# Change Log

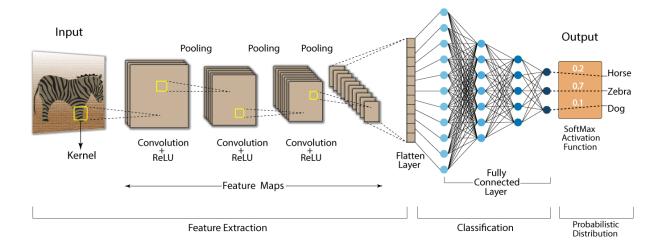
### Dataset & Model Overview

- After getting a decent understanding of how a supervised neural network like the one I
  did in predicting wine quality with a FFNN, I wanted to try working with image
  recognition and detection.
- I am using this dataset (https://www.cs.toronto.edu/~kriz/cifar.html), this dataset is a subset of the 80 million tiny images dataset.
- This dataset has 60,000 images with 10 classes and 6000 images per class.
- I want this model to be able to correctly classify the class that the image belongs to.
- I am planning to use a Convolutional Neural Network (CNN) for this, I chose a CNN because they are very good at pattern recognition and image detection with classification which is exactly what is needed for this task.

## Learnings & Findings

- I am extracting the dataset in the way specified here (https://www.cs.toronto.edu/~kriz/cifar.html) alongside extra code to extract and combine them into a singular csv file.
- I am going to try the CNN structure similar to what is found here (https://www.analyticsvidhya.com/blog/2020/02/learn-image-classification-cnn-convolutional-neural-networks-3-datasets/), I used Tensorflow for my last model and it worked well so I am going to try and use it again.
- I had to learn how the image classification is structured in tensorflow, my article that I referenced above has some information on it but I used some other sites for research such as (https://www.kaggle.com/code/anandhuh/image-classification-using-cnn-for-beginners).
- This diagram is a really good visual of how the image classification model works step by step:

### **Convolution Neural Network (CNN)**



- I followed this as a baseline but I had to do research to understand how all of it was working and how to adapt it to my code.
- Ran into an issue with how my data was being structured after I changed it to a CSV file. When I was trying to fit the model it was throwing an error because my data was structured incorrectly for the CNN. I was struggling to figure out why but I ended up asking ChatGPT for help here. It told me that the issue is that it was being stored as a 1D array where as the CNN model requires it to be a 3D image. So it converted it to a numpy arrray and then reshaped the data so that it would fit the model better.
- I have an accuracy rating of roughly 52%, I want to see if upping the epochs by a few will make a big difference to this model's learning.
- After running tests upping the epochs isn't making a huge difference as it went up to 56% accuracy as the best.
- I seem to have an overfitting issue as when I look at the training epochs I'm getting great ratings such as high 70's and 80's, I am going to do some research on some methods I can do to reduce the likelihood of overfitting in this model.

#### Results

- I ended up achieving 60% accuracy on this model
- I learned about how to combat overfitting within a CNN by using dropouts
- I now understand the process of how image classification works by using Neural Networks

```
import tensorflow as tf
import numpy as np
from tensorflow.keras import datasets, layers, models
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
from sklearn.preprocessing import StandardScaler
from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split
import pandas as pd
```

Here I am just importing the necessary libraries and technologies that I may need to build this model.

```
import pickle

def unpickle(file):
    with open(file, "rb") as fo:
        batch = pickle.load(fo, encoding="bytes")
    return batch

data_list = []
labels_list = []

# Loop through all batch files
for i in range(1, 6):
    file = f"data_batch_{i}" # Modify if needed
    batch = unpickle(file)
```

```
data list.append(batch[b"data"]) # Image data
    labels list.append(batch[b"labels"]) # Labels
# Convert lists to NumPy arrays
data = np.vstack(data list)
labels = np.hstack(labels list)
# Convert to DataFrame
columns = [f"pixel_{i}" for i in range(data.shape[1])] # Column names
for pixels
df = pd.DataFrame(data, columns=columns)
df.insert(0, "label", labels) # Insert labels as the first column
# Save to CSV
df.to csv("cifar10 data.csv", index=False)
print("CSV file saved successfully!")
KeyboardInterrupt
                                          Traceback (most recent call
last)
Cell In[3], line 31
     28 df.insert(0, "label", labels) # Insert labels as the first
column
     30 # Save to CSV
---> 31 df.to csv("cifar10 data.csv", index=False)
     32 print("CSV file saved successfully!")
File
/opt/homebrew/lib/python3.11/site-packages/pandas/util/ decorators.py:
333, in
deprecate nonkeyword arguments.<locals>.decorate.<locals>.wrapper(*arg
s, **kwarqs)
    327 if len(args) > num_allow_args:
    328
        warnings.warn(
    329
msg.format(arguments=_format_argument_list(allow_args)),
    330
                FutureWarning,
    331
                stacklevel=find stack level(),
    332
--> 333 return func(*args, **kwargs)
File
/opt/homebrew/lib/python3.11/site-packages/pandas/core/generic.py:3967
, in NDFrame.to_csv(self, path_or_buf, sep, na_rep, float_format,
columns, header, index, index_label, mode, encoding, compression,
quoting, quotechar, lineterminator, chunksize, date_format,
doublequote, escapechar, decimal, errors, storage options)
   3956 df = self if isinstance(self, ABCDataFrame) else
```

```
self.to frame()
   3958 formatter = DataFrameFormatter(
   3959
            frame=df,
   3960
            header=header,
   (\ldots)
   3964
            decimal=decimal,
   3965 )
-> 3967 return DataFrameRenderer(formatter).to csv(
   3968
            path or buf,
   3969
            lineterminator=lineterminator,
   3970
            sep=sep,
   3971
            encoding=encoding,
   3972
            errors=errors,
   3973
            compression=compression,
   3974
            quoting=quoting,
   3975
            columns=columns,
   3976
            index label=index label,
   3977
            mode=mode,
   3978
            chunksize=chunksize,
   3979
            quotechar=quotechar,
   3980
            date format=date format,
   3981
            doublequote=doublequote,
   3982
            escapechar=escapechar,
   3983
            storage options=storage options,
   3984 )
File
/opt/homebrew/lib/python3.11/site-packages/pandas/io/formats/format.py
:1014, in DataFrameRenderer.to csv(self, path or buf, encoding, sep,
columns, index label, mode, compression, quoting, quotechar,
lineterminator, chunksize, date format, doublequote, escapechar,
errors, storage options)
    993
            created buffer = False
    995 csv formatter = CSVFormatter(
    996
            path or_buf=path_or_buf,
    997
            lineterminator=lineterminator,
   (\ldots)
            formatter=self.fmt,
   1012
   1013 )
-> 1014 csv formatter.save()
   1016 if created buffer:
   1017
            assert isinstance(path or buf, StringIO)
File
/opt/homebrew/lib/python3.11/site-packages/pandas/io/formats/csvs.py:2
70, in CSVFormatter.save(self)
    251 with get_handle(
    252
            self.filepath or buffer,
    253
            self.mode,
```

```
(\ldots)
    258 ) as handles:
    259
            # Note: self.encoding is irrelevant here
    260
            self.writer = csvlib.writer(
    261
                handles.handle.
    262
                lineterminator=self.lineterminator,
   (\ldots)
    267
                quotechar=self.quotechar,
    268
--> 270
            self. save()
File
/opt/homebrew/lib/python3.11/site-packages/pandas/io/formats/csvs.py:2
75, in CSVFormatter. save(self)
    273 if self. need to save header:
            self._save_header()
--> 275 self. save body()
File
/opt/homebrew/lib/python3.11/site-packages/pandas/io/formats/csvs.py:3
13, in CSVFormatter. save body(self)
    311 if start i \ge end i:
    312
            break
--> 313 self. save chunk(start i, end i)
File
/opt/homebrew/lib/python3.11/site-packages/pandas/io/formats/csvs.py:3
24, in CSVFormatter. save chunk(self, start i, end i)
    321 data = list(res. iter column arrays())
    323 ix =
self.data index[slicer]. get values for csv(**self. number format)
--> 324 libwriters.write csv rows(
    325
            data,
    326
            ix,
    327
            self.nlevels,
    328
            self.cols,
    329
            self.writer,
    330 )
File writers.pyx:76, in pandas. libs.writers.write csv rows()
KeyboardInterrupt:
```

ChatGPT generated this for me as I wanted to store this as a CSV file rather than the way they were initially being handled.

What it is doing is, looping through each of the files which has 10,000 images in it and labels of what each image is of so the model can begin to build up an idea of what should be in each class, it then extracts the data and stores it in a pandas dataframe which can then be converted to a singular csv file.

I am now going to turn the test batch into a csv file as well.

```
import pickle
def unpickle(file):
    with open(file, "rb") as fo:
        batch = pickle.load(fo, encoding="bytes")
    return batch
data_list = []
labels list = []
file = "test_batch"
batch = unpickle(file)
data list.append(batch[b"data"]) # Image data
labels list.append(batch[b"labels"]) # Labels
# Convert lists to NumPy arrays
data = np.vstack(data list)
labels = np.hstack(labels list)
# Convert to DataFrame
columns = [f"pixel {i}" for i in range(data.shape[1])] # Column names
for pixels
df = pd.DataFrame(data, columns=columns)
df.insert(0, "label", labels) # Insert labels as the first column
# Save to CSV
df.to_csv("cifar10_test_data.csv", index=False)
print("CSV file saved successfully!")
df = pd.read csv("cifar10 data.csv")
test_df = pd.read_csv("cifar10 test data.csv")
# Separate features and labels
X = df.drop("label", axis=1).values # Convert to NumPy array
y = df["label"].values # Convert labels to NumPy array
# Reshape X to match CNN input (num samples, 32, 32, 3)
X = X.reshape(-1, 32, 32, 3)
# Do the same for test data
X_test = test_df.drop("label", axis=1).values # Convert to NumPy
array
y test = test df["label"].values # Convert labels to NumPy array
# Reshape X test to match CNN input
X \text{ test} = X \text{ test.reshape}(-1, 32, 32, 3)
```

```
# Normalize pixel values (important for CNNs)
X = X / 255.0
X_test = X_test / 255.0
```

Here I'm just assigning both datasets and the target variables for both the training and test dataset.

My next step is now to add the layers to the model that I will need for the classification.

Update

I had to get ChatGPT to help me retructure my dataframe. Full explanation in the change log.

```
model = models.Sequential()
model.add(layers.Conv2D(32, (3, 3), activation="relu",
input_shape=(32, 32, 3)))
model.add(layers.MaxPooling2D((2, 2)))
model.add(layers.Conv2D(64, (3, 3), activation="relu"))
model.add(layers.MaxPooling2D((2, 2)))
model.add(layers.Conv2D(64, (3, 3), activation="relu"))

/opt/homebrew/lib/python3.11/site-packages/keras/src/layers/
convolutional/base_conv.py:107: UserWarning: Do not pass an
`input_shape`/`input_dim` argument to a layer. When using Sequential
models, prefer using an `Input(shape)` object as the first layer in
the model instead.
    super().__init__(activity_regularizer=activity_regularizer,
**kwargs)
```

This is the structure that I have seen online when doing research on these kinds of models. After doing some more research about what the functions that are being called are doing it is as follows:

A Sequential model is being used as each layer is using the last layers output as its input, this is important for something like image clasification because we arre filtering and condensing the image so it needs to be executed in sequential order.

The Conv2D function is used to add a convolutional layer, what this does is it sets an amount of features which in this case is 32, and these will scan over the image in a 3x3 grid looking for key edges or features that are standing out. Then I have the ReLU activation function which just turns negative values into 0. Finally the input shape is just telling the model what the shape of my image is so you have to specify the height, width and colourscale so 3 is RGB for example.

The MaxPooling2d function is used to downsize the image that we have. So how this works is it will move across in a 2x2 grid and look for the square with the most important features in it and it removes the rest, this is so it is focusing on the key information and not background and unimportant parts of the image.

This process is then repeated a couple more times so that the model can continue to try and correctly identify the key parts of the image.

```
model.add(layers.Flatten())
model.add(layers.Dense(64, activation="relu"))
model.add(layers.Dense(10))
```

After we have scanned and gotten the most important information by using the convolutional layers and max pooling to condense them, we now need to flatten the results and add the dense layers.

The primary function of these layers is to categorise or classify which image belongs in which categoty so this is the part of the model which is actually deciding on where to put each image.

```
model.compile(
    optimizer="adam",

loss=tf.keras.losses.SparseCategoricalCrossentropy(from_logits=True),
    metrics=["accuracy"],
)
```

This is a similar compiler to the one I used in my last Neural Network, the adam optimiser is still being used due to its ability to automatically adjust the weights and this time to calculate the loss we are using Sparse Categorical Cross Entropy, this is from the example I was looking at but after doing some research about what it is and how it works, it labels each of the categories that it detects and then this can be used to assign each image to its correct category by giving it the correct label based off that. The from\_logits = true adds a softmax activation function to the data before it calculates the amount of loss on the image.

```
model.fit(X, y, epochs=5, validation data=(X test, y test))
Epoch 1/5
                 9s 11ms/step - accuracy: 0.2371 - loss:
748/748 —
2.0316 - val_accuracy: 0.4143 - val_loss: 1.6111
Epoch 2/5
748/748 -
                  8s 11ms/step - accuracy: 0.4180 - loss:
1.5857 - val_accuracy: 0.4561 - val_loss: 1.4959
Epoch 3/5
             8s 11ms/step - accuracy: 0.4859 - loss:
748/748 —
1.4294 - val_accuracy: 0.4865 - val_loss: 1.4136
Epoch 4/5
1.3522 - val_accuracy: 0.5103 - val_loss: 1.3589
Epoch 5/5
         8s 11ms/step - accuracy: 0.5474 - loss:
748/748 —
1.2489 - val accuracy: 0.5241 - val loss: 1.3279
<keras.src.callbacks.history.History at 0x30a559510>
accuracy = model.evaluate(X test, y test)
print("Accuracy: " + str(accuracy[1]))
```

```
1s 4ms/step - accuracy: 0.5326 - loss:
313/313 —
1.3240
Accuracy: 0.5241000056266785
model.fit(X, y, epochs=10, validation data=(X test, y test))
Epoch 1/10
              9s 12ms/step - accuracy: 0.5708 - loss:
748/748 —
1.1971 - val_accuracy: 0.5291 - val_loss: 1.3339
Epoch 2/10
               ————— 8s 11ms/step - accuracy: 0.5906 - loss:
748/748 —
1.1500 - val_accuracy: 0.5460 - val_loss: 1.2799
Epoch 3/10
           8s 11ms/step - accuracy: 0.6121 - loss:
748/748 —
1.0915 - val accuracy: 0.5345 - val loss: 1.3111
1.0328 - val_accuracy: 0.5445 - val_loss: 1.3200
Epoch 5/10
0.9870 - val accuracy: 0.5605 - val loss: 1.2686
Epoch 6/10
         8s 11ms/step - accuracy: 0.6650 - loss:
748/748 ——
0.9355 - val accuracy: 0.5613 - val loss: 1.3020
Epoch 7/10
               9s 11ms/step - accuracy: 0.6816 - loss:
748/748 —
0.8946 - val accuracy: 0.5748 - val loss: 1.2827
Epoch 8/10
                ———— 9s 11ms/step - accuracy: 0.7057 - loss:
748/748 ——
0.8474 - val_accuracy: 0.5535 - val_loss: 1.3465
0.8046 - val accuracy: 0.5571 - val loss: 1.3809
0.7597 - val_accuracy: 0.5631 - val_loss: 1.3917
<keras.src.callbacks.history.History at 0x351f68a90>
accuracy = model.evaluate(X_test, y_test)
print("Accuracy: " + str(accuracy[1]))
1.3865
Accuracy: 0.5630999803543091
model.fit(X, y, epochs=15, validation data=(X test, y test))
Epoch 1/15
               8s 11ms/step - accuracy: 0.7381 - loss:
748/748 -
```

```
0.7318 - val accuracy: 0.5622 - val loss: 1.4009
Epoch 2/15
0.6906 - val accuracy: 0.5683 - val loss: 1.4089
Epoch 3/15
            8s 11ms/step - accuracy: 0.7723 - loss:
748/748 —
0.6482 - val_accuracy: 0.5585 - val loss: 1.4693
Epoch 4/15
              9s 11ms/step - accuracy: 0.7758 - loss:
748/748 —
0.6346 - val accuracy: 0.5539 - val loss: 1.5727
0.5989 - val accuracy: 0.5673 - val loss: 1.5461
0.5808 - val accuracy: 0.5602 - val loss: 1.5734
0.5387 - val accuracy: 0.5465 - val loss: 1.6911
Epoch 8/15
        9s 12ms/step - accuracy: 0.8216 - loss:
748/748 ——
0.5081 - val accuracy: 0.5452 - val loss: 1.6681
Epoch 9/15
              9s 12ms/step - accuracy: 0.8325 - loss:
748/748 —
0.4833 - val accuracy: 0.5548 - val loss: 1.7544
Epoch 10/15
              ———— 9s 12ms/step - accuracy: 0.8435 - loss:
748/748 ——
0.4548 - val accuracy: 0.5504 - val loss: 1.8278
0.4388 - val accuracy: 0.5450 - val loss: 1.8875
0.4098 - val accuracy: 0.5408 - val loss: 1.9439
0.4032 - val accuracy: 0.5439 - val loss: 2.0015
Epoch 14/15
0.3742 - val accuracy: 0.5391 - val loss: 1.9796
Epoch 15/15
            9s 12ms/step - accuracy: 0.8764 - loss:
748/748 ——
0.3560 - val_accuracy: 0.5340 - val_loss: 2.0991
<keras.src.callbacks.history.History at 0x34d36b450>
accuracy = model.evaluate(X test, y test)
print("Accuracy: " + str(accuracy[1]))
```

## Observations Of Model So Far:

As can be seen above, I have retrained the model 3 times with varying amounts of epochs to see if it would make much of a difference to the level of effectiveness. Overall it hasn't made much of a difference, the best result I have gotten was at 10 epochs where the accuracy rating was at about 56% which still isn't where I want it to be. One thing I did notice was how high the accuracy was for the training data in comparison to the validation data, this means that my data is overfitting to the model. I want to see how I can fix this I am going to do some research on it and try a few different methods to fix the overfitting issue.

## Overfitting Issue

I have been doing some research on ways to stop overfitting in CNN models and I came across this discussion on stack overflow

(https://stackoverflow.com/questions/62136364/how-to-avoid-overfitting-in-cnn), in this they discuss the topic of dropouts. I hadn't heard of this before so I went and did some more research on it and I found this article from medium which explains it well (https://medium.com/@vishnuam/dropout-in-convolutional-neural-networks-cnn-422a4a17da41). Dropouts work by randomly dropping 20-50% of the neurons in a network on each epoch, so on each epoch different neurons will be dropped which makes the network learn the models more than just memorising them. This is going to be the first thing I try to stop my overfitting issue.

```
model = models.Sequential()
model.add(layers.Conv2D(32, (3, 3), activation="relu",
input_shape=(32, 32, 3)))
model.add(layers.MaxPooling2D((2, 2)))
model.add(layers.Dropout(0.2))
model.add(layers.Conv2D(64, (3, 3), activation="relu"))
model.add(layers.MaxPooling2D((2, 2)))
model.add(layers.Conv2D(64, (3, 3), activation="relu"))
model.add(layers.Flatten())
model.add(layers.Dense(64, activation="relu"))
model.add(layers.Dropout(0.4))
model.add(layers.Dense(10))
```

I have now added some dropout layers to the model, I chose 40% and 50% at random to see how it performs, I am going to run it with 10 epochs now instead of 5,10 and 15 as 10 had the best performance previously.

```
model.compile(
    optimizer="adam",

loss=tf.keras.losses.SparseCategoricalCrossentropy(from_logits=True),
```

```
metrics=["accuracy"],
)
model.fit(X, y, epochs=15, validation data=(X test, y test))
Epoch 1/15
1.1385 - val accuracy: 0.5852 - val loss: 1.1726
Epoch 2/15
           8s 11ms/step - accuracy: 0.6141 - loss:
748/748 ——
1.0837 - val accuracy: 0.5899 - val loss: 1.1825
Epoch 3/15
            9s 12ms/step - accuracy: 0.6238 - loss:
748/748 ——
1.0769 - val accuracy: 0.5838 - val loss: 1.1737
Epoch 4/15
             9s 11ms/step - accuracy: 0.6242 - loss:
748/748 —
1.0654 - val accuracy: 0.5908 - val loss: 1.1765
1.0231 - val accuracy: 0.5914 - val loss: 1.1918
1.0008 - val accuracy: 0.5854 - val loss: 1.1958
1.0093 - val accuracy: 0.5977 - val_loss: 1.1968
Epoch 8/15
0.9682 - val accuracy: 0.5963 - val loss: 1.1887
Epoch 9/15
             9s 12ms/step - accuracy: 0.6634 - loss:
0.9423 - val accuracy: 0.5935 - val loss: 1.2127
Epoch 10/15
             9s 12ms/step - accuracy: 0.6682 - loss:
748/748 ——
0.9361 - val accuracy: 0.5797 - val loss: 1.2715
0.9089 - val accuracy: 0.5801 - val loss: 1.2361
0.9008 - val accuracy: 0.5873 - val_loss: 1.2366
0.8859 - val accuracy: 0.5972 - val_loss: 1.2299
Epoch 14/15
0.8771 - val accuracy: 0.5908 - val loss: 1.2348
Epoch 15/15
           9s 12ms/step - accuracy: 0.6860 - loss:
748/748 ———
0.8724 - val_accuracy: 0.6012 - val_loss: 1.2192
```

After trying dropping 40% and then 50% after the dense layer, it actually dropped the accuracy down to 50%.

My next step was to lower them so I lowered them to 20% and then 40%. This made a slight difference bumping it to 57% accurate.

I then wanted to try more Epochs again just to see if it made a difference and this did give me a nice bump to 60% accuracy score.