

Assignment 1

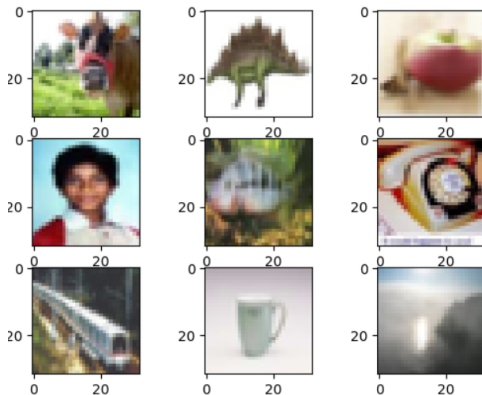
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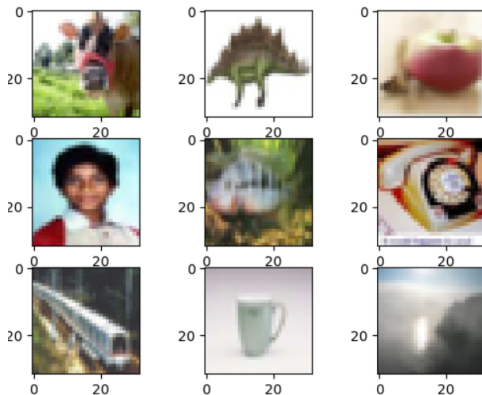
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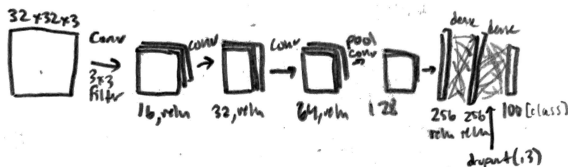
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2. Alex Krizhevsky labeled 6,000 in 2009 Krizhevsky 2009



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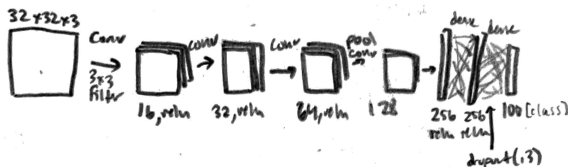


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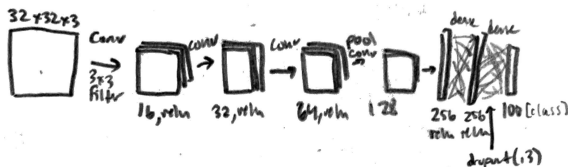
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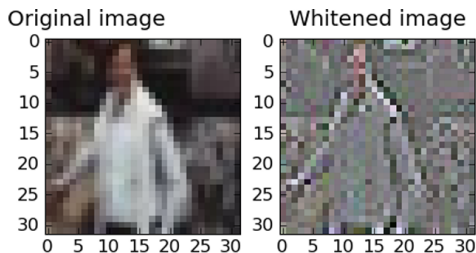
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2. Architecture from Geeks4Geeks, Assignment 0



Methods: Whitening

Prevents the model from focusing on irrelevant information Wiesler et al. 2014.



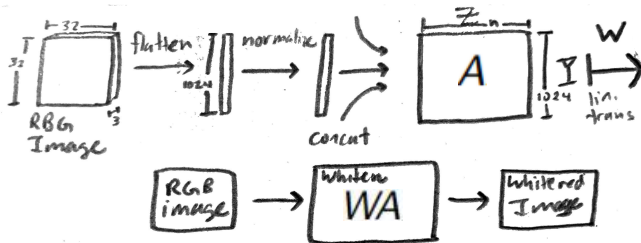
Credit: Alex Krizhevsky

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The sample covariance matrix of Y given n samples is

$$C = \frac{1}{n-1} AA^T.$$

We want to find W such that the sample covariance matrix of WA is the identity matrix.



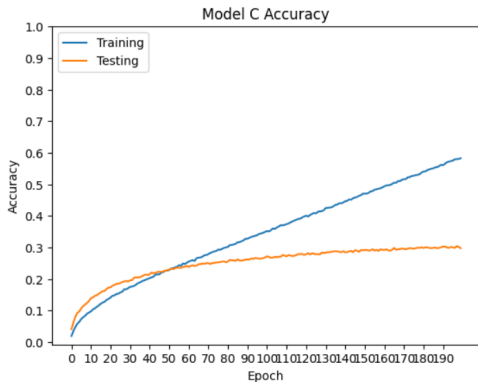
Experiments: Model B (Assignment 0)

200 epochs, 32 batch size — accuracy: 20.7% (ok...)



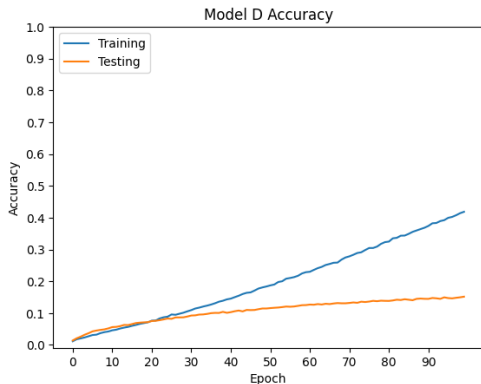
Experiments: Model C (Geeks4Geeks, Original)

200 epochs, 32 batch size — accuracy: 30.4% (overfitting)



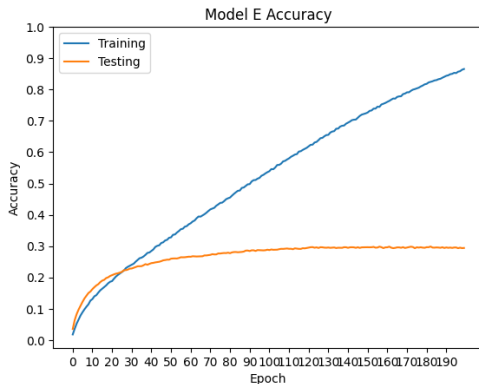
Experiments: Model D (Geeks4Geeks, Whitened)

200 epochs, 32 batch size — accuracy: 15.2% (whitening hurt performance)



Experiments: Model E (Geeks4Geeks, Batch Normalizations)

200 epochs, 32 batch size — accuracy: 29.6% (overfitting!!)



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2. Different architectures to include whitening

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