CLASSIFICATION OF DIABETIC RETINOPATHY USING CNN

AIM:

To develop a CNN-based system for the automated classification of diabetic retinopathy stages using retinal images.

PROBLEM STATEMENT:

The problem at hand is to develop a CNN-based system for the automated classification of diabetic retinopathy stages using retinal images. Given a dataset of retinal images labeled with DR severity levels (e.g., no DR, mild, moderate, severe, proliferate), the objective is to train a CNN model to accurately classify these images into their respective categories.

Classification of Diabetic Retinopathy into its 5 classes which are as follows:

1. Mild
2. Moderate
3. No DR
4. Proliferate
5. Severe

The system should not only classify DR accurately but also provide interpretable insights into the features contributing to the classification decision. Additionally, the model should be robust to variances in image quality, lighting conditions, and patient demographics to ensure its applicability in real-world clinical settings.

THEORY:

Diabetic retinopathy (DR) is a significant complication of diabetes, often leading to blindness in working-age adults. Early detection and classification of DR stages are critical for effective treatment and prevention of vision loss.

Conventionally, diagnosing DR involves manual examination of retinal images by ophthalmologists, a process that is both time-consuming and subject to inter-observer variability. However, the emergence of deep learning, particularly Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs), offers a promising solution for automating this process.

CNNs excel at extracting hierarchical features from images, making them well-suited for tasks like image classification. In the context of DR classification, CNNs can learn to identify subtle patterns and features indicative of different stages of the disease directly from retinal images.

Training a CNN-based system involves feeding it a large dataset of labeled retinal images, where each image is associated with its corresponding DR stage. Through an iterative process, the CNN learns to map the input images to their respective classes, gradually improving its accuracy and generalization capability.

Once trained, the CNN-based system can classify unseen retinal images into different DR stages with high accuracy, providing a fast and objective assessment of the disease progression. This automated approach not only saves time but also ensures consistency and reliability in DR diagnosis, ultimately leading to better patient outcomes.

GOALS:

1. **Accuracy:** Develop a CNN model capable of accurately classifying diabetic retinopathy stages from retinal images, achieving high levels of precision and recall across all severity levels.
2. **Generalization:** Train the model on a diverse dataset representative of different populations and imaging conditions to ensure generalization across varied patient cohorts and clinical settings.
3. **Refinement:** To address challenges faced during developing this model.

SPECIFICATIONS:

1. **Dataset Source:** The dataset used for this project is obtained from the "Diabetic Retinopathy 224x224 2019 Data" available on Kaggle. It consists of retinal images with resolutions of 224x224 pixels.
2. **Data Transformation:** Before feeding the images into the model, a transformation pipeline is applied using PyTorch's torchvision.transforms.Compose().
   The transformations include:
   - Conversion to selective transformation to simplify the model input.
   - Conversion to PyTorch tensors using transforms.ToTensor(), enabling compatibility with PyTorch models.
3. **Dataset Split:** The dataset is split into training and testing sets using the torch.utils.data.random_split(). Approximately 80% of the data is allocated for training, and the remaining 20% for testing. Adjustments to the split ratio can be made as needed.
4. **Data Loaders:** PyTorch's DataLoader is utilized to efficiently load data batches during training and testing. Both training and testing data loaders are created with specified batch sizes and shuffle settings.
5. **Class Labels:** The dataset is labeled with five classes representing different stages of diabetic retinopathy: '0', '1', '2', '3', and '4'.
6. **Visualization:** A function named show_images() is defined to visualize a grid of image samples along with their corresponding labels. This function is useful for inspecting the data and ensuring proper preprocessing.
7. **Data Augmentation (Optional):** Data augmentation techniques such as random horizontal and vertical flips are commented out but can be uncommented and included in the transformation pipeline to increase the diversity of the training data.

TOOLS:

- **numpy (np):** NumPy is a fundamental package for scientific computing in Python. It provides support for large, multi-dimensional arrays and matrices, along with a collection of mathematical functions to operate on these arrays. Commonly used for numerical operations and data manipulation.
- **matplotlib.pyplot (plt):** Matplotlib is a plotting library for Python. Matplotlib.pyplot provides a MATLAB-like interface for creating plots and visualizations. It offers a wide range of functions for creating line plots, histograms, scatter plots, etc. Useful for visualizing data and results.

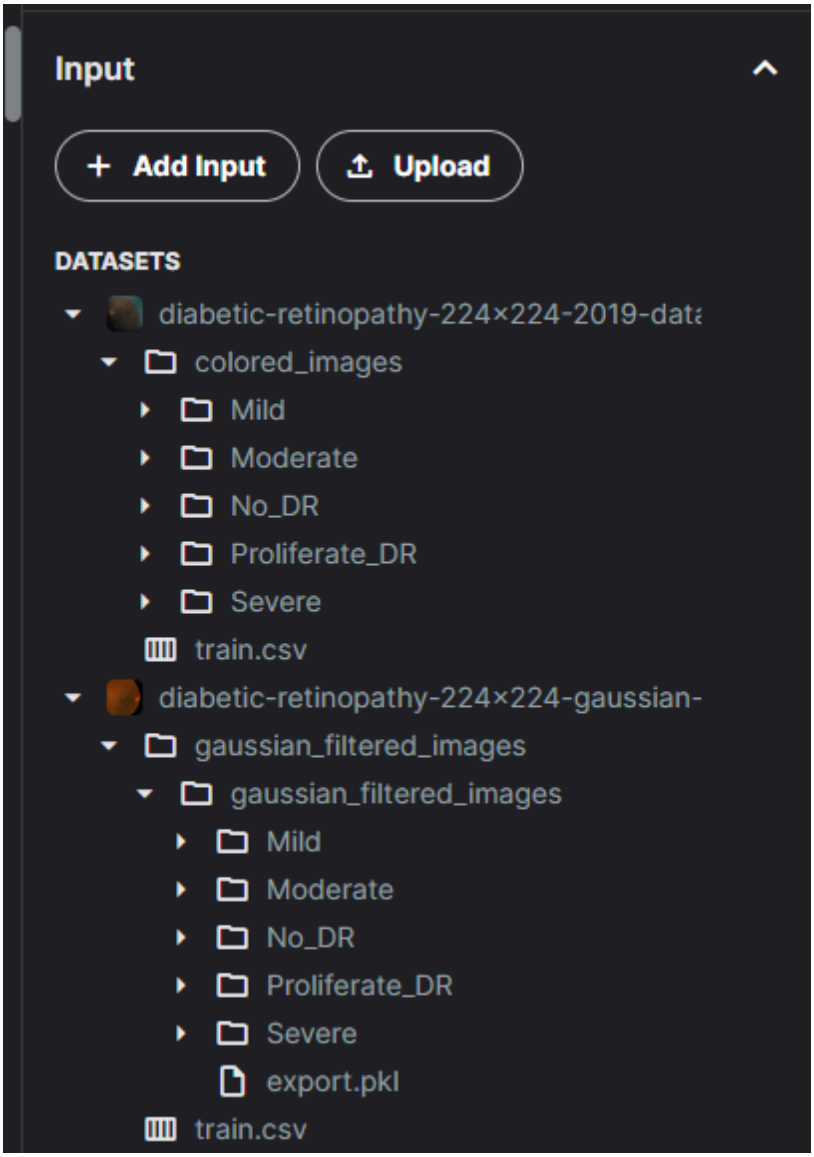
- **Torch:** PyTorch is an open-source machine learning library for Python. Torch is the top-level package of PyTorch, providing a flexible and efficient tensor library. It supports tensor computations with GPU acceleration, automatic differentiation, and neural network training.
- **Torchvision:** Torchvision is a PyTorch package containing popular datasets, model architectures, and image transformations for computer vision tasks. It provides tools for loading and preprocessing image datasets, along with pre-trained models for transfer learning.
- **Torch.optim:** Torch.optim is a subpackage of PyTorch for implementing various optimization algorithms. It offers a collection of optimization algorithms such as SGD, Adam, RMSprop, etc., for training neural networks. Used for optimizing model parameters during training.
- **torch.nn (nn):** Torch.nn is another subpackage of PyTorch containing neural network modules and related utilities. It provides pre-defined layers, loss functions, activation functions, and other components for building neural networks. Used for defining the architecture of neural networks.
- **Random:** The random module is a built-in Python module for generating random numbers and sequences. It provides functions for generating random numbers, shuffling sequences, and selecting random elements from sequences
- **Torch.utils.data:** The torch.utils.data module provides utilities for working with data loaders and datasets in PyTorch. It includes classes for creating custom datasets, data loaders for batch processing, and sampler classes for data shuffling and sampling.
- **Sklearn.metrics:** Scikit-learn is a popular machine learning library in Python. Sklearn.metrics is a submodule of scikit-learn containing various metrics for evaluating model performance. It provides functions for calculating precision, recall, accuracy, and other performance metrics for classification tasks. Used for evaluating model performance on test data.

METHODOLOGY:

1. Pre-processing

- **Data Loading**: In the provided code, the dataset containing images is loaded using torchvision. datasets.ImageFolder. This function loads images from a specified directory and assigns labels based on the subfolder names. It's a convenient way to organize image data for classification tasks because each subfolder represents a class, simplifying the labeling process and ensuring the correct association between images and their corresponding labels.

INPUT DATASET DIRECTORY:



```
dataset = torchvision.datasets.ImageFolder("/kaggle/input/diabetic-retinopathy-224x224-gaussian-filtered/gaussian_filtered_image
print(len(dataset))
train_size = int(0.8 * len(dataset))  # 80% for training, adjust as needed
test_size = len(dataset) - train_size

train_dataset, test_dataset = torch.utils.data.random_split(dataset, [train_size, test_size])

num_epochs = 40
batchsize = 1
classes = ('0','1','2','3','4')

train_loader = torch.utils.data.DataLoader(dataset=train_dataset, batch_size=batchsize, shuffle=True)
test_loader = torch.utils.data.DataLoader(dataset=test_dataset , batch_size=batchsize, shuffle=False)
```

- **Data transformation:** It is a crucial preprocessing step that occurs after loading the dataset, involving the application of multiple transformations using transforms. Compose. This function allows chaining together various image transformations to efficiently process the data. Initially, the transformations aim to standardize the input data and prepare it for consumption by the neural network. The transforms.ToTensor() transformation converts the input images into PyTorch tensors, the primary data structure for processing. Additionally, this transformation scales the pixel values from their original range of [0, 255] to [0, 1], ensuring numerical stability during training. These transformations collectively enhance the model's performance and generalization by standardizing the input data and facilitating efficient processing.

  We performed 6 Data Transformations for our pre-processing stage, one by one on our dataset and ran the model on preprocessed images to test the accuracy. The Transformations are:-

  - No Transformation
  - Gaussian Blur
  - Histogram Equalization
  - Grayscale
  - Center Crop
  - Data Augmentation using Rotation of Images (Horizontal and Vertical)

Pre-Processing

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```
transform_bunch = transforms.Compose([
  # transforms.RandomHorizontalFlip(p=0.5),
  # transforms.RandomVerticalFlip(p=0.5),
  # transforms.Grayscale(1),
  # transform.CenterCrop()
  # transforms.RandomEqualize(p=1),
  transforms.ToTensor()
])
```

- **Data Splitting**: Once the transformations are applied, the dataset is split into training and testing sets using the torch.utils.data.random_split. This step is essential for evaluating the performance of the trained model on unseen data. By allocating a portion of the dataset for testing, we can assess the model's ability to generalize to new, unseen examples. In this case, 80% of the data is allocated for training, while the remaining 20% is reserved for testing.

  Length of Dataset = 3662

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print(len(dataset))
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test_size = len(dataset) - train_size

train_dataset, test_dataset = torch.utils.data.random_split(dataset, [train_size, test_size])

num_epochs = 40
batchsize = 1
classes = ('0','1','2','3','4')

train_loader = torch.utils.data.DataLoader(dataset=train_dataset, batch_size=batchsize, shuffle=True)
test_loader = torch.utils.data.DataLoader(dataset=test_dataset , batch_size=batchsize, shuffle=False)
```

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For Augmentation Transformation,

length of the dataset = length of original x 3 = 3662 x 3 = 10968

```
# Create a new dataset with augmented images
augmented_dataset = CustomDataset(augmented_images)

# Concatenate the original dataset with the augmented dataset twice
dataset = ConcatDataset([augmented_dataset])

print(len(dataset))
train_size = int(0.8 * len(dataset))  # 80% for training, adjust as needed
test_size = len(dataset) - train_size

train_dataset, test_dataset = torch.utils.data.random_split(dataset, [train_size, test_size])

num_epochs = 40
batchsize = 1
classes = ('0','1','2','3','4')

train_loader = torch.utils.data.DataLoader(dataset=train_dataset, batch_size=batchsize, shuffle=True)
test_loader = torch.utils.data.DataLoader(dataset=test_dataset, batch_size=batchsize, shuffle=False)
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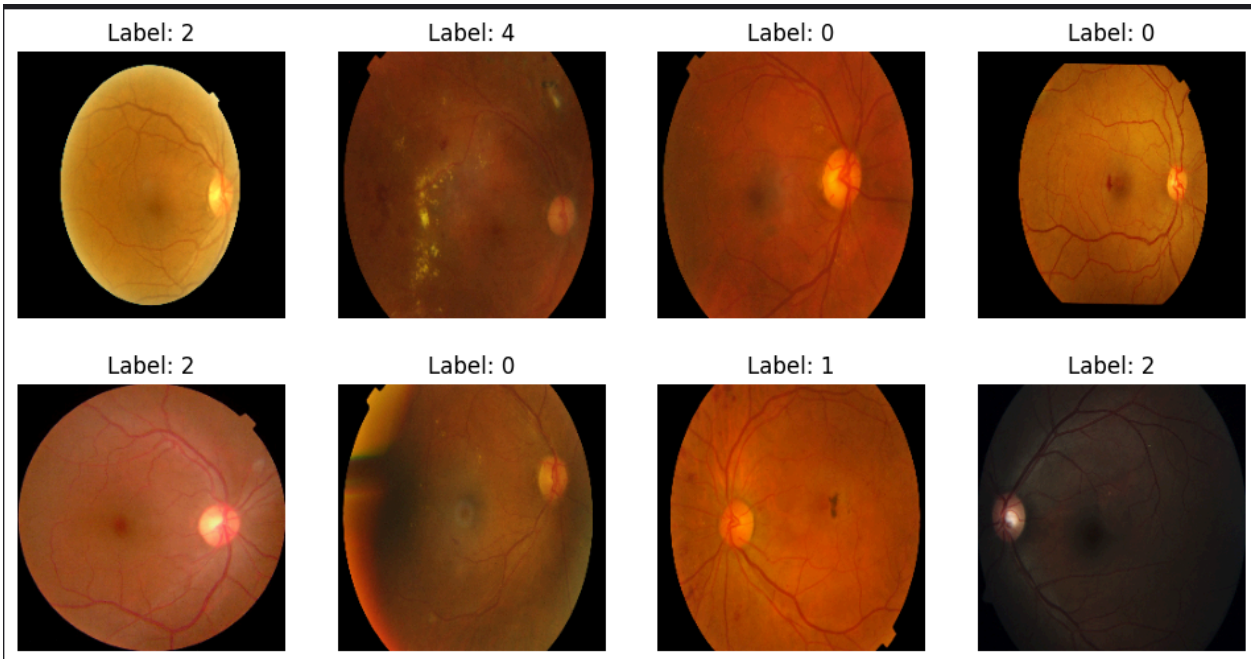
- **Data Loading into DataLoader**: To efficiently process the data during training and evaluation, PyTorch's DataLoader is used to create iterable data loaders for the training and testing datasets. These data loaders handle tasks such as batching, shuffling, and parallelizing data loading, optimizing the training process, and improving overall performance.
- **Data Visualization**: Finally, the show_images function is used to visualize a grid of images along with their corresponding labels. This visualization step serves multiple purposes: it allows us to inspect the preprocessed images to ensure that the transformations have been applied correctly, provides insights into the distribution of different classes within the dataset, and aids in debugging and verifying the data pipeline. Visualizing the data in this way helps us understand the nature of the dataset and confirms that the preprocessing steps have been executed as intended.

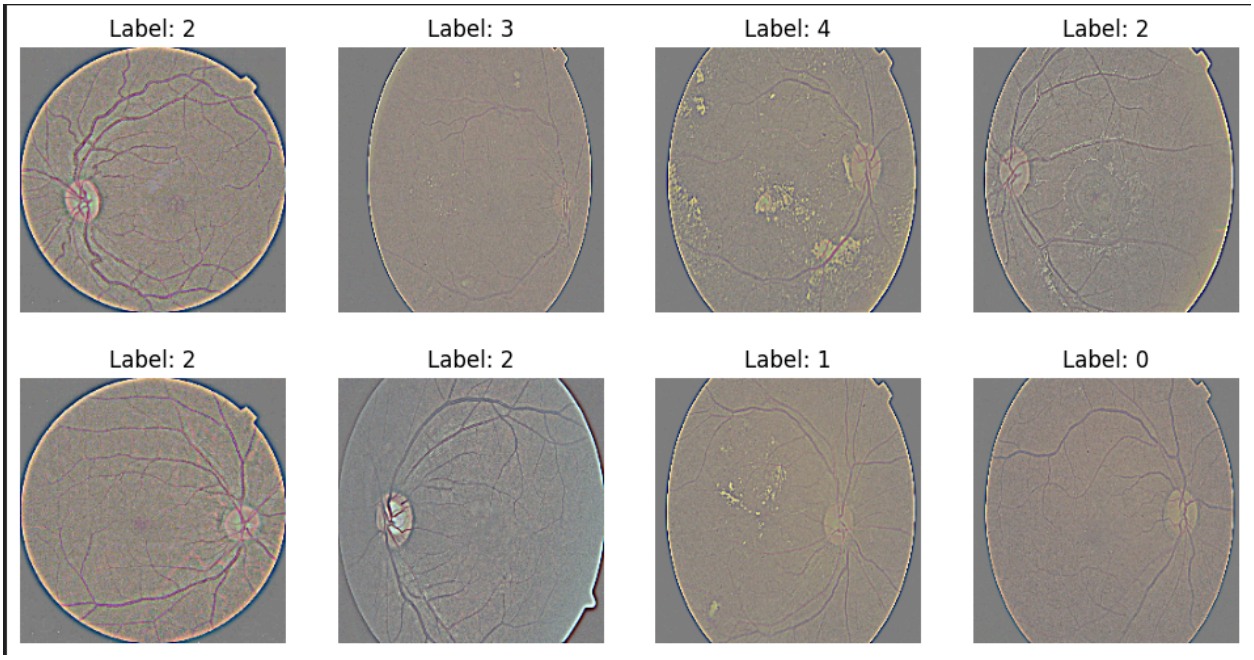
Code for Visualization:

```
# Function to show images in a grid of subplots
def show_images(images, labels, ncols=4):
    fig, axes = plt.subplots(nrows=2, ncols=4, figsize=(12, 6)
    for i, ax in enumerate(axes.flat):
        # Plot image
        img = np.transpose(images[i].numpy(), (1, 2, 0))  # Co
        ax.imshow(img)
        ax.set_title(f'Label: {classes[labels[i].item()]}')
        ax.axis('off')
    plt.show()

# Plot 8 images
images = []
labels = []
for _ in range(8):
    images1, labels1 = next(iter(train_loader))
    images.append(images1[0])  # Append the first (and only) i
    labels.append(labels1[0])  # Append the first (and only) l

# Show images in a grid of subplots
show_images(images, labels)
```

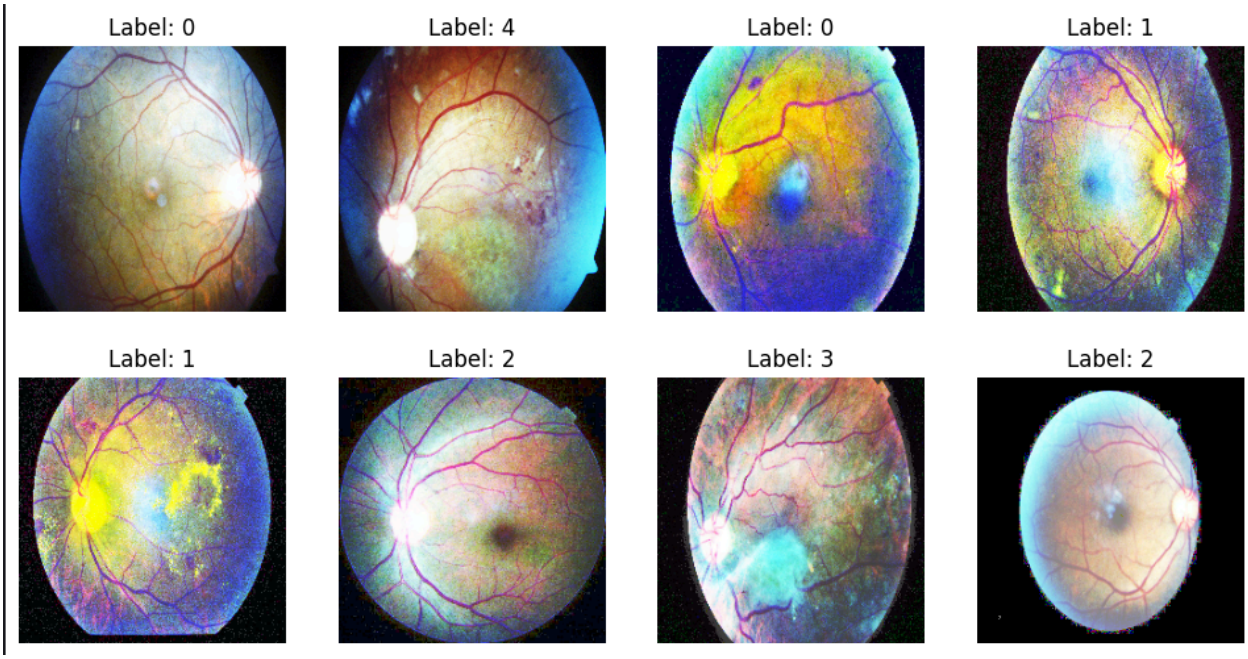
For No Transformation:



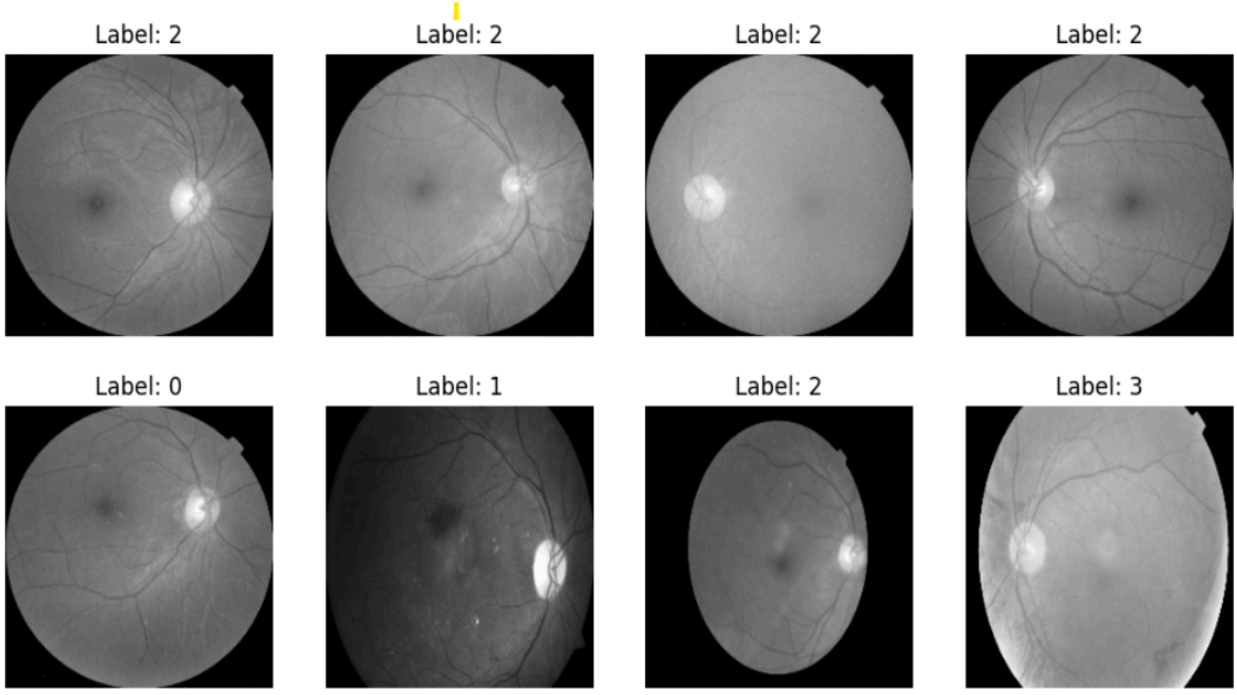
For Gaussian Blur:



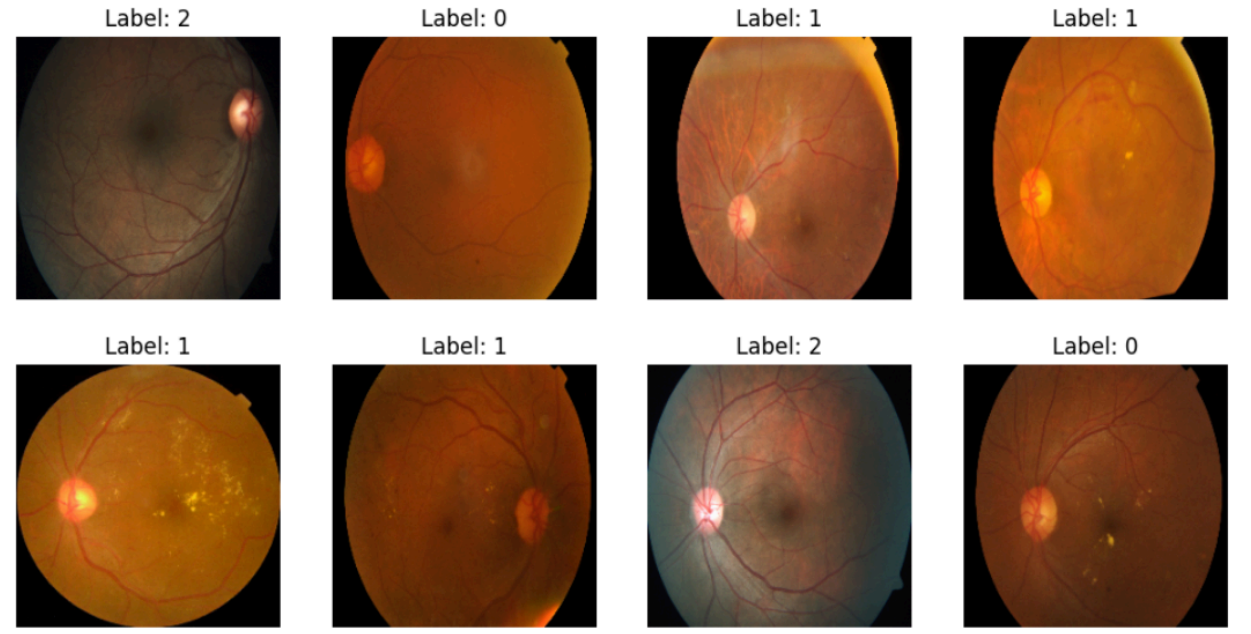
For Histogram Equalization:



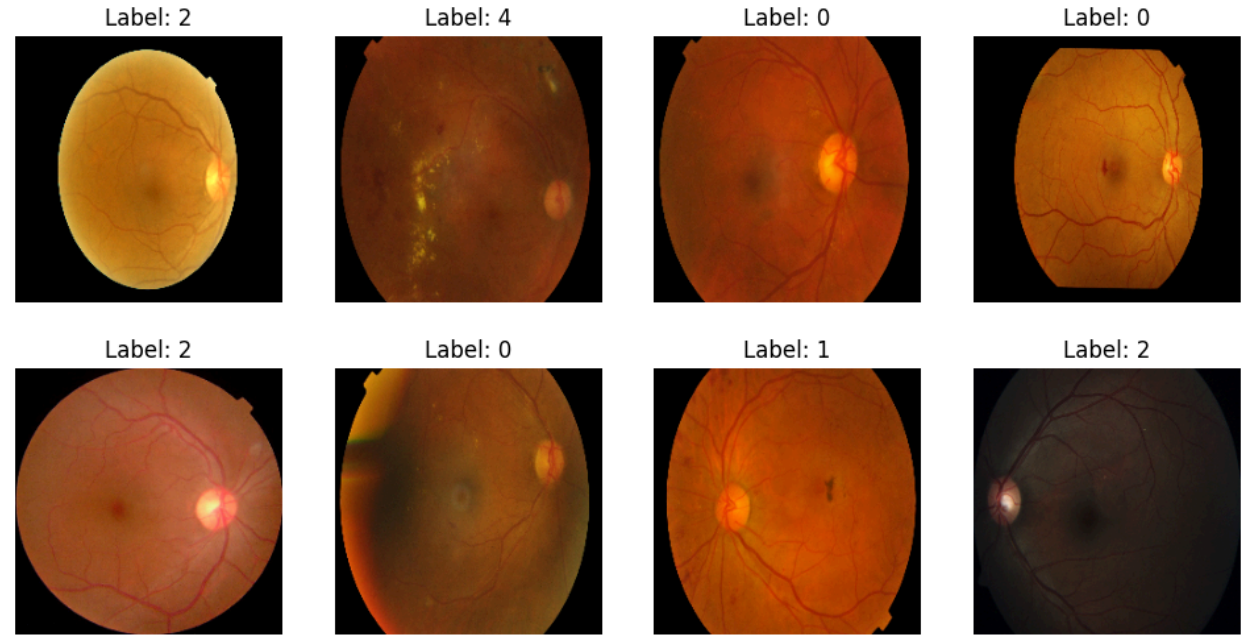
For Grayscale:



For Center Crop:



For Augmented Dataset - Rotated:



2. Model Building

- **Model Architecture Definition**: The ConvNet class defines the architecture of the convolutional neural network (CNN) model. This model comprises multiple layers organized into convolutional and fully connected blocks. Within the __init__ method, convolutional blocks (conv_block1 and conv_block2) are defined using nn.Sequential, each containing convolutional (nn.Conv2d), activation (ReLU), and pooling (MaxPool2d) layers. These convolutional layers extract hierarchical features from the input images, while ReLU activation functions introduce non-linearity to the model, and max-pooling layers downsample feature maps to reduce spatial dimensions and computational complexity. Additionally, fully connected layers (fc_block) are defined to perform classification based on the extracted features. The architecture culminates in an output layer (output_layer) with a final linear transformation to produce class predictions.
- **Forward Pass:** The forward method implements the forward pass of the CNN model. Input data x is sequentially passed through the defined convolutional blocks (conv_block1 and conv_block2). The view function reshapes the output tensor to match the input size expected by the fully connected layers (fc_block). The data is then fed through the fully connected layers to obtain class predictions. The final output is obtained by passing the result through the output layer, followed by reshaping to ensure compatibility with the expected output format.
- **Model Instantiation and Device Placement:** The instantiated ConvNet model is assigned to the computational device (GPU or CPU) specified by device using .to(device), enabling efficient computation.

```
[7]: model

[7]: ConvNet(
       (conv_block1): Sequential(
         (0): Conv2d(3, 6, kernel_size=(5, 5), stride=(1, 1))
         (1): ReLU()
         (2): MaxPool2d(kernel_size=2, stride=2, padding=0, dilation=1, ceil_mode=False)
         (3): Conv2d(6, 16, kernel_size=(5, 5), stride=(1, 1))
         (4): ReLU()
         (5): MaxPool2d(kernel_size=2, stride=2, padding=0, dilation=1, ceil_mode=False)
       )
       (conv_block2): Sequential(
         (0): Conv2d(16, 40, kernel_size=(3, 3), stride=(1, 1))
         (1): ReLU()
         (2): MaxPool2d(kernel_size=2, stride=2, padding=0, dilation=1, ceil_mode=False)
       )
       (fc_block): Sequential(
         (0): Linear(in_features=25000, out_features=120, bias=True)
         (1): ReLU()
         (2): Linear(in_features=120, out_features=84, bias=True)
         (3): ReLU()
         (4): Linear(in_features=84, out_features=8, bias=True)
       )
       (output_layer): Linear(in_features=8, out_features=5, bias=True)
     )
```

```
#Define the model, optimzier and loss function
model = ConvNet().to(device)

learning_rate = 0.00015
loss_func = nn.CrossEntropyLoss()
optimizer = optim.Adam(model.parameters(), lr = learning_rate)

n_total_steps = len(train_loader)
```

```
class ConvNet(nn.Module):
    def __init__(self):
        super().__init__()

        self.conv_block1 = nn.Sequential(
                            nn.Conv2d(3, 6, 5),
                            nn.ReLU(),
                            nn.MaxPool2d(2, 2),
                            nn.Conv2d(6, 16, 5),
                            nn.ReLU(),
                            nn.MaxPool2d(2, 2),
                            # nn.Dropout2d(0.25)
                            )

        self.conv_block2 = nn.Sequential(
                            nn.Conv2d(16, 40, 3),
                            nn.ReLU(),
                            nn.MaxPool2d(2, 2),
                            # nn.Dropout2d(0.25)
                            )

        self.fc_block = nn.Sequential(
                                    nn.Linear(25*25*40, 120),
                                    nn.ReLU(),
                                    nn.Linear(120, 84),
                                    nn.ReLU(),
                                    # nn.Dropout(0.25),
                                    nn.Linear(84, 8))

        self.output_layer = nn.Linear(8, 5)

    def forward(self, x):
        x = self.conv_block1(x)
        x = self.conv_block2(x)
        x = x.view(-1, 25*25*40)
        x = self.fc_block(x)
        output = self.output_layer(x)
        x = output.view(1, -1)
        return x
```

- **Optimizer and Loss Function Definition:** The Adam optimizer (optim.Adam) is employed to optimize the model parameters during training, with a specified learning rate (learning_rate). The cross-entropy loss (nn.CrossEntropyLoss) is chosen as the loss function, suitable for multi-class classification tasks. This loss function calculates the discrepancy between the model's predicted class probabilities and the ground truth labels, guiding the optimization process to minimize classification error.

- **Training Loop Preparation**: The total number of steps in the training loop (n_total_steps) is determined by the length of the train_loader, which provides batches of training data. This value is crucial for determining the number of iterations required to complete one epoch of training and is used to control the training loop's termination.

- Overall, this model-building process involves defining the architecture of a CNN model, specifying how input data propagates through the network to produce predictions, setting up the optimization algorithm and loss function, and preparing for the training loop to iteratively update the model parameters using the provided dataset. These steps collectively lay the groundwork for training the CNN model to accurately classify input images into their respective categories.

```python
#Training and Testing :D

loss_list = []
best_accuracy = 0.0
best_model_state = None


for epoch in range(num_epochs):
    for i, (images, labels) in enumerate(train_loader):

        images = images.to(device)
        labels = labels.to(device)

        # Forward Pass
        prediction = model(images)
        loss = loss_func(prediction, labels)
        loss_list.append(loss)

        # Backward and optimize
        optimizer.zero_grad()
        loss.backward()
        optimizer.step()

        if (i+1) % 700 == 0:
            print (f'Epoch [{epoch+1}/{num_epochs}], Step [{i+1}/{n_total_steps + 1}], Loss: {loss.item():.4f}')
        elif(i+1 == len(train_loader)):
            print (f'Epoch [{epoch+1}/{num_epochs}], Step [{i+1}/{n_total_steps + 1}], Loss: {loss.item():.4f}')

    print('Finished Training')
```

```python
    model.eval()
    with torch.no_grad():
        n_correct = 0
        n_samples = 0
        n_class_correct = [0 for i in range(5)]
        n_class_samples = [0 for i in range(5)]
        for image, label in test_loader:
            image = image.to(device)
            label = label.to(device)
            prediction = model(image)
            _, predicted = torch.max(prediction, 1)
            n_samples += label.size(0)
            n_correct += (predicted == label).sum().item()

            if(predicted == label):
                n_class_correct[label] += 1
            n_class_samples[label] += 1

        acc = 100.0 * n_correct / n_samples
        print(f'Accuracy of the network: {acc} %')
        if acc > best_accuracy:
            best_accuracy = acc
            best_model_state = model.state_dict()
        #for i in range(5):
            #acc = 100.0 * n_class_correct[i] / n_class_samples[i]
            #print(f'Accuracy of {classes[i]}: {acc} %')
print(f'Best Accuracy: {best_accuracy}%')
model.load_state_dict(best_model_state)
```

3. Accuracy

- **Training Loop:** During each epoch of training, the model undergoes multiple iterations through the training dataset, with each iteration (or batch) involving a forward pass, backward pass, and optimization step. Within the training loop, images and their corresponding labels are fetched from the train_loader. These data batches are transferred to the specified computational device (GPU or CPU) using .to(device), ensuring efficient processing. The forward pass through the model generates predictions, and the loss between the predicted and true labels is calculated using the specified loss function (loss_func). This loss value is appended to the loss_list, enabling the tracking of loss over epochs. The optimizer (optimizer) then performs backpropagation to update the model parameters, minimizing the loss and improving the model's performance through gradient descent.
- **Evaluation on Test Set:** After completing the training loop for each epoch, the model's performance is evaluated on the test dataset to assess its accuracy and generalization ability. The model is switched to evaluation mode using model.eval() to disable dropout layers and batch normalization, ensuring deterministic behavior during inference. With torch.no_grad(), gradients are not calculated, reducing memory consumption and speeding up computations. Within the evaluation loop, each image from the test dataset is forwarded through the model, and predictions are generated. The number of correct predictions and total samples are accumulated to compute the overall accuracy of the model on the test set. Additionally, class-wise accuracies are computed to analyze the model's performance across different classes.
- **Accuracy Reporting and Model Selection:** The overall accuracy of the model on the test set is reported as a percentage. Additionally, the best accuracy achieved during training is tracked, and if the current accuracy surpasses the previous best accuracy, the model's state dictionary (model.state_dict()) is saved as the best model state (best_model_state). This ensures that the best-performing model is retained for further use. Finally, the best accuracy achieved throughout training is printed, providing insights into the model's performance. This accuracy value serves as a crucial metric for assessing the model's effectiveness in classifying unseen data and guiding decisions regarding model selection and deployment.

For No Transformation:

```
Finished Training
Accuracy of the network: 73.53342428376534 %
Epoch [38/40], Step [700/2930], Loss: 0.0000
Epoch [38/40], Step [1400/2930], Loss: 0.0597
Epoch [38/40], Step [2100/2930], Loss: 0.0000
Epoch [38/40], Step [2800/2930], Loss: 0.0000
Epoch [38/40], Step [2929/2930], Loss: 0.0000
Finished Training
Accuracy of the network: 70.80491132332878 %
Epoch [39/40], Step [700/2930], Loss: 0.0085
Epoch [39/40], Step [1400/2930], Loss: 0.0000
Epoch [39/40], Step [2100/2930], Loss: 0.0212
Epoch [39/40], Step [2800/2930], Loss: 0.0000
Epoch [39/40], Step [2929/2930], Loss: 0.0132
Finished Training
Accuracy of the network: 73.53342428376534 %
Epoch [40/40], Step [700/2930], Loss: 0.0001
Epoch [40/40], Step [1400/2930], Loss: 0.0009
Epoch [40/40], Step [2100/2930], Loss: 0.0000
Epoch [40/40], Step [2800/2930], Loss: 0.0012
Epoch [40/40], Step [2929/2930], Loss: 0.0000
Finished Training
Accuracy of the network: 72.8512960436562 %
Best Accuracy: 74.62482946793997%

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For Gaussian:

```
Accuracy of the network: 70.80491132332878 %
Epoch [40/40], Step [700/2930], Loss: 0.0000
Epoch [40/40], Step [1400/2930], Loss: 0.0000
Epoch [40/40], Step [2100/2930], Loss: 0.0009
Epoch [40/40], Step [2800/2930], Loss: 0.0000
Epoch [40/40], Step [2929/2930], Loss: 0.0000
Finished Training
Accuracy of the network: 70.3956343792633 %
Best Accuracy: 72.71487039563438%

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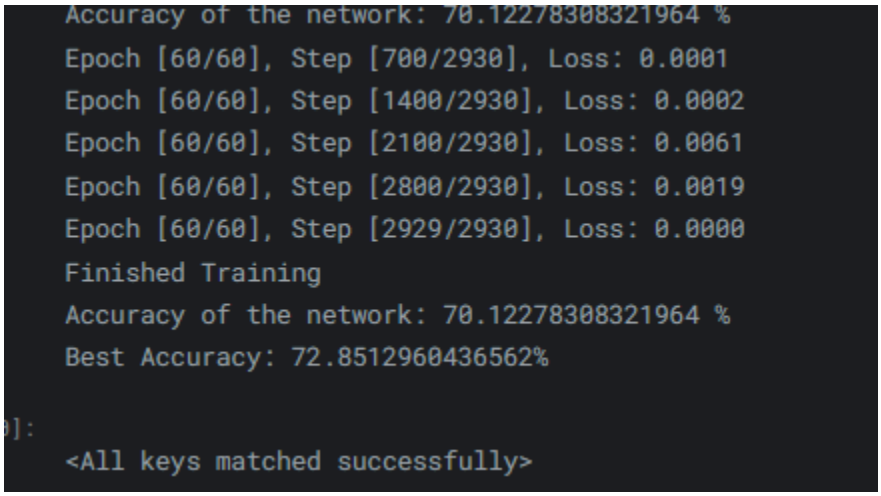
For Histogram Equalization:



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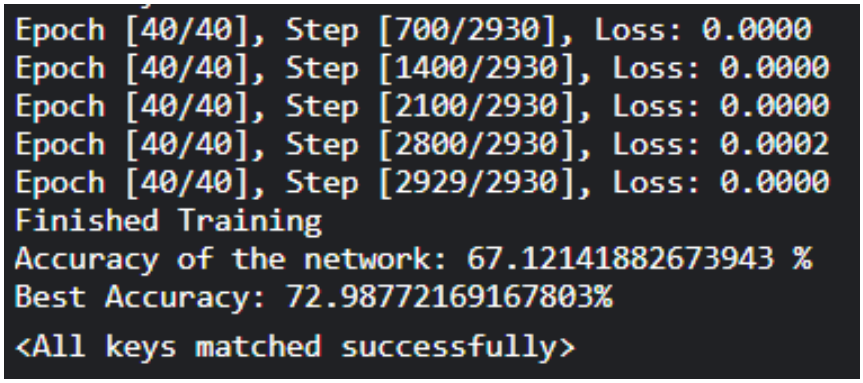

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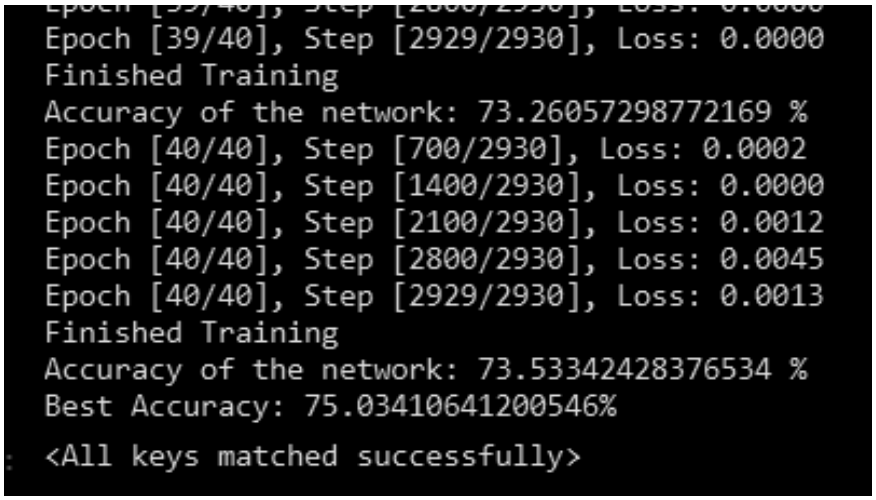

For Data Augmentation using Rotation:

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      Accuracy of the network: 77.66151046405824 %
      Epoch [40/40], Step [700/2930], Loss: 0.0000
      Epoch [40/40], Step [1400/2930], Loss: 0.0000
      Epoch [40/40], Step [2100/2930], Loss: 0.0000
      Epoch [40/40], Step [2800/2930], Loss: 0.0000
      Epoch [40/40], Step [3500/2930], Loss: 0.0011
      Epoch [40/40], Step [4200/2930], Loss: 0.6663
      Epoch [40/40], Step [4900/2930], Loss: 0.0023
      Epoch [40/40], Step [5600/2930], Loss: 0.0001
      Epoch [40/40], Step [6300/2930], Loss: 0.0000
      Epoch [40/40], Step [7000/2930], Loss: 0.0000
      Epoch [40/40], Step [7700/2930], Loss: 0.0000
      Epoch [40/40], Step [8400/2930], Loss: 0.0000
      Epoch [40/40], Step [8788/2930], Loss: 0.0103
      Finished Training
      Accuracy of the network: 73.88535031847134 %
      Best Accuracy: 80.34576888080073%
[32]: <All keys matched successfully>
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RESULTS OF SIMULATION:

Best model: *Data Augmented Transformation*

Best Test Evaluation: ***80.34*** *% Accuracy*


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      Accuracy of the network: 77.66151046405824 %
      Epoch [40/40], Step [700/2930], Loss: 0.0000
      Epoch [40/40], Step [1400/2930], Loss: 0.0000
      Epoch [40/40], Step [2100/2930], Loss: 0.0000
      Epoch [40/40], Step [2800/2930], Loss: 0.0000
      Epoch [40/40], Step [3500/2930], Loss: 0.0011
      Epoch [40/40], Step [4200/2930], Loss: 0.6663
      Epoch [40/40], Step [4900/2930], Loss: 0.0023
      Epoch [40/40], Step [5600/2930], Loss: 0.0001
      Epoch [40/40], Step [6300/2930], Loss: 0.0000
      Epoch [40/40], Step [7000/2930], Loss: 0.0000
      Epoch [40/40], Step [7700/2930], Loss: 0.0000
      Epoch [40/40], Step [8400/2930], Loss: 0.0000
      Epoch [40/40], Step [8788/2930], Loss: 0.0103
      Finished Training
      Accuracy of the network: 73.88535031847134 %
      Best Accuracy: 80.34576888080073%
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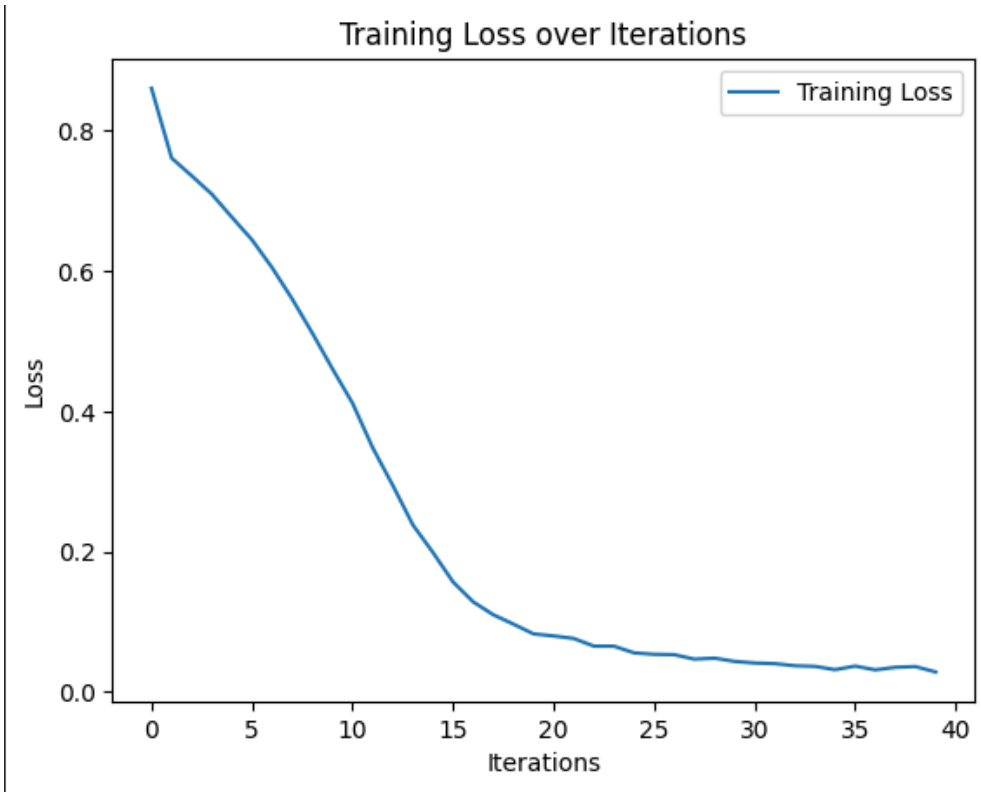
Training Loss:



Precision, Accuracy, Recall:

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Class: 0, Precision: 0.5482233502538071, Recall: 0.5046728971962616
Class: 1, Precision: 0.657672849915683, Recall: 0.6521739130434783
Class: 2, Precision: 0.9464763603925067, Recall: 0.9654231119199272
Class: 3, Precision: 0.3147208121827411, Recall: 0.3924050632911392
Class: 4, Precision: 0.3111111111111111, Recall: 0.21705426356589147
Overall Accuracy: 0.7502274795268425
Sklearn Precision: [0.54822335 0.65767285 0.94647636 0.31472081 0.31111111]
Sklearn Recall: [0.5046729  0.65217391 0.96542311 0.39240506 0.21705426]
Sklearn Accuracy: 0.7502274795268425
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CHALLENGES ADDRESSED:

1. Trying various pre-processing techniques and checking their accuracy suggests that each model stagnant is around the 72 % accuracy mark.

2. To address this issue, we increased the dataset size to 3x using rotation transformation on the original dataset. Using this Data Augmentation technique we increased our model accuracy to 80%.

NEW THINGS LEARNED:

1. Data Transformation with PyTorch for Digital Image Processing: We explored how to leverage PyTorch's torchvision.transforms.Compose() for efficient data preprocessing in Digital Image Processing (DIP). This tool enables us to construct a sequential pipeline for transforming input images, encompassing operations like resizing, normalization, and conversion to tensors. By structuring these transformations within a Compose object, we ensure consistency and reproducibility in the preprocessing pipeline, crucial for tasks like image enhancement and analysis.

2. Importance of Data Augmentation in DIP: Our investigation highlighted the significance of data augmentation techniques in DIP for enhancing dataset diversity and model robustness. By incorporating augmentation methods such as random horizontal and vertical flips into the transformation pipeline, we augment the training dataset, introducing variations that help the model generalize better to unseen data and mitigate overfitting issues common in DIP tasks.

3. Role of Pooling and Convolutional Layers in DIP CNN Architectures: We delved into the functionalities of pooling and convolutional layers in convolutional neural networks (CNNs) tailored for Digital Image Processing (DIP). Pooling layers, exemplified by nn.MaxPool2d(), facilitate spatial downsampling of feature maps, reducing computational complexity and enhancing translation invariance. Meanwhile, convolutional layers like nn.Conv2d() serve as feature extractors, leveraging learnable filters to detect spatial patterns and hierarchies within images, essential for tasks like edge detection and feature extraction in DIP.

FUTURE PROSPECTS:

1. Enhanced Accuracy and Performance: Continuous refinement of the CNN-based system offers avenues to enhance accuracy and performance in digital image processing (DIP). Fine-tuning model architecture, optimizing hyperparameters, and diversifying the dataset with more representative images are focal points for improving classification precision. Through meticulous adjustments and data enrichment, we aim to elevate the system's capability to discern subtle features indicative of diabetic retinopathy stages with heightened accuracy.

2. Integration with Clinical Workflow: Seamlessly integrating the CNN-based system into clinical workflows is pivotal for its practical implementation in real-world DIP scenarios. Collaborating with healthcare providers such as hospitals, eye clinics, optician's shops, etc. facilitates the harmonious incorporation of the system with electronic health records (EHR) systems and diagnostic tools. By aligning with existing clinical practices, we ensure the efficiency and effectiveness of the system within clinical environments, streamlining the diagnostic process for

diabetic retinopathy. Also continually increase the size of our dataset by examining and keeping track of the retinal images of the patients and storing them thereby increasing the accuracy over time.

3. Real-time Image Analysis: Developing real-time image processing capabilities constitutes a pivotal aspect of enhancing clinical decision-making in DIP. By optimizing algorithms for speed and efficiency, we enable swift analysis and classification of retinal images, facilitating prompt diagnosis and intervention for patients with diabetic retinopathy. Through agile and responsive image analysis, we strive to expedite the diagnostic process, ensuring timely access to crucial medical insights and interventions for improved patient outcomes.

CONCLUSION:

This project served as a comprehensive application of the concepts learned in our Digital Image Processing (DIP) journey, delving into PyTorch libraries and expanding our understanding of Machine Learning (ML) as well. Utilizing PyTorch, we successfully developed a Convolutional Neural Network (CNN)-based system tailored for the automated classification of diabetic retinopathy stages using retinal images. Employing an array of transformations on the image dataset, we iteratively trained multiple models, ultimately achieving an accuracy surpassing 80% across multiple epochs, facilitating precise predictions.

The coupling of image processing techniques with an efficient ML model resulted in a potent solution to the problem at hand. Throughout this endeavor, our exploration led us to adopt novel methodologies such as Data Augmentation. Our journey in this project not only expanded our proficiency in DIP but also highlighted the complementary nature of image processing techniques and ML models.