

Machine Learning Homework 1

A. Derive the forward and backward schemes for the Regression Problem

forward propagation: this question is a 3-layer MLP then $z = Wx$ and $y = Wz$ where z is the hidden layer, x is the input, W is the weight matrix, y is the output.
activation use Relu(if $x < 0$, then $x = 0$)
backward propagation: Gradient of Relu is if $x > 0$, $x = 1$; $x < 0$, $x = 0$, and the other function is same as teacher said
cost function: $\sum_i \|\hat{y}^i - y^i\|$

B. Prepare the house data set, and then do the preprocessing to the data

X_{train} using the housing data except column['RAD'] and column['MEDV'], and use StandardScaler() to normalize X_{train}
 y_{train} using the column['MEDV'], the processing of y is divide by 10, then the values of y will not be too large

C. Implement the 3-layer MLP

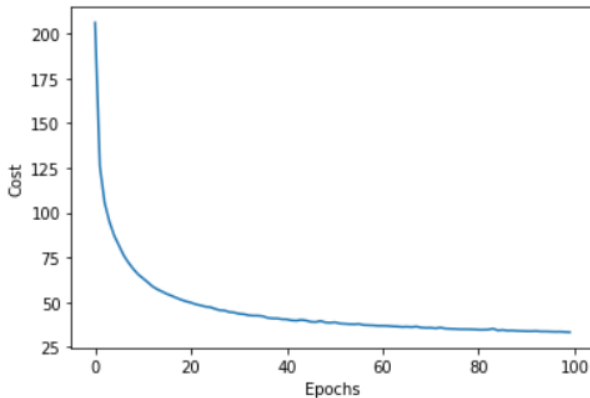


Fig. 1. cost of the 3-layer MLP

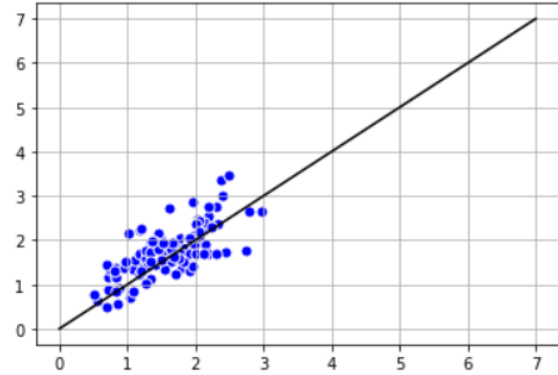


Fig. 2. similarity of y_{test} and y_{pred}

D. Implement the Xavier initialization

the original model's initial weight is a zero matrix. if adding the Xavier initialization, it will give the weight values such that the cost decrease faster

```
self.b_h = np.zeros(self.n_hidden)
self.w_h = np.random.randn(n_features, self.n_hidden) / np.sqrt(n_features)

# weights for hidden -> output
self.b_out = np.zeros(n_output)
self.w_out = np.random.randn(self.n_hidden, n_output) / np.sqrt(self.n_hidden)
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Fig. 3. Xavier initialization function

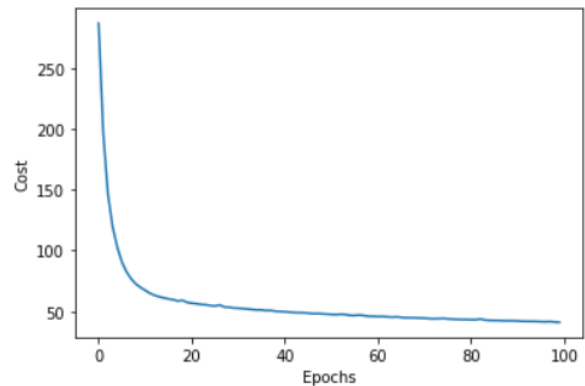


Fig. 4. cost of the 3-layer MLP with Xavier initialization

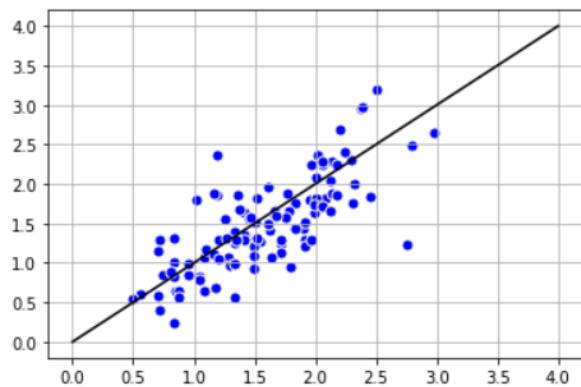


Fig. 5. similarity with Xavier initialization

E. Implement the Dropout

```
def _dropout(self, X):
    a = np.random.randint(2, size=X.shape)
    while np.array_equal(a, np.zeros(shape=X.shape)):
        a = np.random.randint(2, size=X.shape)
    return X*a
```

Fig. 6. Dropout function

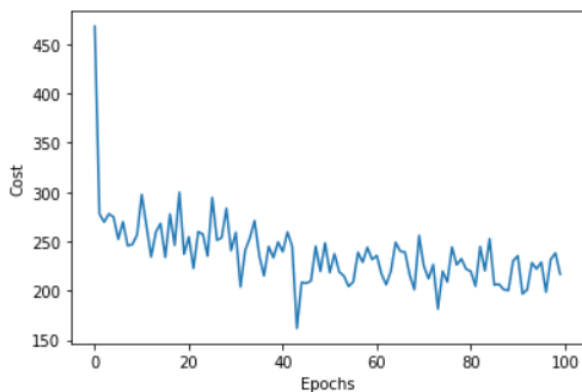


Fig. 7. cost of the 3-layer MLP with Dropout

F. Comparison

the original model is almost like the model with Xavier initialization, but the cost of the model with dropout is not continuously decrease. I think the reason is the dropout function i wrote. because it is randomly drop nodes, so if it drop too many nodes the cost will increase

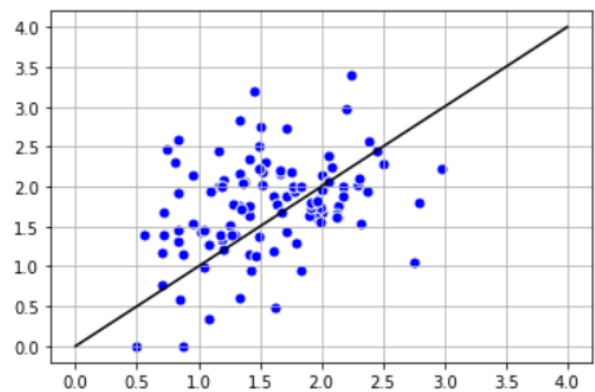


Fig. 8. similarity with Dropout