MSBD 5012 Machine Learning Homework 3 Report

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In this homework, I start from the naïve CNN model in the tutorial and change test different hyperparameters. I summarize the result in the coming chapters. The first part talks about the variation of the number of hidden layers, the second part is about the variation of the number of the filters, the third part shows the variation of the learning rate, the fourth part demonstrates different optimizers, and the last part is about the batch normalization.

Part One: Variation of the number of hidden layers

We use the naïve model in the tutorial as the first model. We keep using the cross entropy loss, the SGD optimizer in this experiment. The structure of the model can be seen below.

```
Net(
  (conv1): Conv2d(3, 6, kernel_size=(5, 5), stride=(1, 1))
  (pool): MaxPool2d(kernel_size=2, stride=2, padding=0, dilation=1, ceil_mode=False)
  (conv2): Conv2d(6, 16, kernel_size=(5, 5), stride=(1, 1))
  (fc1): Linear(in_features=400, out_features=120, bias=True)
  (fc2): Linear(in_features=120, out_features=84, bias=True)
  (fc3): Linear(in_features=84, out_features=10, bias=True)
)
```

The result of this model is shown below.

```
[1, 2000] loss: 2.165
                           Accuracy of the network on the 10000 test images: 54 %
[1, 4000] loss: 1.823
[1, 6000] loss: 1.651
                                              Accuracy for class: plane is 55.1 %
[1, 8000] loss: 1.588
                                              Accuracy for class: car is 54.9 %
[1, 10000] loss: 1.496
                                              Accuracy for class: bird is 31.0 %
[1, 12000] loss: 1.506
                                              Accuracy for class: cat is 31.3 %
[2, 2000] loss: 1.404
                                              Accuracy for class: deer is 30.9 %
[2, 4000] loss: 1.376
                                              Accuracy for class: dog is 52.3 %
[2, 6000] loss: 1.354
                                              Accuracy for class: frog is 61.2 %
[2, 8000] loss: 1.325
                                              Accuracy for class: horse is 74.9 %
[2, 10000] loss: 1.290
                                              Accuracy for class: ship is 76.7 %
[2, 12000] loss: 1.276
                                              Accuracy for class: truck is 72.0 %
```

The second model we add another fully connected layer. The detailed description of the model can be seen below

```
Net(
  (conv1): Conv2d(3, 6, kernel_size=(5, 5), stride=(1, 1))
  (pool): MaxPool2d(kernel_size=2, stride=2, padding=0, dilation=1, ceil_mode=False)
  (conv2): Conv2d(6, 16, kernel_size=(5, 5), stride=(1, 1))
  (fc1): Linear(in_features=400, out_features=120, bias=True)
  (fc2): Linear(in_features=120, out_features=84, bias=True)
  (fc3): Linear(in_features=84, out_features=32, bias=True)
  (fc4): Linear(in_features=32, out_features=10, bias=True)
)
```

The result of the model is:

```
[1, 2000] loss: 2.302
                              Accuracy of the network on the 10000 test images: 52 %
[1, 4000] loss: 2.141
[1, 6000] loss: 1.861
                                                   Accuracy for class: plane is 64.7 %
[1, 8000] loss: 1.741
                                                   Accuracy for class: car is 69.6 %
[1, 10000] loss: 1.624
                                                   Accuracy for class: bird is 36.0 %
[1, 12000] loss: 1.549
                                                   Accuracy for class: cat is 52.9 %
[2, 2000] loss: 1.465
                                                   Accuracy for class: deer is 55.2 %
[2, 4000] loss: 1.442
                                                   Accuracy for class: dog is 36.0 %
[2, 6000] loss: 1.387
                                                   Accuracy for class: frog is 71.1 %
[2, 8000] loss: 1.402
                                                   Accuracy for class: horse is 65.0 %
[2, 10000] loss: 1.376
                                                   Accuracy for class: ship is 66.0 %
[2, 12000] loss: 1.339
                                                   Accuracy for class: truck is 68.7 %
```

We can see that after adding one fully connected layer, the accuracy of the network on the 10000 test images dropped. However, the accuracy for some classes increases. Maybe **the fully connected layer increases the model performance in some detailed classes**. However, the model seems to get overfitted.

Part Two: Variation of the number of the number of the filters

The number of the filters can be changed by changing the output channels of the Convolutional layer. First, we use $(32, 32, 3) \rightarrow (28, 28, 8) \rightarrow (14, 14, 8) \rightarrow (10, 10, 16) \rightarrow (5, 5, 16)$.

```
Net(
   (conv1): Conv2d(3, 8, kernel_size=(5, 5), stride=(1, 1))
   (pool): MaxPool2d(kernel_size=2, stride=2, padding=0, dilation=1, ceil_mode=False)
   (conv2): Conv2d(8, 16, kernel_size=(5, 5), stride=(1, 1))
   (fc1): Linear(in_features=400, out_features=120, bias=True)
   (fc2): Linear(in_features=120, out_features=84, bias=True)
   (fc3): Linear(in_features=84, out_features=10, bias=True)
)
```

The result is:

```
[1, 2000] loss: 2.180
                             Accuracy of the network on the 10000 test images: 55 %
[1, 4000] loss: 1.860
                                           Accuracy for class: plane is 53.1 %
[1, 6000] loss: 1.681
                                           Accuracy for class: car is 62.6 %
[1, 8000] loss: 1.556
                                           Accuracy for class: bird is 29.6 %
[1, 10000] loss: 1.494
                                           Accuracy for class: cat is 15.4 %
[1, 12000] loss: 1.444
                                           Accuracy for class: deer is 32.0 %
[2, 2000] loss: 1.371
                                           Accuracy for class: dog is 76.0 %
[2, 4000] loss: 1.351
                                           Accuracy for class: frog is 77.2 %
[2, 6000] loss: 1.305
                                           Accuracy for class: horse is 56.1 %
[2, 8000] loss: 1.274
                                           Accuracy for class: ship is 76.0 %
[2, 10000] loss: 1.275
                                           Accuracy for class: truck is 72.9 %
[2, 12000] loss: 1.247
```

Then, we use $(32, 32, 3) \rightarrow (28, 28, 32) \rightarrow (14, 14, 32) \rightarrow (10, 10, 16) \rightarrow (5, 5, 16)$.

```
Net(
   (conv1): Conv2d(3, 32, kernel_size=(5, 5), stride=(1, 1))
   (pool): MaxPool2d(kernel_size=2, stride=2, padding=0, dilation=1, ceil_mode=False)
   (conv2): Conv2d(32, 16, kernel_size=(5, 5), stride=(1, 1))
   (fc1): Linear(in_features=400, out_features=120, bias=True)
   (fc2): Linear(in_features=120, out_features=84, bias=True)
   (fc3): Linear(in_features=84, out_features=10, bias=True)
)
```

The result is:

```
[1, 2000] loss: 2.205
                        Accuracy of the network on the 10000 test images: 59 %
[1, 4000] loss: 1.785
                                           Accuracy for class: plane is 66.4 %
[1, 6000] loss: 1.622
                                           Accuracy for class: car is 58.4 %
[1, 8000] loss: 1.505
                                           Accuracy for class: bird is 54.1 %
[1, 10000] loss: 1.436
                                          Accuracy for class: cat is 24.2 %
[1, 12000] loss: 1.398
                                          Accuracy for class: deer is 45.9 %
[2, 2000] loss: 1.312
                                          Accuracy for class: dog is 46.3 %
[2, 4000] loss: 1.278
                                           Accuracy for class: frog is 84.4 %
[2, 6000] loss: 1.230
                                           Accuracy for class: horse is 71.0 %
[2, 8000] loss: 1.216
                                           Accuracy for class: ship is 76.0 %
[2, 10000] loss: 1.180
                                           Accuracy for class: truck is 65.9 %
[2, 12000] loss: 1.153
```

We can find that, after adding more filters, the accuracy rises, this may because **more filters can extract more features of input pictures.**

Part Three: Variation of the learning rate

This part we use our naïve model with learning rate 0.002 and 0.005, and momenta are all set 0.9. The result can be compared below. The left three pictures is the result of learning rate 0.002, the right three are the result of learning rate 0.05.

```
[1, 2000] loss: 2.082
                                                                          [1, 2000] loss: 2.035
           [1, 4000] loss: 1.717
                                                                          [1, 4000] loss: 1.733
           [1, 6000] loss: 1.601
                                                                          [1, 6000] loss: 1.687
           [1, 8000] loss: 1.530
                                                                          [1, 8000] loss: 1.648
           [1, 10000] loss: 1.508
                                                                          [1, 10000] loss: 1.629
           [1, 12000] loss: 1.466
                                                                          [1, 12000] loss: 1.627
           [2, 2000] loss: 1.380
                                                                          [2, 2000] loss: 1.572
           [2, 4000] loss: 1.378
                                                                          [2, 4000] loss: 1.572
           [2, 6000] loss: 1.369
                                                                           [2, 6000] loss: 1.590
           [2, 8000] loss: 1.359
                                                                           [2, 8000] loss: 1.603
          [2, 10000] loss: 1.339
                                                                           [2, 10000] loss: 1.587
          [2, 12000] loss: 1.308
                                                                              12000] loss: 1.629
Accuracy of the network on the 10000 test images: 52 %
                                                               Accuracy of the network on the 10000 test images: 43 %
    Accuracy for class: plane is 70.1 %
                                                               Accuracy for class: plane is 58.5 %
    Accuracy for class: car is 64.1 %
                                                               Accuracy for class: car
                                                                                          is 64.7 %
    Accuracy for class: bird is 37.5 %
                                                               Accuracy for class: bird is 57.8 %
    Accuracy for class: cat is 48.5 %
                                                               Accuracy for class: cat
                                                                                         is 23.0 %
    Accuracy for class: deer is 53.7 %
                                                               Accuracy for class: deer is 17.2 %
    Accuracy for class: dog is 31.0 %
                                                               Accuracy for class: dog
                                                                                          is 29.4 %
    Accuracy for class: frog is 44.6 %
                                                               Accuracy for class: frog is 52.6 %
                                                               Accuracy for class: horse is 48.2 %
    Accuracy for class: horse is 51.4 %
                                                               Accuracy for class: ship is 41.9 %
    Accuracy for class: ship is 62.1 %
                                                               Accuracy for class: truck is 43.0 %
    Accuracy for class: truck is 65.6 %
```

We can find that after the increase of the learning rate, the accuracy decreases. This is because a larger learning rate leads to avoiding the local minimum. The gradient fluctuates around the local minimum.

Part Four: Different Optimizers.

We make comparisons of different optimizers including SGD, Adam and RMSProp. The result are as follows:

SGD: (Without momentum, learning rate = 0.001)

```
[1, 2000] loss: 2.304
                            Accuracy of the network on the 10000 test images: 31 %
 [1, 4000] loss: 2.302
                                         Accuracy for class: plane is 42.5 %
 [1, 6000] loss: 2.301
                                         Accuracy for class: car is 29.8 %
 [1, 8000] loss: 2.299
                                         Accuracy for class: bird is 0.2 %
 [1, 10000] loss: 2.296
                                         Accuracy for class: cat is 1.1 %
 [1, 12000] loss: 2.289
                                         Accuracy for class: deer is 49.0 %
 [2, 2000] loss: 2.262
                                         Accuracy for class: dog is 49.3 %
 [2, 4000] loss: 2.200
                                         Accuracy for class: frog is 17.9 %
 [2, 6000] loss: 2.114
                                         Accuracy for class: horse is 33.7 %
 [2, 8000] loss: 2.035
                                         Accuracy for class: ship is 38.4 %
 [2, 10000] loss: 1.976
                                         Accuracy for class: truck is 49.2 %
 [2, 12000] loss: 1.945
Adam: (learning rate = 0.001)
 [1, 2000] loss: 1.868
                        Accuracy of the network on the 10000 test images: 52 %
 [1, 4000] loss: 1.617
 [1, 6000] loss: 1.553
                                          Accuracy for class: plane is 50.7 %
 [1, 8000] loss: 1.505
                                          Accuracy for class: car is 66.4 %
 [1, 10000] loss: 1.463
                                          Accuracy for class: bird is 25.2 %
 [1, 12000] loss: 1.431
                                         Accuracy for class: cat is 46.6 %
 [2, 2000] loss: 1.392
                                         Accuracy for class: deer is 48.6 %
 [2, 4000] loss: 1.340
                                         Accuracy for class: dog is 40.1 %
 [2, 6000] loss: 1.332
                                         Accuracy for class: frog is 59.0 %
 [2, 8000] loss: 1.324
                                         Accuracy for class: horse is 56.5 %
 [2, 10000] loss: 1.353
                                          Accuracy for class: ship is 70.5 %
 [2, 12000] loss: 1.316
                                         Accuracy for class: truck is 59.2 %
RMSProp: (learning rate = 0.001)
[1, 2000] loss: 1.891
                        Accuracy of the network on the 10000 test images: 54 %
[1, 4000] loss: 1.656
[1, 6000] loss: 1.557
                                         Accuracy for class: plane is 64.1 %
[1, 8000] loss: 1.495
                                         Accuracy for class: car is 56.1 %
                                         Accuracy for class: bird is 38.2 %
[1, 10000] loss: 1.472
[1, 12000] loss: 1.451
                                         Accuracy for class: cat
                                                                 is 32.1 %
[2, 2000] loss: 1.354
                                         Accuracy for class: deer is 45.6 %
                                         Accuracy for class: dog is 44.6 %
[2, 4000] loss: 1.356
                                         Accuracy for class: frog is 72.2 %
[2, 6000] loss: 1.346
                                         Accuracy for class: horse is 57.5 %
[2, 8000] loss: 1.336
                                         Accuracy for class: ship is 64.9 %
[2, 10000] loss: 1.319
                                         Accuracy for class: truck is 67.9 %
[2, 12000] loss: 1.323
```

We can find that Adam and RMSProp are better optimizers. Because both can alleviate the gradient difference. Besides, Adam optimizer uses momentum to use past gradients. So they are better than SGD.

Part Five: Batch Normalization

We add batch normalization into our networks and see the results (Using Adam optimizer). The BN layers are added after the convolution layers.

```
Net(
  (conv1): Conv2d(3, 6, kernel_size=(5, 5), stride=(1, 1))
  (pool): MaxPool2d(kernel_size=2, stride=2, padding=0, dilation=1, ceil_mode=False)
  (conv2): Conv2d(6, 16, kernel_size=(5, 5), stride=(1, 1))
  (fc1): Linear(in_features=400, out_features=120, bias=True)
  (fc2): Linear(in_features=120, out_features=84, bias=True)
 (fc3): Linear(in_features=84, out_features=10, bias=True)
 (bn1): BatchNorm2d(6, eps=1e-05, momentum=0.1, affine=True, track_running_stats=True)
  (bn2): BatchNorm2d(16, eps=1e-05, momentum=0.1, affine=True, track_running_stats=True)
[1, 2000] loss: 1.882
                          Accuracy of the network on the 10000 test images: 53 %
 [1, 4000] loss: 1.676
                             Accuracy for class: plane is 56.6 %
 [1, 6000] loss: 1.595
                            Accuracy for class: car is 66.0 %
 [1, 8000] loss: 1.530
                            Accuracy for class: bird is 40.8 %
 [1, 10000] loss: 1.470
                             Accuracy for class: cat
                                                         is 58.5 %
 [1, 12000] loss: 1.446
                            Accuracy for class: deer is 35.1 %
 [2, 2000] loss: 1.389
                             Accuracy for class: dog
                                                        is 26.3 %
 [2, 4000] loss: 1.364
                            Accuracy for class: frog is 64.1 %
 [2, 6000] loss: 1.371
                             Accuracy for class: horse is 61.8 %
 [2, 8000] loss: 1.336
                             Accuracy for class: ship is 69.1 %
 [2, 10000] loss: 1.324
                             Accuracy for class: truck is 59.2 %
[2, 12000] loss: 1.330
```

BN layer should match the dimention of the samples. And compared with the first Adam optimizer, the accuracy improve 1%. I think this is because the BN layer normalizes the value after some layers, and after that the value will be sensitive to the activation function. It may get a better gradient and thus lead to a better result.

All of the experiments above are proposed using a PyTorch-GPU version.