

# DEEP LEARNING-BASED FRUIT DETECTION AND FRESHNESS GRADING

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## Abstract

In Fruit freshness grading is an innate ability of humans to identify. However, there wasn't much work that specialized in making a fruit grading system supported by digital pictures in deep learning. The algorithmic program projected during this article has the potential to be used, therefore, to avoid wasting fruits or save fruits from discard. During this article, we tend to gift a comprehensive analysis of freshness grading theme mistreatment pc vision and deep learning. Therefore, we tend to construct a unique neural network model for fruit detection and freshness grading relating to multiclass fruit classification.

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## I. INTRODUCTION

Given the significance of food in our ordinary lives, fruit grading becomes crucial but is time-consuming. Grading automatically using computerized approaches is believed to solve this problem, saving human labour. where There is a shred of evidence in which some fruit deterioration always occurs, fruit goes through a series of biochemical transformation that leads to changes in its physical conditions and chemical composition, e.g., changes in nutrition. Fruit grading methods are grouped into two categories: non-visual and visual approaches [1]. Non-visual grading approaches mainly concentrate on aroma, chemicals, and tactile impression. Fruit spoilage in nature is a biochemical process in which natural pigments in various reactions are transformed into other chemicals that result in colour changes. Identifying fruit spoilage is an innate ability of the human perception system [2]. It is regarded as the desirability and acceptance of the consumption of a portion. It assists in identifying whether the given fruits are edible or not. The research work unfolds that there exists a strong relationship between bacteria and fruit spoilage, which encompasses aerobic psychotropic Gram-negative bacteria with the secretion of extracellular hydrolytic enzymes that corrupt plant's cell walls, heterofermentative lactobacilli, spore-forming bacteria, yeasts, and moulds [3].

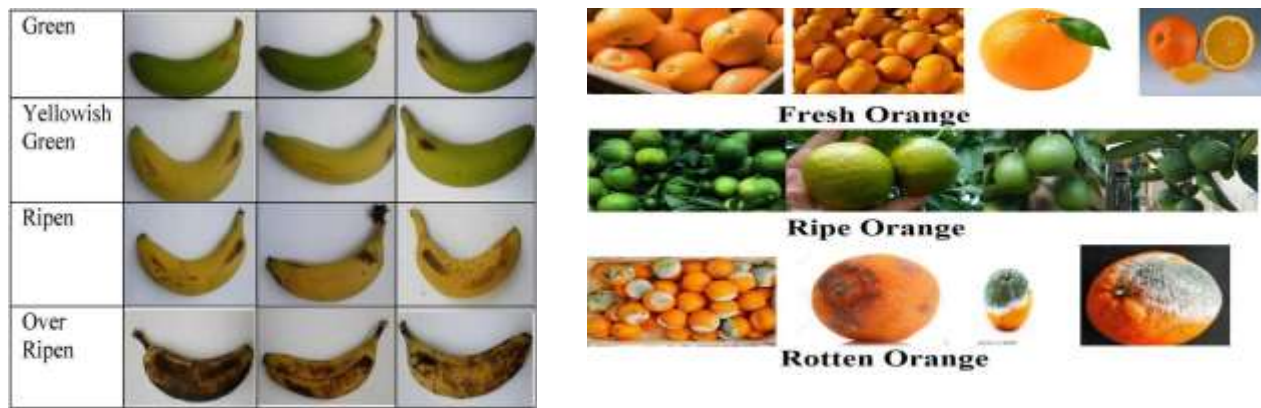
## II. LITERATURE SURVEY:

Fruit degeneration results from biochemical reactions, i.e., a structural acidic heteropolysaccharide grown interstitial plant cell walls, chiefly of galacturonic acid. Starch/amylose and sugar (i.e., polymeric carbohydrates with the same purposes) are then metabolized with produced lactic (i.e., an acid that is a metabolic intermediate as the product of glycolysis releasing energy anaerobically) and ethanol. Colonizing and induced lesions because of microbe dissemination are frequently observed, and infestation is a primary reason for the spoilage of postharvest fruits. Besides, the lack of nutrients results in the growth of dark spots, e.g., insufficient calcium leads to apple cork spots. The exposure to oxygen is another determinant as an enzyme known as polyphenol oxidase (PPO) triggers a chain of biochemical reactions, including proteins, pigments, fatty acids, and lipids, which lead to fading of the fruit colours as well as degrading to an undesirable taste and smell [4]. The established research evidence shows that if fruit deterioration occurs, the fruit goes through a series of biochemical transformations that incur changes in its physical conditions, e.g., visual features including colour and shape; most of these features can be extracted. It is formed that a computer vision-based approach is the most economical solution [5]. Previously, scale-invariant feature transform (SIFT), along with the colour and shape of fruits, has been offered for fruit recognition. K-nearest neighbourhood (KNN) and support vector machine (SVM) have been employed for the classification. Despite attaining high accuracy, this approach has input images with the size  $90 \times 90$ , which is low; the information might be dropped. The low-resolution image implies that individual pixels may significantly contribute to the final result, which is dependent on noises for prediction. It is well known that KNN and SVM are vulnerable to the curse of dimensionality, where the growth of feature dimensions will have a massive impact on performance; meanwhile, high-resolution images will likely have rich visual features. Given the advancement of deep learning, fruit grading algorithms should produce satisfactory accuracies timely [6].

## III. DATA COLLECTION

Unlike the existing work, in this article, we propose deep learning algorithms for fruit freshness grading. As we already know, deep learning is promising for the freshness grading of multiclass fruits that will significantly reduce our human labour. In this article, we describe how we have collected visual data and conducted data augmentation before fruit freshness classification. Given the novelty of this research project, the fruit data are not available at present; thus, we must collect the data ourselves. We illustrate our process of how we have received the fruit data and provide empirical evidence on how the dataset accurately represents the fruit freshness. The collected dataset consists of two classes of fruits: banana and orange, derived from a wide variety of locations in the images with various noises, irrelevant adjacent objects, and lighting conditions. We first analyze the relationship between fruit appearance and freshness. A bright yellow ripe banana is likely a result of carotenoid accumulation. The main compositions of orange peels and fresh are pectin, cellulose, and hemicellulose, excluding water, representing 60–90% of weights; the pigments are mostly carotenoids and flavonoids that generate the red appearance of oranges. We have collected approximately 4,000 images, with each class of fruits around 700. We split the dataset into training and validation sets at the ratio of 1 : 9 (90% for training and 10% for validating). However, based on the definition of total corruption, there lacks a definitive degree on this matter. The fruit decay experiments show that fruit freshness grade is not available, and overripe fruits may have fungus and produce toxins. We consider the fruits edible as the primary condition of being recognized. We invited ten people to participate in the labelling work of this project. We first sampled a few images (i.e., three images for each class of fruits at different decay stages) and required the participants to give their grades. We calculated the mean and standard deviation of the distribution of the proposed freshness grades. Regarding the fruit images with significant grade gaps, e.g., the standard deviation is higher or equals three, we invited them for a second round of

grading and narrowed down the disagreement. We kept the labels unchanged if the grades proposed by the participants were close to what we initially labelled. We justify the labels according to participants' recommendations if the initially proposed freshness grade is far from the mean. It is assumed that for each image, there is a set of images in which the fruits have a similar freshness grade. We grouped similar images, and if the sampled images are required to adjust the freshness levels, the associated images will be set accordingly. Figure 1 shows fruit datasets.



FRUIT BANANA DATASETS

FRUIT ORANGE DATASETS

Figure 1: Fruit dataset.

#### IV. BASIC STEPS IN IMAGE PROCESSING

**Step 1: Image Acquisition:** This is the first step of image processing in which the camera is used for capturing fruits images in digital form and stored in any digital media. **Step 2: Image Pre-processing:** This section removes noise, smoothens the image, and resizes images. RGB images are converted to grey images. Also, the contrast of the image is increased at a certain level.

**Step 3: Image Segmentation:** Segmentation is used for partitioning an image into various parts.

**Step 4: Feature Extraction:** This section is used for obtaining features like colour, texture and shape, which reduce resources to describe a large set of data before the classification of the image.

**Step 5: Classification:** This section analyses the numerical property of image features and organizes its data into categories. It uses a neural network which performs training and classification of fruits diseases.

#### V. TENSORFLOW

TensorFlow is a machine learning system that operates at large scale and in heterogeneous environments. TensorFlow uses dataflow graphs to represent computation, shared state, and the operations that mutate that state. It maps the nodes of a dataflow graph across many machines in a cluster and within a machine across multiple computational devices, including multicore CPUs, general-purpose GPUs, and custom-designed ASICs known as Tensor Processing Units (TPUs). This architecture gives flexibility to the application developer. Whereas in previous "parameter server" designs, the shared state management is built into the system, TensorFlow enables developers to experiment with novel optimizations and training algorithms. TensorFlow supports various applications, particularly for training and inference on deep neural networks. Several Google services use TensorFlow in production, we have released it as an open-source project, and it has become widely used for machine learning research. In this paper, we describe the TensorFlow dataflow model in contrast to existing systems and demonstrate the compelling performance that TensorFlow achieves for several real-world applications. Figure 2, The layered TensorFlow architecture. Convolutional Neural Network Convolutional Neural Network has had groundbreaking results over the past decade in various fields related to pattern

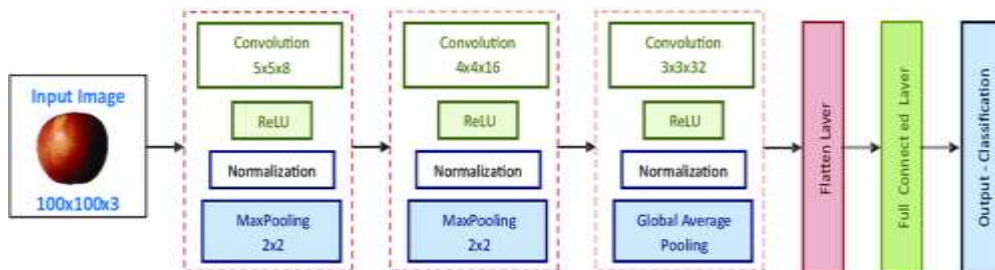
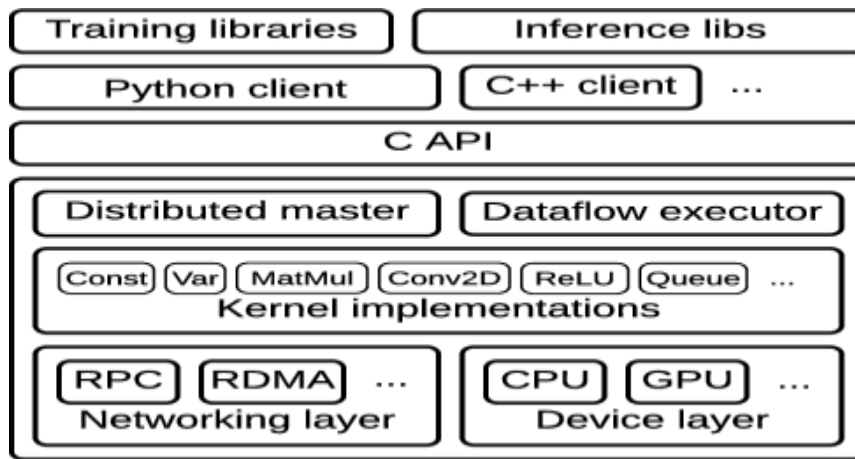


Figure 2: Layered Tensorflow Architecture.

recognition, from image processing to voice recognition. The most beneficial aspect of CNNs is reducing the number of parameters in ANN. This achievement has prompted researchers and developers to approach larger models to solve complex tasks, which was impossible with classic ANNs; The most important assumption about problems that CNN solves is that they should not have spatially dependent features. In other words, for example, in a face detection application, we do not need to pay attention to where the faces are in the images. The only concern is detecting them regardless of their position in the images. Another important aspect of CNN is to obtain abstract features when input propagates toward the deeper layers. For example, in image classification, the edge might be detected in the first layers, the simpler shapes in the second layers, and the higher-level features, such as faces, in the next layers. We start with its basic elements to obtain a good grasp of CNN. A. Convolution Let's assume that the input of our neural network has the presented shape in Fig. 2; it can be an image (e.g. a colour image of a CIFAR-10 dataset with a width and height of  $32 \times 32$  pixels and a depth of 3 which RGB channel) or a video (Grayscale video whose height and width are the resolution, and the depth are the frames) or even an experimental video, which has width and height of  $(L \times L)$  sensor values, and the depths are associated with different time frames. Why Convolution? Let's assume that the network receives raw pixels as input. Therefore, to connect the input layer to only one neuron (e.g., in the hidden layer in the multi-Layer perceptron), as an example, there should be  $32 \times 32 \times 3$  weight connections for the CIFAR-10 dataset.

VI. RESULT



Figure 3: Learned features from a Convolutional Neural Network.

Thus, we implemented the fruit detection and freshness grading from images as shown in figure 3.

## VII. CONCLUSION

In this paper, we constructed a linear regression model to detect and measure fruit freshness by judging the darkness of the fruit skin and variations of colour transitions. Accordingly, we affirm that fruit spoilage occurs with biochemical reactions that result in visual fading. Hence, we propounded a deep-learning solution. Deep learning has been used for fruit freshness grading, considering multiclass fruits (i.e., banana, orange). We have developed a hierarchical approach in which a slew of fruits is detected and classified with real-time object detection; the regions of interest are cropped from the source images and fed into CNN models for regression; thus, the freshness level is finally graded. We independently trained the convolutional neural network for the renowned model, i.e., TensorFlow. Our experimental results have shown an excellent performance of deep learning algorithms towards resolving this problem.

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