

Homework 1: Learning

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Goals and Directions:

- The main goal of this assignment is to implement perceptrons and neural networks from scratch, and train them on any given dataset
- Comprehend the impact of hyperparameters and learn to tune them effectively.
- You are **not** allowed to use neural network libraries like PyTorch, Tensorflow and Keras.
- You are also **not** allowed to add, move, or remove any files, or even modify their names.
- You are also **not** allowed to change the signature (list of input attributes) of each function.

Problem 1 Neural Network Components

5 points

- **BASIS FEATURES (1 points):** Implement a linear function in `hw1/mlcvlab/nn/basis.py`. You may test your implementation by running `HW1_v2/test_basis.py`.

Linear Basis:

- X is a $K \times 1$ vector
- W is a $M \times K$ vector – Note that M is a hyperparameter.
- Linear function: $Y = W \cdot X$ is a $M \times 1$ vector.
- Gradient of Linear function: $\nabla_W Y = X$

for NN_1 W will be same as X
for NN_2 W will be hyper parameter based on how many features we want to learn (100-120)

Radial Basis:

- X is a $K \times 1$ vector
- W is a $K \times 1$ vector
- Radial Basis function: $Y = \|X - W\|_2^2$, which is a scalar value
- Gradient of Linear function: $\nabla_W Y = 2\sqrt{Y}$

$K = 784$ or 785 when bias added (-1 or 1)

} test cases to be fixed

- **ACTIVATION FUNCTIONS (2 points):** Implement four activation functions, namely step, ReLU, Sigmoid, Softmax and Tanh function in `hw1/mlcvlab/nn/activations.py`.

Note: Let x_i be one of the entries in X . Then, activation functions are typically defined on each entry in X , i.e. $y_i = \sigma(x_i)$ for all $i = 1, \dots, N$

Also, you may test your implementation by running `HW1_v2/test_activations.py`.

ReLU Activation:

- *ReLU function*: $y = \begin{cases} x, & \text{if } x \geq 0, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$
- *Gradient of ReLU function*: $\text{relu_grad}(y) = \nabla_x y = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } x \geq 0, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$
- Note that the above definition includes the subgradient of ReLU at $x = 0$.

Sigmoid Function:

- *Sigmoid function*: $y = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-x}}$
- *Gradient of Sigmoid Function*: $\nabla_x y = y(1 - y)$

Softmax Function:

- *Softmax function*: $y_i = e^{x_i} \cdot \left(\sum_{k=1}^N e^{x_k} \right)^{-1}$, for all $i = 1, \dots, N$
- *Gradient of Softmax Function*: $\frac{\partial y_i}{\partial x_j} = \begin{cases} y_i(1 - y_i), & \text{if } i = j, \\ -y_i y_j, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$

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Hyperbolic Tangent Function:

- *Hyperbolic Tangent function*: $y = \tanh x = \frac{e^x - e^{-x}}{e^x + e^{-x}}$
- *Gradient of Hyperbolic Tangent function*: $\nabla_x y = 1 - y^2$

- **LOSS FUNCTIONS (2 points):** Implement two loss functions, namely mean squared error (MSE) and binary cross entropy in `hw1/mlcylab/nn/losses.py`. You may test your implementation by running `HW1_v2/test_losses.py`.

ℓ_2 norm:

- ℓ_2 norm function: $z = l(y, \hat{y}) = \|y - \hat{y}\|_2 = \left[\sum_{i=1}^N (y_i - \hat{y}_i)^2 \right]^{\frac{1}{2}}$
- *Gradient of ℓ_2 norm*: $\nabla_{\hat{y}} z = \frac{\partial z}{\partial \hat{y}_i} = \frac{1}{z}(y - \hat{y})$

Binary Cross Entropy:

- *Binary Cross Entropy*: $z = l(y, \hat{y}) = -y \log \hat{y} - (1 - y) \log(1 - \hat{y})$
- *Gradient of Binary Cross Entropy*: $\nabla_{\hat{y}} z = \frac{1 - y}{1 - \hat{y}} - \frac{y}{\hat{y}}$

Problem 2 Optimization Algorithms

6 points

- loop here
- **SGD (3 points):** Implement SGD in `hw1/mlcvlab/optim/sgd.py`

- Hyperparameter: δ
- Identify one random parameter in $\mathbb{W} = \{W_1, \dots, W_L\}$, say the j^{th} parameter amongst all scalar parameters in \mathbb{W} . ↗ PICKED RANDOM W
- Zero-out all the other parameters in W^{r-1} , expect the j^{th} parameter. Let this new matrix be $[W^{r-1}]_j$. → 785 x 1
- Compute the gradient of empirical loss with respect to $[W^{r-1}]_j$ using `emp_loss_grad` function in the model class.
- Compute the update step for any model: $\mathbb{W}^{(r)} = \mathbb{W}^{(r-1)} - \delta [\nabla L_N(\mathbb{W}^{(r-1)})]_j$ same shape as W^r & W^{r-1}
- **Note:** There is no momentum term here. (We are interested in the basic SGD.)
list of weights for all layers

- **AdaM (3 points):** Implement AdaM in `hw1/mlcvlab/optim/adam.py`

- Assume the gradient of empirical loss with respect to $\mathbb{W} = \{W_1, \dots, W_L\}$ is computed elsewhere and given.
- Hyperparameter: $\delta, \alpha, \beta_1, \beta_2$
- Momentum: $\mathbf{m}^{(r+1)} = \beta_1 \cdot \mathbf{m}^{(r)} + (1 - \beta_1) \cdot \nabla [L_N(\mathbb{W}^{(r)} + \beta_1 \cdot \mathbf{m}^{(r)})]_j$
- RMSProp: $s^{(r)} = \beta_2 \cdot s^{(r-1)} + (1 - \beta_2) \cdot [\nabla L_N(\mathbb{W}^{(r)})]^T \cdot \nabla L_N(\mathbb{W}^{(r)})$
- Compute the update step for any model: $\mathbb{W}^{(r+1)} = \mathbb{W}^{(r)} - \frac{\alpha}{\sqrt{s^{(r)}} + \epsilon} \mathbf{m}^{(r+1)}$

Problem 3 Models

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Using library functions defined in `hw1/mlcvlab/nn/*`, do the following:

- **1-layer Neural Network (4 points):** Implement a one-layer NN in `hw1/mlcvlab/models/nn1.py`

NN1 model: Implement in `nn1` definition.

- Function: $\hat{y} = \sigma(\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x})$
- Assume $\sigma(\cdot)$ is a sigmoid function
- Assume \mathbf{w} and \mathbf{x} have same shape, i.e. both are $K \times 1$ vectors.

Gradient of NN1 model (Backpropagation): Implement in `grad` definition.

- Let $z = \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}$. Then, $\hat{y} = \sigma(z)$

X input shape 785 x 1 after we add -1 or 1 on top or bottom of the x vector to replace bias term in $\mathbf{w}\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{b}$. The same is done for training data `TRAIN_X`.

- Gradient Computation (Backpropagation): $\nabla_{\mathbf{w}} \ell(y, \hat{y}) = \nabla_{\mathbf{w}} \ell(y, \sigma(\mathbf{w}^T \cdot \mathbf{x}))$

if working with all images at once, this will be a piecewise multiplication* & we will have 60000 x 1 vector.

$$\nabla_{\mathbf{w}} \ell = (\nabla_{\mathbf{z}} \ell)^T \cdot \nabla_{\mathbf{w}} \mathbf{z} \Rightarrow 785 \times 1 = \left[\frac{\partial \ell}{\partial w_k} \right] \in \mathbb{R}^{K \times 1} \rightarrow 785 \times 1$$

$$\nabla_{\mathbf{z}} \ell = (\nabla_{\hat{y}} \ell)^T \cdot \nabla_{\mathbf{z}} \hat{y} \Rightarrow \mathbb{R} = \left[\frac{\partial \ell}{\partial z} \right] \in \mathbb{R}$$

sigmoid_grad

When calculating everything at once this will add up being 785 x 60000 matrix.

- $\nabla_{\hat{y}} \ell$ is the gradient of loss function, implemented in `hw1/mlcmlab/nn/losses.py`.

Gradient of Empirical Risk of NN1 model: Implement in `emp_loss_grad` definition.

- Given a training data $(\mathbf{x}_1, y_1), \dots, (\mathbf{x}_N, y_N)$, the empirical risk is given by

$$L_N = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \ell(y_i, \hat{y}_i).$$

- The gradient of empirical risk is given by

$$\nabla_{\mathbf{w}} L_N = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \nabla_{\mathbf{w}} \ell(y_i, \hat{y}_i).$$

- **Note:** Everytime the optimization algorithm updates \mathbf{w} , the gradient of loss function needs to be computed since \hat{y} changes accordingly.

- **2-layer Neural Network (4 points):** Implement a two-layer NN in `hw1/mlcmlab/models/nn2.py`

NN2 model: Implement in `nn2` definition.

- Function: $\hat{y} = \sigma_2(\mathbf{w}_2^T \cdot \sigma_1(W_1 \cdot \mathbf{x}))$
- Assume $\sigma_2(\cdot)$ is a sigmoid function, and $\sigma_1(\cdot)$ a ReLU function.
- Assume W_1 is a $M \times K$ matrix, and \mathbf{w}_2 is a $M \times 1$ vector.

Gradient of NN2 model (Backpropagation): Implement in `grad` definition.

- Let $\mathbf{z}_1 = W_1 \cdot \mathbf{x}$, $\tilde{\mathbf{z}}_1 = \sigma_1(\mathbf{z}_1)$, and $\mathbf{z}_2 = \mathbf{w}_2^T \cdot \tilde{\mathbf{z}}_1$. Then, $\hat{y} = \sigma_2(\mathbf{z}_2)$.
- Gradient Computation (Backpropagation): $\nabla_{\mathbf{w}} \ell(y, \hat{y}) = \begin{bmatrix} \nabla_{W_1} \ell(y, \hat{y}) \\ \nabla_{\mathbf{w}_2} \ell(y, \hat{y}) \end{bmatrix}$, where

WRONG $\leftarrow M \times 1$ $M \times M \times K$

$$* \nabla_{W_1} \ell = (\nabla_{z_1} \ell) \cdot \nabla_{W_1} z_1 = \left[\frac{\partial \ell}{\partial W_1(i, j)} \right] \in \mathbb{R}^{M \times K}$$

$$\nabla_{z_1} \ell = (\nabla_{\tilde{z}_1} \ell)^T \cdot \nabla_{z_1} \tilde{z}_1 \Rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{M \times M} = \left[\frac{\partial \ell}{\partial z_m} \right] \in \mathbb{R}^{M \times 1} \quad 1 \times M$$

$$\nabla_{\tilde{z}_1} \ell = (\nabla_{z_2} \ell)^T \cdot \nabla_{\tilde{z}_1} z_2 = \left[\frac{\partial \ell}{\partial \tilde{z}_1(m)} \right] \in \mathbb{R}^{M \times 1}$$

$$\nabla_{z_2} \ell = (\nabla_{\hat{y}} \ell)^T \cdot \nabla_{z_2} \hat{y} = \left[\frac{\partial \ell}{\partial z_2} \right] \in \mathbb{R}^{1 \times 1}$$

$$* \nabla_{w_2} \ell = (\nabla_{z_2} \ell)^T \cdot \nabla_{w_2} z_2 = \left[\frac{\partial \ell}{\partial w_2(m)} \right] \in \mathbb{R}^{M \times 1}$$

$$\nabla_{z_2} \ell = (\nabla_{\hat{y}} \ell)^T \cdot \nabla_{z_2} \hat{y} = \left[\frac{\partial \ell}{\partial z_2} \right] \in \mathbb{R}^{1 \times 1}$$

- $\nabla_{\hat{y}} \ell$ is the gradient of loss function, implemented in `hw1/mlcvlab/nn/losses.py`.

Gradient of Empirical Risk of NN2 model: Implement in `emp_loss_grad` definition.

- Given a training data $(x_1, y_1), \dots, (x_N, y_N)$, the empirical risk is given by

$$L_N = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \ell(y_i, \hat{y}_i).$$

- The gradient of empirical risk is given by

$$\nabla_w L_N = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \nabla_w \ell(y_i, \hat{y}_i).$$

- **Note:** Everytime the optimization algorithm updates w , the gradient of loss function needs to be computed since \hat{y} changes accordingly.

Problem 4 Classification on MNIST Data

6 points

For this question, write your code in the Jupyter notebooks, labeled as `hw1/HW1_MNIST_NN1.ipynb` and `hw1/HW1_MNIST_NN2.ipynb`

• Data Preprocessing on MNIST (2 points):

- Original Source: <http://yann.lecun.com/exdb/mnist/>
- MNIST data comprises of 70,000 images of handwritten digits from 0 to 9 (10 label classes), where each image has 28×28 pixels of gray-scale values ranging from 0 (black) to 1 (white).

- Convert these 10-ary labels into a binary label, where the outcome is ‘1’ if the original image label is an **even** number, and ‘0’ otherwise.
- Partition the entire dataset into $T = 10,000$ test samples and the remaining as training samples.

- **Training on MNIST (2 points):**

Note: Your model performance depends on how well you choose your hyperparameters.

- Train NN-1 model on the training portion of the pre-processed MNIST dataset in hw1/HW1_MNIST_NN1.ipynb.
- Train NN-2 model on the training portion of the pre-processed MNIST dataset in hw1/HW1_MNIST_NN2.ipynb.

- **Testing on MNIST (2 points):**

- Validate the performance of the trained NN-1 model using the testing portion of the pre-processed MNIST dataset in hw1/HW1_MNIST_NN1.ipynb. Report your performance in terms of accuracy:

$$Acc = \frac{1}{T} \sum_{i \in \text{Test Samples}} \mathbb{1}(|y_i - \hat{y}_i| > 0),$$

where $\mathbb{1}(A)$ is an indicator function that returns a value ‘1’, when A is true.

- Validate the performance (in terms of accuracy) of the trained NN-2 model using the testing portion of the pre-processed MNIST dataset in hw1/HW1_MNIST_NN2.ipynb.