



Neural Networks and Data Science

Lab #9

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Problem 1

Recreate your `testNet` neural network in Tensorflow and compare the performance of the two networks. Give possible reasons for their different performance.

Problem 2

Tensorflow's `fit` method returns a history object which in turn contains an attribute `history`. Extract it from the object. Use it to plot the validation accuracy, training accuracy and loss as a function of the epoch. Set up a network with a single fully connected layer with 256 nodes (ReLU activated) and train it on MNIST Fashion.

Problem 3

Tensorflow provides the `tf.math.confusion_matrix` method to create a simple confusion matrix. It returns a `tf.tensor` which can be converted into a regular Numpy array using `np.array`. Write a function `confusion_matrix` that takes a Tensorflow model and a test dataset, evaluates the test dataset, calculates the confusion matrix and turns it into something more readable, e.g. by providing labels, additional explanations, or even a nice graph via `plt.img`.

Problem 4

So far, we have been working with grayscale images.

- a) Why are color images harder to process and cannot be directly fed into the neural networks that we have created up to this point?
- b) In our shared folder, you will find a grayscale version of the famous CIFAR-10 dataset. It consists of a total of 60,000 images (32x32 pixels) of objects that each belong to one of ten classes (see `classNames.txt`). Load the data (provided as `*.npz` files) into a notebook.
- c) Create a network with a single hidden layer with 256 nodes (ReLU activation) and a softmax output. Train the network for (up to) 50 epochs and discuss the performance of the network.
- d) Calculate the fraction of correctly classified images as a function of the image class.
- e) Create a network with two hidden layers with 256 nodes each (ReLU activation) and a softmax output. Train the network for (up to) 50 epochs. Did the performance improve?