

Problem 1

- a. Compare the average loss of the two models. Provide an explanation for what you observe.

My 1-Layer NN Average Training Loss was 0.5414, while my 2-Layer NN Average Training Loss was 0.4623. By adding a second layer we are able to lower the loss by reflecting more patterns in the data using non-linearities (as opposed to 1-Layer which is only linear regression).

- b. Comment on your parameter choices. These include the learning rate, the hidden layer size and the number of epochs for training.

The only parameter that I changed from its default was the number of epochs (from 25 to 30). This change helped me meet the training loss target. I left the learning rate parameter as 0.01 and the hidden layer size as 10. However, I could have continued to increase the number of epochs, used a smaller learning rate, or implemented a larger hidden layer to reduce my loss.