

EXERCISE DAY 3
CPDE SUMMER SCHOOL:
A PRACTICAL INTRODUCTION TO CONTROL, NUMERICS
AND MACHINE LEARNING

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Recall from the lecture that the training of a deep (residual) neural network can be viewed as an optimal control problem in which the cost function

$$(1) \quad J(\mathbf{V}, \mathbf{b}) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^I |\mathbf{x}^i(T) - \mathbf{y}_{\text{out}}^i|^2 + \frac{w_1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^I \int_0^T |\dot{\mathbf{x}}^i(t) - \mathbf{y}_{\text{out}}^i|^2 dt + \frac{w_2}{2} \int_0^T (\|\mathbf{V}(t)\|_F^2 + |\mathbf{b}(t)|^2) dt,$$

should be minimized subject to the dynamics (for $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, I$)

$$(2) \quad \mathbf{x}^i(0) = \mathbf{x}_{\text{in}}^i, \quad \dot{\mathbf{x}}^i(t) = \mathbf{V}(t)\sigma(\mathbf{x}^i(t) + \mathbf{b}(t)),$$

with $\mathbf{x}_{\text{in}}^i \in \mathbb{R}^N$. In this exercise we will explore the effectivity of the six different gradient-based algorithms discussed in the lecture.

Note: all files for this exercise work both in Matlab and Octave.

- a. Implement the gradient descent algorithm with a fixed step size (learning rate) $\beta = 0.1$ by completing the missing lines in `CPDESS_Exercise3`. Note that the function `NN_compute_gradients` is defined different as in the exercise for Day 2. It now takes both the batch size `batch_size` and the total size of the data set I as inputs. Before the code will work, you also need to complete the last two lines in `NN_compute_gradients` such that the batch size is used correctly. Note that for the deterministic algorithm considered in part a., `batch_size = I`.
- b. Implement the Stochastic Gradient Descent (SGD) algorithm (with batch size 1). Note that you can simply call `NN_compute_state` with $I = 1$ and the part of the initial condition

$$(3) \quad \mathbf{X}(0) = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}_{\text{in}}^1 \\ \mathbf{x}_{\text{in}}^2 \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{x}_{\text{in}}^I \end{bmatrix}.$$

corresponding to the selected data sample. For the computation of the adjoint state, you can call `NN_compute_adjoint` with $I = 1$ and the part of the final condition

$$(4) \quad \mathbf{Y}_{\text{out}} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{y}_{\text{out}}^1 \\ \mathbf{y}_{\text{out}}^2 \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{y}_{\text{out}}^I \end{bmatrix},$$

corresponding to the selected data sample.

- c. Implement the Stochastic Gradient Descent with mini batch size 4 based on the ideas from part b.
- d. Implement the momentum stochastic gradient descent (with batch size 1).
- e. Implement the ADAM algorithm for stochastic gradient descent (again with batch size 1).
- f. Compare the quality of the results and the required computational times for 100 epochs of training with the 6 considered algorithms. What do you observe?