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8. Fully-Connected Neural Networks

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First, we will employ the most basic form of a deep neural network, in which the neurons are fully connected to one another.

You will be working in the file `part2-mnist/nnet_fc.py` **in this problem**

Training and Testing Accuracy Over Time

1.0/1.0 point (graded)

We have provided a toy example `nnet_fc.py` in which we have implemented for you a simple neural network. This network has one hidden layer of 10 neurons with a rectified linear unit (ReLU) nonlinearity, and an output layer of 10 neurons (one for each digit class). Finally, a softmax function normalizes the output neurons so that they specify a probability distribution. Reference the `PyTorch` documentation to read through it in order to gain a better understanding of the code. Then, try running the script on your computer with the command `python3 nnet_fc.py`. This will train the network with 100 epochs. One epoch is a complete pass through the training dataset. Total training time of your network should be less than a couple of minutes. At the end of training, your model should have an accuracy of about 0.92 on the test data.

Note: We are not using a softmax layer because it is already present in the loss: `PyTorch` `nn.CrossEntropyLoss` combines `nn.LogSoftMax` with `nn.NLLLoss`.

Report the test accuracy below.

Test Accuracy =



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You have used 2 of 3 attempts

Improving Accuracy

5.0/5.0 points (graded)

We would like to try to improve the performance of the model by performing a mini grid search over the hyperparameters (note that a full grid search should include more values and combinations). We will use our **baseline model (batch size 32, hidden size 10, learning rate 0.1, momentum 0 and ReLU activation function)** and modify one parameter each time while keeping all others to the baseline values. Report the validation accuracy of the model after training for 10 epochs. For the LeakyReLU activation function, use the default parameters from `pyTorch` (`negative_slope=0.01`).

Note: If you run the model multiple times from the same script, make sure to initialize the **random seeds to 12321 before each run**.

Validation Accuracy = 0.939852



Does the model variation that achieved the highest validation accuracy achieved also training accuracy?

☒ Yes

☐ No



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Improving Accuracy - Hidden 128

3.0/3.0 points (graded)

Modifying the model's architecture is also worth considering. Increase the hidden representation to 128 and repeat the grid search over the hyper parameters. This time, what modification improved validation accuracy?

☐ baseline (no modifications)

☐ batch size 64

☐ learning rate 0.01

☐ momentum 0.9

☒ LeakyReLU activation



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