DO DEEP CONVOLUTIONAL NETS REALLY NEED TO BE DEEP (OR EVEN CONVOLUTIONAL)?

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Yes, apparently they do.

Prior research showed that shallow feed-forward nets sometimes can learn the complex functions previously learned by deep nets using a similar number of parameters as the deep models they mimic. We investigate if shallow models can learn to mimic the functions learned by deep *convolutional* models. We experiment with models with a varying number of convolutional layers trained to mimic a state-of-the-art ensemble of CIFAR-10 models. We are unable to train shallow models to have comparable accuracy to deep convolutional models. The student models do not have to be as deep as the teacher models, but they need multiple convolutional layers to learn functions of high accuracy.

1 INTRODUCTION

Early theoretical work on the representational capacity of neural nets proved that a network with a large enough single hidden layer of sigmoid units can approximate any decision boundary (Cybenko, 1989). Empirical work, however, suggests it is difficult to train shallow nets to be as accurate as deep nets. Dauphin and Bengio (2013) found it difficult to train high-accuracy, shallow nets on ImageNet. A study of deep convolutional nets suggests that for vision tasks deeper models are preferred under a parameter budget (Simonyan and Zisserman, 2014; He et al., 2015; Srivastava et al., 2015; Eigen et al., 2014). Seide et al. (2011) and Geras et al. (2015) showed that deeper models are more accurate in speech modeling. Romero et al. (2015) showed the accuracy of models with few parameters can be increased by training deeper, thinner nets (FitNets) to mimic wider nets.

Ba and Caruana (2014), however, demonstrated that shallow nets sometimes can learn the same functions as deep nets, even when restricted to the same number of parameters as the deep nets. They did this by first training state-of-the-art deep models, and then training shallow models to mimic the deep models. Surprisingly, and for reasons that are not well understood, the shallow models learned more accurate functions when trained to mimic the deep models than when trained on the original data that had been used to train the deep models. Remarkably, shallow models trained this way on the TIMIT speech recognition benchmark were as accurate as state-of-the-art deep models.

Although their deep teacher models used one convolutional layer, convolution is less important for speech recognition problems such as TIMIT than for other problems such as image recognition. Ba and Caruana (2014) also presented results on CIFAR-10 which showed that a shallow model could learn functions almost as accurate as deep convolutional nets. Unfortunately, their CIFAR-10 results are less convincing than those for TIMIT: they had to include at least one convolutional layer in the shallow model, the number of parameters in the shallow model was 30 times larger than the deep teacher models, and the shallow student model was several points less accurate than a teacher model that was itself less accurate than state-of-the-art models on CIFAR-10.

In this work we revisit the CIFAR-10 experiments in Ba and Caruana (2014). Unlike that work, here we compare shallow models to state-of-the-art deep convolutional models, restrict the number of parameters in the shallow models to be comparable to the number of parameters in the deep convolutional models, and use Bayesian hyperparameter optimization to insure models are trained as accurately as possible. See the Appendix for details of the methodology we used.

2 EMPIRICAL RESULTS

Table 1 summarizes results after Bayesian hyperparameter optimization for models trained on the original 0/1 hard CIFAR-10 labels. The table shows the accuracy of the best three deep convolutional models we trained on CIFAR-10, as well as the accuracy of an ensemble of 16 deep CNNs (and for comparison the accuracy of the ensemble trained by Ba and Caruana (2014)). The first four rows in Table 1 show models with increasing depth and correspond to the model architectures trained as students in Table 2, the key difference being the targets they are trained to (hard 0/1 targets in Table 1, soft teacher targets in Table 2). Comparing the accuracies of the models with 10 million parameters in both Tables we see that training student models to mimic the ensemble increases accuracy in every case. Gains are more pronounced for shallower models most likely due to the fact that their learnable internal representations do not naturally yield good generalization in this task.

Table 2 and Figure 1 show the results after Bayesian hyperparameter-optimization for convolutional mimic models of various depths (including a shallow model with no convolution). The student models are able to achieve accuracies previously unseen on CIFAR-10 for models with so few layers. Also, it is evident that a network without convolutional layers can not achieve competitive results compared to models that use convolution, even when allotted a large number of parameters (see the "convolutional gap" in Figure 1). Looking at the results for all models, we make two observations. First, student networks of the same architecture perform better when they contain more trainable parameters. Second, deeper student models clearly outperform shallower models. This can most easily be seen in Figure 1 which shows large gaps between architectures of different depths. We optimized layer widths for each convnet depth and number of trainable parameters, thus it is likely that there is no configuration of distributing filters and hidden units in shallow networks that are able to attain the performance of a well-designed deeper network with the same number of parameters. Performance seems to start to asymptote for models with three or more convolutional layers.

In summary, depth-constrained student models trained to mimic a high-accuracy ensemble of deep convolutional models perform better than similar models trained on the original hard targets (the "hard-target" gaps in Figure 1), student models need at least 3-4 convolutional layers to have high accuracy on CIFAR-10, shallow students with no convolutional layers perform poorly on CIFAR-10, and student models need at least 3-10M parameters to perform well. We are not able to compress deep convolutional models to *shallow* student models without significant loss of accuracy.

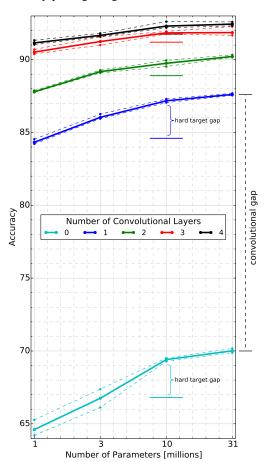


Figure 1: Accuracy of students trained to mimic the CIFAR10-ensemble. The average performance of the five best models of each hyperparameter-optimization experiment is shown, together with 'error bars' indicating the accuracy of the best and the fifth best model in each case. The short horizontal lines at 10M parameters are the accuracy of models trained without compression on the original 0/1 hard targets.

3 DISCUSSION

Although we are not able to train shallow models to be as accurate as deep models, the models we trained via distillation (Hinton et al., 2015) are, we believe, the most accurate models of their

architecture ever trained on CIFAR-10. The best model we trained with no convolutional layers achieved an accuracy of 70.2%. We believe this to be the most accurate shallow fully-connected model reported for CIFAR-10 (in comparison to 63.1% achieved by Le et al. (2013), 63.9% by Memisevic et al. (2015) and 64.3% by Geras and Sutton (2015)). Although this model can not compete with convolutional models, clearly distillation helps train models limited by architecture and number of parameters. Similarly, the student models we trained with 1, 2, 3, and 4 convolutional layers are, we believe, the most accurate convnets of those depths reported in the literature.

Interestingly, the mimic networks perform consistently worse when trained using dropout. This surprised us, and suggests that training student models on the soft-targets from a teacher provides significant regularization to the student models obviating the need for extra regularization methods such as dropout. Ba and Caruana (2014) also observed that student models did not seem to overfit.

Table 1: Accuracy on CIFAR-10 of shallow and deep models trained on the original 0-1 hard class labels using Bayesian optimization. Key: c, convolution layer; mp, max-pooling layer; fc, fully connected layer; lfc, linear bottleneck layer. The models with 1-4 convolutional layers at the top of the table are included for comparison with student models of similar architecture in Table 2. The last two models (*) are numbers reported by Ba and Caruana (2014).

Model	Architecture	# parameters	Accuracy
1 conv. layer	c-mp-lfc-fc	10M	84.6%
2 conv. layer	c-mp-c-mp-fc	10M	88.9%
3 conv. layer	c-mp-c-mp-c-mp-fc	10M	91.2%
4 conv. layer	c-mp-c-c-mp-c-mp-fc	10M	91.75%
Teacher CNN 1 st	$76c^2$ -mp-12 $6c^2$ -mp-14 $8c^4$ -mp-1200f c^2	5.3M	92.78%
Teacher CNN 2 nd	96c ² -mp-171c ² -mp-128c ⁴ -mp-512fc ²	2.5M	92.77%
Teacher CNN 3 rd	54c ² -mp-158c ² -mp-189c ⁴ -mp-1044fc ²	5.8M	92.67%
Ensemble of 16 CNNs	c^2 -mp- c^2 -mp- c^4 -mp- fc^2	83.4M	93.8%
Teacher CNN (*)	128c-mp-128c-mp-128c-mp-1k fc	2.1M	88.0%
Ensemble, 4 CNNs (*)	128c-mp-128c-mp-128c-mp-1k fc	8.6M	89.0%

Table 2: Student models with varying number of convolutional layers trained to mimic the ensemble of 16 deep convolutional CIFAR-10 models in Table 1. The highest accuracy student models have 3 - 4 convolutional layers and 10M - 31.6M parameters. The student model trained by Ba and Caruana (2014) is shown in the last line for comparison; it is less accurate and much larger than the student models we train that also have 1 convolutional layer.

	1 M	3.16 M	10 M	31.6 M	70 M
Bottleneck, 1 hidden layer	65.3%	67.4%	69.5%	70.2%	-
1 conv. layer, 1 max-pool, Bottleneck	84.5%	86.3%	87.3%	87.7%	-
2 conv. layers, 2 max-pool	87.9%	89.3%	90.0%	90.3%	-
3 conv. layers, 3 max-pool	90.7%	91.6%	91.9%	92.3%	-
4 conv. layers, 3 max-pool	91.3%	91.8%	92.6%	92.6%	-
SNN-ECNN-MIMIC-30k 128c-p-1200L-30k trained on ensemble (Ba and Caruana (2014))	_	_	_	_	85.8%

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4 APPENDIX (OPTIONAL MATERIAL)

4.1 MODEL COMPRESSION AND KNOWLEDGE DISTILLATION

The key idea behind model compression is to train a compact model to approximate the function learned by another larger, more complex model. Bucilu et al. (2006), showed how a single neural net of modest size could be trained to mimic a much larger ensemble. Although the *small* neural nets contained $1000 \times$ fewer parameters, often they were as accurate as the large ensembles they were trained to mimic.

Model compression works by passing unlabeled data through the large, accurate teacher model to collect the scores it predicts, and then training a student model to mimic these scores. Hinton et al. (2015) generalized the methods in Bucilu et al. (2006) and Ba and Caruana (2014) by incorporating a parameter to control the relative importance of the soft targets provided by the teacher model to the hard targets in the original training data, as well as a temperature parameter that regularizes learning by pushing targets towards the uniform distribution. Hinton et al. (2015) demonstrate that much of the knowledge passed from teacher to student is conveyed as *dark knowledge* contained in the relative scores (probabilities) of outputs corresponding to *other* classes, as opposed to the scores given to just the correct class.

Surprisingly, distillation often allows smaller and/or shallower models to be trained that are nearly as accurate as the larger, deeper models they are trained to mimic, but the small models are not as accurate when trained on the 1-hot hard targets in the original training set. The reason for this is not yet well understood. Similar methods have also successfully been used in speech recognition (e.g. Li et al. (2014); Geras et al. (2015); Chan et al. (2015)) and reinforcement learning (Parisotto et al., 2016; Rusu et al., 2016).

4.2 MIMIC LEARNING VIA L2 REGRESSION ON LOGITS

We train shallow mimic nets using data labeled by an ensemble of deep nets trained on the original CIFAR-10 training data. The deep models are trained in the usual way using softmax output and cross-entropy cost function. Following Ba and Caruana (2014), the student mimic models, instead of being trained with crossentropy on the ten p values where $p_k = e^{z_k} / \sum_j e^{z_j}$ output by the softmax layer from the deep model, are trained on the ten log probability values z (the logits) before the softmax activation. Training on the logarithms of predicted probabilities (logits), provides the *dark knowledge* that helps students by placing emphasis on the relationships learned by the teacher model across all of the outputs.

Following Ba and Caruana (2014), the student is trained as a regression problem given training data $\{(x^{(1)}, z^{(1)}), ..., (x^{(T)}, z^{(T)})\}$:

$$\mathcal{L}(W,\beta) = \frac{1}{2T} \sum_{t} ||g(x^{(t)};W,\beta) - z^{(t)}||_2^2,$$
(1)

where W is the weight matrix between input features x and hidden layer, β is the weights from hidden to output units, $g(x^{(t)}; W, \beta) = \beta f(Wx^{(t)})$ is the model prediction on the t^{th} training data point and $f(\cdot)$ is the non-linear activation of the hidden units.

4.3 USING A LINEAR BOTTLENECK TO SPEED UP TRAINING

A shallow net has to have more hidden units per layer to match the number of parameters in a deep net. Ba and Caruana (2014) found that training wide, shallow mimic models was slow, and introduced a linear bottleneck layer between the input and non-linear layers to speed learning. The bottleneck layer speeds learning by reducing the number of parameters that must be learned, but does not make the model deeper because the linear terms can be absorbed back into the non-linear weight matrix after learning. See their paper for details. To match their experiments we use linear bottlenecks when training student models with 0 or 1 convolutional layers, but did not find the linear bottlenecks necessary when training student models with more than 1 convolutional layers.

4.4 BAYESIAN HYPERPARAMETER OPTIMIZATION

The goal of this work is to determine empirically if shallow nets can be trained to be as accurate as deep convolutional models using a similar number of parameters in the deep and shallow models. If we succeed in training a shallow model to be as accurate as a deep convolutional model, this provides an existence proof that shallow models can represent and learn the complex functions learned by deep convolutional models. If, however, we fail to train shallow models to be as accurate as deep convolutional nets, we might fail only because we did not train the shallow nets well enough.

In all our experiments we employ Bayesian hyperparameter optimization using Gaussian process regression to insure that we thoroughly (and objectively) explore the hyperparameters that govern learning. The specific

implementation we use is Spearmint (Snoek et al., 2012). The hyperparameters we optimize with Bayesian optimization typically include the initial learning rate, momentum, scaling of the initially randomly distributed learnable parameters, scaling of the input and terms that determine the width of the network's layers (i.e. number of convolutional filters and neurons). See Sections 4.5, 4.7, 4.8, and Appendix 4.9 for details of which and how the hyperparameters are optimized for each architecture.

4.5 TRAINING DATA AND DATA AUGMENTATION

The CIFAR-10 Krizhevsky (2009) data set consists of a set of natural images from 10 different object classes: airplane, automobile, bird, cat, deer, dog, frog, horse, ship, truck. The dataset is a labeled subset of the 80 million tiny images dataset Torralba et al. (2008) and is divided into 50,000 train and 10,000 test images. Each image is 32x32 pixels in 3 color channels, yielding input vectors with 3072 dimensions. We prepared the data by subtracting the mean and dividing by the standard deviation of each image vector.

We employ the HSV-data augmentation technique as described by Snoek et al. (2015). Thus we shift hue, saturation and value by uniform random values: $\Delta_h \sim U(-D_h, D_h)$, $\Delta_s \sim U(-D_s, D_s)$, $\Delta_v \sim U(-D_v, D_v)$. Saturation and value values are scaled globally as follows: $a_s \sim U(\frac{1}{1+A_s}, 1+A_s)$, $a_v \sim U(\frac{1}{1+A_v}, 1+A_v)$. The five constants D_h, D_s, D_v, A_s, A_v are treated as additional hyperparameters in the Bayesian hyperparameter optimization procedure.

The input images are further scaled and jittered by cropping windows of size 24x24 up to 32x32 at random locations and then scaling them back to 32x32. The procedure is as follows: we sample an integer value $S \sim U(24, 32)$ and then a pair of integers $x, y \sim U(0, 32 - S)$. The transformed resulting image is $R = f_{\text{spline},3}(I[x:x+S,y:y+S])$ with I denoting the original image and $f_{\text{spline},3}$ denoting the 3rd order spline interpolation function that maps the 2D array back to 32x32 (applied to the three color channels in parallel).

All images also are mirrored left-right randomly with a probability of 0.5.

Because augmentation allows us to generate large training sets from the original 50,000 images, we are able to use the augmented data as the transfer set for model compression. No extra unlabeled data is required.

4.6 LEARNING-RATE SCHEDULE

We train all models using SGD with Nesterov momentum. The initial learning rate and momentum term are chosen by the Bayesian optimization procedure. The learning rate is reduced according to the evolution of the model's validation error. More specifically, it is halved if the validation error did not drop for ten epochs in a row. It is not reduced within the next eight epochs following a reduction step. Training ends if the error did not drop for 30 epochs in a row or if the learning rate was reduced by a factor of more than 2000 in total.

4.7 SUPER TEACHER: AN ENSEMBLE OF 16 DEEP CONVOLUTIONAL CIFAR-10 MODELS

One of the limitations of the CIFAR-10 experiments performed in Ba and Caruana (2014) is that the teacher models were not state-of-the-art. The best deep models they trained on CIFAR-10 had only 88% accuracy, and the ensemble of deep models they used as a teacher had only 89% accuracy. Their accuracies were not state-of-the-art because they did not use augmentation and because their deepest models had only three convolutional layers. Because our goal is to determine if shallow models can be as accurate as deep convolutional models, it is important that the deep models we compare to (and learn from) are as accurate as possible.

We train deep neural networks with eight convolutional layers, three intermittent max-pooling layers and two fully connected hidden layers (see Section 4.9). We include the size of these layers in the hyperparameter optimization, by allowing the first two convolutional layers to contain 32 to 96 filters each, the next two layers to contain 64 to 192 filters, and the last four convolutional layers to contain 128 to 384 filters. The two fully-connected hidden layers can contain from 512 to 1536 neurons. We parametrize these model-sizes by four scalars (the layers are grouped as 2-2-4) and include the scalars in the hyperparameter optimization. All teacher and student models are trained using Theano Bergstra et al. (2010), Bastien et al. (2012).

We optimize for eighteen hyperparameters overall: initial learning rate [0.01, 0.05], momentum [0.80, 0.91], l_2 -weight-decay $[5 \cdot 10^{-5}, 4 \cdot 10^{-4}]$, initialization [0.8, 1.35] which scales the initial weights of the CNN, four separate dropout rates and five constants controlling the HSV data augmentation and the four scaling constants controlling the networks' layer widths (cf. Section 4.9 for all details).

We trained 129 deep CNN models with spearmint. The best model obtained an accuracy of 92.8%, the fifth best achieved 92.65%. See Table 1 for the three best models.

We are able to construct a more accurate model on CIFAR-10 by forming an ensemble of multiple deep convolutional neural nets, each trained with different hyperparameters, and each seeing slightly different training data (as the augmentation parameters vary). We experimented with a number of ensembles of the many deep convnets we trained, using accuracy on the validation set to select the best combination. The final ensemble contained 16 deep convnets and had an accuracy of 94.0% on the validation set, and 93.8% on the final test set. We believe this is among the top published results for deep learning on CIFAR-10. We used this very accurate ensemble model as the teacher model to label the data then used to train the shallower student nets. As described in Section 4.2 the logits (log probability of the predicted values) from each CNN in the model are averaged, and the average logits are used as final regression targets to train the shallower student nets.

4.8 TRAINING SHALLOW STUDENT MODELS TO MIMIC AN ENSEMBLE OF DEEP CONVOLUTIONAL MODELS

We trained mimic nets with 1, 3.16¹, 10 and 31.6 million trainable parameters on the pre-computed augmented training data that was re-labeled by the ensemble (see Section 4.5). For each of the four sizes we trained one shallow fully-connected net containing only one layer of non-linear units (ReLU), and CNNs with 1, 2, 3 or 4 convolutional layers. The convolutional models also contain one hidden fully-connected ReLU layer. Models with zero or only one convolutional layer do contain an additional linear bottleneck layer to speed up learning (cf. Section 4.3). We did not need to use a bottleneck to speed up learning for the deeper models as the number of learnable parameters in naturally reduced by the max-pooling layers.

All student models make use of max-pooling and contain variable amounts of convolutional filters and hidden units. We implemented the constraints of fixed numbers of trainable parameters as follows: a scale factor (between zero and one) is assigned to each hidden layer with trainable weights. This factor controls the width of the layer it is assigned to, such that zero corresponds to the smallest allowed size and one to the largest allowed size, given the architecture of the model and the number of allotted parameters. The Bayesian optimization will then select the values of all but one of these factors, and the remaining factor is computed to match the target number of trainable parameters for the model as closely as possible. We use the factor that controls the number of neurons in the fully connected hidden layer as the dependent variable in all optimization runs, except in the single-convolutional-layer models where we chose the factor controlling the size of the linear bottleneck layer.

The hyperparameters optimized in the student models are: initial learning rate, momentum, scaling of the initially randomly distributed learnable parameters (see Glorot and Bengio (2010)), scaling of all pixel values of the input, and lastly the scale factors that control the width of all hidden and convolutional layers in the model. We intentionally do not optimize and do not make use of weight decay and dropout when training student models, as preliminary experiments clearly showed a negative impact for students with up to 40 million parameters. See Section 4.11 for all details on the individual architectures and the ranges for the hyperparameters.

4.9 DETAILS ON TRAINING TEACHER MODELS

Weights of trained nets are initialized as in Glorot and Bengio (2010). The models trained in Section 4.7 contain eight convolutional layers organized into three groups (2-2-4) and two fully connected hidden layers. The Bayesian hyperparameter optimization is given control over four constants C_1, C_2, C_3, H_1 all in the range [0, 1]. They are then linearly transformed to the actual number of filters / neurons in each layer. The hyperparameters for which ranges were not shown in Section 4.7 are: the four separate dropout rates (DOc₁, DOc₂, DOc₃, DOf) and the five constants D_h, D_s, D_v, A_s, A_v controlling the HSV data augmentation. The ranges we selected are DOc₁ \in [0.1, 0.3], DOc₂ \in [0.25, 0.35], DOc₃ \in [0.3, 0.44], DOf₁ \in [0.2, 0.65], DOf₂ \in [0.2, 0.65], $D_h \in$ [0.03, 0.11], $D_s \in$ [0.2, 0.3], $D_v \in$ [0.0, 0.2], $A_s \in$ [0.2, 0.3], $A_v \in$ [0.03, 0.2], partly guided by Snoek et al. (2015) and visual inspection of the resulting augmentations.

All convolutional filters in the model are sized 3×3 , max-pooling is applied over windows of 2×2 and we use ReLU units throughout all our models. We apply dropout after each max-pooling layer with the three rates DOc_1 , DOc_2 , DOc_3 and after each of the two fully connected layers with the same rate DOf.

4.10 VARYING DEPTH MODELS TRAINED ON CIFAR-10 0/1 HARD-TARGET LABELS

Models in the first four rows in Table 1 are trained similarly to those in Section 4.9, and are architecturally equivalent to the four convolutional student models shown in Table 2 with 10 million parameters. The following hyperparameters are optimized: initial learning rate [0.0015, 0.025], momentum [0.68, 0.97], layer-width constants $C_1, C_2 \in [0, 1]$ that control the number of filters or neurons and up to four dropout rates $DOc_1 \in [0.05, 0.4], DOc_2 \in [0.1, 0.6], DOc_3 \in [0.1, 0.7], DOf_1 \in [0.1, 0.7]$. Weight decay was set to $2 \cdot 10^{-4}$ and we used the same data augmentation settings as for the student models. We use 5×5 convolutional filters, one nonlinear hidden layer in each model and each max-pooling operation is followed by dropout with a separately optimized rate. We use 2×2 max-pooling except in the model with only one conv. layer where we apply 3×3 pooling as this seemed to boost performance and reduces the number of parameters.

 $^{^{1}3.16 \}approx \text{Sqrt}(10)$ falls halfway between 1 and 10 on log scale.

The number of filters and hidden units for the models have the following bounds:

1 conv. layer: 50 - 500 filters, 200 - 2000 hidden units, number of units in bottleneck is the dependent variable. 2 conv. layers: 50 - 500 filters, 100 - 400 filters, number of hidden units is the dependent variable.

3 conv. layers: 50 - 500 filters (first layer), 100 - 300 filters (second and third layer), number of hidden units is the dependent variable.

4 conv. layers: 50 - 300 filters (first two layers), 100 - 300 filters (third and fourth layers), number of hidden units is the dependent variable.

4.11 VARYING DEPTH MODELS TRAINED ON ENSEMBLE LABELS

Our student models have the same architecture as models in Section 4.10. The model without convolutional layers consists of one linear layer that acts as a bottleneck followed by a hidden layer of ReLU units. The following hyperparameters are optimized: initial learning rate [0.0013, 0.016], momentum [0.68, 0.97], input-scale $\in [0.8, 1.25]$, global initialization scale (after initialization) $\in [0.4, 2.0]$, layer-width constants $C_1, C_2 \in [0, 1]$ that control the number of filters or neurons. The exact ranges for the number of filters and implicitly resulting number of hidden units was chosen for all twenty optimization experiments independently, as architectures, number of units and number of parameters strongly interact.

The optimization bounds that we used are as follows:

No conv. layer (1M): 500 - 5000 hidden units, number of bottleneck-units is the dep. variable.

No conv. layer (3.1M): 1000 - 20000 hidden units, number of bottleneck-units is the dependent variable.

No conv. layer (10M): 1000 - 30000 hidden units, number of bottleneck-units is the dependent variable.

No conv. layer (31M): 5000 - 45000 hidden units, number of bottleneck-units is the dependent variable.

1 conv. layer (1M): 40 - 150 filters, 200 - 1600 hidden units, number of bottleneck-units is the dependent variable.

1 conv. layer (3.1M): 50 - 300 filters, 100 - 4000 hidden units, number of bottleneck-units is the dependent variable.

1 conv. layer (10M): 50 - 450 filters, 500 - 20000 hidden units, number of bottleneck-units is the dependent variable.

1 conv. layer (31M): 200 - 600 filters, 1000 - 41000 hidden units, number of bottleneck-units is the dependent variable.

2 conv. layers (1M): 20 - 120 filters (both conv. layers), number of hidden units is the dependent variable.

2 conv. layers (3.1M): 50 - 250 filters (both conv. layers), number of hidden units is the dependent variable.

2 conv. layers (10M): 50 - 350 filters (both conv. layers), number of hidden units is the dependent variable.

2 conv. layers (31M): 50 - 800 filters (both conv. layers), number of hidden units is the dependent variable.

3 conv. layers (1M): 20 - 110 filters (all conv. layers), number of hidden units is the dependent variable.

3 conv. layers (3.1M): 40 - 200 filters (all conv. layers), number of hidden units is the dependent variable. **3 conv. layers (10M):** 50 - 350 filters (all conv. layers), number of hidden units is the dependent variable.

3 conv. layers (31M): 50 - 650 filters (all conv. layers), number of hidden units is the dependent variable.

4 conv. layers (1M): 25 - 100 filters (first two layers), 25 - 100 filters (third and fourth layer), number of hidden units is the dependent variable.

4 conv. layers (3.1M): 50 - 150 filters (first two layers), 50 - 200 filters (third and fourth layer), number of hidden units is the dependent variable.

4 conv. layers (10M): 50 - 300 filters (first two layers), 50 - 350 filters (third and fourth layer), number of hidden units is the dependent variable.

4 conv. layers (31M): 50 - 500 filters (first two layers), 50 - 650 filters (third and fourth layer), number of hidden units is the dependent variable.