

Assignment 2 - Report

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Gradient Check

To check the gradient I computed for each layer the maximum of the absolute difference of the gradients, as in the equations below:

$$\begin{aligned} \max(|W_i - W_{i \text{ num}}|) \\ \max(|b_i - b_{i \text{ num}}|) \end{aligned}$$

Where \cdot_{num} represents the numerical computed value. The

Table 1: Maximum absolute difference between the computed gradients for the parameter of each layer (first column) for different network configuration. The lists like $[10, 10, 10]$ mean that there are 3 hidden nodes with 10 nodes each. For all the networks λ was set to 1.0.

Inner nodes \rightarrow	[50]	[20, 10]	[10, 10, 10]
W_1	7.01e-10	8.33e-10	6.71e-10
b_1	3.49e-10	2.33e-10	3.18e-10
W_2	5.51e-10	5.48e-10	4.97e-10
b_2	3.12e-10	2.86e-10	3.18e-10
W_3	-	4.58e-10	5.77e-10
b_3	-	3.05e-10	1.80e-10
W_4	-	-	4.90e-10
b_4	-	-	3.36e-10

Test Multi-Layer

As suggested on the instructions I created a network with 2 hidden layers of 50 neurons each. Then I trained it on 45000 samples and validate it on 5000. The parameters I used were the one stated in the instructions : $\eta_{min} = 1e-5$, $\eta_{max} = 1$, $n_s = 5 \cdot 450$ $\lambda = 0.0001$ (but I guess there was a typo, n_s

was supposed to be $n_s = 2 \cdot 450$).

The loss and the accuracy throughout the 2 cycles of training are shown in Figure 1. The accuracy I got on the test data is 50.17%.

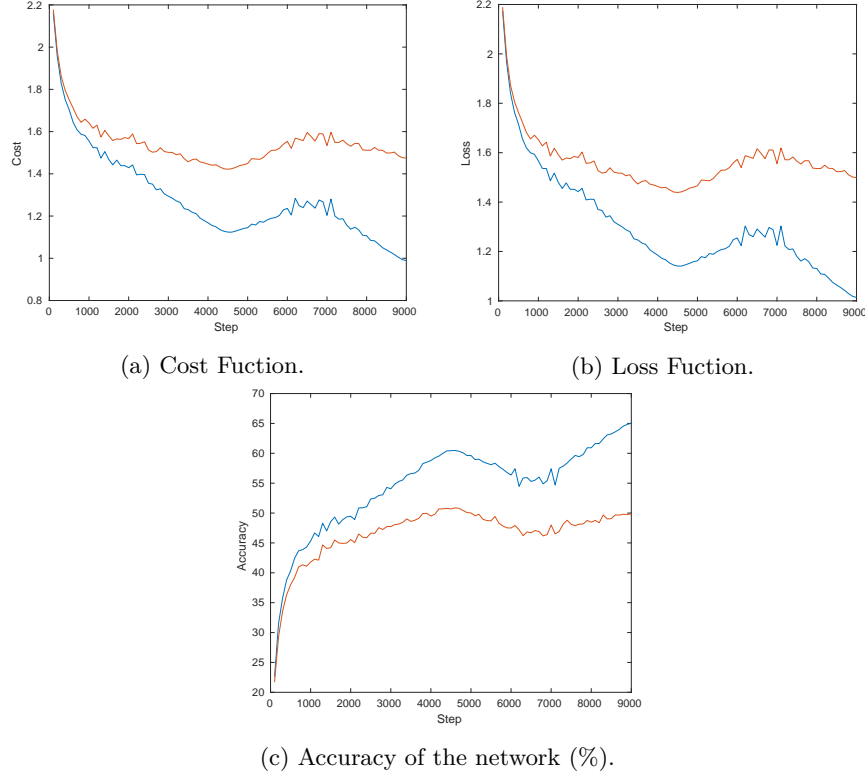


Figure 1: Training evolution of cost loss and accuracy on test and validation sets for the 2 layer network, with parameters $\eta_{min} = 1e-5$, $\eta_{max} = 1$, $n_s = 5 \cdot 450$, $\lambda = 0.0001$, run for 2 cycles.

Then I tested with the same hyperparameters the 9 layer network described by the sequence of hidden states $[50, 30, 20, 20, 10, 10, 10, 10]$. The performance I get is 48.75%. For completeness I also plot again in Figure 2 the cost, loss and accuracy.

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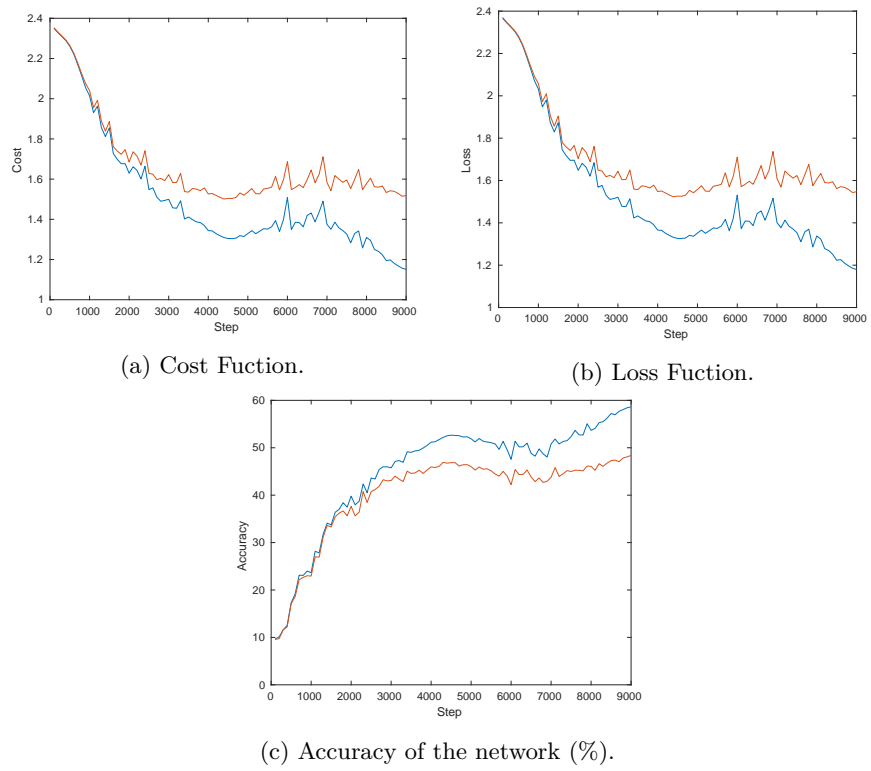


Figure 2: Training evolution of cost loss and accuracy for the 9-layer network.