## **Self-Driving Car Engineer Nanodegree**

## **Deep Learning**

## Project: Build a Traffic Sign Recognition Classifier

In this notebook, a template is provided for you to implement your functionality in stages, which is required to successfully complete this project. If additional code is required that cannot be included in the notebook, be sure that the Python code is successfully imported and included in your submission if necessary.

Note: Once you have completed all of the code implementations, you need to finalize your work by exporting the iPython Notebook as an HTML document. Before exporting the notebook to html, all of the code cells need to have been run so that reviewers can see the final implementation and output. You can then export the notebook by using the menu above and navigating to \n", "File -> Download as -> HTML (.html). Include the finished document along with this notebook as your submission.

In addition to implementing code, there is a writeup to complete. The writeup should be completed in a separate file, which can be either a markdown file or a pdf document. There is a <u>write up</u> template (https://github.com/udacity/CarND-Traffic-Sign-Classifier-

<u>Project/blob/master/writeup\_template.md</u>) that can be used to guide the writing process. Completing the code template and writeup template will cover all of the <u>rubric points</u> (<a href="https://review.udacity.com/#!/rubrics/481/view">https://review.udacity.com/#!/rubrics/481/view</a>) for this project.

The <u>rubric (https://review.udacity.com/#!/rubrics/481/view)</u> contains "Stand Out Suggestions" for enhancing the project beyond the minimum requirements. The stand out suggestions are optional. If you decide to pursue the "stand out suggestions", you can include the code in this lpython notebook and also discuss the results in the writeup file.

**Note:** Code and Markdown cells can be executed using the **Shift + Enter** keyboard shortcut. In addition, Markdown cells can be edited by typically double-clicking the cell to enter edit mode.

## Step 0: Load The Data

```
In [1]:
        # Load pickled data
        import pickle
        # TODO: Fill this in based on where you saved the training and testing data
        training file = "traffic-signs-data/train.p"
        validation file="traffic-signs-data/valid.p"
        testing file = "traffic-signs-data/test.p"
        with open(training_file, mode='rb') as f:
            train = pickle.load(f)
        with open(validation file, mode='rb') as f:
            valid = pickle.load(f)
        with open(testing_file, mode='rb') as f:
            test = pickle.load(f)
        X_train, y_train = train['features'], train['labels']
        X_valid, y_valid = valid['features'], valid['labels']
        X_test, y_test = test['features'], test['labels']
        #print(X train.shape)
        #print(X_train)
```

## **Step 1: Dataset Summary & Exploration**

The pickled data is a dictionary with 4 key/value pairs:

- 'features' is a 4D array containing raw pixel data of the traffic sign images, (num examples, width, height, channels).
- 'labels' is a 1D array containing the label/class id of the traffic sign. The file signnames.csv contains id -> name mappings for each id.
- 'sizes' is a list containing tuples, (width, height) representing the original width and height the image.
- 'coords' is a list containing tuples, (x1, y1, x2, y2) representing coordinates of a bounding box around the sign in the image. THESE COORDINATES ASSUME THE ORIGINAL IMAGE. THE PICKLED DATA CONTAINS RESIZED VERSIONS (32 by 32) OF THESE IMAGES

Complete the basic data summary below. Use python, numpy and/or pandas methods to calculate the data summary rather than hard coding the results. For example, the <u>pandas shape method</u> (<a href="http://pandas.pydata.org/pandas-docs/stable/generated/pandas.DataFrame.shape.html">http://pandas.pydata.org/pandas-docs/stable/generated/pandas.DataFrame.shape.html</a>) might be useful for calculating some of the summary results.

## Provide a Basic Summary of the Data Set Using Python, Numpy and/or Pandas

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In [2]:
        ### Replace each question mark with the appropriate value.
        ### Use python, pandas or numpy methods rather than hard coding the results
        import numpy as np
        # TODO: Number of training examples
        n_train = train['features'].shape[0]
        # TODO: Number of validation examples
        n_validation = valid['features'].shape[0]
        # TODO: Number of testing examples.
        n_test = test['features'].shape[0]
        # TODO: What's the shape of an traffic sign image?
        image shape = [train['features'].shape[1], train['features'].shape[2], train['features'].shape[2]
        # TODO: How many unique classes/labels there are in the dataset.
        n_classes = len(np.unique(train['labels']))
        print("Number of training examples =", n_train)
        print("Number of testing examples =", n_test)
        print("Image data shape =", image_shape)
        print("Number of classes =", n classes)
        Number of training examples = 34799
        Number of testing examples = 12630
        Image data shape = [32, 32, 3]
```

## Include an exploratory visualization of the dataset

Number of classes = 43

Visualize the German Traffic Signs Dataset using the pickled file(s). This is open ended, suggestions include: plotting traffic sign images, plotting the count of each sign, etc.

The <u>Matplotlib (http://matplotlib.org/) examples (http://matplotlib.org/examples/index.html)</u> and <u>gallery (http://matplotlib.org/gallery.html)</u> pages are a great resource for doing visualizations in Python.

**NOTE:** It's recommended you start with something simple first. If you wish to do more, come back to it after you've completed the rest of the sections. It can be interesting to look at the distribution of classes in the training, validation and test set. Is the distribution the same? Are there more examples of some classes than others?

```
In [3]: ### Data exploration visualization code goes here.
    ### Feel free to use as many code cells as needed.
    import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
    # Visualizations will be shown in the notebook.
    %matplotlib inline
    import random

index = random.randint(0, len(X_train))
    image = X_train[index].squeeze()
    y_dist = {}

    print(y_train[index])
    plt.figure(figsize=(2,2))
    plt.imshow(image, cmap="gray")
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Out[3]: <matplotlib.image.AxesImage at 0x2b1f8ea3240>



## Step 2: Design and Test a Model Architecture

Design and implement a deep learning model that learns to recognize traffic signs. Train and test your model on the <u>German Traffic Sign Dataset (http://benchmark.ini.rub.de/?section=gtsrb&subsection=dataset)</u>.

The LeNet-5 implementation shown in the <a href="classroom">classroom</a>
<a href="classroom">(https://classroom.udacity.com/nanodegrees/nd013/parts/fbf77062-5703-404e-b60c-95b78b2f3f9e/modules/6df7ae49-c61c-4bb2-a23e-6527e69209ec/lessons/601ae704-1035-4287-8b11-e2c2716217ad/concepts/d4aca031-508f-4e0b-b493-e7b706120f81)</a> at the end of the CNN lesson is a solid starting point. You'll have to change the number of classes and possibly the preprocessing, but aside from that it's plug and play!

With the LeNet-5 solution from the lecture, you should expect a validation set accuracy of about 0.89. To meet specifications, the validation set accuracy will need to be at least 0.93. It is possible to get an even higher accuracy, but 0.93 is the minimum for a successful project submission.

There are various aspects to consider when thinking about this problem:

- Neural network architecture (is the network over or underfitting?)
- Play around preprocessing techniques (normalization, rgb to grayscale, etc)
- Number of examples per label (some have more than others).
- · Generate fake data.

Here is an example of a <u>published baseline model on this problem</u> (<a href="http://yann.lecun.com/exdb/publis/pdf/sermanet-ijcnn-11.pdf">http://yann.lecun.com/exdb/publis/pdf/sermanet-ijcnn-11.pdf</a>). It's not required to be familiar with the approach used in the paper but, it's good practice to try to read papers like these.

#### **Pre-process the Data Set (normalization, grayscale, etc.)**

Minimally, the image data should be normalized so that the data has mean zero and equal variance. For image data, (pixel - 128)/ 128 is a quick way to approximately normalize the data and can be used in this project.

Other pre-processing steps are optional. You can try different techniques to see if it improves performance.

Use the code cell (or multiple code cells, if necessary) to implement the first step of your project.

```
In [4]: ### Preprocess the data here. It is required to normalize the data. Other preproces ### converting to grayscale, etc.

### Feel free to use as many code cells as needed.

from sklearn.utils import shuffle

#shuffle dataset to improve randomization

X_train, y_train = shuffle(X_train, y_train)

#normalize X_train to 0to1 base on 256 color pixels

X_train = X_train/256
```

#### **Model Architecture**

```
In [5]: ### Define your architecture here.
        ### Feel free to use as many code cells as needed.
        import tensorflow as tf
        from tensorflow.contrib.layers import flatten
        EPOCHS = 20
        BATCH SIZE = 64
        def LeNet(x, keep_prob=1):
            # Arguments used for tf.truncated normal, randomly defines variables for the l
            mu = 0
            sigma = 0.1
            #define weight for conv1, size of weight = [filter width, filter height, inpu
            w1 = tf.Variable(tf.truncated_normal([5,5,image_shape[2],6], mean = mu, stdde
            #define bias for conv1, size of bias = [1d array with weight of (output depth)
            b1 = tf.Variable(tf.zeros(6))
            # TODO: Layer 1: Convolutional. Input = 32x32x3. Output = 28x28x6.
            #tf.nn.conv2d(inputs=x, weight, stride=[1,1,1,1] (stride of 1), padding="same
            conv1 = tf.nn.conv2d(x, w1, [1,1,1,1], "VALID")
            #tf.nn.bias add(value=tensor, bias=1d tensor)
            conv1 = tf.nn.bias add(conv1, b1)
            # TODO: Activation.
            conv1 = tf.nn.relu(conv1)
            # add dropout to balance the oversample on high samply count items
            conv1 = tf.nn.dropout(conv1, keep prob)
            print('size of conv1=', conv1)
            # TODO: Pooling. Input = 28x28x6. Output = 14x14x6.
            #tf.nn.maxpool(inputs=conv1, filter size=[1,2,2,1], strides size=[1,2,2,1], pc
            pool1 = tf.nn.max pool(conv1, [1,2,2,1], [1,2,2,1], "VALID")
            #print('size of pool1=', pool1)
            #define weight for conv2, size of weight = [filter width, filter height, inpu
            w2 = tf.Variable(tf.truncated normal([5,5,6,16], mean = mu, stddev = sigma))
            #define bias for conv2, size of bias = [1d array with weight of (output depth)
            b2 = tf.Variable(tf.zeros(16))
            # TODO: Layer 2: Convolutional. input 14x14x6, Output = 10x10x16.
            conv2 = tf.nn.conv2d(pool1, w2, [1,1,1,1], "VALID")
            #tf.nn.bias add(value=tensor, bias=1d tensor)
            conv2 = tf.nn.bias add(conv2, b2)
            # TODO: Activation.
            conv2 = tf.nn.relu(conv2)
            # add dropout to balance the oversample on high samply count items
            conv2 = tf.nn.dropout(conv2, keep prob)
            print('size of conv2=',conv2)
            # TODO: Pooling. Input = 10x10x16. Output = 5x5x16.
            \#tf.nn.maxpool(inputs=conv1, filter size=[1,2,2,1], strides size=[1,2,2,1], points
            pool2 = tf.nn.max_pool(conv2, [1,2,2,1], [1,2,2,1], "VALID")
            #print('size of pool2=', pool2)
```

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#define weight for flatten and fully connected layer fco, size of weight = [il
w3 = tf.Variable(tf.truncated normal([5*5*16, 120], mean = mu, stddev = sigma
#define bias for fco, size of bias = [1d array with weight of (output depth)]
b3 = tf.Variable(tf.zeros(120))
# TODO: Flatten. Input = 5x5x16. Output = 400.
#flat = tf.reshape(pool2, [-1, w3.get shape().as list()[0]])
flat = flatten(pool2)
print('size of flat=', flat)
# TODO: Layer 3: Fully Connected. Input = 400. Output = 120.
fcon = tf.add(tf.matmul(flat, w3), b3)
# TODO: Activation.
fcon = tf.nn.relu(fcon)
# add dropout to balance the oversample on high samply count items
fcon = tf.nn.dropout(fcon, keep_prob)
#print('size of fcon=', fcon)
#define weight for fully connected layer fco1, size of weight = [input depth,
w4 = tf.Variable(tf.truncated_normal([120, 84], mean = mu, stddev = sigma))
#define bias for fco1, size of bias = [1d array with weight of (output depth)]
b4 = tf.Variable(tf.zeros(84))
# TODO: Layer 4: Fully Connected. Input = 120. Output = 84.
fco1 = tf.add(tf.matmul(fcon, w4), b4)
# TODO: Activation.
fco1 = tf.nn.relu(fco1)
# add dropout to balance the oversample on high samply count items
fco1 = tf.nn.dropout(fco1, keep_prob)
#print('size of fco1=', fco1)
#there are 43 unique output(n classes)
#define weight for fully connected layer fco1, size of weight = [input depth,
w5 = tf.Variable(tf.truncated_normal([84, n_classes], mean = mu, stddev = sigi
#define bias for fco1, size of bias = [1d \text{ array with weight of (output depth)}]
b5 = tf.Variable(tf.zeros(n_classes))
# TODO: Layer 5: Fully Connected. Input = 84. Output = 43.
logits = tf.add(tf.matmul(fco1, w5), b5)
#print('size of logits=', logits)
return logits
```

#### Train, Validate and Test the Model

A validation set can be used to assess how well the model is performing. A low accuracy on the training and validation sets imply underfitting. A high accuracy on the training set but low accuracy on the validation set implies overfitting.

```
In [6]: ### Train your model here.
        ### Calculate and report the accuracy on the training and validation set.
        ### Once a final model architecture is selected,
        ### the accuracy on the test set should be calculated and reported as well.
        ### Feel free to use as many code cells as needed.
        #training pipeline
        x = tf.placeholder(tf.float32, (None, 32, 32, 3))
        y = tf.placeholder(tf.int32, (None))
        one hot y = tf.one hot(y, 43)
        keep probs = tf.placeholder(tf.float32)
        #learning rate
        rate = 0.005
        train_prob = 0.7
        logits = LeNet(x, keep_probs)
        cross_entropy = tf.nn.softmax_cross_entropy_with_logits(labels=one_hot_y, logits=
        loss operation = tf.reduce mean(cross entropy)
        optimizer = tf.train.AdamOptimizer(learning rate = rate)
        training_operation = optimizer.minimize(loss_operation)
        #evaluation
        correct prediction = tf.equal(tf.argmax(logits, 1), tf.argmax(one hot y, 1))
        accuracy operation = tf.reduce mean(tf.cast(correct prediction, tf.float32))
        saver = tf.train.Saver()
        def evaluate(X_data, y_data, keep_prob=1):
            num examples = len(X data)
            total accuracy = 0
            sess = tf.get default session()
            for offset in range(0, num_examples, BATCH_SIZE):
                 batch_x, batch_y = X_data[offset:offset+BATCH_SIZE], y_data[offset:offset
                 accuracy = sess.run(accuracy_operation, feed_dict={x: batch_x, y: batch_y
                 total accuracy += (accuracy * len(batch x))
            return total accuracy / num examples
        #Training
        with tf.Session() as sess:
            sess.run(tf.global variables initializer())
            num examples = len(X train)
            print("Training...")
            print()
            for i in range(EPOCHS):
                X train, y train = shuffle(X train, y train)
                for offset in range(0, num examples, BATCH SIZE):
                     end = offset + BATCH SIZE
                     batch x, batch y = X train[offset:end], y train[offset:end]
                     sess.run(training_operation, feed_dict={x:batch_x, y:batch_y, keep_pr
                 validation accuracy = evaluate(X valid, y valid)
                 print("EPOCH {} ...".format(i+1))
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print("Validation Accuracy = {:.3f}".format(validation_accuracy))
        print()
    saver.save(sess, './lenet')
    print("Model saved")
size of conv1= Tensor("dropout/mul:0", shape=(?, 28, 28, 6), dtype=float32)
size of conv2= Tensor("dropout 1/mul:0", shape=(?, 10, 10, 16), dtype=float3
size of flat= Tensor("Flatten/Reshape:0", shape=(?, 400), dtype=float32)
Training...
EPOCH 1 ...
Validation Accuracy = 0.710
EPOCH 2 ...
Validation Accuracy = 0.811
EPOCH 3 ...
Validation Accuracy = 0.836
EPOCH 4 ...
Validation Accuracy = 0.857
EPOCH 5 ...
Validation Accuracy = 0.885
EPOCH 6 ...
Validation Accuracy = 0.834
EPOCH 7 ...
Validation Accuracy = 0.848
EPOCH 8 ...
Validation Accuracy = 0.852
EPOCH 9 ...
Validation Accuracy = 0.870
EPOCH 10 ...
Validation Accuracy = 0.881
EPOCH 11 ...
Validation Accuracy = 0.878
EPOCH 12 ...
Validation Accuracy = 0.855
EPOCH 13 ...
Validation Accuracy = 0.855
EPOCH 14 ...
Validation Accuracy = 0.890
EPOCH 15 ...
Validation Accuracy = 0.881
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EPOCH 16 ...

Validation Accuracy = 0.890

EPOCH 17 ...

Validation Accuracy = 0.859

EPOCH 18 ...

Validation Accuracy = 0.869

EPOCH 19 ...

Validation Accuracy = 0.904

EPOCH 20 ...

Validation Accuracy = 0.842

Model saved
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INFO:tensorflow:Restoring parameters from .\lenet
Test Accuracy = 0.825
```

## Step 3: Test a Model on New Images

To give yourself more insight into how your model is working, download at least five pictures of German traffic signs from the web and use your model to predict the traffic sign type.

You may find signnames.csv useful as it contains mappings from the class id (integer) to the actual sign name.

## **Load and Output the Images**

```
In [8]:
        ### Load the images and plot them here.
        ### Feel free to use as many code cells as needed.
        #testX = tf.placeholder(tf.float32, (None, 32, 32, 3))
        import glob
        import cv2
        import numpy as np
        new images = []
        new_labels = [0,1,3,6,8,9,10,11,13,15,16,17,18,19]
        label = 0
        for infile in glob.glob("GTSRB_Final_Test_Images\GTSRB\Final_Test\Images\*.ppm"):
            print(infile)
            image = cv2.imread(infile)
            image = cv2.resize(image, (32,32))
            #print(image)
            new images.append(image)
            #new labels.append(label)
            #label += 1
        new images=np.array(new images)
        #print(new images.shape)
        print(new labels)
        #normalize image to 0to1 base on 256 color pixels
        new images = new images/256
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In [9]: #plot image:
   index = random.randint(0, len(new_images)-1)
   image = new_images[index].squeeze()

plt.figure(figsize=(1,1))
   plt.imshow(image, cmap="gray")
   print(new_labels[index])
```

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#### **Predict the Sign Type for Each Image**

```
In [10]: ### Run the predictions here and use the model to output the prediction for each
### Make sure to pre-process the images with the same pre-processing pipeline used
### Feel free to use as many code cells as needed.

new_images, new_labels = shuffle(new_images, new_labels)

#Prediction
with tf.Session() as sess:
    saver.restore(sess, tf.train.latest_checkpoint('.'))

#for i in range (0, 10):
    #print("original result[",i,"] = ", new_labels[i])
    #cross_ent = sess.run(cross_entropy, feed_dict={x:[new_images[i]], y:[new_model]
#print("cross_entropy [",i,"] = ", cross_ent)

result = sess.run(tf.argmax(logits, 1), feed_dict={x:new_images, keep_probs:1
    print("prediction : ", result)
    print("class labels : ", new_labels)
```

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INFO:tensorflow:Restoring parameters from .\lenet
prediction : [16  8 10 13 25  9 19  3 11  9  6  2 18 17]
class labels : [16, 8, 10, 13, 1, 9, 19, 3, 11, 15, 6, 0, 18, 17]
```

## **Analyze Performance**

INFO:tensorflow:Restoring parameters from .\lenet
Test Accuracy = 0.786

## Output Top 5 Softmax Probabilities For Each Image Found on the Web

For each of the new images, print out the model's softmax probabilities to show the **certainty** of the model's predictions (limit the output to the top 5 probabilities for each image). <a href="mailto:tf.nn.top\_k">tf.nn.top\_k</a> (https://www.tensorflow.org/versions/r0.12/api docs/python/nn.html#top k) could prove helpful here.

The example below demonstrates how tf.nn.top\_k can be used to find the top k predictions for each image.

tf.nn.top\_k will return the values and indices (class ids) of the top k predictions. So if k=3, for each sign, it'll return the 3 largest probabilities (out of a possible 43) and the correspoding class ids.

Take this numpy array as an example. The values in the array represent predictions. The array contains softmax probabilities for five candidate images with six possible classes. tf.nn.top\_k is used to choose the three classes with the highest probability:

```
# (5, 6) array
a = np.array([[ 0.24879643,  0.07032244,  0.12641572,  0.34763842,
                                                                   0.078
93497,
         0.12789202],
       [ 0.28086119,
                     0.27569815,
                                  0.08594638,
                                                0.0178669 ,
                                                             0.18063401,
         0.15899337],
       [ 0.26076848, 0.23664738,
                                  0.08020603,
                                                0.07001922,
                                                             0.1134371 ,
         0.23892179],
       [ 0.11943333, 0.29198961, 0.02605103,
                                                0.26234032,
                                                             0.1351348 ,
         0.16505091],
       [ 0.09561176, 0.34396535, 0.0643941 ,
                                                0.16240774, 0.24206137,
         0.09155967]])
```

Running it through sess.run(tf.nn.top k(tf.constant(a), k=3)) produces:

Looking just at the first row we get [ 0.34763842, 0.24879643, 0.12789202], you can confirm these are the 3 largest probabilities in a. You'll also notice [3, 0, 5] are the corresponding indices.

```
In [12]: ### Print out the top five softmax probabilities for the predictions on the Germa
         ### Feel free to use as many code cells as needed.
         with tf.Session() as sess:
             saver.restore(sess, tf.train.latest_checkpoint('.'))
             result = sess.run(cross entropy, feed dict={x:new images, y:new labels, keep
             print(result)
             top5 = sess.run(tf.nn.top k(result, k=5))
             print(top5)
         INFO:tensorflow:Restoring parameters from .\lenet
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                             8.04975271e-01
                                              6.36915386e-01
                                                               2.79643177e-03
            3.21429253e+00
                             4.52994254e-06
                                              3.89117420e-01
                                                               9.17448521e-01
            7.21693272e-03
                             1.81240058e+00
                                              4.99772131e-01
                                                               5.42241621e+00
            5.40348876e-04
                             1.95655867e-01]
         TopKV2(values=array([ 5.42241621,  3.21429253,  1.81240058,  0.91744852,
                                                                                   0.804
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97527], dtype=float32), indices=array([11, 4, 9, 7, 1]))

## **Project Writeup**

Once you have completed the code implementation, document your results in a project writeup using this <u>template (https://github.com/udacity/CarND-Traffic-Sign-Classifier-Project/blob/master/writeup\_template.md)</u> as a guide. The writeup can be in a markdown or pdf file.

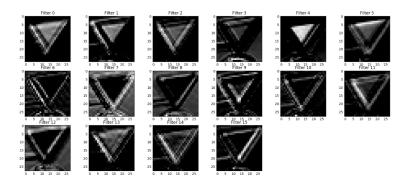
**Note**: Once you have completed all of the code implementations and successfully answered each question above, you may finalize your work by exporting the iPython Notebook as an HTML document. You can do this by using the menu above and navigating to \n", "File -> Download as -> HTML (.html). Include the finished document along with this notebook as your submission.

# Step 4 (Optional): Visualize the Neural Network's State with Test Images

This Section is not required to complete but acts as an additional excersise for understaning the output of a neural network's weights. While neural networks can be a great learning device they are often referred to as a black box. We can understand what the weights of a neural network look like better by plotting their feature maps. After successfully training your neural network you can see what it's feature maps look like by plotting the output of the network's weight layers in response to a test stimuli image. From these plotted feature maps, it's possible to see what characteristics of an image the network finds interesting. For a sign, maybe the inner network feature maps react with high activation to the sign's boundary outline or to the contrast in the sign's painted symbol.

Provided for you below is the function code that allows you to get the visualization output of any tensorflow weight layer you want. The inputs to the function should be a stimuli image, one used during training or a new one you provided, and then the tensorflow variable name that represents the layer's state during the training process, for instance if you wanted to see what the <a href="LeNet lab's">LeNet lab's</a> (<a href="https://classroom.udacity.com/nanodegrees/nd013/parts/fbf77062-5703-404e-b60c-95b78b2f3f9e/modules/6df7ae49-c61c-4bb2-a23e-6527e69209ec/lessons/601ae704-1035-4287-8b11-e2c2716217ad/concepts/d4aca031-508f-4e0b-b493-e7b706120f81)</a> feature maps looked like for it's second convolutional layer you could enter conv2 as the tf activation variable.

For an example of what feature map outputs look like, check out NVIDIA's results in their paper <a href="End-to-End Deep Learning for Self-Driving Cars">End-to-End Deep Learning for Self-Driving Cars</a> (https://devblogs.nvidia.com/parallelforall/deep-learning-self-driving-cars/) in the section Visualization of internal CNN State. NVIDIA was able to show that their network's inner weights had high activations to road boundary lines by comparing feature maps from an image with a clear path to one without. Try experimenting with a similar test to show that your trained network's weights are looking for interesting features, whether it's looking at differences in feature maps from images with or without a sign, or even what feature maps look like in a trained network vs a completely untrained one on the same sign image.



Your output should look something like this (above)

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In [13]: ### Visualize your network's feature maps here.
         ### Feel free to use as many code cells as needed.
         # image input: the test image being fed into the network to produce the feature m
         # tf activation: should be a tf variable name used during your training procedure
         # activation_min/max: can be used to view the activation contrast in more detail,
         # plt num: used to plot out multiple different weight feature map sets on the sam
         def outputFeatureMap(image input, tf activation, activation min=-1, activation ma
             # Here make sure to preprocess your image_input in a way your network expects
             # with size, normalization, ect if needed
             # image_input =
             # Note: x should be the same name as your network's tensorflow data placehold
             # If you get an error tf activation is not defined it may be having trouble a
             activation = tf activation.eval(session=sess,feed dict={x : image input})
             featuremaps = activation.shape[3]
             plt.figure(plt num, figsize=(15,15))
             for featuremap in range(featuremaps):
                 plt.subplot(6,8, featuremap+1) # sets the number of feature maps to show
                 plt.title('FeatureMap ' + str(featuremap)) # displays the feature map num
                 if activation min != -1 & activation max != -1:
                     plt.imshow(activation[0,:,:, featuremap], interpolation="nearest", vm
                 elif activation max != -1:
                     plt.imshow(activation[0,:,:, featuremap], interpolation="nearest", vm
                 elif activation min !=-1:
                     plt.imshow(activation[0,:,:, featuremap], interpolation="nearest", vm
                 else:
                     plt.imshow(activation[0,:,:, featuremap], interpolation="nearest", cm
```