Lab - 6: Report

Question 1) In the gradient descent learning code below, please complete the gradient computation by inputing the correct variables where there are question marks. We are using Tensorflow to automatically compute the gradient with GradientTape (tape) similar to how you were taught above, but to do supervised learning which tensorflow node do we compute the gradient of, and with regard to which variable? Please fill this in below (and in your lab report). If you get stuck, the slides on training models in the first ML lecture might be helpful.

Answer:

gradient = tape.gradient(loss, parameters)

Screenshot for the same is attached below,



Question 2) Show the math for why the first Dense layer has 100 480 parameters with these inputs and number of neurons. Remember, a neuron is just a non-linear transformation (e.g. sigmoid/ReLU) of a **linear model**, implying one parameter for each input dimension, + 1 for the line intercept/constant (also called neuron "bias" in NN slides from the first ML lecture).

Answer:

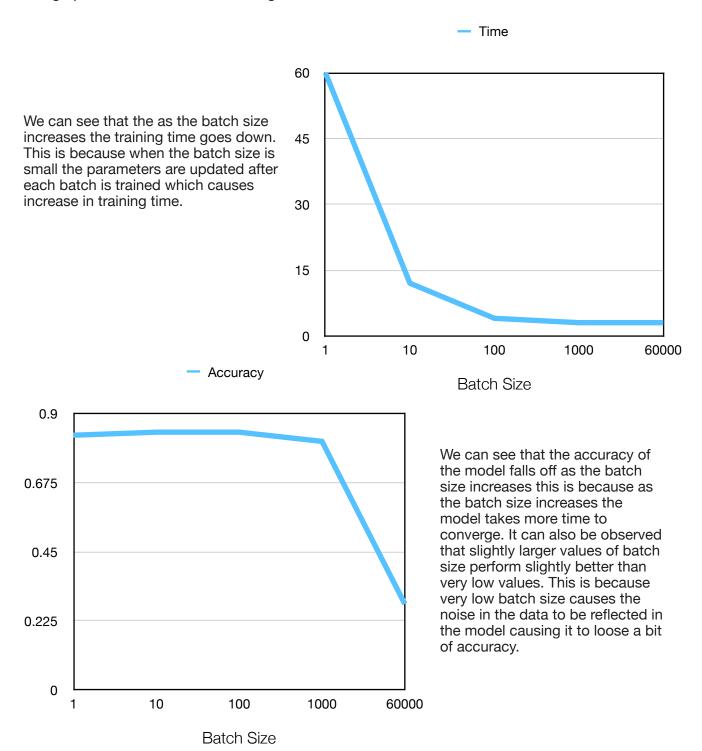
In the first dense layer the input has 784 elements so it will require 784 parameter corresponding to weights for each element and 1 parameter for bias. Hence total of 784+1=785 parameters are required for one neuron, since there are 128 neuron the total number of parameters = 128*785 = 100480.

Question 3 Here you will evaluate different mini-bach sizes for stochastic gradient descent (see the deep learning lecture). Please separately run the training code above with batch sizes of 1, 10, 100, 1000 and 60000. Write down the training times (you can use the first number in seconds, not the per sample time) and the training set accuracy reached, both in the first line of the output. This can randomly vary a bit between runs but it should give you an idea. In your lab report, plot both curves and reason about which batch size produced the most accuracy given the time spent, i.e. which batch size would be best to start the training with? You have to run the Reset All Parameters code above this one between your runs to always start over.

Answer:

Training with batch-size 1, Time taken = 1 minute; Accuracy = 0.83 Training with batch-size 10, Time taken = 12 seconds; Accuracy = 0.84 Training with batch-size 100, Time taken = 4 seconds; Accuracy = 0.84 Training with batch-size 1000, Time taken = 3 seconds; Accuracy = 0.81 Training with batch-size 60000, Time taken = 3 seconds; Accuracy = 0.28

The graphs for the obtained data are given below,



I think an intermediate value of 100 would be a good starting point this can be further tuned by considering it as a hyper-paramter during learning.