HOMEWORK 4

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1 Best Prediction

1.1 Under 0-1 Loss (10 pts)

Suppose the world generates a single observation $x \sim$ multinomial(θ), where the parameter vector $\theta = (\theta_1, \ldots, \theta_k)$ with $\theta_i \geq 0$ and $\sum_{i=1}^{k} \theta_i = 1$. Note $x \in \{1, \ldots, k\}$. You know θ and want to predict x. Call your prediction $\hat{x}$. What is your expected 0-1 loss:

$$\mathbb{E}[\mathbb{1}_{\hat{x} \neq x}]$$

using the following two prediction strategies respectively? Prove your answer.

1. Strategy 1: $\hat{x} \in \arg\max_x \theta_x$, the outcome with the highest probability.
2. Strategy 2: You mimic the world by generating a prediction $\hat{x} \sim$ multinomial(θ). (Hint: your randomness and the world's randomness are independent)

We know that

$$\mathbb{E}[\mathbb{1}_{\hat{x} \neq x}] = P[\hat{x} \neq x]$$

This can be further expanded as

$$P[\hat{x} \neq x] = 1 - P[\hat{x} = x]$$

1. For $\hat{x} \in \arg\max_x \theta_x$ the above formula becomes

$$= 1 - P[\hat{x} = \arg\max_x \theta_x]$$

$$= 1 - \theta_{max}$$

Where θ_{max} is the maximum θ among the probabilities 2. For $\hat{x} \sim$ multinomial(θ)

$$= 1 - P[\hat{x} \sim \text{multinomial}(\theta)]$$

Since it is given they are independent so breaking using bayes.

$$= 1 - \{p(x = 1)P[\hat{x} = 1 | x = 1] + \ldots + p(x = k)P[\hat{x} = k | x = k]\}$$

We know from multinomial distribution for x and $\hat{x}$ the probabilities are θ_i so they get multiplied.

$$\implies 1 - [\theta_1^2 + \theta_2^2 + \ldots]$$

$$\implies 1 - \sum_{i=1}^{k} \theta_i^2$$

1.2 Under Different Misclassification Losses (6 pts)

Like in the previous question, the world generates a single observation $x \sim \text{multinomial}(\theta)$. Let $c_{ij} \geq 0$ denote the loss you incur, if $x = i$ but you predict $\hat{x} = j$, for $i, j \in \{1, \ldots, k\}$. $c_{ii} = 0$ for all i. This is a way to generalize different costs of false positives vs false negatives from binary classification to multi-class classification. You want to minimize your expected loss:

$$\mathbb{E}[c_{x\hat{x}}].$$

Derive your optimal prediction $\hat{x}$. Since both x and $\hat{x}$ are independent the cost of loss can be written as follows:

$$C = \sum_{i=1}^{k} \sum_{j=1}^{k} c_{ij} \theta_i p(\hat{x} = j)$$

Where θ_i is the prior probability of observation being ith class and the $p(\hat{x} = j)$ being predicting the jth class For $i = j \implies c_{ij} = 0$

$$C = \sum_{j=1}^{k} p(\hat{x} = j) \sum_{i=1}^{k} c_{ij} \theta_i$$

Now lets assume that probability of predicting class j depends on some parameter w such that

$$p(\hat{x}) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \hat{x} = w \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \tag{1}$$

So to minimize Cost we can write

$$argminC = argmin_{\hat{x}} (\sum_{j=1}^{k} p(\hat{x} = j) \sum_{i=1 i \neq j}^{k} c_{ij} \theta_i)$$

$$argminC = argmin_{w} (p(\hat{x} = w) \sum_{i=1 i \neq w}^{k} c_{iw} \theta_i)$$

$$\hat{x} = argmin_{w} (\sum_{i=1 i \neq w}^{k} c_{iw} \theta_i)$$

2 Language Identification with Naive Bayes (8 pts each)

Implement a character-based Naive Bayes classifier that classifies a document as English, Spanish, or Japanese - all written with 26 lower-case characters and space.

The dataset is languageID.tgz, unpack it. This dataset consists of 60 documents in English, Spanish, and Japanese. The correct class label is the first character of the filename: $y \in \{e, j, s\}$. (Note: here each file is a document in the corresponding language, and it is regarded as one data.)

We will be using a character-based multinomial Naïve Bayes model. You need to view each document as a bag of characters, including space. We have made sure that there are only 27 different types of printable characters (a to z, and space) – there may be additional control characters such as new-line, please ignore those. Your vocabulary will be these 27 character types. (Note: not word types!)

In the following questions, you may use the additive smoothing technique to smooth categorical data, in case the estimated probability is zero. Given N data samples $\{\boldsymbol{x}^{(i)}, y^{(i)}\}_{i=1}^{N}$, where $\boldsymbol{x}^{(i)} = [x_1^{(i)}, \ldots, x_j^{(i)}, \ldots, x_{M_i}^{(i)}]$ is a bag of characters, M_i is the total number of characters in $\boldsymbol{x}^{(i)}$, $x_j^{(i)} \in S, y^{(i)} \in L$ and we have $|S| = K_S, |L| = K_L$. Here S is the set of all character types, and L is the set of all classes of data labels. Then by the additive smoothing with parameter α, we can estimate the conditional probability as

$$P_\alpha(a_s \mid y = c_k) = \frac{(\sum_{i=1}^{N} \sum_{j=1}^{M_i} \mathbb{1}[x_j^{(i)} = a_s, y^{(i)} = c_k]) + \alpha}{(\sum_{b_s \in S} \sum_{i=1}^{N} \sum_{j=1}^{M_i} \mathbb{1}[x_j^{(i)} = b_s, y^{(i)} = c_k]) + K_S \alpha},$$

where $a_s \in S, c_k \in L$. Similarly, we can estimate the prior probability

$$P_\alpha(Y = c_k) = \frac{(\sum_{i=1}^{N} \mathbb{1}[y^{(i)} = c_k]) + \alpha}{N + K_L \alpha},$$

where $c_k \in L$ and N is the number of training samples.

1. Use files 0.txt to 9.txt in each language as the training data. Estimate the prior probabilities $\hat{p}(y = e)$, $\hat{p}(y = j)$, $\hat{p}(y = s)$ using additive smoothing with parameter $\frac{1}{2}$. Give the formula for additive smoothing with parameter $\frac{1}{2}$ in this case. Print the prior probabilities.
   As per the formula for additive smoothing with parameter $\alpha = \frac{1}{2}$, $K_L = |L| = 3$ and $N = 30$ is:

$$\hat{p}(y = c_k) = \frac{(\sum_{i=1}^{30} \mathbb{1}[y^{(i)} = c_k]) + 1/2}{30 + 3/2}$$

   For each class we 10 samples.

$$\hat{p}(y = e) = \frac{10 + 1/2}{30 + 3/2} = \frac{1}{3}$$
$$\hat{p}(y = s) = \frac{10 + 1/2}{30 + 3/2} = \frac{1}{3}$$
$$\hat{p}(y = j) = \frac{10 + 1/2}{30 + 3/2} = \frac{1}{3}$$

2. Using the same training data, estimate the class conditional probability (multinomial parameter) for English

$$\theta_{i,e} := \hat{p}(c_i \mid y = e)$$

   where c_i is the i-th character. That is, $c_1 = a, \ldots, c_{26} = z, c_{27} = space$. Again, use additive smoothing with parameter $\frac{1}{2}$. Give the formula for additive smoothing with parameter $\frac{1}{2}$ in this case. Print θ_e which is a vector with 27 elements.

$$\theta_{i,e} = \hat{p}(c_i \mid y = e) = \frac{(\sum_{j \in N} \sum_{k=1}^{M_i} \mathbb{1}[x_k^{(j)} = c_i]) + 1/2}{(\sum_{b_s \in S} \sum_{j \in N} \sum_{k=1}^{M_i} \mathbb{1}[x_k^{(j)} = b_s]) + 27/2}$$

   For the parameters $\alpha = \frac{1}{2}$, $K_S = |S| = 27$

$$\theta_e = \begin{bmatrix} 0.06017 \\ 0.01113 \\ 0.02151 \\ 0.02197 \\ 0.10537 \\ 0.01893 \\ 0.01748 \\ 0.04722 \\ 0.05541 \\ 0.00142 \\ 0.00373 \\ 0.02898 \\ 0.02052 \\ 0.05792 \\ 0.06446 \\ 0.01675 \\ 0.00056 \\ 0.05382 \\ 0.06618 \\ 0.08013 \\ 0.02666 \\ 0.00928 \\ 0.0155 \\ 0.00116 \\ 0.01384 \\ 0.00063 \\ 0.17925 \end{bmatrix}$$

3. Print θ_j, θ_s, the class conditional probabilities for Japanese and Spanish.

$$\theta_j = \begin{bmatrix} 0.13177 \\ 0.01087 \\ 0.00549 \\ 0.01723 \\ 0.0602 \\ 0.00388 \\ 0.01401 \\ 0.03176 \\ 0.09703 \\ 0.00234 \\ 0.05741 \\ 0.00143 \\ 0.0398 \\ 0.05671 \\ 0.09116 \\ 0.00087 \\ 0.0001 \\ 0.0428 \\ 0.04217 \\ 0.05699 \\ 0.07062 \\ 0.00024 \\ 0.01974 \\ 3e-05 \\ 0.01415 \\ 0.00772 \\ 0.12345 \end{bmatrix} \quad \theta_s = \begin{bmatrix} 0.10456 \\ 0.00823 \\ 0.03753 \\ 0.03975 \\ 0.11381 \\ 0.0086 \\ 0.00718 \\ 0.00453 \\ 0.04986 \\ 0.00663 \\ 0.00028 \\ 0.05294 \\ 0.02581 \\ 0.05418 \\ 0.07249 \\ 0.02427 \\ 0.00768 \\ 0.0593 \\ 0.06577 \\ 0.03561 \\ 0.0337 \\ 0.00589 \\ 9e-05 \\ 0.0025 \\ 0.00786 \\ 0.00268 \\ 0.16826 \end{bmatrix}$$

4. Treat e10.txt as a test document x. Represent x as a bag-of-words count vector (Hint: the vocabulary has size 27). Print the bag-of-words vector x.

   $x = [164\ 32\ 53\ 57\ 311\ 55\ 51\ 140\ 140\ 3\ 6\ 85\ 64\ 139\ 182\ 53\ 3\ 141\ 186\ 225\ 65\ 31\ 47\ 4\ 38\ 2\ 498]$

5. For the x of e10.txt, compute $\hat{p}(x \mid y)$ for $y = e, j, s$ under the multinomial model assumption, respectively. Use the formula

$$\hat{p}(x \mid y) = \prod_{i=1}^{d} (\theta_{i,y})^{x_i}$$

   where $x = (x_1, \ldots, x_d)$. Show the three values: $\hat{p}(x \mid y = e), \hat{p}(x \mid y = j), \hat{p}(x \mid y = s)$.

   Hint: you may notice that we omitted the multinomial coefficient. This is ok for classification because it is a constant w.r.t. y. Also, Store all probabilities here and below in $\log()$ internally to avoid underflow. This also means you need to do arithmetic in log space.
   There was an underflow issue , and because of that, the problem was solved in the log space using the following formula. We know that log is an increasing function it follows the same comparison rules as the original probabilities.

$$\hat{p}(x \mid y) = \prod_{i=1}^{d} (\theta_{i,y})^{x_i}$$

$$\log(\hat{p}(x \mid y)) = \sum_{i=1}^{d} \log((\theta_{i,y})^{x_i})$$

$$\log(\hat{p}(x \mid y)) = \sum_{i=1}^{d} x_i \log(\theta_{i,y})$$

$$\hat{p}(x \mid y) = e^{\sum_{i=1}^{d} x_i \log(\theta_{i,y})}$$

Thus the condition probabilities are:

$$\hat{p}(x \mid y = e) = e^{-7841.8654}$$
$$\hat{p}(x \mid y = s) = e^{-8467.2820}$$
$$\hat{p}(x \mid y = j) = e^{-8771.4331}$$

6. For the x of e10.txt, use the Bayes rule and your estimated prior and likelihood, compute the posterior $\hat{p}(y \mid x)$. Show the three values: $\hat{p}(y = e \mid x), \hat{p}(y = j \mid x), \hat{p}(y = s \mid x)$. Show the predicted class label of x.

$$\hat{p}(y \mid x) = \frac{\hat{p}(x \mid y)\hat{p}(y)}{\hat{p}(x)}$$
$$\hat{p}(y = e \mid x) = \frac{\hat{p}(x \mid y = e)\hat{p}(y = e)}{\hat{p}(x)} = \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{e^{-7841.8654}}{\hat{p}(x)}$$
$$\hat{p}(y = s \mid x) = \frac{\hat{p}(x \mid y = s)\hat{p}(y = s)}{\hat{p}(x)} = \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{e^{-8467.2820}}{\hat{p}(x)}$$
$$\hat{p}(y = j \mid x) = \frac{\hat{p}(x \mid y = j)\hat{p}(y = j)}{\hat{p}(x)} = \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{e^{-8771.4331}}{\hat{p}(x)}$$

We know that $\hat{p}(x)$ is positive, therefore the predicted class is:

$$\arg\max_{c_i \in \{e,s,j\}} \hat{p}(y = c_i \mid x) = \mathbf{e}$$

Thus the predicted class for `e10.txt` is **English**

7. Evaluate the performance of your classifier on the test set (files 10.txt to 19.txt in three languages). Present the performance using a confusion matrix. A confusion matrix summarizes the types of errors your classifier makes, as shown in the table below. The columns are the true language a document is in, and the rows are the classified outcome of that document. The cells are the number of test documents in that situation. For example, the cell with row = English and column = Spanish contains the number of test documents that are really Spanish but misclassified as English by your classifier.

	English	Spanish	Japanese
English	10	0	0
Spanish	0	10	0
Japanese	0	0	10

8. Take a test document. Arbitrarily shuffle the order of its characters so that the words (and spaces) are scrambled beyond human recognition. How does this shuffling affect your Naive Bayes classifier's prediction on this document? Explain the key mathematical step in the Naive Bayes model that justifies your answer.
Using `j6.txt`, we get the exact prediction of **Japanese**.The Naive Bayes technique used here only counts the number of characters in the sentence without caring about their relative position. Thus even after shuffling them, their representation in the model is precisely the same as before, and we get the same output.

The critical mathematical step which achieves this is the **calculation of conditional probability** where the probability of each feature is calculated solely based on the class. There is no dependence between the features themselves thus the relative placement of characters is not important to the model anymore.

3 Simple Feed-Forward Network (20pts)

In this exercise, you will derive, implement back-propagation for a simple neural network and compare your output with some standard library's output. Consider the following 3-layer neural network.

$$\hat{y} = f(x) = g(W_3\sigma(W_2\sigma(W_1 x)))$$

Suppose $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$, $W_1 \in \mathbb{R}^{d_1 \times d}$, $W_2 \in \mathbb{R}^{d_2 \times d_1}$, $W_3 \in \mathbb{R}^{k \times d_2}$ i.e. $f : \mathbb{R}^d \to \mathbb{R}^k$, Let $\sigma(z) = [\sigma(z_1), ..., \sigma(z_n)]$ for any $z \in \mathbb{R}^n$ where $\sigma(z) = \frac{1}{1+e^{-z}}$ is the sigmoid (logistic) activation function and $g(z_i) = \frac{exp(z_i)}{\sum_{i=1}^{k} exp(z_i)}$ is the softmax function. Suppose the true pair is (x, y) where $y \in \{0, 1\}^k$ with exactly one of the entries equal to 1, and you are working with the cross-entropy loss function given below,

$$L(x, y) = -\sum_{i=1}^{k} y \log(\hat{y})$$

1. Derive backpropagation updates for the above neural network. (5 pts) We have two functions. To find the backpropagation update we need to first understand the derivative of each of the function. Let us first understand how each nueron of the network is getting its input. If we name the ith nueron of first layer as t_i, second as u_i and third as y_i. and the weights are matrices as per $W_1 \in \mathbb{R}^{d_1 \times d}$, $W_2 \in \mathbb{R}^{d_2 \times d_1}$, $W_3 \in \mathbb{R}^{k \times d_2}$ Then we can write the ith nueron as

$$t_i = \sigma(W1_{i1}x_1 + ...W1_{id}x_d)$$

$$u_i = \sigma(W2_{i1}t_1 + ...W1_{id_1}t_{d_1})$$

$$\hat{y}_i = \frac{\exp(W3_{i1}u_1 + ...W3_{id_2}u_{d_2})}{\sum_{i=1}^{k} \exp(W3_{i1}u_1 + ...W3_{id_2}u_{d_2})}$$

Now to update each layers weights we find the derivative of $\hat{y}$ with respect to the corresponding weights Therefore,

$$\frac{\partial \hat{y}_i}{\partial W3_{ij}}$$

can have 2 cases,
Case 1 : Finding derivative of $\hat{y}_i$ with respect to $W3_{ij}$

$$\frac{\partial \hat{y}_i}{\partial W3_{ij}} = \frac{\exp(W3_{i1}u_1 + ...W3_{id_2}u_{d_2})}{\sum_{i=1}^{k} \exp(W3_{i1}u_1 + ...W3_{id_2}u_{d_2})} u_j - (\frac{\exp(W3_{i1}u_1 + ...W3_{id_2}u_{d_2})}{\sum_{i=1}^{k} \exp(W3_{i1}u_1 + ...W3_{id_2}u_{d_2})})^2 u_j$$

$$\implies \frac{\partial \hat{y}_i}{\partial W3_{ij}} = \hat{y}_i u_j (1 - \hat{y}_i u_j)$$

Case 2 : Finding derivative $\hat{y}_i$ with respect to $W3_{mj}$

$$\frac{\partial \hat{y}_i}{\partial W3_{mj}} = 0 - \frac{\exp(W3_{i1}u_1 + ...W3_{id_2}u_{d_2})}{(\sum_{i=1}^{k} \exp(W3_{i1}u_1 + ...W3_{id_2}u_{d_2}))^2} \exp(W3_{m1}u_1 + .. + W3_{mj}u_j .. + W3_{md_2}u_{d_2}) u_j$$

$$\frac{\partial \hat{y}_i}{\partial W3_{mj}} = 0 - \frac{\exp(W3_{i1}u_1 + ...W3_{id_2}u_{d_2})}{\sum_{i=1}^{k} \exp(W3_{i1}u_1 + ...W3_{id_2}u_{d_2})} \frac{\exp(W3_{m1}u_1 + ...W3_{md_2}u_{d_2})}{\sum_{i=1}^{k} \exp(W3_{i1}u_1 + ...W3_{id_2}u_{d_2})} u_j$$

$$\implies \frac{\partial \hat{y}_i}{\partial W3_{mj}} = -\hat{y}_i \hat{y}_m u_j$$

Therefore generalising the above observation for softmax we can easily conclude for a function of variable z we can write the derivative of the function as

$$\frac{\partial \hat{y}_i}{\partial z} = \begin{cases} \hat{y}_i(1 - \hat{y}_i) & \text{if } i = j \\ -\hat{y}_i \hat{y}_j & \text{if } i \neq j \end{cases} \tag{2}$$

Now to compute the backpropogation GD we need to write formula of loss and differentiate with respect to each weight

$$L(x, y) = -\sum_{i=1}^{k} y \log(\hat{y})$$

Where $\hat{y}$ is a function of say z

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial z} = \frac{\partial \sum_{i=1}^{k} y_i log(\hat{y}_i)}{\partial z}$$

$$\implies \sum_{i=1}^{k} \frac{-y_i}{\hat{y}_i} \frac{\partial \hat{y}_i}{\partial z}$$

From the above conclusion

$$\implies \frac{\partial L}{\partial z} = \frac{-y_i}{\hat{y}_i} \hat{y}_i(1-\hat{y}_i) + \sum_{j \neq i} \frac{y_j}{\hat{y}_j} \hat{y}_j \hat{y}_i$$

$$\implies \frac{\partial L}{\partial z} = -y_i + y_i \hat{y}_i + \sum_{j \neq i} y_j \hat{y}_i$$

$$\implies \frac{\partial L}{\partial z} = -y_i + \hat{y}_i (\sum_{j \neq i} y_j + y_i)$$

The term with $\hat{y_j}$ sums to 1

$$\implies \frac{\partial L}{\partial z} = \hat{y}_i - y_i$$

Now for layers behind the first layer we continue considering the u, t, x terms We know that the derivative of sigmoid is

$$\frac{\partial \sigma(z)}{\partial z} = \sigma(z)(1-\sigma(z))$$

Using the above , for

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial W3} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial u} \frac{\partial u}{\partial W3}$$

Let

$$A1 = (W_2 \sigma(W_1 x))$$

$$\implies \frac{\partial L}{\partial W_3} = (\hat{y}_i - y_i)(\sigma(A1)) \partial((W_3))/\partial(W_3)$$

$$\implies \frac{\partial L}{\partial W_3} = (\hat{y}_i - y_i)\sigma(A1)$$

Similarly

$$A2 = \sigma(W_1 x)$$

$$L = g(W_3 \sigma(W_2 A2))$$

$$\implies \frac{\partial L}{\partial W_2} = (\hat{y}_i - y_i)(W_3) \frac{\partial \sigma(W_2 A2)}{\partial W_2}$$

$$\implies \frac{\partial L}{\partial W_2} = (\hat{y}_i - y_i)(W_3)\sigma(W_2 A2)(1-\sigma(W_2 A2))A2$$

Similarly

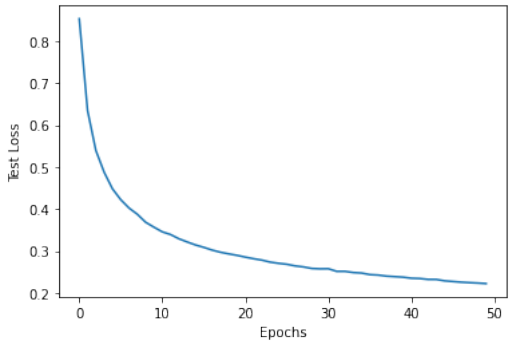
$$L = g(W_3 \sigma(W_2 \sigma(W_1 x))$$

$$\implies \frac{\partial L}{\partial W_1} = (\hat{y}_i - y_i)(W_3) \frac{\partial \sigma(W_2 \sigma(W_1 x))}{\partial W_1}$$

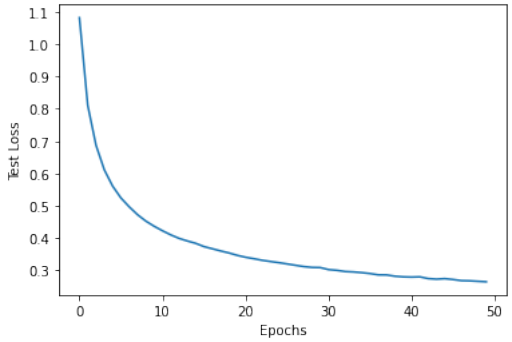
$$\implies \frac{\partial L}{\partial W_1} = (\hat{y}_i - y_i)(W_3)\sigma(W_2 \sigma(W_1 x))(1-\sigma(W_2 \sigma(W_1 x)))W2 \frac{\partial \sigma(W_1 x))}{\partial W_1}$$

$$\implies \frac{\partial L}{\partial W_1} = (\hat{y}_i - y_i)(W_3)\sigma(W_2 \sigma(W_1 x))(1-\sigma(W_2 \sigma(W_1 x)))W2\sigma(W_1 x)(1-\sigma(W_1 x))x$$

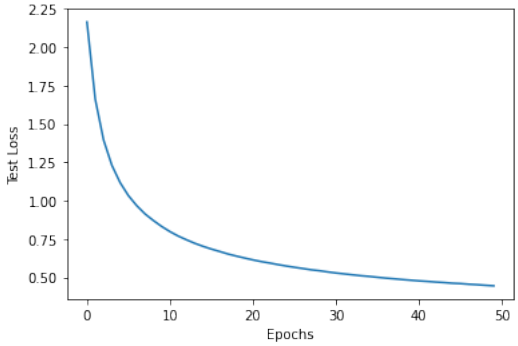
2. Implement it in NumPy or PyTorch using basic linear algebra operations. (e.g. You are not allowed to use auto-grad, built-in optimizer, model, etc. in this step. You can use library functions for data loading, processing, etc.). Evaluate your implementation on MNIST dataset, report test errors and learning curve. (10 pts)
   Case 1:
   $\alpha = 0.01$
   $BatchSize = 32$
   Epoch: 50, Test Error Percent: 6.83, Loss: 0.22



   Case 2:
   $\alpha = 0.01$
   $BatchSize = 64$
   Epoch: 50, Test Error Percent: 8.02, Loss: 0.26



   Case 3:
   $\alpha = 0.001$
   $BatchSize = 32$
   Epoch: 50, Test Error Percent: 13.55, Loss: 0.45

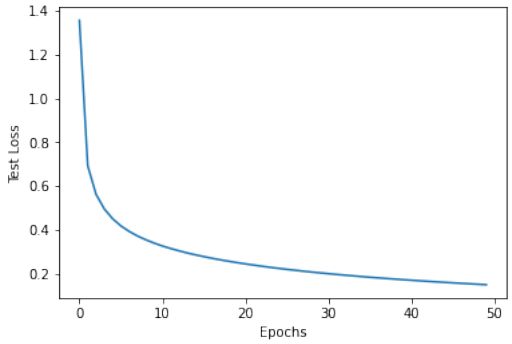


3. Implement the same network in PyTorch (or any other framework). You can use all the features of the framework e.g. auto-grad etc. Evaluate it on MNIST dataset, report test errors, and learning curve. (2 pts)

Case 1:
$\alpha = 0.01$
$BatchSize = 32$
Epoch: 50
Running loss: 0.1504874899893999

Accuracy Percent: 57419/60000 (96%)

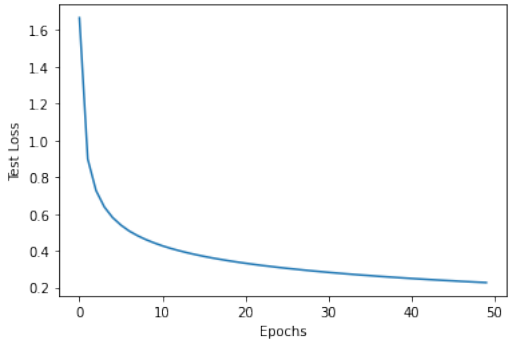
Test Error Percent: (4 %)



Case 2:
$\alpha = 0.01$
$BatchSize = 64$
Epoch: 50
Running loss: 0.22683055126574883

Accuracy Percent: 55953/60000 (93%)

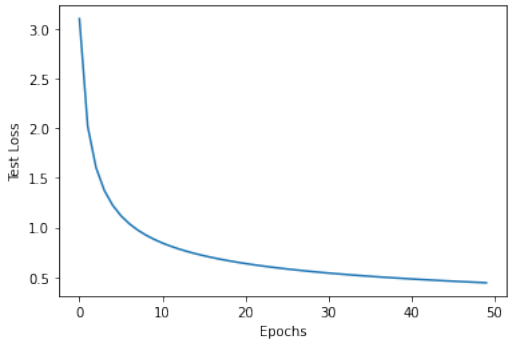
Test Error Percent: (7%)



Case 3:
$\alpha = 0.001$
$BatchSize = 32$
Epoch: 50
Running loss: 0.44513462127049763

Accuracy Percent: 51672/60000 (86 %)

Test Error Percent: (14%)

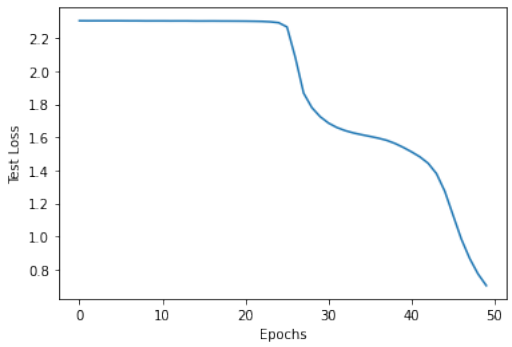


4. Try different weight initialization a) all weights initialized to 0, and b) initialize the weights randomly between -1 and 1. Report test error and learning curves for both. (You can use either of the implementations) (3 pts)

Case 1: Initializing with 0
$\alpha = 0.01$
$BatchSize = 32$
Running loss: 0.7020412162303925

Accuracy Percent: 47758/60000 (80%)

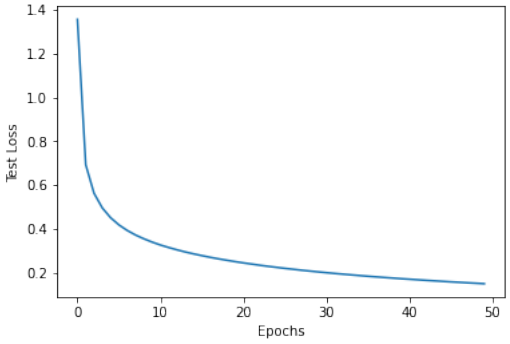
Test Error Percent: (20%)



Case 2: Initializing with -1 and 1 randomly
$\alpha = 0.01$
$BatchSize = 32$
Epoch: 50
Running loss: 0.1504874899893999

Accuracy Percent: 57419/60000 (96%)

Test Error Percent: (4 %)



You should play with different hyperparameters like learning rate, batch size, etc. for your own learning. You only need to report results for any particular setting of hyperparameters. You should mention the values of those along with the results. Use $d_1 = 300$, $d_2 = 200$, $d_3 = 100$. For optimization use SGD (Stochastic gradient descent) without momentum, with some batch size say 32, 64, etc. MNIST can be obtained from here (https://pytorch.org/vision/ stable/datasets.html)