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• Introduction

In this project, we created a fundamental Convolutional Neural Network (CNN) from the ground up using only NumPy. We avoided using deep learning libraries such as TensorFlow and PyTorch for a more engineered approach. The target application is the classification of 19 x 19-pixel grayscale shape images (0-9). The initialization of the model starts with the specification of four unique convolutional kernels. Each kernel is a filter of 3×3 dimensions. The purpose of the kernels is to perform edge and pattern detection on the incoming images. After convolving and max-pooling, the incoming images are reduced to a set of feature maps. Each feature map is a kind of abstract representation of the image that has been optimized for further processing.

The architecture of the neural network is as follows:

- 1- Image size: Each input image is convolved with 4 filters, followed by max-pooling, 2×2, resulting in a total size of $8 \times 8 \times 4 = 256$ neurons.
- 2- Concealed layer: A completely connected concealed layer comprising 64 neurons.
- 3- Output layer: Has 10 neurons; each stands for a shape from 0 to 9.

Every weight was initialized with a random value in the initialization, while the biases in the network were assigned the value of zero in the initialization. The mapping from the input to the hidden layer uses W_1 and b_1 . W_2 and b_2 function to map from the hidden layer to the output layer.

This model is trained on a set of premade grayscale images. It does not make any assumption about the structure of the images. What it does is to use a basic neural network to train itself using a set of images, and afterwards to evaluate itself on a set of images that it has never seen before. The model was trained on a dataset of 15,000 grayscale images. Training was conducted over 50 epochs, and a learning rate of 0.05 was used to optimize the weights using backpropagation.

• Functions Used in the Neural Network

- 1- **Convolve Function:** This function applies a 2-D kernel to the image. For each 3×3 patch, it computes the element-wise multiplication and sums the result. The output is a smaller 2-D array called a feature map.
- 2- **Max-pooling Function:** Downsamples the feature map by a factor of 2, takes the max value from each 2×2 patch, and then reduces the dimensions while keeping the strongest features.
- 3- **RELU Function:** Applies RELU, which removes the non-negative values, adding non-linearity.
- 4- **Softmax Function:** Converts raw scores into probabilities and normalizes the output to be in the range [0,1] and the sum to be 1.

5- **Forward Pass:** This function runs the image through the network:

- a- Convolution + ReLU for each kernel.
- b- MaxPooling on each output.
- c- Flatten all pooled outputs into a 1D array.
- d- Pass through:
 - ✓ Hidden layer (with ReLU).
 - ✓ Output layer (with Softmax).
- e- Stores intermediate results in a cache for use in backpropagation.

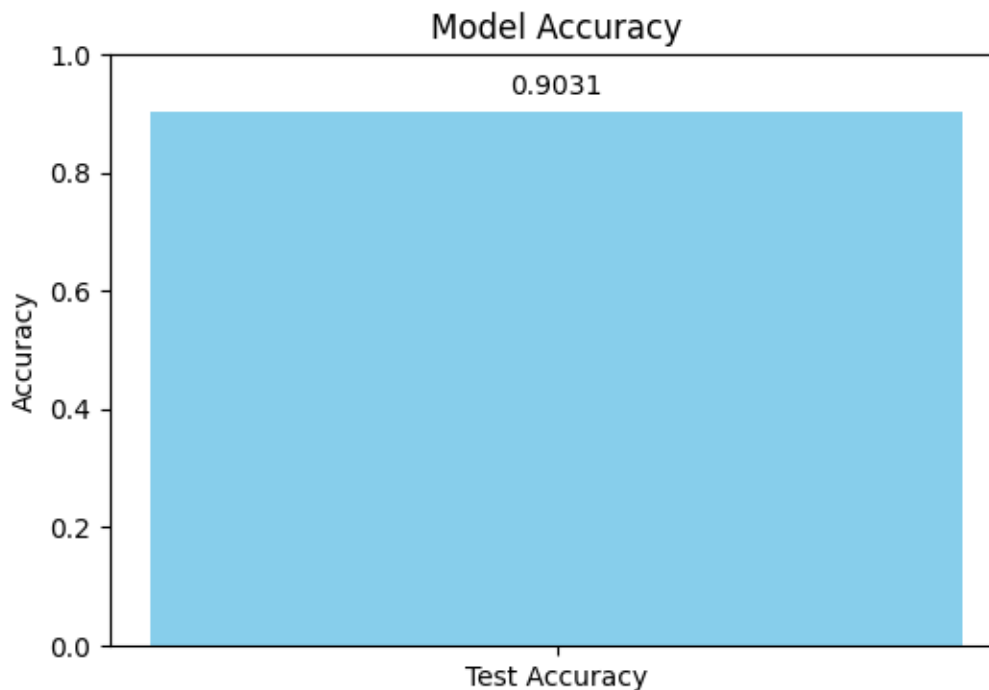
6- **Back Propagation:** Performs gradient descent to update the weights:

- a- Computes gradients from loss (cross-entropy with softmax).
- b- Propagates error backward through the network
- c- Applies gradients to update weights and biases using the learning rate.

- **Testing Accuracy:**

The trained model was tested on 10,000 unseen grayscale images. The model achieved an accuracy of 90.31%, demonstrating its ability to generalize and accurately classify previously unseen data.

- **Model Accuracy:**



- Confusion Matrix:

