

VEHICLE MAKE AND MODEL CLASSIFICATION USING CONVOLUTIONAL NEURAL NETWORKS

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PROBLEM DEFINITION

- Existing convolutional neural network models that are being used to predict the generic images proved to achieve high accuracies
- These models when applied to fine grained images, the accuracy drops significantly
- This creates a scope to improve the accuracy of the model
- With the limited time, computational power and size of the dataset this is a challenging task to train the model to get high accuracy



APPLICATION

- Trained model with large dataset, giving high accuracies helps mainly with following applications:
 - ✓ Traffic control and management
 - ✓ Detecting the car at times of accident
 - ✓ Identifying the car from the images of security cameras in the situations like car theft



INTRODUCTION

- Globally, lot of automotive companies are producing cars with almost a new model every year with improved design and efficiency
- Each car make will have different models matching the requirement and taste of the customer
- Cars are classified as fine grained images as they have subtle differences between classes
- Differentiating among cars is a fairly easy job for a human eye, but it is quite hard for a machine given a picture of any viewing angle of the car



Different view angles of the car



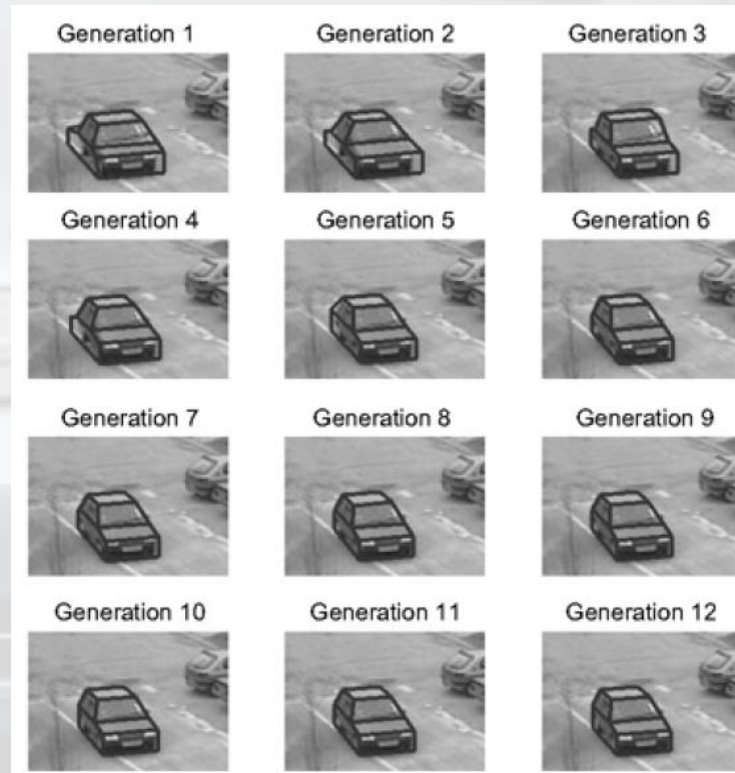
OBJECTIVE

- To identify the Make and Model of Cars using Convolution Neural Network (CNN)
- Implementation of a state of art CNN model (GoogleNet)
- Design and Implementation of a New CNN architecture
- Testing and Comparing the models for the same test data



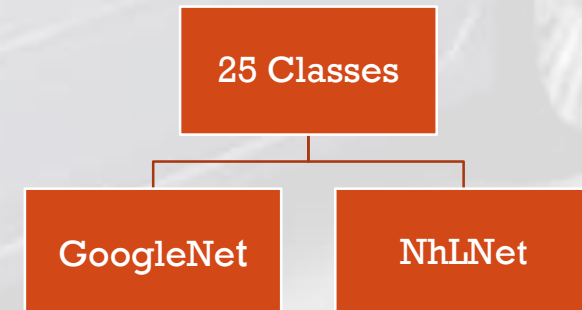
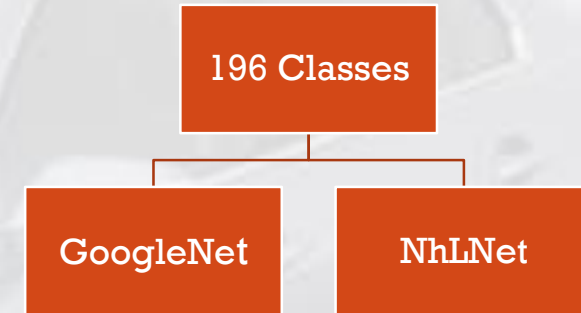
PREVIOUS WORK

- Identification using Histogram of Oriented Gradients (HOG Feature)
- Fitting wireframe models to car structures to identify them based on structure
- AlexNet
- VGGNet
- GoogleNet

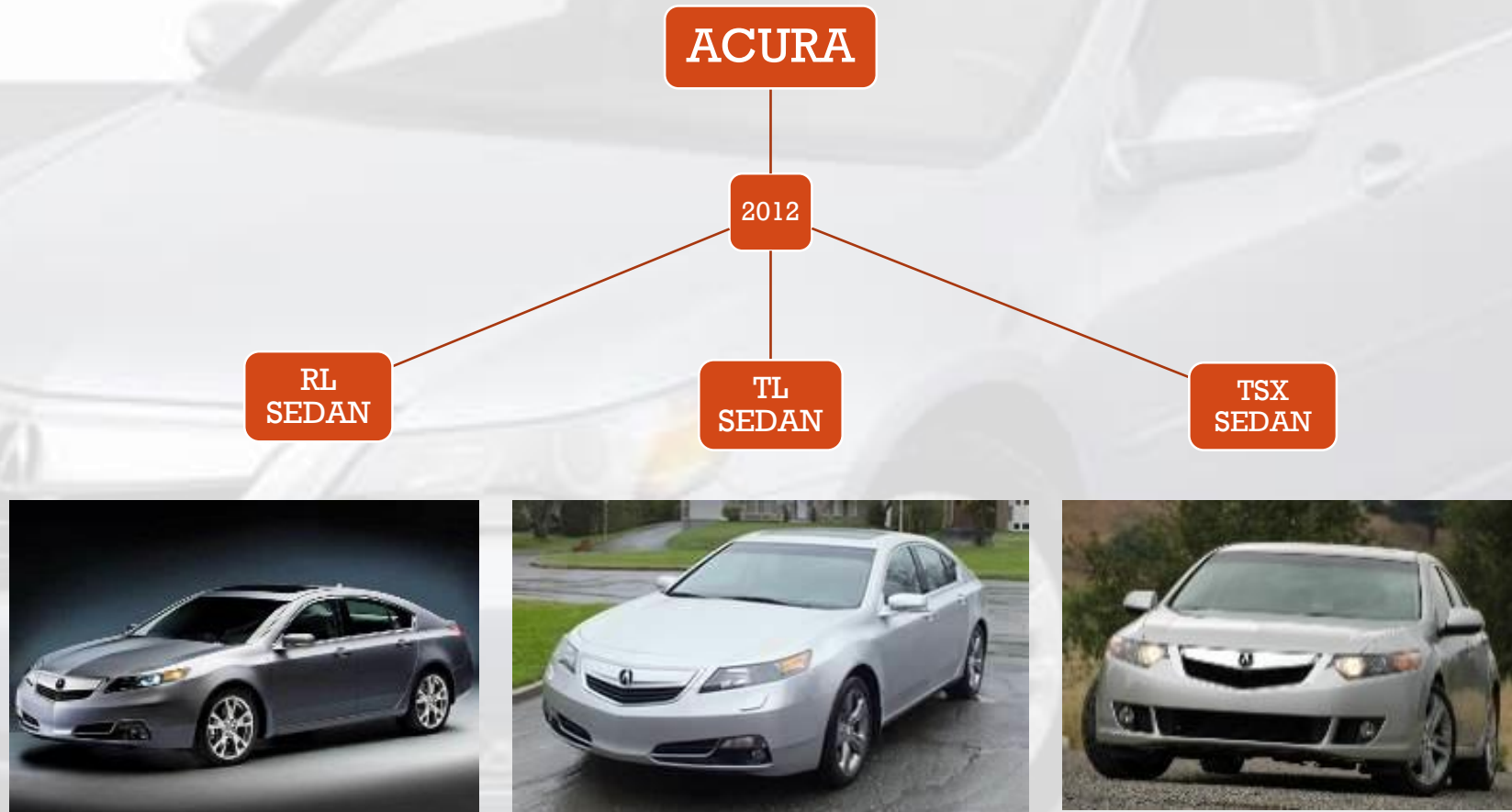


PROJECT DESCRIPTION

- Stanford Cars Dataset
(http://ai.stanford.edu/~jkrause/cars/car_dataset.html)
- Images – 16,185, Classes – 196
- GoogleNet and NhLNet (new Designed Architecture) was implemented
- Two separate datasets created
 - ✓ 25 classes
 - ✓ 196 classes
- Due to time limitations, the models using dataset of 196 classes were trained for a shorter period of time



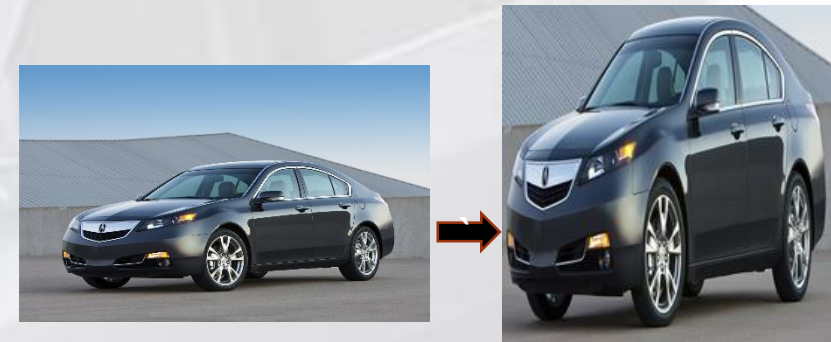
STRUCTURE OF THE IMAGES



DATA

- Pre-Processing Steps

- ✓ Conversion of jpg to png
- ✓ Identifying black and white images and removing from the dataset
- ✓ Cropping all images according to the bounding boxes given to remove the noise
- ✓ Resizing all images to same size: $227 \times 227 \times 3$
- ✓ Splitting the data in the proportion of 70:30 for train and test purposes



Before and After Pre-Processing



Sample Black and White Images



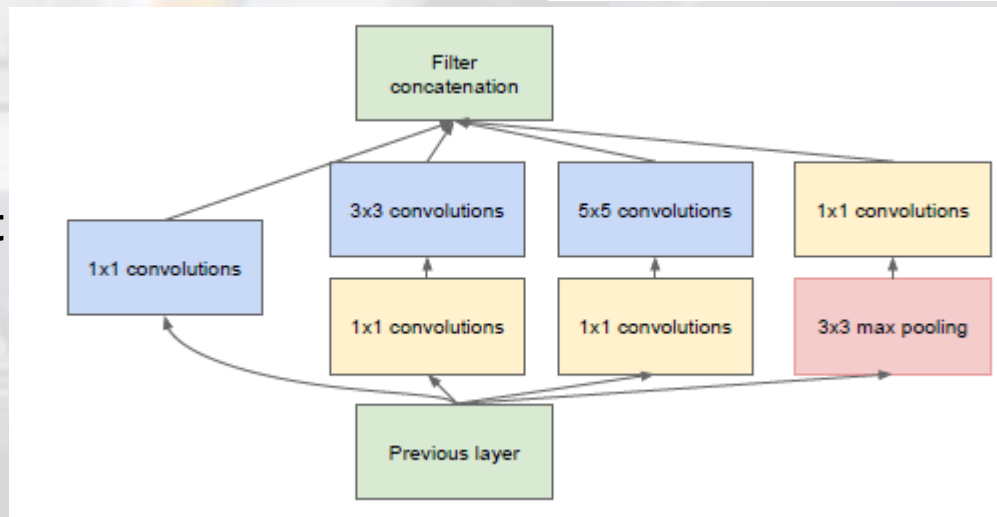
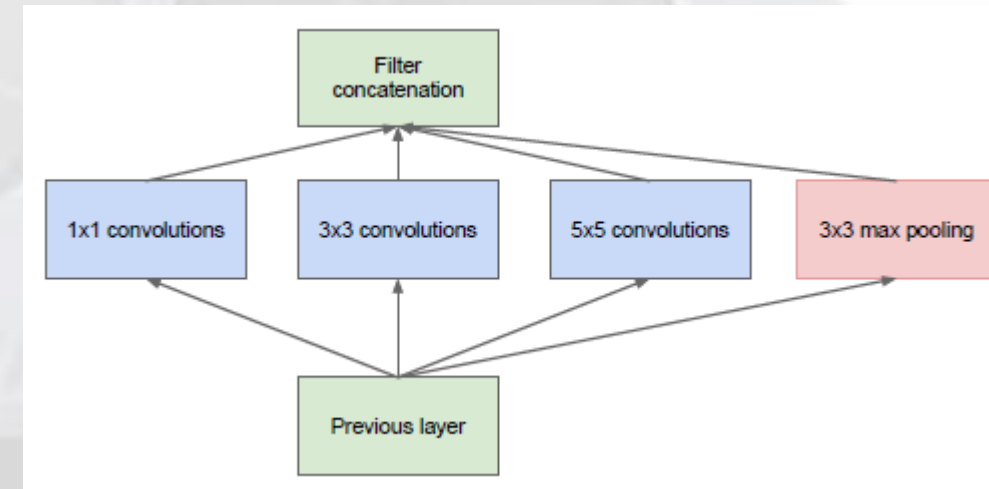
DATA (CONT'D)

- Creation of dataset with 25 classes
 - ✓ Classes with high number of images were selected
 - ✓ All 25 classes have greater than equal to 90 images per class with total 2334 images
 - ✓ Data augmentation was done to increase the size of the dataset with 25 classes

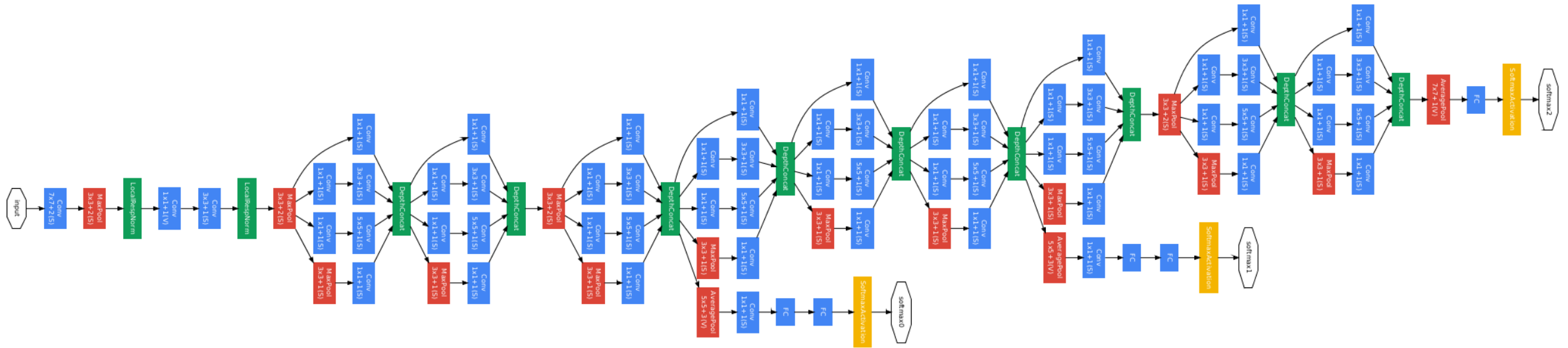


IMPLEMENTATION (GOOGLNET/INCEPTIONNET)

- 22 layers
 - ✓ 9 inception layers
 - ✓ 2 stand alone convolution layer
 - ✓ Max Pooling
 - ✓ Normalization
 - ✓ 1 Fully Connected Network
- Dropout (40% rate)
- 3 output layers
 - ✓ We only used the last output



IMPLEMENTATION (GOOGLNET/INCEPTIONNET)



IMPLEMENTATION (NHLNET/OUR MODEL)

- Two different models

- ✓ NhLNet_A

- ✓ 6 Layers

- 6 Convolution Layer of size: 3X3
 - 2 Convolution Layer of size: 2X2
 - 6 Convolution Layer of size: 1X1
 - MaxPool after each Convolution
 - Dropout (50% rate)
 - 1 Fully Connected Network

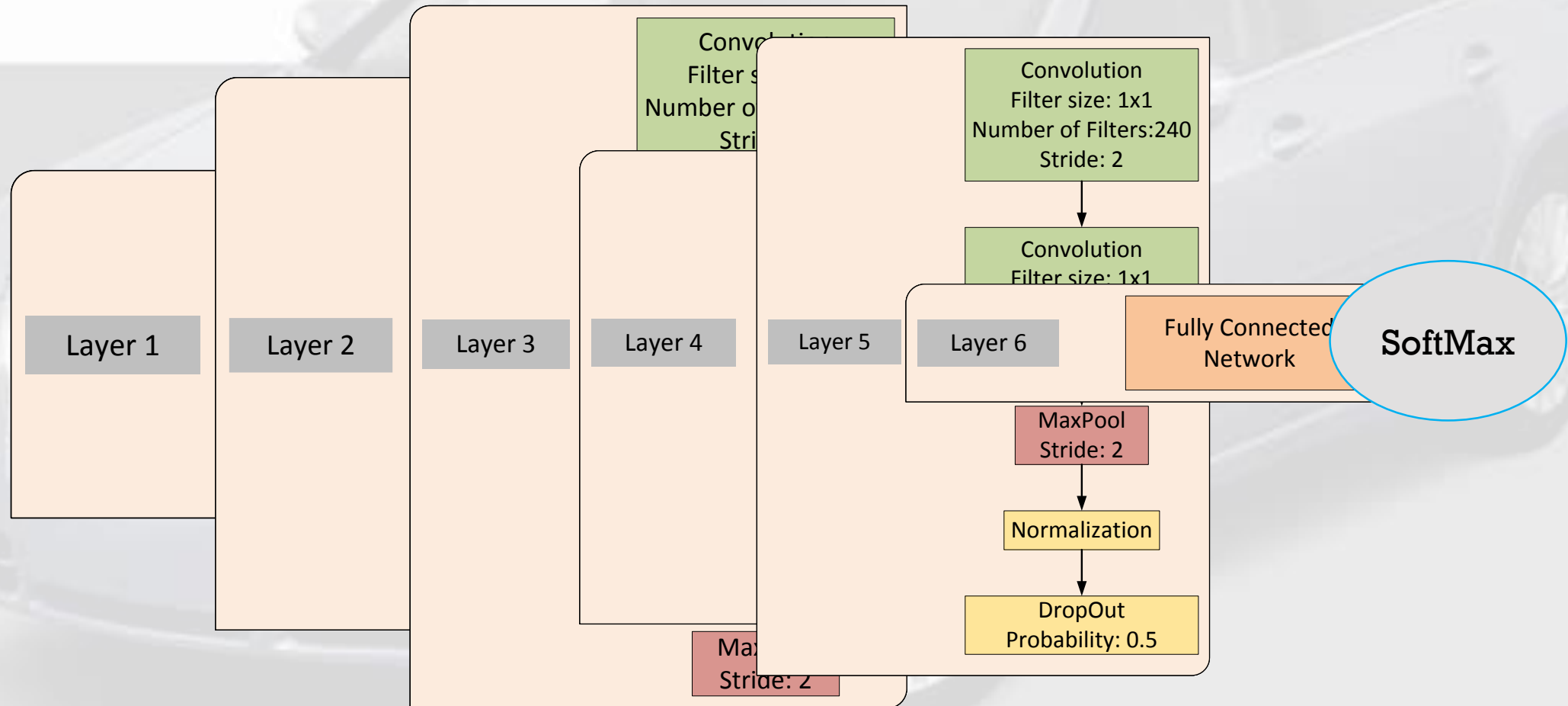
- ✓ NhLNet_B

- ✓ 5 layers

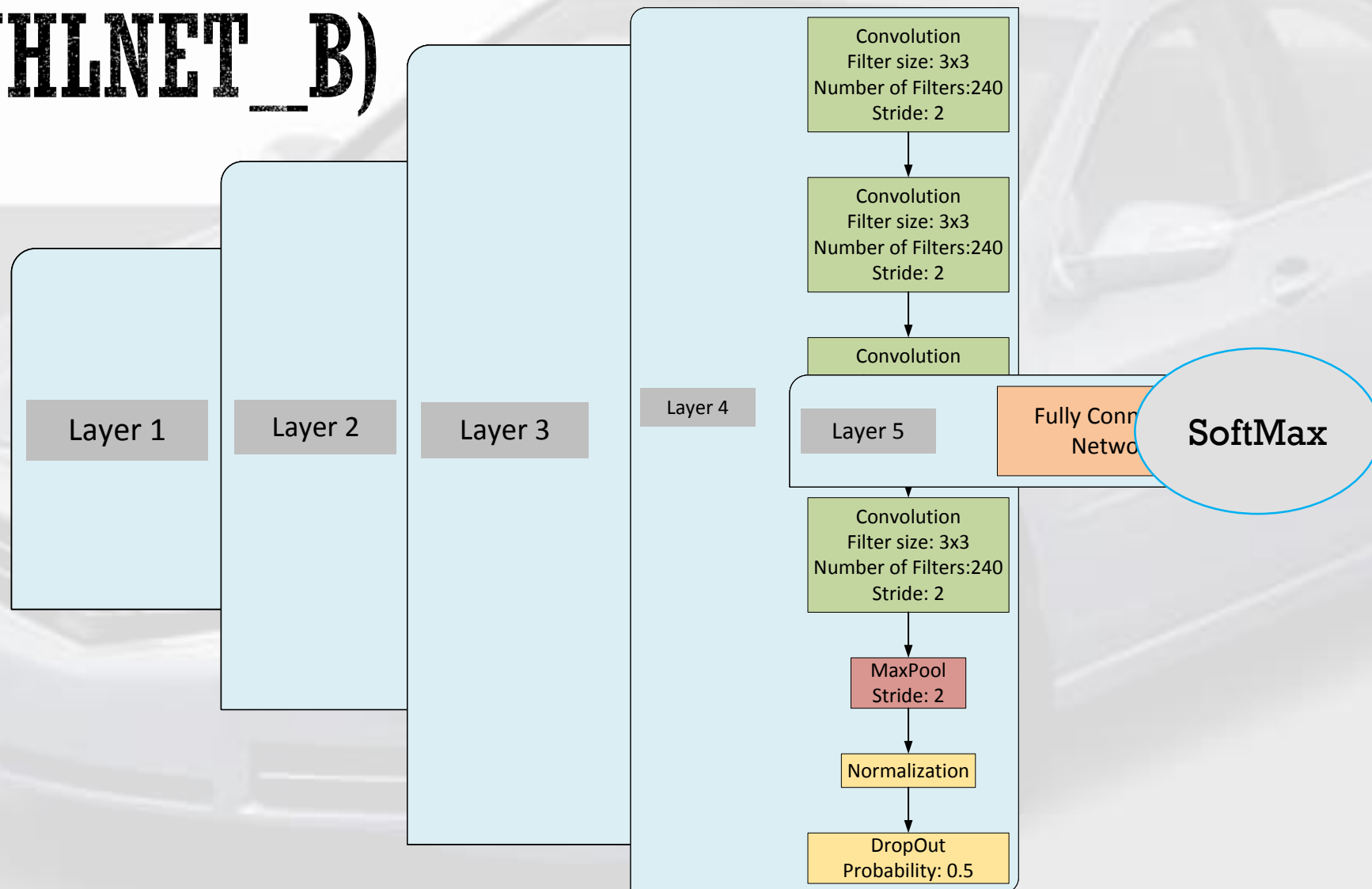
- 10 Convolution Layer of size: 3X3
 - MaxPool after each Convolution
 - Dropout (50% rate)
 - 1 Fully Connected Network



IMPLEMENTATION (NHLNET_A)



IMPLEMENTATION (NHLNET_B)

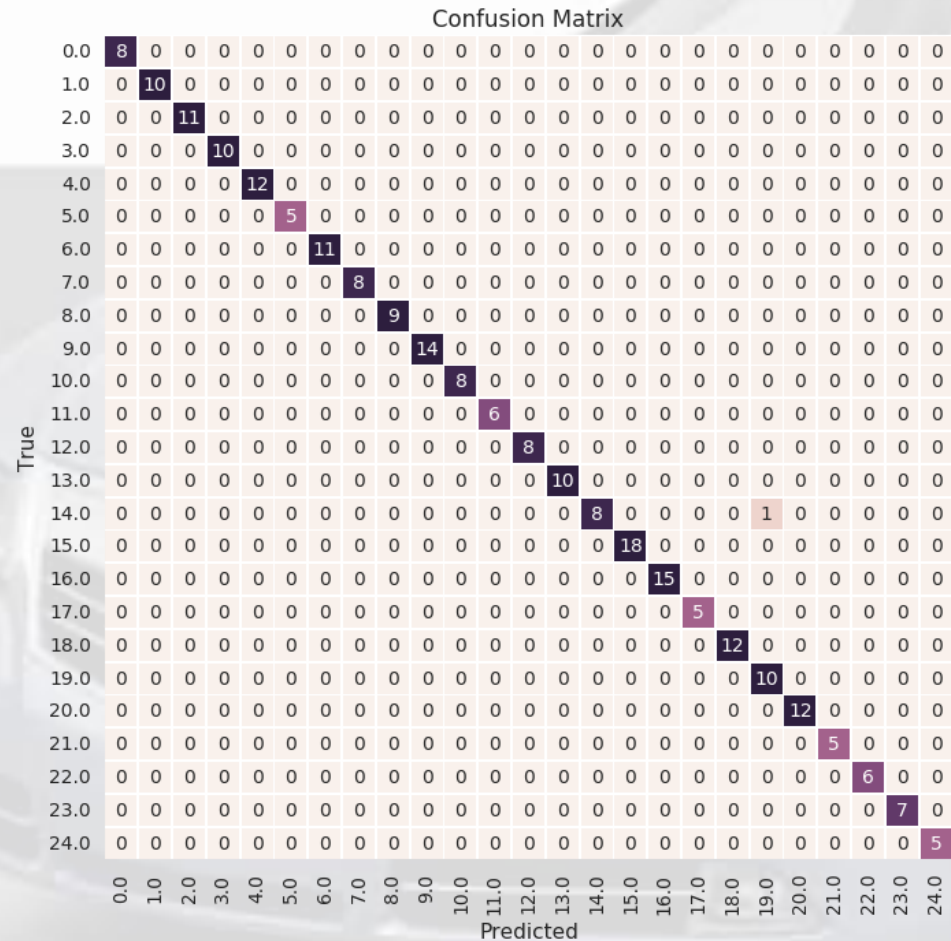


RESULTS AND ANALYSIS

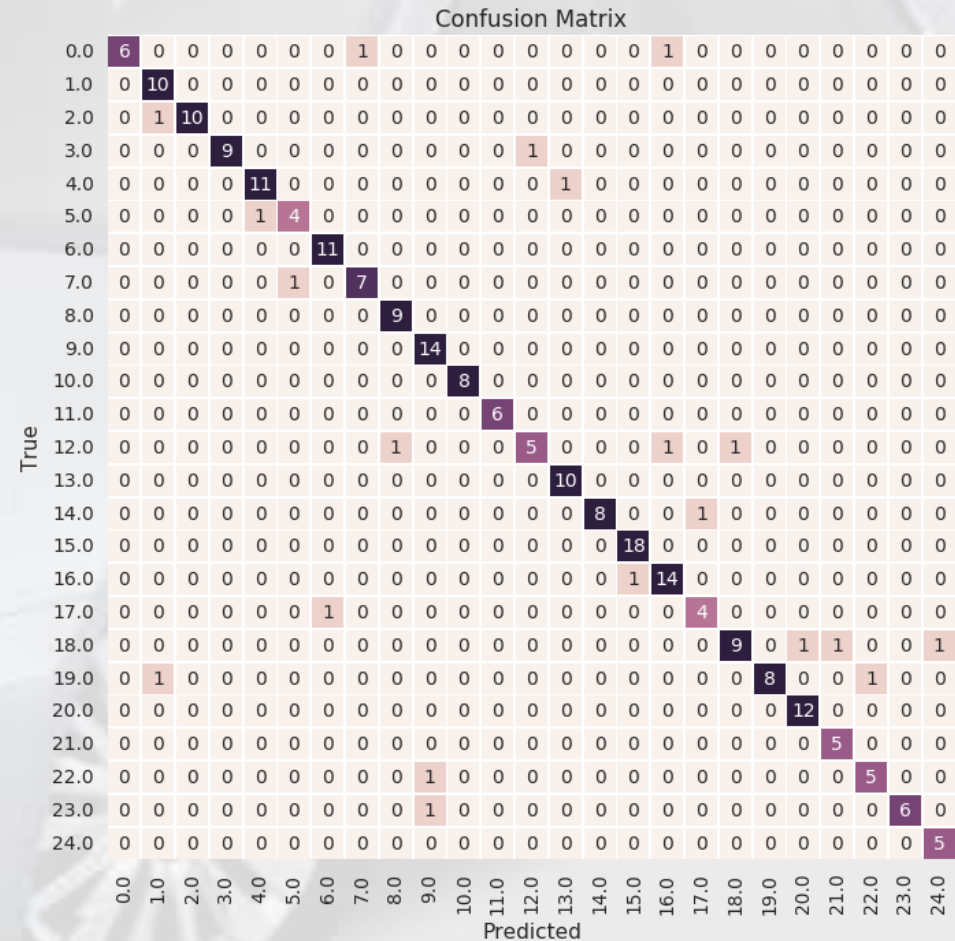
Model	Classes/ Labels	Top 1 Accuracy	Initial Learning Rate
GoogleNet (InceptionNet)	196	0.773	0.001
GoogleNet (InceptionNet)	25	0.981	0.001
NhLNet_A	25	0.183	0.001
NhLNet_B	25	0.951	0.001
NhLNet_B	196	0.753	0.001



RESULTS AND ANALYSIS



GoogleNet confusion matrix for 25 classes



NhLNet_B confusion matrix for 25 classes



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Ford Focus sedan 2007



Mercedes Benz C class Sedan2012

GoogleNet Misclassification



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Chevorlet corvette ZR1 2012



Chevorlet corvette ZR1 2006

NhLNet Misclassification



CHALLENGES

- Why these misclassifications?
 - ✓ Fine grain categorization → Visually Similar Features
 - ✓ Size of the dataset
 - ✓ Compressed images to make all of them to same size
 - ✓ Most of the times, the upgraded model released the following year may have changes in the engine specifications or interior changes by maintaining the exterior same → identifying the year of the car may become difficult
 - ✓ The new model may have some of the features extracted from old model → identifying the model may become difficult



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Questions?

