Image Classification

using Cifar-10 and Cifar-100 Datasets

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1. Introduction

The primary objective of the project is to build a convolutional neural network model that can classify between twenty-four different classes of the CIFAR-10 and CIFAR-100 datasets. The classes are car, bird, cat, deer, dog, horse, truck, cattle, fox, baby, boy, girl, man, woman, rabbit, squirrel, tree, bicycle, bus, motorcycle, pickup truck, train, lawn mower and tractor. This involves obtaining, preparing and exploring the data sets. Different models will then be built and the hyperparameters will be adjusted based on the accuracy of the model. At the end of the project, the model with the best test accuracy will be presented.

# 2. Dataset

The underlying datasets can be downloaded from 'https://cs.toronto.edu/~kriz/cifar.html'. They consist of different classes, separated into training and test images with corresponding labels. Each training and test image is also divided into several batches.

### 2.1 CIFAR-10

The CIFAR-10 dataset consists of 50000 training and 10000 test 32x32 colour images, 10 classes with 5 training and 1 test batch. Each class contains 6000 images. Each batch contains randomly selected images from each class, while the training batches contain 10000 images each and the test batches contain 1000 images each. When the training batches are added together, there are exactly 5000 images from each class.

The following 10 classes are in the dataset:

* Airplane
* Automobile
* Bird
* Cat
* Deer
* Dog
* Frog
* Horse
* Ship
* Truck

### 2.2 CIFAR-100

Similar to the CIFAR-10 dataset, this dataset also contains classes of images. There are 100 classes of 600 images each, divided into a five-to-one split, with 500 training images and 100 test images per class. Each class is grouped into a superclass. The data set contains 20 superclasses. The images are labelled with a 'fine' label for the exact class and a 'coarse' label for the superclass.

The classes contained are shown below:

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| Superclass | Classes |
| aquatic mammals | beaver, dolphin, otter, seal, whale |
| fish | aquarium fish, flatfish, ray, shark, trout |
| flowers | orchids, poppies, roses, sunflowers, tulips |
| food containers | bottles, bowls, cans, cups, plates |
| fruit and vegetables | apples, mushrooms, oranges, pears, sweet peppers |
| household electrical devices | clock, computer keyboard, lamp, telephone, television |
| household furniture | bed, chair, couch, table, wardrobe |
| insects | bee, beetle, butterfly, caterpillar, cockroach |
| large carnivores | bear, leopard, lion, tiger, wolf |
| large man-made outdoor things | bridge, castle, house, road, skyscraper |
| large natural outdoor scenes | cloud, forest, mountain, plain, sea |
| large omnivores and herbivores | camel, cattle, chimpanzee, elephant, kangaroo |
| medium-sized mammals | fox, porcupine, possum, raccoon, skunk |
| non-insect invertebrates | crab, lobster, snail, spider, worm |
| people | baby, boy, girl, man, woman |
| reptiles | crocodile, dinosaur, lizard, snake, turtle |
| small mammals | hamster, mouse, rabbit, shrew, squirrel |
| trees | maple, oak, palm, pine, willow |
| vehicles 1 | bicycle, bus, motorcycle, pickup truck, train |
| vehicles 2 | lawn-mower, rocket, streetcar, tank, tractor |

### 2.3. Combining CIFAR-10 with CIFAR-100

To extract the necessary classes for the classification problem, we first need to find the labels associated with the searched label names. For CIFAR-10, this information is stored in a separate file 'batches.meta' as a dictionary. For CIFAR-100, the meta file contains only the label names stored as lists, separated between the fine labels and the coarse label names as a dictionary. So we define number labels by the index of the names.

We concentrate first on getting all the images with the associated labels stored in separate lists. This is achieved by iterating through the batches and extracting the necessary information. For CIFAR-100, the fine and coarse labels are also included. The required classes also include a superclass ‘tree’, so we replace all fine labels that have the corresponding class with a new identical label.

We then filter the lists by the required labels and combine the two datasets by first remapping the labels and appending one to the end of the other dataset. The remapping is necessary to avoid duplication of labels when combining the datasets.

The resulting dataset consists of 45,500 images. 7 classes (from CIFAR-10) contain 5000 images each, the required superclass from CIFAR-100 has 2500 images and all other classes have 500 images each. All images are implemented as 3072-pixel bytes.

# 3. Data Preprocessing

Looking at the distribution of the underlying dataset, the classes are highly unbalanced. Therefore, we downsample the classes with highly significant images. The limit is set at 3000 images. In addition, the images are transformed into 32x32 RGB images. These images are displayed at a 90-degree angle. This introduces a compensating rotation to rotate them back.

Smaller classes are handled by data augmentation.

The images are converted to greyscales. This allows the shape of the images to be highlighted.