CS5480 Final Presentation

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Challenge

- Multiclass Image Classification
 - 50 classes of different types: Animals, Fishes, Human Activities, Insects, Food .etc.
 - 65000 training images
 - 38366 test images

Final Submission

- A neural net that uses Squeezenet(self-implemented) as one of the layers.
- Submission:
 - Data Modification:
 - Resizing images to 128x128
 - Randomly flipping images vertically and horizontally
 - Grayscaling the images
 - Model:
 - Convolutional Layer with 1x1x3 kernels
 - Pooling Layer (2x2)
 - Squeezenet
 - GAP layer
 - FC layer (10 to 50)

Final Submission

- Model Parameters:
 - Number of Epochs = 25
 - Loss Function : Cross Entropy Loss
 - Batch Size = 32
 - Optimizer: Adam with learning rate 0.0005

Public Leaderboard Accuracy: 25.786

Private Leaderboard Accuracy: 16.082

Preprocessing

- Most images had either 512 height/width.
 - o Tried both 256x256, 224x224, 128x128 with varied results
- Tried both grayscale and colored images
 - o In hindsight, should have gone with colored images
- Randomly flipping images vertically and horizontally to increase the variability in images and dampen over-learning
- Normalized the images(values of tensor) with a mean and standard deviation

Neural Net

- Tried a small CNN with 3-4 layers without preprocessing to test the waters and got a public accuracy of 25.626
- Tried ViT submitted in Assignment-3, but the model was not able to learn the weights required.
 - Most probably due to the positional encoding
- Tried a large CNN but kept getting lower accuracy compared to the first attempt
- Tried squeezenet, and kept using it for the remainder of submissions

Hyperparameters

- Optimizers, Batch Size and Learning Rate:
 - Tried both SGD(batch = 1) and Adam
 - With Adam, tried learning rates varying from 0.00001 to 0.1
 - Tried batch sizes varying from 1 to 128
- Kept using validation data, until submission, where entire data was used to learn the weights

Conclusion/Things that could have been done differently

- Could have tried more known models instead of sticking to squeezenet
 - Using ResNet gave around 50% accuracy without any preprocessing
- Could have tried more robust, simpler CNN rather than using a known model
- Could have tried manipulating the parameters of ViT to fix the issue of zero learning
- Could have gone through data more extensively and tried to extract some features
 - Should have tried 64x64 sized images since most images in the test folder are of that height/width.

Thank You