

CIFAIR10 dataset:

image size(C * H * W): 3*32*32

10 classes:

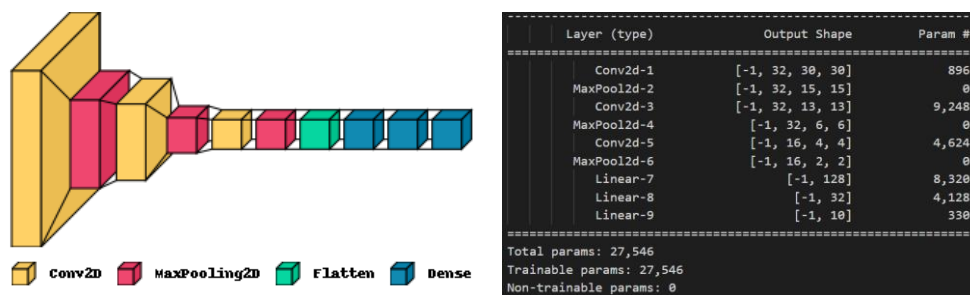
'airplane', 'automobile', 'bird', 'cat', 'deer', 'dog', 'frog', 'horse', 'ship', 'truck'

Train:50000pics (split => train: valid = 0.8: 0.2)

Test:10000pics

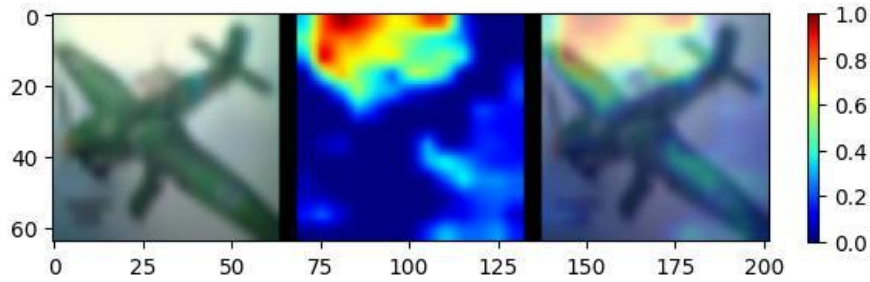
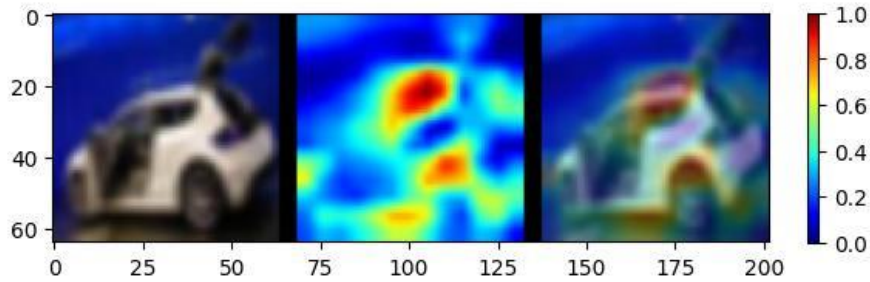
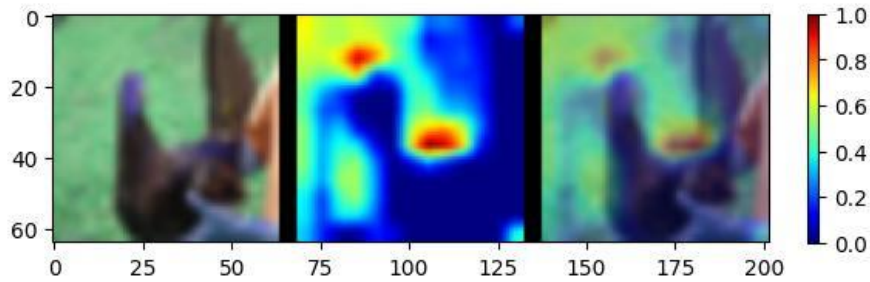
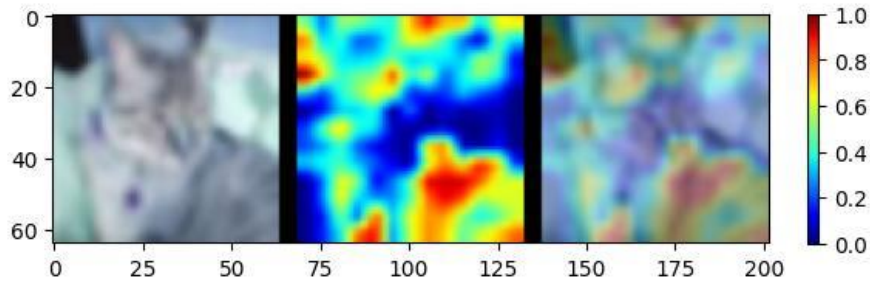
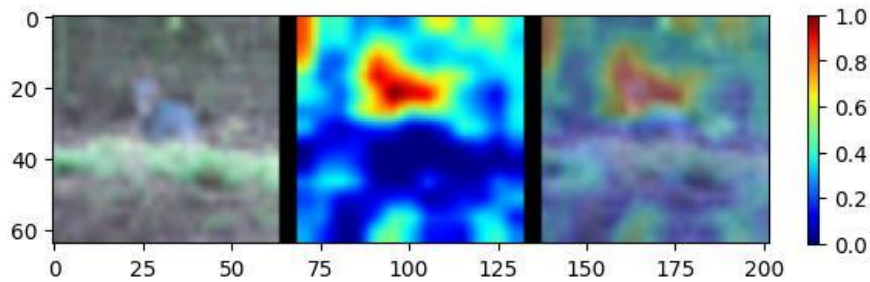
- Use **Early-Stop** to avoid overfitting and keep the best model. (patience=10)
- Draw **training statistics** to know our training trend.
- Draw **Architecture** to know our model appearance.
- Use **Grad-Cam** to see our model focus on where.

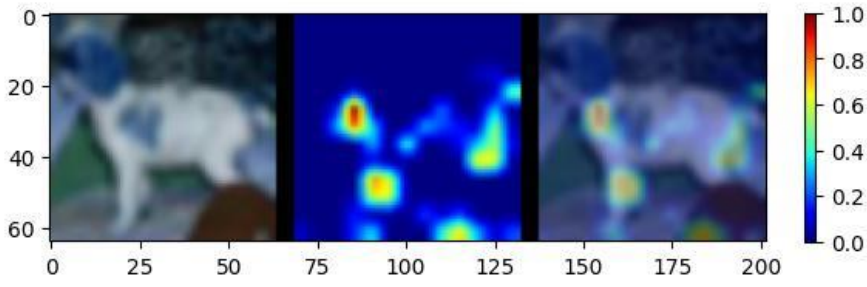
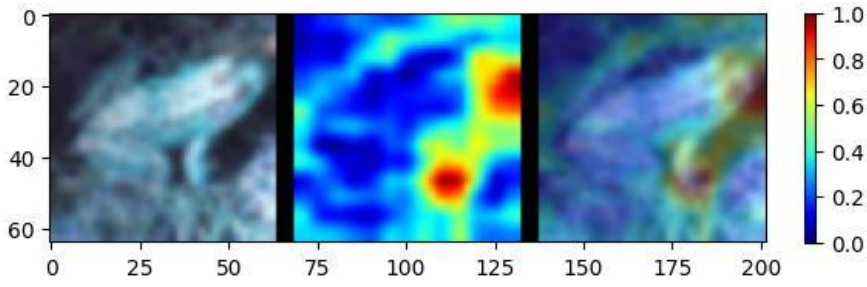
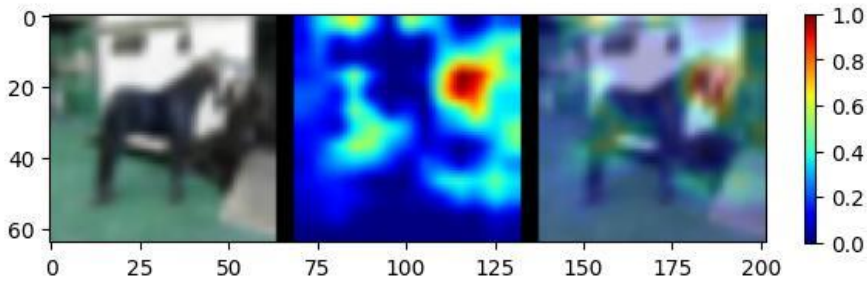
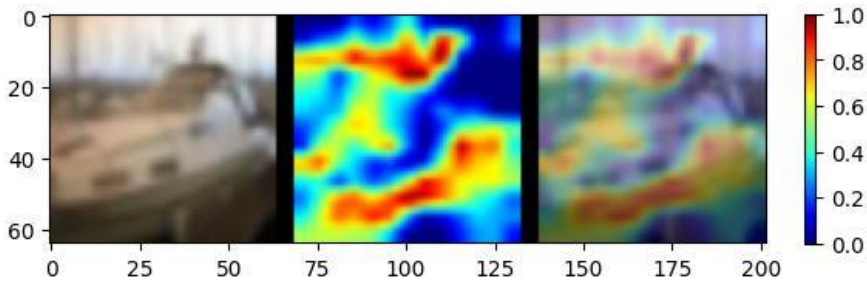
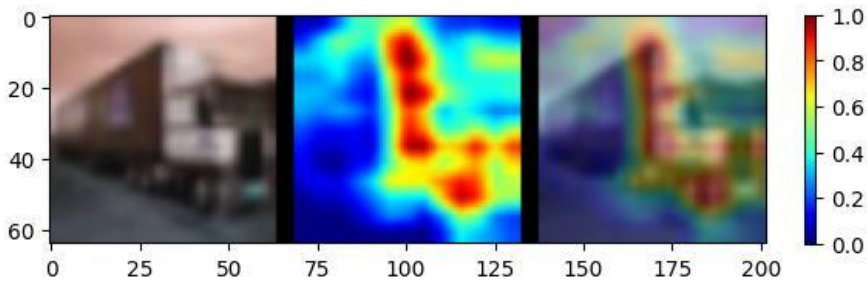
bs: Batch size 、lr: Learning rate 、opt: Optimizer 、aug: Augmentation 、ce: Cross entropy

**Model1 arch: 3 conv2d 、3maxpool 、3 dense**

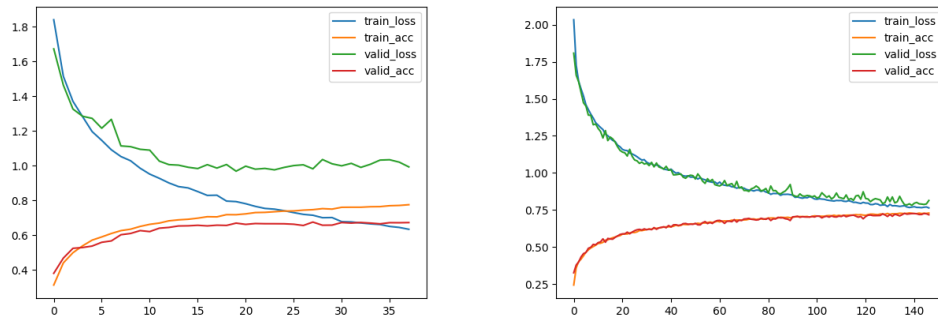
	M1	M2	M3	M4	M5	M6	M7	M8
aug	False	False	False	False	True	True	True	True
loss	ce	ce	ce	ce	ce	ce	ce	ce
opt	Adam	Adam	Adam	Adam	Adam	Adam	RMSp	SGD
bs	256	256	256	256	256	512	512	512
lr	0.001	0.003	0.005	0.01	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001
use epoch	70	27	39	34	65	136	123	320
Train_loss	0.602	0.714	0.712	0.864	0.818	0.778	0.963	0.988
Train_acc	78.55	74.63	74.41	69.89	71.12	72.57	66.17	65.09
Valid_loss	1.000	0.981	0.999	1.047	0.849	0.785	0.928	0.989
Valid_acc	68.08	67.48	66.76	65.33	70.3	72.74	67.76	65.29
Test_acc	67.97	68.12	66.24	64.48	70.74	72.56	67.45	65.87
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M6 model Grad-Cam shows focus on

airplane	 <p>Grad-Cam visualization for the 'airplane' class. The figure shows three panels: the original image, the heatmap, and the masked image. The heatmap highlights the wings and fuselage of the airplane in red and yellow, indicating high focus. The color bar on the right ranges from 0.0 (blue) to 1.0 (red).</p>
automobile	 <p>Grad-Cam visualization for the 'automobile' class. The figure shows three panels: the original image, the heatmap, and the masked image. The heatmap highlights the car in red and yellow, indicating high focus. The color bar on the right ranges from 0.0 (blue) to 1.0 (red).</p>
bird	 <p>Grad-Cam visualization for the 'bird' class. The figure shows three panels: the original image, the heatmap, and the masked image. The heatmap highlights the bird in red and yellow, indicating high focus. The color bar on the right ranges from 0.0 (blue) to 1.0 (red).</p>
cat	 <p>Grad-Cam visualization for the 'cat' class. The figure shows three panels: the original image, the heatmap, and the masked image. The heatmap highlights the cat in red and yellow, indicating high focus. The color bar on the right ranges from 0.0 (blue) to 1.0 (red).</p>
deer	 <p>Grad-Cam visualization for the 'deer' class. The figure shows three panels: the original image, the heatmap, and the masked image. The heatmap highlights the deer in red and yellow, indicating high focus. The color bar on the right ranges from 0.0 (blue) to 1.0 (red).</p>

dog	 <p>The visualization for the 'dog' image consists of three panels. The first panel is the original image of a white dog on a green field. The second panel is a heatmap showing high activation (red/yellow) on the dog's head and body. The third panel is the result of applying a filter, showing the dog's shape in a more abstract, high-contrast style. A color bar on the right indicates activation levels from 0.0 (blue) to 1.0 (red). The x-axis ranges from 0 to 200, and the y-axis ranges from 0 to 60.</p>
frog	 <p>The visualization for the 'frog' image consists of three panels. The first panel is the original image of a green frog. The second panel is a heatmap showing high activation (red/yellow) on the frog's body. The third panel is the result of applying a filter, showing the frog's shape in a more abstract, high-contrast style. A color bar on the right indicates activation levels from 0.0 (blue) to 1.0 (red). The x-axis ranges from 0 to 200, and the y-axis ranges from 0 to 60.</p>
horse	 <p>The visualization for the 'horse' image consists of three panels. The first panel is the original image of a dark horse. The second panel is a heatmap showing high activation (red/yellow) on the horse's body. The third panel is the result of applying a filter, showing the horse's shape in a more abstract, high-contrast style. A color bar on the right indicates activation levels from 0.0 (blue) to 1.0 (red). The x-axis ranges from 0 to 200, and the y-axis ranges from 0 to 60.</p>
ship	 <p>The visualization for the 'ship' image consists of three panels. The first panel is the original image of a ship. The second panel is a heatmap showing high activation (red/yellow) on the ship's hull. The third panel is the result of applying a filter, showing the ship's shape in a more abstract, high-contrast style. A color bar on the right indicates activation levels from 0.0 (blue) to 1.0 (red). The x-axis ranges from 0 to 200, and the y-axis ranges from 0 to 60.</p>
truck	 <p>The visualization for the 'truck' image consists of three panels. The first panel is the original image of a truck. The second panel is a heatmap showing high activation (red/yellow) on the truck's body. The third panel is the result of applying a filter, showing the truck's shape in a more abstract, high-contrast style. A color bar on the right indicates activation levels from 0.0 (blue) to 1.0 (red). The x-axis ranges from 0 to 200, and the y-axis ranges from 0 to 60.</p>

No augmentation vs augmentation train statistics



In the above experiment, we tried tuning hyperparameters, including the optimizer, learning rate, and batch size. And tried using augmentation. Then visualize the model architecture.

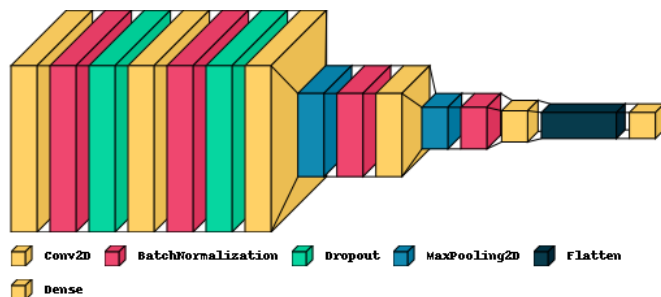
Experiments showed that the optimizer Adam is better than SGD and RMSprop. The batch size and learning rate not only affect the speed of image training but also affects the overall performance.

Our data augmentation method uses rotation and mirroring. If the training data is not augmented, the training statistics curve will become steeper and the performance will be lower. Although it takes more time to train after data augmentation, overall the results are good.

Using grad-cam technology to see where the neural network is focusing. We can see that the focus on the heat map of the airplane is not very good. They are all focused on the background. Conversely, it's fine where trucks and horses focus. The part of the truck, the model obviously focuses on the position of the front of the car. As for the part of the horse, the model has attention on the head of the horse. Through the display of the heat map, we can know why the accuracy is not so ideal.

Therefore, we want to use more convolutions to deepen the information that the neural network can learn.

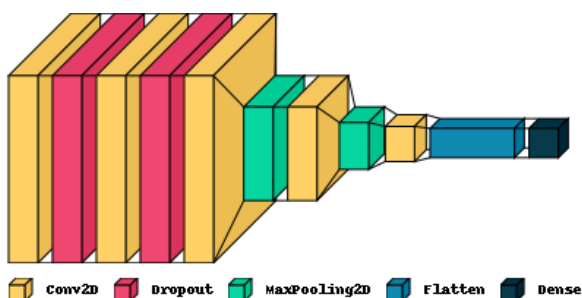
The next experiment will add more convolutional layers, add dropout, and batch normalization.



Layer (type)	Output Shape	Param #
Conv2d-1	[-1, 64, 32, 32]	1,792
BatchNorm2d-2	[-1, 64, 32, 32]	128
Dropout-3	[-1, 64, 32, 32]	0
Conv2d-4	[-1, 32, 32, 32]	18,464
BatchNorm2d-5	[-1, 32, 32, 32]	64
Dropout-6	[-1, 32, 32, 32]	0
Conv2d-7	[-1, 32, 32, 32]	9,248
MaxPool2d-8	[-1, 32, 16, 16]	0
BatchNorm2d-9	[-1, 32, 16, 16]	64
Conv2d-10	[-1, 16, 16, 16]	4,624
MaxPool2d-11	[-1, 16, 8, 8]	0
BatchNorm2d-12	[-1, 16, 8, 8]	32
Conv2d-13	[-1, 16, 6, 6]	2,320
Linear-14	[-1, 10]	5,770

Total params: 42,506
Trainable params: 42,506
Non-trainable params: 0

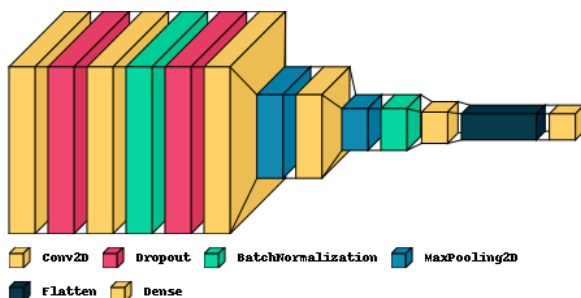
Model2 arch: 5 conv2d 、 2 maxpool(2x2) 、 2 drop_out 、 4 batch_n 、 1 dense



Layer (type)	Output Shape	Param #
Conv2d-1	[-1, 64, 32, 32]	1,792
Dropout-2	[-1, 64, 32, 32]	0
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Conv2d-5	[-1, 32, 32, 32]	9,248
MaxPool2d-6	[-1, 32, 16, 16]	0
Conv2d-7	[-1, 16, 16, 16]	4,624
MaxPool2d-8	[-1, 16, 8, 8]	0
Conv2d-9	[-1, 16, 6, 6]	2,320
Linear-10	[-1, 10]	5,770

Total params: 42,218
Trainable params: 42,218
Non-trainable params: 0

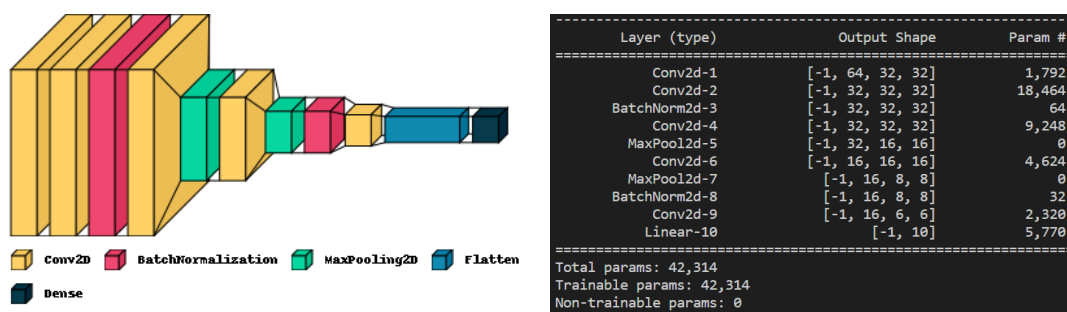
Model3 arch: 5 conv2d 、 2 maxpool(2x2) 、 2 drop_out 、 1 dense



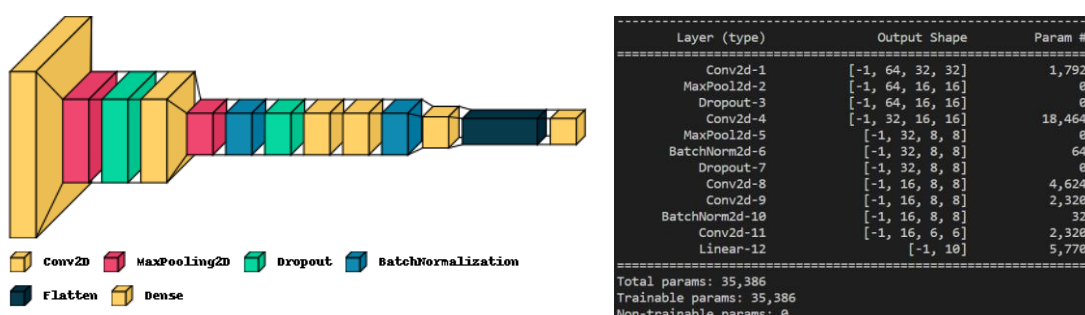
Layer (type)	Output Shape	Param #
Conv2d-1	[-1, 64, 32, 32]	1,792
Dropout-2	[-1, 64, 32, 32]	0
Conv2d-3	[-1, 32, 32, 32]	18,464
BatchNorm2d-4	[-1, 32, 32, 32]	64
Dropout-5	[-1, 32, 32, 32]	0
Conv2d-6	[-1, 32, 32, 32]	9,248
MaxPool2d-7	[-1, 32, 16, 16]	0
Conv2d-8	[-1, 16, 16, 16]	4,624
MaxPool2d-9	[-1, 16, 8, 8]	0
BatchNorm2d-10	[-1, 16, 8, 8]	32
Conv2d-11	[-1, 16, 6, 6]	2,320
Linear-12	[-1, 10]	5,770

Total params: 42,314
Trainable params: 42,314
Non-trainable params: 0

Model4 arch: 5 conv2d 、 2 maxpool(2x2) 、 2 drop_out 、 2 batch_n 、 1 dense



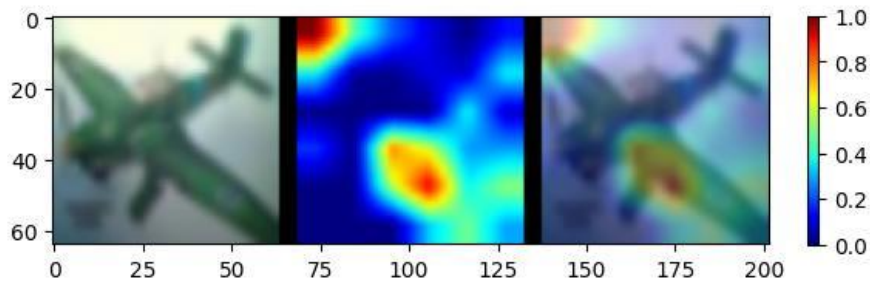
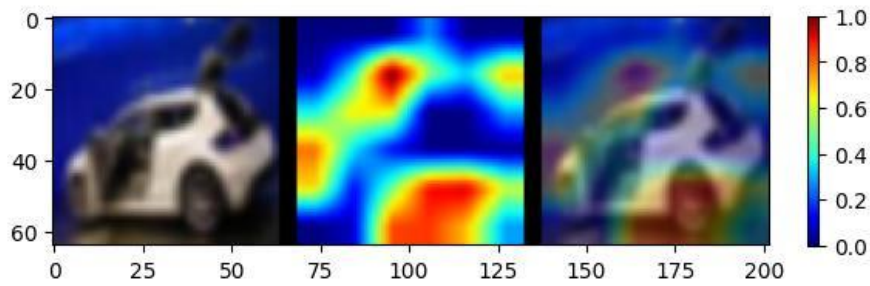
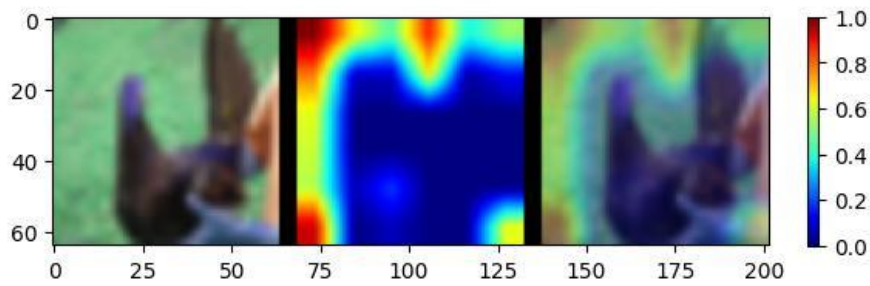
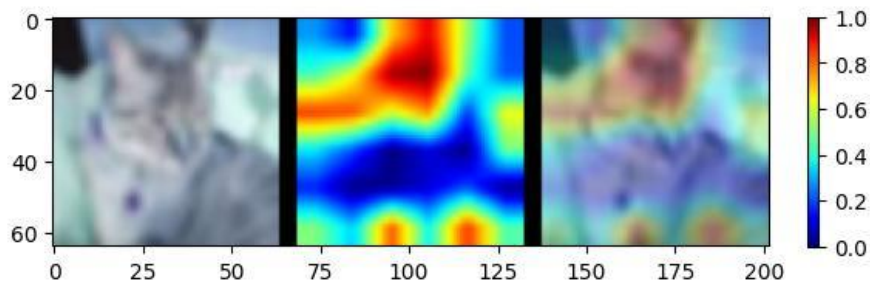
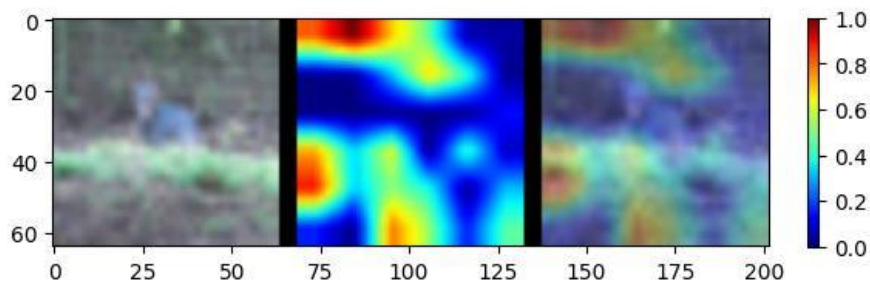
Model5 arch: 5 conv2d 、 2 maxpool(2x2) 、 2 batch_n 、 1 dense

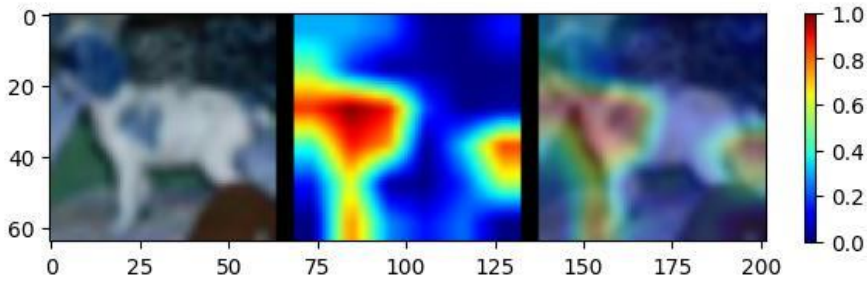
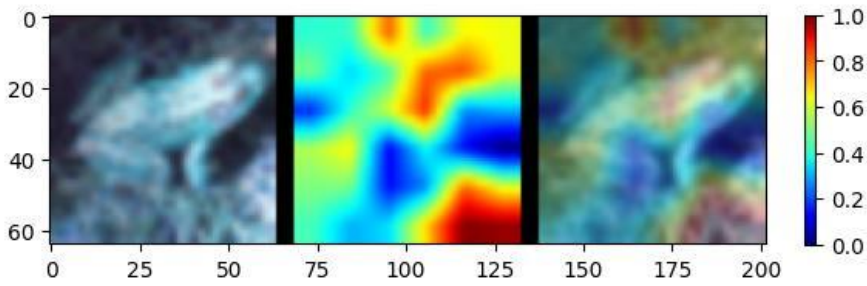
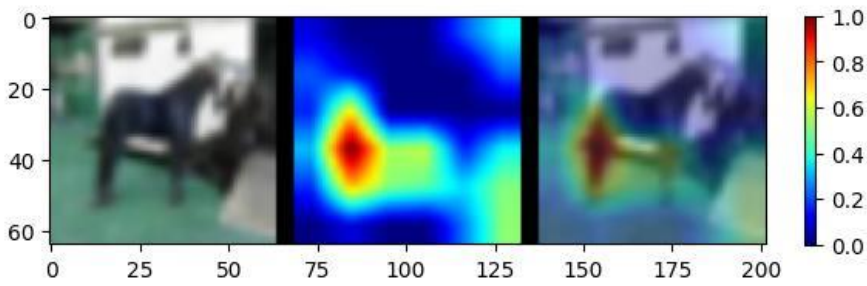
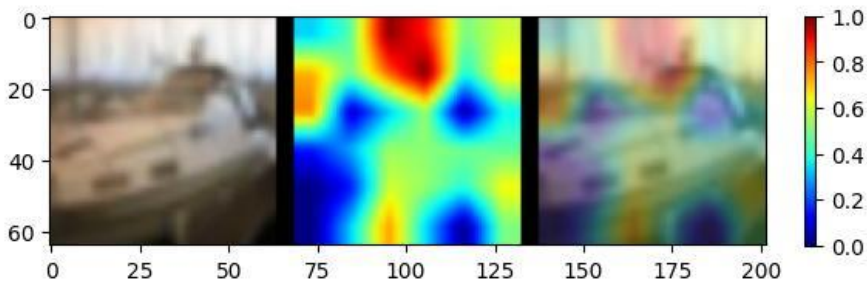
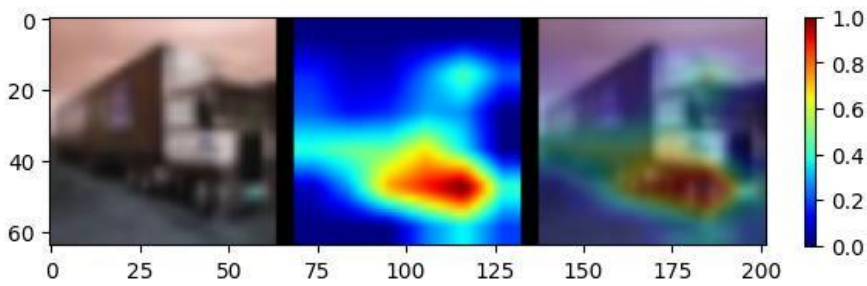


Model6 arch: 5 conv2d 、 2 maxpool(2x2) 、 2 drop_out 、 2 batch_n 、 1 dense

	Model2	Model3	Model4	Model5	Model6
aug	True				
loss	ce				
opt	Adam				
bs	512				
lr	0.001				
use epoch	30	95	91	59	78
Train_loss	0.698	0.7299	0.595	0.5628	0.6841
Train_acc	75.43	74.31	78.99	80.26	75.87
Valid_loss	0.791	0.701	0.578	0.6177	0.644
Valid_acc	73.93	75.45	80.05	79.17	77.9
Test_acc	72.55	75.34	79.29	78.0	77.81
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Model4 Grad-Cam shows focus on

airplane	
automobile	
bird	
cat	
deer	

dog	 <p>The visualization for 'dog' consists of three panels. The left panel shows the original grayscale image of a dog. The middle panel is a heatmap where the dog's body is highlighted in red and yellow, indicating high activation. The right panel shows the result of applying a filter to the original image, where the dog's shape is preserved but the background is suppressed. A color bar on the right indicates the heatmap scale from 0.0 (blue) to 1.0 (red). The x-axis ranges from 0 to 200, and the y-axis ranges from 0 to 60.</p>
frog	 <p>The visualization for 'frog' consists of three panels. The left panel shows the original grayscale image of a frog. The middle panel is a heatmap where the frog's body is highlighted in red and yellow. The right panel shows the result of applying a filter to the original image, where the frog's shape is preserved but the background is suppressed. A color bar on the right indicates the heatmap scale from 0.0 (blue) to 1.0 (red). The x-axis ranges from 0 to 200, and the y-axis ranges from 0 to 60.</p>
horse	 <p>The visualization for 'horse' consists of three panels. The left panel shows the original grayscale image of a horse. The middle panel is a heatmap where the horse's body is highlighted in red and yellow. The right panel shows the result of applying a filter to the original image, where the horse's shape is preserved but the background is suppressed. A color bar on the right indicates the heatmap scale from 0.0 (blue) to 1.0 (red). The x-axis ranges from 0 to 200, and the y-axis ranges from 0 to 60.</p>
ship	 <p>The visualization for 'ship' consists of three panels. The left panel shows the original grayscale image of a ship. The middle panel is a heatmap where the ship's body is highlighted in red and yellow. The right panel shows the result of applying a filter to the original image, where the ship's shape is preserved but the background is suppressed. A color bar on the right indicates the heatmap scale from 0.0 (blue) to 1.0 (red). The x-axis ranges from 0 to 200, and the y-axis ranges from 0 to 60.</p>
truck	 <p>The visualization for 'truck' consists of three panels. The left panel shows the original grayscale image of a truck. The middle panel is a heatmap where the truck's body is highlighted in red and yellow. The right panel shows the result of applying a filter to the original image, where the truck's shape is preserved but the background is suppressed. A color bar on the right indicates the heatmap scale from 0.0 (blue) to 1.0 (red). The x-axis ranges from 0 to 200, and the y-axis ranges from 0 to 60.</p>

In the second experiment, we tried to use more convolutional layers to make the model better.

In Model 2, we use 5 conv2d 、 2 maxpool(2x2) 、 2 drop_out 、 4 batch_n 、 1 dense. Originally thought that it could achieve better performance than 3-layer convolution. But the experimental results are very poor.

Assuming whether it is because of adding too much batch normalization. In Model 3, we remove all batch normalization. Performance improved this time.

Next, we will re-add the 2 layers of the batch normalization back. And They are all placed after 2 layers of convolution. The result was the best.

Then, remove the dropout layer of the best model and change where batch normalization is placed. But neither can get better results.

We can see that compared with model 1, model 4 has a better focus on airplane pictures. The wing of the plane can be noticed. Overall, only poorer in bird focus.

Conclusion:

More convolutional layers do not necessarily lead to better performance. It may be easy to overfit in training because of too many parameters.

Appropriately discarding some parameters can make the overall model better. Batch normalization does not only need to be used to achieve good results, it needs some experiments to know where to put it to get the greatest benefit. The amount of data fed into a step during training will also affect the entire training result. The Adam optimizer is the best among these self-tried architectures.

The learning rate will affect the time required for training. If it is too low, the optimal solution may not be found and stuck in the regional solution. If it is too high, it will oscillate back and forth.

Finally, the heat map of grad-cam can clearly let us know where the model focuses on each category of images. This allows us to avoid the situation where the accuracy rate drops significantly due to background changes when the system is officially launched.

Experiments equipment:

GPU: RTX3060 12G VRAM