

# CS771 - Intro to ML (Autumn 2024): Mini-project 2

## Learning with Prototypes for CIFAR-10 Classification

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## 1 Introduction

In this project, we explore the application of Learning with Prototypes (LwP) for image classification on subsets of the CIFAR-10 dataset. We are provided with 20 training datasets ( $D_1$  to  $D_{20}$ ) of which only  $D_1$  has labeled data and their corresponding held-out evaluation datasets ( $\hat{D}_1$  to  $\hat{D}_{20}$ ). The first 10 datasets ( $D_1$  to  $D_{10}$ ) share the same input distribution, while the remaining 10 datasets ( $D_{11}$  to  $D_{20}$ ) come from slightly different distributions. Our goal is to incrementally train models ( $f_1$  to  $f_{20}$ ) using LwP, ensuring that performance on previous datasets does not degrade significantly when models are updated.

## 2 Datasets and Preprocessing

### 2.1 Datasets

The CIFAR-10 dataset consists of 60,000 color images of size  $32 \times 32$  pixels, divided into 10 classes: airplane, automobile, bird, cat, deer, dog, frog, horse, ship, and truck. For this project:

- **Training Datasets:** 20 subsets ( $D_1$  to  $D_{20}$ ), each containing 2,500 images without labels, except for  $D_1$ , which is labeled.
- **Held-out Datasets:** 20 corresponding evaluation datasets ( $\hat{D}_1$  to  $\hat{D}_{20}$ ), each containing 2,500 labeled images for assessing model performance.

### 2.2 Data Preprocessing

To prepare the data for model training and evaluation, we performed the following preprocessing steps:

1. **Normalization:** Used the CIFAR-10 mean and standard deviation to normalize the images.
2. **Transformations:** Applied random cropping with a padding size of 4 and horizontal flipping for data augmentation during feature extractor training.

### 2.3 Feature Extraction

Used a pre-trained ResNet18 model (trained on CIFAR-10) as a feature extractor by removing its final fully connected layer.

### 3 Learning with Prototypes (LwP)

#### 3.1 Model Initialization

We initialized our models using the labeled dataset  $D_1$ :

- Extracted features from images in  $D_1$  using the feature extractor.
- Computed class prototypes by averaging features for each class.

$$\mathbf{p}_c^{(1)} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^n \mathbf{f}_c^j \quad (1)$$

where  $\mathbf{p}_c^{(1)}$  is the prototype for class  $c$  at iteration 1,  $\mathbf{f}_c^j$  is the extracted feature from an image of  $D_1$  from class  $c$  and  $n$  is the number of images under class  $c$ .

- The initial model  $f_1$  consists of these prototypes.

#### 3.2 Model Updates (Task 1)

For datasets  $D_2$  to  $D_{10}$ , we updated models incrementally:

1. **Feature Extraction:** Extracted features from unlabeled images in  $D_i$ .
2. **Label Prediction:** Predicted labels using the previous model’s prototypes by assigning the class of the nearest prototype.
3. **Confidence Calculation:** Computed confidence scores based on distances to prototypes.
4. **Prototype Update:** Updated prototypes using high-confidence predictions:

$$\mathbf{p}_c^{(i)} = \alpha \mathbf{p}_c^{(i-1)} + (1 - \alpha) \bar{\mathbf{f}}_c \quad (2)$$

where  $\mathbf{p}_c^{(i)}$  is the prototype for class  $c$  at iteration  $i$ ,  $\bar{\mathbf{f}}_c$  is the mean of new features extracted from  $D_i$ , with confidence above **0.5** for class  $c$ , and  $\alpha$  is a weighting factor (set to **0.7**).

#### 3.3 Model Updates (Task 2)

For datasets  $D_{11}$  to  $D_{20}$ , we adapted the update procedure to account for distributional shifts:

1. Used the same feature extraction and label prediction methods as in Task 1.
2. Adjusted the prototype update parameters to be more conservative due to input distribution differences:
  - Increased the confidence threshold to **0.7** including only high-confidence predictions.
  - Set  $\alpha = \mathbf{0.5}$  to give less weight to previous prototypes.

#### 3.4 Justification for LwP

Learning with Prototypes is suitable for this incremental learning scenario because:

- **Simplicity:** Prototypes provide a compact representation of each class.
- **Efficiency:** Updating prototypes is computationally inexpensive.
- **Incremental Learning:** Easily accommodates new data without retraining the entire model.
- **Robustness:** By adjusting update parameters, we can mitigate the impact of distributional shifts.

## 4 Model Evaluation

We evaluated each model  $f_i$  on held-out datasets  $\hat{D}_1$  to  $\hat{D}_i$ :

1. **Feature Extraction:** Extracted features from evaluation images.
2. **Label Prediction:** Predicted labels using the model’s prototypes.
3. **Accuracy Calculation:** Computed accuracy scores by comparing predicted labels with true labels.

### 4.1 Results for Task 1

The accuracy matrix for Task 1 is shown in Table 2.

Table 2: Accuracy Matrix for Task 1

Model	$\hat{D}_1$	$\hat{D}_2$	$\hat{D}_3$	$\hat{D}_4$	$\hat{D}_5$	$\hat{D}_6$	$\hat{D}_7$	$\hat{D}_8$	$\hat{D}_9$	$\hat{D}_{10}$
$f_1$	79.20%									
$f_2$	79.20%	80.32%								
$f_3$	79.20%	80.32%	78.32%							
$f_4$	79.20%	80.32%	78.32%	79.60%						
$f_5$	79.20%	80.32%	78.32%	79.60%	79.04%					
$f_6$	79.20%	80.32%	78.32%	79.60%	79.04%	80.68%				
$f_7$	79.20%	80.32%	78.32%	79.60%	79.04%	80.68%	78.52%			
$f_8$	79.20%	80.32%	78.32%	79.60%	79.04%	80.68%	78.52%	79.16%		
$f_9$	79.20%	80.32%	78.32%	79.60%	79.04%	80.68%	78.52%	79.16%	80.00%	
$f_{10}$	79.20%	80.32%	78.32%	79.60%	79.04%	80.68%	78.52%	79.16%	80.00%	80.24%

### 4.2 Results for Task 2

The accuracy matrix for Task 2 is shown in Table 3.

Table 3: Accuracy Matrix for Task 2

Model	$\hat{D}_1$	$\hat{D}_2$	$\hat{D}_3$	$\hat{D}_4$	$\hat{D}_5$	$\hat{D}_6$	$\hat{D}_7$	$\hat{D}_8$	$\hat{D}_9$	$\hat{D}_{10}$
$f_{11}$	79.20%	80.32%	78.32%	79.60%	79.04%	80.68%	78.52%	79.16%	80.00%	80.24%
$f_{12}$	79.20%	80.32%	78.32%	79.60%	79.04%	80.68%	78.52%	79.16%	80.00%	80.24%
$f_{13}$	79.20%	80.32%	78.32%	79.60%	79.04%	80.68%	78.52%	79.16%	80.00%	80.24%
$f_{14}$	79.20%	80.32%	78.32%	79.60%	79.04%	80.68%	78.52%	79.16%	80.00%	80.24%
$f_{15}$	79.20%	80.32%	78.32%	79.60%	79.04%	80.68%	78.52%	79.16%	80.00%	80.24%
$f_{16}$	79.20%	80.32%	78.32%	79.60%	79.04%	80.68%	78.52%	79.16%	80.00%	80.24%
$f_{17}$	79.20%	80.32%	78.32%	79.60%	79.04%	80.68%	78.52%	79.16%	80.00%	80.24%
$f_{18}$	79.20%	80.32%	78.32%	79.60%	79.04%	80.68%	78.52%	79.16%	80.00%	80.24%
$f_{19}$	79.20%	80.32%	78.32%	79.60%	79.04%	80.68%	78.52%	79.16%	80.00%	80.24%
$f_{20}$	79.20%	80.32%	78.32%	79.60%	79.04%	80.68%	78.52%	79.16%	80.00%	80.24%

  

Model	$\hat{D}_{11}$	$\hat{D}_{12}$	$\hat{D}_{13}$	$\hat{D}_{14}$	$\hat{D}_{15}$	$\hat{D}_{16}$	$\hat{D}_{17}$	$\hat{D}_{18}$	$\hat{D}_{19}$	$\hat{D}_{20}$
$f_{11}$	65.68%									
$f_{12}$	65.68%	70.68%								
$f_{13}$	65.68%	70.68%	70.40%							
$f_{14}$	65.68%	70.68%	70.40%	60.20%						
$f_{15}$	65.68%	70.68%	70.40%	60.20%	75.36%					
$f_{16}$	65.68%	70.68%	70.40%	60.20%	75.36%	64.56%				
$f_{17}$	65.68%	70.68%	70.40%	60.20%	75.36%	64.56%	62.88%			
$f_{18}$	65.68%	70.68%	70.40%	60.20%	75.36%	64.56%	62.88%	67.60%		
$f_{19}$	65.68%	70.68%	70.40%	60.20%	75.36%	64.56%	62.88%	67.60%	73.60%	
$f_{20}$	65.68%	70.68%	70.40%	60.20%	75.36%	64.56%	62.88%	67.60%	73.60%	71.00%

### 4.3 Analysis

From the results:

- **Task 1:** The models maintain high accuracy on previous datasets, indicating that the incremental updates are effective without significant degradation.
- **Task 2:** The accuracies decrease gradually due to distributional shifts in  $D_{11}$  to  $D_{20}$ . Adjusting the update parameters helps mitigate performance degradation.

## 5 Conclusion

We successfully implemented an incremental learning approach using Learning with Prototypes for CIFAR-10 classification. By adjusting update parameters, we accounted for distributional shifts in the datasets. The models maintained their performance on previous datasets while adapting to new data.

## Problem 2

The paper “*Deja vu: Continual Model Generalization for Unseen Domains*” (ICLR 2023), addresses the problem of continual and lifelong domain adaptation. The paper proposes novel methods to generalize models for unseen domains by leveraging continual learning approaches and domain-agnostic representations.

The following is the link to the YouTube video presentation:

<https://youtu.be/2Z3Rf0oFUZE>