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Impact of Custom Activation Functions on Image Classification Tasks using Deep CNN

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Introduction

Image classification is one of the core problems in computer vision. In its simplest form, it refers to the task of assigning a label to an input image from a predefined list of categories. Despite the apparent simplicity, image classification has lots of practical applications. For example, it can be used by social networks for recognition tasks, businesses for product placement and searching, medical professionals for disease diagnosis, traffic monitoring systems for controlling traffic etc.

However, the success of an image classification task depends significantly on the dataset being used and the model architecture. Traditionally these type of tasks were handled by support vector machines, logistic regression etc. but with the advent of machine learning (ML) techniques such as convolutional neural networks (CNN), image classification is mostly handled by ML methods now-a-days. Since 2012, when AlexNet[5] was first introduced, deep neural networks have become the predominant approach for image classification. Since then, various architectures based on CNN has been proposed such as VGG[7], Inception v1[8], v2 and v3 [9], and ResNet[4] etc. which improved accuracy on classification tasks substantially.

Still, the progress did not only come from upgraded architectures. Changes in activation functions and loss functions, newer data preprocessing methods and optimization procedures also performed a vital role. In this project, we will explore the impact of using different custom activation functions on the ResNet50 architecture and then the obtained results will be compared with a model trained using transfer learning. For the transfer learning, the base model will be based on ResNet50 using pretrained weights from Imagenet and then the model will be fine-tuned for better accuracy. Although the original ResNet50 was trained using the Imagenet dataset, that is very computationally intensive, therefore, our models will be trained with the fruits 360 dataset, which is publicly available in Kaggle.

Methodology

- Import necessary packages and libraries
- Mount Google Colab
- Import the dataset
- Define the training, validation and testing data
- Load pretrained model weights for transfer learning

- Alternatively build model layer by layer for regular ResNet50
- Freeze some layers of the pretrained model and compile the model
- Perform data augmentation if needed
- Train the model with specified number of epochs and other parameters
- Save the model for future predictions
- Evaluate the model for loss and accuracy
- Make predictions for the test data and compare with original

Deep Learning Architecture

Recently, neural network shows significant improvement in very complex tasks, i.e., visual recognition, speech modeling, sequence predictions, etc. The very first neural network is perceptron which has only a single unit. The neural network is a special perceptron called multi-layer perceptron with an input layer, one or more hidden layer(s), and an output layer. When the number of hidden layers is more than one, it is called a deep neural network. Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs), the deep learning algorithms, are very powerful tools in computer vision, classification/-analysis tasks. CNN takes an image as input, assignment weights on various important features and classifies it.

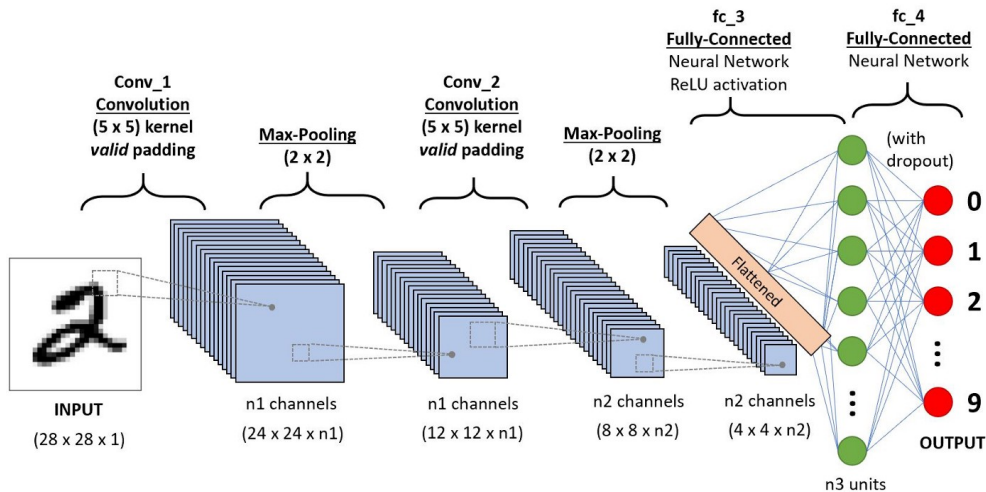


Figure 1: Deep learning architecture in image classification task[1]

CNN performs series of operations such as convolution operation with kernel weights, subsampling to reduce the number of parameters and some other regularizations, i.e., Batch Normalization,

l1/l2 regularization or dropout. Figure 1 shows the deep learning architecture in image recognition task. In this project, we have used ResNet50 as our base structure that has very good accuracy in image classification tasks.

Residual Networks (ResNets) are CNNs that can handle an exceptionally large number of layers and yet avoid the vanishing gradient and model performance degradation problem introducing shortcut-connection. Figure 2 depicts the deep architecture of ResNet50. ResNets perform identity shortcuts if the input and output dimensions are the same. When the dimensions increase because of Convolutional-Batch Normalization operations, the skip-connection performs either identity mapping with extra zero entities padded to increase the dimension introducing no extra parameters or shortcut projections done by 1x1 convolution. The makers of the first ResNets, in [3], conjectured rightly that these identity connections are closer to zero and easier to learn than the original functions.

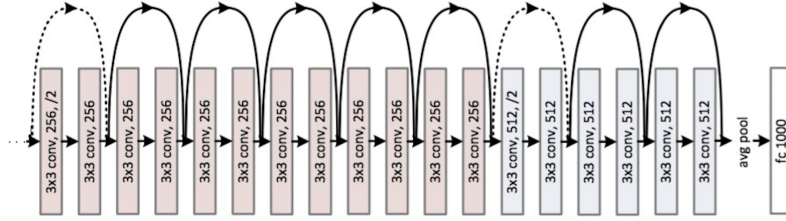


Figure 2: ResNet50 Architecture

Skip-connections(or shortcut-connections) are network connections that skip the one or more layers in a ResNet 'building block' as shown in Fig 3. A ResNet is comprised of several such blocks. The

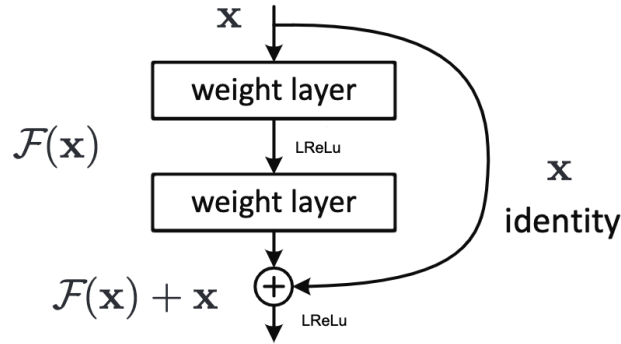


Figure 3: Residual Learning: a building block[3]

skip-connections directly map the input to the output, which is called identity mapping, and the outputs of the skip-connection are added to the output of the stacked layers in the building block as shown in figure 3. The skip-connection can allow deeper layers to act like shallower layers, and

the network can pass all of its learned features to deeper layers. These connections add neither extra parameters nor computational complexity and cost us nothing. The only potential restriction they cause to the network is to have the same dimensions as the convolutional layers they skip.

Experimental Setup

The experiment was carried out on Jupyter Notebook hosted on Google colab, in an environment of Keras 2.7.0 with Tensorflow 2.7.0 backend. The RAM and GPU was allocated by Google colab on the fly.

Dataset:

The dataset being used is the fruit 360 dataset imported from Kaggle. This dataset contains 90483 images of fruits or vegetables in a 100×100 pixel size that belongs to 131 classes. Among them 67,692 are training images and 22,688 are test images. For our purposes, the images were resized into 32×32 pixels.

ResNet50 with transfer learning:

In transfer learning initially a base network is trained on a certain dataset and the features learned from this task are re-purposed to a second network to train on a second dataset. This method only works if the features have some similarity between both the base and target tasks. As we know, deploying pre-trained models on similar data usually generate good results in image classification related tasks [6]. In this experiment, we used the pre-trained weights for Imagenet dataset in the ResNet50 model. Then we removed the top layer of ResNet50 and added our own layers with global average pooling and dense layers with the target number of classes. This modified model is trained with the fruit dataset after freezing all the layers except the last three of the base model. The parameters used for training are the following:

Parameters	Values
Batch Size	256/512
Optimizer	Adam
Learning Rate	0.001
Loss	Categorical Crossentropy
Number of Epoch	100

Table 1: Hyperparameters for ResNet50 with transfer learning

ResNet50 with custom activation function:

We have developed and trained ResNet50 from scratch with default skip-connection. Each block of ResNet50 has Conv2D-BatchNormalization-Relu form, but in our implementation, we define a custom activation function “**LReLU**” by modifying the existing ReLU activation function. The equation 1 defines how LReLU is formed. Rectified Linear Unit (ReLU) suffers from the vanishing gradient problem and might also have the exploding gradient problem. The explosion is caused by continually multiplying gradients through network layers with values greater than 1.0, resulting in exponential growth[2]. However, the ‘**LReLU**’ will prevent the network from suffering gradient exploding problems as every time we are multiplying the positive values of weight with β whose value should be less than 1.0. Initially, we assumed the β value between 0.85 to 1.0, but it can be any positive value less than 1.0. We also consider the gradient vanishing problem as defined in ‘LeakyReLU’ and we define α as a parameter to tackle this problem. The α value is assumed to be close to 0.0 but greater than 0.0. Figure 4 shows how ‘**LReLU**’ is scaled up for different values of α and β .

$$R(X) = \begin{cases} \alpha X & \text{if } X \leq 0 \\ \beta X & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

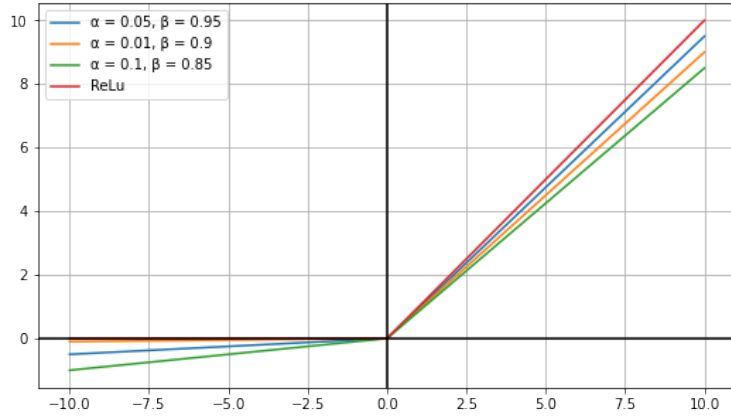


Figure 4: Custom Activation function: LReLU

Results and Discussion

To observe how the use of a custom activation function influences the performance of ResNet50, we first implemented a custom model by transferring the training knowledge from Imagenet and fine-tuned it. As can be seen from Figure 5 and 6, we obtained a competitive training accuracy of 95%. The test accuracy was 94.27%. The time taken to run each epoch was around 75 seconds in

Google colab.

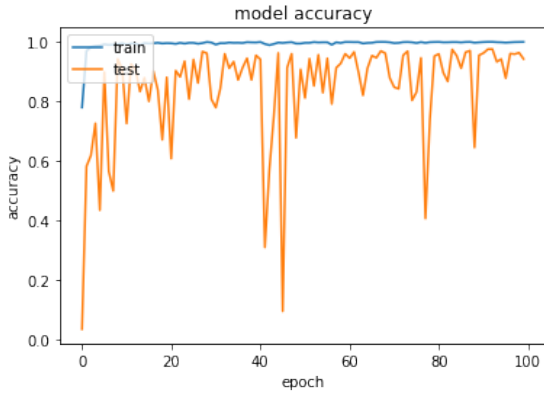


Figure 5: Accuracy (Transfer Learning)

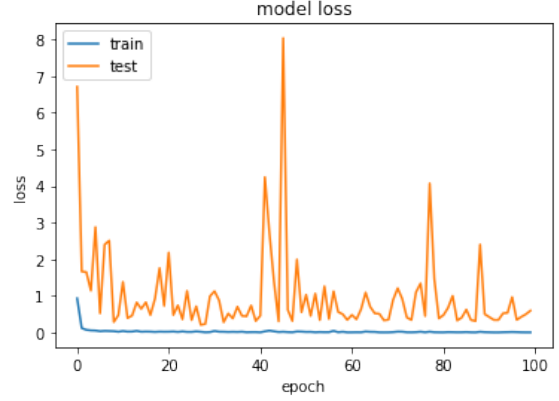


Figure 6: Loss(Transfer Learning)

Then we developed the ResNet50 model from scratch using the **LReLU** custom activation function. We tested with three different versions of **LReLU**. The best training and validation accuracy for this model was extremely good at 99.98% and 94.19% (see Figure 7, 8). In this case, the time to run each epoch varied a lot since the models were run on different machines and in different time which meant they had access to different amount of resources at Google colab. However, in general they took between 75-105 seconds. Finally, the highest testing accuracy was 94.83% which was achieved with $\alpha = 0.001, \beta = 0.95$.

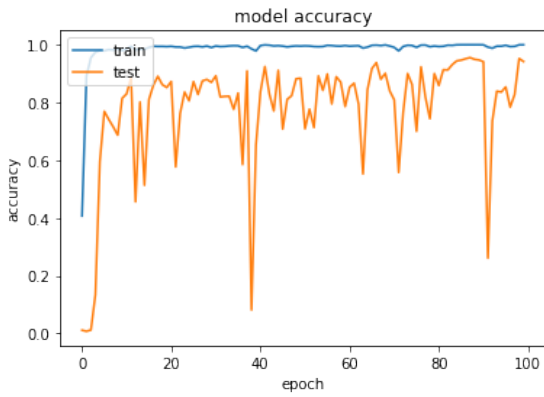


Figure 7: Accuracy (Custom Activation)

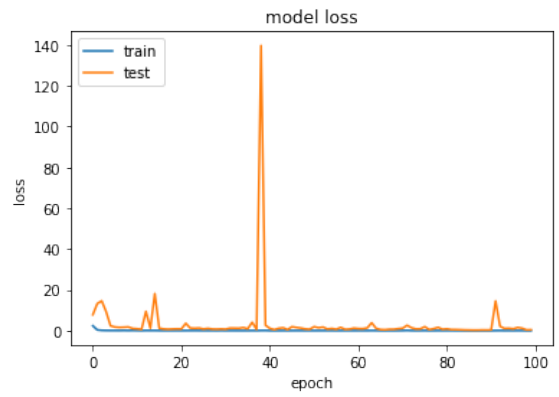


Figure 8: Loss(Custom Activation)

The different training and testing accuracy and losses are summarized in table 2:

Methods	Training Accuracy	Testing Accuracy	Training Loss	Testing Loss
Transfer Learning (Fine Tuning)	99.98%	94.27%	0.0012	0.54
ResNet50 Custom Activation ($\alpha = 0.00001, \beta = 0.99995$)	99.41%	86.98%	0.0210	0.7557
ResNet50 Custom Activation ($\alpha = 0.001, \beta = 0.95$)	99.98%	94.83%	0.00078	0.3281
ResNet50 Custom Activation ($\alpha = 0.02, \beta = 0.90$)	99.57%	93.53%	0.0151	0.3436

Table 2: Performance comparison of Transfer Learning and Custom Activation models

As we can see from our training and validation accuracy plots, there are lots of spikes in the output. It is possible that there exists some outliers in the mini-batches during gradient descent. Another possible reason is that the model needed to be trained for more epochs to converge smoothly. Unfortunately, in our experiment we were able to only run 100 epochs for each model because of resource and time constraint.

Conclusion

Image classification is one of the most important applications of CNN architecture. In this project, we developed a custom activation function **LReLU** which is based on the widely utilized ReLU function, then we trained the popular ResNet50 model from scratch using this. Our proposed model with LReLU activation function achieved excellent accuracy on the test dataset of fruit-360. To evaluate the performance of our model, we also trained another ResNet50 model using the pretrained weights from Imagenet and we were able to show that our model with custom activation performed slightly better. It was observed that using different values for α and β had a significant impact on the final testing accuracy. It is possible that using an ensemble of models can achieve even higher accuracy on this dataset. We also believe that given enough time, it may become possible to find an optimal value for α and β that produces the state-of-the-art results for this dataset in this architecture.

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A Appendix (Transfer Learning)

Epoch 1/100

212/212 - 88s 367ms/step - loss: 0.9275 - accuracy: 0.7798 - val_loss: 6.7068 - val_accuracy: 0.0354

Epoch 2/100

212/212 - 77s 361ms/step - loss: 0.1161 - accuracy: 0.9696 - val_loss: 1.6623 - val_accuracy: 0.5820

Epoch 3/100

212/212 - 75s 354ms/step - loss: 0.0698 - accuracy: 0.9827 - val_loss: 1.6466 - val_accuracy: 0.6188

Epoch 4/100

212/212 - 77s 361ms/step - loss: 0.0545 - accuracy: 0.9859 - val_loss: 1.1396 - val_accuracy: 0.7263

Epoch 5/100

212/212 - 77s 361ms/step - loss: 0.0501 - accuracy: 0.9875 - val_loss: 2.8755 - val_accuracy: 0.4348

Epoch 6/100

212/212 - 77s 361ms/step - loss: 0.0318 - accuracy: 0.9915 - val_loss: 0.5203 - val_accuracy: 0.8985

Epoch 7/100

212/212 - 75s 353ms/step - loss: 0.0405 - accuracy: 0.9898 - val_loss: 2.3993 - val_accuracy: 0.5652

Epoch 8/100

212/212 - 75s 355ms/step - loss: 0.0369 - accuracy: 0.9905 - val_loss: 2.5059 - val_accuracy: 0.4994

Epoch 9/100

212/212 - 75s 354ms/step - loss: 0.0324 - accuracy: 0.9920 - val_loss: 0.2833 - val_accuracy: 0.9422

Epoch 10/100

212/212 - 75s 355ms/step - loss: 0.0182 - accuracy: 0.9954 - val_loss: 0.4710 - val_accuracy: 0.9091

Epoch 11/100

212/212 - 75s 354ms/step - loss: 0.0367 - accuracy: 0.9908 - val_loss: 1.3787 - val_accuracy: 0.7260

Epoch 12/100

212/212 - 75s 353ms/step - loss: 0.0214 - accuracy: 0.9946 - val_loss: 0.3905 - val_accuracy: 0.9254

Epoch 13/100

212/212 - 75s 353ms/step - loss: 0.0231 - accuracy: 0.9943 - val_loss: 0.4580 - val_accuracy: 0.9067

Epoch 14/100

212/212 - 75s 355ms/step - loss: 0.0406 - accuracy: 0.9893 - val_loss: 0.8177 - val_accuracy: 0.8333

Epoch 15/100

212/212 - 74s 351ms/step - loss: 0.0180 - accuracy: 0.9960 - val_loss: 0.6423 - val_accuracy: 0.8791

Epoch 16/100

212/212 - 75s 352ms/step - loss: 0.0226 - accuracy: 0.9944 - val_loss: 0.8215 - val_accuracy: 0.8002
Epoch 17/100

212/212 - 74s 351ms/step - loss: 0.0203 - accuracy: 0.9953 - val_loss: 0.4749 - val_accuracy: 0.9016
Epoch 18/100

212/212 - 76s 359ms/step - loss: 0.0130 - accuracy: 0.9969 - val_loss: 0.9217 - val_accuracy: 0.8384
Epoch 19/100

212/212 - 75s 353ms/step - loss: 0.0204 - accuracy: 0.9946 - val_loss: 1.7568 - val_accuracy: 0.6713
Epoch 20/100

212/212 - 76s 358ms/step - loss: 0.0175 - accuracy: 0.9956 - val_loss: 0.7252 - val_accuracy: 0.8810
Epoch 21/100

212/212 - 77s 362ms/step - loss: 0.0186 - accuracy: 0.9952 - val_loss: 2.1814 - val_accuracy: 0.6081
Epoch 22/100

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Epoch 23/100

212/212 - 75s 354ms/step - loss: 0.0129 - accuracy: 0.9967 - val_loss: 0.7394 - val_accuracy: 0.8824
Epoch 24/100

212/212 - 74s 350ms/step - loss: 0.0262 - accuracy: 0.9942 - val_loss: 0.3581 - val_accuracy: 0.9351
Epoch 25/100

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Epoch 26/100

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Epoch 27/100

212/212 - 74s 350ms/step - loss: 0.0268 - accuracy: 0.9937 - val_loss: 0.7119 - val_accuracy: 0.8617
Epoch 28/100

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Epoch 29/100

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Epoch 30/100

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Epoch 31/100

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Epoch 32/100

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Epoch 33/100

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Epoch 34/100

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Epoch 35/100

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Epoch 36/100

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Epoch 37/100

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Epoch 50/100

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Epoch 51/100

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Epoch 54/100

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Epoch 78/100

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Epoch 80/100

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Epoch 82/100

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Epoch 83/100

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212/212 - 76s 357ms/step - loss: 0.0032 - accuracy: 0.9993 - val_loss: 0.3236 - val_accuracy: 0.9744
Epoch 85/100

212/212 - 75s 356ms/step - loss: 0.0042 - accuracy: 0.9992 - val_loss: 0.4056 - val_accuracy: 0.9536
Epoch 86/100

212/212 - 75s 355ms/step - loss: 0.0087 - accuracy: 0.9982 - val_loss: 0.6220 - val_accuracy: 0.9115
Epoch 87/100

212/212 - 75s 356ms/step - loss: 0.0025 - accuracy: 0.9995 - val_loss: 0.3391 - val_accuracy: 0.9653
Epoch 88/100

212/212 - 77s 363ms/step - loss: 6.9986e-04 - accuracy: 0.9998 - val_loss: 0.3102 - val_accuracy: 0.9705 Epoch 89/100

212/212 - 76s 360ms/step - loss: 0.0164 - accuracy: 0.9972 - val_loss: 2.3999 - val_accuracy: 0.6452
Epoch 90/100

212/212 - 77s 362ms/step - loss: 0.0068 - accuracy: 0.9983 - val_loss: 0.4985 - val_accuracy: 0.9550
Epoch 91/100

212/212 - 76s 358ms/step - loss: 0.0031 - accuracy: 0.9994 - val_loss: 0.4201 - val_accuracy: 0.9623
Epoch 92/100

212/212 - 76s 358ms/step - loss: 5.5491e-05 - accuracy: 1.0000 - val_loss: 0.3408 - val_accuracy: 0.9753 Epoch 93/100

212/212 - 76s 357ms/step - loss: 1.9292e-05 - accuracy: 1.0000 - val_loss: 0.3391 - val_accuracy: 0.9758 Epoch 94/100

212/212 - 76s 356ms/step - loss: 0.0048 - accuracy: 0.9990 - val_loss: 0.5196 - val_accuracy: 0.9330
Epoch 95/100

212/212 - 76s 356ms/step - loss: 0.0076 - accuracy: 0.9984 - val_loss: 0.5356 - val_accuracy: 0.9422
Epoch 96/100

212/212 - 76s 360ms/step - loss: 0.0113 - accuracy: 0.9975 - val_loss: 0.9627 - val_accuracy: 0.8779
Epoch 97/100
212/212 - 76s 357ms/step - loss: 0.0078 - accuracy: 0.9984 - val_loss: 0.3409 - val_accuracy: 0.9606
Epoch 98/100
212/212 - 76s 360ms/step - loss: 0.0029 - accuracy: 0.9993 - val_loss: 0.4246 - val_accuracy: 0.9588
Epoch 99/100
212/212 - 76s 359ms/step - loss: 0.0013 - accuracy: 0.9996 - val_loss: 0.4960 - val_accuracy: 0.9636
Epoch 100/100
212/212 - 76s 361ms/step - loss: 0.0012 - accuracy: 0.9998 - val_loss: 0.5943 - val_accuracy: 0.9425

B Appendix (ResNet50 with Custom Activation)

Epoch 1/100
106/106 - 95s 737ms/step - loss: 2.3594 - accuracy: 0.4069 - val_loss: 7.8124 - val_accuracy: 0.0109
Epoch 2/100
106/106 - 75s 711ms/step - loss: 0.3541 - accuracy: 0.8918 - val_loss: 13.2238 - val_accuracy: 0.0071
Epoch 3/100
106/106 - 75s 704ms/step - loss: 0.1413 - accuracy: 0.9553 - val_loss: 14.5815 - val_accuracy: 0.0117
Epoch 4/100
106/106 - 74s 700ms/step - loss: 0.0851 - accuracy: 0.9743 - val_loss: 9.3073 - val_accuracy: 0.1341
Epoch 5/100
106/106 - 74s 702ms/step - loss: 0.0691 - accuracy: 0.9796 - val_loss: 2.3396 - val_accuracy: 0.5951
Epoch 6/100
106/106 - 75s 707ms/step - loss: 0.0690 - accuracy: 0.9792 - val_loss: 1.7637 - val_accuracy: 0.7691
Epoch 7/100
106/106 - 76s 713ms/step - loss: 0.0579 - accuracy: 0.9831 - val_loss: 1.5913 - val_accuracy: 0.7411
Epoch 8/100
106/106 - 74s 700ms/step - loss: 0.0940 - accuracy: 0.9818 - val_loss: 1.6690 - val_accuracy: 0.7154
Epoch 9/100
106/106 - 75s 704ms/step - loss: 0.0545 - accuracy: 0.9857 - val_loss: 1.7985 - val_accuracy: 0.6867
Epoch 10/100
106/106 - 75s 705ms/step - loss: 0.0899 - accuracy: 0.9794 - val_loss: 1.0495 - val_accuracy: 0.8145
Epoch 11/100

106/106 - 77s 724ms/step - loss: 0.0611 - accuracy: 0.9856 - val_loss: 0.9097 - val_accuracy: 0.8299
Epoch 12/100

106/106 - 75s 706ms/step - loss: 0.0210 - accuracy: 0.9946 - val_loss: 0.6217 - val_accuracy: 0.8853
Epoch 13/100

106/106 - 75s 704ms/step - loss: 0.0763 - accuracy: 0.9819 - val_loss: 9.4272 - val_accuracy: 0.4558
Epoch 14/100

106/106 - 75s 703ms/step - loss: 0.0607 - accuracy: 0.9845 - val_loss: 1.1839 - val_accuracy: 0.8014
Epoch 15/100

106/106 - 76s 714ms/step - loss: 0.0670 - accuracy: 0.9844 - val_loss: 18.1424 - val_accuracy: 0.5133
Epoch 16/100

106/106 - 74s 702ms/step - loss: 0.0332 - accuracy: 0.9907 - val_loss: 1.1784 - val_accuracy: 0.8101
Epoch 17/100

106/106 - 74s 703ms/step - loss: 0.0198 - accuracy: 0.9948 - val_loss: 0.8110 - val_accuracy: 0.8597
Epoch 18/100

106/106 - 74s 701ms/step - loss: 0.0228 - accuracy: 0.9942 - val_loss: 0.6919 - val_accuracy: 0.8908
Epoch 19/100

106/106 - 75s 706ms/step - loss: 0.0221 - accuracy: 0.9943 - val_loss: 0.7879 - val_accuracy: 0.8618
Epoch 20/100

106/106 - 74s 699ms/step - loss: 0.0256 - accuracy: 0.9936 - val_loss: 0.8520 - val_accuracy: 0.8519
Epoch 21/100

106/106 - 74s 700ms/step - loss: 0.0215 - accuracy: 0.9945 - val_loss: 0.8244 - val_accuracy: 0.8725
Epoch 22/100

106/106 - 74s 703ms/step - loss: 0.0362 - accuracy: 0.9923 - val_loss: 3.5651 - val_accuracy: 0.5764
Epoch 23/100

106/106 - 76s 714ms/step - loss: 0.0401 - accuracy: 0.9921 - val_loss: 1.2538 - val_accuracy: 0.7621
Epoch 24/100

106/106 - 74s 700ms/step - loss: 0.0489 - accuracy: 0.9887 - val_loss: 1.1353 - val_accuracy: 0.8361
Epoch 25/100

106/106 - 74s 703ms/step - loss: 0.0372 - accuracy: 0.9911 - val_loss: 1.2606 - val_accuracy: 0.8058
Epoch 26/100

106/106 - 74s 700ms/step - loss: 0.0240 - accuracy: 0.9942 - val_loss: 0.7951 - val_accuracy: 0.8722
Epoch 27/100

106/106 - 75s 709ms/step - loss: 0.0219 - accuracy: 0.9948 - val_loss: 1.0803 - val_accuracy: 0.8279
Epoch 28/100

106/106 - 74s 700ms/step - loss: 0.0310 - accuracy: 0.9925 - val_loss: 0.7647 - val_accuracy: 0.8748
Epoch 29/100

106/106 - 78s 733ms/step - loss: 0.0169 - accuracy: 0.9956 - val_loss: 0.7189 - val_accuracy: 0.8797
Epoch 30/100

106/106 - 74s 702ms/step - loss: 0.0493 - accuracy: 0.9902 - val_loss: 0.8090 - val_accuracy: 0.8697
Epoch 31/100

106/106 - 75s 707ms/step - loss: 0.0176 - accuracy: 0.9956 - val_loss: 0.7151 - val_accuracy: 0.8922
Epoch 32/100

106/106 - 74s 702ms/step - loss: 0.0266 - accuracy: 0.9936 - val_loss: 1.2180 - val_accuracy: 0.8192
Epoch 33/100

106/106 - 74s 701ms/step - loss: 0.0221 - accuracy: 0.9942 - val_loss: 1.2005 - val_accuracy: 0.8210
Epoch 34/100

106/106 - 74s 699ms/step - loss: 0.0164 - accuracy: 0.9959 - val_loss: 1.1509 - val_accuracy: 0.8217
Epoch 35/100

106/106 - 75s 703ms/step - loss: 0.0137 - accuracy: 0.9967 - val_loss: 1.4874 - val_accuracy: 0.7761
Epoch 36/100

106/106 - 75s 711ms/step - loss: 0.0148 - accuracy: 0.9963 - val_loss: 0.9142 - val_accuracy: 0.8328
Epoch 37/100

106/106 - 75s 708ms/step - loss: 0.0409 - accuracy: 0.9907 - val_loss: 4.0993 - val_accuracy: 0.5848
Epoch 38/100

106/106 - 74s 696ms/step - loss: 0.0224 - accuracy: 0.9949 - val_loss: 0.5937 - val_accuracy: 0.9093
Epoch 39/100

106/106 - 74s 701ms/step - loss: 0.0667 - accuracy: 0.9858 - val_loss: 139.6458 - val_accuracy: 0.0810 Epoch 40/100

106/106 - 75s 708ms/step - loss: 0.0805 - accuracy: 0.9784 - val_loss: 2.6266 - val_accuracy: 0.6523
Epoch 41/100

106/106 - 74s 699ms/step - loss: 0.0104 - accuracy: 0.9972 - val_loss: 1.1015 - val_accuracy: 0.8365
Epoch 42/100

106/106 - 75s 706ms/step - loss: 0.0028 - accuracy: 0.9994 - val_loss: 0.4799 - val_accuracy: 0.9244
Epoch 43/100

106/106 - 75s 707ms/step - loss: 0.0072 - accuracy: 0.9984 - val_loss: 1.1245 - val_accuracy: 0.8300
Epoch 44/100

106/106 - 75s 709ms/step - loss: 0.0182 - accuracy: 0.9959 - val_loss: 1.3893 - val_accuracy: 0.7707
Epoch 45/100

106/106 - 74s 701ms/step - loss: 0.0135 - accuracy: 0.9968 - val_loss: 0.5083 - val_accuracy: 0.9114
Epoch 46/100

106/106 - 74s 703ms/step - loss: 0.0202 - accuracy: 0.9953 - val_loss: 1.9042 - val_accuracy: 0.7079
Epoch 47/100

106/106 - 75s 709ms/step - loss: 0.0296 - accuracy: 0.9925 - val_loss: 1.5363 - val_accuracy: 0.8106
Epoch 48/100

106/106 - 76s 715ms/step - loss: 0.0248 - accuracy: 0.9946 - val_loss: 1.2481 - val_accuracy: 0.8234
Epoch 49/100

106/106 - 75s 709ms/step - loss: 0.0171 - accuracy: 0.9959 - val_loss: 0.8182 - val_accuracy: 0.8819
Epoch 50/100

106/106 - 75s 708ms/step - loss: 0.0201 - accuracy: 0.9953 - val_loss: 0.6718 - val_accuracy: 0.8839
Epoch 51/100

106/106 - 74s 702ms/step - loss: 0.0167 - accuracy: 0.9961 - val_loss: 1.9194 - val_accuracy: 0.7089
Epoch 52/100

106/106 - 75s 706ms/step - loss: 0.0199 - accuracy: 0.9956 - val_loss: 1.4124 - val_accuracy: 0.7768
Epoch 53/100

106/106 - 74s 703ms/step - loss: 0.0254 - accuracy: 0.9938 - val_loss: 1.7395 - val_accuracy: 0.7134
Epoch 54/100

106/106 - 74s 703ms/step - loss: 0.0272 - accuracy: 0.9932 - val_loss: 0.7626 - val_accuracy: 0.8919
Epoch 55/100

106/106 - 75s 703ms/step - loss: 0.0241 - accuracy: 0.9938 - val_loss: 1.0423 - val_accuracy: 0.8419
Epoch 56/100

106/106 - 76s 712ms/step - loss: 0.0101 - accuracy: 0.9979 - val_loss: 0.6594 - val_accuracy: 0.8988
Epoch 57/100

106/106 - 75s 706ms/step - loss: 0.0129 - accuracy: 0.9971 - val_loss: 1.5730 - val_accuracy: 0.7950
Epoch 58/100

106/106 - 74s 698ms/step - loss: 0.0200 - accuracy: 0.9955 - val_loss: 0.6150 - val_accuracy: 0.8891
Epoch 59/100

106/106 - 74s 699ms/step - loss: 0.0203 - accuracy: 0.9951 - val_loss: 0.7540 - val_accuracy: 0.8705
Epoch 60/100

106/106 - 74s 702ms/step - loss: 0.0150 - accuracy: 0.9970 - val_loss: 1.2150 - val_accuracy: 0.7859
Epoch 61/100

106/106 - 75s 709ms/step - loss: 0.0201 - accuracy: 0.9950 - val_loss: 0.9816 - val_accuracy: 0.8531
Epoch 62/100

106/106 - 75s 703ms/step - loss: 0.0174 - accuracy: 0.9959 - val_loss: 0.9483 - val_accuracy: 0.8668
Epoch 63/100

106/106 - 75s 703ms/step - loss: 0.0144 - accuracy: 0.9967 - val_loss: 1.3157 - val_accuracy: 0.7949
Epoch 64/100

106/106 - 75s 703ms/step - loss: 0.0492 - accuracy: 0.9884 - val_loss: 3.8500 - val_accuracy: 0.5521
Epoch 65/100

106/106 - 76s 711ms/step - loss: 0.0341 - accuracy: 0.9918 - val_loss: 1.0977 - val_accuracy: 0.8444
Epoch 66/100

106/106 - 76s 714ms/step - loss: 0.0084 - accuracy: 0.9980 - val_loss: 0.5139 - val_accuracy: 0.9176
Epoch 67/100

106/106 - 75s 707ms/step - loss: 0.0053 - accuracy: 0.9987 - val_loss: 0.4272 - val_accuracy: 0.9379
Epoch 68/100

106/106 - 75s 710ms/step - loss: 0.0119 - accuracy: 0.9971 - val_loss: 0.6435 - val_accuracy: 0.8804
Epoch 69/100

106/106 - 76s 715ms/step - loss: 0.0027 - accuracy: 0.9993 - val_loss: 0.6527 - val_accuracy: 0.9008
Epoch 70/100

106/106 - 75s 709ms/step - loss: 0.0184 - accuracy: 0.9956 - val_loss: 0.9461 - val_accuracy: 0.8396
Epoch 71/100

106/106 - 75s 709ms/step - loss: 0.0386 - accuracy: 0.9908 - val_loss: 1.1615 - val_accuracy: 0.8091
Epoch 72/100

106/106 - 75s 712ms/step - loss: 0.1039 - accuracy: 0.9787 - val_loss: 2.5956 - val_accuracy: 0.5578
Epoch 73/100

106/106 - 76s 715ms/step - loss: 0.0232 - accuracy: 0.9940 - val_loss: 1.4034 - val_accuracy: 0.7653
Epoch 74/100

106/106 - 76s 715ms/step - loss: 0.0073 - accuracy: 0.9982 - val_loss: 0.8141 - val_accuracy: 0.9002
Epoch 75/100

106/106 - 77s 731ms/step - loss: 0.0189 - accuracy: 0.9974 - val_loss: 0.8636 - val_accuracy: 0.8622
Epoch 76/100

106/106 - 75s 712ms/step - loss: 0.0427 - accuracy: 0.9910 - val_loss: 1.9252 - val_accuracy: 0.7000
Epoch 77/100

106/106 - 76s 714ms/step - loss: 0.0056 - accuracy: 0.9987 - val_loss: 0.5037 - val_accuracy: 0.9236
Epoch 78/100

106/106 - 75s 710ms/step - loss: 0.0059 - accuracy: 0.9989 - val_loss: 0.9513 - val_accuracy: 0.8178
Epoch 79/100

106/106 - 75s 704ms/step - loss: 0.0271 - accuracy: 0.9931 - val_loss: 1.5915 - val_accuracy: 0.7437
Epoch 80/100

106/106 - 75s 707ms/step - loss: 0.0192 - accuracy: 0.9955 - val_loss: 0.6666 - val_accuracy: 0.9002
Epoch 81/100

106/106 - 76s 715ms/step - loss: 0.0271 - accuracy: 0.9938 - val_loss: 0.8552 - val_accuracy: 0.8588
Epoch 82/100

106/106 - 75s 704ms/step - loss: 0.0277 - accuracy: 0.9946 - val_loss: 0.5131 - val_accuracy: 0.9133
Epoch 83/100

106/106 - 75s 703ms/step - loss: 0.0063 - accuracy: 0.9984 - val_loss: 0.4914 - val_accuracy: 0.9125
Epoch 84/100

106/106 - 74s 702ms/step - loss: 0.0095 - accuracy: 0.9979 - val_loss: 0.4204 - val_accuracy: 0.9309
Epoch 85/100

106/106 - 75s 711ms/step - loss: 0.0012 - accuracy: 0.9997 - val_loss: 0.3345 - val_accuracy: 0.9439
Epoch 86/100

106/106 - 75s 704ms/step - loss: 2.8855e-04 - accuracy: 1.0000 - val_loss: 0.2989 - val_accuracy: 0.9466 Epoch 87/100

106/106 - 74s 702ms/step - loss: 2.7905e-04 - accuracy: 0.9999 - val_loss: 0.2517 - val_accuracy: 0.9515 Epoch 88/100

106/106 - 76s 714ms/step - loss: 4.5668e-05 - accuracy: 1.0000 - val_loss: 0.2619 - val_accuracy: 0.9553 Epoch 89/100

106/106 - 76s 719ms/step - loss: 3.7078e-04 - accuracy: 0.9999 - val_loss: 0.3215 - val_accuracy: 0.9495 Epoch 90/100

106/106 - 75s 710ms/step - loss: 8.5931e-05 - accuracy: 1.0000 - val_loss: 0.2975 - val_accuracy: 0.9472 Epoch 91/100

106/106 - 75s 710ms/step - loss: 7.7349e-04 - accuracy: 0.9997 - val_loss: 0.3556 - val_accuracy: 0.9410 Epoch 92/100

106/106 - 76s 719ms/step - loss: 0.0344 - accuracy: 0.9918 - val_loss: 14.5459 - val_accuracy: 0.2606 Epoch 93/100

106/106 - 76s 715ms/step - loss: 0.0487 - accuracy: 0.9880 - val_loss: 2.1375 - val_accuracy: 0.7364 Epoch 94/100

106/106 - 76s 713ms/step - loss: 0.0194 - accuracy: 0.9949 - val_loss: 1.0635 - val_accuracy: 0.8391 Epoch 95/100

106/106 - 75s 705ms/step - loss: 0.0228 - accuracy: 0.9950 - val_loss: 1.1466 - val_accuracy: 0.8360 Epoch 96/100

106/106 - 75s 710ms/step - loss: 0.0087 - accuracy: 0.9980 - val_loss: 0.8861 - val_accuracy: 0.8537 Epoch 97/100

106/106 - 75s 704ms/step - loss: 0.0313 - accuracy: 0.9935 - val_loss: 1.5336 - val_accuracy: 0.7840 Epoch 98/100

106/106 - 75s 708ms/step - loss: 0.0247 - accuracy: 0.9943 - val_loss: 1.1566 - val_accuracy: 0.8277 Epoch 99/100

106/106 - 74s 702ms/step - loss: 0.0012 - accuracy: 0.9997 - val_loss: 0.3541 - val_accuracy: 0.9522 Epoch 100/100

106/106 - 74s 702ms/step - loss: 7.8204e-04 - accuracy: 0.9998 - val_loss: 0.4096 - val_accuracy: 0.9419