Subject:

Predict traffic signs labels using Convolutional Networks.

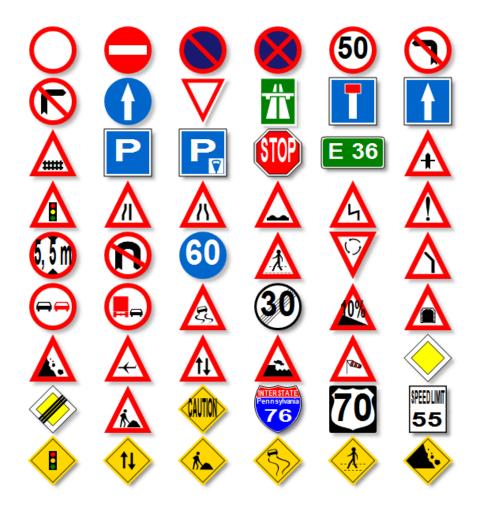
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We have 43 Label_names(0-42):

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0
                    Speed limit (20km/h)
                    Speed limit (30km/h)
1
2
                    Speed limit (50km/h)
3
                    Speed limit (60km/h)
4
                    Speed limit (70km/h)
5
                    Speed limit (80km/h)
               End of speed limit (80km/h)
6
7
                   Speed limit (100km/h)
8
                   Speed limit (120km/h)
9
                          No passing
10
      No passing for vehicles over 3.5 metric tons
11
          Right-of-way at the next intersection
                         Priority road
12
13
                              Yield
14
                               Stop
15
                          No vehicles
16
         Vehicles over 3.5 metric tons prohibited
17
                            No entry
18
                        General caution
19
                Dangerous curve to the left
20
                Dangerous curve to the right
21
                          Double curve
                           Bumpy road
22
23
                         Slippery road
24
                  Road narrows on the right
25
                            Road work
26
                        Traffic signals
27
                           Pedestrians
                       Children crossing
28
29
                       Bicycles crossing
30
                      Beware of ice/snow
                    Wild animals crossing
31
            End of all speed and passing limits
32
                       Turn right ahead
33
34
                        Turn left ahead
35
                           Ahead only
36
                     Go straight or right
37
                     Go straight or left
                           Keep right
38
39
                            Keep left
40
                     Roundabout mandatory
41
                       End of no passing
42 End of no passing by vehicles over 3.5 metric ...>
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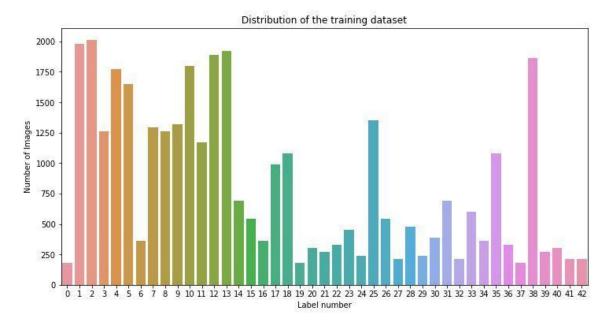
There was also size and coords data of each image but we guessed they wouldn't be effective so we did not consider them in this report article.

For the next step we will check them out.

Label Balancing:

By looking at the plot below which shows us the distribution of the training dataset, we recognize that the images of each label_name are not distributed evenly.

For example the label_name with id 0 has almost 180 images while label_name with id 2 has 2000 images.

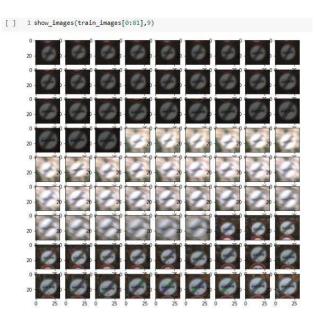


The Label names are not balanced so we balanced the label names by assigning each of them a weight which comes in an array named class_weights_dict.

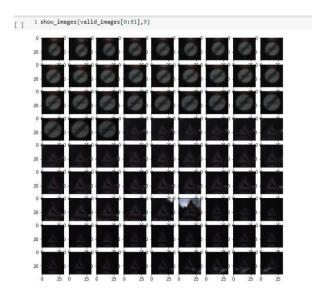
Since In image generating, each label name must come with the same probability. By using this weight dictionary the more each label name has come in the train set, the less weight it will get.

After visualizing our train and valid images we recognize that they are not shuffled well despite the test images.

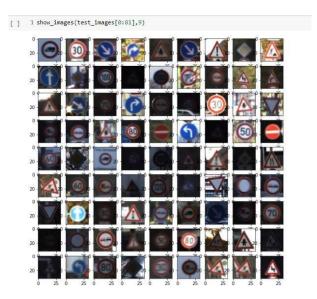
Train set Images:



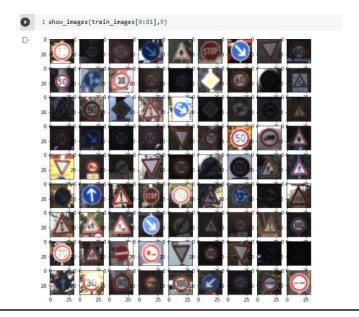
Validation Set Images:



Test Set Images:



Train images after shuffling:



Data Augmentation:

Convolutional neural networks are heavily reliant on big data to avoid overfitting. Overfitting refers to the phenomenon when a network learns a function with very high variance such as to perfectly model the training data. Unfortunately, many application domains do not have access to big data, such as this project. So we use Data Augmentation, a data-space solution to the problem of limited data. Data Augmentation encompasses a suite of techniques that enhance the size and quality of training datasets such that better Deep Learning models can be built using them.

The image augmentation algorithms include geometric transformations, color space augmentations, kernel filters, mixing images, random erasing, feature space augmentation, and etc.

By using the method ImageDataGenerator we implement Data Augmentation with these transformations: Rotate, zoom, horizontal flip.



Models Analysis:

We use the function eval_visual_model to train our models and the function's options are drawing plots and early stopping.

Early stoppings include 2 method:

- 1- It forces the network to stop if there is no improvement in accuracy after 10 epochs.
- 2- It forces the network to stop if there is no lessening in validation loss after 10 epochs.

We tried so many networks(maybe more than 50) and did not mention all of them in this article. We only chose a few of them.

Unfortunately one of the best models got 95 percent accuracy on validation but we lost that and this is all we have!

We also could not do analytics on that.

model_0:

Optimizer = adadelta

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[ ] 1 eval_visual_model([model_0], batch_sizes = 32, epoch = 5, draw_plot = True, early_stopping = True)
  Epoch 2/5
  1087/1087 [:
        Epoch 3/5
  1087/1087 [
  Epoch 5/5
  1087/1087 [==============] - 21s 20ms/step - loss: 3.7144 - accuracy: 0.0370 - val_loss: 3.7231 - val_accuracy: 0.0495
  Result on Test Set:
  395/395 [================] - 1s 4ms/step - loss: 3.7140 - accuracy: 0.0501
  Result on Validation Set:
  138/138 [============================] - Os 4ms/step - loss: 3.7165 - accuracy: 0.0549
            Model Loss
   3.735
                   - loss
                    val_loss
   3.730
  3 3,725
   3.720
   3.715
       0.5
         1.0
                  3.0
                    3.5
  <tensorflow.python.keras.callbacks.History at 0x7fed470df320>
[ ] 1 eval_visual_model([model_0], batch_sizes = 20, epoch = 10)
       Epoch 2/10
1739/1739 [=:
        =============] - 23s 13ms/step - loss; 3.7624 - accuracy; 0.0192 - val_loss; 3.7567 - val_accuracy; 0.0084
 Enoch 3/10
 1739/1739 [====
        Epoch 4/10
        =============] - 23s 13ms/step - loss: 3.7534 - accuracy: 0.0210 - val_loss: 3.7522 - val_accuracy: 0.0170
 Fnoch 5/10
         Epoch 6/10
 Epoch 7/10
          Epoch 8/10
      Epoch 9/10
        Epoch 10/10
 Result on Test Set:
 Result on Validation Set:
 <tensorflow.python.keras.callbacks.History at 0x7fed4735a198>
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The speed is so low. We need a more rich network.

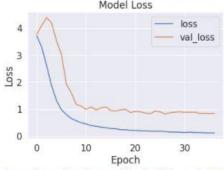
model_1:

Optimizer = adam

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[ ] 1 eval_visual_model([model_1],batch_sizes = 20, epoch = 10 , draw_plot=True)
   Epoch 2/10
   1739/1739 [=
              Epoch 3/10
  1739/1739 [=
           Epoch 4/10
            1739/1739 [=
   Epoch 5/10
  1739/1739 [==
           Epoch 6/10
  1739/1739 [=
              ===========] - 22s 13ms/step - loss: 1.3306 - accuracy: 0.5026 - val_loss: 2.1011 - val_accuracy: 0.3982
  Epoch 7/10
   1739/1739 [===
           ============================== ] - 22s 13ms/step - loss: 1.2095 - accuracy: 0.5449 - val_loss: 2.0045 - val_accuracy: 0.4252
  Epoch 8/10
            ============================== ] - 22s 13ms/step - loss: 1.1149 - accuracy: 0.5734 - val_loss: 1.9915 - val_accuracy: 0.4745
  1739/1739 [=
  Epoch 9/10
  Epoch 10/10
  1739/1739 [==========] - 22s 13ms/step - loss: 1.0197 - accuracy: 0.6098 - val_loss: 1.8070 - val_accuracy: 0.4761
  Result on Test Set:
  395/395 [==========] - 1s 3ms/step - loss: 1.5986 - accuracy: 0.5928
  Result on Validation Set:
  Result on Test Set:
 395/395 [============] - 1s 3ms/step - loss: 1.5986 - accuracy: 0.5928
 Result on Validation Set:
 138/138 [==========] - 0s 3ms/step - loss: 1.5466 - accuracy: 0.5306
               Model Loss
   3.00
                          - loss
                         - val_loss
   2.75
   2.50
   2.25
  8 200
   1.75
   1.50
   1.25
   1.00
 <tensorflow.python.keras.callbacks.History at 0x7fed470101d0>
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Optimizer = adam

```
[ ] 1 eval_visual_model([model_2],batch_sizes = 500, epoch = 250,draw_plot=True, early_stopping=True)
 69/69 [=====
        ==========] - 16s 231ms/step - loss: 0.2057 - accuracy: 0.9018 - val_loss: 0.9138 - val_accuracy: 0.7678
  Epoch 22/250
        69/69 [=====
  Epoch 23/250
       69/69 [=====
 Epoch 24/250
 69/69 [=====
        Epoch 25/250
 69/69 [=====
        Epoch 26/250
  Epoch 27/250
 69/69 [=====
        :==============] - 16s 234ms/step - loss: 0.1613 - accuracy: 0.9230 - val_loss: 0.8151 - val_accuracy: 0.8092
  Enoch 28/250
  Epoch 29/250
       69/69 [=====
 Epoch 30/250
       ==========] - 16s 228ms/step - loss: 0.1359 - accuracy: 0.9359 - val_loss: 0.8977 - val_accuracy: 0.7970
  Epoch 31/250
  69/69 [=====
        Epoch 32/250
 69/69 [=====
         ==========] - 17s 241ms/step - loss: 0.1389 - accuracy: 0.9365 - val_loss: 0.8809 - val_accuracy: 0.7980
  Epoch 33/250
  69/69 [=====
        Epoch 34/250
       69/69 [=====
  Epoch 35/250
  Epoch 36/250
  Epoch 37/250
  Epoch 00037: early stopping
  Result on Test Set:
  395/395 [==========] - 1s 3ms/step - loss: 0.5377 - accuracy: 0.8733
  Result on Validation Set:
  Model Loss
                 loss
   4
                 val loss
   3
```



<tensorflow.python.keras.callbacks.History at 0x7ff0f3afc6d8>

model_3:

Optimizer = adam

```
[ ] 1 eval_visual_model([model_3],batch_sizes = 120, epoch = 500,draw_plot=True,early_stopping=True)
          Epoch 21/500
  289/289 [====
          Epoch 22/500
         289/289 [====
  Epoch 23/500
  289/289 [====
           ==========] - 20s 70ms/step - loss: 0.1599 - accuracy: 0.9304 - val_loss: 0.7418 - val_accuracy: 0.8306
  Epoch 24/500
  289/289 [====
         :============================] - 20s 70ms/step - loss: 0.1567 - accuracy: 0.9328 - val_loss: 0.6516 - val_accuracy: 0.8414
  Epoch 25/500
            ==========] - 20s 70ms/step - loss: 0.1585 - accuracy: 0.9330 - val_loss: 0.9192 - val_accuracy: 0.7889
  289/289 [====
  Epoch 26/500
         ============================= ] - 21s 71ms/step - loss: 0.1483 - accuracy: 0.9375 - val_loss: 0.6893 - val_accuracy: 0.8363
  289/289 [====
  Epoch 27/500
  289/289 [====
              Epoch 28/500
  289/289 [====
           :===========] - 20s 71ms/step - loss: 0.1358 - accuracy: 0.9411 - val_loss: 0.7498 - val_accuracy: 0.8162
  Epoch 29/500
           289/289 [====
  289/289 [====
Epoch 31/500
           ===========] - 20s 70ms/step - loss: 0.1304 - accuracy: 0.9451 - val_loss: 0.7497 - val_accuracy: 0.8294
          Epoch 32/500
  289/289 [====
            Epoch 33/500
  Epoch 34/500
  289/289 [====
Epoch 35/500
           289/289 [====
           Epoch 36/500
  Epoch 37/500
          289/289 [=====
  Epoch 00037: early stopping
Result on Test Set:
395/395 [============ ] - 3s 6ms/step - loss: 0.5088 - accuracy: 0.8836
Result on Validation Set:
Model Loss
  3.5
                      val loss
  3.0
  2.5
 55 20
  15
  1.0
  0.5
  0.0
<tensorflow.python.keras.callbacks.History at 0x7fed0dab5a20>
```

We reached at accuracy %88.:D

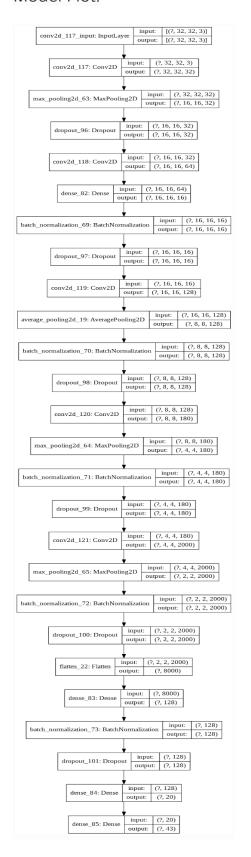
This is our best model up to here.

Model_3 Results:

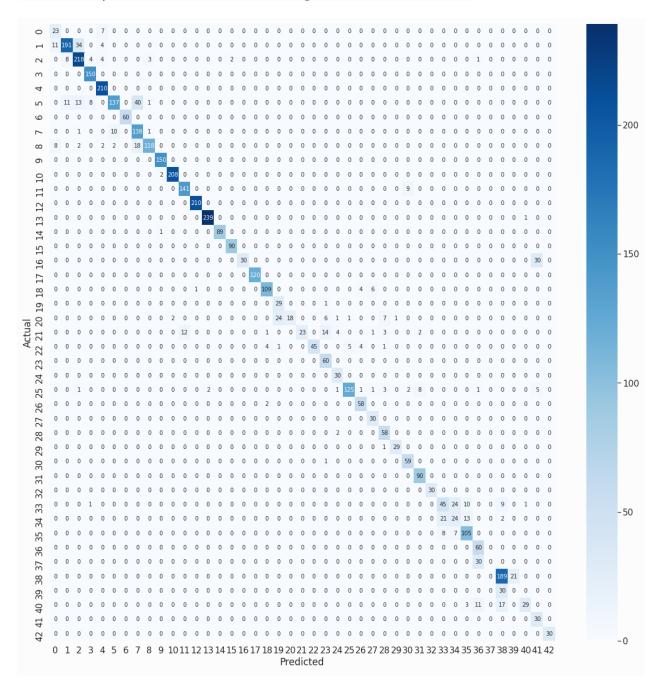
Model Summary:

Layer (type)	Output Shape	Param #
conv2d_117 (Conv2D)	(None, 32, 32, 32)	13856
max_pooling2d_63 (MaxPooling	(None, 16, 16, 32)	0
dropout_96 (Dropout)	(None, 16, 16, 32)	0
conv2d_118 (Conv2D)	(None, 16, 16, 64)	165952
dense_82 (Dense)	(None, 16, 16, 16)	1040
batch_normalization_69 (Batc	(None, 16, 16, 16)	64
dropout_97 (Dropout)	(None, 16, 16, 16)	0
conv2d_119 (Conv2D)	(None, 16, 16, 128)	73856
average_pooling2d_19 (Averag	(None, 8, 8, 128)	0
batch_normalization_70 (Batc	(None, 8, 8, 128)	512
dropout_98 (Dropout)	(None, 8, 8, 128)	0
conv2d_120 (Conv2D)	(None, 8, 8, 180)	1866420
max_pooling2d_64 (MaxPooling	(None, 4, 4, 180)	0
batch_normalization_71 (Batc	(None, 4, 4, 180)	720
dropout_99 (Dropout)	(None, 4, 4, 180)	0
conv2d_121 (Conv2D)	(None, 4, 4, 2000)	3242000
max_pooling2d_65 (MaxPooling	(None, 2, 2, 2000)	0
batch_normalization_72 (Batc	(None, 2, 2, 2000)	8000
dropout_100 (Dropout)	(None, 2, 2, 2000)	0
flatten_22 (Flatten)	(None, 8000)	0
ense_83 (Dense) (None, 128)	1024128
atch_normalization_73 (Batc (None, 128)	512
ropout_101 (Dropout) (None, 128)	0
ense_84 (Dense) (None, 20)	2580
ense_85 (Dense) (None, 43)	903
otal params: 6,400,543 rainable params: 6,395,639 on-trainable params: 4,904		

Model Plot:



The heat map in below shows us which signs are mislabeled more:



For example 16 and 40 are labeled vice versa which are 'Vehicles over 3.5 metric tons prohibited' and 'Roundabout mandatory' respectively.

Or 33 and 34 which are 'Turn right ahead' and 'Turn left ahead'

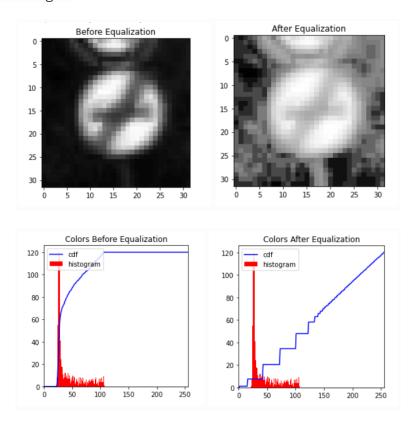
Or 5 and 7 which are 'Speed limit (80km/h)' and 'Speed limit (100km/h)'

Trying grayscale images instead of RGB:

After changing all our images to grayscale and also Equalizing them all we Test our best model on new images.

Equalization:

It enhances image brightness by equalizing the color histogram of that image. This works only on grayscale images.



model_gr:

Optimizer = adam

```
[ ] 1 eval_visual_model_gs([model_gr],50,300,draw_plot = True , early_stopping=True)
  Epoch 20/300
          695/695 [====
  Epoch 21/300
  695/695 [===
             :==========] - 16s 24ms/step - loss: 0.2904 - accuracy: 0.8897 - val_loss: 0.5706 - val_accuracy: 0.8444
  Epoch 22/300
  695/695 [====
           ==========] - 16s 23ms/step - loss: 0.2679 - accuracy: 0.8969 - val_loss: 0.5301 - val_accuracy: 0.8519
  Epoch 23/300
         695/695 [====:
  Epoch 24/300
           695/695 [====
  Epoch 25/300
  695/695 [====
              =========] - 16s 23ms/step - loss: 0.2402 - accuracy: 0.9110 - val_loss: 0.5576 - val_accuracy: 0.8477
  Epoch 26/300
           =========] - 16s 23ms/step - loss: 0.2459 - accuracy: 0.9075 - val_loss: 0.6229 - val_accuracy: 0.8243
  695/695 [====
  Epoch 27/300
  695/695 [====
          ===========] - 16s 23ms/step - loss: 0.2265 - accuracy: 0.9169 - val_loss: 0.4872 - val_accuracy: 0.8715
  Epoch 28/300
  695/695 [====
          Epoch 29/300
  Epoch 30/300
  695/695 [===============] - 16s 23ms/step - loss: 0.1871 - accuracy: 0.9276 - val_loss: 0.6375 - val_accuracy: 0.8294
  Epoch 31/300
            695/695 [====
  Epoch 32/300
          695/695 [====
  Epoch 33/300
  Epoch 34/300
  Epoch 00034: early stopping
 Result on Test Set in Gray Scale:
 395/395 [=========] - 2s 5ms/step - loss: 0.4140 - accuracy: 0.8905
 Result on Validation Setin Gray Scale:
 Model Loss
                     loss
                     val loss
   3
  2 2
   1
     0
                       30
           10
                 20
              Epoch
 <tensorflow.python.keras.callbacks.History at 0x7ff0f2e38e10>
```

The result was better than all last networks.

There is a guess that maybe because most traffic signs have blue and red colors, removing the green part and working with only red and blue colors can help to improve the result.

model_rb:

Optimizer = adam

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[ ] 1 eval_visual_model_rb([model_rb],batch_sizes = 120, epoch = 500,draw_plot=True,early_stopping=True)
  Epoch 7/500
  Epoch 8/500
          Epoch 9/500
  289/289 [===
             ==========] - 21s 72ms/step - loss: 0.5710 - accuracy: 0.7587 - val_loss: 1.1826 - val_accuracy: 0.6579
  Epoch 10/500
            ===========] - 21s 72ms/step - loss: 0.4964 - accuracy: 0.7847 - val loss: 0.8439 - val accuracy: 0.7280
  289/289 [====
  Epoch 11/500
  289/289 [====
                =========] - 21s 73ms/step - loss: 0.4517 - accuracy: 0.8005 - val_loss: 0.8324 - val_accuracy: 0.7472
  Epoch 12/500
               289/289 [====
  Epoch 13/500
  289/289 [====
              =========] - 21s 73ms/step - loss: 0.3955 - accuracy: 0.8290 - val_loss: 0.7408 - val_accuracy: 0.7785
  Epoch 14/500
  289/289 [====
            Epoch 15/500
            289/289 [====
  Epoch 16/500
  289/289 [=====
          289/289 [====
           Epoch 18/500
          289/289 [====
  Epoch 19/500
  289/289 [====
              Epoch 20/500
  289/289 [===
                 ========] - 21s 73ms/step - loss: 0.2699 - accuracy: 0.8822 - val_loss: 0.8898 - val_accuracy: 0.7602
  Epoch 21/500
             289/289 [====
  Epoch 22/500
                 :========] - 21s 72ms/step - loss: 0.2415 - accuracy: 0.8898 - val_loss: 0.7764 - val_accuracy: 0.8065
  Epoch 00022: early stopping
  Result on Test Set:
  395/395 [===============] - 2s 6ms/step - loss: 0.5896 - accuracy: 0.8430
  Result on Validation Set:
               ========] - 1s 6ms/step - loss: 0.6744 - accuracy: 0.8236
  138/138 [=========
               Model Loss
    3.5
                         loss
                          val loss
   3.0
   25
  s 2.0
   15
   10
  <tensorflow.python.keras.callbacks.History at 0x7ff1c34056a0>
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It did not change dramatically compared to colorful images.

Result:

The most accurate was on grayscale model with equalization.

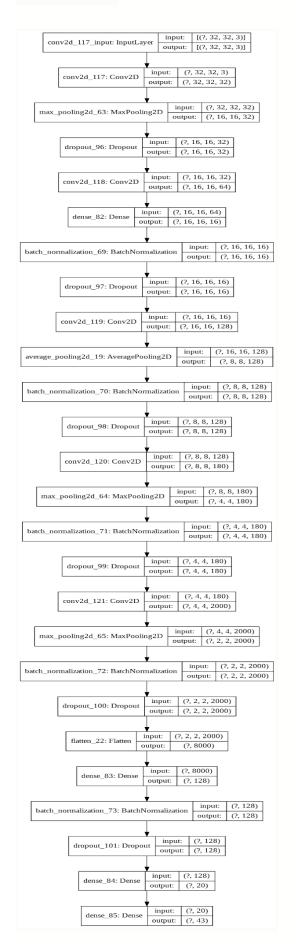
Model summary:

Layer (type)	Output Shape	Param #	
conv2d (Conv2D)	(None, 32, 32, 32)	7232	
max_pooling2d (Max	Pooling2D) (None, 16, 1	6, 32) 0	
dropout (Dropout)	(None, 16, 16, 32)	0	
conv2d_1 (Conv2D)	(None, 16, 16, 64	294976	
dense (Dense)	(None, 16, 16, 64)	4160	
batch_normalization (BatchNo (None, 16, 16,	64) 256	
dropout_1 (Dropout)	(None, 16, 16, 64)	0	
conv2d_2 (Conv2D)	(None, 16, 16, 81) 419985	
average_pooling2d (A	AveragePo (None, 8, 8, 8	81) 0	
batch_normalization_	1 (Batch (None, 8, 8, 81	.) 324	
dropout_2 (Dropout)	(None, 8, 8, 81)	0	
conv2d_3 (Conv2D)	(None, 8, 8, 100)	291700	
max_pooling2d_1 (M	axPooling2 (None, 4, 4,	100) 0	
conv2d_4 (Conv2D)	(None, 4, 4, 80)	288080	
batch_normalization_	2 (Batch (None, 4, 4, 80) 320	
conv2d_5 (Conv2D)	(None, 4, 4, 64)	46144	

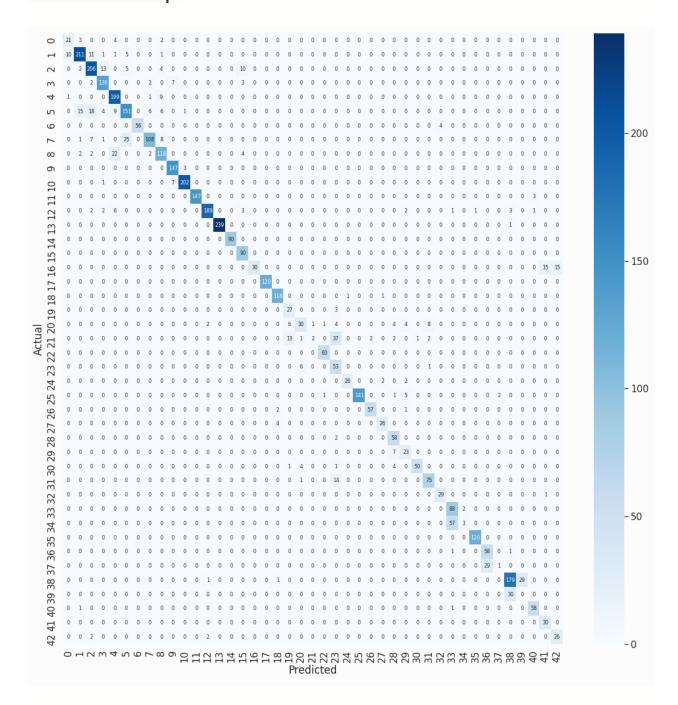
conv2d_5 (Conv2D)	(None, 4, 4,	64) 46144	
max_pooling2d_2 (M	axPooling2 (None,	2, 2, 64) 0	
flatten (Flatten)	(None, 256)	0	
dense_1 (Dense)	(None, 64)	16448	
dropout_3 (Dropout)	(None, 64)	0	
dense_2 (Dense)	(None, 50)	3250	
dense_3 (Dense)	(None, 43)	2193	

Total params: 1,375,068 Trainable params: 1,374,618 Non-trainable params: 450

Model Plot:



Labels Heat Map:



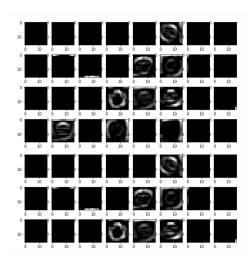
37 and 23 are 'Go straight or left' and 'Slippery road' respectively.

5 and 7 are Speed limit (80km/h)' and 'Speed limit (100km/h)' respectively which was mislabeled more in other models.

Taking a Look at Feature Map:

It shows which features of the image are detected and is more useful to recognize the label.

For example this map shows the network detected the circle shape in the image.



Smaller features:

