Self-Driving Car Engineer Nanodegree

Deep Learning

Project: Build a Traffic Sign Recognition Classifier

In this notebook, a template is provided for you to implement your functionality in stages, which is required to successfully complete this project. If additional code is required that cannot be included in the notebook, be sure that the Python code is successfully imported and included in your submission if necessary.

Note: Once you have completed all of the code implementations, you need to finalize your work by exporting the iPython Notebook as an HTML document. Before exporting the notebook to html, all of the code cells need to have been run so that reviewers can see the final implementation and output. You can then export the notebook by using the menu above and navigating to \n", "File -> Download as -> HTML (.html). Include the finished document along with this notebook as your submission.

In addition to implementing code, there is a writeup to complete. The writeup should be completed in a separate file, which can be either a markdown file or a pdf document. There is a writeup_template (writeup_template.md) that can be used to guide the writing process. Completing the code template and writeup template will cover all of the rubric points (https://review.udacity.com/#!/rubrics/481/view) for this project.

The <u>rubric (https://review.udacity.com/#!/rubrics/481/view)</u> contains "Stand Out Suggestions" for enhancing the project beyond the minimum requirements. The stand out suggestions are optional. If you decide to pursue the "stand out suggestions", you can include the code in this lpython notebook and also discuss the results in the writeup file.

Note: Code and Markdown cells can be executed using the **Shift + Enter** keyboard shortcut. In addition, Markdown cells can be edited by typically double-clicking the cell to enter edit mode.

Step 0: Load The Data

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In [1]: # Load pickled data
        import pickle
        import numpy as np
        import cv2
        training_file = 'data/train.p'
        validation_file= 'data/valid.p'
        testing_file = 'data/test.p'
        with open(training_file, mode='rb') as f:
            train = pickle.load(f)
        with open(validation file, mode='rb') as f:
            valid = pickle.load(f)
        with open(testing_file, mode='rb') as f:
            test = pickle.load(f)
        X_train_raw, y_train_raw = np.array(train['features'], np.uint8), np.array(tra
        in['labels'])
        X_valid_raw, y_valid_raw = np.array(valid['features'], np.uint8), np.array(val
        id['labels'])
        X_test_raw, y_test_raw = np.array(test['features'], np.uint8), np.array(test[
         'labels'])
```

Step 1: Dataset Summary & Exploration

The pickled data is a dictionary with 4 key/value pairs:

- 'features' is a 4D array containing raw pixel data of the traffic sign images, (num examples, width, height, channels).
- 'labels' is a 1D array containing the label/class id of the traffic sign. The file signnames.csv contains id -> name mappings for each id.
- 'sizes' is a list containing tuples, (width, height) representing the original width and height the image.
- 'coords' is a list containing tuples, (x1, y1, x2, y2) representing coordinates of a bounding box around
 the sign in the image. THESE COORDINATES ASSUME THE ORIGINAL IMAGE. THE PICKLED
 DATA CONTAINS RESIZED VERSIONS (32 by 32) OF THESE IMAGES

Complete the basic data summary below. Use python, numpy and/or pandas methods to calculate the data summary rather than hard coding the results. For example, the <u>pandas shape method</u> (http://pandas.pydata.org/pandas-docs/stable/generated/pandas.DataFrame.shape.html) might be useful for calculating some of the summary results.

Provide a Basic Summary of the Data Set Using Python, Numpy and/or Pandas

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In [2]:
        # Number of training examples
        n_train = len(y_train_raw)
        # Number of validation examples
        n_valid = len(y_valid_raw)
        # Number of testing examples.
        n_test = len(y_test_raw)
        # What's the shape of an traffic sign image?
        img_shp = X_train_raw[0].shape
        # TODO: How many unique classes/labels there are in the dataset.
        n_class = max(y_train_raw)+1
        print("Number of training examples =", n_train)
        print("Number of validation examples =", n_valid)
        print("Number of testing examples =", n_test)
        print("Image data shape =", img_shp)
        print("Number of classes =", n_class)
        Number of training examples = 34799
        Number of validation examples = 4410
        Number of testing examples = 12630
        Image data shape = (32, 32, 3)
        Number of classes = 43
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Include an exploratory visualization of the dataset

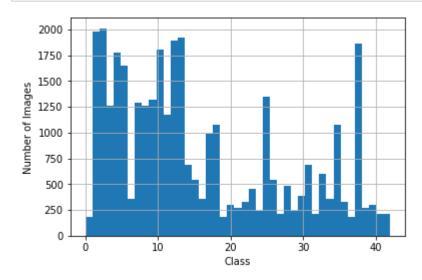
Visualize the German Traffic Signs Dataset using the pickled file(s). This is open ended, suggestions include: plotting traffic sign images, plotting the count of each sign, etc.

The <u>Matplotlib (http://matplotlib.org/) examples (http://matplotlib.org/examples/index.html)</u> and <u>gallery (http://matplotlib.org/gallery.html)</u> pages are a great resource for doing visualizations in Python.

NOTE: It's recommended you start with something simple first. If you wish to do more, come back to it after you've completed the rest of the sections. It can be interesting to look at the distribution of classes in the training, validation and test set. Is the distribution the same? Are there more examples of some classes than others?

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In [3]: # Plotting utilities
         import math
         import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
         import matplotlib.image as mpimg
         %matplotlib inline
         def hist_plot(y):
             plt.hist(y, n_class);
plt.xlabel('Class');
             plt.ylabel('Number of Images');
             ax = plt.gca();
             ax.grid(True)
             plt.show();
         def plot_imgs(X, y=np.array([]), cols = 6, cmap='brg'):
             num_cols = cols
             num_plots = len(X)
             num_rows = int(math.ceil(num_plots/2))
             plotNum = 1
             plt.figure(figsize = (20, num_rows*4))
             for i in range(num_plots):
                 plt.subplot(num_rows, num_cols, plotNum)
                 plt.imshow(X[i], cmap=cmap)
                 if(y.size > 0):
                     plt.title("Label: " + str(y[i]))
                 plotNum = plotNum + 1
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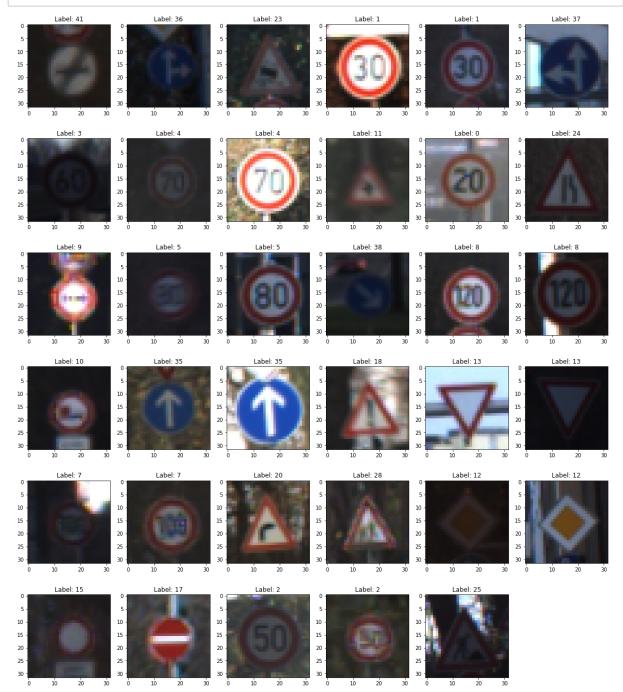
In [4]: # Histogram of data
hist_plot(y_train_raw)



In [5]: ## Example images from dataset

test_img_labels = np.arange(0, n_train, 1000)
test_imgs = X_train_raw[test_img_labels]

plot_imgs(X_train_raw[test_img_labels], y_train_raw[test_img_labels])



Step 2: Design and Test a Model Architecture

Design and implement a deep learning model that learns to recognize traffic signs. Train and test your model on the <u>German Traffic Sign Dataset (http://benchmark.ini.rub.de/?section=gtsrb&subsection=dataset)</u>.

The LeNet-5 implementation shown in the classroom

(https://classroom.udacity.com/nanodegrees/nd013/parts/fbf77062-5703-404e-b60c-95b78b2f3f9e/modules/6df7ae49-c61c-4bb2-a23e-6527e69209ec/lessons/601ae704-1035-4287-8b11-

e2c2716217ad/concepts/d4aca031-508f-4e0b-b493-e7b706120f81) at the end of the CNN lesson is a solid starting point. You'll have to change the number of classes and possibly the preprocessing, but aside from that it's plug and play!

With the LeNet-5 solution from the lecture, you should expect a validation set accuracy of about 0.89. To meet specifications, the validation set accuracy will need to be at least 0.93. It is possible to get an even higher accuracy, but 0.93 is the minimum for a successful project submission.

There are various aspects to consider when thinking about this problem:

- Neural network architecture (is the network over or underfitting?)
- Play around preprocessing techniques (normalization, rgb to grayscale, etc)
- · Number of examples per label (some have more than others).
- · Generate fake data.

Here is an example of a <u>published baseline model on this problem</u>

(http://yann.lecun.com/exdb/publis/pdf/sermanet-ijcnn-11.pdf). It's not required to be familiar with the approach used in the paper but, it's good practice to try to read papers like these.

Pre-process the Data Set (normalization, grayscale, etc.)

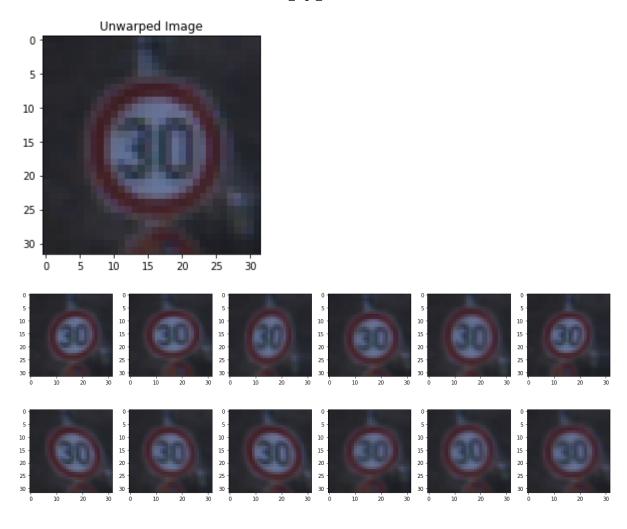
Minimally, the image data should be normalized so that the data has mean zero and equal variance. For image data, (pixel - 128)/ 128 is a quick way to approximately normalize the data and can be used in this project.

Other pre-processing steps are optional. You can try different techniques to see if it improves performance.

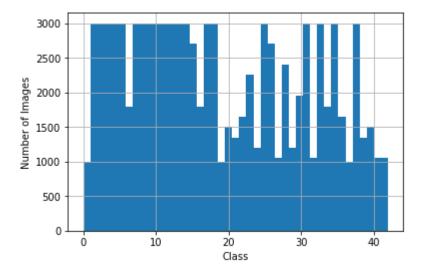
Use the code cell (or multiple code cells, if necessary) to implement the first step of your project.

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In [6]: # Img warping pipeline
        def warp_img(X):
            rotate = 12
            warp = 1.8
            size = img_shp[0]
            # Rotation
            M = cv2.getRotationMatrix2D((size/2,size/2), (np.random.random(1)-0.5)*rot
        ate, 1)
            X = cv2.warpAffine(X, M, dsize=(size,size), borderMode= cv2.BORDER_REPLICA
        TE)
            # Affine Warping
            p_src = np.float32([[warp,warp], [warp, 32-warp], [32-warp, warp]])
            p_dst = np.copy(p_src)
            for i in range(len(p_dst)):
                p_dst[i] = p_dst[i] + (np.random.random(2)-0.5)*2.0*warp
            M = cv2.getAffineTransform(p_src, p_dst)
            X = cv2.warpAffine(X, M, dsize=(size,size), borderMode= cv2.BORDER_REPLICA
        TE)
            # Blurring
            blur = np.random.choice([1,3])
            X = cv2.GaussianBlur(X, ksize=(blur,blur), sigmaX = 0.4, sigmaY = 0.4)
            return X
        # Quick test and visualization of warping agorithm
        test_img = X_train_raw[4000]
        plt.figure()
        plt.title('Unwarped Image')
        plt.imshow(test_img)
        warped_imgs= np.empty([12,test_img.shape[0], test_img.shape[0], 3], dtype=test
         _img.dtype)
        for i in range(12):
            warped_imgs[i] = warp_img(test_img)
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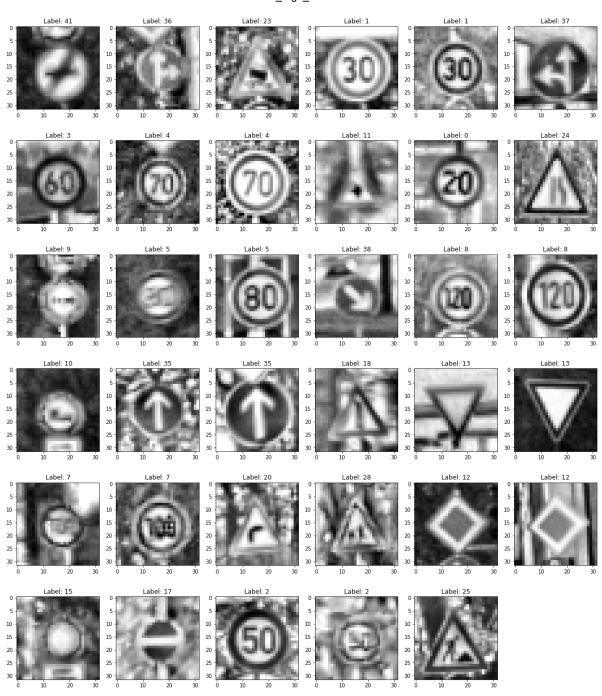
plot_imgs(warped_imgs)



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In [7]: # Augment data set
         def suppl img(X, y):
             hist, edges = np.histogram(y, bins=n_class)
             X_new = np.empty([0, X.shape[1], X.shape[2], X.shape[3]], dtype=X.dtype)
             y_new = np.empty([0], dtype = y.dtype)
             for i in range(n_class):
                 num_imgs = hist[i]
                 # Minimum of 1000 images, max of 3000.
                 min_imgs = np.maximum(num_imgs*5, 1000)
                 min_imgs = np.minimum(min_imgs, 3000)
                 print("Number of images in class ", i, ": ", num_imgs)
                 if num_imgs < min_imgs:</pre>
                     label = i
                     imgs = X[y == label]
                     num_new = min_imgs - num_imgs
                     print("Number of new images for class", i, ":", num_new)
                     for j in range(num_new):
                          # Pick a random image from the class
                         rand_num = np.random.randint(0,num_imgs)
                         rand_img = imgs[np.random.randint(0,num_imgs)]
                         # Apply warping function
                         rand_img = warp_img(rand_img)
                         # Reshape for append
                         rand_img = np.reshape(rand_img, (1,32,32,3))
                         # Append to new images
                         X_new = np.append(X_new, rand_img, axis = 0)
                         y_new = np.append(y_new, [label], axis = 0)
             ## Final image set
             X = np.append(X, X_new, axis = 0)
             y = np.append(y, y_new, axis = 0)
             return (X, y)
         # Choose to generate images, load images from file, or skip image generation
          (i.e.: use baseline image set)
         src = "load"
         X_save = 'X_train_suppl.p'
         y_save = 'y_train_suppl.p'
         if(src == "gen"):
             X_train_aug, y_train_aug = suppl_img(X_train_raw, y_train_raw)
             pickle.dump(X_train_aug, open( X_save, "wb" ))
pickle.dump(y_train_aug, open( y_save, "wb" ))
         elif (src == "load"):
             with open(X_save, mode='rb') as f:
                 X_train_aug = pickle.load(f)
             with open(y_save, mode='rb') as f:
                 y_train_aug = pickle.load(f)
         elif (src == "skip"):
             X_train_aug = X_train_raw
             y_train_aug = y_train_raw
         else:
             print("Where's your data, bro?")
         hist_plot(y_train_aug)
```



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In [8]: def grayscale(X):
             s = X.shape
            X_{new} = np.ndarray((s[0], s[1], s[2]), np.uint8)
             for i in range(len(X)):
                 X_new[i] = cv2.cvtColor(X[i], cv2.COLOR_RGB2GRAY)
             return X_new
         def lumin_correct(X):
             s = X.shape
             X_{new} = np.ndarray((s[0], s[1], s[2], s[3]), np.uint8)
            clahe = cv2.createCLAHE(clipLimit=2, tileGridSize=(4,4))
            for i in range(len(X)):
                 X_new[i] = cv2.cvtColor(X[i], cv2.COLOR_RGB2YUV)
                 X_{new}[i,:,:,0] = clahe.apply(X_{new}[i,:,:,0])
                 \#X_{new[i,:,:,0]} = cv2.equalizeHist(X_{new[i,:,:,0]})
                 X_new[i] = cv2.cvtColor(X_new[i], cv2.COLOR_YUV2RGB) # could go straig
        ht to grayscale from here...
             return X_new
        def rshp(X):
             return X.reshape(X.shape + (1,))
        def process_img(X):
            X = lumin_correct(X)
            X = grayscale(X)
             return X
        X_train_proc = process_img(X_train_aug)
        X_valid_proc = process_img(X_valid_raw)
        X_test_proc = process_img(X_test_raw)
        plot_imgs(X_train_proc[test_img_labels], y_train_raw[test_img_labels], cmap =
         'gray')
```



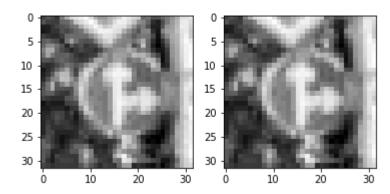
In [9]: # Normalize and reshape

def normalize(X):
 X = (np.float32(X)-128.0)/128.0
 return X

X_train = normalize(X_train_proc)
 X_valid = normalize(X_valid_proc)
 X_test = normalize(X_test_proc)

Plot test figures
plt.subplot(121)
plt.imshow(X_train_proc[1000], cmap='gray')
plt.subplot(122)
plt.imshow(X_train[1000], cmap='gray')

Out[9]: <matplotlib.image.AxesImage at 0x1ceb39b0>



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In [10]: # Set up training data
# The image processing pipeline convered images to 32x32; need to add another
    dimension for TF.
X_train = rshp(X_train)
X_valid = rshp(X_valid)
X_test = rshp(X_test)

y_train = y_train_aug
y_valid = y_valid_raw
y_test = y_test_raw
```

Model Architecture

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In [11]: | ### Define your architecture here.
         ### Feel free to use as many code cells as needed.
         import tensorflow as tf
         from tensorflow.contrib.layers import flatten
         def conctdLayer(x, mu, sigma, in_dim, out_dim):
             w = tf.Variable(tf.truncated_normal([in_dim, out_dim], mean = mu, stddev =
          sigma))
             b = tf.Variable(tf.zeros([out_dim]))
             x1 = tf.add(tf.matmul(x, w), b)
             return x1
         def convLayer(x, mu, sigma, fsize, stride, pad, keep):
             w = tf.Variable(tf.truncated_normal(fsize, mean = mu, stddev = sigma))
             b = tf.Variable(tf.zeros(fsize[3]))
             x1 = tf.nn.conv2d(x, w, strides=[1,stride,stride,1], padding = pad)
             x1 = tf.nn.bias_add(x1, b)
             x1 = tf.nn.relu(x1)
             x1 = tf.nn.dropout(x1, keep)
             return x1
         def covnet(x):
             mu = 0
             sigma = 0.1
             # Convolution -> 32x32 to 28x28
             x = convLayer(x, mu, sigma, [5, 5, 1, 10], 1, 'VALID', keep[0])
             print("After conv 1",x.get_shape())
             # Max pool -> 28x28 to 14x14
             x1 = tf.nn.max_pool(x, ksize = [1, 2, 2, 1], strides = [1, 2, 2, 1], paddi
         ng = 'VALID')
             print("After maxpool 1",x1.get_shape())
             # Convolution -> 14x14 to 10x10
             x2 = convLayer(x1, mu, sigma, [5, 5, 10, 20], 1, 'VALID', keep[1])
             print("After conv 2:",x2.get_shape())
             # Max pool -> 10x10 to 5x5
             x2 = tf.nn.max_pool(x2, ksize = [1, 2, 2, 1], strides = [1, 2, 2, 1], padd
         ing = 'VALID')
             print("After maxpool 3:",x2.get_shape())
             x3 = convLayer(x2, mu, sigma, [5, 5, 20, 500], 1, 'VALID', keep[1])
             print("After conv 3:",x3.get_shape())
             # Flatten and concat -> 1x900
             x = tf.concat([tf.contrib.layers.flatten(x3), tf.contrib.layers.flatten(x1
         )], 1)
             print("After flatten:",x.get_shape())
             # Connected Layer -> 900x120
             x = conctdLayer(x, mu, sigma, 2460, 120)
             x = tf.nn.relu(x)
             x = tf.nn.dropout(x, keep[2])
             # Connected Layer -> 3216x120
             x = conctdLayer(x, mu, sigma, 120, 84)
             x = tf.nn.relu(x)
             x = tf.nn.dropout(x, keep[3])
             # Connected Layer -> 120x43
             x = conctdLayer(x, mu, sigma, 84, 43)
             return x
```

Train, Validate and Test the Model

A validation set can be used to assess how well the model is performing. A low accuracy on the training and validation sets imply underfitting. A high accuracy on the training set but low accuracy on the validation set implies overfitting.

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In [12]: ### Train your model here.
         ### Calculate and report the accuracy on the training and validation set.
         ### Once a final model architecture is selected,
         ### the accuracy on the test set should be calculated and reported as well.
         ### Feel free to use as many code cells as needed.
         from sklearn.utils import shuffle
         EPOCHS = 10
         BATCH_SIZE = 128
         LEARN_RATE = 0.0008
         x = tf.placeholder(tf.float32, (None, img_shp[0], img_shp[1], 1))
         y = tf.placeholder(tf.float32, (None))
         keep = tf.placeholder(tf.float32, 4)
         one_hot_y = tf.one_hot(tf.cast(y, tf.int32), tf.cast(n_class, tf.int32))
         logits = covnet(x)
         cross_entropy = tf.nn.softmax_cross_entropy_with_logits(labels=one_hot_y, logi
         ts=logits)
         loss operation = tf.reduce mean(cross entropy)
         optimizer = tf.train.AdamOptimizer(learning_rate = LEARN_RATE)
         training_operation = optimizer.minimize(loss_operation)
         correct_prediction = tf.equal(tf.argmax(logits, 1), tf.argmax(one_hot_y, 1))
         accuracy_operation = tf.reduce_mean(tf.cast(correct_prediction, tf.float32))
         saver = tf.train.Saver()
         def evaluate(X_data, y_data):
             num_examples = len(X_data)
             total_accuracy = 0
             sess = tf.get_default_session()
             for offset in range(0, num_examples, BATCH_SIZE):
                 batch_x, batch_y = X_data[offset:offset+BATCH_SIZE], y_data[offset:off
         set+BATCH_SIZE]
                 accuracy = sess.run(accuracy_operation, feed_dict={x: batch_x, y: batc
         h_y, keep: (1.0, 1.0, 1.0, 1.0)})
                 total_accuracy += (accuracy * len(batch_x))
             return total accuracy / num examples
         with tf.Session() as sess:
             sess.run(tf.global_variables_initializer())
             num examples = len(X train)
             print("Training...")
             print()
             for i in range(EPOCHS):
                 X_train, y_train = shuffle(X_train, y_train)
                 #optimizer = tf.train.AdamOptimizer(learning_rate = LEARN_RATE*0.8)
                 #training_operation = optimizer.minimize(loss_operation)
                 for offset in range(0, num_examples, BATCH_SIZE):
                     end = offset + BATCH_SIZE
                     batch_x, batch_y = X_train[offset:end], y_train[offset:end]
                     sess.run(training_operation, feed_dict={x: batch_x, y: batch_y, ke
         ep: (1.0, 1.0, 0.5, 1.0)})
                 validation_accuracy = evaluate(X_valid, y_valid)
                 print("EPOCH {} ...".format(i+1))
                 print("Validation Accuracy = {:.3f}".format(validation_accuracy))
                 print()
             saver.save(sess, './lenet')
             print("Model saved")
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After conv 1 (?, 28, 28, 10)
         After maxpool 1 (?, 14, 14, 10)
         After conv 2: (?, 10, 10, 20)
         After maxpool 3: (?, 5, 5, 20)
         After conv 3: (?, 1, 1, 500)
         After flatten: (?, 2460)
         WARNING:tensorflow:From <ipython-input-12-c8e5375e7bdf>:20: softmax_cross_ent
         ropy_with_logits (from tensorflow.python.ops.nn_ops) is deprecated and will b
         e removed in a future version.
         Instructions for updating:
         Future major versions of TensorFlow will allow gradients to flow
         into the labels input on backprop by default.
         See @{tf.nn.softmax_cross_entropy_with_logits_v2}.
         Training...
         EPOCH 1 ...
         Validation Accuracy = 0.931
         EPOCH 2 ...
         Validation Accuracy = 0.958
         EPOCH 3 ...
         Validation Accuracy = 0.968
         EPOCH 4 ...
         Validation Accuracy = 0.976
         EPOCH 5 ...
         Validation Accuracy = 0.974
         EPOCH 6 ...
         Validation Accuracy = 0.978
         EPOCH 7 ...
         Validation Accuracy = 0.971
         EPOCH 8 ...
         Validation Accuracy = 0.980
         EPOCH 9 ...
         Validation Accuracy = 0.977
         EPOCH 10 ...
         Validation Accuracy = 0.981
         Model saved
In [13]: # Check test accuracy
         with tf.Session() as sess:
         ##sess = tf.get_default_session()
             sess.run(tf.global_variables_initializer())
             saver2 = tf.train.import_meta_graph('./lenet.meta')
             saver2.restore(sess, "./lenet")
             test_accuracy = evaluate(X_test, y_test)
         print("Test Accuracy = {:.3f}".format(test_accuracy))
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INFO:tensorflow:Restoring parameters from ./lenet
Test Accuracy = 0.966
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Step 3: Test a Model on New Images

To give yourself more insight into how your model is working, download at least five pictures of German traffic signs from the web and use your model to predict the traffic sign type.

You may find signnames.csv useful as it contains mappings from the class id (integer) to the actual sign name.

Load and Output the Images

Predict the Sign Type for Each Image and Output Top 5 Softmax Probabilities

For each of the new images, print out the model's softmax probabilities to show the **certainty** of the model's predictions (limit the output to the top 5 probabilities for each image). tf.nn.top_k
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The example below demonstrates how tf.nn.top_k can be used to find the top k predictions for each image.

tf.nn.top_k will return the values and indices (class ids) of the top k predictions. So if k=3, for each sign, it'll return the 3 largest probabilities (out of a possible 43) and the corresponding class ids.

Take this numpy array as an example. The values in the array represent predictions. The array contains softmax probabilities for five candidate images with six possible classes. tf.nn.top_k is used to choose the three classes with the highest probability:

Running it through sess.run(tf.nn.top_k(tf.constant(a), k=3)) produces:

Looking just at the first row we get [0.34763842, 0.24879643, 0.12789202], you can confirm these are the 3 largest probabilities in a. You'll also notice [3, 0, 5] are the corresponding indices.

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In [15]: my_softmax = tf.nn.softmax(logits)
my_top_k = tf.nn.top_k(my_softmax, k=5)

with tf.Session() as sess:
    sess.run(tf.global_variables_initializer());
    saver3 = tf.train.import_meta_graph('./lenet.meta');
    saver3.restore(sess, "./lenet");

    my_img_prob = sess.run(my_softmax, feed_dict={x: my_imgs, keep: (1.0, 1.0, 1.0, 1.0), 1.0)})
    my_top_k = sess.run(my_top_k, feed_dict={x: my_imgs, keep: (1.0, 1.0, 1.0, 1.0)})

    my_acc = evaluate(my_imgs, my_labels)

    print("Accuracy for my images: {:.3f}".format(my_acc))
```

INFO:tensorflow:Restoring parameters from ./lenet
Accuracy for my images: 0.833

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In [16]: | ind = np.array(my_top_k.indices)
         prob = np.array(my_top_k.values)
         rows = ind.shape[0]
         cols = ind.shape[1]
         plt.figure(figsize=(20,20))
         plotNum = 1;
         for i in range(rows):
             plt.subplot(rows, cols+1, plotNum)
             plt.imshow(my_imgs_raw[i])
             plt.title("Test Image")
             plotNum = plotNum + 1
             for j in range(cols):
                  img_idx = ind[i,j]
                  img_prob = prob[i,j]
                 ex_img = X_test_raw[y_test_raw == img_idx][10] ## pick an image from t
         he test set...
                  plt.subplot(rows, cols+1, plotNum)
                 plt.imshow(ex_img)
                 plt.title("Label: {:d}; Prob: {:.8f}".format(img_idx, img_prob))
                 plotNum = plotNum + 1
```



Analysis of Incorrect "Double Curve" Classification

The classifier was unable to classify the double curve sign correctly. The originial image i selected from the web was actually flipped 180 degrees at first (i.e.: double curve to the right). Looking at the training set (shown below), it appears as if the only included samples have a "double curve to the left". I assumed that flipping the image by 180 degrees would then result in a correct classification; however, the classifier still failed, classifying the sign as "children crossing". It appears thie is because the sign I selected is a slight variant of the sign in the training set. Note that the signs in the training set have a shorter middle siection, such that the two vertical sections of the "double curve" are closer together. This is an interesting in that it demonstrates potential issues with NNs, and the importance of having a varied training set.

NOTE: it's also apparent that the training set contained a rather small number of variations of the sign in quetion (i.e.: the samples were derived from a small number of "passes" of the "double curve" sign; I assume that a more varied training set may have improved the outcome.

