A REVIEW ON FACIAL EMOTION RECOGNITION THAT USES MACHINE LEARNING ALGORITHMS

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Abstract—For a computer, identification of human emotion from a still image of the human face is a complex, challenging, and heavily calculative task. Classification of human emotion is done by using a different combination of convolutional neural networks (CNN) that task is known as Facial Emotion Recognition (FER). CNN model is achieved by training and testing on lots of same categorical images from the dataset using different hyperparameter tuning. The main contribution of this work is to look for various CNN architectures, hyperparameter tuning and compare the performance of those CNN models based on accuracy and loss while training and testing on Facial Emotion Recognition. This study shall help to provide a guide for the selection of an appropriate CNN model and tuning parameter according to the needs of the applicant.

Keywords—Application of CNN, Convolutional Neural Network, Deep-learning, Facial Emotion Recognition, FER2013

I. INTRODUCTION

As a human we communicate not only through verbal, for conveying our emotions and feeling, we also communicate by gestures and posture of our different body movements. Facial expression is just one of them. As technology progresses, we start to communicate through machines and nowadays we communicate with a machine that is also part of our daily routine. Now a day we have devices that respond to our vocal command, there will be a day where we can control our surroundings by just expressing our emotion through facial expression. Facial expression recognition can play a bigger role in that.

For machines, recognition of a facial expression is a well-known task in the branch that studies computer vision. There are two kinds of approaches for facial expression recognition (FER). The first is convention algorithms and the second is a deep learning-based approach. Here we are going to discuss about the latest method that is deep learning-based approach. The researcher took inspiration from our brain cells to build an intelligent machine by mimicking the architecture of our brain's neurons we created artificial neural networks (ANNs).

After that using knowledge of human visual patterns recognition system based on that researchers developed different mathematical models. That models developed over time with the contribution of lots of research and presented today as we know as Convolution neural networks (CNNs) [1].

We give one still image as input to trained CNN and it classifies the input image as one of the given categories it belongs to most.

In 2013 Kaggle introduce “Challenges in Representation Learning: Facial Expression Recognition Challenge” in these challenges all the top three performed teams used CNN, from there this deep learning-based approach start gaining popularity [2].

In section 2 we are going to see basic blocks of CNN architecture and some terminologies that we used in deep learning. In section 3 we are going to see what different architecture was used in previous research with hyper tuning parameters. In section 4 we concluded this review.

II. TYPICAL CNN’S ARCHITECTURE

CNN, as we knew it today, was first proposed by LeCun et al. [3] that introduce LeNet-5 architecture (Fig.1). In that network, they introduce new building blocks Kwon as convolutional Layers and pooling Layers. also, retain some old concepts of fully connected layers and activation functions.

A. Convolutional Layer

It basically means that the relationship between two layers can be defined by convolutional operation. that have learnable neuron weights. Neurons in the first convolutional layer are only connected to pixels in their receptive fields of the input image.
We slide a receptive field over the first layer that has learnable weights neurons to get the second layers’ pixel values. These windows have different sizes like 1x1, 3x3, 5x5. These are rectangular windows but there are other kinds of vector windows too like 1x5, 7x1. Where, first value represents numbers of raw in the receptive field and the second value represents numbers of the column in the receptive field, and also you can do depth-wise convolution to generate the next layer.

B. Strides
While sliding an operational window over the image, how much gap of distance to live between two windows known as a stride (how much gap required between two windows is known as stride). It has numbers of row pixels to jump and numbers of column pixels to jump. For example, stride size can be 1x1, 2x2, 2x1, etc.

C. Padding
In order for a layer to have the same height and width as the previous layer, it is common to add zeros around the inputs. This is called zero padding. There are two kinds of padding that is mostly use: (i) valid padding in which input image doesn’t get any padding before operation and (ii) same padding where the image gets padded to get the same dimension of the output image as an input image.

D. Pooling Layer
For subsampling input image pooling layers are used and they reduce the number of parameters. There are many types of pooling layers like max-pooling, min pooling, average pooling, etc.

Each neuron in a pooling layer is connected to the outputs of a limited number of neurons in the previous layer, located within a small rectangular receptive field. This receptive field has the size, stride, and padding type.

E. Activation Function
These are mathematical functions that determine whether a particular neuron should generate output or not from given values of the input, weight, and bias. There are two basic categories of activation functions first one is linear activation function and non-linear activation function. Rectified Linear Unit Functions (ReLu) is a wildly used non-linear activation function.

F. Fully Connected Layers
Fully connected layers are commonly referred to as a neural network. Where each and every neuron of the presentation layer is connected to each and every neuron of the next layer.

G. Data Set
For training and testing of deep neural networks we need lots of data. That data has to have an input image and correspondingly have a category it belongs to that has to be mention in given data. Creating our own data set is a very time-consuming and expensive task so generally, we try to get open-source data set that we can use to training and validate our network for a particular application. FER2013 is one of the data sets provided by Kaggle for the facial emotion recognition challenge in 2013 [2].

III. DIFFERENT CNN ARCHITECTURE
In this section we have discussed some of the important convolutional neural network’s architecture that have been used for research purpose and discussed their training parameter’s.

A. Shallow CNN vs Deep CNN [4]:
Shallow CNN has only one convolution layer with 5x5x64(height, width, channel depth) filters, astride of size 1, along with max-pooling of size 5x5 and strides of 2x2. After that 3 FC layers flatten 25600 neurons followed by 1024 and 7 neurons. The last 7 neurons have softmax as the loss function along with dropout. This network has around 26M+ trainable parameters.

B. Typical CNN(LeNet) [3]
parameters. In all the layers they used ReLu as an activation function. This model gave 48% accuracy on test data. Deep CNN consists of 8 convolutional layers, 4 max-pooling layers, and 3 FC layers. Filter window size is 3x3 for all convolutional layers and the numbers of channels are 32 for the first two layers, 64 for the third and fourth layer, 96 for the fifth and sixth layer, and 128 for a seventh and eighth layer. This network has around 470K+ trainable parameters. They used the swish activation function for FC layers. Summary of Deep CNN as follows:

- **INPUT** \[ CONV \rightarrow \text{ReLU} \] * 2 \rightarrow \text{Max Pool} \] * 4 \rightarrow \text{FC} \rightarrow \text{SWISH} \] * 2 \rightarrow \text{FC}

Train, validation, and testing performed on a FER2013 Data set.

### B. MTCNN and miniShuffleNet V2 [5]:

CNN is used for two problems first is that too find a human face from a still image and second for recognizing expressions of that human face. For the first problem, they use MTCNN Multi-Task Convolutional Neural Network (MTCNN) and for the second problem, they use miniShuffleNet V2. By combining these two CNNs they achieved a test accuracy of 71.19%.

They used the FER2013 Data set. they achieved remarkable accuracy by normalizing the data set by augmentation of data. ACNN for Occurrence-aware FER [6]:

ACNN used two different versions of ACNN: patch-based ACNN (pACNN) and global-local-based ACNN (gACNN). Further, pACNN and gACNN divided into two schemes

Two schemes of pCNN has

i. Region decomposition in which 24 facial landmark points selected.
ii. Occlusion perception in which Patch-Gated Unit (PG-Unit) used to learn, weigh the patch’s local representation by its un-obstructedness.

Two schemes of gACNN are

i. integration with full face region and
ii. global-gated Unit (GG-Unit).

Input image decomposes into feature to obtain local patches mapped maps by ACNN. Then feature maps are sent to gg-unit representations at patch-level with the global representation of an image.

Uddin et al. [8] proposed volume symmetric local graph structure (VSLGS) for spatiotemporal future from video data and CNN(VGG-11) is used for deep spatial information. These both features were fused and given to the Spark MLlib Multilayer Perceptron (MLP) classifier. They achieved 98.2% accuracy with CK+ dataset and 80.35% accuracy with Oulu-CASIA dataset.

Cornejo et al. [9] show that rather than giving the original image as input to CNN(VGG) Census-Transformed (CT) image as input to CNN gives a more accurate result in the task of emotion recognition.

Jadhav et al. [10] proposed a network as in Fig.2. They achieve a testing accuracy of 63%.

Mollahosseini et al. [11] use the Inception module [12] in between convolution layers and fully connected layers. The network architecture of the proposed model is shown in Fig.3. They achieve testing accuracy on FER2013 is 66.4%. during training, they use a Polynomial learning rate because that test loss converges fast.

Singh et al. [13] use fixed-size 3x3x128 convolution in all 6 layers of convolution layers and achieved 61.7% accuracy with 1.2M trainable parameters.

Yu et al. [14] show that the use of Log-Likelihood Loss and Testing accuracy from 71.08% to 72%. Also, they used Stochastic Pooling instead of popular max-pooling because of that they reported a loss in accuracy.

Raghuvanshi et al. [15] noted that Fractional max-pooling does not outperform standard max pooling and also increases training time. though a higher dropout rate reduces overfitting it will increase training time to achieve the same performance.
as the model without dropout. An increase in the numbers of first layer filters costs you more training time and computational cost but does not guarantee an increase in accuracy.

IV. CONCLUSION

This paper reviews facial emotion recognition (FER) by using deep learning-based approaches. The deep learning-based approach provides much higher accuracy than the algorithmic-based approach in the FER application [16]. The deep learning-based approach involves CNN architectures, the dataset for training and testing purposes, and training parameters. In this review, we have discussed some conventional hyperparameters and CNN architecture. By normalizing the FER2013 dataset we can achieve higher average accuracy [5], Pre-processing input image with some transformed gives little more accurate results [9]. The architecture of CNN has no versatility for FER applications mostly they are derived from VGG. We can use the state-of-art CNN architecture of the ImageNet challenge for our application. We have to start training from scratch, fine-tuning those networks do not give more accurate performance than the newly trained model [14, 15]. There is no particular way in deep learning, we can use different architectures, different tuning parameters that give more accurate classification and meet our needs in limited computation power.

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