

Results: [20, 35] Crossings

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The CNN (88M params) and ViT (86M params) were fine-tuned on a new dataset \mathcal{D} comprising unknot \mathcal{U} and non-trivial knot \mathcal{K} diagrams partitioned into three disjoint data splits $S := \{\text{train, val, test}\}$, where:

$$\mathcal{D} = \bigsqcup_{s \in S} \mathcal{D}_s$$

$$|\mathcal{D}| = 560,000 \text{ diagrams,}$$

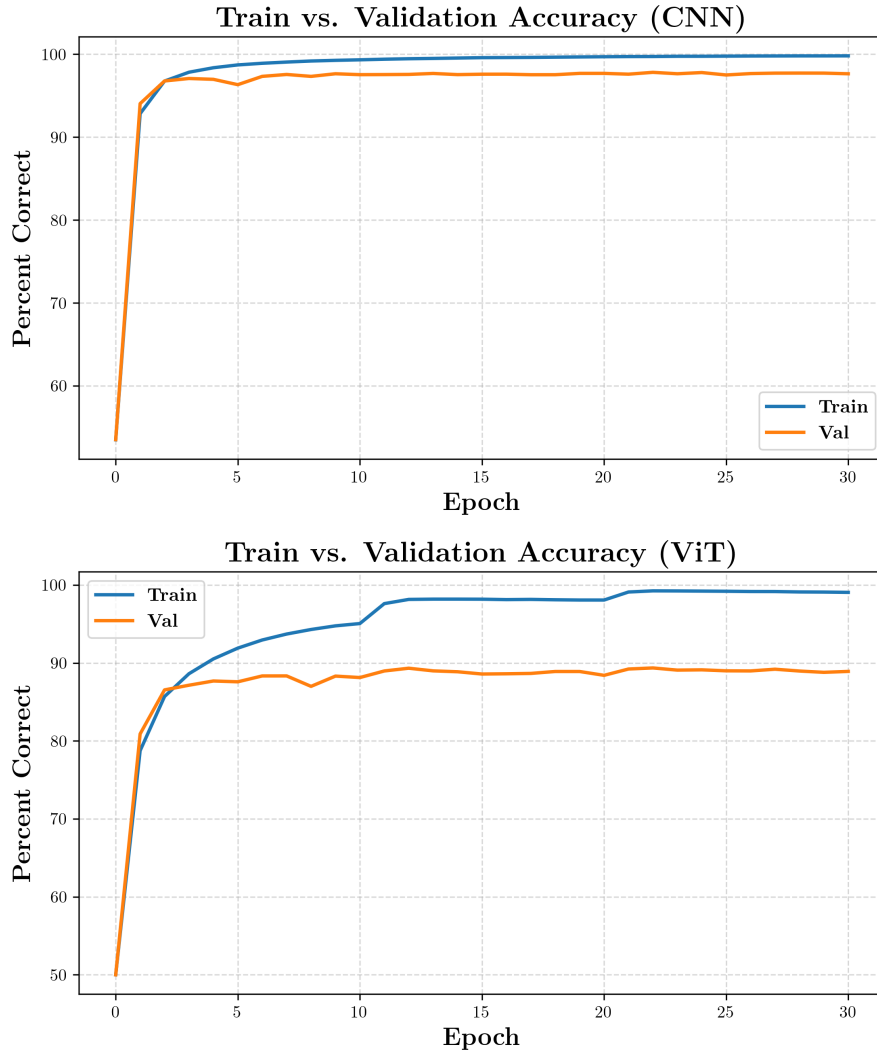
$$|\mathcal{D}_{\text{train}}| = 0.8 \cdot |\mathcal{D}| = 448,000 \text{ diagrams,}$$

$$|\mathcal{D}_{\text{val}}| = |\mathcal{D}_{\text{test}}| = 0.1 \cdot |\mathcal{D}| = 56,000 \text{ diagrams,}$$

$$\text{where } \forall s \in S, s \in \mathcal{U}_s \cup \mathcal{K}_s \text{ and } |\mathcal{U}_s| = |\mathcal{K}_s|.$$

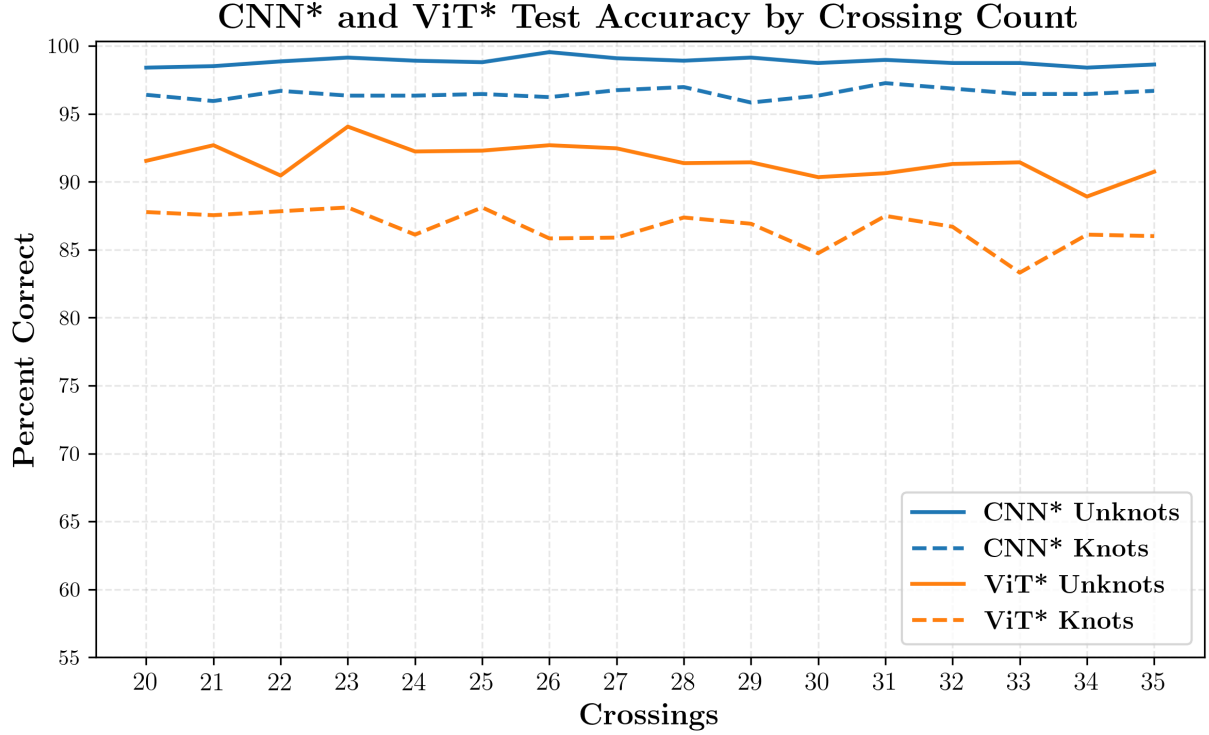
Each split contained knot diagrams for every crossing count $n \in N := \{20, 21, \dots, 35\}$. For all distinct $p, q \in N$, each split contained an equal number of p and q -crossing unknot and non-trivial knot diagrams.

Learning Curves



Test Accuracy by Crossing Count

CNN* and ViT* denote the models with the highest test classification accuracies.



CNN* Saliency Maps

A sample of CNN* saliency maps for knot diagrams in \mathcal{D}_{test} .

True Positives: Unknots Predicted as Unknots

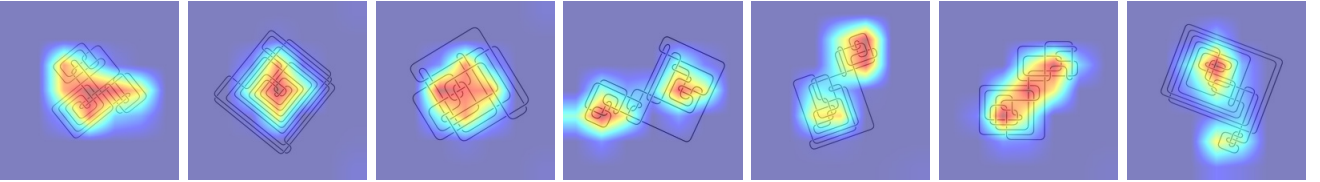


Figure 1: Of the 28,000 unknot diagrams in \mathcal{D}_{test} , CNN* produced 27,677 true positives.

False Negatives: Unknots Predicted as Non-Trivial

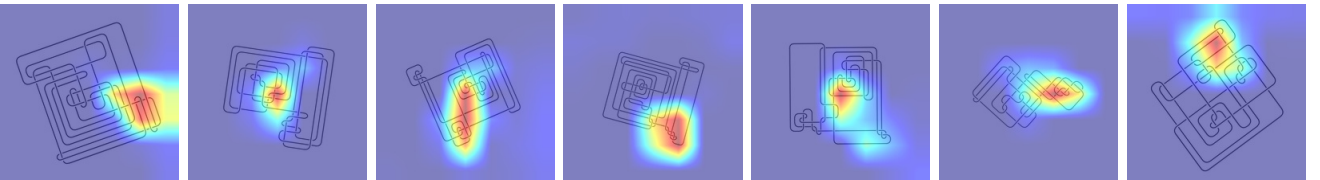


Figure 2: Of the 28,000 unknot diagrams in \mathcal{D}_{test} , CNN* produced 323 false negatives.

True Negatives: Non-Trivials Predicted as Non-Trivial

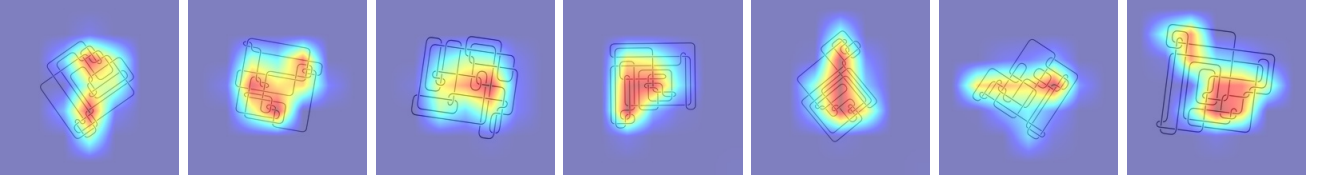


Figure 3: Of the 28,000 non-trivial knot diagrams in \mathcal{D}_{test} , CNN* produced 27,020 true negatives.

False Positives: Non-Trivials Predicted as Unknots

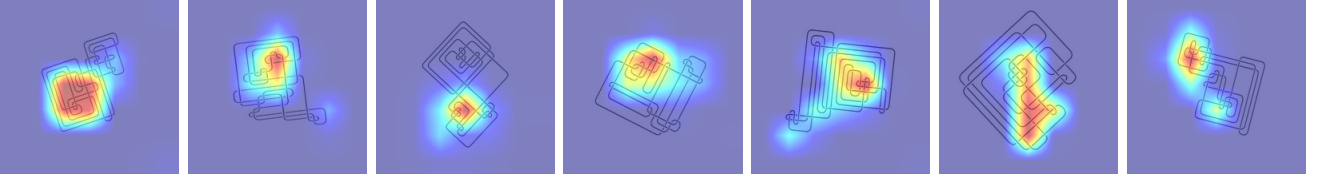


Figure 4: Of the 28,000 non-trivial knot diagrams in \mathcal{D}_{test} , CNN* produced 980 false positives.

ViT* Saliency Maps

A sample of ViT* saliency maps for knot diagrams in \mathcal{D}_{test} .

True Positives: Unknots Predicted as Unknots

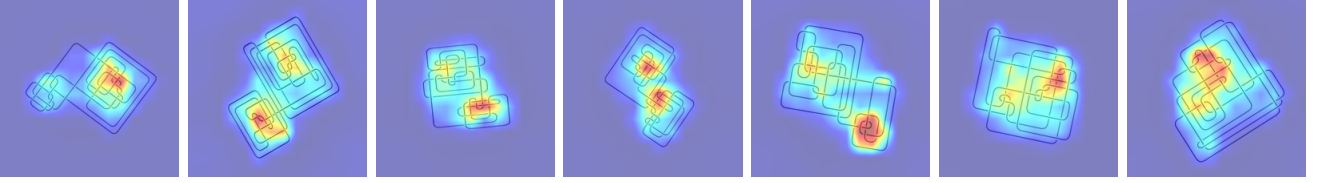


Figure 5: Of the 28,000 unknot diagrams in \mathcal{D}_{test} , ViT* produced 25,630 true positives.

False Negatives: Unknots Predicted as Non-Trivial

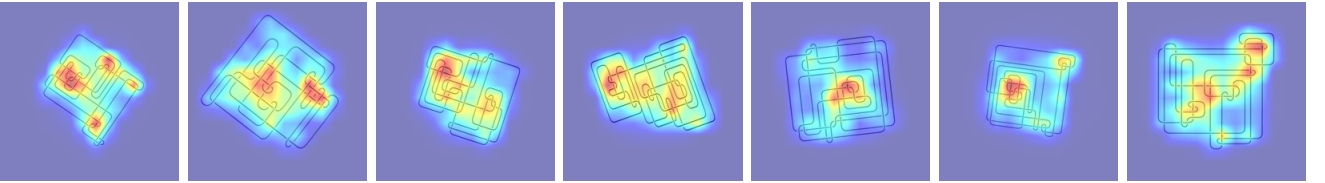


Figure 6: Of the 28,000 unknot diagrams in \mathcal{D}_{test} , ViT* produced 2,370 false negatives.

True Negatives: Non-Trivials Predicted as Non-Trivial

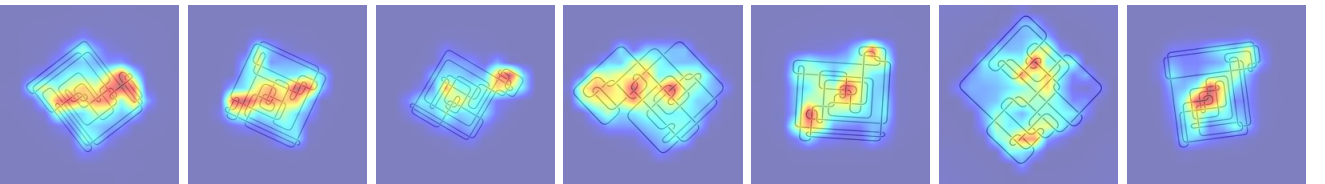


Figure 7: Of the 28,000 non-trivial knot diagrams in \mathcal{D}_{test} , ViT* produced 24,252 true negatives.

False Positives: Non-Trivials Predicted as Unknots

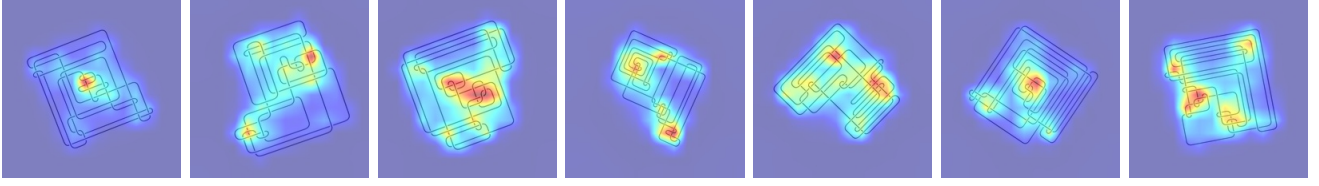


Figure 8: Of the 28,000 non-trivial knot diagrams in \mathcal{D}_{test} , ViT* produced 3,748 false positives.

Further Evidence of Learning

Let m_v denote checkpoint model $m \in \{\text{CNN}, \text{ViT}\}$ with validation accuracy v . The figures below are examples of a model m initially misclassifying a knot diagram $d \in \mathcal{D}_{test}$ later learning to correctly classify d . Let p and t respectively denote the predicted and true class of d given by model m_v .