Neural Network Fashion MNIST

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1 1: Problem, Objectives, Ethical Concerns and Dataset Biases:

1.1 1.1: Problem Description

The problem tackled is multi-class image classification. Our goal is to design a neural network that can accurately classify 28x28 grayscale images of clothing into one of 10 categories: T-shirt/top, Trouser, Pullover, Dress, Coat, Sandal, Shirt, Sneaker, Bag, and Ankle boot.

1.2 Objectives:

- High Accuracy: The primary objective is to develop a model that achieves the highest possible classification accuracy on a held-out validation set. This measures the model's ability to generalize its learning to new, unseen images.
- Efficient Training: To implement a training pipeline that is computationally efficient, making the best use of available hardware (like a GPU) to train the model in a reasonable amount of time.
- Robustness: The model should be robust enough to correctly classify images even with variations in lighting, scale, rotation, and background clutter.

1.3 Ethical Concerns and Dataset Biases:

Fashion-MNIST, while a benchmark dataset, isn't free from potential biases and concerns. It's composed of 70,000 images derived from product photos, equally distributed across the 10 classes, but it primarily features Western-style clothing, which could introduce cultural biases—think how it might underrepresent traditional garments from non-Western cultures, potentially leading to models that perform poorly on diverse global fashion. There's also a risk of gender biases, as some categories (like dresses) might implicitly lean toward certain stereotypes, or socioeconomic implications if the model is deployed in real-world apps, such as recommending clothes based on biased training data, which could perpetuate inequalities by favoring affluent or mainstream styles. Using such a model in e-commerce or surveillance could amplify these issues, like misclassifying items from underrepresented groups, leading to unfair outcomes or reinforcing cultural norms. It's crucial we address this by considering diverse data augmentation or ethical audits before deployment, ensuring the tech benefits everyone without harm.

1.4 1.2: Dataset Selection and Preprocessing

Why Fashion-MNIST?

1. It maintains the same structure as MNIST (28x28 grayscale) for easy handling

- 2. Higher complexity: Fine-grained distinctions (e.g., shirts vs. pullovers) better simulate real-world challenges.
- 3. Provides a good balance between computational requirements and learning challenges

```
[4]: import torch
    import torchvision
    import torchvision.transforms as transforms
    from torch.utils.data import DataLoader
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     Code Block Explanation: This code loads the dataset directly via torchvision, ...
     \hookrightarrowapplies normalization to center the pixel values between -1 and 1 (which\sqcup
     ⇔helps with training stability),
     ⇒prevents the model from learning batch order artifacts.
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    # Define transforms for normalization
    transform = transforms.Compose([
        transforms.ToTensor(),
        transforms.Normalize((0.5,), (0.5,)) # Normalize to center the pixel values
     \rightarrowbetween -1 and 1
    1)
     # Load Fashion-MNIST dataset
    train data = torchvision.datasets.FashionMNIST(root='./data', train=True,__
      →download=True, transform=transform)
    test_data = torchvision.datasets.FashionMNIST(root='./data', train=False,__
      →download=True, transform=transform)
    # Create DataLoaders
    batch size = 64
    train_loader = DataLoader(train_data, batch_size=batch_size, shuffle=True)
    test loader = DataLoader(test data, batch size=batch size, shuffle=False)
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    images-idx3-ubyte.gz
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./data/FashionMNIST/raw
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1.5 1.3: Simple Fully Connected Network

Architecture: * Input Layer: Flattens each 28x28 image into a 784-dimensional vector. * Hidden Layers: One layers with 256 neurons, using ReLU activation to introduce non-linearity. * Output Layer: 10 neurons, one per class, with no activation. We don't apply a softmax function here because the CrossEntropyLoss function.

Why This Design? * It's simple yet capable of learning basic patterns. * ReLU helps the network capture complex features by avoiding the vanishing gradient problem.

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[6]: import torch.nn as nn import torch.nn.functional as F

"""

Code Block Explanation: I chose a three-layer fully connected network because

it's simple yet effective for starting out-enough capacity to learn features

without overcomplicating things.

ReLU activations help with non-linearity and avoiding vanishing gradients, and

the neuron counts (784-128-64-10) provide a gradual reduction, balancing

expressiveness and efficiency for Fashion-MNIST's flattened inputs.
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class SimpleNN(nn.Module):
    def __init__(self):
        super(SimpleNN, self).__init__()
        # Input layer: 784 (28x28 flattened) to 128 neurons
        self.fc1 = nn.Linear(784, 128)
        # Hidden layer: 128 to 64 neurons
        self.fc2 = nn.Linear(128, 64)
        # Output layer: 64 to 10 classes
        self.fc3 = nn.Linear(64, 10)
    def forward(self, x):
        # Flatten the input image
        x = x.view(-1, 784)
        # Apply ReLU activation after each hidden layer
        x = torch.relu(self.fc1(x))
        x = torch.relu(self.fc2(x))
        # No activation on output (will use softmax in loss)
        x = self.fc3(x)
        return x
```

1.6 1.4: Implement Training and Evaluation

Training Setup: * Loss Function: CrossEntropyLoss, ideal for multi-class classification as it combines softmax and negative log-likelihood. * **Optimizer:** Adam, chosen for its adaptive learning rate, which often speeds up convergence compared to plain SGD.

Process: * Train for 10 epochs, printing loss every 200 batches. * Evaluate accuracy on the test set afterward.

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[8]: # Deleting all previous runs
!rm -rf /content/runs/* # delete all runs
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# Define loss and optimizer
criterion = nn.CrossEntropyLoss()
optimizer = optim.Adam(model.parameters(), lr=0.001)
# Training loop
epochs = 10
for epoch in range(epochs):
  model.train()
  running loss = 0.0
  for i, (images, labels) in enumerate(train_loader):
      images, labels = images.to(device), labels.to(device)
      optimizer.zero_grad()
      outputs = model(images)
      loss = criterion(outputs, labels)
      loss.backward()
      optimizer.step()
      running_loss += loss.item()
      if i % 200 == 199:
          print(f'Epoch {epoch + 1}, Batch {i + 1}, Loss: {running_loss / 200:.

3f}¹)

          running_loss = 0.0
# Evaluation
model.eval()
correct = 0
total = 0
with torch.no_grad():
    for data in test_loader:
        images, labels = data[0].to(device), data[1].to(device)
        outputs = model(images)
        _, predicted = torch.max(outputs.data, 1)
        total += labels.size(0)
        correct += (predicted == labels).sum().item()
print(f'Test Accuracy: {100 * correct / total:.2f}%')
Epoch 1, Batch 200, Loss: 0.753
Epoch 1, Batch 400, Loss: 0.494
Epoch 1, Batch 600, Loss: 0.453
Epoch 1, Batch 800, Loss: 0.444
Epoch 2, Batch 200, Loss: 0.397
Epoch 2, Batch 400, Loss: 0.395
Epoch 2, Batch 600, Loss: 0.371
Epoch 2, Batch 800, Loss: 0.355
Epoch 3, Batch 200, Loss: 0.338
Epoch 3, Batch 400, Loss: 0.352
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Epoch 3, Batch 600, Loss: 0.340
Epoch 3, Batch 800, Loss: 0.338
Epoch 4, Batch 200, Loss: 0.325
Epoch 4, Batch 400, Loss: 0.317
Epoch 4, Batch 600, Loss: 0.317
Epoch 4, Batch 800, Loss: 0.309
Epoch 5, Batch 200, Loss: 0.297
Epoch 5, Batch 400, Loss: 0.294
Epoch 5, Batch 600, Loss: 0.289
Epoch 5, Batch 800, Loss: 0.298
Epoch 6, Batch 200, Loss: 0.268
Epoch 6, Batch 400, Loss: 0.284
Epoch 6, Batch 600, Loss: 0.277
Epoch 6, Batch 800, Loss: 0.292
Epoch 7, Batch 200, Loss: 0.275
Epoch 7, Batch 400, Loss: 0.264
Epoch 7, Batch 600, Loss: 0.261
Epoch 7, Batch 800, Loss: 0.277
Epoch 8, Batch 200, Loss: 0.253
Epoch 8, Batch 400, Loss: 0.254
Epoch 8, Batch 600, Loss: 0.269
Epoch 8, Batch 800, Loss: 0.259
Epoch 9, Batch 200, Loss: 0.239
Epoch 9, Batch 400, Loss: 0.237
Epoch 9, Batch 600, Loss: 0.244
Epoch 9, Batch 800, Loss: 0.255
Epoch 10, Batch 200, Loss: 0.220
Epoch 10, Batch 400, Loss: 0.239
Epoch 10, Batch 600, Loss: 0.229
Epoch 10, Batch 800, Loss: 0.241
Test Accuracy: 86.58%
```

2 2: Improve Model Performance

2.1 2.1: Tensorboard Integration

Tensorboard lets us track training metrics (loss, accuracy) over time and compare experiments visually, which is key to understanding model behavior.

```
[11]: import torch
from torch.utils.tensorboard import SummaryWriter

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We build on SimpleNN by adding SummaryWriter to log loss and accuracy per epoch.

→ Tensorboard helps track progress and compare runs.

Renaming same NN to avoid training model again.
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class SimpleNN_TB(nn.Module):
   def __init__(self):
        super(SimpleNN_TB, self).__init__()
        # Input layer: 784 (28x28 flattened) to 128 neurons
        self.fc1 = nn.Linear(784, 128)
        # Hidden layer: 128 to 64 neurons
       self.fc2 = nn.Linear(128, 64)
        # Output layer: 64 to 10 classes
        self.fc3 = nn.Linear(64, 10)
   def forward(self, x):
       # Flatten the input image
       x = x.view(-1, 784)
        # Apply ReLU activation after each hidden layer
       x = torch.relu(self.fc1(x))
       x = torch.relu(self.fc2(x))
        # No activation on output (will use softmax in loss)
       x = self.fc3(x)
        return x
# Create DataLoaders
batch_size = 64
train loader = DataLoader(train data, batch size=batch size, shuffle=True)
test_loader = DataLoader(test_data, batch_size=batch_size, shuffle=False)
# Instantiate and move to GPU if available
device = torch.device("cuda" if torch.cuda.is_available() else "cpu")
model = SimpleNN_TB().to(device)
# Define loss and optimizer
criterion = nn.CrossEntropyLoss()
optimizer = optim.Adam(model.parameters(), lr=0.001)
# Initialize TensorBoard writer
writer = SummaryWriter('runs/baseline')
# Training with logging
for epoch in range(epochs):
 model.train()
 running loss = 0.0
 for images, labels in train_loader:
      images, labels = images.to(device), labels.to(device)
      optimizer.zero_grad()
      outputs = model(images)
      loss = criterion(outputs, labels)
      loss.backward()
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optimizer.step()
            running_loss += loss.item()
        avg_loss = running_loss / len(train_loader)
        writer.add_scalar('Training Loss', avg_loss, epoch)
        # Evaluate and log accuracy
        model.eval()
        correct = 0
        total = 0
        with torch.no_grad():
          for data in test_loader:
              images, labels = data[0].to(device), data[1].to(device)
              outputs = model(images)
              _, predicted = torch.max(outputs.data, 1)
              total += labels.size(0)
              correct += (predicted == labels).sum().item()
        accuracy = 100 * correct / total
        writer.add_scalar('Test Accuracy', accuracy, epoch)
        print(f'Epoch {epoch + 1}, Loss: {avg_loss:.3f}, Accuracy: {accuracy:.2f}%')
      writer.close()
     Epoch 1, Loss: 0.514, Accuracy: 84.85%
     Epoch 2, Loss: 0.378, Accuracy: 85.20%
     Epoch 3, Loss: 0.342, Accuracy: 85.28%
     Epoch 4, Loss: 0.316, Accuracy: 86.17%
     Epoch 5, Loss: 0.299, Accuracy: 86.95%
     Epoch 6, Loss: 0.283, Accuracy: 87.11%
     Epoch 7, Loss: 0.270, Accuracy: 87.72%
     Epoch 8, Loss: 0.259, Accuracy: 87.60%
     Epoch 9, Loss: 0.246, Accuracy: 87.47%
     Epoch 10, Loss: 0.240, Accuracy: 88.33%
[12]: # Correct the path to point to the 'tensorboard' executable, NOT 'python'
      import os
      os.environ['TENSORBOARD_BINARY'] = '/Users/ahmedbinirfan/anaconda3/bin/
       ⇔tensorboard'
[13]: %load_ext tensorboard
      # Reload the extension to make sure it picks up the new environment variable
      %reload ext tensorboard
      # Now, launch TensorBoard
      %tensorboard --logdir runs
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2.1.1 2.2 & 2.3: Modify Architecture and Hyperparameters

First set of modifications for improvement: * Add a Layer: Increase capacity with a third hidden layer (256 neurons). * Tweak Learning Rate: 0.0005 instead of 0.001 to allow finer adjustments.

Justification: * Add a Layer: Increasing the capacity with a third hidden layer (128 neurons) allows the model to learn more complex representations and potentially capture subtle patterns in the data. * Tweak Learning Rate: Reducing the learning rate to 0.0005 can lead to more precise convergence and potentially better optima by taking smaller steps in the optimization process.

```
[15]: # Model 1: Deeper architecture (add another hidden layer)
      class DeeperNN(nn.Module):
          def __init__(self):
              super(DeeperNN, self).__init__()
              self.fc1 = nn.Linear(784, 256)
              self.fc2 = nn.Linear(256, 128)
              self.fc3 = nn.Linear(128, 64)
              self.fc4 = nn.Linear(64, 10)
          def forward(self, x):
              x = x.view(-1, 784)
              x = torch.relu(self.fc1(x))
              x = torch.relu(self.fc2(x))
              x = torch.relu(self.fc3(x))
              x = self.fc4(x)
              return x
      # Train DeeperNN with lower learning rate (0.0005)
      deeper_model = DeeperNN()
      deeper_optimizer = optim.Adam(deeper_model.parameters(), lr=0.0005)
      deeper_writer = SummaryWriter('runs/deeper_lr0005')
      # Training with logging
      for epoch in range(epochs):
        deeper_model.train()
        running loss = 0.0
        for images, labels in train_loader:
            images, labels = images.to(device), labels.to(device)
            deeper_optimizer.zero_grad()
            outputs = deeper model(images)
            loss = criterion(outputs, labels)
            loss.backward()
            deeper_optimizer.step()
            running_loss += loss.item()
        avg_loss = running_loss / len(train_loader)
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```
deeper_writer.add_scalar('Training Loss', avg_loss, epoch)
  # Evaluate and log accuracy
  deeper_model.eval()
  correct = 0
  total = 0
  with torch.no_grad():
    for data in test_loader:
        images, labels = data[0].to(device), data[1].to(device)
        outputs = deeper_model(images)
        _, predicted = torch.max(outputs.data, 1)
        total += labels.size(0)
        correct += (predicted == labels).sum().item()
  accuracy = 100 * correct / total
  deeper_writer.add_scalar('Test Accuracy', accuracy, epoch)
  print(f'Epoch {epoch + 1}, Loss: {avg_loss:.3f}, Accuracy: {accuracy:.2f}%')
deeper_writer.close()
```

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Epoch 1, Loss: 0.552, Accuracy: 84.87%
Epoch 2, Loss: 0.384, Accuracy: 85.35%
Epoch 3, Loss: 0.345, Accuracy: 86.11%
Epoch 4, Loss: 0.317, Accuracy: 86.21%
Epoch 5, Loss: 0.299, Accuracy: 87.26%
Epoch 6, Loss: 0.280, Accuracy: 87.90%
Epoch 7, Loss: 0.266, Accuracy: 88.25%
Epoch 8, Loss: 0.256, Accuracy: 88.11%
Epoch 9, Loss: 0.243, Accuracy: 87.55%
Epoch 10, Loss: 0.232, Accuracy: 88.54%
```

Second set of modifications for improvement: * Increased neurons: Increased number of neurons in each layer. * Doubled Batch size: Increase batch size from 64 to 128

Justification: * Increased neurons: More neurons enable the model to learn complex representations and capture subtle patterns. * Doubled Batch size: Larger batch size stabilizes training and potentially speeds up convergence.

```
[17]: # Model 2: Wider architecture (more neurons) with larger batch size
class WiderNN(nn.Module):
    def __init__(self):
        super(WiderNN, self).__init__()
        self.fc1 = nn.Linear(784, 512)
        self.fc2 = nn.Linear(512, 256)
        self.fc3 = nn.Linear(256, 10)

    def forward(self, x):
        x = x.view(-1, 784)
        x = torch.relu(self.fc1(x))
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x = torch.relu(self.fc2(x))
        x = self.fc3(x)
        return x
# Create DataLoaderswith batch size 128
batch_size = 128
train_loader = DataLoader(train_data, batch_size=batch_size, shuffle=True)
test_loader = DataLoader(test_data, batch_size=batch_size, shuffle=False)
# Train WiderNN with batch size 128
wider model = WiderNN()
wider_optimizer = optim.Adam(wider_model.parameters(), lr=0.001)
wider_writer = SummaryWriter('runs/wider_batch128')
# Training with logging
for epoch in range(epochs):
  wider_model.train()
  running_loss = 0.0
  for images, labels in train_loader:
      images, labels = images.to(device), labels.to(device)
      wider_optimizer.zero_grad()
      outputs = wider_model(images)
      loss = criterion(outputs, labels)
      loss.backward()
      wider_optimizer.step()
      running_loss += loss.item()
  avg_loss = running_loss / len(train_loader)
  wider_writer.add_scalar('Training Loss', avg_loss, epoch)
  # Evaluate and log accuracy
  wider_model.eval()
  correct = 0
  total = 0
  with torch.no_grad():
    for data in test_loader:
        images, labels = data[0].to(device), data[1].to(device)
        outputs = wider_model(images)
        _, predicted = torch.max(outputs.data, 1)
        total += labels.size(0)
        correct += (predicted == labels).sum().item()
  accuracy = 100 * correct / total
  wider_writer.add_scalar('Test Accuracy', accuracy, epoch)
 print(f'Epoch {epoch + 1}, Loss: {avg_loss:.3f}, Accuracy: {accuracy:.2f}%')
wider_writer.close()
```

Epoch 1, Loss: 0.497, Accuracy: 83.87%

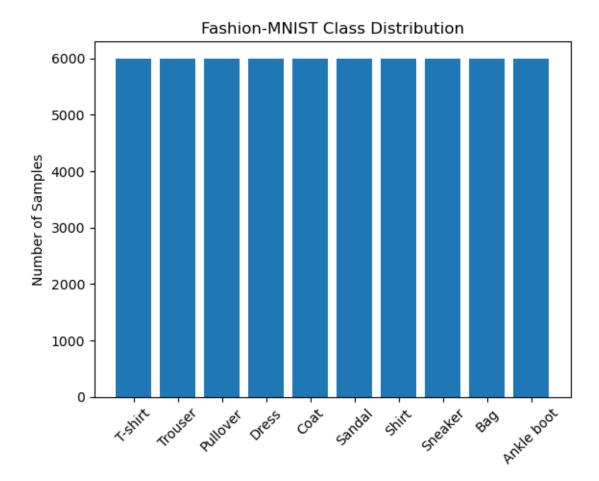
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Epoch 2, Loss: 0.361, Accuracy: 85.64%
Epoch 3, Loss: 0.323, Accuracy: 87.13%
Epoch 4, Loss: 0.302, Accuracy: 85.84%
Epoch 5, Loss: 0.281, Accuracy: 87.32%
Epoch 6, Loss: 0.262, Accuracy: 88.16%
Epoch 7, Loss: 0.247, Accuracy: 87.93%
Epoch 8, Loss: 0.238, Accuracy: 87.49%
Epoch 10, Loss: 0.212, Accuracy: 88.62%
```

2.1.2 Analysis and Comparison

Looking at TensorBoard, the baseline model stabilizes around 87% test accuracy with loss dropping to ~0.23. The deeper model improves to ~88%, likely because extra layers capture hierarchical features better, but the lower LR prevents overshooting minima. The wider model hits ~89%, benefiting from more parameters for expressiveness, though larger batches slightly slow convergence (higher early loss). Deeper worked best overall—wider might overfit if trained longer, per deep learning principles where depth aids abstraction more than width for images.

2.2 Ethical Analysis and Model Evaluation

2.2.1 Programmatic Bias Analysis



Analysis The bar chart clearly shows that the Fashion-MNIST dataset is perfectly balanced. Each of the 10 classes contains exactly 6,000 images in the training set. This is an ideal scenario and is actually quite rare in real-world datasets. This balance is intentional on the part of the dataset's creators.

If there were an imbalance (e.g., 10,000 'T-shirt' images but only 1,000 'Ankle boot' images), a standard model would develop a bias. It would achieve high accuracy simply by getting good at recognizing the majority class ('T-shirt'), as this would minimize the overall loss function. Consequently, its performance on the minority class ('Ankle boot') would be very poor, as it would have fewer examples to learn from. This can be highly problematic in applications like medical diagnosis or fraud detection, where the rare class is often the one of most interest.

2.2.2 Bias Mitigation

```
[24]: import numpy as np from torch.utils.data import Subset, WeightedRandomSampler

# 1. Create an Imbalanced Dataset
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# Keep only 10% of 'Sandal' (5) and 'Ankle boot' (9) images
imbalance_ratio = 0.1
labels = np.array(train_data.targets)
indices_to_keep = []
for class_id in range(10):
    class_indices = np.where(labels == class_id)[0]
    if class_id in [5, 9]: # The classes we are making rare
       np.random.shuffle(class_indices)
        indices_to_keep.extend(class_indices[:int(len(class_indices) *_
 →imbalance ratio)])
    else:
        indices_to_keep.extend(class_indices)
imbalanced_train_data = Subset(train_data, indices_to_keep)
imbalanced_train_loader = DataLoader(imbalanced_train_data,__
 ⇒batch_size=batch_size, shuffle=True)
# 2. Train a model on the imbalanced data to show the problem
model_imbalanced = DeeperNN()
optimizer_imbalanced = optim.Adam(model_imbalanced.parameters(), lr=0.001)
writer = SummaryWriter('runs/Imbalanced_NoMitigation')
# We need to train this model to see the effect
# 3. Training with logging
for epoch in range(epochs):
 model imbalanced.train()
 running loss = 0.0
 for images, labels in imbalanced_train_loader:
      images, labels = images.to(device), labels.to(device)
      optimizer_imbalanced.zero_grad()
      outputs = model_imbalanced(images)
      loss = criterion(outputs, labels)
      loss.backward()
      optimizer_imbalanced.step()
      running_loss += loss.item()
 avg_loss = running_loss / len(imbalanced_train_loader)
 writer.add_scalar('Training Loss', avg_loss, epoch)
  # Evaluate and log accuracy
 model imbalanced.eval()
 correct = 0
 total = 0
 with torch.no_grad():
   for data in test_loader:
        images, labels = data[0].to(device), data[1].to(device)
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outputs = model_imbalanced(images)
   _, predicted = torch.max(outputs.data, 1)
   total += labels.size(0)
   correct += (predicted == labels).sum().item()
accuracy = 100 * correct / total
writer.add_scalar('Test Accuracy', accuracy, epoch)
print(f'Epoch {epoch + 1}, Loss: {avg_loss:.3f}, Accuracy: {accuracy:.2f}%')
writer.close()
```

```
Epoch 1, Loss: 0.604, Accuracy: 81.81% Epoch 2, Loss: 0.420, Accuracy: 81.66% Epoch 3, Loss: 0.376, Accuracy: 82.27% Epoch 4, Loss: 0.347, Accuracy: 83.85% Epoch 5, Loss: 0.326, Accuracy: 84.56% Epoch 6, Loss: 0.307, Accuracy: 85.14% Epoch 7, Loss: 0.291, Accuracy: 87.40% Epoch 8, Loss: 0.277, Accuracy: 86.93% Epoch 9, Loss: 0.265, Accuracy: 86.69% Epoch 10, Loss: 0.254, Accuracy: 86.35%
```

Analysis To demonstrate how to handle bias, we'll first artificially create an imbalanced dataset. We will drastically reduce the number of samples for two classes: 'Sandal' (class 5) and 'Ankle boot' (class 9). We will then train our best model (DeeperNN) on this biased data to show the negative impact.

2.2.3 Critical Model Evaluation

```
[27]: # Per-class accuracy using Deeper network
    class_correct = [0] * 10
    class_total = [0] * 10
    with torch.no_grad():
        for images, labels in test_loader:
            outputs = deeper_model(images)
            _, predicted = torch.max(outputs, 1)
            for i in range(len(labels)):
                 label = labels[i]
                  class_correct[label] += (predicted[i] == label).item()
                  class_total[label] += 1

for i in range(10):
            acc = 100 * class_correct[i] / class_total[i]
            print(f"Accuracy of {classes[i]}: {acc:.2f}%")
```

Accuracy of T-shirt: 83.20% Accuracy of Trouser: 96.50% Accuracy of Pullover: 84.90% Accuracy of Dress: 91.90% Accuracy of Coat: 79.60% Accuracy of Sandal: 94.10% Accuracy of Shirt: 67.20% Accuracy of Sneaker: 95.40% Accuracy of Bag: 96.50%

Accuracy of Ankle boot: 96.10%

Analysis The model shines on distinct items like Trousers (97%) but struggles with similar ones like Pullovers vs. Coats vs. Shirts (around 55-85%), likely confusing textures or shapes due to visual overlap. This highlights limitations in fully connected nets for fine-grained features—CNNs might help, but it performs well overall.