



MNIST

Convolutional Neural Network

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1 Introduction

1.1 Tools

- Caffe
- Visio
- L^AT_EX
- Python
- Matlab
- Adobe Illustrator CC

1.2 Background

It's known to us that the demand of people can greatly promoted the development of technology so nowadays deeping learning is becoming more and more popular.We may always hear Convolutional Neural Network,the most popular famous neural work,which has excellent perforcement for large image processing.

1.3 Target

In this project,my target is to use CNN algorithm in image recognition.I developed a simple CNN model and use MNIST dataset to train the model,you can see a simple related cnn below.Then i test the model using accuracy to judge if this model can work well with the data.

In Section 2 i describe the MNIST dataset.in Section 3 i developed a simple CNN model and show the results of test.In Section 4 i explain the key of the model and draw a conclusion.

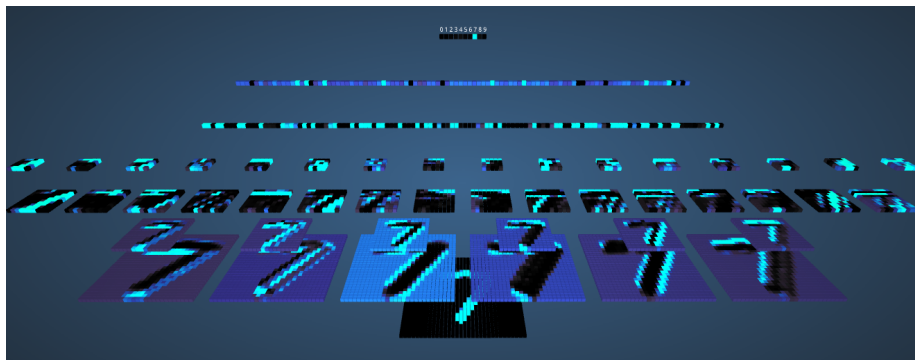


Figure 1: Visual CNN

2 Data Engineering

2.1 MNIST

The MNIST database of handwritten digits, in this project, has a training set of 60,000 examples, and a test set of 10,000 examples. It is a subset of a larger set available from NIST. The digits have been size-normalized and centered in a fixed-size image.

2.2 Getting Data

You can download the data in <http://yann.lecun.com/exdb/mnist/>.

2.3 Constitution

This data set consist of four files.They are train-images-idx3-ubyte,train-labels-idx1-ubyte,t10k-images-idx3-ubyte and t10k-labels-idx1-ubyte.You can see the attributes below.

File	Description
train-images-idx3-ubyte	training set,pictures
train-labels-idx1-ubyte	training set,labels
t10k-images-idx3-ubyte	testing set,pictures
t10k-labels-idx1-ubyte	testing set,labels

Table 1: MNIST Origin Data Files

train-labels-idx1-ubyte			
Offset	Data Type	Value	Description
0000	32 bit integer	2049	magic number
0004	32 bit integer	60000	number of items
0008	unsigned byte	Unknown	label
0009	unsigned byte	Unknown	label
...

Table 2: TRAINING SET LABEL FILE

train-images-idx3-ubyte			
Offset	Data Type	Value	Description
0000	32 bit integer	2051	magic number
0004	32 bit integer	60000	number of images
0008	32 bit integer	28	number of rows
0012	32 bit integer	28	number of columns
0016	unsigned byte	Unknown	pixel
0017	unsigned byte	Unknown	pixel
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Table 3: TRAINING SET IMAGE FILE

t10k-labels-idx1-ubyte			
Offset	Data Type	Value	Description
0000	32 bit integer	2049	magic number
0004	32 bit integer	10000	number of items
0008	unsigned byte	Unknown	label
0009	unsigned byte	Unknown	label
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Table 4: TEST SET LABEL FILE

t10k-images-idx3-ubyte			
Offset	Data Type	Value	Description
0000	32 bit integer	2051	magic number
0004	32 bit integer	10000	number of images
0008	32 bit integer	28	number of rows
0012	32 bit integer	28	number of columns
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Table 5: TEST SET IMAGE FILE

2.4 Transform

We know that Caffe just work with LEVELDB and LMDB,so we need to change these data into LMDB form.You can follow the procedure below.

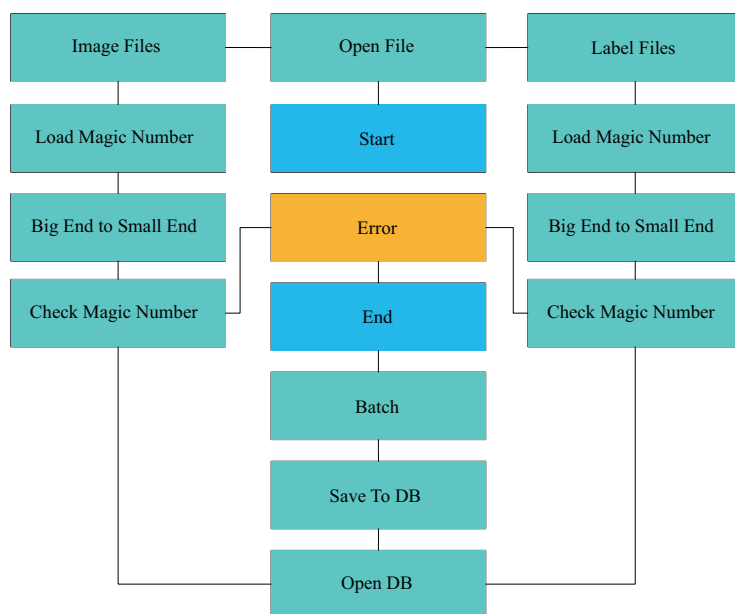


Figure 2: Transform

3 Modeling

3.1 Description

In this part,i will structure the famous LeNet-5 model.LeNet-5 is a convolutional network designed for handwritten and machine-printed character recognition.

3.2 Analysis

LeNet-5 has seven layers.However,this time i use caffe so i need to add other layers.In caffe it includes eleven layers:two data layers,two convolution layers,two pooling layers,two inner product layers,a ReLU layer,an accuracy layer and a loss layer.

LeNet-5 Model

Here are the LeNet-5 Model.

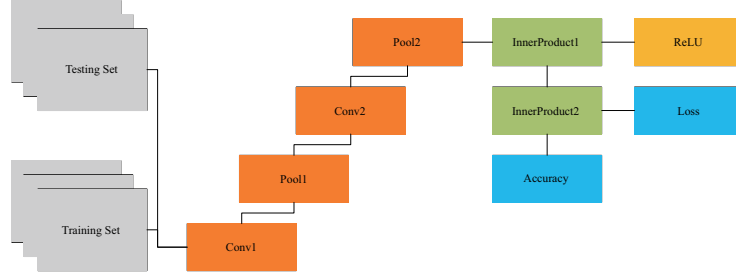


Figure 3: LeNet-5 Model

LeNet-5 Parameters

Here are the LeNet-5 Parameters.

Layer	Type	Output	Kernel	LR_mult	Bias_mult
conv1	convolution	20	5×5	1	2
pool1	pooling	NaN	2×2	NaN	NaN
conv2	convolution	50	5×5	1	2
pool2	pooling	NaN	2×2	NaN	NaN
ip1	inner product	500	NaN	1	2
ip2	inner product	10	NaN	1	2

Table 6: LeNet-5 Parameters

3.3 Training

In this part,i will train the hyper parameter of model.In order to get a good result,i choose iterations as 10,000 times with the hope of finding the global optimal value.Besides,i choose the base learning rate as 0.01,momentum as 0.9,weight decay as 5×10^{-4} .What's more,i set gamma as 10^{-4} ,power as 0.75.The procedure of training can be seen below.

3.4 Prediction

After long time training,we can get a model,then i will use this model to predict the test set.We can see that the accuracy surprising arrive at 97%.So i think

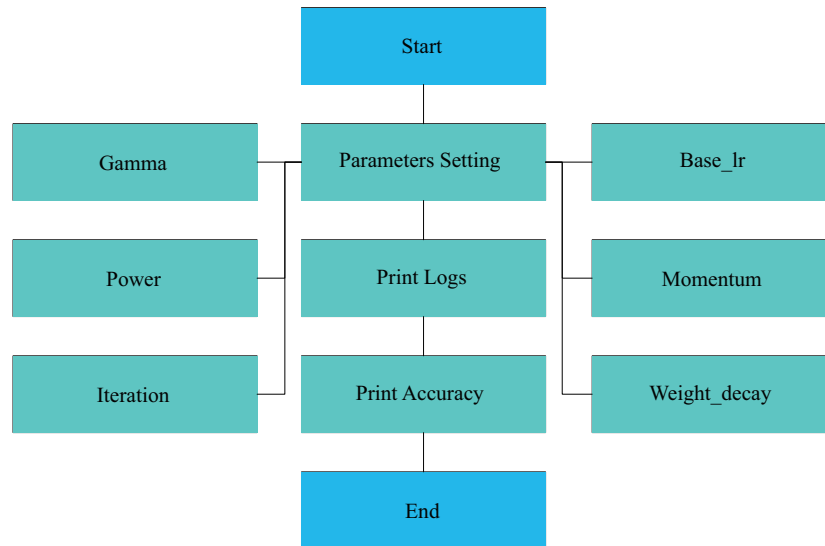


Figure 4: Training

this model can solve the hand-written image recognition problem well. The accuracy can be seen in figure 5.

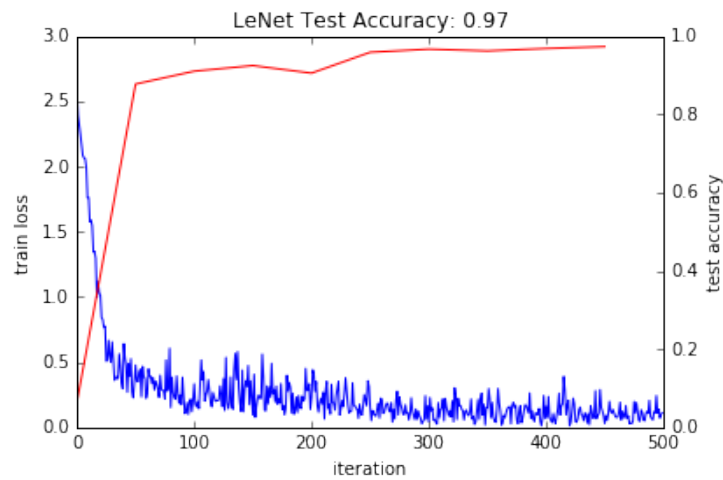


Figure 5: Accuracy Of LeNet

4 Optimization

In this part i will change parameters in LeNet and choose the best model for my final model.

4.1 Adam

I follow the procedure of LeNet and change the solver type from SGD to Adam. The accuracy can be seen in figure 6.

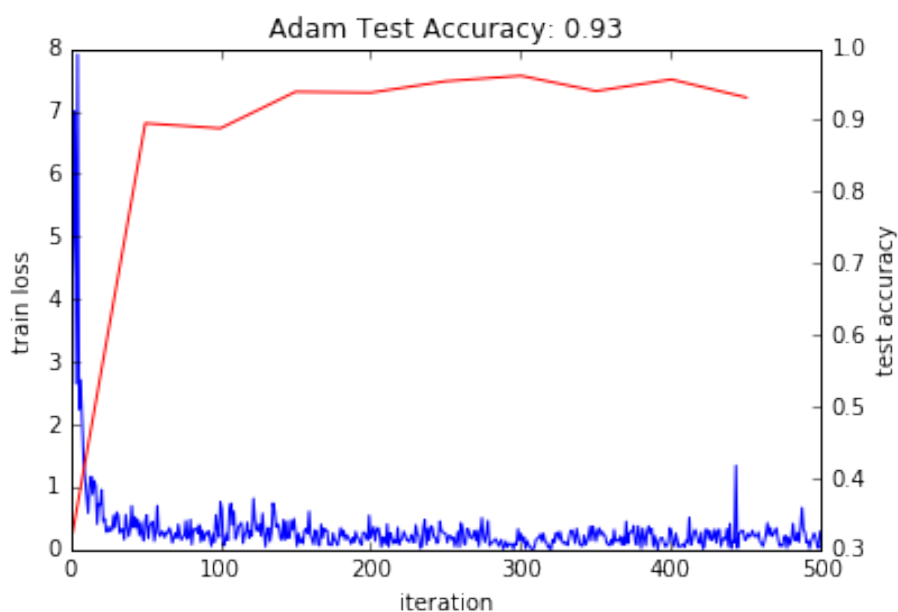


Figure 6: Accuracy Of Adam

4.2 Nesterov

I follow the procedure of LeNet and change the solver type from SGD to Nesterov.

The accuracy can be seen in figure 7.

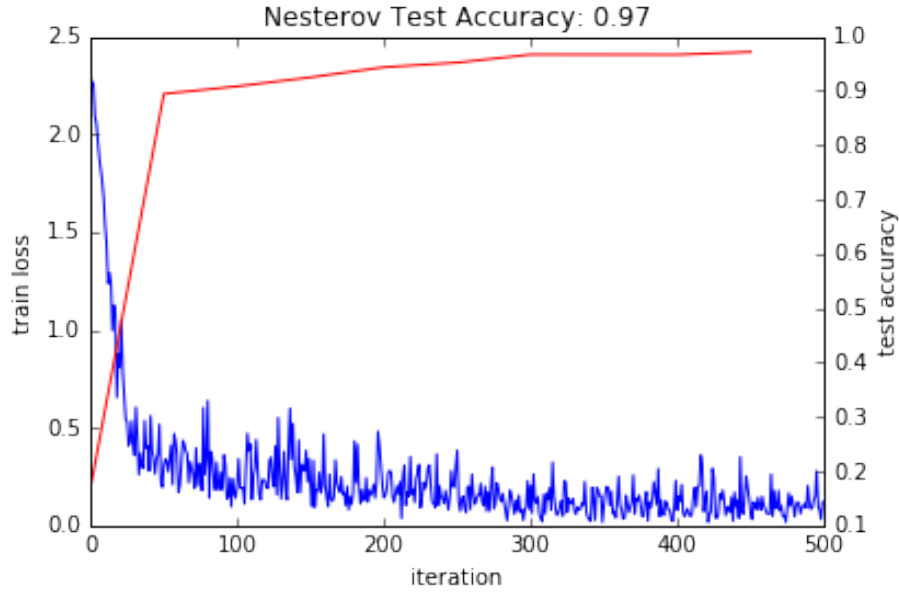


Figure 7: Accuracy Of Nesterov

4.3 Comparison

As we can see below, Nesterov has high accuracy and cost fewer time. Therefore, I will choose Nesterov as my final model.

Model	Time	Accuracy
LeNet	143.23s	97%
Adam	128.56s	93%
Nesterov	103.88s	97%

Table 7: Comparison Of Models

5 Conclusion

In this part, I will tell what I learned and what I thought based on CNN. As we can learn from the last section, CNN does a really good job in image recognition. But why it can get good results? In order to find the answer, I read a lot of related papers and blogs. And finally, I find these key points of CNN.

5.1 Local Perception

Convolutional Neural Network has a good way to decrease the number of features called local perception. We may think that we see a picture based on each pixels of it, however, our neural cells don't work like our thoughts. In fact, each cell just takes a part of a thing then the high layer neural cells combine the information together.

For example, if there is a 100×100 image, which can be presented as a 10^4 vector. If the hidden layer equals to the input layer, the parameters will be 10^8 . If each cell just needs to collect 10×10 pixels of the image, the parameters will be 10^6 . And this operation equals to convolution.

5.2 Weight Sharing

We may think that although we decrease 100 times, it is still too large. So it comes to the second way, weight sharing.

For example, if we have 10^4 cells, and if each cell has 100 weights, it will be 100 weights total. It may be hard to understand, you can think this way: We learn something in this part, but this thing we learn can be used in another part. So we can use the same features in all parts of the image.

5.3 Multi-Kernel

If we just use a 10×10 kernel, we can't get all features of the image. In order to solve this problem, we can add other kernels. For example, if we add another 15 kernels, we have 16 kernels, and we can use these kernels to learn 16 features of the image.

5.4 Down-Pooling

When we get all features we can start to classify using softmax classifier. However, we may face the problem that the features are still too large. For example, if we have a 32×32 image, and learned 100 features using 4×4 kernels, each feature will get $(32 - 4 + 1) \times (32 - 4 + 1)$ convolutional features, and will total get 841×100 convolutional features vector. It's hard to train the classifier.

Luckily, images have a good attribute that an image's feature can be the same in a part range. Therefore we can collect part of image together to decrease the features. And this operation is called pooling.

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