



Machine Learning

LABORATORY: Deep Neural Network

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Objectives:

- Understand and implement the forward pass of a neural network using matrix operations.
- Apply activation functions based on textbook equations to non-linearize the model.
- Use softmax and cross-entropy loss for multi-class classification tasks.
- Experiment with different layer configurations to observe the effect on model accuracy.
- Evaluate classifier performance using confusion matrix, ROC, and standard metrics (precision, recall, accuracy, F1-score).

Part 1. Instruction

- In this assignment, you will build a multilayer feedforward neural network using **only NumPy and Matplotlib** to solve a **multi-class classification** problem on the **MNIST dataset**. You **must** use the **dataset provided by the TA**. Use only **NumPy** for matrix operations and **Matplotlib/Seaborn** for plotting. Implement the forward pass only, without backpropagation.
- Follow the arithmetic instructions and code template provided in Part 3 of this lab. Evaluate your model using accuracy, confusion matrix, and ROC curves.
- You need to try experiment with different activation functions and network structures to **improve your model's performance**.

Part 2. Arithmetic Instructions.

Step	Procedure
1	Activation Function- Refer to equation 6.14 – 6.18
2	Multilayer Feedforward <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refer to Equation 6.7-6.9 • Equation 6.19:
3	Cross Entropy and one-hot encoding – Equation 6.36:
$z^{(l)} = h^{(l)}(W^{(l)}z^{(l-1)})$ $E(\mathbf{w}) = - \sum_{n=1}^N \sum_{k=1}^K t_{kn} \ln y_k(\mathbf{x}_n, \mathbf{w})$	
SoftMax Function – Equation 6.37:	
$y_k(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{w}) = \frac{\exp(a_k(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{w}))}{\sum_j \exp(a_j(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{w}))}$	
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Part 3. Data Transfer Instructions.

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1	<pre> #Load Dataset import numpy as np import matplotlib.pyplot as plt import seaborn as sns import struct import pandas as pd # === Step 1: Load MNIST Dataset === def load_mnist_images(filename): with open(filename, 'rb') as f: _, num, rows, cols = struct.unpack(">III", f.read(16)) images = np.frombuffer(f.read(), dtype=np.uint8).reshape(num, rows * cols) return images / 255.0 def load_mnist_labels(filename): with open(filename, 'rb') as f: _, num = struct.unpack(">II", f.read(8)) labels = np.frombuffer(f.read(), dtype=np.uint8) return labels # Students can experiment to modify number of Train X_train = load_mnist_images("train-images.idx3-ubyte")[0:500] y_train = load_mnist_labels("train-labels.idx1-ubyte")[0:500] X_test = load_mnist_images("t10k-images.idx3-ubyte")[0:200] y_test = load_mnist_labels("t10k-labels.idx1-ubyte")[0:200] </pre>
2	<pre> # === Step 2: Activation Functions (Refer to Eq. 6.14 - 6.18) === def relu(x): return None def tanh(x): return None def softplus(x): return None def leaky_relu(x, alpha=0.1): return None def one_hot(y, num_classes=10): # Refer to Equation 6.36 return None def cross_entropy(y_pred, y_true): # Refer to Equation 6.36 return None def softmax(a): # Refer to Equation 6.37 return None def forward_pass(X, weights, activations): # Forward Pass (Eq. 6.19) === return None </pre>
3	<pre> # === Step 3: Training Loop === # Students can experiment to modify np.random.seed(42) input_size = 784 hidden1 = 64 hidden2 = 32 output_size = 10 epochs = 30 best_loss = float('inf') best_weights = None </pre>



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for epoch in range(epochs):
    # TODO: Randomly initialize weights for each layer
    W1 = None
    W2 = None
    W3 = None

    weights = [W1, W2, W3]
    activations = [relu, relu, softmax] # Students can experiment to modify
# === Step 4: Evaluation Metrics (Confusion Matrix, ROC, etc) ===
4 def compute_confusion_matrix(y_true, y_pred, num_classes=10): return None

# === ROC Curve ===
def compute_roc(y_true Oh, y_pred_proba): return None

# === Classification Report === Print TP, FP, FN, TN, precision, recall, f1, accuracy
def compute_metrics(cm): return None

print("=== Classification Report === Print TP, FP, FN, TN, precision, recall, f1 for each
class and overall accuracy")

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Grading Assignment & Submission (70% Max)

Implementation (50%):

1. (10%) Implement a Feedforward Neural Network with More Than One Hidden Layer.
2. (10%) Activation functions implemented from scratch (Eq. 6.14–6.18), and Softmax output and cross-entropy loss (Eq. 6.36 & 6.37).
3. (15%) Model runs correctly and generates prediction results.
4. Evaluation:
 - a. (5%) Confusion matrix (plotted),
 - b. (5%) ROC curve for 10 classes (plotted),
 - c. (5%) Precision, Recall, F1, Overall Accuracy

Question (20%):

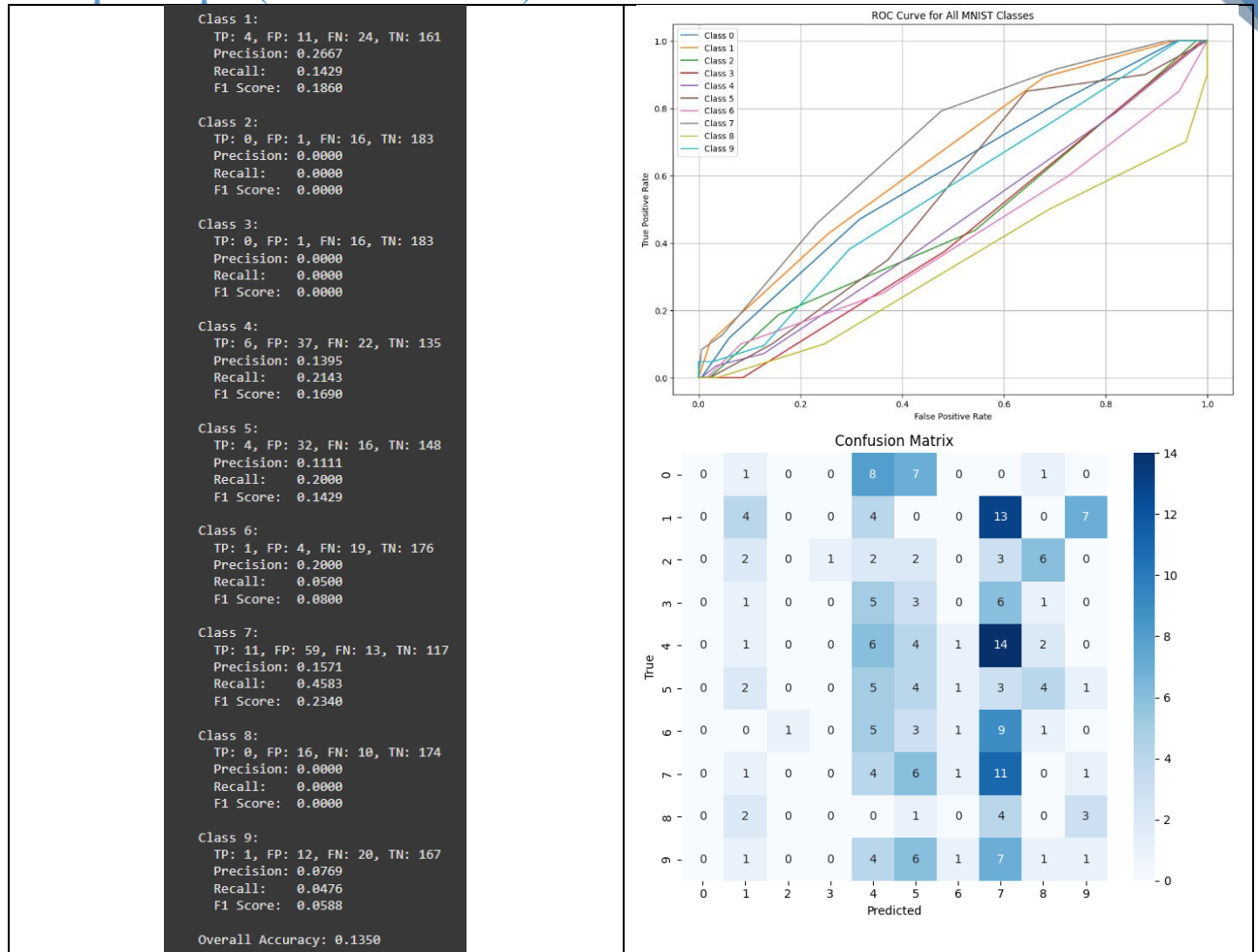
1. Explain how you designed your model (number of layers, neurons, and activation functions). What changes did you make to improve the accuracy, and how did those changes affect the results? *Please attach the performance results before and after your improvements.
2. Based on your evaluation results (confusion matrix, ROC, etc.), how well did the model perform? Which classes are harder to predict? Why do you think that happened?

Submission :

1. Report: Answer all conceptual questions. Include screenshots of your results in the last pages of this PDF File.
2. Code: Submit your complete Python script in either .py or .ipynb format.
3. Upload both your report and code to the E3 system (**Labs3 Homework Assignment**). Name your files correctly:
 - a. Report: StudentID_Lab3_Homework.pdf
 - b. Code: StudentID_Lab3_Homework.py or StudentID_Lab3_Homework.ipynb
4. Deadline: Sunday – 21:00 PM
5. Plagiarism is **strictly prohibited**. Submitting copied work from other students will result in penalties.



Example Output (Just for reference):



Code Results and Answer:

A1:

Default model settings:

Input size: 784

Hidden1: 64

Activation 1: relu

Hidden 2: 32

Activation 2: relu

Output size: 10

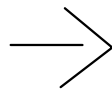
Activation 3: softmax

Hyperparameters:

Epochs: 30

learning_rate=0.01

seed=42



Improved model settings:

Input size: 784

Hidden1: 256

Activation 1: relu

Hidden 2: 128

Activation 2: relu

Output size: 10

Activation 3: softmax

Hyperparameters:

Epochs: 60

learning_rate=0.01

seed=42

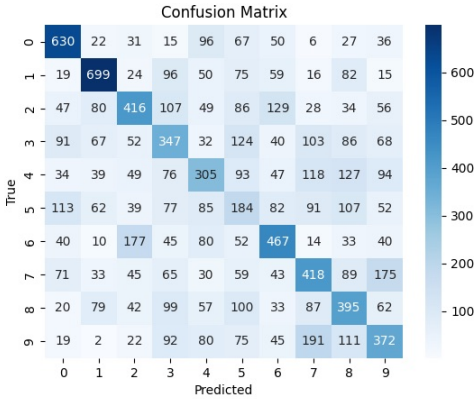
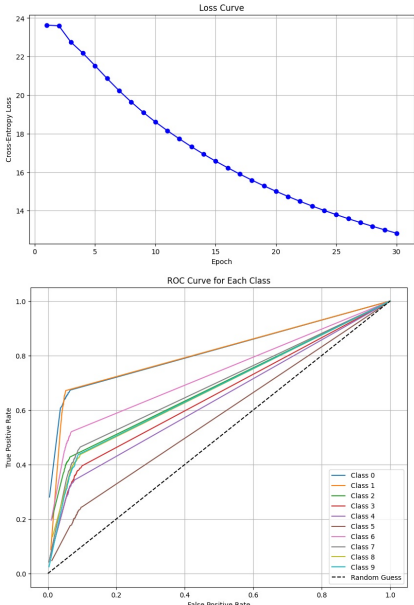
Increased hidden layer size, training epochs.

Overall accuracy significantly improved from 0.6133 (61.33%) to 0.7674 (76.74%).

The loss curve indicates better convergence, reaching a lower and more stable loss after improvements.

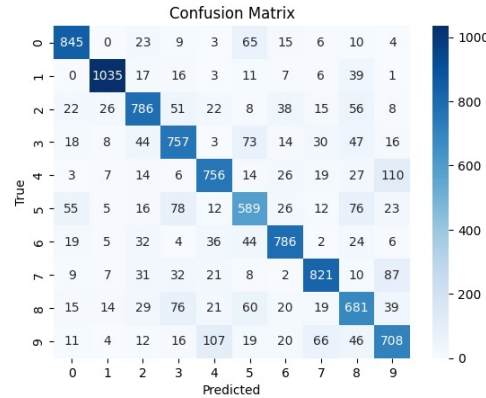
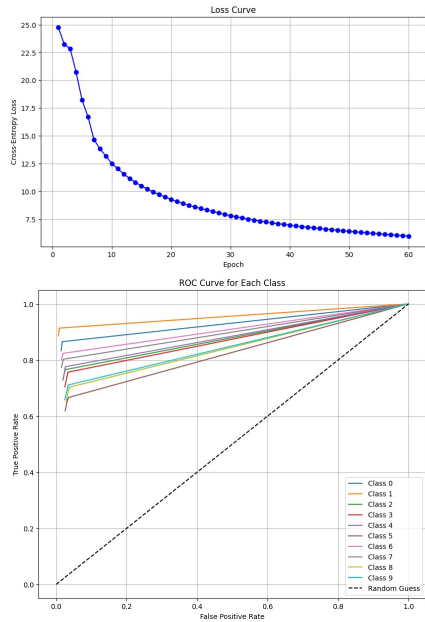


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1 == Classification Report == Print TP, FP
2 Class 0:
3 TP: 630, FP: 454, FN: 350, TN: 8566
4 Precision: 0.5812
5 Recall: 0.6429
6 F1 Score: 0.6185
7 Class 1:
8 TP: 699, FP: 394, FN: 436, TN: 8471
9 Precision: 0.6395
10 Recall: 0.6155
11 F1 Score: 0.6275
12 Class 2:
13 TP: 416, FP: 481, FN: 616, TN: 8487
14 Precision: 0.4638
15 Recall: 0.4831
16 F1 Score: 0.4313
17 Class 3:
18 TP: 347, FP: 672, FN: 663, TN: 8318
19 Precision: 0.3405
20 Recall: 0.3436
21 F1 Score: 0.3428
22 Class 4:
23 TP: 305, FP: 559, FN: 677, TN: 8459
24 Precision: 0.3530
25 Recall: 0.3106
26 F1 Score: 0.3304
27 Class 5:
28 TP: 184, FP: 731, FN: 788, TN: 8377
29 Precision: 0.2011
30 Recall: 0.2061
31 F1 Score: 0.2037
32 Class 6:
33 TP: 467, FP: 526, FN: 491, TN: 8514
34 Precision: 0.4603
35 Recall: 0.4875
36 F1 Score: 0.4782
37 Class 7:
38 TP: 416, FP: 654, FN: 610, TN: 8318
39 Precision: 0.3899
40 Recall: 0.4866
41 F1 Score: 0.3981
42 Class 8:
43 TP: 395, FP: 696, FN: 579, TN: 8330
44 Precision: 0.3621
45 Recall: 0.4855
46 F1 Score: 0.3926
47 Class 9:
48 TP: 372, FP: 598, FN: 637, TN: 8393
49 Precision: 0.3835
50 Recall: 0.3887
51 F1 Score: 0.3759
52 Overall Accuracy: 0.4233
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Improved model results:

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1 == Classification Report == Print TP, FP
2 Class 0:
3 TP: 845, FP: 152, FN: 135, TN: 8868
4 Precision: 0.8475
5 Recall: 0.8622
6 F1 Score: 0.8548
7 Class 1:
8 TP: 1035, FP: 76, FN: 180, TN: 8789
9 Precision: 0.9316
10 Recall: 0.9119
11 F1 Score: 0.9216
12 Class 2:
13 TP: 786, FP: 218, FN: 246, TN: 8750
14 Precision: 0.7829
15 Recall: 0.7616
16 F1 Score: 0.7721
17 Class 3:
18 TP: 757, FP: 208, FN: 253, TN: 8702
19 Precision: 0.7241
20 Recall: 0.7495
21 F1 Score: 0.7367
22 Class 4:
23 TP: 758, FP: 228, FN: 226, TN: 8790
24 Precision: 0.7683
25 Recall: 0.7699
26 F1 Score: 0.7691
27 Class 5:
28 TP: 589, FP: 302, FN: 383, TN: 8806
29 Precision: 0.6611
30 Recall: 0.6683
31 F1 Score: 0.6607
32 Class 6:
33 TP: 786, FP: 168, FN: 172, TN: 8874
34 Precision: 0.8235
35 Recall: 0.8222
36 F1 Score: 0.8222
37 Class 7:
38 TP: 821, FP: 175, FN: 207, TN: 8797
39 Precision: 0.8243
40 Recall: 0.7986
41 F1 Score: 0.8113
42 Class 8:
43 TP: 681, FP: 335, FN: 293, TN: 8691
44 Precision: 0.6783
45 Recall: 0.6982
46 F1 Score: 0.6844
47 Class 9:
48 TP: 788, FP: 294, FN: 381, TN: 8697
49 Precision: 0.7665
50 Recall: 0.7017
51 F1 Score: 0.7041
52 Overall Accuracy: 0.7764
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Based on the evaluation results, the improved model performed significantly better overall, achieving approximately 76.74% accuracy, a clear enhancement compared to the original 61.33%.

Classes Harder to Predict:

- Class "5" showed the poorest performance, with lower precision, recall, and F1-score compared to other classes. The confusion matrix clearly indicates frequent misclassifications, particularly between "5" and similar digits such as "3", "6", or "8".

Possible Reasons for Class "5" Underperformance:

- Similarity in shape with other digits:
The digit "5" visually resembles digits like "3", "6", "8", and even "9", making it challenging for the model to distinguish these subtle differences.
- Data Imbalance or quality:
It could also result from the intrinsic nature of MNIST, where certain digits have slightly less consistent representations or more varied stroke patterns.

