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My model is going to do the classification of the Traffic Signal.

Model1

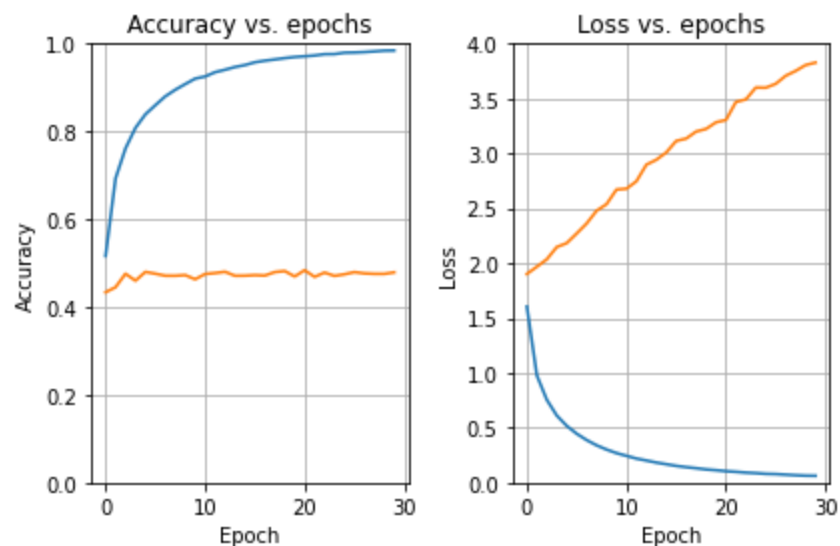
At beginning, I put vgg16 + 2 MLP

Then I saw while Loss of Training is going down, and Loss of Validation is going up.

It means we are having over fit.

Layer (type)	Output Shape	Param #
vgg16 (Functional)	(None, 1, 1, 512)	14714688
flatten (Flatten)	(None, 512)	0
dense (Dense)	(None, 512)	262656
dense_1 (Dense)	(None, 43)	22059

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Total params: 14,999,403
Trainable params: 284,715
Non-trainable params: 14,714,688



395/395 [=====] - 151s 380ms/step - loss: 3.1560 - accuracy: 0.5337

test acc :
0.5337291955947876

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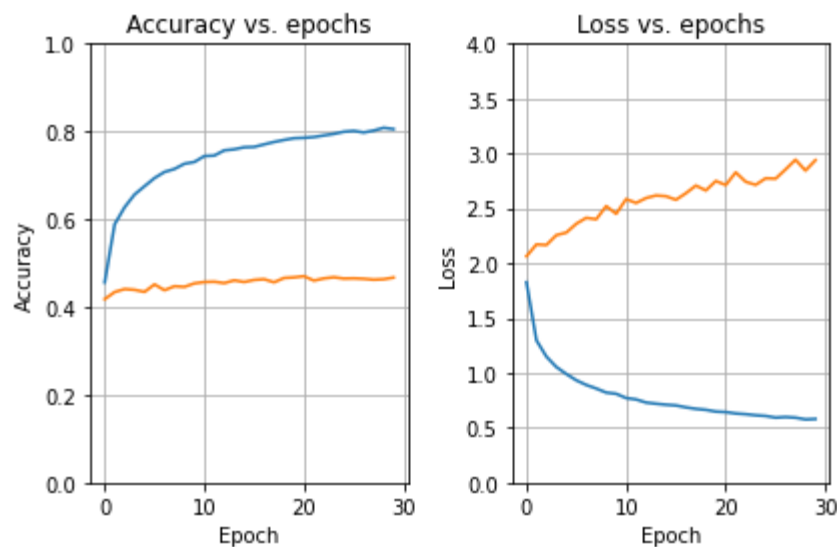
2, I tried to decrease the overfit, then I added a normalization after vgg16, and add one dropout layer between the Dense

I used VGG16 + Normalization + Flatten + Dense + Drop + Dense

The Loss of validation seems not increase that much, but loss of validation is still increasing a lot while the training loss is decrease, so the model is still overfit.

Layer (type)	Output Shape	Param #
vgg16 (Functional)	(None, 1, 1, 512)	14714688
flatten_1 (Flatten)	(None, 512)	0
batch_normalization (Batch Normalization)	(None, 512)	2048
dense_2 (Dense)	(None, 512)	262656
dropout (Dropout)	(None, 512)	0
dense_3 (Dense)	(None, 43)	22059

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Total params: 15,001,451
Trainable params: 285,739
Non-trainable params: 14,715,712



395/395 [=====] - 148s 374ms/step - loss: 2.3251 - accuracy: 0.5116

test acc :
0.5116389393806458

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3, After analysis,
I think due to our Image Input size is 32 X 32,
and VGG16 has 5 layers of pooling,
after pooling, we only have one pixel for classification,

There is too little information for the classification,
it will cause the overfit by the architecture.

Change the Architecture, 2 x (2 x CNN + pooling) + flatten + 2 x MLP

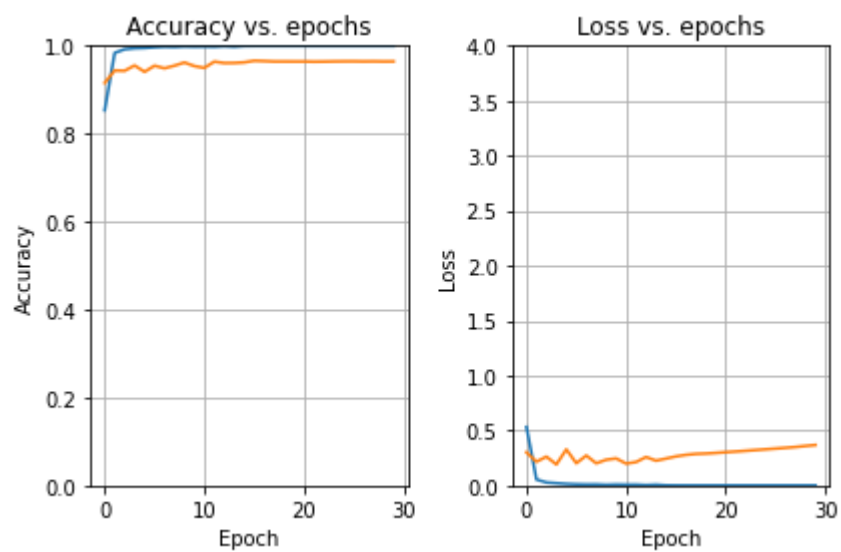
So we changed the architecture,
Reduce the Pooling Layer and CCN layer. This time we only do pooling twice

This time, we have much better validation accuracy, and the loss of validation only increase slightly
after 10 epochs

So we have slightly overfit in this module, but the accuracy of Training and Validation have been
improved a lot.

Layer (type)	Output Shape	Param #
conv2d_4 (Conv2D)	(None, 30, 30, 16)	448
conv2d_5 (Conv2D)	(None, 28, 28, 32)	4640
max_pooling2d_2 (MaxPooling 2D)	(None, 14, 14, 32)	0
conv2d_6 (Conv2D)	(None, 12, 12, 64)	18496
conv2d_7 (Conv2D)	(None, 10, 10, 128)	73856
max_pooling2d_3 (MaxPooling 2D)	(None, 5, 5, 128)	0
flatten_3 (Flatten)	(None, 3200)	0
dense_6 (Dense)	(None, 512)	1638912
dense_7 (Dense)	(None, 43)	22059
Total params: 1,758,411		
Trainable params: 1,758,411		
Non-trainable params: 0		

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395/395 [=====] - 19s 48ms/step - loss: 0.3284 - accuracy: 0.9688

test acc :
0.9688044190406799

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4, In order to reduce the slightly overfit from pervious model,
I added normalization after each Pooling Layer,
I added a normalization and dropout layer before the last dense layer.

(2 x CNN + pooling) + normalization + (2 x CNN + pooling) + normalization + flatten
+ MLP + normalization + dropout + MLP

After the training,

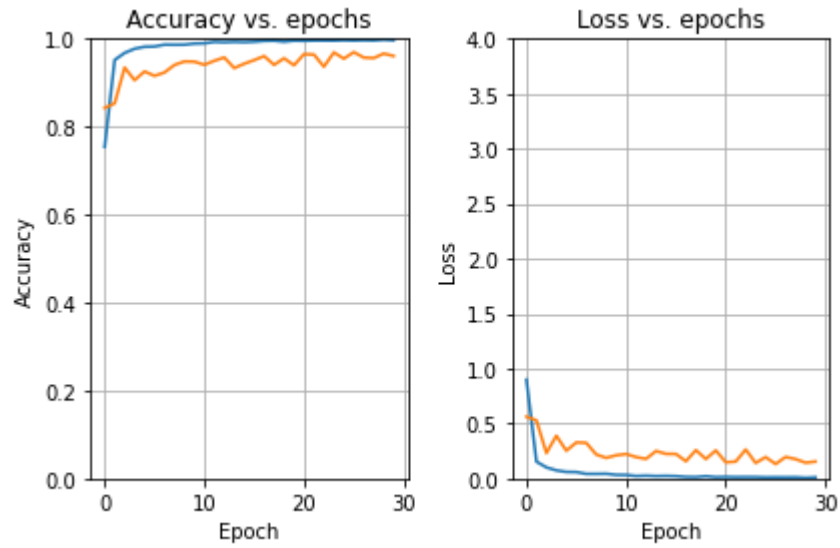
The Accuracy of Training and Validation are both high, above 95%

The Accuracy of Validation is increasing while Accuracy of Validation is increasing
and the Loss of Validation is decreasing while Loss of Training is decreasing

So we having a model just fit now.

Layer (type)	Output Shape	Param #
conv2d (Conv2D)	(None, 30, 30, 16)	448
conv2d_1 (Conv2D)	(None, 28, 28, 32)	4640
max_pooling2d (MaxPooling2D)	(None, 14, 14, 32)	0
batch_normalization_1 (Batch Normalization)	(None, 14, 14, 32)	128
conv2d_2 (Conv2D)	(None, 12, 12, 64)	18496
conv2d_3 (Conv2D)	(None, 10, 10, 128)	73856
max_pooling2d_1 (MaxPooling2D)	(None, 5, 5, 128)	0
batch_normalization_2 (Batch Normalization)	(None, 5, 5, 128)	512
flatten_2 (Flatten)	(None, 3200)	0
dense_4 (Dense)	(None, 512)	1638912
batch_normalization_3 (Batch Normalization)	(None, 512)	2048
dropout_1 (Dropout)	(None, 512)	0
dense_5 (Dense)	(None, 43)	22059
Total params: 1,761,099		
Trainable params: 1,759,755		
Non-trainable params: 1,344		

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395/395 [=====] - 17s 42ms/step - loss: 0.1438 - accuracy: 0.9728
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test acc :  
0.9728424549102783
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So our final model has improve the test accuracy from 3rd model's 96.88% to 97.28% and reduce the slightly overfit.