# Optimization

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## 0.1 Optimization for Fully Connected Networks

In this notebook, we will implement different optimization rules for gradient descent. We have provided starter code; however, you will need to copy and paste your code from your implementation of the modular fully connected nets in HW #3 to build upon this.

Utils has a solid API for building these modular frameworks and training them, and we will use this very well implemented framework as opposed to "reinventing the wheel." This includes using the Solver, various utility functions, and the layer structure. This also includes nndl.fc\_net, nndl.layers, and nndl.layer\_utils.

```
[]: ## Import and setups
     import time
     import numpy as np
     import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
     from nndl.fc_net import *
     from utils.data_utils import get_CIFAR10_data
     from utils.gradient_check import eval_numerical_gradient,_
      →eval_numerical_gradient_array
     from utils.solver import Solver
     %matplotlib inline
     plt.rcParams['figure.figsize'] = (10.0, 8.0) # set default size of plots
     plt.rcParams['image.interpolation'] = 'nearest'
     plt.rcParams['image.cmap'] = 'gray'
     # for auto-reloading external modules
     # see http://stackoverflow.com/questions/1907993/
      \Rightarrow autoreload-of-modules-in-ipython
     %load ext autoreload
     %autoreload 2
     def rel_error(x, y):
         """ returns relative error """
         return np.max(np.abs(x - y) / (np.maximum(1e-8, np.abs(x) + np.abs(y))))
```

```
[]: # Load the (preprocessed) CIFAR10 data.

data = get_CIFAR10_data()
for k in data.keys():
    print('{}: {} '.format(k, data[k].shape))
```

X\_train: (49000, 3, 32, 32)
y\_train: (49000,)
X\_val: (1000, 3, 32, 32)
y\_val: (1000,)
X\_test: (1000, 3, 32, 32)
y\_test: (1000,)

## 0.2 Building upon your HW #3 implementation

Copy and paste the following functions from your HW #3 implementation of a modular FC net:

- affine\_forward in nndl/layers.py
- affine\_backward in nndl/layers.py
- relu\_forward in nndl/layers.py
- relu\_backward in nndl/layers.py
- affine\_relu\_forward in nndl/layer\_utils.py
- affine\_relu\_backward in nndl/layer\_utils.py
- The FullyConnectedNet class in nndl/fc\_net.py

#### 0.2.1 Test all functions you copy and pasted

```
from nndl.layer_tests import *

affine_forward_test(); print('\n')
affine_backward_test(); print('\n')
relu_forward_test(); print('\n')
relu_backward_test(); print('\n')
affine_relu_test(); print('\n')
fc_net_test()
```

If affine\_forward function is working, difference should be less than 1e-9: difference: 9.7698500479884e-10

```
If affine_backward is working, error should be less than 1e-9::
```

dx error: 9.921339690291491e-11
dw error: 5.118769370670294e-10
db error: 1.8832862889766754e-11

If relu\_forward function is working, difference should be around 1e-8: difference: 4.999999798022158e-08

```
If relu forward function is working, error should be less than 1e-9:
dx error: 3.275615306486218e-12
If affine_relu_forward and affine_relu_backward are working, error should be
less than 1e-9::
dx error: 1.9920118497528304e-09
dw error: 5.427422203418818e-10
db error: 7.826637978569618e-12
Running check with reg = 0
Initial loss: 2.3001838187602317
W1 relative error: 9.736428459439352e-07
W2 relative error: 1.9764259447160983e-05
W3 relative error: 3.7829964729163316e-07
b1 relative error: 1.4214626486789504e-08
b2 relative error: 2.101726270429346e-09
b3 relative error: 1.3010201989833611e-10
Running check with reg = 3.14
Initial loss: 6.833209685694318
W1 relative error: 1.6706600879849896e-08
W2 relative error: 4.024192483235043e-08
W3 relative error: 1.767462785238029e-08
b1 relative error: 5.647835445221942e-08
b2 relative error: 7.919412260379965e-09
b3 relative error: 1.7379827755901627e-10
```

# 1 Training a larger model

In general, proceeding with vanilla stochastic gradient descent to optimize models may be fraught with problems and limitations, as discussed in class. Thus, we implement optimizers that improve on SGD.

#### 1.1 SGD + momentum

In the following section, implement SGD with momentum. Read the nndl/optim.py API, which is provided by CS231n, and be sure you understand it. After, implement sgd\_momentum in nndl/optim.py. Test your implementation of sgd\_momentum by running the cell below.

```
[]: from nndl.optim import sgd_momentum

N, D = 4, 5
w = np.linspace(-0.4, 0.6, num=N*D).reshape(N, D)
dw = np.linspace(-0.6, 0.4, num=N*D).reshape(N, D)
v = np.linspace(0.6, 0.9, num=N*D).reshape(N, D)
```

```
config = {'learning_rate': 1e-3, 'velocity': v}
next_w, _ = sgd_momentum(w, dw, config=config)
expected_next_w = np.asarray([
    [0.1406, 0.20738947, 0.27417895, 0.34096842, 0.40775789],
    [0.47454737, 0.54133684, 0.60812632, 0.67491579, 0.74170526],
    [ 0.80849474, 0.87528421, 0.94207368, 1.00886316, 1.07565263],
    [1.14244211, 1.20923158, 1.27602105, 1.34281053, 1.4096
                                                                 11)
expected_velocity = np.asarray([
             0.55475789, 0.56891579, 0.58307368, 0.59723158],
    0.5406.
    [ 0.61138947, 0.62554737, 0.63970526, 0.65386316, 0.66802105],
    [ 0.68217895, 0.69633684, 0.71049474, 0.72465263, 0.73881053],
    [ 0.75296842, 0.76712632, 0.78128421, 0.79544211, 0.8096
                                                                 ]])
print('next_w error: {}'.format(rel_error(next_w, expected_next_w)))
print('velocity error: {}'.format(rel_error(expected_velocity,__
 ⇔config['velocity'])))
```

next\_w error: 8.882347033505819e-09 velocity error: 4.269287743278663e-09

#### 1.2 SGD + Nesterov momentum

Implement sgd nesterov momentum in ndl/optim.py.

```
[]: from nndl.optim import sgd nesterov momentum
    N, D = 4, 5
    w = np.linspace(-0.4, 0.6, num=N*D).reshape(N, D)
    dw = np.linspace(-0.6, 0.4, num=N*D).reshape(N, D)
    v = np.linspace(0.6, 0.9, num=N*D).reshape(N, D)
    config = {'learning_rate': 1e-3, 'velocity': v}
    next_w, _ = sgd_nesterov_momentum(w, dw, config=config)
    expected_next_w = np.asarray([
        [0.08714, 0.15246105, 0.21778211, 0.28310316, 0.34842421],
        [0.41374526, 0.47906632, 0.54438737, 0.60970842, 0.67502947],
        [0.74035053, 0.80567158, 0.87099263, 0.93631368, 1.00163474],
        [1.06695579, 1.13227684, 1.19759789, 1.26291895, 1.32824]]
    expected_velocity = np.asarray([
        [0.5406, 0.55475789, 0.56891579, 0.58307368, 0.59723158],
        [ 0.61138947, 0.62554737, 0.63970526, 0.65386316, 0.66802105],
        [ 0.68217895, 0.69633684, 0.71049474, 0.72465263, 0.73881053],
        [ 0.75296842, 0.76712632, 0.78128421, 0.79544211, 0.8096
                                                                      ]])
    print('next_w error: {}'.format(rel_error(next_w, expected_next_w)))
```

next\_w error: 1.0875186845081027e-08 velocity error: 4.269287743278663e-09

### 1.3 Evaluating SGD, SGD+Momentum, and SGD+NesterovMomentum

Run the following cell to train a 6 layer FC net with SGD, SGD+momentum, and SGD+Nesterov momentum. You should see that SGD+momentum achieves a better loss than SGD, and that SGD+Nesterov momentum achieves a slightly better loss (and training accuracy) than SGD+momentum.

```
[]: num_train = 4000
     small data = {
         'X_train': data['X_train'][:num_train],
         'y_train': data['y_train'][:num_train],
         'X_val': data['X_val'],
         'y_val': data['y_val'],
     }
     solvers = {}
     for update_rule in ['sgd', 'sgd_momentum', 'sgd_nesterov_momentum']:
         print('Optimizing with {}'.format(update_rule))
         model = FullyConnectedNet([100, 100, 100, 100, 100], weight_scale=5e-2)
         solver = Solver(model, small_data,
                         num_epochs=5, batch_size=100,
                         update_rule=update_rule,
                         optim_config={
                            'learning_rate': 1e-2,
                         }.
                         verbose=False)
         solvers[update_rule] = solver
         solver.train()
         print
     fig, axes = plt.subplots(3, 1)
     ax = axes[0]
     ax.set_title('Training loss')
     ax.set_xlabel('Iteration')
     ax = axes[1]
     ax.set_title('Training accuracy')
     ax.set xlabel('Epoch')
```

```
ax = axes[2]
ax.set_title('Validation accuracy')
ax.set_xlabel('Epoch')

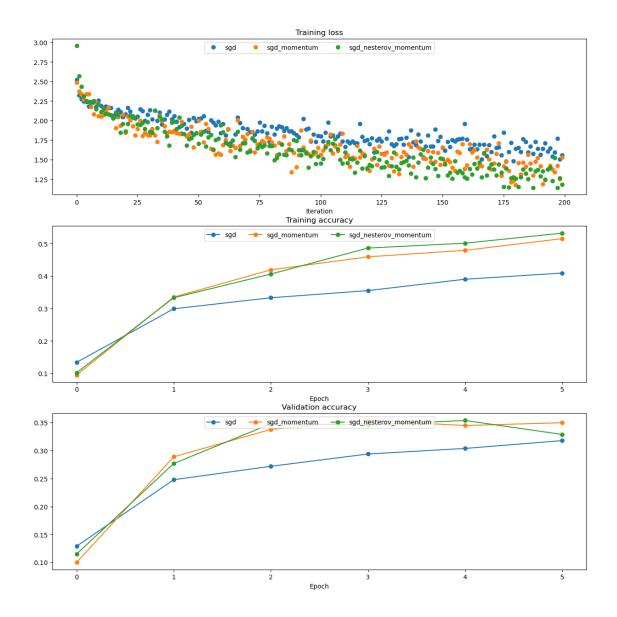
for update_rule, solver in solvers.items():
    ax = axes[0]
    ax.plot(solver.loss_history, 'o', label=update_rule)

    ax = axes[1]
    ax.plot(solver.train_acc_history, '-o', label=update_rule)

    ax = axes[2]
    ax.plot(solver.val_acc_history, '-o', label=update_rule)

for i in [1, 2, 3]:
    ax = axes[i - 1]
    ax.legend(loc='upper center', ncol=4)
plt.gcf().set_size_inches(15, 15)
plt.show()
```

Optimizing with sgd\_momentum
Optimizing with sgd\_nesterov\_momentum



## 1.4 RMSProp

Now we go to techniques that adapt the gradient. Implement rmsprop in nndl/optim.py. Test your implementation by running the cell below.

```
[]: from nndl.optim import rmsprop

N, D = 4, 5
w = np.linspace(-0.4, 0.6, num=N*D).reshape(N, D)
dw = np.linspace(-0.6, 0.4, num=N*D).reshape(N, D)
a = np.linspace(0.6, 0.9, num=N*D).reshape(N, D)

config = {'learning_rate': 1e-2, 'a': a}
```

next\_w error: 9.524687511038133e-08 cache error: 2.6477955807156126e-09

### 1.5 Adaptive moments

Now, implement adam in nndl/optim.py. Test your implementation by running the cell below.

```
[]: # Test Adam implementation; you should see errors around 1e-7 or less
    from nndl.optim import adam
    N, D = 4, 5
    w = np.linspace(-0.4, 0.6, num=N*D).reshape(N, D)
    dw = np.linspace(-0.6, 0.4, num=N*D).reshape(N, D)
    v = np.linspace(0.6, 0.9, num=N*D).reshape(N, D)
    a = np.linspace(0.7, 0.5, num=N*D).reshape(N, D)
    config = {'learning_rate': 1e-2, 'v': v, 'a': a, 't': 5}
    next_w, _ = adam(w, dw, config=config)
    expected_next_w = np.asarray([
      [-0.40094747, -0.34836187, -0.29577703, -0.24319299, -0.19060977],
      [-0.1380274, -0.08544591, -0.03286534, 0.01971428, 0.0722929],
      [0.1248705, 0.17744702, 0.23002243, 0.28259667, 0.33516969],
      [ 0.38774145, 0.44031188, 0.49288093, 0.54544852, 0.59801459]])
    expected_a = np.asarray([
      [0.69966, 0.68908382, 0.67851319, 0.66794809, 0.65738853,],
      [0.64683452, 0.63628604, 0.6257431, 0.61520571, 0.60467385,],
      [ 0.59414753, 0.58362676, 0.57311152, 0.56260183, 0.55209767,],
      [ 0.54159906, 0.53110598, 0.52061845, 0.51013645, 0.49966, ]])
    expected_v = np.asarray([
      [0.48, 0.49947368, 0.51894737, 0.53842105, 0.55789474],
      [ 0.57736842, 0.59684211, 0.61631579, 0.63578947, 0.65526316],
```

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[ 0.67473684, 0.69421053, 0.71368421, 0.73315789, 0.75263158],
[ 0.77210526, 0.79157895, 0.81105263, 0.83052632, 0.85 ]])

print('next_w error: {}'.format(rel_error(expected_next_w, next_w)))
print('a error: {}'.format(rel_error(expected_a, config['a'])))
print('v error: {}'.format(rel_error(expected_v, config['v'])))
```

next\_w error: 1.1395691798535431e-07
a error: 4.208314038113071e-09
v error: 4.214963193114416e-09

## 1.6 Comparing SGD, SGD+NesterovMomentum, RMSProp, and Adam

The following code will compare optimization with SGD, Momentum, Nesterov Momentum, RM-SProp and Adam. In our code, we find that RMSProp, Adam, and SGD + Nesterov Momentum achieve approximately the same training error after a few training epochs.

```
[]: learning_rates = {'rmsprop': 2e-4, 'adam': 1e-3}
     for update_rule in ['adam', 'rmsprop']:
         print('Optimizing with {}'.format(update_rule))
         model = FullyConnectedNet([100, 100, 100, 100, 100], weight_scale=5e-2)
         solver = Solver(model, small_data,
                         num_epochs=5, batch_size=100,
                         update_rule=update_rule,
                         optim_config={
                           'learning_rate': learning_rates[update_rule]
                         },
                         verbose=False)
         solvers[update_rule] = solver
         solver.train()
         print
     fig, axes = plt.subplots(3, 1)
     ax = axes[0]
     ax.set_title('Training loss')
     ax.set_xlabel('Iteration')
     ax = axes[1]
     ax.set_title('Training accuracy')
     ax.set_xlabel('Epoch')
     ax = axes[2]
     ax.set_title('Validation accuracy')
     ax.set_xlabel('Epoch')
```

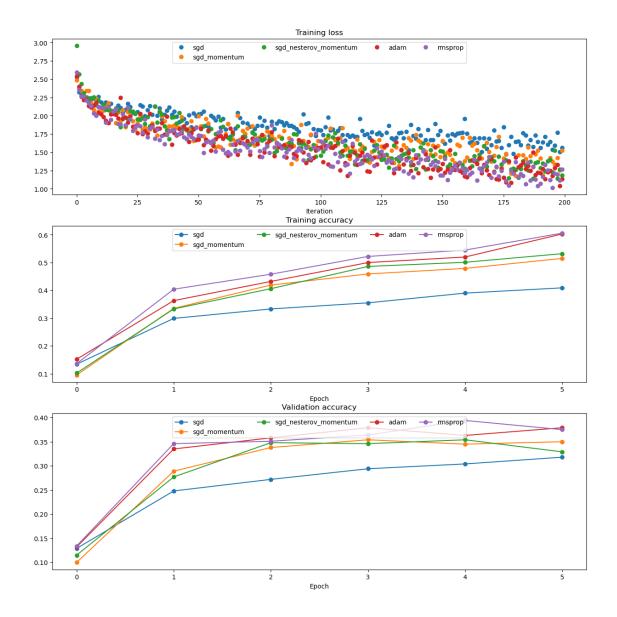
```
for update_rule, solver in solvers.items():
    ax = axes[0]
    ax.plot(solver.loss_history, 'o', label=update_rule)

ax = axes[1]
    ax.plot(solver.train_acc_history, '-o', label=update_rule)

ax = axes[2]
    ax.plot(solver.val_acc_history, '-o', label=update_rule)

for i in [1, 2, 3]:
    ax = axes[i - 1]
    ax.legend(loc='upper center', ncol=4)
plt.gcf().set_size_inches(15, 15)
plt.show()
```

Optimizing with adam Optimizing with rmsprop



## 1.7 Easier optimization

In the following cell, we'll train a 4 layer neural network having 500 units in each hidden layer with the different optimizers, and find that it is far easier to get up to 50+% performance on CIFAR-10. After we implement batchnorm and dropout, we'll ask you to get 55+% on CIFAR-10.

```
[]: optimizer = 'adam'
best_model = None

layer_dims = [500, 500, 500]
weight_scale = 0.01
learning_rate = 1e-3
lr_decay = 0.9
```

```
model = FullyConnectedNet(layer_dims, weight_scale=weight_scale,
                           use_batchnorm=True)
solver = Solver(model, data,
                num_epochs=10, batch_size=100,
                update_rule=optimizer,
                optim_config={
                   'learning rate': learning rate,
                },
                lr decay=lr decay,
                verbose=True, print_every=50)
solver.train()
(Iteration 1 / 4900) loss: 2.325989
(Epoch 0 / 10) train acc: 0.115000; val_acc: 0.127000
(Iteration 51 / 4900) loss: 1.870683
(Iteration 101 / 4900) loss: 1.749163
(Iteration 151 / 4900) loss: 1.645403
(Iteration 201 / 4900) loss: 1.786959
(Iteration 251 / 4900) loss: 1.493956
(Iteration 301 / 4900) loss: 1.709110
(Iteration 351 / 4900) loss: 1.603957
(Iteration 401 / 4900) loss: 1.669217
(Iteration 451 / 4900) loss: 1.806439
(Epoch 1 / 10) train acc: 0.402000; val acc: 0.433000
(Iteration 501 / 4900) loss: 1.759044
(Iteration 551 / 4900) loss: 1.447526
(Iteration 601 / 4900) loss: 1.471226
(Iteration 651 / 4900) loss: 1.740063
(Iteration 701 / 4900) loss: 1.582539
(Iteration 751 / 4900) loss: 1.391246
(Iteration 801 / 4900) loss: 1.347183
(Iteration 851 / 4900) loss: 1.542118
(Iteration 901 / 4900) loss: 1.550798
(Iteration 951 / 4900) loss: 1.357640
(Epoch 2 / 10) train acc: 0.473000; val_acc: 0.449000
(Iteration 1001 / 4900) loss: 1.282699
(Iteration 1051 / 4900) loss: 1.382429
(Iteration 1101 / 4900) loss: 1.482079
(Iteration 1151 / 4900) loss: 1.375703
(Iteration 1201 / 4900) loss: 1.341312
(Iteration 1251 / 4900) loss: 1.434927
(Iteration 1301 / 4900) loss: 1.428094
(Iteration 1351 / 4900) loss: 1.514103
(Iteration 1401 / 4900) loss: 1.358413
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(Iteration 1451 / 4900) loss: 1.282261

```
(Epoch 3 / 10) train acc: 0.532000; val_acc: 0.467000
(Iteration 1501 / 4900) loss: 1.287993
(Iteration 1551 / 4900) loss: 1.330630
(Iteration 1601 / 4900) loss: 1.464470
(Iteration 1651 / 4900) loss: 1.402027
(Iteration 1701 / 4900) loss: 1.356814
(Iteration 1751 / 4900) loss: 1.322569
(Iteration 1801 / 4900) loss: 1.296675
(Iteration 1851 / 4900) loss: 1.352026
(Iteration 1901 / 4900) loss: 1.162464
(Iteration 1951 / 4900) loss: 1.464830
(Epoch 4 / 10) train acc: 0.548000; val_acc: 0.489000
(Iteration 2001 / 4900) loss: 1.255898
(Iteration 2051 / 4900) loss: 1.250183
(Iteration 2101 / 4900) loss: 1.277716
(Iteration 2151 / 4900) loss: 1.298472
(Iteration 2201 / 4900) loss: 1.116835
(Iteration 2251 / 4900) loss: 1.354155
(Iteration 2301 / 4900) loss: 1.150200
(Iteration 2351 / 4900) loss: 1.208711
(Iteration 2401 / 4900) loss: 0.970558
(Epoch 5 / 10) train acc: 0.574000; val acc: 0.496000
(Iteration 2451 / 4900) loss: 1.179215
(Iteration 2501 / 4900) loss: 1.390239
(Iteration 2551 / 4900) loss: 1.181364
(Iteration 2601 / 4900) loss: 1.210565
(Iteration 2651 / 4900) loss: 1.070150
(Iteration 2701 / 4900) loss: 1.052570
(Iteration 2751 / 4900) loss: 1.299136
(Iteration 2801 / 4900) loss: 1.183212
(Iteration 2851 / 4900) loss: 1.030881
(Iteration 2901 / 4900) loss: 1.125599
(Epoch 6 / 10) train acc: 0.600000; val_acc: 0.496000
(Iteration 2951 / 4900) loss: 1.108003
(Iteration 3001 / 4900) loss: 1.191459
(Iteration 3051 / 4900) loss: 1.125336
(Iteration 3101 / 4900) loss: 1.183858
(Iteration 3151 / 4900) loss: 1.193573
(Iteration 3201 / 4900) loss: 1.063729
(Iteration 3251 / 4900) loss: 1.044464
(Iteration 3301 / 4900) loss: 1.164088
(Iteration 3351 / 4900) loss: 0.986111
(Iteration 3401 / 4900) loss: 1.014930
(Epoch 7 / 10) train acc: 0.601000; val_acc: 0.523000
(Iteration 3451 / 4900) loss: 1.144177
(Iteration 3501 / 4900) loss: 1.106877
(Iteration 3551 / 4900) loss: 0.903499
(Iteration 3601 / 4900) loss: 1.282903
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(Iteration 3651 / 4900) loss: 1.002898
    (Iteration 3701 / 4900) loss: 0.842896
    (Iteration 3751 / 4900) loss: 1.065477
    (Iteration 3801 / 4900) loss: 1.031447
    (Iteration 3851 / 4900) loss: 1.342536
    (Iteration 3901 / 4900) loss: 1.151595
    (Epoch 8 / 10) train acc: 0.656000; val acc: 0.537000
    (Iteration 3951 / 4900) loss: 0.921140
    (Iteration 4001 / 4900) loss: 1.075565
    (Iteration 4051 / 4900) loss: 1.020048
    (Iteration 4101 / 4900) loss: 0.975876
    (Iteration 4151 / 4900) loss: 1.109071
    (Iteration 4201 / 4900) loss: 0.818720
    (Iteration 4251 / 4900) loss: 1.149080
    (Iteration 4301 / 4900) loss: 0.961885
    (Iteration 4351 / 4900) loss: 1.029657
    (Iteration 4401 / 4900) loss: 0.992939
    (Epoch 9 / 10) train acc: 0.663000; val_acc: 0.538000
    (Iteration 4451 / 4900) loss: 0.900818
    (Iteration 4501 / 4900) loss: 0.878764
    (Iteration 4551 / 4900) loss: 0.805838
    (Iteration 4601 / 4900) loss: 0.921345
    (Iteration 4651 / 4900) loss: 0.920808
    (Iteration 4701 / 4900) loss: 0.990059
    (Iteration 4751 / 4900) loss: 0.826135
    (Iteration 4801 / 4900) loss: 1.000700
    (Iteration 4851 / 4900) loss: 0.904633
    (Epoch 10 / 10) train acc: 0.701000; val_acc: 0.544000
[]: y_test_pred = np.argmax(model.loss(data['X_test']), axis=1)
     y_val_pred = np.argmax(model.loss(data['X_val']), axis=1)
     print('Validation set accuracy: {}'.format(np.mean(y_val_pred ==_

data['y_val'])))

     print('Test set accuracy: {}'.format(np.mean(y_test_pred == data['y_test'])))
```

Validation set accuracy: 0.544

Test set accuracy: 0.539