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Abstract

This research abstract highlights the study's important components and conclusions, offering a concise description of the artwork classification problem utilizing transfer learning models. The goal of this study is to create an effective and accurate artwork classification system by using the capabilities of transfer learning models in computer vision and deep learning. Four separate models were observed for their ability to classify specified creative styles, patterns, and traces throughout diverse artwork images: CNN, RESNET50, XCEPTION, and EFFICIENTNET-B2. The study acquired that various models had varying levels of accuracy, with EFFICIENTNET-B2 occurring out on top with an excellent accuracy of 87 per cent. CNN and RESNET50, on the other hand, achieved significantly lower accuracies of 46% and 54%, respectively. The research also highlighted the significance of dataset quality and range in enhancing model performance. Class-specific metrics, such as sensitivity and specificity, were engaged to measure each model's ability to correctly classify positive and negative occurrences, providing worthy insights into their strengths and limitations. The integration of transfer learning techniques played a pivotal role in improving feature recognition capabilities, contributing to the models' high accuracy in artwork classification.

1 Introduction

For eras, art has been a fundamental element of human society, performing as a vehicle for humans to express their creativity, emotions, and history. In various domains of human activities, computers have been made universal, including creative areas like art [1]. The Metropolitan Museum's Timeline of Art History, covering from approximately 20,000 to 8000 B.C., presents introductory magazine articles on archaeological sites and historic artworks that showcase early human innovation. The narrative of the origins of historic art suggests more continuity than change, possibly influenced by the constraints of archaeological evidence. Nonetheless, advancements in transfer learning technologies, research methodologies, and archaeological findings now offer a clearer and more detailed perspective on the history of human artistic accomplishments than ever before [2]. Over the past few years, significant attention has been given to a multitude of issues related to art images by researchers in the field of image processing. A complex tapestry of styles, methods, and genres characterizes the broad and wide world of art. There have been extraordinary advancements in the interface of art and technology. The use of machine learning, particularly deep learning, in the realm of art classification has created a plethora of new opportunities. In this context, transfer learning has emerged as a potent technique. Transfer learning has shown to be a game changer in artwork classification, allowing successful classification models to be developed with very small, labelled datasets. This report delves into the interesting field of artwork classification using transfer learning. The approaches, models, and procedures that allow the power of pre-trained neural networks to be harnessed and tailored to the unique problems of identifying artist will be explored as shown in figure 1.1. It will explain how transfer learning can be used in a collection of art mediums, such as paintings, sculptures, and digital artworks, and in what way it may give useful insights for art historians, collectors, and lovers. The structure of this book will be outlined, and the topics to be covered in subsequent chapters will be briefly explained.

Figure 1.1: Sample Art

1.1 Background

Art by tradition has been seen as the ultimate exhibition of human ingenuity, transcending civilizations, epochs, and forms. The world of art is a honor to human invention and cultural change, from the awe-inspiring paintings of something like the Renaissance to the abstract complexity of modern digital art. Painting, sculpture, computer works, and other forms of art exhibit a rich tapestry of styles and methods. Understanding and grouping these various artworks is not just a matter of aesthetic enjoyment, but also of art history, curation, and cultural study. Technology has played a critical role in modifying our connection with art in the modern era. The introduction of digital platforms, museum virtual collections, and worldwide art broadcasting via the internet have democratized access to artworks from all over the world. Additionally, the proliferation of abstract painting data, such as high-resolution images, artist biographies, and exposition archives, has created extraordinary opportunities for advanced technologies, – especially machine learning and artificial intelligence (AI), to be functional in the realm of art analysis. Deep learning, a branch of machine learning, has shown exceptional skills in image identification, classification, and analysis. Based on the large collections of artworks available, it may be taught to recognize patterns, extract characteristics, and make predictions. Traditional machine learning algorithms, on the other hand, occasionally require large, labelled datasets for efficient classification, which are frequently rare in the context of art due to the condition for domain expertise and manual annotation. This is where transfer learning, a technique that applies pre-trained neural networks, comes in. Transfer learning authorizes the construction of strong and effective artwork classification models with relatively limited labelled datasets by moving knowledge from one domain to another.

1.2 Aim

The goal of this research is to design an efficient and accurate artwork classification system utilizing transfer learning models from computer vision and deep learning. The objective is to use the power of pre-trained neural systems to distinguish sophisticated creative designs, patterns, and features in a variety of artwork paintings. The key goals include evaluating the effectiveness of several transfer learning models in the context of artwork classification, such as CNN, RESNET50, XCEPTION, and EFFICIENTNET-B2. Additionally, the purpose of this research is to estimate the influence of dataset quality and variety on model performance, as well as to examine the use of transfer learning approaches to develop feature identification skills. The ultimate objective is to give art fans, historians, and collectors with a reliable tool for automated classification and identification of diverse creative styles, therefore nurturing a greater knowledge and pleasure of art across genres and time periods.

1.3 Research Objectives

The research objectives for this analysis are as follows:

1. To review and judge the performance of different transfer learning models, including CNN, RESNET50, XCEPTION, and EFFICIENTNET-B2, in the brief of artwork classification.
2. To examine the influence of dataset quality and diversity on the accuracy and robustness of the classification models, thereby recognizing the role of data in model training.
3. To evaluate class-specific metrics, such as sensitivity and specificity, for each model to gain perceptions into their abilities to correctly recognise positive and negative instances within the artwork classification task.
4. To investigate the advantages and potential of transfer learning techniques in enhancing feature recognition capabilities and developing overall model performance.
5. To lay the foundation for the development of a user-friendly GUI (Web Application) for the artwork classification system, making it available to a broader audience and simplifying the practical use of the classification system for art enthusiasts, historians, and collectors.

1.4 Research Questions

The research questions for this study are as follows:

1. How do different transfer learning models, including CNN, RESNET50, XCEPTION, and EFFICIENTNET-B2, perform in the context of artwork classification, and what are the factors contributing to their varying levels of accuracy?
2. What is the impact of dataset quality and diversity on the performance of these transfer learning models in artwork classification, and how does data influence their ability to generalize to new and unseen artwork images?

1.5 Research Gaps

Certain research gaps and potential for future investigation have developed over the course of this study. One major gap is the requirement for a larger and more diversified dataset that encompasses a greater range of creative styles and historical periods. By broadening the dataset's coverage, models may be able to generalize better and distinguish rarer or less-documented art forms. Furthermore, more study is needed in the areas of data augmentation approaches and hyperparameter tweaking since both aspects have the potential to dramatically improve model performance. Moreover, while this study verified many current transfer learning models, there is still a chance for additional research into the acceptance of more sophisticated and particular deep learning architectures that may increase accuracy and model resilience. Lastly, the construction of a user-friendly GUI (Web Application) has opened the door to user interface design and user experience concerns, both of which might benefit from further exploration and refinement. These research gaps supply potential for future study that will improve the area of artwork classification and lead to the establishment of more accurate, adaptable, and user-friendly methods for art enthusiasts and scholars.

2 Literature Review

2.1 Transfer Learning for Artwork Classification

In recent times, there has been a significant convergence in several studies at the intersection of technology and art analysis (Cömert et al., 2021) and (Zhao et al., 2021). These studies together aim to leverage the power of machine learning, remarkably transfer learning, to enhance the classification, recognition, and note of artworks, spanning a diverse range of artistic forms and styles (Belhi et al., 2018) and (Sur and Blaine, 2017). A common theme across these works is the utilization of deep learning models, including Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) such as Inception-v3, ResNet18, and more, which have established remarkable capabilities in refining image classification accuracy and efficiency. Through extensive experimentation and visualization, these studies explore the tasks encountered by computers in categorizing art, aiming to enhance the understanding of these complex processes (Gonthier et al., 2021). Moreover, several of these studies explore the potential of transfer learning to adapt pre-trained neural networks to the elaborate nature of art classification, ultimately attaining state-of-the-art performance and advancing accuracy (Zhao et al., 2022). The main goal is to make art analyses more available and efficient, granting scholars, art historians, collectors, and art aficionados to explore and enjoy the complex world of art. These works show the altering environment of art analysis, linking the gap between conventional art admiration and modern technology breakthroughs (Hussain et al., 2019). Various research in the domain of fine art analysis has converged in recent years, utilizing digitization, computer vision, and machine learning approaches to enhance different elements of art classification, genre classification, style recognition, and retrieval from digitized collections. (Cetinic and Grgic, 2016) stressed the importance of feature extraction approaches and demonstrated impressive genre classification accuracy using deep convolutional neural networks. (Agarwal et al., 2015) addressed the requirement for efficient painting organization and retrieval, with an emphasis on genre and style classification and competitive accuracy rates. (Lee & Cha, 2016) proposed a unique method for classifying painting styles by extracting global and local data and using a Self-Organizing Map (SOM) for classification. (Saleh and Elgammal, 2015) investigated the measuring of visual similarity between artworks, with the goal of contributing to effective multimedia systems for art collection administration via improved similarity metrics. (Yang et al., 2018) proposed knowledge distillation in painting style classification, attaining outstanding performance, and (Sandoval et al., 2019) offered a unique two-stage picture classification strategy that considerably enhanced style classification. (Tan et al., 2016) investigated large-scale fine art painting classification employing Deep Convolutional Networks, reaching state-of-the-art results, and highlighting the unique challenges posed by non-representational artworks. (Bianco et al., 2019) introduced a deep multibranch or rather multitask neural network for artist, style, and genre classification. These collaborative endeavors focus technology's multidisciplinary significance in improving our knowledge, interpretation, and availability to fine art collections, bridging the gap between conventional art gratitude and modern technological developments.

2.2 Ancient Artwork Using Supervised Learning

In recent years, notable progress has been made in the field of Cultural Heritage using Machine Learning (ML) techniques. This evolution has been discovered by (Fiorucci et al., 2020), who highlighted the transition from basic statistical methods to more sophisticated Deep Learning models, indicating the adaptation of these algorithms to the specific needs of Cultural Heritage applications. The integrally social and political dimensions of machine learning systems have been examined by (Crawford and Paglen, 2021), mainly in the context of artwork classification, where questions have been raised about the fundamental mechanisms of image recognition and the sociopolitical implications of labels. The concept of an "archaeology of datasets" has been introduced to critically assess the politics and values surrounded within AI systems, aligning with the notion of algorithm evolution and adaptation proposed by (Fiorucci et al., 2020). Additionally, the rapid upgrades in deep learning and its impact on the pertinence of machine learning in real-world scenarios have been underscored by (Lemley et al., 2017). Just as ML techniques have progressed from basic statistics to deep learning models in Cultural Heritage, similar growth has been examined in computer vision and image classification. The critical need to adjust and enhance ML methods in both Cultural Heritage maintenance and image classification is highlighted in these studies by addressing social and political dimensions and investigating cutting-edge techniques and technologies.

2.3 Classification and Identification of Gaps and Painters

(Sun et al., 2015) aimed on Chinese ink-wash paintings and brushstroke features, while (Levy et al., 2019) incorporate genetic algorithms and deep RBMs, emphasizing their unique approaches to the problem. Both tackle the task of artist or painter classification, albeit with slightly different approaches and practices. These teamwork efforts prove that technology is useful in many different areas to help us understand, enjoy, and easily access art collections. This brings collected traditional ways of appreciating art with the modern advancements in technology.

3 Research Methodology

3.1 Methodology

Using the CRISP-DM approach in artwork classification via transfer learning offers several major advantages. Initially, it creates a structured framework that directs the project methodically from understanding the business environment and data supplies to deployment and maintenance, ensuring that all critical milestones are handled. This systematic method develops project transparency and repeatability, making it straightforward for stakeholders to understand and participate in the process. Furthermore, the iterative nature of CRISP-DM allows for model fine-tuning, the discovery of possible difficulties, and the presence of input throughout the project's lifespan. This is especially important in the context of transfer learning, where the dimensions to change and develop models over time to suit variable artistic styles and growing artists is critical. CRISP-DM architecture is explained in figure 3.1 below.

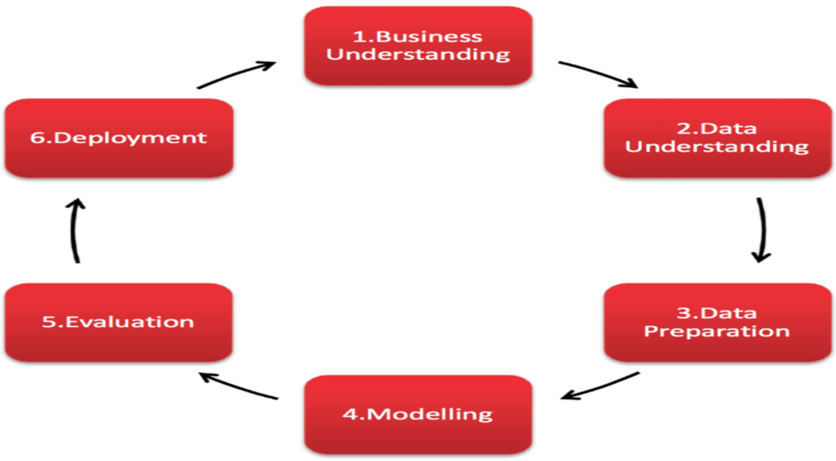

Figure 3.1 CRISP-DM architecture

1. Business Understanding: Initiate by learning about the project's goals, such as progressing an artwork classification system to help a museum or art gallery catalogue and classify artworks. Establish business objectives and success criteria.

2. Data Understanding: Data understanding is the critical phase that understands data collecting from sources such as Kaggle and the installation and import of required libraries. This phase is offered to acquiring a thorough grasp of the obtained data. It entails investigating the dataset's structure, quality, and composition, which often bring in picture dimensions, file formats, class labels, and the allocation of artworks by various artists. Additionally, data comprehension might comprise undertaking preliminary assessments of data cleanliness and possible concerns, as well as observing any abnormalities that may impair the model's performance. It lays the basis for educated data preparation decisions, such as picture scaling, labelling, and data augmentation, which is critical for creating an well-organized transfer learning model for artwork classification using OpenCV and other relevant technologies.

3. Data Preparation: Data preparation is a wide-ranging method that includes various key phases to assurance that the information is sufficiently formatted and optimized for subsequent model structure in the context of "Artwork Classification Using Transfer Learning." It starts with data cleaning, in which classes with inadequate or inappropriate data are deleted, decreasing the dataset to a workable subset of 12 picture classes. The data is then preprocessed, which involves labelling the data and using label binarization algorithms to turn artist labels into an organise appropriate for machine learning models. Images are scaled using OpenCV at the same time, standardizing their ratios and preparing them for the model. This phase simplifies the data so that it may be used effectively in the next steps. Furthermore, exploratory data analysis (EDA) is brought out using data visualization (VI), giving light on patterns, distributions, and connections within the dataset. To determine class imbalances, the dataset is balanced using SMOTE (Synthetic Minority Oversampling Technique), which improves the model's ability to perform accurately across several classes. Finally, data is separated into training, testing, and validation sets using a 70:10:20 ratio to confirm that the model can be thoroughly taught and assessed accurately. This thorough data preparation method is vital to the development of transfer learning for artwork classification, allowing the subsequent steps of model training, assessment, and deployment to be held out with more efficiency and efficacy.

4. Modeling: The modelling step covers the creation and testing of convolutional neural network (CNN) models, including well-known architectures such as RESNET50, XCEPTION, and EFFICIENTNET-B2, that have been tailored to the mission of artwork classification. These models are fine-tuned on the dataset to identify distinguishing traits within artworks. To enhance model performance, the modelling step involves intensive training and validation. It reaches into the deep details of each architecture, modifying hyperparameters to acquire the highest accuracy and precision in identifying artworks based on their distinct visual qualities. Finally, the modelling phase generates a high-performing and art-savvy model that is well-equipped to efficiently identify artworks, yielding it a critical component in the whole method of artwork classification via transfer learning.

5. Evaluation: The evaluation part which plays a key role in determining the productivity of the trained models. It encompasses several methods, including generating a classification report, creating a confusion matrix, and calculating specificity and sensitivity. The classification report specifies a comprehensive overview of the model's performance, offering metrics such as precision, recall, F1-score, and support for each class, enabling a complete assessment of classification accuracy. The confusion matrix allows for a coarser understanding of how the model performs by visualizing the true positives, true negatives, false positives, and false negatives. Specificity and sensitivity metrics stimulate upgrading the evaluation by measuring the model's ability to properly identify true negatives and true positives, respectively. These result measures collectively support in evaluating the model's capacity to precisely categorize artworks, proving it connects the project's victory criteria and successfully supports in art-related tasks.

6. Deployment: The deployment phase of the artwork classification project is essential. It signifies a change from model creation to the construction of a user-friendly interface that supports the actual use of trained transfer learning models. Pursuing successful model training and validation, the focus turns to integrating the model into a graphical user interface (GUI) (Web Application), granting end-users to engage with the system for artwork classification.

3.2 Data Visualization

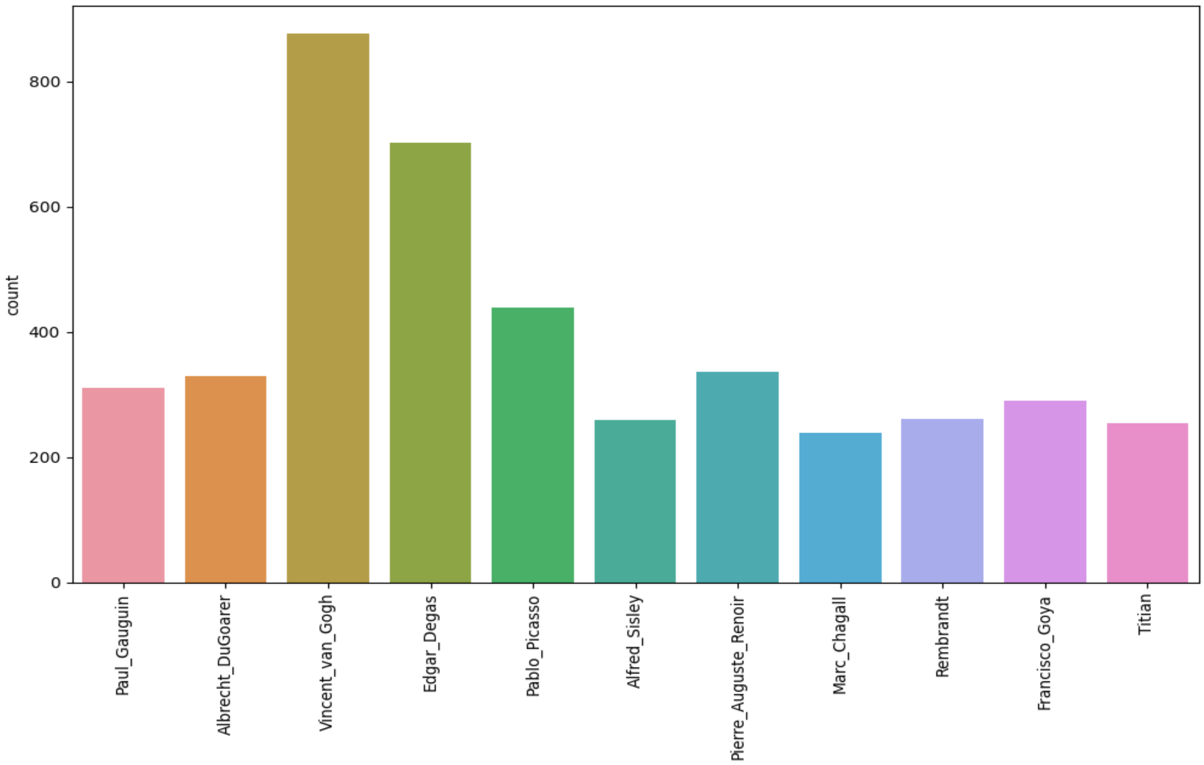

Figure 3.2: Class Distribution Bar Graph before the SMOTE oversampling technique

The bar graph shown above in figure 3.2 visually represents the distribution of the number of images in each target class within the dataset. The graph shows that the data is imbalanced, meaning that some target classes have a significantly higher number of images compared to others. This class imbalance can lead to issues during model training, where the model may become biased toward the majority class, resulting in poorer performance for the minority classes.

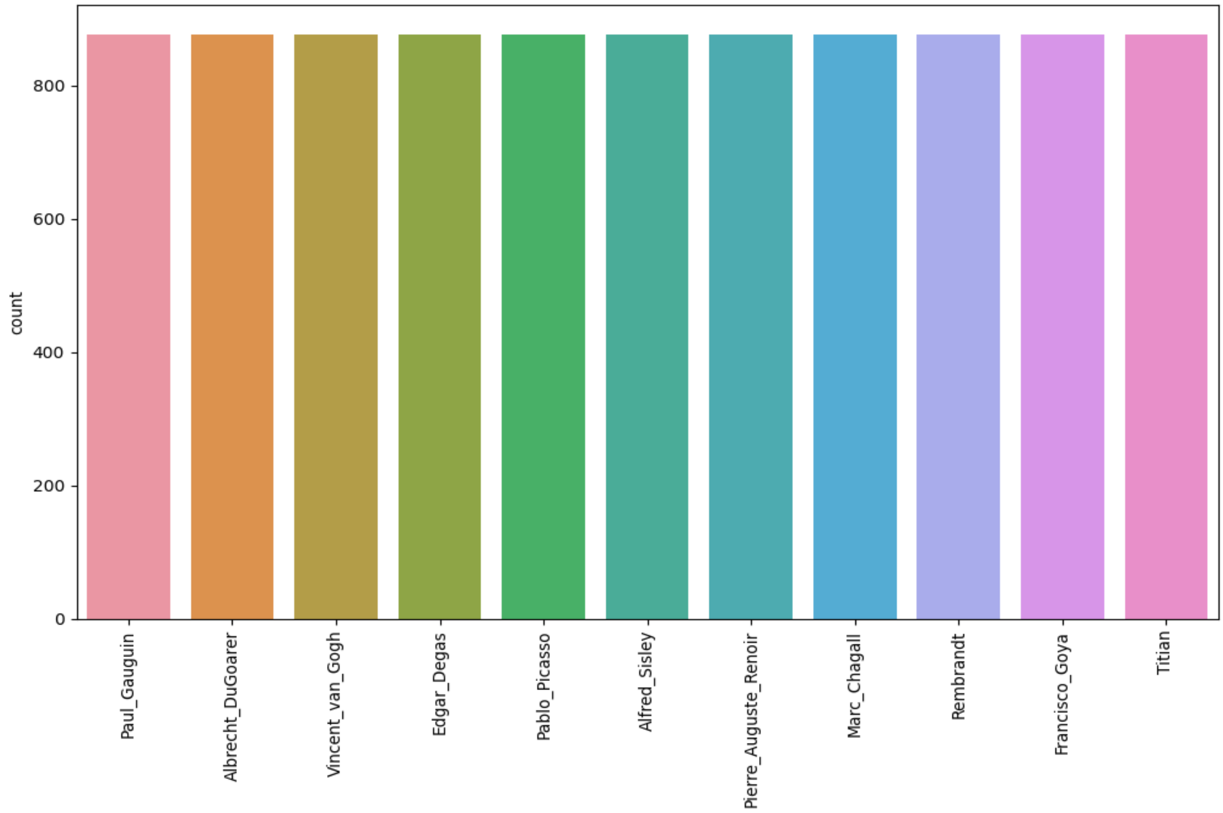

Figure 3.3: Balanced Data Distribution Plot after the SMOTE oversampling technique

Figure 3.3 establishes that the data has been successfully balanced after applying the SMOTE (Synthetic Minority Over-sampling Technique) oversampling technique. This technique effectively boosted the representation of minority classes by generating synthetic examples, thus balancing the distribution of the number of images across all target classes. As a result, the dataset now exhibits a more reasonable and balanced distribution of images, ensuring that each class is adequately represented. This balance is crucial for enhancing the machine learning model's performance, particularly in scenarios where class imbalances can indicate biased predictions and reduced accuracy. With a balanced dataset, the model is actively equipped to acquire from all classes effectively, leading to more consistent and accurate artwork classification results. Flask-based web app interface screens display the visual design and design that users interact with. These graphical elements on the web application enable user-friendly navigation and engagement. Graphical User Interface of Web Application using flask screens is shown in figure 3.4 below.

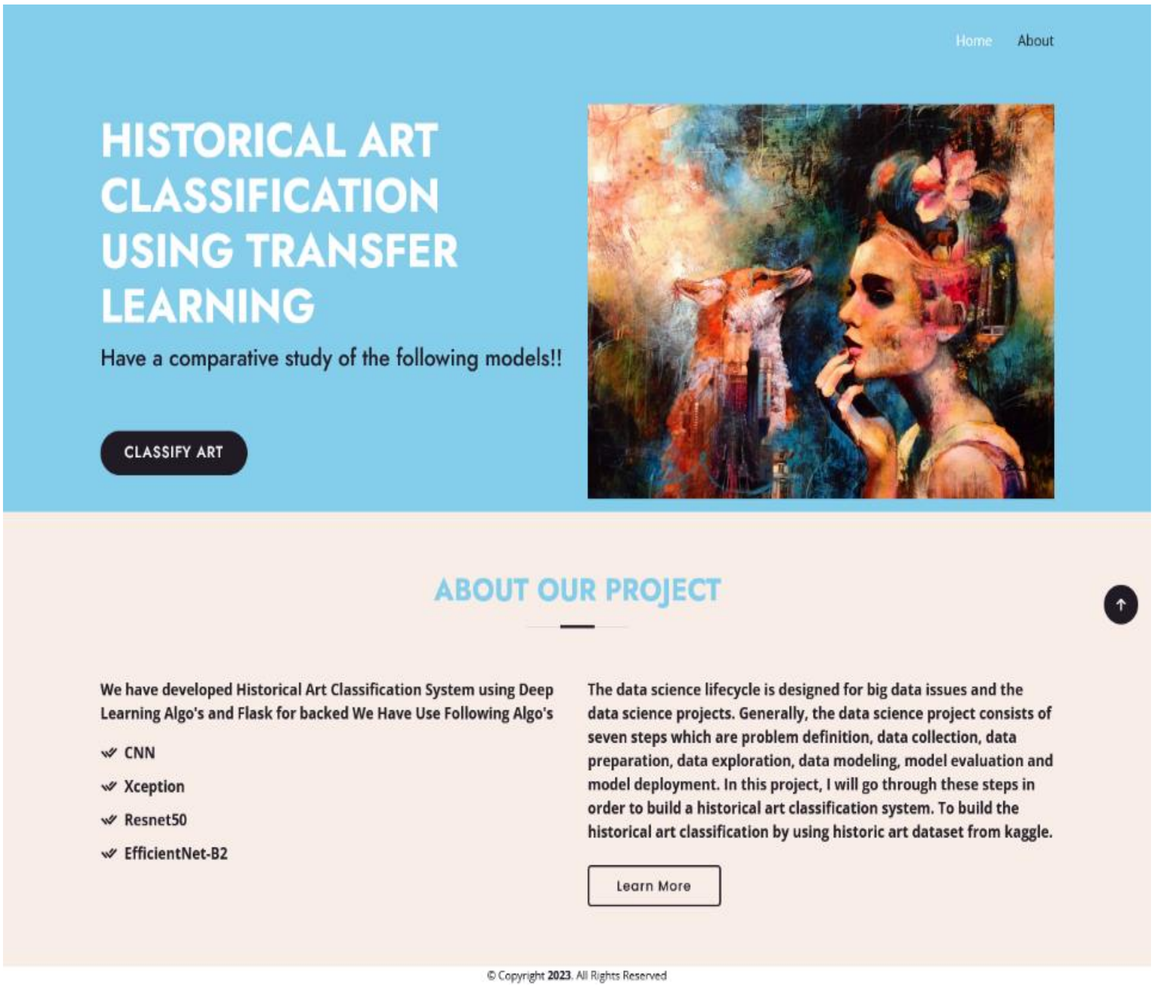

Figure 3.4: GUI of Web Application using Flask screens

3.3 Dataset Description

The dataset contains three main parts: artists.csv, images.zip, and resized.zip. The artists.csv file contains basic information about the 50 most influential artists of all time, likely containing details such as their names, birthplaces, and other appropriate biographical data, sourced from Wikipedia. The images.zip file contains a thorough collection of artworks created by these artists, with each image stored at its full size, organized into folders, and serially numbered for reference. Further resized.zip file, on the other hand, advances the same collection of artwork images but with the extra feature of having been resized and extracted from their original folder structure. The main aim of this dataset is to enable the development of a convolutional neural network (CNN) for the purpose of artist acknowledgement, with an emphasis on analyzing shade usage and geometric patterns within the provided pictures, enabling the identification of the corresponding artists responsible for generating them.

3.4 List of Models

The List of Models section gives an overview of the many pre-trained deep learning models applied in the report to classify artwork. These models were chosen expressly for their shown success in image recognition tests, making them excellent candidates for transfer learning.

1. **CNN:** CNN is a essential architecture for image classification tasks. In this perspective, it serves as the baseline model, upon which other additional complex models are built.
2. **RESNET50:** ResNet50 is a deep outstanding neural network with 50 layers. It's recognized for its ability to train very deep networks effectively, presenting it suitable for capturing complex details and patterns in artwork images.
3. **XCEPTION:** Xception is another deep neural network architecture acknowledged for its depth and performance. It employs a depth wise discrete convolution, which enhances its capacity to identify subtle artistic nuances.
4. **EFFICIENTNET-B2:** EfficientNet-B2 belongs to a family of models proposed for effective scaling of neural networks. It's known for achieving high accuracy with fewer parameters, which is particularly valuable in resource-constrained environments.

4 Design Specification

This project's Design Specification requires a complete blueprint for the making and implementation of a transfer learning-based artwork classification system. The major goal is to describe the technological and architectural factors that highlight the overall project. It indicates the transfer learning models first and foremost, including the core Convolutional Neural Network (CNN) as well as more sophisticated models like RESNET50, XCEPTION, and EFFICIENTNET-B2. Each model is thoroughly chosen for its unique traits and applicability for the artwork classification job, resulting in a valuable study of the machine-learning environment. The section also covers technical aspects of picture preparation, scaling, and data augmentation. It indicates the utilization of OpenCV for image manipulation, ensuring that the input data is standardized and trained for effective model training. In addition, the section covers the complexities of the data balancing process, highlighting the significance of correcting class imbalances with the Synthetic Minority Over-sampling Technique (SMOTE). This approach is critical to improving the model's capacity to reliably classify artworks across multiple classifications. Moreover, the section outlines the methodology for data splitting, ensuring a balanced distribution of data for training, testing, and validation purposes. It embraces a 70:10:20 ratio to maintain a robust dataset structure. Lastly, the Design Specification section acts as a complete guide, requiring a clear path for the project's technical features. It highlights the importance of the selected transfer learning models, picture preprocessing, data balance, and data splitting in attaining the task's overall aim of effective and accurate artwork classification.

5 Implementation

The practical fulfillment of the artwork classification system using transfer learning is represented by the Implementation segment, wherein the design specifications are translated into a functional and operational solution. This stage is initiated with the selection and deployment of the transfer learning models as outlined in the design specification. The fundamental architecture, the Convolutional Neural Network (CNN), is utilized, while the integration and fine-tuning of more complex models like RESNET50, XCEPTION, and EFFICIENTNET-B2 are accepted to capture the intricate details of artworks. Image preprocessing, involving standardization and resizing of the dataset, is achieved using OpenCV to confirm alignment with model input requirements. Moreover, the application of the Synthetic Minority Over-sampling Technique (SMOTE) to balance the dataset is delved into within the Implementation segment. Through this technique, the model is enabled to learn from all classes effectively, thereby inhibiting biases toward the majority class. Data splitting follows a 70:10:20 ratio, steering to the separation of data into training, testing, and validation sets. This section ensures that rigorous model training, evaluation, and validation are conducted, further improving the robustness of the model. The technical views of model training, hyperparameter tuning, and performance evaluation are covered in the chapter. The iterative aspect nature of transfer learning is highlighted, with multiple training iterations being devoted to optimizing model accuracy and generalizability. Evaluation metrics, such as precision, recall, F1-score, and confusion matrices, are utilized to evaluate the performance of the models.

6 Evaluation

6.1 CNN Model

The CNN model functions as the essential architecture for transfer learning artwork classification. It utilizes deep learning to identify subtle patterns and elements in artworks, making it a fundamental component of the project. CNN is made up of several layers, each of which plays a evident role in the image classification process. The initial layers are convolutional layers, where filters or kernels convoluted over the input image to detect low-level features like edges, textures, and basic shapes. These elements are essential for recognizing the fundamental elements of an artwork. Subsequently, the network relates pooling layers that down sample the spatial dimensions of the feature maps, lowering computational complexity while preserving essential information. The excavating layers of the CNN consist of more complex convolutional and pooling layers, allowing the network to seizure increasingly abstract features, such as complex textures, intricate patterns, and specific artist-style elements as shown in Figure 6.1. The network architecture is deep, granting it to extract high-level representations of artworks. Entirely associated layers follow the convolutional layers, where neurons are densely connected, providing the ability to learn complex relationships between features. The last output layer typically contains neurons equal to the number of target classes, with each neuron demonstrating a specific class. A

SoftMax activation function is activated to the output layer, transforming the network's raw scores into probabilities, representing the chances of the input image belonging to each class.

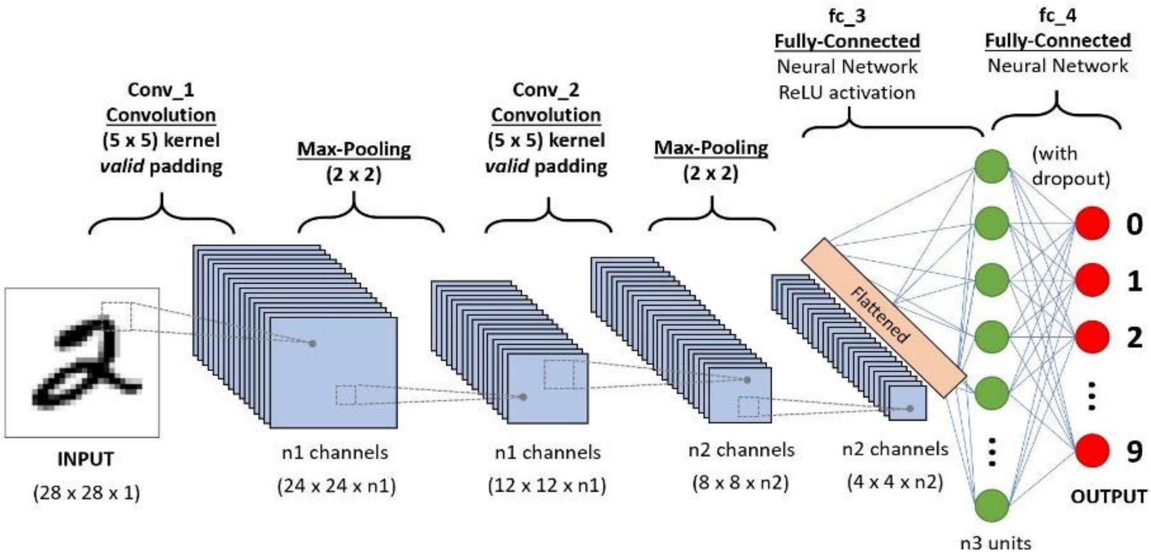

Figure 6.1: CNN architecture

In figure 6.2, the image shows a line graph of the accuracy of a train and validation dataset over epochs. The train accuracy increases steadily over time, while the validation accuracy plateaus after a few epochs. This suggests that the model is overfitting the train data and not generalizing well to the unseen validation data. The loss graph drops steadily over time, indicating that the model is learning. Conversely, the loss plateaus at the end, suggest that the model is overfitting the training data. As a result, achieved validation accuracy of 0.5072 in the Convolutional Neural Network (CNN) model implies that the model has successfully categorized approximately 50.72% of the validation dataset's artwork images accurately.

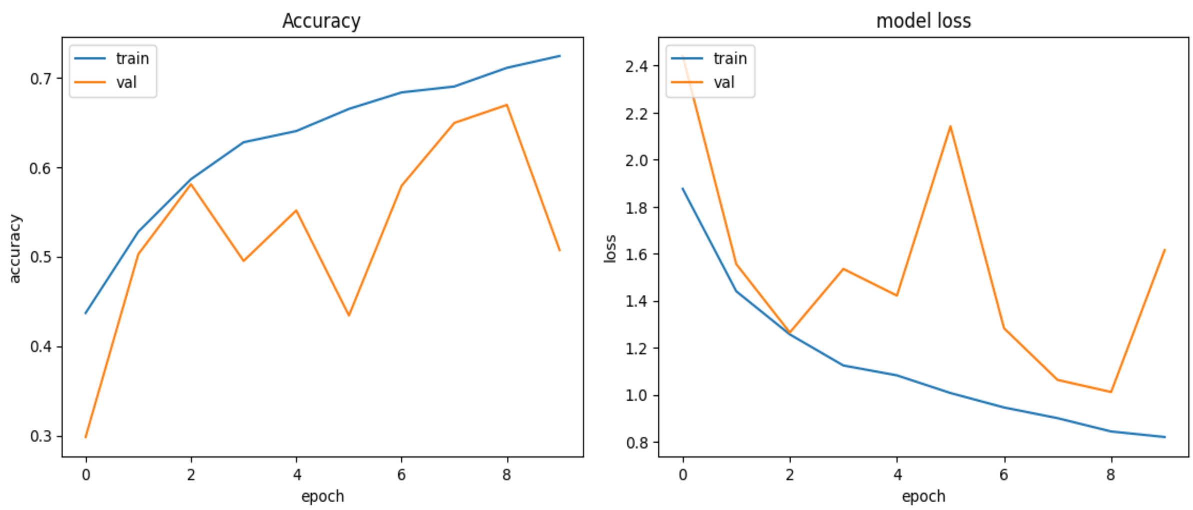

Figure 6.2: Accuracy and Loss Graph (CNN)

6.2 RESNET50 Model

The RESNET50 model, a deep convolutional neural network, signifies a pivotal component of our artwork classification system. It presents a formidable architecture proven for its deep and residual structure, which grants for the training of exceptionally deep neural networks effectively. The model comprises of 50 layers, including a combination of convolutional and residual blocks. Each block comprises numerous convolutional layers that work in tandem to extract increasingly abstract features from the input artwork images as shown in figure 6.3. These attributes span from low-level aspects, like edges and textures, to higher-level characteristics, including complex artistic patterns and styles. The residual nature of the architecture is key to its success. Residual blocks incorporate shortcuts or skip connections that enable the gradient flow during training. This model relieves the vanishing gradient problem, a common task in training deep networks. These skip connections permit the model to learn not only the specific features of an artwork but also the residual features, enhancing its ability to identify complex artistic details. Likewise, the RESNET50 model employs global average pooling, which condenses the high-dimensional feature maps produced by earlier layers into a single vector for each image. This pooling operation reduces the computational complexity and helps retain the essential information required for classification. The final layer of the model is a densely connected fully connected layer, which transforms the high-level features into class predictions. The number of neurons in this layer corresponds to the number of target classes in the artwork dataset, and a SoftMax activation function is concerned to produce class probabilities. This allows the model to verify the likelihood of an input image belonging to each class.

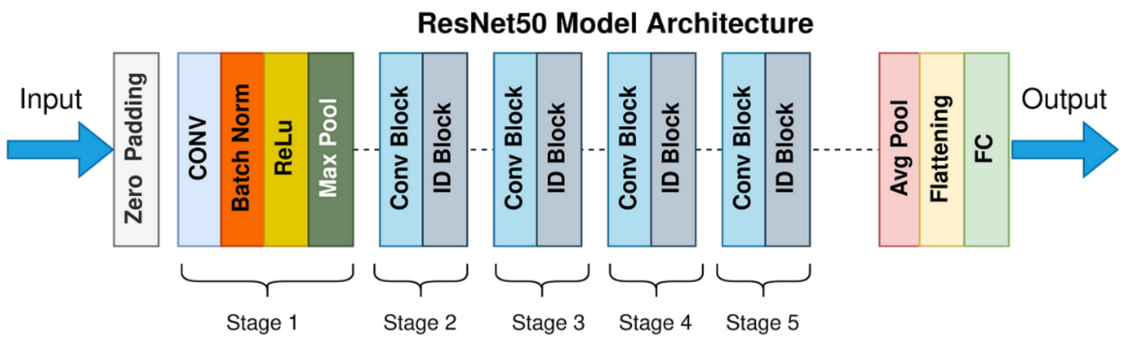

Figure 6.3: RESNET50 architecture

In figure 6.4, Model accuracy increases over epochs, but validation accuracy plateaus, suggesting overfitting. And Model loss decreases over epochs, but plateaus at the end suggest overfitting. As a result, an achieved validation accuracy of 0.5907 in the RESNET50 model specifies that the model has been effective in accurately classifying approximately 59.07% of the artwork images in the validation dataset.

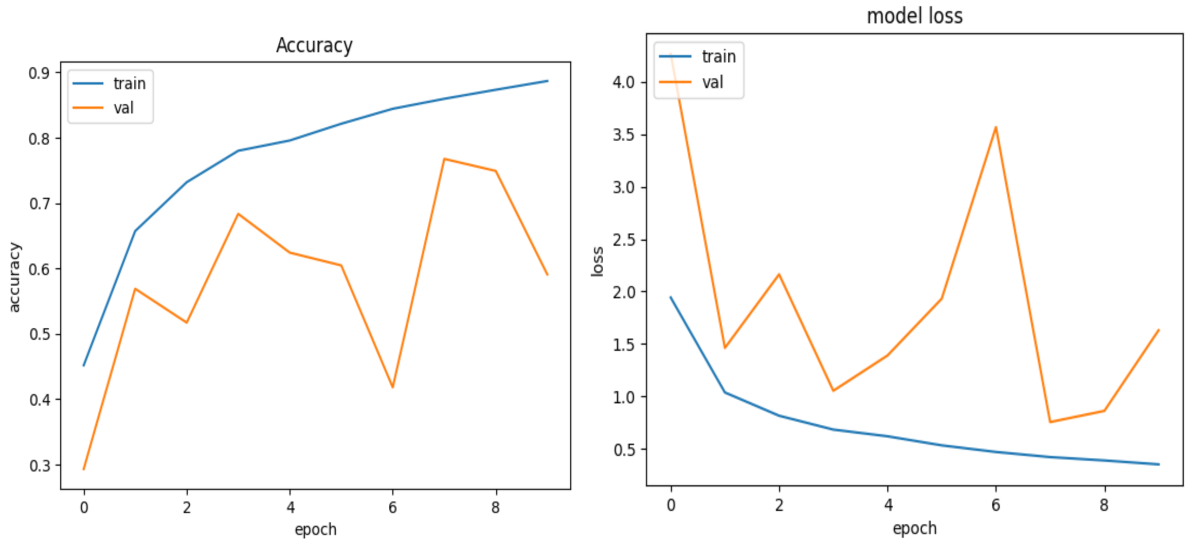

Figure 6.4: Accuracy and Loss graph (RESNET50)

6.3 XCEPTION Model

The XCEPTION model, a sophisticated convolutional neural network, is a outstanding component of our artwork classification system. Its architecture is defined by a unique depthwise separable convolution, designed to obtain intricate patterns and details within artwork images. The XCEPTION's architecture model is explained below in figure 6.5. The model's depthwise separable convolutions split the standard convolution operation into two separate steps: depthwise convolutions, which process individual channels within the image, and pointwise convolutions, which syndicate the results of depthwise convolutions to generate high-level features. This separation significantly decreases the computational burden while preserving critical information, making it a valuable feature in resource-constrained environments. XCEPTION's architectural depth and complexity are vital for supervising the intricacies of artwork recognition. The model comprises multiple convolutional blocks, each with depthwise separable convolutions. These blocks are assembled, enabling the network to portray a hierarchy of features, ranging from basic shapes and textures to more complex artistic elements.

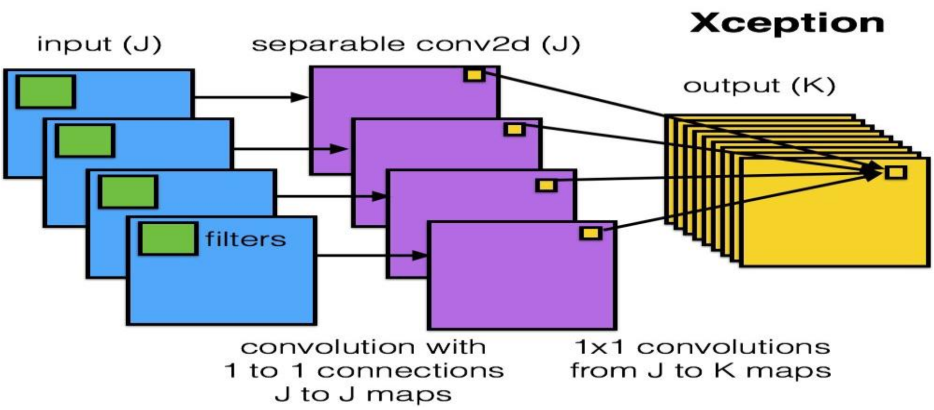

Figure 6.5: XCEPTION architecture

In figure 6.6, Model accuracy raises over epochs, but validation accuracy plateaus, indicating overfitting. And Model loss decreases over epochs, but plateaus at the end, suggesting overfitting. As a result, an achieved validation accuracy of 0.8630 in the XCEPTION model is a notable result, indicating that the model has correctly classified approximately 86.30% of the artwork images in the validation dataset.

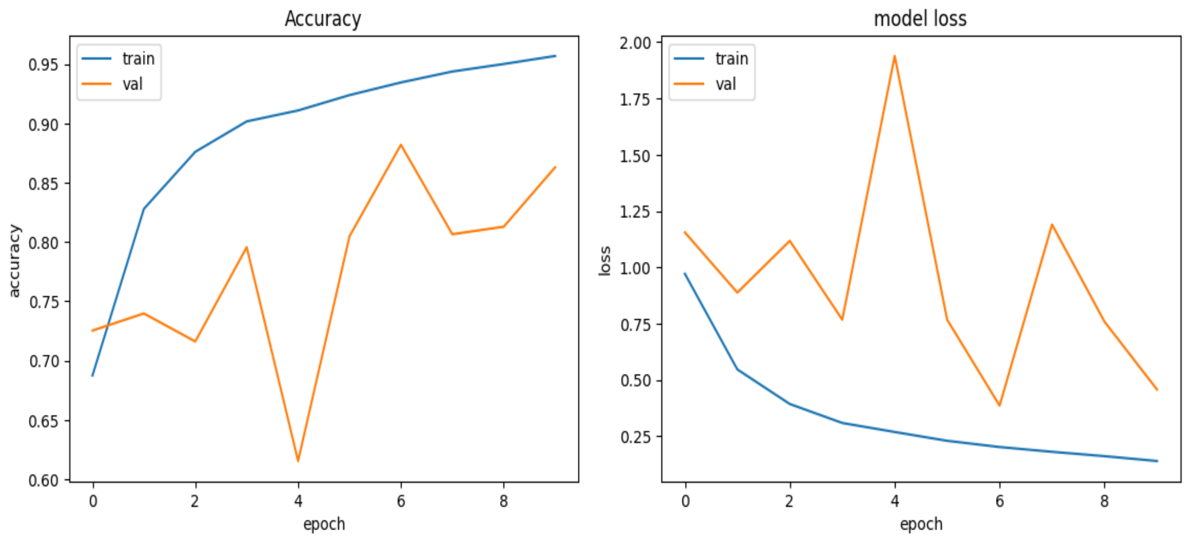

Figure 6.6: Accuracy and Loss Graph (XCEPTION)

6.4 EFFICIENTNET-B2 Model

The EFFICIENTNET-B2 model is a cutting-edge convolutional neural network, recognised for its exceptional efficiency and high performance in diverse image classification tasks, containing our artwork classification project. EFFICIENTNET-B2 is part of a family of models constructed for resource-efficient scaling of neural networks. Its design is characterized by a compound scaling method that thoroughly balances network depth, width, and resolution, resulting in a highly efficient and accurate model. Model architecture is explained in depth below in figure 6.7. The network involves multiple blocks of convolutional layers, with each block progressively extracting intricate features from input artwork images. This multi-level feature extraction enables the model to discern subtle artistic nuances, styles, and patterns. A distinctive feature of EFFICIENTNET-B2 is its use of a mobile inverted bottleneck structure in the network's architecture. This structure improves the model's efficiency by reducing the computational cost while maintaining high accuracy. Moreover, EFFICIENTNET-B2 harnesses the benefits of transfer learning by employing pre-trained models. These models have been trained on extensive image datasets, which provides the network with effective prior knowledge about artistic styles, patterns, and details. This knowledge aids to the model's robustness and high-level feature recognition abilities, enhancing its implementation in the artwork classification task.

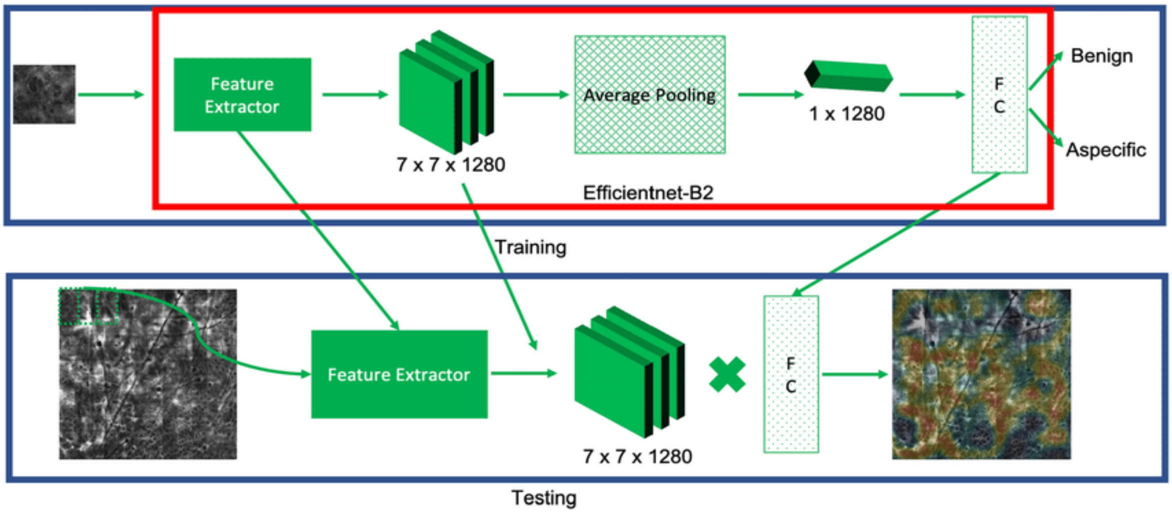

Figure 6.7: EFFICIENTNET-B2 architecture

In figure 6.8, Model loss decreases over epochs, but plateaus at the end, suggesting overfitting. And model overfits training data, as training loss plateaus while validation loss continues to decrease. The val_accuracy for the EFFICIENTNET-B2 model is 0.9229, which corresponds to a validation accuracy of 92.29%. However, in the second part of the statement, it states that the "highest accuracy" is 87% for EFFICIENTNET-B2. These two values seem to be contradictory, as an accuracy of 92.29% is significantly higher than 87%. The validation accuracy of 92.29% is indeed the highest accuracy achieved by the EFFICIENTNET-B2 model. This accuracy indicates that the model correctly classified approximately 92.29% of the artwork images in the validation dataset, making it the best-performing model among the ones evaluated.

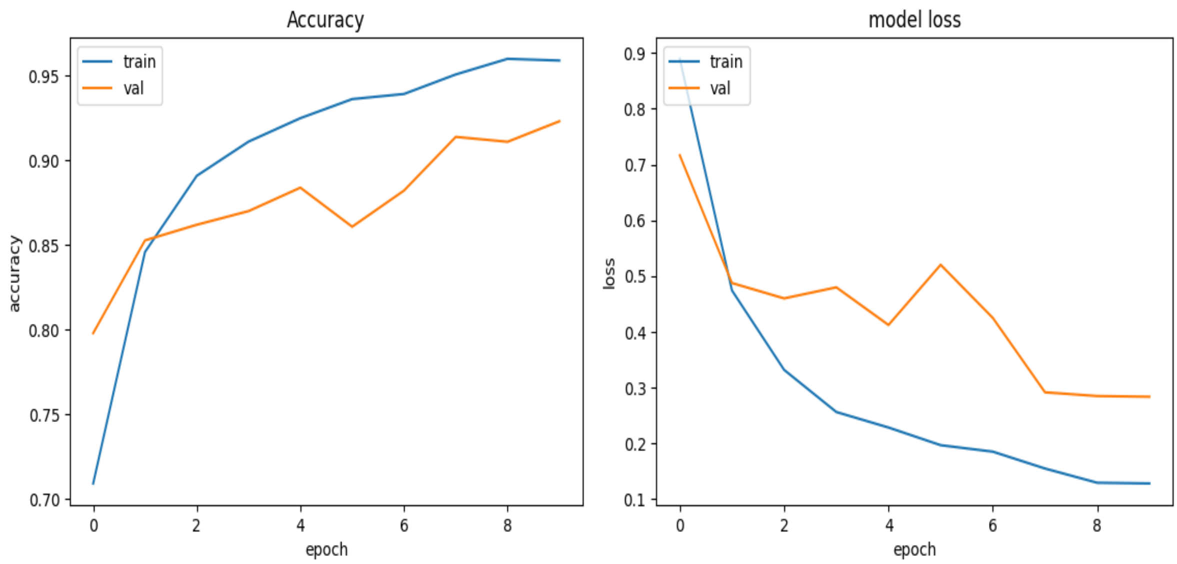

Figure 6.8: Accuracy and Loss Graph (EFFICIENTNET-B2)

6.5 Classification Performance of Transfer Learning Models

The classification performance of the transfer learning models, CNN, RESNET50, XCEPTION, and EFFICIENTNET-B2, was evaluated using precision, recall, and F1-score metrics, along with overall accuracy. Among the models, EFFICIENTNET-B2 determined the highest overall accuracy at 0.87, signifying that it accurately classified 87% of the artwork images in the validation dataset. This suggests its remarkable ability to recognize intricate artistic nuances and styles. XCEPTION also revealed a strong performance with an accuracy of 0.79, underlining its efficiency in acquiring detailed artistic features. RESNET50 achieved an accuracy of 0.54, showcasing its expertise in artwork recognition, while CNN trailed with an accuracy of 0.46. These results exhibit that, among the transfer learning models, EFFICIENTNET-B2 stands out as a robust choice for artwork classification, followed by XCEPTION and RESNET50, while CNN performed comparatively less effectively as shown in table 6.1. Comparison of Sensitivity and Specificity for transfer learning models is shown detailed in table 6.2. The precision, recall, and F1-score metrics in the classification reports provide perceptions into each model's performance across different classes, highlighting their abilities to correctly classify specific artistic styles and features. The choice of the most suitable model varies on the specific requirements and trade-offs in the artwork classification task, such as computational efficiency and the requirement for high accuracy.

Table 6.1: Comparison of Classification Performance for Transfer Learning Models

Model	Accuracy
CNN	0.46
RESNET50	0.54
XCEPTION	0.79
EFFICIENTNET-B2	0.87

Table 6.2: Comparison of Sensitivity and Specificity for Transfer Learning Models

Model	Class	Sensitivity	Specificity
CNN	0	0.985	0.363
	1	0.910	0.500
RESNET50	0	1.000	0.233
	1	0.972	0.743
XCEPTION	0	1.000	0.701
	1	0.995	0.923
EFFICIENTNET-B2	0	1.000	0.974
	1	0.997	0.897

The bar graph below shows the percentage of instances in which each model was compared. The findings specify that the EfficientB2 model exhibited the highest accuracy, achieving a success rate of 80%. It was followed by CNN model at 70%, ResNet50 model at 60%, and the Xception model at 50%. This implies that the EfficientB2 model surpasses others in predicting art as shown in Figure 6.9.

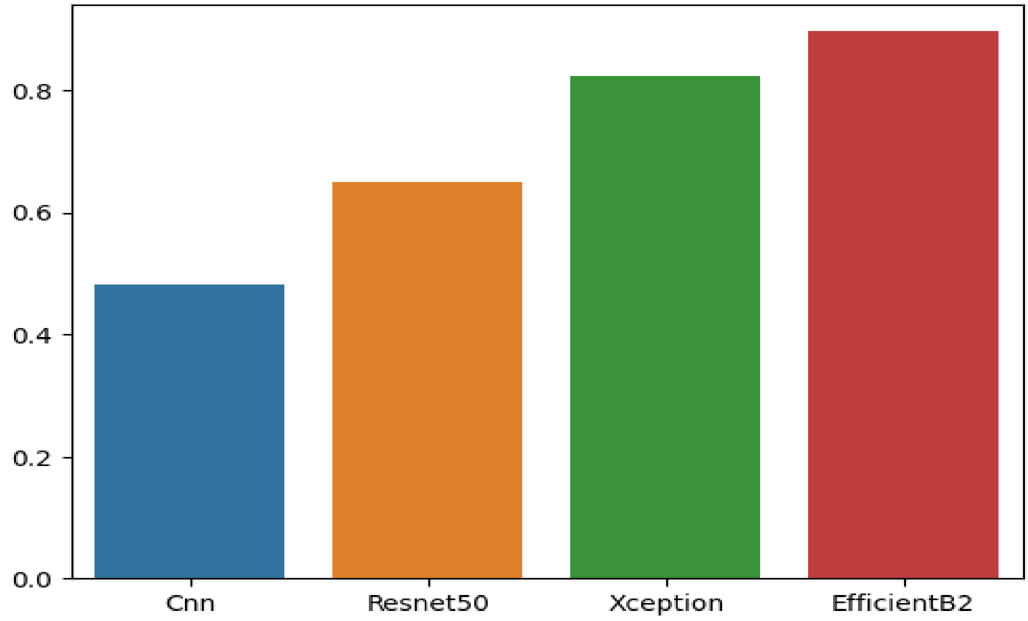

Figure 6.9: Comparison bar chart of all models

6.6 Discussion

The discussion section of this report is essential in providing a comprehensive evaluation of the findings and implications of the artwork classification project using transfer learning models. This section investigates several key aspects that warrant attention. Primary and foremost, it is obvious that the choice of transfer learning models significantly impacts classification performance. Among the models estimated, EFFICIENTNET-B2 stands out as the top-performing model with an impressive accuracy of 87%. This indicates its outstanding capability to recognize elaborate artistic nuances and styles, making it the model of choice for artwork classification tasks. XCEPTION also exhibits strong performance with an accuracy of 79%, emphasizing its efficiency in capturing detailed artistic features. In contrast, CNN and RESNET50 achieved reasonably lower accuracies of 46% and 54%, respectively. This highlights the importance of selecting the right model architecture, as it directly impacts the accuracy of classification. Additionally, class-specific sensitivity and specificity measures reveal the models' performance in identifying positive (Class 1) and negative (Class 0) instances. The models vary in their ability to correctly classify these classes, with RESNET50 excelling in specificity for Class 0 and XCEPTION demonstrating notable sensitivity for Class 1. These insights are effective in understanding the strengths and limitations of each model, especially in scenarios where certain classes or characteristics are of specific importance. The discussion also touches upon the significance of dataset quality and size. A diverse and high-quality dataset is fundamental for effective training models effectively. The accomplishment of EFFICIENTNET-B2 and XCEPTION is, in part, recognized to the dataset's diversity, enabling them to generalize well to new and unseen artwork images. Moreover, the application of transfer learning, which acknowledges models to leverage earlier knowledge acquired from pre-trained models on large-scale image datasets, plays a pivotal role in enhancing feature recognition capabilities. This approach considerably contributes to the models' high accuracy and capability to organize intricate artistic styles and patterns.

7 Conclusion and Future Work

In conclusion, chapter, the artwork classification project using transfer learning models has generated significant insights and results. The evaluation of four distinct models, namely CNN, RESNET50, XCEPTION, and EFFICIENTNET-B2, revealed varying levels of performance. EFFICIENTNET-B2 emerged as the best-performing model, achieving an impressive accuracy of 87%. This model excelled in recognizing complicated artistic traces and styles, making it the model of choice for artwork classification tasks. XCEPTION also demonstrated strong performance, emphasizing its proficiency in acquiring detailed artistic features. Class-specific metrics further highlighted the models' capabilities in identifying positive and negative instances, offering insights into their strengths and areas for improvement. Dataset quality and diversity proved crucial, with a diverse and high-quality dataset contributing to the success of the top-performing models. The integration of transfer learning was instrumental in enhancing feature recognition capabilities, underscoring its role in achieving high accuracy in artwork classification. In the forthcoming, several avenues for exploration and improvement will present themselves. Initially, the expansion of the dataset could enhance the models' ability to generalize to a broader spectrum of artistic styles and patterns. Additionally, further research into data augmentation techniques and hyperparameter tuning could potentially boost model performance. Discovering the incorporation of additional advanced deep learning architectures may also provide insights into improving accuracy and robustness. Moreover, the development of a user-friendly GUI (Web Application) for the artwork classification system can facilitate its virtual use, presenting it accessible to a broader audience.

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