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0.1 Building a Hangul classifier

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This project focuses on developing a machine learning model capable of classifying handwritten Hangul characters from the Korean alphabet. As Korean media and culture continue to gain global popularity, an increasing number of people are learning Korean as a second language. This model can be used as an educational tool to enhance the language learning experience by helping students recognize and practice writing various Hangul characters. It could aid learners in quickly identifying character shapes, reinforcing their familiarity with characters, and improving handwriting skills. This model aims support learners in developing a stronger foundation in the Korean language.

```
[16]: import numpy as np
      import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
      import time
      from torchvision import datasets, transforms
      from torch.utils.data import DataLoader, random_split, ConcatDataset
      from torchsummary import summary
      %matplotlib inline
      import torch
      import torch.nn as nn
      import torch.nn.functional as F
      import torch.optim as optim
      device = torch.device("cuda" if torch.cuda.is_available() else "cpu")
      print(f"Currently using {device}")
      # Set both to False if model is already saved locally (.pth)
      TRAIN MLP = True
      TRAIN LENET = True
```

Currently using cuda

0.2 Handwritten Hangul Dataset

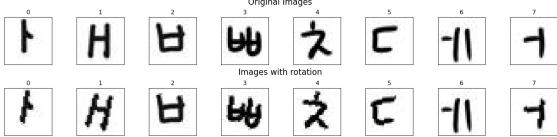
To train the model, we are utilizing the *Handwritten Hangul Characters* dataset from Kaggle, which contains 2,400 images of individual Hangul characters, each sized at 28x28 pixels. Since our model is designed to work exclusively with grayscale images, we first pre-process the dataset by converting all images to grayscale. This step ensures compatibility with the model's input requirements.

To improve the model's robustness, we added an augmented dataset to the original dataset. We applied a random rotation of -20 to 20 degrees to each image, which enhances the model's performance on various handwriting styles and orientations.

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[22]: transform_unaug = transforms.Compose([
          transforms.Grayscale(num_output_channels=1),
          transforms.ToTensor(),
          transforms.Normalize((0.5,), (0.5,)) # Normalizing to [-1, 1]
      ])
      transform_aug = transforms.Compose([
          transforms.Grayscale(num_output_channels=1),
          transforms.RandomRotation(degrees=(-20,20), fill=255), # Apply random_
       \rightarrowrotation
          transforms.ToTensor(),
          transforms.Normalize((0.5,), (0.5,)) # Normalizing to [-1, 1]
      ])
      dataset_unaug = datasets.ImageFolder(root='data/', transform=transform_unaug)
      dataset_aug = datasets.ImageFolder(root='data/', transform=transform_aug)
      # Combine unaugmented & augmented dataset into one
      dataset_all = ConcatDataset([dataset_unaug, dataset_aug])
      # Split dataset into 70% train, 30% test
      train size, test size = 0.7, 0.3
      batch_size = 40
      train_set, test_set = random_split(dataset_all, [train_size, test_size])
      train_loader = DataLoader(train_set, batch_size = batch_size, shuffle=True)
      test_loader = DataLoader(test_set, batch_size=batch_size, shuffle=False)
      print(f"{len(dataset_all)} total images")
      for images, labels in train_loader:
          print('Image Batch Dimension: ', images.shape)
          print('Image Labels Dimension: ', labels.shape)
          break
      print(dataset aug.classes)
     4800 total images
     Image Batch Dimension: torch.Size([40, 1, 28, 28])
     Image Labels Dimension: torch.Size([40])
     ['a', 'ae', 'b', 'bb', 'ch', 'd', 'e', 'eo', 'eu', 'g', 'gg', 'h', 'i', 'j',
     'k', 'm', 'n', 'ng', 'o', 'p', 'r', 's', 'ss', 't', 'u', 'ya', 'yae', 'ye',
     'yo', 'yu']
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0.2.1 Visualizing the dataset

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[6]: # Create a 2x8 grid of subplots
     fig, axs = plt.subplots(2, 8, figsize=(16, 4))
     # Plot original images in the first row
     for i in range(8):
         img, label = dataset_unaug[i*80]
         img = img.squeeze().numpy()
         axs[0, i].imshow(img, cmap='gray')
         axs[0, i].set_title(label)
         axs[0, i].axes.xaxis.set_visible(False)
         axs[0, i].axes.yaxis.set_visible(False)
     # Plot augmented images in the second row
     for i in range(8):
         img, label = dataset_aug[i*80]
         img = img.squeeze().numpy()
         axs[1, i].imshow(img, cmap='gray')
         axs[1, i].set_title(label)
         axs[1, i].axes.xaxis.set_visible(False)
         axs[1, i].axes.yaxis.set_visible(False)
     # Add titles for each row of subplots
     fig.text(0.5, 0.98, "Original Images", ha='center', fontsize=16, va='top')
     fig.text(0.5, 0.5, "Images with rotation", ha='center', fontsize=16, va='top')
     plt.tight_layout()
     plt.subplots_adjust(top=0.85, hspace=0.5)
                                          Original Images
```



0.3 Implementing a MLP solution

In the code block below, we define our MLP model. Since the task is quite simple (classify 30 classes), we will only use one hidden layer of size 203. The model details are printed below the code block.

```
[7]: # Define MLP object
     class Hangul_MLP(nn.Module):
         A model that implements a logistic regression classifier.
         def __init__(self, input_size, num_classes):
             Constructor for MLP object
             Args:
                 input_size (int): size of input tensor
                 num_classes (int): number of classes the model can predict
             super(Hangul_MLP, self).__init__()
             self.linear_stack = nn.Sequential(
                 nn.Linear(input_size, (input_size + num_classes) // 4),
                 nn.Sigmoid(),
                 nn.Linear((input_size + num_classes) // 4, num_classes),
                 nn.Sigmoid()
             )
         def forward(self, x):
             Forward pass of the model
             Args:
                 x (tensor): Input to the model
             Returns:
                 out (tensor): Output of the model
             out = self.linear_stack(x)
             out = F.softmax(out, dim=1)
             return out
     print(summary(Hangul_MLP(784, 30).to(device), (1,784)))
```

Linear: 2-1

[-1, 1, 203]

159,355

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[-1, 1, 203]
       Sigmoid: 2-2
       Linear: 2-3
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                                                6,120
       Sigmoid: 2-4
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   Total params: 165,475
   Trainable params: 165,475
   Non-trainable params: 0
   Total mult-adds (M): 0.33
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   Input size (MB): 0.00
   Forward/backward pass size (MB): 0.00
   Params size (MB): 0.63
   Estimated Total Size (MB): 0.64
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   Layer (type:depth-idx)
                               Output Shape
                                                 Param #
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                               [-1, 1, 30]
   Sequential: 1-1
      Linear: 2-1
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   0.3.1 MLP with batch training
[8]: def train MLP batch(trainloader: DataLoader, testloader: DataLoader, n_epochs:
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→int, learning_rate: float):

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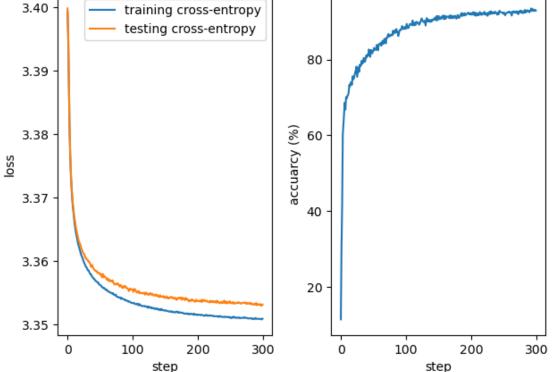
```
Trains a model using the MLP architecture defined above
  Arqs:
      trainloader (Datalodaer): PyTorch Dataloader object with training set
      testloader (Dataloader): PyTorch Dataloader object with testing set
      n_epochs (int): Number of epochs
      learning_rate (float): Learning rate of model
  Returns:
      train_losses (list): List of train losses over n_epochs
      test_losses (list): List of test losses over n_epochs
      accuracies (list): List of accuracies over n_epochs
      model (Hangul_MLP): Trained MLP model
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  model = Hangul MLP(input_size = 784, num_classes = 30).to(device)
  criterion = nn.CrossEntropyLoss()
  optimizer = optim.SGD(model.parameters(), lr=learning_rate, momentum=0.9)
  train_losses = np.zeros((n_epochs,))
  test_losses = np.zeros((n_epochs,))
  accuracies = np.zeros((n_epochs,))
  start = time.time()
  for epoch in range(n_epochs):
      model.train()
      for images, labels in trainloader:
          images, labels = images.to(device), labels.to(device)
          images = images.view(images.size(0), -1) # Reshape to [batch_size,_
4784] from [batch_size, 1, 28, 28]
          optimizer.zero_grad()
          outputs = model(images)
          loss = criterion(outputs, labels)
          loss.backward()
          optimizer.step()
      model.eval()
      with torch.no_grad():
          total_test_loss, total_train_loss, correct_preds = 0.0, 0.0, 0.0
          for images, labels in testloader:
              images, labels = images.to(device), labels.to(device)
              images = images.view(images.size(0), -1) # Reshape to⊔
→[batch_size, 784] from [batch_size, 1, 28, 28]
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test_outputs = model(images)
               test_loss = criterion(test_outputs, labels)
               total_test_loss += test_loss.item()
               _, preds = torch.max(test_outputs, 1)
               correct_preds += (preds == labels).sum().item()
           for images, labels in trainloader:
               images, labels = images.to(device), labels.to(device)
               images = images.view(images.size(0), -1) # Reshape to_
→[batch_size, 784] from [batch_size, 1, 28, 28]
               train_outputs = model(images)
               train_loss = criterion(train_outputs, labels)
               total_train_loss += train_loss.item()
           accuracies[epoch] = correct_preds / len(testloader.dataset) * 100 #_
⇔type: ignore
           test_losses[epoch] = total_test_loss / len(testloader)
           train_losses[epoch] = total_train_loss / len(trainloader)
           # print every 10 epochs so we don't get 300 lines of text output
           if epoch == 0 or (epoch+1)\%10 == 0:
              print('Epoch: %03d/%03d | Accuracy: %.3f%%' %(epoch + 1,__
→n_epochs, accuracies[epoch]))
  print("Total Train Time: %.2f min" % ((time.time() - start)/60))
  return train_losses, test_losses, accuracies, model
```

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plt.subplot(1,2,2)
plt.plot(range(n_epochs), accuracies)
plt.xlabel('step')
plt.ylabel('accuarcy (%)')
plt.tight_layout(rect=[0, 0, 1, 0.95])
plt.suptitle("MLP loss and accuracy")
plt.show()
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Epoch: 001/300 | Accuracy: 11.458%
Epoch: 010/300 | Accuracy: 69.722%
Epoch: 020/300 | Accuracy: 74.722%
Epoch: 030/300 | Accuracy: 78.611%
Epoch: 040/300 | Accuracy: 81.042%
Epoch: 050/300 | Accuracy: 82.083%
Epoch: 060/300 | Accuracy: 84.028%
Epoch: 070/300 | Accuracy: 84.236%
Epoch: 080/300 | Accuracy: 86.389%
Epoch: 090/300 | Accuracy: 86.875%
Epoch: 100/300 | Accuracy: 88.056%
Epoch: 110/300 | Accuracy: 89.028%
Epoch: 120/300 | Accuracy: 89.653%
Epoch: 130/300 | Accuracy: 89.792%
Epoch: 140/300 | Accuracy: 90.486%
Epoch: 150/300 | Accuracy: 91.319%
Epoch: 160/300 | Accuracy: 90.833%
Epoch: 170/300 | Accuracy: 91.597%
Epoch: 180/300 | Accuracy: 91.736%
Epoch: 190/300 | Accuracy: 91.597%
Epoch: 200/300 | Accuracy: 91.875%
Epoch: 210/300 | Accuracy: 91.667%
Epoch: 220/300 | Accuracy: 92.083%
Epoch: 230/300 | Accuracy: 91.944%
Epoch: 240/300 | Accuracy: 92.153%
Epoch: 250/300 | Accuracy: 92.083%
Epoch: 260/300 | Accuracy: 92.569%
Epoch: 270/300 | Accuracy: 92.431%
Epoch: 280/300 | Accuracy: 92.431%
Epoch: 290/300 | Accuracy: 92.431%
Epoch: 300/300 | Accuracy: 92.917%
Total Train Time: 7.13 min
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MLP loss and accuracy



The MLP did converge to an accuracy of ~93% in 300 epochs, but the training time was over 7 minutes, which is fairly long for a lightweight model like ours. As shown in the codeblock where we declared the MLP class, the network has over 160,000 parameters with just a single hiddne layer. In the next section, we introduce a different model architecture that resolves these issues.

0.4 Convolutional Neural Network (CNN) - LeNet5

While an MLP can perform image classification, it typically requires the image data to be flattened, which results in the loss of spatial information. Consequently, MLPs generally perform worse on image data compared to CNNs, as they cannot effectively capture spatial features.

CNNs, however, excel at image classification because they preserve the spatial structure of images through convolutional layers. These layers also reduce the number of parameters by sharing weights, enhancing the model's ability to learn intricate patterns. As a result, CNNs tend to achieve higher accuracy and efficiency in image classification tasks, especially when dealing with large-scale datasets and complex visual patterns.

For the purpose of Hangul classification, we will recreate the LeNet-5 architecture, a CNN structure proposed by LeCun et al. We will assess whether LeNet-5 can outperform the MLP shown in the previous section.

The LeNet-5 Architecture is shown below:

By Cmglee - Own work, CC BY-SA 4.0, https://commons.wikimedia.org/w/index.php?curid=104937230 The code block below implements the LeNet5 architecture shown in the diagram above. The model details are also printed below the code block.

```
[10]: # Define LeNet object
      class LeNet(nn.Module):
          A model that implements a logistic regression classifier.
          def __init__(self, num_classes):
              Constructor for LeNet object
              Args:
                  input_size (int): size of input tensor
                  num_classes (int): number of classes the model can predict
              super(LeNet, self).__init__()
              self.layers = nn.Sequential(
                  nn.Conv2d(in_channels=1, out_channels=6, kernel_size=5, padding=2),
                  nn.ReLU(),
                  nn.AvgPool2d(kernel_size=2, stride=2),
                  nn.Conv2d(in_channels=6, out_channels=16, kernel_size=5),
                  nn.ReLU(),
                  nn.AvgPool2d(kernel_size=2, stride=2),
                  nn.Flatten(),
                  nn.Linear(in_features= 400, out_features=120),
                  nn.ReLU(),
                  nn.Linear(in_features=120, out_features=84),
                  nn.ReLU(),
                  nn.Linear(in_features=84, out_features=num_classes)
              )
          def forward(self, x):
              Forward pass of the model
              Args:
                  x (tensor): Input to the model
```

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out (tensor): Output of the model
      # First Conv Layer
      return self.layers(x)
print(summary(LeNet(30).to(device), (1,28,28)))
Layer (type:depth-idx)
                      Output Shape
                                         Param #
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Sequential: 1-1
    Conv2d: 2-1
                             [-1, 6, 28, 28]
                                            156
    ReLU: 2-2
                             [-1, 6, 28, 28]
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    AvgPool2d: 2-3
                             [-1, 6, 14, 14]
    Conv2d: 2-4
                             [-1, 16, 10, 10]
                                               2,416
    ReLU: 2-5
                             [-1, 16, 10, 10]
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    AvgPool2d: 2-6
                             [-1, 16, 5, 5]
    Flatten: 2-7
                             [-1, 400]
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    Linear: 2-8
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    ReLU: 2-9
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    Linear: 2-10
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    ReLU: 2-11
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    Linear: 2-12
                             [-1, 30]
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Total params: 63,406
Trainable params: 63,406
Non-trainable params: 0
Total mult-adds (M): 0.48
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Input size (MB): 0.00
Forward/backward pass size (MB): 0.05
Params size (MB): 0.24
Estimated Total Size (MB): 0.29
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Layer (type:depth-idx) Output Shape Param #
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Returns:

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                                        [-1, 30]
    Sequential: 1-1
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         ReLU: 2-2
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         ReLU: 2-5
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[1]: def train LeNet(trainloader: DataLoader, testloader: DataLoader, n epochs: int,
     →learning_rate: float):
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        Trains a model using the LeNet5 architecture
        Args:
           trainloader (Datalodaer): PyTorch Dataloader object with training set
           testloader (Dataloader): PyTorch Dataloader object with testing set
           n_epochs (int): Number of epochs
           learning_rate (float): Learning rate of model
        Returns:
           train_losses (list): List of train losses over n_epochs
           test_losses (list): List of test losses over n_epochs
           accuracies (list): List of accuracies over n_epochs
           model (LeNet): Trained LeNet model
```

model = LeNet(num_classes = 30).to(device)

```
criterion = nn.CrossEntropyLoss()
  optimizer = optim.Adam(model.parameters(), lr=learning_rate)
  train_losses = np.zeros((n_epochs,))
  test_losses = np.zeros((n_epochs,))
  accuracies = np.zeros((n_epochs,))
  start = time.time()
  for epoch in range(n_epochs):
      model.train()
      for images, labels in trainloader:
           images, labels = images.to(device), labels.to(device)
           outputs = model(images)
           optimizer.zero_grad()
           loss = criterion(outputs, labels)
           loss.backward()
           optimizer.step()
      model.eval()
      with torch.no_grad():
           total_test_loss, total_train_loss, correct_preds = 0.0, 0.0, 0.0
           for images, labels in testloader:
               images, labels = images.to(device), labels.to(device)
               test_outputs = model(images)
               test_loss = criterion(test_outputs, labels)
              total_test_loss += test_loss.item()
               _, preds = torch.max(test_outputs, 1)
               correct_preds += (preds == labels).sum().item()
           for images, labels in trainloader:
               images, labels = images.to(device), labels.to(device)
               train_outputs = model(images)
               train_loss = criterion(train_outputs, labels)
               total_train_loss += train_loss.item()
           accuracies[epoch] = correct_preds / len(testloader.dataset) * 100 #_
⇔type: ignore
           test_losses[epoch] = total_test_loss / len(testloader)
           train_losses[epoch] = total_train_loss / len(trainloader)
           # print every 5 epochs to reduce text output
           if epoch == 0 or (epoch+1)\%5 == 0:
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print('Epoch: %03d/%03d | Accuracy: %.3f%%' %(epoch + 1, L)
on_epochs, accuracies[epoch]))

print("Total Train Time: %.2f min" % ((time.time() - start)/60))
return train_losses, test_losses, accuracies, model
```

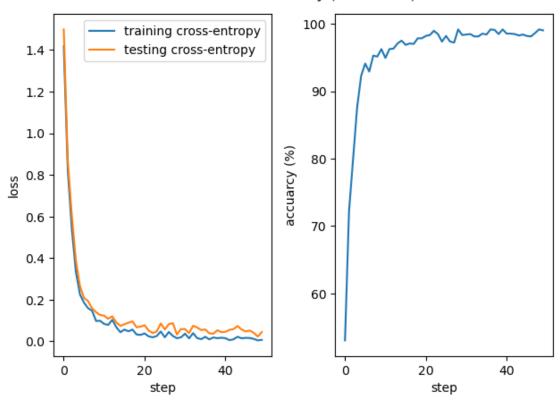
A learning rate of 0.001 was selected since that was the learning rate used in the LeNet5 paper. However, the original LeNet was trained on the MNIST dataset, which has 60,000 images, compared to our 2,400 images. Since our dataset is much smaller, we will try training the model with a higher learning rate (0.005) and compare how it affects our model's performance.

```
[18]: if TRAIN LENET:
          n_{epochs} = 50
          lr = 0.001
          train_losses_1, test_losses_1, accuracies_1, model_1 = __
       utrain_LeNet(train_loader, test_loader, n_epochs=n_epochs, learning_rate=lr)
          torch.save(model_1.state_dict(), "lenet_1.pth")
          train_losses_2, test_losses_2, accuracies_2, model_2 = __
       strain_LeNet(train_loader, test_loader, n_epochs=n_epochs, learning_rate=lr*5)
          torch.save(model_2.state_dict(), "lenet_2.pth")
          plt.figure()
          plt.subplot(1,2,1)
          plt.plot(range(n_epochs), train_losses_1, label='training cross-entropy')
          plt.plot(range(n_epochs), test_losses_1, label='testing cross-entropy')
          plt.xlabel('step')
          plt.ylabel('loss')
          plt.legend()
          plt.subplot(1,2,2)
          plt.plot(range(n_epochs), accuracies_1)
          plt.xlabel('step')
          plt.ylabel('accuarcy (%)')
          plt.tight_layout(rect=[0, 0, 1, 0.95])
          plt.suptitle("LeNet loss and accuracy (lr = 0.001)")
          plt.show()
          plt.figure()
          plt.subplot(1,2,1)
          plt.plot(range(n_epochs), train_losses_2, label='training cross-entropy')
          plt.plot(range(n_epochs), test_losses_2, label='testing cross-entropy')
          plt.xlabel('step')
          plt.ylabel('loss')
          plt.legend()
```

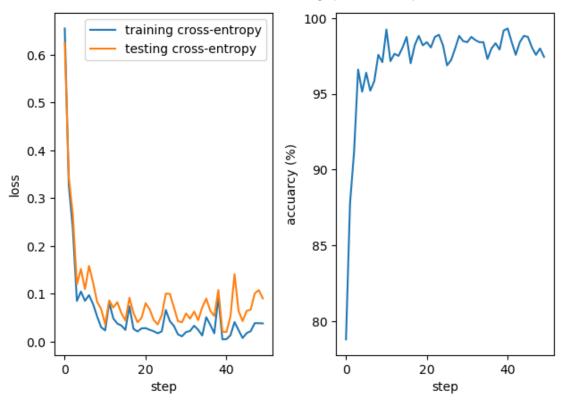
```
plt.subplot(1,2,2)
plt.plot(range(n_epochs), accuracies_2)
plt.xlabel('step')
plt.ylabel('accuarcy (%)')
plt.tight_layout(rect=[0, 0, 1, 0.95])
plt.suptitle("LeNet loss and accuracy (lr = 0.005)")
plt.show()
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```
Epoch: 001/050 | Accuracy: 53.056%
Epoch: 005/050 | Accuracy: 92.292%
Epoch: 010/050 | Accuracy: 96.250%
Epoch: 015/050 | Accuracy: 97.500%
Epoch: 020/050 | Accuracy: 97.847%
Epoch: 025/050 | Accuracy: 97.361%
Epoch: 030/050 | Accuracy: 98.333%
Epoch: 035/050 | Accuracy: 98.542%
Epoch: 040/050 | Accuracy: 99.167%
Epoch: 045/050 | Accuracy: 98.403%
Epoch: 050/050 | Accuracy: 99.028%
Total Train Time: 1.31 min
Epoch: 001/050 | Accuracy: 78.819%
Epoch: 005/050 | Accuracy: 95.139%
Epoch: 010/050 | Accuracy: 97.083%
Epoch: 015/050 | Accuracy: 98.056%
Epoch: 020/050 | Accuracy: 98.194%
Epoch: 025/050 | Accuracy: 98.194%
Epoch: 030/050 | Accuracy: 98.472%
Epoch: 035/050 | Accuracy: 98.403%
Epoch: 040/050 | Accuracy: 99.167%
Epoch: 045/050 | Accuracy: 98.819%
Epoch: 050/050 | Accuracy: 97.431%
Total Train Time: 1.40 min
```

LeNet loss and accuracy (Ir = 0.001)



LeNet loss and accuracy (Ir = 0.005)



As shown above, both LeNet models achieved an accuracy of 97%~99% in ~1 minute 30 seconds in only 50 epochs, which is about five times faster than the MLP architecture. This speed difference is due to convolutional layers having significantly fewer parameters than fully-connected layers, allowing the model to train faster. Additionally, the structure of convolutional layers is better suited for capturing unique features across different classes, which contributes to the overall improvement in classification accuracy.

0.5 Model Evaluation

```
[19]: # Load saved model

mlp = Hangul_MLP(input_size=784, num_classes=30)
mlp.load_state_dict(torch.load('mlp.pth'))

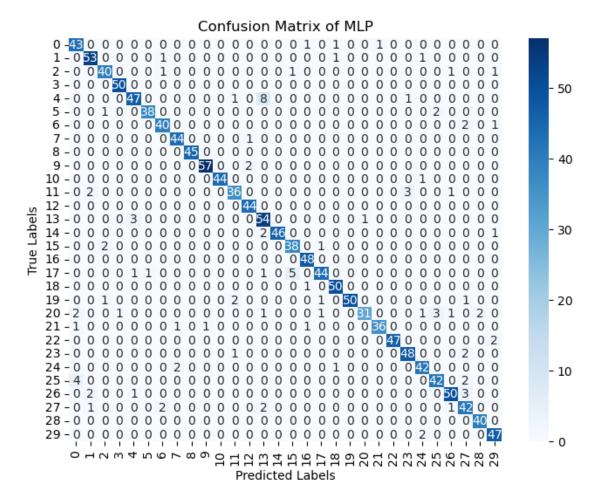
# We will use `lenet_1.pth for this comparision`
lenet = LeNet(num_classes=30)
lenet.load_state_dict(torch.load('lenet_1.pth'))
```

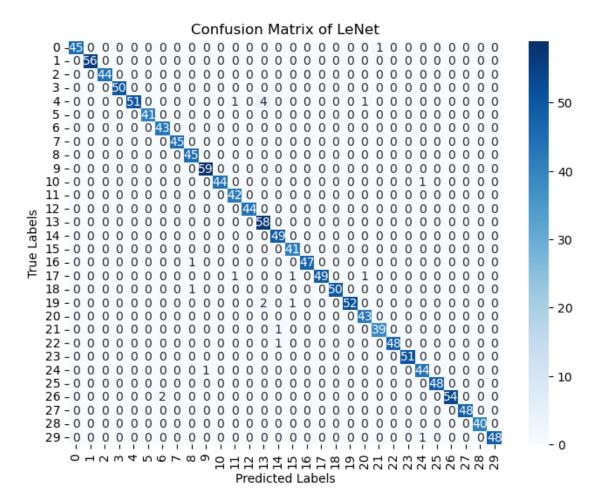
[19]: <All keys matched successfully>

A common method for evaluating a classification model is by using a confusion matrix. This matrix

enables the calculation of metrics such as True Positives, True Negatives, False Positives, and False Negatives. These metrics can then be used to determine measures like Precision and Recall.

```
[20]: from sklearn.metrics import confusion_matrix
      import seaborn as sns
      mlp_preds = []
      mlp_true_labels = []
      lenet_preds = []
      lenet true labels = []
      with torch.no_grad():
          for imgs, labels_true in test_loader:
              output_mlp = mlp(imgs.view(imgs.size(0), -1))
              output_lenet = lenet(imgs)
              _, labels_pred_mlp = torch.max(output_mlp, 1)
              _, labels_pred_lenet = torch.max(output_lenet, 1)
              mlp_preds.extend(labels_pred_mlp.numpy())
              mlp_true_labels.extend(labels_true.numpy())
              lenet_preds.extend(labels_pred_lenet.numpy())
              lenet_true_labels.extend(labels_true.numpy())
      conf_matrix_mlp = confusion_matrix(mlp_true_labels, mlp_preds)
      conf_matrix_lenet = confusion_matrix(lenet_true_labels, lenet_preds)
      # Plot the confusion matrix
      plt.figure(figsize=(8, 6))
      sns.heatmap(conf_matrix_mlp, annot=True, fmt='d', cmap='Blues')
      plt.xlabel('Predicted Labels')
      plt.ylabel('True Labels')
      plt.title('Confusion Matrix of MLP')
      plt.show()
      plt.figure(figsize=(8,6))
      sns.heatmap(conf_matrix_lenet, annot=True, fmt='d', cmap='Blues')
      plt.xlabel('Predicted Labels')
      plt.ylabel('True Labels')
      plt.title('Confusion Matrix of LeNet')
      plt.show()
```





The confusion matrix above shows that both the MLP and LeNet perform extremely well on the test images, which is shown by the diagonal line where the predicted label matches the true label. One thing to note is that there were two classes that the LeNet often made errors on in previous iterations of the confusion matrix. There were 13 images predicted to be class #15 that turned out to be class #17 and 9 images predicted to be class 28 that turned out to be class #18. We visualize these classes below.

```
[15]: classes = dataset_unaug.classes

# class 15 vs class 17

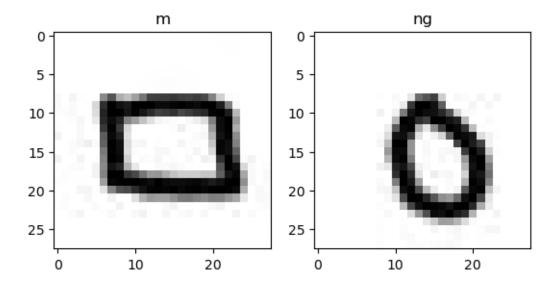
plt.subplot(1,2,1)
img1, label1 = dataset_unaug[15*80]
plt.imshow(img1.squeeze().numpy(), cmap='gray')
plt.title(classes[label1])

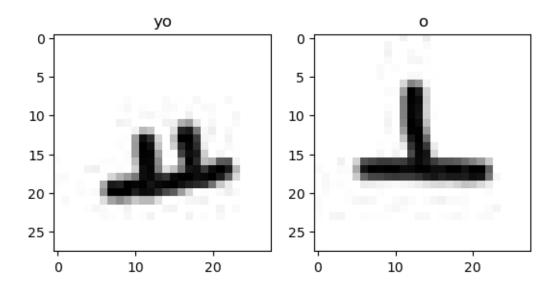
plt.subplot(1,2,2)
img2, label2 = dataset_unaug[17*80]
```

```
plt.imshow(img2.squeeze().numpy(), cmap='gray')
plt.title(classes[label2])
plt.show()

# class 28 vs class 18
plt.subplot(1,2,1)
img1, label1 = dataset_unaug[28*80]
plt.imshow(img1.squeeze().numpy(), cmap='gray')
plt.title(classes[label1])

plt.subplot(1,2,2)
img2, label2 = dataset_unaug[18*80]
plt.imshow(img2.squeeze().numpy(), cmap='gray')
plt.title(classes[label2])
plt.show()
```





Upon examining these 4 classes, we observed that the two characters share many visual similarities. As a native Korean speaker, I find that poorly written (m, ng) and (yo, o) characters can be difficult to distinguish, even for native speakers. This issue may stem from the limited dataset, which contains only 80 images per class. As a result, the dataset might have failed to capture the small, distinct visual features that differentiate these similar classes.

0.6 Real World Applications

At this stage, the model performs well enough to be integrated into a learning tool where students can write specific Hangul characters in a designated area to test their knowledge. However, it may face challenges in other applications due to limitations in the dataset. For example, if we aimed to develop a tool similar to Google Translate that translates characters from photos taken by users, the model will have poor performance. The dataset consists entirely of black characters on white backgrounds, which could hinder its effectiveness in real-world scenarios where characters may not contrast as clearly with the background. Additionally, the dataset does not account for instances where parts of the characters may be cropped, which could further impact performance.