## **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 <u>write up</u> template (https://github.com/udacity/CarND-Traffic-Sign-Classifier-

<u>Project/blob/master/writeup\_template.md</u>) that can be used to guide the writing process. Completing the code template and writeup template will cover all of the <u>rubric points</u> (<a href="https://review.udacity.com/#!/rubrics/481/view">https://review.udacity.com/#!/rubrics/481/view</a>) 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**

```
In [5]: # Load pickled data
        import numpy as np
        import csv
        import time
        import glob
        import pickle
        import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
        import random
        from numpy.random import rand
        from sklearn.utils import shuffle
        import tensorflow as tf
        from tensorflow.contrib.layers import flatten
        # TODO: Fill this in based on where you saved the training and testing data
        training_file = "./train.p"
        validation file = "./valid.p"
        testing file = "./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, y train = train['features'], train['labels']
        X_valid, y_valid = valid['features'], valid['labels']
        X test, y test = test['features'], 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> (<a href="http://pandas.pydata.org/pandas-docs/stable/generated/pandas.DataFrame.shape.html">http://pandas.pydata.org/pandas-docs/stable/generated/pandas.DataFrame.shape.html</a>) might be useful for calculating some of the summary results.

#### **Pandas**

```
In [6]:
        ### Replace each question mark with the appropriate value.
        ### Use python, pandas or numpy methods rather than hard coding the results
        # TODO: Number of training examples
        n train
                     = np.size(X_train, 0)
        # TODO: Number of validation examples
        n_validation = np.size(X_valid,0)
        # TODO: Number of testing examples.
                     = np.size(X_test,0)
        n test
        # TODO: What's the shape of an traffic sign image?
        image_shape = X_train[0].shape
        # TODO: How many unique classes/labels there are in the dataset.
        n_classes = np.unique(y_train).size
        print("Number of training examples =", n_train)
        print("Number of testing examples =", n test)
        print("Image data shape =", image_shape)
        print("Number of classes =", n_classes)
        Number of training examples = 34799
        Number of testing examples = 12630
```

```
Image data shape = (32, 32, 3)
Number of classes = 43
```

#### Include an exploratory visualization of the dataset

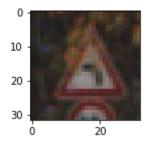
Visualize the German Traffic Signs Dataset using the pickled file(s). This is open ended, suggestions include: plotting traffic sign images, plotting the count of each sign, etc.

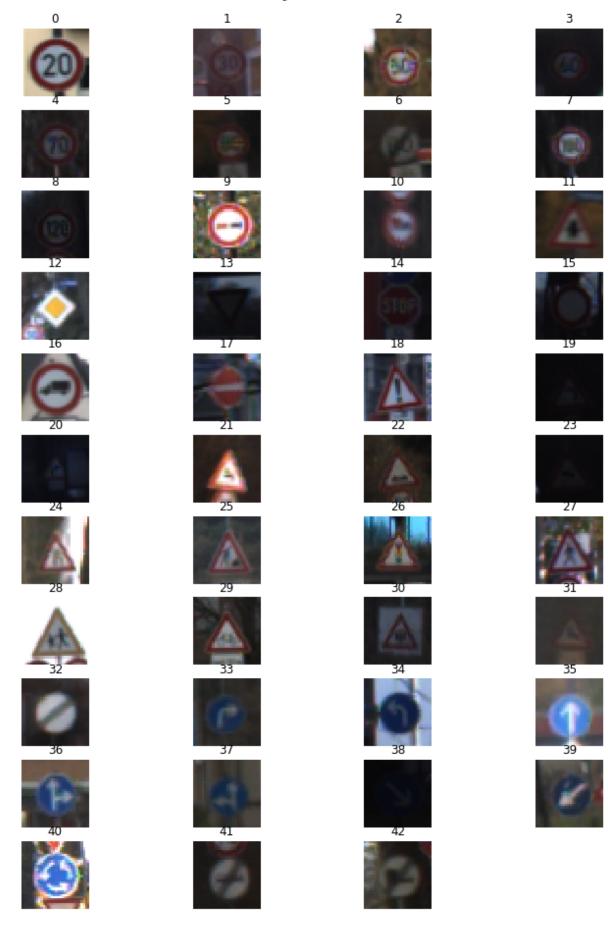
The Matplotlib (http://matplotlib.org/) examples (http://matplotlib.org/examples/index.html) and gallery (http://matplotlib.org/gallery.html) pages are a great resource for doing visualizations in Python.

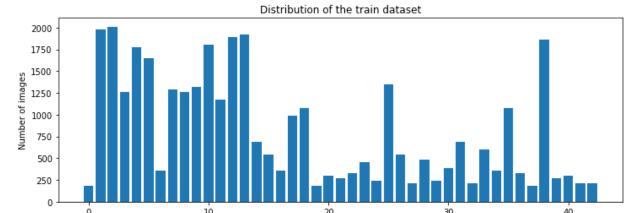
**NOTE:** It's recommended you start with something simple first. If you wish to do more, come back to it after you've completed the rest of the sections. It can be interesting to look at the distribution of classes in the training, validation and test set. Is the distribution the same? Are there more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

```
In [7]: ### Data exploration visualization code goes here.
        ### Feel free to use as many code cells as needed.
        # Visualizations will be shown in the notebook.
        %matplotlib inline
        index = random.randint(0, len(X_train))
        image = X_train[index].squeeze()
        plt.figure(figsize = (2,2))
        plt.imshow(image)
        print(y train[index])
        #Reference
        num_of_samples=[]
        plt.figure(figsize=(12, 16.5))
        for i in range(0, n classes):
            plt.subplot(11, 4, i+1)
            x_selected = X_train[y_train == i]
            plt.imshow(x_selected[0, :, :, :]) #draw the first image of each class
            plt.title(i)
            plt.axis('off')
            num of samples.append(len(x selected))
        plt.show()
        #Plot number of images per class
        plt.figure(figsize=(12, 4))
        plt.bar(range(0, n_classes), num_of_samples)
        plt.title("Distribution of the train dataset")
        plt.xlabel("Class number")
        plt.ylabel("Number of images")
        plt.show()
        print("Min number of images per class =", min(num_of_samples))
        print("Max number of images per class =", max(num of samples))
```

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Class number

Min number of images per class = 180 Max number of images per class = 2010

#### 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 <a href="classroom">classroom</a>. <a href="(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)</a>) 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> (<a href="http://yann.lecun.com/exdb/publis/pdf/sermanet-ijcnn-11.pdf">http://yann.lecun.com/exdb/publis/pdf/sermanet-ijcnn-11.pdf</a>). 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.

```
In [8]: ### Preprocess the data here. It is required to normalize the data. Other pl
        ### converting to grayscale, etc.
        ### Feel free to use as many code cells as needed.
        from sklearn.utils import shuffle
        X_train, y_train = shuffle(X_train, y_train)
        def rgb2gray(rgb):
            r, q, b = rgb[:,:,:,0], rgb[:,:,:,1], rgb[:,:,:,2]
            gray = 0.2989 * r + 0.5870 * g + 0.1140 * b
            return gray
        def normalize grayscale(image data):
            Normalize the image data with Min-Max scaling to a range of [0.1, 0.9]
            :param image data: The image data to be normalized
            :return: Normalized image data
            a = 0.1
            b = 0.9
            grayscale min = 0
            grayscale max = 255
            return a + ( ( (image data - grayscale min)*(b - a) )/( grayscale max -
        X normal = normalize grayscale(rgb2gray(X train))
        X normal = X normal[..., np.newaxis]
        print(X train.shape)
        print(X normal.shape)
        print()
        X valid norm = normalize grayscale(rgb2gray(X valid))
        X valid norm = X valid norm[..., np.newaxis]
        print(X valid.shape)
        print(X valid norm.shape)
        print()
        X test norm = normalize grayscale(rgb2gray(X test))
        X test norm = X test norm[..., np.newaxis]
        print(X test.shape)
        print(X test norm.shape)
        (34799, 32, 32, 3)
        (34799, 32, 32, 1)
        (4410, 32, 32, 3)
        (4410, 32, 32, 1)
        (12630, 32, 32, 3)
        (12630, 32, 32, 1)
```

#### **Model Architecture**

```
In [12]: ### Define your architecture here.
         ### Feel free to use as many code cells as needed.
         import tensorflow as tf
         from tensorflow.contrib.layers import flatten
         import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
         EPOCHS
                    = 20
         BATCH SIZE = 128
         keep_prob = tf.placeholder(tf.float32)
         def LeNet(x):
             # Arguments used for tf.truncated_normal, randomly defines variables for
             sigma = 0.1
             # SOLUTION: Layer 1: Convolutional. Input = 32x32x1. Output = 28x28x6.
             conv1 W = tf.Variable(tf.truncated_normal(shape=(5, 5, 1, 6), mean = mu,
             conv1 b = tf.Variable(tf.zeros(6))
                    = tf.nn.conv2d(x, conv1_W, strides=[1, 1, 1, 1], padding='VALID
             # SOLUTION: Activation.
             conv1 = tf.nn.relu(conv1)
             # SOLUTION: Pooling. Input = 28x28x6. Output = 14x14x6.
             conv1 = tf.nn.max pool(conv1, ksize=[1, 2, 2, 1], strides=[1, 2, 2, 1],
             # SOLUTION: Layer 2: Convolutional. Output = 10x10x16.
             conv2 W = tf.Variable(tf.truncated normal(shape=(5, 5, 6, 16), mean = mu)
             conv2 b = tf.Variable(tf.zeros(16))
             conv2 = tf.nn.conv2d(conv1, conv2 W, strides=[1, 1, 1, 1], padding='V4
             # SOLUTION: Activation.
             conv2 = tf.nn.relu(conv2)
             # SOLUTION: Pooling. Input = 10x10x16. Output = 5x5x16.
             conv2 = tf.nn.max pool(conv2, ksize=[1, 2, 2, 1], strides=[1, 2, 2, 1],
             # SOLUTION: Flatten. Input = 5x5x16. Output = 400.
                   = flatten(conv2)
             dpout fc0 = tf.nn.dropout(fc0, keep prob)
             # SOLUTION: Layer 3: Fully Connected. Input = 400. Output = 120.
             fc1 W = tf. Variable(tf.truncated normal(shape=(400, 120), mean = mu, std
             fc1 b = tf.Variable(tf.zeros(120))
                   = tf.matmul(dpout fc0, fc1 W) + fc1 b
             fc1
             # SOLUTION: Activation.
             fc1
                    = tf.nn.relu(fc1)
             # SOLUTION: Layer 4: Fully Connected. Input = 120. Output = 84.
             fc2 W = tf.Variable(tf.truncated normal(shape=(120, 84), mean = mu, sto
             fc2 b = tf.Variable(tf.zeros(84))
             #dpout fc1 = tf.nn.dropout(fc1, keep prob)
             fc2
                    = tf.matmul(fc1, fc2 W) + fc2 b
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```
# SOLUTION: Activation.
fc2 = tf.nn.relu(fc2)

# SOLUTION: Layer 5: Fully Connected. Input = 84. Output = 43.
fc3_W = tf.Variable(tf.truncated_normal(shape=(84, 43), mean = mu, stdcfc3_b = tf.Variable(tf.zeros(43))
logits = tf.matmul(fc2, fc3_W) + fc3_b

return logits

#Features and Labels
#Train LeNet to classify data
#x is a placeholder for a batch of input images. y is a placeholder for a batch x = tf.placeholder(tf.float32, (None, 32, 32, 1))
y = tf.placeholder(tf.int32, (None))
one_hot_y = tf.one_hot(y, 43)
```

#### 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.

```
In [13]: ### 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.
                   rate = 0.001
                   dropout = 0.5
                   logits = LeNet(x)
                   cross entropy = tf.nn.softmax cross entropy with logits(labels=one hot y, logits)
                   loss operation = tf.reduce mean(cross entropy)
                   optimizer = tf.train.AdamOptimizer(learning rate = 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:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:offset:
                                   accuracy = sess.run(accuracy operation, feed dict={x: batch x, y: be
                                   total_accuracy += (accuracy * len(batch_x))
                           return total accuracy / num examples
                   #Running the training data through the training pipeline to train the model
                   with tf.Session() as sess:
                           sess.run(tf.global variables initializer())
                           num examples = len(X normal)
                           print("Training...")
                           print()
                   #Before each epoch, shuffle the training set.
                           for i in range(EPOCHS):
                                   X normal, y train = shuffle(X normal, y train)
                                   for offset in range(0, num_examples, BATCH_SIZE):
                                           end = offset + BATCH SIZE
                                           batch_x, batch_y = X_normal[offset:end], y_train[offset:end]
                                           sess.run(training operation, feed dict={x: batch x, y: batch y,
                   #After each epoch, measure the loss and accuracy of the validation set.
                                   validation accuracy = evaluate(X valid norm, y valid)
                                   print("EPOCH {} ...".format(i+1))
                                   print("Validation Accuracy = {:.3f}".format(validation_accuracy))
                                   print()
                   #Save the model after training
                           saver.save(sess, './lenet')
                           print("Model saved")
                   Training...
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```
EPOCH 1 ...
Validation Accuracy = 0.497
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EPOCH 2 ...

Validation Accuracy = 0.780

EPOCH 3 ...

Validation Accuracy = 0.844

EPOCH 4 ...

Validation Accuracy = 0.880

EPOCH 5 ...

Validation Accuracy = 0.893

EPOCH 6 ...

Validation Accuracy = 0.903

EPOCH 7 ...

Validation Accuracy = 0.900

EPOCH 8 ...

Validation Accuracy = 0.919

EPOCH 9 ...

Validation Accuracy = 0.918

EPOCH 10 ...

Validation Accuracy = 0.927

EPOCH 11 ...

Validation Accuracy = 0.929

EPOCH 12 ...

Validation Accuracy = 0.925

EPOCH 13 ...

Validation Accuracy = 0.927

EPOCH 14 ...

Validation Accuracy = 0.944

EPOCH 15 ...

Validation Accuracy = 0.926

EPOCH 16 ...

Validation Accuracy = 0.928

EPOCH 17 ...

Validation Accuracy = 0.938

EPOCH 18 ...

Validation Accuracy = 0.932

EPOCH 19 ...

Validation Accuracy = 0.935

EPOCH 20 ...

Validation Accuracy = 0.942

Model saved

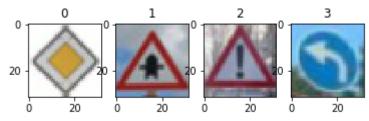
### **Step 3: Test a Model on New Images**

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**

```
In [14]: ### Load the images and plot them here.
         ### Feel free to use as many code cells as needed.
         #reading in an image
         #Import traffic signs class names
         import glob
         import csv
         from PIL import Image
         def rgb2gray(rgb):
             r, g, b = rgb[:,:,:,0], rgb[:,:,:,1], rgb[:,:,:,2]
             gray = 0.2989 * r + 0.5870 * g + 0.1140 * b
             return gray
         signs_img_class = []
         with open('signnames.csv', 'rt') as csvfile:
             reader = csv.DictReader(csvfile, delimiter=',')
             for row in reader:
                 signs_img_class.append((row['SignName']))
         #Import test images
         filelist = glob.glob('new_images/*.jpg')
         test_img = np.array([np.array(Image.open(fname)) for fname in filelist])
         test_img_gray = rgb2gray(test_img)
         test_img_gray_mod = test_img_gray[..., np.newaxis]
         #Visualize new raw images
         plt.figure(figsize=(6, 6))
         for i in range(8):
             plt.subplot(2, 4, i+1)
             plt.imshow(test_img[i])
             plt.title(i)
             plt.axis('on')
             num of samples.append(len(x selected))
         plt.show()
         print(test img gray mod.shape)
```





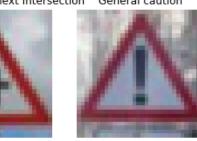
(8, 32, 32, 1)

#### **Predict the Sign Type for Each Image**

```
In [15]: ### Run the predictions here and use the model to output the prediction for
                                       ### Make sure to pre-process the images with the same pre-processing pipelil
                                        ### Feel free to use as many code cells as needed.
                                        def test_lenet(X_data, sess):
                                                         pred sign = sess.run(tf.argmax(logits, 1), feed_dict={x: X data, keep_pred sign =
                                                         return pred sign
                                        #Run Testing
                                       with tf.Session() as sess:
                                                         saver.restore(sess, './lenet')
                                                         signs_classes = test_lenet(test_img_gray_mod, sess)
                                       plt.figure(figsize=(12, 8))
                                        for i in range(8):
                                                         plt.subplot(2, 4, i+1)
                                                         plt.imshow(test_img[i])
                                                         plt.title(signs img class[signs classes[i]])
                                                         plt.axis('off')
                                        plt.show()
```

Priority road Rig

Right-of-way at the next intersection General caution



Turn left ahead





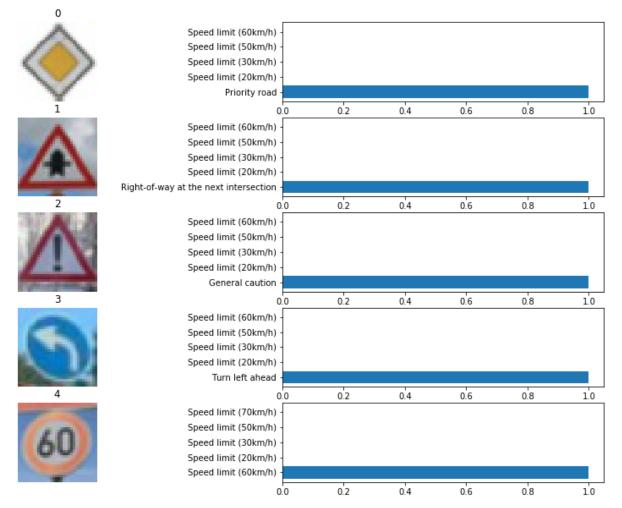






**Analyze Performance** 

```
### Calculate the accuracy for these 5 new images.
In [16]:
         ### For example, if the model predicted 1 out of 5 signs correctly, it's 20
         def testsys(X_data, sess):
             prob = sess.run(tf.nn.softmax(logits), feed dict={x: X data, keep prob:
             top_5 = tf.nn.top_k(prob, k = 5)
             return sess.run(top_5)
         with tf.Session() as sess:
             saver.restore(sess,'./lenet')
             signs_top_5 = testsys(test_img_gray_mod, sess)
         plt.figure(figsize = (15, 10))
         for i in range (5):
             plt.subplot(5, 2, 2*i+1)
             plt.imshow(test img[i])
             plt.title(i)
             plt.axis('off')
             plt.subplot(5, 2, 2*i+2)
             plt.barh(np.arange(1, 6, 1), signs_top_5.values[i, :])
             labels = [signs_img_class[j] for j in signs_top_5.indices[i]]
             plt.yticks(np.arange(1, 6, 1), labels)
         plt.show()
```



# Output Top 5 Softmax Probabilities For Each Image Found on the Web

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). <a href="tel:tf.nn.top\_k">tf.nn.top\_k</a> (<a href="https://www.tensorflow.org/versions/r0.12/api docs/python/nn.html#top\_k">tf.nn.top\_k</a> (<a href="https://www.tensorflow.org/versions/r0.12/api docs/python/nn.html#top\_k">tensorflow.org/versions/r0.12/api docs/python/nn.html#top\_k</a>) could prove helpful here.

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. tk.nn.top\_k is used to choose the three classes with the highest probability:

```
# (5, 6) array
a = np.array([[ 0.24879643, 0.07032244, 0.12641572, 0.34763842,
 0.07893497,
        0.12789202],
      [0.28086119, 0.27569815, 0.08594638, 0.0178669, 0.18063]
401,
        0.15899337],
      [0.26076848, 0.23664738, 0.08020603, 0.07001922, 0.11343]
71,
        0.238921791,
      [0.11943333, 0.29198961, 0.02605103, 0.26234032, 0.13513
48 ,
        0.16505091],
      [0.09561176, 0.34396535, 0.0643941, 0.16240774, 0.24206]
137,
        0.09155967]])
```

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.

In [ ]:

### Print out the top five softmax probabilities for the predictions on the ### Feel free to use as many code cells as needed.

#### **Project Writeup**

Once you have completed the code implementation, document your results in a project writeup using this <u>template (https://github.com/udacity/CarND-Traffic-Sign-Classifier-Project/blob/master/writeup\_template.md)</u> as a guide. The writeup can be in a markdown or pdf file.

**Note**: Once you have completed all of the code implementations and successfully answered each question above, you may finalize your work by exporting the iPython Notebook as an HTML document. You can do this 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.

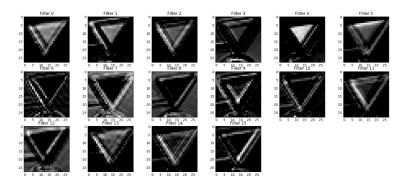
# Step 4 (Optional): Visualize the Neural Network's State with Test Images

This Section is not required to complete but acts as an additional excersise for understaning the output of a neural network's weights. While neural networks can be a great learning device they are often referred to as a black box. We can understand what the weights of a neural network look like better by plotting their feature maps. After successfully training your neural network you can see what it's feature maps look like by plotting the output of the network's weight layers in response to a test stimuli image. From these plotted feature maps, it's possible to see what characteristics of an image the network finds interesting. For a sign, maybe the inner network feature maps react with high activation to the sign's boundary outline or to the contrast in the sign's painted symbol.

Provided for you below is the function code that allows you to get the visualization output of any tensorflow weight layer you want. The inputs to the function should be a stimuli image, one used during training or a new one you provided, and then the tensorflow variable name that represents the layer's state during the training process, for instance if you wanted to see what the <a href="LeNet lab's">LeNet lab's</a> (<a href="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)</a> feature maps looked like for it's second convolutional layer you could enter conv2 as the tf\_activation variable.

For an example of what feature map outputs look like, check out NVIDIA's results in their paper <u>Endto-End Deep Learning for Self-Driving Cars (https://devblogs.nvidia.com/parallelforall/deep-learning-self-driving-cars/)</u> in the section Visualization of internal CNN State. NVIDIA was able to show that their network's inner weights had high activations to road boundary lines by comparing feature maps from an image with a clear path to one without. Try experimenting with a similar test to show

that your trained network's weights are looking for interesting features, whether it's looking at differences in feature maps from images with or without a sign, or even what feature maps look like in a trained network vs a completely untrained one on the same sign image.



Your output should look something like this (above)

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In [ ]: Visualize your network's feature maps here.
       Feel free to use as many code cells as needed.
       mage input: the test image being fed into the network to produce the feature
       f activation: should be a tf variable name used during your training procedu
       ctivation min/max: can be used to view the activation contrast in more detai
       It num: used to plot out multiple different weight feature map sets on the s
        outputFeatureMap(image input, tf activation, activation min=-1, activation
        # Here make sure to preprocess your image input in a way your network expec
        # with size, normalization, ect if needed
        image input = X normal[index].squeeze()
        # Note: x should be the same name as your network's tensorflow data placeho
        # If you get an error tf activation is not defined it may be having trouble
        activation = tf activation.eval(session=sess,feed dict={x : image input})
        featuremaps = activation.shape[3]
        plt.figure(plt num, figsize=(15,15))
        for featuremap in range(featuremaps):
            plt.subplot(6,8, featuremap+1) # sets the number of feature maps to sho
            plt.title('FeatureMap ' + str(featuremap)) # displays the feature map n
            if activation min != -1 & activation max != -1:
                 plt.imshow(activation[0,:,:, featuremap], interpolation="nearest",
            elif activation max != -1:
                plt.imshow(activation[0,:,:, featuremap], interpolation="nearest",
            elif activation min !=-1:
                plt.imshow(activation[0,:,:, featuremap], interpolation="nearest",
            else:
                plt.imshow(activation[0,:,:, featuremap], interpolation="nearest",
```

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In [ ]:
    with tf.Session() as sess:
        saver.restore(sess,'./lenet')
        print("conv1 : First layer")
        outputFeatureMap(test_img_gray_mod, conv1)
```

In [ ]: