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# Step 1: Change runtime type from cpu to gpu (for parallel execution
to speed up) in colab
import torch
torch.cuda.is available()
True
if torch.cuda.is available():
 print(f"Assigned GPU is : {torch.cuda.get device name(0)}")
 !nvidia-smi
Assigned GPU is : Tesla T4
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print(f"Python version: {platform.python version()}")
Python version: 3.12.11
print(f"PyTorch version: {torch. version }")
PyTorch version: 2.8.0+cu126
# Runtime → Change runtime type → Hardware accelerator: GPU (then run)
import torch, platform, subprocess, sys
print("CUDA available:", torch.cuda.is_available())
if torch.cuda.is_available():
   print("GPU:", torch.cuda.get_device_name(0))
   !nvidia-smi
print("Python:", platform.python_version())
print("PyTorch:", torch.__version__)
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PyTorch: 2.8.0+cu126
# Step 2: Set random seeds to make training more stable -
Reproducability
import random
import numpy as np
SEED = 42
random.seed(SEED)
np.random.seed(SEED)
torch.manual seed(SEED)
if torch.cuda.is available():
 torch.cuda.manual seed all(SEED)
device = torch.device("cuda" if torch.cuda.is_available() else "cpu")
print(f"{device}")
cuda
# Step 3: Configure PyTorch to try & choose the fastest, non-
deterministic algorithm
# Let PyTorch (internally via cudnn) - try different algorithms &
choose the fastest one
torch.backends.cudnn.benchmark = True
# Let PyTorch get faster results by using non-deterministic algorithms
torch.backends.cudnn.deterministic = False
# Step 4: Load CIFAR-10 image dataset - data pre-processing &
augmentation
import torchvision
import torchvision.transforms as T
from torch.utils.data import DataLoader
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# Define transformations to be applied on image dataset
# CIFAR-10 mean/std values per channel - RGB
MEAN = (0.4914, 0.4822, 0.4465)
STD = (0.2470, 0.2435, 0.2616)
# Create data augmentation (to improve robustness) & normalization on
training data
train_tfms = T.Compose([T.RandomCrop(32, padding=4),
T.RandomHorizontalFlip(), T.ToTensor(), T.Normalize(MEAN, STD)])
# Create data normalization on test data
test tfms = T.Compose([T.ToTensor(), T.Normalize(MEAN, STD)])
# Step 5: Download datasets
root folder = "./data" # folder where image data will be stored
# 1. Get CIFAR10 Train dataset
# Create transforms - crop + flip (to improve robustness) + convert to
Tensor + normalize
train tfms = T.Compose([T.RandomCrop(32, padding=4),
T.RandomHorizontalFlip(), T.ToTensor(), T.Normalize(MEAN, STD)])
# Get training data after applying transforms
train ds = torchvision.datasets.CIFAR10(root folder, train=True,
download=True, transform=train tfms)
# 2. Get CIFAR10 Test dataset
# Create transforms - convert to Tensor + normalize
test tfms = T.Compose([T.ToTensor(), T.Normalize(MEAN, STD)])
# Get test data after applying transforms
test ds = torchvision.datasets.CIFAR10(root folder, train=False,
download=True, transform=test tfms)
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classes = train_ds.classes
BATCH SIZE = 128
NUM WORKERS = 2
PIN MEMORY = True if torch.cuda.is available() else False
train loader = DataLoader(train ds,
                          batch size=BATCH SIZE,
                          shuffle=True,
                          num workers=NUM WORKERS,
                          pin memory=PIN MEMORY,
                          persistent workers=True)
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test loader = DataLoader(test ds,
                          batch size=BATCH SIZE,
                          shuffle=False,
                          num workers=NUM WORKERS,
                          pin memory=PIN MEMORY,
                          persistent workers=True)
# Peek at a batch - for sanity checking the shape of images
xb, yb = next(iter(train loader))
print(f"Batch images: {xb.shape}, Batch labels: {yb.shape}, Label
sample: {yb[:10].tolist()}")
Batch images: torch.Size([128, 3, 32, 32]), Batch labels:
torch.Size([128]), Label sample: [6, 0, 4, 1, 2, 7, 9, 4, 7, 8]
# Build a custom CNN
# stacks of Conv -> BatchNorm -> ReLU -> MaxPool - to extract
increasingly abstract features
# add dropout to regularize
import torch.nn.functional as F
class SimpleCNN(torch.nn.Module):
 def init (self, num classes=10, p drop=0.5):
     super().__init ()
     # Block 1: 3 -> 32
     self.conv1 = torch.nn.Conv2d(in channels=3, out channels=32,
kernel size=3, padding=1)
     self.bn1 = torch.nn.BatchNorm2d(32)
     # Block 2: 32 -> 64
     self.conv2 = torch.nn.Conv2d(in channels=32, out channels=64,
kernel size=3, padding=1)
     self.bn2 = torch.nn.BatchNorm2d(64)
     # Block 3: 64 -> 128
     self.conv3 = torch.nn.Conv2d(in channels=64, out channels=128,
kernel_size=3, padding=1)
     self.bn3 = torch.nn.BatchNorm2d(128)
     # Block 4: 128 -> 256
     self.conv4 = torch.nn.Conv2d(in channels=128, out channels=256,
kernel size=3, padding=1)
     self.bn4 = torch.nn.BatchNorm2d(256)
     # Block 5: 256 -> 512
     self.conv5 = torch.nn.Conv2d(in channels=256, out channels=512,
kernel size=3, padding=1)
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self.bn5 = torch.nn.BatchNorm2d(512)
     self.pool = torch.nn.MaxPool2d(kernel size=2, stride=2)
     self.drop = torch.nn.Dropout(p=p drop)
     # After 4 pools on 32 x 32 -> 16 x 16 -> 8 x 8 -> 4 x 4 -> 2 x 2
-> 1 \times 1
     self.fc1 = torch.nn.Linear(in features=1*1*512, out features=256)
     self.fc2 = torch.nn.Linear(in features=256, out features=10)
 def forward(self, x):
    x = self.pool(F.relu(self.bn1(self.conv1(x)))) # out: 32, 16, 16
    x = self.pool(F.relu(self.bn2(self.conv2(x)))) # out: 64, 8, 8
    x = self.pool(F.relu(self.bn3(self.conv3(x)))) # out: 128, 4, 4
    x = self.pool(F.relu(self.bn4(self.conv4(x)))) # out: 256, 2, 2
    x = self.pool(F.relu(self.bn5(self.conv5(x)))) # out: 512, 1, 1
    x = torch.flatten(x, start dim=1)
                                                    # out: 256 * 2 * 2
    x = self.drop(F.relu(self.fc1(x)))
                                                    # out: after
dropout 50% (to regularize/ generalize)
    x = self.fc2(x)
                                                    # out: final
predicted class (out of 10 classes)
    return x
model = SimpleCNN().to(device)
print(model)
SimpleCNN(
  (conv1): Conv2d(3, 32, kernel_size=(3, 3), stride=(1, 1),
padding=(1, 1)
  (bn1): BatchNorm2d(32, eps=1e-05, momentum=0.1, affine=True,
track running stats=True)
  (conv2): Conv2d(32, 64, kernel size=(3, 3), stride=(1, 1),
padding=(1, 1)
  (bn2): BatchNorm2d(64, eps=1e-05, momentum=0.1, affine=True,
track running stats=True)
  (conv3): Conv2d(64, 128, kernel size=(3, 3), stride=(1, 1),
padding=(1, 1)
  (bn3): BatchNorm2d(128, eps=1e-05, momentum=0.1, affine=True,
track running stats=True)
  (conv4): Conv2d(128, 256, kernel_size=(3, 3), stride=(1, 1),
padding=(1, 1)
  (bn4): BatchNorm2d(256, eps=1e-05, momentum=0.1, affine=True,
track running stats=True)
  (conv5): Conv2d(256, 512, kernel_size=(3, 3), stride=(1, 1),
padding=(1, 1)
  (bn5): BatchNorm2d(512, eps=1e-05, momentum=0.1, affine=True,
track running stats=True)
  (pool): MaxPool2d(kernel size=2, stride=2, padding=0, dilation=1,
ceil mode=False)
  (drop): Dropout(p=0.5, inplace=False)
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(fc1): Linear(in features=512, out features=256, bias=True)
  (fc2): Linear(in features=256, out features=10, bias=True)
# Set training parameters - loss fn, learning rate - optimizer &
scheduler
# Use AMP for time & space efficiency - when using gpu (parallel
computation), uses even faster computation & consumes lesser memory)
loss fn = torch.nn.CrossEntropyLoss()
base lr = 1e-3
lr optimizer = torch.optim.AdamW(model.parameters(), lr=base lr,
weight decay=1e-4)
#lr scheduler = torch.optim.lr_scheduler.StepLR(lr_optimizer,
step size=10, gamma=0.5) # half LR every 10 epochs
num epochs = 10
lr scheduler =
torch.optim.lr scheduler.CosineAnnealingLR(lr optimizer,
T max=num epochs, eta min=1e-6)
# Turn AMP (Automatic Mixed Precision) only if cuda GPU is available
# Setting USE AMP to False to avoid GradScaler error
#USE AMP = False # and torch.cuda.is available()
USE AMP = True
# AMP uses FP16 (floating point 16) instead of FP32 default in GPU,
which speeds up computation
# But AMP (FP16) can shrink gradient values to zero, so we use
GradScaler to scale up the gradients
scaler = torch.amp.GradScaler('cuda', enabled=USE AMP)
# Keeping the training loop clean - evaluate with no gradients
def accuracy from logits(logits, y):
  return (logits.argmax(1) == y).float().mean().item()
@torch.no grad()
def evaluate(model, loader):
 model.eval()
 total loss = 0.0
 total accuracy = 0.0
 total samples = 0
  for xb, yb in loader: # Iterate over batches of data (images & their
labels)
    \# xb = images in batch, yb = labels in batch
    # Move images & labels to device (GPU for faster computation)
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xb = xb.to(device, non blocking=True)
    yb = yb.to(device, non blocking=True)
    if USE AMP:
      with torch.cuda.amp.autocast():
        #print(f"Using CUDA Autocast...")
        logits = model(xb)
        loss = loss fn(logits, yb)
    else:
      logits = model(xb)
      loss = loss fn(logits, yb)
    batch size = xb.size(0)
    total loss = total loss + loss.item() * batch size
    total accuracy = total accuracy + accuracy from logits(logits, yb)
* batch size # Removed .item() here
    total samples = total samples + batch size
  return total loss / total samples, total accuracy / total samples
# Train the model - control epochs, metrics, save best weights
import time
EPOCHS = 10
best state = None
best accuracy = 0.0
t0 all = time.time()
# Move model to the device before starting training
model.to(device)
for epoch in range(EPOCHS):
 model.train()
  t0 = time.time()
  running loss = 0.0
  running accuracy = 0.0
  n = 0
  for xb, yb in train loader:
    # Get each batch of images & their labels
    xb = xb.to(device, non_blocking=True)
    yb = yb.to(device, non blocking=True)
    lr optimizer.zero grad(set to none=True)
    # Calculate logits and loss
    if USE AMP:
        with torch.cuda.amp.autocast():
            logits = model(xb)
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loss = loss fn(logits, yb)
    else:
        logits = model(xb)
        loss = loss fn(logits, yb)
    if USE AMP:
      # AMP-specific backward and step
      scaler.scale(loss).backward()
      scaler.step(lr_optimizer)
      scaler.update()
      #print(f"Using AMP...")
    else:
      # Standard backward and step
      loss.backward()
      lr optimizer.step()
    batch size = xb.size(0)
    running loss = running loss + loss.item() * batch size
    running_accuracy = running_accuracy + accuracy_from_logits(logits,
yb) * batch size # Removed .item() here
    n = n + batch size
    #print(f"batch size = {batch_size}, total samples seen = {n}")
    \#print(f"running accuracy = \{running accuracy\}")
  lr scheduler.step()
  train loss, train acc = running loss / n, running accuracy / n
 test loss, test acc = evaluate(model, test loader)
  if test acc > best accuracy:
    best accuracy = test acc
    best state = {k: v.detach().cpu() for k, v in
model.state dict().items()}
  print(f"Epoch {epoch:02d}/{EPOCHS}"
        f" | train accuracy {train_acc*100: 5.2f}% loss
{train loss:.4f} "
        f"| test accuracy {test acc*100: 5.2f}% loss {test loss:.4f} "
        f" | learning rate {lr scheduler.get last lr()[0]:.5f} "
        f" | {time.time()-t0:.1f}s")
  print(f"CUDA available = {torch.cuda.is available()}")
  if torch.cuda.is available():
    print(f"CUDA / GPU device name = {torch.cuda.get device name(0)}")
 # Model and batch devices
 print(f"Model device = {next(model.parameters()).device}")
 print(f"Batch device = {xb.device}")
  #!nvidia-smi
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print(f"AMP flag = {USE AMP}")
  print(f"GradScaler enabled: {isinstance(scaler,
torch.cuda.amp.GradScaler) and scaler.is enabled()}")
 # cuDNN autotune status
 print(f"cudnn.benchmark = {torch.backends.cudnn.benchmark}")
  # Memory snapshot before & after a batch (Confirms GPU allocation
  print(f"Allocated MB: {torch.cuda.memory allocated()/1e6}")
 print(f"Reserved MB: {torch.cuda.memory reserved()/1e6}")
print("Best test acc:", round(best accuracy*100, 2), "%", "| total
time:", round(time.time()-t0 all, 1), "s")
# restore & save best
if best state is not None:
    model.load state dict(best_state)
torch.save(model.state_dict(), "simplecnn_cifar10_best.pth")
/tmp/ipython-input-564692797.py:29: FutureWarning:
`torch.cuda.amp.autocast(args...)` is deprecated. Please use
`torch.amp.autocast('cuda', args...)` instead.
 with torch.cuda.amp.autocast():
/tmp/ipython-input-1271363474.py:22: FutureWarning:
`torch.cuda.amp.autocast(args...)` is deprecated. Please use
`torch.amp.autocast('cuda', args...)` instead.
 with torch.cuda.amp.autocast():
Epoch 00/10| train accuracy 45.05% loss 1.4859 | test accuracy
45.85% loss 1.5765 | learning rate 0.00098 | 38.5s
CUDA available = True
CUDA / GPU device name = Tesla T4
Epoch 01/10| train accuracy 60.97% loss 1.1000 | test accuracy
67.13% loss 0.9207 | learning rate 0.00090 | 21.3s
CUDA available = True
CUDA / GPU device name = Tesla T4
Epoch 02/10| train accuracy 67.17% loss 0.9367 | test accuracy
68.89% loss 0.8658 | learning_rate 0.00079 | 20.4s
CUDA available = True
CUDA / GPU device name = Tesla T4
Epoch 03/10 train accuracy 71.42% loss 0.8250 | test accuracy
72.27% loss 0.7961 | learning rate 0.00065 | 19.2s
CUDA available = True
CUDA / GPU device name = Tesla T4
Epoch 04/10| train accuracy 74.69% loss 0.7388 | test accuracy
76.53% loss 0.6714 | learning rate 0.00050 | 20.3s
CUDA available = True
CUDA / GPU device name = Tesla T4
Epoch 05/10 train accuracy 77.16% loss 0.6685 | test accuracy
76.09% loss 0.6773 | learning_rate 0.00035 | 19.1s
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CUDA available = True
CUDA / GPU device name = Tesla T4
Epoch 06/10| train accuracy 79.12% loss 0.6075 | test accuracy
79.82% loss 0.5880 | learning rate 0.00021 | 19.9s
CUDA available = True
CUDA / GPU device name = Tesla T4
Epoch 07/10 train accuracy 80.98% loss 0.5597 | test accuracy
81.06% loss 0.5484 | learning rate 0.00010 | 19.0s
CUDA available = True
CUDA / GPU device name = Tesla T4
Epoch 08/10| train accuracy 82.28% loss 0.5216 | test accuracy
81.92% loss 0.5218 | learning rate 0.00003 | 19.9s
CUDA available = True
CUDA / GPU device name = Tesla T4
Epoch 09/10 train accuracy 83.00% loss 0.5029 | test accuracy
82.46% loss 0.5119 | learning rate 0.00000 | 19.2s
CUDA available = True
CUDA / GPU device name = Tesla T4
Best test acc: 82.46 % | total time: 216.8 s
# Predict image class for a single instance to test
# Pick one sample from the test dataset
idx = 902
imq, label = test ds[idx] # idx = sample we want to test
print(f"Actual label: {classes[label]}")
# Run it through model
model.eval()
with torch.no grad():
  x = img.unsqueeze(0).to(device)
  logits = model(x)
  probs = torch.nn.functional.softmax(logits, dim=1)
  pred = probs.argmax(1).item()
print(f"Predicted label: {classes[pred]}\n")
for i, cls in enumerate(classes):
  print(f"{cls}: {probs[0][i].item()*100:.2f}%")
#print(f"Probabilites: {probs.cpu().numpy()}")
# Visualize the image
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
plt.imshow(img.permute(1,2,0)*torch.tensor(STD) + torch.tensor(MEAN))
#un-normalize
plt.title(f"Actual: {classes[label]} | Predicted: {classes[pred]}")
plt.axis("off")
plt.show()
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Actual label: frog
Predicted label: frog

airplane: 0.00%
automobile: 0.00%
bird: 0.00%
cat: 0.00%
deer: 0.00%
dog: 0.00%
frog: 100.00%
horse: 0.00%
ship: 0.00%
truck: 0.00%

Actual: frog | Predicted: frog



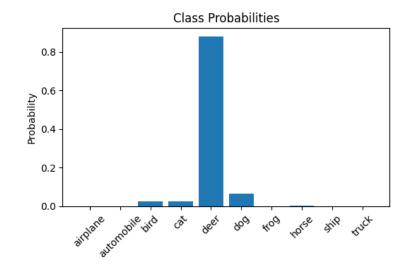
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import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import numpy as np
import torch.nn.functional as F

def show_probs(img, label, model, classes):
    model.eval()
    with torch.no_grad():
        x = img.unsqueeze(0).to(device)
        logits = model(x)
        probs = F.softmax(logits, dim=1).squeeze(0).cpu().numpy()
        pred = np.argmax(probs)
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if pred != label: # only show misclassifications
        plt.figure(figsize=(10,4))
        # Image (left)
        plt.subplot(1,2,1)
        m = torch.tensor(MEAN).view(3,1,1)
        s = torch.tensor(STD).view(3,1,1)
        unnorm = (img * s + m).clamp(0,1)
        plt.imshow(unnorm.permute(1,2,0))
        plt.title(f"Actual: {classes[label]}\nPred: {classes[pred]}")
        plt.axis("off")
        # Probabilities (right)
        plt.subplot(1,2,2)
        plt.bar(range(len(classes)), probs)
        plt.xticks(range(len(classes)), classes, rotation=45)
        plt.ylabel("Probability")
        plt.title("Class Probabilities")
        plt.tight layout()
        plt.show()
# Loop over some test samples
for i in range(50): # check first 50 images
    img, label = test ds[i]
    show probs(img, label, model, classes)
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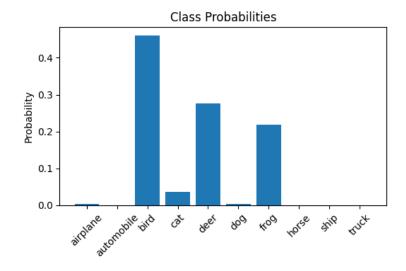
Actual: dog Pred: deer





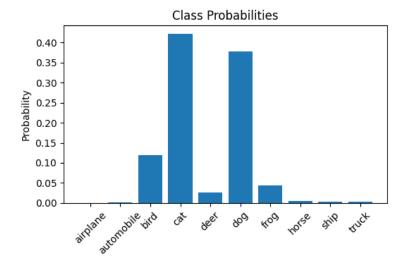
Actual: deer Pred: bird





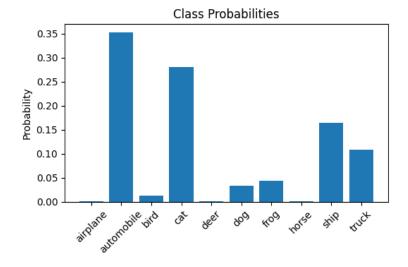
Actual: dog Pred: cat





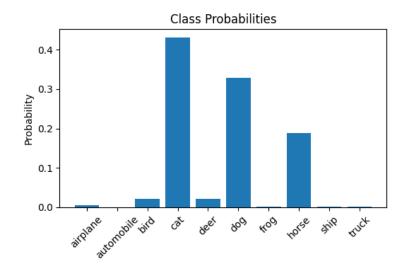
Actual: bird Pred: automobile





Pred: cat

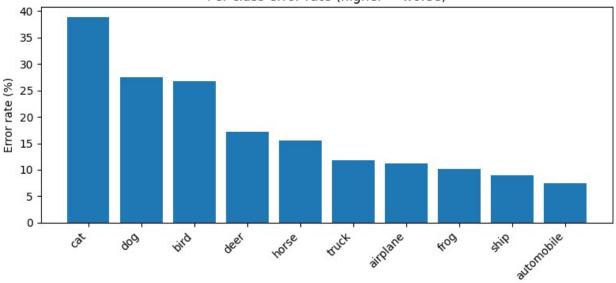
Actual: dog



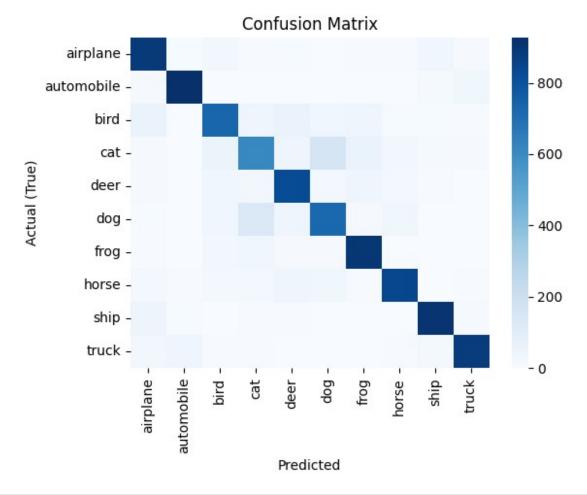
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# Collect predictions over the entire test dataset
import torch
import torch.nn.functional as F
import numpy as np
from sklearn.metrics import confusion matrix, classification report
model.eval()
all preds, all labels = [], []
with torch.no grad():
    for xb, yb in test loader:
        xb = xb.to(device, non blocking=True)
        logits = model(xb)
        preds = logits.argmax(1).cpu()
        all preds.append(preds)
        all labels.append(yb)
y true = torch.cat(all labels).numpy()
y pred = torch.cat(all preds).numpy()
print(classification_report(y_true, y_pred, target_names=classes))
cm = confusion_matrix(y_true, y_pred) # shape [num_classes,
num classes]
              precision
                           recall f1-score
                                               support
    airplane
                   0.81
                             0.89
                                        0.85
                                                  1000
                   0.93
                                        0.93
  automobile
                             0.93
                                                  1000
        bird
                   0.78
                             0.73
                                        0.76
                                                  1000
                                        0.65
                                                  1000
         cat
                   0.68
                             0.61
        deer
                   0.79
                             0.83
                                        0.81
                                                  1000
         dog
                   0.73
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0.84
                             0.90
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        frog
                   0.88
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                                        0.86
                                                  1000
       horse
        ship
                   0.89
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       truck
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    accuracy
                   0.82
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   macro avg
weighted avg
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# Compute per class error rates and plot
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import numpy as np
# per-class totals and errors (by true class)
per class total = cm.sum(axis=1)
                                                       # row sums
per class correct = np.diag(cm)
                                                       # diagonal
per class errors = per class total - per class correct
per class error rate = 100 * per class errors / per class total
# sort by highest error rate
order = np.argsort(-per class error rate)
sorted classes = [classes[i] for i in order]
sorted err = per class error rate[order]
plt.figure(figsize=(8,4))
plt.bar(range(len(sorted classes)), sorted err)
plt.xticks(range(len(sorted classes)), sorted classes, rotation=45,
ha='right')
plt.ylabel("Error rate (%)")
plt.title("Per-class error rate (higher = worse)")
plt.tight layout()
plt.show()
print("Worst classes (highest error %):")
for i in range(len(classes)):
    print(f"{sorted classes[i]:10s} -> {sorted err[i]:5.2f}%")
```

Per-class error rate (higher = worse)



```
Worst classes (highest error %):
           -> 38.80%
cat
dog
           -> 27.50%
bird
           -> 26.70%
           -> 17.20%
deer
           -> 15.50%
horse
           -> 11.80%
truck
airplane
           -> 11.20%
frog
           -> 10.10%
ship
           -> 8.90%
automobile -> 7.40%
# Confusion matrix heatmap
import seaborn as sns # if not installed in Colab: !pip -q install
seaborn
plt.figure(figsize=(6,5))
sns.heatmap(cm, annot=False, fmt="d", cmap="Blues",
            xticklabels=classes, yticklabels=classes)
plt.xlabel("Predicted")
plt.ylabel("Actual (True)")
plt.title("Confusion Matrix")
plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()
```



```
# Show "most confused" pairs
# For each true class, show the top wrong predicted class
for i, cls in enumerate(classes):
    row = cm[i].copy()
    row[i] = 0 # zero-out the diagonal
    j = row.argmax()
    if row.sum() > 0:
        print(f"True '{cls}' most confused with '{classes[j]}' "
              f"({row[j]} times, {100*row[j]/per class total[i]:.2f}%
of its errors)")
True 'airplane' most confused with 'ship' (36 times, 3.60% of its
errors)
True 'automobile' most confused with 'truck' (38 times, 3.80% of its
errors)
True 'bird' most confused with 'deer' (65 times, 6.50% of its errors)
True 'cat' most confused with 'dog' (160 times, 16.00% of its errors)
True 'deer' most confused with 'frog' (40 times, 4.00% of its errors)
True 'dog' most confused with 'cat' (133 times, 13.30% of its errors)
True 'frog' most confused with 'cat' (38 times, 3.80% of its errors)
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True 'horse' most confused with 'deer' (41 times, 4.10% of its errors)
True 'ship' most confused with 'airplane' (50 times, 5.00% of its errors)
True 'truck' most confused with 'automobile' (46 times, 4.60% of its errors)
```

Now trying with pre-trained models instead of custom CNN model. Trying 3 variants:

- 1. Pre-trained base + Train only fc train new classification head for CIFAR-10 dataset
- 2. Fine-tune layer 4 + fc train last layer & new classification head
- 3. Fine-tune full model train entire model

```
# Setup
!pip -q install torch torchvision --upgrade
import torch, torch.nn as nn, torch.nn.functional as F
from torch.utils.data import DataLoader
import torchvision, torchvision.transforms as T
from torchvision.models import resnet18, ResNet18 Weights
from torch.cuda.amp import autocast, GradScaler
import time, numpy as np
device = torch.device("cuda" if torch.cuda.is available() else "cpu")
USE AMP = torch.cuda.is available()
print("Device:", device)
# Data (use ImageNet-style transforms that match the pre-trained
weights)
weights = ResNet18 Weights.IMAGENET1K V1
tfms = weights.transforms()
train ds = torchvision.datasets.CIFAR10(root="./data2", train=True,
download=True, transform=tfms)
test ds = torchvision.datasets.CIFAR10(root="./data2", train=False,
download=True, transform=tfms)
BATCH SIZE = 256
train ld = DataLoader(train ds,
                      batch size=BATCH SIZE,
                      shuffle=True,
                      num workers=4,
                      persistent workers=True,
                      prefetch factor=2,
                      pin memory=True
```

```
test ld = DataLoader(test ds,
                      batch size=BATCH SIZE * 2,
                      shuffle=False,
                      num workers=4,
                      persistent_workers=True,
                      prefetch factor=2,
                      pin memory=True
classes = train ds.classes
# Model Evaluation
loss fn = nn.CrossEntropyLoss()
@torch.no grad()
def evaluate(model, loader):
 model.eval()
  loss sum, correct, seen = 0.0, 0, 0
  for xb, yb in loader:
    xb = xb.to(device.
non blocking=True).to(memory_format=torch.channels_last)
    yb = yb.to(device, non blocking=True)
    with autocast(enabled=USE AMP):
      logits = model(xb)
      loss = loss fn(logits, yb)
    loss sum = loss sum + loss.item() * xb.size(^{\circ})
    correct = correct + (logits.argmax(1)==yb).sum().item()
    seen = seen + xb.size(0)
  return loss sum / seen, correct / seen
def train_one_model(model, lr_optimizer, scheduler=None, epochs=10,
tag="exp"):
 USE AMP = torch.cuda.is available()
  scaler = GradScaler(enabled=USE AMP)
  torch.backends.cudnn.benchmark = True
 model = model.to(device, memory_format=torch.channels_last)
 t0 = time.time()
  for ep in range(1, epochs+1):
    model.train()
    ls, corr, seen = 0.0, 0, 0
    for xb, yb in train_ld:
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xb = xb.to(device,
non blocking=True).to(memory format=torch.channels last)
      yb = yb.to(device, non blocking=True)
      lr optimizer.zero grad(set to none=True)
     with autocast(enabled=USE AMP):
        logits = model(xb)
        loss = loss fn(logits, yb)
      if USE AMP:
        scaler.scale(loss).backward()
        scaler.step(lr optimizer)
        scaler.update()
      else:
        loss.backward()
        lr optimizer.step()
      ls = ls + loss.item() * xb.size(0)
      corr = corr + (logits.argmax(1)==yb).sum().item()
      seen = seen + xb.size(0)
    if scheduler: scheduler.step()
    train loss, train acc = ls / seen, corr / seen
    test loss, test acc = evaluate(model, test ld)
    print(f"[{tag}] Epoch {ep:02d} | train {train acc*100:5.2f}%
{train_loss:.4f} | test {test_acc*100:5.2f}% {test_loss:.4f}")
    print(f"[{tag}] total time: {time.time()-t0:.1f}s")
Device: cuda
      | 170M/170M [00:06<00:00, 26.4MB/s]
/usr/local/lib/python3.12/dist-packages/torch/utils/data/dataloader.py
:627: UserWarning: This DataLoader will create 4 worker processes in
total. Our suggested max number of worker in current system is 2,
which is smaller than what this DataLoader is going to create. Please
be aware that excessive worker creation might get DataLoader running
slow or even freeze, lower the worker number to avoid potential
slowness/freeze if necessary.
 warnings.warn(
# Experiment A: Train only fc
model = resnet18(weights=ResNet18 Weights.IMAGENET1K V1)
#print(model)
# replace head
model.fc = nn.Linear(model.fc.in features, 10)
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# freeze everything except fc for training
for n, p in model.named parameters():
  p.requires grad = n.startswith("fc")
model = model.to(device)
lr optimizer = torch.optim.AdamW(model.fc.parameters(), lr=le-3,
weight decay=1e-4)
lr scheduler =
torch.optim.lr scheduler.CosineAnnealingLR(lr optimizer, T max=10,
eta min=1e-6)
train one model(model, lr optimizer, scheduler=lr scheduler,
epochs=10, tag="A head only")
Downloading: "https://download.pytorch.org/models/resnet18-
f37072fd.pth" to /root/.cache/torch/hub/checkpoints/resnet18-
f37072fd.pth
       44.7M/44.7M [00:00<00:00, 75.0MB/s]
/tmp/ipython-input-262670160.py:68: FutureWarning:
`torch.cuda.amp.GradScaler(args...)` is deprecated. Please use
`torch.amp.GradScaler('cuda', args...)` instead.
  scaler = GradScaler(enabled=USE AMP)
/tmp/ipython-input-262670160.py:85: FutureWarning:
`torch.cuda.amp.autocast(args...)` is deprecated. Please use
`torch.amp.autocast('cuda', args...)` instead.
 with autocast(enabled=USE AMP):
/tmp/ipython-input-262670160.py:56: FutureWarning:
`torch.cuda.amp.autocast(args...)` is deprecated. Please use
`torch.amp.autocast('cuda', args...)` instead.
 with autocast(enabled=USE AMP):
[A head only] Epoch 01 | train 65.80% 1.0946 | test 74.45% 0.7873
[A_head_only] total time: 133.5s
[A head only] Epoch 02 | train 75.47% 0.7368 | test 76.33% 0.7057
[A_head_only] total time: 263.9s
[A head only] Epoch 03 | train 76.94% 0.6808 | test 77.24% 0.6770
[A head only] total time: 387.8s
[A_head_only] Epoch 04 | train 77.68% 0.6541 | test 77.43% 0.6602
[A head only] total time: 509.4s
[A_head_only] Epoch 05 | train 78.03% 0.6391 | test 77.91% 0.6522
[A head only] total time: 630.4s
[A_head_only] Epoch 06 | train 78.46% 0.6285 | test 78.07% 0.6473
[A head only] total time: 752.1s
[A head only] Epoch 07 | train 78.66% 0.6185 | test 77.98% 0.6428
[A_head_only] total time: 874.2s
[A head only] Epoch 08 | train 78.72% 0.6150 | test 78.20% 0.6405
[A_head_only] total time: 995.1s
[A head only] Epoch 09 | train 79.02% 0.6100 | test 78.46% 0.6372
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[A_head_only] total time: 1116.7s
[A head only] Epoch 10 | train 79.13% 0.6093 | test 78.39% 0.6365
[A head only] total time: 1237.5s
# Experiment B: Train last layer + fc
model = resnet18(weights=ResNet18 Weights.IMAGENET1K V1)
# Unfreeze layer4 + head
for p in model.parameters(): p.requires grad = False
for p in model.layer4.parameters(): p.requires grad = True
for p in model.fc.parameters(): p.requires_grad = True
# Lower LR for backbone, higher for head
param groups = [
    {"params": model.layer4.parameters(), "lr": 5e-4, "weight decay":
5e-5},
   {"params": model.fc.parameters(), "lr": le-3, "weight decay":
1e-4},
lr optimizer = torch.optim.AdamW(param groups)
lr scheduler =
torch.optim.lr scheduler.CosineAnnealingLR(lr optimizer, T max=20,
eta min=1e-6)
model = model.to(device)
train one model(model, lr optimizer, scheduler=lr scheduler,
epochs=10, tag="B last layer")
Downloading: "https://download.pytorch.org/models/resnet18-
f37072fd.pth" to /root/.cache/torch/hub/checkpoints/resnet18-
f37072fd.pth
100%|
        | 44.7M/44.7M [00:00<00:00, 49.2MB/s]
/tmp/ipython-input-262670160.py:68: FutureWarning:
`torch.cuda.amp.GradScaler(args...)` is deprecated. Please use
`torch.amp.GradScaler('cuda', args...)` instead.
  scaler = GradScaler(enabled=USE AMP)
/tmp/ipython-input-262670160.py:85: FutureWarning:
torch.cuda.amp.autocast(args...)` is deprecated. Please use
`torch.amp.autocast('cuda', args...)` instead.
 with autocast(enabled=USE AMP):
/tmp/ipython-input-262670160.py:56: FutureWarning:
`torch.cuda.amp.autocast(args...)` is deprecated. Please use
`torch.amp.autocast('cuda', args...)` instead.
 with autocast(enabled=USE AMP):
[B last layer] Epoch 01 | train 83.32% 0.5763 | test 88.00% 0.3586
[B last layer] total time: 136.3s
[B last layer] Epoch 02 | train 94.57% 0.1588 | test 88.49% 0.3631
[B last layer] total time: 257.8s
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[B last layer] Epoch 03 | train 98.18% 0.0525 | test 89.12% 0.4075
[B last layer] total time: 379.5s
[B last layer] Epoch 04 | train 98.77% 0.0360 | test 88.30% 0.4990
[B last layer] total time: 500.8s
[B last layer] Epoch 05 | train 98.98% 0.0287 | test 88.90% 0.4724
[B last layer] total time: 625.6s
[B last layer] Epoch 06 | train 99.47% 0.0168 | test 89.69% 0.4594
[B last layer] total time: 747.3s
[B last layer] Epoch 07 | train 99.67% 0.0109 | test 89.84% 0.4460
[B last layer] total time: 871.6s
[B last layer] Epoch 08 | train 99.86% 0.0052 | test 91.04% 0.4267
[B last layer] total time: 993.0s
[B last layer] Epoch 09 | train 99.97% 0.0019 | test 91.08% 0.4257
[B_last_layer] total time: 1117.3s
[B last layer] Epoch 10 | train 99.99% 0.0006 | test 91.38% 0.4151
[B last layer] total time: 1240.4s
# Experiment C: Train all layers (incl fc)
# ==== 0) Setup
import time, os, torch, torch.nn as nn, torch.nn.functional as F
from torch.utils.data import DataLoader
import torchvision.transforms as T
from torchvision.datasets import CIFAR10
from torchvision.models import resnet18, ResNet18 Weights
from torch.cuda.amp import autocast, GradScaler
SEED = 42
torch.manual seed(SEED)
torch.cuda.manual seed all(SEED)
device = torch.device("cuda" if torch.cuda.is available() else "cpu")
USE AMP = torch.cuda.is available()
print("Device:", device)
# ==== 1) Data: CIFAR-10 with ImageNet-style preprocessing
weights = ResNet18 Weights.IMAGENET1K V1
# Use the weights' recommended normalization; add light augmentation
for train
_mean, _std = weights.transforms().mean, weights.transforms().std
train tfms = T.Compose([
    T.Resize(256),
    T.RandomResizedCrop(224, scale=(0.7, 1.0)),
    T.RandomHorizontalFlip(),
    T.ToTensor(),
    T.Normalize(_mean, _std),
    T.RandomErasing(p=0.25),
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1)
test tfms = T.Compose([
   T.Resize(224), T.CenterCrop(224),
   T.ToTensor(), T.Normalize( mean, std),
])
root = "./data3"
train ds = CIFAR10(root, train=True, download=True,
transform=train tfms)
test ds = CIFAR10(root, train=False, download=True,
transform=test tfms)
classes = train ds.classes
BATCH SIZE = 128 # fits on Colab T4 with AMP; drop to 128 if 00M
n \text{ workers} = 2
train loader = DataLoader(train ds, batch size=BATCH SIZE,
shuffle=True,
                          num workers=n workers, pin memory=True,
                          persistent_workers=False, prefetch_factor=2)
test loader = DataLoader(test ds, batch size=BATCH SIZE*2,
shuffle=False.
                          num workers=n workers, pin memory=True,
                          persistent workers=False, prefetch factor=2)
# ==== 2) Model: ResNet-18 pretrained, replace head, unfreeze all
_____
model = resnet18(weights=weights)
model.fc = nn.Linear(model.fc.in_features, 10) # CIFAR-10 classes
for p in model.parameters():
   p.requires grad = True
# speed knobs
torch.backends.cudnn.benchmark = True
model = model.to(device, memory format=torch.channels last)
0.000
   model = torch.compile(model) # PyTorch 2.x; if it errors, comment
it out
except Exception as e:
   print("torch.compile skipped:", e)
# ==== 3) Optimizer: discriminative LRs + warmup→cosine
_____
# Smaller LR for early layers, larger for head. AdamW is a solid
default.
param groups = [
    {"params": model.conv1.parameters(), "lr": le-4, "weight_decay":
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5e-5},
   {"params": model.bn1.parameters(), "lr": le-4, "weight_decay":
0.0},
    {"params": model.layer1.parameters(), "lr": 1e-4, "weight decay":
5e-5},
   {"params": model.layer2.parameters(), "lr": 2e-4, "weight decay":
5e-5},
    {"params": model.layer3.parameters(), "lr": 3e-4, "weight decay":
5e-5},
    {"params": model.layer4.parameters(), "lr": 3e-4, "weight decay":
5e-5},
    {"params": model.fc.parameters(), "lr": le-3, "weight_decay":
le-4}, # head highest
optimizer = torch.optim.AdamW(param groups)
EPOCHS = 10
WARMUP E = 3
scheduler = torch.optim.lr scheduler.SequentialLR(
   optimizer,
   schedulers=[
       torch.optim.lr scheduler.LinearLR(optimizer, start factor=0.1,
total iters=WARMUP E),
       torch.optim.lr scheduler.CosineAnnealingLR(optimizer,
T max=EPOCHS - WARMUP E, eta min=1e-6),
   ],
   milestones=[WARMUP E],
)
loss fn = nn.CrossEntropyLoss(label smoothing=0.05)
scaler = GradScaler(enabled=USE AMP)
# ==== 4) Eval helper
______
@torch.no grad()
def evaluate(model, loader):
   model.eval()
   loss_sum, correct, seen = 0.0, 0, 0
   for xb, yb in loader:
       xb = xb.to(device,
non_blocking=True).to(memory_format=torch.channels_last)
       yb = yb.to(device, non blocking=True)
       with autocast(enabled=USE AMP):
           logits = model(xb)
           loss = loss fn(logits, yb)
       bs = xb.size(0)
       loss sum += loss.item() * bs
       correct += (logits.argmax(1) == yb).sum().item()
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+= bs
        seen
    return loss sum/seen, correct/seen
# ==== 5) Train loop
_____
def my_train(model, train_loader, test_loader):
    best_acc, best_state = 0.0, None
   t0 all = time.time()
   for epoch in range(1, EPOCHS+1):
        model.train()
        loss sum, correct, seen = 0.0, 0, 0
        t0 = time.time()
        for xb, yb in train loader:
            xb = xb.to(device,
non_blocking=True).to(memory_format=torch.channels_last)
           yb = yb.to(device, non blocking=True)
            optimizer.zero_grad(set_to_none=True)
            with autocast(enabled=USE AMP):
                logits = model(xb)
                loss
                     = loss fn(logits, yb)
            if USE AMP:
                scaler.scale(loss).backward()
                # optional: clip for stability on full FT
                scaler.unscale_(optimizer)
                torch.nn.utils.clip grad norm (model.parameters(),
1.0)
                scaler.step(optimizer); scaler.update()
            else:
                loss.backward()
                torch.nn.utils.clip grad norm (model.parameters(),
1.0)
                optimizer.step()
            bs = xb.size(0)
            loss sum += loss.item() * bs
            correct += (logits.argmax(1) == yb).sum().item()
                    += bs
            seen
        scheduler.step()
        train_loss, train_acc = loss_sum/seen, correct/seen
        val loss, val acc = evaluate(model, test loader)
        # track best
        if val_acc > best_acc:
            best acc = val acc
            best state = {k: v.detach().cpu() for k, v in
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model.state dict().items()}
        # loa
        cur lr = optimizer.param groups[-1]["lr"] # head LR just to
print
        print(f"Epoch {epoch:02d}/{EPOCHS} | "
              f"train {train_acc*100:5.2f}% loss {train_loss:.4f} | "
              f"val {val acc*100:5.2f}% loss {val_loss:.4f} | "
              f"lr {cur lr:.6f} | {time.time()-t0:.1f}s")
    # restore best and save
    if best state is not None:
        model.load state dict(best state)
    os.makedirs("checkpoints", exist ok=True)
    torch.save(model.state dict(),
"checkpoints/resnet18 cifar10 fullfinetune best.pth")
    print(f"Best val acc: {best acc*100:.2f}% | total time:
{time.time()-t0 all:.1f}s")
    return model
model = my train(model, train loader, test loader)
# ==== 6) Tiny inference helper
@torch.no grad()
def predict_one(img_tensor): # img_tensor should be already
transformed
    model.eval()
img tensor.unsqueeze(0).to(device).to(memory format=torch.channels las
    with autocast(enabled=USE AMP):
        logits = model(x)
        probs = F.softmax(logits, dim=1).squeeze(0).cpu()
    idx = int(torch.argmax(probs))
    return classes[idx], float(probs[idx])
# Example:
img, label = test ds[0]
pred. p = predict one(ima)
print("Actual:", classes[label], "| Pred:", pred, f"({p:.2%})")
Device: cuda
/tmp/ipython-input-3889634809.py:94: FutureWarning:
`torch.cuda.amp.GradScaler(args...)` is deprecated. Please use
`torch.amp.GradScaler('cuda', args...)` instead.
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scaler = GradScaler(enabled=USE AMP)
/tmp/ipython-input-3889634809.py:130: FutureWarning:
`torch.cuda.amp.autocast(args...)` is deprecated. Please use
`torch.amp.autocast('cuda', args...)` instead.
 with autocast(enabled=USE AMP):
/tmp/ipython-input-38896348\overline{0}9.py:105: FutureWarning:
`torch.cuda.amp.autocast(args...)` is deprecated. Please use
`torch.amp.autocast('cuda', args...)` instead.
 with autocast(enabled=USE AMP):
Epoch 01/10 | train 77.88% loss 0.8863 | val 89.99% loss 0.5822 | lr
0.000400 | 177.5s
Epoch 02/10 | train 89.70% loss 0.5777 | val 93.21% loss 0.4924 | lr
0.000700 | 168.7s
/usr/local/lib/python3.12/dist-packages/torch/optim/
lr scheduler.py:209: UserWarning: The epoch parameter in
`scheduler.step()` was not necessary and is being deprecated where
possible. Please use `scheduler.step()` to step the scheduler. During
the deprecation, if epoch is different from None, the closed form is
used instead of the new chainable form, where available. Please open
an issue if you are unable to replicate your use case:
https://github.com/pytorch/pytorch/issues/new/choose.
 warnings.warn(EPOCH DEPRECATION WARNING, UserWarning)
Epoch 03/10 | train 91.61% loss 0.5256 | val 92.54% loss 0.5087 | lr
0.001000 | 171.6s
Epoch 04/10 | train 92.13% loss 0.5100 | val 92.81% loss 0.4894 | lr
0.000951 | 168.2s
Epoch 05/10 | train 93.98% loss 0.4645 | val 92.91% loss 0.4858 | lr
0.000812 | 168.7s
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