CS5489 - Machine Learning

Lecture 8b - Neural Networks

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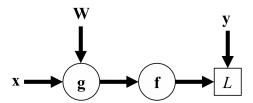
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Outline

- History
- Perceptron
- · Multi-class logistic regression
- Multi-layer perceptron (MLP)

Extracting features

- The multi-class logistic regression model assumes the inputs are feature vectors.
 - $\mathbf{g} = \mathbf{W}^T \mathbf{x}$
 - $\mathbf{f} = \mathbf{s}(\mathbf{g})$



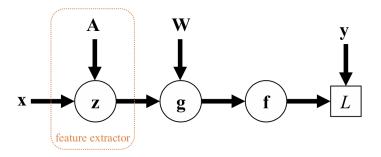
- What if we also want to learn the feature vectors?
 - Replace **x** with a feature extractor.
 - For simplicity, we can reuse the same "unit" as the classifier to compute the "features".
- Replace ${f x}$ with feature extractor ${f z}=\sigma({f A}^T{f x})$
 - **z** is the extracted feature vector (also called *hidden* nodes)
 - $\circ \ z_i = \sigma(\mathbf{a}_i^T\mathbf{x})$ is a hidden node.
 - $\sigma()$ is the sigmoid function (also called *activation* function.)
 - **A** are the parameters of the feature extractor.

New model

$$\quad \bullet \ \mathbf{z} = \sigma(\mathbf{A}^T\mathbf{x})$$

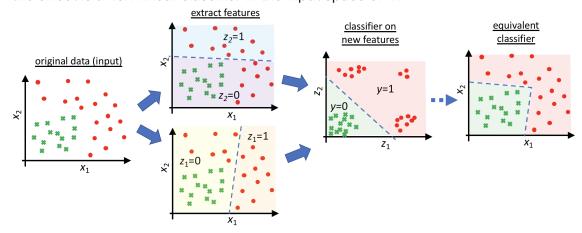
$$\mathbf{g} = \hat{\mathbf{W}}^T \mathbf{z}$$

•
$$\mathbf{f} = \mathbf{s}(\mathbf{g})$$



Interpretation

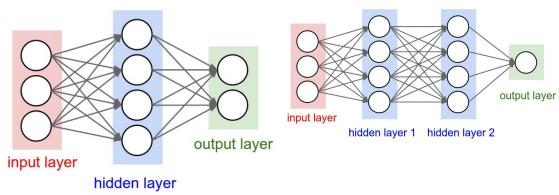
- Each hidden node z_i is a "classifier" looking for pattern based on \mathbf{a}_i .
- ullet The output is looking for patterns in the vector ${f x}$
- the effect is a non-linear classifier in the input space of x.



• we can apply this recursively to create features of features ...

Multi-layer Perceptron

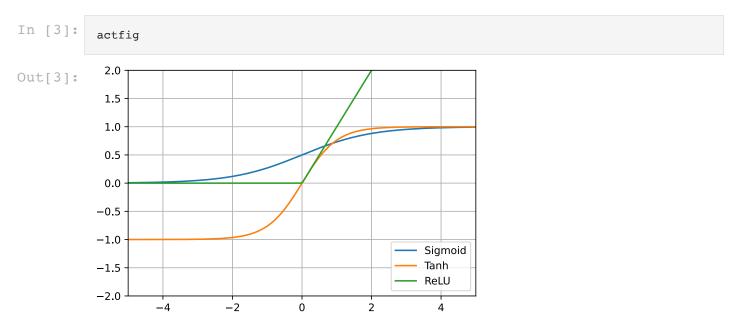
- Add hidden layers between the inputs and outputs
 - each hidden node is a Perceptron (with its own set of weights)
 - o its inputs are the outputs from previous layer
 - extracts a feature pattern from the previous layer
 - can model more complex functions



- Formally, for one layer:
 - $\bullet \ \mathbf{h} = f(\mathbf{W}^T \mathbf{x})$
 - \circ Weight matrix \mathbf{W} one column for each node
 - \circ Input $\mathbf x$ from previous layer
 - \circ Output \mathbf{h} to next layer
 - $\circ f(a)$ is the activation function applied to each dimension to get output
- Also called fully-connected layers or dense layers

Activation functions

- There are different types of activation functions:
 - Sigmoid output [0,1]
 - *Tanh* output [-1,1]
 - Rectifier Linear Unit (ReLU) output $[0,\infty]$



• Activation functions specifically for output nodes:

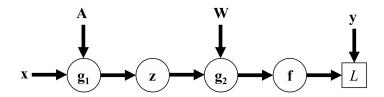
- Linear output for regression
- Softmax output for classification (same as multi-class logistic regression)
- Each layer can use a different activation function.

Which activation function is best?

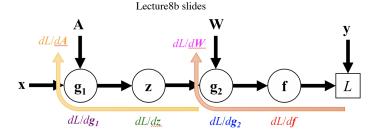
- In the early days, only the Sigmoid and Tanh activation functions were used.
 - these were notoriously hard to train with.
 - gradient decays to zero on both ends
- Recently, ReLU has become very popular.
 - easier to train with gradient is either 0 or 1.
 - faster don't need to calculate exponential
 - sparse representation most nodes will output zero.

Training an MLP

- · Assume a general case:
 - $\bullet \ \ \mathsf{linear} \ \mathsf{transform} : \mathbf{g}_1 = \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{x}$
 - activation: $\mathbf{z} = h_1(\mathbf{g}_1)$
 - lacksquare linear transform: $\mathbf{g}_2 = \mathbf{W}^T \mathbf{z}$
 - activation: $\mathbf{f} = h_2(\mathbf{g}_2)$
 - loss function: $L(\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{f})$



- In our example, h_1 is a sigmoid, h_2 is a softmax.
- · Similar to multi-class logistic regression
 - minimize the loss
 - $\circ \ (\mathbf{A}^*, \mathbf{W}^*) = \operatorname{argmin}_{\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{W}} L(\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}))$
 - use gradient descent as before
 - \circ need to compute $\frac{dL}{d\mathbf{A}}$ and $\frac{dL}{d\mathbf{W}}$
 - we have done most of the work already...
- Computation graph



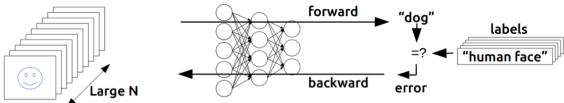
- · Chain rule:
 - 1) $\frac{dL}{d\mathbf{f}}$ 2) $\frac{dL}{d\mathbf{g}_2} = \frac{d\mathbf{f}^T}{d\mathbf{g}_2} \frac{dL}{d\mathbf{f}} \Rightarrow 3$) $\frac{dL}{d\mathbf{w}_j} = \frac{d\mathbf{g}_2^T}{d\mathbf{w}_j} \frac{dL}{d\mathbf{g}_2}$ 4) $\frac{dL}{d\mathbf{z}} = \frac{d\mathbf{g}_2^T}{d\mathbf{z}} \frac{dL}{d\mathbf{g}_2}$

- · Recursively use the gradient of descendant layers
 - propagate gradient backwards
 - backwards propagation
 - back propagation
 - backpropagation
 - backprop
 - BP

Backpropagation (backward propagation)

- Defines a set of recursive relationships
 - 1) calculate the output of each node from first to last layer
 - 2) calculate the gradient of each node from last to first layer

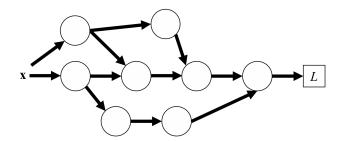
Training



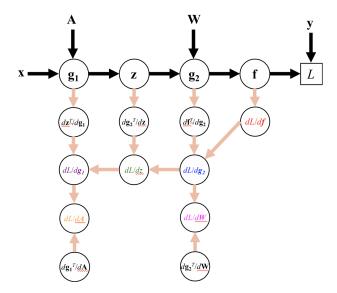
- NOTE: the gradients multiply in each layer!
 - if two gradients are small (<1), their product will be even smaller. This is the "vanishing gradient" problem.

Backpropagation (general form)

- Given a computation graph
 - 1) apply input x and forward propagate to compute all the nodes' values and the loss.
 - 2) Go backwards from end, at node **h**:
 - \circ compute gradients from child nodes: $rac{dL}{d\mathbf{h}} = \sum_{g \in \mathrm{child}(\mathbf{h})} rac{d\mathbf{g}^T}{d\mathbf{h}} rac{dL}{d\mathbf{g}}$
 - \circ compute gradient of parameters \mathbf{w}_h of h: $rac{dL}{d\mathbf{w}_h} = rac{d\mathbf{h}^T}{d\mathbf{w}_h}rac{dL}{d\mathbf{h}}$
- This is the "symbol-to-number" differentiation (e.g., Caffe, Torch).



- We can also make the backprop operations as part of the computation graph.
 - called "symbol-to-symbol" differentiation (e.g., Tensorflow, Theano)



Stochastic Gradient Descent (SGD)

- The datasets needed to train NN are typically very large
- Use SGD so that only a small portion of the dataset is needed at a time
 - Each small portion is called a mini-batch
 - Use a momentum term, which averages the current gradient with those from previous mini-batches.
 - One complete pass through the data is called an epoch.

Monitoring training with SGD

- Separate the training set into training and validation
 - use the training set to run backpropagation
 - test the NN on the validation set for diagnostics
 - check for convergence adjust learning rate if necessary
 - check for diverging loss adjust learning rate
 - stopping criteria stop when no change in the validation error.
 - decay learning rate after each epoch.

Load NN software

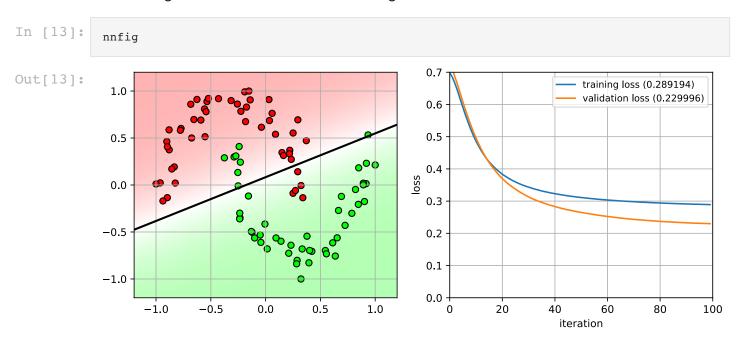
- We will use keras
 - compatible with scikit-learn
 - keras is an easy-to-use front-end for Tensorflow
 - (slides are using Tensorflow 2.4)

```
import tensorflow as tf
from tensorflow import keras
from tensorflow.keras.models import Sequential
from tensorflow.keras.layers import Dense, Activation
from tensorflow.keras import backend as K
import struct
In [6]:
print(keras.__version__, tf.__version__)
```

- 2.4.0 2.4.1
- train 1 NN with just one output layer
 - this is the same as logistic regression

```
nn.compile(loss=keras.losses.categorical crossentropy, # classification loss
     optimizer=keras.optimizers.SGD( # use SGD for optimization
                              # learning rate
              momentum=0.9, # momentum for averaging over batches
               nesterov=True # use Nestorov momentum
            ))
# fit the network
history = nn.fit(X, Yb,
                                      # the input/output data
                                      # number of iterations
                 epochs=100,
                 batch size=32,
                                      # batch size
                 validation split=0.1, # ratio of data for validation
                 verbose=False
                                       # set to True to see each iteration
```

training and validation loss have converged



• Add one 1 hidden layer with 2 ReLU nodes

```
In [14]:
            # initialize random seed
            random.seed(5489); tf.random.set seed(4471)
            # build the network
            nn = Sequential()
            nn.add(Dense(units=2,
                                              # 2 nodes in the hidden layer
                         input dim=2,
                         activation='relu'))
            nn.add(Dense(units=2,
                                              # 2 output nodes (one for each class)
                         activation='softmax'))
            # compile and fit the network
            nn.compile(loss=keras.losses.categorical crossentropy,
                       optimizer=keras.optimizers.SGD(lr=0.3, momentum=0.9, nesterov=True))
            history = nn.fit(X, Yb, epochs=100, batch size=32, validation split=0.1, verbose=False)
```

- Add one 1 hidden layer with 2 ReLU nodes
 - can carve out part of the red class.

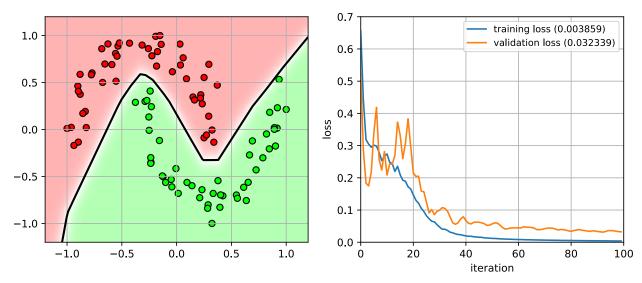
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In [16]:
                nnfig
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Out[16]:
                                                                                                           training loss (0.272804)
                 1.0
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```

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 - 1 hidden layer with 20 hidden nodes

- Let's try more nodes
 - 1 hidden layer with 20 hidden nodes
 - with enough nodes, we can get a perfect classifier.

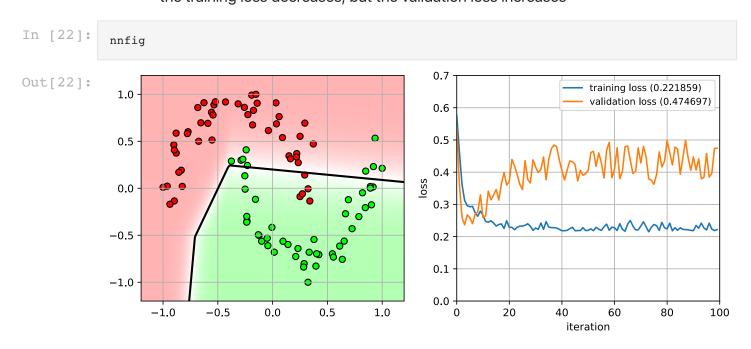
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In [19]: nnfig
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Out[19]:



Overfitting

- Continuous training will sometimes lead to overfitting
 - the training loss decreases, but the validation loss increases



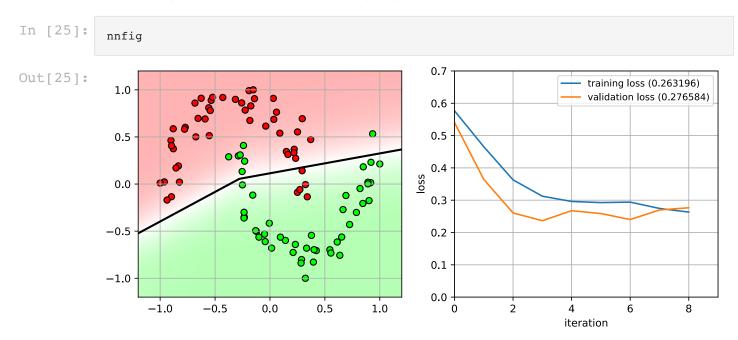
Early stopping

- Training can be stopped when the validation loss is stable for a number of iterations
 - stable means change below a threshold
 - this is to prevent overfitting the training data.
 - we can limit the number of iterations.
- We are using the loss/accuracy on the (held-out) validation data to estimate the generalization performance of the network

```
In [23]:
            # initialize random seed
            random.seed(248); tf.random.set_seed(3240)
            # build the network
            nn = Sequential()
            nn.add(Dense(units=2, input_dim=2, activation='relu'))
            nn.add(Dense(units=2, activation='softmax'))
            # setup early stopping callback function
            earlystop = keras.callbacks.EarlyStopping(
                                    # look at the validation loss
                monitor='val_loss',
                min_delta=0.0001,
                                       # threshold to consider as no change
                patience=5,
                                        # stop if 5 epochs with no change
                verbose=1, mode='auto'
            callbacks_list = [earlystop]
            # compile and fit the network
            nn.compile(loss=keras.losses.categorical crossentropy,
                       optimizer=keras.optimizers.SGD(lr=0.3, momentum=0.9, nesterov=True))
            history = nn.fit(X, Yb, epochs=100, batch size=32, validation split=0.1,
                             verbose=False,
                             callbacks=callbacks list) # setup the callback list
```

Epoch 00009: early stopping

training is stopped before overfitting begins.



Universal Approximation Theorem

- Cybenko (1989), Hornik (1991)
 - A multi-layer perceptron with a single hidden layer and a finite number of nodes can approximate any continuous function up to a desired error.
 - The number of nodes needed might be very large.

• Doesn't say anything about how difficult it is to train it.

- How many hidden nodes are needed?
 - In the worst case, consider binary functions mapping $\{0,1\}^n \to \{0,1\}$
 - \circ there are 2^n possible inputs.
 - \circ there are 2^{2^n} possible functions (each input has 2 possible outputs)
 - \circ thus, we need 2^n bits in the hidden layer to select one of these functions.
 - need $O(2^n)$ nodes in the hidden layer, exponential in the size of the input!
- How to train this model?
 - According to the "no free lunch theorem", there is no universally best learning algorithm!
- Deep learning corollary
 - The number of functions representable by a deep network requires an exponential number of nodes for a shallow network with 1 hidden-layer.
 - A deep network can learn the same function using less nodes.
 - Given the same number of nodes, a deep network can learn more complex functions.
- Doesn't say anything about how difficult it is to train it.

Example

- Network with 1 hidden layer
 - input (2D) -> 40 hidden nodes -> output (2D)

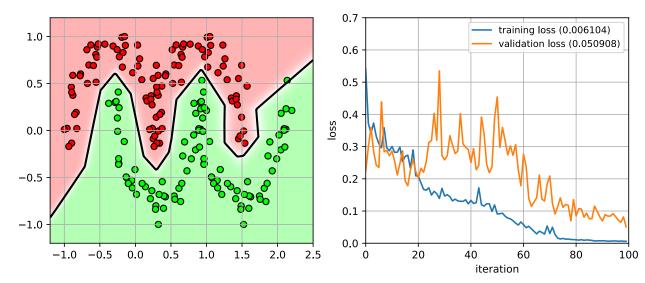
```
In [29]: nn.summary()
```

Model: "sequential_5"

Layer (type)	Output	Shape	Param #
dense_9 (Dense)	(None,	40)	120
dense_10 (Dense)	(None,	2)	82

Total params: 202
Trainable params: 202
Non-trainable params: 0

```
In [30]: nnfig
```



- 3 hidden layers:
 - input (2D) -> 8 nodes -> 5 nodes -> 3 nodes -> output (2D)

```
In [33]: nn.summary()
# less parameters, similar classifier.
```

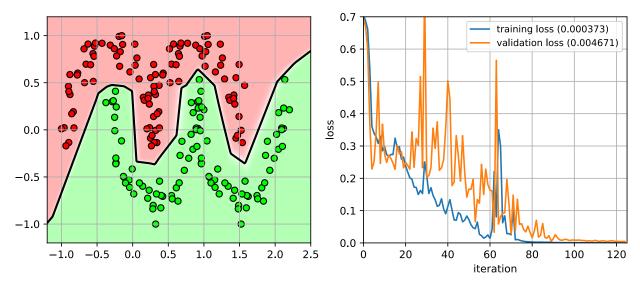
Model: "sequential_6"

Layer (type)	Output Shape	Param #
dense_11 (Dense)	(None, 8)	24
dense_12 (Dense)	(None, 5)	45
dense_13 (Dense)	(None, 3)	18
dense_14 (Dense)	(None, 2)	8

Total params: 95
Trainable params: 95
Non-trainable params: 0

In [34]: nnfig

Out[34]:



We should use deeper networks...

- Less parameters than a 1 hidden-layer NN
 - but the number of parameters is still large
- · Dataset is still too small.
- Vanishing Gradient problem
 - backprop recursively multiplies gradients
 - numerical values get smaller.
 - gradient signal is "washed" out the further back it travels.
- We'll see how to address these problems later.

Example on MNIST Dataset

- Images are 28x28, digits 0-9
 - 6,000 for training
 - 10,000 for testing

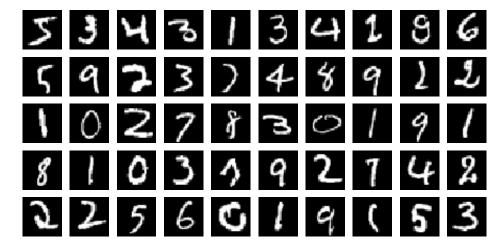
```
In [37]:
    n_train, nrow, ncol, trainimg = read_img('data/train-images.idx3-ubyte')
    _, trainY = read_label('data/train-labels.idx1-ubyte')
    n_test, _, _, testimg = read_img('data/t10k-images.idx3-ubyte')
    _, testY = read_label('data/t10k-labels.idx1-ubyte')

# for demonstration we only use 10% of the training data
sample_index = range(0, trainimg.shape[0], 10)
trainimg = trainimg[sample_index]
trainY = trainY[sample_index]
print(trainimg.shape)
print(trainimg.shape)
print(testimg.shape)
print(testy.shape)
```

(6000, 28, 28)

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(6000,)
(10000, 28, 28)
(10000,)
```

```
In [38]: # Example images
   plt.figure(figsize=(8,4))
    show_imgs(trainimg[0:50])
```



Pre-processing

- Reshape images into vectors
- map to [0,1], then subtract the mean

```
In [39]: # Reshape the images to a vector
# and map the data to [0,1]
trainXraw = trainimg.reshape((len(trainimg), -1), order='C') / 255.0
testXraw = testimg.reshape((len(testimg), -1), order='C') / 255.0

# center the image data (but don't change variance)
scaler = preprocessing.StandardScaler(with_std=False)
trainX = scaler.fit_transform(trainXraw)
testX = scaler.transform(testXraw)

# convert class labels to binary indicators
trainYb = keras.utils.to_categorical(trainY)

print(trainX.shape)
print(trainYb.shape)
(6000, 784)
```

· Generate a fixed validation set

use vtrainX for training and validX for validation

```
In [40]: # generate a fixed validation set using 10% of the training set
vtrainX, validX, vtrainYb, validYb = \
    model_selection.train_test_split(trainX, trainYb,
    train_size=0.9, test_size=0.1, random_state=4487)
```

(6000, 10)

```
# validation data
validset = (validX, validYb)
```

MNIST - Logistic Regression (0-hidden layers)

- Training procedure
 - We specify the validation set so that it will be fixed when we change the random_state to randomly initialize the weights.
 - Train on the non-validation training data.
 - Use a larger batch size to speed up the algorithm

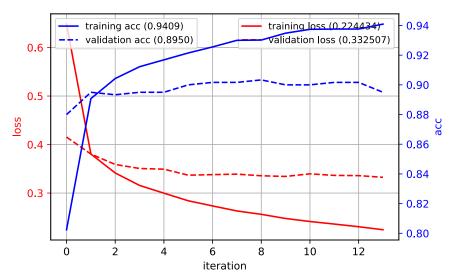
```
In [42]:
            K.clear session() # cleanup
            random.seed(4487); tf.random.set seed(4487) # initialize seed
            # build the network
            nn = Sequential()
            nn.add(Dense(units=10, input dim=784, activation='softmax'))
            # early stopping criteria
            earlystop = keras.callbacks.EarlyStopping(
                           monitor='val accuracy',
                                                      # use validation accuracy for stopping
                                                      # (use 'val acc' for tf1)
                           min delta=0.0001, patience=5,
                           verbose=1, mode='auto')
            callbacks_list = [earlystop]
            # compile and fit the network
            nn.compile(loss=keras.losses.categorical crossentropy,
                       optimizer=keras.optimizers.SGD(lr=0.05, momentum=0.9, nesterov=True),
                       metrics=['accuracy'] # also calculate accuracy during training
            history = nn.fit(vtrainX, vtrainYb, epochs=100, batch size=50,
                             callbacks=callbacks_list,
                             validation_data=validset, # specify the validation set
                             verbose=False)
```

Epoch 00014: early stopping

```
In [43]: plot_history(history)

predY = argmax(nn.predict(testX, verbose=False), axis=-1)
acc = metrics.accuracy_score(testY, predY)
print("test accuracy:", acc)
```

test accuracy: 0.8905



- Examine the weights of the network
 - use get_layer to access indexed layer in the network
 - layer 0 is the input layer.
 - use get weights to get the weights/biases for a layer.

```
In [44]: nn.summary()
```

Model: "sequential"

Layer (type)	Output Shape	Param #
dense (Dense)	(None, 10)	7850

Total params: 7,850 Trainable params: 7,850 Non-trainable params: 0

```
In [45]: params = nn.get_layer(index=0).get_weights()
    print(params)
```

```
[array([[-0.00957992, -0.02938809, -0.0745469 , ..., -0.00216463,
       -0.07690337, 0.00644093],
       [-0.0137912, -0.03938979,
                                  0.01985522, ..., 0.0103862,
       -0.02178642, -0.02393435],
       [-0.08034424, 0.04140151, 0.00698015, ..., 0.02074677,
        0.00574041, 0.06866024],
       [0.02580537, -0.06060974, -0.01341244, ..., -0.01986379,
        0.03478144, 0.03219859],
       [-0.01948792, 0.08509646, -0.06631447, ..., -0.0780739,
        0.0027025 , -0.00181095],
       [-0.03740928, -0.03242527, 0.01223797, ..., -0.07883625,
        0.01763383, 0.00632311]], dtype=float32), array([-1.1740438 , -
1.4647288 , 0.5527088 , 0.5970227 , -0.7663698 ,
        0.92062616, -0.62901175, -0.5537174, 1.7259952, 0.791519
     dtype=float32)]
```

Reshape the weights into an image

• input images that match the weights will have high response for that class.

MNIST - 1-hidden layer

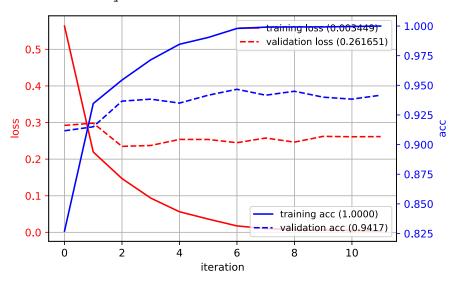
- Add 1 hidden layer with 50 ReLu nodes
 - each node is extracting a feature from the input image

Total params: 39,760 Trainable params: 39,760 Non-trainable params: 0

```
In [49]: plot_history(history)

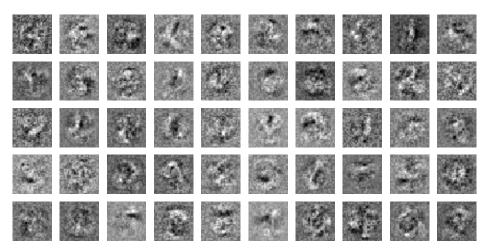
predY = argmax(nn.predict(testX, verbose=False), axis=-1)
acc = metrics.accuracy_score(testY, predY)
print("test accuracy:", acc)
```

test accuracy: 0.9382



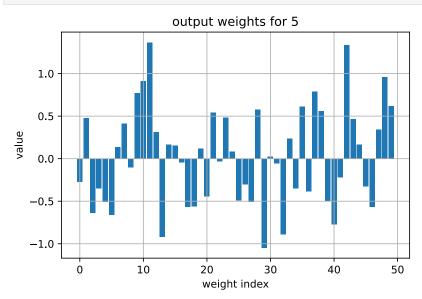
- · Examine the weights of the hidden layer
 - $lacksquare h_i = \sigma(\mathbf{w}_i^T\mathbf{x})$
 - each weight vector is a "pattern prototype" that the node will match
- The hidden nodes look for local structures:
 - oriented edges, curves, other local structures

```
In [50]: W = nn.get_layer(index=0).get_weights()[0]
    filter_list = [W[:,i].reshape((28,28)) for i in range(W.shape[1])]
    plt.figure(figsize=(8,4))
    show_imgs(filter_list, nc=10)
```

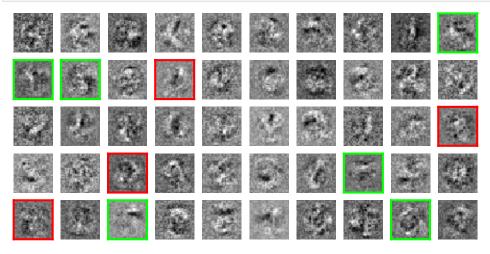


- Examine the weights of the 2nd layer (output)
 - $y_j = \sigma(\mathbf{w}_j^T \mathbf{h})$
 - recall the hidden-layer outputs *h* are always non-negative.
 - $\circ~$ positive value in $\mathbf{w}_{j}
 ightarrow ext{class } j$ should have j-th pattern
 - $\circ \;\;$ negative value in $\mathbf{w}_j o$ class j shouldn't have j-th pattern

```
In [51]: W = nn.get_layer(index=1).get_weights()[0]
d = 5
plt.bar(arange(0,W.shape[0]),W[:,d]); plt.grid(True);
plt.xlabel('weight index'); plt.ylabel('value')
plt.title('output weights for {}'.format(d));
```



- For "5", finds local image parts that correspond to 5
 - should have (green boxes):
 - o horizontal line at top; semicircle on the bottom
 - shouldn't have (red boxes):
 - vertical line in top-right; verticle line in the middle



1 Hidden layer with more nodes

hidden layer with 200 nodes

Epoch 00008: early stopping

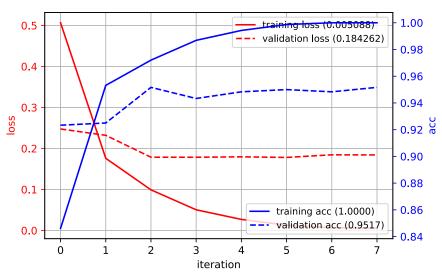
```
In [54]: nn.summary()
```

Model: "sequential"

Layer (type)	Output	Shape	Param #
dense (Dense)	(None,	200)	157000
dense_1 (Dense)	(None,	10)	2010
Total params: 159,010 Trainable params: 159,010 Non-trainable params: 0			

```
In [55]:
    plot_history(history)
    predY = argmax(nn.predict(testX, verbose=False), axis=-1)
    acc = metrics.accuracy_score(testY, predY)
    print("test accuracy: ", acc)
```

test accuracy: 0.9448



hidden layer with 1000 nodes

Epoch 00010: early stopping

```
In [57]: nn.summary()
```

Model: "sequential"

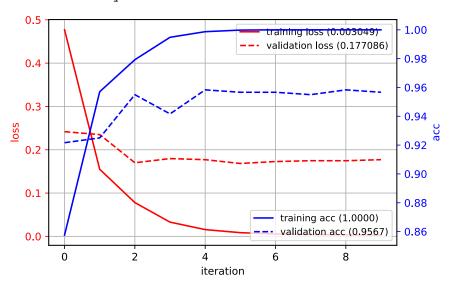
Layer (type)	Output Shape	Param #
dense (Dense)	(None, 1000)	785000
dense_1 (Dense)	(None, 10)	10010
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Total params: 795,010
Trainable params: 795,010

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Non-trainable params: 0
```

In [58]: plot_history(history)
 predY = argmax(nn.predict(testX, verbose=False), axis=-1)
 acc = metrics.accuracy_score(testY, predY)
 print("test accuracy:", acc)

```
test accuracy: 0.948
```



- 2 hidden layers
 - input (28x28) -> 500 nodes -> 500 nodes -> output
 - Slightly better

Epoch 00016: early stopping

```
In [60]: nn.summary()
```

Model: "sequential"

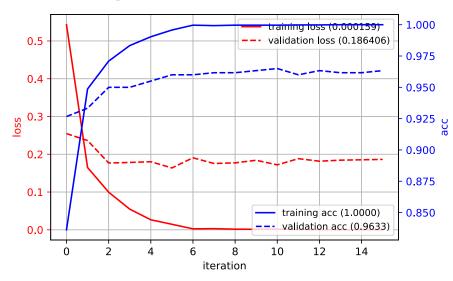
Layer (type)	Output Shape	Param #
dense (Dense)	(None, 500)	392500

dense_1 (Dense)	(None, 500)	250500
dense_2 (Dense)	(None, 10)	5010

Total params: 648,010 Trainable params: 648,010 Non-trainable params: 0

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In [61]:
    plot_history(history)
    predY = argmax(nn.predict(testX, verbose=False), axis=-1)
    acc = metrics.accuracy_score(testY, predY)
    print("test accuracy:", acc)
```

test accuracy: 0.9499



Comparison on MNIST

• Performance is saturated.

Туре	No.Layers	Architecture	No.Parameters	Test Accuracy
LR	1	output(10)	7,850	0.8905
MLP	2	ReLu(50), output(10)	39,760	0.9382
MLP	2	Relu(200), output(10)	159,010	0.9448
MLP	2	Relu(1000), output(10)	795,010	0.9480
MLP	3	ReLu(500), Relu(500), output(10)	648,010	0.9499

Summary

- Different types of neural networks
 - Perceptron single node (similar to logistic regression)
 - Multi-layer perceptron (MLP) collection of perceptrons in layers
 - o also called *fully-connected layers* or *dense layers*

- Training
 - optimize loss function using stochastic gradient descent
- Advantages
 - lots of parameters large capacity to learn from large amounts of data
- Disadvantages
 - lots of parameters easy to overfit data
 - need to monitor the training process
 - sensitive to initialization, learning rate, training algorithm.

Other things

- Numerical stability
 - normalize the inputs to [-1,1] or [0,1]
- Improving speed
 - parallelize computations using GPU (Nvidia+CUDA)
- Initialization
 - the resulting network is still sensitive to initialization.
 - Solution: train several networks and combine them as an ensemble.
- Training problems
 - For very deep networks, the "vanishing gradient" problem can hinder convergence
 - lack of data
 - We will see how to address these problems later.

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