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1. Which notation would you use to denote the 3rd layer's activations when the input is the 7th example from the 8th minibatch?

☐ $a^{(3)}(7)$

☐ $a^{(3)}(7)(t)$

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☐ $a^{(3)}(t)(7)$

✓ Correct

2. Which of these statements about mini-batch gradient descent do you agree with?

☒ One iteration of mini-batch gradient descent (computing on a single mini-batch) is faster than one iteration of batch gradient descent.

☐ You should implement mini-batch gradient descent without an explicit for-loop over different mini-batches, so that the algorithm processes all mini-batches at the same time (vectorization).

☐ Training one epoch (one pass through the training set) using mini-batch gradient descent is faster than training one epoch using batch gradient descent.

✓ Correct

3. Why is the best mini-batch size usually not 1 and not m, but instead something in-between?

☐ If the mini-batch size is m, you end up with stochastic gradient descent, which is usually slower than mini-batch gradient descent.

☐ If the mini-batch size is 1, you end up having to process the entire training set before making any progress.

☒ If the mini-batch size is m, you end up with batch gradient descent, which has to process the whole training set before making progress.

☒ If the mini-batch size is 1, you lose the benefits of vectorization across examples in the mini-batch.

✓ Correct

4. Suppose your learning algorithm's cost J , plotted as a function of the number of iterations, looks like this:

Which of the following do you agree with?

☐ If you're using mini-batch gradient descent, something is wrong. But if you're using batch gradient descent, this looks acceptable.

☒ If you're using mini-batch gradient descent, this looks acceptable. But if you're using batch gradient descent, something is wrong.

☐ Whether you're using batch gradient descent or mini-batch gradient descent, this looks acceptable.

☐ Whether you're using batch gradient descent or mini-batch gradient descent, something is wrong.

✓ Correct

5. Suppose the temperature in Casablanca over the first three days of January are the same:

Jan 1st: $t_0 = 10^\circ\text{C}$

Jan 2nd: $t_0, 18^\circ\text{C}$

(We used Fahrenheit in lecture, so we use Celsius here in honor of the metric world.)

Say you use an exponentially-weighted average with $\beta = 0.5$ to track the temperature: $t_0 = 0$, $t_1 = \beta t_0 + (1 - \beta)t_1$. If t_1 is the value computed after day 2 without bias correction, and $t_1^{\text{corrected}}$ is the value you compute with bias correction. What are these values? (You might be able to do this without a calculator, but you don't actually need one. Remember what is bias correction doing.)

☒ $t_1 = 7.5$, $t_1^{\text{corrected}} = 10$

☐ $t_1 = 10$, $t_1^{\text{corrected}} = 10$

☐ $t_1 = 10$, $t_1^{\text{corrected}} = 7.5$

☐ $t_1 = 7.5$, $t_1^{\text{corrected}} = 7.5$

✓ Correct

6. Which of these is NOT a good learning rate decay scheme? Here, t is the epoch number.

☒ $\alpha = e^{-t/t_0}$

☐ $\alpha = \frac{1}{t/t_0}$

☐ $\alpha = \frac{1}{1 + t/t_0}$

☐ $\alpha = 0.99^t/t_0$

✓ Correct

7. You use an exponentially-weighted average on the London temperature dataset. You use the following to track the temperature: $t_0 = 0$, $t_1 = \beta t_0 + (1 - \beta)t_1$. The red line below was computed using $\beta = 0.9$. What would happen to your red curve as you vary β ? (Check the two that apply.)

☐ Decreasing β will shift the red line slightly to the right.

☒ Increasing β will shift the red line slightly to the right.

✓ Correct

True: remember that the red line corresponds to $\beta = 0.9$. In lecture we had a green line $\beta\text{Beta} = 0.98$ that is slightly shifted to the right.

☒ Decreasing β will create more oscillation within the red line.

✓ Correct

True: remember that the red line corresponds to $\beta = 0.9$. In lecture we had a yellow line $\beta\text{Beta} = 0.98$ that had a lot of oscillations.

☐ Increasing β will create more oscillations within the red line.

8. Consider this figure:

These plots were generated with gradient descent; with gradient descent with momentum ($\beta = 0.5$) and gradient descent with momentum ($\beta = 0.9$). Which curve corresponds to which algorithm?

☐ (1) is gradient descent with momentum (small β). (2) is gradient descent. (3) is gradient descent with momentum (large β).

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☐ (1) is gradient descent with momentum (small β). (2) is gradient descent with momentum (small β). (3) is gradient descent.

✓ Correct

9. Suppose batch gradient descent in a deep network is taking excessively long to find a value of the parameters that achieves a small value for the cost function $J(\theta^{(1)}, \theta^{(2)}, \dots, \theta^{(L)})$. Which of the following techniques could help find parameter values that attain a small value for J ? (Check all that apply.)

☐ Try initializing all the weights to zero.

☒ Try better random initialization for the weights.

✓ Correct

☒ Try mini-batch gradient descent.

☒ Try using Adam.

✓ Correct

☒ Try tuning the learning rate α .

✓ Correct

10. Which of the following statements about Adam is False?

☐ Adam combines the advantages of RMSprop and momentum.

☒ Adam should be used with batch gradient computations, not with mini-batches.

☐ The learning rate hyperparameter α in Adam usually needs to be tuned.

☐ We usually use "default" values for the hyperparameters β_1, β_2 and ϵ in Adam ($\beta_1 = 0.9, \beta_2 = 0.999, \epsilon = 10^{-9}$).

✓ Correct