first developed by Google Brains team for their internal usage which was later rolled to production by the team. This TensorFlow model would then provide us with a trained model file with .tf extension to be used in the mobile application. TensorFlow Lite is a suite of tools that facilitates programmers to combine the good of machine learning with the versatility of mobile applications.[1] It is useful in many ways like it is optimized for machine learning getting optimistically utilized by the machines, by addressing 5 key constraints: privacy, latency, another big advantage is that it requires no internet and time lag for performing. It is a multiple platform support, covering Android and iOS devices, embedded Linux, and microcontrollers. Diverse languages like Java, Kotlin, Flutter, Swift can be used with it. Various examples of attaching the machine learning based models with mobile applications have already been developed using TfLite.[1] This TfLite model file would then be used in the backend of the mobile application. Mobile application would take real-time input feed from the camera do the predictions of the plant name[13]. The complete data related to the requirements of the identified plant would be saved in the backend. The data would be retrieved making HTTP request to the backed server to display the information in real-time to the user.

II. LITERATURE REVIEW

Several examinations have been done to develop tools for the identification of plants in the last 10-20 years. In 2007, Shu Shan proposed the machine learning system which increased the properties for certain features. The features inherited in this research work were shape and veins. He used the Probabilistic Neural Network for the training of his model which got an accuracy level of 90.3%.[2,14]

In 2012, Abdul Kadir built up a plant identification methodology for 55 examples of leaves. It was created to perceive any plants having similar shapes yet a big difference in the leaf color features. Zernike moments were utilized consolidating with different highlights, instance shading, geometric, and Gray-Level Co-occurrence Matrix (GLCM) .[3]

In 2013, Amin and Khan carried out a research on the leaf curvature to be able to add to the formerly proposed plant leaf feature extraction technique. They used the k-nearest neighbour Algorithm and ended up at an accuracy of 71.5%.[4,15]

In 2014, Hernandez-Serna and Jimenez-Segura were able to end at an accuracy level of 92.9% utilizing the Flavia dataset. 16 (6 geometrical, 8 surface and 2 morphological highlights) were taken care of to an Artificial Neural Network (ANN) 60 nodes in the hidden layer and a learning rate of 0.1 over 50000 generations. Utilizing the equivalent dataset, Chaki et al. (2015) got a great accuracy too. Utilizing shape includes just on the Flavia dataset and Pattern Net (a kind of neural system), Siravenha and Carvalho arrived at a comparative exactness as Chaki et al. Their neural network had 26 layers of neurons and more than 100 epochs.[5]

Utilizing a k-nearest neighbour (kNN) classifier, Munisami et al. (2015) got an astonishing accuracy of more than 86 % by taking samples of 640 leaves from 32 species of different plants. They utilized shape and shading data as it were. The pictures were procured utilizing a cell phone camera with a goals of 1980*1024.[6,16]

A fascinating work was finished by Carranza-Rojas and Mata-Montero (2016) in which they developed a clean and a noisy dataset. They executed the Histogram of Curvature over Scale (HCoS) algorithm to extract the information about the contour and the local binary pattern variance (LBPV) to extract texture information. In the best case, the dataset that was clean beat the noisy dataset by 7.3%.[7,17] This propose pictures taken from a smartphone camera can deliver agreeable degrees of accuracy compared with pictures which are physically prepared in a lab and afterward characterized. Earlier, Amin and Khan (2013) have used an appropriated progressive diagram neuron (DHGN) to catch shape data utilizing 64 element vectors and the k-closest neighbor classifier with Canberra distance to acquire a precision of 71.5%.[8,18]

Table 1.1 Training Dataset

S. No.	PLANT NAME	INSTANCES
1.	Rose	59
2.	Mint	61
3.	Bamboo	03

III. METHODOLOGY

For this research two datasets were used. One is collected from the publicly available images of the required plants using Google image search. Another is dataset made by collecting images from our locality using the smartphone camera. Pre-processing is performed by converting BGR images to RGB system to generate a good numpy array for it to improve the accuracy. Then, it generates the tensorflow records for the images as per labeling of each plant leaf in the image. By applying the technique of feature extraction to extract vein feature, texture of leaf and morphological features of the leaf. Then by saving these features as feature matrix which are then to be fed to the classifier.

For DAVIS and Pascal VOC datasets, containing more than a thousand pictures with different scenes, which are more appropriate for viable undertakings. The strategy accomplishes the best outcomes contrasted and different techniques. Investigating the outcome,

It is considered that early-late combination procedure can forestall highlights of intelligent snaps weakening over the organization.[9] Subsequently, the technique answers the snaps effectively and is hearty in different scenes mIoU per click. There are three perceptions: 1) Our technique has the steadiest presentation contrasted and different strategies, where mIoU improves bit by bit as the snaps increments. In any case, different strategies have the debasement issue. For instance, mIoU of RITM diminishes drastically when the snaps increment from 3 to 5, and 9 to 11 on GrabCut dataset. As portrayed previously, the proposed edge assessment can work on the division security. 2) This technique requires less snaps to accomplish higher mIoU contrasted and different strategies. In the Berkeley dataset, NoC@95 of the used strategy is about 4, while others are more than 10. 3) Using each of the 20 ticks, this strategy still accomplishes the most elevated mIoU on all datasets. The examination exhibits the prevalent division capacity of our technique.

IV. DATASET ACCESSION

Dataset refers collection of standard set of images used for a particular project development. In this case of work, there are two different kinds of datasets (1) collected from google images (2) Local dataset. A. Dataset collected from google images: This dataset consists of a collection of images of the plants namely Mint, Rose, Bamboo, Curry leaf. B. Dataset collected by clicking local images from the smartphone camera. All the images in this dataset are of JPG format as the train.py uses only JPG images as they are good for training purpose. Here is the table to show the composition of this dataset:

Table 1.2 Test Dataset

S. No.	PLANT NAME	INSTANCES
1.	Curry Leaf	71
2.	Rose	56
3.	Mint	59
4.	Bamboo	75



Fig. 1 Test dataset for Machine Learning

V. SETTING UP ENVIRONMENT

An environment needs to be setup for this project as per the hardware and software requirements of the deep learning algorithms and smooth functioning of the libraries we use. The steps for setting up the environment in this paper are as:

Installation and Downloading: Here it is needed to install the Anaconda and then various libraries that we are to use for our project including the repositories of some open-source projects from www.github.com and the model file from the official model zoo of tensorflow. Here is a table for various github commits

VI. GATHERING AND LABELLING DATA

Gathering: Gathering of data consist of the process to collect datasets from different sources like www.kaggle.com , www.github.com, etc. that consist of images of the plants that we work on for care and recognition.

These Convolutional Neural Networks work as a system of layers of the neural network present in the nervous system of the animals. Each neuron carries certain small amount of information which is further linked to several other neurons and facilitate the model to learn and train.

Labelling: Labelling for different parts of the images which have different evidences of containing different plants in it. We use Labelling annotation tool to draw rectangular boxes around the plant parts and then label them according to their common names.[10]

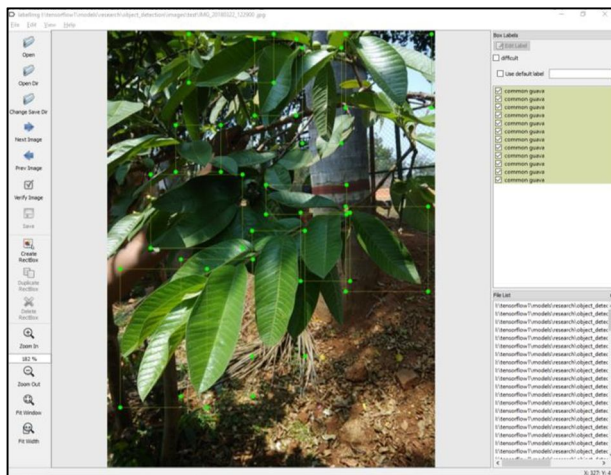


Fig. 3 Segmenting the dataset

VII. TRAINING

Labelmap File: For re-training the pre-trained faster_rcnn_inception model according to our dataset, we need to generate a label map file that contains the names of the plant species that we are recognizing in the form of a particular syntax, with each plant species getting a particular index value.[11] The syntax to follow while writing the label map file is:

```

item {
  id: 1
  name: 'rose'
}
item {
  id: 1
  name: 'mint'
}
item {
  id: 1
  name: 'bamboo'
}

```

Fig. 4 Labelmap file for training

Training: Running the trainer for our dataset consist of changing the input paths in the original train script and other supportive scripts according to the requirements of our system and then providing the model we use for training as argument.

The training script for the plant detector is designed as a Convolutional Neural Network.

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VIII. RUNNING THE CLASSIFIER

The final part of the project will contain a script that runs the Plant Detector Classifier which will work for (i) feed from an image (ii) feed from a video (iii) feed from a live_webcam.[12] The detector recognizes the plant in the input by using the inference_graph obtained in the training part. We get a rectangular box drawn around the plant that gives the score of confidence with the name of the species. Our classifier contains a special feature of also giving a tip for the care of the identified plant.

IX. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Here we discuss about the experimental results of our work. The total loss during the training starts at a high value and then keeps on dropping down till it becomes constant at a considerably lower value. Using the faster_rcnn_inception model the training loss starts at approx. 2.0 and then quickly drops down to 0.8. After this value, the loss value experiences many ups and downs as its value drops considerably slow than before.

```

INFO:tensorflow:global step 39445: loss = 0.0347 (10.516 sec/step)
INFO:tensorflow:global step 39446: loss = 0.7139 (8.328 sec/step)
INFO:tensorflow:global step 39447: loss = 0.2617 (8.754 sec/step)
INFO:tensorflow:global step 39448: loss = 0.0594 (12.344 sec/step)
INFO:tensorflow:global_step/sec: 0.0077393
INFO:tensorflow:global step 39449: loss = 0.2290 (13.757 sec/step)
INFO:tensorflow:Recording summary at step 39449.
INFO:tensorflow:global step 39450: loss = 0.1453 (8.872 sec/step)
INFO:tensorflow:global step 39451: loss = 0.0713 (9.939 sec/step)
INFO:tensorflow:global step 39452: loss = 0.0658 (10.542 sec/step)
INFO:tensorflow:global step 39453: loss = 0.1113 (7.910 sec/step)
INFO:tensorflow:global step 39454: loss = 0.0221 (10.291 sec/step)
INFO:tensorflow:global step 39455: loss = 0.0955 (9.669 sec/step)
INFO:tensorflow:global step 39456: loss = 0.0946 (10.516 sec/step)
INFO:tensorflow:global step 39457: loss = 0.1632 (7.817 sec/step)
INFO:tensorflow:global step 39458: loss = 0.0464 (10.046 sec/step)
INFO:tensorflow:global step 39459: loss = 0.0573 (11.489 sec/step)
INFO:tensorflow:global step 39460: loss = 0.2770 (11.069 sec/step)
INFO:tensorflow:global_step/sec: 0.0999896
INFO:tensorflow:Recording summary at step 39460.
INFO:tensorflow:global step 39461: loss = 0.1100 (13.697 sec/step)
INFO:tensorflow:global step 39462: loss = 0.0608 (8.752 sec/step)
INFO:tensorflow:global step 39463: loss = 0.1292 (10.387 sec/step)
INFO:tensorflow:global step 39464: loss = 0.0550 (9.736 sec/step)
INFO:tensorflow:global step 39465: loss = 0.7553 (10.798 sec/step)
INFO:tensorflow:global step 39466: loss = 0.0500 (9.739 sec/step)
INFO:tensorflow:global step 39467: loss = 0.1078 (10.234 sec/step)
INFO:tensorflow:global step 39468: loss = 0.2519 (10.521 sec/step)
INFO:tensorflow:global step 39469: loss = 0.0866 (11.180 sec/step)
INFO:tensorflow:global step 39470: loss = 0.0224 (10.286 sec/step)
INFO:tensorflow:global step 39471: loss = 0.2333 (11.353 sec/step)
INFO:tensorflow:global_step/sec: 0.091687
INFO:tensorflow:global step 39472: loss = 0.0773 (11.479 sec/step)
INFO:tensorflow:Recording summary at step 39472.
INFO:tensorflow:global step 39473: loss = 0.0990 (13.228 sec/step)

```

Fig. 5 Training the dataset



Fig. 6 Result after training

We wait until the loss becomes steady at a value of 0.05 which takes about 45,000 steps. The time duration took for training the whole model was about eight days, depending upon how powerful your CPU/GPU is.

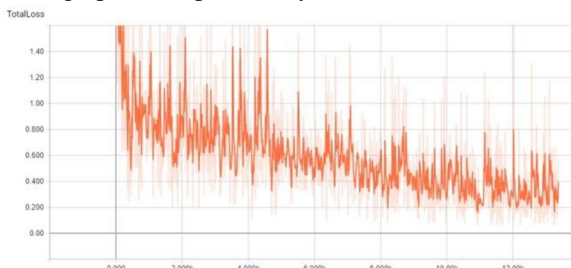


Fig. 7 Total loss Graph

Re-training the same model with `ssd_mobilenet` model pre-trained model, instead of `faster_rcnn_inception` model takes a considerably larger time and does not match the level of accuracy and robustness of `faster_rcnn_inception` model. `Ssd_mobilenet` model is useful for low power machines like smartphone, webcam, Raspberry pi, etc while the `faster_rcnn_inception` model works good for high power machines.

We got the feature matrix and the confusion matrices for our work as follows:



Fig. 8 Feature Matrix

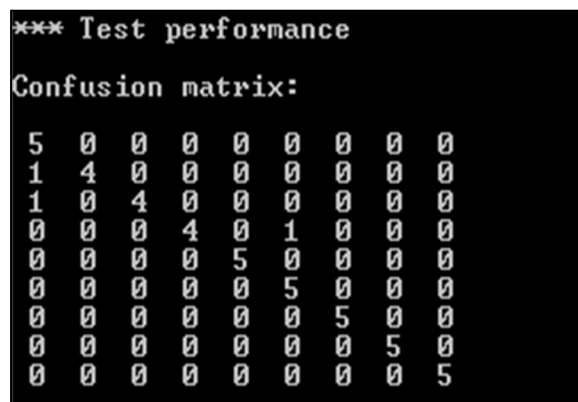


Fig. 9 Confusion Matrix

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