Assignment I:

You have been tasked with creating an image classification model using <u>SqueezeNet</u> (Figure 1.), to classify cars and trucks in the Cars-vs-Trucks dataset. Your goal is to create a model that achieves high accuracy on the validation set, while also being efficient in terms of model size and computational resources.

- 1. Download the <u>Cars-vs-Trucks dataset</u> and split it into training and validation sets.
- 2. Implement SqueezeNet architecture in **Keras**, following the original paper. You can use the code provided earlier in the last lecture (<u>GitHub repo.</u>) or use any other implementation you prefer.
- 3. Compile the model with an appropriate loss function and optimizer.
- 4. Train the model on the training set for a number of epochs, monitoring the validation accuracy. Experiment with different values for the learning rate and batch size to find the optimal hyperparameters.
- 5. Evaluate the model on the validation set and report the accuracy.
- 6. Save the model to disk for future use.

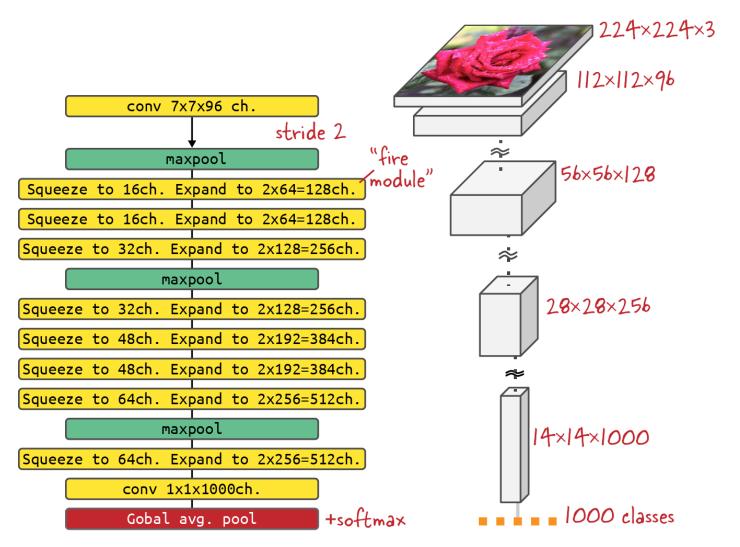


Figure 1. SqueezeNet

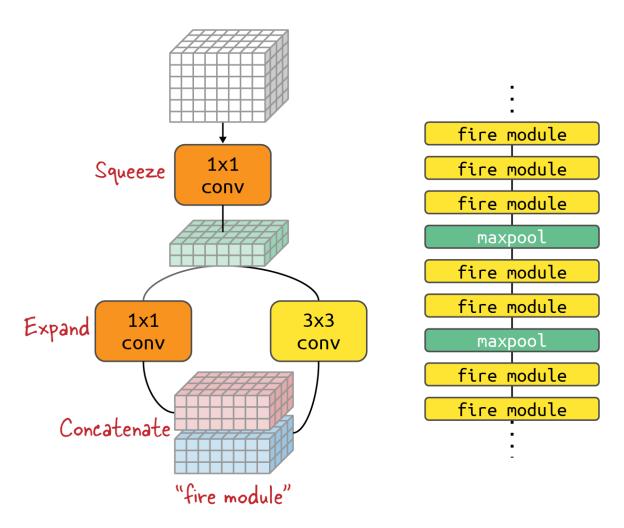


Figure 2. Fire Module

** **Submission Notes:** Complete your code and upload the full Notebook to this <u>drive link</u> before next session. The Notebook should contain your name.