

This project aims to compare a performance of two AlexNet models on CIFAR100 dataset using 2 kinds of softmax functions:

- 1) Normal softmax
- 2) Gumbel Softmax

Both models were trained for 20 epochs using a learning rate of  $1e-2$  and SGD with momentum = 0.9.

Some of the important comparisons between them is given below:

Criteria	Normal Softmax	Gumbel Softmax
Average running time per epoch during training	0.307491 min	0.327443 min
Accuracies on test set	41.22%	42.65%
f1 scores	0.22371209823439123	0.26324630783229513
Time taken to run test images	0.052236 min	0.056651 min

The precision, recall and confusion matrices are present in the Jupyter Notebooks.

Thus, overall for a training period of 20 epochs, using Gumbel Softmax instead of Normal Softmax

- improved accuracy
- took slightly more time per epoch during training
- took slightly more time per epoch during testing
- gave a better f1 score.

If trained for a larger number of epochs and on a deeper network, we may expect a bigger/opposite value of the difference in these values.