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CSCE 636 – Deep Learning

Project Report

Proposed Method:

The method I used was a modified RESNET model, with the foundational ideas being similar to the ones from Homework 2. By default, batch normalization was used to train the data. Adam was used for the model optimizer. Additionally, I used cosine decay through a learning rate scheduler for Adam, and mixup training to get better accuracy.

Implementation Details:

Software used:

- 1) Python 3.9
- 2) TensorFlow 2.7.0

The implementation began with the loading of image data and reshaping them accordingly in *DataLoader.Py*. They are then preprocessed through reshaping and normalization in *ImageUtils.py*. The model used has a modified resnet_layer and resnet_v1 model, derived from Keras. The model also utilizes mix-up training to better generalize the training data. For the optimizer, I tested Adam, Adagrad, and SGD. Adam turned out to be the fastest and most accurate (even though I personally expected SGD + momentum to do better). I used cosine learning rate decay to be used for the Optimizer. To improve performance, I was using *tensorflow.experimental.numpy* which is TensorFlow's implementation of NumPy. It can run all NumPy operations on GPU and improves by a speedup of 1.9x. Towards the end however, it was crashing, and therefore had to be removed.

Testing Results:

Training Accuracy: 93% over 100 epochs

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00090: accuracy did not improve from 0.92027
1612 [======================] - 51s 32ms/step - batch: 805.5000 - size: 31.9864 - loss: 0.4073 - accuracy: 0.9197 - lr: 5.8596e-04
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1611/1612 [==========================>.] - ETA: 0s - batch: 805.0000 - size: 31.9863 - loss: 0.3745 - accuracy: 0.9283
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Public Dataset Testing Accuracy: 84%