
CSE 151B Project Final Report

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1 Task Description and Exploratory Analysis

1.1 Problem A [0.5 points]

Describe in your own words what the deep learning task is and why it is important. Provide some real-world examples where solving this task can have great impact on our daily life and the society.

1.2 Problem B [0.5 points]

Use Google Scholar or other internet resources to research on this task. What type of methods have been examined before? Include some references and discuss their ideas in a few sentences. You can use Bibtex to manage your bibliography.

1.3 Problem C [1 points]

Define the input and output in mathematical language and formulate your prediction task. From the abstraction, do you think your model can potentially solve other tasks beyond this project? If so, list some examples and explain your rationale.

2 Exploratory Data Analysis

3 Deep Learning Model

3.1 Problem A [1 Points]

Thus far my best performing model is a PyTorch linear neural net running in an Anaconda environment. The platform I am currently working in is my local machine running Ubuntu 20.04 with a 4-core 4-thread Intel i7-7600k CPU running at 4.2 GHz, a GTX 1070 GPU with a max clock speed of 1721 MHz and 8 GB of GDDR5 memory, and 16 GB of 3000 MHz DDR4 memory.

For my initial baseline model I made a simple single layer linear neural network, using Adam as an optimizer and mean square error as my loss function. I used a learning rate of 0.001, and trained my best model for 10 epochs. Each epoch took approximately 3 minutes to train.

I chose mean square error as it increases the penalty for worse predictions, compared to an optimizer like mean absolute error, which penalizes with a linear rate.

In order to get the correct outputs from my trained model, I sliced the output prediction tensors so as to only keep the first inner 2 elements of each tensor (the predicted x and y coordinates), and then selected the correct car based on each input's `agent_id`.

3.2 Problem B [1 Points]

I experimented with multilayer linear models and an LSTM model as well, however these actually performed worse on the validation set once I uploaded them to Kaggle. Thus far, the best performing model is a linear one, which takes in the assumption that cars will be moving at about the same rate over the 5 seconds period of training and prediction.

4 Experiment Results and Future Work

4.1 Problem A [1 points]

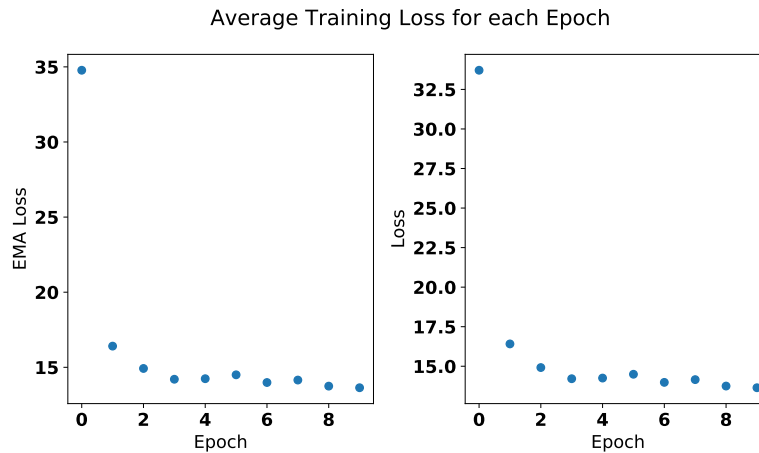


Figure 1: Plot of the average training mean square error for my best performing single layer model

This model however achieved a significantly lower loss on the training set compared to the final validation set on Kaggle, suggesting that my model has overfit the training data. This means that a more complex model with more variance will need to be implemented.

Based on my lack of success with an LSTM approach, I will continue to work on more complex linear models, as well as trying other architectures such as a RNN model, which may achieve a better result as it can take into account previous training examples.

My current rank on the Kaggle leaderboard is 40 out of 57.

A Appendix

<https://github.com/apfriend/cse151b-kaggle.git>