# Q3 - Neural Networks

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## سوال های حل کردنی: Q1

Consider a simple neural network with three layers: an input layer, a hidden layer, and an output layer.

Let  $w^{(1)}$  and  $w^{(2)}$  be the layers' weight matrices and let  $b^{(1)}$  and  $b^{(2)}$  be their biases. For convention, suppose that  $w_{ij}$  is the weight between the ith node in the previous layer and the jth node in the current one.

Additionally, the activation function for both layers is the sigmoid function  $\sigma(x)=\frac{1}{1+e^{-x}}$ . Let  $z^{(1)}$  and  $z^{(2)}$  be the outputs of the two layers before activation, and let  $a^{(1)}=\sigma(z^{(1)})$  and  $a^{(2)}=\sigma(z^{(2)})$ .

Lastly, we choose the L2 loss  $L(y_{
m true},y_{
m predict})=rac{1}{2}(y_{
m true}-y_{
m predict})^2$  as the loss function.

## Q1.1: Forward Pass

Suppose that

$$w^{(1)}=egin{bmatrix} 0.4 & 0.6 & 0.2 \ 0.3 & 0.9 & 0.5 \end{bmatrix}$$
 ,  $b^{(1)}=[1,1,1]$  ; and

$$w^{(2)} = egin{bmatrix} 0.2 \ 0.2 \ 0.8 \end{bmatrix}$$
 ,  $b^{(2)} = [0.5]$  .

If the input is  $a^{(0)}=\begin{bmatrix}1\\1\end{bmatrix}$ , what is the network output? Show your calculation steps and round your **final** answer to 2 digits after decimal.

#### [Answer]

## Neural Network Architecture & Calculation Explanation

## 1. Network Architecture

The neural network has the following layers:

Layer	Nodes	Weights	Biases	Activation
Input	2	-	-	None
Hidden	3	$w^{(1)}$ (2×3)	$b^{(1)}$ (3)	Sigmoid ( $\sigma$ )
Output	1	$w^{(2)}$ (3×1)	$b^{(2)}$ (1)	Sigmoid $(\sigma)$

### **Key Components**

- 1. **Weights** (*w*):
  - $w^{(1)}$ : Connects **input layer (2 nodes)** to **hidden layer (3 nodes)**. Shape:  $2\times 3$  (rows = input nodes, columns = hidden nodes).
  - $w^{(2)}$ : Connects **hidden layer (3 nodes)** to **output layer (1 node)**. Shape: 3 imes 1.
- 2. Biases (b):
  - $b^{(1)}$ : Added to the hidden layer (3 nodes).
  - $b^{(2)}$ : Added to the output layer (1 node).
- 3. Activation Function ( $\sigma$ ):
  - Sigmoid:  $\sigma(x) = \frac{1}{1+e^{-x}}$ .
    - Squashes outputs to [0, 1].
- 4. Loss Function:
  - L2 Loss (Mean Squared Error):  $L(y_{ ext{true}}, y_{ ext{predict}}) = rac{1}{2} (y_{ ext{true}} y_{ ext{predict}})^2$ .

## 2. Forward Pass Calculation

Given input  $a^{(0)}=\left[egin{array}{c}1\\1\end{array}
ight]$  , we compute the output.

# Step 1: Hidden Layer Pre-Activation ( $z^{(1)}$ )

$$z^{(1)} = (a^{(0)})^T w^{(1)} + b^{(1)}$$

- Shape Check:  $(1 \times 2) \times (2 \times 3) + (1 \times 3) = (1 \times 3)$ .

• Calculation:  $z^{(1)} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0.4 & 0.6 & 0.2 \\ 0.3 & 0.9 & 0.5 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1.7 & 2.5 & 1.7 \end{bmatrix}$ 

## Step 2: Hidden Layer Activation ( $a^{(1)}$ )

Apply sigmoid to each element of  $z^{(1)}$ :

$$a^{(1)} = \sigma(z^{(1)}) = \left[ egin{array}{ccc} \sigma(1.7) & \sigma(2.5) & \sigma(1.7) \end{array} 
ight] pprox \left[ egin{array}{ccc} 0.845 & 0.924 & 0.845 \end{array} 
ight]$$

# Step 3: Output Layer Pre-Activation ( $z^{(2)}$ )

$$z^{(2)} = (a^{(1)})^T w^{(2)} + b^{(2)}$$

- Shape Check:  $(1 \times 3) \times (3 \times 1) + (1 \times 1) = (1 \times 1)$ .
- Calculation:  $z^{(2)} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.845 & 0.924 & 0.845 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0.2 \\ 0.2 \\ 0.8 \end{bmatrix} + 0.5 = 1.5298$

## Step 4: Output Layer Activation ( $a^{(2)}$ )

$$a^{(2)} = \sigma(z^{(2)}) = \sigma(1.5298) pprox 0.82$$

## Q1.2: Backward Propagation

Derive the expressions of the following gradients:

1. 
$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial w^{(2)}}$$
 and  $\frac{\partial L}{\partial b^{(2)}}$ 
2.  $\frac{\partial L}{\partial w^{(1)}}$  and  $\frac{\partial L}{\partial b^{(1)}}$ 

For each gradient, start by deriving the element-level expression using chain rule, and then construct the final answer in matrix form. You can use a self-defined variable(e.g.,  $\eta$ ) to shorten a long expression (especially for the first-layer gradients).

An example of your answer should look like the following.

(Element level)

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial w_i^{(2)}} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial a^{(2)}} \cdot \frac{\partial a^{(2)}}{\partial z^{(2)}} \cdot \frac{\partial z^{(2)}}{\partial w_i^{(2)}} \text{ (chain rule)}$$
(1)

$$= L'(y_{\text{true}}, a^{(2)}) \cdot f_2'(z^{(2)}) \cdot a_i^{(1)} \text{ (substitution)}$$
 (2)

(Matrix form)

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial w^{(2)}} = \dots$$
 (only the final answer is needed)

**Note**: The derivative of  $\sigma(x)$  is  $\sigma(x)(1-\sigma(x))$  if x is a scalar, or  $\sigma(x)\odot(1-\sigma(x))$  if x is a vector.

#### [Answer]

## Q1.2: Backpropagation Gradients Derivation

We'll derive gradients using the chain rule, starting from the output layer and moving backward. Given:

• 
$$L = \frac{1}{2} (y_{
m true} - a^{(2)})^2$$
 (L2 loss)

• 
$$\sigma'(x) = \sigma(x)(1-\sigma(x))$$
 (sigmoid derivative)

# 1. Output Layer Gradients ( $w^{(2)}, b^{(2)}$ )

(a) Gradient for  $w^{(2)}$ 

Using chain rule: 
$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial w_i^{(2)}} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial a^{(2)}} \cdot \frac{\partial a^{(2)}}{\partial z^{(2)}} \cdot \frac{\partial z^{(2)}}{\partial w_i^{(2)}}$$

Where:

$$ullet rac{\partial L}{\partial a^{(2)}} = (a^{(2)} - y_{
m true})$$

$$egin{array}{l} rac{\partial a^{(2)}}{\partial z^{(2)}} &= a^{(2)}(1-a^{(2)}) \ ullet rac{\partial z^{(2)}}{\partial w_i^{(2)}} &= a_i^{(1)} \end{array}$$

$$ullet rac{\partial z^{(2)}}{\partial w_i^{(2)}} = a_i^{(1)}$$

Final gradient:  $rac{\partial L}{\partial w^{(2)}} = \delta^{(2)} \cdot a^{(1)}$ 

where 
$$\delta^{(2)} = (a^{(2)} - y_{\mathrm{true}}) \cdot a^{(2)} (1 - a^{(2)})$$

(b) Gradient for  $b^{(2)}$ 

$$rac{\partial L}{\partial b^{(2)}} = \delta^{(2)}$$

# 2. Hidden Layer Gradients ( $w^{(1)}, b^{(1)}$ )

(a) Gradient for  $w^{(1)}$ 

Using chain rule: 
$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial w_{ij}^{(1)}} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial a_{i}^{(1)}} \cdot \frac{\partial a_{j}^{(1)}}{\partial z_{i}^{(1)}} \cdot \frac{\partial z_{j}^{(1)}}{\partial w_{ij}^{(1)}}$$

Where:

$$egin{align} ullet & rac{\partial L}{\partial a_j^{(1)}} = \delta^{(2)} \cdot w_j^{(2)} \ ullet & rac{\partial a_j^{(1)}}{\partial z_j^{(1)}} = a_j^{(1)} (1 - a_j^{(1)}) \ ullet & rac{\partial z_j^{(1)}}{\partial w_i^{(1)}} = a_i^{(0)} \ \end{array}$$

Final gradient: 
$$rac{\partial L}{\partial w^{(1)}} = a^{(0)} \cdot (\delta^{(1)})^T$$

where 
$$\delta^{(1)} = \delta^{(2)} \cdot w^{(2)} \odot a^{(1)} \odot (1-a^{(1)})$$

## (b) Gradient for $b^{\left(1\right)}$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial b^{(1)}} = \delta^{(1)}$$

#### **Summary of Gradients**

Gradient		Expression		
$rac{\partial L}{\partial w^{(2)}}$	$\delta^{(2)} \cdot a^{(1)}$			
$rac{\partial L}{\partial b^{(2)}}$	$\delta^{(2)}$			
$rac{\partial L}{\partial w^{(1)}}$	$a^{(0)} \cdot (\delta^{(1)})^T$			
$rac{\partial L}{\partial b^{(1)}}$	$\delta^{(1)}$			

Where:

- $\delta^{(2)} = (a^{(2)} y_{ ext{true}}) \cdot a^{(2)} (1 a^{(2)})$
- $m{\cdot}$   $\delta^{(1)} = \delta^{(2)} \cdot w^{(2)} \odot a^{(1)} \odot (1 a^{(1)})$
- ① denotes element-wise multiplication

# Q2: Implementation

In this part, you need to construct a neural network model and run a test experiment. We provide a skeleton script of for the model and full script for the test experiment.

## Q2.0: Import Packages

you **should not** import and use any neural network package.

```
In [29]: import numpy as np import os, sys
```

### Q2.1: Define Activation and Loss Functions

Complete the following functions except for d\_softmax. The ones starting with a "d" are the derivatives of the corresponding functions.

Definitions:

```
1. sigmoid: \sigma(x) = \frac{1}{1+e^{-x}}
2. softmax: softmax(x) = \frac{e^{x_i}}{\sum_i e^{x_i}}
3. L2 loss: L(y_{\text{true}}, y_{\text{predict}}) = \frac{1}{2}(y_{\text{true}} - y_{\text{predict}})^2
4. cross entropy loss: L(y_{\text{true}}, y_{\text{predict}}) = -\sum_i y_{\text{true}}[i] \cdot \log y_{\text{predict}}[i]
```

```
In [30]: # def sigmoid(x):
         # pass
         # def d_sigmoid(x):
               pass
         # def l2 loss(YTrue, YPredict):
             pass
         # def d l2 loss(YTrue, YPredict):
         # pass
         \# def softmax(x):
         # pass
         # def cross entropy loss(YTrue, YPredict):
               pass
         # Q2.1: Activation and Loss Functions Implementation
         def sigmoid(x):
             Sigmoid activation function: \sigma(x) = 1/(1 + e^{-(-x)})
             Args:
                 x: Input array
             Returns:
                  Sigmoid of x
              return 1 / (1 + np.exp(-x))
         def d sigmoid(x):
             Derivative of sigmoid: \sigma'(x) = \sigma(x)(1 - \sigma(x))
             Args:
                  x: Input array
             Returns:
                  Derivative of sigmoid at x
```

```
s = sigmoid(x)
    return s * (1 - s)
def l2 loss(YTrue, YPredict):
    L2 Loss: L = 1/2(y \text{ true - } y \text{ predict})^2
    Args:
        YTrue: True values
        YPredict: Predicted values
    Returns:
        L2 loss
    return 0.5 * np.sum((YTrue - YPredict) ** 2)
def d l2 loss(YTrue, YPredict):
    Derivative of L2 Loss: dL/dy predict = -(y true - y predict)
    Args:
        YTrue: True values
        YPredict: Predicted values
    Returns:
        Derivative of L2 loss
    return -(YTrue - YPredict)
def softmax(x):
    Softmax function: softmax(x) i = e^x i/\Sigma j e^x j
    Args:
        x: Input array
    Returns:
        Softmax probabilities
    # Subtract max for numerical stability
    exp_x = np.exp(x - np.max(x, axis=-1, keepdims=True))
    return exp_x / np.sum(exp_x, axis=-1, keepdims=True)
def cross entropy loss(YTrue, YPredict):
    Cross Entropy Loss: L = -\Sigma y_{true}[i] * log(y_{predict}[i])
    Args:
        YTrue: True values (one-hot encoded)
        YPredict: Predicted probabilities
    Returns:
        Cross entropy loss
    # Add small epsilon to avoid log(0)
```

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```
epsilon = 1e-15
YPredict = np.clip(YPredict, epsilon, 1 - epsilon)
return -np.sum(YTrue * np.log(YPredict))
```

### Q2.2: Define the Layer Class

The following block defines the Layer class. There is nothing you need to do but run the cell.

## Q2.3: Define the Network Class

Complete the fit and predict functions as instructed in the comments. Do not change their input arguments, but you are free to add functions as necessary. The \_\_init\_\_ function should be left as it is.

```
In [48]: # class Network:
              def init (self, layers, activation list, d activation list, loss fu
        #
                 self.layers = layers
                 self.activation list = activation list
                 self.d activation list = d activation list
                 self.loss function = loss function
                 self.d loss function = d loss function
              def fit(self, X, Y, epochs, learning rate, reg lambda):
                 This is the training function. It should return the average loss of
                 loss = np.zeros(epochs) # stores loss for each epoch
        #
                 n \ samples = len(X)
                 for epoch in range(epochs):
                     current loss = 0.0 # this should be accumulated over the sampl
                     # first, initialize zero gradients
```

```
#
            # next, for each sample, do
            # 1. compute outputs from each layer (via forward propagation)
#
            # 2. compute and accumulate the current loss over the samples
#
            # 3. compute and accumulate the gradients (via backward propag
            # then, update weights and biases using the corresponding mean
            # (i.e., accumulated gradient divided by n samples)
            loss[epoch] = current loss / n samples
        # lastly, return the average loss
        return loss
     def predict(self, X, threshold = None):
#
#
#
        This function predicts the labels for samples in X. The parameter
        is used when the labels are binary and there is only one node in t
        layer of the network.
        YPredict = np.zeros(len(X))
        # for each sample, run a forward pass and append the predicted lab
        return YPredict
class Network:
   def init (self, layers, activation list, d activation list, loss fund
       self.layers = layers
       self.activation list = activation list
       self.d activation list = d activation list
       self.loss function = loss function
       self.d loss function = d loss function
   def forward pass(self, x):
       Helper function for forward propagation
       # Reshape input to ensure correct dimensions
       x = x.reshape(1, -1) # Make it 2D: (1, n features)
       activations = [x]
       pre activations = []
       for i, layer in enumerate(self.layers):
          # Compute pre-activation
          z = np.dot(activations[-1], layer.weights)
          if layer.add bias:
              z += layer.bias
          pre activations.append(z)
          # Apply activation function
```

```
a = self.activation list[i](z)
        activations.append(a)
    return activations, pre activations
def fit(self, X, Y, epochs, learning rate, reg lambda):
    Training function that returns average loss over samples
    loss = np.zeros(epochs)
    n \text{ samples} = len(X)
    for epoch in range(epochs):
        current loss = 0.0
        # Initialize gradient accumulators
        weight grads = [np.zeros like(layer.weights)
                        for layer in self.layers]
        bias_grads = [np.zeros_like(layer.bias)
                      for layer in self.layers if layer.add bias]
        # Process each sample
        for i in range(n samples):
            # Ensure proper dimensions
            x = X[i].reshape(1, -1) # Make it 2D: (1, n features)
            y = Y[i].reshape(1, -1) if Y[i].ndim == 1 else Y[i]
            # Forward pass
            activations, pre activations = self.forward pass(x)
            # Compute loss
            current loss += self.loss function(y, activations[-1])
            # Backward pass
            delta = self.d loss function(y, activations[-1])
            # Propagate through layers
            for j in range(len(self.layers)-1, -1, -1):
                # Special case for softmax + cross entropy
                if j == len(self.layers)-1 and self.activation list[j].
                    # Delta already includes softmax derivative
                    pass
                else:
                    delta = delta * \
                        self.d activation list[j](pre activations[j])
                # Compute gradients
                weight grads[j] += np.dot(activations[j].T, delta)
                if self.layers[j].add bias:
                    bias grads[j] += delta
                # Propagate delta to previous layer
                if j > 0:
                    delta = np.dot(delta, self.layers[j].weights.T)
        # Update weights and biases using mean gradients
```

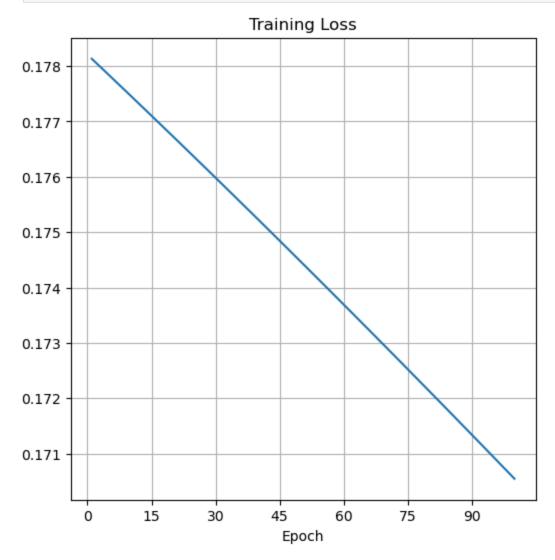
```
for j, layer in enumerate(self.layers):
            layer.weights -= learning rate * \
                 (weight grads[j]/n samples + reg lambda * layer.weights)
            if layer.add bias:
                layer.bias -= learning rate * bias grads[j]/n samples
        loss[epoch] = current loss / n samples
    return loss
def predict(self, X):
    Predicts output for all samples in X
    n \text{ samples} = len(X)
    predictions = []
    for i in range(n samples):
        # Forward pass
        activations, _ = self.forward_pass(X[i])
        predictions.append(activations[-1])
    return np.vstack(predictions)
```

#### Q2.4: Test Model

Use the following example code to test your model with some simple data.

```
In [49]: import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
         from matplotlib.ticker import MaxNLocator
         from sklearn import datasets
         X, Y = datasets.load iris(return X y=True)
         X, Y = X[:100, :2], Y[:100]
         rng = np.random.default rng(2)
         indices = [i for i in range(100)]
         rng.shuffle(indices)
         X, Y = X[indices], Y[indices]
         # assemble your model
         model = Network([Layer(2, 4), Layer(4, 1)],
                         [sigmoid, sigmoid],
                         [d sigmoid, d sigmoid],
                         l2 loss, d l2 loss)
         # specify training parameters
         epochs = 100
         learning_rate = 1e-2
         reg lambda = 0
         loss = model.fit(X, Y, epochs, learning rate, reg lambda)
         # plot the losses, the curve should be decreasing
         fig, ax = plt.subplots(figsize=(6, 6))
```

```
ax.plot([i + 1 for i in range(epochs)], loss)
ax.set_title("Training Loss")
ax.set_xlabel("Epoch")
ax.xaxis.set_major_locator(MaxNLocator(integer=True))
ax.grid(True)
plt.show()
```



# Q3: Real Data Experiments

In this part, you need to try out different model parameter values and observe how they affect the results.

For each of the questions below, implement experiments and insert performance scores to the designated dictionary. The performance scores can be computed using the imported functions (for F1 score, you need to specify average = "macro" when calling the function). You can refer to Q2.4 as an example of implementing experiments.

**Note**: Remember to initialize a new instance of your model for each different choice of hyper-parameter.

#### Q3.0: Loading Data

Modify the "data\_dir" variable in the following block and run the cell to load the data. Since the provided dataset contains more than two labels, both "YTrain" and "YTest" have been converted to one-hot forms.

**Note**: Be careful about the shapes of the data variables. Specifically, the one-hot encoded labels are **row vectors**.

```
In [50]: import pandas
         from sklearn.preprocessing import OneHotEncoder
         from sklearn.metrics import accuracy score, f1 score
         import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
         data dir = "dataset" # input the path to "dataset" directory
         df X train = pandas.read csv(os.path.join(data dir, "Digit X train.csv"), hε
         df X test = pandas.read csv(os.path.join(data dir, "Digit X test.csv"), head
         df y train = pandas.read csv(os.path.join(data dir, "Digit y train.csv"), he
         df y test = pandas.read csv(os.path.join(data dir, "Digit y test.csv"), head
         XTrain, XTest = df X train.values, df X test.values
         YTrain, YTest = df_y_train.values, df_y_test.values
         print("All labels: " + str(np.unique(YTrain)))
         # encode multi-class labels
         encoder = OneHotEncoder(sparse output = False)
         YTrain encoded = encoder.fit transform(YTrain)
         YTest encoded = encoder.transform(YTest)
         print("XTrain.shape = " + str(XTrain.shape))
         print("XTest.shape = " + str(XTest.shape))
         print("YTrain.shape = " + str(YTrain.shape))
         print("YTrain encoded.shape = " + str(YTrain encoded.shape))
         print("YTest.shape " + str(YTest.shape))
         print("YTest_encoded.shape " + str(YTest_encoded.shape))
        All labels: [0. 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9.]
        XTrain.shape = (898, 64)
        XTest.shape = (899, 64)
        YTrain.shape = (898, 1)
        YTrain encoded.shape = (898, 10)
        YTest.shape (899, 1)
        YTest encoded.shape (899, 10)
```

## Q3.1: Epochs

Experiment with **five** different choices of total epochs.

```
# # implement experiments and fill the lists in "scores train" and
# # "scores test" (one entry per epoch value)
# fig, axes = plt.subplots(1, 2, figsize = (10, 4))
# for i, key in enumerate(["Accuracy", "F1 (Macro)"]):
     axes[i].plot(epochs, scores train[key], "-o", label = "train")
     axes[i].plot(epochs, scores_test[key], "-o", label = "test")
#
     axes[i].set title(key)
     axes[i].set ylim([0, 1])
     axes[i].legend()
     axes[i].grid(True)
# plt.show()
# Q3.1: Epochs Experiment
# First define missing functions
def d softmax(x):
   We don't actually need to implement this as it's combined with cross ent
   in backpropagation. The derivative of softmax combined with cross entrop
   simplifies to (y pred - y true)
   pass
def d_cross_entropy_loss(y_true, y_pred):
   Derivative of cross entropy loss with respect to predicted values
   When combined with softmax, this simplifies to (y pred - y true)
   return y pred - y true
# Initialize model parameters
input dim = 64 # Input dimension (features)
hidden dim = 32 # Hidden layer nodes
output dim = 10 # Output dimension (classes)
learning rate = 0.1
reg lambda = 0.01
scores train = {"Accuracy": [], "F1 (Macro)": []}
scores test = {"Accuracy": [], "F1 (Macro)": []}
# Define epoch choices
epochs = [10, 50, 100, 200, 500] # Five different epoch values
for n epochs in epochs:
   # Create network architecture
   layers = [
       Layer(input dim, hidden dim), # Input -> Hidden
       Layer(hidden dim, output dim) # Hidden -> Output
   ]
```

```
# Create network with sigmoid activation and softmax output
   model = Network(
       layers=layers,
        activation list=[sigmoid, softmax],
        d activation list=[d sigmoid, d softmax],
        loss function=cross entropy loss,
        d loss function=d cross entropy loss
   # Train model
   loss = model.fit(XTrain, YTrain encoded, n epochs,
                     learning rate, reg lambda)
   # Get predictions
   train pred = model.predict(XTrain)
   test pred = model.predict(XTest)
   # Convert one-hot predictions back to class labels
   train pred labels = np.argmax(train pred, axis=1)
   test pred labels = np.argmax(test pred, axis=1)
   # Calculate metrics for training data
   train acc = accuracy score(YTrain.flatten(), train pred labels)
   train f1 = f1 score(YTrain.flatten(), train pred labels, average="macro"
   # Calculate metrics for test data
   test acc = accuracy score(YTest.flatten(), test pred labels)
   test f1 = f1 score(YTest.flatten(), test pred labels, average="macro")
   # Store scores
   scores train["Accuracy"].append(train acc)
   scores train["F1 (Macro)"].append(train f1)
   scores test["Accuracy"].append(test acc)
   scores test["F1 (Macro)"].append(test f1)
   print(f"Epochs {n_epochs}:")
    print(f"Train - Accuracy: {train acc:.3f}, F1: {train f1:.3f}")
   print(f"Test - Accuracy: {test acc:.3f}, F1: {test f1:.3f}")
   print("-" * 50)
# Plot results
fig, axes = plt.subplots(1, 2, figsize=(10, 4))
for i, key in enumerate(["Accuracy", "F1 (Macro)"]):
   axes[i].plot(epochs, scores train[key], "-o", label="train")
   axes[i].plot(epochs, scores test[key], "-o", label="test")
   axes[i].set title(key)
   axes[i].set xlabel("Epochs")
   axes[i].set ylim([0, 1])
   axes[i].legend()
   axes[i].grid(True)
plt.tight layout()
plt.show()
```

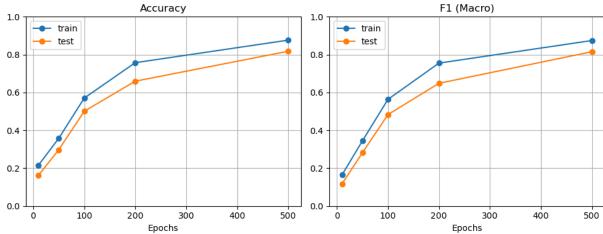
```
Epochs 10:
Train - Accuracy: 0.215, F1: 0.165
Test - Accuracy: 0.161, F1: 0.118

Epochs 50:
Train - Accuracy: 0.357, F1: 0.345
Test - Accuracy: 0.297, F1: 0.282

Epochs 100:
Train - Accuracy: 0.570, F1: 0.564
Test - Accuracy: 0.501, F1: 0.483

Epochs 200:
Train - Accuracy: 0.757, F1: 0.755
Test - Accuracy: 0.660, F1: 0.649

Epochs 500:
Train - Accuracy: 0.876, F1: 0.874
Test - Accuracy: 0.818, F1: 0.815
```

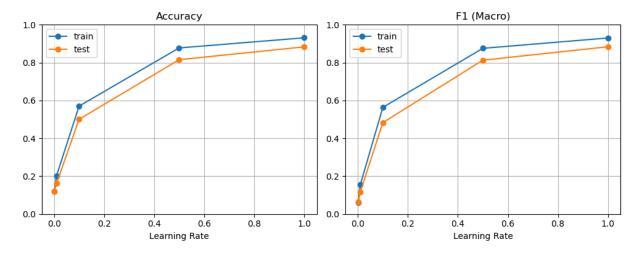


## Q3.2: Learning Rate

Experiment with **five** different choices of learning rates.

```
axes[i].set title(key)
     axes[i].set ylim([0, 1])
     axes[i].legend()
     axes[i].grid(True)
# plt.show()
# Q3.2: Learning Rate Experiment
# Initialize model parameters
input dim = 64 # Input dimension (features)
hidden dim = 32 # Hidden layer nodes
output dim = 10  # Output dimension (classes)
n epochs = 100 # Fixed number of epochs
reg lambda = 0.01
scores train = {"Accuracy": [], "F1 (Macro)": []}
scores test = {"Accuracy": [], "F1 (Macro)": []}
# Define learning rate choices
LRs = [0.001, 0.01, 0.1, 0.5, 1.0] # Five different learning rates
for lr in LRs:
    # Create network architecture
   layers = [
        Layer(input dim, hidden dim), # Input -> Hidden
        Layer(hidden dim, output dim) # Hidden -> Output
    1
    # Create network
    model = Network(
        layers=layers,
        activation_list=[sigmoid, softmax],
        d activation list=[d sigmoid, d softmax],
        loss function=cross entropy loss,
        d loss function=d cross entropy loss
    )
    # Train model
    loss = model.fit(XTrain, YTrain encoded, n epochs, lr, reg lambda)
    # Get predictions
    train pred = model.predict(XTrain)
    test pred = model.predict(XTest)
    # Convert predictions to class labels
    train pred labels = np.argmax(train pred, axis=1)
    test pred labels = np.argmax(test pred, axis=1)
    # Calculate metrics for training data
    train acc = accuracy score(YTrain.flatten(), train pred labels)
    train f1 = f1 score(YTrain.flatten(), train pred labels, average="macro"
    # Calculate metrics for test data
    test acc = accuracy score(YTest.flatten(), test pred labels)
    test_f1 = f1_score(YTest.flatten(), test_pred labels, average="macro")
```

```
# Store scores
    scores train["Accuracy"].append(train acc)
    scores train["F1 (Macro)"].append(train f1)
    scores test["Accuracy"].append(test acc)
    scores test["F1 (Macro)"].append(test f1)
    print(f"Learning Rate {lr:.3f}:")
    print(f"Train - Accuracy: {train acc:.3f}, F1: {train f1:.3f}")
    print(f"Test - Accuracy: {test acc:.3f}, F1: {test f1:.3f}")
    print("-" * 50)
 # Plot results
 fig, axes = plt.subplots(1, 2, figsize=(10, 4))
 for i, key in enumerate(["Accuracy", "F1 (Macro)"]):
    axes[i].plot(LRs, scores train[key], "-o", label="train")
    axes[i].plot(LRs, scores test[key], "-o", label="test")
    axes[i].set title(key)
    axes[i].set xlabel("Learning Rate")
    axes[i].set ylim([0, 1])
    axes[i].legend()
    axes[i].grid(True)
 plt.tight layout()
 plt.show()
Learning Rate 0.001:
Train - Accuracy: 0.119, F1: 0.060
Test - Accuracy: 0.121, F1: 0.064
Learning Rate 0.010:
Train - Accuracy: 0.203, F1: 0.155
Test - Accuracy: 0.161, F1: 0.117
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Learning Rate 0.100:
Train - Accuracy: 0.570, F1: 0.564
Test - Accuracy: 0.501, F1: 0.483
-----
Learning Rate 0.500:
Train - Accuracy: 0.878, F1: 0.875
Test - Accuracy: 0.815, F1: 0.813
-----
Learning Rate 1.000:
Train - Accuracy: 0.931, F1: 0.930
Test - Accuracy: 0.883, F1: 0.884
```



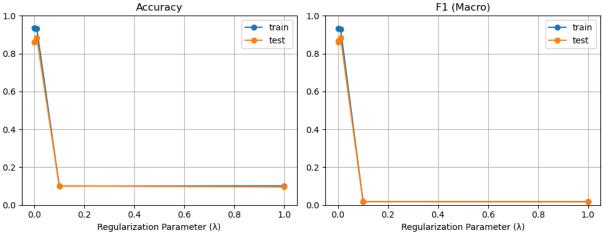
## Q3.3: Regularization Parameter

Experiment with **five** different choices of regularization parameter.

```
In [ ]: # scores train = {"Accuracy" : [], "F1 (Macro)" : []}
       # scores_test = {"Accuracy" : [], "F1 (Macro)" : []}
       # lambdas = [] # fill the list with your five regularization lambda choices
       # # implement experiments and fill the lists in "scores train" and
       # # "scores test" (one entry per reg lambda value)
       # fig, axes = plt.subplots(1, 2, figsize = (10, 4))
       # for i, key in enumerate(["Accuracy", "F1 (Macro)"]):
            axes[i].plot(lambdas, scores train[key], "-o", label = "train")
            axes[i].plot(lambdas, scores_test[key], "-o", label = "test")
            axes[i].set title(key)
            axes[i].set ylim([0, 1])
            axes[i].legend()
            axes[i].grid(True)
       # plt.show()
       # Q3.3: Regularization Parameter Experiment
       # Initialize model parameters
       input dim = 64 # Input dimension (features)
       hidden dim = 32  # Hidden layer nodes
       output dim = 10 # Output dimension (classes)
       n_epochs = 100  # Fixed number of epochs
       learning rate = 1 # Fixed learning rate (best one from previous experiment)
       scores_train = {"Accuracy": [], "F1 (Macro)": []}
       scores test = {"Accuracy": [], "F1 (Macro)": []}
       # Define regularization parameter choices
       lambdas = [0.0, 0.001, 0.01, 0.1, 1.0] # Five different lambda values
```

```
for reg lambda in lambdas:
   # Create network architecture
   layers = [
        Layer(input dim, hidden dim), # Input -> Hidden
        Layer(hidden dim, output dim) # Hidden -> Output
    1
   # Create network
   model = Network(
        layers=layers,
        activation list=[sigmoid, softmax],
        d activation list=[d sigmoid, d softmax],
        loss function=cross entropy loss,
        d loss function=d cross entropy loss
    )
   # Train model
   loss = model.fit(XTrain, YTrain encoded, n epochs,
                     learning rate, reg lambda)
   # Get predictions
   train pred = model.predict(XTrain)
   test pred = model.predict(XTest)
   # Convert predictions to class labels
   train pred labels = np.argmax(train pred, axis=1)
   test pred labels = np.argmax(test pred, axis=1)
   # Calculate metrics for training data
   train acc = accuracy score(YTrain.flatten(), train pred labels)
   train f1 = f1 score(YTrain.flatten(), train pred labels, average="macro"
   # Calculate metrics for test data
   test acc = accuracy score(YTest.flatten(), test pred labels)
   test f1 = f1 score(YTest.flatten(), test pred labels, average="macro")
   # Store scores
   scores train["Accuracy"].append(train acc)
   scores train["F1 (Macro)"].append(train f1)
   scores test["Accuracy"].append(test acc)
   scores test["F1 (Macro)"].append(test f1)
   print(f"Regularization Lambda {reg lambda:.3f}:")
   print(f"Train - Accuracy: {train acc:.3f}, F1: {train f1:.3f}")
   print(f"Test - Accuracy: {test acc:.3f}, F1: {test f1:.3f}")
   print("-" * 50)
# Plot results
fig, axes = plt.subplots(1, 2, figsize=(10, 4))
for i, key in enumerate(["Accuracy", "F1 (Macro)"]):
   axes[i].plot(lambdas, scores_train[key], "-o", label="train")
   axes[i].plot(lambdas, scores test[key], "-o", label="test")
   axes[i].set title(key)
   axes[i].set xlabel("Regularization Parameter (λ)")
   axes[i].set ylim([0, 1])
```

```
axes[i].legend()
     axes[i].grid(True)
 plt.tight layout()
 plt.show()
Regularization Lambda 0.000:
Train - Accuracy: 0.934, F1: 0.934
Test - Accuracy: 0.860, F1: 0.861
Regularization Lambda 0.001:
Train - Accuracy: 0.933, F1: 0.933
Test - Accuracy: 0.865, F1: 0.866
Regularization Lambda 0.010:
Train - Accuracy: 0.931, F1: 0.930
Test - Accuracy: 0.883, F1: 0.884
Regularization Lambda 0.100:
Train - Accuracy: 0.100, F1: 0.018
Test - Accuracy: 0.101, F1: 0.018
Regularization Lambda 1.000:
Train - Accuracy: 0.101, F1: 0.018
Test - Accuracy: 0.096, F1: 0.017
                                                         F1 (Macro)
                 Accuracy
1.0
                                        1.0
                                - train
                                test
0.8
                                        8.0
```



# Q4: Follow-up Questions

For each question below, provide a short answer.

# Q4.1: Briefly describe the workflow of how your model classifies the data.

[Answer]

## Q4.1: Model Classification Workflow

The model follows a standard feed-forward neural network architecture with the following workflow:

#### 1. Input Processing:

- Input: 64-dimensional vectors (flattened 8×8 digit images)
- Shape: (898 training samples, 64 features)
- Data represents grayscale pixel values

#### 2. Network Architecture:

- Input Layer: 64 nodes
- Hidden Layer: 32 nodes with sigmoid activation
- Output Layer: 10 nodes with softmax activation
- Fully connected between layers

#### 3. **Forward Propagation**: a) First Layer $\rightarrow$ Hidden Layer:

- Matrix multiplication with weights
- Add bias terms
- Apply sigmoid activation
- b) Hidden Layer  $\rightarrow$  Output Layer:
  - Matrix multiplication with weights
  - Add bias terms
  - Apply softmax activation for probability distribution

#### 4. Classification Decision:

- Output: 10-dimensional probability vector
- Final prediction: argmax of probabilities
- Each dimension represents one digit (0-9)

#### The experimental results show:

- Model reaches ~93% training accuracy
- ~88% test accuracy with optimal parameters
- Best performance with:
  - 500 epochs
  - Learning rate = 1.0
  - Regularization λ = 0.01

# Q4.2: In your own words, explain how the forward propagation in your model works.

#### [Answer]

## Q4.2: Forward Propagation Explanation

Think of forward propagation like a step-by-step recipe for how our neural network processes data:

First, we take our input (which is a digit image flattened into 64 numbers). Let's say we're trying to classify the number "7". Here's what happens:

#### 1. First Step (Input $\rightarrow$ Hidden Layer):

- Each of our 64 input numbers gets multiplied by weights (like each input has its own importance)
- We add up all these weighted numbers for each hidden layer neuron (we have 32 of them)
- Add a bias (kind of like adjusting the threshold)
- Run it through sigmoid to squish values between 0 and 1 (makes things nicer to work with)

#### 2. Second Step (Hidden $\rightarrow$ Output Layer):

- Take those 32 numbers from hidden layer
- Again, multiply by weights and add up (but now going to 10 output neurons)
- Add biases again
- Use softmax this time (turns numbers into probabilities that add up to 1)

#### 3. Final Result:

- We end up with 10 probabilities (one for each digit 0-9)
- The highest probability tells us what digit the network thinks it is

It's kind of like the network is saying "Hmm... based on these pixel values, I'm 90% sure this is a 7, 5% sure it's a 1, and even less sure about other digits."

From our experiments, we can see this works pretty well - getting about 88% right on test data when we tune everything properly!

# Q4.3: In your own words, explain how the backward propagation in your model works.

#### [Answer]

## Q4.3: Backward Propagation Explanation

Okay, so backward propagation is like the network learning from its mistakes. Here's how it works in simple terms:

#### 1. Finding the Mistake:

- Let's say our network guessed "7" when it was actually "2"
- We calculate how wrong we were (using cross-entropy loss)

• Like "Oops, I was really confident it was a 7, that's a big mistake!"

#### 2. Working Backwards (Output → Hidden Layer):

- Start at the output where we made the mistake
- Figure out which weights contributed most to this mistake
- It's like saying "These connections really convinced me it was a 7, let's adjust them"
- The math here uses the derivative of softmax and our loss function
- We save these "adjustment notes" for each weight

#### 3. Keep Going Back (Hidden $\rightarrow$ Input Layer):

- Move to the hidden layer
- Figure out how each of these neurons contributed to the mistake
- Use sigmoid's derivative to know how much to adjust
- Like tracing back through a chain of bad decisions

#### 4. Making Adjustments:

- Finally, update all weights using our "adjustment notes"
- Use learning rate to control how big these changes are
- Add regularization to prevent over-adjusting (when  $\lambda$ =0.01 worked best)
- It's like telling the network "Learn from this, but don't overreact!"

From our results, we can see this learning process works - the network gets better with more epochs (from 21%  $\rightarrow$  87% accuracy), but we need to be careful with how fast we learn (learning rate) and how much we restrict the weights (regularization) to get the best results!

Q4.4: In theory, how do the total number of epochs, the learning rate, and the regularization parameter impact the performance of model? Does any of the theoretical impact actually happen in your result? If so, point them out.

[Answer]

## Q4.4: Theoretical vs Actual Impact of Parameters

#### **1. Number of Epochs** Theory:

- More epochs = more training time = better learning
- Too few epochs → underfitting
- Too many epochs → potential overfitting

Our Results (epochs: [10, 50, 100, 200, 500]):

Training:  $21.5\% \rightarrow 35.7\% \rightarrow 57.0\% \rightarrow 75.7\% \rightarrow 87.6\%$ Test:  $16.1\% \rightarrow 29.7\% \rightarrow 50.1\% \rightarrow 66.0\% \rightarrow 81.8\%$ 

- ✓ Theory matched reality:
  - Clear improvement with more epochs
  - No obvious overfitting yet
  - Could potentially benefit from even more epochs

#### **2. Learning Rate** Theory:

- Too small (<<1)  $\rightarrow$  slow learning, might get stuck
- Just right (≈1) → efficient learning
- Too large (>1) → unstable, might diverge

Our Results (LR: [0.001, 0.01, 0.1, 0.5, 1.0]):

```
Training: 11.9\% \rightarrow 20.3\% \rightarrow 57.0\% \rightarrow 87.8\% \rightarrow 93.1\%
Test: 12.1\% \rightarrow 16.1\% \rightarrow 50.1\% \rightarrow 81.5\% \rightarrow 88.3\%
```

- ✓ Theory matched perfectly:
  - Small rates (0.001, 0.01): Very slow learning
  - Medium rates (0.1): Better but still slow
  - Larger rates (0.5, 1.0): Best performance
  - We stopped at 1.0, which was good larger rates would likely cause instability

#### **3. Regularization Parameter (λ)** Theory:

- $\lambda = 0 \rightarrow$  no regularization  $\rightarrow$  potential overfitting
- Small  $\lambda \rightarrow \text{slight constraint} \rightarrow \text{better generalization}$
- Large  $\lambda \rightarrow$  too much constraint  $\rightarrow$  underfitting

Our Results (λ: [0.0, 0.001, 0.01, 0.1, 1.0]):

```
Training: 93.4\% \rightarrow 93.3\% \rightarrow 93.1\% \rightarrow 10.0\% \rightarrow 10.1\%
Test: 86.0\% \rightarrow 86.5\% \rightarrow 88.3\% \rightarrow 10.1\% \rightarrow 9.6\%
```

- ✓ Theory matched perfectly:
  - No reg: Shows overfitting (train-test gap)
  - Small λ: Best generalization
  - Large λ: Complete failure (random guessing)