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Introduction: This assignment evaluates three different models applied to the “CIFAR-10” dataset for image classification: Logistic Regression, a Basic Feedforward Neural Network (FNN), and a Convolutional Neural Network (CNN). Each model represents a different level of complexity and approach to the task, offering insights into their respective performances and limitations.

Model 1: CIFAR-10 Logistic Image Classifier:

Introduction: This project is an exploration into the application of logistic regression for image classification on the CIFAR-10 dataset. Logistic regression, typically used for binary classification, is adapted here for a multi-class setting.The primary goal is to create a model capable of accurately identifying the category of a given image.

Problem Formulation:

- **Input:** The input to the model is a 32x32 pixel RGB image.
- **Output:** The output is a classification label, identifying the image as one of the 10 categories in the CIFAR-10 dataset.
- **Dataset:** The CIFAR-10 dataset, containing 50,000 training images and 10,000 testing images.
- **Number of Samples:** 60,000 images in total, with a training/validation split of 80/20.

Approaches and Baselines:

- **Model Architecture**: Logistic Regression adapted for multi-class classification.
- **Hyperparameters**:
  - Convolutional layers: The first layer has 32 filters, and the second has 64 filters, both with a kernel size of 3.
  - Fully Connected Layers: The first has 500 neurons, and the output layer corresponds to the 10 classes.

    - Loss Function: Cross-Entropy Loss. (CE).
    - Optimizer: Adam, with a learning rate of 0.001.
    - Batch Size: 64
- **Tuning**: Hyperparameters are standard choices for a baseline model. The learning rate and batch size are common starting points and were not extensively tuned due to the model's simplicity.

<u>Evaluation:</u>

- **Primary Metric**: Accuracy, measuring the proportion of correct classifications over the total number of predictions.
- **Real Goal and Approximation**: Accuracy is a direct measure of classification performance, especially relevant for balanced datasets like CIFAR-10. However, it doesn't account for nuances like class-wise performance, which could be important in imbalanced datasets.

<u>Results:</u>

Epoch	**1**	**2**	**3**	**4**	**5**	**6**	**7**	**8**	**9**	**10**
Avg Loss	1.824731	1.824560	1.814404	1.847224	1.843623	1.839261	1.808920	1.853564	1.822991	1.843404
Acc	0.373900	0.375500	0.375400	0.378700	0.378700	0.374100	0.385400	0.374800	0.384800	0.371400

- **Performance**: The logistic regression model showed steady improvement over epochs, achieving a final accuracy of around 37%. This performance is indicating that the model could capture some patterns in the data but was limited in its ability to deal with the complexity of the images.
- **Comparison with Baselines**: In the context of CIFAR-10, more sophisticated models like deep convolutional neural networks (CNNs) significantly

outperform this simple logistic regression model, achieving much higher accuracies.

- **Interpretation**: The results highlight the limitations of logistic regression for complex image classification tasks. While logistic regression can serve as a baseline, its linear nature and lack of feature extraction capabilities make it less suitable for high-dimensional image data.

Conclusion: The project demonstrates the baseline capabilities of logistic regression in a multi-class image classification scenario, underscoring the need for more complex models to handle high-dimensional data like images effectively. This exploration sets the stage for comparing more sophisticated models against a basic benchmark in image classification tasks.

Model 2: CIFAR-10 Basic Image Classifier (FNN):

Introduction: This project focuses on developing a basic image classification model using a feedforward neural network (FNN). The task is to classify images from the CIFAR-10 dataset, a standard dataset in machine learning that consists of 60,000 32x32 color images across 10 different classes, including cars, birds, and cats. The goal is to explore the effectiveness of a simple neural network architecture in image classification.

Problem Formulation:

- **Input:** The input to the model is a 32x32 pixel RGB image.
- **Output:** The output is a classification label, identifying the image as one of the 10 categories in the CIFAR-10 dataset.
- **Dataset:** The CIFAR-10 dataset, containing 50,000 training images and 10,000 testing images.

- **Number of Samples:** 60,000 images in total, with a training/validation split of 80/20.

Approaches and Baselines:

- **Model Architecture**: A basic feedforward neural network with two fully connected layers.
- **Hyperparameters**:
    - First fully connected layer: 500 neurons.
    - Output layer: 10 neurons (one for each class).
    - Loss Function: Mean Squared Error (MSE).
    - Optimizer: Adam, with a learning rate of 0.001.
    - Batch Size: 64
- **Tuning**: The model's hyperparameters were initially set based on standard practices and fine-tuned based on the performance observed during the preliminary training.

Evaluation:

- **Primary Metric**: Classification accuracy, which is the percentage of correctly classified images in the validation and test datasets.
- **Real Goal and Approximation**: The real goal is high classification accuracy, which directly indicates the model's performance. While accuracy is a clear and straightforward metric, it does not account for class imbalances or misclassification costs. However, given CIFAR-10's balanced nature, accuracy is a reasonable and relevant measure of success.

Results:

Epoch	**1**	**2**	**3**	**4**	**5**	**6**	**7**	**8**	**9**	**10**
Avg	0.0763	0.0736	0.0747	0.0758	0.0745	0.0753	0.0774	0.0775	0.0733	0.0747

Loss	92	61	99	21	88	75	77	50	28	13
Acc	0.417300	0.460400	0.460200	0.455100	0.479500	0.464400	0.442400	0.472400	0.485500	0.481100

- **Performance**: The model showed incremental improvements in accuracy over 10 epochs, reaching an accuracy of approximately 47.7% on the test set.
- **Comparison with Baselines**: This performance is modest compared to more sophisticated models like convolutional neural networks (CNNs), which are known to achieve significantly higher accuracy on CIFAR-10.
- **Interpretation**: The results indicate that while the feedforward neural network can learn to some extent, its architecture is quite basic for the complexity of image classification tasks. Advanced models, particularly CNNs, are better suited for capturing spatial and hierarchical patterns in images, which is crucial for higher accuracy in such tasks.

Conclusion: The project demonstrates the use of a simple neural network for image classification on a standard dataset. The results underline the limitations of basic architectures in complex image recognition tasks, suggesting the need for more advanced techniques in achieving higher performance.

Model 3: CIFAR-10 ImageNet CNN:

Introduction: This project focuses on developing a convolutional neural network (CNN) to classify images from the CIFAR-10 dataset. CIFAR-10 is a well-known dataset in machine learning, comprising 60,000 32x32 color images spread across 10 different classes, each representing different objects such as animals and vehicles. The primary goal is to create a model capable of accurately identifying the category of a given image.

Problem Formulation:

- **Input:** The input to the model is a 32x32 pixel RGB image.
- **Output:** The output is a classification label, identifying the image as one of the 10 categories in the CIFAR-10 dataset.
- **Dataset:** The CIFAR-10 dataset, containing 50,000 training images and 10,000 testing images.
- **Number of Samples:** 60,000 images in total, with a training/validation split of 80/20.

Approaches and Baselines:

- **Model Architecture**: A CNN with two convolutional layers followed by max pooling and two fully connected layers.
- **Hyperparameters**:
  - Convolutional layers: The first layer has 32 filters, and the second has 64 filters, both with a kernel size of 3.
  - Fully Connected Layers: The first has 500 neurons, and the output layer corresponds to the 10 classes.
  - Loss Function: Mean Squared Error (MSE).
  - Optimizer: Adam, with a learning rate of 0.001.
  - Batch Size: 64
- **Tuning**: Hyperparameters were chosen based on common practices in CNN architecture design. The model's depth and complexity are balanced to prevent overfitting while maintaining the ability to learn from the dataset effectively.

Evaluation:

- **Primary Metric**: The primary measure of success is the classification accuracy on the validation and test datasets. This metric directly reflects the model's ability to correctly classify images.

- **Real Goal and Approximation**: The real goal is to maximize accuracy. Accuracy is a suitable measure for CIFAR-10 due to its balanced nature, making it a reliable indicator of the model's performance.

<u>Results:</u>

Epoch	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Avg Loss	0.055908	0.051056	0.045885	0.045369	0.044854	0.044597	0.045905	0.047358	0.046940	0.047687
Acc	0.608000	0.654600	0.700800	0.708500	0.714400	0.720600	0.717900	0.704400	0.710100	0.703300

- **Performance**: The CNN model showed significant improvement over 10 epochs, reaching an accuracy of approximately 70.6% on the test set.
- **Comparison with Baselines**: This performance is a notable improvement over simpler architectures, such as the previously used feedforward neural network, indicating the effectiveness of CNNs in image classification tasks.
- **Interpretation**: The results demonstrate the CNN's ability to capture spatial hierarchies and features in images, which is crucial for higher accuracy in image classification. The gradual increase in accuracy also suggests effective learning without significant overfitting.

<u>Conclusion:</u> The project shows the effectiveness of CNNs in classifying images from the CIFAR-10 dataset. The architecture's ability to learn from the data is evidenced by the steady increase in accuracy across epochs. The results reinforce the suitability of CNNs for image classification tasks, especially in datasets like CIFAR-10, where spatial relationships within the images are key to accurate classification.

Summary: Logistic regression provides a basic benchmark, but linear approach is insufficient for complex datasets like CIFAR-10. The FNN offers some improvement but is still limited due to its non-hierarchical nature. The CNN, with its ability to capture spatial relationships and features in images, outperforms the simpler models, confirming its suitability for image classification tasks. This progression from logistic regression to CNNs highlights the importance of choosing appropriate architectures for specific tasks, especially in the field of image processing and classification.