MNIST Training for BNN

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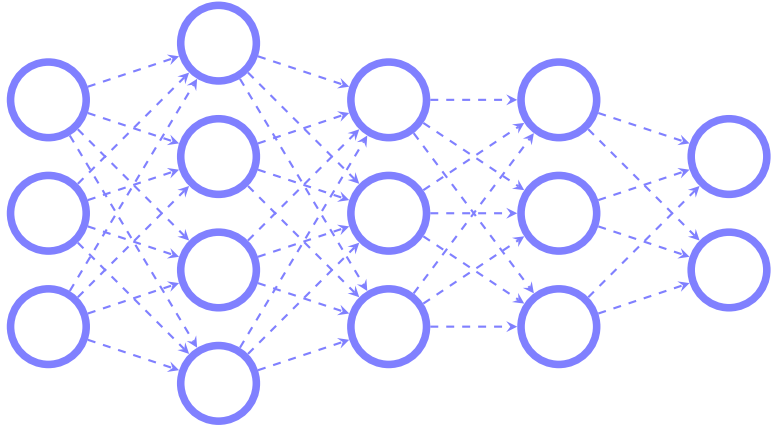

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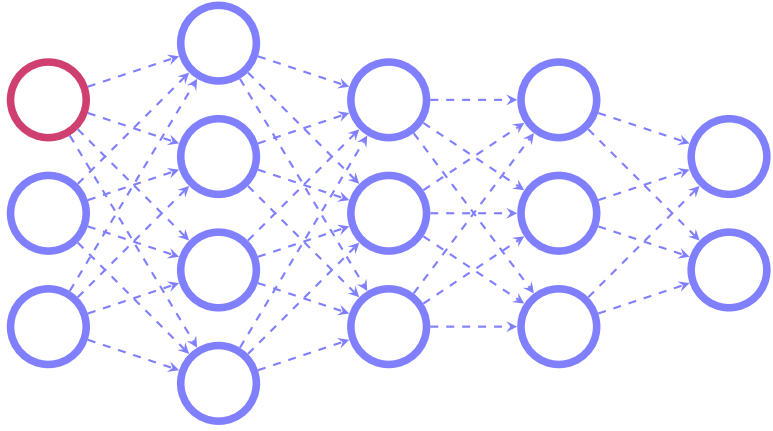

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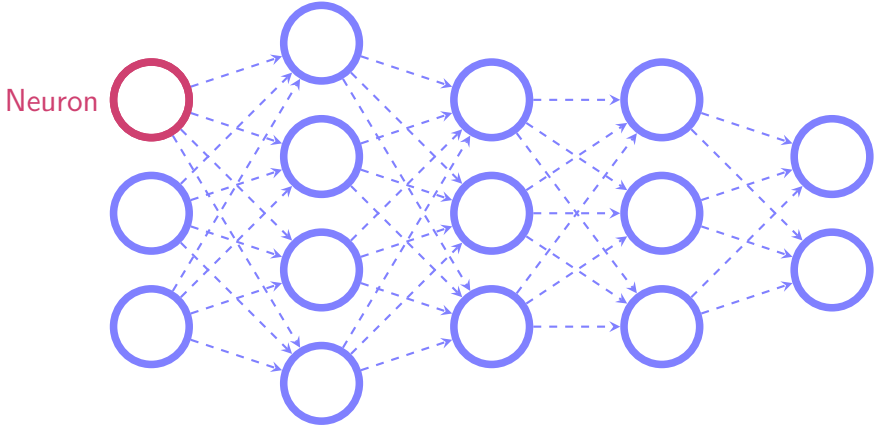

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- Semantics depend on class of layer

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- Three types:
  - Input layer: *Network input neurons*
  - Hidden layer: *Feature neurons*
  - Output layer: *Network output neurons*

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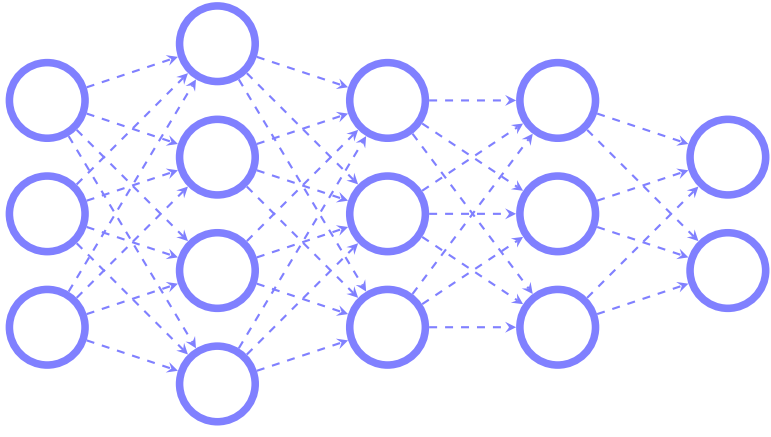

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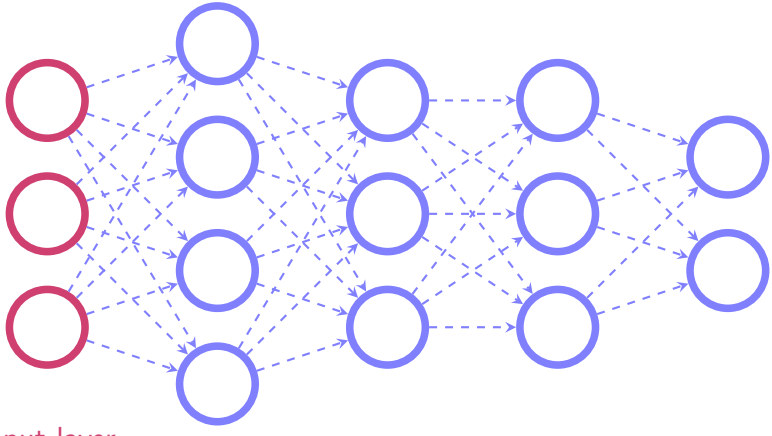

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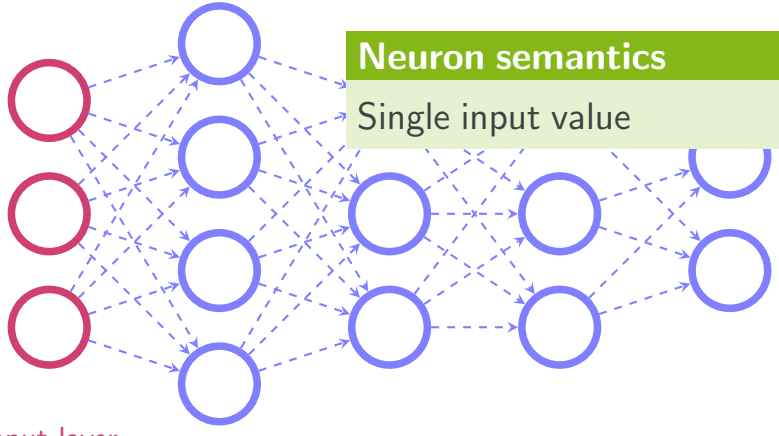

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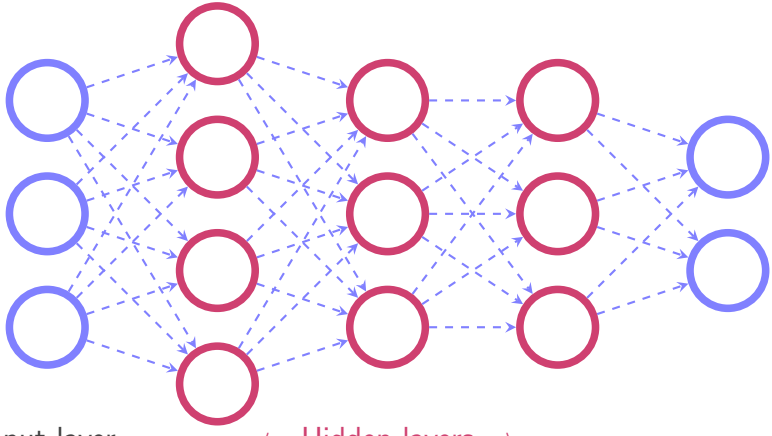

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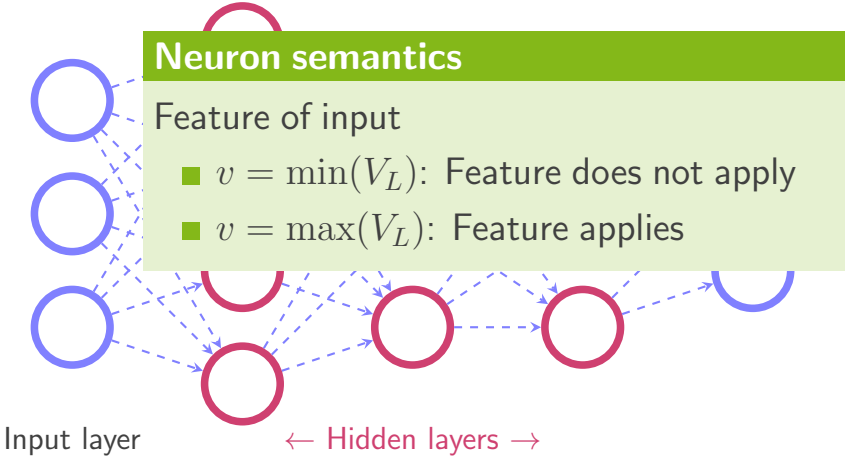

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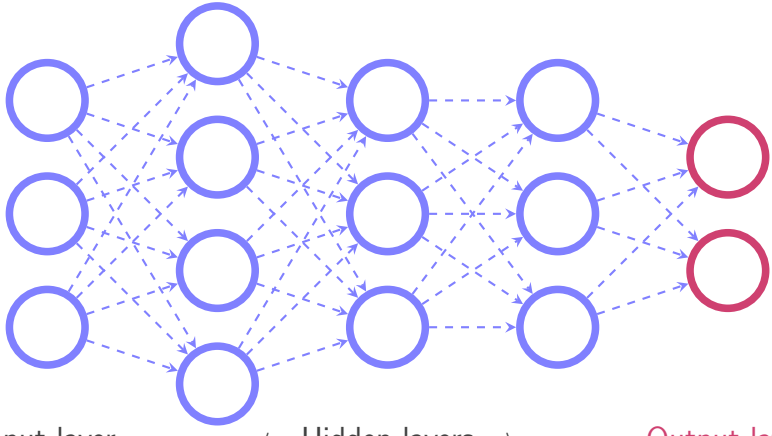

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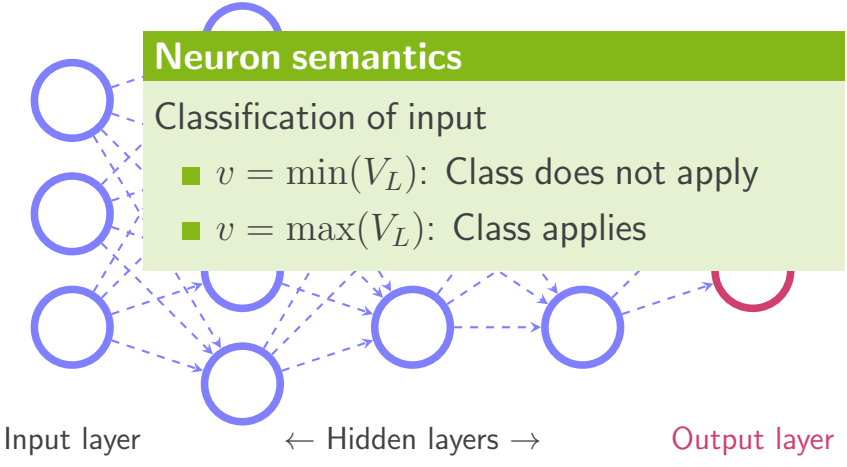

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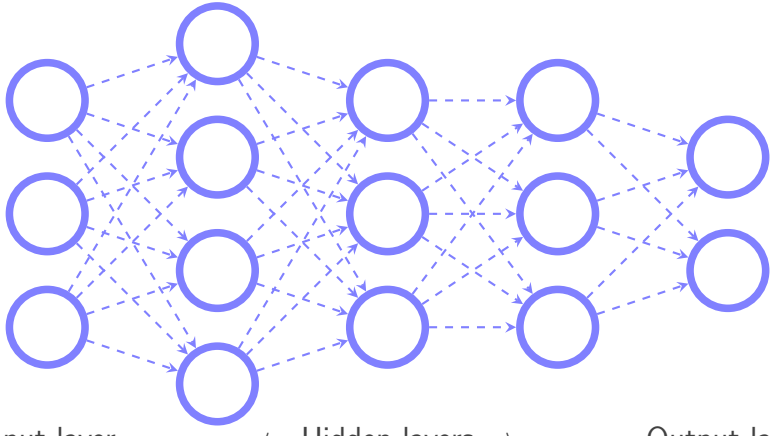

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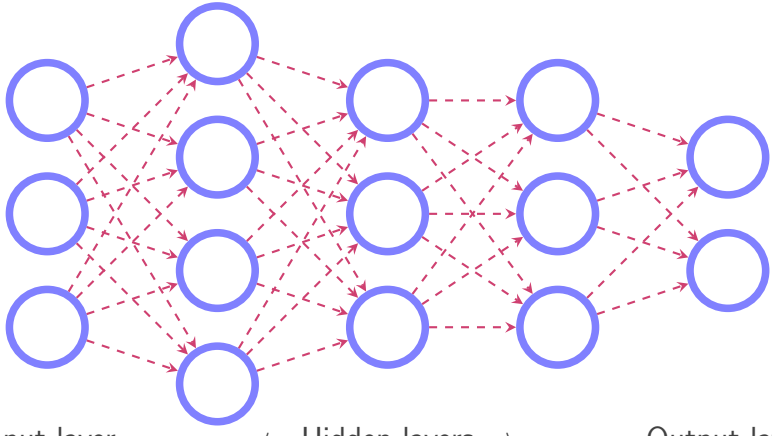

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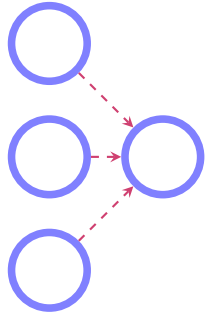

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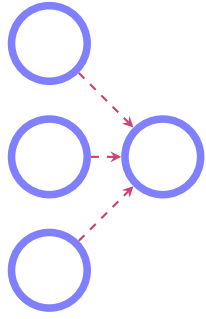

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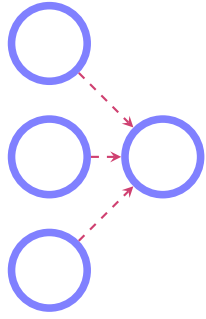

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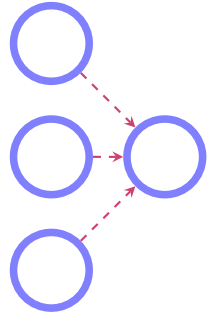

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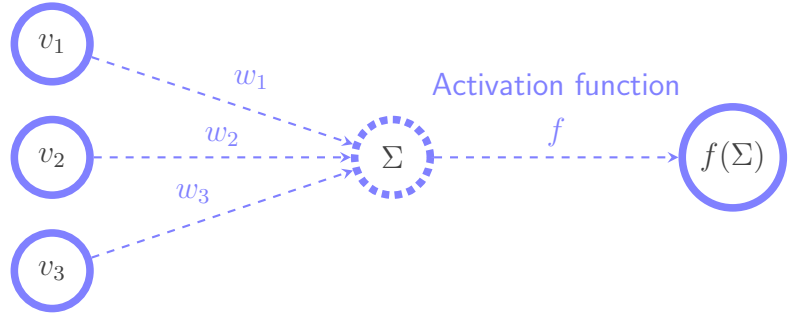

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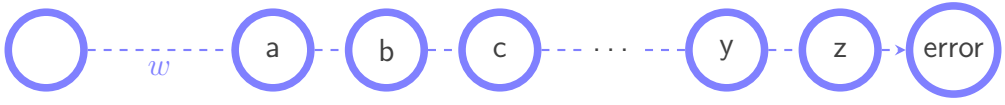

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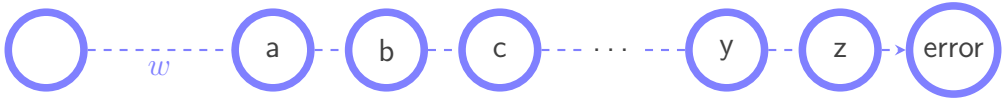


Chain rule

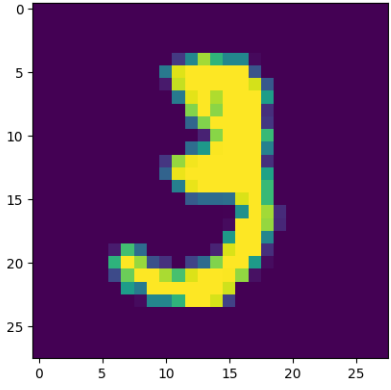
$$\frac{\delta \text{error}}{\delta w} = \frac{\delta a}{\delta w} \cdot \frac{\delta b}{\delta a} \cdot \frac{\delta c}{\delta b} \cdot \cdots \cdot \frac{\delta z}{\delta y} \cdot \frac{\delta \text{error}}{\delta z}$$

Our Goal

- Create a BNN in PyTorch

→ Keep an accuracy of at least 90%

- Image recognition on MNIST-Dataset
- Export trained BNN



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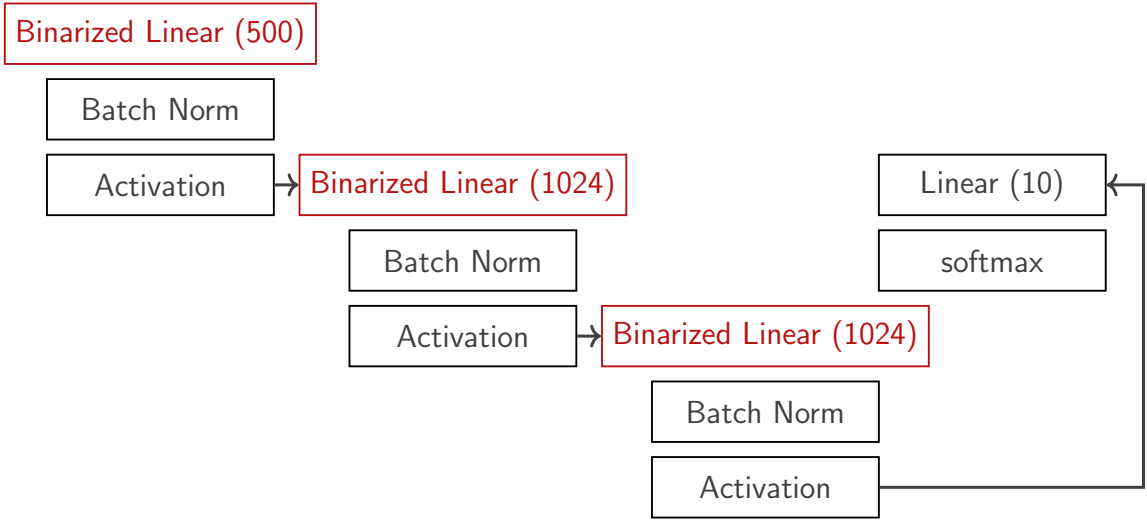
The Network


Binarized Linear (500)
Batch Norm
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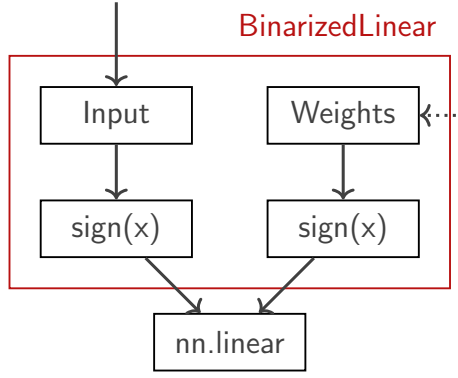
Linear (10)
softmax

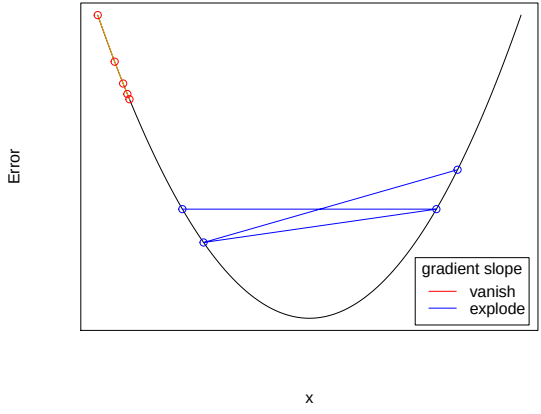
Binarisation of Linear Layer

- binarisation of weights
- binarisation of input data for hidden layers
- calculation through *nn.linear*



Batch Norm (BN)

- Batches = data calculated in parallel
- In NN
  - normalize batches
  - mean 0
  - standard derivation 1
- In BNN
  - prevent *expolding gradient*



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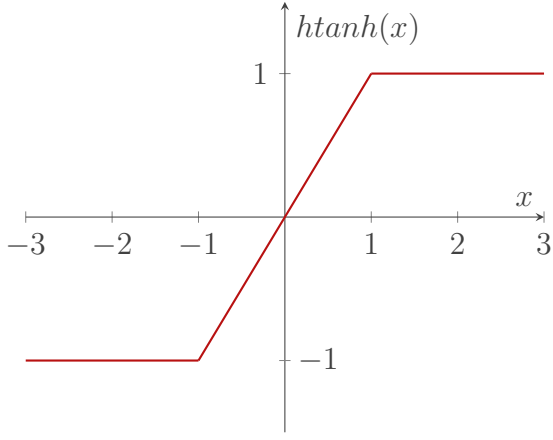
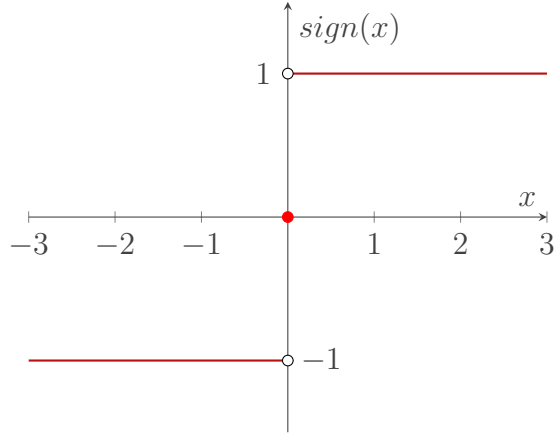
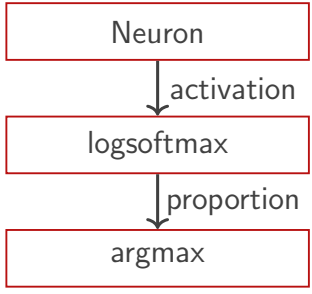




Evaluation of last layer

- normalisation of activation
- decision of the network

$$LogSoftmax(x_i) = log(\frac{e^{x_i}}{\sum_j e^{x_j}})$$



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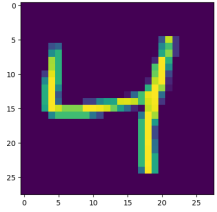
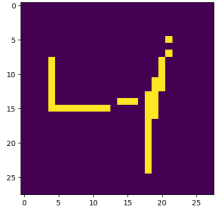
- Mapping 255 values to 0,1
- minimize accuracy losses
- 2 approaches
  - Threshold
  - Probability

Threshold-Binarization

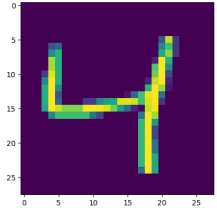
- define static threshold
- filter pixel-array via:
  pixel $>$ threshold

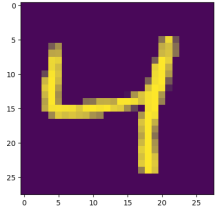




Probability-Binarization

- each pixelvalue dictates its prob for being 1
- binarize same trainingset multiple times
  - Run each epoche with all trainingsets





Comparison Threshold, Prob

- Threshold
  - Using integrated tensor-functions
  - 150ms per iteration
  - Convergence after approx. 100 epochs
- Probability
  - Iterate through tensor manually
  - 250ms per iteration
  - Convergence after approx. 20*30 iterations

Evaluating Accuracy-Loss

Run	Non-Binarized	threshold	prob
1	91.99%	89.24%	92.52%
2	91.99%	89.24%	91.82%
3	91.99%	89.24%	92.56%
4	91.99%	89.24%	91.02%
avg	**91.99%**	**89.24%**	**91.98%**

- 600 epochs for threshold, default
- 20 epochs, 30 trainingsets for prob

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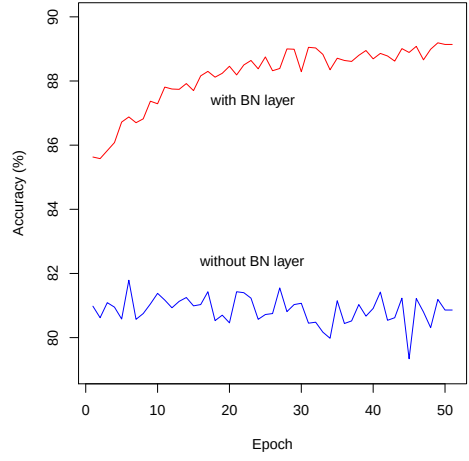
Consequences of linear layer binarisation

Run	binary	normal
1	**88.29**%	**97.43**%
2	87.32%	96.98%
3	87.19%	97.2%

- training for 50 epochs
- mean loss of 9,6%
- loss in granularity

Effect of Batch Norm

- 7.4% improved peak performance
- Less jitter with BN
- Reduced expolding gradient



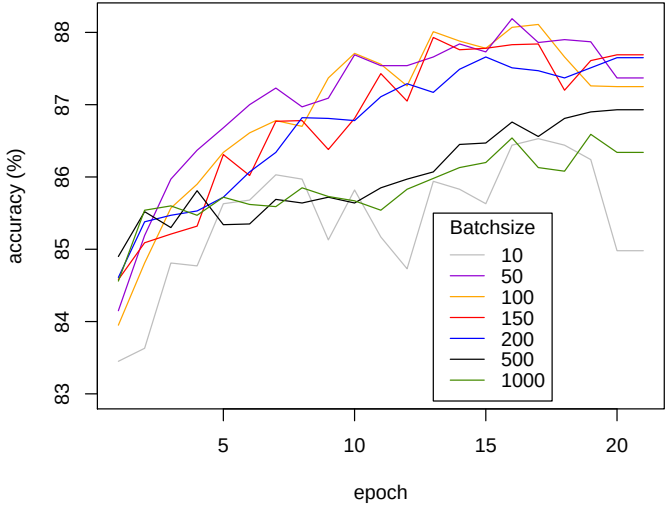
Parameter Analysis

Batch size

- frequency of error calculation
- normalisation though Batch Norm
- rate of parallelization

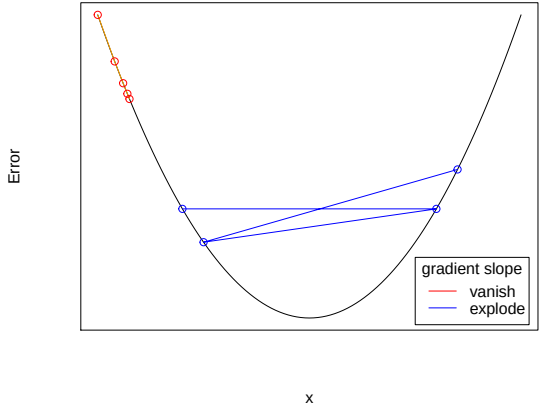
Batchsize	Time (s)
10	30,68
50	11,33
100	8,76
150	7,95
200	7,63
500	6,66
1000	6,39

Evaluation of Batch size



Learning rate

- higher value $\rightarrow$ more weights are updated
- balance between vanishing- and exploding gradient



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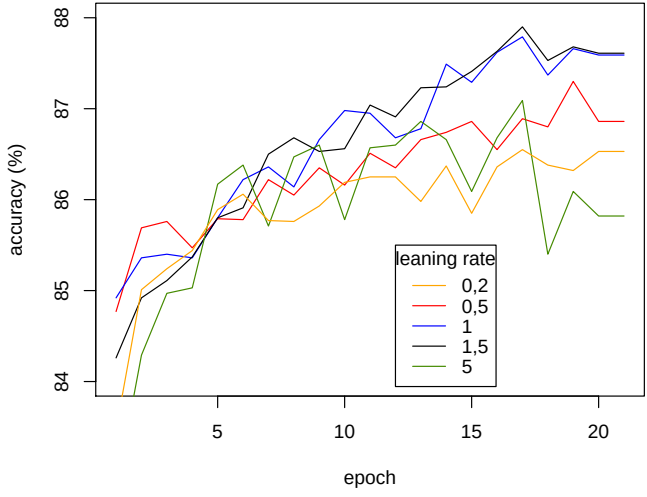

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