

Neural Network with Hidden Layers

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1) Original training & validation accuracy (15 epochs; 0,0001 learning rate)

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epoch : 15  
training loss: 0.2168, acc 93.9333  
validation loss: 0.2143, validation acc 94.0300
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2) Best activation function for the first two hidden layers

```
[149] class Classifier(nn.Module):  
  
    def __init__(self, D_in, H1, H2, D_out):  
        super().__init__()  
        self.linear1 = nn.Linear(D_in, H1)  
        self.linear2 = nn.Linear(H1, H2)  
        self.linear3 = nn.Linear(H2, D_out)  
    def forward(self, x):  
        x = F.tanh(self.linear1(x))  
        x = F.tanh(self.linear2(x))  
        x = self.linear3(x)  
        return x
```

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epoch : 15  
training loss: 0.0818, acc 97.7067  
validation loss: 0.0938, validation acc 97.2700
```

3) Best number of hidden lay

```
class Classifier(nn.Module):  
  
    def __init__(self, D_in, H1, H2, H3, D_out):  
        super().__init__()  
        self.linear1 = nn.Linear(D_in, H1)  
        self.linear1_2 = nn.Linear(H1, H2)  
        self.linear2 = nn.Linear(H2, H3)  
        self.linear3 = nn.Linear(H3, D_out)  
    def forward(self, x):  
        x = F.relu(self.linear1(x))  
        x = F.relu(self.linear1_2(x))  
        x = F.relu(self.linear2(x))  
        x = self.linear3(x)  
        return x
```

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model = Classifier(784, 1024, 512, 128, 10)
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epoch : 15

training loss: 0.0256, acc 99.2417

validation loss: 0.0652, validation acc 98.0200

4) Reason for having training, validation and test dataset

Training set:

A set of data used to make the NN learn and fit the parameters to the dataset

Validation set:

A set of data used to prevent overfitting of the model to the training dataset in order to get a NN that works for in a general way.

Test set:

A set of data to assess the performance of a fully trained NN. After this assessment no further tuning of the model is necessary.

Why separate the datasets?

In order to get a higher accuracy and to prevent bias and overfitting