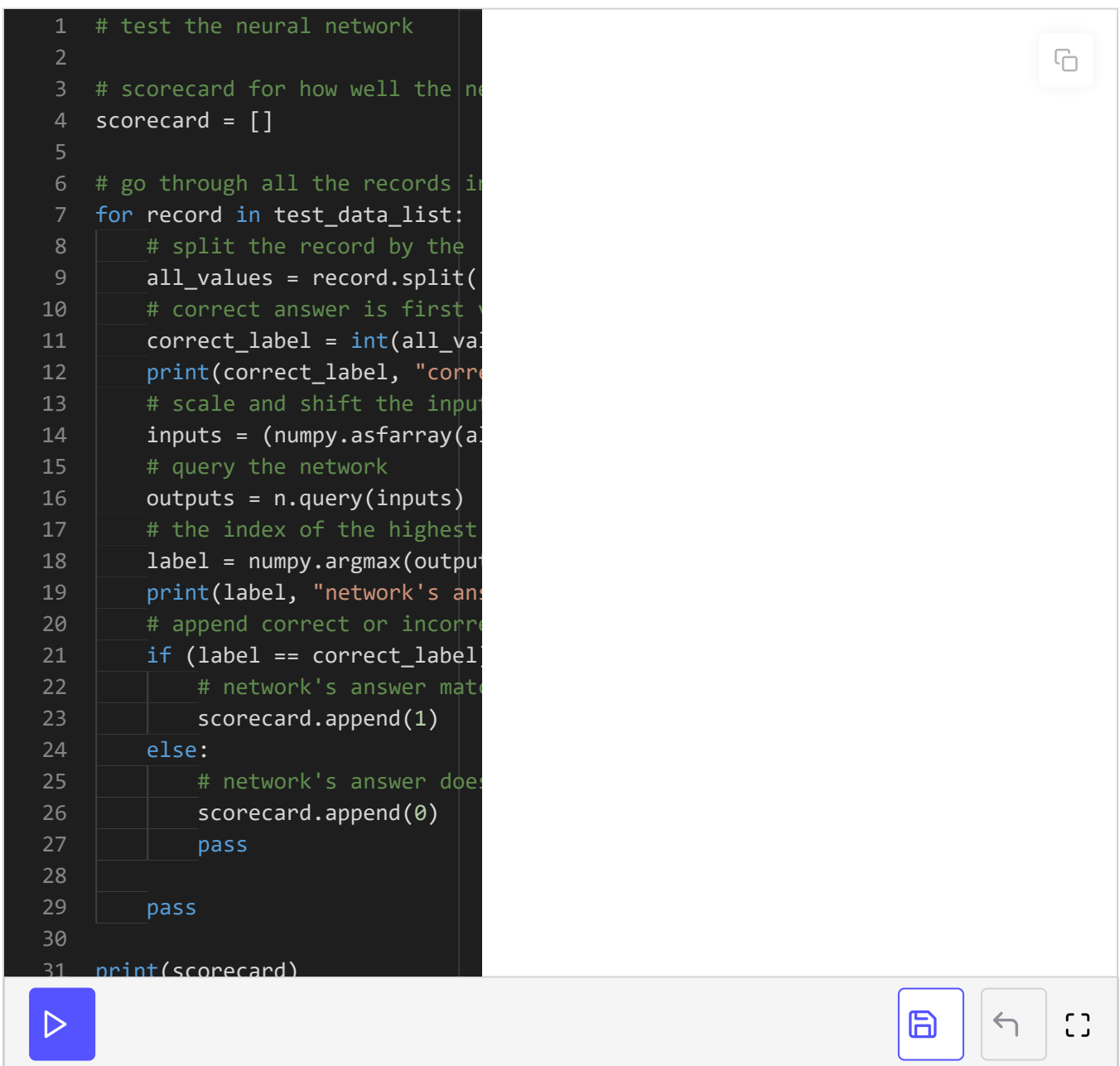


Updating the Neural Network Code...Again

In this lesson, we will be updating the code again with the additional work we have done so far.

Previously we added a simple code to work out the fraction of correct answers. Let's see what this updated code produces:

```
1 # test the neural network
2
3 # scorecard for how well the ne
4 scorecard = []
5
6 # go through all the records in
7 for record in test_data_list:
8     # split the record by the
9     all_values = record.split(
10     # correct answer is first v
11     correct_label = int(all_va
12     print(correct_label, "corre
13     # scale and shift the input
14     inputs = (numpy.asfarray(a
15     # query the network
16     outputs = n.query(inputs)
17     # the index of the highest
18     label = numpy.argmax(output
19     print(label, "network's ans
20     # append correct or incorre
21     if (label == correct_label)
22         # network's answer matc
23         scorecard.append(1)
24     else:
25         # network's answer does
26         scorecard.append(0)
27         pass
28
29     pass
30
31 print(scorecard)
```



Add all this new code we've just developed to test the neural network's performance to our main program. Change the file names so that you point to the full training data set of 60, 000 records, and the test data set of 10, 000 records. We previously saved those files as `mnist_dataset/mnist_train.csv`

records. We previously saved those files as `mnist_dataset/mnist_train.csv` and `mnist_dataset/mnist_test.csv` on GitHub.

Remember, you can get the Python notebook online at GitHub:

- https://github.com/makeyourownneuralnetwork/makeyourownneuralnetwork/blob/master/part2_neural_network_mnist_data.ipynb

The history of that code is also available on GitHub so you can see the code as it developed:

- https://github.com/makeyourownneuralnetwork/makeyourownneuralnetwork/commits/master/part2_neural_network_mnist_data.ipynb

The result of training our simple 3-layer neural network against the full 60,000 training examples, and then testing it against the 10,000 records, will give us an overall performance score of 0.9473. That is very very good. Almost 95 accurate! It is worth comparing this score of just under 95% accuracy against industry benchmarks recorded at <http://yann.lecun.com/exdb/mnist/>. We can see that we're better than some of the historic benchmarks, we are about the same performance as the simplest neural network approach listed there, which has a performance of 95.3%.

That's not bad at all. We should be very pleased that our very first go at a simple neural network achieves the kind of performance that a professional neural network researcher achieved. By the way, it shouldn't surprise you that crunching through 60,000 training examples, each requiring a set of feedforward calculations from 784 input nodes, through 100 hidden nodes, and also doing an error feedback and weight update, all take a while even for a fast modern home computer. My new laptop took about 2 minutes to get through the training loop. Yours may be quicker or slower.