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Project 2

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Introduction

This project serves as a research and evaluation for different architectures in Neural Networks and choice of parameters in them to enhance the performance of classifiers at every task.

Two types of data sets were used to perform tasks such as identifying subjects from pose.mat dataset and identifying handwritten digits in the MNIST dataset, respectively. After dividing the datasets into training and testing, we calculated the accuracy.

Task 1: Identifying subjects

I. Pre-processing

Here, pose.mat was used as the data set. The dataset consists of cropped images of 68 subjects. The train/ test split was performed in such a way that a training set was formed with first 10 poses for each subject, and a test set out of the remaining 3 poses of each subject.

II. Train Neural Network

DeepLearning Toolbox was used to train various architectures of neural networks for deep learning using the trainNetwork function in MATLAB.

a. Convoluted Neural Networks

To start-off, a simple convoluted neural network was used to tackle this image classification problem. Further information regarding the layers can be found in the below figure.

The initial accuracy rate using the below convoluted neural network was **60.29%**.

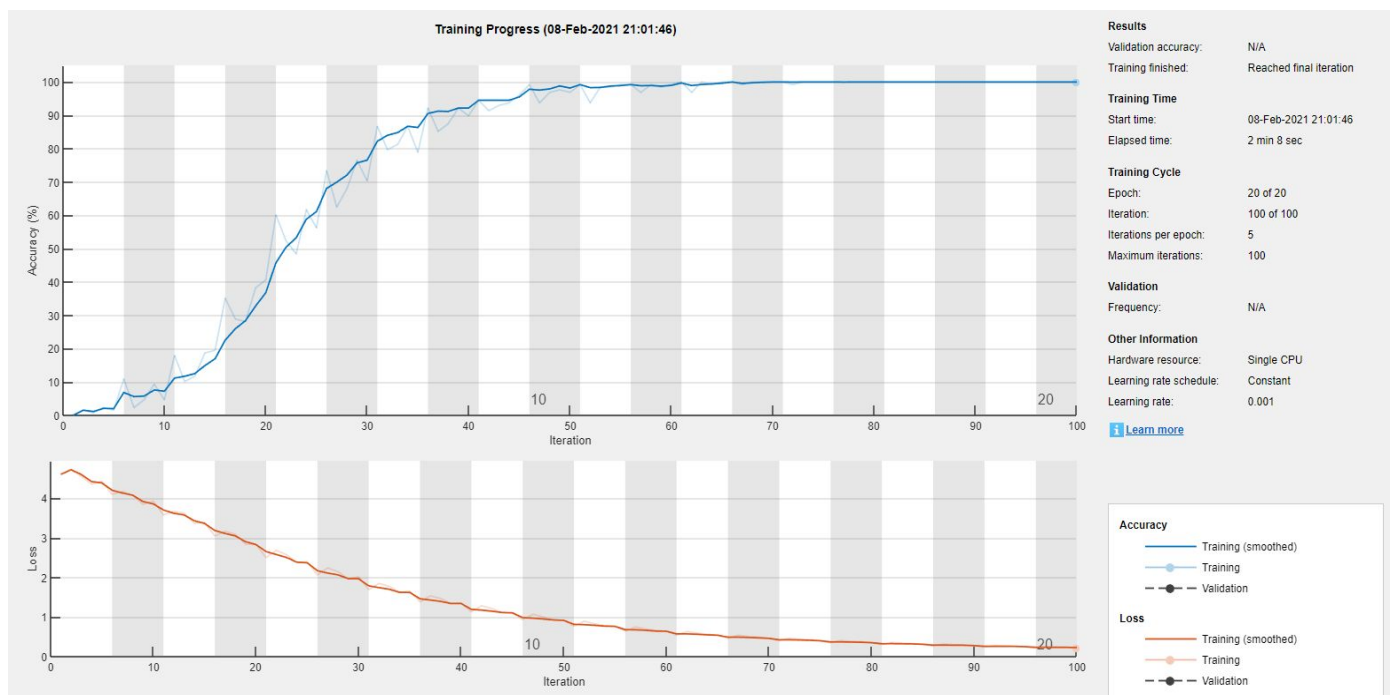
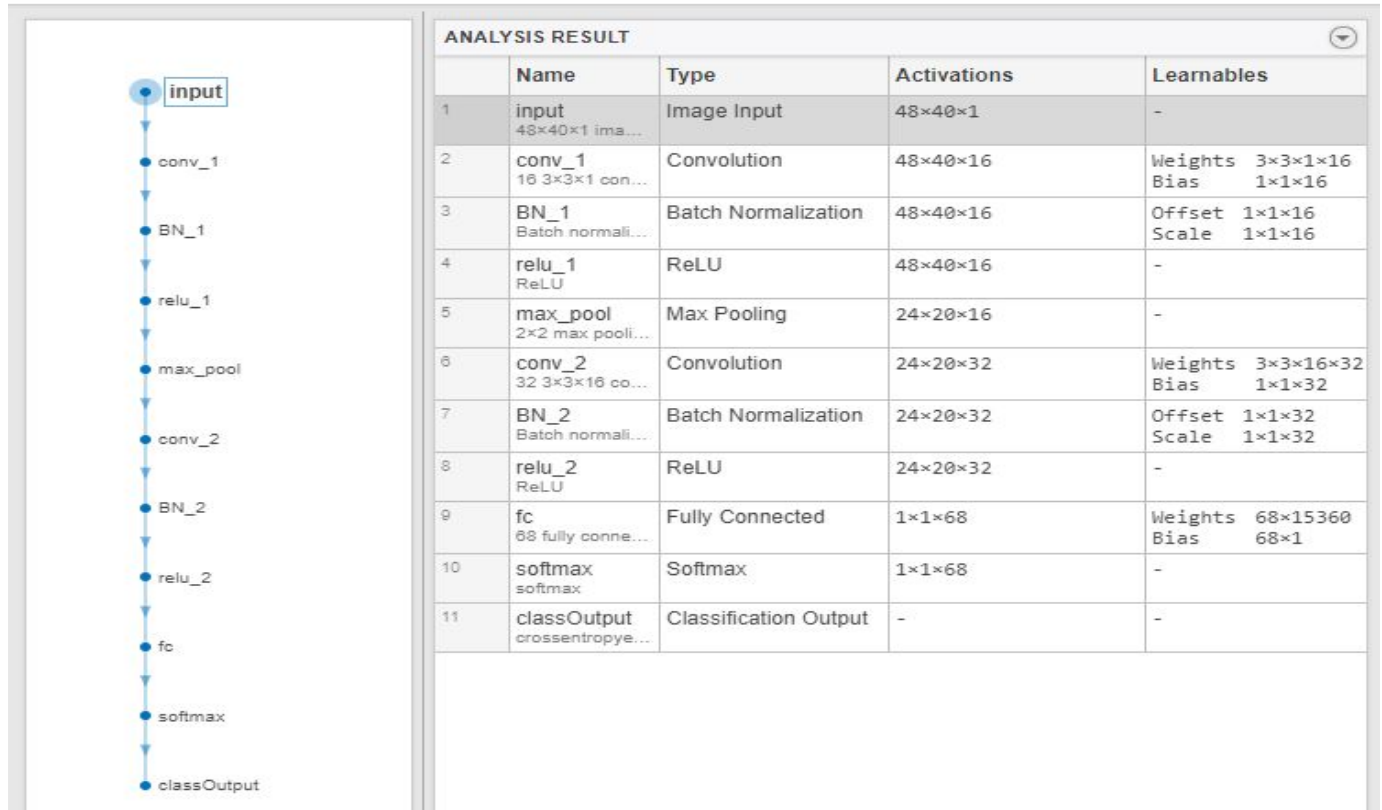
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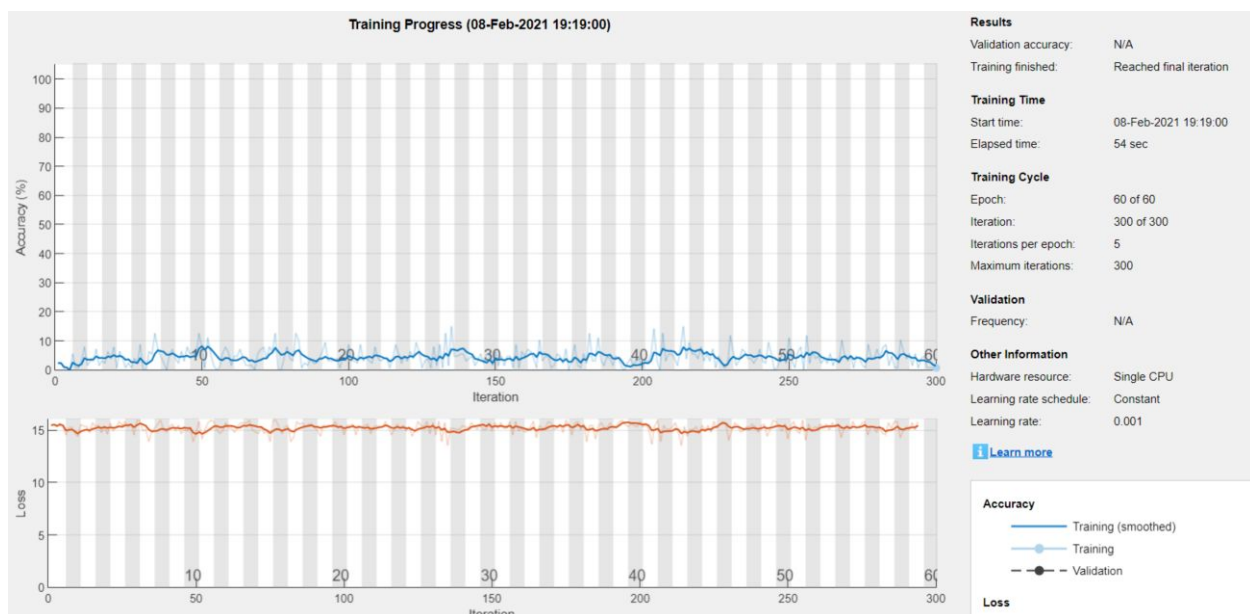
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In order to improve the accuracy, further tests were performed:

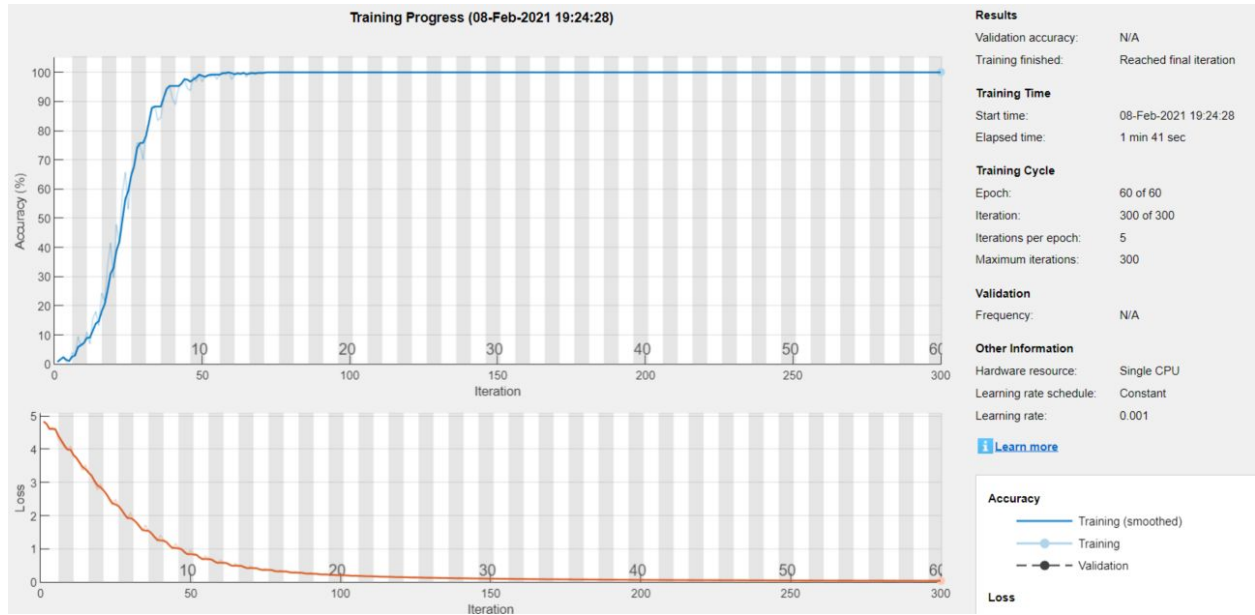
Test Case 1

- Parameters:
 - convolutionLayer with a filter size of 5 and 20 filters
 - ReLu layer to perform a threshold operation to each element of the input where any value less than zero is set to zero
 - Epochs were set to 60
 - Learning rate set to 1e-3
- Observation
 - The accuracy didn't seem to improve for each Epoch and the loss function was very high where a decreasing function is expected.



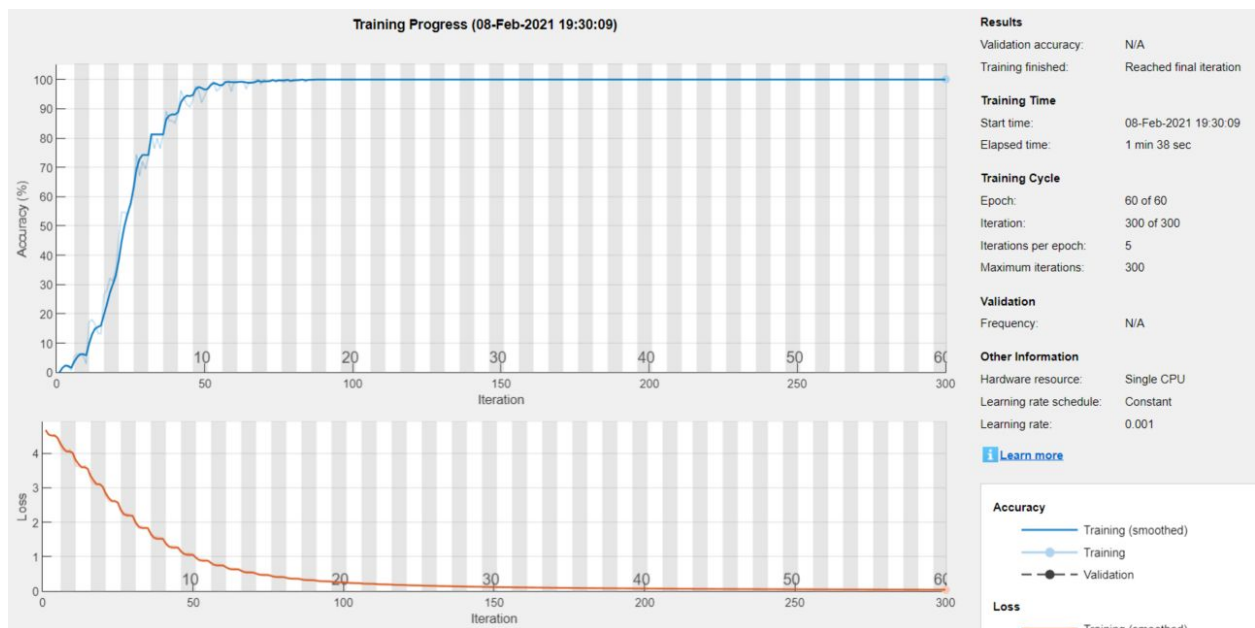
Test Case 2

- Parameters
 - convolutionLayer with a filter size of 3 and 16 filters with a padding of 1
 - 1st layer was batchNormalizationLayer and stride
 - 2nd layer was Relu Layer
 - Same Epochs and learning rate as attempt 1
- Observation
 - The accuracy seems to be improving over an increasing number of Epochs and loss function is decreasing.
 - Accuracy **63.24%**



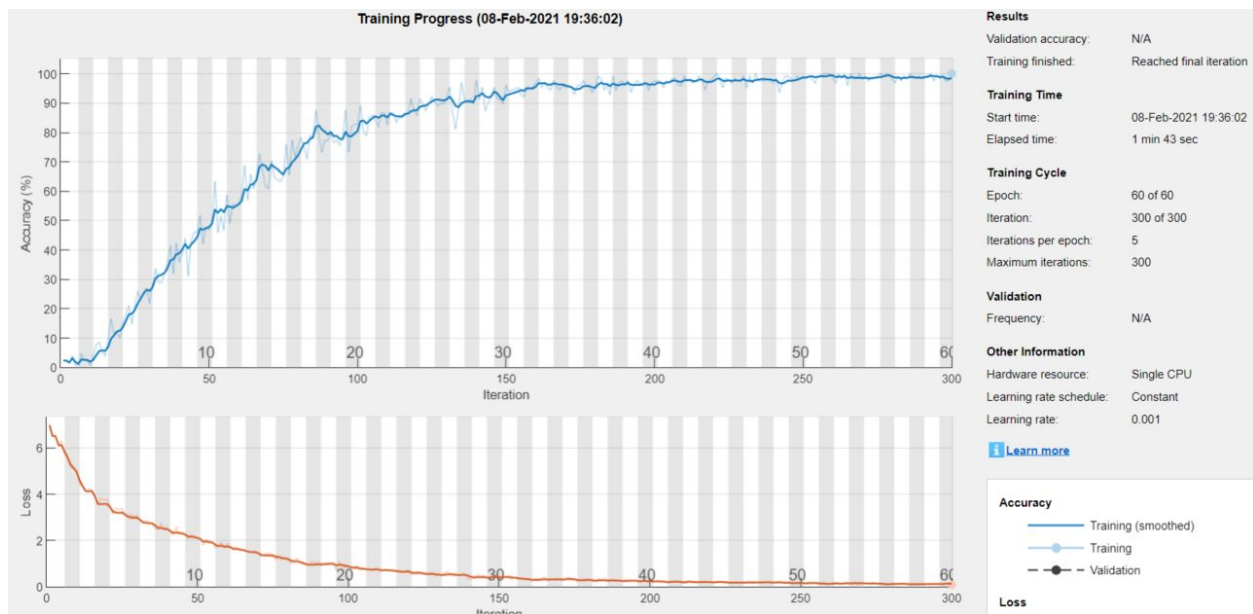
Test Case 3

- Parameters
 - First convolution layer was set with '5' filter size and 12 number of filters along with batchNormalizationLayer.
 - Tweaked the convolution layer for 2nd layer in the neural network with filter size of 3 and 32 filters along with relu layer
- Observation
 - Accuracy : **66.18%**.



Test Case 4

- Parameters
 - 1st layer is a convolution layer with filter size of 5 and 16 filters
 - 1st layer has relu layer, batchNormalization and stride
 - 2nd layer is a grouperConvolutionLayer with filter size 3, 24 filters and padding of 2 followed by relu layer, batchNormalization layer and stride of 2.
- Observation
 - Accuracy: **58.33%**.



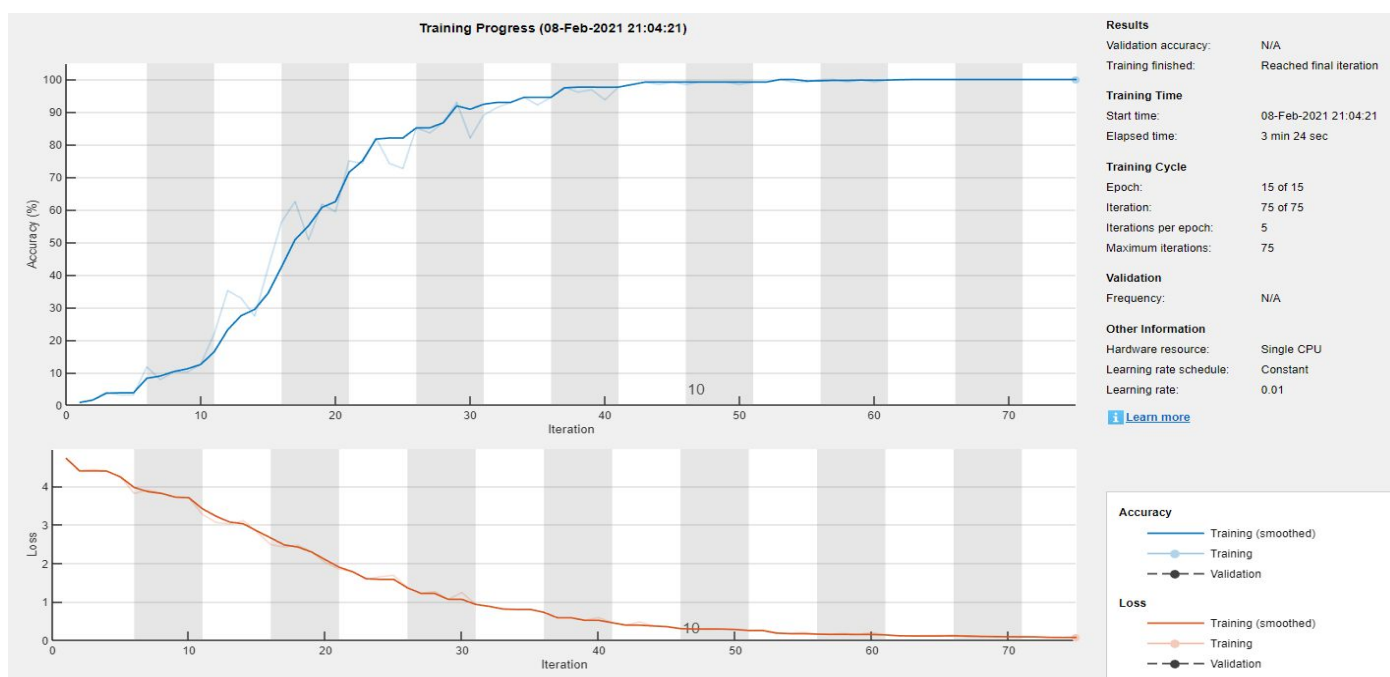
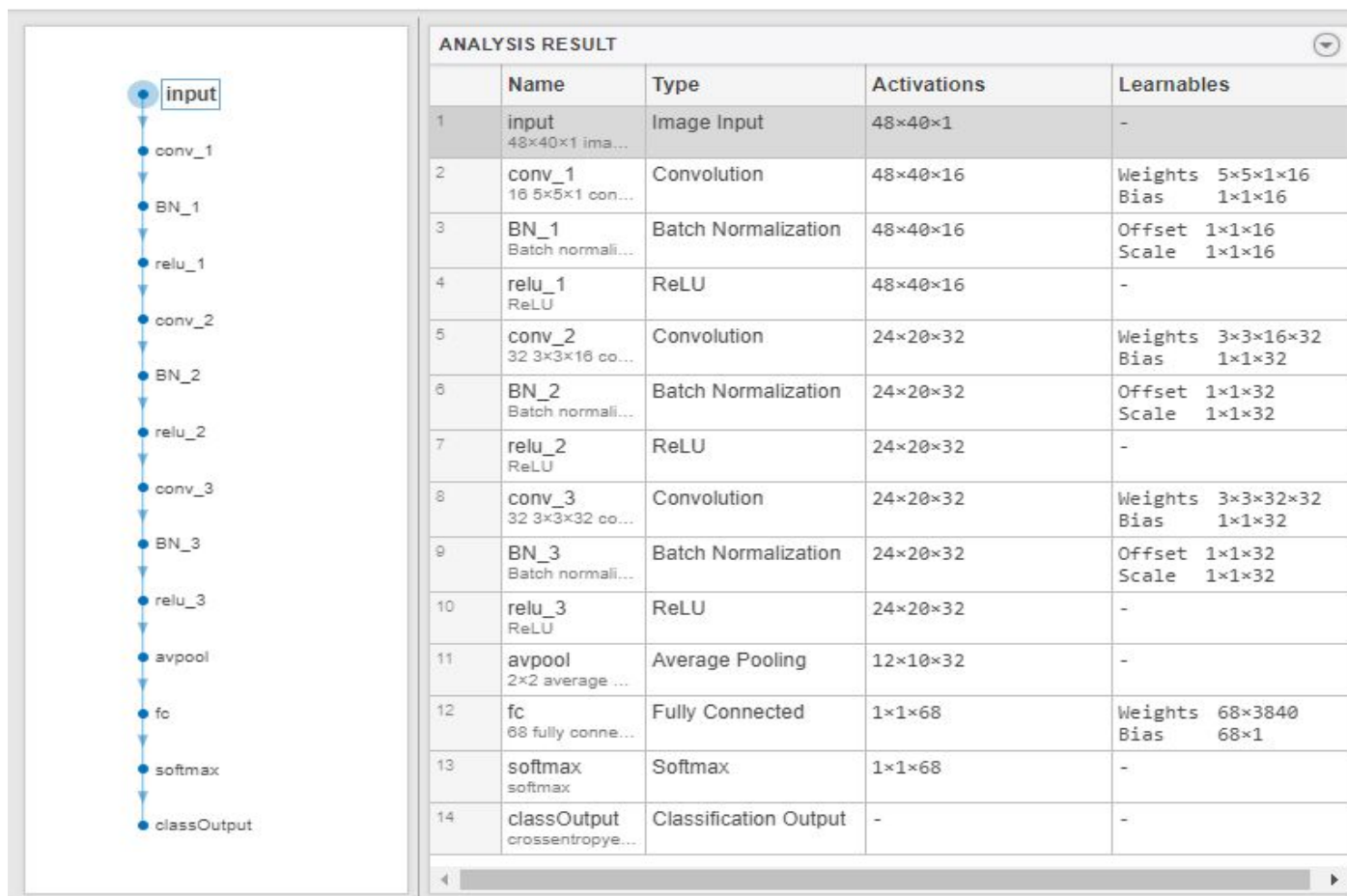
b. Simple Directed Acyclic Graph (DAG) Neural Network

A [DAG Network](#) is a neural network architecture for deep learning where layers are in the form of a directed acyclic graph. Below figure shows the further information regarding the layers in this architecture.

The accuracy obtained from this architecture is more than what we obtained from simple convoluted neural networks test cases. The accuracy score using this architecture for deep learning on the poses dataset resulted in **65.19%**, which is almost ~10% increase in accuracy in less number of iterations/epochs.

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Task 2: Identifying handwritten digits

I. Pre-processing

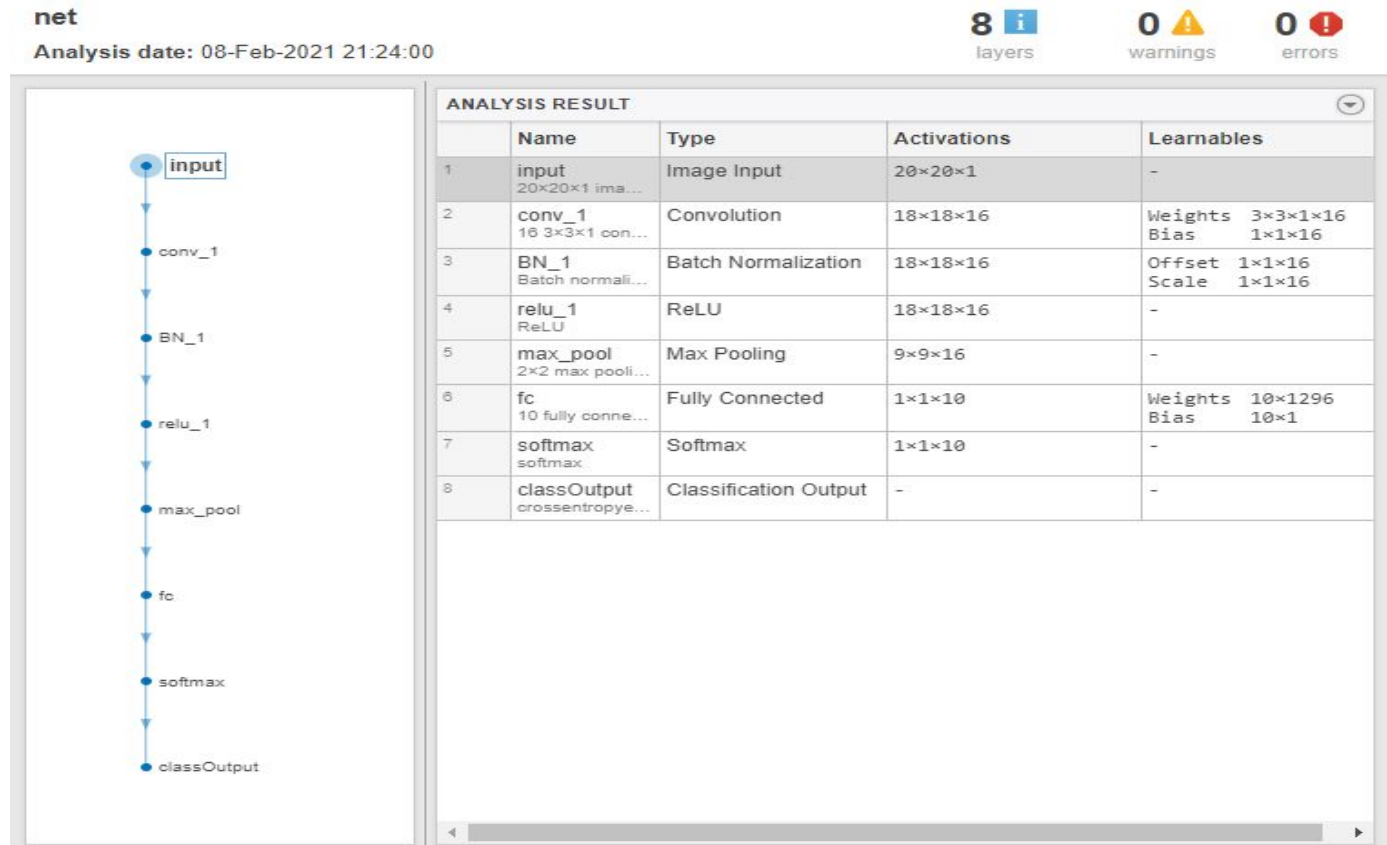
Here, [mnist.mat](#) was used as the data set. A script developed by Siddharth Hegde from Matlab file exchange was used to split the entire dataset into training set 60000 (28 x 28) grayscale images of handwritten digits (10 classes) and a testing set with 10000 images along with training and testing label set.

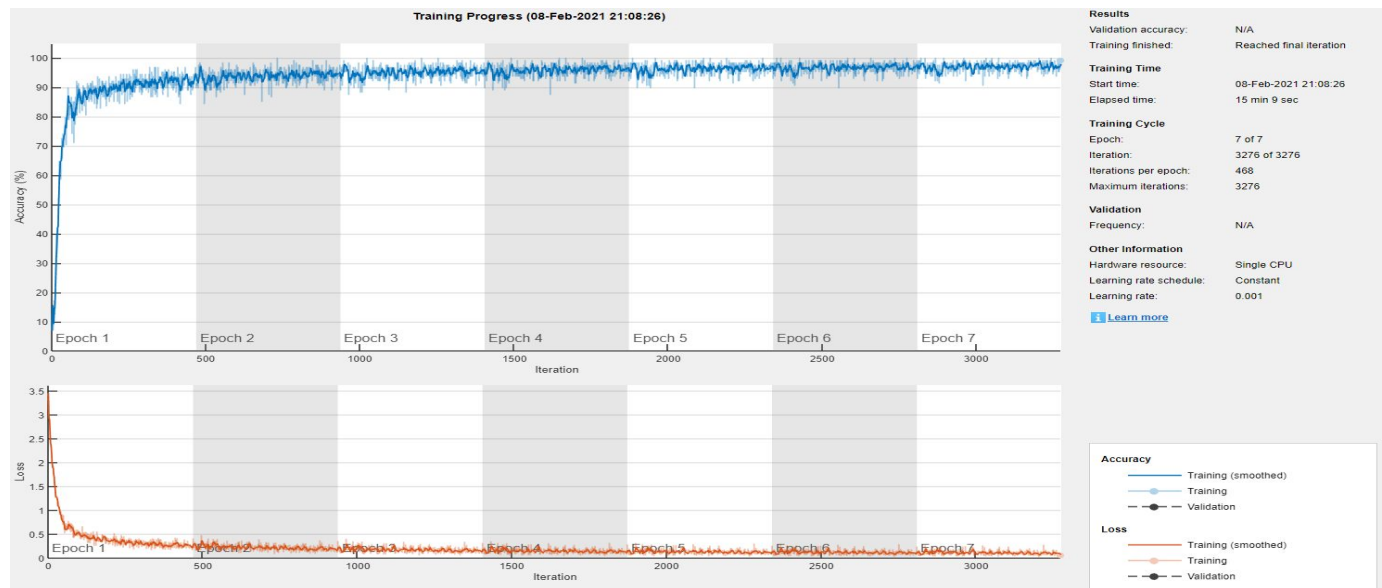
II. Train Neural Network

a. Convoluted Neural Networks

Similar to the last section, a simple convoluted neural network was used to tackle this image classification problem. Further information regarding the layers can be found in the below figure.

The initial accuracy rate using the below convoluted neural network was 97.03%

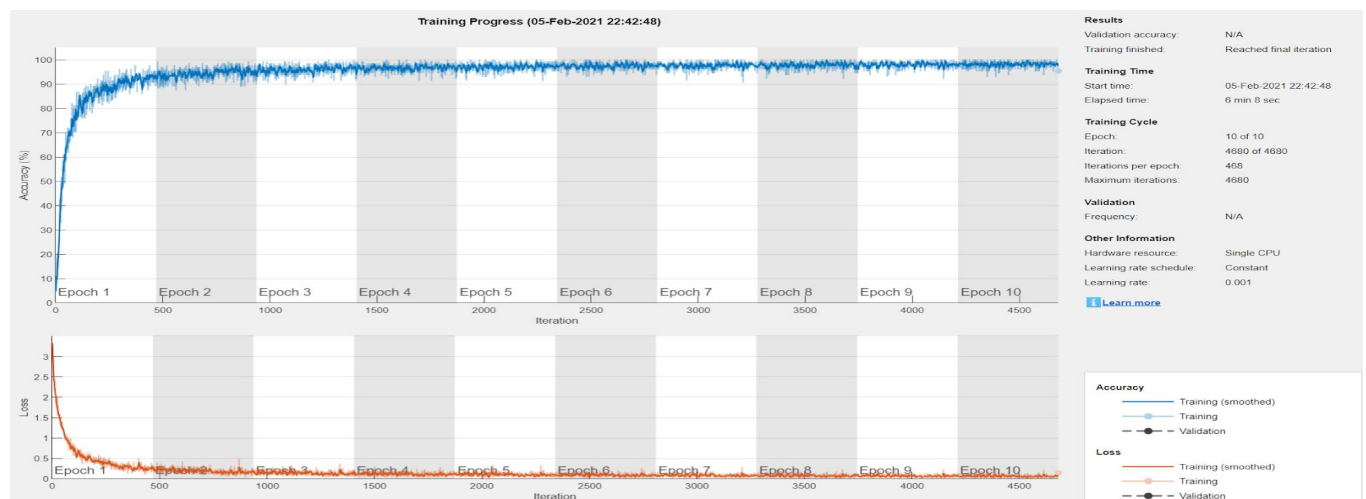




In order to improve the accuracy, further tests were performed:

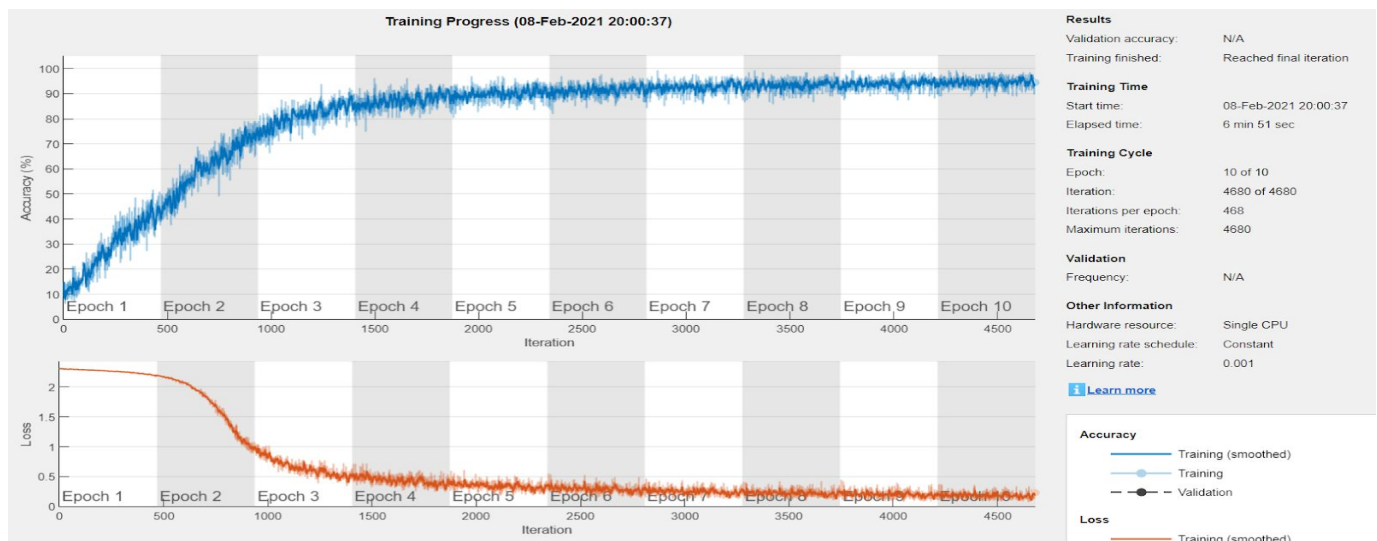
Test Case 1

- Parameters
 - 1st layer is a convolution layer with filter size of 5 and 16 filters and 1 padding followed by Relu layer and batch normalization layer
 - 2nd layer is a grouper convolution layer with filter size of 3, 24 filters and 2 padding followed by Relu layer and another relu layer
 - Epochs : 10
 - Learning rate: 1e-3
- Observation
 - Accuracy: **98.64%**



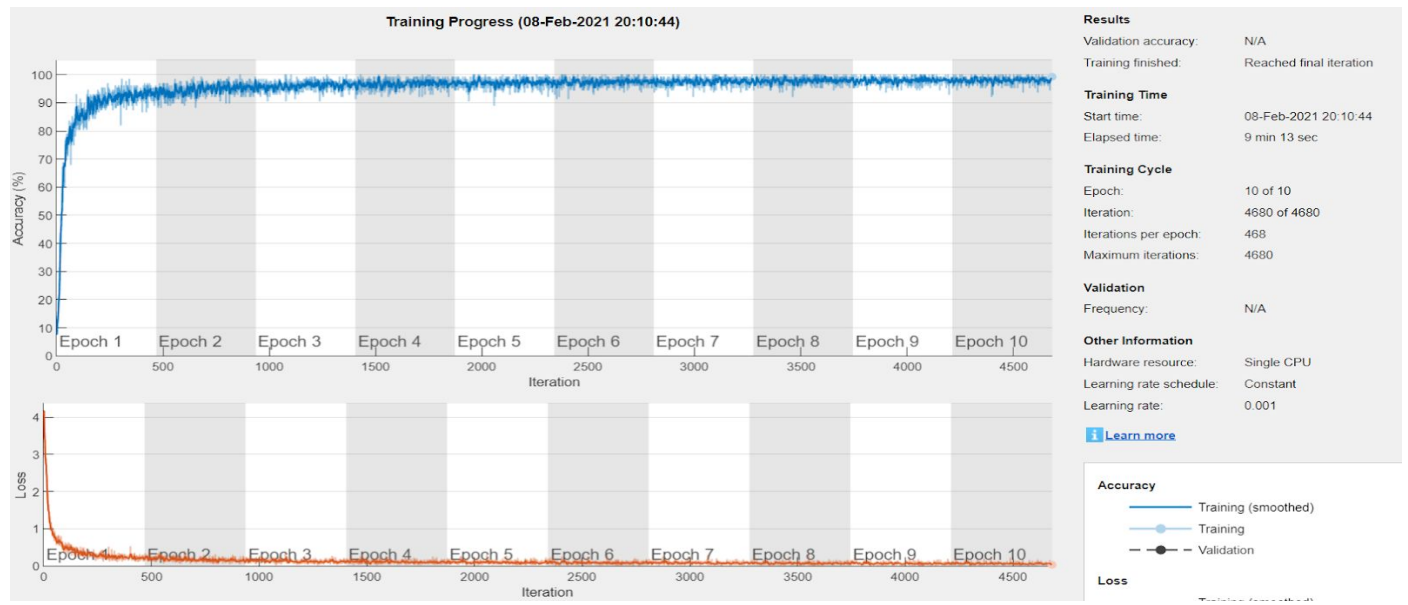
Test Case 2

- Parameters
 - 1st layer is a convolution layer with filter size of 5 and 16 filters and 1 padding followed by Relu layer and cross channel Normalization layer
 - 2nd layer is a grouper convolution layer with filter size of 3, 24 filters and 2 padding followed by Relu layer and cross channel Normalization layer
 - Epochs : 10
 - Learning rate: 1e-3
- Observation
 - Accuracy: **95.98%**



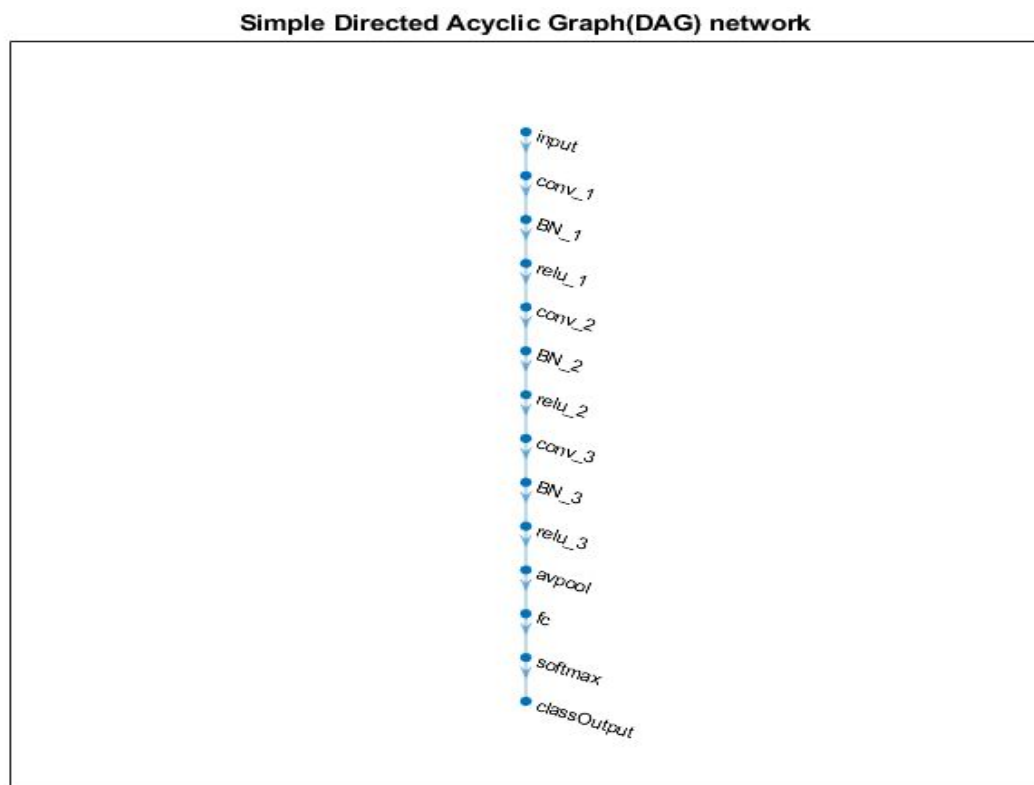
Test Case 3

- Parameters
 - The 1st layer is a convolution layer with a filter size of 3 and 16 filters and 1 padding followed by a Relu layer and batchNormalizationLayer.
 - The 2nd layer is a grouper convolution layer with filter size of 3, 24 filters and 2 padding followed by batchNormalizationLayer and cross channel Normalization layer.
 - Epochs : 10
 - Learning rate: 1e-3
- Observation
 - Accuracy: **98.61%**



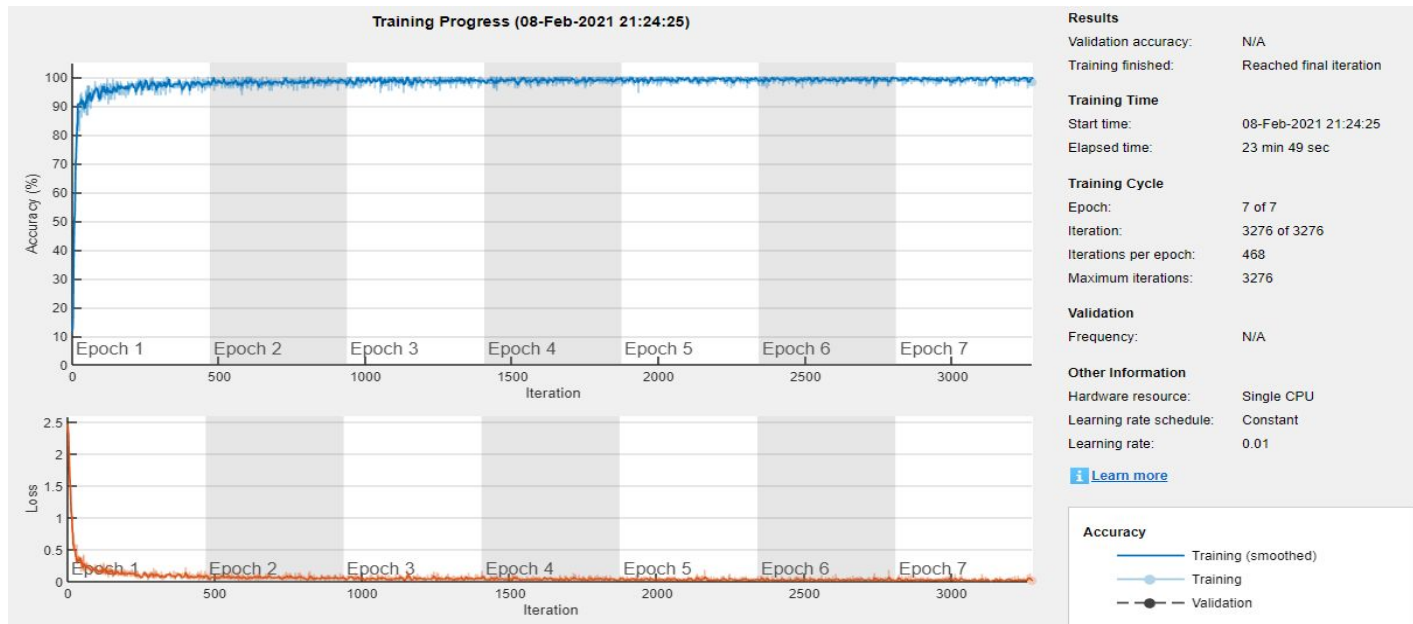
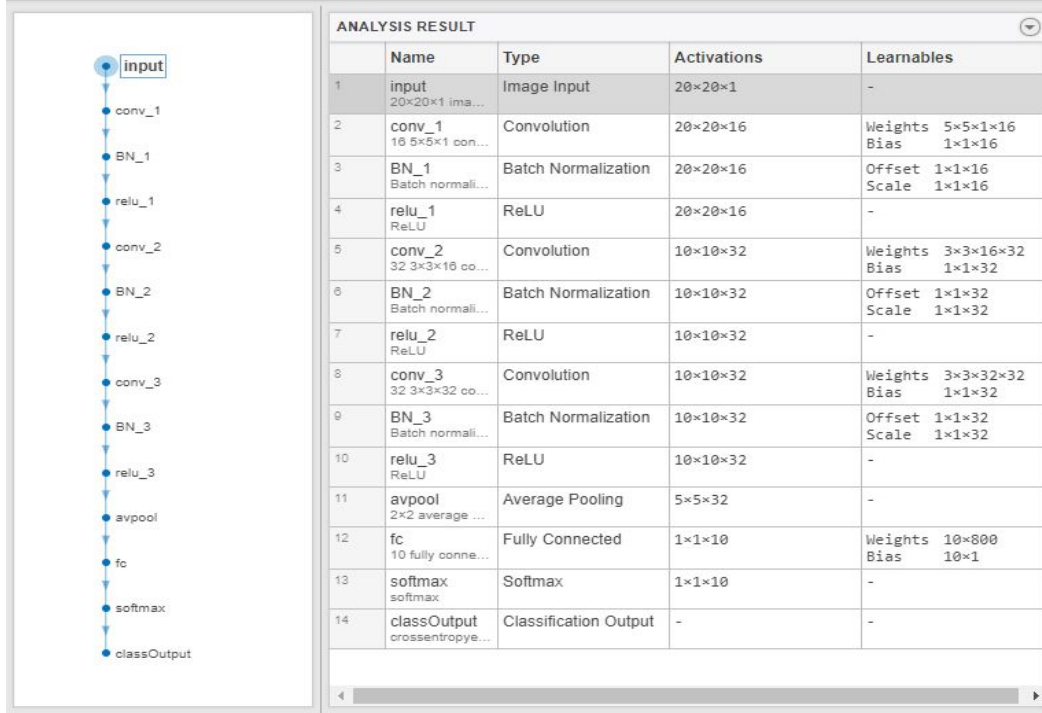
b. Simple Directed Acyclic Graph (DAG) Neural Network

The accuracy obtained from this architecture is more than what we obtained from simple convoluted neural networks test cases. The accuracy score using this architecture for deep learning on the poses dataset resulted in 99% in the same number of epochs.



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MATLAB Code

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