

# ECE 601: Homework 5

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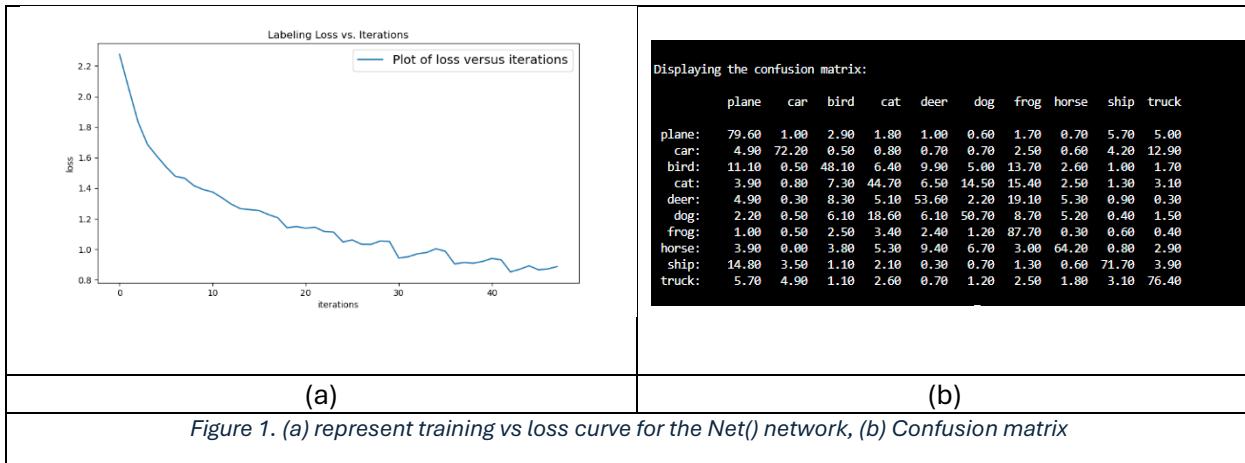
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## 2. Experimental Tasks and Analysis

### Task 1: Compare between Net, Net2, and Net3

Using Net and Net2 from ExperimentsWithCIFAR and comparing the results with the custom network Net3 which contains 8 convolution layers in terms of training vs loss curve, confusion matrix, and overall accuracy.

Net() network form ExperimentsWithCIFAR results:



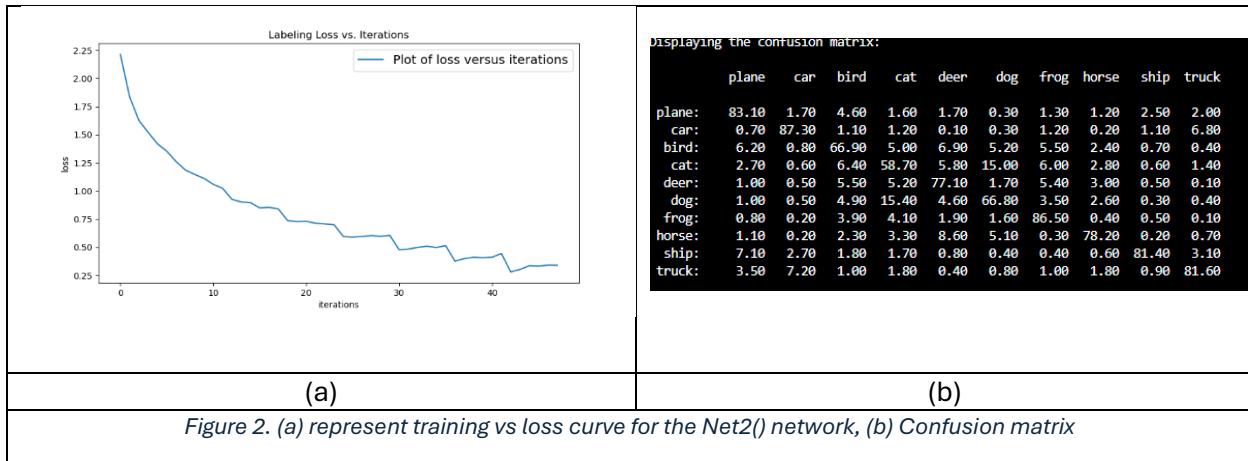


Figure 2. (a) represent training vs loss curve for the Net2() network, (b) Confusion matrix

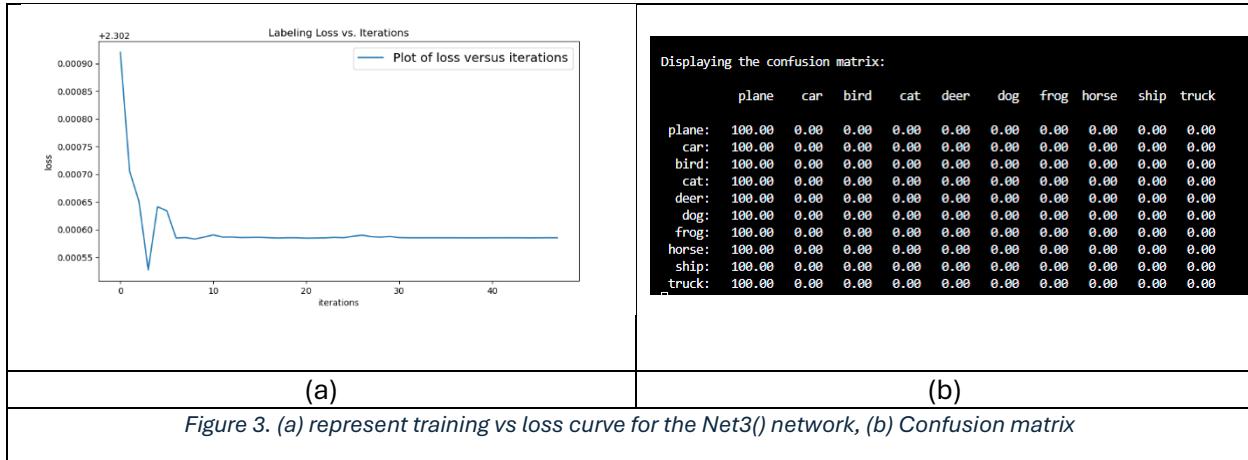


Figure 3. (a) represent training vs loss curve for the Net3() network, (b) Confusion matrix

Based on the results from figures 1-3 increasing the number of layers does not always give better results. As noticed when the number of layers increased from Net() to Net2() the loss value at the end is lower also the classification results are better based on the confusion matrix. But for Net3() which contain 8 layers, I got really good results till the 7<sup>th</sup> layer, but when I added the 8<sup>th</sup> layer the network always overfitted and gives only one dominant class as the result.

## Overall accuracy for each network

Network	Overall accuracy
Net()	64%
Net2()	76%
Net3()	10%

## Per class accuracy

Class	Net accuracy (%)	Net2 accuracy (%)	Net3 accuracy (%)
Plane	79	83	100
Car	72	87	0
Bird	48	66	0
Cat	44	58	0
Deer	53	77	0
Dog	50	66	0
Frog	87	86	0
Horse	64	78	0
Ship	71	81	0
Truck	76	81	0

## Discussion

The accuracy differences among the three networks stem from their architectural choices. **Net()** achieves 64% accuracy with a simple design of two convolutional layers, effective max pooling, and fully connected layers, providing a balance between depth and feature extraction. **Net2()**, at 76% accuracy, improves upon this by increasing the number of filters, using smaller kernel sizes for better feature extraction. In contrast, **Net3()** drastically underperforms at 10% due to excessive convolutional layers without sufficient pooling, leading to large feature maps that are difficult to process, vanishing gradients, and poor weight updates. Additionally, aggressive dropout may contribute to information loss, preventing the network from learning effectively. To improve **Net3()**, adding more pooling layers, reducing dropout, and incorporating batch normalization could help stabilize training and enhance accuracy.

Code used:

```
1. # %%
2. class CustomExperimentwithCIFAR(DLStudio.ExperimentsWithCIFAR):
3.     def __init__(self, dl_studio):
4.         super().__init__(dl_studio)
5.
6.     def Net3(self):
7.         class Net3(nn.Module):
8.             def __init__(self):
9.                 super().__init__()
10.
11.                # Convolutional Layers
12.                self.conv1 = nn.Conv2d(3, 32, kernel_size=3, stride=1,
13.                    padding=1)
14.                self.conv2 = nn.Conv2d(32, 64, kernel_size=3, stride=1,
15.                    padding=1)
16.                self.conv3 = nn.Conv2d(64, 64, kernel_size=3, stride=1,
17.                    padding=1)
18.                self.conv4 = nn.Conv2d(64, 128, kernel_size=3, stride=1,
19.                    padding=1)
20.                self.conv5 = nn.Conv2d(128, 256, kernel_size=3, stride=1,
21.                    padding=1)
22.                self.conv6 = nn.Conv2d(256, 256, kernel_size=3, stride=1,
23.                    padding=1)
24.                self.conv7 = nn.Conv2d(256, 256, kernel_size=3, stride=1,
25.                    padding=1)
26.                self.conv8 = nn.Conv2d(256, 512, kernel_size=3, stride=1,
27.                    padding=1)
28.
29.                # Pooling and Dropout Layers
30.                self.pool = nn.MaxPool2d(2, 2) # Reduce size after key
31.                layers
32.                self.dropout = nn.Dropout(0.2) # Regularization
33.
34.                # Fully Connected Layers
35.                self.fc1 = nn.Linear(512*2*2, 256)
36.                self.fc2 = nn.Linear(256, 10)
37.
38.            def forward(self, x):
39.                x = self.pool(F.relu(self.conv1(x))) # 1st conv + pool
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35.         x = F.relu(self.conv2(x))
36.
37.         x = self.pool(F.relu(self.conv3(x)))
38.         x = F.relu(self.conv4(x))
39.
40.         x = self.pool(F.relu(self.conv5(x)))
41.         x = F.relu(self.conv6(x))
42.
43.         x = self.pool(F.relu(self.conv7(x)))
44.         x = F.relu(self.conv8(x))
45.         # print(x.shape) # Add this before x.view()
46.         x = x.view(-1, 512*2*2)
47.
48.         x = F.relu(self.fc1(x))
49.         x = self.dropout(x) # Dropout applied after first FC
    layer
50.         x = F.relu(self.fc2(x))
51.
52.     return x
53.
54.
55.
56.     return Net3()
57.# exp_cifar = DLStudio.ExperimentsWithCIFAR( dl_studio = dls )
58.exp_cifar = CustomExperimentwithCIFAR( dl_studio = dls )
59.
60.#exp_cifar.load_cifar_10_dataset_with_augmentation()
61.exp_cifar.load_cifar_10_dataset()
62.
63.# model = exp_cifar.Net()
64.# model = exp_cifar.Net2() ## <<< Try this also but first
    comment out
65.                                ##      the above line.
66.model = exp_cifar.Net3()
67.
68.## display network properties
69.number_of_learnable_params = sum(p.numel() for p in model.parameters() if
    p.requires_grad)
70.print("\n\nThe number of learnable parameters in the model: %d" %
    number_of_learnable_params)
71.
72.exp_cifar.run_code_for_training(model, display_images=False)
73.
74.exp_cifar.run_code_for_testing(model, display_images=False)
75.

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