

Optimization algorithms

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1. Which notation would you use to denote the 3rd layer's activations when the input is the 7th example from the 8th minibatch?
- ☐ $a^{[8]}(7)(3)$
- ☐ $a^{[7]}(3)(8)$
- ☐ $a^{[7]}(8)(3)$
- ☒ $a^{[3]}(8)(7)$

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2. Which of these statements about mini-batch gradient descent do you agree with?
- ☐ Training one epoch (one pass through the training set) using mini-batch gradient descent is faster than training one epoch using batch gradient descent.
- ☒ One iteration of mini-batch gradient descent (computing on a single mini-batch) is faster than one iteration of batch gradient descent.
- ☐ You should implement mini-batch gradient descent without an explicit for-loop over different mini-batches, so that the algorithm processes all mini-batches at the same time (vectorization).

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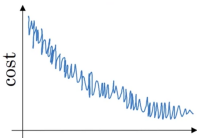
3. Why is the best mini-batch size usually not 1 and not m , but instead something in-between?
- ☒ If the mini-batch size is m , you end up with batch gradient descent, which has to process the whole training set before making progress.
- ☐ If the mini-batch size is m , you end up with stochastic gradient descent, which is usually slower than mini-batch gradient descent.
- ☒ If the mini-batch size is 1, you lose the benefits of vectorization across examples in the mini-batch.
- ☐ If the mini-batch size is 1, you end up having to process the entire training set before making any progress.

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4. Suppose your learning algorithm's cost J , plotted as a function of the number of iterations, looks like this:

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Which of the following do you agree with?

- ☐ If you're using mini-batch gradient descent, something is wrong, but if you're using batch gradient descent, this looks acceptable.
- ☐ Whether you're using batch gradient descent or mini-batch gradient descent, something is wrong.
- ☒ If you're using mini-batch gradient descent, this looks acceptable. But if you're using batch gradient descent, something is wrong.
- ☐ Whether you're using batch gradient descent or mini-batch gradient descent, this looks acceptable.

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5. Suppose the temperature in Casablanca over the first three days of January are the same:

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Jan 1st: $\theta_1 = 18^\circ\text{C}$

Jan 2nd: $\theta_2 = 10^\circ\text{C}$

(We used Fahrenheit in lecture, so will use Celsius here in honor of the metric world.)

Say you use an exponentially weighted average with $\beta = 0.5$ to track the temperature: $\tau_0 = 0$, $\tau_t = \beta\tau_{t-1} + (1 - \beta)\theta_t$, if τ_t is the value computed after day 2 without bias correction, and τ_t^{biased} is the value you compute with bias correction. What are these values? (You might be able to do this without a calculator, but you don't actually need one. Remember what is bias correction doing.)

- ☐ $\tau_0 = 10$, $\tau_2^{\text{biased}} = 7.5$
- ☒ $\tau_0 = 7.5$, $\tau_2^{\text{biased}} = 10$
- ☐ $\tau_0 = 10$, $\tau_2^{\text{biased}} = 10$
- ☐ $\tau_0 = 7.5$, $\tau_2^{\text{biased}} = 7.5$

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6. Which of these is NOT a good learning rate decay scheme? Here, 1 is the epoch number.

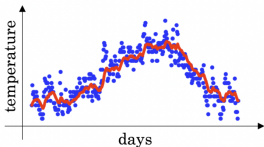
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- ☒ $\alpha = \epsilon^t \alpha_0$
- ☐ $\alpha = \frac{1}{t} \alpha_0$
- ☐ $\alpha = \frac{1}{t^{0.5}} \alpha_0$
- ☐ $\alpha = 0.95^t \alpha_0$

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7. You use an exponentially weighted average on the London temperature dataset. You use the following to track the temperature: $\tau_t = \beta\tau_{t-1} + (1 - \beta)\theta_t$. The red line below was computed using $\beta = 0.9$. What would happen to your red curve as you vary β ? (Check the two that apply.)

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- ☐ Decreasing β will shift the red line slightly to the right.
- ☒ Increasing β will shift the red line slightly to the right.

✓ Correct

True, remember that the red line corresponds to $\beta = 0.9$. In lecture we had a green line β (beta = 0.98) that is slightly shifted to the right.

- ☒ Decreasing β will create more oscillation within the red line.

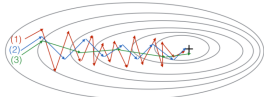
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True, remember that the red line corresponds to $\beta = 0.9$. In lecture we had a yellow line β (beta = 0.98) that had a lot of oscillations.

- ☐ Increasing β will create more oscillations within the red line.

8. Consider this figure:

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These plots were generated with gradient descent; with gradient descent with momentum ($\beta = 0.5$) and gradient descent with momentum ($\beta = 0.9$). Which curve corresponds to which algorithm?

- ☐ (1) is gradient descent, (2) is gradient descent with momentum (large β), (3) is gradient descent with momentum (small β)
- ☐ (1) is gradient descent with momentum (small β), (2) is gradient descent, (3) is gradient descent with momentum (large β)
- ☒ (1) is gradient descent, (2) is gradient descent with momentum (small β), (3) is gradient descent with momentum (large β)
- ☐ (1) is gradient descent with momentum (small β), (2) is gradient descent with momentum (small β), (3) is gradient descent

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9. Suppose batch gradient descent in a deep network is taking excessively long to find a value of the parameters that achieves a small value for the cost function $J(W^{(2)}, b^{(1)}, \dots, W^{(L)}, b^{(L)})$, which of the following techniques could help find parameter values that attain a small value for J ? (Check all that apply.)

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- ☒ Try better random initialization for the weights

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- ☒ Try mini-batch gradient descent

✓ Correct

- ☐ Try initializing all the weights to zero

- ☒ Try using Adam

✓ Correct

- ☒ Try tuning the learning rate α

✓ Correct

10. Which of the following statements about Adam is false?

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- ☐ The learning rate hyperparameter α in Adam usually needs to be tuned.
- ☐ We usually use "default" values for the hyperparameters $\hat{\beta}_1, \hat{\beta}_2$ and ϵ in Adam ($\hat{\beta}_1 = 0.9, \hat{\beta}_2 = 0.999, \epsilon = 10^{-9}$).
- ☐ Adam combines the advantages of RMSProp and momentum
- ☒ Adam should be used with batch gradient computations, not with mini-batches.

✓ Correct