

## NEURAL NETWORK FOR MNIST

THE CLASSIFICATION IS THAT WE HAVE SOME GIVEN TRAINING SET  $T$  WITH

$$T = \{ (\vec{x}_1, y_1), \dots, (\vec{x}_n, y_n) \}$$

SUCH THAT  $x_i \in \mathbb{R}^N$  FOR SOME LARGE  $N$  AND  $y \in \{0, \dots, 9\}$ . IN THIS CASE, OUR TRAINING SET IS THE MNIST TRAINING SET SO  $\vec{x}_i \in \{0, 255\}^{784}$ . OUR GOAL IS TO FIND A CLASSIFIER  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  THAT

(1) ACHIEVES A HIGH ACCURACY (AT LEAST 90%) ON THE TRAINING SET

(2) GENERALIZES TO NEW EXAMPLES

IN THESE NOTES, WE DESCRIBE HOW TO FIND A CLASSIFIER BY DEFINING AN ENERGY / COST FN AND MINIMIZING THIS FN BY USING GRADIENT DESCENT. MOREOVER, OUR CLASSIFIER WILL BE A NEURAL NETWORK. / 1

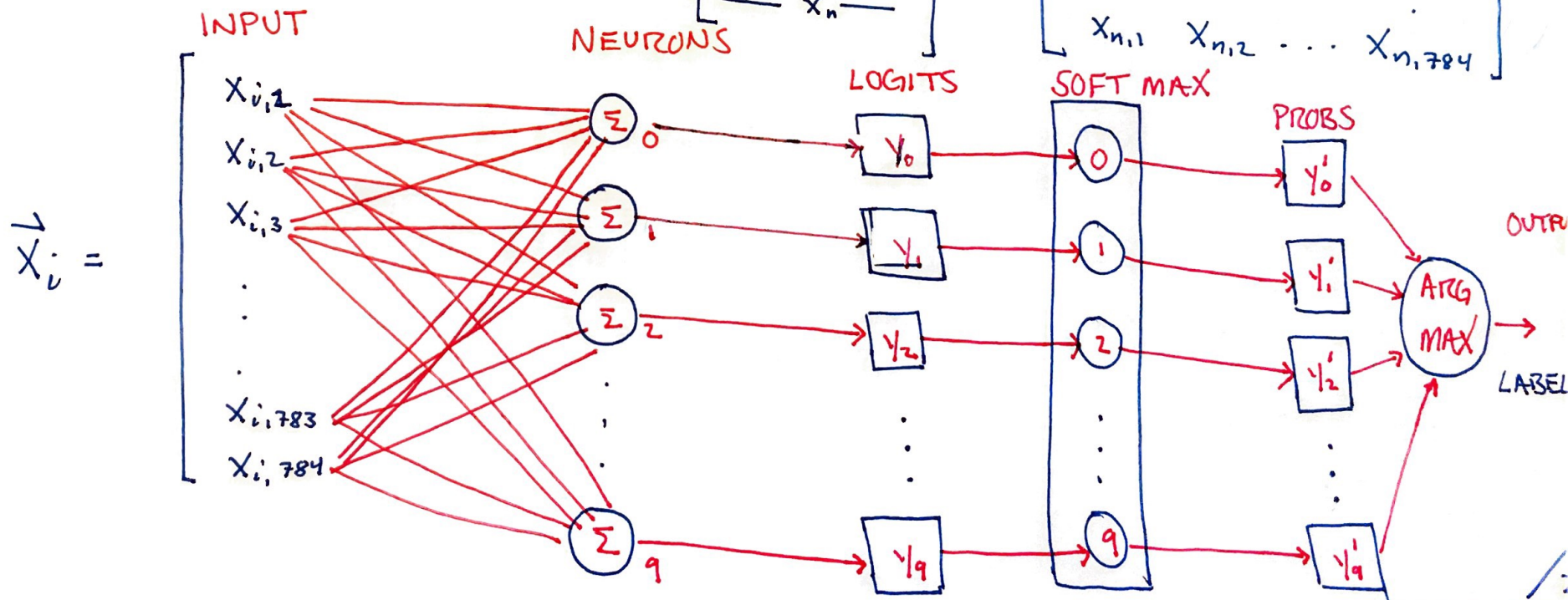
# (1) NETWORK ARCHITECTURE

FOR  $\forall$  EXAMPLE  $\vec{x}_i$  IN OUR TRAINING SET, WE CAN INDEX EACH ELEMENT OF THIS VECTOR BY

$$\vec{x}_i = [x_{i,1} \ x_{i,2} \ x_{i,3} \ \dots \ x_{i,784}]$$

NOTE: THE TRAINING EXAMPLES IN THE CODE ARE STORED LIKE THIS

$$\text{train\_im} = \begin{bmatrix} \vec{x}_1 \\ \vec{x}_2 \\ \vdots \\ \vec{x}_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_{1,1} & x_{1,2} & \dots & x_{1,784} \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ x_{n,1} & x_{n,2} & \dots & x_{n,784} \end{bmatrix}$$



## (2) ENERGY FUNCTION

LET  $E: \mathbb{R}^{10 \times 784} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$  BE AN ENERGY FUNCTION  
DEFINED BY

$$E(W) = -\sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^{10} \mathbb{1}_j(y_i) \ln p_j(\vec{x}_i) \quad (1)$$

WITH  $\mathbb{1}_j(y_i) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{IF } y_i = j \\ 0, & \text{ELSE} \end{cases}$  AND  $p_j(\vec{x}_i) = \frac{\exp(\langle \vec{x}_i, \vec{w}_j \rangle + b_j)}{\sum_{l=0}^9 \exp(\langle \vec{x}_i, \vec{w}_l \rangle + b_l)}$

SUCH THAT THE WGT VECTOR  $\vec{w}_j$  AND  $b_j$  CORRESPOND  
TO THE  $j^{\text{th}}$  NEURON IN THE NETWORK. WE CAN  
APPROXIMATE THE MINIMUM OF THIS FUNCTION  
BY USING GRADIENT DESCENT. THIS MEANS  
THAT WE NEED TO COMPUTE THE GRADIENT  
OF OUR ENERGY FN IN (1).



### (3) COMPUTE PARTIAL DERIVATIVES

IN THIS CASE, OUR WEIGHT VECTOR IS A MATRIX, WHERE EACH ROW IS THE SET OF WGTs CORRESPONDING TO A NEURON IN OUR NETWORK.

$$W = \begin{bmatrix} \text{---} \vec{w}_0 \text{---} \\ \text{---} \vec{w}_1 \text{---} \\ \vdots \\ \text{---} \vec{w}_q \text{---} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} w_{0,1} & w_{0,2} & \dots & w_{0,784} \\ w_{1,1} & w_{1,2} & \dots & w_{1,784} \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ w_{q,1} & w_{q,2} & \dots & w_{q,784} \end{bmatrix}$$

THIS MEANS THAT  $\nabla E$  IS A MATRIX OF PARTIAL DERIVATIVES

$$\nabla E = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial E}{\partial w_{0,1}} & \frac{\partial E}{\partial w_{0,2}} & \dots & \frac{\partial E}{\partial w_{0,784}} \\ \frac{\partial E}{\partial w_{1,1}} & \frac{\partial E}{\partial w_{1,2}} & \dots & \frac{\partial E}{\partial w_{1,784}} \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial E}{\partial w_{q,1}} & \frac{\partial E}{\partial w_{q,2}} & \dots & \frac{\partial E}{\partial w_{q,784}} \end{bmatrix}$$

FOR  $\forall$  ENTRY  $w_{j,k}$  IN THE MATRIX  $W$ , LET'S COMPUTE THE CORRESPONDING PARTIAL DERIVATIVE

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{\partial E}{\partial w_{j,k}}(\vec{w}) &= \frac{\partial}{\partial w_{j,k}} \left( - \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=0}^q \mathbb{1}_j(y_i) \ln p_j(\vec{x}_i) \right) \\
 &= \frac{\partial}{\partial w_{j,k}} \left( - \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=0}^q \mathbb{1}_j(y_i) \ln \frac{\exp(\langle \vec{x}_i, \vec{w}_j \rangle + b_j)}{\sum_{\ell=0}^q \exp(\langle \vec{x}_i, \vec{w}_\ell \rangle + b_\ell)} \right) \\
 &= \frac{\partial}{\partial w_{j,k}} \left( - \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=0}^q \mathbb{1}_j(y_i) \left( \ln \exp(\langle \vec{x}_i, \vec{w}_j \rangle + b_j) - \ln \sum_{\ell=0}^q \exp(\langle \vec{x}_i, \vec{w}_\ell \rangle + b_\ell) \right) \right) \\
 &= \frac{\partial}{\partial w_{j,k}} \left( - \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=0}^q \mathbb{1}_j(y_i) \left( \langle \vec{x}_i, \vec{w}_j \rangle + b_j - \ln \sum_{\ell=0}^q \exp(\langle \vec{x}_i, \vec{w}_\ell \rangle + b_\ell) \right) \right) \\
 &= - \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{1}_j(y_i) \left( x_{i,k} - x_{i,k} \frac{\exp(\langle \vec{x}_i, \vec{w}_j \rangle + b_j)}{\sum_{\ell=0}^q \exp(\langle \vec{x}_i, \vec{w}_\ell \rangle + b_\ell)} \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$= - \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{1}_j(y_i) x_{i,k} (1 - p_j(\vec{x}_i))$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial E}{\partial w_{j,k}}(\vec{w}) = \begin{cases} x_{i,k} (1 - p_j(\vec{x}_i)), & \text{IF } y_i = j \\ x_{i,k} p_j(\vec{x}_i), & \text{IF } y_i \neq j \end{cases}$$

NOW WE NEED TO TAKE PARTIAL DERIVATIVE  
WRT  $b_j$ , BUT ~~THIS~~ A I'LL JUST GIVE IT TO  
YOU WITHOUT GOING THROUGH ALL THE WORK.

$$\frac{\partial E}{\partial b_j}(\vec{w}) = \begin{cases} -(1 - p_j(\vec{x}_i)), & \text{IF } y_i = j \\ -p_j(\vec{x}_i), & \text{ELSE} \end{cases}$$

NOW WE HAVE THE KEY INGREDIENT TO DO  
GRADIENT DESCENT. SO LET'S GO THROUGH THE  
PSEUDO-CODE.

## (4) PSEUDO CODE

### # INITIALIZATIONS

- STEP_SIZE	}	FOR GRADIENT DESCENT
- WGT_MAT		
- BIAS		
- MAX_ITER	}	USED TO DETERMINE WHEN TO TERMINATE GRADIENT DESCENT
- EPSILON		
- ITER		

### # TRAIN NEURAL NETWORK

While iter < max\_iter:

num\_mistakes = 0

(1) for  $i$  in range(len(train\_1bs)):

$x_i \sim$  EXAMPLE IN TRAINING SET

# FORWARD PASS

LOGITS =  $\text{WGT\_MAT} * x_i + \text{BIAS}$

NORM\_FACTOR =  $\text{sum}(\exp(\text{LOGITS}))$

PROBS =  $\exp(\text{LOGITS}) / \text{NORM\_FACTOR}$

nn\_LABEL =  $\text{argmax}(\text{PROBS})$

IF  $nn\_LABEL \neq y_i$

NUM\_MISTAKES += 1

$COST[i] = COST[i] + -\log( PROBS[y_i] )$

# BACKWARD PASS

for  $j$  in range(9)

if  $j == y_i$ :

$WGT\_MAT[j, 0:783] = WGT\_MAT[j, 0:783]$   
+ UPDATE BIAS

else:

-  $STEP\_SIZE \cdot \vec{x}_i (1 - PROBS[j])$

$WGT\_MAT[j, 0:783] = WGT\_MAT[j, 0:783] -$   
 $STEP\_SIZE \cdot \vec{x}_i PROBS[j]$

+ UPDATE BIAS

\* THEN WHEN YOU EXIT FOR LOOP (1)

CHECK IF YOU NEED TO DECREASE STEP  
SIZE AND CHECK THE STOPPING CRITERIA.