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# Basics of Neural Network Programming

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## Vectorization

# What is vectorization?

`np.array([1,2,3,4,5])`

$$z = w^T x + b \quad w^T = [\dots] \quad x = \begin{bmatrix} \vdots \\ \vdots \end{bmatrix}$$

$w, x \in \mathbb{R}^n$

$$z = \text{np.dot}(w, x) + b \rightarrow \text{fast}$$

v/s

for  $i$  in  $\text{range}(n_x)$

$z += w[i] \cdot x[i]$

$z = z + b$

$O(n)$   
slow

Almost 300x time diff

Why?

SIMD is provided by the CPU/GPU

↳ Single Instruction  
Multiple data

parallelization

instructions

provided by the CPU/GPU

`np.dot` uses SIMD

more efficiently than

a for loop



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## More vectorization examples

# Neural network programming guideline

Whenever possible, avoid explicit for-loops.

Suppose the task is to vectorize

$$\begin{aligned}u &= A \cdot v \\ A &\in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n} \\ v &\in \mathbb{R}^{n \times 1} \\ \Rightarrow u &\in \mathbb{R}^{m \times 1}\end{aligned}$$

v/s

$$u = \text{np.dot}(A, v)$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned}u &= \text{np.zeros}(m, 1) \\ \text{for } i &\dots m \\ \quad \text{for } j &\dots n \\ \quad \quad u[i] &= u[i] + A[i][j] \cdot v[j]\end{aligned} \right\} O(n^2)$$

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# Vectors and matrix valued functions

Say you need to apply the exponential operation on every element of a matrix/vector.

$$v = \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ \vdots \\ v_n \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow u = \begin{bmatrix} e^{v_1} \\ \vdots \\ e^{v_n} \end{bmatrix}$$

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u = np.exp(v)
np.log(v)
np.abs(v)
np.max(v, 0)
v ** 2
↳  $\begin{bmatrix} v_1^2 \\ \vdots \\ v_n^2 \end{bmatrix}$ 
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u = np.zeros((n,1))
for i in range(n):
    u[i]=math.exp(v[i])
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# Logistic regression derivatives

$$J = 0, \quad \underline{dw1 = 0, \quad dw2 = 0}, \quad db = 0$$

*No need for this* (pointing to  $dw1 = 0$ )  
 *$dw = np.zeros(n_x, 1)$*  (pointing to  $dw2 = 0$ )

for i = 1 to ~~n~~:<sup>m</sup>

$$z^{(i)} = w^T x^{(i)} + b$$

$$a^{(i)} = \sigma(z^{(i)})$$

$$J += -[y^{(i)} \log \hat{y}^{(i)} + (1 - y^{(i)}) \log(1 - \hat{y}^{(i)})]$$

$$dz^{(i)} = \cancel{a^{(i)}(1 - a^{(i)})} a^{(i)} - y^{(i)}$$

$$dw += \kappa^{(i)} \cdot dz^{(i)}$$

$$db += dz^{(i)}$$

$$J = J/m, \quad \underline{dW_1 = dW_1/m, \quad dW_2 = dW_2/m}, \quad db = db/m$$

*We were updating all our weights here for i=1 to nx  
⇒ w<sub>1</sub>  
w<sub>2</sub>  
...  
w<sub>n</sub>*

*How to get rid of this? Make w a vector!*

*↳ No need for this  
Instead do  $dw/m$*