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1. Introduction:

In this project we are classifying CIFAR-10 dataset using Convolutional Neural Network. There are 12 hidden layers within the CNN used which have various parameters such as kernel size, Activation Function and Batch Normalization. We are experimenting with different parameters and optimizers and finding which configuration gives the better result.

2. Steps and Results:

Running the Baseline code: The initial configuration of the CNN is already provided and we are running based on the given parameters.

```
Step 1: Running the Original File
 model = Sequential()
    model.add(Conv2D(filters = 32, kernel_size = (3,3), padding='same', input_shape = input_shape))
    model.add(Activation('relu'))
    model.add(BatchNormalization())
     model.add(Conv2D(filters = 32, kernel_size = (3,3), padding='same'))
     model.add(Activation('relu'))
    model.add(BatchNormalization())
     model.add(MaxPooling2D(2,2))
     model.add(Dropout(0.2))
    model.add(Conv2D(filters = 64, kernel size = (3,3), padding='same'))
     model.add(Activation('relu'))
     model.add(BatchNormalization())
     model.add(Conv2D(filters = 64, kernel_size = (3,3), padding='same'))
     model.add(Activation('relu'))
     model.add(BatchNormalization())
     model.add(MaxPooling2D(2,2))
     model.add(Dropout(0.3))
    model.add(Conv2D(filters = 128, kernel_size = (3,3), padding='same'))
     model.add(Activation('relu'))
     model.add(BatchNormalization())
     model.add(Conv2D(filters = 128, kernel_size = (3,3), padding='same'))
     model.add(Activation('relu'))
     model.add(BatchNormalization())
     model add(MaxPooling2D(2 2))
              782/782 [===
    Epoch 48/50
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    Epoch 50/50
    ============================== ] - 8s 11ms/step - loss: 0.3122 - accuracy: 0.8954 - val_loss: 0.5882 - val_accuracy: 0.8350
```

Test Loss: 0.588

Test Accuracy: 0.8349

a. Changing the Learning Rate: The learning rate of the Neural Network should not be too high or too low so that the model converges and not miss the minimum

a. Learning Rate: 0.05

When the learning rate is set to 0.05 it quickly converges but misses the minimum. In this case the Test Loss has increased and Test accuracy has decreased which may mean that the model has missed the minimum and went ahead in the curve.

Test Loss: 1.33

Test Accuracy: 0.799

b. Learning Rate: 0.0001

In this case the test Loss has reduced and the test Accuracy has increased, when the learning rate is reduced it takes baby steps and might require more iterations to converge.

Test Loss: 0.499

Test Accuracy: 0.843

b. Changing the first Kernel Layer to 7x7

CNN work on locality and map a particular locality in input layer to the next hidden layer and so on. If the kernel size is too big then the CNN will behave as a normal neural network and the convolutional property will vanish. In this case the test loss has increased and the test accuracy has decreased slightly.

```
model4 = Sequential()
    model4.add(Conv2D(filters = 32, kernel_size = (7,7), padding='same', input_shape = input_shape))
    model4.add(Activation('relu'))
    model4.add(BatchNormalization())
   model4.add(Conv2D(filters = 32, kernel_size = (3,3), padding='same'))
   model4.add(Activation('relu'))
   model4.add(BatchNormalization())
   model4.add(MaxPooling2D(2,2))
   model4.add(Dropout(0.2))
   model4.add(Conv2D(filters = 64, kernel size = (3,3), padding='same'))
   model4.add(Activation('relu'))
   model4.add(BatchNormalization())
   model4.add(Conv2D(filters = 64, kernel_size = (3,3), padding='same'))
   model4.add(Activation('relu'))
   model4.add(BatchNormalization())
   model4.add(MaxPooling2D(2,2))
   model4.add(Dropout(0.3))
    model4.add(Conv2D(filters = 128, kernel_size = (3,3), padding='same'))
   model4.add(Activation('relu'))
   model4 add(RatchNormalization())
 Epoch 48/50
 782/782 [===========] - 8s 10ms/step - loss: 0.3482 - accuracy: 0.8829 - val loss: 0.5933 - val accuracy: 0.8357
 Epoch 49/50
 782/782 [=====
                Epoch 50/50
 782/782 [=======] - 8s 11ms/step - loss: 0.3365 - accuracy: 0.8861 - val loss: 0.6638 - val accuracy: 0.8067
 Test loss: 0.663821280002594
Test accuracy: 0.8066999912261963
```

Test Accuracy: 0.806

c. Changing the optimizer to RMSprop

The gist of RMSprop is to:

- Maintain a moving average of the square of gradients
- Divide the gradient by the root of this average

Test Loss: 0.5704

Test Accuracy: 0.8413

d. Remove all Batch normalization Layers

Batch Normalization Layers normalizes the whole data stream by adding some noise to the parameters. This makes the learning from the data more efficient and avoid more learning. By removing the batch normalization layers the Test Loss has increased exponentially and test accuracy has also decreased.

```
[ ] model6 = Sequential()
     model6.add(Conv2D(filters = 32, kernel size = (3,3), padding='same', input shape = input shape))
     model6.add(Activation('relu'))
     model6.add(Conv2D(filters = 32, kernel_size = (3,3), padding='same'))
     model6.add(Activation('relu'))
     model6.add(MaxPooling2D(2,2))
     model6.add(Dropout(0.2))
     model6.add(Conv2D(filters = 64, kernel_size = (3,3), padding='same'))
     model6.add(Activation('relu'))
     model6.add(Conv2D(filters = 64, kernel_size = (3,3), padding='same'))
     model6.add(Activation('relu'))
     model6.add(MaxPooling2D(2,2))
     model6.add(Dropout(0.3))
     model6.add(Conv2D(filters = 128, kernel_size = (3,3), padding='same'))
     model6.add(Activation('relu'))
     model6.add(Conv2D(filters = 128, kernel_size = (3,3), padding='same'))
     model6.add(Activation('relu'))
     model6.add(MaxPooling2D(2,2))
     model6.add(Dropout(0.4))
     model6.add(Flatten())
    model6.compile(loss=keras.losses.categorical_crossentropy, optimizer=keras.optimizers.Adam(lr=0.01), metrics=['accuracy'])
   /usr/local/lib/python3.8/dist-packages/keras/optimizers/optimizer_v2/adam.py:110: UserWarning: The `lr` argument is deprecated, use `learning_rate` instead. super(Adam, self).__init__(name, **kwargs)
[ ] model6.fit(x_train, y_train, batch_size=batch_size, epochs=epochs, verbose=1, validation_data=(x_test, y_test))
  print('Test accuracy:', score[0])
Epoch 48/50
782/782 [===
               ========== ] - 6s 8ms/step - loss: 2.3036 - accuracy: 0.0985 - val loss: 2.3039 - val accuracy: 0.1000
Epoch 49/50
782/782 [===
                ==========] - 7s 9ms/step - loss: 2.3034 - accuracy: 0.1029 - val_loss: 2.3034 - val_accuracy: 0.1000
Epoch 50/50
Test loss: 2.303287982940674
Test accuracy: 0.10000000149011612
```

e. Change dropout values to 0.7

Dropout values are used to randomly close some nodes within the layer so that we don't overfit the model to the input data. A dropout value of 0.7 means that 7 nodes in 10 would be randomly turned off and won't send any data to the next layer. This increased the test loss and decreases the test accuracy.

```
model7.add(Conv2D(filters = 32, kernel_size = (3,3), padding='same', input_shape = input_shape))
    model7.add(Activation('relu'))
    model7.add(BatchNormalization())
    model7.add(Conv2D(filters = 32, kernel_size = (3,3), padding='same'))
    model7.add(Activation('relu'))
     model7.add(BatchNormalization())
     model7.add(MaxPooling2D(2,2))
     model7.add(Dropout(0.7))
    model7.add(Conv2D(filters = 64, kernel_size = (3,3), padding='same'))
    model7.add(Activation('relu'))
    model7.add(BatchNormalization())
    model7.add(Conv2D(filters = 64, kernel_size = (3,3), padding='same'))
    model7.add(Activation('relu'))
    model7.add(BatchNormalization())
    model7.add(MaxPooling2D(2,2))
    model7.add(Dropout(0.7))
    model7.add(Conv2D(filters = 128, kernel_size = (3,3), padding='same'))
     model7.add(Activation('relu'))
     model7.add(BatchNormalization())
    model7.add(Conv2D(filters = 128, kernel_size = (3,3), padding='same'))
    model7.add(Activation('relu'))
    model7.add(BatchNormalization())
    model7.add(MaxPooling2D(2,2))
    model7.add(Dropout(0.7))
    model7.add(Flatten())
```

Test Accuracy: 0.7800

f. Changing the batch size

According to the batch size specified the model is trained with that many input samples.

a. Batch size: 16

If the batch size is too small that the weights can be trained faster but it would take a longer time as only small samples are being used to train. Thus, a larger batch size is preferred that would not decrease the accuracy of the model but also converge faster.

```
[ ] batch_size = 16
     num_classes = 10
     epochs = 50
[ ] model8 = Sequential()
     model8.add(Conv2D(filters = 32, kernel_size = (3,3), padding='same', input_shape = input_shape))
     model8.add(Activation('relu'))
     model8.add(BatchNormalization())
     model8.add(Conv2D(filters = 32, kernel_size = (3,3), padding='same'))
     model8.add(Activation('relu'))
     model8.add(BatchNormalization())
     model8.add(MaxPooling2D(2,2))
     model8.add(Dropout(0.2))
     model8.add(Conv2D(filters = 64, kernel_size = (3,3), padding='same'))
     model8.add(Activation('relu'))
     model8.add(BatchNormalization())
     model8.add(Conv2D(filters = 64, kernel_size = (3,3), padding='same'))
     model8.add(Activation('relu'))
     model8.add(BatchNormalization())
     model8.add(MaxPooling2D(2,2))
     model8.add(Dropout(0.3))
     model8.add(Conv2D(filters = 128, kernel_size = (3,3), padding='same'))
   model8.compile(loss=keras.losses.categorical_crossentropy, optimizer=keras.optimizers.Adam(lr=0.01), metrics=['accuracy'])
   /usr/local/lib/python3.8/dist-packages/keras/optimizers/optimizer_v2/adam.py:110: UserWarning: The `lr` argument is deprecated, use `learning_rate` instead. super(Adam, self).__init__(name, **kwargs)
 [ \ ] \ \ model8.fit(x\_train, y\_train, batch\_size=batch\_size, epochs=epochs, verbose=1, validation\_data=(x\_test, y\_test)) 
   score = model8.evaluate(x_test, y_test, verbose=0)
print('Test loss:', score[0])
print('Test accuracy:', score[1])
Enoch 50/50
Test loss: 0.6165658831596375
Test accuracy: 0.8481000065803528
```

Test Accuracy: 0.848

b. Batch Size: 256

If the batch size is too big then while the model is faster to train, it might not be able to capture all the patterns from the input data and thus the accuracy of the model would decrease.

```
batch_size = 256
    num_classes = 10
    enochs = 50
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[ ] model9 = Sequential()
    model9.add(Conv2D(filters = 32, kernel_size = (3,3), padding='same', input_shape = input_shape))
    model9.add(Activation('relu'))
    model9.add(BatchNormalization())
    model9.add(Conv2D(filters = 32, kernel_size = (3,3), padding='same'))
    model9.add(Activation('relu'))
    model9.add(BatchNormalization())
    model9.add(MaxPooling2D(2,2))
   model9.add(Dropout(0.2))
    model9.add(Conv2D(filters = 64, kernel_size = (3,3), padding='same'))
    model9.add(Activation('relu'))
    model9.add(BatchNormalization())
    model9.add(Conv2D(filters = 64, kernel_size = (3,3), padding='same'))
    model9.add(Activation('relu'))
    model9.add(BatchNormalization())
    model9.add(MaxPooling2D(2,2))
    model9.add(Dropout(0.3))
   model9 add(Conv2D(filters = 128 kernel size = (3 3) nadding='same'))
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   Epoch 49/50
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Epoch 50/50
                 196/196 [======
                     =========] - 6s 30ms/step - loss: 0.3061 - accuracy: 0.8912 - val_loss: 0.5716 - val_accuracy: 0.8271
    Test loss: 0.5716211795806885
    Test accuracy: 0.8270999789237976
```

Test Accuracy: 0.8270

Conclusion -

Thus, from all the simulations we have ran we find that the learning should not be too high or too low so that the model converges in the specified iterations without affecting the accuracy. Also, the batch size should also be just right so that we are able to capture most of the patterns within the dataset. Batch Normalization is required within the models so that we get better accuracy and also the dropout values should not be to high so that we train the model properly without overfitting to the training data.