

# Machine Learning

## Lab 6 : CNN

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### 1. Introduction

The objective of this lab was to design, train, and evaluate a Convolutional Neural Network (CNN) to classify rock, paper, and scissors images. Using a dataset containing images of hand gestures representing the three classes, we built a custom CNN architecture and trained it using PyTorch. The model's performance was tested based on its ability to accurately predict the gesture shown in new images.

### 2. Model Architecture

Our CNN model consists of **three convolutional blocks** followed by a **fully connected classifier**. Here's a breakdown of the architecture:

#### Convolutional Block Details Each

block consists of:

- Conv2d Layer: Convolution with a 3×3 kernel and padding of 1.
- ReLU Activation.
- MaxPool2d: Reduces spatial dimensions by a factor of 2.

#### Block Input Channels Output Channels Kernel Size Padding Pooling

1	3	16	3×3	1	MaxPool2d(2×2)
2	16	32	3×3	1	MaxPool2d(2×2)
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After 3 pooling layers, the input image of size 128×128 is reduced to 16×16, with 64 channels.

#### Fully Connected Classifier

This block is designed as follows:

- Flatten: Converts 64×16×16 feature map to 16384 features.

- Linear Layer: 16384 → 256
- ReLU Activation
- Dropout(p=0.3)
- Linear Layer: 256 → 3 (representing rock, paper, scissors classes)

### 3. Training and Performance Key

#### Hyperparameters :

- **Optimizer:** Adam
- **Loss Function:** CrossEntropyLoss
- **Learning Rate:** 0.001
- **Epochs:** 10
- **Batch Size:** 32 Final Test Accuracy :
- The model achieved a final test accuracy of **98.17 %**

### 4. Conclusion and Analysis

The CNN performed well on the rock-paper-scissors classification task, achieving a test accuracy of **98.17 %**. The architecture was simple yet effective, demonstrating the power of convolutional layers for image-based classification.

#### **Challenges Faced:**

- Ensuring proper pre-processing and normalization of the images.
- Avoiding overfitting given the limited dataset size.

#### **Suggestions for Improvement:**

- Increase model depth or complexity (e.g., more convolutional layers).
- Apply data augmentation to increase generalization.
- Use techniques like learning rate scheduling or early stopping.