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Abstract

PixelCNN++G is a conditional generative model based on the PixelCNN++ architecture[2]. For this project, we aim to implement the PixelCNN++G model with an additional classification layer to transform it into an image classification model. The model will be trained on the CPEN450 dataset to classify images into one of four classes.

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7 1.1 PixelCNN++G Improvements

1.1.1 Data Preprocessing:

- PixelCNN is orientation-sensitive, which means it has difficulty recognizing the orientation
 of objects. To address this, we randomly flip the images horizontally during training to
 make the model invariant to the direction of the image. This technique is also equivalent
 to introducing double the amount of training data, which can help improve the model's
 generalization ability.
- Additionally, we rotate the images randomly form -10 to +10 degrees so that the model can learn object orientations with reduced impact from the image directionality.
- We introduced various new data augmentation techniques during the fine-tuning process, in hope to generate more data unfamiliar to the model, which is often desired for th finetuning process. This includes colour jittering and random cropping. Based on measure, fine-process with this technique increased accuracy by 2.00% on validation dataset, 1.54% on test dataset.

21 1.1.2 Conditional Model:

- The model is conditioned on the class label of the image. The input labels are represented as one-hot encoding.
- Among the gated_resnet function, we introduced two new weights layer weight_a and weight_b, each of which is multiped with input label and is added to the resulting a, b parameters after the convolution operations. This simple and effective method allows the model to learn class-specific features at each layers. A similar but per-pixel weighted approach is disccussed in 2.5

1.1.3 Classification Layer:

• We designed a classification layer utilizing a modified loss function. The idea is that by iterating over an image with all possible labels, the label that results in the lowest loss is chosen as the predicted label by the model. This technique is conceptually similar to using min(softmax(logits)), however, due to float precision, the latter method occasionally result in mismatch and is not used.

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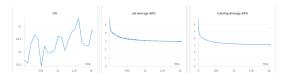


Figure 1: Training curve for the main model.



Figure 2: FID score of generated image (100)

5 2 Experiments

- The model is trained on the CPEN450 dataset, 32x32 pixel images divided into four classes. With a batch size of 16 with 500 epochs, the additional conditional parameters are trained with xavier uniform initialization. The fid curve can be found on Figure ?? and the BPD curve can be found on
- inform initialization. The lite curve can be found on Figure 1. and the Bi D curve can be
- Figure ??. Sample images are shown in Figure 3.

40 **2.1 major hyperparameter**

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41 --batch_size 16 '
42 --nr_resnet 2 '
43 --nr_filters 160 '
44 --nr_logistic_mix 100 '
45 --lr_decay 0.99995 '
46 --max_epochs 500 '
47 --seed 4399
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48 2.2 Training and setup

Please reference the appended README_TECH.md file.

50 **2.3 GPT-Use**

- Sections of the code modified by GPT is labeled in line with comment. One can find the chat history
- 52 with GPT in the supplementary materials section



Figure 3: Sample images generated by the model. Counting from left column to right column, the first column is the class0, the second column is the class1, the third column is the class2, and the fourth column is the class3.

53 2.4 Results

With the model trained, we achieved an accuracy of 44% on the test set. The model is able to classify images into the correct class with reasonable accuracy.

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56 2.5 Alternative solutions attempted

Several other solutions were attempted but did not show as promising results are discussed below. Unless explicitly stated, all structures are trained with hyperparameter [resnet = 1, filter = 40, logistical_mix = 10] at 200 epochs without finetuning. Measured accuracy is taken among the highest of all checkpoints. For reference, the reduced parameter model demonstrated an accuracy of 65.1% on the validation dataset at epoch 200 with 37.6 FID, and 71.0 % at epoch 350 (optimal amongst 500 epoch). The FID score is 28.7 at epoch 350.

- Specialized preprocessing techniques, such as image segmentation and swapping, noise and data masking did not prove to aid the training nor finetuning of the model. Such observation may largely be due to the limited training data and pixelCNN's nature of per pixel generation. Validation accuracy reduced from 65.1% to 63.3%.
- To embed the label information in the model, attempts were made to embed label information directly into the input or output of the model, which failed to show significant improvement in classification accuracy. The same attempt was made in combination with the proposed weight application technique in resnet blocks, which also failed to show improvement in classification accuracy. Validation accuracy of 53.2% is shown with 500 epochs.
- Attempts to utilizing a Polyak Averaged Model to be embedded and concatenated with the input at the ResNet block level have also been studied. While this approach showed promising results in terms of the Fréchet Inception Distance (FID), it did not significantly improve classification accuracy. Validation accuracy of 67.2% is shown with 450 epochs.
- A major model restructure to incorporate a label channel also showed limited success. This approach failed to improve classification accuracy beyond random guessing. Inspecting the generated images, it is observed that the model is unable to generate images that resemble the input images. This may suggest a structural or programming failure which failed to properly handle the label layer. Example images generated by this model are shown in Figure ??. The best validation accuracy is 25.2% among 400 epochs, with 28.7 FID for that checkpoint.
- Additional attempt to modify the PCNN++G structure by updating the resnet structure by removing final addition with input matrix, instead purely depending on convolution layers to transform the input have been made. Although this method produced reasonable FID score of 25.5 at epoch 200 with, it marley achieved a classification accuracy of 49.2%.
- In this solution, we modified PixelCNNLayer_updown and Resnet to introduces a new set of weights at every layer of both the upward and downward paths (6 layers in total, 8 at each resnet, each coming into effect based on the label). These weights are multiplied by the class label embedding before being applied in the convolution layers. This operation is by pixel, meaning that theoretically, as unique weight can be learned about each pixel at each layer. It will establish a stronger correlation between specific components of the image and its class at every layer to address the difficulty of model capturing label information. This strategy, in combination with the proposed tanh normalization technique introduced in [1] also showed promising results of 68.4% validation accuracy at epoch 225. However, this approach showed signs of ovefitting, dispite the fact that there is increasing in parameter count. The BPD curve is shown in Figure ??.
- Reflecting on top of the above approach, we removed the dependency of the model on specific labels, instead introducing a single wight matrix that is multiplied with the labels, normalized and added to the output. Indeed, we no longer observe the overfitting issue, and the model achieved a validation accuracy of 71.8% at epoch 500. The FID score is sub 20 at times. The only reason this model is not chosen as the final model is due to the fact that the model is not able to generalize well to the test dataset at high parameter count. The best performing checkpoint for [resnet = 1, filter = 128, logistical_mix = 100] model achieved

Table 1: Model Comparison

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Figure 4: Sample images generated by the model with label as channels.

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In conclusion, the modifications from the author, the PixelCNN++G model was able to achieve a classification accuracy of 36.8% on the CPEN450 dataset, with a FID score of 32.73. The model and corresponding code is included as appendix to this report.



Figure 5: FID curve for the model with different down-sampling weights for each class.

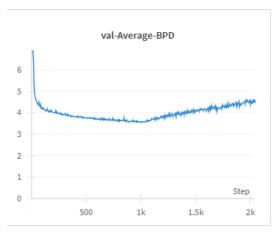


Figure 6: BPD curve for the model with new set of weights at every layer.

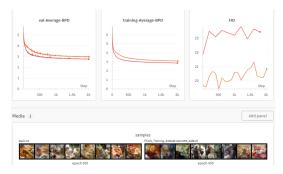
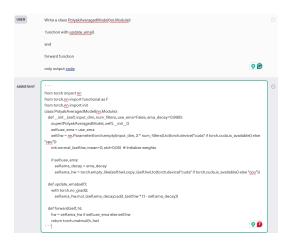
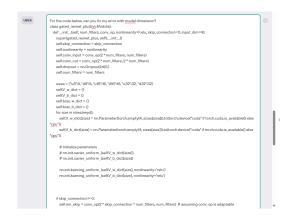


Figure 7: Comparison between the final model and the model with different down-sampling weights for each class.

113 4 Supplementary Material





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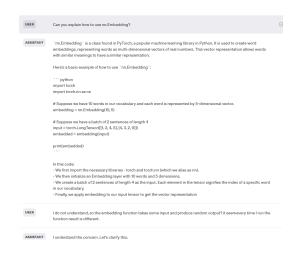
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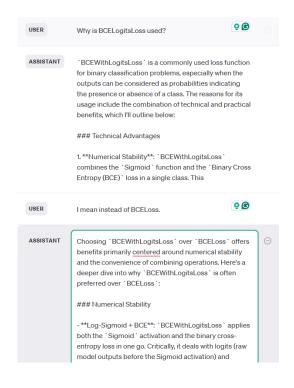
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- **Log-Sigmoid + BCE**: `BCEWithLogitsLoss` applies both the `Sigmoid` activation and the binary crossentropy loss in one go. Critically, it deals with logits (raw model outputs before the Sigmoid activation) and internally utilizes the log-sum-exp trick to compute the loss in a numerically stable way. This helps mitigate issues related to floating-point arithmetic, such as underflow or overflow, which can occur when separately applying a Sigmoid function followed by the BCE loss, especially with extreme values.

Efficiency

- **Single-step Process**: By combining the Sigmoid operation and the BCE computation,

BCEWithLogitsLoss' reduces the need for two separate computational steps into one. This can be slightly more efficient, reducing the computational graph's complexity and potentially speeding up the backpropagation process since it involves fewer operations.

Implementation Differences

- **Sigmoid Activation Separation**: When using `BCELoss`, you need to manually apply a Sigmoid function to your model's output before passing it to the loss function. This additional step can be easy to forget and separates the conceptual link between the raw model outputs (logits) and the loss calculation.

```python # Using BCELoss

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#Using BCELoss
criterion = torch.nn.BCELoss()
output = model(input)
loss = criterion(torch.sigmoid(output), target)
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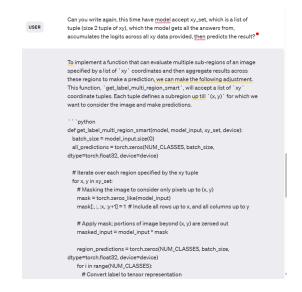
Compared to the direct approach of `BCEWithLogitsLoss`:

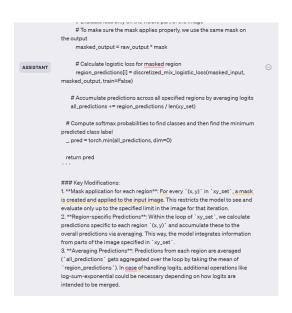
"``python
# Using BCEWithLogitsLoss
criterion = torch.nn.BCEWithLogitsLoss()
output = model(input)
loss = criterion(output, target)
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#### ### Conclusion

"BCEWithLogitsLoss" is generally preferred due to its numerical stability and computational efficiency, making it a robust default choice for binary classification problems. It simplifies the implementation by handling the Sigmoid activation within the loss calculation, avoiding potential mistakes in loss calculation and making the code cleaner and more straightforward.

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# Forward pass through the model to get raw outputs raw\_output = model(model\_input, class\_label=class\_label) # Convert raw logistics into probabilities or logits # mean pooling over logistic parameters
all\_predictions[i] = discretized\_mix\_logistic\_loss(model\_input,
raw\_output, train=False) # Compute probabilities using softmax \_, pred = torch.min(all\_predictions, dim=0) # bettr, as we are using negative log likelihood # pred\_2 = torch.argmin(torch.softmax(all\_predictions, dim=0), dim=0) Can you write a new get\_label\_supser-smart which takes a xy value and instead of evaluating the compete image, eval the image up to x, y? ie: currently prediction is based on complete image, but I may want it on half the image instead. In order to modify the existing `get\_label\_smart` function to take into  $\frac{\text{consideration}}{\text{consideration}} \text{ only a portion of the image up to a specific pixel } (x, y), we need to mask or zero out the parts of the image that are beyond the specified}$ coordinates x and v. Here is the modified function. "get label super smart". that will evaluate the model based on only the part of the image up to the coordinates (x, y): ```python def get\_label\_super\_smart(model, model\_input, x, y, device): batch\_size = model\_input.size(0) all\_predictions = torch.zeros(NUM\_CLASSES, batch\_size, dtype=torch.float32, device=device)

all\_predictions = torch.zeros(NUM\_CLASSES, batch\_size, dtype=torch.float32, device=device)

# Masking the image to consider only pixels up to (x, y) mask \* torch.zeros\_like(model\_input) mask(f\_x, x, x, y+1) = 1 # include all rows up to x, and all columns up to y

# Apply mask; portions of image beyond (x, y) are zeroed out masked\_input = model\_input \* mask

for i in range(NUM\_CLASSES):

# Convert label to tensor representation
class\_label = label\_to\_enhot\_tensor([my\_bidict.inverse[i]]\*batch\_size)

# Forward pass through the model to get raw outputs raw\_output = model(masked\_input, class\_label=class\_label)

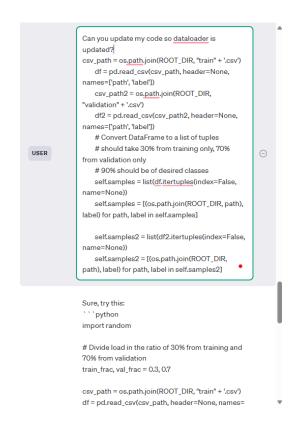
# Evaluate loss only on the visible part of the image

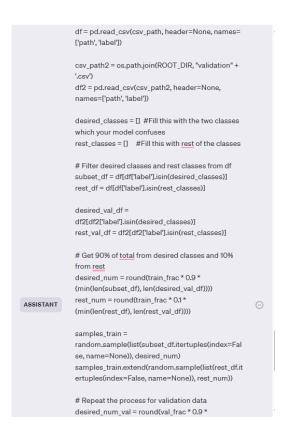
# To make sure the mask applies properly, we apply it similarly on the output equivalent to the input masked\_output = raw\_output \* mask

# Calculate loss
all\_predictions[i] = discretized\_mix\_logistic\_loss(masked\_input, masked\_output, train=False)

# Compute probabilities using softmax and then find the minimum predicted label
\_\_pred = torch\_min(all\_predictions, dim=0) # using negative log likelihood, lower is better

return pred





samples train = random.sample(list(subset\_df.itertuples(index=Fal se, name=None)), desired\_num) samples\_train.extend(random.sample(list(rest\_df.it ertuples(index=False, name=None)), rest\_num)) # Repeat the process for validation data desired\_num\_val = round(val\_frac \* 0.9 \* (min(len(subset\_df), len(desired\_val\_df)))) rest\_num\_val = round(val\_frac \* 0.1 \* (min(len(rest\_df), len(rest\_val\_df)))) samples val = random.sample(list(desired\_val\_df.itertuples(index =False, name=None)), desired\_num\_val) samples\_val.extend(random.sample(list(rest\_val\_d f.itertuples(index=False, name=None)), rest\_num\_val))  $self.samples = \verb|[(os.path.join(ROOT_DIR, path)|,$ label) for path, label in samples\_train] self.samples2 = [(os.path.join(ROOT\_DIR, path), label) for path, label in samples\_val] This code splits your dataset according to classes. The dataset will contain 90% of images from the two desired classes and 10% from the other classes. Make sure to replace the "desired classes" and "rest classes" with the actual class names. This will result in two lists (`self.samples' and `self.samples2') for training and validation data loaders respectively.

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